Campus Sexual Assault: Not Just Our Issue

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Miami Sexual Assault in 1978

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In Our Opinion...

Sexual Harassment at Miami

A Miami student was studying in the library recently when a male student entered under her study table to look at her books. She fled the library in shock and later received a letter demanding sexual favors.

A Miami student was being followed by one of her male professors who was carrying her bag. When the student confronted him, he became angry and withdrew his letter of recommendation for her. She filed a complaint to drop his classes.

A women's study group at Miami complained about her being grabbed by her hair, widening her shoulders and even inappropriate physical contact to her. She was afraid to report him for fear of losing her job.

In the past year, there have been reports of the sexual harassment of students. It is believed to be a problem that is growing. The list includes reported cases where all have not been confirmed. Miami has not had a sexual assault within the past year.

Sexual harassment is difficult to define. According to the President of the National Education of Women (Association of American Colleges), 1980 & 1981, a sexual assault is any contact or contact with a sexual nature.

* Verbal harassment by phone
* Sexual comments about a woman's clothing, body, or sexual activities
* Public pressure for sexual activity
* Harassment involving writing or clothing
* Harassment involving sexual innuendo

Incidents have been reported where female students or staff indicate or encourage sexual relationships with male faculty or staff. And at times, this line between reasonable friction and harassment is not easy to determine. At Miami, like many institutions, there are many men in positions of authority as professors, members, or supervisors. Therefore, a woman may fear her career, income, or financial situation is jeopardized if she reports this behavior. Her response may be by Việc orcroft or retaliation. Yet the absence of reports does not indicate the absence of problems. The study reported that 20% of the respondents expected some form of sexual advances on the job.

According to Dr. Ray Wood, Associate Provost, any form of sexual harassment is not out of keeping with the values of students in general and of Miami University in particular. Miami has a sexual harassment policy for both on- and off-campus employees.

To report such incidents, you may contact the Miami University President's Office or your advisor. If you have been harassed sexually, you should contact the Title IX Coordinator at Miami University. If you feel you are being threatened, please contact the Miami University Police Department at 855-5814.

Women's What's

RAPE

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Things Women Hear All the Time about Preventing Sexual Assault

“Trust your gut feeling”

“Use verbal or physical resistance—fight back”

“Don’t walk home alone”

“Don’t dress too slutty”

“Watch your drink”

“Don’t accept drinks from people you don’t know”

“Stick with your friends”

“Don’t be overly flirty”

“Don’t walk home alone with our earbuds in”

“Be aware of your surroundings”

“Don’t get too drunk”
**Traditional Programs**

Focus more on education of prevalence of sexual assault

Women centered prevention techniques

Brief- hour or less

Did little to nothing to prevent sexual assault from occurring

**Successful Programs**

Long-term exposure

Incorporate peer to peer delivery techniques

Separate learning groups by sex

Multi-faceted male prevention and bystander prevention programs

Focus on bystander intervention to increase empathy on men

Only 11 institutions focused on male prevention
Goal: reduce sexual violence perpetration behaviors among college men by using a bystander-based model which draws on social cognition and social norms theory

How do they plan on preventing sexually violent behavior towards women?

Increasing prosocial intervening behaviors - knowledge of skills of safely intervening

Correcting misperceptions in normative beliefs about sex and rape

Changing harmful attitudes towards rape

Increasing knowledge of the elements of sexual consent

Affecting masculine gender roles
Green Dot

Bystander based prevention program with goals to:

Increase positive bystander behavior

Change social norms

Reduce sexual assault

Associated with reductions in unwanted sexual victimization and sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence victimization, and perpetration on a college campus implementing this

Bringing In the Bystander

Bystander education and training program

Aimed at engaging participants as potential witnesses to violence, rather than as perpetrators or victims

Maintains a positive effect at 4.5 months following the intervention
How about a little hug for the Bushy?
I just got off the bus.
“Every campus should offer survivors the support they need, no matter their gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity or race.”

“Those services from counseling to critical health care should be confidential, comprehensive, and coordinated. It is not fair to address the problem by responding only once sexual assault occurs. We need to redouble our prevention efforts and start them earlier. We should increase sexual violence prevention education programs that cover issues like consent and bystander intervention and make sure we have programs not only in college but also in secondary school”
Trump’s POV

Or the lack thereof....
Title IX & the Clery Act

Clery Act:
Notify survivors of counseling resources
Notify survivors the option to report a case to either the school, law enforcement, or both
Provide academic or living accommodations and discourages schools from burdening the survivor, instead of the perpetrator with the responsibility to change their circumstances
To be notified of the final outcome of a disciplinary proceeding.

Title IX

“No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”
We need to focus on moving forwards, not backwards with campus sexual assault prevention.

And Hillary is on our side!
Resources

