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## COMMUNITY

# Activities Fort Worth has to offer during Family Weekend

By **ALLISON CLARK**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

TCU Family Weekend 2025 will take place Sept. 12- 14, and the Fort Worth area is expected to be active with visiting families and alumni.

On Saturday, Sept. 13, Texas Christian University will host Abilene Christian University at Amon G. Carter Stadium, with kickoff set for 7 p.m.

The evening game gives families plenty of time to explore local attractions during their

visit.

Here are five of many Fort Worth experiences available to families during their visit.

## 1) The Fort Worth Stockyards

The Fort Worth Stockyards showcases Texas culture through Western-themed restaurants, retail shops and rodeo events.

On Thursday, Sept. 11, at 7:30 p.m., the Cowtown Coliseum will host the Stockyards Championship Rodeo, with events such as tie-down roping, barrel

racing and bull riding. The Stockyards also features daily cattle drives at 11:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

## 2) Eatzi's Market & Bakery

Eatzi's Market and Bakery, located in University Park Village on South University Drive, offers a mix of ready-to-eat options in a European-style setting.

The market includes a sandwich bar, fresh sushi, custom salads and hot entrées. It is open daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and offers outdoor



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The Fort Worth Zoo is open seven days a week, housing over 7,000 animals.



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The Fort Worth Stockyards offer authentic Texas experiences for visiting families.

patio seating.

## 3) TCU Parent & Family Programs Tailgate

The annual TCU Family Tailgate will take place outside of the Amon G. Carter Stadium on Saturday from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. The event brings together students, families and alumni for an afternoon of food and activities before the game.

The tailgate includes a catered buffet, non-alcoholic beverages, lawn games, a photo booth and live music from the Bran Thompson Band.

Tickets for the event are currently sold out. A buy/sell board will be available during ticket pickup on Friday, Sept.

12, from 2 to 6 p.m. in the BLUU Auditorium.

Families who no longer need their tailgate tickets can post them for resale, and those still looking to attend may find availability through this informal exchange.

## 4) The Clearfork Farmers Market

The Clearfork Farmers Market, located on the Trinity Trails, offers produce, meats, baked goods and handcrafted items from more than 30 local vendors. Open from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, the market also features live music and open-air shopping.

## 5) The Fort Worth Zoo

The Fort Worth Zoo is home to more than 540

species in naturalistic habitats, including the newly opened "Predators of Asia and Africa" exhibit. Located at 1989 Colonial Parkway, the zoo is a close drive from campus.

Zoo hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends. Daily activities include animal encounters, giraffe feeding, stage shows and keeper chats.

From rodeos to live music and outdoor markets, Fort Worth offers a wide range of attractions for families attending TCU Family Weekend from Sept. 12 to 14.



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CAMPUS NEWS

# TCU Recreation Center gets fresh summer makeover

By **Maverick Diaz**  
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Students heading to the University Recreation Center this semester might notice some sizable changes to the facilities.

The changes were not widely announced, leaving many students to discover them on their own during their workouts.

“I walked upstairs one day over the summer and everything was just different,” said Josiah Thurlby, a junior finance and economics double major.

One of the racquetball courts is gone, replaced with a new fitness area and new equipment, including a weight sled track, movement-focused gear and more cable machines and free weights.

Some students said they wish the university



PHOTO BY HEESOO YANG

The University Recreation Center.

had spread the word a bit more, especially given how much students have wanted updates to the University Recreation Center for years.

“My roommate sent

me a video, otherwise I’d have no idea it existed,” Chris Taylor, a sophomore finance major, said.

Crowding in the weight room has been

a common complaint among students, especially during its peak hours in the late afternoon. Students often have to wait for benches, racks or other popular

machines.

The changes seem to open up more floor space, giving students room for stretching, warmups and movement based workouts.

*“I had to start lifting in the mornings because the rec is way too crowded during regular hours.”*

**LUKE SCHAUWECKER**  
JUNIOR FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING DOUBLE MAJOR AND AVID HEALTH ENTHUSIAST.

He and other students said the new equipment is already helping workouts feel smoother and wait times shorter.

For now, the University Recreation Center has yet to announce any further updates.



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New weight setup at “The Corner.”

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## COMMUNITY

# Where to eat in Fort Worth on Family Weekend

By **FRANCES WETHERBEE**  
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The city of Fort Worth has a buzzing food scene that any Horned Frog can appreciate.

