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Large enrollment forces staff hiring freeze

By KRISTEN GILBRETH
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's strong enrollment growth has negatively impacted the university's budget for this summer and the next academic year resulting in a freezing of vacant staff positions until Sept. 1.

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"Normally the university funds summer school on a basis of lapsed salaries of people who leave during the year," Tech President David Schmidly said. "We had very few faculty leaving this year to fund the size of summer school we thought our students needed."

Schmidly said a calculated \$5

million dollars in additional faculty salaries is needed to meet student enrollment demands.

"All this is about reshuffling money so we could fund the best possible summer school to accompany as many students as possible," he said.

Lynda Gilbert, vice president for fiscal affairs, said if anticipated growth is achieved, the additional

funds needed will hopefully be met.

"The president (Schmidly) has a series of committees currently developing strategies to help meet short terms needs," she said. "The strategies will help obtain and retain the faculty we need. Basically, it is a matter of squeezing money out of current funds available and expanding those funds."

Gilbert said the main source of university funding is from state appropriations occurring every two years. The benefits of the 14 percent increase in summer enrollment rates will not be seen until 2004, she said.

"Most students think when they pay tuition it pays everything (for

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Department seeks to improve image

Traffic & Parking gives nearly 2,000 tickets in one week

APRIL TAMPLEN
STAFF WRITER

Nearly 2,000 traffic and parking citations were issued last week, as the first week of ticketing commenced for the summer.

Eric Crouch, manager for operations for Texas Tech traffic and parking, said 1,800 tickets were issued as of Friday.

"We do not have a total figure on how many of these tickets were warnings," he said. "Some of these could be warnings, they just have not been entered into the system yet."

Crouch said some students did not get their parking permits in time for the start of the summer session because of a glitch in the permit printer.

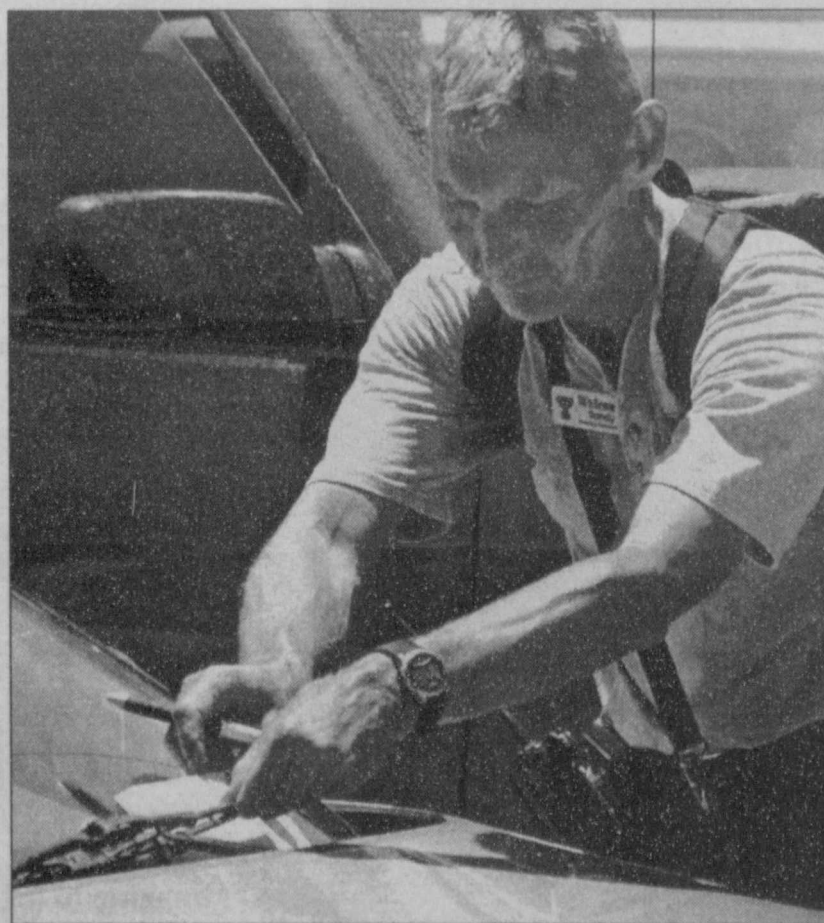
"As far as I know now, everyone who had a problem is taken care of," he said. "We sent an e-mail to those we knew did not receive their permit through the mail and told them to come by our office and pick one up," he said.

