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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Send us your updated contact information, news, suggestions and more!
- 1st Retreat
- 1st Annual SHAPE Reunion

WILDCAT BANNED FROM WILDCAT COUNTRY

SHAPE members and fellow K-State students were extremely disappointed last semester when told that Willie the Wildcat was no longer allowed to be printed on SHAPE's hit "Protect Your Willie" t-shirts. In fact, any K-State licensed logo is no longer to be printed on future SHAPE t-shirts and would result in a rejection of approval by the university.

The Director of Licensing stated that she had received numerous complaints from offended alumni in regard to these t-shirts. The alum felt that the shirts promoted sexual activity and promiscuous behavior.

The "Protect Your Willie" t-

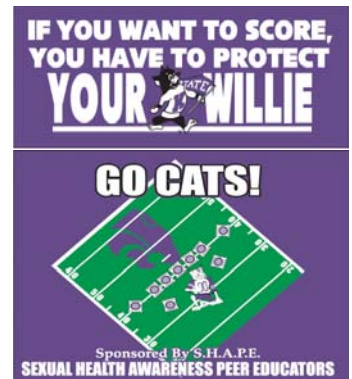
shirts have been around for five years.

Discouraged about the end of a successful fundraising event SHAPE questions whether making a new "Protect Your Willie" t-shirt without Willie front and center would be worth the time, money, and energy to make this happen. The lack of interest by fellow students with an absent Willie presented doubt in regard to the success of sales.

Despite the apprehension SHAPE decided to take a chance and create a basketball t-shirt. The changes included omitting Willie from the shirt, removing the condoms (representing players) on the back of the shirt, and ensuring

the t-shirt in no way would appear to be speaking for KSU. To prevent the possibility of the new shirt not selling, SHAPE took preorders and only ordered as many t-shirts as needed.

The new shirts were ordered by all SHAPE members and a handful of non-members. This leaves SHAPE to develop a new hit fundraising event.



1ST BIENNIAL PLANNING RETREAT

SHAPE has started something new this semester to improve the teamwork and unity among group members.

To welcome incoming students and get to know fellow members, SHAPE held a planning retreat the day before the spring semester started.

The purpose of the retreat

was to motivate and create unity between all members while planning the upcoming semester events.

Starting with a motivational guest speaker, the activities that followed were ice breaker games, reflection and explanation of traditional SHAPE events, brainstorming to im-

prove these events, and team building activities.

The success of the retreat has been to see more interaction between SHAPE members from the start. Teamwork, support, and friendships have made this a successful semester in terms of coming together as a group.

AIDS AWARENESS WEEK

What do you get when you mix an amazing array of motivated individuals with a goal for community HIV awareness? What if you throw in some awesome grants and speakers?

From November 24th-December 1st the five county areas supported raising awareness about HIV/AIDS. Months of planning by KSU's SHAPE, The Regional Aids Project (RAP), and their campus/community partners resulted in a collaboration of a large scale week of events.

Conceived in 2006 by a group of SHAPE students, KSU HIV/AIDS Awareness Week is an opportunity for community collaboration to bring prevention and awareness messages to the general public. In 2007 we did it bigger, better, and longer.

Kicking off the weekend, Xcalibur Night Club in Junction City held both a bake sale and a benefit show. Patrons were treated to great food buys and performances by various artists.

The largest event, held 10am-10pm Monday through Thursday, was the 20 block display

(approx. 160 panels) of the HIV/AIDS memorial quilt held at the K-State Union which attracted individuals from across the state.

Jane Fowler, a speaker on HIV/AIDS in advanced generational persons, was the week's official opening speaker on Monday night. She gave great insight into an often overlooked population.

On Tuesday and Thursday afternoon we were fortunate enough to have discussion panels about living with HIV and supporting those living with HIV, respectively. These panels were a great opportunity for attendees to gain insight.

For those wanting a laugh along with knowledge we had an HIV positive stand-up comedian on Wednesday night who spoke about his life in a very touching, yet entertaining way. This was a wonderful chance to catch individuals who would not attend a traditional HIV speaker.

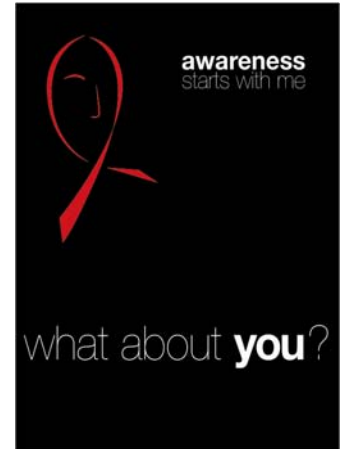
Thursday was a very touching night as a small group of volunteers held a names reading and folded the quilt panels closing the display. For those in

attendance it validated the week, bringing home the message of the impact this virus has had. ArtAid, an auction community where members bid on artwork donated by local artists to raise money for RAP, also attended.

Benefit concerts are a fun and easy way to raise awareness so Friday night of the week we had local musicians come out for a night of fun and music for a good cause.

To end the week and bring closure, a march was held starting at Triangle park, going through Aggieville, ending downtown at the First Congregational Church where attendees were treated to amazing food, an outstanding visit from the Metropolitan Community Church of Topeka, and a very emotional & powerful multi-denomination memorial service.

