

Sexual crimes increase in B-CS

Men, women share responsibility for preventing assaults

By Cpl. Betty Lemay

University Police Crime Prevention Unit

It's hard to think of someone familiar, a date, a steady boyfriend or a casual acquaintance as a rapist. Familiarity makes you less inclined to trust your self-protective instincts. Being forced into having sex, even if it's by someone you know, is still rape, and it's a crime. Nothing you do, say or wear gives anyone the right to assault you, sexually or otherwise.

In College Station, the instances of sexual assault are on the rise. In 1991, the total number of reported sexual assaults was nine.

However, in 1992, the number of reported sexual assaults through June is 12.

Men and women are both responsible for preventing sexual assault. Poor communication, mixed signals and body language that contradict the spoken word are often key factors in date rape.

Some things to think about:

- Women should set limits and communicate those limits. Trust your instincts. Be aware of sex-role stereotypes.
- Speak up when others joke or talk about sexual conquests. Remember drugs and alcohol decrease your ability to take care of yourself and make sensible decisions.
- Men should know it's never all right to

force yourself on a woman, even if she teases you or dresses provocatively.

- If she says, "No" and you think she means "Yes."
- If you've had sex with her before or you've paid for a night on the town or an expensive gift. If a woman is intoxicated and cannot say no, it is rape.
- When a woman says no, beyond that point it is rape.
- Rape is a felony punishable by two to 10 years in prison and a fine up to \$10,000.

For more information contact the University Police Crime Prevention Unit at 845-8900 or 845-6713.

A&M student represents University as Naval intern

By Erin Bradley

The Battalion

Mark Morrell's internship this summer at the U.S. Department of the Navy is providing more than just experience for his career. Morrell is gaining insight into the relationship between engineering and government and between the military and civilian organizations.

Morrell, a junior ocean engineering major from El Paso, was a member of the Navy for two years before attending Texas A&M, and plans to rejoin the Navy in civil service after graduating in December '93.

"I'm interested in environmental issues, and I'd like to play a part in policy-making," Morrell said. "Having seen the civilian side, I've gained real insight."

Morrell is representing A&M as an intern for eight weeks in the Ocean Engineering and Construction Projects Office of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command of the U.S. Department of the Navy.

As one of five engineering students from the United States and England selected by Dallas-based Enserch Corporation to work with a federal agency in Washington D.C., one of the

current focuses of Morrell's work is mooring, the process of anchoring or tying ships which are either on land or water.

"This has been a great opportunity," Morrell said. "I've been exposed to real engineering problems and have been able to apply the knowledge I learned in the classroom to these problems."

The interns are also meeting each week with various senior officials from both the public and private sectors.

"Next week there will be a reception in the Capitol with the congressmen from each of our districts, as well as other top officials," Morrell said.

While a member of the Engineering Scholars Program at A&M, Morrell heard about the internship and decided to apply as the University's representative.

After being chosen to represent A&M, Morrell competed with approximately 20 other students for an internship. All applicants had to have been nominated by the dean of engineering at their schools and were required to have a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Bottled water industry expands in Texas; area retailers affirm growth

Juli Phillips

The Battalion

The Texas bottled water market expansion will put money in the pockets of many Texans over the next year.

"The growth from this industry will be spread all around Texas since bottlers and distributors are located all around the state," Carey Turner, spokesperson for State Comptroller John Sharp's office, said.

The average growth will be between five and 10 percent over 1992, he said.

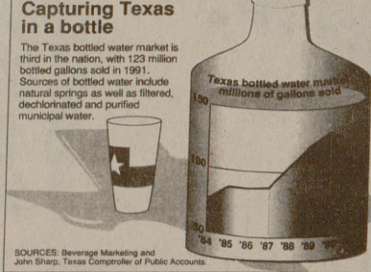
The Texas bottled water industry is currently third in the nation with 123 million gallons sold in 1991.

The outlook could be even better if more Texas bottled water was distributed for sale and less bottled water was brought into the state, Turner said.

"There is an 80 million gallon difference between the amount of bottled water being consumed and being bottled in Texas," Turner said.

"What would be even more interesting would be to know how much water from outside the United States is being sold in

Keeping an eye on Texas



SOURCES: Beverage Marketing and John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Texas."

Those figures would not be released by Washington, D.C.-based Beverage Marketing without substantial monetary compensation.

John Sharp's office was not interested enough in those figures to pay the fee, Turner said.

Local bottled water merchants claim that growth is showing in the Bryan-College Station markets.

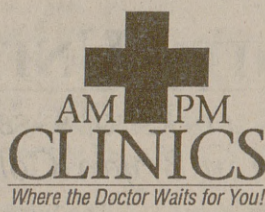
But an employee at Sparkletts, a bottled-water distributor, warned that recent upswings could be short-lived since orders are somewhat dependent on the seasons.

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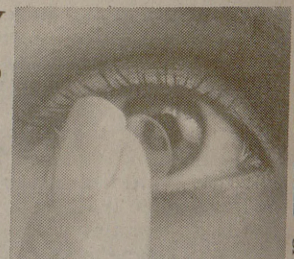
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