# A&M takes part in breast cancer study

By MACK HARRISON

Reporter of THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M College of Medicine and the Scott & White Clinic have attracted 71 women from Central Texas as part of a nationwide study of a drug which may prevent breast cancer, an A&M researcher said Tuesday in Temple.

Dr. Charles Geyer, an assistant professor for internal medicine at A&M, said the drug Tamoxifen is already used to prevent secondary breast cancer in women with the disease. He said the drug decreases the chance

Roger Martinez, 24, was

one count of attempted

Öne victim, a 25-year-old man

whose name was not immediately

released, was killed instantly,

Birney said. Another man, 28-

year-old Jose Galvan, was grazed

in the head and wounded in the

shoulder and was still being

treated at Northeast Baptist

charged with one count of murder

murder late Tuesday, according

to San Antonio police. Martinez, an HEB employee was being taken to the Bexar County Jail where he will stay pending a \$150,000 bond, the city's

magistrate office said.

of a second cancer by 40 to 50 percent. Geyer, a staff physician at Scott & White Clinic in Temple, said the drug has other possible benefits, such as preventing osteoporosis and reducing cholesterol levels.

However, some doctors are concerned about the drug's side-effects. Geyer, however,

said the study is necessary. "(Tamoxifen) may be an important agent

for women's health overall," Geyer said. need to do a properly-done trial and find out the side-effects. It is a safe drug, but all drugs have side-effects.'

The Breast Cancer Prevention Trial has

garnered 2,762 participants nationwide. Scott & White/TAMU College of Medicine is one of four institutions in Texas to join in the study.

Participants in the study are carefully screened before they begin taking the drug. Women considered for the study must fill out a questionnaire detailing their medical history and meet with Geyer four times before they

'There are a lot of built-in safety mechanisms in the (Tamoxifen) trial," Geyer said. "These women are being watched very closely, closer than anyone else in the country

## Richards says sex ed leads to wise choice

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN - Texans must realize the need to educate young people about sex so they can make intelligent

choices, Gov. Ann Richards summit on preventing teen-age pregnancy Tuesday.

"I for one Richards have never been able to

understand those who would propose ignorance of sexuality as a solution," Richards said, to applause from those at the conference.

"It is truly mystifying to me when I hear the argument that an informed teen-ager is somehow going to become . . . promiscuous. I think it is absolutely absurd," she said.
"Our children must know what is required to make wise choices about their lives."

Asked about a proposal to have age-appropriate human sexuality education in schools starting in kindergarten, Richards said she hadn't read a specific plan but asked, "Frankly, what are the fears?" about beginning it that early.

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"I know that you are to have to educate these about sex . . They're educated anyway. The educated in the moviet they're educated on the they're educated in adve

and magazines," she said But the idea of education in kindergarten

education in kindergame described as "absurd" in Price, president of In United for Life.

He contended "mainstream, pro-life, family organizations" had largely left out of the summ "There are about 10 pt who believe in abstine based sex education in troom "he said There we

room," he said. There were summit delegates.

"The rest of them believed whole Planned Parent program, the pass-out condoms routine that has me already been decided up before this thing ever beginning and the condoms are the condoms and the condoms are the condoms and the condoms are the c

Price said.
Texas ranks secon California in total birth women age 19 and your according to figures from Texas Summit on Adole Pregnancy Prevention. In 64,581 teen-agers age 13 became pregnant.



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Darrick Haines (left) and Chuck Nowicki practice their jumps on Mt. Aggie during their intermediate skiing class. Haines and Nowicki are taking the class to polish their style for the season. "If you can ski Mt. Aggie aggressively," they said, "you can ski just about any terrain."

# Grand jury issues indictment despite 'condom defense

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — A rape suspect who was cleared by one grand jury in a case where the woman asked him to wear a condom was indicted Tuesday by another grand

jury. "We think that the right message is

being sent now," said Travis County District Attorney Ronald Earle.

The grand jury indicted Joel Rene Valdez, 27, on charges of aggravated sexual assault and burglary with intent to commit aggravated sexual assault, Earle said.

The charges carry a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted. The grand jury

recommended that bond be set at \$100,000. Valdez remained in the Travis County Jail

It was the second grand jury to consider the case. The refusal of an earlier panel last month to indict the man sparked protests

from various groups.

"The issue"Earle said his office didn't believe justice alive." he said.

had been served when that grand failed to indict the man.

He said there was speculation because the woman asked him to condom the grand jury thought consented.

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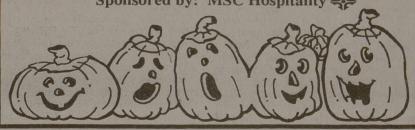
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