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Discussion sponsored to raise awareness of women's rights

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Sydney Carlin, representative of the 66th district in the Kansas House of Representatives, was a featured panelist at the sex, pregnancy and politics discussion.

The event took place last night in Kedzie 106 and featured a variety of topics including women's rights, sexual education in schools and discussion on how politics work.

Patrick Ptomey, junior in environmental design, went to the event and described it as "very informative."

Carlin was able to offer an insider's perspective on how politics work, at times describing the workings of the House of Representatives, but she said the one issue addressed most was abortion rights and policy.

Thomas Glowiak, senior in human resource management, said it was this feature that made the night most interesting.

"I'm actually interested in this whole subject," Glowiak said. "Especially just politics in general, just the chance to hear from a representative was enjoyable. It was interesting to hear some of the ways that policy goes through the House and the Senate."

Carlin described how she must address the often heated issue of abortion rights, being a representative of the state.



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Shelby Knox, community advocate for comprehensive sex education and the focus of the documentary, "The Education of Shelby Knox", and Sydney Carlin, 66th District State Representative, listen to Holly Weatherford, Kansas lobbyist and public affairs manager at Planned Parenthood of Kansas & Mid-Missouri at the panel discussion of sex, pregnancy and politics in Kansas. The event was sponsored by K-State Students for Choice, the Department of Women's Studies and Campus Progress.

"I'm here to serve my district, I listen to my district, and that's how I make my overall decisions on what stance to take on it," she said. "It's not my issue, it's not why I ran, it's not why I'm elected, but it is something I have to deal with."

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