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Off-campus bus routes to be minimized in fall

By Keli Johnson
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Off-campus bus routes will be minimized this fall and may not continue in the spring because of lack of funds.

Texas Tech cannot afford the off-campus cost and maintain the growing need for on-campus routes. Representatives from several apartment complexes along the Raider Express bus routes said they cannot assume the more than \$500,000 cost.

Citibus officials, representatives

from the Student Government Association and representatives from several apartment complexes along the Raider Express bus routes met Wednesday to discuss a course of action to fund the off-campus routes.

Leigh Mauer, SGA external vice president, and Jon Mark Bernal, SGA external chief of staff, presented the idea of student passes for the off-campus bus system, which will be sold for \$50 each.

The pass system requires no upfront money from the apartment complexes.

"As the passes sell, we will continue to increase the service," Mauer said. "But if we don't all work hard to sell passes, we won't have a bus service for the spring. Right now we're just buying time to find out what works."

The SGA will give passes to the complexes who will in turn sell them to their residents who utilize the Raider Express routes to campus.

The apartments have the option of assuming a certain amount of

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Texas Tech will look at Bush library feasibility

By Kristen Gilbreth and
Keli Johnson
STAFF WRITERS

Texas Tech President David Schmidly said he will appoint a full committee within the next two weeks to evaluate the feasibility of Tech making a bid for the George W. Bush Presidential Library.

The committee will be charged with evaluating the potential to raise the \$200 million needed, how to improve competitiveness and the steps that can be taken in order to put together the project.

Lubbock citizens, university and business leaders, local politicians and Tech alumni will be included among the committee members.

Margaret Lutherer, director of

communications in the Office of the President, served on the nine-member internal committee, which recommended Schmidly move forward in assessing the possibility.

She said the primary issue is fund raising.

"We are going to have to make some hard decisions about whether we can continue the process of making the bid for the library," Lutherer said. "Can we do that and continue to raise money for the university?"

The \$200 million price tag includes construction costs and endowments for programs and faculty. The library becomes property of the federal government once construction is complete.

Lutherer said no decision has

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ROPING RAIDERS



CRAIG SWANSON/The University Daily

Incoming freshmen manipulate the ropes course during Red Raider Camp held at the Junction campus last week. The ropes course and the camp are designed to introduce students to life at Texas Tech and help them to get to know each other and the Tech traditions.

First Lady expected to visit Hub City, Vatican exhibit

By April Tamplen
STAFF WRITER

First lady Laura Bush is expected stop in Lubbock in early August to visit friends and possibly view the Vatican Exhibit at the Texas Tech Museum.

Dave Walker, project director for the Vatican exhibit, said the Vatican is on her agenda of things to do if she makes it to the Hub City.

"Her and the president have friends here in Lubbock, and I believe that is why she is coming to visit," he said. "It is my understanding she will visit with them and then view the Vatican Exhibit."

Walker said the museum has not received specific details on the first lady's visit because of security reasons.

A spokesperson from the White House office said the first lady's schedule for August has not been published yet, but it is

expected to be released late next week.

Gary Edson, director of the Tech museum, said he has received no confirmation and no information from the White House about the first lady coming to Lubbock.

"What I know is what I have read or what I have heard," he said. "I cannot respond to anything other than that."

Edson said he was told it was a possibility Bush would come and view the Vatican exhibit.

"If it is indeed true that she is coming, I think I would be told by the proper authorities at the proper time," he said.

Walker said if the First Lady does make it to the Vatican, Lubbock and Tech will receive even more national recognition.

"I think it is great that the first lady is coming to Lubbock and is planning to view the Vatican exhibit," he said. "This will get us even

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Jones selected as Lubbock's new police chief

By Keli Johnson
Staff Writer

City Manager Bob Cass selected interim chief Claude Jones to assume the full responsibility of Lubbock police chief on Wednesday, following a series of interviews Monday.

The city council will convene Aug. 8 to ratify Cass's decision to make Jones Lubbock's new police chief.

As one of five finalists for the position, Jones, 49, has spent his 28-year career with the LPD. The other four potentials were from outside of the Lubbock area, and some were from out of state.

"It's an honor to become the Chief of Police in a department I have worked in for 28 years," Jones said. "It really is one of the best in the state."

