



# WOMEN'S CENTER AT NC STATE

*Celebrating Women 365 Days A Year*

**SPRING 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND NEWS**

## From the Director

The NC State Women's Center continuously strives to create a safe and celebrative space for women to explore, learn, and reach their maximum potential in a more equitable society. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chocolate Festival, held in October, raised over \$4600 as well as awareness about breast cancer. Over 400 people attended Byron Hurt's documentary and discussion about representations of manhood, sexism, and homophobia in hip hop culture, and we had record attendance and campus sponsors for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Take Back the Night march and rally. Our programming efforts for this past fall semester have already reached or surpassed the numbers from the previous academic year, so we've been busy to say the least!

Sexual violence awareness increased dramatically across campus this past fall. Having a rape prevention education coordinator focusing on the issue full-time allows for more educational programming, advising the Men Against Rape (MAR) student organization, the facilitation of a multi-disciplinary team of staff and faculty from across campus who meet monthly to discuss sexual violence concerns and trends, and the development of an academic course to train student peer educators. Raising all of this awareness, however, is bringing more survivors of sexual violence forward to seek services. If you know a student who needs support following a sexual assault, please refer her/him to the Molly Hays Glander 24-Hour Response Line at 618-RAPE (919-618-7273), a service provided by the NC State Women's Center.

*Shannon*

## Men Against Rape

NCSU's Men Against Rape (MAR) group is working to become a sustainable student organization with significant presence on campus. MAR is most known for their biannual "One in Four" flag display and occasional campus discussions. During the Fall semester, they focused their efforts on establishing a formal relationship with the Women's Center to increase their knowledge, credibility, and number of programs.

They also committed to leading monthly discussions that have been well attended, particularly through the University Scholars Program and Greek Life. Fall programs included Michael Vick and Society's Dogs; National Prevention Campaigns Against Drunk Driving, Smoking, and Sexual Violence; and their homecoming program attended by over 200 people, Rape Culture and the Bystander Approach to its Prevention. Finally, one member co-MC'ed this Fall's Take Back the Night event. Future goals include creating workshops to present to other campus organizations and potentially middle and high school groups.

MAR is always interested in feedback and looking for new members, particularly first-year students. Please contact them at [mar@lists.ncsu.edu](mailto:mar@lists.ncsu.edu).

## New Peer Education Program

Juliette Grimmert of the Women's Center will be teaching a new course this Spring through the Counselor Education Program. Sexual Violence Prevention for Peer Educators, ECD 296D, is a closed class, open only to students that completed an application and were selected through an interview process (4 spots are still available, contact Juliette if you are interested). Students will be trained to educate their peers about the issues of interpersonal violence including sexual and relationship violence and stalking, as well as ways to be effective activists against such violence. They will create a student organization with leadership positions in which all future ECD 296D students will be members. Through this organization, they will present evidence-based prevention programs throughout campus including academic classes, housing programs, Greek Life, Athletics, and First-Year College. This group will work closely with NCSU's Men Against Rape group to bring voice to this epidemic problem with the hopes to provide support for survivors and encourage others to challenge the culture that perpetuates this violence.

This semester, 11 (3 first-years, 4 sophomores, 2 juniors and 2 seniors) dedicated and exceptional students were selected: **Lauren Brookshire, Regina Conner, Margaret Franz, Anna Godwin, Curtis Gray, Nabila Haque, Adrianna Harrell, Emily Plonski, Krista Prince, Emily Schultz and LaKeesha Whitaker.**

This 3-credit course will be offered every semester to all undergraduate and graduate NCSU students. If you are interested in taking the class, or to book a program, please contact Juliette Grimmert at [juliette\\_grimmert@ncsu.edu](mailto:juliette_grimmert@ncsu.edu) or 515-2012.

## The Vagina Monologues

Based on interviews with hundreds of women, this award-winning play written by Eve Ensler brazenly explores questions often pondered but seldom asked. Working to end sexual violence against women and girls, this performance on **February 5 and 6** featuring NC State students and staff is part of the V-Day campaign – it's not just a play, it's a global movement raising money and awareness. Current statistics indicate that 1 in 4 women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime, and women aged 16 to 24 are 3 times more likely to be raped than other women. Take a stand – educate yourself and others about gendered violence, celebrate and empower women and girls, and take actions to ensure we reach our vision of a world without violence. Along the way, this play will take you on a journey of emotions from laughter to tears and surprise to wonder. Women leave more empowered and men leave with a greater awareness of what it means to be a woman in today's society. A significant portion of the proceeds from this benefit production will stay right here in our community, going to the NC State Women's Center/Molly Hays Glander Rape and Sexual Assault Response Line (24-hour hotline)!



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# CALENDAR

## Spring 2008

For updates visit our website at: [http://www.ncsu.edu/womens\\_center/](http://www.ncsu.edu/womens_center/) Call us at: (919) 515-2012 or Email us at: [womenscenter@ncsu.edu](mailto:womenscenter@ncsu.edu)

### Ongoing Programs

**Tuesdays, 5:30 PM**  
**Room 3121, Talley Student Center**  
*Let's Knit*

Beginners as well as experienced knitters are welcome to join this informal group.

