## What every women should know

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available options or attack maneuvers.

Twelve lessons make up the program. In

addition to learning physical defense edu-

cation, participants also learn verbaliza-

tion and distraction techniques and how to

develop an action plan if involved in a

RAD program is that strength is not a key

A fact that is stressed throughout the

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sion defense system will become invaluable to you. You

confrontation.

Consider these alarming statistics about rape: every six minutes a rape occurs; one out every three women has been raped; and every 21 hours a rape is committed on a college campus. Ten times as many rapes are committed as are reported. These sobering statistics pose many concerns, chief among them how women can protect themselves from becoming a victim and potentially save factor in overcoming a perpetrator. Any their lives.

These are some of the topics covered during a Rape Aggression

Defense System information session held at Penn State Harrisburg Feb. 7. PSH Police Officer Marlene Jarbeck instructs this new program at Capital College.

RAD is a comprehensive self-defense system for women. The program provides instruction on awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, along with

woman, regardless of her size or shape, sor]." can learn the RAD system.

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Women eager to learn about RAD attended the recent information session. Inspring quotes were posted around the room, including Susan B. Anthony's empowering quote: "Women must not depend on the protection of men but must

be taught to defend herself."

Amanda Parsons, co-president of POWER, said "I think this will be a good opportunity for women to come together and learn how to defend themselves." If you are wondering whether to join the program, consider the advice Marlene Jarbeck offered attendees: "The 12 hours you will spend learning this rape aggression defense system will become invaluto able

you. You will survive [if confronted by an aggres-

Women are welcome to bring their daughters to the RAD sessions so they, too, can learn the system.

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