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**College students feel rapes result from sexism in society**

URBANA, Ill. (AP) — University of Illinois students, shaken by a series of rapes, are taking steps to protect themselves and to fight the sexism many blame for the attacks, student leaders and school officials say.

The attacks around the campus stopped when police identified a suspect, but students are labeling sexism a factor — a message underscored with a candle-light march and rally Wednesday night.

Detective Gerald Schweighart said Thursday he was identified just before the series of rapes stopped — around Sept. 10.

Police are awaiting results of tests on the suspect's blood and have made no arrest, Schweighart said.

Investigators believe about nine rapes have been committed by the same man since spring, Schweighart said.

"We're not asking for pity . . . we're demanding respect . . . for the strength it takes to go through this experience," Keller said. "The vast majority of women are raped by friends, relatives, and people who live in their dormitories."

Petitions were circulated urging pay equity at the university, more education on the problems of sexism, and more emphasis on ensuring campus safety.

Participants also condemned campus traditions such as panty raids.

has always had a problem with sexual harassment, Jochims said at the rally. "It's ugly, it's a reality."

Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessey, assistant dean of students, said Thursday the demonstrators' concerns are justified.

Sexism is not just a campus problem, she said, it is a cultural issue.

O'Shaughnessey said her office organized seminars on personal safety and supervised programs providing women with whistles to use in situations where they feel threatened and the alarm if they feel threatened and walk home alone from class or at night. Emergency telephones also have been placed around campus.

"The message at the rally was that sexism is in our society and it is the cause of a lot of things that go wrong — rape, discrimination and women feeling low self-esteem," Jane Brouwer, president of the Panhellenic Council, said Thursday.

The council represents about 3,500 sorority members on the 35,000-student campus and helped organize the demonstration.

The rally Wednesday united groups as diverse as the Panhellenic Council, the campus chapter of the NAACP and a political coalition, United Progressives.

The aim was to stress the role of sexism in society, from pin-up calendars and pornography to references to women in casual conversation, participants said.

Jeff Jochims, president of the Interfraternity Council, acknowledged the fraternity system has not done a lot to fight sexism.

"We need to realize the Greek system

About 500 students demonstrated Wednesday, carrying candles to draw attention to the role of sexism in the series of assaults that police attribute to a serial rapist.

"We need a general respect of men and women for each other," Brouwer said. "If we are serious, we can make a change."

Participants also condemned campus traditions such as panty raids.

"We have a suspect," Champaign

Jenny Keller, a senior at the school majoring in political science who identified herself as a victim of rape, was one of the speakers at the rally.

**U.S. offers relief for Sudan famine**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Sudan has agreed to let the United States provide relief to its famine-ravaged southern region, and food and medical supplies began moving Thursday to thousands of sick and starving people, the State Department said.

lations between our people and the people of the United States."

The Sudanese government, which has fought an intermittent war with Christians and Animists in the south who opposed the imposition of Islamic law, had resisted delivery of food supplies into rebel areas.

But there were no assurances that rebels fighting a guerrilla war with the government would allow the assistance to get through. They have attacked civilian planes and truck convoys, and interfered with the International Red Cross in its effort to work out relief schemes, spokesman Charles E. Redman said.

Lately, however, the rebel Sudanese People's Liberation Army, commanded by U.S.-educated Col. John Garang, has fired on relief planes and convoys, making assistance difficult. The rebels are backed by the Marxist government in Ethiopia.

The airlift was begun after Sudanese Prime Minister Sadek el-Mahdi met in Khartoum with U.S. Ambassador G. Norman Anderson and Walter Bollinger, an official of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Redman said "there can never be any assurance" the rebels would hold their fire and let the aid reach the hungry and homeless. He called the rebels "a serious obstacle to getting relief to war victims in the South."

The agreement breaks a deadlock between the government and foreign aid donors.

The United States has good relations with Sudan, which received \$100 million in American aid last year. In Africa, only Egypt gets more U.S. economic assistance.

The relief plan was drawn up by a team from the State Department's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, the Sudanese government and other donors, including private groups, according to a cable from the U.S. ambassador in Khartoum. A copy was obtained by the Associated Press.

**House grants millions to colonias**

A total of 90 tons of food will be flown into Abyei, where an estimated 25,000 refugees have gathered and more are expected as the rainy season ends. The plan also calls for 1,500 metric tons of food to be trucked from Kadugli to Al Muglad and Babanusa to the West for the assistance of displaced Sudanese from the South.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House took a landmark step Thursday when it voted to funnel millions of dollars in grants to colonias — impoverished communities lining the U.S.-Mexico border — that frequently lack even running water.

The proposed commission would develop plans to provide grants and loans for a broad range of economic development facilities and projects along the border.

In the measure passed Thursday, Texas and Arizona would receive 10 percent of the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds to each state.

To date, the United States has contributed \$26 million to famine and flood relief in Sudan.

"This is the first time in its history that the U.S. House of Representatives has passed any legislation to specifically assist the colonias," said the bill's sponsor, Rep. Ron Coleman, an El Paso Democrat.

The Reagan administration, however, contends that six major Cabinet agencies are already working to encourage economic development on the border and that any worthy proposals for projects in the border region can be amply funded through existing programs.

Coleman said colonias in Texas have received \$4.8 million this year. Funds in the first year of the program could be used for such items as sanitary surveys, site engineering and architectural services.

Aid officials here were unable to say how much more the stepped-up effort would cost.

The measure was the first to pass the House out of a package of proposed improvements for the border region, which the Reagan administration has now gone on record to oppose.

The administration said another bureaucracy would be created and it "could complicate and duplicate these ongoing efforts, and would create pressure for the establishment of additional bureaucracies to promote the development of other distressed regions."

Coleman's bill also makes available assistance from the Farmers Home Administration.

The cable quoted the Sudanese prime minister as saying: "I have followed the work of the team which is helping us deal with some of our problems. We appreciate that good work and feel it enhances the friendly re-

Coleman's U.S.-Mexico Border Regional Commission legislation, however, has bipartisan support in the House, including the backing of Speaker Jim Wright, and has a powerful friend in the Senate — Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas.

Coleman said he's not surprised by the administration's position.

"The Farmers Home Administration will be required to give priority to applications received from colonias. The FMHA housing assistance grant programs," Coleman said.

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