

What's up

Monday

TEXAS STUDENT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: has an informational meeting for education majors and interested students at 8:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder Tower.

THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 206 MSC. The meeting is open to everyone interested in the cities of tomorrow.

TAMU JAZZ BAND: will rehearse at 7:30 p.m. in the Commons West Piano Room. Please bring instruments. Any interested persons welcome.

BETA ALPHA PSI: will hold an introductory meeting for pledges at 7 p.m. See the Beta Alpha Psi bulletin board for location.

IEEE-EMBS: (Engineering in Medicine & Biology) has its first meeting at 7 p.m. in 103 Zachry Engineering Center. Everyone welcome.

ALPHA PHI OMEGA: the national co-ed service fraternity will have rush parties Sept. 17 and 18.

TEXAS A&M WATER POLO CLUB: will practice at 6:30 p.m. at the outdoor pool. Anyone who is interested is welcome.

PHI THETA KAPPA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 305 Rudder Tower. All students that have been members are encouraged to attend.

STUDENT Y ASSOCIATION: Freshman Cabinet Aide Applications are now available in Student Activities Office, 2nd floor Pavilion. Deadline is Sept. 13.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT: Freshman Aide applications are available in 221 Pavilion. They should be returned before Sept. 13 at 5 p.m. to the Student Government Office.

WILEY LECTURE SERIES: Applications are available in 216 MSC. Deadline is Sept. 12 at 5 p.m.

DATE RAPE: A program on date rape will be held by the Dept. of Student Affairs at 7 p.m. in 607 Rudder Tower.

TEXAS A&M EMERGENCY CARE TEAM: has its first meeting for prospective members at 7 p.m. in the A.P. Beutel Health Center Cafeteria.

DIAMOND DARLINGS: Applications are available in the Athletic Business Office, 113 G. Rollie White Coliseum and must be returned by Tuesday at 5 p.m.

MSC HOSPITALITY: Membership applications are available in 216 MSC.

ACM-IEEE/CS: is having a membership drive today, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Zachry Engineering Center lobby.

Tuesday

MT. PLEASANT HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder Tower.

PANAMANIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 404 Rudder Tower.

TAMU FLYING CLUB: will have a meeting for new members at 7:30 p.m. in the Airport Clubhouse.

ALVIN HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

ON CAMPUS CATHOLICS: will hold a short discussion on Myth vs. Reality: Misconceptions about the Catholic Faith at 9:30 p.m. at All Faiths Chapel.

MEXICAN AMERICAN ENGINEERING SOCIETY: will meet at 7 p.m. in 308 Rudder.

FARMHOUSE FRATERNITY: will have an ice cream mixer for rushers and members at 7 p.m. in Kleberg Ctr. (faculty lounge).

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS: will meet at 7 p.m. in Zachry Rm. 342.

SAILING TEAM: will meet at 7 p.m. in 109 Military Science Bldg. to plan the A&M regatta and to discuss the fall schedule.

SKET & TRAP CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 110 Military Sciences Building.

HILLEL STUDENT CLUB: will hold an ice cream bash (pizza, volleyball) from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

TAMU SCUBA CLUB: will have orientation & scuba lessons at 7 p.m. in 504 Rudder. All certified and soon-to-be certified divers welcome.

TAMU ROADRUNNERS CLUB: will meet in 407 A-B Rudder.

TAMU HORSEMENS ASSOC.: will meet in 115 Kleberg at 7 p.m.

BETA ALPHA PSI: will have an introductory meeting for pledges at 7 p.m. Check Beta Alpha Psi bulletin board for location.

TEXAS A&M COLLEGIATE FFA: has an ice cream social at 6:30 in 101 Scoates Hall and a meeting at 7:30 in 208 Scoates Hall.

ETA KAPPA NU ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING HONOR SOCIETY: will meet at 7 p.m. in 119B Zachry.

PHI ETA SIGMA: will meet at 7 p.m. in 510 Rudder.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three days prior to desired publication date.

Rape

Women are many times unaware they're victims

By TAMARA BELL
Staff Writer

Amy was introduced to Roger at a friend's party. When her ride had to leave, Roger volunteered to take her home. Amy invited him in, hoping he would ask her out. But instead she was pushed to the couch and assaulted. Amy was a victim of acquaintance rape.

"Acquaintance or date rape is defined as forced intercourse by someone the victim knows, without her consent," says Jan Winniford, assistant director of Student Affairs. "It is something which has just grown up to be an issue because of the significant number of females who are reporting date rape."

