

Groups distribute condoms Thursday

By Twila Waddy
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Free condoms and pamphlets will be distributed on Valentine's Day by the A.P. Beutel Health Center to inform Texas A&M students about sexually transmitted diseases and birth control.

"We just want to make students aware of the uses of a condom," says Andrea Beshara, assistant health education coordinator.

Thursday is not only Valentine's Day but also has been designated National Condom Day as part of a week-long effort to raise awareness about condoms.

Beshara says condoms have a two-fold purpose — to prevent the spread of sexually transmitted diseases and to act as a birth control method.

Alpha Phi Omega, which is co-sponsoring Condom Day, will be handing out pamphlets and condoms, says Seong Kim, APO chairman for Condom Day.

Condoms will be taped inside handouts and will be given out between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Quadrangle, MSC, Blocker Building and southside bus stops.

"We have pamphlets on STDs (sexually transmitted diseases), pamphlets on AIDS and AIDS aware-

ness, and we have pamphlets on how to use condoms," Seong says.

Condoms also were handed out last semester during AIDS Awareness Week.

"We cannot stop people from having sex," Seong says. "If they are going to have it, we can provide some information and some protection."

Beshara says Thursday was chosen for National Condom Day because it is Valentine's Day. Other universities across the country are doing programs the whole week.

This is only the second year A&M has had a health education center sponsor these kinds of programs, she says.

"The main thing is the awareness aspect of it," Beshara says. "We are not pushing students to become sexually active."

She says the health center has been careful in its approach because condom distribution is a sensitive issue. The health center, however, has not had any protests against handing out condoms.

"Some people may see it as not being tasteful, but some people have chosen a lifestyle to be sexually active," Beshara says.

Sheriff seeks help in search for burglar

Brazos County Crime Stoppers and the Brazos County Sheriff's Department are asking for help to locate Steven Kenneth Franks Jr., wanted for the burglary of a motor vehicle.

Franks, 19, is white, about 5 feet 11 inches, weighing 165 pounds. He has brown hair and brown eyes.

This week the Brazos Sheriff's Department and Crime Stoppers need your help to find Franks.



Franks

If you have information that could be helpful, call Crime Stoppers at 775-TIPS. When you call, Crime Stoppers will assign you a specially coded number that will protect your identity.

Senate retains preference provision in tenure policy

By Julie Myers
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The Texas A&M Faculty Senate rejected a proposal to remove the terms "sexual preference-orientation" from proposed changes in A&M's Statement on Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure (SAFRT).

Earlier this month, a petition signed by 66 faculty members and 100 local residents called for the removal of the terms from the document.

The policy presently states that tenure decisions should not be based on factors unrelated to job performance, which include religion, age, national origin, gender and sexual preference.

The petition stated that "those who violate or encourage violation of state criminal codes should not be given special privileges or recognition."

Under Texas law, homosexual conduct is a class C misdemeanor punishable by a maximum \$200 fine.

University guidelines, however, do not refer to conduct, they refer to status, said Larry Hickman, professor of philosophy, faculty senator and faculty adviser for A&M's Gay and Lesbian Student Services.

Homosexual conduct is illegal in Texas, but it is not illegal to be a homosexual, Hickman added.

Hickman also said the SAFRT was a subsidiary of the Statement from the Committee for a Discrimination-Free Campus which states that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is unacceptable.

However, E. Dean Gage, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said he questioned the idea that the SAFRT is a subsidiary of the findings in the Discrimination-Free Campus Committee. He also said the two are different.

SAFRT is an official statement of University policy and the Discrimination-Free Campus statement, approved by A&M President William Mobley last May, represents University principles.

In other business, the Senate approved:

- A proposed amendment to the Faculty Senate Constitution granting election eligibility to non-tenure track faculty members who are less than full-time and/or those paid from funds not appropriated as teaching or library salaries.

- A resolution expressing the Senate's full support of the University president and administration for their leadership in presenting the case for adequate funding to the Legislature and for working for the adoption of measures to provide that legislative support.

- A resolution calling for a pro-

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Financial department offers aid seminars

Texas A&M's Student Financial Department will hold four financial aid seminars beginning today for interested A&M students and faculty members.

Sessions will discuss how aid is administered, how a student's need is determined and what requirements students must meet. The Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy and the purpose of

letters from academic advisers also will be addressed.

Seminars will be from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Financial Aid conference room, 225 Pavilion, Tuesday, Feb. 18 and Wednesday, Feb. 19.

Interested students should contact the aid office at least two days before the session they plan to attend. For more information, call 845-3981.

English certification forum will be tonight

Texas A&M's provost committee on the English certification process is holding an open forum meeting from 5 to 6:30 p.m. today in 410 Rudder for A&M students and faculty members.

The purpose of the meeting is to give the University community an opportunity to express opinions about the University's English Language Institute.

Campus Crusade will hold studying seminar

Campus Crusade for Christ will be sponsoring a seminar Tuesday on "A Christian Perspective of How to Study."

Dave Hampton, full-time Campus Crusade staff member, will

speak during the self-help seminar at 7 p.m. in 200 Heldenfels.

Hampton will discuss tips on how to cut study time to a minimum, leaving students more time for extracurricular activities.

House seeks alternative plan to augment education funding

AUSTIN (AP) — A statewide property tax for schools no longer is being considered in the House to reform public education funding, Speaker Gib Lewis said Monday.

But alternative school finance proposals, which would set a minimum local property tax rate and redistribute some of the revenue from rich to poor school districts, amount to the same thing, Lewis, D-Fort Worth, said.

"It's not a subterfuge," he said. "You just try to find out what's going to be able to sell."

A statewide property tax to replace local property levies for schools initially was backed by state leaders as the top option to meet a Texas Supreme Court order to provide equitable funding to poor school districts.

However, groups including the Texas Association of School Boards opposed the idea.

"It is not an option at this time," Lewis said. "It's just unpopular."

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said that does not mean the statewide property tax is dead.

"I don't think anything's dead at this point," Bullock said. "Not until there's been a consensus on another proposal, and there has not been, to my knowledge."

Manufacturer pins future on new jet

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Advanced Tactical Fighter is one of the last and best hopes General Dynamics workers here have of keeping their jobs through the 1990s and beyond, a report said Monday.

But even if GD gains a role in the production of the futuristic fighter, the program is not expected to provide as many jobs at the company's Fort Worth division as its current top earner, the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

In April, teams from either Lockheed Corp., which includes GD, or Northrop Corp., will be chosen to build the ATF in a \$65 billion program that the Air Force has said will produce 750 aircraft.

The third partner on the Lockheed-GD team is Boeing Co. Northrop's partner is McDonnell Douglas.

The ATF stealth plane is being designed to confront and quickly overtake sophisticated jet fighters like the Soviet MiG-29 Fulcrum and SU-27 Flanker. Both Soviet planes are twin-engine supersonic, all-weather fighters with advanced avionics and weapons systems.

For the winning contractor, the ATF may be the key to surviving into the next century.

The severe cutbacks in F-16 production over the next two years will hit especially hard at GD's North Texas facility. The 1992 defense budget also calls for terminating the Air Force version of the Fighting Falcon by late 1994.

About 300 people are said to be working on the ATF project at GD's Fort Worth plant.

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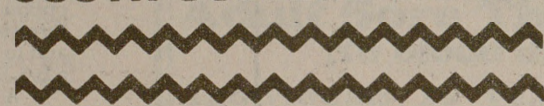
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