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## TCU welcomes evacuee students, families with orientation dinner

Some students say they want to leave after fall semester

By LANA HUNT  
Staff Reporter

Fifty-four new students, who transferred to TCU because of Hurricane Katrina's effect on their colleges, attended a "Welcome and Orientation Dinner" on Thursday.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said he hopes the students feel

welcome and receive the most they can from TCU.

Rebecca Murray, a Student Development Services staff mem-

Murray said. "We're going to make this work."

Some of the students said they plan to go back to their

University, said she considers herself a "visiting student."

"I plan on going back to Tulane after this semester,"

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"We want the students to feel like it's going to be OK. We're going to make this work."

**Rebecca Murray**

Students Development Services

ber, said TCU's goal is to make the students feel at home.

"We want the students to feel like it's going to be OK,"

original universities once this semester is over.

Katie Franklin, a pre-med transfer student from Tulane

## Sept. 11 overlooked because of Katrina

TCU not planning remembrance

By JENNIFER BICKERSTAFF  
Staff Reporter

While the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina continues, the fourth anniversary of Sept. 11 lingers in the background, TCU students said.

"The hurricane is all over the TV, but 9/11 should be remembered," said Beverly Peplinski, a senior education major.

Other students agree.

Senior radio-TV-film major Glenton Richard said, "I've thought about 9/11 a little bit, but when the time comes, I'll think about (it) more."

There are not any plans to commemorate Sept. 11 on campus, according to TCU officials.

"We need to find a way to honor and remember 9/11 in our community, in worship, classroom and memories," said the Rev. Angela Kaufman, minister to the university.

## Convocation celebrates year of notable success

Chancellor predicts encouraging future for TCU community

By LESLIE WINCHELL  
Staff Reporter

"The future of TCU lies in the connection to our past," Chancellor Victor Boschini said Wednesday at University Convocation.

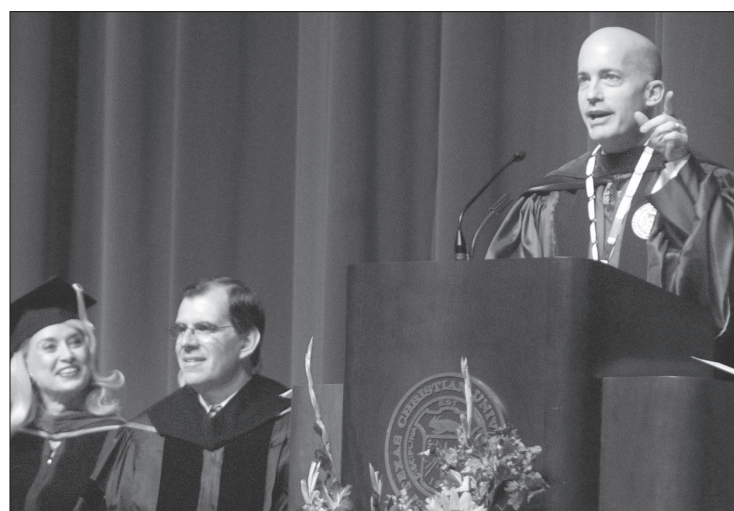
Students, staff, trustees and members of the Fort Worth community attended Convocation that kicked off the beginning of a new academic year.

TCU's Vision In Action plan was the theme of Boschini's speech.

"Our Vision In Action planning phase is over," Boschini said. "We are on to the next level now."

He said TCU needs to consider the university's mission statement and how to make it a reality. Boschini also said TCU needs to consider how to focus on the total university experience, how enriching the living experience will obtain these goals and how to reaffirm the academic principles of both the undergraduate and graduate programs.

Junior English major Kristin Mueller said that since TCU



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(Above) English professor Cathy Collins Block and Newell Williams, chairman of Brite Divinity School, listen as Chancellor Victor Boschini addresses the crowd at Fall Convocation on Thursday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. (Right) Block receives the Chancellor's Award on Thursday from Boschini.

is expanding, it was good to know that there are major changes taking place inside the classrooms.

"It was promising to hear that student teacher ratio is going to become 13-to-1 and that they plan to hire more professors and expand the faculty," Mueller said.

Boschini said along with making changes to enhance the classrooms, he plans to recruit better students and proposes to have 160 Chancellor's Scholars by 2020 compared to

the current 49 scholars.

"We want our students to match the quality of the school," Boschini said. "The Chancellor's Scholars epitomize TCU's student potential."

TCU's VIA plan also calls for major renovations to buildings and spaces on campus, including a two-story bookstore, expansions to the Brown-Lupton Student Center and new dance and School of Education buildings, Boschini said.

"These renovations are going

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## Mexican Army helps with relief effort

Troops traveling to San Antonio to aid Katrina evacuees

By ABE LEVY  
Associated Press

LAREDO — The Mexican Army made history Thursday when its convoy of tractor-trailers, trucks and ambulances crossed into the United States to provide medical workers and supplies to shelters housing Hurricane Katrina victims.

The Army — the first Mexican military unit to operate on U.S. soil since 1846 and the first Mexican disaster aid mission to the United States — was greeted at the border by dignitaries from both countries, and about five Laredo residents waving a Mexico flag.

"This is the materialization of the friendship and relation-

ship that is everyday for us on the border," said Daniel Hernandez Joseph, the Mexican consulate in Laredo. "... We know what it is like to be on the other side of this, because of that we are saying thank you by responding in kind."

As the 45 vehicles bound for San Antonio crossed the border, they parked in a lot next to a bridge linking the two countries for a short ceremony. Laredo Mayor Betty Florez gave Mexican General Francisco Ortiz Valadez, the commander of the convoy, a gift bag that included a glass sculpture in the shape of Texas as a gesture of thanks.

"I feel a tremendous responsibility to do this in the best way to support the U.S. population affected by the hurricane," Ortiz said in Spanish. "We will be here in times when needed."

It took the convoy about 15 minutes to go through the bor-



Ricardo Santos / Laredo Morning Times

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers and U.S. Army personnel from Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio lead a convoy of Mexican vehicles along Texas Toll Road 255 west of Laredo on Thursday.

der checkpoint and reach a staging area on the U.S. side. After clearing customs, dozens of Mexican soldiers marched in formation from the checkpoint to their vehicles.

The convoy includes two mobile kitchens that can feed 7,000 people a day, three flat-bed trucks carrying mobile

water treatment plants and 15 trailers of bottled water, blankets and applesauce.

The convoy received a blue-light police escort out of Laredo, and was accompanied the rest of the way by the U.S. Army and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

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## Fair to acquaint local churches, students

By JENNIFER BICKERSTAFF  
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Fort Worth community churches will be on campus participating in the Annual TCU Church Fair on Monday, according to University Ministries.

The fair will be an opportunity for students to meet the staff and members of churches from the Fort Worth Area and will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge, said the Rev. Angela Kaufman, minister to the university.

The fair is a gathering of more than 30 congregations, she said, and it is a chance for students to get connected outside of TCU.

"In this day and age, people choose churches like a consumer product; it should be about building relation-

"It's important for people to find a fit and find a community in a church."

**Rev. Angela Kaufman**  
Minister to the university

ships," Kaufman said. "It's important for people to find a fit and find a community in a church."

She said information on church college programs will be provided, as well as free food.

Alex Miller, a staff member at Hope Community Church, said he is gearing up for the first semester of college programs. Hope Community Church will be

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