Overall the week was a very educational and amazing experience for the planners and all who attended. I felt all the work really showed the week slogan, "Awareness starts with me... What about you?"



2007 World Aids Week Logo

Bottom Left:

A 2nd quilt block donated to the AIDS quilt made by SHAPE president Annisa Shockey.

Bottom Right:

A piece of the AIDS quilt brought to Manhattan.



Article written by Matt Combes,
SHAPE Vice President



PASS IT ON

11,070. This is the number of women who, according to the American Cancer Society, will be diagnosed with Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) this year. This number is shocking and quite frankly rather frightening. What's more is that by providing men and women with the facts about HPV this number could be significantly reduced and thereby reducing the chances that women will get cervical cancer.

Educating people on the facts

is the purpose of the Pass It On campaign. This fall SHAPE members will be hosting a Pass It On event where attendees will be able to ask a panel of experts questions about HPV, cervical cancer and the Gardasil vaccine. In addition, anyone who attends will have the opportunity to register to win various prizes which will hopefully include an i-Pod, an STD test of their choice and even one round of the Gardasil vaccine.

Article written by Julie Louk, current SHAPE member



SHAPE with the David Coleman (The Dating Doctor)

THIS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

●September 2007

SHAPE brought the Dating Doctor to campus for the third time

●November 2007

Four members attended the BACCHUS General Assembly Conference in Atlanta, GA

●December 2007

The biggest Aids Awareness Week

yet had activities every night of the week. This year many more organizations became involved and the community participated too!

●January 2008

First bi-annual SHAPE Planning Retreat

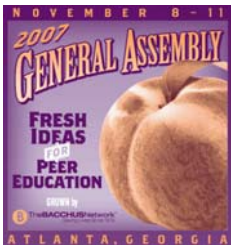
●February 2008

Sexual Responsibility Week

●April 2008

Judson Laipply came to K-State presenting his comedic talents during his "Life Is Change" message, along with the "Evolution of Dance" of course!

First ever SHAPE reunion!!



SEND US YOUR INFORMATION

We want to know the past dedicated members that helped establish the success of this organization.

Please update us on current whereabouts, name changes, helpful advice/suggestions, and news pertaining to our common topic of interest.

For starters:

- When were you involved in SHAPE?
- How did your involvement in SHAPE help in your career?
- What was your favorite thing about SHAPE or what have you come out valuing the most?

Send Information To:

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Kansas State University
1105 Sunset Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66502-3761

Or email us at:

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Sexual Health Awareness Peer Educators

TO SEND TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

Mail to:

“SHAPE” c/o Health Promotion
1105 Sunset Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66502

Online donation (tax deductible):

<http://www.found.ksu.edu/giving/waystogive.html>

Select method of payment (gift or cash). When filling in destination select OTHER and specify: **Lafene C30470 (SHAPE) Foundation Account**

CREATING AWARENESS ONE PRESENTATION AT A TIME

SHAPE's Mission:

- To act as a liaison between the student population at Kansas State University and Lafene Health Center.
- To assist Kansas State University students in need of information on emotional, physical, and social issues regarding STD's including HIV/AIDS, so as to reduce fears and diffuse prejudices.
- To disseminate factual information by providing programs and literature on Sexual Health Awareness.
- To provide students with an understanding of health-related services offered by Kansas State University and the surrounding communities.
- To motivate students by promoting positive attitudes about health and total wellness.
- To strive to meet diverse students needs by encouraging discussion-surrounding issues of sexuality as it may pertain to diverse student interest, cultural backgrounds, and belief systems.

THE HISTORY OF S.H.A.P.E.

In the mid 1980's, about the time the AIDS epidemic was becoming a public health issue, the K-State campus developed a Communicable Disease Committee. As a result of the collaboration of this committee and Lafene Health Center, an all-volunteer student group was created. The focus of this peer education group was to teach information about HIV/AIDS to the K-State campus.

By the mid 1990's this peer education group had become quite established. Consequently, the Director of Health Education at Lafene turned the peer education group into a credit course using the American Red Cross HIV/AIDS instructor curriculum so that the peer educators could become certified Ameri-

can Red Cross instructors. The group became known as STD, HIV/AIDS, Peer Educators (SHAPE).

SHAPE continued on with the intent of educating the K-State campus about HIV/AIDS and in 2000 they changed the meaning of the group's name to better reflect the program's content. Now the intention of SHAPE (Sexual Health Awareness Peer Educators) is more focused on broad sexual health information rather than focusing only on HIV/AIDS. However, the foundation upon which SHAPE was founded will and has not been forgotten.

Today the SHAPE program continues to provide educational presentations so that K-State students can make responsible choices and educated decisions about their own sexual behavior knowing the potential risks.

Being a part of SHAPE is still a two-semester commitment. Essentially, in the first semester, members learn all the information they need to know concerning HIV/AIDS, STD's, alcohol, other drugs, contraception, sexual orientation, and cultural sensitivity, as well as becoming certified as American Red Cross HIV/AIDS instructors. The focus of the second semester is presenting the information to various groups around the K-State campus.

