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Students impacted by closing of Angles

Angles clinic offered sex-education and support to students for over forty years

by Maggie Curry

On March 31, the Angles clinic in Northfield closed.

Angles' clinic has provided health care, sex-education, and support to youths in the North Shore since 1973, starting in a basement and then moving to their location on Maple Avenue.

Laura Deutsch, dance and sophomore health teacher, said, "It's been around a really long time. My sister was a volunteer there for over ten years. It was there when I was in high school."

About the clinic closing, Angles' Board President Kathleen Lloyd-Jones, MD, said, "We consider this initiative to be a success story, not a failure. We set out to make a difference more than four decades ago and we have indeed accomplished our goal."

Angles has come to speak to New Trier Sophomore health classes for many years, and will continue to come to speak to students about LGBTQ education and referrals to help students find places for the support they would have gone to Angles for.

Deutsch said, "They say it's a good thing. They say people are getting better health care and don't

need them as much."

Senior Meg Jansen agrees saying, "We have access to other resources, and I think that kids will ask their parents to go see a doctor if there is a serious problem. But I think in other areas that are not as affluent, it might be more helpful there because they don't have the resources."

However, many students feel this is a loss and there is still a need for the clinic in the community. Senior Ally Smith said, "It takes resources away from students."

Some of those resources included gynecological exams, morning after pills, birth control prescriptions, pregnancy tests, and counseling for girls who consider having abortions.

The clinic was for both boys and girls, also offering tests for chlamydia, gonorrhea, and HIV for \$20 during their Men's Clinic times. The clinic also offered more affordable birth control.

"It was always comforting to have Angles, such a beneficial place, so close by," said Senior Ben Higgins who first heard about Angles during his health class sophomore year.

"Taking it away probably won't have too much effect except for a few people with STDs and pregnancy. That might be tough to deal with without Angles, but not too much else will change."

Deutsch added, "I think are some people who cannot talk to their parents and don't have insurance or healthcare. I think there it's really sad



Students were thankful to have Angles close by and have access to the services and education it offered |Angles.org

that population won't be able to get birth control, gynecological exams, plan B pills."

Sophomore Charlie McCormick said, "I'm not sure if I'd ever use that as a resource, but some people might be disappointed because it was a good resource, but I bet there's gonna be other things out there that will replace it."

Deutsch said she thought students would be able to go to a Planned Parenthood on N. Broadway.

Angles has a list of places to refer students for the resources they would have gotten from Angles and more on their website.

Angles' vision is, "A world in which issues related to sex, sexuality, sexual orientation, and gender identity are discussed openly as a natural part of the human experience, and in which teens and young adults have the information, tools, and support they need to be healthy and confident in this aspect of their lives."

The clinic's Medical Director, Loren Hutter, MD, said, "Our clinic was such a success because of the hard work and dedication of our volunteers. In my 32 years with the organization, hundreds of support staff, nurses, midwives, and physicians made Angles a safe and caring place for our community's youth. We owe them a heartfelt thanks."

Date rape drug use reported at Northwestern

Evanston chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon faces scrutiny after allegations

by Husnain Raza

On Feb. 3, an anonymous report was sent to Northwestern University alleging that four girls were given a date rape drug at a fraternity event, with two of the girls believing that they were sexually assaulted.

Not much information is known of the alleged incident, including the identity of the four girls, the identity of the perpetrator, or the relation between them.

However, two separate reports were filed, one after a fraternity event Feb. 2 and another regarding a separate event Feb. 3.

Both reports alleged the sexual assault of female students and the use of a date rape drug. Even with lack of information, the accusations are being treated very seriously.

After the reports, a university-wide security alert was posted detailing the incidents and containing resources for students regarding sexual assault. The report said "Northwestern University is concerned about the safety and well-being of its students, faculty and staff and about incidents of sexual misconduct, harassment or violence. All Northwestern community



Fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon is at the center of current sexual assault allegations | Boyle, The Daily Northwestern

members should look out for one another and ensure that everyone is safe."

Sexual assault at a university as large as Northwestern is not rare. According to the Daily Northwestern, a report released said that 179 complaints regarding sexual misconduct were recorded during the school years 2015 and 2016.

However, both Northwestern staff and students have voiced their concerns and grievance with this incident and incidents like it.

Former New Trier student,

Sarah Zhang ('16), a freshman at Northwestern, said, "Sexual assault is alive and real at every campus, and Northwestern is no different. The student body as a whole is very disappointed and saddened by the event."

The events prompted the shutdown of the Evanston chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the fraternity that held the event where the alleged sexual assault took place.

The fraternity was told to shut down all social activities "until further notice," according to the

Daily Northwestern.

While the fraternity itself complied with the university, members of the fraternity did not agree with the shutdown. This disagreement culminated with the walkout of four senators in the Student Government Senate, leaving the senate with to few members to issue a cease-and-desist order on the fraternity.

There has been criticism of the fraternity from various students. Some of this criticism included a march by more than three hundred

students, who marched to the headquarters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon in Evanston in response to the accused sexual assaults, according to the Daily Northwestern.

The march also included speeches by survivors of sexual assault who were there in support of the victims of the alleged assault.

Audrey Angelos, a member of the march said "I attended the march down Sheridan Road that was organized to support the survivors of sexual assault. It was an incredibly moving experience, that I hope sent a message to the university about how the student body feels about the situation."

Zhang, who also attended the march, said "It was very moving and survivors spoke about their own experiences, both at NU and outside of it, calling for SAE and all fraternities to take responsibility and enact change."

Regardless of the conflict over whether or not the fraternity was responsible for the assault, many students have expressed the fact that it is important to know of the risks of sexual assault on college campuses.

"Although we know these things occur frequently on college campuses, it's hard to believe it's happening on our own. It seems as though most people in general realize and understand that this behavior is unacceptable, and cannot be tolerated on our campus," Angelos said.