

Women organize against rape

When a woman is raped, the actual rape is "the least of her problems," according to Dr. Cynthia Cooke, of the Philadelphia General Hospital.

Dr. Cooke has created a non-profit organization, Women Organized Against Rape, to help with legal, medical and psychological problems that confront rape victims. The group began operating Monday.

WOAR maintains a 24-hour hot-line staffed by trained volunteers. Rape victims may call for information or for emotional and psychological support. Volunteers also will be at Philadelphia General Hospital to offer immediate help to victims.

Rape victims also can obtain legal aid from WOAR. If necessary, the organization will go to court with the victim.

WOAR also hopes to create a political pressure group, Dr. Cooke said, to work for changes in the legal system. According to Dr. Cooke, the rapist now is brought to court as an innocent stranger. Previous convictions for sex crimes cannot be used against the accused during the trial. However, the only defense a rapist has is to attack the woman's reputation, Dr. Cooke said.

Women who have been raped often must answer embarrassing and emotionally upsetting questions about the "grimy details," Dr. Cooke said. Victims are asked whether the rapist climaxed, whether he was circumcised or whether she enjoyed it, she said. They must answer these questions up to three or four times before the preliminary hearing, Dr. Cooke added.

Dr. Cooke said in many cases, the rapist is treated as the victim, and the victim as a criminal. It often is implied that the woman invited the rape, she said. These attitudes are a "reflection of general mores" of society, according to Dr. Cooke.

WOAR also is working to change public attitudes toward rape. They will offer educational programs and pamphlets on the subject. Rap sessions and psychiatric referral services will be provided for rape victims who feel they need emotional support.

College to conduct election for senator

The College of Earth and Mineral Sciences will elect its representative to the University Faculty Senate at an open Student Council meeting 6:15 p.m. Wednesday in 244 Deike.

Stephen Benza (9th-mineral economics) and Michael Talbett (7th-earth science) are declared candidates for the seat.

Student Council President Robert Kleinmann said any other student wishing to run for the seat may declare his

candidate at the meeting.

The election is in response to a Senate Elections Commission directive that each student voting unit run at least two candidates for each seat. The commission decided April 19 to invalidate Kleinmann's declaring Talbett winner by default.

Kleinmann had canceled the scheduled April 4 and 5 elections when no other candidate had declared by April 3.

Grad Council okays committee

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The Graduate Council Wednesday approved a motion calling for the formation of a graduate student-faculty committee to help resolve disputes arising between faculty members and graduate students.

The committee will consider grievances about "academic matters and conditions of employment." According to Dale Baker,

chairman of the committee on graduate student and faculty affairs, the motion provides "an avenue to protect the integrity of the graduate student and the graduate school."

He told the council presently the graduate student has no course of action to follow when in disagreement with a faculty member over an academic matter.

Baker cited some instances

in which this could happen. "What avenue does a student have now in resolving conflict over his thesis problem?" he asked the council.

Marie Finnegan, graduate student representative, told the council the Graduate Student Association was in favor of the motion, because in the past they had been approached by graduate students with grievances. "We didn't know where to tell them to go," she said.

The committee will be formed only when a dispute cannot be resolved within the department or program in which the student or faculty member resides. It must be convened by the dean of the student's college or in special cases by the Dean of the Graduate School.

The council also approved a motion establishing procedures for the evaluation of graduate programs. These procedures are to provide a

"continuous monitoring of individual programs" and will become effective Summer Term.

A prime consideration of the rules, according to Dean of the Graduate School James Bartoo, is a minimization of review duplication which could occur in programs also responsible to other reviewing agencies.

Policy guidelines for the serving of alcoholic beverages in the Graduate Commons were accepted by the council.

Under the guidelines only beer and wine may be served by faculty or student groups of recognized graduate programs. These are furnished and served by the Graduate Commons staff. The sponsoring group is billed for the beverages and equipment required to serve it.

Steam room opens to women

More than 15 women Wednesday night took advantage of the newly established women's hours in the Rec Hall steam room for the first time.

"I'm overjoyed," Cathy Walsh (3rd-liberal arts) said. "It's great to run, then come here."

Cherna Coblentz (9th-psychology) said she never gave the steam room much thought until it became an issue. "It's a good idea having women's hours, much more practical than building a new

steam room. However, I think a few co-ed hours would be interesting."

"We've got better hours than the men, and they're pissed," one female steam room user commented.

Included in the group using the steam room last night were Rosalyn Weller (3-pre-med) and Thelma Van Meter (4th-pre-med) two of the three persons escorted from the steam room by the Campus Patrol in February when the steam room hours were for men only.

"I wouldn't have used the steam room that night if I had known I'd get into trouble. I thought the girls using the steam room were being ignored," Weller said.

"It was only when the Campus Patrol came that there was a scene," Van Meter added.

"I'm so glad you did it," Nadine Weinberg (7th-law enforcement and correction) told Weller. "I just can't believe there was so much discrimination."

Daria Taschuk (6th-music

education), a locker room attendant, said that this was the first night since she has been working that the steam room has had many users. "The other nights there were two people here. It looks like everyone is enjoying the steam room," she said.

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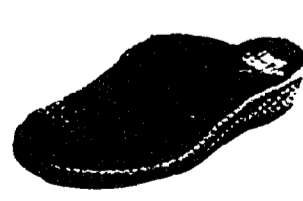
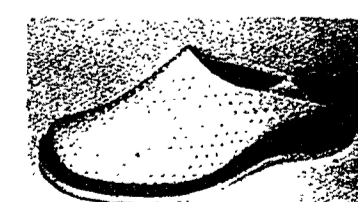
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