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## TOUGH GUISE IN KITSAP

The Winter Quarterly Forum will feature the Jackson Katz video "Tough Guise: Violence, Media & the Crisis in Masculinity". The Forum will be held at the Silverdale Lutheran Church on Ridgetop Blvd from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

"Tough Guise is the first program to look systematically at the relationship between the images of popular culture and the social construction of masculine identities in the US in the late 20th century. In this innovative and wide-ranging analysis, Jackson Katz argues that there is a crisis in masculinity and that some of the guises offered to men as a solution (rugged individualism, violence) come loaded with attendant dangers to women, as well as other men. Extensively illustrated with examples from popular culture, ranging from Howard Stern to Stone Cold Steve Austin, from *Good Will Hunting* to *Boyz 'N the Hood*, from Garth Brooks to hip hop styles, Tough Guise will enlighten and provoke students (both men and women) to evaluate their own participation in the culture of contemporary masculinity."

For those of you lucky enough to see Jackson Katz at our Domestic Violence Summit last September, no introduction to him is necessary. But in case you weren't one of the 250 attendees, here is what you need to know about Jackson:

"Jackson Katz is one of America's leading anti-sexist male activists. He is the founder and director of MVP Strategies, an organization that specializes in providing gender violence prevention education and training for men and boys. He founded the multi-racial, mixed-gender Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) Program at Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society in 1993. He is the author of the program's innovative teaching materials, including the MVP Playbook. Since 1996 he has been directing the first worldwide gender violence prevention program in the history of the United States Marine Corps. The United States Navy is currently piloting his program aboard the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson. He is a member of the U.S. Secretary of Defense's Task Force on Domestic Violence in the military.

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