

'Date Rape Drug' Endangering Many

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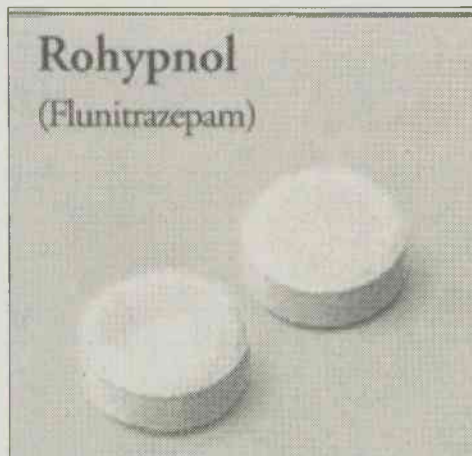
Date rape is a mania that has infested humanity and is affecting our social lives everyday. As college students, statistics show that we have the largest target rate when it comes to date rape.

The "date rape" drug, more commonly referred to as Rohypnol, is actually a prescription sleeping pill which is often used by perpetrators on their victims. Common names for Rohypnol include "roofie," and "rocachie." While it is used as a sedative, it is far more potent than many other drugs which are used to numb a person from whatever ailment they are suffering from.

One of the worst things that someone could possibly do is leave a drink somewhere unattended.

Rohypnol is often slipped into the drinks of inattentive party goers, making them prime targets to be taken advantage of. The tablets themselves, once dissolved into a drink, cannot be detected, thus securing the anonymity of the perpetrators.

Rohypnol intoxication not only sedates a person but often ends up in memory and judgment loss, making it easier for someone to take over. The effects begin taking place



Roofties can lead to memory loss, confusion, and mental impairment. within forty to forty-five minutes and can last for more than 10 hours.

While the drug can be used for "date rape" purposes, it is often used by misguided youth in hopes to get "high" after mixing it with alcohol or other drugs.

Rohypnol is not legal in the United States. It is only legally sold and produced in Europe and a few other countries outside of Europe.

A major reason why Rohypnol so widely used is because it is economical. Selling from \$3.00 to \$5.00, it is easily

accessible especially by youth who have pocket money or receive an allowance.

Adverse effects of the drug often include memory loss, confusion, dizziness, visual and mental impairment and possibly many more side effects. Also, Rohypnol is very addictive and when used often can make a person psychiatrically imbalanced.

Nothing is worse than being taken advantage of because of one's inattentiveness towards what he/she drinks or eats. Please be aware, because one incident can change how your entire life ends up.

If you feel that you have been raped or sexually assaulted, please call the National Sexual Assault Hotline, operated by RAINN, 24 hours a day at 1-800-656-HOPE (4673), or search for your local rape crisis center.

FSU Theatre Review: Home For Christmas

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When we were kids, many of us were taught that we should never take for granted what we have been blessed with. Most of the time that means to tell the people we care about that we love them every chance we get. Even if they hurt us, we forgive and love them anyways, because you never know what the day brings.

But what it did bring on November 9, 2006 was a universal lesson of learning to forgive in the play "Home for Christmas." Director and professor Alfred Wiggins knew what message he wanted to convey when the doors of the Butler Theatre opened for Thursday. As the lights beamed, it shined on a warm setting of a living room, providing a cozy atmosphere for both the actors and the audience. Where better else to enjoy the holidays than in the family room? Mother Retha, played by senior and singer Jacqueline Drake, came out singing "The Christmas Song" for the opening act. Holding a picture frame of what appears to be her love and obviously missing someone, she sets the tone for the play, grabbing the audience with her vibrant voice. In walks a familiar face, Retha's grandson P.J., played by Timothy Caldwell Jr., who starred as Jesus in last year's play Godspell. Accompanying him was Rashawn Moore. We later catch the name of the friend who caught our attention by serenading the coat rack to a Temptation's track. His name is Slick, a fitting name for the play's comic relief. He also gives us, but not on purpose, a steady reminder of our favorite crazy lady, Madea.