Cass said work will begin immediately on Jones' goals for the department.

"It was to all of our benefit that he knows a great deal about

the department and is familiar with the officers. He will not lose any time in the transition to police chief," Cass said.

Jones said he has four basic goals.

"The first is to better community relations with the department; the second is to look at the budget to attempt to establish a traffic enforcement unit; the third is to increase retention and recruiting of Lubbock police officers; finally, I intend to look at crime in general," Jones said.

Cass said community rela-

tions are vital in law enforcement.

"It is important to reach out and connect with the community because through that we can establish and maintain very important relations that will build up the credibility of the department," Cass said.

The traffic enforcement will focus on all areas of the city, including Texas Tech.

"I suspect Tech plays a role in the traffic problems, but we are looking into all areas in the city," Cass said.

Sandy Glass, public information manager for the city, said Jones' experience in Lubbock is an advantage.

"I think it's always advantageous to have someone lead who has come up through the

ranks and has intimate knowledge of the force," she said.

Cass said he went through a relatively normal search process, beginning with about 70 initial applicants. After hiring a search firm, the pool was narrowed to about 12 candidates, who were then evaluated by a panel of citizens and city staff, who selected the final five contenders.

Hiring a search firm helped narrow the group down to 10 to 12 serious, qualified candidates for the panel to evaluate, Glass said.

Each of the five contestants underwent extensive background checks. Cass said he sent a team to each location to evaluate the credibility and potential of each individual. The teams interviewed the applicant's fellow employees and family members.

"It was a very difficult decision because we had five great candidates. But Claude had impressed me with his work when he assumed the position of interim chief following the SWAT team incident last year," Cass said. "He has really calmed the waters began a new course of action in several different areas that we need to work on."

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Claude Jones
LUBBOCK POLICE CHIEF

Lighting storm blacks out Tech

By Keli Johnson and
Kristen Gilbreth
Staff Writers

Texas Tech students along with the city of Lubbock were adversely affected by a power outage from about 10:25 to 11:45 p.m. on Monday night.

Caleb Johnson, a senior finance major from Fort Worth and resident assistant in Coleman Residence Hall, said the outage caused many students to leave or abandon their studies to play games in the hallways.

Students played guitars and sat with flashlights while waiting for the return of power and light.

Robert Howard, a sophomore Pre-Med major from Amarillo, said he had an eventful night.

"Yeah, we were stuck in the elevator. There was me and four girls and one screamed. We kinda bounced up and down and then went back to the second floor," he said. "I thought it was fun, but we had to pry ourselves out of the elevator. A girl had a ruler in her backpack, and we got the doors open."

Howard said he experienced another problem when he realized he had lost all information on his computer.

"Yeah, I (had a test Tuesday) and a major presentation paper. I hadn't saved it on my computer, so I lost it when the power went out, and my computer basically crashed," he said.

Justin Dunlap, a student at South Plains College and disc jockey for KLLL-FM, said Lubbock Power and Light mechanical officials called the radio station to inform him that a transformer had been hit by lightning.

After the transformer was hit, there was a routine systematic shutdown of LP&L to avoid sustaining more damage, he said.

Tech Police Capt. Gordon Hoffman said power was out for a little more than one hour throughout campus. There was an outage at the communication center where calls are dispatched.

Power at the Tech Police Department went down for less than a minute. A backup generator restored power as soon as it went out.

After the campus went dark, Tech police sent officers out to create a visible presence on campus. All buildings in the academic departments had emergency lights.

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Nine miners trapped in Pennsylvania

SOMERSET, Pa. (AP) — Rescuers rushed in heavy equipment Thursday in a race to save nine coal miners trapped in a shaft filling up with millions of gallons of water. Crews were heartened to hear tapping and other sounds indicating at least some of them were alive.

The tapping created "a glimmer of hope" that the miners, who were trapped 230 feet underground at the Quecreek Mine late Wednesday, were safe, said Betsy Mallison, a spokeswoman for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

"It is a race against time because the water is still filling (the mine)," she said. "We don't want to raise expectations at this time, but it's a good sign."

