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ACADEMICS

Study abroad seeking improvement

By **ANDREW VAN HEUSDEN**
STAFF WRITER

The Center for International Studies is hoping to accomplish some major goals in the upcoming year under new direction.

Director Sandra Callaghan said she is very excited for what she and the staff will be taking on.

"We have a really talented staff in here that has a passion for international programs," she said.

Callaghan said one of the biggest objectives for this upcoming year is to continue to increase accessibility for students.

"We have great programs, but unless the students can access them then our job isn't done," she said. "So that means both making sure we have financial support and, just as important, that the programs fit into academic schedules."

Some students addressed other reasons than financial support on why it might be hard to go abroad. Sophomore psychology major Tori Ladrondaguevara said she is trying to graduate early. She said if she had more time she would try and spend some time studying abroad.

Sophomore biology major Anders Erickson said it is hard to travel because of his major.

"It is especially hard with pre-med because they have strict classes and it is hard to take those abroad," he said.

Callaghan said she hopes to give students more options.

Political Science professor Manochehr Dorraj has been going abroad with students every summer since 1998. He said over the years there has been a huge increase in financial aid.

"If [students] really want to go [abroad], they will find some financial



PHOTO COURTESY OF RACHEL JOHNSTON
TCU's "Global Academy" traveled to Panama in 2015. It is expected to relaunch again in the fall.

aid to support them," Dorraj said.

Dorraj said he would love to see more students go abroad.

"I hope to see 50 percent of our students in the next couple of years really take this opportunity and do a study abroad program," Dorraj said. "These are tremendously valuable educational experiences and it expands their horizons. It broadens their perspectives... and it allows them to re-discover their American self."

Callaghan also said another goal is to increase TCU's "global footprint." She said she wants students to have more opportunities to go to places beyond "western Europe" area, such as areas in Africa, Asia and Australia.

"We want our students to have a more broad menu to choose from," Callaghan said.

The Center for International Studies currently has six "TCU in" programs that are offered every fall and spring semester. All of the programs are currently in Europe.

There will also be

18 TCU faculty-led programs this summer offered through the Center for International Studies with additional opportunities through individual departments and programs. Callaghan said this number is only a fraction of the offerings available for students.

Callaghan said she wants to increase faculty resources because going abroad is not something that they are all trained to do.

Associate Director of Center for International Studies Tracy Williams said she is developing workshops and resources for faculty. She said she wants faculty members to develop knowledge, empathy and skill sets.

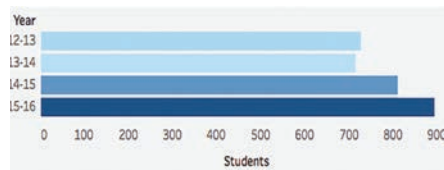
Dorraj said there is a lot of work that goes into organizing a study abroad program. However, he said the experience

overall is what makes it great.

Callaghan also said there will be "some really exciting enhancements" regarding TCU's "Global Academy" program which will be announced in the fall.

"Global Academy" launched its pilot program three years ago and then took a year off. According to the Center for International Studies website, it is a program that "brings together NGOs (Non-government organizations), community, TCU faculty and students to explore global issues and solutions." The first TCU "Global Academy" program was launched in Panama.

Callaghan said this program will be keeping some "traditional roots" but there will be some "structural changes."



GRAPH CREATED BY ANDREW VAN HEUSDEN

This bar graph shows the increasing trends of students who take interest in credit bearing study abroad programs.



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OPINION

Love it or hate it, TCU Alert is meant to keep you safe

By **LUKE MORAND**
STAFF WRITER

It is a sound, email or text the TCU community has become all too familiar with in the event of an emergency.

