Is Spring in the Air?

Although it still looks and feels like winter as I write these words, by the time you get this issue, spring will be three weeks away! Your students are entering their final stretch of the winter semester as they eagerly approach WSU’s official spring break, when no classes will be held the week of March 10-15.

Spring break is a good time to check in with your student to gauge how they are doing in their classes. If you sense they are having difficulties, you can suggest they visit the Academic Success Center or check in with their advisor — and don’t forget counseling services available from our Counseling and Psychological Services.

We are glad to announce that the WSU Police Department is offering its nationally certified Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) training during spring break. See below
Kindly ask your student to check their Pipeline and make sure they don’t have any registration holds, as priority registration for the fall 2014 semester begins Monday, March 24. It’s important that students are able to register early, before classes become full.

Finally, I welcome you to call or email me with any questions or requests for assistance. Have a wonderful day.

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**Financial Aid Check**

**Spring/Summer Aid Eligibility**

Financial aid for the spring/summer semesters is limited to eligible students who did not use all of their Federal Pell Grant or borrow their maximum student loans in the fall and winter semesters.

A limited number of federal work-study awards are available. Students with financial need who wish to be considered should submit the spring/summer work-study request, which will be available in mid-March.

**2014-15 Financial Aid**

Financial aid awards for the 2014-15 academic year will be posted in the spring for students who have submitted the 2014-15 FAFSA. New students will receive a letter in the mail. All students will receive an email notification. Your student can check Pipeline for award information and to review outstanding requirements in March.

The Federal Parent PLUS loan for parents of dependent undergraduates will be available May 1. Parents can apply for the loan at studentloans.gov. Your loan information will then be sent to WSU for processing.

**Electronic Forms Are Coming**

The Office of Student Financial Aid is converting many financial aid forms so that you will be able to complete and sign them electronically. To get started, students can log in to Pipeline and click the Financial Aid tab. Required forms are listed under My Financial Aid Requirements. Forms for available payments will then become available with the next payment.
dependent students require a parent signature, and the student will be asked to supply a parent email address. After the student completes their section of the form, the parent will receive an email with a link to complete and sign the parent section. Follow the link to the Dynamic Forms website to create a login and complete the form.

Electronic submission of forms is the fastest way for us to process a student’s financial aid. More information is available at finaid.wayne.edu/forms/dynamic.php.

WSU Police Offering Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Classes

The Wayne State University Police Department will again host the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Basic Physical Defense course for women on March 10-14. The class will be held at the WSU Police Department, which is located at 6050 Cass Ave. at Burroughs, two blocks north of the Ford/I-94 freeway.

RAD is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The comprehensive course begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, and then progresses on to the basics of hands-on self-defense. The RAD program is taught nationwide; its widespread acceptance is primarily due to the ease, simplicity and effectiveness of RAD tactics, solid research, legal defensibility and unique teaching methodology.

Several male and female WSU Police officers, who are nationally certified RAD instructors, will teach each RAD session. The 13-hour course has been internationally recognized as an effective and easy-to-learn personal safety tool. The course consists of four sessions that cover a variety of topics, including personal safety and safety awareness, physical defense techniques, and aggressive defense measures to be used by the woman who is attacked. Emphasis is placed on the proper way to deliver effective kicks, blocks and strikes as well as practical tactical ground fighting skills to allow for escape. The last class allows students to test their new skills and techniques as they defend themselves during three simulated attacks.

Basic RAD classes are open to women only. Husbands, boyfriends or other men will not be allowed to attend or view this training.

WSU students, staff and faculty members may also attend
with or enroll one non-WSU woman as their guest. This includes non-WSU spouses, partners, girlfriends and female siblings. Daughters and siblings 12 to 16 years of age may attend the RAD training program with a signed parental consent form. We highly recommend that the minor female attend the RAD course with a female parent or older female sibling.

This RAD course is very popular, and is met with overwhelming success. If you plan on registering with a friend or relative, don’t delay. If you make the time commitment, we will commit to providing you with some of the best women's self-defense training available.

WDIV sent a reporter and cameraman to a RAD class late last year for a Local 4 Defenders news story, which you can watch online:


The four-session RAD course costs $20 per participant. Payment is required at time of registration, with cash or checks payable to Wayne State University Police.

Course dates:
Monday, March 10, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Tuesday, March 11, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Wednesday, March 12, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thursday, March 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (simulations session)

You must register in advance to secure your enrollment. In order to maintain a high student-to-instructor ratio, class size is limited to the first 20 registered participants. To register for this class, please bring your $20 registration fee and your WSU OneCard to the Records section (open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) of the WSU Police Department. (Feel free to park in the police-only zone in front of the building, as course registration will only take a couple of minutes.) RAD class registrations will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, unless the class fills to capacity before that time.

The Basic RAD class is a prerequisite for the Advanced RAD and RAD Weapons classes, which will build on the basic self-defense techniques taught in the Basic RAD class.

PLEASE REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO GUARANTEE YOUR SPOT IN THIS POPULAR COURSE.
Wayne State Insiders

This event was rescheduled due to weather:

The Wayne State University Police Department has played an important role in transforming Midtown into one of Michigan’s safest neighborhoods. On Wednesday, March 19, you can join the Wayne State Insiders for a firsthand look at how the department keeps the campus and community secure.

The event includes a tour of WSU Police headquarters, an overview of the successful CompStat crime prevention initiative, and a discussion between Police Chief Anthony Holt and Center for Urban Studies Director Lyke Thompson about the collaborative efforts that have made Wayne State one of Michigan’s safest campuses. Insiders will also view demonstrations and learn important strategies to keep them safe on and off campus. The event runs from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at WSU Police headquarters at 6050 Cass Ave. Reserve your spot on the wayne.edu event calendar today.

The Wayne State Insiders includes alumni, friends, students, parents, faculty and staff who serve as informal ambassadors for Wayne State and our Midtown community. We welcome anyone excited about the positive impact of WSU and Detroit’s urban renewal. The more we learn, the more we can share, and the greater our collective impact can be.

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