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1 TCU WAS FOUNDED BY RANDOLPH ADDISON & CLARK IN 1873

2 The total enrollement of AS OF FALL 2016 is 10,394 undergraduates and graduates

3 FROG CAMP IS A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ORIENTATION PROGRAM



4 TCU was first founded in THORP SPRINGS, TX before moving to WACO and then relocated to FORT WORTH in 1910



5 THIS FALL 1,888 FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS ENROLLED



6 TCU'S student body is 60% FEMALE AND 40% MALE



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What to expect at graduation

By **SHELBY KITSON**
STAFF WRITER

With commencement around the corner, Chancellor Victor Boschini shared what to expect during the 2017 spring ceremony.

“The biggest difference will be that we will graduate the largest class in the history of Texas Christian,” he said.

According to the TCU Commencement website, all ceremonies will be held on Saturday, May 13, in the Ed and Rae Schollmaier Arena. Tickets are not required, so guests are encouraged

to arrive early if they wish to reserve seating.

There will be three different ceremonies to ensure there is enough seating and to allow enough time for the completion of all graduation traditions.

“You can expect lots of colorful robes, tears, smiles, beautiful music, tradition and speeches,” Boschini said.

Each ceremony is expected to last between two and two-and-a-half hours and will consist of speakers and music.

“We generally do not have outside speakers at our ceremonies,” Boschini

said. “We prefer to focus the day on the graduates.”

Boschini said this is his second favorite time of the year, next to opening day in the fall.

“I really enjoy speaking with all the grads and their families,” he said. “Everyone is always so happy and it’s a great reward for all their hard work.”

There will also be a reception for graduates and their families the day before commencement, Friday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Campus Commons.

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Elle Nepeta

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Your families



Kathleen Tannura, Maggie Moore, Ali Meland

GRADUATION

Students prepare to decorate graduation caps

BY MEGAN GUTER
STAFF WRITER

Spring graduation is near and the only accessory better than a purple robe is a graduation cap. For many years, students have shown their creativity by decorating their graduation caps—and this year is no different.

Some students have been planning their designs for awhile.

“I began the process by looking at other graduate’s caps during other graduations,” said Fallon Pickering. “I have also looked at TCU’s Instagram to see past caps.”

But others are using their remaining days to conjure up an idea.

“I haven’t really thought about it very much, but I plan to just

make it myself,” Gabby Maenner said.

While decorating graduation caps is an expression of creativity and fun, it’s important to know the limits. Cap designs should be kept tasteful, with no foul language or excessive trimmings.

“As long as nothing is offensive or dangling off the edges, it should be good,” said Margaret Kelly, executive director of community projects. “It should not be offensive to anyone. If something like that were to be seen, it would be confiscated and a plain cap would be given.”

Some graduating students plan on drawing from their past for inspiration.

“I’m planning to simply put a picture of my dad holding me when I was

born with the words, ‘Never would have made it,’” said Ernest Marquel Dominick.

While others draw inspiration from their future.

“I decided to put a Disney quote on my cap,” said Hannah Wright. “The inspiration came from the opportunity I have to move to Orlando and continue working for the Walt Disney Company after graduation.”

Graduating students can pick up their caps at the Dee J. Kelly Alumni & Visitors Center on May 11 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or on May 12 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Students will be showing off their creations on May 13 in the Ed and Rae Schollmaier Arena.



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Graduation is the time for students to show their creativity.



CONGRATULATIONS, EMILY!

“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You’re on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who’ll decide where to go...”

- Dr. Seuss, Oh, The Places You’ll Go!
Congrats AK! Follow your Dreams!

Love,
Mom & Dad



Emily Anne Kenyon



CONGRATULATIONS, LAURA!

Dear Laura,

We are so very, very proud of you!!! You have come such a long way... and the future is looking very bright for you!!

One day, you quoted Dr. Seuss in a speech...I’ll throw another one back at ya!! “Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive that is youer than you!” We love you Laura Lou!!!

Much love,
Mom & Gary
and the whole fam damily!!



Laura Elizabeth Todd

GRADUATION

Seven things to do in Fort Worth during graduation weekend

By **MACY YATES**
STAFF WRITER

Graduation brings families to Cowtown and gives students a chance to show off Fort Worth. Here's a list of things to keep relatives busy between graduation events.

Fort Worth Zoo

The Fort Worth Zoo was recently named the fourth best in the nation by USA Today. The only Texas zoo to make the top 10, the Fort Worth Zoo is recognized for its conservation efforts. If you like creepy crawlies, check out the brown tarantula. The Safari Splash Zone is open

daily and don't forget the penguins. The zoo is open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets for adults are \$14, children ages 3 to 10 and seniors (65+) are \$10. Children 2 and younger are free. The zoo is also showcasing its newest swan cygnets and mandrill residents.

West 7th Street

Fort Worth foodies can be found around 7th Street. There's everything from Tex-Mex and Asian fusion to Italian and burgers. Enjoy an artisanal, crispy-crust pizza at Thirteen Pies. In addition to their salads



PHOTO BY COLLEEN MORTELL

The Fort Worth Zoo's education programs and conservation efforts helped it place as the fourth best zoo in the country.

and hand-cut pastas, Thirteen Pies specializes in locally made cheeses, homemade lamb sausage and organic herbs and vegetables. If you are

craving a house-ground organic hamburger, Rodeo Goat is the place. You can even substitute the beef patty with a chicken, turkey, veggie

or quinoa patty. Also, if you have a sweet tooth, try visiting the original Sweet Sammies location right here in Fort Worth. With their fresh baked

cookies and a variety of ice-cream flavors, you can build your own ice-cream sandwich, brownie bowl, or milkshake.

Fort Worth Water Gardens

Get outdoors and visit the Fort Worth Water Gardens located downtown. Designed by Philip Johnson, the water features offer a creative showcase. This oasis is a great place to take graduation photos with family members and friends.

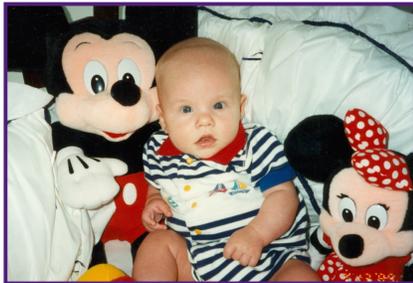
The Stockyards

Head to the Stockyards to check out Fort Worth's Cowtown charm. Fort

CONGRATULATIONS, NICK!

It seems like just yesterday we were dropping you off at college. Now here we are, at your graduation! TCU has been a great choice – and the beginning of many more. Proud of you buddy. We look forward to watching your next steps.

Love,
Mom, Dad &
the Family



Nick Carlucci

CONGRATS, KAT!

From the day you chose TCU to graduation day you have made us so proud. We are excited to watch you begin your career knowing TCU prepared you well.

With all our love,
Mom & Dad



Kat Matthews

CONGRATULATIONS, KELLY!

Kelly, we are very proud of your TCU academic and athletic achievements and look forward to your law school adventure!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Kelly McGovern

CONGRATULATIONS, SARAH!

We are proud of you and your accomplishments. We know your future is as bright as your smile!

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Emily



Sarah Hauke

CONGRATULATIONS, KARRI!

We are so proud of you and know that God has great plans for your future!

We love you,
Mom and Dad



Karri Kugler

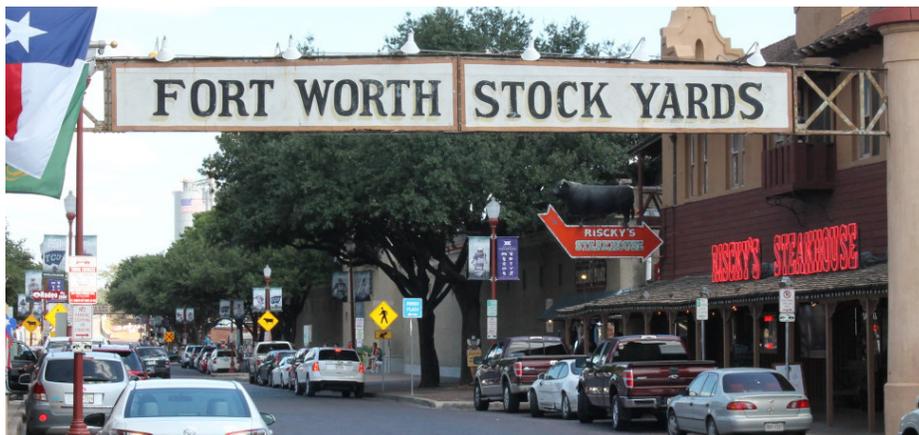


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The entrance to the Stockyards.

Worth is the only U.S. city with a daily cattle drive. The herd moves out at 11:30 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m. Check out the 16th annual Frontier Forts

Muster for a glimpse at frontier life. And don't forget Billy Bob's where Clay Walker performs on Friday, May 12, at 10:30 p.m. and Casey Donahew

Band on Saturday, May 13, at 10:30 p.m.

The Trailhead Clearfork
The perfect place for

biking, running, outdoor classes, and more. The Farmer's Market is also a hot spot located on the riverfront of the Trinity Trails. It's open on

Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon. Also located here, Press Cafe offers fresh salads, sandwiches and coffee.

