

Can I kiss you lecture

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Imagine being away at school and receiving a call from your mother, asking you whether you are sitting down.

This happened to Mike Domitrz in 1989, when his mother called him on the phone, telling him that his older sister was brutally raped.

He could not believe what he was hearing. "My sister Sherry was an amazing and incredible person," Domitrz said.

While Domitrz was explaining to the audience what happened to his sister, the whole audience was so silent that you could hear a pin drop. The story was very sad and emotional, not just for Domitrz but for the students as well.

On April 5 in Hopwood Auditorium, a meeting was held to discuss the misconception of dating, sex, intimacy and the problems of drugs, alcohol, rape, sexual assault and sexually transmitted diseases.

Domitrz took what happened to his sister and turned it into something positive. He decided to make a difference.

During the meeting Domitrz got

most of the students involved through role playing or discussion.

He also demonstrated different scenes about how if you are on a date and it's going very well, how to ask for a kiss and how not to ask for a kiss.

"I liked the meeting," junior Katie DeCusatis said. "It was very educational and I learned a lot about dating relationship. What I learned will help a lot with my boyfriend."

Domitrz empowered both the male and female students to transcend stereotypical gender roles and embrace a relationship that is free from sexual pressure and misunderstandings.

"When men and women send messages, they are different in sending them," Domitrz said.

He encourages students to treat their friend as well as a stranger.

"This was very informative; he taught us how to respect ourselves and treat each other with respect," sophomore Charmayne Crider said.

At the end of the meeting Domitrz gave out his e-mail address, www.mayikissyou.com, where students can e-mail him and he makes a promise to respond to every single e-mail within 24 hours.

