

# April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

*“Silence Doesn’t Mean Consent”*

## **“Beyond Words”**

This year, the Alliance will host an art project providing survivors and their families an opportunity to express their emotions through various art mediums. The community is invited to join us at the through April 24, 2008 at the Alliance office, 1921 19<sup>th</sup> Street Monday – Friday from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. There is no cost for this event.

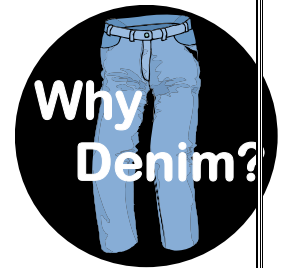
## **Take Back the Night Rally**

Please join CSUB Campus Violence Prevention Committee for a Take Back the Night Rally on Thursday, April 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. The evening will include guest speakers and a candle light ceremony and will conclude with a march around the CSUB campus. The rally will be held at Runner Park in front of the student union. Take Back the Night is a worldwide demonstration with the purpose of empowering the community to reclaim our homes, our streets, and our campuses from sexual violence.

## **Denim Day**

Please join the Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault and CSUB’s Social Work Club on April 23, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. for Denim Day and the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual SART Recognition Awards. Denim Day will take place at Runner Park on the CSUB Campus. The Alliance will honor members of The **Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)** and spotlight three SART members for their outstanding contributions in the community. The SART Team is comprised of law enforcement, representatives from the District Attorney’s office, sexual assault nurse examiners, Victim Witness, and representatives from the Kern County Crime Lab.

Wearing jeans during April symbolizes a protest of harmful attitudes about rape in response to the Italian Supreme Court decision to overturn a rape conviction because the victim wore jeans. This decision did not recognize that coercion threats and force are a part of the act of rape. We are inviting all of Kern County to participate in Denim Day by wearing jeans and a “Why Denim?” button on April 23, 2008. Buttons are free of charge. To participate, please contact the Alliance office at 661-322-0931



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