Parking permits for the summer were mailed out one week before the session began. Crouch said traffic and parking enforcement officers began giving warning citations Tuesday and citations Wednesday.

Max Hinojosa, vice president for operations at Tech, said he realized that students who did not have parking permits because of the glitch might be receiving parking citations.

"We need to look at what we are doing to ourselves, and that doesn't sound good," he said. "I think it is a problem of the enforcement, not talking to the permit people. If we screwed up, I would be the first to admit it."

Throughout the summer, traffic and



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Randy Nichols, a Texas Tech Traffic and Parking employee, places a parking ticket on a car with an expired sticker at the Stangle/Murdough Residence Hall parking lot Monday. Nearly 2,000 citations were issued during the summer's first week of ticketing.

parking at Tech will be taking action against complaints and taking another look at their image across campus.

The three main areas traffic and parking is looking at are communication, image and enforcement, Hinojosa said.

"We need to give everyone the benefit of a doubt," he said. "We need to get more

value added to the fee we charge."

Additionally, Hinojosa said Traffic and Parking is coming up with new ideas on ways to benefit the students. Some ideas are helping students who lock their keys in the car and offering

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Officials to review recommendations

Committee gives top 10 ways to improve Tech

By KELI JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Imagine for one moment that Texas Tech would support a social hot spot on campus that all students can enjoy.

Tech officials could make it a reality if they choose to follow the Student First Committee Recommendation to renovate the barn, located near the library.

As one of the Top 10 recommendations of the Student First Committee, the barn has the potential to become a gathering place for students.

Michael Shonrock, vice president of student af-

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Doak Hall fire victim released from UMC

By BRANDON GUINN
STAFF WRITER

Chad Strickland, 35, of Lubbock, was released on Saturday from the UMC. He was taken to the University Medical Center Friday and treated for second- and third-degree burns to his left arm from an explosion occurring in Doak Residence Hall.

Strickland hit a power line with a jackhammer outside of Doak Hall shutting off power to the Doak conference center.

Strickland was breaking up concrete outside the building in preparation of a new ADA ramp, when he struck a 208-volt power line causing a small explosion. No other injuries were reported.

Mike Oles, of Brown-McKee Inc., said Strickland's arm got caught in an electrical flash fire.

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Tech School of Nursing receives \$5 million grant

By APRIL TAMPLIN
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech School of Nursing at the Health Sciences

Center was among one of the recipients to receive a \$5 million grant to help address nursing shortages in West Texas.

The South Plains Workforce

Development Board bestowed Tech with \$3 million and Market Lubbock provided the school with \$2 million.

Alexia Green, dean of and

professor at the HSC, said Covenant Health System, Lubbock Christian University's Department of Nursing and South Plains College's School of Nursing all got allocations of the grant.

"Tech got the largest part of the grant and has the unique role of implementing and overseeing the money," she said.

The grant, "Nurse Education: Recruiting for a Healthier Tomorrow" will go towards promoting the nursing profession, training nursing teachers, providing 240 more registered nurses and providing \$1 million in scholarships to fund undergraduates, graduates and summer health camps.

Green said 10 scholarships totaling \$17,000 will be provided for graduates who are committed to the teaching area, and 20 scholarships totaling \$15,000 will be provided for undergraduates who have been accepted in the nursing area.

"Other dollars will go towards hiring new faculty over a two year period," she said. "A faculty recruiter position will be developed that will attract faculty from within the United States."

Green said with the nursing shortage across the United States, recruiters often go to

other countries to bring in nurses.

"We have often turned away nurses from here because of recruiting in other countries. Recruiting in other countries can be expensive," she said. "These scholarships will help attract people to the nursing profession."

It will take two years for the scholarships to be implemented.

Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith said the No. 1 reason for the grant was to address the nursing shortage and to increase the quality and care in the nursing field.

"Money is coming straight to Tech through scholarships," he said. "The two problems this will help is the shortage in applicants for scholarships and the shortage of faculty to teach the students."

