Supreme Court ruling to overturn Roe v. Wade, on Friday June 24, has been a devastating blow to women’s reproductive rights and to the future of Americans seeking agency over their bodies, their families, and their futures. The impacts of this decision made by a majority of older male judges will have a ripple effect on women’s lives, on families, and institutions throughout our society. Young college and university students will step out of their educational careers to care for children they are not prepared to care and provide for. Mothers with multiple children already struggling to provide for them will carry the responsibility of one more child to care and be emotionally and financially responsible for. Young couples are faced to make decisions they might not be prepared to confront with their unplanned pregnancies. This attack on women’s autonomy to decide over their own bodies and futures will have multiple personal and social costs. Women who are pregnant will now have to depend on state governments to make reproductive choices for them to decide whether to become a mother or not. Many will be forced out of educational opportunities and the workforce, while others will seek out the resources and support in other states willing to provide the appropriate medical support they need to terminate a pregnancy without risking their lives. The overturn of Roe v. Wade is a major setback in women’s and reproductive rights impacting people of diverse cultural and economic backgrounds, though mostly women of color and low income women who cannot afford the privileges of accessible birth control and preventive care. We will remember this day in history, June 24th, 2022, as the day that split open a new re-awakening and thirst for reproductive justice. A new wave of change is coming through organized collective movements and coalitions that will transform our society, as we know it. There is no turning back, the only option is to move forward with resolve and the urgency needed to protect women’s rights over their own bodies and destinies

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The Student Health and Wellness Center at Suite 100 Union Building East offers:

- Routine women’s health exams include:
  - Pelvic exam with Pap smear to screen for cervical cancer (appointment required)
  - Pelvic exam
  - Clinical breast exam and breast self-exam instruction
  - Sexually transmitted infection (STI) screening as appropriate and upon request
  - Birth control (contraception) and management
- HIV testing
- Care for menstrual concerns (cramps, irregular bleeding, PMS, other related problems)
- Pregnancy testing and referrals
- Evaluation and treatment for other common women’s health issues such as:
  - Vaginal infections
  - Urinary tract infections
  - Emergency contraception prescriptions for students ages 17 and younger with appointment. No prescription necessary for women ages 18 and up.