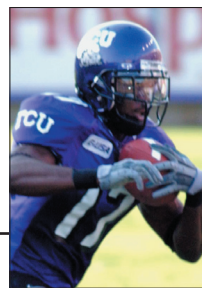


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Reaching higher ground

New Orleans students allowed late entry

By RACHEL COX
Staff Reporter

Officials say more than 30 students from the Metroplex, who are enrolled in universities in the New Orleans area, contacted TCU by Wednesday about its offer of admission to fall classes.

Four have already enrolled, officials reported.

In a campuswide e-mail, Chancellor Victor Boschini said TCU will be admitting students who were attending colleges that were evacuated due to Hurricane Katrina.

Ray Brown, dean of admissions, said the majority of the students who have contacted TCU are from Tulane University and other private schools in New Orleans including Loyola, Dillard and Xavier.

"We don't know for sure when universities will be resuming classes, but we are making sure we can help these students in any way possible," Brown said.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said all incoming students will pay TCU tuition.

He also said none of the students that enrolled requested housing. If some students do, he said, TCU could

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Gene Blythe / Associated Press

Tulane University freshman Jennie Liang, from New York, leaves the Student Center at Georgia Tech in Atlanta on Wednesday. She decided to go home after being evacuated from the New Orleans university and was brought by bus to Atlanta.

Astrodome to accommodate refugees as long as needed

By PAMEASTON
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Bayou City, already home to hundreds of Crescent City hurricane refugees, will soon be home to more.

The weary, disheartened residents of the sweltering Louisiana Superdome will be bused to Houston's Astrodome.

Harris County Judge Robert Eckels said the 40-year-old Astrodome is "not suited well" for such a large crowd long-term, but officials are prepared to house the displaced New Orleanians as long as possible.

"This is a city of 20,000 people that is going to be here for awhile," Eckels said.

"The Dome will be fine for a few days. It could even go for weeks for some of these folks."

Just 350 miles to the west on Interstate 10, Houston bears distinct similarities to New Orleans: sultry weather and the risk of hurricanes, a thriving oil industry and a

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Matt Rourke / Associated Press

People wade in flood waters on Canal St. in New Orleans on Tuesday. They are among many who are stranded in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Illegal downloads common on campus, officials say

A few stolen songs is OK, student says

By TASHA HAYTON
Staff Reporter

Many students are pirates, or at least according to the Recording Industry Association of America.

Students can use the TCU network to access ourTunes, which is a program designed to allow browsing for music

on iTunes, without an Internet connection.

Users of iTunes can only listen to music in other people's libraries, whereas users of ourTunes can both listen and download music free of charge, said Tony Masia, a junior history major.

Masia said he prefers to use ourTunes, but when he cannot find a song, he will buy it on the Internet.

"As long as you don't (illegal-

ly download) heavily, (record companies) aren't going to come after you," Masia said. "It's a waste of their time."

Dave Edmondson, assistant provost for information services, said throughout the year at TCU, approximately one student a week is caught violating copyright law by illegally downloading music from Web sites.

Edmondson is alerted when students' IP addresses are

found downloading music illegally by the record companies or companies hired to find pirates. The students are then disconnected from the TCU network and contacted by Campus Life.

Assistant Dean of Campus Life Shelley Story said it is often difficult to get a hold of a students because they do not set up their residence hall phones or update Frog

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MUSIC DOWNLOADING

Extra Info

• Federal law provides severe civil and criminal penalties for the unauthorized reproduction, distribution, rental or digital transmission of copyrighted sound recordings. (Title 17, United States Code, Sections 501 and 506). The FBI investigates allegations of criminal copyright infringement, and violators will be prosecuted.

• The maximum penalty for anyone convicted with illegally download-

ing and sharing copyrighted music is five years in prison or \$250,000 in fines.

• Eminem, Grammy Award-winning rapper: "If I'm putting my heart and all my time into music, I expect to get rewarded for that. I work hard, and anybody can just throw a computer up and download my music for free."

• For more information, go to www.musicunited.org.

Hernandez awaits university response

TCU must answer suit by Sept 12

By RYAN THOMAS
Staff Reporter

Former TCU student-athlete Jacob Hernandez is not able to compete for the University of Texas but is able to practice with Texas' track and field team, his lawyer said.

Shelby Sharpe, Hernandez's attorney, said he knows Hernandez is working out in Austin, but does not know if he is actually practicing with the team. There is no NCAA rule prohibiting Hernandez from practicing with Texas, Sharpe said.

Hernandez, an award-winning sprinter, is suing TCU for his release and necessary attorney fees and costs, according to the lawsuit. Hernandez recently

transferred to Texas.

Hernandez could not be reached for comment.

TCU has 20 days plus the following Monday from when it was served with the lawsuit to respond to the citation. Sharpe said the response to the lawsuit is not due until Sept. 12.

TCU was served with a citation Aug. 17, notifying them of a lawsuit filed by Hernandez, according to the return of citation form acquired from Tarrant County District Court.

According to the form, the citation, along with a copy of the Hernandez's original petition, was delivered to Chancellor Victor Boschini's office.

Through an e-mail, Boschini declined to comment about the lawsuit because it is pending, and he wanted to protect the university and the

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Construction to begin on Memorial Plaza

Area near Reed Hall will honor TCU veterans

By LESLIE WINCHELL
Staff Reporter

There have been several architectural additions to the TCU campus this year, but one has yet to be seen.

The Veterans Memorial Plaza

was scheduled to have been completed by this fall but TCU has yet to break ground on the project.

"We wanted to make sure the look is correct," Roger Williams, a university trustee, said. "The plaza is going to be around for a long time and we want it to send the right message."

The plaza is a \$150,000 project and as of fall 2004, TCU

had raised \$80,000, Williams said.

The delay in the project was due to lack of money, Chancellor Victor Boschini said.

"We wanted to make sure that we were not spending the students' money on this project but the donors' money," Boschini said.

The final donation came in at the end of July and we have reached our goal to begin construction, Boschini said.

The plaza should break ground after Labor Day weekend, said Harold Leeman, associate director of major projects.

"The west side of the development should break ground early next week," Leeman said. "We have to wait until the third week of September on the east side because of the Brite Divin-

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Emily Goodson / Photo Editor

The sun sets on the mall Wednesday in front of Reed Hall. Construction on the Veterans Memorial Plaza was scheduled to be completed this semester, but delays in funding have caused the \$150,000 project to be postponed.



Graphic courtesy of the Office of the Chancellor

A computer generated image shows what the project will look like upon completion.