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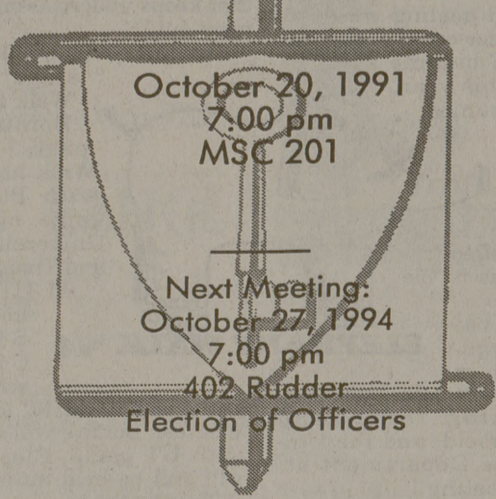
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Red ribbons around campus cut down

By Melissa Jacobs THE BATTALION

Several of the ribbons tied around campus trees for the Red Ribbon Drive for AIDS awareness have been cut down...

Lambda Sigma, a service-oriented sophomore honor society, and AIDS Services of Brazos Valley, worked together on the Red Ribbon Drive.

Melanie Jones, service chair for Lambda Sigma and chairperson for the campaign at AIDS Services, said she is concerned that the efforts of the last two months have failed.

"They have failed in their goal to educate the Texas A&M community," she said.

Jones said \$150 to \$200 worth of ribbons have been cut down.

"The money was donated by Aggies and members of the community," she said, "and that is why I will press charges if anyone is caught cutting the ribbons."

Jones said if the money had been hers, she would not press charges.

"I'd really rather just talk to the person (if anyone is caught) and try to make them understand why the ribbons were put up," she said. "My biggest concern is that people don't know what is going on."

Brian Thurston, director of AIDS Services, said he would suggest that the individuals in-

involved in cutting the ribbons get educated about HIV and AIDS and what AIDS Services does.

"We are trying to educate about a health issue," he said. "There is no hidden agenda and no secret attack."

Thurston said the goal of the drive was to raise awareness and let people know that HIV is a problem in this area.

"You are not immune just because you are an Aggie," he said. "We want people to learn as much about HIV as possible."

The University Police Department has been notified about the incidents, but so far no one has been caught.

Jones said if anyone sees the ribbons being cut, they should contact UPD immediately.

Jones said it baffles her to think that someone could find the ribbons offensive.

"The ribbons are to remind everyone to protect themselves and their loved ones against HIV, to show support for those who are HIV positive and to encourage people to get information on how to improve the quality of the last few years in life," she said. "How can showing passion and concern be offensive?"

Thurston said he really does not know why someone would cut the ribbons down.

"Perhaps someone didn't know why the ribbons were put up," he said. "I think it was probably done out of ignorance."

Jones said from her experience, the person removing the ribbons is the one who most needs education.



Amy Browning

Several of the red ribbons put up around campus during the last months for the Red Ribbon Drive for AIDS have been cut down.

"The friends I have who are HIV positive or have died from AIDS encourage me to do all that I can to educate," she said.

Jones said the ribbons themselves do not actually educate; they are to promote an awareness so people will realize how real HIV is.

"Only after realization will someone get help, or educate or protect themselves and others,"

she said.

Jones said anyone who educated on the issue of HIV/AIDS should be involved in helping others.

"I can't think of anyone who would knowingly let someone eat a poisoned apple," she said. "Until we do have a cure for HIV we need to take care of each other. What is wrong about that?"

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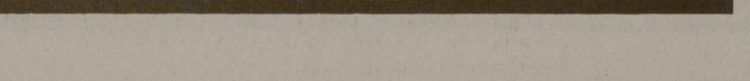
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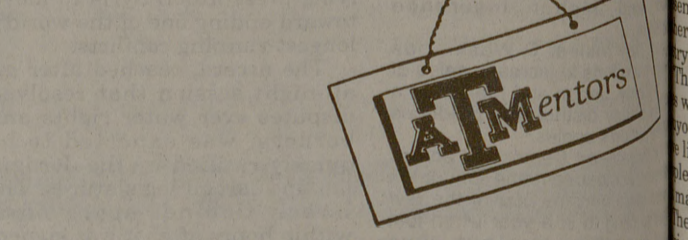
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