

Club offers support for "Christmas with the Kids"

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Lambda may sponsor the Christmas with the Kids event this year, according to developments at the Student Government Association meeting Oct. 9.

Lambda representative Shane Burks announced that the club had spoken about sponsoring the event at a previous meeting.

Lambda Co-President Sabrina Swafford said that the club officials had spoken to Student Services about becoming involved in running the event.

"We would like to be able to do anything that is needed," she said.

This news was welcomed by the executive council.

Christmas with the Kids is a community event the college sponsors, specifically with the aid of certain clubs.

According to a release from the Public Relations office, activities for

"disadvantaged families" include, but are not limited to, "visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, chimney fishing for treats, Pin-the-nose-on-Rudolph" and

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**- DeWayne Carter
SGA President**

writing thank-you letters to Santa.

The clubs that have sponsored the event in previous years are currently inactive, thus making no one responsible for the overseeing of the event.

"It would be saddening and shaming if we did not have Christmas with the

Kids," SGA President DeWayne Carter said. "Christmas with the Kids should not go down in flames. It won't happen on my watch."

Carter stated that he needed a person or club to sponsor or head the event. "I have plenty of Indians. I need chiefs," he said.

He added that if the sponsor needed help, he had delegates ready.

"This is the reason the senate comes together - to help the community,"

Carter said.

Although nothing is finalized, Lambda is considering playing a significant role in Christmas with the Kids, according to Burks.

"We are a very small club, so we do need help," Burks said.

Swafford mentioned that Lambda is still in the process of compiling more information about what will need to be done and how to go about it.

Psychology club also volunteered to help sponsor the event, according to their representative present at the meeting.

According to Swafford, Olivia Jackson, president of the Psychology Club, has said that they would like to join to "continue this worthwhile service to the community" and that it should not be forgotten about.

In other business, there will be an SGA Forum on Oct. 25 in the cafeteria during activity hour.

Students can bring any concerns to the council at this time, according to SGA Vice President Adam Trout.

Defense class still a few members short of a whole

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Vol State is in the process of getting enough women involved to have a rape, aggression and defense (RAD) course, according to Lisa Lynch, public safety office supervisor.

"The course did not make it this semester because only one person signed up," Lynch said.

Lynch said that efforts are being made to have a class in November.

She said that the continuing education office sent an email over the exchange users list, which reaches faculty and staff members, informing them about the class.

Otherwise, the next class will be offered in February.

It will meet on all four Tuesday nights during the month from 6 to 9 p.m.

Lynch said the only requirements are to be a woman and pay a \$45 fee.

The RAD classes are taught in a setting that includes lecture, discussion and self-defense techniques.

They are suitable for women of all ages and abilities, according to the RAD website.

These techniques are taught by Danny Pippin, assistant chief of Vol State security and certificated RAD instructor and his two female assistants.

"The rape, aggression and defense system is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women," Pippin said.

These self-defense techniques are practiced with a RAD aggressor, or someone suited in a heavily padded ensemble as seen on the RAD-systems site.

However, Pippin said the women will mainly practice these techniques on one another.

Each woman will be given their own gear to wear while the techniques are being practiced.

Pippin will be the only male present during class sessions, so the women can be comfortable to cry and laugh with one another without feeling self-conscious.

He also added that any women that have been attacked should feel welcome and comfortable to share their feelings and experience in class.

Lynch said the women will practice self-defense tactics to get away from someone trying to assault or abduct them.

The women will learn things like what to do when attacked from behind.

The correct response can be seen on the RAD website: giving several kicks with the heel in the groin of the attacker.

Pippin said the women will be

able to fight off an aggressor in most any situation or avoid these types of situations altogether upon completion of the course.

He also said that women will feel safe at home, car and public places.

A brief session was taught to faculty and staff during Professional

Development Day Oct. 13.

"I simply wish to give people the tools that will help themselves in a bad situation," Pippin said.

The RAD-systems sites state that over 250,000 women have already been trained through the RAD program.

**Murderball
- The Movie**

**Rochelle
Center**

**Wednesday
2:30**

**ACE
Halloween
Costume
Contest**

**\$50 prize goes
to the winner**

**Cafeteria
Oct. 31 at
12:15**