No suspects yet for fires

By Jay Glass

The number of known fires in the Thursday's string has risen from six to eight, as two additional cases of suspected arson were found after the press time of last Friday's Tech.

The additional two fires were not serious, with minimal damage reported at both locations. A bulletin board in the basement of Building 26 was found burned, as was a trash barrel in Building 34.

The time of the second fire in Building 26 is not known, according to the Campus Police. "Someone torches some material on a bulletin board...this happens occasionally," said Campus Police Captain William Lyons.

No suspects have been found yet in connection with the rash of fires. "We picked up a vagrant that night in the Student Center, but it was purely coincidental," noted Lyons. The Campus Police are currently awaiting word from the Fire Department regarding any possible evidence of flammable chemicals, used to start the fires, found in the ashes from the blazes.

Both Campus Policemen treated for smoke inhalation as a result of Thursday's fires have been released and are now back on the job.

The cost of repairs of Thursday night's damage is expected to be "about $15,000 or less," according to Administrative Services Superintendent Marion Berlin.

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