

Acquaintance rape occurs to 1 in 4 women, survey says

Editor's note: the name of the rape vic-tim in the following story has been changed to protect her identity. 'Michelle," however, is a Texas A&M student.

By Liz Tisch The Battalion

Michelle met him at a popular night club in College Station this summer, and never thought he was the type of man who was a rapist. Michelle was wrong.

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At first, he was charming and polite. They talked about classes and professors before he asked for her number.

"He seemed really nice and I never thought going to a movie would be dan-gerous," she said.

When he picked her up at her dorm, however, he told her they would be going back to his apartment to watch a movie. Michelle never saw the film. Instead,

she was raped. "I started to cry and told him I wasn't

comfortable doing this," she said. "He never listened

"When I told him to stop, he said he wasn't finished with me yet." Michelle's story is a common one

among U.S. campuses. It is called acquaintance or date rape and it can happen anywhere, at anytime, to anyone.

According to a national survey docu-mented by Ms. magazine, one of four college women has had an experience that met the legal definition of rape or attempted rape. The Ms. report also states that more than 80 percent of the women who have been raped knew their attacker.

Gene Zdziarski, coordinator of student judicial programs, said Texas A&M defines acquaintance and/or date rape as forced, manipulated or coerced sexual intercourse by a friend or acquaintance; it is an act of violence, aggression and power; a woman is forced to have sex through verbal coercion, threats, physical restraint, and/or physical violence."

The Ms. report adds that one of 12 men have admitted to raping a woman as defined by the law.

Zdziarski said he and his staff are well aware that rapes occur on A&M's cam-

Only two rape victims, however, filed reports with A&M's student judicial programs during the last academic year.

'I definitely think there is more," he said. "Unfortunately, the stigma attached to having been raped - that people are going to treat them differently or pry into their personal life - makes it difficult for them to report it."

Zdziarski added that he has no way of knowing how many women are actually

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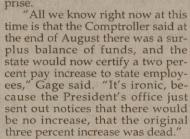
Surprise budget surplus

Faculty, staff will receive a two percent raise for '91-'92

By Jayme Blaschke The Battalion

After weeks of unfavorable budget reports from Austin, state universities got a

welcome dose of good news Wednesday - a two percent across-the-board salary increase for state employees.



University President William Mobley said in a press release he was pleased with the announceecause the in needed and deserved by A&M faculty and staff. "Faculty and staff salaries have been, and continue to be at the highest level of our priorities," Mobley said in the release. "Our main regret is that it cannot be even more, and that we do not have sufficient resources to include raises based on merit.'

Winding around

Edward Pruske, a sophomore mechanical engineering student, walks up the stairs at the Civil Engineering building Wednesday afternoon.

Comptroller John Sharp said Gage an unexpected

surplus of funds appeared at the end of the 1991 fiscal year enabled the state to provide the increase. The announcement comes after planned pay increases were shelved because of the state budget crunch.

Dr. E. Dean Gage, provost and senior vice president of A&M, said the pay raise was a pleasant surThe change means the Univer-See Salary/ Page 13

Factions debate reforms

MOSCOW (AP) - Mikhail Gorbachev's plan to revamp the Soviet government and transfer most power to the republics ran into stiff opposition Wednesday from lawmakers who stand to lose their jobs

Gorbachev prodded a reluctant Congress of People's Deputies into giving preliminary approval of the resolution. But the margin was far short of the two-thirds majority he would need for final passage of constitutional amendments. That showdown vote could come Thursday.

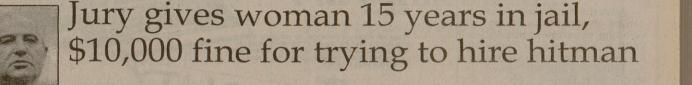
"You're insulting us!" angry legislators shouted at one point. "If you behave like that, it won't make

our work any easier," a testy Gorbachev shot back. The plan was put forward by

Gorbachev, Russian Federation President Boris Yeltsin and nine other republic leaders.

Gorbachev told delegations from Gorbachev's each republic to submit proposals for reforms meet with amending the measure to a legislaoppsition tive commission that was to work through the night in advance of Thursday's session.

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HOUSTON (AP) – A jury Wednesday sentenced a suburban homemaker to 15 years in prison and fined her \$10,000 for trying to hire a hitman to kill the mother of her daughter's rival for a spot on a high school cheerleading squad.

Prosecutors had asked for the maximum life prison term for Wanda Holloway, 37, of Channelview, who was convicted Tuesday of solicitation of capital mur-

Hours before being sentenced, a sobbing Holloway begged for mercy. Defense attorneys had sought probation for their client, who has no previous record.

The jury deliberated about three hours before issuing the sen-tence. State District Judge George Godwin then ordered Holloway to

be taken into custody by Harris County Sheriff's deputies.

Holloway hugged her daughter, Shanna Harper, before she was escorted from the courtroom by deputies. She was handcuffed and taken to the Harris County Jail.

Defense attorneys asked Goodwin to post an appeal bond for Holloway, allowing her to be free.

Candle light vigil for slain Aggie Teens killed man, report says

By Melinda Cox The Battalion

A candle light vigil will be at 8 p.m. Thursday in the plaza in front of the Sul Ross statue in remembrance of a slain Texas A&M graduate.

The vigil is in honor of Paul Broussard, Class of '87. Broussard was a finance major who grew up in a small town in Georgia. He worked at a bank in Houston and he was gay

Dr. Jim Mazullo, an associate professor of geology and adviser for the Gay and Lesbian Student Services, said Broussard was beat-

en, stabbed, and murdered because of his sexual preference.

Mazullo said that at the time of his death, Broussard was in an area of Houston known as Montrose, a largely gay neighborhood. According to Houston police reports, Broussard was attacked by ive teenagers who beat and stabbed him to death.

Mazullo said these teenagers represent a small portion of a larger group of people that waits for people to come out of gay bars and attack them.

"Attention has finally been received because a victim was mur-

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Yugoslavia faces threats of civil war despite recent efforts to resolve the situation at a peace conference.

Serbian rebels try to split Croatia BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) - Serb tanks, for us the hour of recognition is brought

rebels battled to cut off Croatia's eastern region from the rest of the republic Wednesday and appeared poised to encircle a major Croat stronghold. At least eight people died in fight-

Ignoring a truce called to hold an international peace conference this weekend on Yugoslavia's future, Croatian security forces and the federal army also clashed several times.

Germany's foreign minister, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, warned the Serb-dominated Yugoslav army that if it failed to halt the fighting, European nations could proceed to recognize Croatia and neighboring Slovenia as independent nations.

"I'd like to tell those responsible in the leadership of the Yugoslav People's Army: With every shot fired by your cannons and

nearer. We will not be able to watch this much longer," Genscher said in Bonn.

There has been speculation that Serbia, which dominates the federal army, might be willing to settle for Croatian secession if Serbs can gain control over parts of Croatian territory in the bargain.

Federal military leaders say the army is trying only to separate the warring ethnic groups, but many foreign governments support Croatia's contention that the well-equipped army has been instrumental in the Serb rebels' gaining control of about a quarter of Croatia.

The latest attempt at a truce was included in an agreement signed Monday by national and republic leaders under prodding from the

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