Rescue workers at the mine about 55 miles southeast of Pittsburgh heard the tapping around 3 a.m. after drilling a 6-inch-wide air hole. David Scaffoni, with the state Bureau of Deep Mine Safety, said he had no doubt that at least some of the miners were alive.

"We tapped and we heard tapping back," Scaffoni said. He said the miners apparently dashed into an air pocket about 200 feet from where they had apparently breached the wall of another mine — this one abandoned and flooded.

Although workers could not hear tapping by late morning because of the noise from machinery, seismic devices indicated noises in the area where the miners were believed to be trapped.

"We still believe there are miners alive. We obviously don't know how many," said David Hess, secretary of the state Environmental Department.

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World wind erosion forum held at Tech

By KRISTEN GILBRETH
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An international conference addressing global wind erosion issues was held on the Texas Tech campus this week.

More than 100 Representatives from 23 countries attended the

event sponsored by Tech, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Geological Survey and the Soil and Water Conservation Society.

Researchers from Asia, Europe, Australia and North

America gathered for the fifth year to compare studies.

This is the second year for the conference to be in the United States and the first at Tech. Oxford, England hosted the 2001 forum.

Tech research professor Tom Gill said the collaboration of infor-

mation is beneficial to understanding the key issues.

"This is great. We have over 100 scientists here from literally all over the world," he said. "We are learning some of the latest information on dust storms and how they might be affecting the global environment."

The discussion is especially topical for West Texas said Jeff Lee, co-organizer of the conference.

"(Wind erosion) is a concern for farmers who are losing the soil," he said. "And if you live in Lubbock, you know what happens when the sky turns brown."

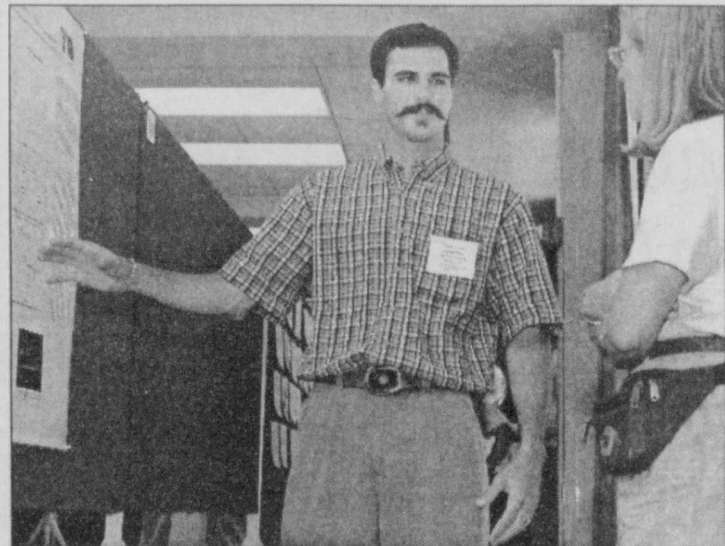
There are potential health impacts associated with that. There is a lot we don't know, but we are trying to understand."

Gill said the dust problem has improved in this area especially since the dust bowl days.

"It used to be a more significant

"The conference has been informative. It has been one of the most successful conferences of this kind."

Yaping Shao
PROFESSOR AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG



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Rusty Winn, a Texas Tech graduate student studying geology, discusses his study of isotopic refraction in the Owens Lake region of Sierra Nevada as Martha Rehis, geologist for the U.S. Geological Survey looks on as part of the Geologist Conference at the Student Union on Wednesday.

problem," he said. "But erosion control practices have helped improve the quality of life in this area."

Daniel Hirmas, a graduate student studying soil sciences from Lubbock, said about 20 graduate students from around the world attended the conference.

"This is a very technical conference," he said. "If you don't know that particular field that is being

talked about it is fascinating, but not necessarily about to be understood unless you have read or done research in that area."

Yaping Shao, a professor at the University of Hong Kong, said this was his first time to visit Lubbock.

"I haven't had much time to look around the area. The conference has been informative," he said. "It has been one of the most successful conferences of this kind."

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Tech goals for growth ignore student needs

We are fortunate to live in a time of natural wonders. Rivers spilling their banks, rampaging fires, the blackout storms of Lubbock, the Williams sisters. But of all the strange spectacles I have witnessed this year, few compare in either scope, or comedy, to the flood of prospects-with-parents I have seen floating throughout campus in recent weeks.

