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# Texas seperatist group incites anti-racism rally

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AUSTIN — A white separatist group's racialy targeted fliers incited a student rally against racism on the University of Texas campus Monday, and has prompted discussions of modern race relations among the general student body.

The fliers, which stated, "Don't have sex with blacks — Avoid AIDS!," cited the names of three black men who allegedly "lied about being HIV positive and had sex with dozens of white women."

About 4,000 of the fliers were distributed among the Houston, Dallas, Waco, College Station and Austin areas last week by the National Alliance, an organization that identifies itself as a white separatist group.

Last semester, the same group hung "Save the white race" banners over highway overpasses, causing uproar among both students and local residents.

"It saddens me that people think that, because it's apparent that people who think that way lack sufficient education and haven't been exposed to real-world experiences," said Elia Montelongo, a UT senior majoring in corporate communications and government. "It's one thing to be ignorant, but it's another thing to be proud about it."

The National Alliance advocates the establishment of an "Aryan nation" free of Jews and racial minorities, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, a non-profit agency that tracks hate organizations.

A spokesman for the National Alliance, who asked to remain anonymous, told the *Daily Texan* that his organization is using university campuses to promote its message.

Students are pushing for the UT administration to "come out and make a statement against the group and say they are creating a hostile environment for African-Americans on campus," according to Daron Roberts, UT student government president.

Vice president for student affairs James Vick said UT is pursuing the individual who posted the fliers.

So far, UT hasn't released any public statements or press releases about the incident.

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of a summer program, including the quality of the faculty, small classes, high standards for admission and lots of personal attention.

Stiver also said that camps where students would stay in dorms should have a curfew to ensure that campers get enough sleep to benefit from the exposure.

While attending a summer program might not translate into better grades in the fall, Stiver said, almost every experience will have its rewards.

"Students may gain confidence, get a wake-up call, discover their future, learn about college life, meet their first college professor, discover that math can really be fun or realize that they have pretty super parents," Stiver said.

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tinue in the future.

"We wanted to try this class with the honors students because we figured they could choose their own direction," Nolan said. "We wanted to let them choose their own projects, and Lizard Man was one of

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cause we've had a lot of bad things happen here. It didn't seem out of the regular to me," Aldrich said.

Sociology sophomore Chaunsy Harrell was in class when the gas leak occurred. He said he was glad to have missed the episode, but he believes it shouldn't have had to happen.

their choices. We would probably like to continue this class."

The class was divided into four groups, and each one chose a paranormal claim to investigate. Aside from the Lizard Man study, the class is looking at three other paranormal activities: the social origins of Wicca, hidden messages in speech, and psychic readings are all being investigated, Thyse said.

"I think it was a dangerous situation, being that all the students were around. They should have checked with the city to find out where the gas lines were before they started digging," he said.

# Web gives students access to scholarships, financial council

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Do you find yourself working two or more jobs to pay for college? Have your parents decided that the time has come for you to be more independent? Or have you wasted that trust fund your grandparents gave you on a car, beer and other things you couldn't live without?

If so, you're not alone. You now find yourself joining thousands of other college students who search for financial aid each year.

Today, more than ever, many future and present college students are searching for alternative means to pay for their college education, which has become more expensive in recent years.

According to the College Board, the typical annual tuition bill at a four-year private college averages \$23,651, while tuition at a state school costs an average \$10,909 per year. In fact, the price of a year at a private school can easily top \$30,000, which has made the need to find financial aid a priority for most college students.

And one of the most important questions students are now asking themselves is whether or not they want to go through the normal routine of filling out a handful of financial aid forms and talking to a financial aid advisor if they don't have to.

With Internet technology changing and growing each year, so has financial aid resources on the Web. Because of this, more college students have turned

their attention to searching the Internet for scholarships, grants and loans.

Over the past several years, a number of Web sites have emerged, giving students financial aid advice and, in most cases, scholarships to help pay for college. And because the field has become so crowded, most sites will do whatever it takes to meet the needs of a large and growing audience of financial aid seekers.

One of the most popular sites online is FastWeb.com. Created in 1996 and originally called Student Services, FastWeb has more than 5 million registered users and gives high school and college students access to more than 400,000 scholarships valued at more than \$1 billion.

In addition, the site offers its users expert advice on various topics ranging from career planning and jobs to money management. Students also receive updates on new scholarships via e-mail. Like most sites of its kind, FastWeb supports itself with ads as well as fees for generating marketing research.

FreeScholarships.com is another Web site that has gained a lot of media exposure over the past few weeks. This site gives away scholarships — \$10,000 daily, \$25,000 monthly and \$50,000 quarterly — through online drawings. Winners can apply the scholarship toward tuition, fees and even loans while in school or after they graduate.

Visitors to the site can research how to finance a college education and par-

ticipate in online auctions, chat rooms and message boards geared toward helping students and their families meet the rising cost of a college education.

As one of the largest scholarship search Web sites online, FastAID.com has more than 20 years of experience researching scholarship sources and is the oldest site of its kind on the Web. FastAID is the publisher of "The Scholarship Book" from Prentice Hall.

While all of this may sound appealing at first glance, there are some risks and options students give up if they choose to find financial aid on the Internet.

"I think any method used by a student is good," said John Olin, director of financial aid at Columbia College Chicago. However, Olin warns that the Internet shouldn't replace financial aid planning by a student and his or her parents.

"Nothing gets the job done like face-to-face communication between two people," Olin said.

It's that communication Olin feels is key to insuring a student is getting the best advice from a financial aid advisor and filling out all of the necessary forms to receive financial aid. "The human factor can't be taken out of the situation," he says.

The bottom line is for students to do their homework before searching for financial aid on the Internet, says Olin. "A machine can't do that."

# What people weren't looking for on the first Easter.



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