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Face the Facts About Rape

According to a report by the Rape Treatment Center in Santa Monica, California, "In a recent survey of over 6,000 students from 32 colleges across the country, one out of every six female students reported being a victim of rape or attempted rape during the preceding year. One out of every fifteen male students in the survey reported committing rape or attempting to commit rape during that same period."

The facts are astounding. If those figures are applied to the population of students on Meredith's campus, the possibility of over 200 women being raped or attempted to be raped exists. "Campus rape," as it is referred to on college campuses, is an issue we must face.

Although the chances of rape on our campus decrease because of lack of males, the chances of acquaintance rape still exist. Empty classrooms, unlit parking lots, dark sidewalks, and even fraternity parties are cited as places where rapes occur, often perpetrated by known males, dates, and other acquaintances.

Rape is a fact. It happens, and it happens on college campuses around the country. The fact is that we must take precautions to curb such violence on our campus.

Meredith provides many security measures which will help deter rape on campus. Parking lots, on the majority, are well lit while lights also remain on in classroom buildings. Telephones are available on each floor of residence halls in case of emergency. Security patrols campus 24-hours a day. Buildings are locked at specified times every evening.

While Meredith security and other campus officials provide the campus with protective measures, we must also do our fair share for safety. By abiding by the safety rules regarding walking on campus, we can avoid unlit areas and unsafe lots at night. We must follow the rules regarding locked doors to insure that strangers cannot enter the buildings unknowingly. Students must practice safety off Meredith's campus, too. By travelling in pairs and avoiding excessive drinking off campus, the chances of vulnerability to assault will decrease.

Rape happens, but if we practice safety precautions, we can reduce the chances of rape happening on our campus. However, we cannot remain in the dark. We must face the facts about rape.

—Deanna Harris
Editor-in-chief

Lucy and Angel AB



This is our last semester in school! Aren't you excited!

Of course I am! So are my parents!



Why is that?

There's only one tuition payment left! My dad is already chilling the Champagne!

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