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# Rape Center is slow to respond

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If a girl has been raped and needs counseling or immediate assistance, she may have a hard time finding it if she tries to call the ISU Rape Crisis Center.

The Rape Crisis Center is not listed in either the Ames phone book or the campus phone book. It is not a daily listing in either the Ames Tribune or the Iowa State Daily.

The Rape Crisis Center may be contacted only by calling Open Line, campus confidential listening service.

When a Daily reporter contacted Open Line and asked to speak with a Rape Crisis Center volunteer, the Open Line worker took the name and number—nothing was said about the caller representing the Daily. Thirty minutes later, a Rape Crisis volunteer returned the call.

The Crisis Center volunteer, Paula Kelly, said the center has no phone. According to Kelly, Open Line handles all calls for the Rape Crisis Center, then refers them to the center volunteers.

Kelly said the center has not

cross referenced its organization's name with the Open Line number in the Ames phone books and cited financial problems within the organization as one reason the crisis line had not been listed in the books.

She noted newspaper advertising had to be cut back during fall quarter as a result of lacking funds. She said the center shifted its advertising to a flyer and leaflet campaign.

Kelly said the Rape Crisis Center gets few emergency calls with approximately 15 calls concerning rape from September 1974 through January 1976.

The Center's major function is as an information source, Kelly said. Trained volunteers speak to groups ranging from college students to city organizations. She noted the center plans to

expand its speaking engagements to high school students and groups.

Rapid turnover of Crisis Center volunteers and financial problems are the Center's greatest headaches, Kelly said. The rape Crisis Center is funded by the Women's Coalition, an organization funded through the ISU Government of the Student Body (GSB).

Kelly noted that the Women's Coalition funds had been cut by GSB, and the Rape Crisis Center is uncertain as to the amount of its funds this year.

Kelly said the Rape Crisis Center is applying for a \$1,000 dollar grant from the Iowa Crime Commission.

The Rape Crisis Center "was conceived about a year ago," Kelly said, "I think it's a vital service and I wish we could get people involved."