Brunch spots

Yolk is a popular brunch spot. Their menu offers food varying from waffles, pancakes, red velvet French toast, omelets, to sandwiches or burgers for lunch. Yolk also offers their private label premium coffee and juices that go hand in hand with their specialty breakfasts. This hot spot is open Monday-Friday from 6 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Mash'd offers a Saturday and Sunday brunch featuring chicken and biscuits, 14-inch stuffed pancakes, french toast and bulls in

a blanket. Del Frisco's Grille offers a wide variety of brunch options including scrambled egg tacos, southern fried chicken and waffles, and red velvet belgian waffles. Reata's rooftop provides a view of downtown Fort Worth, and the menu features biscuits and gravy, eggs benedict and Reata huevos rancheros.

Backwoods Paddlesports at Panther Island

Located at 480 North Taylor, Backwood Paddlesports at Panther Islands offers a unique way to see Fort Worth. Kayaks, paddleboards and canoe rentals are available here. Rental periods are a minimum of one hour. Paddles and life jackets are also included.

CONGRATULATIONS,
AUSTIN!

You have done an outstanding job at TCU and now your future awaits. Your positive attitude will serve you well as you explore what life has to offer.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, and
Shelby



Austin Sivik

CONGRATS,
CATIE!

From your first day of school we knew you would do GREAT things! We are so proud of you, and look forward to watching you make your dreams come true!

All our love,
Dad, Mom, Kylea, Jennie, Jill,
Aldo, Grandma, Jason, Julian,
Tayler, Bryanna, Cole, Eli, Alexa
and Gracie



Catie Beatty

CONGRATULATIONS,
SIDNEY!

Giving. Caring. Faithful. Fun. Compassionate. Innovative. Adventurousome. You are an amazing daughter and sister, and we are so very proud of you and all you have accomplished. The best is yet to be!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Lindsey



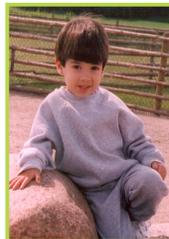
Sidney Dennis

CONGRATULATIONS,
NIKLAS!

AWESOME JOB NIKKI!

From Texas Christian to Texas Instruments, congratulations! Wishing you all the happiness and good fortune for your future.

Love,
Momma and Pappa



Niklas Raymond Ax

CONGRATULATIONS,
ZACH!

Zach - Congratulations! We are so proud of you and your accomplishments at TCU. Great things lie ahead for you!

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Allie



Zach Uselton



CAMPUS LIFE



PHOTO BY BRANDON KITCHIN

Salad being served to students. They also ate chicken pasta and chocolate cake.

Frogs Family Dinner

By **BRANDON KITCHIN**
STAFF WRITER

Forty-eight tables and 384 chairs spanned the length of the Campus Commons as the Student Government Association hosted the first Frogs Family Dinner Apr. 26.

The dinner had three main purposes: community, inclusiveness and diversity, said Will Jezek, a sophomore entrepreneurial management and accounting double major who organized the event.

"This dinner is a way to unite the student body and bring them together to share in a meal as well

as for students to get to know each other and get to know someone new," said Jezek, who is the SGA Class of 2019 representative and deputy chief of staff.

The dinner was the first of its kind on campus. Jezek said the idea to hold a dinner in the commons was because it's recognized as the center of campus.

First-year political science major Kalin Bruton said she appreciates the ways TCU has events for students to get to know each other. She laughed when she talked about helping Jezek use a tape measure

to measure the commons after she walked by and saw that he couldn't do it by himself.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said he enjoyed the event. He said it was one of the most unique events he had seen in his 14 years at TCU.

Boschini said he spoke with Jezek and they could imagine this dinner could grow even larger next time.

"We would love to block off University or Stadium Drive and do it down there," Boschini said. "Or if we can't, do two rows [in the Commons]."



Cooper Carter

CONGRATS, COOPER!

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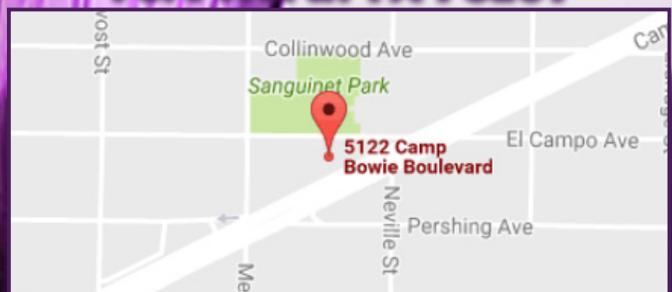
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GUIDE

Six Fort Worth restaurants for graduation day

By **ZOE ZABEL**
DESIGN EDITOR

Fort Worth is known for its culturally good food, so where do you take your grandma who flew into town expecting a Fort Worth dining experience?

You know the restaurants are going to be crowded, and making a reservation for your party of 16 is going to be chaotic.

Consider this your dining guide to graduation: what restaurants take the latest reservations, what dinners are worth the heavy price tags, and what restaurants can accommodate your large family.

Disclaimer: Due to the overwhelming number of people in town for graduation, be prepared for a wait if you walk

into one of these places without a reservation.

The Texas Cuisine Experience - Reata

Reata restaurant is located in Sundance Square and is well known for its Texas cuisine and Southern atmosphere. You'll love their bacon crab stuffed jalapenos and their calamari. Leave room for dessert; their banana pudding is a house favorite.

Reata is a good option for big parties, but expect them to be busy on Saturday.

310 Houston St.
817-336-1009

True Mexican Food - Joe T. Garcia's

Joe T's is known for outdoor patio seating and its true Mexican food. Take the family here for a late lunch to sit on the



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Woodshed Smokehouse is located right along the Trinity River.

outdoor patio. Joe T's is also great for last-minute large party reservations.

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Traditional Italian Food - Taverna

You'll love the homey Italian feel of this restaurant. You can smell the bread just walking up. Taverna's real pizza oven

sits in the middle of the restaurant, and everything is made to order. Other favorites on the menu include a variety of pasta dishes and risotto.

450 Throckmorton St.
817-885-7502

Sushi - Piranha Killer Sushi

Piranha Killer Sushi is located in downtown Fort Worth. The restaurant

offers a quieter, more relaxed atmosphere. It is better for a quiet dinner with a small group, although they do take large parties. The restaurant is known for its wide variety of rolls and fresh sushi rolls.

335 W 3rd St.
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Barbeque Lunch Spot - Woodshed Smokehouse

Located right along the Trinity River, you'll love this scenic lunch spot with open outdoor seating. With three smokers, two rotisseries, two wood grills and a rotating variety of woods used to smoke the food, you'll see why this has become a signature spot in Fort Worth.

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Healthy American - HG Sply Co.

Relatively new to Fort Worth, HG Sply Co. sits along the Trinity River with great indoor and outdoor seating. Even on a chilly day you can enjoy HG's patio thanks to their complimentary blankets. Their menu is filled with healthy twist on classics, like vegan queso or a kale salad to go with your burger. This is a great option for anyone with food restrictions because their menu is clearly labeled and anything can be made gluten free, if you ask. Don't forget to try their famous HG Mule while you're at it.

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(This story previously appeared in May 2016)

CONGRATULATIONS,

NICOLE!

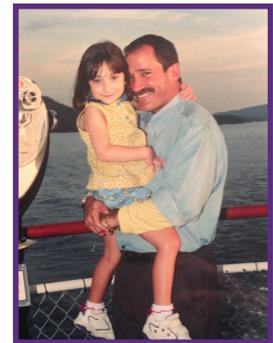
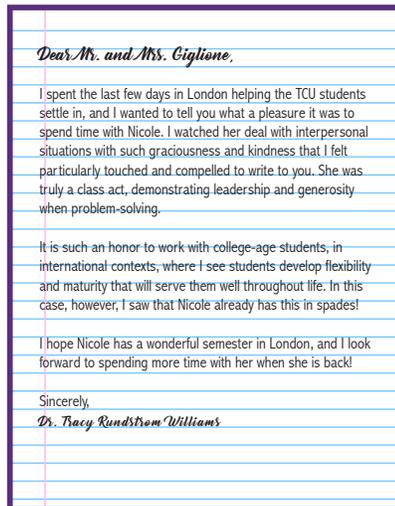
Congratulations, Nicole!

I'm so proud of what you have accomplished, who you are and who you are becoming, Nicole. This letter to me and your mother says it better than we ever could.

Dream great dreams, surround yourself with the people you love and follow the advice of Dr. Robert Lewis Stevenson: "That man or woman is a success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much. Who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of children. Who leaves this world better than he or she found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem or a rescued soul. Who looks for the best in others and gives the best he or she can. What more powerful of a legacy could a man or woman leave behind."

I love you Nicole, for eternity.

Love, Dad



Nicole Giglione



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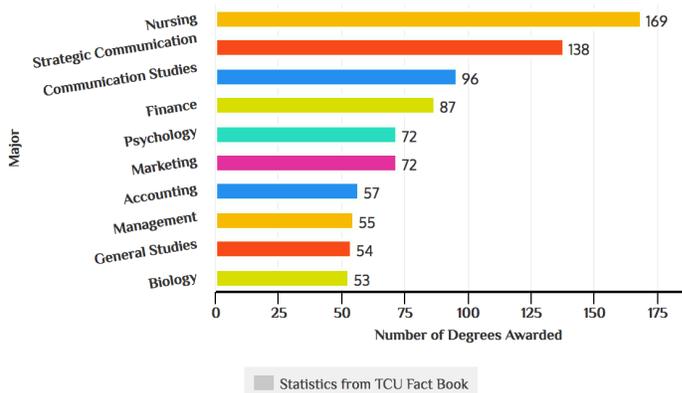
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Congratulations, Grads!

