

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 coed was studying in King Library recently when a male student crawled under her study table to look up her shorts. She fled the library in shock and later reported the incident to Security.
- A Miami graduate student was being followed by one of her male professors who was asking for her home telephone and who wished to see her. When she refused, he became angry and withdrew his letters of recommendation for her; she felt forced to drop his class.
- A woman staff member at Miami complained about her boss grabbing her hand, embracing her shoulders and making inappropriate sexual comments to her. She was afraid to rebuff him for fear of losing her job.

In the past, women have been quiet about the "sexual harassment" problem. It is beginning to be discussed more openly, and as a result the scope of the problem is emerging. The three incidents reported above are all true and have occurred here at Miami within the past year.

Sexual harassment is difficult to define. According to the Project on the Status and Education of Women (Association of American Colleges, 1818 R St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20039) in a special report, it may include:

- verbal harassment or abuse
- sexist remarks about a woman's clothing, body, or sexual activities
- subtle pressure for sexual activity
- unnecessary touching, patting, or pinching
- leering or ogling of a woman's body
- demanding sexual favors accompanied by implied or overt threats concerning one's job, grades, letters of recommendation, etc.
- physical assault

Undoubtedly there are instances where female students or staff initiate or encourage sexual relationships with male faculty or staff, and at times the line between acceptable flirtation and harassment is not easy to delineate. At Miami, like most universities, there are many men in positions of authority-- as professors, mentors, or supervisors; therefore, a woman may place her career, grades, or financial livelihood in jeopardy if she refuses or complains about inappropriate advances. Indeed, most harassment goes unreported for fear of reprisal or ridicule. Yet the absence of reports does not indicate the absence of a problem. One study reported that 86% of the respondents had experienced some form of sexual advances on the job.

According to Dr. Roy Ward, Associate Provost, any form of "sexual harassment is out of keeping with the values of academia in general and of Miami University in particular." Anyone who has been harassed sexually should contact Linda Ade-Ridder at the WRC or Dr. Ward in the Provost's Office. Confidential counseling is available at the Women's Center. We want to see an atmosphere where women and men are free to pursue their jobs or studies without fear of sexual harassment.

If you are sexually harassed in any way at Miami University:

- Respond swiftly and verbally to let the person know you will not tolerate such moves.
- Get some assistance from the nearest person if it is a surprise advance; try to detain the harasser if you are not endangering yourself or others by doing so.
- Report the incident immediately to Dr. Ward (6721) or Ms. Ade-Ridder (6017/6359).

WOMEN'S WHAT?

THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER (WRC) HAS TO ASK YOU AGAIN TO RETURN ANY OF THE UNCLAIMED ITEMS. THE DEADLINE FOR THE 1978-79 RETURN DATE IS OCTOBER 15, 1978. IF YOU HAVE NOT RETURNED YOUR ITEMS BY THIS DATE, WE WILL BE FORCED TO DISPOSE OF THEM. IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS TO RETURN, PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE WRC OFFICE, 201 MCGUFFEY HALL, ROOM 201, MIAMI UNIVERSITY, OXFORD, OHIO 45056. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 601-763-5900.

RAPE

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WRITE

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Gates

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”

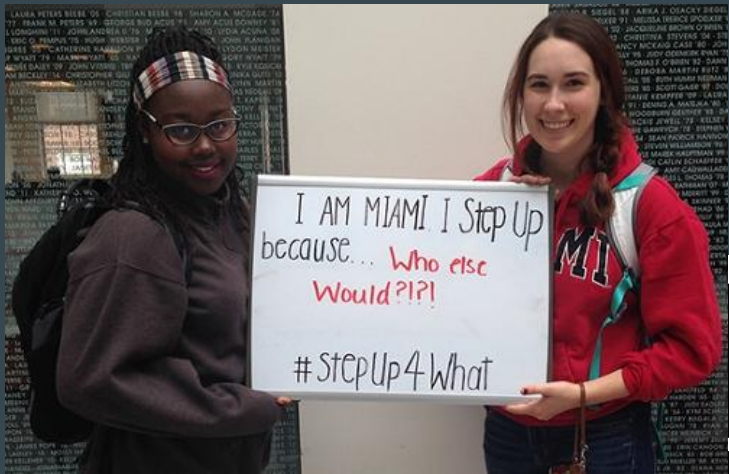
“Stick with your friends”

“Don’t be overly flirty”

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

“Be aware of your surroundings”

“Don’t get too drunk”



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because... Who else
Would?!?!
#stepUp4What

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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

Real**CONSENT**

#RealConsent

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



Bush

How about a little hug for the Bushy?
I just got off the bus.

My Girl, Hill's POV

“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

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