Friday, October 16, 2015

Several campus safety programs planned for next week

There are three programs next week that address campus safety and sexual assaults from different angles and perspectives.

"These programs were scheduled at the beginning of the semester, but are very timely," said Jean Ann Miller, M.S.W., Director, Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development. "They will not only educate you about personal safety for yourself and your friends, but inform you about support resources and services readily available on OU's campus if you have experienced violence, trauma, and abuse. We hope you will consider joining us for one or all of them."

Programs are sponsored by the Gender & Sexuality Center and Oakland University Student Congress.

NOTE: There a copies of sexual assault pamphlets always available to OU students outside the OUSC Office, lower level of the Oakland Center.

Programs next week include:

Consent Teach-In

Tuesday, October 20

Noon-1 p.m., Oakland Room, Oakland Center

Sponsored by Gender & Sexuality Center

Documentary Film: The Hunting Ground

The Hunting Ground is a documentary film about rape on college campuses in the United States.

Wednesday, October 21

7-10 p.m., Gold Rooms, Oakland Center Sponsored by Gender & Sexuality Center

Consent Teach-In





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Consent Teach-In is one of several safety events scheduled for next week at Oakland University.

Retaking Our Story:

Reframing the Sexual Assault Conversation by Tim Mousseau from CampuSpeak, Inc.

Thursday, October 22

6:30-8:00 p.m., Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center

Sponsored by Oakland University Student Congress

About Tim's talk: It only took one letter to redefine Tim's life forever. With a photograph and a few accompanying words, Tim was faced with the evidence of an experience he had no memory of – he discovered he was a victim of sexual assault. Not only did he have to come to grips with this new reality, but he also had to face the nightmare of being stalked and blackmailed. The next two years of his life were a struggle of mixed emotions and coping mechanisms, but over time he came to realize something—this was his story to tell and by telling it, he could take ownership of it. After years of silence, Tim wrote about his experience and his secret was read by thousands. He wasn't prepared for the response – he heard back from hundreds. By opening up the conversation on this sensitive topic, he discovered he had the power to redefine his outlook and made it his mission to empower others to do the same.

In this keynote, Tim leads a deep and vulnerable conversation on the difficult topic of sexual assault drawing from his own experiences and countless interactions with others in support groups. Why is an underlying culture of shame implicit, and how can it be stopped? Tim will help your communities understand the background information needed to facilitate healthy conversations on sexual assault, resources to assist in the survivor recovery process, and how the power of our personal and community stories can be utilized in prevention. Students will leave feeling prepared to create a culture of compassion while realistically facing an issue prevalent on campuses across the country.