No need to travel to Dallas for foodie favorites and fancy finds when Fort Worth has an abundance of TCU classics and chains local to DFW. Local frogs and visiting families read below for food recommendations for any craving.

## Near University

**Zaap Kitchen**, a recently established Lao and Thai street food replaced PopBar popsicles with a completely new cuisine of traditional Thai noodle and soup dishes.

The crispy garlic wings, Lao green papaya salad and Lao fried rice are a few of the many signature dishes on the menu.

Pick up your favorite dish and a traditional Lao iced coffee for a lunch or dinner treat and sit at the WestBend public tables. Zaap Kitchen is open from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

If you can't come in, try delivery through the Chow Now app or call the Fort Worth location for pick up via phone or online order.

## Lunch with a view

**Press Cafe** is a modern twist on coffee to cocktails, open for breakfast, weekend brunch, lunch and dinner. Go and grab an appetizer of choice after a

bike ride on Trinity Trail or come with family and dog in tow for an evening meal.

The Trinity Trail location has full deck patio seating and two stories of indoor seating and bar. All outdoor seating is dog-friendly with a view of the start of the Trinity Trail.

Happy hour offers a more affordable option for drinks and appetizers Monday through Thursday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Press Cafe menu includes a variety of American dishes including one of Texas's top 50 burgers, according to the Texas Monthly vote in 2016.

**Cafe Modern** is located inside the Modern Art Museum and uses local ingredients to create seasonal dishes for both museum visitors and dining guests.

The cafe is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., for brunch Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and for dinner on Friday nights from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Visitors can sit in the dining area or at the bar with a view of The Modern's water and a grassy area containing the infamous metal tree sculpture in sight.

## Hidden Gems

**Angelo's BBQ** is located at the end of White Settlement Road near the Fort Worth Stockyards. Angelo's offers a change in scenery for a log cabin, local treat feel. For over 60 years it has been serving the people of Fort Worth and



ZAAP Kitchen store front Fort Worth location.

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Eatzi's famous logo store front sign.

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even offering to ship its famous BBQ meats.

Come in for poultry, beef, pork, flavored sausages and classic countrysides. Angelo's

offers a full bar and beer selection menu. Order a quick bite to-go or sit and stay awhile in the animal-covered dining hall.

Angelo's is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8-9 p.m., depending on the day.

**Circle Donuts** is a must. With donut holes that could rival Krispy Kreme and kolaches to satisfy any Texan in need of the classic Czech



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Torchy's specialty queso dip.

snack, this small pastry store has it all.

Come to Circle Donuts for a morning treat or a hot cup of coffee. This small business is open from 5 a.m. to 12 p.m. and will send you on your way with its classic white bags labeled “Donut worry, be happy.”

**Quick Frog Favorites**

**Eatzi's** offers a variety of options including warm daily specials, fresh sushi, salads, soups and pasta. The garlic bread and cinnamon rolls are unlike any other bakery with an equal level of quality in the charcuterie options.

Eatzi's market offers take-home items by the pound such as salmon or vegetable sides as well as daily themed specials.

Choose to sit on the covered patio and listen to the Italian opera music or take your meal home, fully equipped with all the sauces and silverware one might need.

**Dutch's** is a TCU fan favorite and has been a purple staple to the university restaurant

scene. The Burrito Bar, gives students and burrito lovers a local twist on Chipotle-style Mexican food.

It's Burrito Bar has both patio and indoor seating, as well as easy carry out options.

Come in on Taco Tuesday for unbeatable deals, or order a traditional burrito, bowl or taco salad mix. Burrito Bar also serves up Tex-Mex breakfast favorites.

**Local classics**

**HG Sply Co.** is the perfect answer to a lunch or dinner spot if a member of the dining party has an allergy or intolerance of almost any kind. All items on the menu can be prepared gluten or dairy-free.

The beloved Fort Worth location sits on the river with a large outdoor patio and bar scene with an option of beautiful indoor dining. HG is Fort Worth famous for its delicious vegan queso and kombucha mule drink.

Choose from

sandwiches, appetizers, salads or build-your-own bowls. Dine with your canine outside after a long walk along the adjacent trail or come in for brunch between on Saturdays and Sundays.

