

Women's Resource Center Welcomes Director

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Dyann Whaley assumed the duties of the new director of the Women's Resource Center on March 28. A 1993 graduate of Ohio University, with a master's degree in college student personnel administration with a certificate in women's studies, Whaley said she feels that since she has been a student recently she can identify with the concerns of the students at YSU.

"I feel that I am more in touch with the students and the important issues concerning students today."

Both her graduate and professional work has focused strongly on women's issues, especially

sexual assault education and prevention. While at Ohio University she was active in programs on rape and also on sexual education and awareness.

This involvement was one of the many factors that influenced the decision of Whaley as the new director.

"We (the hiring committee) decided on Ms. Whaley because of her strong background in women's concerns and in women's issues," said K. J. Satrum, director of student activities.

Whaley said, "I want to educate both men and women, including male survivors of rape.

"Since most offenders are male, it is important to educate them on prevention of these types of crimes as much as it is neces-



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sary for women.

"I want the center to be an information clearing house for the University and the community. I am hoping to incorporate our services with those offered by other organizations in the community

and on campus."

"I also want the people on campus to feel welcome," said Whaley. "The center should be very accessible, a place where the students can come if they need information. I hope that it will be a place that when issues arise on campus, students can feel free to come to and find out how to deal with the issues."

When asked about her plans for the resource center Whaley said that she wished to stress four important points.

"But first we need assessment. I want to find out from the students what their needs are and what type of information they wish to receive through our services.

"There are four components to the program: education, sup-

port, advocacy and referral if we cannot handle the situation properly.

"We really need volunteers. I will try to recruit students to aid with the program. I would also like student organizations to hold their meetings at the center. I want everyone to feel welcome," Whaley stressed again.

The Women's Resource Center is temporarily being housed in the Multicultural Student Services offices.

"We are not really sure where we will be housed permanently at this time. It will be in Kilcawley and probably will not open until fall quarter," Whaley said.

If you would like more information on the services the center offers or would like to volunteer your time, please contact Whaley at 742-7175.