

## In Advance

### UN environmental director to speak at Rudder

By Alan Sembera

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The director of the North American office of the United Nations Environment Program will speak tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Theater about ways to balance economic development with the needs of future generations.

Dr. Noel Brown will be the keynote speaker at the first of two symposiums this spring designed to help Texas A&M develop a research and teaching program in conservation and sustainable development.

Brown is a leading advocate of conservation and sustainable development.

Also, five more North American experts will speak Thursday morning in 701 Rudder about "Conservation and Sustainable Development: What Works, What Doesn't, What's Needed."

Dr. David Schmidly, organizer of the symposium and head of the A&M's wildlife and fisheries department, said the symposium will center on finding ways to develop resources that meet the needs of present generations without compromising the needs of future generations.

"You're not going to have good economic growth without sound environmental resource management, and you're not going to be

able to maintain effective resource management without a strong economy."

The challenge facing A&M, Schmidly said, is to create a research and teaching program that will link development and the environment in a positive way.

A series of small group discussions that begin at 1:30 p.m. Thursday will come up with recommendations on what A&M should do to implement a conservation and sustainable development program.

These recommendations and transcripts from the lectures will be compiled and evaluated at a second symposium later this spring, Schmidly said.

The purpose of the second symposium will be to develop a model program for A&M, he said.

Experts who will speak Thursday morning are: Dr. Robert Dorfman, professor of political economy at Harvard University; Dr. Thomas Malone, president of the Sigma Xi scientific research society; and Dr. Richard Adams, director of the Institute for Latin American Studies at the University of Texas.

Dr. Jurgen Schmandt, director of the Center for Growth Studies at the Houston Area Research Center, and Dr. Alvaro Romo de la Rosa, director of the graduate school at the Autonomous University of Guadalajara, Mexico, also will speak.

## Voters won't decide on prison bonding in election this May

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers working on the troubled Texas criminal justice system apparently are moving too slowly to let voters to decide this May on whether to issue state bonds to build more prisons, officials said Tuesday.

Such an early vote had been sought by Gov. Bill Clements, who has said he wants to fund construction of 11,000 more prison beds.

"As complicated as it is... we probably are not going to have the time to get it on the May ballot," House Speaker Gib Lewis said.

Despite the delays, Lewis and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said the state already has more than \$140 million in bonds previously approved but not yet spent. That could finance about 4,400 beds, Hobby said.

If additional bonding authority is needed, the question could be put before voters in a later election.

There are uniform election dates in August and November.

The secretary of state's office informed legislative leaders that they should decide what was to be on the May ballot by mid-February, said Jim Warren, spokesman for the secretary of state.

That deadline was suggested because of the time needed to prepare for an election, Warren said.

The state must publish notice at least 50 days before an election, he said, and that takes lead time. U.S. Justice Department clearance also might be required under the Voting Rights Act, he said.

In addition, Warren said, counties need time to take care of such matters as printing ballots and finding sufficient workers and voting machines.

"It still could be done, but it had better be awful quick," Warren said.

## Houston police officer charged in kidnapping

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman allegedly raped by a Houston police officer says she is lucky to be alive.

"I'm alive, I don't know why," the 18-year-old woman said Monday, just days after Harold Ingram Burkett was arrested and charged with aggravated sexual assault, aggravated kidnapping and aggravated robbery. "I could be dead right now."

According to police, a man wearing street clothes parked an unmarked police car on the first floor of a garage, walked to the second floor and confronted the woman and her boyfriend in a parked car in the early morning of Feb. 12.

The suspect robbed the boyfriend at gunpoint and forced him into the trunk, police said.

He then allegedly forced the woman into what was determined to

be an unmarked police car and raped her at an unknown location before releasing her.

Burkett, a patrolman, was arrested Friday at his home near Tomball.

Capt. Bill Young, one of Burkett's supervisors, said the officer had been on special assignment the morning of the alleged rape, conducting surveillance in a case involving burglaries.

He had not been authorized to use the unmarked car traced back to him, Young said.

A police internal affairs division report indicates the 27-year-old Burkett, on the force for six years, has had previous problems.

Richard Cobb, an attorney who represents the Houston Police Patrolmen's Union, said he met with Burkett after his arrest but did not discuss specifics of his alleged crime.

