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CAMPUS Mail

DATE RAPE

I am writing to commend you on publishing Claire Walsh's article ("Date Rape," Fall 1988) about an issue that needs to be discussed more openly and honestly. Unfortunately, many women blame themselves for this act of violence. Date rape is unwarranted physical aggression against a woman. It primarily involves power, not sex. "Hats off" to the University of Florida for their organization to raise awareness of this problem.

It wouldn't be fair to label all men as participating in unwanted sexual behavior. However, it only takes a few to make all men look bad. Dr. Walsh makes a good point in her article when she says that date rape is not just a woman's problem.

To those women who are victims of date rape: please report any harm done to you. Tell a good friend or coworker. Talk to a counselor about what action can be taken to stop this abuse. You will be doing justice to yourself and other women who may be victims in the future.

SUSAN PLANTENBERG

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CAREER RATINGS

In response to the career ratings in your Fall issue ("101 Careers To Watch"), although the profession of medical technology is changing, it does not mean that it is diminishing. Highly technical automation still requires personnel that can interpret medical tests with knowledge of human physiology, and also knowledge of electronics and computerization in order to operate, maintain and repair delicate and usually costly instruments. We have specialized in the technical side of medicine

and as the medical profession grows, the need for *qualified* specialists grows. Yes, cost savings are important, but the public will not tolerate quality sacrifices to achieve them. The traditional roles of clinical laboratory scientists (medical technologists) are stabilizing, but innovative and exciting roles are blossoming.

JANET BATINA

PRESIDENT-ELECT

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The article, "Rating the Careers: 101 To Watch," is an excellent source of information for those who wish to learn more in their career. I thank you for the publication of this article and the array of factors that were listed under each career choice. As a high school senior anxiously awaiting college, this article enhanced my knowledge of the career which I will soon be pursuing.

CHRISTINA M. SZYMAREK

WHITE OAK, PA

CampusUSA is a neat publication, but we must correct your report on the clinical laboratory science career, sometimes called medical technology. Demand for laboratory professionals is rising, not falling. Unless more

bright students choose this major, there'll be a healthcare crisis by the early 1990s. It's so serious now that many labs are increasing salaries and benefits sharply. Some employers are even offering big "bounties" to locate qualified new hires. And anyway, new grads often start at over \$20,000, and nonphysician lab directors can make \$45,000 and up; your salary data were too low. It's a seller's market, and there's no change in sight.

ELISSA PASSIMENT

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

FABULOUS CONTEST

Thank you for letting me enter your contest (winners announced in Fall '88 issue). I really appreciate magazines such as yours. They brighten up an otherwise dull and busy day. I am looking forward to receiving my new Hot Pot Express. Thank you again.

ALISHA L. MAES

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Editor's Note: Thanks to all of the students who entered our "Fabulous What's New Contest." The Grand Prize Winner, of a Toshiba T1000 computer and P321SL printer, was Danielle Clements of Indiana University of Pennsylvania. In addition, there were more than 100 other prize winners.

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