

Date rape possible even at Wesleyan

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Another problem with date rape is that it is a breach of trust. The rape may be committed by someone the victim has known for years. Regardless of the nature of the relationship, it is usually committed by someone the victim trusts. Once this trust is abused, it may affect the victim in other relationships. It may take

years for them to trust anyone enough to have a serious relationship, if they ever can again.

I have yet to mention the possibility of infectious diseases. In the era of AIDS, herpes, and the old mainstays (syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, and hepatitis), it is added trauma to the victim to have to worry about contracting a terminal disease from a forced

sexual encounter. It is a situation where there is no benefit for the victim, but there are several precautionary measures that women can take to prevent themselves from becoming a statistic in the Wesleyan crime booklet.

One of the most important is to never become so inebriated that you are unaware of your actions. Second, try not to put yourself in a compromising position. Always keep an eye on your friends; don't let them run off with a stranger or leave them alone with a group of men. Finally, instinct is the most important asset a person has. If something just doesn't seem right, your instinct is probably correct.

Remember, if someone confides in you that they have been a victim of date rape, it is important to get her help. This means not only medical attention but also

getting understanding, care, and support.

Finally, a recent study of college students by two social scientists, Russell Clark and Elaine Hatfield, turned up some interesting results. The students were propositioned by members of the opposite sex after a brief introduction. The first question was, "Would you go out on a date with me tonight?" Fifty percent of the women agreed to accompany the male on a date. The figure was consistent with the men approached by women as well.

The second question was, "Would you go back to my apartment with me tonight?" Only six percent of the women agreed to this, while 69 percent of the males found this proposition agreeable.

The final question, "Would you have sex with me tonight?"

demonstrated a striking polarity in the answers of the sexes. None of the women agreed to this offer, while an overwhelming 75 percent of the males agreed to have sex with their date that night. The women were insulted when approached with the offer of sex, while many men found the request complimentary.

Date rape is not an issue or crime that can swept under the carpet. It will not go away. But it can be prevented. Using certain precautions and keeping a sharp, clear head can go a long way in protecting yourself.

If it does happen to you, contact your resident director. If you cannot reach them, contact Deborah Pittman at 5180, Nurse Janice Stump in the Wellness Center at 5187, or call Campus Security at 977-7374.

Hazing law tightened

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on college campuses that receive the most attention or coverage when hazing is discussed. Hamrick explains that, "The Greeks are expected to mess up."

President of Sigma Pi fraternity Pete Widell explained that his fraternity's national organization is trying to get hazing out of local chapters.

"Hazing does not promote brotherhood," Widell said. "Hazing is any mental/physical abuse, anything degrading, and that does not just apply to pledges but applies to brothers too."

President of Nu Gamma Phi fraternity Chris Brandt says the word "haze" has many meanings.

Os Guinness slated for Staley Lecture

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postgraduate studies at the University of Oxford, where he graduated with a doctorate of philosophy in the social sciences.

Guinness' most recent books are *Dining With the Devil: the Megachurch Movement Flirts with Modernity* and *Fit Bodies, Fat Minds: Why Evangelicals Don't Think*, published by Baker in 1993. *The Gravedigger File*, one of his first books, is an examination of the social and cultural forces shaping religion in the late 20th century.

Dr. Guinness was a guest scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Studies and then a guest scholar and visiting fellow at the Brookings Institution. From 1986-89, he was the executive director of the Williamsburg Charter Foundation, one of the drafters of the Williamsburg Charter, and co-author of the public school curriculum *Living With Our Deepest Difference*.

He is currently a director of the Trinity Forum, a seminar-style forum for senior executives and political leaders that engages leading ideas in the context of faith.

In a document provided by the FIPG risk manual there is a list of 85 examples of hazing outlines. This document is in the process of being simplified for use at Wesleyan, which includes a list of 11 examples of hazing.

Each pledge and Greek organization at Wesleyan is required to fill out a pledge card which is signed by the pledge, the organization's president, the organization's advisor, and other people.

Vice-President and Dean of Student Life, Dr. Nancy Van Kuren, explained how an incident of hazing would be handled at Wesleyan. The Greek advisor and Greek Council would handle and confront acts of hazing.

"If it is a severe sort of thing, that involves personal injury, it would be handled with the judicial process," Van Kuren said.

Van Kuren also pointed out that hazing is not just confined to an on-campus event. "Hazing can occur at events organizations have off-campus," Van Kuren said. Van Kuren also said it is "a misconception that hazing is only involved with Greek organizations. The school policy applies to all organizations."

"Yes, hazing does occur on-campus and it is not just confined to the Greek organizations," Widell said.

How widespread hazing is across the nation is hard to assess. Jonathan Brant, executive director of the National Interfraternity Conference, estimated that only five percent of NIC members haze.

College organizations and Greeks in particular are now trying to concentrate more on other acts of building unity and brotherhood. Community service is one of the ways organizations are working together at college campuses.

Wesleyan's Greek organizations have an extensive listing of community service activities and are more involved with events on campus in an interactive way.

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