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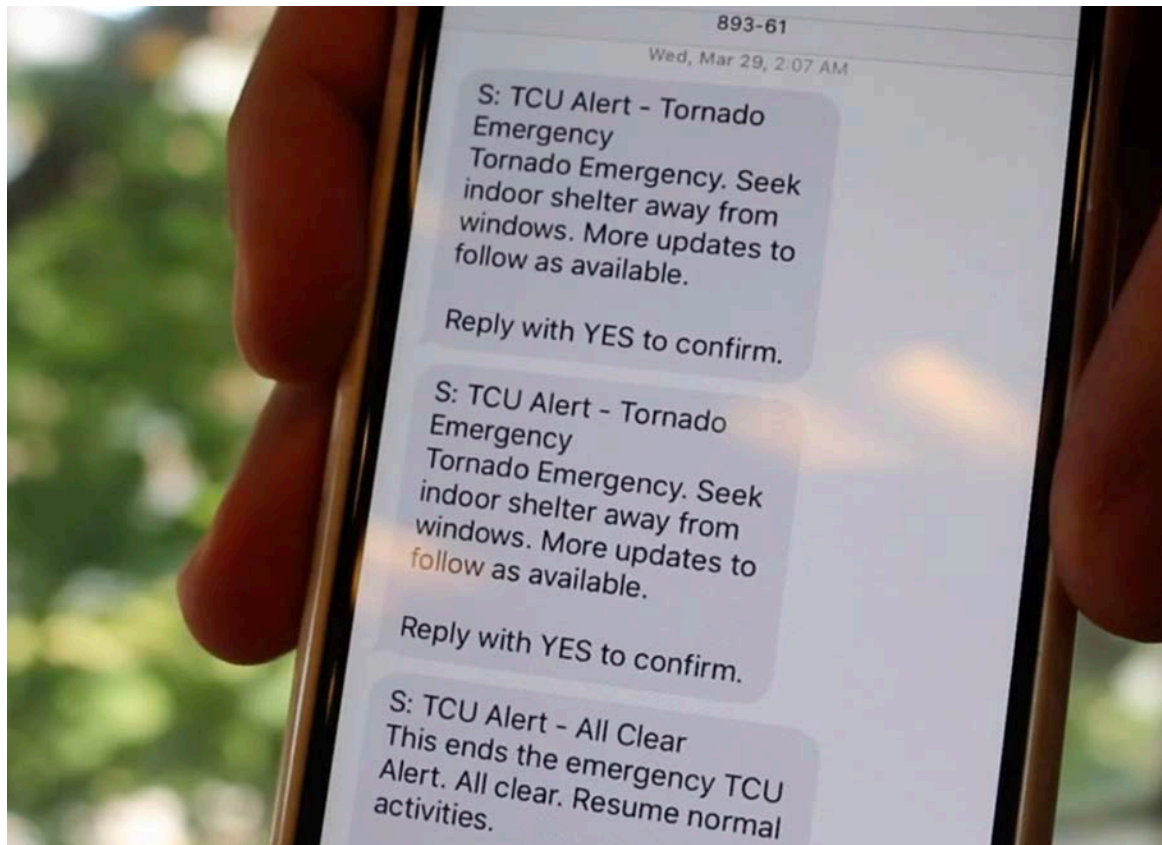
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But some students said they don't like TCU Alert because it wakes them up and sends too many notifications.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Kathy Cavins-Tull says it's all part of the notifications efforts to keep the TCU community safe.

"You're getting notified



Several alerts are sent over the course of an emergency.

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in multiple ways because we want to get your attention," Cavins-Tull said. "By design, it is a disruptive system."

When a TCU Alert is sent out, recipients can expect text messages, phone calls and emails detailing the events.

The notification system asks for a "yes" response so that it knows you are safe from harm.

The Vice Chancellor wanted to assure recipients that there is a reason for the incessant alerts.

"It saved people from really dangerous conditions," Cavins-Tull said. "It delayed their trip to campus to stay out of that weather pattern."

But there are some TCU alert recipients, who

wish they didn't get the notification.

Ashley Winther, a May 2016 TCU graduate, said her mom still gets the alerts whenever TCU sends them out.

Winther's mom lives in southern California.

"It wakes her up in the middle of the night," Winther said. "She lives in California and so she doesn't need to be alerted that there is a tornado warning in Texas."

Those who receive TCU Alerts in error, can go to removalrequest.tcu.edu, fill out the form, and begin the steps to be removed from the alert system.

As for students who are not fond of the system, the Vice Chancellor said that

it is something she understands but is just part of being safe.

"I'll apologize for someone being annoyed," Cavins-Tull said. "But I don't apologize for trying

to keep our campus safe and our students, faculty and staff safe from whatever is impending."

There are no anticipated changes to TCU alert.

The system will continue to be deployed as usual in emergency situations.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Expanded diversity committee focuses on inclusion

By NIA BROOKINS
STAFF WRITER

TCU has reconstituted its diversity committee to focus more on inclusion.

