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## SGA bill may be deemed unconstitutional

### Hurricane Relief Bill controversial among members

BY ASHLEY ALDERMAN  
Staff Reporter

The Judicial Board is holding a trial today to determine the legitimacy of the Hurricane Relief Bill passed by the House of Student Representatives.

A preliminary hearing was held Friday to decide if a trial was necessary, said Chief Justice Jared Heathman.

The Judicial Board is the final interpreter of the Student Body Code, said Heathman, a senior biology major.

Rep. Thomas Guidry, of the College of Sciences and Engineering, filed a complaint about

the bill last week. Guidry, a junior computer science information major, said the bill violates the charitable contributions clause in the Student Body Code.

The code states: "No charitable contributions shall be made from the student body fund. Charitable contributions include, but are not limited to, payments made to charitable organizations."

"This bill should not have even passed through exec," Guidry said. "The way it is written now, the constitution does not allow any money from the student body fund to be given to organizations or individuals."

The charitable contributions clause was written in 2004 by SGA Chief of Staff Sebastian

#### HURRICANE RELIEF BILL

- The Hurricane Relief Bill was first introduced to the House of Student Representatives on Sept. 13.
- The bill was reauthorized by the House on Sept. 20.

Moleski, who also helped write the Hurricane Relief Bill.

Moleski, a senior international economics major, said the clause was added to make sure money from the student body fund was used directly for the student body. Moleski said the bill does not conflict with the Student Body Code and said the spirit of the charitable contributions clause was misunderstood.

"If we give the money to charitable organizations, we are limiting the effect we have on the TCU community," Moleski

#### DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

- Seven students applied for the funds.
- Four students have been given money.
- Three applicants are still pending.
- A total of \$1,804 has been distributed.

said. "In this case, it's going directly to TCU students."

Guidry said he only questions the bill's legality, not its purpose.

"As a Louisiana native, I understand there are students in need," Guidry said. "But, the House shouldn't follow only the rules it wants to. It needs to enforce everything equally."

Until the Judicial Board rules on the case, no funds will be disbursed, though applications are still being accepted, Heathman said. At least four students have more on SGA, page 2

## TCU named among nation's best colleges

### School officials welcome the recognition for the university

By LANA HUNT  
Staff Reporter

TCU officials welcomed the school's ranking this year among "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News and World Report, but said the ranking that is most important is in the minds of the students and the experiences each one takes with them after graduation.

Ranked 97 for 2006, TCU climbed the polls one spot from last year, Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, said.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said: "I am thrilled that we are, once again, considered in the top 100 universities nationwide. More importantly than the rankings, I want the members of the TCU community to believe that they are associated with the best university possible."

Some faculty and students said that being ranked is good but it is not as important as the education and experiences each student takes with him or her after graduation.

"The only ranking I really want to work toward, would be the No. 1 spot in the minds of our stu-

#### AMERICA'S BEST

Texas Universities ranked in U.S. News' America's Best Colleges 2006:

- 17. Rice University
- 52. University of Texas at Austin
- 60. Texas A&M University
- 71. SMU
- 78. Baylor University
- 97. TCU

dents," Boschini said.

The ranking given by U.S. News is determined by criteria such as peer assessment, faculty-to-student ratio and graduation and retention rates.

Angela Taylor, associate dean of student development, said U.S. News uses data gathered in the National Survey of Student Engagement as a part of its report.

There is also a Faculty Survey of Student Engagement, which surveys the expectations of student engagement from a faculty member's point of view.

The national student survey categorizes its results into five national benchmarks, including level of academic challenge, student-faculty interaction and enriching educational experiences.

"If we work toward the effectiveness of education," Taylor said, "the rank will come."

Taylor also said that when advocating educational experiences, such as study abroad and eCollege, the more on RANK, page 2

## TCU ranked 12th in fitness



Stephen Spillman / Staff Photographer

The University Recreation Center was opened to the student body in January of 2003. The Rec Center offers an up-to-date weight room, cardio machines and a climbing wall.

### Students promote healthy lifestyle

By ADRIENNE LANG  
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In the matter of survival of the fittest, TCU prevailed — or at least according to one magazine.