Green was the former president of the South Plains Nursing Education Coalition. She went to Washington to present the idea for the grant.

"Forming the coalition was a shot in the dark, but I thought maybe we would receive the money," she said.

Smith said Tech benefited from this grant in more ways than receiving money.

"Tech was recognized at a national level," he said. "This was an important thing."

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the university)," she said. "But it only pays partial. We have a very tight budget."

Administrative support, accounting, maintenance and groundskeepers are all examples of positions that will be affected by the freeze, Gilbert said.

Also included is a deferment on university purchases for capital items on state appropriated funds for capital items.

Gilbert said university purchases include items such as tractors and vehicles that may need to be renewed.

"This is only for the summer," she said. "Which is the least busy time. I don't see it as a significant problem for the university as a total."

Vice Provost James Brink said he has been at Tech for 26 years and

he is not aware of any other freezes that have taken place.

"This is an interesting and unique problem," he said. "We will do our best to listen to the concerns that people have regarding the freeze."

Brink said there also will be a freeze on permanent hiring for faculty positions where an offer has not already been made. Temporary hires or reallocation of current faculty will accommodate the increasing amount of student enrollment, he said.

Physical Plant director Douglas Chowning said the freeze will cause them to work harder with what they have.

"We will have to work smarter and more creatively," he said. "This doesn't make our job any easier, but it is not something we can't overcome. This summer it will have an effect, but I don't think it's gonna be anything where we don't provide the services we normally do."

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free checking of fluid and tires.

"If we unlocked student's cars for them, we would take a police force with us," he said. "And checking a student's car for problems is good when students go home. It might hurt us in our budget, but that is an investment I think we need to take."

There are two types of summer parking permits students can purchase.

A summer permit allows students to park in residence hall parking lots as well as commuter lots. A summer permit hangs on the car's rearview mirror.

A summer commuter-parking permit allows students to park only in commuter lots. The commuter sticker is placed on the windshield.

Students can purchase their Summer and Fall parking permits online at the RaiderLink Portal (www.raiderlink.com).

Traffic and Parking summer hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Oles said Strickland was never actually electrocuted, but the fire from the flash caused the burns to his arm.

Oles said they worked closely with Lubbock Power and Light to repair the damage and power was restored around 5:30 p.m. Friday.

Chris Angerer, district chief for the Lubbock fire department, said a call came in at 10:42 a.m. Friday reporting a man had been

burned. At 10:45 a.m. Emergency Medical Service vehicles arrived and found the man with second- and third-degree burns to his left arm.

Angerer said the LP&L transformer was destroyed, which shut down power to the Doak conference center.

Kaley Paris was inside the adjacent building when the incident occurred.

"There was a loud rumbling noise, the light flickered, and then the power went off," she said.

Lupe Cruz, a Tech employee, said he was on a ladder just next to

where the worker was injured.

"It sounded like an explosion," Lupe said. "I was inside the doorway and all I could see was black smoke."

Mark McVay, associate director of residence life, said LP&L is working with Brown-McKee Inc. to ensure the safety of future incidents. The affected area is to be recapped, covered with concrete and red tape is to be placed around the electrical line to increase visibility.

"I appreciate everyone's quick response, and I am glad he wasn't hurt worse," he said.

■ RECOMMEND

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fairs, is an adviser for the Student First group.

"If it's a priority, we're going to find a way to make it happen," he said. "I can't think of anything better than investing in something to give kids an opportunity."

Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith said he wants to make Tech a more student friendly campus. The establishment of Student First in October was his attempt to realize this goal.

Smith said the purpose of the committee is to get students' perspectives and suggest improvements and changes favored by the majority of students throughout the Tech system. The

committee formed a list of 10 recommendations, which were recently submitted in a report to the Tech Board of Regents.

The Regents will evaluate the budgetary limitations, while the two presidents and chancellor will make decisions on implementations of the proposals.

Included in the suggestions were informing students about fees, creating a multicultural center, creating more internships, continuing the Student First committee and creating an Ex-Student First organization.

Student First co-chairwoman Cortney Youens, a third year medical student from Austin, said there is a good chance of all the recommendations passing.