This past fall, the Faculty Senate said they wanted more involvement with the committee and have created sub-committees focusing on diversity issues.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee consists of “campus stakeholder groups” and will assess bias, identify barriers and review university programs and structures. The committee is in the process of assembling TCU’s first university-wide diversity agenda.

“What I hope in the long run is that this committee will bring more awareness to all sides of the campus,” Boschini said. “Having more diversity gives

everybody a richer experience.”

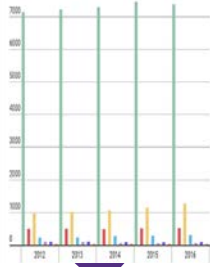
Boschini said students can expect a campus survey this fall to “assess bias, identify barriers and review university programs and structures.” He said students can also expect a bias response team, new programs such as an inclusiveness initiative certificate and expansion of existing diversity initiatives such as community scholars.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee member and latino/a studies program director David Colon said TCU could be doing a better job at improving diversity as well.

“Our community does not yet adequately include a diverse enough range of experiences and perspectives in management, teaching and the student body to make TCU as thorough and comprehensive a university as we want it to be,” he said.

“Diverse experiences, perspectives, traditions, customs and worldviews amplify dialogue necessary for successful academic pursuits.”

Boschini has asked that the TCU community takes charge in the efforts to diversify campus by enrolling in classes, training and lectures led by various departments on diversity to “effect cultural change on campus.”



This chart showcases the diversity among the student body since 2012.

CHART BY NIA BROOKINS

FW businessman donates full tuition for med students

By RYDER BUTTRY
STAFF WRITER

A donor will provide full first-year tuition to the inaugural class of M.D. students at the TCU and UNTHSC School of Medicine, set to open in July 2019.

The pharmaceutical executive, business investor and entrepreneur Paul Dorman’s donation will benefit 60 students, who will be known as Dorman Scholars.

“I understand the need for exceptionally trained physicians, and I believe the TCU and UNTHSC School of Medicine team is creating the right formula to prepare students to practice medicine in the future,” Dorman said in a statement. “This school will change the medical and economic landscape of our community, and I can’t wait to meet the students who will make up the first class.”



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Paul Dorman, left, and Stuart Flynn, right.

Stuart D. Flynn, founding dean of the medical school said in a statement he is thankful for the generous gift and the support of the community.

“I’m so grateful and humbled by Mr. Dorman’s generous gift,” Flynn said. “This community continues to amaze and impress me with its generosity and strong support for this school of medicine and Mr. Dorman’s gift wonderfully exemplifies

this.”

The H. Paul Dorman Charter Scholarship’s exact amount has not been disclosed, but Flynn previously said the cost of tuition would be the median of private school tuition --\$50,000 a year. That would make the donation at least a \$3 million dollar gift.

The school will begin accepting applications in the Fall of 2018 and has set aside 20 seats for TCU students in the inaugural class.

MOVIE REVIEW

“Fate of the Furious” stutters past the finish line

By CHRIS GARCIA
STAFF WRITER

The latest in the “Fast and Furious” franchise, “Fate of the Furious” delivers on the series’ signature action and outrageous scenarios but lacks the heart of previous films.

The film follows the “Fast family” (Dwayne Johnson, Michelle Rodriguez, Ludacris, Tyrese Gibson) as they must work to stop the mysterious hacker Cipher (Charlize Theron) and a now-rogue Dom (Vin Diesel).

“Fate” works best when it’s serving as a bookend to the story of the previous four movies. The film does a great job of forming connections to these previous events

and plotlines while also answering questions from previous films. Unfortunately, the newer material brought into the franchise doesn’t blend with the old. There’s also a lack of emotion due to the absence of Paul Walker, which makes the film’s over-reliance on Dom’s story more apparent and awkward. While the film is the same stylistically, the drive behind the characters and their decisions is incoherent.

The subpar plot is emphasized by lackluster performances from most of the film’s cast. It often feels like the actors have stopped caring about the franchise they are in. Diesel himself ends up being the weakest link of the cast, coming across

as robotic for most of the film.

Thankfully, the newer additions to the cast keep it from being a complete burnout. Johnson puts forth the most effort, fully embracing the cheesiness of his role to great success. This is enhanced by his interactions with Jason Statham, whose charm and snark works well with the tone of the franchise and compliments Johnson perfectly. Rounding out the newcomers is Theron, who puts forth an over-the-top and generally sleazy performance as the film’s villain.

