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## Rape...

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She also stressed that females should not hitchhike.

### Tips to avoid rape

She said when either accepting a ride home offer or asking for one, women seem to forget that "rapists don't have a certain look."

Officer Joe Wehner of the University Police Department, offered tips for university women.

He suggested women avoid walking alone, but if they must, they should let a roommate know where they are going and when they expect to return. If a woman suspects someone is following her she should go to a well-lit or populated area and call the police as soon as possible. Wehner said women should look in their cars before getting in, and those living in residence halls should not do laundry after midnight. He also suggested women keep their doors locked, and not let anyone in unless they know them.

Wehner said he does not advocate carrying a weapon because of the possibility that it can be used against the person carrying it.

However, he said wearing and using a shrieking whistle is a good idea. It can alert others to your situation, possibly scare off the attacker and it can't be used against you," he explained.

### Mace warning

Wemmer said if a woman decides to carry mace, she should keep it where it is readily available. She added that some studies show mace increases violent reactions in some individuals who have been drinking.

Wemmer added that when walking alone women should have "an aggressive attitude," and to act like they know where they are going. She cautioned against wearing heels that prevent a speedy escape or being loaded down with packages.

Washburn added that women should not give out unnecessary information about themselves to strangers, such as where they are going or where they live.

Washburn said there seems to be an increase in the use of weapons, and rapists seem to be more daring. For example, men are forcing their way into homes.

When at home, Washburn said women should check the identification of servicemen, keeping a chain lock between them, before admitting the men.

She said when a stranger asks to use the phone for an emergency, the woman should dial the number herself and not let him in her home.

### Rape increase in summer

Women should use their first initials in the phone book and on the mailbox, and list "dummy" names on the mail-

box if they live alone, Washburn said.

During the summer the number of reported rapes increases, Washburn said.

Washburn explained that the intense heat of the summer is oppressive. It causes the rapist, who usually is an individual characterized psychologically by a "self-defeatist attitude," to vent his inferiority feelings by rape, she said.

The rapist doesn't feel powerful in his own rights. With rape he feels elevated," she added.

In the summer, potential rape victims are more mobile, hence more accessible. Also, they often wear fewer clothes, although rape is not sexually motivated, according to Washburn.

"The rapist is not aroused by a woman with no bra. He feels instead that she should be punished or that she's asking for it." A rapist wants to dominate, not fulfill any sexual cravings, she added.

But whether rape cases are increasing or the reporting of rape is, is impossible to judge.

"One-third to one-tenth of the national scale (for rape) are not reported" because the criminal justice system is not as responsive as it should be, Washburn said.

### "No hassle" with police

However, she said there is "no hassle" with the Lincoln police. Lincoln police officers go through a rape training session, which was initiated by the Rape Crisis Center.

Washburn said the conviction rate for rapists is high in Lincoln, although no statistics are kept to determine the exact number.

Washburn said she figures about "three times" the reported number of rapes actually occur.

Wehner said most rapes occur in residential areas.

Lincoln Police Department statistics show there were 30 rapes and nine attempts reported in 1977.

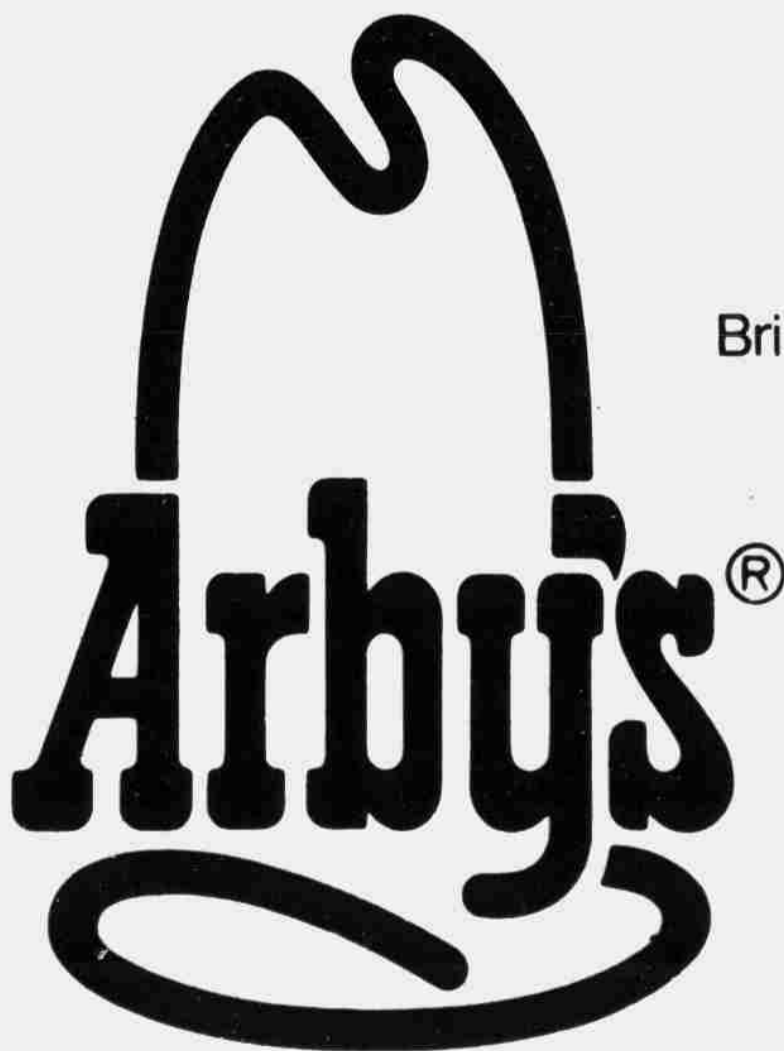
In the first six months of 1978, 22 rapes and four attempts were reported.

Wehner said only one rape was reported on campus from 1973 to 1977. However, this figure does not include sexually motivated assaults. In the same period there were 135 assaults on campus and the number of sexual assaults is buried in that figure.

Washburn said when a woman is assaulted she has a "responsibility to herself and to other possible victims to report it."

Wehner said the chances for apprehension of a rapist are greater if the victim reports it immediately.

A pamphlet entitled "You and Violent Crime: A preventive approach for women" is available from the University Police Department.



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