

Hartless, Sharon

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 02, 2005 2:44 PM
To: Young, David L.
Subject: RE: Campus Security Concerns

I am just writing to see if you got the information that you needed on the particular case I wrote to you about regarding the tunnel. I also was wondering if any thing was being talked about yet as far as taking care of the safety concern.

Thanks so much for your time!

From: Young, David L.
Sent: Sun 6/19/2005 9:20 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Campus Security Concerns

Dear [REDACTED],

We have looked into the situation and have been unable to corroborate what you have outlined below. Neither the Liberty University Police Department or the Lynchburg Police Department have a record of what you have described. If you can provide me with more detail, then perhaps we could investigate it further.

However, you have raised a potential concern regarding security on campus and we will continue to take measures to enhance security and the safety of our students.

Thank you for your concern and I will be happy to discuss this further with you if you wish.

Dave Young
Executive Vice President

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2005 2:55 PM
To: Young, David L.
Subject: Campus Security Concerns

June 6, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to the tunnel which connects Main Campus to Campus East, and the access road which crosses over top of it leading to the intramural fields. This past semester, a friend of mine was walking through the tunnel at night, and was cornered by 3 males at the tunnel. They were able to take her from the tunnel entrance on east campus side and up to the access road above it, where she was assaulted and left. This incident was reported to LUPD, along with Lynchburg police and they have been looking into the situation for the past few months.

Obviously, it is never a good idea for girls to walk at night alone no matter where they are on campus, yet the fact is that girls DO walk alone at night frequently, and many of them because they feel as if nothing can happen to them since they are on their college campus. I feel that the incident I

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previously mentioned could have been avoided, or may have ended differently had there been lights on the access road (that road is very dark, and easily accessible), and if there were cameras in the tunnel, and a call button at either end. If there had been a call button, my friend would have possibly been able to press it in order to get LUPD to the scene. I also do not believe this is an isolated incident, and many more incidents just like it go unreported. Cameras, light, and call buttons may not stop every incident in the future but they will help the cause, bring more safety, and serve as a deterrent in some cases.

The campus of Liberty University should feel safe, and up until this particular semester I personally felt safe walking most anywhere, yet now I can see that this is a wrong impression. I realize that you may disregard this email because you probably tend to get many false reports on matters such as this. Even so, I feel this is very important. I feel that my friend and many other girls could be saved much more unnecessary hurt if the proper safety measures were taken.

A simple email does not even begin to express how serious I think this issue is after having to watch my friend deal with the results of this, and it does not begin to show how frustrating the whole situation is in general. Even so, it is the only way I know to let someone know about this situation and ask that something be done. Please do not disregard this email, but look into the issue of having these security products installed. I know there has been talk of this, and I thought it was required that the tunnel have these particular things, but until it is actually done, incidences such as this will continue to happen and get worse, due to the fact that men seem to go where prey appears to be most accessible. That dark road and unsecured tunnel is nothing short of an invitation to outsiders. I am aware that it takes time to get things of this nature installed, but the fact still remains that until it happens, girls will not be safe in that area of campus. Thanks for reading this email, and please see what can be done about safety between main and east campus.

Sincerely,

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Student I.D. # ██████████
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