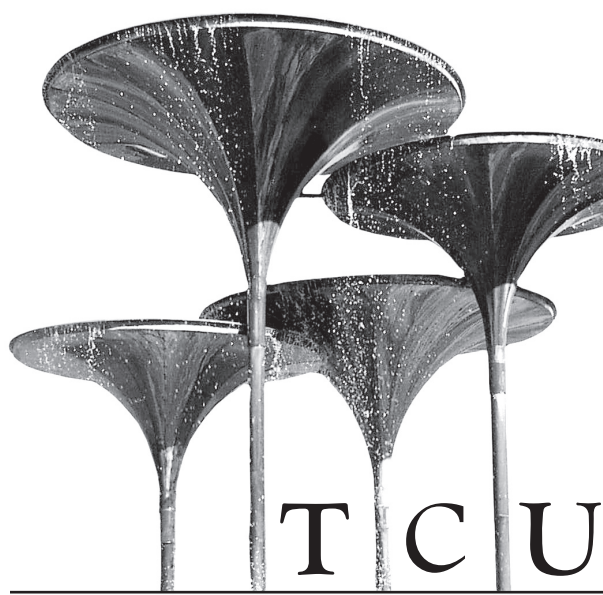


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Linda Moore, a professor and chair of the department of social work, speaks Wednesday on a panel about living wages at TCU. Members of the panel said all starting wages at the university should be raised to the living wage.

Forum examines topic of living wage

Panel members say pay scale must rise

By TASHA HAYTON
Staff Reporter

At TCU's Living Wage Movement forum Wednesday, panelists said starting wages at TCU should be raised to the living wage, but did not say where the money for the increase would come from.

The panel included professors from four fields: social work, political science, reli-

gion and management. Stephanie Sherwood, a junior social work major and president of the Living Wage Movement, led the discussion.

The Universal Living Wage web site defines the living wage as the amount of money a person must make to spend no more than 30 percent of his or her total income on housing. The living wage varies because the fair market rent is not the same in all areas.

Stuart Youngblood, a management professor, said the

panel's goal is to educate people on the living wage issue. Though TCU tuition is currently at market value, the tuition might need to be raised, Youngblood said.

By e-mail, Chancellor Victor Boschini said he has heard about the Living Wage Movement and has appointed the University Compensation Advisory Committee to study the living wage and other issues related to wage compensation and benefits at TCU.

Boschini said any compen-

sation increase would be paid for out of the operating budget, which includes tuition dollars, grants and gifts.

Youngblood said wages are determined by which jobs are more or less valuable. TCU monitors the market and uses the "going rate" when wages are decided, Youngblood said.

"All organizations look at the market and set a wage that would attract people," Youngblood said.

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Death penalty topic of discussion

Group members share stories

By AMY HALLFORD
Staff Reporter

As she stared at the black cross tattooed on her wrist, Jeanette Popp told students Wednesday how both redemption and revenge drove her to fight for the life of the man who robbed her of her daughter.

The cross with her daughter Nancy's name inscribed above it is a permanent reminder of the loss she has been suffering for 17 years.

Popp, who said she became suicidal and oftentimes sat in a rocking chair with a .22-caliber pistol searching for the courage to shoot herself, told students about the first time she confronted her daughter's killer, who was originally sentenced to death.

"He told me that he was a Satanic worshipper and (that) advisers of his church told him that the headaches he was having and the voices he was hearing would go away if he made a human sacrifice," Popp said. "At that point, I knew that he was mentally ill and that killing him would be murder."

Popp said a small part of her wanted him to spend his life in prison rather than receive a death sentence because death

is what he wanted.

"He needs to pay for what he did," Popp said.

Popp said the man is now serving a life-sentence after she asked the death penalty to be "taken off the table" in memory of her daughter.

Members of TCU's chapter of Amnesty International hosted a panel for Journey of Hope, an organization whose members hope to build public awareness of "unfair trials," "corrupt legal systems" and alternatives to the death penalty.

Popp and other murder victims' family members, death row inmates' family members and witnesses to execution, spoke to students Tuesday in the Brown-Lupton Student Center Lounge and to students in a criminal justice class Wednesday.

Megan Ammann, president of TCU's Amnesty International chapter, said she was pleased to hear Journey of Hope was visiting.