**Texas tacos**

**Torchy's Tacos** features crafty names and a lively scene.

With names such as the Republican, the Democrat and the Trailer Park, Torchy's offers tacos made from scratch and keeps the menu updated with monthly specials featuring a few vegetarian and a wide variety of meat options.

While Torchy's is not local to Texas exclusively, it is beloved by the DFW locals, visitors and TCU Horned Frogs with two locations in Fort Worth. Their specialty margaritas and queso put them on the map for a must-visit.

**Fine dining**

**Lonesome Dove** is a perfect choice for a celebratory steak dinner.

Located in the heart of the Fort Worth Stockyards, the themed restaurant is easy to miss at first glance. Its small store front and boarded wooden doors make it blend in with the rest of the old west.

Its unusual appetizer options including kangaroo carpaccio nachos or rabbit-rattlesnake sausage set this steak house apart from others for its menu alone. The restaurant is closely themed after the novel, Lonesome Dove. Choose from seafood to steak cuts and add in a southern side for the ultimate wild west experience.

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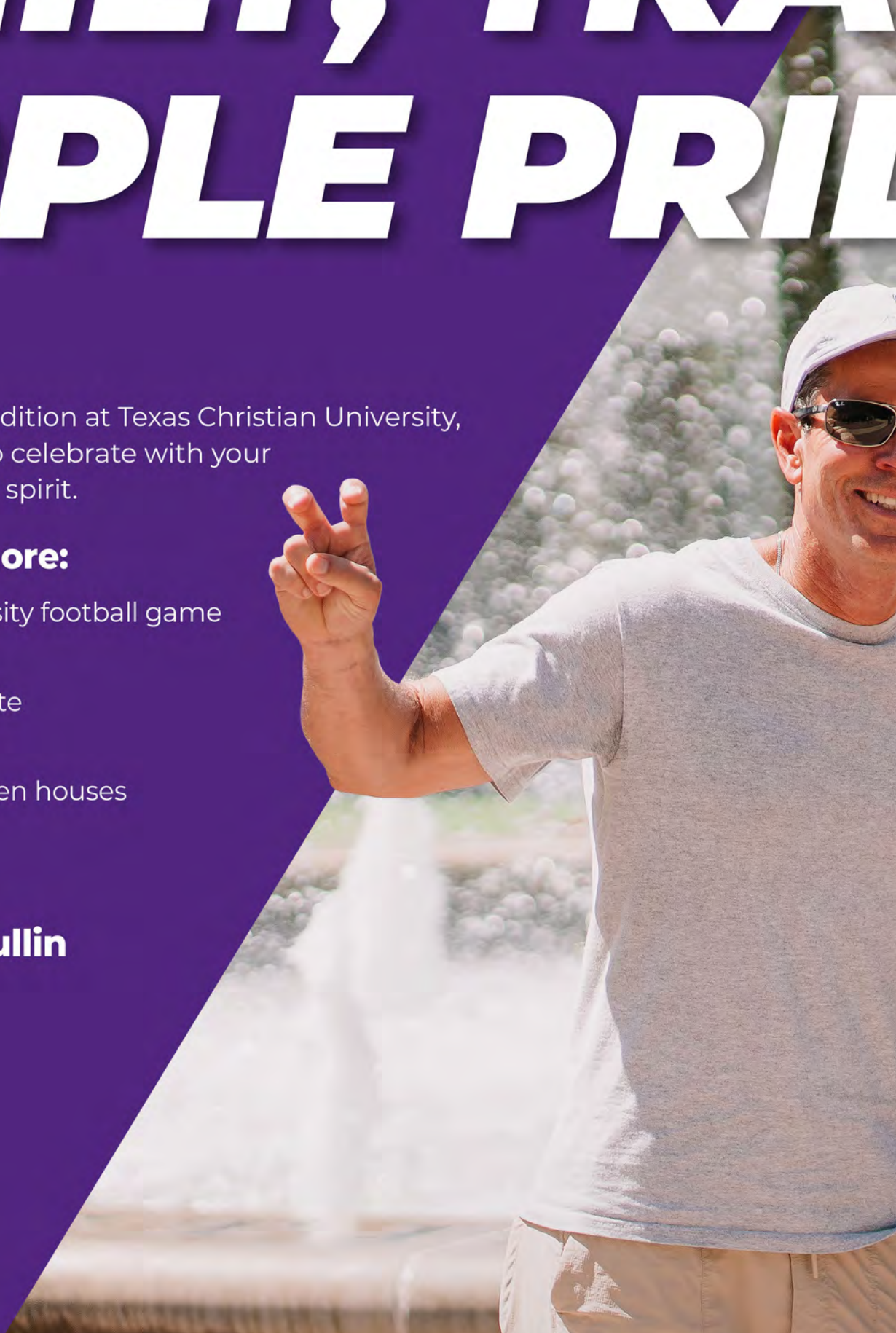
- TCU vs. Abilene Christian University football game
- Welcome reception
- Parent & Family Programs tailgate
- Sophomore pinning ceremony
- Academic and departmental open houses

