Domestic Violence Awareness

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College-aged students now have more protection from dating violence thanks to a law that went into effect in January.

It’s all the more reason to raise awareness about domestic violence on campus as Amy Bingham reports in this week’s View from the Hill.

Women between the ages of 18 and 24 are most commonly abused by an intimate partner. That’s just one of many statistics you’ll hear as WKU kicks off a month long effort to educate students about domestic violence.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month

October 20th – IPO Panel Discussion, Potter 4th floor, 12PM – 1PM

October 20th – Wear Purple Day

October 26th – Warren County Candlelight Vigil, First Christian Church, 5:30 pm

What do football coach Jeff Brohm, Wally the white squirrel and Star the Counseling and Testing Center’s therapy dog have in common?

They all took part in a kick off event to bring awareness to domestic violence.

 “There are a lot of resources on campus that I didn’t know about/ It’s good to point out like they’re doing and then you can find a source to talk to about it.”

It’s an issue that even brought Attorney General Andy Beshear to Bowling Green, to sign a proclamation along with Dr. Ransdell declaring October Domestic Violence Awareness month.

 “Approximately one in three women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. 1 in 3. That statistic is probably low.”

One event planned for October deals with a new Kentucky law that impacts the student population.

 “We’re going to have an Interpersonal violence panel or IPO panel which gives information about the new interpersonal violence protective order.”

 “What we want to talk about is that with 18 – 24 year olds, with the domestic violence bill that went into effect in January, those numbers have begun to rise.”

At least one survivor in the audience- who fled her abusive relationship almost 20 years ago -says it’s so important for students to watch out for each other.

 “My advice to young people, if you feel there’s been a change in their life, take them aside and say what’s going on.”

The IPO Panel discussion is set for October 20th at noon in the 4th floor of Potter Hall. October 20th is also wear purple day. A Warren County candlelight vigil will be held October 26th at 5:30 at First Christian Church.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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