Despite their performances, the film still feels empty due to a lack of character development. Diesel’s turn against those he loves, despite

having a logical reason, defies the values of the series and his character’s development thus far. This turns into a bigger issue when the film leans heavily on his arc to force emotion from the audience. The same goes for the crew, whose decisions seem random and often times unwarranted when compared to the development they have seen over the franchise.

The film’s other strength lies in its visuals. The constantly changing locations keeps the shots vibrant and fun to look at. Some well-planned and executed action scenes also help make the film more interesting. There are, however, too many uses of slow-mo and some poorly done CGI that



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Vin Diesel reprises his role as “Dom” in “The Fate of the Furious.”

sticks out compared to the rest of the film’s more natural look.

Overall, “Fate of the Furious” is a popcorn flick by all definitions. Fans of the series will enjoy the action and throwbacks, though some may be a bit put off by the noticeable lack of heart. Meanwhile, those not already invested in the series won’t find

much to convince them to join the roller coaster ride of the “Fast and Furious” franchise.

Verdict:

Despite its fun over-the-top action, odd character choices and lack of emotion cause “Fate of the Furious” to lose a little momentum.

3/5 Frogs 每每每

CAMPUS NEWS

TCU observes National Child Abuse Prevention Month

By **SAM BRUTON**
STAFF WRITER

In honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, TCU is participating in the Pinwheel Project, a national campaign to raise awareness and education about child abuse prevention.

TCU partnered with Alliance For Children, a nonprofit child advocacy center for protecting children from abuse, to bring the project to life.

“Because one aspect of Alliance For Children’s focus is education, partnering with TCU’s College of Education, Department of Social Work and Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development is a win-win for all involved,” said Michelle Bauml, an associate professor in the College of Education

and co-chair of the TCU Pinwheel Project committee.

Student volunteers place blue pinwheels, the accepted national symbol of child abuse prevention, at the Founder’s Statue each year. Earlier this month, 5,162 pinwheels were placed there to represent each confirmed case of child abuse in Tarrant County for 2016.

These cases are confirmed by the Child Protective Services, said Shellie McMillon, director of community engagement for Alliance For Children. She also said in some situations, Child Protective Services does not believe abuse has occurred or is unable to confirm abuse through their investigations.

“The number of reported cases is much higher than this,” said McMillon. “Many cases go



PHOTO BY SAM BRUTON

Over 5,000 of these blue pinwheels were placed on campus.

unreported altogether.”

Hunter Fischer, a junior social work major, was the student representative on the TCU Pinwheel Project

committee. She said it’s important for TCU to host the Pinwheel Project because students may not be very aware of child abuse.

McMillon said TCU has been a strong partner of Alliance For Children for many years.

“The earlier in life people can learn

information regarding child abuse prevention, the better,” she said.

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FEATURE



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Holly Rascoe and a few teams at The Cheer Connection, including Spirit, lower right.

Ashlyn Dahlke at one of her competitions.

Fort Worth's special needs cheer squad is full of Spirit

By **KRISTEN CLARKE**
STAFF WRITER

Ashlyn Dahlke and the other members of Spirit sat in a circle and squeezed each other's hands. The mic crackled and popped as one of the judges started to announce the final results of this year's United Cheer Nationals in Fort Worth.

"And in first place, for the sixth year in a row... from Fort Worth, Texas, The Cheer Connection: Spirit!"

The cheerleaders of Spirit competed with what seemed like an endless amount of passion. After months of practicing and encouraging one another, their hard work paid off and they were ecstatic.

They each walked out

of that competition last month in new national champion jackets, radiating passion and pride. To see them hold their shiny trophies with huge grins plastered on their faces brought tears to the eyes of some audience members.

Spirit is a special needs competitive cheer squad, one of eight cheer teams at The Cheer Connection. The squad consists of thirteen members, ages 7 to 18, with physical or cognitive disabilities.

Spirit was founded by head coach Holly Rascoe and gym manager Shelley Clayton. It was one of the first special needs cheerleading teams in the nation. Now, there are about 25 teams.

Rascoe was a TCU Cheerleader in college and

married the quarterback, David Rascoe. She coached TCU Cheer for 12 years before starting Spirit.

Rascoe has been involved with competitive cheer for more than 25 years, and she said starting this team has been the highlight of her cheer career.

