

Study shows sexual harassment still a problem, particularly for college students and women

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Sexual harassment has become a common occurrence on campuses nationwide.

According to a recent study published by the American Association of University Women, men are as likely to be sexually harassed as women.

Of the roughly 2,000 students polled, 62 percent of people reported experiencing sexual harassment while, 32 percent of college students said they were victims, *The Associated Press* reported.

Sexual harassment is defined within the report as unwanted behavior, suggestive glances, spreading sexual rumors and forced contact.

The statistics indicated that two-thirds of students reported being harassed, but an unexpected 41 percent of students polled said they had sexually harassed someone.

Most students polled said they harassed someone because they thought it was funny, the person liked the attention or it was just a part of school life, the report found.

The report did include that most harassment tended to be non-contact and could consist of gestures and jokes.

Texas Tech student Chad Crowl, a junior arts and science major from Conroe, said he has seen harassment, but believes it's in the eyes of the person being harassed.

"It all depends on the circumstances and it all depends on what you say and who you say it to," Crowl said. "Yeah, I've seen verbal harassment on campus, but it's more at parties."

The way that students received sexual harassment varied in many aspects.

Women are more likely to receive sexual comments and unwanted physical contact, which includes brushing up on a female in a sexual manner and suggestive sexual gestures.

Men are more prone to verbal harassment rather than physical the study suggested.

Verbal comments varied but included anti-gay slurs and homophobic name calling.

Katherine Mater, a freshmen marketing major from Houston, said she

was surprised with the report.

"I didn't ever think of guys being sexually harassed," Mater said. "I didn't know jokes could be harassment."

The study revealed that men are more likely to take harassment as a joke and shrug it off. Women are more likely to be highly emotionally affected with verbal as well as physical harassment.

Though women tend to be more sensitive about harassment the study showed that women are less likely to report harassment.

Less than 10 percent of students reported harassment to a school official or employee.

Most student victims say the incident was "not a big deal" though it made victims feel "helpless" or "horrible," the study revealed.

This leaves school counselors and officials in a dilemma as to how to help students who refuse to report harassment occurrences.

Kelly Whitman, a volunteer coordinator for Lubbock's Rape Crisis Center said harassment is common and encourages students to come forward if it happens to them.

"Harassment can happen to anyone," Whitman says. "It's all in the eyes of the interpreter, someone may think a joke is funny while another person takes it more serious."

Whitman said they do see a large number of college women at the Center.

"Harassment can start off as funny jokes, but then it can progress," she said.

"It can progress into physical harassment, and that needs to be taken serious."

Whitman also was quick to point out that students don't come forward because they don't want to stand out.

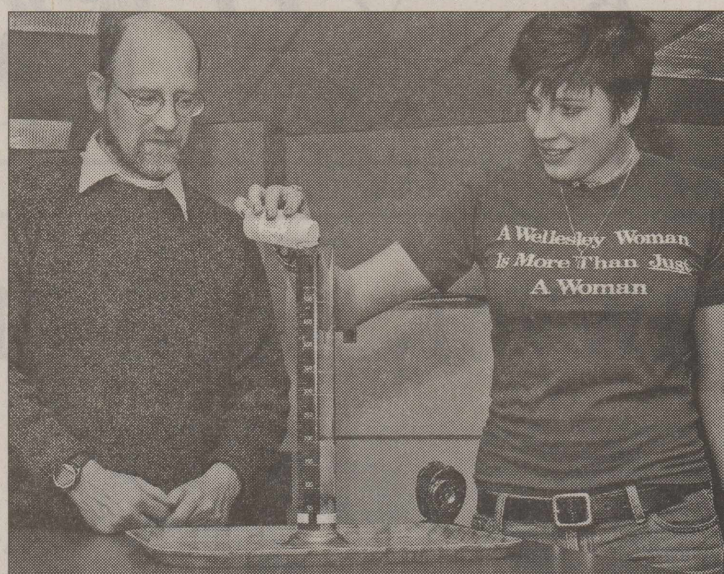
"Younger people don't want to make waves in the pool," she said.

She stresses the importance that regardless of age, if a student is being harassed to come forward and make sure to notify someone.

For more information on the Rape Crisis Center, call (806) 762-7673.

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CHEMICAL REACTION



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CHEMISTRY PROFESSOR DOMINICK Casadonte watches as Alisha Bloodworth, a sophomore chemical engineering major from Spring, carefully pours in the last chemical of the reaction Wednesday evening. This experiment took place at Gordon Hall during one of a series of lectures by Casadonte this year.

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Tucker said although people have not yet effectively responded to these issues, they are becoming aware, and are discussing solutions in many scholarly communities. She said people of all disciplines, and especially of all faiths, can and must join in this conversation.

