





# Red Cross volunteers helping south Texas flood victims

by JENNIFER SANDER  
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As a result of one charter created by Congress in 1905, more than 4,000 families in Texas have received aid from American Red Cross volunteers during the recent south Texas floods.

The original charter required the Red Cross to undertake relief activities to aid victims struck by disasters, such as floods or hurricanes. Red Cross members consider it their

moral duty to help these victims and provide food, clothing, shelter and additional aid for them.

The charter states that aid must be made available, whether there is enough money to fund it or not, said Red Cross member Sue Jones.

The four main disasters the Red Cross has aided recently include the south central floods in Austin, the north Texas floods in Dallas, the Heart of Texas flooding in Waco and the south east Texas floods in Houston.

Jones said that the flood in Waco was a level three flood, and the others were level floor floods, which is the next to highest in expense for the Red Cross.

As of Jan. 24, the Red Cross aided 51 counties, 4,023 families, raised more than \$2 million and sheltered more than 2,000 people during the flooding.

Volunteers and workers also provided more than 50,000 meals and contributed more than \$40 million to flood victims.

Jones said the Red Cross has aided more

disaster victims in the last two or three years than ever before, which has really "taken its toll" monetarily on the organization, she said.

"We are close to experiencing the problem of not having enough money to aid these (flood) victims, but are still being required to do so," Jones said.

"So far, the American people have come through for us, but we are still strapped for funds."

Jones added that the shelters in south Texas have already been shut down because Red

Cross volunteers have found other places for victims to live.

"We have put them up in apartments, motels or found them other homes, so we have been somewhat successful," Jones said. "Everyone there now has a place to go. The next step is to help the with additional things such as household goods and rent money."

Red Cross assistance may be in the form of fixed or mobile feeding stations, clothing, mass or individual shelter, cleaning supplies, comfort kits and medical care.

## Funding increase for border schools seen as damaging

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in funding to the South Texas border institutions than they should have received with the regular funding system, Sanders said.

"If you cut more out of the higher education pie to send to South Texas border schools, that means there's going to be less available to us," he said. "It's kind of a rob-Peter-to-pay-Paul thing."

Ainsworth said that if the Legislature adds additional funds to the current level of funding higher education, then adding graduate programs in South Texas will have little impact on Tech.

"However, if they don't add additional funding to higher education, and do add the programs, then the funds for all institutions will be further diluted," he said. "It would be detrimental to Tech and to the other higher education institutions in the state."

Sanders said that unless the tax system is reformed in some way, the Legislature will have to further reduce funding at Tech and other institutions in order to increase funding at South Texas border institutions.

"Texas' tax system is somewhat antiquated," he said. "It is based on a 1930s-, '40s-, '50s-economy that does not reflect the current economy. Texas is no longer a gas and oil state."

"The tax revenue is not keeping pace with population growth and all those factors that drive state growth."

Euresti said he thinks the funding problems will be resolved before the 15-month timeframe he has given runs out.

"I'm optimistic. I think an agreement between both parties will be worked out."

The League of United Latin American Citizens and other Hispanic groups filed the class-action lawsuit, in which the defendants were Gov. Ann Richards, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board members, Higher Education Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth and officials of 10 state-funded institutions.

Euresti said his ruling in the case, which took two months to try, was based on jury findings that Texas did not provide or maintain a first-class university in the border region.

