CP trains officers in rape prevention

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Rape has been called by many the most violent of crimes. This humiliating offense goes unreported by the victim. To bring attention to this crime, the MIT Campus Police has announced that it offers a number of protective services to women to help decrease the incidence of rape.

Information and common sense are the keys to preventing rape. Campus Patrol distributes a number of pamphlets dealing with rape prevention to all students entering MIT. These pamphlets explain self-defense measures which women can use if they are attacked by a potential rapist. Copies of the pamphlets are available throughout the year in the CP office on the second floor of the Armory.

"The main thing is for a woman not to put herself in a position where she can be raped," said Lieutenant Joseph McClusky. If a woman is attacked, however, there are two types of resistance she can offer: active and passive. Shouting, crying, and trying to reason and talk with the attacker are examples of passive resistance, while fighting, screaming, and blowing-whistles are examples of active resistance.

"Every circumstance is different, but the only thing a police officer can do is counsel women on the two types of resistance," said McClusky. He suggests that a woman start with passive resistance, and if this does not deter the attacker, she should try a more active form of resistance. He noted that the woman has to use her own judgment, as there have been instances where the woman was strangled by the attacker in an attempt to silence her.

"If the man is bent on rape, just use passive means." The MIT Campus Patrol has three officers — two women and one man — who have received special training in rape counseling and prevention procedures. All other officers are given a list of what should be done if they are the first officer on the scene of a possible rape. The first two items on the list tell the officer to identify himself, and to ask the victim if she needs medical care. The remaining items deal with the procedures for gathering and preserving any evidence.

Campus Patrol offers a twenty-four-hour service to anywhere on campus, and they encourage women to take advantage of it. "The service is used quite often, primarily at night," said McClusky. Finally, Campus Patrol informs women of the two types of emergency situations which women can call campus police on. The service is used free medical, legal, and psychological information and provides emergency transportation, a place to stay, and discussion groups as well. The number is 492-RAPE.

Subject described as a male, 24 yrs., mustache, had entered an unlocked Burton House dormitory room and stolen the occupant's wallet containing $50 cash and personal papers.

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