"I woke up one day and thought it would be so cool to have a special needs team for kids, where it didn't matter what they were facing," she said. "Whether they were in a wheelchair or diagnosed with Autism or Down Syndrome."

Rascoe added she did not have any prior experience with special needs kids.

"I really wanted to start one, but I had no idea

where to begin," she said. "My bible study group prayed for God to put this perfect special needs team together. Then, one random day, I met Ashlyn and her dad, Denver, at Academy."

Rascoe had been wanting to work with special needs children, so she asked Denver if Ashlyn would want to be a cheerleader. He said she would love to, but she didn't connect to other people very well.

Rascoe told Denver all about her vision. After a few minutes, Ashlyn was wrapped around Rascoe's leg, giggling with eyes squinted in glee and a smile on her face. Denver told Rascoe that it just might work out after all.

So after three years of prayer, the group

started in 2011. Ashlyn told all of her friends at KinderFrogs School, the early childhood education program located on TCU's campus that predominantly serves young children with disabilities. Six years later, they are all still on the team.

"They are the happiest people on Earth," Rascoe said. "They light up when they see you, and they love hugs. But the most impact is made on other people."

According to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, participating in sports can help instill a sense of self-confidence as well as improve skills in relationship building and working as part of a team.

They jump, stunt, tumble and dance just like any other competitive

cheerleading team. The only difference is at the end of every routine (both at practice and performances), they run to their coaches for a group hug.

"They encourage one another all the time, but I think they have more impact on everyone else, and they have no clue," Clayton said.

Spirit sent in a video to audition for NBC's America's Got Talent last February. The team got a callback, but didn't make it. However, the TV show asked them to try out in person next year rather than on tape.

Meanwhile, Spirit has already started preparing to win a seventh national championship next year.

FEATURE

Student playwright sees her work take the stage

By **KAYLEY RYAN**
STAFF WRITER

A circus from the past haunts a grieving mother and son in the student-written production, “Mister Major and the Minor Wife.”

Senior musical theater major Devin Berg wrote the one-act play through an independent study with the TCU Theatre Department.

“This play all started from a prompt that basically discussed a volatile relationship between a mom and a son,” Berg said. “And maybe she has some tendencies toward alcoholism.”

Her work took shape over the course of a semester with the help of her theater professor, T.J. Walsh.

“It was evident from early on that Devin had the tools and imagination needed for playwriting,” Walsh wrote in an email.

As an actress, dancer and singer, Berg isn’t new to the stage.

“I think she really knows how the stage works and was able to bring that into her playwriting as well,” said Libby Rubin, who plays the lead character, Edith Major.

Berg is also the executive director of TCU’s V-Day Campaign to end violence against women— ideas that she said lend themselves to the stage.

“Edith Major, who’s the lead character in this play—she struggles with the oppression of her husband,” Berg said. “I’m super passionate about

bringing those stories across.”

The “Major” family’s story unfolds like a mystery, and Director Hannah Wright characterized the writing as non-linear, with imaginative leaps in time that captivated the audience.

“You aren’t really sure what happens at the end unless you pay really close attention at the beginning,” Wright said.

Some audience members watched the play twice to catch the symbolism and flashbacks leading up to the end, Wright said.

The Major characters also portrayed a deeper meaning in how they showed affection.

“The mother and son never say, ‘I love you’ to each other,” Berg said.

“But they do, without saying those exact three words.”

While everyone’s eyes were on the actors, Berg was watching the audience members. She said their responses fueled her ambitions for where the play could go next.

She’s submitting her play to the Dramatists’ Guild, a union for playwrights around the country and wants to get her play published once more theaters perform it.

“I’m actually planning to submit this play to a local theater called Amphibian, which is actually started by a bunch of TCU grads,” she said.

After she graduates this spring, Berg says she’s moving to New York to continue writing



PHOTO BY KAYLEY RYAN

Libby Rubin plays “Edith Major,” the lead character.

and performing. She eventually hopes to earn a Master of Fine Arts in playwriting at Brown University.

But she won’t forget where she started.

“The Major family was a figment of my imagination a year ago,” she said. “And now I have real-life images of these people.”

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SPORTS

Frogs drop series against West Virginia

By **ALEXIS GUERRERO**
STAFF WRITER

Four walks and a hit batter in the ninth inning doomed the Horned Frogs against West Virginia Sunday, surrendering two runs en route to a 5-4 defeat and 2-1 series loss.

