

## On Campus Press Release

Wilkes Community College and S.A.F.E. Inc. are proud to announce a new and exciting women's support group for students of Wilkes Community College. The group called W.H.O. (Women Have Options) is designed to meet the needs of women who have been assaulted or been a victim of violence some time in their life. For time and location of meeting and more information contact S.A.F.E. Inc. at 838-9169.

### Editors Comments on Clothesline Project Held at WCC

By: Heather Dean

On February 12, SAFE held their 8th annual Clothesline Project in the commons. Everywhere you could see shirts made by victims and family members of those whom have been affected by domestic and sexual violence. The shirts said things like "daddy, why is mommy always crying?", "mommy stop hitting daddy", and some of the victims had written moving and uplifting poems about the abuse and how they had overcome it. One even had a quote from Christopher Robin to Pooh that goes something like "you are smarter and braver and stronger than you think". Some of the more somber shirts were tombstones, with the name of the person and the dates of their birth and death. The youngest was 16, killed by her boyfriend and the oldest was 60-ish, killed by her husband. One that caught my attention said, "Daddy, why did you kill mommy in front of our eyes?"

Speaker Christy Adams, who is a volunteer with SAFE, Inc., spoke some powerful words. "Did you ever think that 16 would be middle age for you? Neither did my sister." Her sister was killed by her husband, in a public place when she was 33, leaving her 3 small children behind. "Domestic violence affects us all. My sister was shot and killed in a public place.

What if the bullet had strayed and hit your sister, daughter, or girlfriend? Don't ever think that it won't happen to you or someone you love. And don't ever turn away from someone who needs your help-maybe they just want someone to talk to. Think of all the people who do talk and then think of how many more there are that don't. My sister's kids never did. And if we don't get these kids out of these home situations, then they will be the next generation of abusers."

### LOCAL BANDS COMING TO WCC!! BY: HEATHER DEAN

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, WCC will have the privilege of having some of the finest local talent perform in the Pit Auditorium in Thompson Hall. The event will take place from 4-11 p.m., and a \$3.00 cover charge will be asked. (The money collected will go for stage rentals and the remainder will be divided among the starving artists.)

The bands are as follows:

- » @ **A Glance**- featuring : Crystal Dean, Mark Bare, Sam Rhodes & Shane
- » **Dahlia Blue**- featuring: Jerry Lankford, Tim & Alys Preston & Jeff Owle.
- » **GoDeViL**- featuring : John Dowd, Chad Griffith, Chris Staggs & Brian
- » **Noth Rock**- featuring: Billy Wolfe, Billy Leach, Tina Wolfe & Scott Johnson
- » **Red Tape**- featuring : Jason Darnell, Adam, Josh Griffith, & Matt.

Also, on March 18, Zach Gresham and friends will be performing in the Pit in Thompson Hall.

Come enjoy this variety of musical talent. Its cheap and sure to be a rockin' good time!!!