## GOP women offer scholarship

The Republican Women of Brazos Valley is offering its National Pathfinders Scholarship Fund for \$2,500 for women studying various fields of substance abuse.

Intended careers can include chemical, biological or medical research on drug abuse, the effects of drug abuse on family and society, and drug and alcohol abuse counseling.

Study programs must be in

chemistry, sociology, psychology, pharmacology or similar programs to qualify.

The scholarship was established in 1985 in honor of former First Lady Nancy Reagan's efforts in drug abuse prevention.

The deadline is March 10 and application forms are available by calling 846-9700 or 846-5232 or by writing the Republican Women of Brazos Valley, P.O. Box 4506, Bryan, Texas 77805.

## 'I thought I was having fun....'

### The self-portrait of an A&M student with a drinking problem

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following story is a profile of an A&M student who has a drinking problem and considers himself to be a potential alcoholic. This student is not in counseling but attends weekly support sessions with the coordinator of the Center for Drug Prevention and Education. This is his perspective and should not be taken as a professional's opinion. Students needing counseling can contact the center for referral to drug counselors.

By Denise Thompson

STAFF WRITER

Picture a man with an alcohol problem. What did you see? An unshaven, foul-smelling bum lying in an alley holding a bottle in a brown paper bag? A stumbling, incoherent husband beating his wife or children?

Did you see a Texas A&M student? If not, you may want to look a little closer next time.

This story is about a Texas A&M student who has a problem with drinking. He's not a bum, and he's not violent.

He's a senior who's more than six feet tall and has a 200-pound, well-muscled frame. He's extremely good-looking, and you could find hundreds of other students just like him at any bar in town on any weekend. For the sake of anonymity, we'll call him Mark.

Mark has been in what Dennis Reardon, coordinator at the Center for Drug Prevention and Education, calls "recovery support" since the end of July. Mark didn't need recovery support because he's an alcoholic. He needed it because he has the potential to become one. This is Mark's story:

"I took my first drink when I was about 14,

and I don't really know why I did it.

"Some friends got together and decided to drink, and it just seemed the thing to do at the time. It wasn't something that happened that made me think, 'Oh, I need a drink.'"

"It was that I always thought I was having fun being with my friends, and drinking was what the fun entailed. When my friends drank, I did."

"If I had to pinpoint one reason for my drinking, it would be peer pressure. The drinking started off as being just a one-time thing. After the first drink, it was months before I took another drink."

"That lasted until my sophomore year in high school. Then it started happening about twice a month. And I just kept drinking more and more and more."

"It got to where I would be drinking every weekend or maybe three times a week or maybe four or five days in a row. There were points when I wouldn't drink for one or two months, and then I would start again. It was kind of up and down — I wasn't drinking steadily the whole time."

"The friends that I hung around with are most definitely like me — people who could end up with a drinking problem. The only difference is that they're still at it. They're still drinking — maybe not quite as bad as I was, but they're still at it. I guess they just think they're having too much fun."

"Now that I look back on it, I thought I was having fun, too. Now I can't remember what I thought was so fun about it. I guess it wasn't really all that much fun."

"When I would get drunk, sometimes I would get sick. The thing about me is that I would never pass out, I could just keep drinking. I could

drink anywhere from 15 to 24 beers any night I decided to drink.

"I'm shy, so I used to drink to help open up to people and to relax me. But now I see that I'm a whole lot more easygoing than I was when I was drinking."

"Some of the things I did while I was drinking I can't even talk about. I said things that I wouldn't have regularly said. But everyone I was with was drinking too, so they probably don't even remember."

"I really don't hang around those people all that much anymore. A couple of my friends know that I see Dennis (Reardon), and they think it's good. And these are the people who should be coming up here to see him, too. But they don't."

"It's not that the drinking is tempting, it's just that they're doing the same old thing. At first they would say stuff and heckle me about me not drinking until they saw that I was really serious about it."

"They were probably saying those things because they realized that I had been the same as them, and that I wasn't in that rut anymore. I think they might have been a little bit jealous. Inside I think they look up to me, but on the outside they show resentment."

"When I look at them, I see myself as I was, and I realize how ridiculous it is. I try to tell some of them that Dennis is willing to talk to anyone with a problem, but they just don't want to do it."

"Lots of people in college think drinking is associated with college and that they'll just be able to stop when they get out. If I would've kept that attitude, I never would've gotten out of college."

"When I was drinking, I was flunking out of

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