

## RAPE: power not passion

by Tricia Ciaravino

A rape occurs every six to seven minutes. In Las Vegas alone, one out of every three women and one out of every 10 men will be sexually assaulted.

Last year, 95,000 rapes were reported. For every one of those, 10 were not reported.

Rape has nothing to do with passion. It has everything to do with power.

Contrary to popular belief, the rapist does not base his decision on the victim. Nor does he consider looks, age or race.

The victim knows the rapist 80 percent of the time.

"If your gonna be killed, you'll probably be killed by someone you know," said a police officer in an interview with Connie Fletcher for Glamour magazine (Jan.). "The most brutal homicides take place in the closest relationships. The most dangerous place to be is in your own home between Saturday night at six and Sunday night at six."

The best protection is to be prepared. The rapist counts on fear and panic.

Never scream "help, police, rape or murder." Scream "fire" instead to attract attention.

Try to gain time by doing the unexpected. If one tactic doesn't work, try another. The chance of escape increases with each effort.

Do the undesirable. Vomit, urinate, defecate, fake a seizure, or claim to have a contagious disease.

Gouge his eyes by anchoring your index fingers above each of his ears and then press your thumbs straight back into his eyeballs.

When he exposes himself, grab one or both testicles and jerk down as hard as you can.

If it's impossible to do this, move hands away slowly. Do not act violently, because the rapist will become twice as violent.

Be alert, cautious and prepared.

"A lot of women get raped or murdered out of politeness," said another police officer in the same article. "It's really true. They're waiting for an elevator; they don't like the looks of the guy waiting with them, but instead of walking away, they get on the elevator and get raped. Or they let somebody in their house who kills them. Politeness. Think about it."

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## 17th Annual Art-A-Fair

The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District sponsors Art-A-Fair, an annual juried fine arts competition, to encourage the participation of regional artists, both amateurs and professionals. A sole juror process is utilized for awards and for the selection of the work for exhibition. All regional artists are encouraged to submit their finest work for consideration.

After the judging of the work, all entries will be highlighted in a display at the Second Annual Festival of the Arts April 6 and 7. The Winners Circle will be exhibited in the Main and Photography Galleries of Clark County Library. A representative sample of the exhibit then tours all of the library galleries over a period of months.

**AWARDS:** Ribbons, Cash, Purchase Awards & Gift Certificates

1st Place	\$ 400
2nd Place	\$ 300
3rd Place	\$ 200
1st Honorable Mention	\$ 50
LV-CCLD Purchase Awards	\$1,000 total

Library Purchase Awards become part of the districts permanent art collection which is displayed throughout the library branches.

**ART FOR SALE:** April 6 & 7, during the Festival of the Arts, entries may be placed on sale, with a 10% commission paid to the library district on all sales. However, pieces juried into the exhibition may not be removed until the end of the exhibit.

**AWARDS PRESENTATION:** Awards will be given Wed., April 10, 7-9 p.m., Clark County Library Main Gallery.

**PICK-UP:** Work which was not selected for exhibition may be picked up in Clark County Library Conference Room, Mon., April 8, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; and Tue., April 9, 9 a.m. - noon.

**OPENING:** The exhibit will open on April 11 and will be on display in the Main and Photography Galleries through May 8.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Open to all amateur and professional artists living in the Southern Nevada Region. 2. Work must be original, uncopied and completed within the last two years. 3. Work must not have been exhibited previously in other competition or have won awards at the regional level or above. 4. Flat work must be framed and ready to hang with wire. Other wall-displayed media must have hanging devices. 5. Size limitation: No work will be accepted which exceeds 4' x 6'. This includes items for Roor display. 6. A fee of \$5 will be charged for each entry. 7. Artists are limited to a maximum of three entries. Sequential pieces such as diptychs and triptychs will be considered as one piece and judged as such. 8. Accepted work may not be removed prior to the closing date of the exhibition.

### ENTRIES DUE:

Wednesday, April 3, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Thursday, April 4, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Artists must bring their work to the Main Gallery of the Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Rd.