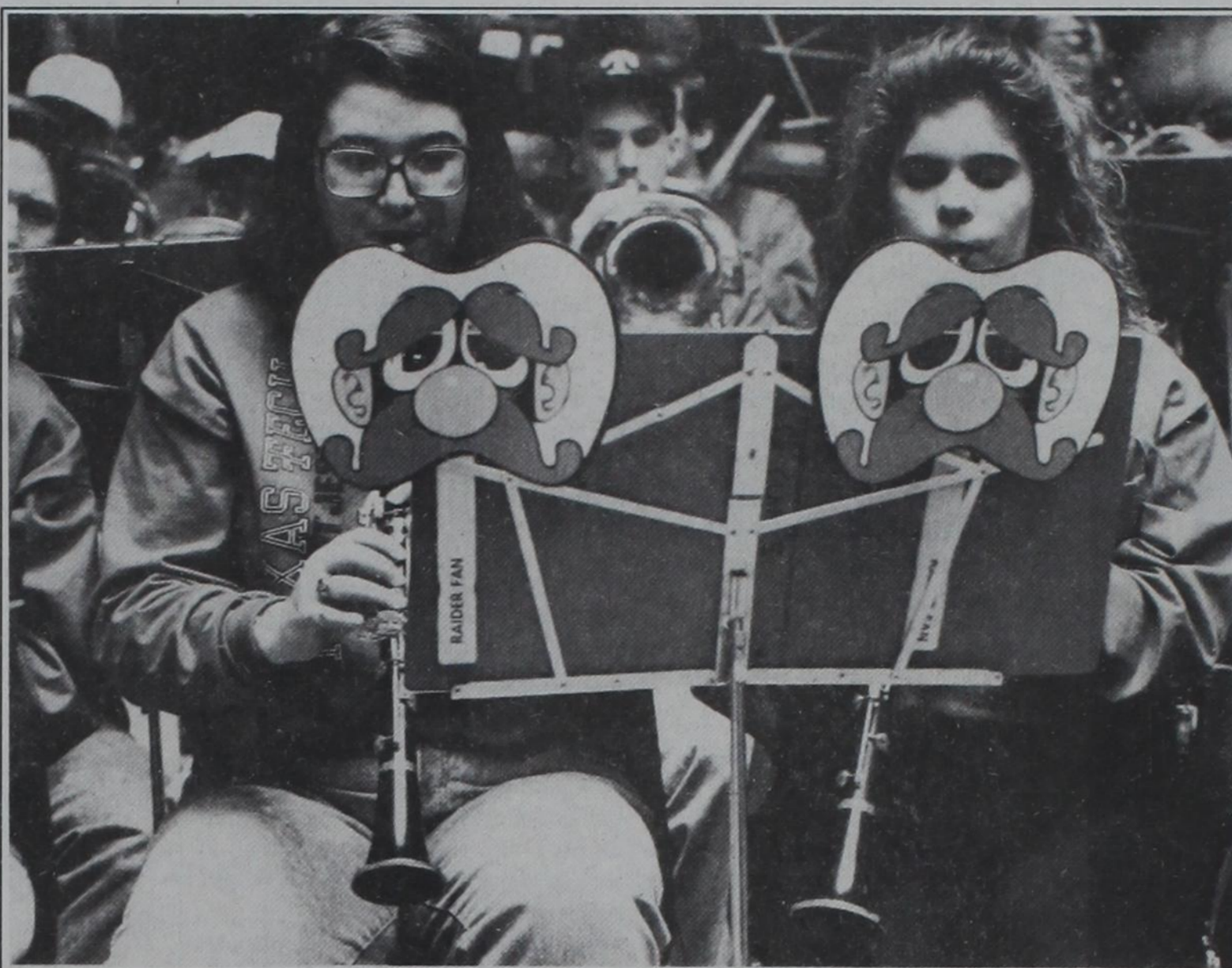
Sanders said he does not think the funding system discriminates against the South Texas border schools.

"The judge's ruling does not reflect the jury's findings," he said. "The jury found that the Texas funding system does not discriminate against Hispanics."

The system funds all institutions the same, Sanders said. According to the formula system, graduate programs are funded at higher levels. South Texas border institutions receive less money because they consist primarily of undergraduate programs, he said.

Ainsworth said he thinks the residents of the South Texas area feel they are deserving of a major university, but do not have one because their area has been underserved and their institutions have been neglected over time.

"It's traditionally been the idea that the graduate students go to the program. This has been the first time that it has been brought up that the program should go to the students," he said.



Play it again Sam

Marcie Stowell, a sophomore nursing major from San Antonio, and Melissa Marin, a freshman math major from Georgetown, show their "game faces" as they play the Texas Tech fight song during halftime at the Tech versus Texas A&M game Saturday afternoon. Tech won 70-50.

## Governors take stance on Bush plan

by CHRISTOPHER CONNELL  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The nation's governors dined in splendor with President Bush at the White House on Sunday night, but the No. 1 topic of conversation was the troubled state of the economy.

Texas Gov. Ann W. Richards gave a blunt assessment of Bush's economic recovery program.

"Not much there," the Democrat

told reporters. She said the nation needs a policy to help workers losing their jobs in defense cutbacks.

Maryland Gov. W. Donald Schaefer said, "There's no more honeymoon as far as (Bush) is concerned. He's got to produce and produce very rapidly."