For once, my hyperbole is appropriate. The mass of humanity is astounding. It's been like suburban Woodstock in the Student Union for the high months of summer.

Flocks of white socks and ill-fitting khaki shorts descend in a stampede to scrutinize, to marvel and debate aloud about the cost-benefits of West Texas education. The parents also occasionally play a part.

All indications from whatever source you like tell us that we're to be sardined this coming fall by the onslaught of freshmen. I don't pity the Greeks, as rush will seem less a ritual of appropriate posturing and more like a logistic enterprise reminiscent of D-Day.

For the merchants on the strip, it'll be a good autumn. From this glut of persons, I'm surprised I got a campus room as it is.

To gauge the manners of the horde, I agreed to sit at the 88.1 KTXT-FM booth and sell the radio station to passers-by.

I'm fond of the prospects. Most are polite and of sound mind. Their movements from booth to booth, while seemingly chaotic, have order. It is called grazing. The herd drifts from one patch of information to another picking up an endless series of brochures, pamphlets and paper. They



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read these and chew on them like cud. Handing out stickers, I could literally hear their mind-wheels turning. If annoyed, they would moo lazily and trot on.

What was their aim? To get through the ordeal as quick as possible? They were tagged, bagged and lectured more than Marines. Perhaps this explains their reluctance to sign my radio sheet; having already undergone orientation, one more absurd figure was too much.

How long does Tech plan to do this? How many people are the powers willing to cram in? The Red Raiders have the state-school pros and the cons.

Historically, Tech builds like the Soviet Union: gargantuan block-buildings for the masses. Yes, the new architecture is promising, but historically Tech has mastered the art of brick cubes for public education, which is a good example of its scholastic mindset.

With the new horde, it will be harder than ever to individually tailor an education than ever before.

Ask any student here if they feel the school recognizes them as more than numbers. When was the last time you felt like you were personally important to this institution? If you need a cheering section, legions are fine. If that's what you like, pile 'em in. If you need people to yell for, look somewhere else. Look at a crowd for a while, and eventually all the faces are the same.



Kristen Gilbreth

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A month ago today in the landmark case *Newdow vs. U.S. Congress*, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals declared the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional.

Something about those two words "under God" struck the court as not fitting with the Founding Fathers' original intent.

Since the ruling, reflex reactions — especially those with a religious ring — have caused the truth to get tragically lost in the lax lingo. As someone with a revived faith in God, taking a stand on the issue is difficult, but necessary.

The most misguided argument I've heard to date has been that this is the wrong time to be fighting the Pledge.

Everyone seems to forget whom we are fighting against in this war on terrorism. Radical religious rebels who think that the wall separating church and state is one of the very things that makes us evil infidels initiated this war. As a united nation, we collectively condemned the Koran-toting Taliban because they created a theocracy in which freedom of religion was not a reality — one in which the minority voice was forced to conform to the will of the majority. We continue to target

Pledge decision upholds true patriotism, ideals

terrorist tyrants in the name of persevering this democracy.

Yet, at the same time when a citizen of this country founded on "we the people" stands up for his civil rights, we wave our frigid flags in his face, beat our Bibles like pharisaical bullies and defiantly order him to sit down and shut up.

No doubt Thomas Jefferson rolled over in his grave when nearly 150 members of Congress stood on the steps of the Capitol after the decision and sassily shouted "under God" when reciting the Pledge.

While we are predominately a Christian nation, the latest American religious identification survey reflects that nearly 13 percent of the population — more than 30 million people — has no religion.

The adjacent placement of "under god" signifies this "one nation" as not including atheists, agnostics, and freethinkers. Not to mention the Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, etc. who call themselves Americans.

Early colonists traded England for America because they were seeking religious freedom from governmental control.

Nowhere in the Constitution is God mentioned; it is neutral ground for good reason — the framers knew what they were doing.

Specifically in the First Amendment we cannot dismiss the wise words, "Congress shall make no law

respecting an establishment of religion."

We must remember former President Dwight Eisenhower added "under God" in 1954 during the Cold War to distinguish America from the "godless communists" we were fighting against. It was a direct violation of the Constitution, but there was nothing secular citizens could do.

