

No definite data, but...

"Rape prevention a neccessity"

The extent of "sexual assault" on campus may never be determined, but preventive measures must be taken in any case, said Paul Sartoris, head of Student Counselling Monday.

Sartoris, a member of the university's Sexual Assault Committee, said he's not satisfied with any reports he's seen on the problem, but even one or two cases a year justify a preventive effort.

"It's easy to be cool looking at statistics," Sartoris said, "but when you think of your wife or girlfriend, any indication of a problem justifies concern."

Sartoris said people do not

turn to Student Counselling immediately in cases of sexual assault — "we handle only one or two cases a year" — but that anguish resulting from assault is often reported. This "assault fallout," along with the ongoing fear of assault harbored by many campus women, also justifies preventive measures, Sartoris said.

"Sexual assault" is a vague term, Sartoris remarked, since it must include rape, attempted rape, indecent exposure, obscene language and telephone threats. But since report rates usually indicate only 20 to 25 per cent of actual incidents, vigilance

is necessary.

"We're operating on the idea that there's always a risk in a large city," Sartoris said, adding that many students attending university from rural areas feel too safe in an urban setting.

Sartoris expressed surprise at the number of complaints he's dealt with as a committee member from female faculty members. "A big part of the problem is fear," he said, "and it's certainly not confined to students."

Fear of assault and a suspicion that the problem was more widespread than officially acknowledged, led the Academic Women's Association to form an *ad hoc* investigative committee at the request of General Faculties Council (GFC) in Nov., 1975. This in turn led to the formation of the Sexual Assault Committee.

A confidential report obtained by Gateway, "Survey of Sexual Assaults on Campus," dated "spring, 1976," indicates information available to the committees at that time included:

(1) a report from Campus Security, indicating an average of two indecent assaults reported per year;

(2) a report from University Health Service, indicating that 20 to 25 cases of sexual assault on females could be identified from their records over a one-year period;

(3) a report from Student Help, indicating that the U of A is "one of the top three areas in the city with respect to the incidence of rape."

According to the report, a telephone line installed by the committees to record reports of sexual assault (not a distress line) received 30 calls in two months, which would extrapolate to 180 cases over one year.

"Thus we do seem to have gone beyond the tip of the iceberg," the document says.

It continues: "One male ("sounding professorial") called to report that he knew of four separate cases in which professors (he named the department) had made sexual demands

of female students in exchange for marks."

"Three responses dealt objections to pornography advertising: most recently, picture of three bare-bottomed males on the front page of April 1976 Gateway ("in very bad taste — I find it offensive"). This is sense, visual sexual assault," report says.

Incidents of homosexual assault are also recounted in report.

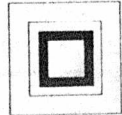
One of the recommendations made in the document for walking patrols around campus to discourage incidents may be implemented within weeks.



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Club policy guide coming

A policy guide for university clubs is expected to be ready for distribution by early March SU vp services Jan Grude said Monday.

The guide, compiled by Grude, contains suggestions concerning how clubs can draft a charter, register members, elect officers, organize finances, hold property, and handle other administrative chores. It also outlines prospective status for clubs

in relation to the Students' Union and occupancy privileges they can expect in SUB.

Grude stressed that the guide will be for the convenience and benefit of university clubs. He urged existing clubs and people interested in forming clubs to take advantage of it.

Grude said he expects the guide to be ratified by Student Council in early March.

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1. d) Ken Anderson
2. Washington - Greg Joly, Kansas City - Wilf Paiment
3. Montreal (1974-75) and New York Islanders (1975-76), 92
4. a) Calgary b) Quebec c) Phoenix d) San Diego
5. Roger Maris, 61 in 1961
6. a) Bill Gadsby b) Jacques Laperriere c) Bobby Rousseau d) Frank Mahovlich e) Ed Johnston
7. Montreal, 10 in 1972-73
8. Lou Fontinato, New York Rangers, 1955-56
9. a) baseball b) basketball c) golf d) skiing
10. Edmonton Eskimos, 5938 yards

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