TCU students have leapt over common college obstacles such as pizza, alcohol, late night snacks and lack of sleep to beat out 648 other schools, becoming the



12th fittest college in the nation, according to the October issue of Men's Fitness magazine.

To some faculty members

and students, the ranking makes sense.

"The bulk of students are doing what they have to do to

stay healthy," said Trey Morrison, assistant director of fitness and wellness for campus recreation.

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### Correction

The headline in an article Tuesday about a lawsuit filed by Jacob Hernandez against TCU was incorrect. It should have said that TCU officials say the lawsuit is invalid according to a previous Texas case. The Texas Supreme Court did not invalidate Hernandez's case.

## First Asian-oriented sorority at TCU formed

### Group founded upon sisterhood; provides unity for students

By ERICA MAREZ  
Staff Reporter

"We have formed out of necessity," the women of TCU's first Asian sorority state in their constitution.

Kappa Lambda Delta was formed this semester to provide unity, participation, awareness and sisterhood to the Asian students on campus, said Clea Wang, the sorority's president.

But Wang said membership is open to any female regardless of race, creed, color, sexual orientation or physical ability.

"If you notice in the Greek community at TCU, we're the only ethnicity left out — like we don't exist," said Wang, a sophomore biology major.

On Monday, Kappa Lambda Delta was recognized as an official organization by TCU.

It already has seven officers and about 15 members, said Ambika Sharma, the sorority's vice president of external affairs.

After researching different Asian sororities in the United States, Wang said she felt none of them fit her expectations.

Wang said she and Sharma, a sophomore political science major, decided to start their own sorority, one that would be both social and service-oriented.

Most Greek organizations focus on only one philanthropy, but Kappa Lambda Delta plans a variety of efforts, said Nancy Stockton, administrative assistant of fraternity and sorority affairs.

The motto for the sorority's philanthropy is "Empower-

ment Through Education."

Sharma said the organization's long-term plan is to raise money for different educational programs with an emphasis on developing countries. The members plan to help provide technology, school supplies and other necessities to less fortunate countries, she said.

Students' reactions to the new organization range from excitement to concern about academics.

Thuy Tran, a sophomore biology major, said the sorority is a good opportunity for Asians to get involved.

"It gives Asians more options, and I like the idea of sisterhood," Tran said.

Panhellenic President Whitney Merritt, a senior history and finance major, said she is excited the sorority will tailor to a

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## Expo offers students career options

### Businesses inform about internships

By AMY KITCHEL  
Staff Reporter

Students looking for anything from summer internships to permanent employment have the opportunity to find their dream job today at the career expo, organizers said.

University Career Services organized TCU's annual Career Expo for students to get involved and learn about jobs available to them, said Laura Chaney, assistant to the recruitment coordinator.

"We're really trying to get freshmen and sophomores involved this year," Chaney said. "By sophomore year, students need to get focused on what they want to do."

Jenny Cureton, assistant director for career development also stressed that freshmen and sophomores should

feel welcome at the event.

"Seniors should continue to view the event as a prime time to meet the important people at organizations of interest to them for work after graduation," Cureton said. "However, we want freshmen, sophomores, juniors and graduate students to feel equally welcome to come talk openly with recruiters and representatives about all kinds of options available to them."

Cureton said these options include many internship opportunities; 41 companies represented at the expo have internships available.

The expo, which will be held in the recreational gym at the University Recreation Center from 4 to 7 p.m., will feature 86 companies, including American Airlines, Inc., Cingular Wireless, Lockheed Martin Corp., RadioShack and Fort Worth Weekly.

At the expo last fall, 41

#### CAREER EXPO INFO

• The career fair will from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at the University Recreation Center in the recreational gym.

• Students should dress business casual and bring copies of their resumé.

• 86 companies are expected to be represented.

— Career Services

companies were represented Chaney said. She said the size doubled this year because of better advertising to prospective employers.

"We're getting the word out better," Chaney said. "There are a lot of opportunities for students."

Financial companies, police departments, school districts, radio stations and nonprofit organizations will be at the expo, Chaney said.

The location of the expo has also moved; traditionally Career Services has held career fairs upstairs in the Brown-Lupton Student Center. Last spring there were 83 employers at career night.

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