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## Aid given to students affected by Katrina

### SGA legislation calls for a \$10,000 disaster fund

By MICHAEL BISHOP  
News Editor

TCU students who have been affected by Hurricane Katrina will soon be receiving aid from the Student Government Association.

According to legislation passed by the executive board, full-time students and their families who were directly affected by the storm can apply for funding up to \$1,000 per student.

A committee consisting of Treasurer Matt Jacobson, Director of Finance Sebastian Moleski and Chairwoman of the Finance Committee Molly Marten will review all applica-

tions for aid. The proceedings will be overseen by an adviser from the office of Campus Life and must be unanimous, SGA President Dave Watson said.

All board decisions are final and must be approved by the student body president, according to the legislation.

The legislation calls for a fund of \$10,000 to cover disaster-related expenses including, more on SGA, page 2

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##### Hurricane Relief Fund

All full-time TCU students, including those recently enrolled from other universities, are eligible.

A three-student panel supervised by a Campus Life adviser will make aid decisions.

All decisions are final and must be approved by the student body president.

No student may receive more than \$1,000.

Applications can be found online at sga.tcu.edu.

## FIRST CLASS SERVICE

### Students graduate top of officer school

#### Motivation, no fear reasons fellow Frogs finished on top

By TERRILL ESTABROOK  
Staff Reporter

Senior Laura Crowe, along with two other TCU students, participated in officer candidate school this summer and graduated second in the nation out of all of the women who participated.

Seniors Nathan Cross and Kevin Shipton, along with Crowe, were among 1,000 participants from across the nation in Quantico, Va. this summer for the Marine Corps.

"Early to rise and late to bed" is the best way to explain the daily experience at camp, said Shipton, a sociology major.

Crowe, a psychology major, said the training involved constant movement, and some days soldiers would be on their feet for more than 30 miles.

As challenging as it is, officer candidate school is not like boot camp, Crowe said.

All of the participants have the option to leave after four weeks, said Capt. Justin Noble, the selection officer who recruits for TCU.

Officer training camp

screens for potential Marine leaders, and when they graduate, they do so as 2nd Lts., Noble said.

Although 2nd LT. is the lowest officer rank, it has authority over 14 ranks below it, Noble said.

Shipton said the challenge is motivating oneself to make it through the six weeks.

Cross, an English major, and Crowe agreed that self-motivation and knowing that you can do it was the best way to make it through camp.

Crowe was one of 45 women who attended the school and said she watched as her colleagues dropped out of the program.

"I wasn't intimidated," Crowe said. "I saw weakness in a lot of the girls and knew that I had the strength and will to go on."

Crowe graduated from officer candidate school second in the nation among all of the women who participated in the camp, and a motivation for her was avoiding the inevitable "desk job" that comes after college.

Cross and Shipton said they agreed that their greatest inspiration was trying to avoid the same fate.

The Iraq war was also a factor of motivation for all three.

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Emily Goodson / Photo Editor

Psychology major Laura Crowe, English major Nathan Cross and sociology major Kevin Shipton stand "at ease" in front of the TCU flagpole near Sadler Hall on Thursday afternoon.



Emily Goodson / Photo Editor

A Ford Explorer parked near the Student Center on Monday still bears an "I 'heart' SMU" message from a car-tagging spree that took place Friday night.

### SMU fans suspected in vehicle vandalism

#### Cameras fail to record graffiti prank

By DARREN WHITE  
Staff Reporter

As many as 40 cars parked overnight Friday in the heart of campus bore shoe polish graffiti Saturday morning that suggests an SMU prank, and TCU Police officers said they saw no one suspicious entering the parking lot.

The vehicles, which were parked in the Quad Lot-adjacent to Frog Fountain, had messages saying, "I 'heart' SMU." Windows at the University Recreation Center were also vandalized, TCU Police said.

On Saturday, TCU played SMU in the Iron Skillet rivalry match.

