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Assault spurs demands for increased security

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"They do get tied up with other incidents," he said.

However, several graduate students who work in the building and in the other buildings in West campus do not agree.

Many of them said they had never seen any patrol cars in West campus.

Mary Ann Oprisko, president of the Graduate Student Council, said she and other graduate students and professors are currently working to change this.

Wiatt said if there are security light malfunctions or dark areas that may need lights, they should be reported through a UPD phone line that handles such problems.

By calling 845-4448 (84LIGHT), anyone can inform a UPD dispatcher where lighting problems are and have the area examined.

Oprisko said she and several others called the number to report the lack of lighting outside Cater-Matil, but it took several days for anything to be done. She said she also reported the problem to Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services.

Wiatt said that sometimes it does take the plant time to check for adequate campus security because there are so many areas they cover.

"The plant has a lighting crew that takes over the problem as soon as possible," he said. "If something happens on Friday, un-

less it's an emergency, things can't get taken care of until Monday morning."

Koldus reported the problem also and said the situation was being handled.

Trees around the building that blocked security lights were trimmed, and lights have been installed in the doorways of Cater-Matil.

In addition to the security problems, Oprisko said there is a parking problem in West campus. She said the only parking lot available to graduate students is lot 64, which also has no security lighting.

Robert Smith, vice president for finance and administration, said he is assessing the parking

needs in West campus, and is especially considering the area's future expansion.

"We are in the process of developing a program of repairs for a West campus parking garage," he said.

Oprisko said she approached Smith with the suggestion of building a temporary gravel parking lot for students to use on land where the parking garage would be built.

But Smith said it was as simple as pouring gravel on the area. It is a financial investment and a drainage system would have to be built, he said.

"It would not be financially reasonable at this time," he said.

Student Senate balks on support of A&M officials

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would be earmarked for scholarships and study grants for international students only. International students comprise 6 percent of A&M's student body.

None of the funding from the fee would be applied toward administrative functions. It would all remain in the hands of the students, Parrish said.

The resolution was tabled until the next meeting of the Senate because of concern that the Senate, and not the student body as a whole, would be endorsing the new fee, and as such needed to consider the matter more thoroughly. Concerns were raised about whether the opinion of the

student body was indeed represented by the Senate, and also whether some type of student body referendum was feasible.

"The primary reason we're tabling the resolution is to allow us to properly gauge student opinion on this issue," said Senator Bill Van Eman. "Therefore, it is very important for all of our constituents to give us as much input as they can."

The Senate also decided to overhaul a resolution giving Senate support of the A&M administration in its handling of recent allegations concerning harassment in the Corps of Cadets. The resolution, in revised form, will be up for vote at the Senate meeting next Wednesday.

"The resolution is good in theory, and the steps taken so far by the administration have been good with quick action taken," said Senator John Ansbach. "But this is an opportunity for students to express themselves and make a statement against discrimination in any form."

"The revisions would make the resolution more than just a 'blank check' approval of University actions," Ansbach said.

Academic Affairs Chairman Brad Hampton, who co-sponsored the resolution with three other Senate officers, felt the resolution was adequately worded and that the revisions would address a separate issue.

"I think the resolution says what it needs to say," Hampton said. "The bill is specific enough - it is not a blanket statement - and is concerned only with the recipients."

Hampton said he agrees with the idea of an anti-discrimination statement by the Senate.

"I think, however, that it should be separate from this resolution," he said.

In other business, the Senate approved putting a mailbox between the Pavilion and Sterling C. Evans Library. The Senate called for a study to hang tags instead of parking stickers for all parking garage tract holders.

Women begin to tell of past on-the-job abuses

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facts job or promotion decisions, interferes with work performance or creates a hostile, offensive or intimidating atmosphere.

The vast majority of victims decline to report clear-cut cases of being touched or threatened with a demotion. Even fewer are likely to stand up against subtler but no less inappropriate workplace behavior.

A 1987 study of federal government employees showed that 42 percent of women and 14 percent of men said they'd experienced some form of unwanted sexual attention. Only 15 percent of women and 7 per-

cent of men said they'd reported their allegations to a boss or other officials.

"They think, well, this is life," said Lynn Hecht Schafran, an attorney with the NOW Legal Defense and Education fund. "You just have to put up with people patting you on the fanny, making comments about your body or having pornography in the workplace."

Hill's allegations and accusations that the Judiciary Committee failed properly to investigate them, have brought to a boil anger about sexual harassment.

In North Dakota, about seven calls a day have been coming in at the EEOC's local office, where the

average usually is about seven a month.

Potential victims want to know their rights, said director Jack Lynch. But few want to identify their employer and fewer still have filed complaints.

"Even if they recognize themselves as victims of sexual harassment, many perceive that bringing it out into the open will only backfire on them," Gruber said from Dearborn, Mich.

"The victim goes on trial," said Kathleen Neville, who brought charges against a Buffalo, N.Y., television station. "I thought I was viewed as a professional. But the minute I raised a complaint about sexual harassment it

was suddenly like everything had done, every personal interaction, even the fact that I was and single, was called into question."

Activists said victims make it easier to come forward and prosecute once they've read the law is clearly defined. Under 1986 Supreme Court decision, actual harassment was ruled a form of discrimination for which employer may be liable.

At Wilmington, Del.-based Pont Co., all employees are required to go through a four-hour sensitivity workshop in which they watch and discuss how to cope with a variety of awkward hypothetical situations.

Thomas gets more support from Bush

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The hearings could be through the weekend depending on the number of witnesses committee aide said.

Sen. John Danforth, Thomas' chief Senate sponsor, said the nominee would "look the American people in the eye" and do what he said or did anything important to the former aide.

"I've got strong feelings that they all end up in strong support for Clarence Thomas," Bush said. "I support Clarence Thomas there's no wavering, there's no condition. And that's where it stays. And that's the way it's going to stay."

Senate Democratic Leader George Mitchell defended the Senate's handling of Hill's allegations that Thomas repeatedly made sexually explicit remarks to her while they worked together nearly a decade ago in the Reagan administration.

Mitchell rejected criticism from women's groups and others that the Senate had dragged its feet in investigating the charges. He said the Senate's hands were tied because Hill had initially insisted on keeping her allegations confidential.

Before the allegations became public, Hill had insisted that members of the Senate Judiciary Committee be told about her allegations "and it not be made available to anyone beyond that," Maine Democrat said.

All the Democrats on the panel, but not every Republican member, were briefed about the allegations before the committee vote on 7-7 and sent the nomination to the Senate floor without a recommendation.

"The reality is we did confront a very serious situation, the interests were conflicting and I believe the manner in which we agreed to proceed was appropriate and fair," Mitchell said.

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