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in certain physical education courses may elect to take all or any of the courses to supplement their instruction.

Tuition will be refunded in full if requested on or before Sept. 5. Texas Tech reserves the right to cancel any course due to insufficient enrollment, in which case tuition will be refunded in full.

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS DISCUSS PROBLEMS--Principals of public schools in smaller South Plains towns gathered at Texas Tech University Tuesday (Aug. 15) for an in-service education workshop conducted by the College of Education. They discussed matters of discipline, budget preparation, absenteeism and tardiness, and curriculum. Among those attending were, from left, Ted Dockery, principal of Wilson Elementary School; David Cavitt, principal of Whiteface Elementary; Joe Gibson, Meadow High School principal; Dr. Weldon Beckner, professor of education at Texas Tech University and director of the workshop; and Luther A. Dunkerson, principal of Whiteface High School. (Tech Photo)

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will work directly with small cities in need of management assistance.

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These advisors will advise the elderly about their rights in the areas of Medicare, social security benefits, food stamp programs, community education, nursing home advocacy and related fields.

The advisors are in the same age group as the persons they serve, and most have already served as volunteers in community services. According to seminar instructor Doug W. Richnow of Austin, representing the Texas State Bar, these characteristics help the advisors to communicate openly and freely.

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Richnow pointed out that about 70 percent of all legal problems with which senior citizens deal are related to governmentally administered programs and that many retired people have become fearful and mentally and emotionally strained while pursuing their rights.

"Our advisors are dedicated to cut the red tape and to restore confidence and trust. They do not work in a legal service office and do not work under the supervision of an attorney," Richnow said. "Our people clarify and explain complicated or diffuse matters and problems and show ways and directions to professional assistance."

The program of the volunteers, presently backed by six months' funding from the Area Office of Aging, will probably receive further aid.

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Dr. Hellman attributed the interest to easy availability of grain and markets and ~~to~~ good climate.

New dairy facilities at the College of Agricultural Sciences field laboratory at New Deal are now operational, though it may be six to eight months before cows are back at top milking levels, Hellman said.

Before the move to New Deal the rolling herd average was more than 17,000 pounds of milk per cow for the last measuring period of 305 days, compared with the national average of 12,000 pounds.

Main feature at the new facilities, Hellman said, is modernization. At the old milking parlor on campus one person could only milk 20 cows per hour.

The new facilities, built in a double four herringbone pattern, allow one person to milk out 40 cows per hour. The double four herringbone involves milking four cows on each side of a pit, with the cows side-by-side. The old method put the cows head to tail and involved much more walking and time for the milker.

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This increase in labor efficiency also makes possible growth in herd size. Hellman plans to increase the herd, now about 70 head, to around 100 head of mostly Holsteins.

Another advantage of the new facilities is the liquid manure flushing system. Cleaning the old barns meant taking a hose to them manually. In the new system 2,100 gallons of water are allowed to run through, beginning with the dairy and continuing through the milking parlor and approach lanes to the holding pens, which completely flushes out the manure.

After it leaves the barn area, the manure passes over a solids separator, a screen which separates out the solids and allows liquids to continue on to a holding reservoir. The silt settles out and the remaining liquid is used as irrigation water. Hellman plans research on uses for the solids left, including use as bedding or fertilizer.

"This flushing system opens up possibilities of research for us to discover means of dealing with the waste materials, which have always been a problem in dairies," Hellman explained.

Another new addition is a two-vacuum milking system.

If a cow is excited or nervous when first hooked up to the milking machine, her milk will not flow easily. With the old milking machines, operating at 15 inches of vacuum, this could be a problem, since the machine would not automatically shut off or reduce pressure if the milk was not flowing. Too much vacuum can cause mastitis, or inflammation of the udder.

The new system begins at only 10 inches of vacuum. If the cow is not milking properly, the machine will not normally cause damage. Once the cow's milk begins to flow easily, the machine will automatically kick up to 15 inches of vacuum. Once the cow is milked, the machine

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The system also weighs the milk from each cow. This increases research possibilities and can show when a cow is on the verge of being sick when her normal milk level drops. Previously, only physical observation indicated when a cow was dropping off in production.

Once the milk is gathered, it goes immediately through a plate cooler, reducing the temperature from the cow's body heat of approximately 100 degrees Fahrenheit to 34 to 38 degrees F. in only one minute. The old system sent the milk directly to the holding tank, hooked up to a cooler. The cooling process, usually requiring two to three hours, increased possibilities of bacteria growth.

"All these features don't really help Tech as far as profit--- we still get the same price," Hellman said, "but it does set a good example for the area. As the university representing the area if we produce a low-quality product, it damages the reputation of all the area dairies.

"Even though we are small, comparatively speaking, we try to operate our dairy as if it were a large commercial operation to demonstrate the possibilities for the dairy industry in the High Plains."

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"All these features don't really help Tech as far as profit--- we still get the same price," Hellman said, "but it does set a good example for the area. As the university representing the area if we produce a low-quality product, it damages the reputation of all the area dairies.

"Even though we are small, comparatively speaking, we try to operate our dairy as if it were a large commercial operation to demonstrate the possibilities for the dairy industry in the High Plains."

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LUBBOCK--John L. Loudat, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Loudat of Roswell, was graduated with highest honors this spring from Texas Tech University. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology.

This year, Texas Tech has an enrollment of more than 22,000 students. They study in six different colleges, the School of Law and the School of Medicine. The colleges are, Agricultural Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Engineering and Home Economics.

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For further information contact: Ken Dixon, 742-2964, room 210, Architecture Building; or the Art Department, 742-3825.

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A leading question for the farmer, Downes said, is how the plant will respond to the damage should it survive. Knowing which crops can still produce after wind damage can help save a farmer considerable time and expense in replanting.

Downes and his associates have found that, in general, the most susceptible vegetable crops to blowing sand and wind, in order from most to least susceptible, are carrots, peppers, cabbage, cucumbers, onions and cowpeas. Cotton is more resistant than cabbage to wind and wind-blown soil, but less resistant than cucumbers, Downes said.

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"The plant is most susceptible to wind and wind-blown soil injury in its earliest stages of growth," Downes said. "If the crop survives the seedling stage, it will generally be better able to withstand sand and wind injury."

Downes suggested several ways farmers could help stabilize the soil to prevent it from eroding and damaging newly-sprouted plants.

One of the best ways to prevent blowing sand, he said, is to plant in heavier soils such as clay loam, on which the bulk of High Plains vegetables are grown. South of Hereford, though, much of the soil is sandy enough to be subject to moderate to severe wind erosion, Downes said.

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Two disadvantages of mulches are the difficulty in seeding through the anchored covers and in controlling the weeds usually present in mulches. Herbicides can help with the second problem, but may not be strong enough to completely rid the crop of weeds.

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