

## ANTHRAX

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The new New York cases brought to 12 the number of people around the nation who either have anthrax or been exposed to it. That does not include an NBC employee who is taking antibiotics after displaying possible symptoms of the disease.

The anthrax scare began Oct. 4 when it was confirmed that a Florida tabloid editor had contracted the inhaled form of the bacteria. His death a day later was the first resulting from the disease in the United States since 1976.

Seven other employees of American Media Inc. have tested positive for exposure and are being treated with antibiotics. None have developed the disease. A second round of blood tests for more than 300 of the company's employees is expected this week.

News of the exposures has caused jitters around the world, with a number of false or pend-

ing cases reported over the weekend. Among them:

— In Hawaii, hazardous-materials teams were called to Lihue Airport after passengers on a flight from Los Angeles discovered a white powder on their luggage after they arrived. Tests were being conducted on the powder.

— In Uniontown, Pa., a 49-year-old woman was given Cipro, an antibiotic for anthrax, and was tested for exposure after receiving an envelope containing a powdery substance. She was later released from a hospital.

— In England, several hundred people were evacuated from Canterbury Cathedral after a worker said he saw a man dropping a white powder in one of the chapels. Workers wearing chemical protection suits cleared up the powder and took samples for analysis.

In New York, Giuliani said the officer and two technicians were exposed while working on the anthrax case involving Erin O'Connor, 38, the assistant to NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw. O'Connor is expected to recover from the infection.

## ASB

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Guyton said that in a meeting with student activities officials, they told her ASB's choice of an adviser would not be recognized.

"Since the group is affiliated, we should be able to choose our own adviser, and student activities is not letting us do this," Guyton said. "We do want her (Gray) involved in our organization, but we don't think that they have the right to tell us who and where and what."

Guyton said she asked Latham to allow Luza to continue as a primary or secondary adviser, but said she was told that Luza is not qualified.

Luza said he understands why ASB officials are upset.

"It's not about me as adviser — it's about them having the choice of who they would like it to be," he said. "I don't understand, because they (Student Activities) haven't set their criteria. They just told our president that I didn't have the skills," Luza said. "Beth and the officers want to have input into where the group is headed and they feel like they are having none right now."

Luza also said that he has repeatedly asked Latham what qualifications he lacks, but that Latham has never responded.

On Oct. 14, Guyton said she sent a letter of grievance to Jackson, detailing ASB's concerns about the process of choosing a new adviser for the group.

"We feel that the action to appoint an adviser to an affiliated group falls outside the Department of Student Activities' own definition of its role," Guyton said.

But Jackson said the department has not overstepped its bounds.

"Part of our responsibility is to look at the type of resources they have," Jackson said. "One very important one is their adviser. We want to work with this group, they do great programs, and we'll make every effort to do that."

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## BIRTHDAY

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Many of the so-called 'date rape' or sexual assaults involve one or both parties' excessive use of alcohol," Jones said. "A lot of the time the victim states that she had multiple drinks or 'shots' and passed out and then was assaulted."

Jones said these types of cases are difficult to investigate because it is almost impossible to prove that the assault was not consensual and the victim, due to her intoxicated state at the time, makes a poor witness. In some cases, the young woman cannot remember being assaulted and does not find out until she begins to suffer from complications and visits a doctor.

One thing both Dennis and Jones warn students against is the over-consumption of alcohol on their 21st birthday.

"I don't really think in order to have fun you need to drink so much that you pass out, or run the risk of getting assaulted or arrested, or make yourself sick," Jones said. "We've had cases right here in College Station where people celebrating birthdays actually drank themselves to death."

Jones said the over-consumption of alcohol may result in accidents, injuries and even deaths from alcohol-poisoning.

It can be easy to over do it when celebrating a 21st birthday. Students should pace themselves and be aware of how much they have had to drink and how much they can handle.

Aside from the legal and safety aspects, students have to worry about lighter issues, such as where and how to celebrate. The Bryan-College Station area is home to several bars and fun places to celebrate. Before going out to celebrate, students should be aware that these bars regulate the drinking that goes on in their establishments.

"We don't serve to people who come in at midnight the night before their birthday," said Daniel

Brightwell, a manager at the Hole in the Wall. "We don't want to chance someone having too much and getting sick."

Many of the bars in College Station have the same policies. Bars also have the right to refuse to serve someone if the bartender feels that person has had too much to drink already. It is also important to remember that just because someone is turning 21 does not mean they have to drink. It can be fun to celebrate by going dancing, going out to a nice dinner, or just having a few friends over for pizza and cake.

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