

...takes to the streets and sidewalks

What is your opinion on rape, sexism and racism?

Tim Jacks

...hosted various individuals this past rainy Monday to ask them about their views on certain current issues. Some of their responses are veeery interest-

Gregory Gaines, '90

How prevalent do you think date rape is on campus?

As far as being prevalent, I know a lot of people try to take advantage of the situation, you know positioning girls. I know it happens a lot. It doesn't happen every weekend but I know that there's a lot of sexual activity that goes on that people aren't really ready for.

Because, I guess, alcohol is so prevalent. If people use that as an excuse to just do whatever they feel like then they do, you know, whatever they feel like.

Do you know anyone that has been a victim of date rape?

Do you think that the campus and/or community is sexist?

No, I don't think so.

Can you think of any examples of sexism?

I know that I've only had 3 female professors and I only had my first female professor spring semester, senior year. Before that I didn't have any. I guess that's sexist. Just not having a lot of females as teachers.

Do you think that the campus and/or community is racist?

Yeah, I guess so.

Can you think of any examples?

The fact that this town is divided physically black and white. Even if people don't intentionally do it day to day, you know, "keep the blacks over on that side," there is no affordable housing on this side of the tracks really. There are not too many blacks in faculty or administrative positions, so I think that's racism there.

Less Lincoln, '92

How prevalent do you think date rape is on campus?

I wouldn't know, I haven't had a date yet. No, umm, really don't know.

Do you think that the campus and/or community is sexist?

Yes, highly so.

Can you think of any examples?

Without naming names, no, that'd be hard to do.

Do you think that the campus and/or community is racist?

Yeah, I think there have been a couple of incidents of racism.

Can you think of any examples?

The movie theater over at University center. I've been asked more than once to go to the back of the line. I've been followed around in my car by local police officers for no apparent reason. I guess that's about it without naming names.

Brian Healey, '91

How prevalent do you think date rape is on campus?

Extremely high. There is an extremely high amount of date rapes occurring especially at Patterson Court parties every weekend. I think weekends are the worst. Friday and Saturday night. Guys have the girls

get drunk and then take advantage of that situation, which is the definition of date rape.

Do you know anyone who's been the victim of date rape?

Yes, more than one.

Do you think that the campus and/or community is sexist?

Without naming any names, certain professors are likely to give higher grades to one sex or the other.

Do you think that the campus and/or community is racist?

Yes, extremely.

Can you think of any examples?

I know a girl that is friends with a black man and she was dancing with him at a Court party and somebody went up to her and said, "Oh aren't you doing your good deed for today, trying not to be racist."

George Sartiano, '92

How prevalent do you think date rape is on campus?

Well, as far as I know, I've heard there've been 17 so far this year.

According to...?

That's just rumor. In my opinion I think a lot of those cases you have to look at the circumstances. Personally, I think it's either rape or it's not. I don't like qualifying rape as anything else. That's just the way I perceive that.

Do you know anyone who's been a victim of date rape?

Attempted rape, yeah, a few.

Do you think the campus and/or community is sexist?

Hope so. No, really, yes.

Can you think of any examples?

Me.

Really?

To a certain degree, yeah. But not so far as people might like to think. I'm not against women, I'm just against the feminist movement because, like, I'm against all these sort of movements that are, like, trying to enforce their values upon me. I haven't gone out of my way to enforce my values on anybody else. But when somebody just comes up to me and says "I'm a woman. You have to accept it!" you're like "Why?! I don't have to do anything!" I just don't agree with that. If they can come up to me and just talk to me casually about it and say, you know, this is what we think, you know, I'll try to persuade you calmly.

Aggressive feminists, racists, whatever, I'm anti that. I'm a low key sort of dude. You take your CIA sort of training and stuff, you know. They don't just come out and say "We have to get Noriega!" you know. They work through the media real slow over a period of about a year and a half and then, you know, we have an invasion. You have to work through the underlying layers of society. One doesn't just come out and say "We have to do it this way!" because, like, America is a conservative place. We're not gonna just go or anything. You have to do it slowly. You can't expect anything to happen overnight, except that stock market crash. You have to wait and you can't enforce anything on anybody, except laws, you know, if you're the government. And then if you try to do too much then the people won't take that.

Do you think the campus and/or community is racist?

Yes.

Can you think of an example?

Geez, I live in a southern area and if Davidson is anything like where I'm from, it is. And just from what I've heard, rumors again, I just heard about people, like, when they get arrested they just have to go through more channels, or taken to the station, and the white person is just given a ticket and let go, you know. I really just don't know. I mean, I've read everything that's in The Davidsonian about it, so that's about the end of my exposure there. And take all the feminist stuff, you know all that, all the sexist stuff

and just change that word to "racist" or "racism" and it all applies there too.

Marshall Smith, '93

How prevalent do you think date rape is on campus?

I don't think it's overly prevalent, but it does exist.

Do you know anyone who's been a victim of date rape?

No.

Do you think that the campus and/or community is sexist?

No.

Do you think that the campus and/or community is racist?

Parts of it.

Can you think of an example?

The BSC. I believe the BSC is extremely racist. And one of the biggest things that I get upset about is some people coming down on me because I happen to be a white male. And I can't help what I am any more than the black people can help the fact that they're negro or that women can help the fact that they're female. It's the way I am and I should not be judged as that and I should not be judged as an oppressor just because I'm a white male.

So do you think you've been the victim of reverse discrimination?

Personally I haven't, but I do know of people who have. Women have a much higher chance of being able to get into grad school as the men do if everything else is equal. And the same goes for the black people because there's so many programs out there like the NAACP and NOW and stuff like that. And the only people that are out there strictly for white people is the KKK. And nobody wants to go to them. I believe that once it was necessary to go to that extreme. During the 60's it was necessary. But the use for those organizations has largely passed and they should begin phasing out. I believe that the militancy of those groups is no longer needed and should be dropped.

Organizations like...?

Like NAACP and NOW.

Not the KKK, right?

The KKK should've been phased out like 2 seconds after they were formed.

Ok, just wanted to clarify that.

Frances Redmond, '92

How prevalent do you think date rape is on campus?

I don't know.

Do you know anyone who has been a victim of date rape?

Yes.

Do you think the campus and/or community is racist?

Oh, I think there are some instances. But I don't think it's as prevalent as everybody

wants to believe.

Can you think of any examples?

No, not really that I've seen, but just what the black students are talking about, how they're going to start their own fraternity. I think part of the tension might be from, in a way, their kind of trying to separate themselves away from the campus itself.

William Brown, College Union Director

How prevalent do you think date rape is on campus?

I have no way of measuring that. The question is an impossible one to answer. My understanding is that only one has been reported to the Dean of Students this year. That's not to say that there are those that have been unreported.

[The rest of your interview got garbled when my batteries ran down in my tape recorder. Sorry, William].

