Campus

Library tests 31-database system

By Karen Praslicka

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.

"Our library is a test site to see how much use the system gets with unrestricted access," Kathy Jackson, head of systems at Evans library, said.

FirstSearch, the electronic information system, also offers students and faculty access to World-cat, the Online Computer Library Center online union catalog.

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. However, they need a computer account on campus, which is available free of

The system has 14 databases presently operating, and the 17 remaining databases will be installed at a later date.

Because there is more informa-

tion available in open adoption,

the adoptee has a more complete self-concept, said Joanna Slate, di-rector of post-adoption work at the Texas Cradle Society. The

questioning and curiosity a child

has of his or her origin is normal

and healthy, and satisfied more

fully when answers are available.
"When I first heard of

adoptees wanting to search for

"Eventually, there will be

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.

Jackson said Evans library cannot own every book and journal in print, but FirstSearch identifies other locations for materials not available at Texas A&M. The inter-library loan office can borrow books from some of the other locations identified by FirstSearch for

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 sys-

The second phase, which will end in June, focuses on how many people use the system. Evans library gets access to the system at no cost until June. At that time, a decision will be made about whether to keep the system.

"The response has been really good," Jackson said. "Students and faculty have expressed concern about keeping it.

"We're really interested in people trying it, and giving us feedback," she said.

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duced from animal rights activists' point of

view, addressing their concerns in a serious

"I'm trying to be as fair as possible with these two videos by examining the contrasting

animal rights and animal welfare in his written

guide to accompany the video, stating that ani-

mal rights activists "believe that animals are

morally equivalent to humans and are thus en-

Goodwin makes a clear distinction between

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viewpoints on the subject" he said.

way, Goodwin said.

"Here's the Beef," the second video, is pro-

Police Beat

The following incidents were reported to University Policy 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 bicycle rack between Dormitory 5 and Underwood Hall.

The front tire and rim from a Trek 7000 bicycle were sto

from a bicycle rack at the Zachry Engineering Center.
Several items of unattended clothing were stolen from washing machine in the laundry room adjacent to the Mills Property Warehouse.

A blue Windspeed boys bicycle was stolen from the Dormito 4 bicycle rack

A black leather purse and contents were stolen from a second floor room of the Eller Oceanography and Meteorology Building A black Giant Nutra boys bicycle was stolen from the bigging rack on the north side of the Memorial Student Center.

An unattended bank bag that was being used by the victim store personal property was stolen from atop a change machine the first floor of the Sterling C. Evans Library. A silver and black aluminum dolly loaned to an unidentifie

person was not returned to the Printing Center.

physically by an acquaintance.

Building.

Harassment

Two victims reported receiving harassing telephone calls during One victim reported being harassed both verbally and

Felony Theft A Panasonic VHS camcorder Model PF-460 was stolen from basement room in the Eller Oceanography and Meteorological states and the states of the

Violation of University Regulation

Two individuals were issued Criminal Trespass Warnings and

escorted from campus after they were detected selling magazin subscriptions without authorization. **Reckless Conduct**

Two individuals responsible for discharging a Marksman B gun and a large water gun on the fourth floor balcony of Schuhmacher Hall were identified.

Public Intoxication

Five individuals were arrested and incarcerated in the Brazo County Jail after they were observed urinating on E. Main Drive.

CORRECTION

The Battalion incorrectly reported in Tuesday's paper that Dr. Larry Piper distributed funds from access fees for new comput equipment for the College of Engineering. Piper is course coord nator for the Engineering 109 classes using the new computers. Dr. John Dinkel, associate provost for computers and informa

tion systems, distributed the money from the fees The Battalion regrets any inconvenience this may have caused.

Videos give both sides of animal rights an equal serving of hormone-implanted beef,

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

Jeff Goodwin, veteran of an eight-year stint as an agricultural extension agent in the Texas panhandle and a doctoral candidate in the College of Agriculture, has made two videos he hopes will dispel some of the myths surrounding animal treatment in the agriculture indus-Goodwin is currently the trustee of his fam-

ily farm and ranch near Sunray, Texas, as well

adoption in Texas and how it has

changed over the years. Today's article focuses on the benefits of open

By Jayme Blaschke The Battalion

the ignored participants in the

adoption equation, but adoptees

stand to benefit the most from the

For years children have been

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.

His first video, "What's the Beef," deals with the quality of agribusiness in the United States today, and what he considers the exaggerations of animal rights activists on the lack of humane livestock care.

In "What's the Beef," Goodwin debunks several popular criticisms against beef consumption, one being the dangers of growth hormone in meat production. According to the video, a three ounce serv-

ing of peas has 200 times more estrogen than

Open adoptions benefit adoptees thought was that they were un-

happy with their current family,

Slate said. "That's not true. It's just

a natural curiosity. Even if their search turns out to be disappointing, the adoptees have said they're still glad they searched," she said. "A lot of times adoptees and their parents become closer after a search. Open adoption is an extension of this. It's not co-parenting. The child

knows who his parents are.

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. Open adoptions prevent those damaging misconceptions from taking hold.

'I'm working with a very successful man from the East Coast who's in his 50's, and is very an-

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Method gives children better self-concept

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