GRADUATION

Top Ten Majors at TCU



GRAPH BY MADISON GOFORTH

This graph shows the top ten majors chosen by TCU students.

What's after graduation

By **MADISON GOFORTH**
STAFF WRITER

Four or more long years of hard work comes down to one day: graduation.

Seniors are getting ready to put on their caps and gowns, graduate and embark on their new lives in the new world.

Last year, the three most awarded degrees were Nursing, Communication Studies and Strategic Communication.

Brittany Caruso, a senior receiving a Bachelor of Science in Nursing will be taking the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) this summer to become a Registered Nurse (RN).

The NCLEX pass rate for TCU students is 93 percent according to the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

"I plan to be beginning my career as a pediatric nurse at Cook Children's

Medical Center in Fort Worth this coming July," she said.

The Bob Schieffer College of Communications reports 96 percent of communication studies graduates found jobs in less than three months after graduation. Many students receive jobs in human resources, marketing or as a lawyer.

Cait Faber, the president of ROXO, said she is proud to have graduated in four years.

"With my degree in strategic communication, I will be working as an account executive for Affinity strategies in Chicago," she said. "I will be managing and marketing for healthcare groups."

Many students decide to take a year off before they attend graduate school or began their career.

Bridget Beliveau is going to Japan to lead trips up Mount Fuji

for eight weeks before finding a job.

Other students are staying at TCU for a graduate program.

"I will be attending TCU to pursue my masters in speech-language pathology," said Molly Haines, a graduating senior. The two year master's program begins in the fall. After graduate school she plans to work with children -- specifically those with Down syndrome, autism and swallowing disorders -- in a clinical atmosphere.

Many students said they were still looking for jobs and are hopeful to find one in the near future.



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GRADUATION

Meet TCU's youngest graduate

By **KAT MATTHEWS**
STAFF WRITER

Carson Huey-You is far from the average TCU student. He will be one of the first to graduate with a Chinese minor and at 14 years old, he is the youngest TCU graduate to date.

A physics major, Carson was 11 when he became a Horned Frog.

"My favorite part was going to all of my classes and learning new things... really expanding my knowledge," he said.

This desire to learn new things is reflected in Carson's research projects.

He presented biophysics research related to cancerous tumor growth two years ago with Dr. Hana Dobrovoly. The two

compiled articles about cancer research to try to predict future tumor growth and the tumor's behavior based on a few weeks, or months of data.

Carson is currently working on research with his mentor, Dr. Magnus Rittby, to learn more about how to calculate energy eigenvalues of quantum mechanical states.

"So one of the things we're looking at is states that exist for a short period of time," said Rittby. "Those kinds of phenomenon where things come together and live for a while then disintegrate turns out to be very important in chemical reactions and nuclear reactions, for example."

The pair are working to figure out how these



PHOTO BY KAT MATTHEWS

14-year-old Huey-You will be the youngest graduate in TCU history.

states can exist by solving differential equations to help explain how all physical matter in our world exists the way it does.

If the research subject sounds confusing, don't worry, it is for many people. The whole group laughed when Huey-You tried to explain it because the subject is so specific to

quantum physics.

But his physics major is not the only unique aspect of Huey-You's education.

Carson's Chinese minor led him to the "Chinese Bridge" Proficiency Competition put on by the Confucius Institute.

Carson won third place against competitors from

all of the Southern United States and was awarded a five-week trip to China, which he declined due to the lengthy stay.

Carson said being one of the first people graduating with a Chinese minor is an honor.

"I know that [The Department of Modern Language Studies] have been trying to get it to be a minor for some time," Huey-You said. "So, finally having it as a minor...to be able to have students take it, that's exciting."

Claretta Kimp, Carson's mother, said TCU has done an amazing job of helping her son maintain his childhood even with a rigorous academic program.

"TCU is safe and they can still be children," said Kimp. "Even after

four years of being here they are still kids, their childhood has not been sucked out of them."

This childhood preservation is part of the reason why TCU will add another Huey-You brother to its campus. Huey-You's younger brother, Cannan, 10, was accepted into TCU's undergraduate class of 2021 and will join his brother on campus this fall.

Huey-You will start graduate school at TCU in the fall with hopes of a future in research.

"I'll be going to grad school, getting my Ph.D. in Physics, then going into research and probably teaching," said Carson.

Carson will be pursuing a career in quantum physics.

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GREEK LIFE

Sorority contributes to home for the sick

By PAIGE MEGYESI
STAFF WRITER

A change in fundraising tactics by a TCU sorority netted its philanthropy 35 times more money in donations this year than last year.

Alpha Delta Pi, which supports the Ronald McDonald House Fort Worth, raised \$14,000, or 25 percent of everything raised between 2001 - 2016 this spring at ADPICNIC.

The money raised helped pay for extra costs not covered by the Ronald McDonald House's budget of \$2.5 million.

The decision to change the event was a collaboration between Allie Wood, ADPi fundraising coordinator, and Grace Pecoraro, recruitment and marketing vice president. They wanted to create a family-friendly philanthropic fundraiser.

ADPi members sold tickets for food, had lawn games, music and face painting available for everyone who attended.

Wood and Pecoraro wanted to create a tailgate-esque event, and they hosted the event outside the King Family



PHOTO BY PAIGE MEGYESI

Various yard games were available to play at the event including a ground piano, four in a row and corn hole.

Commons before the TCU vs. Baylor baseball game last Saturday.

Brittany Gloria, a member of the young professionals group that volunteers at the house, said she was glad to see all the effort the women put into the Ronald McDonald House and the turnout, despite the gloomy weather.

"It's so easy to get caught up in school and life," said Gloria. "It's nice to see that their wanting to give back and help with families in the D/FW area."

Pecoraro said that ADPi members volunteer at the house about every

other week. They play with children and serve meals to families staying at the house.

Since it's opening in 1981, the 55,000-square-foot house has served as a lifeline for families of critically ill children who are hospitalized in the city. In 2016, 947 families stayed at the Fort Worth House.

When families stay at the house, they are given food, a place to do laundry and a place to stay in one of their 58 rooms.

What staff members and volunteers strive to show is that the Ronald McDonald House is not just a building, but a



PHOTO BY PAIGE MEGYESI

Allie Wood, fundraising coordinator, getting her face painted at ADPICNIC.

home-away-from-home.

Beth Lamb, chief marketing officer at Ronald McDonald House Fort Worth said, "We really are a support structure for the families."

She also said that everyone there works to create a stress reduced environment so that the families can focus more on the health of their child and not worry about the additional stresses that come with being away from home, particularly the financial burden.

At the end of each stay families are asked to donate \$20 for every night they stayed there.

Lamb said sometimes

families can pay and sometimes they can't, but that they work to never turn away families.

Hannah Llach, communication coordinator for Ronald McDonald House Fort Worth, said working with all the families is such a rewarding experience.

Llach, a TCU alum, said her family had volunteered at a Ronald McDonald House in Bakersfield, California, but it wasn't until she started working at the house in Fort Worth that she saw the real impact it made.

"Their gratitude for our staff, volunteers, and

donors is unmeasurable," Llach said. "It's given me a new perspective and purpose for my everyday life."

Lamb said working at the house has taught her life lessons. She told one story about a five-year-old boy, who was battling cancer, running down the hall by her office saying "giddy-up Bullseye."

"He's dealing with some of the hardest things in his life, and yet he's infused with a joy," Lamb said. "And so if he can have that, then I certainly can. It teaches me to be strong."

Even though she is not on staff at Ronald McDonald House, first year ADPi member Marissa Wells said she sees the impact it has on the community, as well as other members of ADPi.

"We are a very diverse group, but one of the things we have in common is our passion for our philanthropy," Wells said. "It's just a lot of fun to be able to go and see and work with the people that you're raising money for and just seeing the cause with your eyes makes such a huge difference."



Alyse Miller

CONGRATS, ALYSE!

CONGRATULATIONS LYSEE! We are so incredibly proud of you as you complete this chapter at TCU and begin another as a graduate student! Continue to believe in you and know that you are worthy! God has an amazing plan for your life!

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SGA election, runoff has record setting voter turnout

By **ELIZABETH CAMPBELL**
STAFF WRITER

This year's Student Government Association (SGA) campaign had the highest voter turnout since 2005.

During the general election, 41 percent students, or 3,497 out of an undergraduate population of 8,432, voted.

Caroline Pulliam, SGA elections & regulations committee chair, credited the turnout to the number of candidates - 10 people competing for four student body officer positions - and a new marketing strategy.

"The new marketing team which has done so much for getting our name out there, getting our events out there and really branding SGA," Pulliam said.

Those efforts included signs encouraging people to run for office with different messages based on their target audience of upper division or first-year students or college specific students. The filing period for candidates was also extended to four weeks for the first time.

Ben Taylor was elected student body president after a runoff with Michael McCluskey. During the runoff election, 3,339 students, or 39 percent of undergraduate students, voted.

McCluskey, a sophomore, wouldn't have been eligible to run in past elections. But this year, instead of requiring presidential candidates to have completed at least 65 credit hours - junior standing - students only needed to have completed

three semesters at TCU before running. This new rule allowed sophomores, such as McCluskey, to run.