Smith said he agreed with Youens. "We are looking at about 75 to 80

percent of the proposals will be approved and implemented," he said.

The committee began meeting weekly to assemble information and assess strategies for implementation of each proposal before presenting it to the board.

Tech Regent Carin Barth said she thought the Student First program was a good idea and the presentation was well received.

"We are in the very preliminary stages at this point," she said. "We are doing an ongoing evaluation of the report."

The report included polling, surveying and questioning a diverse and representative group of students on all Tech campuses.

The committee was formed in October. The dean of each college at Tech nominated students to serve on the committee.

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Perhaps none of them were aware of the atrocity they would cause. Perhaps none would care. It would seem all were far more concerned with serving their corporate masters, and in doing so, demonstrating the ideals of liberty and the goals of the United States federal government, which are very much in opposition.

These world-damning puppets of which I speak, are of course, the U.S. Congress. The immeasurable evil I refer to is the Marijuana Tax Act of 1937. With the passage of this hell-spawned piece of statutory excrement, our illustrious legislative-goon-squad fired onto the defenseless citizenry the first volley in what would become the longest, deadliest and most resource-consuming war of all time. The holy grail of the holier-than-thou, sacred cow to the righteous regurgitator of right-wing rhetoric — the War on Drugs.

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Meanwhile, the military/prison/industrial complex feeds itself on all the free labor afforded by the incarceration of nonviolent drug offenders. Huge unscrupulous corporations move in with contracts to capitalize on the virtual slavery and the savage cycle repeats itself once again.

This fascist, dehumanizing, self-perpetuating political machine represents the most powerful evil force impacting the planet today, and as such, I intend to use the next several weeks to illustrate how utterly indefensible this war has become.

Next week: The Beginning: Corporate Greed and Yellow Journalism. Anyway, I have to wrap up. It's almost 4:20.



Religion alive, well and counting

In 1885, Nietzsche famously wrote, "God is dead." He was right in one way. European Christianity had changed so much that it seemed unrecognizable. In another sense, he was dead wrong. Religion is still alive and kicking. Sorry, Friedrich.

This is worth discussing as India and Pakistan caterwaul and as Israel and Palestine bicker over land making Lubbock look like Tuscany. Nietzsche wrote before the millions-strong Pentecostalism and Falun Gong had really begun to sizzle. Simple monoliths of orthodoxy - Animism, Judaism, Hinduism? Wrong. Faiths are blooming and evolving before our eyes. Did you know there are more than a million Zoroastrians in Iran? Did you know "Jedi" is listed on the British religious census, that Buddhism is a 200-sect family?

Religion is fun to watch because it is mutating continuously. We're not even sure what religion is any more. Confucian-



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ism boils down to good manners for public servants. Ethics for politicians sounds odd, but if we're counting it, what about Liberalism, Conservatism? Non-theistic Buddhism is basically philosophy — what of Platonism, existentialism?

Whatever it is, it's breeding like rabbits, which is fine by me. As long as the theocrats are restricted to the 700 Club, faith is pretty harmless. For most of history, priests were the only literati, which explain why ancient religious texts are such good writing; they soaked up the poetic talent — the left-behind novels excluded, of course. A lot of people might, like Karl Marx,

dismiss religion as the "opiate of the people," but it helps to ask what and why they're smoking in the first place.

The best thing that ever happened to faith was division from the state. Separated from government monopolies, religion became a free-market, explaining its current protean ferocity.

An *Atlantic Monthly* article reports 9,900 separate distinct faiths in the world are increasing by two or three every day. Theodiversity is growing. Cao Dai, Vietnamese and three-million strong, includes Victor Hugo in its pantheon. This university has several notable organizations of Greek name dedicated to the worship of Dionysus, god of drunken debauchery.

If this seems a curiosity, then it is a towering curiosity. As for myself, I add to the pot. Let us have a dogma of worshiping, longhaired scribes of high repute. Monetary tithes optional but appreciated.

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New dean, Huffman, sets goals for law school

■ **Public and national exposure tops Gen. Walter Huffman's goals list for law school.**

BY BRANDON GUINN
STAFF WRITER

Twenty-five years since graduating from the Texas Tech School of Law, Gen. Walter Huffman is returning to the school. This time, not as a student, but as the dean of the school.