It was only in that same year our schools began to be desegregated. Many resisted that change, but it was the right thing to do because no matter who or how small the minority is, they deserve to have the same civil liberties.

Isn't that the ideal we all pledged allegiance to every morning when we faced the flag?

Perhaps now is the perfect time to take the words out as a symbol that the coercion and religious brainwashing that occur in many third-world countries has not, even in the slightest, invaded our land.

In America we let people, however pint-sized, think for themselves because we believe in liberty and justice for all. And we make damned sure all people are treated equally because we know our future as a free nation depends on it.

Despite our personal beliefs, if we wish to sustain this Republic we must practice what we pledge. If we don't we will never be indivisible, and we will be defeated.



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been made on a possible location, but the initial committee discussed the area close to the International Cultural Center, which is located on Indiana Avenue.

However, Schmidly said location is not an issue yet.

"We haven't really talked about exactly where, but we have plenty of land so there is no concern that we won't have room for it," Schmidly said.

If the pursuit is continued, funding will come from private sources such as foundations, corporations, alumni and business leaders. While the university will begin fund raising as soon as the committee makes a positive decision to move forward, there will not be a full effort put forth until the bid is secured, he said.

Dean of Libraries Donald Dyal said Baylor, Southern Methodist University, Texas A&M, and the University of Texas also are sponsoring attempts to acquire the library. He said the Tech effort is significant for several reasons.

"It means that the research and human resources necessary to support, sustain and enhance such a research facility at Texas Tech are in abundance," Dyal said. "Second, it is significant because it means Texas Tech University is among the top institutions of the state of Texas in as much as it can mount such a bid. Third, it means the administration not only understands the above two realities, but is committed to capitalizing on them."

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more national recognition. The national press will follow her down here just like they would do if the president himself was coming."

Walker said a number of prestigious people have seen the Vatican exhibit including members of the legislature and a variety of church dignitaries.

"Quite a number of people have come and seen the exhibit, so it is hard to just single out a few important people," he said.

The exhibit, which is from the Vatican Museums in Rome, left the Vatican for the first time when it came to Lubbock. The exhibit consists of 31 medieval frescoes, which tell a story of various saints of the Catholic Church. When the frescoes leave Lubbock, they will go back to the Vatican Museum.

The Vatican Exhibit will be featured at the Tech Museum through Sept. 15. Admission is free.

A featured attraction at all presidential libraries is a museum dedicated to its namesake. Schmidly said this would help bring tourists and world leaders to lecture at Tech.

Academic programs housed in the library are a major consideration in which university Bush chooses to win the bid, Lutherer said.

"We would need to look at different kinds of programs that would appeal and be similar to the values of President Bush and his wife," she said. "For example, Laura Bush is very interested in reading and literacy, so we would look at the possibility of specialized education programs."

Tech has advantages and disadvantages in competing with the other four universities, Schmidly said.

"If we have an advantage it is because we are West Texas and (Bush) enjoyed living here," he said. "A possible disadvantage is that we do not have a large population."

University of Texas President Larry Faulker said each university has an equal opportunity.

"All schools have something to offer as well as some weak spots," he said. "No one school has an overwhelming advantage."

Although Tech officials are unsure about the plausibility of Tech acquiring the library, Schmidly said he remains optimistic.

"I am from West Texas, so I don't give up on things very easily," he said.



SGA External Vice President Leigh Mauer, left, and External Chief of Staff Jon Mark Bernal discuss funding for Citibus.

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The University Daily

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the cost of each pass. They also could give away the passes at no charge to students who use the bus system, Mauer said.

Ian Jones, a senior management major from Brownwood, said he does not think students will pay for the passes.

"I don't think it's going to be worth it to people to pay for the passes," he said. "The busses are already crowded as it is and it's not that expensive to get a parking permit on campus."

Jeff Lowry, vice president of multifamily housing for McDougal properties, said he is happy about the pass system. He also said he intends to sell the passes to residents for face value, \$50, to avoid excess costs

to the apartment complexes.

"The students will react to another \$50, but they have to weigh that against driving and parking on campus," he said.