But Democrat Schaefer said, "I've got to give the president a chance."

Bush himself, in a toast, thanked the governors for their past support on education and during the Persian Gulf War. "I'm confident that given the

problems we face now we can do exactly that again," he said.

Missouri Gov. John D. Ashcroft, in a toast of his own, lauded Bush's leadership and took a swipe at Congress.

"Those in Eastern Europe and the Russian republics know that its futile to have an all powerful centralized bureaucracy and we pray that some day those on Capitol Hill will learn the same," said Ashcroft, a Republican who chairs the National Governors Association.

## Judge overturns Dallas police hiring policy

DALLAS (AP) — A state judge on Monday struck down a Dallas Police hiring policy that excluded homosexual officers based on the Texas sodomy law.

Larry Fuller, a visiting judge in 53rd State District Court in Austin, found the state sodomy law unconstitutional, but he didn't overturn it; he dismissed the state from the lawsuit.

The judge also rejected a city request to stay the ruling.

Mica England, a 27-year-old lesbian police officer applicant who filed the lawsuit, hailed the decision as a major victory for homosexual rights.

"It means a great deal. We can no longer be discriminated against in employment," Ms. England said. "I've gone through so much to get to this opportunity. I'm kind of in shock."

"We dragged the state of Texas into the '90s ... screaming but they're there."

Dallas police spokesman Ed Spencer said the department wouldn't comment on the ruling until it spoke with city attorneys. Assistant city attorney Craig Hopkins, who handled the case, was not available for comment late Monday.

City Councilman Chris Luna, who last month failed to pass a resolution that would have eliminated questions about sexual preference, said the ruling is good for Dallas.

"It's a good victory for everyone that opposed discrimination," Luna said.

"The judge has clearly said that the underlying law is unconstitutional ... When Dallas is trying to say we're progressive and you still have vestiges of discrimination, that's got to be changed."

## Plant's assistant director retires

by JULIE COLLINS  
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

After 29 years of hard work, Assistant Director at Texas Tech's Physical Plant James Russell retired from his position Friday. As of yet, no replacement has been found to fill the position.

When Russell started working for Tech in 1963, there were only about 8,000 students on campus.

During his years of service at Tech, Russell has seen enrollment jump to approximately 23,000 students, and the number of buildings on campus has quadrupled, he said.

"By just looking around you can see how it (Tech's campus) has

changed," he said.

One of Russell's responsibilities while working at the physical plant was organizing the annual Carol of Lights ceremony.

"The Carol of Lights has been my baby for a long time," he said.

He said his only regret while working at Tech was not having too many opportunities to interact with students, but when he did have the opportunity, Russell said he enjoyed it.

He also is proud of the current construction of office space to the physical plant building.

Russell was no stranger to Tech even before he started working for the university.

He graduated from Tech with a

Business Administration and Industrial Management degree in 1958.

While Tech is dear to Russell's heart, he said it will not be too difficult adjusting to retirement.

Russell's wife Alarah said her husband is going to have to learn how to sleep late, since working never allowed for that luxury too often. His wife recently retired from the Caprock Girl Scout Council after 29 years of service.

The couple said they are looking forward to a trip to Washington this summer, and Russell said he wants to devote more time to his hobby of woodworking.

"I basically enjoy making sawdust," he said.

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Hitting the books later in life

# Tech program puts seniors back in class

by LARA CAMPBELL  
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Fifty-seven years ago, Robert Dennis graduated from high school. One year ago he started college.

Thanks to the Seniors' Academy program, several seniors have chosen to start or return to college. In August 1990, Tech developed the Seniors' Academy with the goal of making the university curricula more accessible to those of retirement age.

By placing notices in the local newspapers and informing local senior citizens groups, Tech hoped to inform the senior community about the Seniors' Academy.

"The Seniors' Academy facilitates retired people to achieve their goals," said Dr.

Virginia Sowell, associate vice-president for academic support.

Currently there are 12 enrolled in the Seniors' Academy under the general studies degree plan. There is also another 20 to 30 students in other programs across campus, said Kay Caddel, advisor for the seniors enrolled in the general studies program.

Caddel added that some seniors enroll to work toward a degree while others just take classes that interest them. In the height of the Depression, when Dennis graduated from high school, for many, college was not a viable option. Dennis, who is now a retired co-owner of Dennis Brothers Printers, became interested in going back to school after reading an article about continuing education classes. After doing well in a writing course he was encouraged to continue and became involved with the Seniors' Academy.