TCU entered the ninth inning leading 4-3, but Durbin Feltman blew his first career save by loading the bases before walking in the tying run. After being pulled in favor of reliever Cal Coughlin, another walk sent the winning run cruising home for the Mountaineers. It was the first loss of Feltman's career.

The Mountaineers took an early first-inning lead courtesy of a throwing error from

Austen Wade, but Luken Baker hit a leadoff single in the second through the left side and was able to advance to second on a wild pitch. Connor Wanhanen dropped a double to left field to drive in Baker for a 1-1 ballgame.

A lead-off single in the third followed by doubles from Jackson Kramer and Kyle Davis added two more runs for West Virginia, 3-1, but the Frogs retaliated by bringing in three runs in the fourth.

A pair of singles from Baker and Josh Watson put two on with one out. Nolan Brown doubled to left center and brought Baker home. Watson scored on a wild pitch and Brown advanced the third. Wanhanen's second hit of the game was a



The Frogs' winning streak ended because of their loss to West Virginia.

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single up the middle as Brown rounded home, giving TCU a 4-3 lead.

TCU had numerous chances to secure their lead but couldn't come up with the hits. The Frogs had four runners erased on the base paths and

stranded 11 more, six of which were in scoring position.

With one out in the ninth, a hit batter followed by three straight walks tied the game for West Virginia. The bases were loaded for the

Mountaineers and Darius Hill worked a two-out walk for the walk-off win, handing TCU its first Big 12 series loss of the season.

With the loss, TCU falls to 28-7 overall and 9-3 in Big 12 play. The Frogs

take the mound Friday when they host Baylor for a three-game series. First pitch is set for 6:30 p.m. at Lupton Baseball Stadium.

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Frogs sweeps Texas Tech

By **ROBBIE VAGLIO**
STAFF WRITER

A strong performance in both doubles and singles action led the No. 9 Horned Frogs to their 10th straight victory with a 4-0 sweep over the No. 44 Texas Tech Red Raiders on Thursday night.

With this win, the Frogs move to 15-4 overall and 3-0 in conference action, the only team in the Big 12 with a perfect record.

"To beat a team like Texas Tech and the way we did says a lot about the way we are playing," head coach David Roditi said.

The Frogs cruised through the doubles matches with two impressive wins. The dynamic duo of Cameron Norrie and Trevor Johnson continued their undefeated streak,

opening the match with a 6-3 win, and No. 59 Reese Stalder and Jerry Lopez picked up one of their biggest wins of the season, clinching the doubles point against the No. 12 pair of Connor Curry and Bjorn Thomson.

TCU had the same dominance in singles action, winning the first set on five of the six courts. Johnson, playing in only his second singles match of the season, put the Frogs up 2-0 with a 6-1, 6-0 win. No. 3 Norrie was nearly unstoppable, cruising to a 6-0, 6-1 win against No. 33 Jolan Cailleau for his 14th win of the season and 12th over a ranked opponent. Stalder clinched the win with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Rory Hyrkkonen.

"We must have won 90 percent of the deuce points especially at No. 1 and No. 2 singles,"

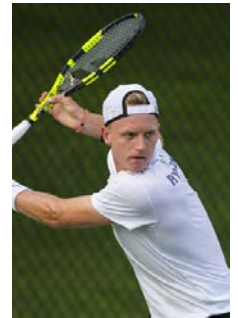


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The Frogs extended their streak to ten games with a sweep over No. 44 Texas Tech.

Roditi said following the game. "It's a good sign for us that we are winning at the bottom of the lineup. That is something that we didn't have earlier this season. That is a great sign that we are getting healthier and the guys are getting better."

SPORTS

Equestrian upsets No. 1 Baylor, swept by Texas A&M at NCEA Championships

By DEAN STRAKA
STAFF WRITER

TCU Equestrian rocketed out of the gate with an upset win over No. 1 Baylor on Friday before falling to No. 5 Texas A&M on Saturday at the NCEA Championship in Waco, Texas.

The Horned Frogs wasted no time in gaining an edge over the Bears in the quarterfinals, recording a 3-1 decision in Reigning via the performances of seniors Carley Montemuro and Brooke Boyle, and freshman Carly Lombard. The Frogs tallied a fourth point from junior Carley Barnett in Equitation over Fences before sweeping Horsemanship with a 3-0.

