

WCC Sponsors "The Clothesline Project"

There were 58,000 soldiers who died in the Vietnam War. During that same period of time, 51,000 women were killed by the men who claimed to love them.

If you saw the T-shirts hanging up in the Student Commons area of Alumni Hall then you were introduced to the Clothesline Project. The Clothesline Project is observed in 41 states and 5 countries as a visual display that bears witness to violence against women. It originated in the Cape Cod area by a group of women who were astounded by the numbers.

The significance of the T-shirts is two-fold. Traditionally, laundry was women's work, and women would exchange information over the backyard fence while hanging laundry. The colors of the T-shirt represent the form of abuse and whether the victim died as a result of the abuse. White represents women who died; yellow or beige represents battered or assaulted women; red, pink, and orange are for survivors of rape and sexual assault; blue and green shirts represent survivors of incest and sexual abuse; purple or lavender represents women attacked because of their sexual orientation; and black is for women attacked for political reasons.

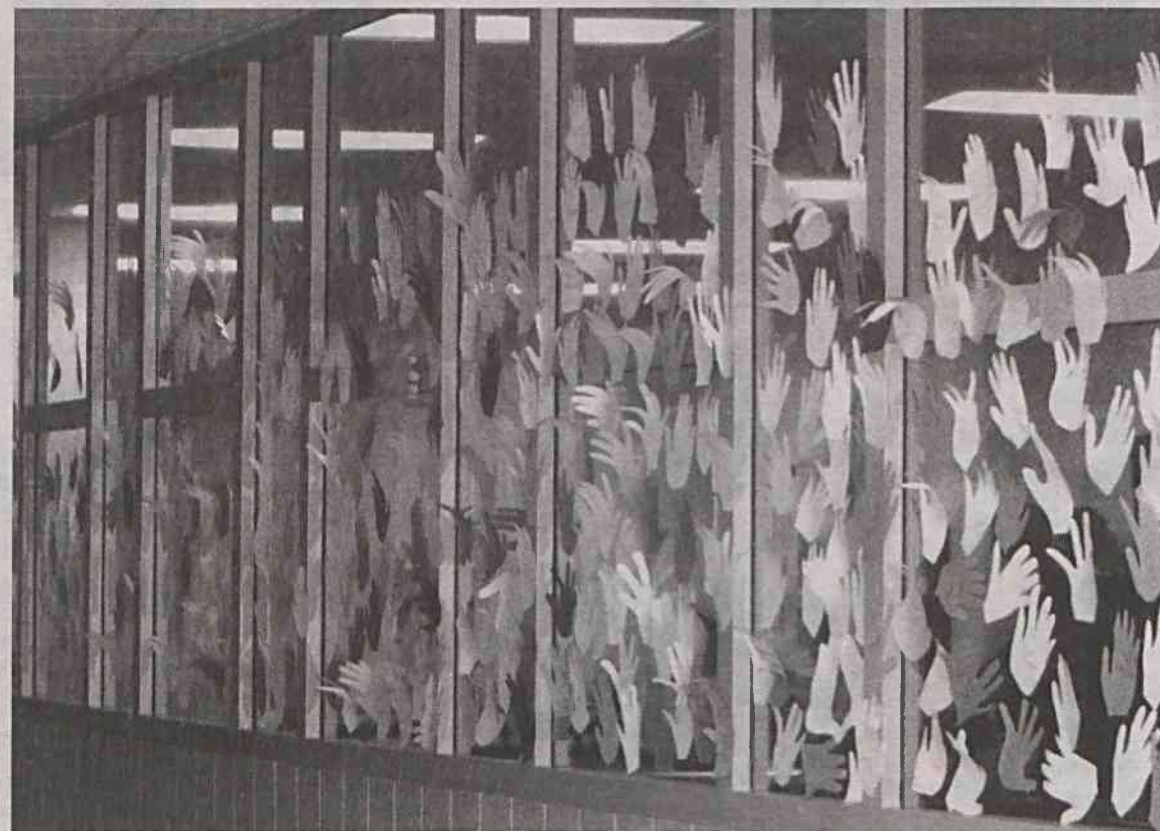
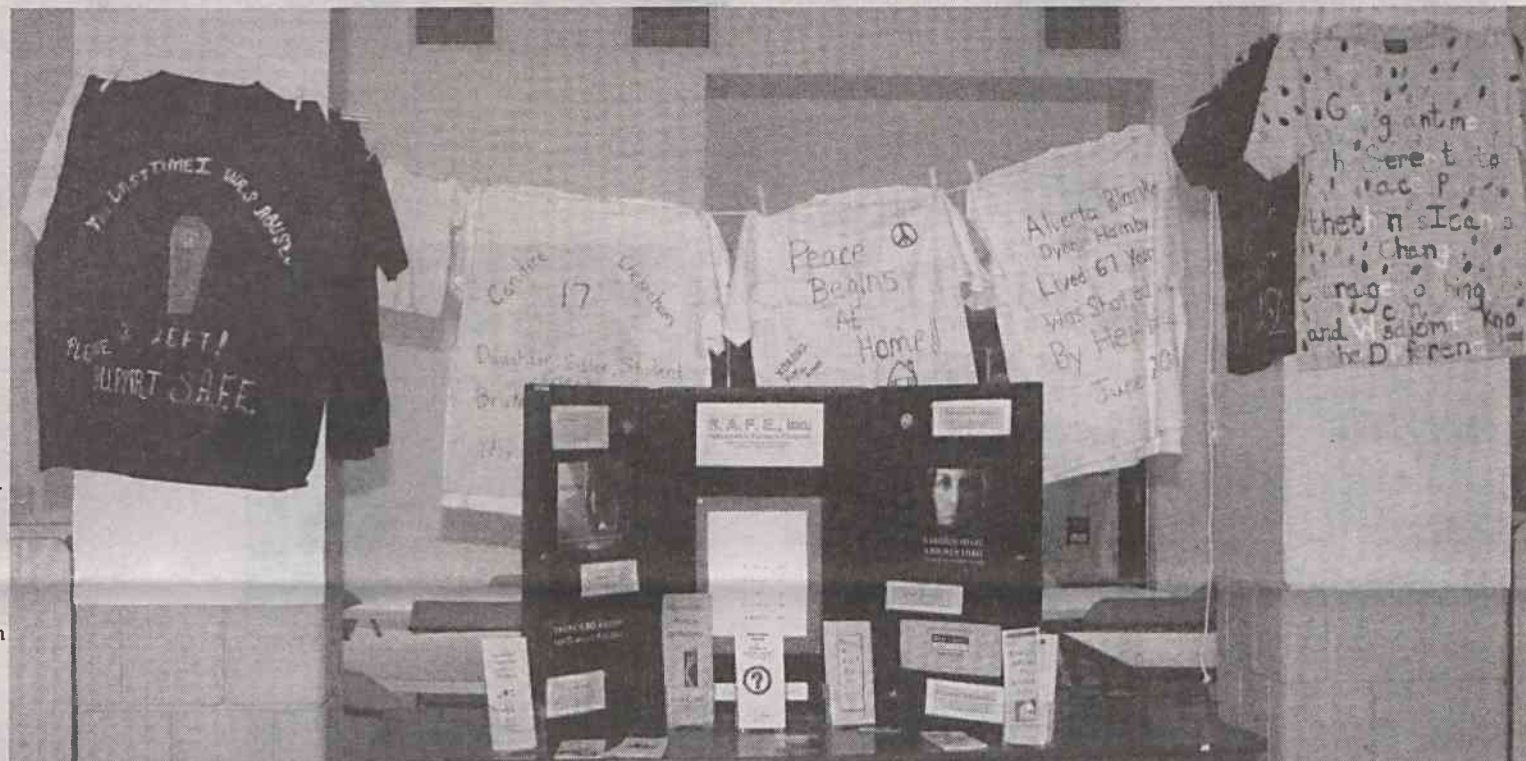
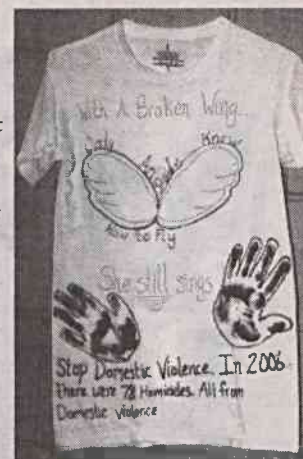
The 12th annual Clothesline Project was held Wednesday, February 14th, at 11:00 am in the Student Commons area of Alumni Hall. Members of SAFE brought and displayed T-shirts made by women

