A&M takes survey to find out security concerns of students

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Inquiring minds in Student Affairs want to know the on-campus security concerns of A&M students, faculty and staff.

on or frequents campus daily, a survey is being taken to pinpoint areas of great concern that need to be further pursued or have yet to be ad-

Lesley Stoup, coordinator of special events housing, said the survey, which will run in *The Battalion* today and Wednesday, is designed to get feedback that will enable the University Pobulidings, misdemeanor theft and harassment lice Department and Student Affairs to implement and develop in-depth safety programming

to ensure a safer campus. "The survey will provide us with information on other campuses.

that will help us find out the personal and property safety concerns of those on campus," Stoup

Because a number of on-campus crimes go unreported, the survey is a means to find out what is going on, she said.

Bob Wiatt, director of security and University To maintain a safe campus that meets with the expected safety standards of everyone who lives campus is part of the real world and that in order for anything to be done about crime on campus, it needs to be reported to law enforcement and the administration.

"We can address the issues at hand if we know

has increased on campus, he said.

A&M is a relatively safe campus, he said, but security consciousness is lacking here as well as

are continuously getting ripped off by the fact that we do have victims of crimes who have responsibility for their misery," Wiatt said.

Their misery, he said, is caused by the fact that students do not take proper safety precautions and may not report the crimes.

Because people may learn from other's mistakes, Wiatt feels that the survey may make others aware of what goes on so they can remedy sit-

uations before they happen.
Surveys from *The Battalion* should be filled in and returned to the Commons front desk or the Off-Campus Center, or sent to Student Affairs

via campus mail at Mail Stop 1257.

The survey also will be distributed and collected by Alpha Phi Omega members today and Wednesday in front of the Memorial Student Center, the Commons, Sterling C. Evans Library and Blocker Building.

A&M student shot in face while driving on Houston highway

in the jaw during spring break while driving his car in Houston, leaving him wounded but not critically injured.
Ethan Wingate, a junior eco-

nomics major, was returning home from work last Tuesday at about 6:15 p.m. when he was shot by an individual driving in the lane next to him on Hempstead

"I was stunned," he said. "I didn't know what had happened

— I just heard the shell go off.' Wingate said he glanced in his rearview mirror a split second beWingate, who was in Houston doing research on a lawsuit for the law firm Vincent and Elkins, said he was too stunned at the time of the shooting to gather a

description of the assailant.
The attacker might have been someone involved in the lawsuit,

After telephoning his sister from a convenience store to tell her he had been shot, Wingate drove for 45 minutes through rush hour traffic to her house and was taken to the doctor, he

Doctors probably will not remove the bullet, which is lodged

Construction update

While students were away for spring break, campus construction crews kept up their frantic

Lubbock Street has now been reopened from Coke Street to the intersection of Nagle Street. Lubbock still is closed at the intersection. This allows access to the previously closed parking area 22.

Parts of parking area 60 were closed for construction of a chilled water line. The two northernmost rows of lot 60 will be blocked. Those persons who normally park in those reserved spaces are asked to park elsewhere in the lot.

The off-campus shuttle bus stop on Throckmorton Street has been relocated to Coke Street between the Military Sciences Building and the new Psychology Building.

Those random parking spaces previously located north of Joe Routt on Coke Street are located south of Joe Routt on Throck-

Minister returns to Dallas; faces questions about financial status

DALLAS (AP) - The sudden return of Walker Railey to Dallas surprised the parents of his wife, his father-in-law said.

Railey was a prominent Dallas minister before a brutal attack on Mrs. Railey in April 1987 that left her in

what doctors call a persistent vegetative state.

Railey fled the state before he could be required to answer questions about the attack.

He returned to Dallas Friday to celebrate the birthdays of his young children, who were both born in March. On Saturday, a process server subpoenaed him for questioning before a Dallas attorney who represented Mrs. Railey's parents in a civil suit accusing

Mrs. Railey's parents, William and Billie Jo Nicolai, won a default judgment of nearly \$18 million in the civil case last year.

The Nicolai's attorney, Bill Arnold of Dallas, subpoenaed Railey for questioning about his financial status on Tuesday. Railey told KDFW-TV Sunday that he would fly back to California, where he has stayed for most of the time since the attack, pick up his financial records and return to Dallas for the deposition.

Railey's attorney, Doug Mulder, phoned Arnold to ask for a delay in the deposition, the *Dallas Morning News* reported, but a spokesman from Arnold's office said the deposition remained scheduled for Tuesday.

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'This is just part of the process," Arnold said. "The judge found him liable for trying to kill his wife. This is just the next step in trying to find what assets he had. It will never make Peggy Railey whole, but it's the only thing we have left to do."

Nicolai said he and his wife visit their daughter daily and take part in her care at a Tyler nursing home. Mrs. Railey underwent treatment at Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation last summer and doctors described her condition as a "persistent vegetative state" brought on when oxygen was cut off to her brain.

"Everything is still the same," Nicolai said of Mrs.

"My wife goes there twice a day and I go there once. We're working together part of the time.

Their care includes helping to exercise and clean Mrs. Railey. "She's getting the attention she should," he

Nicolai, interviewed at his Tyler home by telephone, said he and his wife first heard of Railey's return on television, but were called by Arnold. He would not say whether they were encouraged by

the development. "We'll hold off saying anything about that at this time," Nicolai said. "We were just surprised."

Railey was served the subpoena Saturday morning as he approached the home of a friend who has custody of his two children, Arnold said

Traffic fatality increase first in state since 1984

an increase in traffic fatalities last year for the first time since 1984, the Texas Department of Public Safety reported Monday. The traffic death toll for 1988 was

3,395, an increase of 4.1 percent from the 3,261 deaths recorded in Texas in 1987, Col. Joe Milner, DPS director, said. Among the factors cited in traffic fatalities are alcohol or drug abuse, excessive speed and failure to use safety belts.

"After several years of watching the number of deaths on our streets and highways steadily decline, we are certainly disappointed to see this increase," Milner said. "This is a reminder that we cannot be complacent about traffic safety.'

Although the number of traffic deaths increased last year, the death rate stayed at the 1987 level of 2.2

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based on the number of deaths per 100 million miles traveled - in Texas history.

There are many factors involved in fatal traffic accidents and while we cannot point to absolute reasons for the increase we have seen in traffic deaths, we have some pretty good ideas," Milner said.

He said 40 percent of all traffic fatalities in 1988 were alcohol-or drugrelated. The number killed in such accidents last year — 1,363 — increased from 1987.

Traffic deaths in rural areas increased by 10.5 percent last year, and the death toll on rural interstate highways in both 65- and 55-mph zones rose by 20 percent, Milner said. "One of the primary reasons for this may well be the higher speed rate stayed at the 1987 level of 2.2 limit that now applies to rural interdeaths, the DPS said. It is the lowest states," he added.

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