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## CAMPUS NEWS

# TCU experiences growing pains with largest class



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The Class of 2029 enjoys the view from Amon G. Carter Stadium.

By Devon Swaney

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

TCU saw a jump in first-year enrollment this fall with 2,755 Horned Frogs, the first significant bump since 2021 when first-year enrollment hit 2,560 students.

The increase is part of TCU's long-term strategy to grow enrollment to as many as 15,000 students by 2034. The boost comes as TCU is experiencing growing pains in housing and parking. With a 12.3% increase in first-year students compared to last year, forced triple housing is rising.

"While there is some discomfort and a little bit of growing pains, in five years as an alumnus, you're going to say 'I went to TCU!'" said Craig Allen, Executive Director for Housing & Residence

Life and Fraternity & Sorority Life. "People aren't going to say, 'How long did it take to get to your car?' They are going to say, 'Wow! That campus is amazing!' because it is."

Still, growing enrollment further squeezes TCU's already tight housing situation.

Each additional student in a forced triple affects two roommates as well, meaning three students share a space designed for two. As of the fall 2025 semester, there are 137 more students, meaning 411 students are in forced triples this year, Allen said. That's more than the bed space added by Hill and Walsh hall going online last spring.

"The challenge for us is we can't just put up a building like that," Allen said. "Hill and Walsh

were two years in the planning and another two for construction."

Located by the Neeley School of Business, Hill and Walsh Hall are first-year, co-ed dorms that host 292 residents, according to TCU Housing and Residence Life.

"In a broader sense, having more students, even though we didn't add any extra RAs, means that our student-staff and hall director have a few more people to keep an eye on than they might've otherwise had," Allen said.

The industry standard for double occupancy rooms and first-year students is a 1-25 ratio and a 1-28 ratio for student-staff to students. TCU holds close to that ratio because of the personal relationship student-staff members

have with their students.

TCU stands out against other institutions because of the way that housing is geared, Allen said.

The model is catered to knowing the students and making sure they don't feel alone or isolated, Allen said. TCU requires most first-year students and sophomores to live in campus housing.

This is done in numerous ways, but TCU is able to do this better than most institutions "because of the intentional ways we do it," Allen said.

Allen has been at TCU for 20 years and witnessed the development of the

Campus Commons and the redevelopment of Worth Hills.

***"When all the construction is done, it only increases the value of the institution."***

- CRAIG ALLEN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE

"It only makes your degree more noticeable," he said. "People hear about TCU everywhere."



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The Class of 2029 show their Horned Frog pride at the Welcome Home assembly during Frogs First.

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## COMMUNITY

# Fans Vintage seamlessly stitches TCU's past to its present

By **SYDNEY JANSEN**

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It was hot. Strong winds of up to 45 mph blasted through the Martin House Brewery vendor market, threatening to topple displays.

A young man walked up to the Fans Vintage booth, which was filled with carefully chosen treasures. As owner Lindsey Dixon looked on, the young man thumbed through memorabilia in a milk crate.

He froze. By the time he looked up at Dixon, tears filled his eyes and his hands shook as he held a TCU football program.

That's my dad," he said softly, pointing to a photo of his late father on the page.

Dixon didn't hesitate. "It's yours—take it," she told him. "It needs to be with your family."

During the pandemic's uncertainty, Lindsey Dixon made a company out of her passion for vintage TCU clothing. She was pursuing an MBA at the Neeley School of Business. Her class was assigned to create a business, which led to Dixon creating Fans Vintage.

Dixon snagged some TCU gear from her closet and launched Fans Vintage on Instagram. Dixon set a class record when she sold her first piece in a week.