"My wife was very supportive and my girls were encouraging," Dennis said.

Dennis went to speak with Dr. Sowell and, "She had me enrolled before I knew what was happening."

Those involved with the Seniors' Academy do receive some perks, such as simplified registration and flexible entrance procedures, but overall the participants have the same requirements as other students. Those that have not taken any college courses must take the TASP test and the seniors pay the standard fees and expenses.

After enrolling as a full-time student, Dennis was advised by his daughters to try to take the CLEP test. Taking their advice he took the test and placed out of 27 hours. After only two completed semesters at Tech, Dennis has 58 hours to his credit. Last semester, Dennis made the Dean's List.

"I'm really enjoying it. If I didn't, I wouldn't stick with it because it's too hard," Dennis said.

*If I didn't (enjoy going back to school), I wouldn't stick with it because it's too hard.*

— Robert Dennis

An important part of the Senior's Academy program is the academic counseling and advice.

"Kay Caddel is marvelous," Dennis said, "She has helped me a great deal. Without her advice and coaching I probably would have gotten discouraged."

After sending four children through school, two of which graduated from Tech, Margaret Cartwright decided it was time to go to college.

Cartwright, who is pursuing a general studies degree, began to take classes in September along with her husband, Edward Cartwright. Edward, who graduated from Tech in 1945 and is now a retired architect, has returned not to get another degree but to take some classes that interest him.

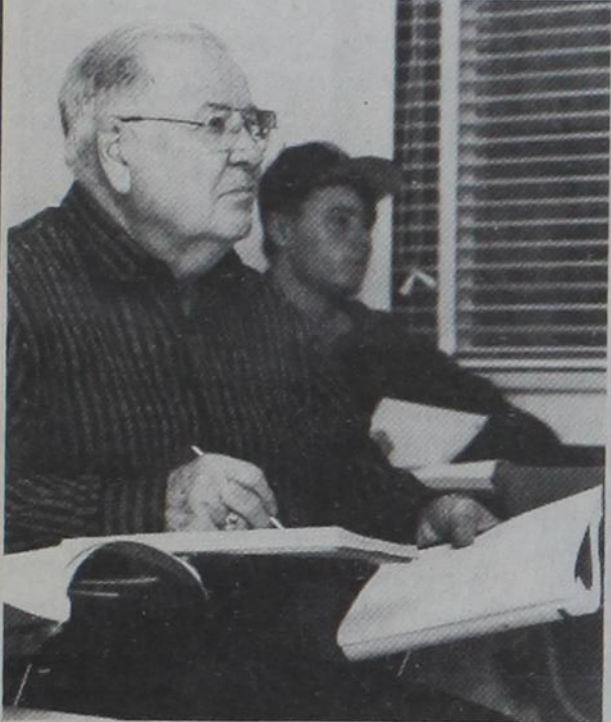
"We were given first class treatment and we felt so encouraged," Margaret said.

The Seniors' Academy hopes to give those in the retired community who were unable or unwilling to attend college in the past a second chance at a higher education.

"A lot of people never had a chance to go to school. In the past women didn't go to school and many of the men had to work," Caddel said.

Dennis feels there are many people who would like to return to college or start.

"It's a shame more people don't know about the Seniors' Academy," Dennis said.



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## Laying out 112 semesters

Robert Dennis, who graduated from high school 57 years ago, attends his 9 a.m. economics class in Holden Hall. He placed out of 27 hours after enrolling.

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**ALPHA PHI OMEGA**  
Informal Rush/Formal Rush will be on Jan. 30 and Feb. 4 in the UC Coronado Ballroom at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Corey Wetts at 762-3846. Service project at Buckner Home will be on Feb. 1, meet at the UC by the Money Place at 8 a.m. For more information call Sarah Burt at 765-0849.

**TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL**  
A meeting will be on Feb. 5 in the BA room 256 at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Andrew Semler at 747-5220.

**ASSOCIATION DE ESTUDIANTES LATINO AMERICANOS (AELA)**  
A meeting will be on Jan. 31 in the UC room 207 at 7 p.m. For more information call Juan Sifuentes at 741-1790.

