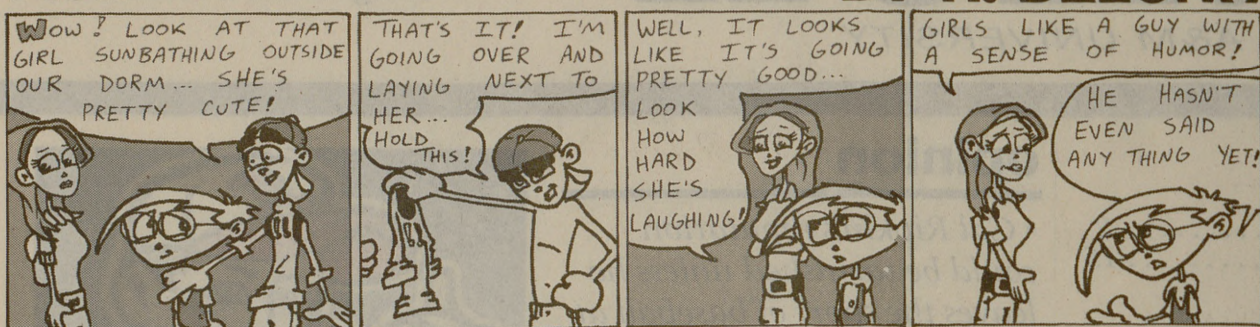


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BY R. DELUNA

National Suicide Prevention Week aims to raise awareness

BY SALLIE TURNER
The Battalion

Suicide ranks as the third leading cause of death among people ages 15 to 24.

In an effort to raise awareness, the American Association of Suicidology has declared May 2 to 8 National Suicide Prevention Week.

According to the American Association of Suicidology, approximately 14 people between the ages of 15 and 24 die from suicide each day. Studies done by the association show there is no typical suicide victim, and people should be aware of warning signs in people considering suicide.

Dot Fenelon, education director for the Crisis Hotline in Houston, said warning signs for suicide include depression, a traumatic experience in the person's life, a drastic change in ordinary behavior and giv-

ing away of personal possessions. "There is a large correlation between depression and suicide," she said. "People often feel helpless, hopeless and isolated and look to suicide as a way out."

She said eight of 10 people considering suicide display warning signs to their friends or family. Friends of someone exhibiting signs of suicide should be supportive, non-judgmental and let the person know the options available to them.

"Awareness of the person's needs and cry for help is the first thing a person can do to help," she said. "The next step is to tell the person that you are concerned about them thinking about committing suicide."

Fenelon said one of the myths behind suicide prevention is that discussion of suicide will cause a person to commit suicide.

"A person cannot put that idea into another person's head, nor can

you prevent that person from committing suicide by not talking about it," she said. "Suicide is one of the remaining closeted issues in our society."

She said friends and family should be supportive of the person considering suicide by being available to listen and by helping them seek professional help.

"You cannot talk to or touch with a person by telling them to sleep, and they will feel better in the morning," she said. "Students should be the best support for each other."

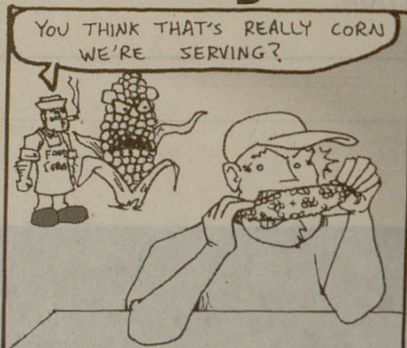
An available resource on campus for students considering suicide is the Student Counseling Service in Henderson Hall.

The center has counselors available to talk with students 24 hours a day, Monday through Friday during business hours. The counselors can be reached at 845-4427; after hours, counselors can be reached through the HelpLine at 845-

Simel & Lewis



By Mel



POW

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They have not spoken with reporters since arriving in Germany. Gonzales' parents gave their first press conference in Huntsville Saturday shortly after learning their son would be released. The Gonzales' spent the rest of the night awaiting pictures of their son's release.

They were able to speak with Steven for a short time before he boarded a bus to leave Yugoslavia. At the press conference Rosie Gonzales said Steven had told them, "I love you, Mom and Dad. I'm free. I'll see you soon."

MUNSON

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widened immediately," Glover said. "Munson can be widened to the size of Francis [Drive] or Dominik [Drive] by using the easements instead of taking property from people."

Miller said the issue of traffic management through neighborhoods will surface again.

"This is not just a Munson issue," Miller said. "The repercussions will be seen over the years. A precedent has been set to bring these issues to vote, and the voters will probably vote against the closure of streets."

Miller said he did not believe many of the people understood the situation.

"Some people got the idea that we were a bunch of elitists living on Munson fighting against certain people or groups," Miller said. "If you drive down the street and look at the condition of some of the houses, then you'll see we are not elitists."

He said the property condition and value will decrease, and homeowners will have trouble selling their houses.

"On Friday night, on Munson and Francis, someone drove through three yards for a distance of about 300 feet," Miller said.

DEATH

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money to return to the University. Carr said she was headstrong and opinionated, but nice and outgoing.

"She made friends easily," he said.

Becky Barker, a close friend of Hart since 1996 and a junior information and operations management major, said a memorial service will be held today at 5 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 315 Tauber Street.

Barker said she asked Hart three days ago to stand in her wedding Jan. 22, 2000.

"She was extremely excited and talking all about it and buying a dress and everything," she said.

Barker said she is worried since the case is still under investigation.

"If I could say anything to the campus, it would be 'be careful, watch your company; I don't know how to word it,'" she said. "We don't have all the details yet, so there could still be someone out there."

TOOMBS

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facts of the situation and impose any appropriate penalties.

Lorna Breault, coordinator of first-year student alcohol and drug education programs, said the decision whether to pursue further action would depend on the facts of the individual case.

In his first season with the Texas A&M Football Team, Toombs rushed for 422 yards on 86 carries and scored three touchdowns. In the Big 12 championship game against Kansas State University, he carried the ball 27 times for 113 yards in the A&M victory.

Lane Stephenson, deputy director of University Relations, said Toombs' status as a student-athlete will not affect the University's handling of or the release of information concerning the arrest.

"We (the University) would treat [the arrest] as if it were any other student," Stephenson said.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Tuesday

Texas A&M Mens Rugby: There will be practice from 7 to 9 a.m. at the Rugby Field by the polo fields behind the Zachry parking lot. All male students welcome. No experience necessary. Call Lucas at 696-0789 for more information.

Orthodox Christian Fellowship: The last liturgy and officer elections will be at 5:30 p.m. in the All Faith's Chapel. Contact Susan at 696-3112 for more information.

TAMU Roadrunners: There will be a 3 to 4 mile run, meet at G. Rollie White at 6 p.m. All are welcome. Contact Mike at 847-5339 for details.

Catholic Students Association: There will be on-campus mass at 12:05 p.m. in the All Faith's Chapel.

Texas A&M Women's Rugby: There

will be practice from 5 to 7 p.m. at the polo fields behind the Zachry parking lot. Practices are open to everyone. No experience necessary. Call April at 775-4220 for more information.

Waterski Team: There will be practice at 8:30 p.m. at the Central Lake. Call Ross at 693-2323 for more information.

Future Aggie Physician Assistant Officer elections at 7 p.m. in the Rudder. Students recently accepted to PA school will be at the meeting. Free Pizza and drinks. Call at 696-8593 for more information.

Japan Club: There will be a general meeting and election at 8 p.m. in 119C Zachary. Food will be provided. Contact Katsura at 691-8222. Check online at club@stuorg.tamu.edu for more information.

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