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rapists not always 'hideous strangers'

Seminar probes date rape trauma

By Elaine Gruy
Reporter

Speakers at a date rape seminar in the Tower Thursday night told a group of women they should forget the notion that rapists are always hideous strangers who lurk in the shadows at night — they are often people they know and trust.

The seminar, sponsored by the Department of Student Affairs, focused on how a woman can protect herself from date rape and what she should do if she becomes a victim.

The panel was made up of Linda Muehlenhard, from the Brazos County Crisis Center, Sue Lucas, a staff member at the Student Counseling Service Center, and Dr. Charlene Muehlenhard, an assistant professor of psychology at A&M.

Lucas pointed out the differences between stranger rape and date rape. She said victims of date rape are usually between 15 and 25 years of age, whereas victims of stranger rape are almost any age. She also said date rape is unique because violence is rarely used; instead, the rapist uses persuasion and manipulates the trust that has been established between himself and his date.

Muehlenhard said she had recently conducted a survey of A&M students' attitudes toward rape. She



From left, Linda Hosea, Dr. Charlene Muehlenhard and Sue Lucas were panelists at a seminar on date rape held Wednesday night.

said the word "rape" wasn't used on the questionnaire because many people don't think of forced sex as actually being rape. The results show that men often don't believe women when they say they don't want to have sex, she said.

"Double standards still exist," Muehlenhard said. "Men feel women can't admit it when they want sex so they force it out of them."

In a pamphlet distributed by the student affairs department, statistics

further illustrated Muehlenhard's point. An Auburn University survey reported that when women were asked if they had been raped, only 3 or 4 percent said yes. However, when they were asked if they had ever been forced to have sex against their will, 20 percent said yes.

Lucas said victims often go through serious trauma. She said their reactions can be grouped into three phases. Stage one, known as the Immediate Stage, is characterized by the victim's feelings of guilt, confusion and fear. Lucas said counselors try to restore the victim's trust in her instincts.

Stage two is called the Pseudo-Adjustment Stage, and at this point the victim outwardly seems to have accepted the fact that she was raped, but is actually denying the situation and suppressing her feelings.

In the last stage, which Lucas called the Hitting Bottom Stage, the victim finally decides she needs help. Therapy is aimed at getting the victim to direct her anger toward the rapist, not herself.

The speakers agreed that no matter what a woman does on a date, the man commits a crime if he has sex with her against her will.

Restaurant Report

By Mike Sullivan
Staff Writer

The restaurants listed below were inspected Sept. 16 through Tuesday by the Brazos County Health Department. The information is based on food service establishment reports.

SCORED BETWEEN 95 AND 100:

• **Mario and Son's** at 405 W. University Drive in College Station was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 96. The report cited two two-point violations because a kitchen hand sink needed towels and some cheese was left unrefrigerated.

• **Pizza Hut** at 501 University Drive in College Station was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 95. Four points were deducted from the report because two hand sinks were inaccessible. One more point was taken from the report because there was some broken glass in a beer pitcher box.

SCORED BETWEEN 90 AND 95:

• **Fajita Express** at 213 W. University Drive in College Station was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 93. Five points were subtracted from the report because some cleaning products were being stored improperly. Two more points were taken

from the report because some food was being stored under some plumbing.

SCORED BETWEEN 80 AND 85:

• **Emilio's Leaning Tower of Pizza** at 317 Patricia in College Station was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 84. One four-point violation was cited in the report because a front door was propped open with a rock and many flies were in the building. Another four points were subtracted from the report because a kitchen hand sink was inaccessible. A two-point deduction from the report was made because hot water plumbing at a kitchen hand sink was not working. A two-point and a one-point violation were cited in the report because counters and shelves throughout the building needed cleaning. Three one-point deductions were made from the report for the following: some broken glass needed to be replaced or sealed up; floors throughout the store needed cleaning; some maintenance utensils needed to be arranged in an orderly manner. Although the report cited no violation, it said ceiling repairs must be completed within 10 days or Emilio's food service permit may be suspended.

David Jefferson, a registered sanitarian at the department, says restaurants with scores of 95 or above generally have excellent operations and facilities. Jefferson says restaurants with scores in the 70s or low 80s usually have serious violations on the health report.

Scores can be misleading, Jefferson says, because restaurants can achieve the same score by having several major violations or an abundance of minor violations. He says the major violations might close the restaurant down while some minor violations can be corrected during the inspection.

Jefferson says the department might close a restaurant if: the score is below 60, the personnel has infectious diseases, the restaurant lacks adequate refrigeration, a sewage backup exists in the building, the restaurant has a complete lack of sanitization for the food equipment.

Point deductions, or violations, on the report range from one point (minor violation) to five points (major violation). The department inspects each restaurant about every six months.

Sometimes a follow-up inspection must be made, usually within 10 days. Jefferson says a restaurant might require a follow-up inspection if it has a four- or five-point violation that cannot be corrected while the inspector is still there, or there are numerous small violations.

Inspectors at the department are registered sanitarians.

Student Senate supports dead week exams for seniors

By Rodney Rather
Staff Writer

The Student Senate Wednesday passed a resolution supporting a plan to hold final exams for graduates during dead week.

Graduation under that plan would take place at the end of finals week. Currently it is held at the end of dead week.

The plan developed by the subcommittee is a compromise between the Student Senate, Faculty Senate and administration and reflects the results of two years of negotiations, said Jerry Dingmore, academic affairs chairman for the Student Senate.

The resolution says the subcommittee's plan, which would be implemented in Spring 1988, is the only solution that will give students sufficient time to prepare for finals, check their grades and contact professors about grade discrepancies before graduation.

Dr. Murray Milford, a member of the calendar subcommittee, said the compromise isn't favored by most of the Faculty Senate.

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Correction

In Wednesday's edition of *The Battalion* the phone number for the Gayline was incorrectly reported. The correct number is 775-1797. *The Battalion* regrets the error.

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