

# Acquaintance rape is a crime

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Each year more and more research is done on college campuses about relationship violence. It is estimated that 20 percent of college-age women are the victims of some sexual coercion. Most of these crimes are committed not by strangers but by acquaintances.

Women must be aware that crime CAN happen to them. In order to reduce the chances of being a victim, there are positive steps that can be taken.

Primary is to trust your instincts. Pamphlets are available from the police department, counseling services and advocacy groups which show common sense ways to reduce the opportunity for victimization.

With the upcoming spring break many students will be leaving for fun in the sun and will be meeting new and exciting people. Remember to trust your instincts and stay sober. Alcohol abuse is one of the major catalysts that promotes relationship violence.

The most important weapon you have to combat relationship violence is your ability to communicate. Say what you want. **NO MEANS NO.** Make sure friends know where you are and who you are with.

If you are the victim of a crime, report it to the police. Their first priority is your safety and well-being. They will offer to get you medical help and show you how to get the support services you need. After you are attended to, the police need to know the specifics of the case and the availability of physical evidence. You may choose not to officially report the incident but any information may be used in identifying a chronic rapist and supply leads which may result in his arrest.

Whether on campus, in your hometown or on spring break, you must be aware that crime can happen to YOU and that you CAN do something to prevent it.

The campus police received four calls on Monday, Feb. 26 at about 1 a.m., regarding a person calling residence rooms, identifying himself as a telecommunications employee and requesting the occupant's personal billing number so that he may run a check on the system. Campus residences are urged not to provide any information to this person but to contact Public Safety (x2111) or the Telecommunications department as soon as possible.

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## Campuses report surge in computer viruses

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An alarming number of computer viruses have infected college computing centers in recent weeks.

Computer systems at Yale University, Mankato State University in Minnesota, Virginian Tech and the University of Wisconsin's Eau Claire campus all have recently come down with some sort of virus.

Viruses—programs that spread themselves through other programs—range from nothing more than startling pranks that do not damage to infections that can destroy unlimited amounts of information.

The new epidemic follows the highly publicized trial of former Cornell University student Robert Morris, who in 1988 infected a nationwide network and shut down some 6,000 computers in research labs and college campuses. That incident sparked a series of "copycat" crimes at campuses around the country at the time.

On January 22, Morris was found guilty of tampering. He faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison plus a \$250,000 fine.

R.C. Mendez of American Computer Security Industries in Nashville, Tenn., would not rule out the possibility that the Morris trial inspired more copycats to start the new

epidemic, but believes it really can be traced to the proliferation of computers on campuses.

"More colleges are putting more money into technology," said Mendez, whose company makes hardware to protect computers from viruses.

Whatever the reasons, viruses called "Brain," "Yankee Doodle," "1701-1704" and "Stoned/Marijuana" have infected disks at Mankato's computing center, with varying effects. The Yankee Doodle strain, for instance, is a "time bomb" style virus that waits until the computer's clock reaches 5 p.m. and then plays the song "Yankee Doodle" while deleting files.

The Yankee Doodle strain also has struck Yale. Students, many of whom use the MacWrite word processing program, found a cryptic warning on their registration packet: "Beware MacWrite: it may vaporize your paper."

Employees at the Academic Computing Center at Eau Claire had to use a disinfectant software to rid campus computers of a strain called "NvirA."

Virginian Tech officials think a virus that has infected several computers in its Department of Management Science may have been introduced by students in a class that got copies of university-licensed disks.

## Students will be more radical in the 90's

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Students and campuses will be more radical and activist during the 1990s, Wilmington College History Professor Vinton Prince predicts.

"Each generation of students this century has tended to play off, or reject, the values of the previous one," said Prince, who has traced the cycles of college activism.

"Activism has been on the downslide long enough that the rhythm of history suggests things will start up again," Prince said.

"The cycle is beginning to move. Over the last several years there has been a creeping back to the left."

Prince's observations mirror the annual survey of college freshmen conducted jointly by the American Council on Education (ACE) and the University of California at Los Angeles, which found a rise in student activism among freshmen enrolled in 1989.

A record number of freshmen (36.7 percent) reported in the survey that they had participated in an organized political demonstration during their senior year in high school.

Prince predicts that the radical movements will begin at the University of California at Berkeley and at campuses in Boston, Mass.

"Most trends originate on one coast and leapfrog to similar kinds of schools. Then they pattern down to the heartlands."

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