

<http://pubweb.ucdavis.edu/Documents/RPEP/culture.htm>

## RESULTS OF MS. STUDY

One quarter of women in college today have been victims of rape, and almost 90 percent of them knew their assailants. These are two of the more startling statistics to emerge from the MS. Magazine Campus Project on Sexual Assault, the most far reaching study to date on patterns of sexual aggression at America's Institutions for higher learning. Funded by a grant from the National Center for the Prevention and Control of Rape, and under the direction of Kent State University psychologist Mary P. Koss, the survey reached more than 7,000 students at 35 schools. Preliminary results of the three year study show:

- Fifty-two percent of all the women surveyed have experienced some form of sexual victimization.
- One in every eight women were the victims of rape, according to the prevailing legal definition.
- One in every 12 men admitted to having fulfilled the prevailing definition of rape or attempted rape, yet virtually none of those men identified themselves as rapists.
- Of the women who were raped, almost three quarters did not identify their experience as rape.
- Forty-seven percent of the rapes were by first or casual dates, or by romantic acquaintances.
- Three quarters of the women raped were between ages 15 and 21; the average age at the time of the rape was 18.
- More than eighty percent of the rapes occurred off-campus, with more than fifty percent on the man's turf: home, car, or other.
- More than one-third of the women raped did not discuss their experience with anyone; more than ninety percent did not tell the police.