Students displaced by the devastation of Hurricane Katrina are seeking the opportunity to continue their education at the UA. Administration is working with displaced students to enroll them in classes two weeks after the start of the semester and find them housing, a process President Peter Likins said will not be easy.

“It will take an enormous effort to ease this transition,” Likins said. “This has been a traumatic experience for everyone.”

The Office of Enrollment Management has been receiving phone calls all week from students from hurricane-ravaged schools, with more expected in the coming weeks, said Lynne Tronsdal, assistant vice president of enrollment management.

“I’ve had about 40 calls this week from refugee students

Students work to raise disaster relief funds

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UA- and Tucson-area organizations are seeking ways to raise money, collect clothes and donate blood to the people suffering through the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Whether students have friends and family affected by the hurricane or are victims firsthand, help can be seen all across the UA campus.

The women’s lacrosse team raised more than $600 Saturday in a three-hour car wash at the Circle K on East Speedway Boulevard and North Park Avenue, said Danielle G. Raz, team president.

“Every penny they get can get used some way,” Raz said. “I sympathize with the victims, and I hope more people can get out and do their part. It’s a really sad situation.”

Christopher Violet, a musical theatre sophomore, donated $10 and said he felt good donating money because it was the least he could do other than being in New Orleans helping out firsthand.

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President Peter Likins also came to the car wash and gave a generous donation,” Raz said.

Raz, a psychology sophomore, said the idea for the event came when she watched the events unfold on TV and determined the team should have a fundraiser to help the victims rather than one that typically benefits the team.

“People lost so much unexpectedly and it’s our duty to do whatever we can to help them,” Raz said.

All the proceeds from the event will go to help the victims of the hurricane through the Red Cross, Raz said.

Bush tabs Roberts as chief justice

WASHINGTON — Seizing a historic opportunity to reshape the Supreme Court, President Bush swiftly chose conservative John Roberts as chief justice yesterday and weighed how to fill another vacancy that could push the nation’s highest court to the right on issues from abortion to affirmative action.

Bush and his spokesman, Robert Hadley, had been on a likely track to be confirmed as an associate justice and it appeared Bush turned to him for the top job to avoid an acrimonious fight at a volatile moment. Bush was on the defensive about the administration’s sluggish response to Hurricane Katrina and his poll ratings had fallen to their lowest point of his presidency.

“For the past two months members of the United States Senate and the American people have learned about the career and character of Judge Roberts,” Bush said. “They like what they see.”

Roberts’ nomination, just two days after the death of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, raised fears among Democrats about a rightward shift as Bush fills two openings on the nine-member court. Democrats have been frustrated by Roberts’ popularity and said the Senate must take a closer look at his new nomination.

“The stakes are higher and the Senate’s advice and consent responsibility is even more critical,” said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

Roberts, a polished and plainspoken, conservative, has made his name as a judge and as a lawyer. He has argued before the Supreme Court and is a former solicitor general for the Bush administration.

In their previous dealings with Roberts, liberal senators have learned to respect his legal acumen and to take him seriously as a constitutional lawyer, who is known for his command of the law.

Whether his nomination will be confirmed will depend on the Senate’s stance on filling the two vacancies and, if the Senate does not confirm Roberts, whether the Senate approves another conservative.