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'Pitching In'

Campus organizations step up to aid victims

Students asked to help out, donate

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Staff Reporter

TCU is beginning a three-stage system giving students opportunities to aid Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

Fernando Vasquez, director of community services, said Student Development Services and University Ministries began stage one Wednesday.

Stage one is aimed at raising money, and there will be staffed tables with donation cans in every residence hall, the bookstore and the recreation center, Vasquez said.

The second stage of the relief plan, which begins Tuesday, will revolve around non-monetary donations, such as clothing, non-perishable food, personal hygiene and toiletry items, and is expected to last several weeks, Vasquez said. Stage two will add boxes to the donation points for larger items.

Vasquez said stage three will focus on providing human



Amy Smotherman-Burgess / Associated Press

Students Jace Natzke, foreground left, and Todd Lathrop unload water for Hurricane Katrina victims from a collapsed trailer Thursday in Knoxville, Tenn. The trailer gave way under the weight of water donated in a drive organized by WOKI-FM and the Second Harvest Food Bank.

resources, such as volunteers for local agencies to staff phones and serve meals to refugees.

TCU's Greek community has

expressed interest in spearheading relief efforts, he said.

"We've been talking with different campus groups who

are interested in fundraising," Vasquez said. "We've met with several student groups, but more on KATRINA, page 2

TCU accepts late transfers

Hurricane victims allowed to enroll past deadline

By JENNIFER BICKERSTAFF
Staff Reporter

Students who have enrolled at TCU after Hurricane Katrina are paying TCU tuition, and a task force has been set up to work with these new students, said Wendy Crowley, assistant director of financial services.

Thirty-two students from New Orleans-area universities have enrolled, and according to the admissions office, about 30 more may enroll before Tuesday.

Ray Brown, dean of admissions, said most students are from the Dallas/Fort Worth area and have their own housing.

TCU will provide lounges in the residence halls for out-of-town students who might need on-campus housing, Brown said.

Newly enrolled business major Thomas West said he has been working closely with TCU after transferring from Tulane University.

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Thomas West
transfer student

"There are no words to describe how helpful TCU has been," West said. "They have bent over backwards for me."

West was previously accepted to TCU and offered a scholarship, and TCU has renewed the scholarship upon his transfer.

In the next few days, students should find out more financial information from Tulane, West said.

For now, these students are starting to attend TCU classes.

Young entrepreneurs start careers early

Students open companies, get ahead in life

By KRISTA HUMPHRIES
Staff Reporter

Some students at TCU work, but fewer students actually have people working for them.

Justin Avery Anderson and Adam Blake are two business students who already run their own businesses.

Anderson, a freshman entrepreneurial management major, is the CEO and founder of a granola company, Anderson Trail.

Blake, a junior entrepreneurial management and finance major, runs a real estate business, B & B Acquisitions.

Bob Akin, a marketing instructor for the business school, said running a business "enhances schoolwork because it becomes the lab."

Blake said 75 percent of his time during the day is spent dealing with business, while 25 percent is spent handling schoolwork.

This is Anderson's first semester at TCU, but he said

the way things are going, he will be able to handle school and run his business.

For Anderson, it all started in the summer of 2001 at a bed and breakfast in New Mexico. He was served a soft granola for breakfast and loved it. He said he went home and tried to make something similar to what he tasted.

"It's thrilling to envision something in your mind and then take the steps to create it," Anderson said.

After creating his product,



Stephen Spillman / Staff Photographer

(Top) Freshman entrepreneurial management major Justin Anderson sits behind his "Anderson Trail" granola, a product he markets and sells to stores like Central Market. (Right) Junior finance and entrepreneurial management major Adam Blake stands outside his own house with one of his real estate signs.



Sportsmanship rules set

TCU to adhere to MWC guidelines

By JENNIFER BOONE
Staff Reporter

TCU students, faculty, staff and fans need to mind their manners in the Mountain West Conference.

In compliance with the Mountain West Conference Sportsmanship Initiative, TCU is required to run an ad informing the TCU community of its expected behaviors at conference events.

"The Sportsmanship Initiative has always been a front-burning topic," said Javan Hedlund, assistant commissioner of communications for the MWC.

According to the MWC handbook, "All members of the conference are expected to exhibit ethical behavior at all NCAA and conference competition."

The guidelines, in practice since the conference's conception in 1998, apply to administrators, coaches, student-athletes and anyone else connected to college athletics.

Hedlund said unacceptable behavior includes the heckling of officials, players and coaches on the field.

Those who display what the conference deems as unsportsmanlike conduct can be reprimanded publicly or privately, Hedlund said. If severe enough, unacceptable behavior could result in suspension from the conference.

Dan Abdalla, head soccer coach, came to TCU from University of Nevada-Las Vegas and is familiar with the MWC policy.

"As long as I can remember, Mountain West has always tried to maintain a

family environment," Abdalla said.

Conference USA, TCU's previous conference, has different wording on its policies of conduct on its Web site, but conveys the same principles and expectations as the MWC.

Hedlund said the variations between the conferences include how each conference handles violations.

"The fans adhere to the program pretty well, and they have a passion and enthusiasm that I enjoy," Abdalla said.

The MWC has had a lot of cooperation with the fans, coaches and student-athletes because the conference has kept the sportsmanship initiative a key factor in the way sporting events are conducted, Abdalla said.

— Adrienne Lang contributed to this story.

Office space requires more time

More renovations to come in 2006

By ROSS BATEMAN
Staff Reporter

Some faculty members are dissatisfied with their limited office space and the distance between their offices and classrooms, but university officials say they are taking steps to remedy the situation.

Four AddRan departments have all of their faculty offices in Reed Hall, but there are only 11 classrooms in the building, associate professor of history Kathryn McDorman said.

"Our classes are scattered all over campus," she said.

Faculty in the sociology and economics departments have offices in temporary buildings located adjacent to the library parking lot, which they refer to as the "trailers."

"The only rooms that are not being used as offices are

the conference room and two bathrooms," said Pam Spells, an administrative assistant in the sociology building.

One solution to the problem has been the addition of nine faculty offices in the new Design, Merchandising and Textiles Building. This entire department moved out of the Bass Building and into a former retail store at 2722 W. Berry St. this semester.

"We finally have space to maneuver," said Jane Kucko, an associate professor of interior design who has an office in the building. "We were so cramped before we moved in here."

Additional space has been added in the basement of Foster Hall, which has been converted into a classroom and faculty offices for the music department.

These offices are "quasi-permanent," said Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for

academic affairs.

"We have a sardine problem," Donovan said. "We can always cannibalize something, but I don't want to cannibalize much more."

Brown-Lupton Student Center will be converted into academic space upon completion of the new student center, which will break ground next summer, he said.

"The idea is to move all the AddRan departments into the current Student Center," he said. "That's where the humanities and social sciences will come together."

The Student Center's 89,000 square feet of space will house faculty offices, classrooms, labs and administrative offices.

"One of the problems is that not every office is in the right place," Donovan said. "That's why the renovation of the Student Center is so important. It has a domino effect all the way across campus."