

ASSAULT

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can be identified. Alexenko's own rapist was found when he got caught jaywalking in Vegas, about 14 years after he attacked her.

"Our attitudes are slowly changing, but not quickly enough. It's a public safety issue. We're letting them do these crimes over and over again," Alexenko said.

Peyton Kennedy, an anthropology student and co-leader of Our Voice, also emphasized current technology and its ability to identify attackers.

"We have this incredible technology to be able to lift DNA out of a washed pair of underwear. That's incredible. And we're not using it, because they are all sitting in these warehouses and are not being tested at all. Usually, the statistics say that those sort of anonymous rape actions are serial rapists and happen over and over again, so often times, there will be the same DNA in multiple different kits," Kennedy said.

Alexenko said New York worked to eliminate their rape kit backlog. While the percentage of arrests per assaults in the nation is only 30 percent, in New York, the arrest rate is 70 percent.

"What she does is, she actually goes and pays for places to test the kits because it's so expensive. I think we're going to try and open a chapter of Natasha's Justice Project at UNC Asheville so that we can raise awareness, raise some funding for it," Kennedy said.

Kennedy said she, along with the other co-leader of Our Voice, went through training to become advocates. This means they go to the hospital to meet clients and go through the sexual assault examination with them.

"We hold their hand through the process," Kennedy said. "I have my own personal history and I know many people who have dealt with this and what really helps me is to know I'm not alone, that others are not alone, and we really need to build a community around these people. Because often times it doesn't

go well for us and a lot of really harmful things happen: depression, suicide. It's something that can easily be fixed if we rally together and kind of foster an understanding of what this is."

Kennedy said she believes rape and sexual assault come in many different forms, and although the hazy definition of rape and sexual assault may make the situation unclear, it is always important to believe the victim.

"It's our job to believe them where they're at no matter what. It's not our job to question what was she wearing, was she drunk - that has nothing to do with it. Because regardless of whatever we were doing, only rapists cause rape: not what I'm wearing, not if I'm wrestling in Jell-O," Kennedy said.

According to Kennedy, instead of teaching girls to restrict what they're wearing, their habits and whether or not they drink, the importance should be shifted to teaching men and boys about consent, and what healthy relationships are.

"Teach them not to subjectify a woman. Teach your boys not to rape, not teach your girls how to not get raped," Kennedy said.

Alexenko's speech was beneficial for people, especially because she told her own personal story. Sharing personal stories really connects people. Kennedy said. Hearing statistics and numbers shocks people, but according to Kennedy, it does not mean much.

"Seeing her face in the documentary, seeing her rapist's face and hearing her speak; hearing her being so collected and how positive she was, that was incredible. She was incredible," Kennedy said.

According to Alexenko, people do not give men enough credit when they say men get riled up or reach the point of no return. Rape is not a result of passion. It is about violence and control over another person. There is a difference between rape and sex, Alexenko said.

"You have the power in you to change the world. The world is yours to shape if you want to," Alexenko said.

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dissection of President Obama and his presidency so far.

"It doesn't matter what the color of his skin is. It's about his policies. Barack needs consistency," West said.

According to West, Obama did not make good on his promises.

"He talked about protecting the poor and helping the lower class," West said. "But when he came out, we didn't hear

his voice. He became an extension of the so-called experts in Washington."

West said he is in favor of those who ask the big questions.

"If you want me to wave your flag, I'll show you a cross to bear," West said.

West encouraged all the different kinds of people in the audience, young and old, white and black, rich and poor, to love and ask the tough questions.

"We need to question our values and understand why we believe what we believe, never settling for the status quo until we understand why it is the way it is," Judge said.



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Campus Police Log

Oct. 30 - Nov. 12

Alcohol violations: University police reported multiple alcohol violations on Oct. 31 near Brown Hall, resulting in student conduct citations. On Nov 1, police reported an alcohol violation on Campus Drive, resulting in a student conduct citation. They received another report on Nov. 10 in Founders Hall, also resulting in a student conduct citation.

Drug violations: University police reported multiple drug violations on Oct. 31 near Brown Hall, resulting in student conduct citations. On Nov. 3, police reported a drug violation in Governors Hall, and another one on Nov. 10 in Founders Hall. Both resulted in student conduct citations.

Other violations: On Nov. 3, campus police received a report of rape. On Nov. 4, campus police reported an instance of vandalism (graffiti) on Broadway Street. On Nov. 10, police received a report of cyberstalking. All reports led to further investigation.