"All religions dance to the rhythm of empathy," said Tucker.

The Christian church in particular is beginning to pay attention to ecological issues Tucker said, citing a statement released by a large group of evangelical leaders, and said they are concerned about the effect of environmental issues on the poor.

"Some of these evangelical spokespeople are becoming much more vocal about the need to address some of these needs," Whitley said.

Tucker said we can draw principles from many religions, and apply these to other fields, such as the Christian

value of justice and the Confucianist value of the deep connection between all life forms.

"All of these different faiths have within them that strand of belief that we need to take care of our environment," Whitley said. "We don't own it, we have a responsibility to give back to it."

Conatser said she believes there can be positive interaction between proponents of different faiths over this issue.

"I think that type of dialogue is the most productive way to emphasize the things we have in common," she said.

Tucker said she hopes to see this happen, and people will begin to look at ecological issues, and the need for a solution, as interconnected to all disciplines, beliefs and life.

"That is the bigger sense of the human being dancing, singing, praying for a new vision," she said.

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Condoms

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contraceptive use.

Christina Kegan, health educator with Student Health Services, said the No. 1 myth on college campuses is that females cannot get pregnant while on their period, or three days before or after their period.

"That's completely a myth," she said. "You can get pregnant anytime of the month regardless of menstruation."

According to a brochure put together by the American College Health Association, another myth is using a woman's douche after sex can be an effective contraception. This is assumption is false, and using a douche may push sperm even closer to the uterus.

Juli Buchanan, health education manager at Thompson Hall, said a dangerous myth or misconception is oral contraception can protect from STDs. This is false because the only way to protect from STDs is to use a condom

correctly.

The "pulling-out" method is not an effective type of birth control, Buchanan said. Many students don't know that there doesn't have to be an ejaculation inside of the vagina for sperm to get inside.

Moisture found around the vagina, she said, can cause the sperm to travel inside of a woman. The timing has to be perfect for a risk a pregnancy to be eliminated.

"That is a lot of trust to put in yourself to time that perfectly," Buchanan said.

According to the Web site www.webmd.com, a normal man can have anywhere from 20 million to 975 million sperm in a single ejaculation.

Buchanan said it only takes one sperm to make a baby, and each and every time a person has sex the probability of getting pregnant remains the same.

"Safer Sex Better Too," a Education Training Research associates brochure written by Kay Clark, said the more confident and comfortable you are

about having safer sex, the better it will be.

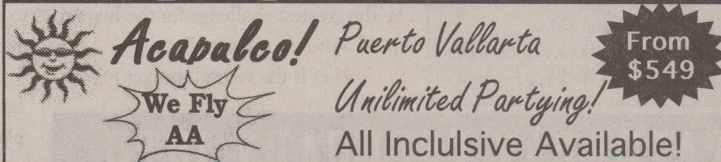
"Knowing how to be sexy with a condom can spell romance with a capital 'R,'" said Kay Clark.

For more information and questions contact the Men's Health Clinic or the Women's Health Clinic at Thompson Hall. The health educators and experts interviewed in the story stressed that for creditable online information visit Web sites that end in .gov or .edu.

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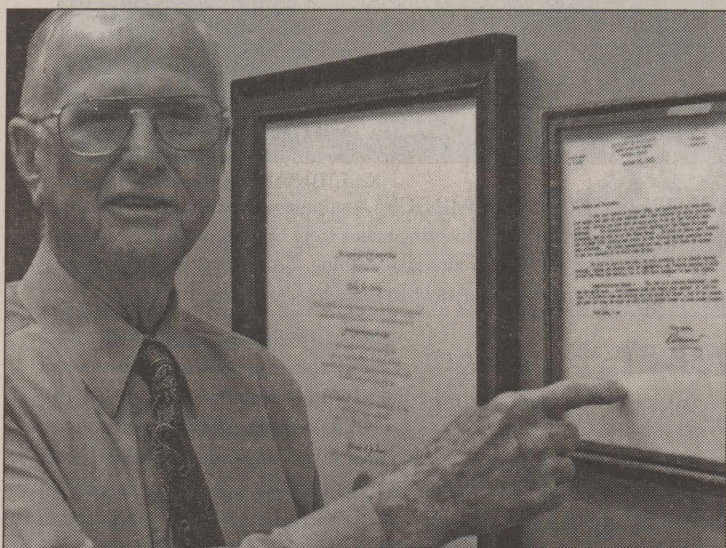
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Lawyer, Tech grad still trying after 50 years



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BOBBY MOODY, A practicing lawyer in Lubbock for the last 50 years, points to a letter from his uncle congratulating him for passing his bar exam back in 1955.

