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The Battalion is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to diversity. All A&M students are encouraged to apply regardless of age, gender, race or sexual orientation.

Applications are available at The Battalion office 013 Reed McDonald Building and on page 3 of today's Battalion. Staff applications are due on Dec. 5 by 12:00 p.m.

BRIEFS

Friday, Thursday classes are today, tomorrow

Texas A&M classes held today and Tuesday will differ from the regular schedule. Students will attend Friday classes on Monday and Thursday classes on Tuesday. This switch compensates for classes that may have been missed during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Wednesday and Thursday are reading days, and no classes will be held. Thursday is also the last day to withdraw officially from the University. Finals begin Friday.

Gordone memorial service set for tonight

A memorial service will be held for Charles Gordone, Texas A&M distinguished lecturer and Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, today at 7 p.m. in All Faiths Chapel. Organizers of the service request that attendees bring only gifts of wildflowers.

Other memorial services for Gordone will be held this month in Amarillo, at the Public Theater in New York and at the Gene Autry Museum in Los Angeles.

TxDOT approves contract to widen Texas Avenue

Texas Department of Transportation officials approved a \$4.8 million contract Friday to widen a section of Texas Avenue in College Station.

The construction, which will cost almost \$5 million, is expected to begin in a month and take two years to complete.

Chrysler dares Aggies to redesign minivan

Eighteen Texas A&M engineering students begin designing a car today that runs on liquefied petroleum gas.

The Chrysler Corporation will present the Texas A&M Dwight Look College of Engineering with a 1996 minivan that the students will convert to a n alternative fuel system.

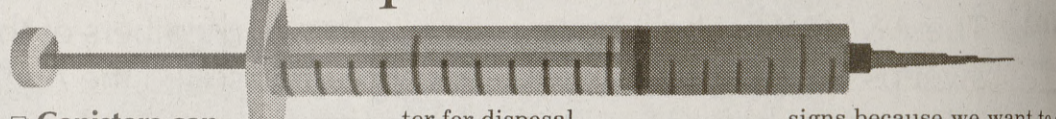
A&M is one of 12 schools in the United States and Canada participating in the contest.

Traffic signals on Hwy 6 to be turned off Tuesday

Traffic signals will be temporarily turned off Tuesday on two State Highway 6 frontage road intersections at Briarcrest Drive.

Police officers and flaggers will direct traffic through the intersections. The project is expected to be complete before peak afternoon traffic begins.

Needle disposal containers for sale



Canisters can be bought at the health center.

By Lisa Johnson
THE BATTALION

Texas A&M students who use hypodermic needles in residence halls can dispose of them properly by placing them in biohazardous waste containers.

Containers for mass disposal are placed in the bathrooms of corridor-style residence halls, and personal disposal containers are available at the A.P. Beutel Health Center.

Disposal containers are sold for \$3.75 and hold a month's worth of needles. Health center officials have asked that the containers be no more than three-fourths full when they are returned to the center for disposal.

To increase awareness of the need for proper disposal, signs advertising the disposal canisters are posted in campus dormitories.

But Christi Greene, McFadden Hall president and a sophomore psychology major, said the advertisements have not had the desired effect.

"A lot of times I see girls read the sign, and they don't seem to take it seriously," she said. "I guess it's because nowadays when you see a picture of a hypodermic needle, the people who use them for medical purposes aren't the first to come to mind."

Suzanne Lyons, Residence Hall Association president and senior geophysics major, said the fliers are not meant to advocate intravenous drug use on campus.

"The signs were put up mainly for diabetics, to make them aware of the disposal issue," she said. "We put up the

signs because we want to educate the possibility of campus custodians being poked with discarded needle."

The need for a set method of disposal came to the University's attention about a year ago, when a custodian was stuck by a needle that had been thrown into a residence hall waste container.

Cassandra DeLarios, Environmental chairwoman and senior geography major, said that although needle users make up a small percentage of dormitory residents, everyone should be aware of proper disposal methods.

"It is our responsibility to educate the residents and to help them involved in problems on campus," DeLarios said. "This is just a disposal issue, it's health and safety issue."

AWARE sponsors tulip campaign to signify renewed life for rape victims

Crisis counselors estimate that one-tenth of all rapes are reported. About 200 rapes are reported each year in B-CS.

By Lily Aguilar
THE BATTALION

Like a flower blooms in spring, a victim of sexual assault can emerge a survivor.

This is the theme of the tulip campaign sponsored by Aggies Working for a Rape-Free Environment.

Today and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. students can purchase tulip bulbs for \$1 in front of Rudder Fountain and All Faiths Chapel. All proceeds will benefit AWARE, an organization started this semester to increase understanding of sexual assault issues.

Tanya Williams, a higher education graduate student and AWARE co-adviser, said tulips were chosen be-

cause they bloom in the spring, signifying a start for renewed life.

"The tulips recognize all of those who have been through it," she said.

Williams said the tulips honor all rape survivors, not just those who report their assaults.

Rape statistics are often skewed, Williams said because of unreported rapes and date rapes that are not considered "real" rapes.

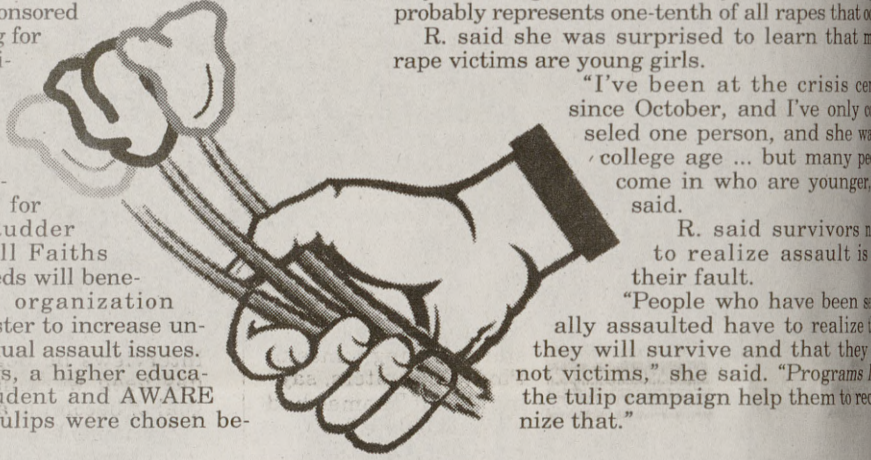
Kristen R., a volunteer counselor at the Rape Crisis Center whose last name is omitted for privacy reasons, said an average of 200 rapes are reported at Bryan-College Station each year, but this figure probably represents one-tenth of all rapes that occur.

R. said she was surprised to learn that many rape victims are young girls.

"I've been at the crisis center since October, and I've only selected one person, and she was college age ... but many people come in who are younger," R. said.

R. said survivors need to realize assault is not their fault.

"People who have been sexually assaulted have to realize that they will survive and that they are not victims," she said. "Programs like the tulip campaign help them to recognize that."



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