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By Pam Easton THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Andrea Yates, who drowned her five children in 2001, was psychotic during a visit with her husband over the weekend and asked why he didn't bring the children to see her in prison, Yates' attorney said Wednesday.

"She thought the kids were still alive," attorney George Parnham said.

Yates was transferred from the Skyview Unit near Rusk to a Galveston hospital Monday night after refusing food and losing more than 20 pounds. Parnham said she voluntarily drank something Wednesday.

"She was really very sick both physically and mentally," Russell Yates told The Associated Press of his bimonthly visit with his wife on Saturday. "Physically she was shaking uncontrollably and had lost a lot of weight, and mentally she was, I guess, I don't know how else to describe it, but overtly psychotic. ... She had said things in the past that were unusual, but when I saw her on Saturday she said some things that were clearly delusions."

Russell Yates confirmed Wednesday that his wife thought their five children, who ranged in age from 6 months to 7 years, were still alive.

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family. I can't wait to do it this year.'

faculty will be recognized as well.

in a very positive, forward-thinking way."

That's the only reason I'll be going to convocation."

The convocation is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. in Rudder Them

will begin with an academic procession starting at Cushing Li

The procession, scheduled to begin at 1 p.m., will include to staff and students. Participants may wear academic regalia, all

it is not required, which can be purchased or rented at the MSC "My father walked in the academic procession his last year and my brother did it in 1999," Faith Laisure, a senior ed major, said. "It's almost as special as getting an Aggie Ring"

In addition to Gates' speech, the convocation will include ments from J. Martyn Gunn, speaker of the Faculty Senate. Also A&M Foundation will be presenting an annual symbolic cher the University. The new faculty and the newly tenured and pro

"It's very important for students to hear what (Gates) has to

about where we've been and where we're going," Sawtelle

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and her chemistry, and underlying illness, she ously has a tremendous an of guilt over her actions taking the lives of our child Russell Yates said. "She hard time having hope.

lost everything she loved." Russell Yates said it w ficult for his wife to deal the three-year anniversary Texas A children's deaths on June 21 40th birthday on July 2 and lear weap uncertainty of where we w lexico. A

ncellor going in our marriage." "Couple that with her elations d a not and her sensitive nature, it some sense, no big surpri she relapsed," he said.

Parnham said he to visit with Andrea Yate Thursday. Russell Yates sa also would like to see his but finds it hard to see her she is sick.

"Not only because I about her, but because ith back memories of our trag he said. "I do have mixed ings about visiting her when is sick. I do want to visit her I don't want to see her sick

A jury convicted A Yates of capital murder and tenced her to life in prison deaths of three of her chi She was not tried in the di of the other two.

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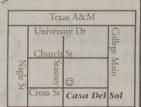
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