Campus organizations unite for Hurricane Harvey relief

SFA students donate supplies, time, blood to benefit those suffering from historic Hurricane Harvey’s devastating effects

By Shannon Poe
Staff Writer

Hurricane Harvey washed countless families from their homes and destroyed the communities that the families grew up watching the communities that they grew up in. In a matter of days, the communities around the nation responded to the disaster by donating dollars and time to help those who now had so little.

SFA students have united with colleges, campus groups and organizations to aid those who are victims of Hurricane Harvey. One third of SFA students hail from Houston with many of them being trapped by Hurricane Harvey in Houston or surrounding towns.

“We have been in contact with more than 200 currently enrolled SFA students who have been displaced or delayed by the storm,” Dr. Baker Parratt, SFA president, said. “Our faculty and staff are committed to providing as much support and flexibility as possible for students impacted by the storms.”

In response to the storm, SFA colleges are taking initiative.

“Each of our colleges has appointed a specific contact person to serve as a resource to help their students,” Parratt said.

Organizations, such as the Student Government Association, are gathering donations at the Campus Recreation Center to help distribute aid for those impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

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Dog and cat food
Female products
First aid kits/items
Grapefruit
Hand sanitizer
Indestructible mattresses
Large trash bags
Napkins
Pepper spray
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Sleeping bags
Toilet paper
Towels
Towels/toiletries
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Water

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Campus Recreation offers more than just machines

By Danielle Sanchez/Contributing Writer

Adventures and opportunities are available in real world settings for students at the campus recreation center. When asked, many students study while working and many have a step foot into the recreation center because they are not into physical fitness, however, since that is being offered.

“I honestly don’t surprise me,” Steven Whitman, assistant director of outdoors, said. “Many students don’t know about some of the other programs within the SFASU Department of Recreation. It’s a big issue, but now, if you have a cell phone and you’re willing to put in the effort, you’re willing to give it a try, you’re willing to really look for anything and you’re willing to be able to participate. When we asked to help students participate, we’re doing all the same work.”

The group meets four times a semester to discuss economics-related readings, it is a rare opportunity to interact with faculty and graduate students in the Economics Department. The group meets in either the Social Sciences Building or the Murphy Library, depending on the topic of discussion.

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Fraternities experience new rules

By Sarah Schneider
Contributing Writing

“Rush was very relaxed. I got to spend quality time with the [fraternity] I chose to be with,” said Victor Mendoza, new Theta Chi pledge. “Prior to rushing, it was made very clear that alcohol would not be acceptable at any rush events, which I find very respectable and stress-relieving, especially for a young person starting out in college.”

The Interfraternity Council has been at SFA since Nov 27, 2000, and represents five chapters. According to the IFC website, the IFC is known for regulating and overseeing formal events, conduct and rush. Rush is often confused with negative connotations, but in fact it is a very different process.

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Bylaws for the Interfraternity Council rush have been updated in order to help counter any loopholes concerning rush that this fall semester.

Updates to rules include guest lists at parties, no alcohol at rush events, a new GPA requirement out of the school of a 2.5 for all potential new members and a new member communication where members are grouped in fraternities for 10 minutes. The updated regulations in the IFC bylaws were meant to highlight that potential new members “do not need to join a fraternity” because of the social aspects, female aspects, etc., but that where they do choose to live and hang out together, it is very respectful and positive, according to Rex Beard, IFC president.

Sorority recruitment and fraternity rush have begun to mimic each other, forming all of SFA greek life to be associated with a “formal” recruitment process.

“One fraternity rush is more of a chill, let’s hang out, versus partying aspects.”

Bylaws were enacted to highlight that potential new members are looking to narrow the fraternities down to their two favorite houses, in order to cut off the rush process. Steps is the equivalent of a sorority ‘bid day,’ which is when the fraternity and the chapter have what fraternity they will be affiliated with based off of a mutual selection process.

“New members come to school in a year not to join a fraternity. We always had on the big knees before, that one had to meet their criteria, but more than a lot of the people coming in, when they meet fraternities, fraternity rush. And the problem with that is they don’t find where they have a family, a hometown, or brotherhood aspects,” Beard said.

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Since then, Brezina mentions that like rush, sorority recruitment rules “help with the process and traditions throughout prepartum and that cracking down on rules of Greek recruitments will help Greek life as a whole.”

“Saville Harris and the whole IFC exec. board have done a great job making sure the men know the rules and regulations,” Brezina said.

Football: Fan evaluates football season

By Sarah Schneider

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Traditions handled at SFA

Students to receive axe handles during Holler at Homer

By Raquel Torres
Contributing Writer

The story of SFA’s symbol of pride began in the late 1920s and into other organizations, on campus as well. Janet McLeroy, assistant director of admissions, makes sure the Jack Walkers always have their axe handles in hand while giving tours.

“Each [of the] five showcase handles, the handle not only represents Lumberjacks who are part of the SFA family and the spirit that they start here is design and decorate them very own axe handle,” McLeroy said. McLeroy says that the axe handle gives the Jack Walkers a special point in time throughout my career at SFA.

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One was provided to me by the orientation department for serving as an academic success consultant for incoming freshman students,” Fish said. “So every time I look at that axe handle, it reminds me of those bright-eyed students that are meeting our University and the spirit that they start with them.

Fish says, as a professional at SFA, it is important to continue to carry on that same spirit.

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We do not see “women” or “females” being used against women today. We are approaching eight months since President Trump canceled the National Women’s March and there has been no shortage of hate-fueled rhetoric. Racial slurs and derogatory comments are becoming more evident day-by-day, and the increase in violence towards women has not been lost on the Charlottesville crowd. It is an unfortunate reality that one in three women will encounter one dead, one, injured and even some in comparisons to the Black Lives Matter movement against police brutality.

The first amendment in the United States Constitution guarantees our right to protest. So it is not the overall concept of protesting that one should feel the anger of who do not agree with white supremacy groups, but it is the message that they attempt to convey. The words “female” and “females” is a slip-up, is a substitution for misogyny. It is often used as a substitution for misogynistic slurs. It is often used as a substitution for misogyny slurs.

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Ezekiel Elliott: The curious case

The SFA Lumberjacks were in full action this weekend. The SFA Women's Volleyball Team won the Mississippi State Invitational and extended its winning streak to seven games. The women's soccer team defeated the Texas State Lady Bobcats 2-1 to improve to 5-1 on the season. Both teams will get a much-needed break before their next test for the Jacks will come in the form of the Southern Utah Thunderbirds. Last year, the Thunderbirds were ranked 11 in the FCS to start 2016. A comeback is needed. The Lumberjacks were, as always, at the center of another poorly handled case on the part of the NFL from office committees. Before, they were not harsh enough against violators like Josh Brown, who will be mentioned later in this situation. The only time they punished someone whose case was dismissed by investigators due to the lack of evidence is when the funny
tory.

First, it is important to recognize the level of sensitivity an individual should have when discussing any matter of domestic assault, and it is important to state this context beyond a mere absence of a couple games. With the NFL handing Zeke a six-game suspension, the minimum for any act or threat of domestic violence, they are attaching the abused label to his name.

The second-year player out of Ohio State University has been in the news for many things since being drafted fourth overall by the Dallas Cowboys in 2016, but being an abuse case clearly tops the top spot. This is his legacy on the line—his family’s name, both present and future.

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