Senior marketing major Matt Looloian said he saw the vandalized cars at 8:15 a.m. Saturday.

He said he saw as many as

100 cars with red writing.

Skiff Advertising Manager Tiffany Cox called TCU Police at 10:15 a.m. to report the prank on her car, parked in the Quad Lot.

Cox, a senior advertising/public relations major, said she talked to a dispatcher about the act, but did not file a report.

Assistant TCU Police Chief J.C. Williams said there are no surveillance cameras in the Quad Lot, which is located in the middle of campus.

"The cameras really don't cover that," Williams said. "(They) are on the Freshman Lot and Coliseum Lot."

He said TCU Police plan to review cameras inside the Rec Center to see if that attack was caught on video.

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## Lawsuit delayed for Hernandez

### Deadline to file extended to end of September

By RYAN THOMAS  
Staff Reporter

The deadline for TCU to respond to the lawsuit filed by Jacob Hernandez, former TCU track and field athlete, has been extended by two weeks, TCU attorney Robert Ginsburg said Monday.

Ginsburg said he is not allowed to discuss the reason for extending the deadline because it is a "pending litigation."

Tracy Syler-Jones, the spokesperson for TCU, said she could not give the reason why the deadline was extended.

She said she was not able to discuss any matters pertaining to the lawsuit because of TCU's policy

prohibiting commenting on "pending litigation."

Hernandez's attorney, Shelby Sharpe, said the extension was something that was needed and was not unusual for a lawsuit.

"I do not remember how the conversation was started, but it was a general conversation, and a mutual agreement for an extension was reached," Sharpe said.

After the lawsuit was filed by Hernandez, TCU had 20 days plus the following Monday after they were notified to respond.

According to the return of citation form, TCU was served with the lawsuit Aug. 17.

The original deadline to respond was 10 a.m. Monday.

The new deadline is more on LAWSUIT, page 2

## New student organization seeks leaders

### SGA aims to raise freshman interest in TCU activities

By AMY KOPSEA  
Staff Reporter

Members of Student Government Association said they are trying to get incoming freshmen involved on campus through a new program introduced this semester.

The first group of Frog Aides were chosen Friday as a part of an initiative to help cultivate leadership and service, said Mandy Velasquez, co-director of Frog Aides.

"It's a freshman leadership program to not only strengthen leadership skills, but show them the ins and outs of SGA,"

Velasquez, a senior speech pathology major, said.

Velasquez said Frog Aides is modeled after programs at several other universities.

Sebastian Moleski, co-director of the Frog Aides program, said he liked the way Texas A&M University put together its program and how it was deliberately seeking out new students and getting them to participate.

Velasquez and Moleski said they have taken on the challenge of creating this program specifically for TCU.

"We did adapt a lot of their ideas, but changed some things to conform to the TCU identity," Moleski, a senior economics major, said.

He said they were looking for creative individuals with

the potential to be a success in SGA and on campus.

"We're not looking for a 'cookie-cutter' type; we're looking for people who show potential to become great leaders," Moleski said.

This year's Frog Aides said they are excited to be able to work in a position that can make such an impact.

"From the day we moved in, every individual in the class of 2009 has been trying to find their niche in the TCU community," said Blake Billings, a freshman biology major. "I looked at what I enjoy, what I can do well in, how I can serve others, and working with SGA through Frog Aides seemed like one of the several great places for me."

Only 18 applicants were

chosen to represent the 1,600 students of this year's freshman class, Moleski said.

The selection process took about three weeks from the deadline date, he said. The application included essay questions, two recommendation letters and two interviews, he added.

"It's amazing how much effort they've put into (these applications)," Moleski said. "It is a selective process, and we look for people who want to become leaders and who are original."

Moleski said the Frog Aides will use the information they learn this fall to put together a campuswide event in the spring.

"In the fall semester, (Frog Aides) will be learning skills like time management and

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