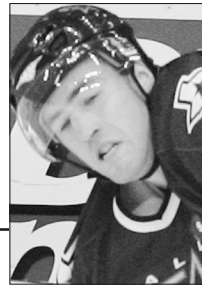


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University crisis plan boosts student preparedness, knowledge

Administration ready for disasters

By Jennifer Berry
Staff Reporter

For one student from Dillard University, the Hurricane Katrina evacuation was far from perfect, raising questions about how TCU would react in a similar crisis.

For Cecile Mitchell, a sophomore biology major, the prob-

lem was broken-down buses. "The buses kept blowing out tires," Mitchell said. "Then there were sparks, and the back of the bus caught on fire."

Overall, Dillard University was well-prepared for the evacuation, Mitchell said. Although officials did not give much notice, it only took three hours from the announcement of the evacuation to the time the buses were loaded to leave the campus, Mitchell said.

At TCU, if necessary, the university would send out a notification stating the need for an evacuation, and students, faculty and staff with cars would leave on their own, said Jill Laster, vice chancellor for Human Resources and risk management.

"People without transportation would be handled on a case-to-case basis," Laster said.

Students without cars would be assisted by TCU, she said.

TCU Director of Safety Randy Cobb said the need for a mass evacuation does not seem likely.

Tornadoes and flooding are more likely to endanger the university, Cobb said. To be prepared, TCU created a crisis plan, he said.

Cobb said the crisis plan, known as the Emergency Management Plan, would be put into action when any incident that disrupts the university's

TO REVIEW THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

1. Go to www.saf.tcu.edu
2. Click on Emergency Procedures
3. Click on Campus Readiness
4. Click on TCU Emergency Recovery Plan

normal business occurs.

The plan is a 26-page manual explaining procedures to be used if there is a campus-wide or regional emergency.

The plan was created in 2000, Cobb said, but it has never been put into effect.

The Cabinet gets pulled together regularly for tabletop drills and without prior knowledge of the meeting, Laster said. They do walk-throughs of scenarios from start to finish, she said.

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Praising Allah



Andrew Chavez / Staff Photographer

Top: Tony Shihabeddin leads worshippers in a Zuhr prayer Tuesday afternoon at Masjid Al-Ibrahimi, a newly constructed mosque in southwest Fort Worth. Right: An inscription near the entrance of Masjid Al-Ibrahimi reads, "Ma Sha Allah La Kowa Ella B Allah," or in English, "May God Bless this place, there is no power stronger than Allah."

Mosque opens nearby

Place of worship to offer education, growth to area

By KIM TESAREK
Staff Reporter

A new mosque opened less than four miles from campus Friday, with members at the door all day eager to welcome in those in the community interested in

learning about the new facilities and the Muslim religion.

"I am so happy for the new mosque," said Saddyna Belmashkan, a freshman international communications major and mosque member. "Now we can accommodate more people."

The 35,000 square-foot, two-story Masjid Al-Ibrahimi mosque opened at 4901 Diaz Ave., only a few blocks from the older and smaller facility



on Fletcher Street.

Belmashkan said she has been attending the mosque for about four years.

"The new facility will allow the community to come together

for events," she said.

She said the project has been ongoing for nine years and is nearly complete.

During tours of the mosque

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SGA branch aims to reach campus

Programming Council requires help of students

By AMY KOPSEA
Staff Reporter

Programming Council wants to know what a dream day at TCU would be like for students.

Would it be walking past the Brown-Lupton Student Center where the latest hit band is playing at Frog Fountain with a buffet of free food to munch on?

Members of PC say that it's not out of the question.

PC is a branch of the Student Government Association that works to produce events for the TCU community, said Vanessa Flores, a junior social work major.

"It is the duty of Programming Council to engage the students as much as possible so that their experience here will be one that they can never forget," Flores said.

PC was formed because the SGA House found there was too much campus legislation and programming to handle, said Tiffany Baack, vice president of PC.

