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A&M expert says miscommunication leads to misconceptions about sex

By Janet Wynne
Reporter

Dr. Charlene Muehlenhard, a Texas A&M assistant professor of psychology, told a crowd of about 70 Monday night that a lack of communication is responsible for many misconceptions about sex.

Muehlenhard, citing information from a study she conducted at A&M, said males tend to overestimate a woman's desire for sex. Men consistently overrate women's signals as being sexually-oriented, she said.

These misunderstandings can lead to date rape, she said. She added that the males surveyed said they felt date rape was more justifiable if they had paid for the date.

She said that often, when a woman says "no," a man may think she means "yes" and won't admit it for fear of being labeled "easy."

In another study conducted at A&M, Muehlenhard said she found that more than 39 percent of the women surveyed had reported saying "no" when they actually meant "yes," but of these women, most had

done so less than five times. This can cause a problem for a man who dated a woman who said "no" when she means "yes," because he may then date a woman who says "no" and means it, Muehlenhard said.

"The double standard can also cause problems for men," Muehlenhard said. "Men can feel forced into having sex when they don't want to."

The double standard says that real men don't say "no," Muehlenhard said. A man may fear being called a homosexual if he turns

down a woman's advances, she said.

In another survey at A&M, Muehlenhard said 63 percent of the men surveyed reported having been pressured into having sex when they didn't want it.

Although there is no way to completely avoid date rape, one possible solution may be better communication, Muehlenhard said. If a woman feels a man is misinterpreting the signals she's sending, she should let her date know exactly what she expects from the date before a serious problem develops, she said.

MSC to close for renovations over Christmas

By Jo Ann Able
Staff Writer

The Memorial Student Center will be closed for a portion of the Christmas break to remove asbestos from the ceiling, Perry Eichor, MSC Council executive vice president of administration, told the Council Monday.

Some of the ceiling needed re-

pairs that could not be completed until the asbestos is removed, Eichor said.

Dennis Busch, assistant manager of the University Center Complex, said the MSC should be closed from Dec. 19 until Jan. 13 if everything goes as planned.

"There's no reason this can't be finished on the timetable," Busch

said. "There are plenty of companies out there with manpower enough to finish within the time frame set out."

After the meeting, Busch said the University is taking bids and expects the renovation to cost in the neighborhood of \$300,000.

The asbestos removal is necessary in several areas, Busch said, so the building has been divided into seven

zones. Work will be underway in two or three zones simultaneously to meet deadlines, he said.

The MSC also will be patrolled 24 hours a day, Busch said, and only those authorized will be admitted.

MSC committee meetings during this period must be rescheduled at Rudder Tower.

In Advance

Student Senate to discuss resolution on senior finals

The Student Senate will discuss a resolution concerning senior finals **Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in 204 Harrington.**

If the resolution passes, the senate will adopt the view that final exams for graduating seniors should be held during dead week at the discretion of each professor, if they must be held at all, said Mike Sims, student body president.

The senate also will confirm

appointments of nine judicial board members and 46 freshman aides, Sims said.

Sims also said he will call for senators to work on creating a true dead week, in which teachers would not cover new material or hold tests the week before final exams are taken.

Senators also will be asked to research the feasibility of installing more benches at campus bus stops, he said.

Astronaut to discuss future of U.S. spaceflight program

NASA astronaut Michael J. McCulley, a U.S. Navy commander, will discuss the future of the manned spaceflight program and his training as a shuttle pilot **tonight at 7:30 in 110 Harrington.**

McCulley, a member of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots,

will be speaking at a joint meeting of the American Institute for the Aeronautics and Astronautics and the Society of Flight Test Engineers.

He is experienced in flying over 40 aircraft and has logged over 4,000 flying hours and 400 carrier landings.

State budget crisis makes UT target for 'faculty raiders'

AUSTIN (AP) — A statewide survey has revealed that state budget problems and the possibility of deep cuts in higher education have slowed recruiting and contributed to "significant erosion" of faculty.

The survey by the Council of Public University Presidents and Chancellors, which included responses

from 25 of the state's 37 public universities, indicated that 217 faculty members had resigned by mid-July and that at least 220 prospects had declined offers from Texas schools.

The survey showed the reasons given for the resignations and refusals included higher salaries at out-of-state schools, better fringe bene-

fits, more research support, lower teaching loads, concern about the support Texas will give to higher education and the general economic conditions in the state.

Budget problems have made the University of Texas a prime target for recruiters from other schools

around the country, some university officials say.

But the officials also told the *Austin American-Statesman* it is difficult to separate the budget problems from other factors in faculty decisions, and that recruiting progress in the next few months will provide the real test of how seriously UT and

other Texas institutions will be affected.

Gerhard Fonken, UT executive vice president and provost, said, "My own view is that we have lost some promising candidates in the last number of years, but it is very hard to put a number on that. People will

leave one university for another for any number of reasons" besides salaries.

"There may be a lot of subtle things involved, but my impression, and it is at best a qualitative one, is that the budget problems Texas has faced in the last couple of years have caused a bit of an impact."

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