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Internet university considered

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SAN ANTONIO — The Internet could play a role in getting a degree from what's touted as the "Western Governors University." Western governors were told Friday.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush hosted nine other members of the Western Governors Association in San Antonio on Friday. Attending were the leaders of Hawaii, New Mexico, Oregon, Colorado, Arizona, Utah, Nebraska, North Dakota and Idaho.

The education proposal involves residents of one place taking classes from universities in other states via the Internet.

Mr. Bush hasn't formally embraced the Internet university idea, but 13 Western governors have.

The governors also:

- Appointed a task force to study electric deregulation, and propose ways to make sure deregulation will be beneficial to consumers. Arizona Gov. Fife Symington will head that task force.

- Discussed the long-term effects of this year's drought, and suggested ways to improve water conservation and use.