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# Sexual Assaults Do Occur On College Campuses

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Students have heard the rumors, "Girl Raped by the Infirmary," or "Girl Raped in Brown." According to sources in the Campus Police Department no one has reported a rape on this campus in three years or more.

The two girls that are rumored to have been raped were actually sexually assaulted, a different offense. Each had enough courage to report the crimes, but neither pressed charges. Why? For the same reason nationwide that many rapes go unreported, fear. Fear of name calling, fear of fingers pointing and fear of a ruined reputation.

According to Black's Law Dictionary, rape is defined as "Unlawful sexual intercourse with a female without her consent... A male who has sexual intercourse with a female not his wife is guilty of rape if: (a) he compels her to submit by force or by threat of imminent death, serious bodily injury, extreme pain or kidnapping, to be inflicted on anyone; or (b) he has substantially impaired her power to appraise or control her conduct by administering or employing without her knowledge drugs, intoxicants or other means for the purpose of preventing resistance; or (c) the female is unconscious; or (d) the female is less than 10 years old. Model Penal Code, 213.1.

Women should also know that if a woman gives her consent out of fear or bodily harm, she has still been raped.

*State v. Primes* states that: "Consent of the woman from fear of personal violence is void. Even though a man lays no hands on a woman, yet if by an array of physical force he so overpowers her mind that she dares not resist, or she ceases to resist through fear of great harm, the consummation of unlawful intercourse by the man is rape" (General Statutes of North Carolina Chapter 14 item 14-272.)

A Sexual Offense is defined as any unwanted sex act other than vaginal intercourse. Meaning, forced oral sex, forced anal sex or the penetration of any object into any opening other than the vagina is a sexual offense.

Men should be forewarned that there is no excuse for forcing oneself upon a woman. According to *State v. Boone* (General Statutes of North Carolina), "Intoxication is not a defense to the crime of rape" Therefore, no man can say, "Well I had a lot to drink and didn't know what I was doing."

A woman is also protected under *State v. Overman* and *State v. Hickey* which states:

"the fact that a woman goes, without proper escort, to a place where men of low morales might reasonably be expected to congregate does not establish her consent to

have sexual relations with them" (General Statutes of North Carolina 14-27).

In all of these cases, serious consideration will be taken about the woman's actions as well as the man's, but it still comes down to the bottom line - no means no.

Men should also know that if you are present when a rape is taking place and decide to be stroked or participate in oral sex, that you have just aided and abetted the crime and can be charged with a second degree sex offense which is now a Class C Felony.

When asked what a woman should do if she feels she has been violated, former Chief James Lewis of the WSSU Campus Police said, "She should contact the proper authorities; the police and campus police, and should not under any circumstances take a shower." This cannot be repeated enough. Do Not Take Any Showers until the police and the emergency room say it is all right!!! Semen left in or on the body can be collected as physical evidence, and hospitals can determine whether penetration is forced or wanted."

"Are Sexual Offense crimes on the rise on campus?" Lewis said he did not think that the crime was on the rise, but he now feels that more women are informed and knowledgeable.

So what is the campus doing about this situation? Chancellor Alvin J. Schexneider has proposed a Student Escort Service. Plans are being formed to begin this service. He also advises that women "utilize every precaution. Don't walk alone and use well lit paths at night."

So it is advised not to walk from Brown Hall alone or from the Thompson Center alone. Walk with a friend and if the "man" that you visited at Brown is not enough of a gentlemen to walk you to your destination to make sure you get there safely; then he was not worth your time in the first place.

Ladies remember, if any man commits a sexual offense or a rape against you, it is not your fault because no means no. But if you don't report the crime or press charges, he will run loose and do the same to someone else. Show him that you are not going to standby and let him do it to someone else. You are stronger than that.

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## Varsity Cheerleaders Steal The Show At CIAA Tournament Exhibition

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"It looked more like a high school cheerleading competition or a 'gym jam' than a CIAA college exhibition," said Candra Stinson, a visitor from Charlotte, NC.

The 1997 CIAA Cheerleading Exhibition took place on March 1 in the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum. Previously it has been held at Hanes Mall's center court.

The cheerleaders from Bowie State University, Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, Johnson C. Smith University, Norfolk State University, North Carolina Central University, Shaw University, St. Augustine's College, St. Pauls College, Virginia State University, Virginia Union University, and Winston-Salem State University participated in the exhibition. Livingstone College's cheerleaders did not perform.

Although the audience came to see a competitive exhibition, most of the participants acted like they were at a party and hadn't come prepared to compete.

Many audience members think this event should be changed from a exhibition to a competition then maybe the girls/guys will take it more seriously.

"I came to see the Virginia Woo-Woo's," said Herman Johnson, from Fayetteville, NC. "But the Woo-Woo's didn't do anything exciting."

"The only squads who looked like they put time and preparation into their performance was WSSU and NCCU," said Joy Simuel, sophomore elementary education major. "The Rams were just phenomenal. They came out and gave it their all, from their high power stunts and pyramids too their all together dance routines and cheers. They are definitely one of the elite squads in the HBCU's."

NCCU also gave a great performance. "They were the only squad to give WSSU some competition," said Tomeka Thompson, a visitor from Florence, SC.