

Medical building houses art display



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Leilani Alvarado observes a metal sculpture that is part of the permanent collection of the College of Medicine's art gallery.

By Robin Roach

Reporter of THE BATTALION

In July of 1983, Dr. Bob Stone, former dean of the College of Medicine at Texas A&M University, started an art exhibit in the main lobby of the Joe H. Reynolds Medical Building.

The art exhibit is aimed at stimulating the environment for both the students and the public. "He (Dr. Stone) thought our lobby would make a good site for short-term exhibits," said Kristi

Hostman, administrative secretary for the Public Affairs and Development Office in the College of Medicine.

The art exhibit features the works of a new artist each month, except for August and September. October will be the first month of the new fall semester in which an artist will be featured.

The College of Medicine also has numerous pieces of art which are displayed throughout the Reynolds Medical Building throughout the year.

"We have got a permanent collection and there's over 100 pieces located all over the building that people can come and view," Hostman said. "And the usually we have a featured artist and the artist is displayed along the walls of the lobby."

Along with the artists' works, biography is displayed to give the viewers some background information on the artist.

The most common art works are watercolors, oil painting, pencil and ink drawings and some photography.

The majority of the artists are from the Brazos Valley area, and a number of them are faculty members of Texas A&M, mainly from the architecture department.

A reception is held each month for featured artists where they can answer questions concerning their art, or even sell their art.

Because the lobby of the Reynolds Medical Building is an area where many students, faculty and the public in general congregate for various meetings, the exhibit offers an interesting atmosphere for those who visit.

"It's really nice to have the exhibit in our lobby because we have a lot of people going in and out here, and it offers a stimulating change," Hostman said. "I think it's a visually stimulating thing to look forward to because it's not always the same thing here in the lobby."

Officer says students should report crimes

By Cpl. Betty LeMay

Special to THE BATTALION

The importance of securing property cannot be stressed enough. Just as important is reporting anything that seems out of the ordinary for the time or place that it is occurring.

Report suspicious activity immediately to the university police.

About half of all crimes are ever reported, and a lot of suspicious activity goes unreported. Even an anonymous tip is better than no report

at all. So, don't hesitate! Trust your instincts! If you see or hear something that seems slightly out of place - report it.

The longer you wait, the harder it is to catch the criminal. Use one of the emergency phones located around campus, but make that call.

The police will need a physical description of the suspect as well as a description of their clothing. Also needed is a direction of travel taken and a license plate number if a vehicle is used.

If you know about a crime and want to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 775-TIPS.

Sexual assaults increase, Cpl. says

By Cpl. Betty Lemay

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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 is 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 9.

However, in '92, the number of reported sexual assaults through June is 12.

Men and women are both responsible for preventing sexual assault. Poor communication, mixed signals, body language that contradicts 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.

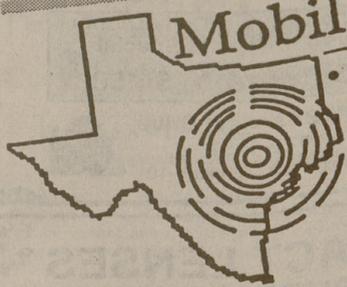
When a woman says no, beyond that point it is rape.

It is a felony punishable by two to 10 years in prison and a fine up to \$10,000.

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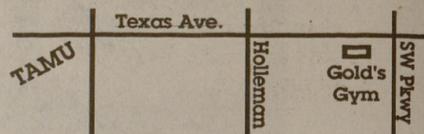
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