

CS board questions need of building renovation

by Christine Mallon
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The College Station School Board became the subject of controversy at Monday night's meeting when Assistant Superintendent Donald Ney announced it would cost more than \$9,000 to renovate an old

building to make the facility adequate for future school board meetings.

The new school board meeting facility was the first of two new proposals discussed at the meeting.

The board had been meeting in the Oakwood Middle School

Library until this fall when all meetings and workshops were moved to the Multiple Handicapped Building located at 107 Timber.

The handicapped building is old and needs a lot of work before it can be used as a community meeting center, Ney said.

There were mixed emotions about renovation costs from other board members and members of the audience.

"How can we spend \$9,000 on a building renovation for our own benefit, when we can't afford to buy 40 Big Macs for the high school football players?" board member Mike Fleming asked in reference to the recent athletic budget cut in the district.

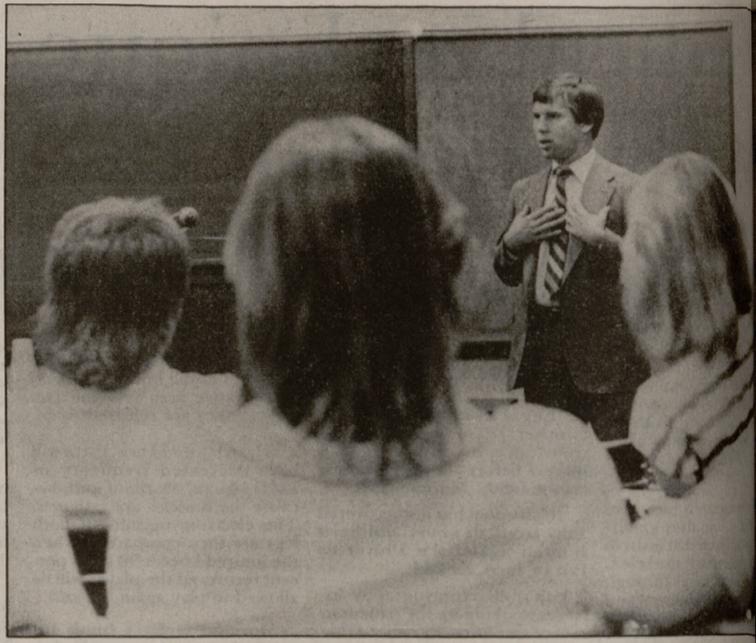
Trustee Charles Giammona disagreed with Fleming's comment and assured the rest of the board and the audience there was indeed enough money to cover the expenses of renovating the building.

"Before we make any decisions, we should look into the possibility of using another place for our meetings," Giammona said.

The other members of the board, including President Bruce Robeck, agreed that renovation will occur only if there aren't any other alternatives.

The board also voted to accept Superintendent H.R. Burnett's proposal for an amendment to a drug activities rule listed in the school district's student handbook.

The new rule concerning drug possession reads "No student shall possess, use, transmit or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana including seeds, and stems, drug paraphernalia (including but not limited to pipes, scales, roach clips), alcoholic beverages or other intoxicants."



Assistant District Attorney Bill Turner speaks during a rape prevention seminar sponsored by the Department of Student Affairs.

Rape

Reaction is key to active resistance

by Lauri Reese
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Rape is not so much a sexual feeling for the rapist but is more a sense of power obtained from degrading, punishing and hurting someone, Assistant District Attorney Bill Turner said Monday night.

Turner, addressing students attending a rape prevention program sponsored by the student affairs department, defined rape as sexual intercourse — without the consent of the woman — that involves force or violence or threats of force or violence.

Rape is the most serious offense a person can commit and still leave the victim alive, he said.

Turner said although the victims often ask themselves what they did to deserve the rape, they are in no way at fault, but are survivors.

Their friends and family, instead of asking them why they didn't fight back, should convince them that if they are alive, they did the right thing, he said.

The three choices women have when placed in a potential rape situation are to run, fight or freeze, Turner said.

Ninety-five percent of rape victims freeze and are putty in the rapist's hands, he said.

Jan Winneford, assistant director of student affairs, said the two types of resistance are passive and active.

In active resistance, the victim reacts as quickly as possible so that the attacker is incapacitated, giving the victim time to escape, she said.

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Turner said a person has to be highly trained to carry out an act of active resistance.

If the woman decides to fight, her best defense would be to stick her hands in the rapist's eyes with the intent of pulling them out, he said.

Winneford said passive resistance is using imagination to talk your way out of the situation and make the attacker let down

his defenses so that he can escape.

Turner said only one every 10 rapes committed reported to the police, rape victims don't go to police because they are afraid the rapist will harm them if he isn't convicted or they get out of prison, he said.

In the five years he has prosecuted, Turner said never had a case where the rapist came back and raped the person again.

He also said 80 to 90 percent of the time when the victim goes forth and testifies, the rapist is convicted.

After the women testify, they feel they have put distance and once the rapist is over, they can put it behind them and go on with their lives.

Soon after the rape, it is important for the victim to talk to someone who has either been raped or understands the situation, he said.

That's what's so good about the newly formed rape center, Turner said. The center, which is manned by a staff of volunteers, provides counseling from police, victims and professional psychiatrists.

Candy Thompson, University Police, said women should use common sense when walking in a house, dorm, apartment and should keep their keys ready so they won't be unalert or groping in purses.

Council meeting for utilities discussions

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