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Attention: calling all KREEPS

by Tasha VanZant

KREEPS- it's a word that makes your skin crawl and images of dark damp places fill your mind as you wait for something to jump out and grab you.

Well, this KREEPS doesn't involve anything so dark and dreary. It's just the opposite. KREEPS is a new motivational program involving several students from Ms. Allene Cornelius' English III Honors class

Ms. Beverly Sexton, who teaches a week long sex education class for practical living students, asked Ms. Cornelius and 12 students from her 25 member class to develop the program. The result of that is KREEPS (Kids Reaching Everyone Everywhere Providing Solutions).

According to Ms. Cornelius, the program was designed to "inspire students to delay sexual activity by using various artforms and youthful perspectives."

All the group members seem optimistic about the new program, and are serious about it. "I think



(clockwise from left) Cathie Midkiff, Mindy Bullock, Cheyenne Carmack, Tara Cox, Katy Powell, and Lindsey Parsons talk about ideas for motivational skits at KREEPS practice. KREEPS stands for Kids Reaching Everyone Everywhere Providing Solutions.

that sexual abstinence is really important," commented Amanda Chisum.

The drama in the program appeals to many members of the group.
"I think it is important for

young teens to know that not having sex is a good thing. I'm interested in drama, too, so I thought it was a good opportunity to participate,

said junior Katy Powell.

In the future Ms. Cornelius

the first subject the group is tackling-postponing sex.

The performances, March 10 at First Christian Church, March 20 at Lighthouse Assembly of God, are open to anyone who wishes to attend-community members, middle and high school students, as well as parents.

Members of the KREEPS Program Sponsor: Ms. Cornelius

Josh Lyons Katy Powell Cathie Midkiff Cheyenne Carmack Stephen Hopkins Brittany Owen Lindsey Parsons Leslie Morris Amanda Chisum Tara Cox

Ashley Lawson

Mindy Bullock

hopes to expand the program to include other issues that concern today's teens, such as smoking, alcohol, and drugs.

The program sounds fun, and it's about a subject I feel strongly about," Lindsey Parsons says of

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Assistant Principal Mrs. Betty Jo McKinney is hidden in the sea of flowers which arrived at RCHS on Valentine's Day. Between 75 and 100 floral arrangements were delivered to students and faculty.