Mauer said Fourth Street and Indiana Avenue is a popular place to live because those apartments are on the bus routes, making it easier to get onto campus. These apartment complexes benefit from the routes because they bring in more business than complexes not on the route, she said.

The apartment representatives responded positively to the passes because there are no out-going costs for the complexes.

"I was very excited they were happy, but I am disappointed they're not paying more to help out the students," Mauer said.

Michael Shonrock, vice president of student affairs, said Tech, Citibus and the apartments have a true partnership and great progress has been made.

"We are all working together. We'll have future park-and-rides, garages and parking lots on campus," he said. "It really is important to sell the passes to provide the best service we can to meet the needs of the fall and hopefully support the spring."

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Students will vote on new Wellness Center

By APRIL TAMPLIN
STAFF WRITER

In the fall Texas Tech students will have the opportunity to vote on whether to combine the Student Health Center and the Counseling Center all in one building to be called the Student Wellness Center.

Michael Shonrock, vice president for student affairs, said students will vote in a referendum to decide if they want to increase their medical service fee.

"The fee would be increased by approximately \$15," he said. "This would make the cost of the medical services fee \$60."

The total cost of the Student Wellness Center is estimated to be \$8.5 million, Shonrock said.

The wellness center would incorporate preventive education, nutrition, sexual health workshops and the Tobacco Prevention and Control Center all located in one building.

Jan Childress, assistant vice president for student affairs at Tech, said she believes the students will like the idea of a Student Wellness Center.

"We are optimistic that today's students recognize the idea of total wellness," she said. "We want to give the students more options than just going to classes."

The proposed location of the center is on Flint Avenue east of the

tennis courts and the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center. Ross Narvaeth, an architect from Dallas, has been hired to design the building, Childress said.

"The proposed location would have the Student Wellness Center sitting in the middle of trees with a jogging path going around the building," she said. "It would be a beautiful area and the design would be a two-story building with the layout similar to what the expansion of the rec center looks like."

Childress said Thompson Hall and Gaston Hall are going to be torn down to make room for more student apartment housing.

"The Student Health Center is located in Thompson Hall, so if we tear it down, it has to be relocated," she said. "It would tie in with the rec center because if someone gets injured at the rec they can walk right over to the wellness center."

Childress said she is excited about the prospect of having a Student Wellness Center.

"It is a wholeness campaign we are presenting to the students," she said. "It does not focus just on the body, it incorporates the mind as well."

Childress said she visited the wellness center at the University of Texas, which has combined health and counseling in one building.

"I did a thing at Tech freshman

orientation, and I noticed how parents are interested in immunizations and who will take care of their kids when they get sick at college," she said. "The Student Wellness Center would interest parents as well."

Shonrock said because the Tech campus is growing the administration is pushing to meet everyone's needs.

"Everyone can see the growth on campus," he said. "By building a wellness center, we would be reaching out to accommodate the medical growth on campus."

Rolf Gordhamer, director of the Student Counseling Center, said he thinks combining the Student Health Center and the counseling center is a wonderful idea.

"Making this move would put the counseling center in close with the health center," he said. "It would be great. We could do programs together. It would be much easier to get the students to take advantage of all of our programs."

Evelyn McPherson, administrative director of Student Health Services, said she thinks more students will take advantage of health services and counseling services if they are in one building.

"We have really good student health services available to students, but some students do not know where we are located," she said. "We are not in a typical clinical setting, but I think if we were, it would make us visible and students would take advantage of that. Putting us under one roof would be an advantage to both departments."

The Tech Board of Regents must approve the project before a construction date can be set.

Yale tells FBI Princeton hacked into new admissions Web site

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Yale University complained to the FBI on Thursday that admissions officials at Princeton hacked into a Yale Web site that was set up for prospective students.

Yale said it found 18 unauthorized log-ins to the Web site that were traced back to computers at Princeton, including computers in the admissions office.

"We're assessing the infor-

mation to see if there is a federal violation," FBI spokeswoman Lisa Bull said.

The head of admissions at Princeton said the school just

checked the site to see how secure it was. Princeton gained access by looking up students who had applied to both schools.

"It was really an innocent way for us to check out the security," Stephen LeMenager, Princeton's dean of admissions, told the *Yale Daily News*, which broke the story Thursday in its online edition.

