CVC cannot file charges for rape victims

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CVC cannot file sexual assault charges for student victims. They can, however, inform students of their different options, according to Dean of Students Carolyn Brooks.

"The college cannot prosecute an accused rapist either on campus or in town. The victim has to bring the charges," Brooks said. "What the college does is provide the student with the opportunity to make those charges and explain the options that are available.

Medical attention along with a PERK (physical evidence recovery kit) exam is the 1st option Brooks would suggest. Some hospitals, however, call the police after treating a rape victim.

"My recommendation to students would be, if you want to go to the hospital and have the exam done, and you don't want the police called go to St. Mary's (Norton)," Brooks said.

Another option is to file charges with the campus police. By doing this, the alleged attacker would be tried by the appropriate campus group, Brooks said.

Victims could also press criminal charges. According to Brooks, they could simply file a report of the rape and ask that it not be pursued in any way," or they could have a full investigation.

Brooks also recommends counseling. "We have some local referrals that can be made very quickly. For example, the campus ministers or through St. Mary's," she said.

This school year, four cases of assault have been brought to Brook's attention. She said two were sexual assaults and two were batteries committed by a male on a female.

"Brooks said neither sexual assault victim prosecuted their alleged attacker(s). The administration, however, informed them of their options, she said.

"We have been accused of not See Victims, pg. 4

What should I do?

Campus police talk about sexual assault

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The very first thing a woman should do when she has been raped is to contact the police, according to campus policeman Steve McCoy who used to investigate sexual crimes.

According to McCoy, if this happens on CVC campus, contact campus police. The main thing is to report the crime as soon as possible after the incident has occurred.

"This is vitally important that she calls the police for the preservation of evidence," says McCoy. "At this time, [the victim] will feel dirty. She does not in [any] way need to take a shower. She does not need to change clothes. She needs to call...campus police."

"If the victim has a close friend, the friend can be present for support when the investigating officer takes the statement."

"She needs then to go...to a licensed physician."

"In the physician's office, there will be a physical evidence recovery kit (called PERK for short) used to collect evidence from the victim's body."

"The victim[s] clothes will be taken cause if any bodily fluids are secreted by a suspect, they can be obtained from the clothes."

"Samples collected from soiled clothes can result in fluids recovered which can be used to match the attacker's DNA."

"The biggest factor that we need is 100% cooperation. There's no need to hold anything back...Any collaborating evidence that we may get to back up her statement is vitally important. It may seem so little to her...."

"Without the cooperation of the victim, there is no case. In order to convict the suspect, the victim must supply the necessary information," McCoy said.

"It's really bad because any more there are so many rape victims that are embarrassed...There are services provided to rape victims. There's counseling and therapy to psychologically get them ready to testify."

"According to McCoy, if a victim is afraid to come forth because of fear for the assailant, there are ways to provide the victim with security such as the Hope House in Norton."

"No one will know where they are; isolation is provided."

It is very important that the victim come forth within 24 hours because the PERK and suspect kits cannot be used after the initial 24 hours.

"If the victim can identify the assailant, search warrants can be used to collect the clothes he was

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table in Zehmer Hall handing out survey sheets at various times of the day. These surveys are the first step in finding out the needs and views of the student body. So far, Baugh says that the cooperation has been exceeding their expectations. The survey includes most of the issues at hand on campus regarding benefit from College 101, the new GPA scale, football, use of student fees,

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Man for Sale!

Photo by: Robert Eagle

David Winters "stretches his stuff" for Pi Beta Kappa's Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction on Feb. 13.

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Letters to the editor: Football getting a bum rap

To The Editor:

I am very disturbed about all the negative publicity that has been given to the football team. I was at the game in the training room which takes care of all of the medical difficulties they may have.

I heard the trainer for the football team was a former student in our latest issue. I would like to take this opportunity to inform everyone that a great rapport has actually occurred.

Like my family always says, "FOOTBALL is a form of war." Now, just as students are aware of possible dangers, they can take precautions to keep themselves safe.

As an editor, I (considered it my duty) to stress the importance of teamwork that has been displayed has been totally unselfish. Yes, I do agree that some of the players are too quick and a little reckless, however, guys are just guys.