The plot for the play comes from the man missing in action, Rufus, Retha's husband. As the story goes, with Rufus left, he left a lot of heartache and pain behind him. The pain only made Retha miss her husband more, event though he saw it more fitting to leave his family once he joined the army. On the other hand, we have the love child of this once young couple, Prince. And as the years past, Prince grew to be very bitter and harbored resentment for his father. Although Prince (who happens to be a deacon) appears to be a flat character, always angry and arguing, his wife Patience (Candace Land) provides an even balance. Most of the family is looking forward to granddaddy Rufus' return home for Christmas, especially his grandson P.J. We are introduced to a deeper side of P.J. learning his strong disbelief in God. We

also meet his fiancé, Corinne (Melody Tisdale), her friend Tasha (Kareka Chavis), and the very promiscuous Lisa Ann (Princess Ladsen), who would better be described as "permanently in heat." Lisa Ann later caused tension between Slick and Tasha due to her efforts to get Slick to engage in an "intimate encounter" with her. As the play continues, we find that Corinne grows more and more reluctant about marrying P.J. because of his disbelief in God. Still, she provides advice with a lot of love and tells P.J. that if at any moment he feels touched by the Spirit, to "stand up and thank Him." And as if on cue, out walks Corinne and in comes a ghost of Christmas past, Rufus. Only P.J. doesn't recognize his grandfather at first. Demanding a presence, the audience grows quiet and anxiously waits for P.J. to return to the room with eggnog for the house's unexpected visitor. Upon finally recognizing granddaddy Rufus, the excitement fills the stage and reaches the audience. Rufus is home. Word spreads fast, and the intimate meeting between Retha and Rufus reminds us of how 20 years made their hearts grow fonder. But as soon as a happy reunion begins, Prince walks in and we are reminded also how much pain the separation had caused. The whole household is in an uproar, P.J. is angry with his father for not letting him get to know his granddad. Prince, finally releasing all of pinned up frustration, like a little boy we see him lash out at Rufus. But it is Retha and Rufus that bring this family to a calm. Dodging a terrible reputation that persisted to precede him, Rufus faces up to his decisions and gives us a look at what it was like being in the position that him and Retha found themselves in 20 years ago. God holds a strong presence in this play, and is felt through Rufus as he breaks out in song and P.J., remembering Corinne's words, breaks out with a "Thank you Jesus!"

The play begins to fold, and we see the mystery behind what pulls a family back together, and keeps them there. It's never too late to forgive, and being able to doesn't only have to happen when you're "Home for Christmas." LaSherie Draughon said her favorite character was daddy Rufus. "He had so much life, and you learn you can't always listen to what people tell you. You have to see for yourself." Other like Ashli Robinson just enjoyed laughing. "I like the comic relief and the warmth of the holidays." Watching made for an enjoyable evening and gave a lasting impression.

Twenty-one Questions to Consider For Fayetteville State Students

1. Why do our Greek organizations love to cookout so much?
2. Have you been attacked by a brick monster lately?
3. Will the popularity of Weird Al Yankovic's, White and Nerdy surpass the popularity of the original song, Ridin'?
4. Why are you using your tuition as an excuse for your decision to strip at the local club?
5. Did you know that Wikipedia is not a legitimate source to site in research papers?
6. Can we please get a snack machine at University Place Apartments?
7. Doesn't Angelina Jolie look like a Bratz doll?
8. Why are the speed bumps on campus so high?
9. Why have an event in the Seabrook Auditorium if only 30 people are going to show up?
10. How many pounds did you gain over thanksgiving break?
11. Aren't you excited that the Lady Broncos defeated the reigning CIAA basketball Champions?
12. Do I see a possible final round appearance for the Lady Broncos in the future?
13. How much more can FSU increase the tuition and fees and still keep its status as one of the most affordable universities in the state?
14. Are you going to get on the bus on December 4th?
15. Will FSU basketball fans stick by the basketball team in their hour of need?
16. Or will they abandon them when the going gets tough like many fans did during football season?
17. Who's hoping that the movie Dream Girls lives up to the hype?
18. Is Squad Up more than just an intramural football team?
19. Was O.J. Simpson's book and TV special, "If I did it...here's how it happened" taking things a little too far?
20. Is the Haberdashery at Bronco Square ever open?
21. Are you going to pay \$600 for the Playstation 3?

****Disclaimer-** the 21 questions are composed of random musings by the writer and other students. The questions are NEVER directed towards one identifiable person and any relation to a particular person is purely coincidental. We apologize in advance for individuals who see themselves (or others) in the 21 questions and become offended.

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