

Burns Dubose, Dr. Sarah Jones, and Bradley Smith; speakers at Rape Forum

Rapist psychology studied at forum

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"You don't understand the power that you have over a person when you rape them!" shouted a convicted rapist at Burn DuBose during an interview. "You just don't know the power!"

DuBose, a psychologist, Dr. Sarah Jones, psychologist, and Bradley Smith, assistant district attorney, addressed the Women's Awareness Workshop Thursday night on the possible motivation of a rapist and the possible effects of his actions.

"I think that most rapists are psychopaths," DuBose said. "They have no sense of responsibility, they can't form deep relationships, and they have no control over their impulses."

DuBose also contended the rapist is not immoral, just amoral. All he has to do is say to himself he hasn't done anything wrong and he will believe it.

"That is why the rapist has such success at beating the lie detector test," DuBose said. "He just doesn't believe he's done anything wrong."

DuBose found that most of the 30 rapists he has interviewed, have sex available anytime they need it. They are often considered very attractive and usually have girl friends. They can "charm a bird out of a tree," and often appear completely normal, he said. Their problem is that they want to have sex on their own terms and they get a thrill out of the power they have over the opposite sex, DuBose remarked.

Dr. Jones claimed that rape is a unique crime. It is one that gives a victim a traumatic reaction.

"Rape is an experience that can't be shared with other people," Jones said, meaning that a person can't get any relief from telling the story to other people.

Rape puts the victim in a double bind. Should the person tell anybody? Should the person do anything at all?

"The person begins to think 'Well, maybe if I had fought back,'

Jones remarked. "Guilt begins to take its toll."

The need for immediate counseling was also emphasized by Smith. The rape examination can be a trauma and attention to the victim will start her gradual regaining of trust in people — especially men. Counseling should be continued in order to prevent the person from having future depression.

Down the staircase from the lecture room, a female screamed. Dr. Jones laughed and said, "We even provide sound effects."

Smith reviewed the Texas rape laws and while doing so the crowd began to mumble, "loopholes."

"There will be a new bill coming up in the legislature this session that will make it easier for a rape victim to testify without damaging her reputation," Smith said.

The assistant district attorney would also like to see a rape crisis center set up for the Bryan-College Station area.

"I saw the one that has been set up in Austin and I really think that it would be worth the area's while," Smith said.

"I think there is a need for a better way to handle rape victims than the one that is given in the criminal justice system."

Senate decides priorities for legislative sessions

A resolution recommending students on governing boards, student input on service fees and legislation on building use fees passed unanimously at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday night.

These are three priorities set by organized student lobbies for the coming legislative session.

A resolution recommending that all Texas universities have spring break at the same time failed. The resolution was on first reading but after a majority vote, it was voted on.

A major reason for the failure of the resolution was the recreational resorts would be too crowded if all

Texas universities let out at the same time.

Women, as well as men, may be able to go out for yell leader soon. A referendum resolution was read recommending that women not be barred from the position.

Also on first reading was a resolution suggesting that the yell leader with the most votes get the position of head yell leader.

Presently, he is selected by the yell leader committee. If the resolution passes, a referendum will be held.

Three other resolutions received a first reading at the meeting. Blue Book revisions resolution on Sec-

tion I were heard. It deals with Academic regulations.

"Nutshell," an interest magazine for students, is bought and distributed by the Student Senate each year. The Senate will decide whether or not to put the magazine in next year's budget.

Also, \$400 was recommended to buy Gathright awards. Each department selects three students for academic excellence and leadership to get the award.

During the meeting, several appointments were made: Payne Harrison, off-campus graduate; Roger Knight, off-campus undergraduate; Cindy Davis, freshman at-large; Glenn Raney, corps at-large and Bill Flores, business at-large.

The positions of graduate agriculture, architecture at-large and Hart-Leggett are open. Applications will be taken until next Wednesday in the student government office.

Applicants must have a 2.25 GPR, be a member of the constituency they wish to represent and not be on disciplinary probation.

Dr. Charles Pinnell, of Pinnell-Anderson-Wilshire and Associates, Inc., will describe the goals and needs of the city regarding land use and establishing more community facilities. His company is an urban consulting firm chosen by the city in January of 1975, to assist in conducting the development study.

The plan, composed of three phases, completed in late December, also includes studies on transportation and capital improvements programs. The study was financed partly by a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The grant was administered through the Division of Comprehensive Planning of the Texas Department of Community Affairs.

CS will consider wards over at-large councilmen

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The College Station City Council will consider forming a city charter revision commission at a specially called meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall.

The meeting was called by the council Monday night at its regular meeting after Councilman Jim Gardner suggested the city consider changing its at-large election system to a ward system. A revision in the city's charter is required for such a change.

The city council was elected through the ward system just a few years ago before changing to an at-large system.

The council will also hear a presentation on the Comprehensive Development Plan for College Sta-



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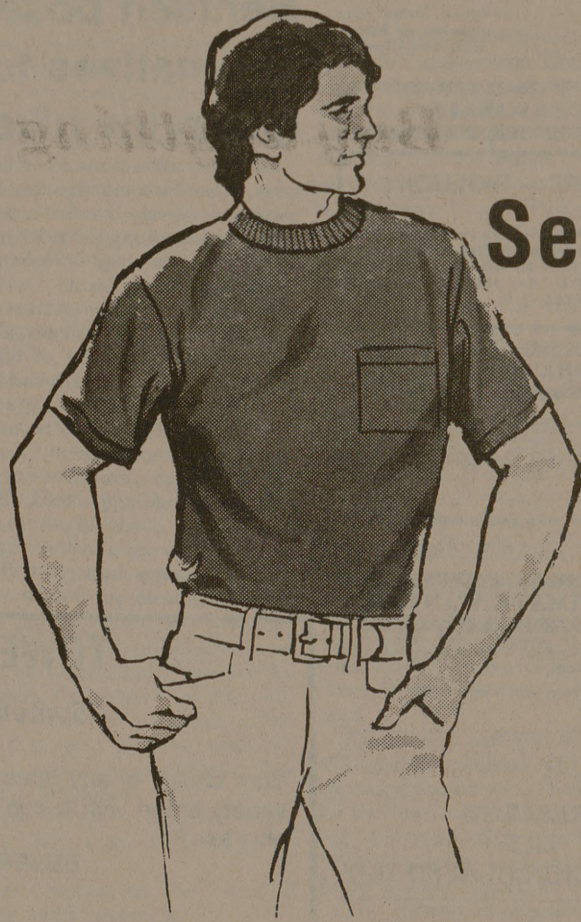
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