The eligibility rules were also changed to allow transfer students to run for office after completing one semester. These changes came after a three-hour debate in SGA over election rules.

"Everyone wanted the opportunity to really get involved earlier," Pulliam said. "Usually it's beneficial to have experience, so that's why it's just always been tradition to be a rising senior to run for president."

McCluskey said he was inspired to run for president after last spring when he managed the campaign of Ryker Thompson and Kelsey Ritchie.

"That was honestly one of my defining experiences in college," McCluskey said. "To take all that I've learned from that one and apply to this time and see what's the same and what's different for myself as a candidate."

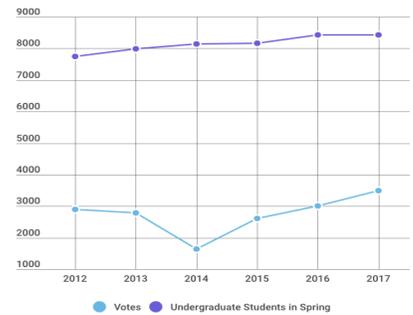
McCluskey said he had no plans to run again next year as a rising senior.

There was also a runoff election for the position of vice president of external affairs, which had three candidates running in the general election. Hudson Trent won that runoff against Allie Strehle.

Taylor and Trent, along with incoming vice president of operations Abby Widick and incoming treasurer Cara Doil were sworn in on May 2 in the Brown-Lupton University Union chambers.

Taylor said during

SGA elections voter turnout



Voter turnout information provided by SGA. Enrollment numbers provided by TCU Office of Institutional Research.

his presidency he wants to focus on connecting people to the resources they need by working with students and the administration.

"When people are connected with the resources they can do whatever they want, as long as they have the

autonomy and freedom to do so and they'll come up with ideas way better than you can" Taylor said. "I've been inspired by people throughout my time here at TCU, and I hope to continue to allow people to inspire me."

CONGRATULATIONS, LAURA!

You're feeling scared – that's because the future is happening. There are far better things ahead for you than any you may leave behind at TCU. Now is the perfect opportunity to capture your dreams. You may not be where you want to be – but you're getting closer each day.



Laura Belpedio

You have always been such a special young lady – charisma galore and a knack for making others around you feel special. Go put that special talent of yours to work – serving others and making this world a better place. We love you and are proud of you.

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COMMENTARY

Life unplugged: A five day digital detox

By **LIZZIE HOPKINS**
STAFF WRITER

This semester, I embarked on a torturous five-day journey. I went on a digital hiatus. A detox of sorts.

Why did I do this? I asked my professor if I could stop watching TV for a week and she told me I had to give up all technology. For one week, I refrained from using my cell phone in any capacity. No social media platforms were updated (sorry, followers). I only used my laptop for school and work.

Day 1

So far so good but wow this is odd.

I went on a run and ran some errands

today and thought I was missing something the whole time. I feel confused and plain out of whack without my electronics. I get my texts on my computer, (which may be seen as cheating, but I am being good and leaving them unopened for the week) so I see the messages, but I don't reply.

But, I worry. Would they think I was mad at them?

And what about my mother? I call her every single day, usually more than once. But not this week.

By the end of the day, I recognize just how dependent I am. Quitting cold turkey is no walk in the park. I had to buy a good old-fashioned digital watch because my



PHOTO BY BETSY FORESMAN

Hopkins spent one week without her phone and realized what she was--and wasn't-- missing.

Apple Watch would be cheating. (I can turn off the fancy features, but I know myself and I am weak to temptation). . My lunch hour was more

productive than usual today because I didn't turn on the TV or scroll through social media. I started to realize I don't go to social media for the

content, I scroll because I'm bored. Today was weird and I need this week to be over. Call me dramatic, but I am dying.

Day 2

I am missing the "Today Show" more than I ever thought possible. I'm lucky I don't have class until 11 this morning because I had to rely on a watch alarm to wake me up. It didn't do the trick.

I am reminded of the days when plans couldn't be changed on a whim via text message. I feel 80 years old. I just hope that my group members are sticking to the plan and will show up at the previously decided upon time and place. Stay tuned.

The team stuck with the plan! This is getting simultaneously easier

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CONGRATULATIONS, **JUSTIN!**

Justin, You have made us proud parents. We are excited to celebrate this time of accomplishment and transition.

"Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path, and leave a trail." -Ralph Waldo Emerson



We love you,
Mom and Dad

Justin Davis Benedict



CONGRATULATIONS, **CONNOR!**

From 1st grade to a college graduate in the blink of an eye. We know you have a bright future ahead of you. Remember, take risks, follow your heart, and reach for the stars!



Love,
Mom and Dad,
The Reinke Family,
The Stuggers
and The Lommele Family

Connor Sprague

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and harder. It feels different, but nice to have my hands free when I walk from class to class and to have my head up. I’m getting used to not having my phone or recreational computer more quickly than I expected. I did not see that coming.

Day 3

Well surprisingly enough, I’ve gotten quite used to having my hands free when walking across campus. The lack of music has been annoying, but thankfully I have a record player I can use when I’m at home. Although I’m getting more okay with the situation, I must admit something: I cheated today. I saw that my friend invited me to

plans this weekend and I didn’t want to be rude and ignore, so I replied. It was a slip-up and I don’t feel good about it, but it was a big reminder that there is a world outside and it is going on without me. Well duh, obviously the world doesn’t stop spinning, but it’s hard to be so out of the loop. That feeling is both overwhelming and liberating. Bittersweet feelings about being halfway done.

Day 4

I just want to watch TV. Two of my three classes were canceled today, and I can’t even celebrate by enjoying some Netflix. I understand that this can be a positive and I should use this time wisely and read or get ahead on some homework, but frankly, I just want to

relax in front of some nice, mindless television.

Update: I’ve nearly finished my book, and I cheated again. I had to call my mom. I just had to! I miss chatting on the phone. Tomorrow is my last day, let’s see if I can finish strong.

Day 5

This is it, y’all! Home stretch. This was either the best week or the worst week to do this because I had an abnormally small amount of things going on. Classes were canceled and schoolwork was minimal, so I had to creatively fill my time. I worked out every day, I read a lot of my book, and I took a few walks around campus. Walking with my head up is something I plan to keep doing; it’s so nice to see other people and see

what’s happening around me. I can’t wait to watch the “Today Show,” but I hope I don’t fall back into the habit of turning on the TV just to have some background noise. I’ve gotten oddly used to silence.

Although I liked this digital detox way more than anticipated, I must admit... I called it quits a bit early. Only by a few hours and only because it was Friday afternoon and I felt a heavy amount of FOMO (fear of missing out).

So to wrap this whole thing up, I will leave you all with some newfound pearls of wisdom.

1) Leaving social media behind for a week is actually pretty liberating. It relieves, or rather prevents, stress, and opens opportunities to talk to people face to face.

2) Not calling your

mom for a week is dangerous. You will miss her and she will miss you and the overdue conversation at the end of the week will be a long one. (Although I cheated, I had the decency to at least keep our conversation somewhat short.)

3) Not having music that comes from the internet is weird and only sometimes peaceful. If you’re like me, there is background music for every activity. When it’s gone, you notice. Working out is especially odd because heavy breathing can be heard from every direction and that is not a pleasant sound. I had to learn the local radio stations, and once I did that my car rides were much less miserable!

4) TV is great and I missed it a lot. Meals were lonely and quiet because I couldn’t flip

on the familiar friend that is the television. It got easier, and by the end of the week when I would get bored or have a spare moment it became natural to reach for my book rather than the remote. This does not mean I’m not very excited to have it back, I am.

5) I would highly recommend a digital detox to nearly everyone in the world. Yes, it was tough and sometimes scary, but it was doable. Even if it’s a minor change, like checking your email only three times a day instead of 20, it can be very healthy. Get your head out of your hands and celebrate real life. Social media is cool, but take pictures of things you like instead of worrying how many likes you’ll get. Give it five days. Just see what happens.



CONGRATULATIONS,

MADDY!

Congratulations Madeleine! We are very proud of all you have accomplished at TCU. You found great friends, great fun, great adventures and a great education. We can’t wait to see what you do next!

You are our sunshine!

With love,
Mom, Dad and Andrew



Maddy Fisher



CONGRATULATIONS,

TIM!

Congrats Tim D & Class of 2017! We are all filled with love and pride on your graduation day. You have all our support and deserve to see your dreams come true. Remember to laugh, love, and be happy. Wherever life takes you next, our prayers go with you.

Best wishes always to the baby and little brother,

Mom, Dad, Amy, Becky and Matt, Samantha and Brian, Tom, and Grandma



Tim Dieschbourg

Go forth and shine.





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Congratulations to the Class of 2017

Megan and Victor Boschini



FEATURE

Former baseball player has heart for the game

By **GARRETT PODELL**
STAFF WRITER

He's an unassuming connoisseur of baseball. Most home games, he's seated just a fraction to the left of home plate right behind the scouts with radar guns.

Many might assume, he's just a retiree passing time. But Dr. Bobby Brown, 92, has a legacy in baseball, medicine and at TCU that sets him apart.

The long-time Fort Worth cardiologist is a four-time World Series Champion third baseman for the New York Yankees, former president of the American League and the namesake of an endowed scholarship that benefits TCU baseball players.

