

Rapes Up on Campus

Coed Assaults Increase Across Nation

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Rapes and assaults on coeds have become a major problem on the nation's college campuses, security officials say. They cite coed dorms hitchhiking and lack of concern as contributing factors.

responded by imposing tighter regulations in living areas, increasing police patrols and installing better locks and lights. Coeds are taking self-defense courses, and male students have started escort services on many campuses.

up at just about every school we have contact with," said Herbert T. Voye, editor of the Campus Law Enforcement Journal. "It's not just a question of more women reporting it. It has happened."

Voye is chief of security at Tufts University near Boston. Several female students have been raped on or near the campus in the past year, including one girl raped in a dormitory room during the first week of class this fall.

"I was looking forward to a nice quiet year," said Voye. "Now the students are up in arms demanding more security. They want me to beg the administration for money to have a man with a dog patrolling on campus."

Tufts has spent \$30,000 to upgrade campus lighting, has a female security officer training at a rape crisis center and now has guards stationed inside women's dormitories.

Like nearly all campus police officials, Voye said nonstudents were responsible for the increasing attacks on women.

"To judge from the people we have apprehended and what I've heard from other campuses, the majority of cases don't involve students," said Voye. "It's outsiders."

The increase of rape incidents is not an isolated phenomenon but part of a general rise in campus crime during the past few years. Long considered inviolate sanctuaries, schools across the country are now plagued with incidents ranging from bicycle thefts to muggings. There are exceptions, but not many.

The rise in rape complaints on campus is also part of a nationwide situation reflected in the 70 per cent jump in reported rapes in all jurisdictions surveyed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation during the past five years.

"Crime is increasing in our society," said Audie Shuler, police chief at the University of Florida's Gainesville campus. "We live in it, so we are part of it."

Twenty male students at the Florida school were hired last month to agument the campus police force after one coed was raped in a parking lot and another abducted and raped elsewhere. They are armed with whistles and badges but do not carry guns or have arrest powers.

Rape reports have mounted at big city and small town schools alike. Two girls were raped and two others assaulted in a housing complex on the Brigham Young University campus in Provo, Utah. City and campus police were alarmed by reports that gun-toting male students had taken to guarding girls' apartments.

The increasing independence of women was cited by many security chiefs as an underlying explanation for the increase in

rapes. Coeds are more likely now to work alone in a laboratory at night or walk by themselves to the library after dark.

"You can come out here any night of the week and you'll see a coed walking alone," said A. L. McCoy, security chief at Louisiana State University. "You just wonder, 'Now, she's just not concerned.' And a lot of them have the opinion, 'Well, it's just not going to happen to me.' So I don't know what the answer is."

Alumnus Named Graduation Speaker

Federal Trade Commissioner Mayo J. Thompson will be the commencement speaker at graduation exercises Dec. 15, announced President Jack K. Williams.

Thompson, a 1941 TAMU graduate, was named to the five-member governing body for the Federal Trade Commission earlier this year, filling the unexpired term of A. Everette MacIntyre. The term runs through Sept. 26, 1975.

Prior to accepting the Washington position, Thompson was a senior partner in the Houston law firm of Royston, Rayzor, Cook & Vickery. He specialized in admiralty law.

Thompson has been active in the Association of Former Students and currently serves as the organization's vice president for public relations. He also is a member of the Centennial Committee.

The Fort Worth native spent five years as an officer in the Army during World War II and was active in the National Guard until 1958, when he retired with the rank of colonel.

Upon release from WW II service, Thompson enrolled in South Texas College of Law and received his LL.B. degree in 1949. In conjunction with his law practice, he served several years as a part-time instructor at the private Houston law school.

He is licensed to practice before the U. S. Supreme Court and is a member of the Houston, Texas and American Bar associations, the American Judicature Society, the American Arbitration Association and the Maritime Law Association of the United States.

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