Huffman said he is very honored to return to Lubbock and to head the law school where he earned his degree in 1977.

"My wife and I look forward to returning to Lubbock," he

said. "We have a long history with Lubbock and Texas Tech, and it will be a welcome change to return home."

Huffman was named dean on Thursday by Tech Provost John Burns.

Huffman said he is honored by the opportunity to lead what he believes to be one of the best law schools in the country.

"The law school is in excellent shape; it has a strong faculty and a strong student base," Huffman said.

Huffman said his main focus is to increase public image by bringing together former alumni and increasing the visibility of the high-ranking former graduates.

"The biggest challenge the Tech law school faces is lack of

public relations and image. I believe this is directly related to Tech's ranking as a fourth tier law school," he said. "I agree with (David) Smith (Tech chancellor) and (David) Schmidly (Tech president) when they say they do not agree with the ranking given to Tech's law school."

Huffman said Tech graduates hold some of the most prestigious positions in the country.

"One of our former Tech law students is the national expert on bio terrorism and the law," he said.

Huffman said his first duty of business is to host a reception at the State Bar convention this week. This will allow him to establish relations with

Tech alumni and begin the process of increasing public image.

Avery Austin, a third-year law student, said the law school is at

a time in the world when someone with military leadership would be an important factor in bringing Lubbock into the 21st century.

"There is no better way, than with a military leader, to bring recognition to Lubbock," he said.

Austin said in the state of Texas, Tech has done really well in producing exceptional lawyers.

"We need the right leadership to catapult Texas Tech into the right standing. It takes a good leader to pull out the resources needed to propel us forward," he said. "Huffman was in charge of the largest law firm in the world. He must be a great leader to maintain that standing."

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Lubbock Zoo plans to open this fall

By KRISTEN GILBRETH
STAFF WRITER

This fall students can look forward to seeing peacocks, donkeys and other various animals at Lubbock's first zoo.

The groundbreaking for the zoo was held on May 29.

Lubbock residents Kai and Jim Hill plan to open the zoo on 40 acres west of Lubbock International Airport in late October.

"We got started when we had our first son and realized there are not many places to take young family members," Kai Hill said. "We wanted to build a place not only for education, but also where people could have a good time. It is important for children to learn that education can be fun."

Kai Hill said buffalo, llamas, peacocks, pigs and miniature donkeys are only few of the animals they expect to house at the zoo.

Every year a new animal will be added. Next year a zebra will be added, she said.

"One of the attractions will be a lemur lounge," she said.

"This is a place where kids can look at the ring-tailed lemur while reading or being read to. This will promote reading in a fun way."

Also included will be a picnic area, playground, petting area, recycling education center and a gift shop.

Kai Hill said they are in the fundraising phase right now. One-fourth of the \$500,000

needed to finance the project has been raised.

"We are working with departments at Texas Tech," she said. "We hope to attract student volunteers and provide internships for vets."

Nathan Collie, associate professor of biological sciences, said he is excited a zoo will be introduced to Lubbock.

"I am pleased someone is trying to do this, and we should support them," he said.

He said he is the informal liaison between the biology department and the zoo. He will meet with the Hills at the end

of the June to discuss details of the partnership.

"I kind of put myself in charge because I thought it would be a real nice connection for them (the Hills), the community and students," he said. "We will brainstorm with them on ideas to make this a success."

Collie said he has recently sent e-mails to all faculty and graduate students in the department to see if anyone is interested in helping with the effort.

Erin Herrick, a sophomore music education major from San Antonio, said although she probably will not be helping in making the zoo a reality, she is excited about the upcoming attraction.

"I think it will be a great thing for children because it will give them something to do," she said. "Actually, I would go visit it also, because it would give me something to do."

"We wanted to build a place not only for education, but also where people could have a good time."

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Authorities said the alleged scheme, involving a former gang member from Chicago who was raised Catholic but converted to

Islam, went only as far as the planning stages. Undersecretary of State John Bolton indicated the man was carrying plans for the attack when he was picked up in Chicago.