"Easiest money I have ever raised in this town," said John V. Roach, former chair of the TCU Board of Trustees who solicited \$600,000 to back the scholarship.

Brown's son, Pete, and grandson Jeffrey, said the doctor is essentially a 20th and 21st century renaissance man.

"He's done some things that people will never do again: No one will ever

go to medical school and play for the Yankees again," Pete Brown said. "He's in the athletic hall of fame at Stanford, UCLA, and Tulane, no will ever do that again at this day in age."

Jeffrey Brown cites his grandfather's work ethic and generosity as his defining qualities.

"I think we will see an incredible work ethic on top of that incredible generosity, very caring, and very invested in people's lives," Jeffrey Brown said. "There are plenty of people who are in positions to help those in need, but don't utilize those positions. There's concrete pieces of evidence that showed he helped people who needed it."

'Something special'

Looking back, Brown said baseball has always been a part of his life - by first grade he was beating back pitchers.

"I hit left-handed and everyone else hit right-handed because my dad taught me that," Brown said. "They couldn't hit the ball and I could, that's how I knew



PHOTO BY GARRETT PODELL

Dr. Bobby Brown holds one of his baseball cards from his time with the Yankees.

I was doing something special."

A veteran of World War II, he was drafted into the Navy as a pre-medical student, but he played baseball at Stanford and UCLA.

When he enrolled at Tulane University for medical school in December of 1944, he knew he had to be on the university's baseball team. The coach wasn't so sure.

"I went out and introduced myself to the coach and he asked me if I was a student and I said I was in med school, the first year of med

school," Brown said. "He said, 'Aren't you taking anatomy?' I said 'yes.' 'Physiology too right?' I said 'yes.' Then he asked me if I was crazy, and then said it wouldn't work because he had med students before and thought the timing was an issue."

Brown wasn't deterred. "I went out and fielded about 10 or 15 baseballs, and then he asked me if I wanted to hit some balls, and I could hit pretty well," Brown said.

"After I hit about a dozen of them, he came up to the plate, grabbed

me by both shoulders and said, 'We're going to work something out,' which he did," Brown said.

Games started at 4:30 and 5 p.m., but Tulane would tell its opponents there was no set time because its shortstop was in the Navy and medical school and that the game would start when Brown arrived.

"I played almost every game, even though I could never make it to practice," he said.

One year later, Brown was with the New York Yankees.

He played on some of baseball's best teams of all-times with some of the game's biggest legends. The late Yogi Berra was his roommate in the minor leagues. When they got called up to the Yankees they roomed on road games.

Brown said while he studied for medical school, Berra read Superman comic books.

"We both finished reading one day at the same time and I was reading Boyd's Pathology textbook and he was reading Superman," Brown said. "He finished

a few seconds before I did, and when I finished he wanted to know how mine ended."

Brown owns the second-highest batting average in World Series history at .439 among players who registered 45 or more at bats. His crowning moment in the pinstripes came in Game 7 of the 1947 World Series.

"We had a man on first and second with one out, and I hit a double down the left field line that scored the tying run," he said. "We went on to win 5-2. I knew where my mother and dad were sitting and I could see this hat going up in the air, someone was throwing their hat up in the air and I knew it was my dad's, that was a terrific thrill for me."

Doctor Brown

Brown said a clutch hit in the final game of a World Series wasn't the best moment in his professional life. That came the day he graduated from Tulane.

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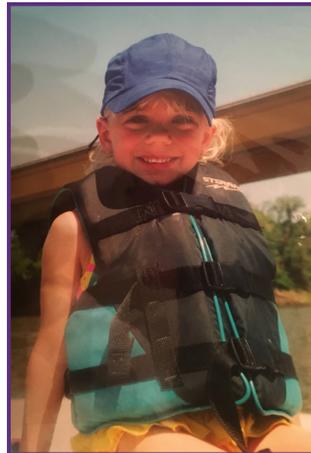
Barry Dunn

CONGRATS, **BARRY!**

You did it Barry!
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We're so very proud of you.

"Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"
-Mary Oliver

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jackson, and Max



Lauren Nicole Schaefer

CONGRATS, **LAUREN!**

We are so proud of you
and your BSN!

Love,
The Fam

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"There was nothing that could compare to that," he said.

He continued playing baseball until he was drawn into the Korean War.

"In 1952, I was in the doctor's draft and enlisted in the Army," Brown said. "I was rotated to in the 45th Infantry Division in Korea where I was the doctor for an artillery battalion in the 45th division.

Eventually, he transferred to Japan where he was reunited with a former teammate: Joe DiMaggio.

DiMaggio, accompanied by his new bride Marilyn Monroe, came to Japan to give clinics to the Japanese major league teams, Brown said.

"I left word for him to call me and he asked me to help him, so it ended up with me and my wife Sara joining Marilyn and Joe putting on the clinics," Brown said. "The gals shopped all day and we all had a great time. That was Joe and Marilyn's honeymoon."

Brown returned to the Yankees at the beginning of the 1954 season, but

left baseball for good at the halfway point of the season to pursue a career in medicine full-time, which led him to Fort Worth.

"I just played off and on because I hadn't played in two years, and after I played a ball game at Fenway Park on the 30th of June," Brown said. "I got on the plane and flew all night to San Francisco to start my residency the next day."

Brown finished his career batting .279 with 22 home runs and 237 RBI's.

"He never talked about his baseball talent when he was a doctor, he worked really hard," his son Pete said. "Now, he talks about it more and more, but when I was growing up, he was just a great cardiologist."

He spent the next three years at the San Francisco County Hospital practicing internal medicine, before finding his passion in cardiology through a fellowship at Tulane.

"I was with an older guy, my resident at Tulane, and we became very close friends, and I joined him Aug. 1, 1958 in Fort Worth," Brown said. "His name was Albert Goggans and I was with

him for the next 25 years."

Baseball called again in 1984, when Brown was elected president of the American League.

"To work for the American League, you're just putting on the games, so I didn't need training, which is true, so, I retired from medicine," Brown said. "I did that for 10 years, and then I retired totally. I was going to be 60 when I joined the American League, and I was going to be 70 when I retired totally, so I quit. I've been retired since."

Family

His family, wife Sara and their three children, were a constant.

"He never missed a graduation, he has 10 grandchildren and he's proud of all them," said Pete Brown. "They would never want to do anything to disappoint him."

Jeffrey Brown, who works at Christ Chapel Bible Church in Fort Worth, said his grandfather is and was always there for him.

"He stops by the control booth every week at Christ Chapel," said Jeffrey Brown, who's also a TCU alum.

He said his grandfather helped him through college.

"He always offered to do my laundry, made sure I was fed, and we always had Blue Bell ice cream, his favorite, while watching Rangers games," Jeffrey Brown said.

Jeffrey Brown said he wasn't into sports as a child, but he still had his grandfather's support.

"We lived an hour and a half away growing up, and he made it out to a couple of my high school shows and he still remembers it today," Jeffrey said. "We did 'Little Shop of Horrors' my sophomore year with my older brother Robert as the lead, and I puppeteered the giant plant. He still brings it up."

Brown is also involved in civic life in Fort Worth.

"He's a part of the Amon Carter Foundation and helps direct where money goes," Jeffrey Brown said. "He invests in both sports and the arts, which is exciting to me. He's given to Christ Chapel. He's fairly giving with his time, and he's always willing to sign something."

When it comes the Horned Frogs, Brown is fan and a teacher. He spoke at the team's annual First Pitch Banquet in 2009.



PHOTO COURTESY OF PETE AND SIDNEY BROWN

Dr. Bobby Brown is honored at Old Timers' Day every year at Yankee Stadium.

"What an honor that we're just able to have an audience with a gentleman like him and for him to share some of his wit and wisdom not only with these young ballplayers but all of us that are baseball fans," said Ross Bailey, TCU's associate athletics director.

"The Dr. Bobby Brown Endowed Scholarship is awarded to a student athlete on the TCU Baseball Team who exhibits the highest degree of leadership, integrity and sportsmanship," said Julie Whitt, Vice Chancellor of Donor

Relations at TCU.

Brown said his years of determination have paid off tenfold.

"I worked awful hard, I worked as much as you could humanely stand, I had class four days after the season ended, and I always showed up right before the season started and missed spring training," Brown said. "I wanted to finish medical school, and I wanted to be a major league ball player."

But, baseball never felt like work.

"Baseball wasn't work or a job to me," Brown said. "I enjoyed it."

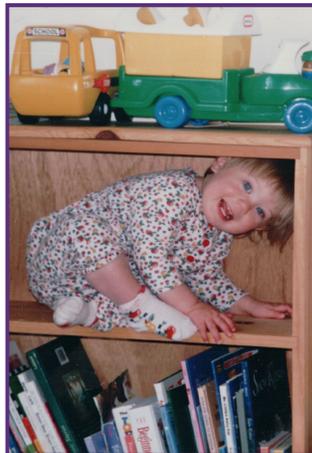


Christina Marie Sassos

CONGRATS, **CHRISTINA!**

Christina, graduation has arrived and we are so proud of you! It will be difficult to leave TCU, where you've called home for four years, but you're confident, strong, and adventurous. Our dream for you is that life grants all your wishes. Always look forward.

You are amazing!



Hannah Stabingas

CONGRATS, **HANNAH!**

"Somebody said that it couldn't be done But he with a chuckle replied That maybe it couldn't, But he would be one Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried."