"That was our main concern of having an online notification system, that it would be susceptible to people who had that information — parents, guidance counselors, and admissions officers at other schools."

Yale said Princeton's actions violated the privacy of the students.

"We have therefore notified appropriate law enforcement authorities as well as the applicants whose Web locations were accessed," said Dorothy K. Robinson, Yale vice president and general counsel.

The Web site was activated for a few weeks in the spring so undergraduate applicants could find out if they got in to Yale. Applicants

could access the site by using their Social Security numbers and birthdates. The site included links to admissions information and personal

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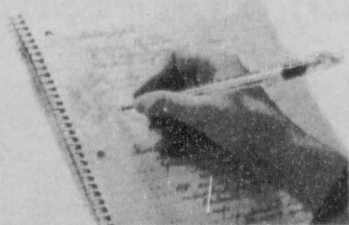
data about the students.

If a student was admitted, the site flashed fireworks and a congratulatory message. If the student did not get in, a message indicating that was displayed.

The site included a notice that only students, not parents or others, may access the site, and it warned that Yale would investigate and act on any unauthorized use.

This was the first year Yale used the Web site, which proved to be popular with students. The day it went online in April, more than 9,700 applicants had logged in, including 1,190 of the nearly 1,500 students who were admitted.

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Runners compete under full moon in annual lunar race

By KRISTEN GILBRETH
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Wednesday night, with the cool West Texas weather accompanied by a fluorescent full moon, about 160 people participated in the ninth annual Lunar Lope races on the Texas Tech campus.

At the north end of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center, whistles sounded at about 10 p.m. as people of all shapes, sizes and ages positioned, waiting for the words, "On your mark — Get set — Go!"

Dogs on colorful leashes, small children, proud parents and fitness fanatics flocked together on the sidelines cheering for their favorite contestant.

Robert Blake, a freshman computer science major from Houston, said he stayed up for the festivities even though his classes began at 8 a.m. the next morning.

"I just want to get back in shape," he said. "I'm kind of out of shape this summer. But I am addicted to running. When I don't run, I get withdrawals."

Blake finished third, with a time of 5:39 minutes.

"That is a wussie time; that is like a JV time in high school," he said.

Eric Spruiell, a graduate student studying physical therapy from Wichita Falls, said he intended to

pace himself for one mile but mistakenly set off with the 5-kilometer group.

Unaware the crowd he was chasing was bound for the stadium, the coliseum and then back to Flint Avenue, he launched the lunar lope with a sprint.

"I didn't know what was the one mile," he said. "I was half-way through and we were at the Philosophy building. There was nobody stopping or anything, so I just kept on running and running."

Spruiell said it was not until he passed the library that it occurred to him he was treading a longer distance.

He said he came out for a good time, but he noticed some were taking the race seriously and were angry because the distance was not exact.

Nick Williams, a senior exercise and sports science major from Cannon, finished second in the one-mile run with a time of 4:56 minutes, trailing seconds behind Frenship High School senior Trent Gary.

Still fighting for breath, Williams said, "This is just a sport for me, I was trying to run a personal best for the summer and that wasn't it."

Gary, who competes in track and cross-country events frequently, said it was his first race of the summer.

"I've never won ever before, so it



Many participants put up a sweat Wednesday night on the Texas Tech campus during the annual Lunar Lope race under the full moon. About 160 runners competed in the event.

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felt pretty good," he said.

Josephat Keino, a sophomore accounting major and athlete at South Plains College, crossed the 5-kilometer finish line with a time of 17.43 minutes, leaving all competition in the dust.

With sweat dripping from his brow and drenching his track jersey he said, "For me, I took it easy."

Keino, a native of Kenya, Africa, has only been in the United States for two years. In August he leaves for Louisiana State University on a full track scholarship.

First place winners received water bottles, but Betty Blanton, associate director of Tech Recreational Sports, said she hoped everyone walked away with fitness and fun as

their reward.

"It was a great night. I think everyone had a lot of fun," she said. "There were so many people that we ran out of water, but we think that is a good sign. We hope everyone had as much fun as we did."

The annual triathlon will be held Sept. 15. Blanton said everyone interested should start training.

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