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Escort service available soon

Applications will be taken beginning tomorrow

By ANNE CONNERS **Daily Collegian Staff Writer**

To take steps toward protecting those who walk around campus late at night and to promote "safety in numbers," the Student Escort Service will begin receiving applications tomorrow.

"I'd like to stress the idea of getting away from the stereotypic view that the Escort Service is strictly for females," said Karen Gravlin, vice president of the Association of Residence Hall Students.

"We've adopted the idea of safety in numbers because there has already been three attacks on males reported to University Police," she said. Students who wish to be volunteers

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can sign up at their area government office, the ARHS office, 28 HUB; the Undergraduate Student Government Office, 202 HUB; the Organization for Town Independent Students Office, 20 HUB; and in 135 Boucke.

Students who are interested in being escorts will be given a short interview by the ARHS Security Committee, Gravlin said.

Betty Moore, a Residential Life counselor, said that the service should be operational in two weeks. Moore said that students would not

be asked to give that much of their time to be escorts. "Escorts are not called that fre-

quently -- only once a term," Moore said.

The Student Counselors of the Student Assistance Center are a vital cog in the program, Moore said. A student who needs an escort calls the student counselors and they find an escort, she said.

The number of students requests an escort has increased during the past three years, mainly because of "increased awareness," Moore said.

In 1978-79 there were 199 requests for escorts, in 1979-80 there were 202 requests for escorts and in 1980-81 there were 227 requests for escorts. Moore stressed that students should

not rely on the program all the time. Students can contact the service at

863-2020.

Committee tables marital rape bill

HARRISBURG (AP) - Encouraged by women's groups, the statistics and possible addition of a mandatory counseling House Judiciary Committee tabled a bill yesterday that would have allowed wives to charge their husbands with rape.

It was the second time this year that the bill, co-sponsored by a required counseling provision. Rep. Gregg L. Cunningham, R-Centre County, has been tabled.

women's advocacy groups.

"They wanted to hold off on this bill for the time being," Kukovich said.

vich's part to receive certain information needed to present the reservations about it. I'm willing to compromise.'

"That's really all there was to it," Cunningham said. "As he explained this to me, he needed statistical information that he did not have as of this morning so he simply asked the bill be held over until he got it. It's just a momentary pause."

During discussion of the measure early last summer, Kukovich said questions were raised such as "whether this would hurt the family unit."

"I think that's a specious argument," he said. "If a woman is being violated, whether or not her husband is exempt from prosecution, it's not going to help the family unit." But he said more preparation is needed, including better

provision.

However, Cunningham said he has reservations about adding

"I think it has some merit," he said. "One of the difficulties Rep. Allen Kukovich, D-Westmoreland County, another spon- we run into, which is I guess the other view of this, is that sor of the measure, said he moved to table it at the request of anytime you force somebody to go to counseling, it is of dubious value.

"Counseling has to be something that somebody seeks or at least is willing to accept before it is going to have any benefits, Cunningham said the delay was due to a failure on Kuko- so while I'm not categorically opposed to it I do have some

> According to Kukovich, women's groups are more concerned at this point with a bill that would guarantee confidentiality between rape victims and their crisis counselors.

Rape crisis centers have been fighting recent attempts by courts to subpoena counselors and their records. They contend victims will be reluctant to come in for counseling if the sessions are not confidential.

Kukovich said the confidentiality bill has been reported to the House floor and could be voted on at any time. He said the marital rape bill will be acted on after that.

-additional research by Ron Waters

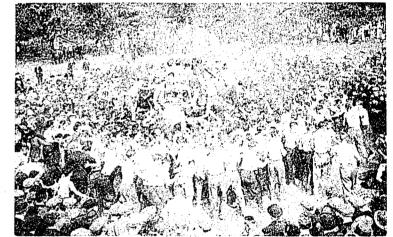
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