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Hurricane Katrina affects Frog siblings

Tulane students flee to Houston

By ERICA MAREZ
Staff Reporter

Though in Fort Worth, some TCU students felt the effects of Hurricane Katrina as it passed through New Orleans and forced family members to evacuate.

Ryan Mitsuhashi, a senior engineering major, spent his

weekend arranging hotel reservations because his parents, who live in Connecticut just dropped off his sister at Tulane University for her first year, and she fled to Houston to get away from the hurricane.

Mitsuhashi's sister, Shannon, a freshman biology major at Tulane, said people gathered in the hallway of her residence hall at 6 p.m. Saturday. They were given

instructions to evacuate the campus with their parents, or the university would provide them with transportation.

Shannon said the mother of one of the other girls in her dorm offered rides and opened her house in Houston to any students who needed it. Shannon and two other students took the offer.

"I am very thankful the hur-

ricane changed paths," Shannon said. "A lot of people thought we weren't going to come back to a school."

According to Tulane's emergency Web site, emergency.tulane.edu, the earliest class will resume is Sept. 7.

Sarah Hancock-Mullins, a senior international economics major, also has a sister at Tulane, Emily, a sophomore French major. Sarah said her more on KATRINA, page 2



Bill Haber / Associated Press

Floodwaters surround a car in downtown New Orleans early Monday. High winds and rain batter the Louisiana coast as Hurricane Katrina makes landfall.

New look, better service



Emily Goodson / Photo Editor

(Right) Junior management major Chari Perkins and sophomore math major Libby Woolverton watch as Pond St. Grill cashier Arturo Cabrera takes their order during the dinner rush Monday. (Left) Hand-held pagers light up when an order is ready.



Pond St. Grill changes face to add flavor to TCU dining

By ERICA MAREZ
Staff Reporter

Pond St. Grill management changed in menu and setup to attract more students, especially those who usually eat in The Main or off campus, said Tina Gordon, retail manager for Pond St. Grill.

Instead of being styled after a cafeteria, students choose from a menu, pay at the reg-

ister and then receive a buzzer that tells them when their food is ready.

Legia Abato, marketing manager for TCU Dining Services, said Pond St. Grill was not utilized efficiently because while space and facilities were available, students would not come in.

Abato also said late-night transportation will operate

between the Brown-Lupton Student Center and Worth Hills every 15 minutes until 10 p.m. to solve the problem of students not wanting to walk from the Main Campus to Worth Hills.

This year students will order from a menu that includes three main appetizers, four salads, four burgers and five entrées with sides.

Once students place their orders and pay with their TCU ID or cash, they will receive a buzzer and wait to be paged or watch their food being made by trained chefs.

"Cooks were specifically hired for the job based on culinary expertise and personality," said Richard Flores, general manager for Sodexo Campus Services.

Flores also said chefs had to be able to smile and show confidence as they prepared the meals.

Roye Guadalupe Jimenez, a former cook for PF Chang's China Bistro who is now at Pond St. Grill, said she likes the new atmosphere.

"It's like a restaurant, and that's what I like," Jimenez more on POND, page 2

EXTRA INFO

Pond St. Grill Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday	7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Student diversity climbing

Programs attract minority, international students

By AMY KOPSEA
Staff Reporter

Freshman minority enrollment has hit a record high this semester at 15.5 percent. University officials attribute the increase to the success of several new programs designed to attract students who are financially disadvantaged, such as the Community Scholars Program.

The program, which began in 2000 as an integration into local area high schools, was designed for disadvantaged students who are first-generation Americans or college students.

"The Community Scholars Program is the jewel in the diversity crown here at TCU," said Ray Brown, dean of admissions.

In addition to this program, TCU also conducts three summer programs for prospective minority students: Absolute Xcellence, Camp College and the National Hispanic Institution.

To implement these programs, Brown said his philosophy to high schools was, "Give us your best and brightest, and we'll take care of them."

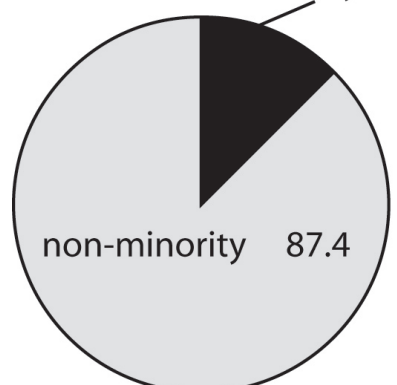
Brown said 10 students received full scholarships in 2000, but with the growing number of applicants, TCU has lowered the amount of the scholarships in order to spread out the

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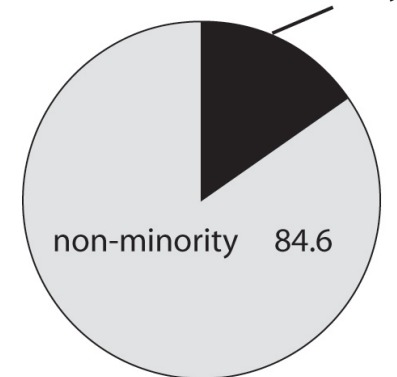
EXTRA INFO

Minority Percentage Changes

Fall 2004: minority 12.6



Fall 2005: minority 15.4



SGA implements new system

Representation now determined by colleges, classes

By AMY WILLEY
Staff Reporter

The start of the school year means new clothes, new classes, new friends and a new system of representation in the Student Government Association.

Students are no longer represented in the House of Student Representatives by where they live, rather by class, school and college.

There are 56 seats in the House. Each class gets two representatives, while the number of representatives for the schools and colleges is proportionate to the number of students majoring in that program, said Sebastian Moleski, chairman of the Elections and Regulations Committee.

SGA president David Watson said the new system means more representatives to voice the concerns of their

constituents and change the focus to academic programs.

"Instead of 'I need money to buy a pingpong table for Clark,' it's going to be 'I need more money for the Schieffer School of Journalism, for TCU News Now,'" Watson said.

Students' reactions to the new system are mixed. Although some people are skeptical about the level of interest, others think the new system will help students.

Melissa Fleischer, a sophomore biology major, said she thinks the new system is a good idea.

"It will be beneficial because a student's major is more important than their dorm life," Fleischer said.

However, Courtney McGill, a junior entrepreneurial management major, disagrees. She said she does not think the new system will benefit students.

"I don't think it will help the situation because people will have to run and not many people will be interested,"

EXTRA INFO

Representation

- Freshman 2
- Sophomore 2
- Junior 2
- Senior 2
- AddRan 12
- Business 10
- Communication 6
- Education 2
- Fine Arts 3
- Health & Human Sciences 6
- Science and Engineering 8
- Ranch Management 1

Total Representatives 56

Note: Premajor students are considered to be part of AddRan

— Constitution of the Student Body of Texas Christian University

McGill said.

Moleski said the new system of representation was the result of research done last semester. A committee of representatives from different on-campus organizations was formed to find problems and possible solutions, and surveys were given to students.

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