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UPD chief: Using common sense important part of avoiding rape

By Staci Finch
Reporter

You have to be aware of the dangers that are present all of the time."

Schneider said that sexual assaults at Texas A&M usually do not go beyond the simple assault stage of touching or grabbing.

"Most of the assaults that have occurred this semester consist of a lone female being grabbed, she screams and the attacker runs away," Schneider said.

"However," he continued, "one assault of any kind is one too many, and the University Police Department is very concerned with making sure we do all we can to protect the people on this campus."

"We receive notices when lights are out, if the lighting in a certain area needs to be improved, or if shrubs need to be



trimmed, and we try to address these problems if we can."

Schneider said that at night, the campus is constantly patrolled by the police.

"There is always an officer around, whether in a patrol car,

on foot or in plainclothes," he said.

Schneider re-emphasized using common sense as the best way to avoid being assaulted.

"If you know you are going to have to park a long way from where you need to be, call the station before you leave and a patrol car will meet you to take you where you need to go."

Schneider also suggested calling the Guard Room for escorts across campus, taking the "blue-light van" and traveling in groups when possible to avoid giving a possible attacker the opportunity for assault.

"You've got to be aware of situations you may be in, and just not provide someone with the opportunity for attack," he said. "Common sense goes a long way in preventing some serious incident from occurring."

Ordinance forces adult businesses in El Paso to move

EL PASO (AP) — At least half of all businesses dealing in sexually explicit material in this border city will have to move or shut down under a new anti-pornography ordinance, an official said Wednesday.

Topless bars, adult bookstores and sexually-oriented movie theaters have 30 days to register their location and one year to comply with the ordinance, said Pat Garcia of the city's planning department.

"I think it'll be half or more" of the 33 establishments within city limits that will be affected by the ordinance, Garcia said.

No one spoke in favor of the businesses at the Tuesday night City Council meeting where the ordinance was passed.

Police statistics show crime rates are higher in areas where such businesses are located.

And in areas within a quarter-mile of the establishments, violent crimes and sexual offenses are 72 percent higher and property crime is 75 percent higher than in similar areas that lack adult entertainment businesses, statistics show.

"That's probably because these

businesses are usually located in lower-middle-class neighborhoods, so consequently they're going to have a higher crime rate," said an adult book store manager who asked that his name not be used. "I don't think it's fair to blame it wholly on adult bookstores."

The ordinance restricts such businesses to areas zoned for heavy commercial use and forbids them from being within 1,000 feet of each other, residentially zoned areas, homes, schools, churches, parks and day-care centers.

Businesses that fall under such regulation are those where at least 75 percent of items available are explicitly sexual in nature. The ordinance also names businesses that may not be adult-oriented but where 20 percent of the business is the sale, rental or display of adult material.

Convenience stores that sell adult magazines could be included under the ordinance, Garcia said.

She said the shops affected by the ordinance will have to either get rid of the sexual material, shut down or relocate within the next 12 months.

Professor's 'wish list' calls for rewards, recognition of outstanding teachers

By Sarah Granberry
Reporter

Failure of American colleges and universities to recognize and reward good teaching and service has contributed most to a decline in superb teaching, a Texas A&M professor says.

So, with hopes of improving the education of college students around the country, Dr. Glenn Ross Johnson of the Texas A&M Center for Teaching Excellence has devised a "wish list" calling for equal emphasis to be placed on teaching, research and service in U.S. research universities.

To do this, Johnson suggests that universities establish three primary faculty ranks, distinguished professors in teaching, research, and service, and that incentives be offered to outstanding professors who achieve such status.

When selecting a "distinguished" professor, Johnson said the university would have to establish a basic set of criteria and allow the individual departments to determine the process for nominating professors.

According to Johnson's "wish list" a distinguished professor in teaching would be given an extra teaching load and would not be required to do research, obtain grants or provide services.

"These are the professors that should be teaching the larger classes so that more students are given the benefit of this outstanding instruction," Johnson said.

There are four variables involved in effective teaching that must work together, he said.

The professor's characteristics — such as experience and personality.

The student's characteristics — such as background knowledge and personality.

Class setting — the size and shape of the room.

Material content — what is to be covered in the course.

The larger the class, the harder it is to keep the variables working together, Johnson said.

On the other hand, a distinguished professor

of research would only be required to conduct research and would be given teaching credit for the graduate students working with him.

"Right now we have talented professors whose first love is research, but who are tied to teaching and paperwork because those are the roads to tenure and higher pay," Johnson explained. "This often leads to unsatisfied teachers and students."

Apart from the other two categories is the "wish list" for distinguished professor in service. These professors would not be required to do research or carry normal teaching loads, but would be highly skilled in interacting with students with personal problems.

The professors would handle registration for the department, complete paperwork, serve on university committees which do not deal with teaching or research, and handle public relations.

Atlanta formally signed as site for 1988 convention

ATLANTA (AP) — In a short, jubilant ceremony, Democratic Party Chairman Paul Kirk signed a contract Wednesday that formally makes Atlanta the host for the party's 1988 convention.

"It is a proud moment and we intend to savor it here today for a few minutes," said Atlanta Chamber of Commerce President Bob Holder.

Atlanta beat out Houston, the other front-runner, in a decision announced Tuesday in Washington, D.C.

The contract requires, among other things, that 1,000 seats be added to The Omni arena, which will house the main floor of the convention.

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