

NEWS

Officer tips students on avoiding rape

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All women are victims of sexual assault, university police officer Rochelle Sax recently told students in a newswriting class.

Sax said while men are afraid of being robbed and murdered, the crime women fear the most is rape. She said their fear is well-founded since once every seven minutes a woman is raped in the United States.

"Sexual assault is not a crime of sex, it's a crime of violence," Sax said. She said most convicted rapists are either married or have steady girlfriends and are not attacking women because they can't get sex anywhere else.

Men rape women to feel a sense of power, to ex-

press anger, or to inflict sadistic mutilation upon them, Sax said. She encouraged women to go to the library and read books so they can become familiar with the different personality types of rapists. She said while a power rapist doesn't want to hurt a woman, and will probably back down from a challenge, a sadistic rapist is there to kill.

The most important thing a woman can do in a rape situation is to get away safely, not try to beat and kill her attacker, Sax advised.

She warned that before carrying a weapon around, a woman must know exactly how to use it and then actually use it. The first 30 seconds of an attack are the most crucial for a woman because she needs to get away in that

time. She can not afford to waste any of it fumbling or hesitating.

Sax said 60 percent of all rapes are date rapes, which are not often reported to the police. She said men need to be educated about what rape is. They don't understand that when a woman says "no" she does not really mean yes.

One thing Sax said she would like to improve is the lack of concern people on the UNLV campus have for the problem of rape.

"The level of women's services here seems low," Sax said. "People have a sense of apathy. They don't relate. The victims feel like the suspect."

University Police Chief David Hollenbeck said that while no rapes have been reported on campus

in the last couple of years, there have been several assaults.

One of his immediate goals is to improve the lighting on campus.

"The lighting, I think, is essential. From a facility liability standpoint, we're hanging right over the edge."

He also mentioned concern over having the same number of officers on campus as there were in 1977 when there were 4,500 students. He said that while the level of violent crime on this campus is extremely low now, the growth of the university will probably bring more crimes.

Hollenbeck said people need to stop assuming the responsibility for stopping crime belongs to the police. He said people need to take some responsibility for protecting themselves against criminals. In order to do that, they need to be aware of what is going on.

"I don't think we need to introduce paranoia to people, but we need to talk to them on a practical level," he said.

UNLV Research center receives grant

The Environmental Research Center at UNLV has received \$300,000 to begin new projects and continue existing work under its Exposure Assessment Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, according to UNLV President Robert C. Maxson.

"The scientists in our Environmental Research Center receive millions of dollars in contracts from state and federal agencies each year," said Maxson. "The ERC receives this funding because it has one of the most sophisticated quality assurance labs of any university campus in the nation, and it has a scientific staff that is second to none."

Dr. David McNelis, ERC director, described the new and expanded projects that have been funded do far this year:

In 1987 the ERC was monitoring the release of genetically engineered microorganisms over two West Coast potato and strawberry fields. The organisms were being tested on the fields to see if they would improve the frost resistance of these crops. Dr. Linda Stetzenbach of the ERC is now writing sections of a guidelines manual titled "Monitoring Biotechnology Products Released to the Environment."

Robert Crowe of the center is developing a means of applying technology from the ERC research and development program to the EPA's Acid Rain—Aquatic Effects Research Program. This includes public information packages, field-methods manuals and guidelines documents, and technical publications.

Dr. John Satolucito is working on "biomarkers." Biological markers are subcellular, cellular, or organic level responses that serve as indicators of exposure to toxic substances. Ultimately, he will recommend biomarkers that are suitable for further development.

College Republicans to hold Rally

The College Republicans from around the country will rally in support of Senator Chic Hecht, April 30, the anniversary of the fall of Saigon. The college Republicans will also pay homage to MIA's from the Vietnam War.

"I'd like to compliment Richard Bryan on a job

well—a snow job that is." said State College Republican Chairman. "When it's time for the candidates to lay their cards on the table, Chic Hecht will finally get the respect he deserves as a hard-working Senator."

The rally will be held at the Foley Federal Building on Saturday, April 30, at

3:15pm. Scott Black will speak about the Senate race. Tony Ziggota, National Vice Chairman will lead the group in prayer for the Vietnam MIA's. The public is invited to participate.

"We would like to take this opportunity to show the country that our young people respect the men and women that fought for our country," said Black. For more information call Scott Black at 795-2342



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