- "It Couldn't Be Done" by Edgar Albert Guest

Congratulations, Hannah! We believe in you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Courtney

FEATURE

Golfer accepted into multiple law schools

By DEAN DEL RIO JR.
STAFF WRITER

Maintaining a 4.0 grade point average while balancing life as a student athlete has given Kelly McGovern plenty of options for law school.

McGovern, a senior finance major, is a member of the TCU women's golf team.

"I applied to a lot," she said. "And I've been accepted by them all, and then waitlisted at Stanford and Harvard."

The senior said while her decision has been narrowed down, things still aren't clear as to where she'll end up.

"I have put in my seat deposit at University of Pennsylvania, McGovern said. "But I am staying on the waitlist at Stanford and Harvard, and to stay on the waitlist, if you get in, you have to go."

If accepted by either Stanford or Harvard, McGovern said she would lose not only her seat at Penn but also her seat deposit.

The finance major is currently working for Goldman Sachs located in Dallas and said the



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McGovern holding some of her acceptance letters.

idea of doing law and finance at the University of Pennsylvania, which has one of the top MBA programs in the nation, caught her eye.

As a member of the golf

team, McGovern helped the team earn a regional bid for three years.

She has gotten close to many of her teammates, including senior Alex

Soborov.

Soborov, also a finance major, said she first met McGovern when McGovern was visiting TCU. Knowing they were potential teammates, the two became friends.

"Kelly continues to amaze me and impress me with everything she's able to accomplish," said Soborov. "Anything she sets her heart and her mind to she achieves

with flying colors. She's participated in every tournament the team has played in and has a 4.0 GPA."

McGovern said the time commitment of being a student athlete can get difficult sometimes, but she has, "really enjoyed it."

Along with Penn, Stanford and Harvard, McGovern said the list of schools she applied to included Duke University, Cornell University and a number of northern schools. She said she excluded the northern schools, including Cornell, from her decision because of the weather. She said they, "felt depressing and isolated."

McGovern said she appreciates the education she has received from TCU as well as her experience being a student. She said the value of the education at TCU is, "huge."

"TCU has really helped me get into these schools," said McGovern. "These top law schools have high respect for the degree."



Andrea Bonadona

CONGRATS, ANDREA!

One amazing chapter is coming to a close, and an exciting new one is about to begin! Keep writing your story, keep following your heart...and keep being your strong, smart, talented ONE OF A KIND SELF! We are so proud of you, may God Bless you baby! Go Frogs!!

Love,
Mom & Dad



Adam Andrea

CONGRATS, ADAM!

Dad and I are so proud of you and the great and adventurous, kind, smart young man you are.

Love,
The Family

COMMENTARY

Dealing with my reflection - Female student athletes and body image

By **MEAGAN THOMPSON**
STAFF WRITER

Female student athletes often feel like they are being pulled in different directions when it comes to sports and beauty.

"I don't like women who are: _____" Fill in the blank.

Bulky. Muscly. Big. Broad. Mannish.

If you Google search "Female athletes" and click images, you will have vast options for half naked female athletes. The next three suggestions for related images are: "hot," "famous" and "thick."

Female student athletes often deal with the double standard of athleticism vs. beauty.

We are told that to be relevant, we must not only perform our sport well but look good doing it.

And unsurprisingly, this leads to body image issues and problems like eating disorders.

In fact, according to nationaleatingdisorders.com, "Three risk factors are thought to particularly contribute to a female athlete's vulnerability to developing an eating disorder: social influences

emphasizing thinness, performance anxiety and negative self-appraisal of athletic achievement."

When society only focuses on conventionally attractive female athletes, it perpetuates the narrative that people only care about you or your athletic ability if you're pretty.

Any athlete, regardless of gender, can experience performance anxiety. This anxiety coupled with negative athletic performance (like a loss or not achieving a personal best) can lead to eating disorders.

I've experienced this conflict through some of my teammates. The desire to be thin but still be a successful athlete are two opposing forces.

This isn't to say that female athletes aren't thin, but when competing at the Division 1 level you have to eat.

I've watched teammates skip meals, or say things like, "I don't deserve food." I've watched them skip reps in the weight room for fear of, "becoming too big." I've seen them pass out due to lack of food coupled with the hours

of exercise they had done that day. I listened to them fret about their suit sizes and compare their bodies to the 'perfect' bodies of Olympians.

It only gets worse if you're in an "aesthetic sport."

Female student-athletes in aesthetic sports like dance, gymnastics, cheerleading, swimming and figure skating, have a higher percentage of eating disorders than those in non-aesthetic sports. A study done by Sundgot-Borgen and Torstveit found that female athletes competing in aesthetic sports showed higher rates of eating disorder symptoms (42 percent) than are observed in endurance sports (24 percent), technical sports (17 percent) or ball game sports (16 percent)."

During my time at TCU, some female athletes and I met in a seminar to address this issue of body image.

At the beginning, we were told to list the things that society physically considers beautiful. And our list was as hilarious as it was contradictory.

You had to be thin but



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It has been a long road balancing life as a student and as an athlete.

still thick, take care of yourself but not try too hard, and be athletic but not bulky.

This is the kind of conflict that goes on with female student athletes.

Not even the great Serena Williams has escaped scrutiny surrounding her appearance. Never mind her 23 Singles Grand Slam titles or her Olympic gold medal.

New York Times' Ben Rothenberg has been quoted saying "Williams... has large biceps and a mold-breaking muscular frame."

In 2009 Jason Whitlock said Williams was "arguably pushing

175 pounds" and somehow continued to say, "She'd rather eat, and half-ass her way through non-major tournaments."

Similar things have been said about other female athletes, particularly in sports like women's basketball and powerlifting.

Personally, I can say there were times I had to look at my reflection and remind myself that I was an athlete, I had a job to do and food was fuel.

And it might come as a shock to some of those who know me but there were times that looking in the mirror was a struggle.

It can be tough being in a sport that has such

a revealing uniform. Those swimsuits don't hide much, and it's easy to look at the girl next to you or on the team you're competing against and compare yourself.

So why do female student-athletes continue to starve themselves or sit out on reps? Because there's this idea that it's okay to sacrifice some athletic potential because at least you'll look good doing it.

There will continue to be this problem until we, as a society, can focus on the deeds of the female athlete instead of how she fits into her uniform.



Hunter Lane Holmes

CONGRATS,
HUNTER!

Hunter,
We are so very proud of you! We know that you will do great things in this world, and we can't wait to travel that journey with you.

We love you...nmw!
Dad, Mom and Caellen



Gabriella A. D'Amra

CONGRATS,
GABRIELLA!

Gabriella,

Words cannot express how proud we are of you! Your hard work the last four years at TCU have paved the way for your future! Good luck in law school! We love you very much!

Love,
Mommy, Daddy, Anthony, and Dominic

TRACK & FIELD

Horned Frogs takes home four gold in Austin

By **MAYA BULGER**
STAFF WRITER

The Horned Frogs recorded four first-place finishes this weekend at the Longhorn Invitational.

Running Events

Sophomore Brenley Goertzen recorded her third 1500-kilometer race win of the season, behind a time of 4:30 and junior Anna Cozart placed third with a time of 4:44.94.

Junior Jalen Miller, sophomore Darrion Flowers and senior Raymond Bozmann swept the men's 100-meter dash. Miller placed first with a time of 10.25, Flowers placed second clocking in at 10.26 and Bozmann placed third with a time of 10.43.

Junior Tiffany Terry



PHOTO COURTESY OF GOFROGS.COM

Sophomore Darrion Flowers placed second clocking in at 10.26.

took home her second gold of the season in the women's 800-meter race with a time of 2:12.59.

In the women's 3,000 kilometer-race, sophomore Nicole Hicks placed second with a time of 10:08.28, sophomore Kirsten Johnston placed

third with a time of 10:19.59, freshman Lindsay Tomaini placed fifth clocking in at 10:34.19 and sophomore Molly Hamel placed seventh behind a time of 10:41.35.

Freshman Derrick Mokaleng placed second

in the men's 400-meter race with a time of 46.42, junior Kevin McClanahan placed sixth with a time of 47.25 and freshman Jostyn Andrews followed behind in seventh with a time of 47.90.

Junior Sabrina Moore recorded the top collegiate time in the women's 100-meter dash with a time of 11.41 and junior Briona Oliver placed eighth with a time of 11.65.

Senior Judy Emeodi placed seventh in the women's 100-meter dash with a time of 11.64 and placed fifth in the women's 200-meter dash with a time of 23.70.

Sophomore Kayla Heard followed behind in third with a time of 24.09.

Sophomore Lexi Aitken placed fifth in

the women's 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:00.13 and eighth in the women's 100-meter hurdles behind a time of 13.42.

Field Events

In the hammer throw, sophomore Fellan McGuigan placed third recording a mark of 208 feet 9 inches (63.63 meters) and sophomore Justin Sanchez placed eighth with a distance of 187 feet 2 inches (57.06 meters). For the women, junior Paola Miranda placed seventh behind a mark of 189 feet 10 inches (57.86 meters).

Freshman Isaiah Rogers placed fourth in the men's shot put behind a throw of 58 feet 3.25 inches (17.76 meters).

Freshman Ryan Camp

placed sixth in the men's discus with a mark of 168 feet 6 inches (51.36 meters).