**PASS**  
Basic Decision Making session will be on Feb. 4 at 4 p.m. Study Skills and Time Management session will be on Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. Overcoming Procrastination session will be on Feb. 5 at 4 p.m. Effective Listening and Note-taking session will be on Feb. 5 at 6 p.m. All sessions are in West Hall room 205. If you have any questions contact Eric at 742-3664.

**MORTAR BOARD**  
Membership drive applications available and due in the Dean of Students Office room 250 in West Hall until Feb. 14 at 5 p.m. For more information regarding requirements call Tal Ralston at 793-5070. A meeting will be on Feb. 2 at the Kappa Kappa Gamma lodge at 8:30 p.m. For more information call Kim Sarman at 742-6352.

**S.A. Funding**  
Funding Workshop will be offered by the committee on preparation of Funding Request Packet on Jan. 30 in the UC Senate Room at 5 p.m. For more information call Dallas Goodman at 796-1065.

**AECO ASSOCIATION**  
A meeting will be on Feb. 6 in Ag. Science Bldg. room 311 at 7 p.m. For more information call Dallas Goodman at 298-2663.

**SOCIETY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF MANAGEMENT**  
SAM Smoker will be on Feb. 4 in the BA Rotunda at 7 p.m. For more information call Mark at 742-7182.

**WESLEY FOUNDATION**  
Soul Food and Speaker will be on Feb. 4 at 12:30 p.m. For more information call Shannon Ford at 762-8749. Freshman J.A.M. will be on Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. For more information call Dean Standlee at 762-8749. All events will take place at the Wesley Foundation.

**PHI THETA KAPPA**  
A meeting and election will be on Feb. 4 in Holden Hall room 4 at 6 p.m. For more information call Randy Stafford at 747-1246.

**MEXICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION**  
A meeting will be on Feb. 6 in Holden Hall room 271 at 6 p.m. For more information call Carlos Longoria at 742-2131.

**SOCIETY OF HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**  
A meeting will be on Feb. 6 in the Mech. Eng. room 152 at 7 p.m. For more information call Tony Urrutia at 765-6042.

**CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION**  
Fellowship will be on Tuesdays at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Student Center at 8 p.m. For more information call Vanessa Emmett at 742-6503.

**RED RAIDER RACQUETBALL**  
Practice will be on Mondays and Thursdays at the SRC from 8-10 p.m. For more information call Klay Beavert at 742-5301.

**PI SIGMA ALPHA**  
A meeting will be on Feb. 5 in Holden Hall room 109 at 6 p.m. For more information call Nathan Miles at 742-5865.

**COLLEGE REPUBLICANS**  
A meeting will be on Feb. 5 in Holden Hall room 6 at 9 p.m. For more information call Ken Trimble at 763-2913.

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL**  
A smoker will be on Feb. 4 at 2809 20th St. at 7 p.m. For more information call Abel Merino at 795-7423.

**AG COUNCIL**  
A meeting will be on Feb. 5 in the Meats Lab at 7:30 p.m. For more information Bryan Daniel at 799-2856.

**TECH PRE-LAW ASSOCIATION**  
A meeting has been CANCELED for Feb. 5. For more information call Matt Wollington at 742-3121.

**ASSOCIATION OF HISPANIC STUDENTS**  
A meeting will be on Feb. 5 in Arch. room 207 at 6 p.m. For more information call Daniel Tarango at 742-5998.

**HUMAN FACTORS SOCIETY**  
A meeting will be on Feb. 5 in I.E. room 208 at 7 p.m. For more information call Bob Fox at 741-0317.

**HIGH RIDERS**  
Open Rush will be Feb. 4 & 6 in Letterman's Lounge. For more information call Beth at 793-0065.

**PHI GAMMA NU**  
Spring Rush will be Feb. 5 & 6 at the Kappa Kappa Gamma lodge at 6 p.m. For more information call Christine Newsome at 742-5844.

**L.U.L.A.C. YOUNG ADULTS**  
Project meeting will be on Feb. 10 in Holden Hall room 75 at 7 p.m. For more information call Beatrice Gutierrez.

**PHI ALPHA DELTA**  
A meeting will be on Feb. 5 in Holden Hall room 106 at 6 p.m. For more information call Christy Ray at 791-3606.

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP MEETING**  
A meeting will be on Feb. 5 in Holden Hall room 75 at 7:30 p.m. For more information call James Key at 793-1774.

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