

# **Annual Report of Sexual Assault Education and Prevention University of Wisconsin--Stevens Point Calendar Year 2002: January-December**

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point uses several formats to disseminate sexual assault and harassment information to students, faculty, and staff. Our goal is to have every member of the university receive information on these issues. Students are the most targeted audience; however, we do provide educational opportunities for the entire university community.

All new students receive a brochure entitled "Crossing the Line: Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment" at new student orientation. The brochure provides legal definitions for sexual assault and sexual harassment, describes sexual assault according to degree, informs the reader of sexual assault statistics for the previous year, and lists resources for assistance to those assaulted.

All students, faculty and staff receive the booklet entitled "Community Rights and Responsibilities" via our campus network. It is the complete version of the rules and regulations established by the UW System and Stevens Point campus that governs our university community. This booklet includes general sexual assault information, such as definitions, national, state and local statistical information, etc. It also contains information on sexual assault prevention, victims' rights information, the campus disciplinary process, the consensual relationships policy and sexual harassment policy statements.

UWSP's annual security report and policy statement is published and widely disseminated. This report includes statistical information on a variety of campus crimes, including forcible rape. Campus sexual assault statistics were also included in the security report publication.

A faculty/staff mailing goes out in the fall reviewing the faculty/staff's obligation to report any sexual assault of which they may become aware. There is also an annual reminder in the faculty/staff newsletter. Faculty/staff are told the anonymous report forms are available through their Deans and/or Department Chairs. Report forms are also sent to all Residence Hall Directors, Health and Counseling Center Staff, Protective Service Staff, the Affirmative Action Office, and the Women's Resource Center.

Sexual assault educational programming provides an additional avenue for reaching our educational objectives. Programming is available to residence hall students, athletic program, Greek system, and to the university community as a whole. Programs are provided by university sponsored offices and organizations. Sexual assault information is also covered within many of our academic classes related to health and wellness.

A brochure that addresses rohypnol, GHB, and Burundanga (the date rape drugs) is made available in the residence halls, health center, counseling center, and in a variety of other locations across campus. This campus focused brochure contains information on the effects these drugs have on the body, the risks involved as they pertain to sexual assault, and the symptoms of someone who might have ingested one of these drugs. Information on resources if someone has been sexually assaulted through the use of these drugs is also included in the brochure.

Next is a description of those programs made available through different departments and organizations during 2002. This is not an all-inclusive list, but it was obtained by the best of our ability to provide at least the majority of our programs.

During 2002, numerous programs and initiatives were implemented to address sexual assault among UWSP students. Multiple departments contributed to the planning and implementation of events, including: The Women's Resource Center, Women's Studies, Student Government Association, Residential Living, Counseling Center, Promoting Awareness with Students (PAWS peer education group), Student Health Promotion Office, Inter Greek Council, and Health Services.

#### Direct Programming

- Safety Week—September 2002, a week dedicated to personal home safety and personal protection.
- Sexual Assault Awareness Week—April 2002, programs included social events, lectures, self-defense instruction and role plays.
- Residence Hall Programs—January 2002-December 2002, including personal safety, sexual assault awareness, healthy relationships, and safe dating.
- Take Back the Night—March 2002, a program designed to bring awareness to violence against women.
- Counseling Center programs- January 2002-December 2002, included self-esteem, negotiating skills, relationship skills, and alcohol screenings.

#### Indirect Programming

In addition to the direct programs, several articles and bulletin boards were on display in the residence halls, academic buildings, and service buildings. Articles appearing in the campus newspaper discussed strategies to stay safe and how to help a friend who had been assaulted. Bulletin board topics included strategies to stay safe, communication skills and tips,

#### Training

The campus peer educator group, the Health Advocates, and the residence hall staff received training on strategies to avoid sexual assault and how to help a victim. All residence hall students and peer educators are provided with extensive campus resources and contact support. Faculty training is provided in the fall prior to classes and includes alcohol education issues, campus resources, and a talk on common issues a campus faces.