For the jumps, senior Ryan Finnie placed fourth in the men's triple jump recording a distance of 46 feet 5.5 inches (14.16 meters) and Oliver jumped to a mark of 19 feet 4.75 inches (5.91 meters) placing eighth in the women's long jump.

Overall, the women's team finished in third place with 88 points and the men's team placed fourth with 67 points.

Next Up

The Frogs are set to compete at the Big 12 Outdoor Track & Field Championships on May 12-14.

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CONGRATS,
GABRIELLA!

God Bless You,
Gabriella, and lots of
good luck in the future.
We are so proud of you.

We love you very, very much,
Mom-Mom & Pop

Gabriella A. D'Ambra

FEATURE

Black House supports local artists, musicians

By COLLEEN MORTELL
STAFF WRITER

A home located outside of downtown Fort Worth is hard to miss, as its exterior is painted completely black.

Noel and Sara Viramontes use their unique home as a way to support Fort Worth artists, filmmakers and musicians.

The family calls their home the Black House. On most weekends, they host events to showcase local, creative work, attracting nearly 300 people.

“We’ve always wanted to create a cool platform for people that can’t get into bigger galleries, but are still super talented,” Noel said.

The family said



PHOTO BY COLLEEN MORTELL

The Black House holds events for local artists every weekend.

they hope to continue expanding the Black House in order to accommodate 500 to 1,000 guests.

The Viramontes’ said they have seen similar venues in Los Angeles, New Orleans and Nashville, but wanted to

bring the concept to Fort Worth.

“There’s not a place like that in Fort Worth, so we’ve always wanted to bring that back to our city,” Noel said. “Even more, we wanted to make it like a Fort Worth – like a Fort Worth flavor.”

Sara said the Black House represents a warm and comfortable event venue for local artists.

Gabriel Moore, a photographer from Fort Worth, displayed his work for the first time at the Black House.

“I came here and it was

inviting. It was different. It was really edgy,” he said. “For someone like me, that’s never been out to see a lot of photography, other than my own, it was something that I really appreciated.”

Meredith Noles, a fashion designer, agreed with Moore.

“I have not been in a house, in a space that quite has this level of warmth and community support – especially with arts and creative talent,” she said.

Sara said the Black House’s goal is for it to feel like home to those who participate in events.

“We’ve learned to be able to host so everyone feels like it’s a welcoming place and they haven’t walked into a stranger’s house, because I guess

technically it is,” she said. “But we want to provide a sense of comfort and welcoming for our guests.”

Noel was comfortable buying the house in this neighborhood because he was raised nearby. The family lives in the house with their three children and two dogs.

The house was built in 1915 and the Viramontes’ purchased it in 2011. They spent five years renovating the house.

The Black House is booked every weekend until June and is also holding a play this summer.

The Black House is located at 1105 E. Peach St., and Admission into the house varies between \$10 and \$15.

CONGRATULATIONS,
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Gabriella A. D'Amra

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FEATURE

Cancer doesn't stop Brite worker from running

By **MADISON GOFORTH**
STAFF WRITER

One year.

That's how long doctors predicted Suzanne Stone, 62, had to live after being diagnosed with glioblastoma, an aggressive brain tumor.

But that diagnosis was made three years ago.

Her resilience isn't surprising to those who know her well. Her upbeat personality and refusal to accept defeat have characterized how she has dealt with her condition, said her family, friends and co-workers.

"Suzanne is surviving and thriving," said Dr. Joretta Marshall, executive vice president and dean of the Brite Divinity School.

"She is living fully. She doesn't let the limitations become the end of the story," said Marshall.

Stone's story includes a love of running. She was running when her first symptoms appeared three years ago. It was during February's Cowtown Marathon when her refusal to collapse with fatigue prompted medical students to help her cross the finish line.

"My faith, my friends and my family have kept me alive," Stone said.

'Something was wrong'
Stone had been a regular at TCU's Recreation Center since 2001 when she was hired as assistant to the dean at Brite Divinity School.

Her routine was simple. A 6:30 run, a shower and onto work.

On Nov. 20, 2014 that changed.

"I was running on the track about 6:40 am, and I could tell something was wrong," she said. "I felt like I wasn't breathing and couldn't run straight -- I knew that something wasn't right."

Doctors found a brain tumor that had caused a seizure.

"We didn't know at the time, whether or not it would be malignant, but I knew they had suspected it," she said.

"December 2, 2014 is when they discovered I had glioblastoma."

This highly aggressive grade four cancer has a median survival rate of about 14.6 months; the two-year survival rate is 30 percent, according to the American Brain

Tumor Association.

Glioblastomas are tumors that arise from astrocytes, the supportive tissues of the brain, according to ABTA. These tumors are usually highly cancerous because the cells reproduce quickly and they are supported by a large network of blood vessels.

Day of the race

Stone took off from running long distance for a short time, but decided to accomplish a life-long dream this February.

"I have done a few 5ks in the past years, but this time I decided to go crazy and do the Cowtown Challenge -- a 5K on Saturday and a half marathon on Sunday."

About 11 miles in, Stone began to become weak.

"My body wasn't up to it. I was quite tired," Stone said.

Stone began to lean to her side and on site staff had to check her health.

She crossed the finish line after five hours and five minutes with the help of two UNT Health Science Center physical therapy students.

"I promised my

husband to only do a short race next year, but I may change my mind," Stone said.

Dealing with the diagnosis

Lee Ann Ellington, Stone's closest college friend, said Stone gives 100 percent to every task in front of her.

"We met as freshmen in the NTSU marching band (now University of North Texas)," she said. "Along with another freshman, we were known as the 'craziness afoot' trio."

"Suzanne is helpful, giving towards all, academically gifted, friendly and always has a smile on her face," she said.

Stone decided after her diagnosis to continue living a happy and joyful life.

"Suzanne is surviving and thriving," said Dr. Joretta Marshall, executive vice president and dean of the Brite Divinity School.

"She is living fully. She doesn't let the limitations become the end of the story," said Marshall.

Linda Dabney, administrative assistant in the Brite Divinity School,



PHOTO COURTESY OF SUZANNE STONE

Stone runs in the Cowtown Half Marathon in February 2017.

admires Suzanne's work ethic.

"She always continues to find the time and the strength to help others," Dabney said. "Perhaps that is the secret of her strength -- she puts others before herself."

Stone said she will continue to live with cancer and hopes to stick around to see a new treatment for glioblastoma -- until then, she will continue to enjoy the little things in life.

"I get to go plant seeds in my vegetable garden this weekend," Stone said. "Tilling and weeding

is now my husband's thing, and planting is my thing. It feels good to add something back in my life that I haven't been able to keep up with."

She continues to host Thanksgiving dinner at her house every other year. "The biggest disappointment is I can't peel my own potatoes for dinner."

However, she will continue to make her homemade pumpkin pie.

Kenny Bierschenk, Stone's younger brother, said Suzanne was his closest childhood companion.

"We often had interest that exactly matched each other," he said. "we were definitely nerdy bookworms, two peas in a pod!"

Bierschenk said his family is facing this challenge just like every challenge they have always faced.

"We try to let our faith in God and in each other give us comfort," he said. "We turn our difficulties over to God, and try to spend all the time we can together, celebrating the life and many blessings we've all received and continue to enjoy."

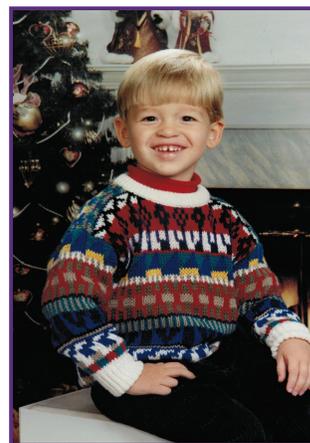


Sierra Rose Miers

CONGRATS, SIERRA!

Congratulations Sierra Goose!! From our baby girl to graduate, it has been a joy to see you develop into the intelligent, vibrant, confident young woman you are. We are so proud of you and are very excited to see what comes next!

We love you,
Dad, Mom, Dayton



Kevin Kiczuk

CONGRATS, KEVIN!

Congratulations Kevin! We are so proud of the person you have become, and all your accomplishments. Stay committed to your dreams and ambitions. Continue to be passionate in all you do. Success and happiness will follow.

With love and pride today and always.
Mom, Dad, Mark, and Rachel

FEATURE

Fighting for his family one round at a time

By **KAYLEY RYAN**
STAFF WRITER

As a kid, Xavier "X" Rodriguez just couldn't sit still.

"He was very fussy when we would take him to the restaurants," said his father, Adrian. "He was underneath the table, bumping the table."

His mother, Lisa, said she knew how to put his energy to good use. She said she put him in every sport she could, from football to basketball to baseball. But something else caught his eye: boxing. Rodriguez said he grew up watching it on TV with his parents, two brothers and extended family.

"Everybody knows every boxer's name, record, whatever," he said. "We're that much into boxing."

Rodriguez said he began boxing at age 11, the first year his mother would let him.

"He repeatedly asked me, 'Can I do boxing?'" Lisa said. "'I want to do boxing.' And I kept putting him off because I was like, 'No you're too little, no you're still too little.'"

Rodriguez didn't win his first fight, but that didn't stop him, he said.

"Actually I was not disappointed," he said. "I was like, it's fun. I want to fight again."

