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## ROUND TWO: RITA



Galveston Independent School District buses carrying evacuees head north Wednesday on Interstate 45 in Galveston as Hurricane Rita approaches.

Kevin Bartram / Associated Press

### Students fear for families

By TASHA HAYTON  
Staff Reporter

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, TCU students worry about family and friends in Galveston, Houston and the surrounding areas as Hurricane Rita heads toward Texas.

Janet Hess, a parent of a TCU student, has been living in Houston after being relocated from New Orleans by Hurricane Katrina. Hess teaches at a school for evacuated children.

"Houston has been unbelievably generous," Hess said.

Hess said she cannot return to New Orleans for three to four months and plans to stay in Houston. Hess also said the hurricane will probably not be "life-threatening" in Houston but it will cause huge devastation in Galveston and surrounding areas.

Hess said she is trying to go to New Orleans on Friday to assess the flood damage to her house but she is not sure if it will be possible. She might come to Fort Worth, where her daughter Emily Hess, is a sophomore business major at TCU, if Houston is evacuated, Hess said.

Another student who could be affected by Hurricane Rita is Justin Knox. Knox, a junior entrepreneurial management major, said his family in Sugar Land is preparing for the worst. The mayor of Houston said on television that residents should fill their gas more on REACTION, page 2

### Rita becomes Category 5; 1.3 million are evacuated

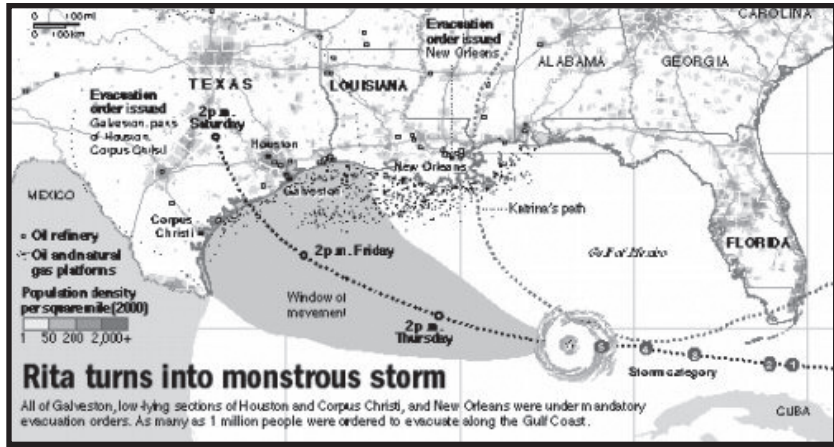
By PAM EASTON  
Associated Press

GALVESTON — Gaining strength with frightening speed, Hurricane Rita swirled toward the Gulf Coast a Category 5, 165-mph monster Wednesday as more than 1.3 million people in Texas and Louisiana were sent packing on orders from

authorities who learned a bitter lesson from Katrina.

"It's scary. It's really scary," Shalonda Dunn said as she and her 5- and 9-year-old daughters waited to board a bus arranged by emergency authorities in Galveston. "I'm glad we've got the opportunity to evacuate."

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Rita turns into monstrous storm. All of Galveston, low-lying sections of Houston and Corpus Christi, and New Orleans were under an mandatory evacuation order. As many as 1 million people were ordered to evacuate along the Gulf Coast.

Associated Press

### Fraternity raises awareness, money for Push America

Students find out what it feels like to have disabilities

By DARREN WHITE  
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Music blasted as students gathered beside Frog Fountain to watch sorority teams compete in a playground-style wheelchair basketball tournament.

Sorority members wore matching shirts and cheered on their teammates, who competed against each other in several three-on-three half-court games.

Push Week — Pi Kappa Phi fraternity's three-day effort to promote Push America, a philanthropy benefitting disabled children — concluded Wednesday with the tournament.

Event co-chairman Neal Jackson said the drive is designed to raise awareness, encourage fundraising and organize volunteers at TCU.

The event also featured an "empathy race." Participants were asked to complete tasks with their eyes closed to better understand what it is like to live with blindness.

"We're trying to introduce students at TCU to what it might be like to live with a disability," Pi Kapp President Matt Foust said. "We're trying to raise funds and awareness for that."

Push Week opened Monday with a "Miss Push America" contest, in which contestants answered questions about Push America. Sororities also designed banners containing information about Push America.

"Hundreds of people learned about Push America, and that's what this week is all about," said Jackson, a junior neuroscience major.

Pi Kapp raised money in the Brown-Lupton Student Center as well, Jackson said.

The fraternity also used Push Week to organize volunteers at Kinderfrogs School, which works with disabled children. Marilyn Tolbert, director of Kinderfrogs, said more than 200 Greek students volunteered during the event. Tolbert said the number was the largest in Push Week history.

"Pi Kappa Phi has been a great help to us every year," Tolbert said.



Emily Goodson / Photo Editor Freshman fashion merchandising major Kyle Davis reaches for the ball Wednesday while competing in a wheelchair basketball tournament in front of the Student Center. The tournament was part of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity's fundraiser for its philanthropy, Push America.

Jackson said he hopes this will encourage more to volunteer.

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Alison Rubinson / Staff Reporter

Children evacuated from New Orleans enjoy dinner Friday on the back porch of Geraldine Robinson's home in Grand Prairie. Robinson has taken in close to 80 of her relatives since Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast.

### Local woman lends hand, houses 80 family members

Guests use tubs, floor, patio, couch as places to sleep

By ALISON RUBINSON  
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Geraldine Robinson thinks she is just doing her duty to her family.

Her family thinks she is a hero.

Since Hurricane Katrina, Robinson, 57, has housed — at least temporarily — about 80 relatives in her 2,800-square-foot house in Grand Prairie.

"It's just something I'm supposed to do," Robinson said. "It's not heroic."

Tell that to Starcylin Williams, Robinson's niece, who evacuated New Orleans.

"I tell her every day I thank God for her," Williams said.

Or tell it to the 8-year-old boy the family calls "Dough Boy." He said he tells Robinson every day that he is thankful God gave her to him.

Robinson said the first wave of people arrived the Saturday after the hurricane hit, and she said they just kept coming.

"People were sleeping

everywhere, anywhere they could find: bath tubs, on the floor, outside on the patio, couches," Robinson said.

Robinson is one of 18 children, and said she is the only one who left New Orleans.

"That's why I say God had this in the plans," Robinson said. "There is a reason we are all here. He is bringing us together."

Of the 18 siblings, 15 found a place in Robinson's house, along with their children and grandchildren.

Robinson's son, Richard, more on HOUSING, page 2