

Rape

raped because most cases go unreported. Dr. Maggie Olona, the associate director and a counseling psychologist at A&M's Counseling Center, said she sees approximately six women a month who say they were victims of date or acquaintance rape. She added, however, that some of these rapes occurred off campus.

Both Zdziarski and Olona encourage any victim of rape to immediately report the crime to the police.

"The first thing I was always recommend an individual to do is to file a report with the University police," Zdziarski said. "Even if they don't wish to prosecute or file criminal charges because it keeps the option open and available — the sooner they do it, the better off it will be for them."

Because so few women report date and acquaintance rape, A&M's student body is under the impression A&M tries to cover up the problem, she said.

"We want people to come in so we can address the problem," Zdziarski said. "Until

people are willing to come forward, we can't do anything about it."

Despite the low numbers of reported cases, Zdziarski and his staff give seminars to sororities, fraternities and other organizations about the definition of rape.

Michelle said she was not sure if she was "legally" raped because she knew the man and she volunteered to go to his apartment.

"I decided not to say anything to anybody because I felt like it was partly my fault," she said.

The report from Ms. magazine states that 27 percent of the women whose sexual assault met the legal definition of rape did not even think they had been raped.

Zdziarski explains that society views rape as a crime that happens in a dark alley by a stranger, not by a friend or an acquaintance. Olona encourages women, especially freshman women, to know about the possibilities of rape on a campus like A&M.

"The most at risk time for rape is from the

first day of school to the first holiday," Olona said. "(A woman) is more likely to be raped at that time than any other time in her life — especially freshmen."

She explains the reasons are due to being unfamiliar with the campus and because they might drink where older male students look for younger women.

"If I can say one thing, that's, 'Don't drink with people you don't know,'" she said. "Don't go to places where you don't feel safe. If you feel uncomfortable, leave."

Michelle said she wished she was more careful about who she decided to date.

"I encourage all women to be careful with who they date," she said. "And I encourage anybody who is a victim of rape to report it. I never did, and I regret it now for the next girl he violates."

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Salary

sity must rewrite its budget guidelines, which were released Monday, and did not include provisions for pay raises.

University officials had spent two weeks formulating the budget from the appropriations bill recently passed in the special ses-

sion of the state legislature.

Gage said the University's main concern now is finding out how the pay increase is to be implemented.

"We called (the Comptroller's office) yesterday and got confir-

mation, so now we're waiting for official written notification," he said. "Before we can redo the budget again we need the appropriations figures — the Comptroller's guidelines for the money."

Gage said after all the budget

rewrites the University has done this year, this was one the University was glad to do.

"We're delighted to get this type of announcement, rather than the type we have been getting," he said.

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Entrepreneur

entrepreneurial skills," he said. "But now students can get involved at the ground level of a rapidly building organization."

The A&M chapter plans several activities during the year including notable guest speakers and fundraising events, but it emphasizes that increasing membership will enhance the development of the chapter.

"ACE is different than most student organizations because members are extremely motivated

and committed and not just involved," Martellotto says.

ACE activities provide members with education, information and networking opportunities regarding entrepreneurial and business skills.

ACE promotes individualism and creativity needed to become a successful entrepreneur.

The 20 members already involved in the organization are outgoing, motivated and hard workers, Martellotto said.

"There's lots of potential to make ACE an integral organization on the A&M campus," he said.

ACE national headquarters, located on the Wichita State University campus in Kansas, offers local chapters scholarship opportunities, valuable information on entrepreneur ventures, national and regional conferences, and meetings with important professionals and successful entrepreneurs from around the country.

Student and professional members work together in the organization.

ACE is governed by a board of directors that consists of students, professors and business professionals.

The A&M chapter will sponsor an informational meeting open to all students at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Blocker 150. For more information concerning the A&M chapter of ACE, call 693-5943.

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Vigil

dered," Mazullo said.

The police do not do anything about the gay-bashing problem because they say it does not exist, he said. But recently the Houston Police Department sent officers undercover and quickly realized the extent of the problem.

To better deal with the problem, police departments are beginning programs to help officers understand and realize the actuality

of a gay community, Mazullo said. There has finally been enough pressure from both the community and the gay community to have officers monitor the area and try to control the bashing.

Mazullo said the bashers are white teenagers from the suburbs who drive to the area to wait for gay men to come out of bars.

"These teenagers come from

good families," Mazullo said. "The five youths involved in the murder of Paul Broussard have been arrested and will be tried for murder."

Mazullo said these teenagers graduate from high school and then enter college and the problem moves onto the nation's college campuses.

Several cases of verbal abuse and harassment have been report-

ed at A&M, Mazullo said, but no cases of physical abuse have been reported to the University Police Department.

Mazullo said, however, the University needs to make it clear that this type of discrimination will not be tolerated or allowed on the campus.

Mazullo said everyone is welcomed to attend the vigil for Broussard.

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