

Coastal talks about sexual assault at SRSU

Four women will be sexually assaulted in her life, said Katie Koestner, a recognized advocate in sexual assault prevention, as she spoke to a capacity crowd at the Sul Ross State University Marshall Auditorium. "It's not just one in four," she said. "That's mother, sister, daughter." As she described statistics, she received an attentive audience that each woman presented a face and a

was on campus to provide a series of workshops and seminars to inform and update teachers about sexual assault.

Koestner told the story of being sexually assaulted on her date at the College of Arts and Sciences and Mary nearly eight years ago. "Setting the stage by sharing personal events leading to the assault," Koestner portrayed a young college freshman who had a crush on an upperclassman. As the story unfolded, she wove in discussion on rape myths, stereotypes, definitions, respect, victim's responsibility and reporting.

She expressed surprise and concern about the number of sexual assaults at Sul Ross State University. She urged the audience to take action against sexual assault. "Rape is not a joke," she said.

She reminded the audience that all rape victims are not the same. One in eight men are sexually assaulted, and 90 percent of all rapes are committed by women.



l-r, Hal Flanders, Vanessa Page, Jose Garcia, Frank Espino, Wendy Flippo, Hon. Pete Gallego, Judge Val Beard and Rocio Villa.

Big Bend High School awarded \$1,000 prize

SOUTH BREWSTER COUNTY - On January 13, 1998, students of Big Bend High School (BBHS) were awarded one thousand dollars as the first place winners of the Amoco School Recycling Challenge.

State Rep. Pete P. Gallego was on hand to present the award to Wendy W. Flippo, BBHS science teacher.

By presenting recycling lessons in class and carrying out

recycling projects, Flippo and the physical science and biology classes met the requirements of the statewide challenge.

Of the 150 applicants, the Big Bend group was chosen for first place in the secondary school category.

As representative of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, Frank Espino from El Paso attended the ceremony, as did Barbara Kaufman, from the Rio Grande Council of

Governments.

In addition, Brewster County Commissioner Red Pattillo, County Judge Val Beard, Big Bend National Park Superintendent Jose Cisneros, and Hal Flanders of the Big Bend Recyclers attended the ceremony.

Plans for using the award money include expanding the existing recycling program at the school, and establishing a composting and gardening project.

