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The Student Employment Center, located on the second floor of the Pavilion, plans to be in full operation by late August of 1998. The Student Employment Center plans to have the software accessible over the World Wide Web available to students by mid-October of 1997, Lawson said.
Students will be required to attend a short orientation session to receive a password to access the employment center's software over the Internet.
The service is free to students. Lawson said he did not want to pass on the costs of operating the center on to the students benefiting from the service.
"The first criteria that I put on it was that it had to be really free for students," he said. "The only thing it would cost is time. But with access to the Web anytime, it is the student's time, on the student's ground."
Jennifer Beach, a senior psychology major, said her job search for summer employment was difficult.
"It (the Student Employment Center) sounds definitely beneficial," Beach said. "It would be a lot quicker to have everything in one

accessible place, instead of driving around and looking for signs in windows."

Cliff Nash, sophomore computer science major, said he had used the Texas A&M home page to search for jobs in the past.

"I don't know how different this service would be, but contacting employers listed on the home page was difficult," Nash said. "I never know how to respond — e-mail, phone or drive to visit. It's a good resource tool, but the student still has to go out and get an application and an interview."

Lawson said two of the most important components of the Student Employment Center will be the Student Advisory Board, made up of A&M students, and Peer Counselors.

"Good student advisors can keep in touch with us and with their peers to tell us what to do to make our mission successful," Lawson said. "Anyone interested should stick with it. We are going to listen to what you want us to do. We want meaningful dialogue about what's needed by students and how we can best deliver it."

Students interested in the Student Employment Center, becoming part of the Student Advisory Board or training as a Peer Counselor can contact the Center at SEC@famail.tamu.edu.

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"The majority of internships are during the summer," Turner said. "But we are seeing some students go into part-time internships during the fall and spring semesters."

Turner said the Career Center wants to help students get job experience.

"This is such a good job market that the tide has lifted for everybody," she said. "We would like students to pick up job experience sooner rather than later."

The Career Center provides career advising and job placement for A&M students. The Center also offers programs to help students with interview skills and resumes.

The Career Center's homepage is at <http://aggienet.tamu.edu/cctr>.

Texas Tech creates post to attract minorities

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech has hired a vice chancellor focused on gaining minority students and faculty.

It is the state's first major public university system to create such a position.

Cathy H. Allen began work Tuesday at the system's main campus in Lubbock.

"What I would like ... is to increase the di-

versity on our campus at all ranks — students, staff and faculty — including higher-level administrative positions," Ms. Allen said.

The move comes in response to the court-ordered end to enrollment policies that give minority students preferences in admission.

Even before U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling last year, only about 3 per-

cent of the Tech system's 20,420 undergraduate students were black and less than 11 percent were Hispanic.

According to NCAA figures, only about 25 percent of blacks and Hispanics who enrolled as freshmen from 1987-91 graduated from Tech. The graduation among white students over that time was 42 percent.

Big donors leasing luxury skyboxes

AUSTIN (AP) — Those leasing the University of Texas' new luxury football stadium suites — equipped with kitchenettes, sound systems and electronically operated sliding windows — include some big UT donors, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

UT athletics officials are using a list of 9,200 individual and corporate donors, giving them first crack at renting the 66 suites. The university is considering the prospective leaseholders' cumulative donations, the American-Statesman reported.

The 14 new suites at the stadium's west side — and 52 more under construction on the east side for the 1998 football season — are part of the university's overhaul of Royal-Lamar Stadium.

For the 14 suites leased for this year, three of the leaseholders — McCombs, Moffett and Mike Myers of Dallas, chairman and owner of Myers Financial Corp. — gave more than \$3 million apiece to UT over the years, the American-Statesman reported.

The university released the names of the donors to the newspaper after it filed a request for the information under the state's open records law.

One donor — whose name wasn't available — gave less than \$20,000, according to associate athletic director Chris Plonsky. UT said it still was finalizing the unidentified donor's lease.