For the benefit of the football program, I feel that we were getting into when the season started. I am sure that we can do it any way. We all know the reason the enrollment is up this year. In the long run the football program will not bring in a lot more money than the rest of the school. I would like to give it some time to get off the ground. We cannot get results after just one year.

We would have included the GVC sexual assault victim has supplied with our latest Issue.

Jennifer Sturgill

Student government responses

To the editor:

In behalf of the Student government, I would like to note that the comments that have been taken to the floor have been the measure of the SGA as a whole.

Nona Shepherd

SUN President

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While-The Lady Cavs lost a homecoming last Saturday night to the Lady Bulldogs of Tennessee Wesleyan, 65-50.

The second half started much like the first, being highly contested.

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Do you have hair growing in places you do not want it? Would you like something growing on your body that you do not like? Is something growing on your body that you would like to get rid of? Scottie Drug will answer all of your health questions.

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The Highland Cavalier will pay those interested a monetary fee for
doing anything and we're insensitive and it doesn't do any
good to tell the administration," Brooks said. "That's not true. I
will always handle the case in the
way the victim wants it to be handled."
Brooks said the administration did not think they should have told students about the rapes.

"If we were to have a woman raped while walking across campus, pulled into the bushes and raped, everyone in the whole world
would know," Brooks said. "In the cases that have been brought to my attention, those cases were isolated events with a woman and a man."

In hindsight, Brooks is not sure if the college handled the rapes in the right way.

"I think in retrospect we have done some programming immediately on the subject," Brooks said. "We've had a number of workshops that have been uncomfortable for the person's involved, I think that would have been a real positive response for the people living in this community."

Since then, the college has had programs on related topics such as sexually transmitted diseases and self-defense.

Brooks still believes the campus is safe for students.

"From outside intruders I think this is as safe of a campus as I have been on. That does not mean that there is not crime on campus," Brooks said.

The college, however, is trying to make CVC safer. Brooks said that campus security will soon be on duty around the clock, a new campus lock system will be installed, and McCravey Hall will get door "peep-holes".

"Making the campus is not entirely the administration's duty, Brooks said.

"The biggest problem with date rape is that no matter how much protection I give a student, if the woman doesn't assert herself and say 'I really don't want to have sex with you'... I can't protect her," Brooks said.

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Alcoholics Anonymous and/or Narcotics Anonymous chapters, and the Honor Code.

This organization is designed to give the administration of student wants and needs by voicing student opinion in an organized manner. If the administration at their business meetings and stuff like that, they don't always have the resources to tap into what the students really think. I'm sure they are aware of it, but there's nothing in concrete terms that expresses that," states Joseph Shorter.

According to Travis Baugh, who has taken charge of this group, "It is critical that they (students) have this opportunity. This school has changed a lot in the last two years particularly and will continue to change drastically in the next three. We have lost most of our faculty to retirement, and so forth. The school has changed its focus from what it used to be a few years ago, and all indications are that will continue, and if the school is going to change that much the students should get together and voice their opinions on that. The students are affected the most by this change and there's no reason for us to be silent."

"I think that the students have not been able to voice their opinions," says McCoy.

All campus officers are qualified to handle rape cases and all other cases just as a county or state officer would be, McCoy said.

"Campus security stresses that the officers are here to help, not to just write up parking tickets."

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proclaim "Buy American and keep jobs at home."

Yet, look at where companies are investing their money. Ford, General Motors, and Zenith are moving factories to Mexico. At the same time Honda, Isuzu, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Sony, Toshiba, and Toyota have factories in the United States. As a matter of fact, Japanese companies provide 600,000 jobs in the U.S.A., 400,000 of which are in manufacturing.

Don't call for tariffs, call for responsible American business. Protectionist legislation will not help the economy in the long run. All that will do is raise the price and lower the quality of domestic goods.

It's time for Americans to reassess our priorities and work ethic.

If you want to see the source of our problems, don't look across the Pacific, just look in the mirror.

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10 visits for $20
Body Shop Gym
One month membership for $30
Three months for $70.

With three month gym membership get one month membership to the tanning salon for $30.

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This coupon good for 10% off on
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