"We thought this was a great way to share alternatives to the death penalty with a large group of students," Ammann said.

"Sometimes we have an upward of 75 people attend our meetings but Journey of Hope speakers, people who

have been personally affected by the death penalty, have a voice that we don't have."

Journey of Hope volunteer Susybelle Gosslee told students Texas is the No. 1 executing state in the United States and the United States is the only

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Chillin' out



Nick Bendian / Staff Photojournalist

Cameron Feil, a freshman premajor, sits and enjoys Image magazine with his friends Stephanie Isak, a sophomore criminal justice major, and Landon Dipprey, a senior communication studies major, Wednesday afternoon in the Sadler Mall.

TCU: Greek numbers rising, other universities see decrease

Campus Life says TCU Greeks more focused on school

By DARREN WHITE
Staff Reporter

While Greek involvement has declined at many universities, TCU saw a rise in students participating in fall 2005 Recruitment from the previous year, according to the office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs.

In 2005, 601 women participated in fall sorority Recruitment, more than a 4 percent increase from 2004. Fraternity Recruitment saw an increase of almost 2 percent.

The numbers come as many universities have seen a signif-

icant drop in Greek life.

The Daily Reveille, Louisiana State University's student newspaper, reported a 25 percent drop in sorority involvement. The Daily Iowan, at the University of Iowa, reported a 25 percent decrease in sorority Recruitment.

Some larger schools, such as the University of Utah, have also seen a significant drop in Greek life. According to the Daily Utah Chronicle, Utah's student newspaper, the number of students participating in Greek life has fallen steadily every year for 20 years.

Assistant Dean of Campus Life James Parker said the smaller size of TCU is a benefit, but it is not the

EXTRA INFO

Recruitment comparison statistics	
2004	2005
Women:	
Total women registered	594
Total women participating	620
Total participating in bid matching	576
Total matched in bid matching	601
Total matched in bid matching	499
Total matched in bid matching	502
Total matched in bid matching	489
Total matched in bid matching	500
Men:	
Total men registered	302
Total men participating	359
Total men signed a bid	255
Total men participating	291

core factor in determining the success of a Greek program.

"It really has to be judged on an institution-to-institution basis," Parker said. "Some major universities' more on GREEK, page 2

Relief successful, official says

Hurricane efforts raise money, food, clothes for charity

By JENIFFER BERRY
Staff Reporter

TCU students, staff and faculty raised more than \$10,500 for the American Red Cross, collected more than 1,000 pounds of food and filled two rooms full of clothing to aid in Hurricane Katrina relief, according to a University Ministries record.

Red Cross donation cans were located in the Brown-Lupton Student Center, department offices and the TCU Bookstore. Resident assistants also had collection jars.

"I think we did really well," said the Rev. Angela Kaufman, minister to the university.

Mark Jones, of the Chisholm Trail Chapter of the American Red Cross in Fort Worth, said he was extremely excited when he found out TCU was collecting money for the Hurricane Disaster Fund.

"Preventing, preparing for and responding to disasters

is an ongoing challenge, and we cannot do it without contributions both nationally and locally," said Jones, chairman of the financial development committee.

In 2004, Kaufman said, a similar fundraiser was held through University Ministries for tsunami relief. Monetary donations were sent to the American Red Cross, she said.

Different student organizations and religious groups volunteered to collect money outside The Main.

John Athon, president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, said he decided to help with the fundraiser because his friend's house was destroyed, and his father's business was heavily damaged.

"It wasn't very difficult to get the Greek community involved," said Athon, a senior political science major. "Enough people wanted to do something, that it was just a matter of finding the outlet."

Volunteers also collected money at the gates during the TCU game against Utah on Sept. 15.

Kaufman said donors

EXTRA INFO

Contributions by TCU students and faculty during Hurricane Katrina

Money raised: more than \$10,500
Food collected: more than 1,000 pounds
Clothes collected: two rooms full
Highest personal donation: \$200

— These are the latest official statistics, however, figures may have changed since record was made.

included countless students, faculty, staff, alumni and children from the Starpoint School.

"It was really touching to see the group of students come to TCU to donate the money," Kaufman said. "And it was even more touching because they were children caring about the people affected by the hurricane."

Athon volunteered for three days and said he was impressed with the donations.

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