What started as a straightforward concept swiftly expanded. Fans Vintage evolved from a company into a thriving community where nostalgia and TCU spirit

flourish. Dixon earned \$25,000 in 90 days; by September 2023, her revenues had risen to about \$500,000. Fans Vintage currently links TCU's past and present, giving supporters a piece of their history in addition to souvenirs.

In a market driven by nostalgia and the timeless appeal of sports history, Fans Vintage has achieved success. The business's success is consistent with larger patterns in the sports memorabilia market, where collectors are motivated by a desire to have physical ties to historical occasions and iconic players. Due to their emotive worth and rarity, these artifacts have become highly valued items among enthusiasts.

This cultural phenomenon has changed due to social media. Sites like Instagram have become online galleries where collectors can exhibit their finds and create lively communities of others who share their interests. Fans Vintage has discovered its audience through these online platforms, using social media to connect with collectors who are as passionate about the past as they are.

## Building a Brand Rooted in Nostalgia and Community

Based on nostalgia and a love of genuine memorabilia, Fans Vintage has grown to be a popular site for TCU fans. Every item, whether it's a licensed vintage

design or a team-issued jersey, tells a tale and strengthens the brand's ties to TCU's past.

*"I want to make sure we're not carrying things you can get elsewhere."*

**LINDSEY DIXON**  
FOUNDER OF FANS VINTAGE

Dixon is in charge of the shop's rigorous curation, which guarantees that it sells unique items rather than generic merchandise. From a class project, Fans Vintage has developed into a community center where recognizing TCU legacy and conserving memories are just as important as the merchandise itself.

The Flying T logo, designed in 1979 by Marshall K. Harris, a then-TCU football player and art student, is a notable emblem. The Flying T, which was created to give TCU a unique, "cool" identity, immediately won over fans. It was retired due to legal concerns, but its rarity just made it more valuable to students and alumni. For TCU's 150th anniversary, the logo made a triumphant comeback, solidifying its position as a potent connection to the university's history.

Dixon has more in mind than just selling antique clothing. She transforms sales events



PHOTO COURTESY OF LINDSEY DIXON

Whitney and Lindsey Dixon of Fans Vintage meeting a local fan to purchase a 1990s school seal graduation podium sign.

into celebrations of TCU spirit and shared heritage by collaborating with other groups to host campus pop-ups. By carefully selecting items like the Flying T, Fans Vintage has evolved into a link between generations, making sure that each one has a backstory and ties to the Horned Frog heritage.

The shop's notoriety has even extended to TCU athletics. Dixon has supplied rare antique items for TCU Women's Basketball recruiting shoots for the past two years, a pattern that coincides with significant commitments. Fans Vintage has become an essential component of the Horned Frog experience as TCU Men's Basketball and Football have followed suit, utilizing Dixon's

collection for their recruit trips.

## Challenges and Triumphs: Navigating Growth

Dixon had an unusual adventure with Fans Vintage. During her MBA program at TCU, what started as a class project swiftly became a successful company. At first, Dixon offered carefully chosen antique Horned Frog memorabilia on Instagram, but as demand skyrocketed, she knew it was time to expand. Finding genuine vintage goods for a school with a small alumni base was one of the new hurdles that arose when switching from social media to an online store. Dixon devised a creative solution to this problem

by collaborating with past athletes and coaches to purchase rare team apparel, broadening her product line beyond conventional vintage clothing.

But there were some difficulties with the shift. Due to disputed claims of copyright infringement, Fans Vintage's Instagram account was temporarily disabled in March 2023, during the height of March Madness, a critical sales time for companies involved in sports. It had a terrible effect.

"Not having my account active during March Madness had a huge impact on our sales," Dixon recalls. "It really opened my eyes to how much social media plays a role in our business."

Lindsey Dixon  
The episode brought



PHOTO COURTESY OF LINDSEY DIXON

Fans Vintage “Mobile Fan Locker Room,” a boutique truck where customers can enter and shop items during events.

to light the risky dependence on social media algorithms, which can penalize small businesses in unpredictable ways and frequently favor larger brands.

**Looking Ahead: Expansion and Legacy**

Fans Vintage is about to embark on a new chapter. Dixon is already planning for the future, as its first physical

location is scheduled to open close to the Texas Christian University campus.