who found refuge at the shelter. Safe provided brochures and literature about domestic violence, relationship violence, and sexual assault. Two guest speakers shared their personal stories as survivors of domestic violence, and Jamie McGuire, the Safety and Security Manager for WCC, spoke about security measures students could take while on campus. He recommended notifying security if you have a restraining order against another person, or if you feel threatened by another person. Mr. McGuire also informed students that they may request an escort to their

car if they feel anxious or threatened.

Signs and symptoms of domestic violence and relationship violence include extreme jealousy leading to possessiveness leading to controlling behaviors. The abuser will try to isolate and control the victim. The abuser may punch holes in walls or break items while verbally threatening the victim. Verbal insults and threats are considered forms of domestic violence and may lead to physical assault. SAFE provides counseling, education and a safe haven for women seeking to

escape a violent relationship. Counselors within Student Services are available for confidential counseling and support.



These Hands Don't Hurt

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These Hands Don't Hurt is an annual event at WCC and is a campaign designed to raise awareness about intimate partner violence and relationship violence on college campuses. The week of February 12th through February 16th included a colorful display of "hands" in the corridor of Alumni Hall. Students, staff and faculty signed "hands" and taped the hands on the glass wall, which represented numerous commitments to abstain from violence in relationships.

This event was sponsored by the WCC Baseball team, the Student Government Association, the Human Services Club, and the Criminal Justice Club. A special note of thanks to the individuals who volunteered their time to promote this event from the WCC Baseball Athletes: Daniel Moore, Mitchell Whitner, Brett Mulkey, Andrew Hawks, Andy Smith, Jesus Santiago, Javier (Francisco) Precup, Trey Blake, Evan Beam, Tori Conley, Travis Connor, Chris Ashe, Cy Young, Josh Hamby, Saxon Pratt, William Byrd, Durant Barr, and Brett Mulkey. A special thanks to the members of the SGA who volunteered: Jessica McCard, Peggy McCard, Brittany Hostetter, Sally Hostetter, Kim Jordan, Phil Marshall, Courtney Wolford, and Brooke Fussell. A special thanks to the Human Services Club members who volunteered: Kathy Parker, Lynda Taylor, Meagan Greene, Reba Jennings, Karen Call, Mary Ann Reisinger, and Angela Bryant. A special thanks to the Criminal Justice Club members who volunteered: Candinda McCurdy, Melissa Rivera, and Burton Adams. A special thanks to two students who volunteered: John Blackburn and Ashley Parsons.