In a 1983-84 survey of 703 A&M undergraduates by Dr. Charlene Muehlenhard, assistant professor of psychology at Texas A&M, and Melaney Linton, a psychology undergraduate, 16.6 percent of the women polled reported having had sexual intercourse against their wishes while on dates. About 8.6 percent of men polled said they have forced a date to submit to intercourse.

In other surveys taken on college campuses, only a small percentage of women asked if they have been raped say yes, Winniford said. But when the question is rephrased to ask if a woman has been involved in sexual intercourse without her consent, the percentage jumps to 20%, she said.

"Women aren't defining this situation as rape because they feel if you know the person you're going out with, then it's not the social norm to be assertive and aggressive," Winniford said. "Women are taught to be passive, and it's this passiveness that makes it difficult for a woman to fight back in this particular situation."

"Another reason most women have trouble defining this as a rape is because when a woman thinks of rape, she thinks of a stranger, attacking in a dark area. But in 50 percent of rapes, the victim knows the rapist."

Although any woman can be a victim of acquaintance rape, most victims on college campuses are freshmen, Winniford said.

"Freshmen are more vulnerable than upperclassmen," she said. "They want to be accepted, so they bend to pressure and the need to please their dates."

Acquaintance rape usually occurs

on the second or third date, Winniford said, because on the first date the woman is less likely to invite the man into her apartment. It usually happens on weekends and lasts longer than stranger rape, she said. The rapist is less likely to use lethal weapons than verbal threats and physical strength, she said.

Guilt is a common feeling among victims of acquaintance rape, said Dr. Kerry Hope, counseling psychologist and associate director of Student Counseling Services. It shakes the person's confidence in herself and she begins to question if she can trust someone again, she said.

"First the victim experiences either no emotion or hysteria," Hope said. "Eventually she pulls her life together from the outside, but the level of functioning is below the pre-rape. During this time either her grades go down or her relationships become crummy. She denies the impact the rape had on her. At some point she'll hit bottom."

"The victim doesn't relax, sleep or eat. She thinks it's stupid when she can't make a B in a class, because she's over the rape. But because it's a traumatic experience, it could take a couple of months to forever to recover from it."

Individual counseling is recommended, Hope said, to help the victim overcome feelings of shame, guilt and depression. A survivors' group which meets weekly at the counseling service allows a victim to share her doubts with women who have had similar experiences.

Acquaintance rape occurs when a woman's defenses are down and she's unprepared to handle the attacker, Winniford said. A good form of prevention is to avoid problem situations:

- If you meet someone at a party or bar, don't accept a ride home until you know him better.
- Drink alcohol responsibly.
- Be aware of how you are coming across to your date. If you say no, mean no. Avoid playing games.
- Watch the nonverbal messages in your posture, clothes and eye-contact.

"Don't try to talk or plead your way out of this situation," Winniford said. "If you sense something is going to happen, be assertive and firm in your answer. Don't be afraid to hurt feelings. A self-assured and forthright response is the best form of prevention."

Rape program set

By TAMARA BELL
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In order to heighten Texas A&M students' awareness with "acquaintance rape" and "date rape" on college campuses, the Department of Student Affairs is sponsoring a program Monday at 7 p.m. in 607 Rudder Tower.

The program begins with a definition of date rape and why the issue has become a problem on many campuses across the country said Jan Winniford, assistant director of Student Affairs.

"The main problem with this issue is that it goes unreported," Winniford said. "It's the lack of knowledge on victims' part. Many female students assume they contribute or cause the assault. The action is against their will, yet they feel responsible."

"The victim doesn't think of it as rape or sexual assault. The program is designed to inform the student that sexual intercourse without consent is rape."

The video tape "It Still Hurts,"

which shows the re-enactment of a date rape, explores the situation and the psychological trauma which the student experiences in the aftermath, Winniford said.

The victim's psychological problems and her interaction in future dating situations will be discussed by Dr. Kerry Hope, a counseling psychiatrist and associate director of the Student Counseling Service.

"We want the female students to realize that if they don't want a sexual relationship it's their right to refuse," she said. "And they should feel comfortable with their decision, not guilty."

Although the subject matter is considered a women's issue, men can benefit from the program, Winniford said.

"There's a misconception in our society," she said, "that a woman expects to be forced — that a 'no' means 'yes.' The program explains that, on the contrary, that idea isn't true."

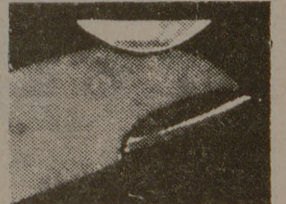
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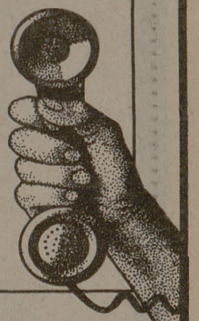
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