Jose Padilla, 31, also known as Abdullah al Muhajir, was arrested on May 8 as he flew from Pakistan via Zurich, Switzerland, to O'Hare International Airport. Officials said the CIA and FBI helped foil the alleged plan, and FBI agents were waiting for Padilla as his plane arrived at the gate. Authorities said they believed he had returned to conduct reconnaissance for al-Qaida.

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Opening of Marble Falls campus set for Saturday

By Keli Johnson
STAFF WRITER

After beginning classes in Fredericksburg two weeks ago, Texas Tech continues to branch out into the Hill Country by opening yet another location on Saturday in Marble Falls, called Highland Lakes.

Marble Falls, population 4,959, is located approximately 50 miles northwest of Austin, and about 50 miles north of Fredericksburg, the other Hill Country higher education institute.

Pam Alspaugh, associate director of communications, said Highland Lakes was not an expensive investment because there was no need for new construction.

"All the building needed was to be finished on the inside, which was completely privately funded by community donors," she said.

Tech president David Schmidly said he is optimistic about the new locations in the

Hill Country.

"It's going to allow us to grow and expand our geographic influence," he said. "The Hill Country in Texas is the fastest growing rural area in the United States, and we aim to make opportunities available for people there."

The high-tech, interactive TV classrooms are similar to those at the Fredericksburg campus. Students take classes at both Fredericksburg and Highland Lakes, which allows them to share a professor and classmates in different locations.

Erica Wilson, a senior public relations major from Abilene, said she benefits from taking her classes by interactive television.

"The actual class is taught in Fredericksburg, but there are cameras on both me and the professor," she said. "So it's like I am there without actually having to drive for an hour."

Alspaugh said Highland Lakes is designed for people who want to go back and finish

a degree they had previously begun. Courses offered are select junior and senior level as well as some graduate coursework.

Classes began two weeks ago at the Highland Lakes campus. The first summer session offered German history, geology, conversational Spanish and graduate educational leadership. Additional classes may be offered at the Marble Falls High School.

The graduate program at Highland Lakes is currently for education. It is an opportunity for teachers to earn their master's degree or to become

certified as a school principal.

Alspaugh said as more students enroll in the Hill Country, more classes will be offered. Be-

tween the Fredericksburg and Highland Lakes sessions, there are 11 undergraduate and 21 graduate students attending.

The second summer session will offer a broader spectrum of classes such as: library re-

search, general ornithology, statistics with application to business, history of Christianity, German conversation and composition and fiscal administration.

Alspaugh said new additions will begin in the Fall as more students enroll and more classes are offered.

Financial aid and scholarships are available to eligible students and tuition is waived for students who are 55 years and older. Those students are subject to pay fees and books.

Alspaugh said Tech has the chance to be a positive influence in the Hill Country.

"We are offering public higher education for people in the Hill Country," she said. "No other university is going into rural areas, and that's different. It's expanding our influence in a part of Texas that's really growing."

Schmidly will speak at the opening ceremonies Saturday. The ceremony will recognize several community donors who have greatly contributed to the privately funded facility.

Texas Sen. Troy Fraser, (R) from Horseshoe Bay, is among several public officials slated to attend the grand opening.

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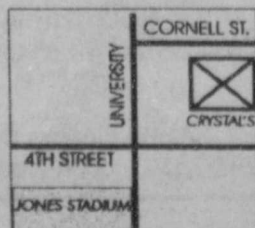
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UIL meetings to suggest steroid testing of high school athletes

AUSTIN (AP) — With public concern rising over anabolic steroid use by professional athletes, University Interscholastic League officials will consider this week whether to start testing Texas high schoolers.

"Some believe it is a major problem" at the high school level, said UIL Athletic Director Charles Breithaupt, who said the issue will

be considered by the UIL's Legislative Council at its meetings Tuesday and Wednesday.

Breithaupt said discussions will center on random postseason testing of playoff teams and probably wouldn't start before the 2003-2004 school year.

The issue of steroid use by professional athletes became a national

controversy after a recent *Sports Illustrated* article on its impact on professional baseball.

The UIL's medical advisory committee discussed high school testing and recommended action back in April, Breithaupt said.

"It is a problem in Texas, especially in football," said Dr. Alan Stockard, who sits on the advisory panel.

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