"Programming Council is funded by the student body, so it is essential for the student body to tell us what they want," Baack said.

Many students looking to make an impact on TCU's community turn to PC to make TCU a fun and united campus, said Kristen Svajda, a junior communications and Spanish major.

"PC gives students a chance to relax and get out of regu-

lar routine by providing varying programs throughout the year," Svajda said. "These programs can range from free food at Frog Fountain, to Real World members visiting campus, to hit concerts."

PC members say the benefits of being part of PC are priceless.

"Joining PC was a great way for me to get my foot in the door so that I can continue to grow as a person and make a difference in the lives and experiences of other TCU students," Flores said. "I decided to join not only to enhance my leadership and communication skills, but to also meet new people and form connections with others that can make a lasting impact on my college experience."

Baack said she agrees with Flores and is thankful she got involved.

"I have gained many important business skills, such as bargaining and contract forming, along with meeting people from all over campus and building relationships with them," Baack said.

Although being a part of PC is an enjoyable experience, members say it takes a great deal of time and hard work.

According to its Web site, PC uses roughly \$140,000 a year to improve campus life at TCU.

Flores said that when she is working on an event, she spends at least 20 hours a week preparing. She said the committee's responsibilities include setting up the location, time, food, decorations, advertisement, logos and sound logistics.

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Future teachers get expert advice

Chief Inspector speaks to education majors

By TERRILL ESTABROOK
Staff Reporter

England's highest-ranking education official told a classroom of education majors Tuesday they need to have an enthusiasm for reading in order to imbue a love of literature in their students.

"Teachers must be interested in reading in order to pass that enthusiasm on," said David Bell, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in England.

Bell is a friend of Samuel Deitz, the dean of the School of Educa-

tion, and used it as an opportunity to come speak at TCU.

Bell spoke to a class of seven women who are all interested in how to teach reading to children.

"Be positive in the way you deal with students because you are more likely to have greater achievements with students by being positive and being yourself," Bell said. "Students can spot the un-authentic."

Teachers should want their students to achieve a level of reading that will make life easier for them but not to be so concerned about the mechanics that they lose the love of it, Bell said.

"There is a real danger of

driving out the enthusiasm and passion for reading," Bell said.

Bell said teachers these days are very competent and have many ways of implementing the methodology of reading, but do not know how to evoke passion.

"It is a swinging pendulum that has focused on the mechanics for so long. Now it needs to swing back so that teachers can pass on their passion," Bell said.

Cathy Block, a professor of educational psychology who teaches the reading class Bell spoke to, requires her students to read 2,450 pages of award winning children's literature that has been published within the past 5 years.

"The girls are getting excited about the literature they are reading and that is the best way to develop a love of reading within children," Block said.

Right now is the "Golden Age" of literature available to children and it needs to be used in order to make a climate conducive to reading habits that children will carry with them into their adult lives, Bell said.

Block said there is no one method to getting children to love reading.

"We have the basics in place and now we need to develop new methods of developing the love of reading," Block said.

News Brief

Ben Stein to speak at sold-out Honors Forum

No more tickets are available for Wednesday's on-campus appearance of actor Ben Stein, said event coordinators.

The event, which is free, is open to the public with reservations, said Mark Murtagh, coordinator of the Fogelson Honors Forum. However, reservations are no longer being taken because the venue is full, said Murtagh, a senior political science major.

The eighth annual Fogelson Honors Forum is sponsored by the TCU Honors Program, Murtagh said. Each year, the Honors Program brings a speaker who represents modern American cul-

ture to campus, he said.

Stein was chosen because he appeals to the student body as well as the Fort Worth community, Murtagh said.

The topic of Stein's lecture is unknown, although it will probably be similar to his inspirational speeches at other universities, Murtagh said.

Stein was told about the TCU mission statement, he said.

"He'll likely talk about how to be active citizens in the community, through the mission statement," Murtagh said.

Stein is scheduled to speak 8 p.m. Wednesday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Those in attendance will have a chance to ask questions.

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