She wants to create communities, not just sell antique fan gear. She envisions implementing her idea at colleges such as Texas A&M and the University of Texas, establishing gathering places where students and alumni can bond over their mutual appreciation of vintage, distinctive equipment.

**Passion is the foundation of her path**

But there were obstacles in the way of success. Dixon discovered early on that resilience and genuineness were essential for entrepreneurship. She offers straightforward yet insightful guidance to prospective business owners: “Do not chase a quick buck. Love

what you’re doing—it makes it easier to stick with it when things get tough.” It’s advice born from experience, as she navigated setbacks like delayed retail spaces and pandemic-related hurdles with determination.

Dixon’s goal is still clear as she gets ready for Fans Vintage’s next stage: to provide venues where supporters can show off their school enthusiasm by wearing unique clothing and building relationships that transcend generations. For her, creating something classic is more important than simply wearing antique apparel.

**A Business Built on Passion**

Fans Vintage’s story is far from over. What started as a straightforward class project has grown into a movement with roots in community, connection and nostalgia. For fans who value their school passion, every antique item offered bears a piece of history, bridging the gap between the past and present.

Dixon is building not only a business but also a legacy, as she aims to open her first real store close to TCU’s campus and eventually spread to other colleges. Driven by zeal and perseverance, she keeps demonstrating that success is about more than simply making money—it’s also about creating communities and preserving memories.

Fans Vintage is not just a brand. It is evidence of the timeless value of history, sports and interpersonal relationships.



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Hailey Van Lith at the TCU Women’s Basketball shoot repping Fans Vintage gear.



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Madison Connerat the TCU Women’s Basketball shoot repping Fans Vintage gear.



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TCU Women’s Basketball shoot with Fans Vintage.



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## Horoscope

The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

- ★★★★★-Dynamic
- ★★★★-Positive
- ★★★-Average
- ★★-So-so
- ★-Difficult

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Today you will identify with your possessions, which is why you might be less willing than usual to part with something. Or you might feel you have to defend your values. If making a big purchase, take a moment to think about why you want to do this. Tonight: Check your money.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Today you feel a strong need to "belong" to friends and loved ones. In fact, you feel sensitive to the feelings and the moods of those around you. This means you have a stronger emotional connection with people. Fortunately, things will tend to go your way today. Tonight: Take charge.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Carve out some quiet time today. You need a moment to withdraw and contemplate your navel. You might have to sort out some feelings or think about something. This is not the ideal day to socialize; however, it's an excellent day for inner exploration. Tonight: Seek privacy.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your emotional contact with friends and groups is important to you today. In fact, you might feel protective

about someone or ready to defend them. You also might feel a bit jealous if they pay attention to someone else. (Childish or not, we all get these feelings from time to time.) Tonight: Schmooze.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ People respect you today because it's apparent that you're sensitive about their needs. This is why you might help someone. Likewise, you might be sensitive toward a group. Meanwhile, your private world is more public today — something beyond your control. Tonight: Learn something new.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Try to break free from your daily routine and go off somewhere. You need a change. You need stimulation! Travel is a great choice, but if you can't travel, do something different. Seek out new friends, especially from different backgrounds. Learn something new. Tonight: Check your finances.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Today the Moon is in Taurus, and Taurus and Libra are both ruled by Venus, which means both Taurus and Libra people appreciate beautiful things and the good life. Take care of financial details and banking matters. You also might feel possessive about something someone else owns. Tonight: Listen.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Today the Moon is opposite your sign, which tends to make loved ones and partners

## Comics

### Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



### Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



feel more important to you. And yet, you might have emotional conflict with them. Guard against knee-jerk reactions. Focus on getting along with others. Tonight: Work.

### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Your popularity will increase in the next four weeks, which is why you will enjoy increased involvement with groups, clubs and organizations, as well as interacting more with personal friends. In particular,

old friends are back in your life now. This is a good time to share your hopes with someone. Tonight: Avoid conflict.

### CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ This is a playful, loving day! Romance is favored. Perhaps you'll find that you feel protective and nurturing to others — either children or a romantic interest. More than any other sign in the zodiac, you value the tradition of home and family. Tonight: Socialize!

### AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ This is the perfect day to take some "me time" and relax at home or any place where you feel private and secure. If you can do this, you might have a chance to observe how habits are ruling your life. If your habits are helpful, that's fine. If your habits are simply something from the past, think about this. Tonight: Home and family.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ When talking to others today, you want to establish a meaningful level of conversation with someone. You want to speak truthfully, from the heart. You don't want to waste time in idle chitchat about the weather. Your challenge is to find someone else who also wants a meaningful conversation. Not always easy. Tonight: Conversations.

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20 Birthplace of Madeleine Albright and Vaclav Havel

21 Drink made with an artisanal flourish, maybe

22 Begins dealing with

25 Chatted online, in brief

27 Risk-\_\_\_

29 Sporting great who said “Tennis uses the language of life”

30 School that’s a rival of 37-Down

31 P.R. piece?

35 Stat used to calculate a QB’s passer rating

36 In vain ... or how to read the answers to 17-, 25-, 49- and 58-Across

39 Org. that monitors on-air obscenity
- 41 Matter in a neon sign

42 Subjects of some European fishing bans

45 Start of a lovelorn soliloquy

47 Bridges in Baghdad cross it

49 Some fishing gear

53 Level in a social hierarchy

54 Street urchin

55 Less merry

57 Abbr. standing in for co-authors

58 Investigate in detail

62 Pitchfork point

63 Rivian competitor

64 Gemstone found in hot springs

65 Org. promoting sober motoring

66 Half-\_\_\_ (desultory)

67 Winter sports venue
- DOWN
- 1 Be up

2 What arrives in the film “Arrival”

3 Dash display in
- some cars

4 Tax \_\_\_

5 Tourist destination outside of Delhi

6 Nighttime sound?

7 Classical performance space

8 One with diplomatic plates in N.Y.C.

9 “Mesa para \_\_\_” (request at a Spanish restaurant)

10 Wool source

11 Futures experts?

12 Most pucker-inducing

13 “Gimme!”

18 Culture vulture’s concerns

21 Financial center of West Africa

22 Kind of “fever” that’s not actually a fever, and is typically caused by pollen

23 Director DuVernay

24 It’s needed to stay calm

26 Rankles no end

28 Prose postscript

32 \_\_\_ Hagen, Tony- winning actress and theater practitioner

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## CAMPUS NEWS

# TCU has happiest students for the third year in a row

By Sophia Rozycki and Raquel Caballero

STAFFWRITER, TCU 360

TCU students said a combination of strong academic support, vibrant campus life and meaningful traditions makes them happy.

***“The sense of community that I feel here is something that I have not felt anywhere else. Whether it’s on game day or a random Wednesday in class, it always feels like you belong to this place.”***

GABRIEL FERNANDEZ  
SENIOR ECONOMICS MAJOR

For the third consecutive year, TCU’s spirit, culture and facilities are some of the reasons why the university has been ranked No.1 in the Princeton Review’s ranking for the happiest students in the nation.

The ranking is based on a 98-question student questionnaire centered around academics,

administration, life at college and fellow students.

“The resources and opportunities that TCU gives to everyone for our future stand out from other places,” graduate student Luana Araco said. “I have started my professional journey this fall, and everywhere I go there is a good opinion from TCU.”

The university earned additional top honors including:

No. 2 Best quality of life

No. 3 Best Run Colleges

No. 4 Most Beautiful Campus

No. 5 Best athletic facilities

No. 6 Best college dorms

No. 9 Best health services

No. 10 Best college library

“Everyone who works in this campus is always willing to help and has the biggest smile, I think that is what makes the biggest difference and makes this place so special,” junior psychology major Emma Glagua said. “It feels like home.”

Students said one of the most meaningful aspects of TCU was its strong sense of community.

“You feel genuinely supported at TCU, whether it is a professor remembering your name, classmates coming together or meeting new friends when the whole community comes together to cheer on the football team,” Lee White, a first-year political science major,



PHOTO BY SOPHIA ROZYCKI

TCU’s iconic campus commons, home to many first-year students.



PHOTO BY CHARITY KETU

Students hold yellow daisies distributed by Student Body Vice President Charity Ketu’s campaign team Monday, April 7, 2025.

said.

Students consistently praised the university’s ability to blend big-school spirit with small-school intimacy.

Many students said they enjoy the benefits that come small class sizes and big social opportunities.

“What makes TCU

stand out is how personal it is,” said Livy Stroble, a junior history major. “You’re not just a number; you’re part of something bigger, and people here really care.”