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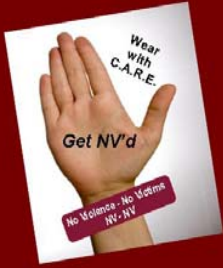
*What do they all
have in common?*



Jacqui Berry, Art History Major, and
S.G.A. President (06/07)



Isabel Hopkins, Senior
Major - Physical Education



*They're all NV'd!
Stay informed.
Get involved.
Be supportive.
Know how to help.*



Clyde The Cougar



Jeri O. Cabot,
Dean of Students

*It takes all of us working together to
build a community where there is
No Violence - No Victims.*



Paul V. Verrecchia, Chief and
Director of Public Safety

"There is no difference between being raped and going head first through a windshield except that afterward you are afraid not of cars but half the human race."

—Marge Piercy

TOWN/GOWN SPRING CLEAN

The Town/Gown Committee and the City of Charleston are joining forces for the first ever Town/Gown Spring Clean to be held on **Saturday, May 19th and Saturday May 26th**. The City is having two special trash pick ups on those days and the College is paying \$2000 for this wonderful service. It will be a terrific opportunity to clean out your apartments before moving for the summer or after graduation. Volunteers from the College's **Move Out Help Out** Committee and the City's **Keep Charleston Beautiful** will follow the trucks those mornings and take all useable household goods and furniture to charitable organizations. Remember the dates, **May 19 and May 26** and **please** stack your trash in two piles, one for usable items to be taken to local charities and one for trash and unusable items.



Please call Evelyn Nadel at 953-3390 if you have questions.

For College of Charleston Community Residential Students STUDENT COMMUNITY WATCH NEWSLETTER *working together to build community partnerships*

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EMERGENCY 911

Charleston Police Department
577-7434 (non-emergency)

C of C Campus Police
953-5611 (emergency)
953-5609 (Non-emergency)

To provide anonymous crime
information
Crime Stoppers
554-1111

C of C Crime Action Line
953-4998

C of C Silent Witness
[www.cofc.edu/pubicsafety/
importantnumbers/silent.php](http://www.cofc.edu/pubicsafety/importantnumbers/silent.php)

C of C VICTIM SERVICES
C.A.R.E. Program
Non-emergency 953-3390

C.A.R.E. Response Team
(Emergency pager)
724-3600
www.cofc.edu/~care/

Charleston Police Website:
www.charlestoncity.info

Sex Offender Registry:
www.scattorneygeneral.com

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HELP WANTED: C of C MALE STUDENTS

In October 2004, a large RV was parked on the promenade boldly displaying the message "NO MORE" and the number 4 with the single word, "one," enclosed in its center. Four William and Mary students - a former athletic team captain, a fraternity president, a rugby player and class valedictorian spent two days with C of C students talking about how sexual violence hurts all men and what men can do to help their friends, their classmates, their sisters and, for some, even future wives from becoming statistics. Over 350 students attended programming by the team. Two years later (06), there was another One in Four RV parked in the very same spot - only this time, another national team was providing training to eight male students and their advisor, Dr. David Mann, to establish a national chapter at C of C. The College of Charleston holds the distinction of being one of only 28 chapters nationally and the only national chapter in South Carolina.

This all-male chapter has worked hard, obtaining funding from SGA to carry out their efforts. They know that the majority of men are supportive of what they do and that these same men know that the actions of some give all a bad rap. Now, they need YOUR help because they are losing some of the membership as a result of graduation. C'mon, don't just sit there thinking that this is someone else's problem. Make a difference in the lives of 65% of C of C students who are at risk of sexual assault. So this is the bottom line: One in Four, men peer training men about surviving sexual assault and rape. Get involved. Contact Dr. Mann: mannd@cofc.edu

Get S.A.F.E.R. on April 3rd



Senior Vice President for Student Affairs, Victor Wilson, presenting the national charter to C of C's new One in Four chapter President, AJ Meelan.



*Unless someone like you cares
a whole awful lot, nothing is going
to get better. It's not.
~Dr. Seuss*



HOW TO HELP A SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVOR

When we hear the word, “rape,” it more readily brings to mind the vision of a menacing individual lurking in a dark alley or behind a bush jumping out at an unsuspecting victim to commit an unspeakable act of terror. Such incidents usually spark local and, oftentimes, national media attention such as in the Dru Sjodin case where a 22-year-old University of North Dakota student was kidnapped, raped and murdered. We are appalled that such a thing can happen to a member of our community and we worry knowing that a predator is on the loose. Yet, the more apparent threat to those we care about is from someone they

know – someone they may see on a daily basis, casually date, or meet through a mutual acquaintance while out socializing. “Acquaintance” rape, as this crime is called, is significantly underreported. When reported, it is seldom prosecuted – whether at the discretion of the courts or because the victim makes the difficult choice based on what they know can and too often does happen in the aftermath of an allegation. While the work of dedicated individuals and organizations has brought about national examination of this issue, there is no quick fix. In the meantime, we all can play a role in working to end sexual violence against C of C students and in eliminating the barriers to obtaining the help collegiate victims need to recover and remain in school. How? Be a great friend.