**NO ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR COMPETITION AFTER 8 P.M., APRIL 4**

## S.U.I. - Sex Under the Influence

by Jennifer Elledge

Alcohol consumption by college students increases their possibility of encounters with acquaintance rapes, unplanned pregnancies, and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Studies and surveys on this topic have been conducted at various universities around the country.

A survey conducted involving students from eight Virginia colleges revealed that 38 percent of the respondents admitted to having at least one regrettable sexual experience while intoxicated.

UNLV has yet to conduct any research to evaluate the relationship of alcohol consumption and sexual behavior among its student body. This does not mean, however, that such problems do not exist at UNLV.

Dr. Laura Hammond, a counselor at the UNLV Student Development Center and chair for the committee on date rape, says that there is a chance that UNLV will conduct such a survey in the future. She said that students do not frequently go directly to the Student Development Center to discuss problems involving sex and alcohol.

"We are gathering our information from what we hear," said Hammond. This information is second hand.

She said that the counselors at the center try to stay on top of things by keeping tabs on what is talked about and what happens on campus. Hammond also said that they are concentrating on acquaintance rape and trying to raise people's awareness of the problem by offering lectures and meetings discussing the prevention of it. Presently, much research has been done on the link between alcohol use and the occurrence of date rape.

In an article by A.D. Berkowitz and H.W. Perkins it was said that, "Many male college students drink alcohol purposely to experience the sense of disinhibition, power, and sexuality that they have come to associate with drinking."

An article by Abbey Antonia, Assistant Professor at Wayne University in Detroit, stated, "The cognitive processing limitations associated with heavy alcohol consumption may cause women to miss or ignore cues that suggest that an assault is likely...which may keep a woman from realizing that her friendly behavior is being perceived as seduction."

Date rape is only one of the possible negative side effects of drinking among students. Unexpected pregnancies and STDs are also problems.

Dr. L.W. Storm, instructor of the Biology department's Human Sexuality classes, said, "Drinking obviously lowers peoples inhibitions and clouds their judgement."

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He pointed out that while under the influence of alcohol (as well as other drugs) many people also become sexually aroused, but fail to practice safe sex. As a result, students find themselves in difficult situations.

For example, an unidentified UNLV freshman spoke of a friend who became pregnant after a one-night stand at another student's party last year. In addition, a freshman, Terry Stolz, and a junior, Jeffrey Schultz, both said that they each had friends in similar predicaments.

Nicole Perrone, a 19 year old UNLV student, said that she knows people who have become accidentally pregnant or contracted some form of a STD. She estimates that 70 to 80 percent of the problems resulted from situations involving the use of alcohol.

Ray Rodriguez is a health educator at UNLV's Student Health Services who works to inform students of the need to practice safe sex at all times.

"One out of 17 students between the ages of 19 and 25 years has some form of sexually transmitted disease currently," he said. Rodriguez also said, "We figure (estimate) that one out of every 400 students now have HIV - whether they know it or not. On a campus this size that could be 47 students with AIDS."

Rodriguez points out that attitudes play an important part. He said that many students have a basic knowledge regarding birth control and STDs, but their behavior does not always reflect it. The "it-won't-happen-to-me" thinking is dangerous.

"When you add alcohol to the problem, how many students can put on a condom effectively when they're drunk?" Rodriguez asked.


Many people have different ideas on what could help to solve the problems associated with students' sexual behavior and alcohol. Increasing students' education - especially that of freshmen - on the subject has been suggested by both professors and students.

Storm says that sex education needs to be begun at least at the pre-teen level and that it should be much more thorough in regard to discussing problems that can arise.

Joe Beaton, a UNLV junior, suggested that a course in human sexuality could be a required core class for all students. He also said that the topic of sex and alcohol could be discussed at the orientation that new students go through.


"It's their (college students') bodies and their responsibility to learn more about it," Geno Frugoli, a business management major said.

Students who are in need of help with, or advice on, the problems linked with alcohol and sexual conduct can contact the Student Development Center in the library or Student Health Services on Gym Road.



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