By JEREMY REYNOLDS SENIOR FEATURES WRITER

Bobby Moody has an office like an antique store. His collections range from wooden canes to his obvious passion of fountain pens.

Moody has everything, everything but a computer. After practicing law for half a century, he does not need it, he said, because he has his own style.

Moody has been practicing law for almost 50 years now, with 47 of those years in the Hub City. He has been recognized by the High Riders, is a lifetime member of the Lion's Club and the State Bar has given him love for his impressive record and how long he has been practicing.

"I came up here and went to work for the oldest law firm in the city," Moody said. George R. Bean, the man Moody went to work for, came to Lubbock in 1894 when there were 40 families within the city limits.

"Two guys from Seymour came down to talk with George," Moody said. "They went back and told their boss

he'd answered all the questions right. And he said, 'Well what'd you ask him?' They told him they asked him if he'd ever practiced law before and he said no, and then they asked him if he wanted to be a lawyer and he said yes. He answered all the questions right."

Moody stayed with the firm until the late 80s before starting up his own practice. He said he wanted to slow down a bit by that time in his life, but he has not slowed down at all.

Most say it would be a natural thing for a lawyer who has practiced for 50 years to try his luck as a judge.

"I thought about it for about three seconds before it made me sick and I threw it out," he said.

Moody always has been a lawyer, and he said he wants to go out that way. He does not want to be on the other side of the room and ever since he started practicing in the Air Force, he said he has had a passion for just being a lawyer.

During his time in the Judge Advocate General's Core, Moody said he practiced in Italy for two years. Throughout his stint in Tripoli, he argued three cases and his usual advice to his clients was get out of the country.

In the U.S., he has cases on a regular basis and he is particularly proud for the time when he represented the city of Lubbock against General Electric and won

\$3 million in that suit plus another \$4 million off other companies involved.

He has represented the Great Plains Construction Company who built the Top 200 miles of pipe on the Alaskan pipeline.

Through all his trials and cases, he said he has never thought about moving to another city to practice.

"I'm a West Texas person," Moody said.

Moody has roots here in Lubbock. He is the Council President for the Boy Scouts and has led them to three national Jamborees and one world Jamboree.

"I enjoy working with youth," Moody said.

Moody has lectured at Texas Tech before in the engineering department. He was brought in to speak about his camera collection and the changes it has gone through over the years. He has also lectured over how liable a public school can be in various situations to students majoring in physical education.

Phillip Hays, partner of Moody and Hays Law Firm, said his counterpart had quite a deal of information to share once he came on board.

"He's a gold mine of information," he said.

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Annie gets her guns up

This weekend the Lubbock Civic Center will present the play of "Annie Get Your Gun" beginning at 7 p.m. Friday.

The show features the lead character of Annie Oakley who is the best shot in the West. She goes on tour with Buffalo Bill's Traveling Circus and finds love a rival sharp shooter named Frank.

The two hate each other at first, which leads to the famous scene where the two share a duet: "Anything you can do I can do better."

The play will continue through the weekend, with a Saturday evening performance and a matinee showing at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are available at First United Methodist. The prices for the tickets range depending on the seating section from \$10, \$15 and \$20.

For any further questions, call the Lubbock Civic Center at (806) 775-2242.

Social justice redefined by Tucker

By RUTH BRADLEY FEATURES WRITER

Humanity's abuse of resources may be coming to a head Mary Evelyn Tucker said Wednesday, of the Harvard Forum on Religion and Ecology. Now, she said, experts in a diverse collection of fields are beginning to say the same.

"We are in a defining moment for the planet," Tucker said. "This is going to be the greatest challenge for the human mind, spirit, to adjust to."

Tucker is the second speaker to visit

Texas Tech in the Formby Lecture series on social justice. Ecological matters are especially pertinent to justice, said Tucker, because true justice extends to more than just humans.

"Justice is not 'just-us,'" Tucker said. "The use of justice needs to be expanded ... so that justice is the earth community."

Tucker said many experts in the scientific community consider the world to be in a sixth extinction period, where many species are threatened.

"This is a kind of holocaust," Tucker said. "The life support system of the planet is going down."

Tucker said global warming also is causing threats to geological life, stripping the world of resources and of beauty. She said these are beginning to affect people in definite ways, and it may soon

be too late to do anything to stop this deterioration.

Jo Conatser, a Lubbock citizen who attended the conference, said she believes more people need to be aware of these problems.

"On a personal level, you'd want to think 'when's that going to start affecting me — my community,'" she said. "It can't be far away."

Jeff Whitley, director of communications and marketing for the university libraries, who also attended the conference, said he believes it is particularly important to be aware of our use of water and the effects of farming in West Texas.

"People from this area are tied to the land," Whitley said.

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