Architecture dean is scapegoat, former A&M teacher says

Battalion Staff and PEGGY C. McCULLEN Battalion Reporter

former professor in Texas A&M University's College of Architece and Environmental Design says it is unfair to make the school's n a scapegoat for its problems

letter to Dean Raymond Reed from 61 architecture graduate idents says that friction between his office and the department of hitecture has caused the resignation of key faculty members and

"I don't think it's that easy to pin the blame anywhere," said Bob Meeker, now of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Meeker is one of three men who resigned from the college in the past

'The dean is in a very prominent position, and so he's going to take ot of the heat for the present situation.

David Woodcock, who resigned as head of the department effecin December, said he did so because the position's duties inter-

red with his teaching career. A search committee has interviewed three candidates for the posibut has yet to make any of them an offer.

Meeker, Lance Tatum of the University of Texas, and Robert Heatof Oklahoma State University, the three professors who resigned m the college in the past two years, were contacted by phone nday after The Battalion received a copy of the students' letter. Heatley declined to make any comment.

Meeker said, "I would say that the reason I resigned was that there s resistance across the board to any efforts at reforming and odernizing the department.

None of my initiatives were discouraged by the dean. It really es even deeper. The bottom line is something that has to do with Texas as a state and with Texas A&M as an institution. This is not a iticism of Texas A&M, it is just an observation.

'It's an institution that has a strong military tradition, and because f that, it has a very hierarchical organization, and you don't make ves in such an organization. Efforts at reforming the situation were

metimes treated as revolution and not reform." Meeker said he "had no doubt" he'd have lost his job if he'd voiced criticisms of the school he made in this interview while still

"American educators have not only a right but an obligation to act as positive critics of the American system. And if they're muzzled, then positive reforms will be short-circuited.

"I respect Texas A&M as an institution, and I think they have a potential to be one of the best architectural schools in the whole sunbelt, if they can get their act together.'

Meeker said he believes the college has yet to recognize the "public sector" as a potential market for architecture graduates.

Meeker said he defined the public sector as being community, county and state governments, and of regional councils of govern-

He specifically excluded the federal government, saying that he is a believer in states' rights.

'Because the department is in such disarray, the department hasn't fully absorbed and thus cannot deliver 10 years of architectural research and development.

"That's par for the course for many departments of architecture."
He also and Lance Tatum, now at the University of Texas, both objected to the college's policy of prohibiting its faculty members from practicing architecture in the community.

ing architeceture in the community. "How can you teach architecture if you're not allowed to practice in the field? It's like teaching medicine without being allowed to prac-

tice," Meeker said.
"The public awareness and appreciation of architectural services in Bryan-College Station is very low," Meeker said.

Tatum said, "I was discouraged from practicing in the community not only by the college of architecture but by the administration." Meeker said he didn't believe the rule had been established by

Don Sweeney, assistant dean of Urban and Regional Planning, said the policy was established to assure the school that its professors would be full-time.

The demands of a practice do not respect the demands of teaching full-time. That's why the state can not condone two full-time jobs,

Meeker said no such policy exists at the five other Texas schools that have architecture programs.

echniques for saying no and surviving

Rape can be prevented — seminar

By JEAN LONGSERRE

and assault can be pred if women are aware they t, take precautions before they en and know procedures to when confronted with them, representatives of the Univer-Police and Office of Student Afduring a seminar on personal

The seminar, presented Tuesday ight in the A-1 lounge of the North dorms, included an hour long entitled, "How to Say No to a st And Survive," by Fred

raska, who has studied rape for over nine years, believes psychological preparation is a an's best defense in escaping or assault alive and uninjured. toraska believes that using your and being aware of crime preons and I agree," said Glenna a speaker from Student Af-"You have to watch the situaou put yourself in," she said. ou're jogging alone at 3 a.m. may be putting yourself in er of being raped or assaulted.' iversity Police Lt. Jack Bruce nded women never to go out ng lone at night if it could be avoided.

> nd when you'll be back," Bruce ice also said a student or staff ber wanting a police escort

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need to be reported. "The only way rapist in the groin area or offend the the police can help is to know about the crime," he said.

from a parking lot or building just need call the department at 845-2345, and request the escort. "We don't get yourself hurt," Bruce said. "You can live over a rape if you're alive."

Several suggestions for procedures to take when being raped Bruce said assaults and rapes were to run if possible, grab the rapist by vomiting and acting sick.

witt explained procedures to take "If you are in a rape situation in case of rape. "Do not bathe or

change clothes," she said. "Go directly to the Health Center and call the police.

During the 1978-79 school year 2 rapes, 9 sexual offenses and 21 assaults have been reported to the University Police.

The program while will be repeated Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. in lounge A of the South Area dorms.

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