Included are Freeport-McMoRan executive Bob Moffett of New Orleans, car dealer Red McCombs of San Antonio, Dallas investor and UTeach Thomas Hicks, and Austin lawyer and fund-raiser Frank Denius.

"I think one reason for the big range is that some of our top donors wanted suites on the east side,

which is closer to the parking garage," Plonsky said. The average suite costs \$50,570 a year to lease. Leaseholders must commit to a minimum of three years.

About 20 people have expressed interest in leasing east-side suites so far, but no decisions will be made until Jan. 15, when cumulative contributions will be assessed to determine the pecking order for lease awards.

McCombs, who had given UT athletics \$3.04 million by the July 1 cutoff for west-side suites, said he was pleased with his 12-seat sky box.

"It's more than I hoped for," he said. "I didn't expect the sight lines to be as good as they are ... And the ability to open the window to give you the atmosphere of the stadium is a very exciting feature."

McCombs, however, won't be using the suite when UT kicks off the first of its five home games in the 1997 season Saturday against Rutgers.

He's making the box available to key employees and customers. He prefers to sit in the 10th or 15th row so he can focus on the game and soak up the "squeals and feels" of the crowd.

No money; less troopers

AUSTIN (AP) — Not enough state troopers patrol Texas highways because the Department of Public Safety spent money earmarked for hiring new officers on other things, a state audit says.

The audit said the state's main law enforcement agency used the money to pay for salary increases, building repairs, improved computer and radio technology and other items.

Higher speed limits have combined with the state's rapidly growing population to make roadways more dangerous at a time when the state has a trooper shortage. In 1996, for example, there were about 450 more fatal car accidents than in 1995.

The report issued Tuesday by State Auditor Lawrence Alvin says that by redirecting the money, the agency has given the impression that "the number of commissioned officers protecting the public was greater than the actual number of officers employed."

"In fiscal year 1997, the monies from approximately 140 of the 237 Traffic Law Enforcement commissioned officer vacancies were being used to fund other expenses than hiring additional troopers," the report said.

The \$4.7 million allocated to fill trooper positions in 1996 was spent elsewhere, the auditor said. The agency has 563 vacant positions and about half are trooper jobs.

The DPS now has about one trooper for every 215 miles of rural road. If the vacancies were filled, the state would have one trooper for every 125 miles of highway, DPS Director Col. Dudley Thomas said.

Despite the trooper shortfall, Thomas says Texas roads and highways are safe.

He said the DPS has been forced to shift money for troopers to cover costs of legislative mandates that state lawmakers didn't provide enough money for. He noted that half of a 3 percent salary increase lawmakers gave state employees in 1991 had to be paid for by agencies.

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AUSTIN (AP) — Convicted banker Ruben Johnson asked a federal judge to drastically reduce the \$4.6 million he was ordered to pay the federal government for looting the financial institution he controlled.

Attorney Denise Tomlinson has said Johnson paid \$100 a month after his release from prison and increased the amount to \$200 a month after he was hired by Mauro this year.

Johnson's has entered a motion claiming he owes \$109,741, at most, but has asked U.S. District Judge James Nowlin to reduce the restitution to the amount he already has paid.

Nowlin sentenced Johnson to eight years in prison, five years of probation, \$4.6 million in restitution and a \$65,000 fine for taking kickbacks from a contractor who worked on space leased to tenants at United Bank's 15th Street headquarters.

The U.S. Probation Office has declined to release his payment records. Court documents show Johnson, who left prison in July 1994, had paid \$1,684 as of November 1995, the Austin American-Statesman reported Wednesday.

Johnson was general partner of the company that owned the building, and characterized the kickbacks as "developer's fees."

Johnson, former chairman of the failed United Bank of Texas, now gets \$61,242 a year as an aide to Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, a politician to whom Johnson had made contributions and loans before Johnson's 1989 conviction.

In the court motion filed Tuesday, he claimed the restitution order is illegal because it is not connected to the specific acts for which he was convicted.

"There simply is no connection between Mr. Johnson's actions related to the fees and the bank's payments on the leases for additional space," the motion said.

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