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Tiger's transgressions

The Tiger Woods "holiday card" — which depicts a doctored photo of the golfer without front teeth and his wife holding a golf club — has been circulating on the Internet, but Clark University researcher Denise Hines, who studies family violence, wonders if there'd be the same reaction to a photo of celebrity Rihanna after her boyfriend allegedly beat her earlier this year.

According to the professor, "Tiger's face has been altered so that it appears he has been badly beaten; he also has a golf ball sticking out of his ear. His wife is smiling next to him while holding a golf club.

"I can only speculate that this picture has been circulating so widely because people view it as humorous. ... Imagine that the genders were reversed — that Tiger's wife was badly beaten and Tiger was standing next to her, smiling and holding a golf club. We would be offended and outraged that someone would make light of an instance of domestic violence, dare to create such a photo, and circulate it as a joke."

"Domestic violence, no matter who the victim is, is not something to be joked about," Ms. Hines concluded.

A link to Hines' study and some of its results can be found at <http://www.clarku.edu/faculty/dhines/results.htm>.

Jobs in the USA

According to the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, roughly a third of the federal government work force is expected to retire within the next five years, resulting in the hiring of more than 200,000 mission-critical jobs in legal, investigation, business, accounting, psychology, education and information technology occupations.

Today, less than 3 percent of the full-time federal work force is under the age of 25. To help access these jobs, Kimberly E. Ainsworth, executive director of the Greater Boston Federal Executive Board, spoke to **Nichols College** seniors last week about careers in the federal government. Students were advised to check out more than 32,000 jobs posted on www.usajobs.gov and to "network, network, network."

HOPE

Worcester's Healthy Options for Prevention and Education Coalition, a public health advocacy organization, was awarded the Massachusetts Public Health Administration's Front Line Award recently at the MPHA's annual meeting.

The Front Line Award was accepted by HOPE Coalition Director Laurie Ross, assistant professor of community development and planning at **Clark University**. Started in 2000, the coalition, consisting of 18 Worcester organizations, aims to reduce youth violence and drug use, and to promote positive adolescent mental health and youth leadership through a youth-adult partnership.

The HOPE Coalition has several peer leaders, ages 14-19, who represent their organizations and meet weekly to identify and create solutions for issues of concern to youth

Future projects, Ms. Ross said, include getting more healthful food into school cafeterias, more jobs for youth, and increasing the quality of supplies and textbooks in the schools.

No hate here

In recognition of the 61 anniversary of the United Nations' adoption and proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the recent enactment of a more comprehensive federal hate crimes law, the **College of the Holy Cross** and the city of Worcester will hold an educational forum on bias and hate crimes from 8 to 10 a.m. Thursday at the Hogan Campus Center, Room 519, Holy Cross.

The event is sponsored by the City Manager's Community Coalition on Bias and Hate, Human Rights Commission,

Commission on Disabilities, and the "Hate: Not Here!" committee at Holy Cross.

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