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A&M Students discuss date rape at seminar

BY ANN LOISEL
 The Battalion

He said they had a great time that evening and wants to call her in a few days.

She said it was possibly the worst night of her life and hopes she never talks to him again.

Communicating, or miscommunicating, about what happens on a date is a big part of the date rape problem, said Margaret Griffith, health education coordinator for Student Health Services and a specialist in HIV and sexual health.

Tuesday night, Griffith led a student discussion of ways to prevent date rape — primarily through better communication between the sexes — at two date rape prevention seminars held in Rudder Tower.

The first seminar was for women only.

"Guys and girls communicate very differently," Griffith said. "Girls tend to think guys know what we want and don't want ... like they're miracle mind readers ... but they don't know — you have to tell them."

Griffith scheduled separate discussions so the audience could vent their frustrations and concerns openly, without the opposite sex present, she said.

"We don't want to throw stones at either gender, because men want to stop rape, too — they have sisters, mothers

and wives that they care deeply about," Griffith said.

She and members of Aggie R.E.A.C.H., a group of peer health educators, also gave advice to the different sexes.

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— Jason Stewart
 seminar attendee and
 freshman geography major

Men were advised to ask for clarification about what a woman wants when she sends mixed signals and not to assume affection means consent.

"If you talk to her and really listen, you can find out what the limits are," Schulz said. "You don't want her to say, 'You crossed the line, you raped me.' ... [Talking] keeps you out of so much trouble."

Jason Stewart, a freshman geography major, attended the seminar with members of his pledge class of Pi Kappa Phi.

"It's not a problem for me, but I think it's an issue with a lot of guys, especially with alcohol involved," he said. "There's a fine line between what's considered rape and what's not, and it needs to be defined." Stewart said communication was definitely a problem.

Tina Pina, a junior psychology major, attended the women's seminar to learn more about date rape and how to prevent it.

"I've had a couple friends who have been raped here. I'd like to help them deal with things, and also [learn more] for myself," she said.

The Brazos County Rape Crisis Center reports that 80 to 95 percent of the rapes on college campuses are committed by someone the victim knows, and that one out of every four college females will experience rape or attempted rape.

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to be in an earthquake. All I remember was hearing this thud and saying to myself 'I'm still here, I'm still here.'"

The accident occurred shortly before 7 p.m. on State Highway 43 two miles north of Karnack, about 150 miles east of Dallas. The team was on its way to meet in Pine Bluff, Ark.

A preliminary Texas Department of Transportation report found speeding to have been a factor on the two-lane road, noting that when the van came up on another vehicle preparing to make a left turn, the van veered to the right of shoulder, then turned and flipped over it overcorrected to the left.

"Obviously, on the heels of this tragedy, a victory such as this is dedicated to the four young people who lost their lives," said University Vice President Larry H. "Victory is always sweet, but this is sweeter."

"The entire occasion has caused me to be in a somber mood. It's almost like a final prayer in church and everyone says 'Amen.' We are all very solemn."

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congregate, hopefully offering extra space at a coffee bar or an even a dry cleaners.

When asked by a student in the audience about the congestion at the garage would create, she said that a search on traffic patterns will not significantly increase the congestion level of the area when parking capacity is increased by more than 2,000 cars.

"It is important to remember that the recommendations that are in the report are just that — recommendations. Student groups have to be an integral part of the programs that will be implemented."

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News in Brief

Bryan church burns
 Greater Tabernacle Baptist Church in Bryan, Texas, was destroyed by a fire Tuesday morning.

Mike Donoho, assistant chief of the Bryan Fire Department, said it took firefighters two hours to extinguish the fire at 903 Florida St. because of strong winds which helped to spread the fire.

No major injuries were reported but one firefighter was hospitalized for smoke inhalation.

Donoho said that while no cause of the church fire has been determined, a federal mandate in response to the recent spate of church fires around the country requires notification of the fire to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF).

FBI investigators arrived Tuesday to help determine the cause of the blaze.

New Commandant named for '00, '01
 Corps Commander and Deputy Corps Commander for the 2000-2001 school year were announced Tuesday.

Mark A. Welsh IV, a junior finance major, was appointed Corps Commander. He will become the highest-ranking cadet and will also lead the largest uniformed body of students outside the U.S. service academies.

Reid B. McCoy, a junior aerospace engineering major, was appointed Deputy Corps Commander. As deputy commander he will assist in leading the corps and serve as commander in Welsh's absence.

Welsh is planning to take a civilian job after graduation, while McCoy is pursuing a commission as a Navy officer.

Commandant of Cadets Maj. Gen. Ted Hopgood announced the

two were selected from 27 cadets by a board of military officers and current cadet leaders.

Chair endowed for performance dept.

The first endowed chair in A&M's newly created Department of Performance Studies has been established.

Ray A. Rothrock, a Forth Worth native, and his wife, Meredith, each donated \$500,000 to create the Ray A. Rothrock Chair in the College of Liberal Arts.

Rothrock's gift will be matched by a program funded by H.R. "Bum" Bright of Dallas. The \$1 million chair will be one of the best-endowed positions at Texas A&M.

Rothrock, said Texas A&M University's recently announced Vision 2020 program convinced him the timing for such a gift was correct.

Rothrock is a 1977 Texas A&M

graduate in nuclear engineering. He was a charter member of the Texas A&M Symphonic Band in 1974, playing clarinet, oboe, and saxophone.

Student Senate to addresses fees

Several bills concerning fees increases for the student body will be voted on at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting. Two bills also concerning fee increases will be read for the first time before the Student Senate. One of the bills calls for the Board of Regents not to broaden the definition of the Computer Access fee, by changing the name to Computer Access and Institutional Technology fee.

The second bill approves the increase in the International Student Fee, the University Authorized Tuition and the Equipment Access Fee.

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