

Policy: CIT made changes to clarify networking guidelines

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community outside of Information Systems reports activities in apparent violation of the policies described here, IS will inform the appropriate authori-

ties of the complaint. Upon approval, an investigation of a user's computing activities, e-mails and files may be initiated by Information Systems." Swofford said the policy changes will help protect Information Systems and explain the

steps necessary to investigate possible networking violations. "This gives IS a defense mechanism that they could point to if someone came to them with a suspicion, IS would be pressured if they didn't have a document to fall back on,"

Swofford said.

Rhoda Channing, director of the Z. Smith Reynolds Library and a member of the CIT, said, "It puts checks in place to ensure confidentiality and expands a little bit on the copyright changes."

The CIT took another look at the computing policy following a Sept. 12 *Old Gold and Black* article in which University Police Chief Regina Lawson said student's electronic transactions could be monitored.

Report: Errors corrected

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student aid programs to publish an annual report by Oct. 1 of each year containing three years worth of campus crime statistics and certain security policy statements. The report must be made available automatically to all current students and employees and may also be posted on the Internet.

Statistics for the report are gathered from all campus security authorities, including campus police, local law enforcement, judicial affairs and residence life and housing.

In certain cases, schools that fail to comply are subject to fines or loss of federal funding.

Junior Kari Erickson, a member of the Women's Initiative for Support and Empowerment was upset to learn of the misreporting of sexual offenses.

"With so many crimes of sexual assault already going unreported and people having no idea of the number of sexual crimes on this campus, the fact that there have been these mix-ups on top of all that becomes increasingly frustrating for someone who is concerned with these issues," Erickson said.

University Police Chief Regina Lawson said underreporting of sexual assaults is a national problem, as many women are afraid or unwilling to come forward.

"This is an ongoing challenge," Lawson said.

A 1997 survey of Wake Forest students conducted by PREPARE found that about 11 percent of women reported being sexually assaulted during their college career. The number of forcible sex offenses appearing in the annual crime report, however, remains much lower, since many of these cases are never reported to a campus security authority.

Erickson hopes to work with other campus organizations to administer a survey similar to the 1997 one to gather more recent data about sexual assault on campus.

University Police said they are working with other local colleges to develop a form for anonymous reporting of sexual assaults, which could then be included in the annual crime report.

"The form could be used by victims who, for whatever reason, don't want to file a police report," Overholt said. He added, however, that the completion of such a form would not preclude victims from making a police report at a later date.

University Police has notified the Department of Education of the errors in the report and corrected the statistics given to that office. The corrected crime report is available at www.wfu.edu/police. University Police also plans to send students and employees a notification explaining the errors.

According to Overholt, errors of this kind are not uncommon in attempts to comply with the Clery Act. He added that the act has seen frequent amendments, and schools often have difficulty keeping up with the changes.

"Ken (Overholt) has other things to do and (compiling the report) is not a full-time job, but it has almost evolved into a full-time responsibility," Lawson said.

Ken Zick, vice president for student life and instructional resources, added that increased demands of the Clery Act over the years have put a strain on the department, as the number of employees remains steady. "We have more and more to do, with fewer people and resources," he said.



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