Needing just one point in Equitation on the

Flat to secure the upset, senior Kari Hancock came through with a 172-point upstanding ride to give the Frogs a 9-7 quarterfinals victory. It was the first time in program history that the team knocked off the No. 1 seed at the NCEA Championships.

“Hats off to the Western girls for just going out and being strong start to finish all day, then it coming down to all the pressure on the Flat girls and coming up big,” director of equestrian Haley Schoolfield said.

The win was even more special for the team, considering it came against a rival on their home turf.

“Any time you beat Baylor, it’s a good day,” hunt seat head coach



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TCU Equestrian competes at the NCEA Championships in Waco, Texas on April 15, 2017.

Logan Fiorentino said. “We had a tough season against them in the regular season but we were super, super close every single game. This one was the one that we needed, and the

girls stepped up when it counted.”

Saturday’s semifinal outing didn’t have as sweet of a tune for TCU though, as the Frogs had no answers against Texas A&M in a 16-0 rout.

Boyle came close to recording points for the Frogs during Reigning but was defeated by a mere half-point from Sarah McEntire. The team suffered another heart-breaker in Horsemanship

when senior Rylee Morgan also lost by a half-point.

The semifinal finish was still the second best in program history for TCU at the event.

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Horoscope

A baby born today has a Sun in Taurus and a Moon in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 20, 2017:

This year you develop a fondness for exchanging ideas and brainstorming. You open up to a new style of communication and/or different systems of thought. Consider getting more expertise in your chosen field. Some of you will opt to travel. If you are single, the potential suitor you meet today might not interest you in a few months. You are changing, and the person you choose after the summer will reflect that transition. If you are attached, make more time for your sweetie; you don't want him or her to feel left out. **AQUARIUS** often irritates you, but you still value his or her friendship.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Don't hesitate to pick up the phone and have a conversation, especially as a situation could change suddenly. You'll want to put in your two cents and be heard. Your opinion does make a difference. Others enjoy hearing from you. Tonight: Take your cue from a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You feel more energized than usual, and are capable of changing direction as a result. Others look to you for feedback, as you seem more flexible and willing to try a different approach. Don't overthink a situation -- just do what feels right. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ A lot is going on in your mind that you might choose not to share. You could see a partner become controlling over a financial matter. Take a step back and observe. You can say only so much, so perhaps a well-chosen question would be more powerful. Tonight: Time for fun.

Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



Intelligent Life by David Reddick



CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Let a loved one play a bigger role in handling an issue. You might not always agree with this person, but he or she does get good results. You'll be relieved to have fewer responsibilities for a while. A boss could opt to share his or her opinion. Tonight: Accept a fun invitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Your mind seems to be

working overtime. Be aware of the power that comes with a sudden change of opinion or direction. Open up a conversation in order to root out a problem. Others are likely to tell you everything you want to know. Tonight: Consider starting the weekend early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You have more insight into what is happening than those around you do. You have the ability to understand where

others are coming from. Pursue a creative interest or project. A child could become difficult if not given enough attention. Tonight: Head out of town this weekend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Defer to someone who has a lot of ideas that he or she wants to share. Understand your choices, and be aware of your limits. You could be distracted by a new love interest. Tap into your imagination; you will feel a lot better as a

result. Tonight: Time for fun and games.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Others will be responsive, but not in the way you might want them to be. A lot is going on with a key person whom you feel you need to hear from. Be more forthright in what you are doing. Your instincts will lead you in the right direction. Tonight: Run some errands first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ An associate shares exactly what is on his or her mind. You might not want to share everything you're thinking about quite yet. You would prefer to consider an issue more fully before speaking. A get-together will delight you to no end. Tonight: Catch up with a pal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Your imagination often acts as a source of endless ideas. Today, you will see your creativity take over, especially if faced with a challenge. In fact, you might not respond immediately, as you'll see even more possibilities than usual. Tonight: Invite a friend out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You will want to work from home. You need a change of scenery. You also have a lot of ground to cover. Communication flourishes. You might want to express what is on your mind. Expect some strong feedback. You finally feel relaxed and centered. Tonight: Opt for different.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You are in a period where you are likely to voice your opinions in any situation. You could be debating which approach to take with a financial matter. Only you know for sure what your real objectives are. A partner expresses his or her caring. Tonight: Hang out at a favorite place.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Personal records set at Horned Frogs Invitational

By **MAYA BULGER**
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The Horned Frogs posted 15 personal bests as they hosted their second home meet of the season at the Lowdon Track and Field Complex on Saturday.