**Thursdays, 5:30 PM**  
**Talley Student Center**  
*Relaxation Yoga*

Open to all students, staff, and faculty, our professional instructors will help you relax after a long day with this very gentle yoga. There is a one-time, non-refundable registration fee of \$20 for this class. Call the Women's Center to register.

**Thursdays, 5:00 PM**  
**Room 3121, Talley Student Center**  
*LGBT Coffee Talks*

Coffee Talks offers social support and discussion in a group setting for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, students questioning their identity, and their allies. For more information contact Richard Tyler at [retyler@gw.fis.ncsu.edu](mailto:retyler@gw.fis.ncsu.edu).

We continually add programs to our calendar throughout the semester. Check our website often for updates.

### January

**Thursday, January 17**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Blue Room, Talley Student Center**  
*Behind the Veil - Info. Session*  
This brief information session is for individuals who think they might be interested in participating in the actual veiling day (or week!) on January 24. We will explain the purpose of the day/event, show how to appropriately wear the scarf, and share suggestions on how to respond should people ask questions.

**Thursday, January 24**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Blue Room, Talley Student Center**  
*Behind the Veil*  
Female participants in this social experiment will wear a head scarf, or hijab, and observe reactions to a custom followed by many Muslim women. Join us as we explore what it is like to veil and discuss. A panel of women will be featured who choose to veil – or not – on a daily basis. Everyone welcome!

**Thursday, January 24**  
**5:30 PM**  
**Room 3118, Talley Student Center**  
*SafeSkills Self Defense*  
This workshop is open to WOMEN only. A \$55 value, the workshop is offered FREE to the first 20 people who call the Women's Center and register – 515-2012.

**Tuesday, January 29**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Brown Room, Talley Student Center**  
*Preventing Sexual Violence 101*  
The most successful way to prevent sexual violence is to speak up and intervene when you hear sexist jokes or witness unwanted touching or grabbing – doing this, however, can be difficult. Through interactive group activities you will learn these skills. For more information, contact Juliette Grimmert at [juliette\\_grimmert@ncsu.edu](mailto:juliette_grimmert@ncsu.edu) or 515-2012. This workshop also offered on March 19.

### February

**Tuesday and Wednesday, February 5 - 6**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Stewart Theatre, Talley Student Center**  
*The Vagina Monologues*  
This benefit production featuring NC State students and staff brazenly explores women's experiences while working to end sexual violence by raising funds and awareness. Tickets available beginning January 15 via Ticket Central (in Talley, 515-1100, or [ticketcentral.ncsu.edu](http://ticketcentral.ncsu.edu)).  
*\*Some material may be unsuitable for children.\**

**Friday, February 8**  
**10:00 AM - 6:00 PM**  
**Talley Student Center**  
*Rape and Sexual Assault Response Training*  
This training will give you the tools to assist a survivor of sexual assault and aid her/him. This training is a requirement for anyone wishing to be an advocate for the Molly Hays Glander Rape and Sexual Assault Response Line. **Deadline for applications is Friday, February 1.** Applications can be downloaded from our website.

**Sunday, February 10**  
**2:00 PM**  
**Ballroom, Talley Student Center**  
*4th Annual Hoops for Hope*  
Join us for a catered pre-game program with special guest speakers, wellness fair and silent auction to raise awareness and money for this important cause. After the program participants will then cheer on our Women's Basketball Team at what is now affectionately called the "pink & white game." See back page for additional information.

**Tuesday, February 12**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Walnut Room, Talley Student Center**  
*Leadership Tools for Women*  
Learn how to apply your strengths, negotiate rough spots, and develop your leadership skills. To register or for more information, go to <http://www.ncsu.edu/csleps/leadership/lds.php>.

**Wednesday, February 13**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Witherspoon Cinema**  
*Pornography Panel*  
Matt Ezzell, a local expert on the culture of pornography in America will address how the industry impacts sex, gender, people of color, violence and the LGBTQI community. For more information, contact Juliette Grimmert at [juliette\\_grimmert@ncsu.edu](mailto:juliette_grimmert@ncsu.edu) or 515-2012.  
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**Monday, February 18**

**7:00 PM**

**Witherspoon Cinema**

*Journey to a Hate Free*

*Millennium*

This inspiring documentary searches out the origins of how hate is "taught and learned," and its dangers from childhood taunting to murder. Viewers are invited to take a stand against hate and create their own vision of a world where senseless acts of violence are a thing of the past.

**Tuesday, February 26**

**7:00 PM**

**Brown Room, Talley Student Center**

*NO! Documentary*

Produced and directed over a period of eleven years, NO! explores the international reality of rape, other forms of sexual assault and healing through the first person testimonies, scholarship, spirituality, activism, and cultural work of African-Americans. This groundbreaking, award-winning documentary also explores how rape is used as a weapon of homophobia.

## March

*Women's Week*

*Celebrating HERstory*

**Wednesday, March 12**

**5:30 - 8:30 PM**

**Walnut Room, Talley Student Center**

*SafeSkills® Self-Defense*

See January 24 for a description of this workshop.

