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HURRICANE HEALING



Volunteers load supplies bound for Hurricane Katrina victims in the Van Nuys section of Los Angeles on Wednesday.

Nick Ut / Associated Press

Kappa Sig helps members, families cope with storm

TCU fraternity has more than 10 members affected

By DARREN WHITE
Staff Reporter

When freshman Kappa Sigma recruit Greg Stokes heard Hurricane Katrina might make landfall in his hometown of New Orleans, he hoped for the best.

"We've been lucky for 40

years," said Stokes, a finance major. "We thought we'd get lucky again."

At first, it seemed that New Orleans missed the worst of the storm. But after three levee points on Lake Pontchartrain broke, the city was covered in water.

Stokes' parents evacuated from the city before the storm, but his grandparents stayed behind in a hotel in downtown New Orleans.

Within Kappa Sig, Stokes

was not alone. Chapter President Trevor Heaney said more than 10 members, including Stokes, were directly affected by Hurricane Katrina. Heaney said nearly one-third of his chapter is from Louisiana.

For the members of Kappa Sig, helping carries extra resonance, Stokes said.

"It's kind of personal to us," Stokes said.

Heaney said all the families are safe.

The Stokes' home was saved from flooding when the 17th Street Canal levee broke, but the waters rose within blocks of his home. Stokes' grandparents were evacuated to Houston.

"A lot have lost everything," Heaney said. "Some of them don't know what they have left."

Stokes said the fraternity banded together in the wake of the hurricane.

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Faculty holds off plus/minus vote

Members say more research, input needed

By ROSS BATEMAN
Staff Reporter

TCU has delayed making the decision to switch to a plus/minus grading system because further research is needed, said Faculty Senate member David Grant. He said the Faculty Senate was originally set to vote last May to adopt or reject the system, but the vote was delayed.

A detailed proposal, including how the plus/minus system could affect financial aid and grade inflation, will be presented to the Faculty Senate next semester, said Grant, a religion professor and chairman of the committee preparing

this proposal.

He said if the plus/minus system is approved by the Faculty Senate and the university, it could be implemented as early as fall 2007.

Grant said the Faculty Senate wants more input from the campus community. The committee researching the issue will meet with the House of Student Representatives next week.

He said using pluses and minuses will more accurately represent the grades students deserve.

"A lot of universities have moved to using pluses and minuses in the past 20 years," Grant said. "Eighty percent of the top 120 universities are using some form of intermediate grading system."

Grant said he e-mailed TCU faculty about changing

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Grading System

Current		Proposed	
A	4.00	A	4.00
B	3.00	A-	3.67
C	2.00	B+	3.33
D	1.00	B	3.00
F	0	B-	2.67
		C+	2.33
		C	2.00
		C-	1.67
		D+	1.67
		D	1.00
		D-	.67
		F	0

Faculty Senate says the earliest the plus/minus grading system can be implemented is 2007.

Service offers hope after Katrina

TCU community joins together for disaster victims

By AMY KOPSEA
Staff Reporter

A "service of hope and renewal" was the message at Robert Carr Chapel on Wednesday as students and staff joined together remembering those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

"I think it's important when things like this happen to gather in a community of faith," said junior social work major, Lauren Love. "It helps to process things."

The goal was to bring together people of all faiths, said TCU Ministries intern, Ann Smith.

"There hadn't been an opportunity for people to come and experience spiritual healing," Smith said. "We wanted to encompass all faiths

and beliefs."

The event was at the request of the community, said the Rev. Angela Kaufman, minister to the university.

"It's so important to come together at a time when there's so much destruction, and now people are pointing fingers and casting blame," Kaufman said.

The service included a song in French, sung by graduate student Zara Mladenova,

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Stephen Spillman / Staff Photographer
The Rev. Angela Kaufman speaks at Robert Carr Chapel on Wednesday during a service for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Students of all majors welcome

Entrepreneurship organization can offer helpful insights for any field

By KRISTA HUMPHRIES
Staff Reporter

Smith Entrepreneurs Hall offers students more than just a meal from Sub Connection.

The Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization, a club for any student interested in entrepreneurship, welcomes underclassmen and non-business majors, CEO president Leslie Martin said.

David Minor, director of the Neely Entrepreneurship Program said that once a month, members of CEO are able to have dinners with successful entrepreneurs and members also have the opportunity to work with a mentor.

"This provides an opportunity to talk one-on-one to someone and use them as a sounding board and resource," Minor said.

Martin, a senior entrepreneurial management major, said the club also takes trips to entrepreneurial firms

around Fort Worth.

"You see how differently and creatively you can run a company," she said.

The club has done a good job getting juniors and seniors who are already in the business school involved, Martin said, and the focus is now on any TCU student interested in entrepreneurship.

"Entrepreneurship is something that can apply to every major," she said.

Minor said: "CEO is a big, big part of what we're doing with the entrepreneurial program."

At the beginning of the semester, Martin said CEO set up a booth at the Student Activity Fair so freshmen could get information about the club.

The club plans to post fliers this weekend to let students know about the first meeting on Tuesday in Smith Hall, where TCU graduate

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House of Representatives lacks officers

Two SGA positions remain vacant

By AMY WILLEY
Staff Reporter

Results are in for the House of Representatives elections, but not everyone is fully represented.

Two colleges have one seat vacant. The College of Communications has five out of six seats filled, while the College of Science and Engineering has seven out of eight.

The vacancies have left students wondering how it will impact them.

Christa Owen, a sophomore early childhood education major, doesn't think the vacancy will hurt students.

"Because (the representatives) are committed, one seat

vacancy shouldn't make a difference," Owen said.

Kimmy Noneman, a sophomore early childhood education major, said she disagrees.

"It is a disadvantage to not have the full amount of people," Noneman said.

Timing, not interest level, is the cause of the vacancy, said Faviola Lopez, a freshman accounting major.

"It's the beginning of the year," Lopez said. "So many things are going on, nationally and locally."

The School of Business does not have a vacant seat but has a three-way tie for the last seat. A runoff election between Laura Hamilton, Katherine Jones and Sam Peck, will take place today at my.tcu.edu.

ELECTED SGA OFFICERS

EXTRA INFO

AddRan	3. Tanner Wilemon	6. Sheldon Pearson
1. Lynn Bergeland	Health and Human Sciences	7. Allen Taylor
2. Travis Eaton	1. Mandy Velasquez	8. Scott Thompson
3. Alissa Garner	2. Mandy Williams	9. David Young
4. Tori Hutchens	3. Cyndi Wilson	10. Tie: Laura Hamilton
5. Christina Knowles	Science and Engineering	Katherine Jones
6. Molly Marten	1. Lindsay Adkins	Sam Peck
7. Sarah Marquardt	2. Eric Boudreau	Education
8. Amanda Milian	3. Thomas Guidry	1. Michael Davila
9. Thomas Pressly	4. Jennifer Kupka	2. Joel Petersen
10. Austin Uebele	5. Matt Madderra	3. Katie Phillippe
11. John Williamson	6. Jace Thompson	Freshman
12. John Wood	7. Bennett Waxse	1. Evan Berlin
Communications	Vacant	2. Jessica Housley
1. Wyatt Golsby	Business	Sophomore
2. Kelsey Peddicord	1. Stacy Barton	1. Juliane Shaw
3. Jennifer Pippin	2. Jennifer Holub	2. Allison Van Hoef
4. Glenton Richards	3. Lyndsey McClelland	Junior
5. Russell Jowell	4. Ryan Mitts	1. Brian Andrew
6. Vacant	5. Ryan Panno	2. Lindsay Beattie
Fine Arts		Senior
1. Justin Brown		1. Meredith Livermore
2. Erich Hoff		2. Jason Ratigan