Learn about and discuss the issues with friends – both male and female: Most of us operate under a *veil of innocence* – we don’t really consider ourselves as potential victims of any crime. Yet, the statistics indicate that one 1 out of 4 young women will become a victim of sexual assault in her lifetime with 9% of all rape victims being male. The odds are that we know or will know someone who is a victim of this crime.

Bystander intervention: Intervene when you see a safe opportunity to help a friend avoid sexual assault. You may not be well-liked in the short run, but in the long run you may save your friend from being assaulted, or from being accused of assaulting another. If friends don’t let friends drive drunk, then friends shouldn’t want those same friends making other alcohol-biased decisions that may spell tragedy for everyone.

Listen and know what resources are available to meet *the needs of a victim*: Listen to what the victim is saying. Not all victims want/need the same type of services or intervention. Taking control, or taking charge of what happens to the victim, appears helpful, but isn’t that what the accused already did? Words like “should”, “must”, “if I were you” – support *your* agenda, not the victim’s and, frankly, what you might do is of no consequence. It is not a victim’s job to save the world, to make the community a safer place for others, or to speak up on behalf of those who can’t. If information is power, empower the victim by knowing what’s available on your campus and respecting the choice that is made.

Provide unconditional acceptance of her/his decision: If we offer anything less we risk sending a message that the decision is somehow unacceptable. In some cases, whether it is actually meant or not, if a victim does not want to report, the validity of the crime is in question (ex., “If she was *really* raped, she would...”). Victims need to assess and define their own needs and make their own decisions. Provide a safe zone for a victim. Listen, believe, remain non-judgmental and assure her/him that underage drinking/ drug use, or any other behavior, by the victim did not cause the crime of rape.

Encourage the victim to seek medical attention: It is very important for a victim to be medically checked for internal injuries or possible sexually transmitted infections (STI’s) as soon after the incident as possible. Under South Carolina law, emergency contraception (the “morning after” pill to help prevent a

possible pregnancy) and a thorough medical exam to check for injuries and STI’s are provided free if a report is filed with law enforcement within 72 hours of the rape. The decision to prosecute (“press charges”) does not have to be made at that time in order to receive the free medical services. For those who elect not to report and don’t want to undergo a rape protocol exam, medical assistance is available at Student Health Services, the Charleston County Health Department, or through one’s private physician.

Be aware that victims have guaranteed constitutional rights: In addition to these rights (to be treated with fairness, respect and dignity, to be free from intimidation, harassment, or abuse, and to be kept informed) victims have options that should be explored. There will be fallout related to their enrollment and the successful completion of their academic goals – fallout that is neither addressed by law enforcement nor counseling intervention.

Understand that recovery is a long-term process: Each victim’s recovery process is as unique as the individual involved and the circumstances surrounding the victimization. There is no set time limit for recovery. Be there for a survivor – no matter how long it takes. Encourage counseling and, if he or she is reluctant, offer to go along for the first visit.

Building a campus and community climate where sexual violence of any kind is not tolerated takes the work of many. Education, intervention and providing a safe zone for student victims are essential components to realizing that goal. There is no question that we have a lot of work to do. It is, however, with confidence – a confidence that is reinforced daily in our work with concerned students, dedicated faculty and staff, and our wonderful on- and off campus partners – that we move closer to a community where there will be *No Violence – No Victims*.

Whether you live on or off campus...no matter where a crime occurs, there is a wealth of assistance available to you on the C of C campus.

C.A.R.E. - a specially designed assistance program for any C of C student offering confidentiality, help with missed classes, information and resources. Emergency pager 724-3600 Office - 953-3390

Counseling Center - 953-5640

Health Services - 953-5520

April 19th - Annual Take Back the Night March



Take Back the Night is an annual event to provide information and awareness about sexual violence in our community. Men, women, and children are encouraged to attend any or all of the following Take Back the Night events to recognize that united, we can put an end to sexual violence. Events begin with a rally at the College of Charleston Cistern at 4pm followed by a silent march to Cannon Park at 5:30. The program at Cannon Park will begin at 6:30 and includes a "survivor speak-out," candlelight vigil, music, and food. All events are free. We hope to see you there!

Contact: Katie B. Bricco
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