**Thursday, March 13**

**7:00 PM**

**Witherspoon Cinema**

*LUNAFEST*

LUNAFEST is a national traveling festival of short films by, for, and about women. From quirky animation to touching documentaries, the 9 films are incredibly diverse in both style and subject matter. For a glimpse at LUNAFEST, go to [www.lunafest.org](http://www.lunafest.org). Tickets are \$5 for students; \$7 for all others and can be purchased at the Witherspoon Cinema Box Office or at the Women's Center. Monies raised will go to the Breast Cancer Fund and the Women's Center.

**Saturday, March 15**

**12:00 - 5:00 PM**

**Honors Village Commons (2nd floor)**

*Women's Breast Casting*

A breast cast is a 3 dimensional work of art created through the application of plaster-of-paris strips to a woman's nude torso. It is done as a creative outlet to celebrate the female form and promote breast health awareness. All persons who identify as female are welcome and encouraged to join us as participants or volunteers! Cost for NCSU Students is \$20 w/ID; otherwise cost is \$30. Registration is not required but highly encouraged to ensure space and participation.

**Tuesday, March 18**

**5:30 PM**

**Room 3121, Talley Student Center**

*Knitting*

Get out of the cold! Bring a pair of size 8 knitting needles and join us. We'll provide the yarn for you to knit a scarf.

**Wednesday, March 19**

**7:00 PM**

**Room 3118, Talley Student Center**

*Preventing Sexual Violence 101*

See January 29 for a description of this program.

## April

**Monday, April 8**

**7:00 PM**

**Walnut Room, Talley Student Center**

*Tough Guise*

Tough Guise examines the relationship between pop-cultural imagery and the social construction of masculine identities in the U.S. It will enlighten and challenge students to evaluate their own participation in the culture of contemporary masculinity. Discussion will follow, co-facilitated by the Women's Center and members of Men Against Rape.

**Wednesday, April 23**

*Student Bridges Graduation*



**April 2008**

**Actual Dates to be Determined**

*Women in the Wilderness*

Join us for our first female camping trip. Campus Recreation and the Women's Center are planning a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors with other women. Check our website at the end of January for more information.



## HELP

for Survivors of Rape  
and Sexual Assault

Your first Point of Contact For

- Support
- Confidentiality
- Crisis Intervention
- Resources and Referrals

Molly Hays Glander  
24 hour Response Line

at NC State

**618-RAPE**

(919-618-7273)



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Make a tax-deductible gift to the Women's Center and become a "Friend"!

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*We would also like to thank all of the individuals, departments, and businesses that provide ongoing support of our programs throughout the year!*

## Buying from Amazon?

If you are buying texts or other items through Amazon, please use the link on our website. There is no additional cost to you, but we will get a "referral" fee.

*Thank You for your support!*

## Hoops for Hope

Help NC State in the fight against breast cancer! The Women's Center, Alumni Association, Health Promotion and Parents & Family Services invite you to the Fourth Annual Hoops for Hope pre-game event. Hoops for Hope was created in February 2005 to raise awareness about cancer and support our Women's Basketball Team. Over the last three years the event has focused on breast cancer education, and monies raised from the event are donated to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, NC Triangle Affiliate. Join us for a catered pre-game program with special guest speakers, wellness fair and silent auction to raise awareness and money for this important cause. After the program participants will then cheer on our Women's Basketball Team at what is now affectionately called the "pink & white game."

Hoops for Hope will take place on Sunday, February 10. Registration along with the silent auction and wellness fair will open at 2:00 PM in the Talley Student Center Ballroom. The program will begin at 2:30 PM followed by the game against Boston College in Reynolds Coliseum at 4:30 PM.

Tickets are \$20 general admission and \$15 for NC State students, faculty, staff, season ticket holders and Alumni Association members. Admission is free for children under 7. Prices include the pre-game program, game ticket, and commemorative items. Registration is online at: <http://www.alumni.ncsu.edu/events>

## Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to participate in the Student Bridges program this semester: **Megan Delph, Jenna Eason, Amy Hutton, Jaclyn Jazwa, Edwina Joe, Brooke Laing, Alejandra McComb, Janeen Miller, Shannon Morrison, Christina Oxendina, Jessica Prim, Coretta Roseboro, Mauricia Rozier, Summar Sparks, Amy Lynn Strickland, Makia Tillman, Katherine Truncellito, Ulunma Natalie Umesi, and Kyla Walters.**

Sponsored by the Women's Center, Student Bridges is a leadership development program for women students at North Carolina State University. The semester-long program is geared toward upper class and graduate students who seek to build upon their leadership skills. It is designed to help women identify, understand, and move into leadership roles both personally and professionally throughout their lives. Interested in becoming a participant? Applications are available through our website during the fall semester each year.

## Recently get a new phone or electronics?

The Women's Center collects old cell phones as well as DVD's, ink jet cartridges, MP3 players, and PS2/Xbox consoles.

Before you throw out the old items, bring them to us and help support our programming!



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