

March is Women's History Month

By Kimbelry Anastas

March is Women's History Month and Penn State Harrisburg is commemorating it with a series of events and exhibits related to the theme "Violence Against Women."

Kathryn Towns, associate professor of education and psychology, said Women's History Month is a very important observance.

Towns said history has been recorded through the writings of men and "the story of women and culture has not been well-told." She said, however, "Modern feminist writers of both sexes are determined to 'write women back into

history.' Therefore, her-story is slowly becoming his-story."

"This year's theme was chosen because it affects all women, whether directly or indirectly," said Janet Widoff, coordinator of student activities.

The three-part information series begins with a program on date rape, an issue which has received much national press attention lately and is especially pertinent to college campuses, said Thea Hocker, acting director of community relations who has been involved in the planning of this month's events. A film called "Someone You Know" will be featured and a speaker

from the Rape Crisis Center at the YWCA will follow the film.

Part two of the series deals with pornography. A film titled "Not A Love Story" will be presented to introduce the serious effects pornography has on both sexes. A discussion led by Linda Collins, executive director of Women's Center of Montgomery County, will follow.

The third part of the series will feature a panel discussion on "Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence" by Barbara Nissley of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape and Judy Yupcavage of the Pennsylvania

Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

A program titled "Women and Business: Enhancing Your Job Prospects" will also be offered. Managers from Hershey Foods, Commonwealth National Bank and Pennsylvania Blue Shield will discuss what it takes for women to move ahead in today's business world.

An exhibit on Greek Byzantine icons by Vicky Papanoniou is on display in the Gallery Lounge and a poster exhibit featuring "Women in Higher Education" by Alice Marshall is on display in the Heindel Library Gallery.

Women's History Month Calendar

March 16 "Women and Business: Enhancing Your Job Prospects," noon, E-338, featuring panel members Katie Smarilli, Commonwealth National Bank; Laura Landman, Pennsylvania Blue Shield; and Carol Mickelsen, Hershey Foods.

March 23 "Violence Against Women: Pornography," 7:00pm, Gallery Lounge. A film, titled "Pornography: Not a Love Story" and a discussion led by Linda Collins, executive director of the Women's Center of Montgomery County. (Warning: film content is graphic and may be inappropriate for some.)

March 24 Betty Friedan lecture, 8:00pm, Capital Union Building. Tickets available in Community Relations. \$1.00 with student ID.

March 28 "An Evening of Gershwin and Ellington," with soprano Eddy Pierce-Young, 7:30pm, John Harris High School Auditorium. FREE. Sponsored by the Penn State Harrisburg Community Recruitment Center and the Penn State School of Music.

March 30 "Violence Against Women: Sexual Assault and Domestic Abuse," noon, Gallery Lounge. A panel discussion on different sides of the same problem by Barbara Nissley of the PA Coalition Against Rape and Judy Yupcavage of the PA Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

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