

Library tests 31-database system

By Karen Praslicka The Battalion

Sterling C. Evans library is testing a new online library system that can offer users access to up to 31 databases in areas such as the arts, business, education, science and consumer news.

Computer offers users access to wider variety of subjects

Worldcat holds more than 24 million bibliographic records from 13,000 libraries worldwide. Jackson said students and faculty can use FirstSearch from their homes or offices.

databases of interest for all disciplines," Jackson said. One of the main advantages to the system is that users can access it from their own computer terminals, she said.

graduate students and faculty. The FirstSearch testing is in its second phase. The first phase, which began last February, tested the technical operation of the system.

Videos give both sides of animal rights

By K. Lee Davis The Battalion

With three million outspoken animal rights activists in the United States, one Texas A&M graduate student thought it was time the agriculture industry got fair treatment from animal rights groups.

as an extension associate with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. The videos were created as part of Goodwin's doctoral thesis and are primarily for the use of agricultural extension agents for further education and keeping up with current issues in agriculture.

an equal serving of hormone-implanted beef, while an equal serving of cabbage has over 1000 times the amount of estrogen found in beef.

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Method gives children better self-concept

Open adoptions benefit adoptees

Editor's Note: This is the third of a five-part series in The Battalion on adoption in Texas and how it has changed over the years.

By Jayme Blaschke The Battalion

For years children have been the ignored participants in the adoption equation, but adoptees stand to benefit the most from the

new open placements favored by Texas agencies. Because there is more information available in open adoption, the adoptee has a more complete self-concept, said Joanna Slate, director of post-adoption work at the Texas Cradle Society.

their birth parents, my first thought was that they were unhappy with their current family," Slate said. "That's not true. It's just a natural curiosity."

Many adult adoptees live with the idea, conscious or subconscious, that they did something wrong at birth that caused their parents not to want them, said Arla Schmitt of Adoption Awareness in San Antonio.

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Police Beat

The following incidents were reported to University Police during the period between Feb. 10 and Feb. 13.

- Misdemeanor Theft: A 26-inch rim and tire and a Gel bicycle seat were stolen from a bicycle rack between Dormitory 5 and Underwood Hall.
Harassment: Two victims reported receiving harassing telephone calls during the period.
Felony Theft: A Panasonic VHS camcorder Model PF-460 was stolen from a basement room in the Eller Oceanography and Meteorology Building.

CORRECTION

The Battalion incorrectly reported in Tuesday's paper that Dr. Larry Piper distributed funds from access fees for new computer equipment for the College of Engineering.

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