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# Preventing rape hinges on 'no,' educator says

By Kristine Long  
Staff Reporter

A calculator, a dictionary, masking tape, a basketball, a beer can and a key were symbols that Matt Basta used to explain rape and sexual harassment Monday night.

Basta, who has been a rape educator for 3 1/2 years, spoke to about 350 students as part of the Rape Education Awareness and on-Campus Training program sponsored by Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity and Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. Basta, a student at the University of Missouri-Columbia, is an alumnus of Pi Kappa Phi.

Basta used a calculator to inform students about rape statistics.

A rape is reported every 1.3 minutes, Basta said, and about 683,000 rapes are reported each year.

Rape statistics are getting worse, not better, he said.

The definition of rape is vague, Basta said. His dictionary does not even list the definition, he said.

Because of that vagueness, Basta said, most people are "clueless" about what is and isn't considered a sexual crime.

Basta defined rape as forced intercourse without consent.

It is an act of violence, Basta said, and it can happen to men and women.

Women are the main victims of the crime, however, he said.

At one point, Basta said he wanted to address the women in the audience, and held up masking tape as a symbol of silence.

Too often, women are the silenced partners of sexual crimes, he said.

Basta said the best weapon a victim could use was the word "no." The

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word is most effective when the victim looks the attacker straight in the eye, he said.

Basta said women should trust their instincts.

"Don't go with someone you don't feel comfortable with," he said.

Later, Basta held up a basketball, and said it represented men's problems with rape.

Men often think "no" means "maybe" or "yes," Basta said.

"When the word 'no' comes out of her mouth, it is time to close shop and go home," Basta said.

Basta displayed a beer can, and said that 95 percent of rape cases involved alcohol.

Basta said alcohol was the No. 1 contributing factor in date rape.

If the offender is drunk and out of control when the rape occurs, then the chances of being convicted are very high, he said.

Finally, Basta said a key symbolized safety.



Money is not available on most college campuses to provide a completely safe environment, he said.

The key to safety and lowering sexual crimes is in the hands of students, he said.

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## Escort service to open branch on East Campus

By Trish Spencer  
Staff Reporter

The Campus Escort Service and the Residence Hall Association are taking steps to increase safety on East Campus and near a parking lot on City Campus.

A branch of the Campus Escort Service will open on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus next semester, Selleck Prall said at Monday night's RHA meeting.

The branch will operate out of Burr Residence Hall and will be open from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. Prall said the service would stop at midnight because that was when C.Y. Thompson Library and the Burr Residence Hall desk closed.

Prall said he needed 60 students to help with the service.

Prall said he also was trying to persuade the Campus Recreation Center to unlock a gate that leads to Vine Street from the northeast corner of the Cather-Pound fields at 17th and Vine streets. Opening the gate would increase safety for students in Sandoz and Abel residence halls, he said, by shortening the path students take to and from the parking lot southeast of the fields.

RHA President Matt Hammons said he thought the gate was locked to protect the fields from vandalism.

Prall said he thought unlocking the gate would cost the university nothing. But Prall said Doug Zatechka, director of UNL Housing, told him that the housing office would pay for any expenses.

Prall asked for RHA members' support in trying to get the gate unlocked and a light nearby turned on.

Prall and Zatechka are meeting with campus recreation officials this week to talk about opening the gate.

## POLICE REPORT

**Beginning midnight Friday**

8:09 a.m. — Motorcycle pushed over, parking lot north of Cather-Pound-Neihardt Complex, \$100.  
10:50 a.m. — Indecent exposure, Cather-Pound-Neihardt computer lab.  
1:06 p.m. — Mo-ped driving on sidewalk, Harper-Schramm-Smith courtyard.  
1:29 p.m. — Prank phone calls, Bob Devaney Sports Center.  
3:15 p.m. — Threatening letters, Harper Residence Hall.  
3:37 p.m. — Money stolen from washers and dryers, Chi Phi Fraternity, 1245 N. 16th St., amount unknown.  
6:01 p.m. — Vehicle window broken, parking lot at 21st and Vine streets, \$325.

**Beginning midnight Saturday**

12:25 a.m. — Woman cited for driving while intoxicated, 16th and Y streets.

12:59 a.m. — Outside police assistance, stolen vehicle recovered, 21st and Holdrege streets.  
8:17 p.m. — Book bag stolen, Nebraska Union, \$148.  
9:58 p.m. — Two-vehicle, non-injury accident, parking lot west of Lied Center for Performing Arts, \$250.  
11:56 p.m. — Trophy case damaged, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, 601 N. 16th St., \$200.

**Beginning midnight Sunday**

1:43 a.m. — Vehicle window broken, parking lot at University Health Center, \$150.  
3:01 a.m. — Water valve opened, Abel Residence Hall, \$100.  
3:13 a.m. — Assault, man hit by unknown person, 21st and Vine streets, treated at University Health Center.  
9:20 a.m. — Burglary, unknown person entered room, Cather Residence Hall, nothing stolen.