

Date rapes often unacknowledged

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Of all rape victims, 69 percent know their assailant, and as many as one-third of college men studied would rape a woman if they thought they could get away with it, Mary-Ann Chap, director of the Orange County Rape Crisis Center, said Wednesday.

Chap spoke before the Chapel Hill chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) on "date rape."

In a 1981 Neil Malamuth study, 35 percent of the college men studied said they would rape a woman if they could escape penalization, Chap said.

But although 15 percent said they had intercourse, none said they had "raped" the woman, Chap said.

The definition of rape in North Carolina places date rape under second-degree rape, meaning intercourse with someone other than the assailant's spouse where the victim is mentally or physically unable to prevent it.

Put simply, date rape is forced sexual compliance by someone with whom the victim is having a relationship, Chap said.

And although the concept of date rape is becoming more accepted, women sometimes do not categorize the attack as rape if they are having a relationship with the man.

In a recent study at Auburn University, for example, 85 percent of the women said they had experienced some form of sexual aggression without consent.

Although 20 percent said they had sexual intercourse against their will, none said they were raped, Chap said.

Fifty percent of the men said they had completed or attempted a sexual act against a woman's will, Chap said, but none said they had "raped" her.

There is some hope, she said. "Since the '70s, there has been more interest in this problem."

Societal myths contribute to the occurrence of rape, the most common of which is the fallacy that women deserve rape because of their actions, looks and clothes.

"It is common to blame the victim due to reasons such as 'the woman led the man on,' 'she let him spend a lot of money on her,' and so on," Chap said. "People have come to accept that male sexual aggression is the norm."

"Men are taught, I believe, when they are small that women are not to be taken seriously."

In a study of rape victims at Chapel Hill from 1982 to 1985, 38 percent reported they had known the assailant and 14 percent were assaulted by family members, said Kim Childers, a worker at the center.

Of those who had tried to assault a woman, 76 percent said they had attempted to get the woman drunk, 86 percent had falsely professed love and 86 percent thought rape was "justified."

"The message from all this, at least from this population, is that date or acquaintance rape is a common, if not everyday, occurrence," she said.

Stranger rape and date rape are similar in many ways, she said.

In a date rape situation, the victim and assailant are often from the same social set, and the woman either doesn't want to cause trouble or does not define the action as rape.

But the feelings of guilt, confusion and helplessness are the same regardless of the type of rape, she said.

"In both cases, rape is an act of power and control, an act of violence and violation of the victim that hurts," said Chap.

Direct appointment of students approved

By **SUZANNE JEFFRIES**
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The Student Congress passed a bill supporting the direct appointment of student members to chancellor's and vice chancellors' committees at its Wednesday night meeting.

In an interview after the meeting, Student Body President Bryan Hassel said he hoped the congress's support would draw the chancellor's attention to student support of the proposal. "I think it adds to a list of student supporters for my proposal," he said. "Students have said unequivocally that they are in favor of having direct appointments."

Congress member Neil Riemann (Dist. 12) said that since these committees only advise the chancellor and vice chancellors, who make the final decision on an issue, then direct

appointment power should be given to the student body president. "If they (students) the chancellor selects) only tell him what he wants to hear, then it's pointless," Riemann said.

Also in the Wednesday meeting, a request for \$1,800 from the Phoenix to purchase a personal computer to help with the magazine's editing failed 12-12. To appropriate the money, a two-thirds majority was needed.

Several congress members were concerned that the Phoenix should increase its revenue from advertising sales before they are given any more money.

The congress tabled a similar request Oct. 1.

Phoenix editor James Farrer told the congress the latest edition of the Phoenix had over \$200 worth of

advertising, and the next issue is expected to raise about \$100.

Steve Griffin (Dist. 5) said giving money to the magazine to purchase a computer would be "throwing it away." "We've thrown a lot of money at them (and the improvements don't come about), and I say we don't give them the money."

Congress member Brian Sipe (Dist. 14) said the Phoenix had been put off too long and the congress should act on their request. "I think these people have proved themselves, and they've worked hard," he said.

In other action, the congress voted by consent to appropriate \$380 to The High Kickin' Heels, a dance drill team of 22 women who perform at athletic events. The money was requested to help with fund-raising to buy uniforms.

Before the meeting eight newly elected Student Congress members were sworn into office by Walker Poole, student attorney general. The new members are Edgar Swain (Dist. 2), Michael Lentz (Dist. 4), David W. Singleton (Dist. 8), Marc Leuthold (Dist. 9), Stephanie Ahlschweide (Dist. 14), Brian Bailey (Dist. 17), Rodney "Gene" Davis (Dist. 18) and Phillip Parkerson-Ripley (Dist. 18).

Also, speaker pro-tem Ben Burroughs (Dist. 20) resigned his position, saying that he did not have the time to devote to the job. He will continue to serve as a member of the congress.

Dave Brown (Dist. 12) was elected to the position of speaker pro-tem in Wednesday's meeting.

Enrollment decreased in N.C. private schools by 3.5 percent

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Enrollment in North Carolina private schools fell 3.5 percent last year, the greatest single annual decrease in a three-year enrollment decline.

Ron Helder, director of the Governor's Office of Non-public Education, said the state's private schools suffered a 3.5 percent decrease, with enrollments falling from 58,661 students to 56,608.

He also said that while the private enrollments have been going down "just slightly" since 1983, the most significant drop occurred last year.

Helder said these decreases were across the board - affecting both denominational and academic institutions equally. He said the decreases were largely due to the fact that "birth rates were down."

Selby Holmberg, director of public information for the National Association of Independent Schools, agreed the decreases were due mainly to demographic changes in the population.

Tuition rates were up generally as well, which may have caused budget-conscious parents to enroll their children in public schools.

She said that while high school enrollments have gone down, pre-school enrollments are up sharply.

Since most private schools have more spaces open in the upper-level grades, this explained the net decrease in students, she said.

Holmberg went on to say the national decrease in private enrollment was only 1.3 percent, somewhat less than that of North Carolina.

Help needed for Olympics

By **STEPHANIE BURROW**
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North Carolina Special Olympics is recruiting volunteers for its 1987 state-level competitions to be held on May 22-24.

An organizational meeting will be held 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19 in 106 Fetzter Gym.

Volunteers are needed to staff committees on public relations, housing for coaches and contestants, finance, competition and special events subcommittees such as opening and closing ceremonies, clinics, exhibitions, demonstrations, family and victory, said Linda Ahlers, a representative of Special Olympics.

For more information call 1-800-843-NCSO.

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ing Saturday at 8 p.m. in Smith Center when the Chicago Bulls take on the Los Angeles Lakers.

Also Saturday, the Carolina Union is sponsoring General Public in concert at 8 p.m. in Memorial Hall, closing out the Homecoming celebration.

Lowe said Homecoming was an important part of school tradition. "I'm seeing a lot of apathy and I don't know why - if we start developing a tradition it'll give people something to look forward to, and perhaps generate more enthusiasm."

"Carolina is the oldest state university, and we should have a lot of tradition, which we don't," she said. "With the athletic program as it is, you would think students would be more excited."



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