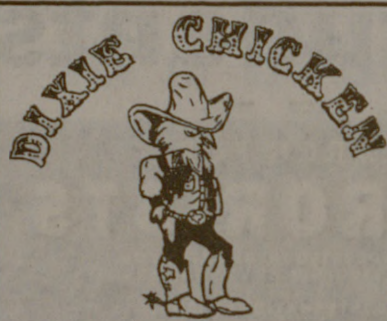


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Rodgers, a survey conductor. The survey results indicated the law enforcement agencies are mostly seeking information on international students because of the involvement of the Immigration and Naturalization Services, and the amount of visa information requested, Rodgers said.

A&M Registrar Donald Carter said student phone numbers, addresses, photographs and other directory information is accessible to the public unless the student opts to place a hold on it, or his or her phone number is unlisted. Private information includes nationality, citizenship, religious preference, grades and class rosters. Access to private informa-

tion requires a court ordered request or the student's consent to release the information, Carter said.

Carter said he was not aware of any court ordered requests for information on any students, international or otherwise.

Brolesky said law enforcement agencies have not asked for an electronic database of information about A&M international students, unlike some other schools.

Federal agents requested a directory of international student information at the University of Texas, and issued one subpoena for a Middle-Eastern man who ultimately turned out not to be a UT student, said Patricia Ohlendorf, UT vice president for institutional relations.

International Student Association President Archana Ramasawa said though the federal agencies may be making inquiries without students' consent or notice, most of the 3,500 international students at A&M are aware of the heightened security.

Ramasawa said she does not know of anyone who has been contacted by law enforcement terrorist or anthrax investigations.

International Student Services keeps international students aware of the situation, Ramasawa said.

An international student who asked not to be identified said he understands the security concerns, but the extra measures legislators recently granted to federal agencies takes away his privacy.

HOMEWORK

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Goodwin said the Website is designed so it cannot be accessed through handheld Internet devices — a measure to stop students from using the site during exams.

Goodwin said the Ridethebellcurve.com system was created to address a lack of

direct assistance to high-level academic problems and concepts.

"Students in universities want to learn — they are paying to learn, but many times they can't get the assistance that they need," Goodwin said. "We wanted to research a more efficient way to find TAs to help undergraduate students. The Internet has a large market, and all students usually have access and know how to use it."

MAIL

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damaging to such things as seeds and unprocessed film."

The effects of radiation on medication and biological samples has not yet been determined, Braby said.

As reported by The Associated Press, the only mail being irradiated is from government buildings and post offices that already have been affected by anthrax.

Kenny Smith, a U.S. Postal inspector, said there are public and post office revenue concerns that will be faced with the induction of radiation scanning across the United States.

"People will have some concerns with how to send certain objects, such as seeds and film that may be ruined by the radiation," he said. "I

believe that most of those concerns and problems that may be faced will be ironed down in the long run ... we'll make it work somehow."

Radiation has not been introduced to the postal system in Texas, Smith said.

"Right now radiation is going on in what we call 'hot spots,' places such as New York, Washington, D.C., and Florida — places where there has been evident threat."

The purchased equipment for radiation will be sent to those hot spots before being sent throughout the nation, Smith said.

Smith said radiation will probably become a common practice within the U.S. Postal system.

"It's hard to say if radiation will stop as the investigations into the anthrax case come to an end. There is always the threat of copy cat crimes," he said. "The world has changed since Sept. 11 and I think we'll probably use radiation on our mail for the long run."

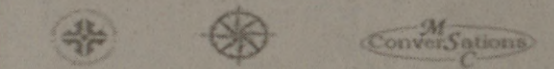
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"I don't believe it's a threat," Poston said. "I am scared because I don't understand the radiation threat, but I don't believe radioactivity is as big a biological weapons as anthrax."

Radiation detector piper than tests for anthrax, Poston said.

"We have sensitive equipment that will detect amount of radioactivity in certain area," Poston said. "We have seen in the anthrax cases, it is easier to detect anthrax than much more has to be detected."

Emergency crews know how to handle radiation hazards but are prepared to respond, said Ian Scott Hamilton, A&M assistant professor of nuclear engineering, helped write the council report.

"It takes a large amount of radiation to increase the risk of getting cancer someone the future," Hamilton said. "People don't know that they think radiation of cancer equals death. We have to be prepared to cope with the psychological effects of such an event will be as well as the physical effects."

Federal agencies are upgrading plans for prevention and response to a potential radiation incident, including training emergency personnel in radiation detection and obtaining necessary equipment for measuring radiation exposure, the report says.

"We wanted to make sure that this report wasn't a how-to book," said Poston. "It's a planning guide for events that may take place in the future. It is important for us to be prepared."

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