"We had a lot of seasonal and personal bests today," said director of track and field Darryl Anderson. "We just had a great weekend all in all."

Running Events

To open up the running events, the men's 4x100-meter relay team of senior Raymond Bozmans, juniors Emeilo Ferguson and Jalen Miller, and sophomore Darrion Flowers logged a season-best time of 39.15. The team placed second to Florida, who currently holds the fastest time in the NCAA. This time moved TCU to the No. 7 time in the NCAA.

Flowers also produced a personal-best time of 10.23 in the 100-meter dash, winning his heat and placing second overall. Ferguson placed first with a time of 10.16. Ferguson also placed third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 20.94.

Junior Kevin McClanahan produced a career-best time in the 400-meter dash, winning with a time of 46.57. Sophomore Derrick Mokaleng placed fourth with a time of 46.71.

McClanahan, Mokaleng, Flowers and freshman Jostyn Andrews edged out a first place finish in the 4x400-meter relay, recording a season-best time of 3:06.00.

In the 1,500-meter race, sophomore Patrick LaCour placed fourth with a time of 4:04.68 and sophomore Dylan Brokmeyer placed sixth with a time of 4:12.73.

In the 5,000-kilometer race, senior Ryan Spetnagel placed second



Junior Emeilo Ferguson racing to the finish of the 200-meter dash.

PHOTO BY MAYA BULGER

with a time of 16:10.00, senior Shane Murray placed fourth with a time of 16:41.52 and junior Aaron Reichner placed fifth with a time of 17:15.86.

On the women's side, sophomore Kayla Heard and junior Tiffany Terry had a 3-4 finish in the 400-meter dash with times of 54.53 and 55.43.

Junior Briona Oliver set a personal best in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.69, placing sixth and moving her to

No. 5 on TCU's all-time list. Oliver also produced another personal best in the long jump with a distance of 20 feet 7.75 inches (6.29 meters).

In the 100-meter hurdles, sophomore Lexi Aitken placed fifth with a personal best time of 13.65. Aitken then went on to place fourth in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 59.12.

Aitken, senior Judy Emeodi, Heard and Terry posted a season-best time of 3:37.41 in the

4x400-meter dash, placing second.

Emeodi also posted a personal best in the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.81.

Sophomore Brenley Goertzen won the 1,500-meter race, recording a time of 4:29.98. Sophomore Nicole Hicks placed third with a time of 4:41.70, junior Anna Cozart placed fourth with a time of 4:44.59 and freshman Kirsten Johnston placed fifth with a time of

4:45.56.

First-year Molly Hamel placed second with a time of 18:54.41 in the 5,000-kilometer race, and sophomore Erin Barth placed third with a time of 13:04.83 in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

"When you line up and you have conference foe, Texas Tech and Oklahoma State, a Pac-12 school in Arizona and the No. 2 team in the country in Florida, I thought we stood up and competed

hard in our facility," said Anderson.

Field Events

The No. 7 men's hammer throw team lived up to their standing by setting and matching personal bests this weekend.

Sophomore Fellan McGuigan matched his school record and personal best with a distance of 211' 6" (64.47 meters). Freshman Ryan Camp set a personal best of 194' 7" (59.31 meters) with a fourth place finish. Sophomore Justin Sanchez set a personal best of 190 feet 7 inches (58.09 meters) with a fifth place finish. Freshman Isaiah Rogers set a personal best of 181' 3" (55.24 meters) with a sixth place finish.

Camp also placed sixth in the men's discus with a distance of 155' 8" (47.45 meters).

In the pole vault, freshman Adam McAdoo placed fourth, recording a height of 15' 1.50" (4.61 meters).

For the women's hammer throw team, senior Paola Miranda placed first, recording a season-best mark of 191' 7" (58.40 meters).

Freshman Emily Wright recorded her first outdoor collegiate meet mark in the long jump with a distance of 20' 2.50" (6.16 meters). She placed third and jumped to the No. 7 spot in program history.

Freshman Kendahl Shue placed fifth in the pole vault with a height of 12' 3.50" (3.75 meters), and senior Makaila Flannigan placed second in the women's javelin throw with a distance of 80' 10" (24.64 meters).

Up Next

The Frogs will travel to Waco to compete in the Michael Johnson Invitational on Saturday, April 22.