Then, in his first year, Rodriguez won the Ringside World Championship in his division, he said.

"I was crying holding that first belt," he said.

Rodriguez, 18, fought in another world championship yesterday May 1—the National Golden Gloves in Lafayette, Louisiana.

His parents say they couldn't be more proud of how hard he's worked to get there.

"To see that kind of dedication in your son of all people, it's pride and it's just everything that mom, a parent, parents, want to see in their kids," Lisa said.

His coach, Tony Cabello, was also beaming with pride when Rodriguez came in to train last month.

"I talk to him like if he's my kid you know because I want him to understand that I want him to win more than he probably

wants it sometimes," said Cabello, owner of Reyes Boxing.

For Rodriguez, boxing isn't just about winning trophies. It's a way to support the family who's supported him, he said.

Rodriguez held up a dollar bill with the inscription, "I will cash \$1 million check at or before age 24." It's a promise to himself and his family, he said.

"I told my dad that I was gonna change everybody's lives," Rodriguez said. "I was gonna change my dad's life, he wasn't gonna have to work no more. My mom wasn't gonna have to work anymore....Because I was gonna be that successful in the sport of boxing."

Rodriguez plans to leave the amateur boxing world and turn professional, he said.

The toddler who couldn't sit still is now an 18-year-old boxer with professional ambitions.

"It's pretty crazy when an 11-year-old tells you what he wants to do for the rest of his life," his mom said.



PHOTO BY KAYLEY RYAN
The Rodriguez family outside Reyes Boxing gym: (from left, Isaias, Xavier, Adrian and Lisa Rodriguez. (Not pictured) Adrian Jr.



PHOTO BY KAYLEY RYAN
One of Rodriguez's many trophies.



Kaitlyn Cosenza

CONGRATS, KAITLYN!

Congratulations Kaitlyn Cosenza! You are capable, confident, beautiful, sassy and have a great sense of yourself! Your future is bright, you are well prepared and ready to soar! You have made life long memories at TCU...GO Frogs!

We love you,
Mom, Dad and Kendall



Christopher Hearl

CONGRATS, CHRISTOPHER!

Congratulations Chris,

We are so proud of you and know you will accomplish great things. TCU has prepared you well for the opportunities that lie ahead.

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you imagined!!!

We love you,
Mom, Dad and Jonathan

FEATURE

Two brothers write for a greater cause

By **MADISON GOFORTH**
STAFF WRITER

College is the time of your life – but for two brothers it's a time to share their life.

Mitchell and Spencer Traver have grown up in a Christian home and are students at TCU with hopes to share their faith with others, which they do through a blog.

"Our testimony is that grace is the same for everyone and we all need it," Spencer said. "Just because we were raised in a Christian home doesn't make us better than anyone on the left or right



PHOTO COURTESY OF SPENCER TRAYER

(Left to right) Spencer and Mitchell Traver are TCU alumni.

of us."

The Traver brothers didn't originally start their blog together.

"Spencer started in high school after a mission

trip to Africa because he had a gift for writing early," Mitchell said. "He even has a book that was published in February 2016 called "21 Promises."

Originally, Mitchell said he never planned on writing. He spent the majority of his time in college playing baseball for TCU. However, during

his freshman season, he was injured and had to undergo Tommy John surgery, a common surgery for baseball players.

"I began writing because I needed an outlet," he said. "I think God helped me get through some of my struggles."

Soon after Mitchell began blogging, he wanted to start sharing it with others. The brothers decided to combine their blogs because they had a common goal.

"We think similarly, we are close, we both follow the Lord and it just

clicked," Spencer said. "It was more efficient to come together and use the gift God has given us as being brothers and our rootedness in Christ that God can use as a platform."

The brothers are both graduating this May and plan to continue the website.

"We are experimenting with some new ideas for it, but are planning to keep sharing our faith and using the website as our platform for now," Spencer said.

CONGRATULATIONS, **FALLON!**

We are so proud of you and excited for your future!! You have done an excellent job, our lovebug!

Love,
Mom & Dad



Fallon Schneider

CONGRATULATIONS, **COLTON!**

Yee-Haw! Colton You did it! SWOOSH! (Nothing but Net!) So proud of you and all you are going to do...Now get busy!

Love,
Everybody!



Colton Purscell

CONGRATULATIONS, **MEGAN!**

You've done an awesome job at TCU... now go out there and conquer the world!

Love ya moo moo,
Moma, Papa,
Grandma, Jim



Megan Hawthorne

CONGRATS, **RANI!**

CONGRATS RANI !

Behind you,
all your memories.
Before you,
all your dreams.
Around you,
all who love you.
Within you,
all you need.

Congrats on your graduation. Your accomplishments will take you far. Never stop dreaming.

We love you,
Mom, Pop & Reagan



Rani Parkinson

CONGRATS, **SHANE!**

We are so proud of what you have accomplished and know that this is simply the beginning of an exciting journey for you!

Love and best wishes,
Mom and Dad



Shane Murray

COMMUNITY

FWPD officer's retired search and rescue dog nominated for Hero Dog Award

By HANNAH SUMERS
STAFF WRITER

A retired search and rescue dog has been nominated for a heroism award.

The 12-year-old dog became the first FWPD dog to be nominated for the American Humane Hero Dog Award for his efforts in saving a missing man.

In 2016, Officer Cole Brock's trusted companion Luca came out of retirement when police forces were called to investigate the whereabouts of a missing elderly man with Alzheimer's.

Brock brought in Luca because of his search and rescue training. Luca took the police near the Trinity River where the man was stuck waist-deep in mud. The FWPD was able to safely rescue the man.

Luca's success helped him clinch the nomination. This award commends the bond between owners and their dogs who commit heroic acts within the community.

According to FWPD communications specialist Tom Sullivan, Luca is the only dog in FWPD history to have been honored with this nomination.

Despite Luca capturing

the nomination, he now finds himself living at home with Brock and fighting a degenerative disease.

Luca has been diagnosed with Degenerative Myelopathy (DM), a progressive disease of the spinal cord within older dogs that causes loss of coordination in the hind limbs and control of bowels. It eventually renders dogs paraplegic.

Although there are no treatments for DM, Luca can still go on walks, ride around in the Jeep and live out his days as a dog who is young at heart, said Brock.



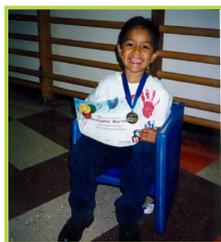
Officer Brock and Luca riding around in the car.

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CONGRATULATIONS, CHRIS!

Nos sentimos muy orgullosos de ti. Lo lograste. Cuenta con nosotros para lo que decidas hacer de aqui en adelante.

Te queremos mucho,
MOM & DAD,
Steven, Edwin



Chris Martinez

CONGRATULATIONS, MICHAEL!

First day of school to the last day of school! We're very proud!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Joe, Stephen



Michael Kaufman

CONGRATULATIONS, COURTNEY!

We always knew you were a Fashionista! We are so proud of you and we know you will kill it in NYC! Graduating with Honors, Go Frogs!

We Love You!
Mom and Dad



Courtney Liane Scheffler



Taylor Hayes

CONGRATS, TAYLOR!

Congratulations Pumpkin! I am so proud of you and know that Mom is too! You have worked so hard and gone through so much the last 4 years. Can't wait to see what you do next.

Love,
Dad



Andrew Bogard

CONGRATS, ANDREW!

It is hard to believe how fast your time at TCU went by! We are so very proud of you & the amazing young man you've become. We all love you so much and are looking forward to this exciting new chapter in your life!

Love,
Mom & Dad

COMMUNITY

Melt Ice Creams celebrates its third birthday

By **LAURA BELPEDIO**
STAFF WRITER

If you've ever seen the bright yellow walls or the black and white striped storefront, then you've seen Melt Ice Creams. Located on Magnolia Avenue, the bright and

near impossible to miss ice cream shop celebrated its third birthday April 19. Owner and founder Kari Seher wanted to celebrate Melt's birthday in a big way. The day started out with its own ice cream birthday flavor, which was a yellow cake

crumbled into vanilla ice cream with swirls of cream cheese icing and sprinkles. There was also a wide variety of giveaways on social media including free ice cream, a Melt t-shirt, a Fort Worth Locals mug, a handmade Melt clutch and limited

edition shirts. The ice cream shop originally opened on Rosedale in 2014, but quickly outgrew the location and needed to expand. Seher found an opportunity to relocate to a bigger space along Magnolia Avenue and, in July 2016, moved Melt to its current location. The store tripled in size and gained a large patio area where kids are able to run around and play.

Melt has cemented itself as part of the Fort Worth community in its initiative to serve different local non-profit organizations each year. This year it's partnered up with The Net, donating five percent of all vanilla ice cream profits to the organization.

Seher has no concrete



PHOTO BY LAURA BELPEDIO

Melt Ice Creams celebrated its third birthday on April 19.

future plans for Melt but hopes to continue creating happy experiences for its customers.

"We are focused on building a really great foundation so we want to build better experiences for our customers, but we definitely see a future

in expansion," Seher said. "We want to reach as many people as we can and have the world experience our ice cream whenever and wherever possible, but we don't have concrete plans on moving or growing just yet."



We are proud to announce the graduation of our 2017 students!

These four active students have engaged in research involving Quantum Mechanics, Astrophysics, and Biophysics!

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CONGRATULATIONS,

ALI!

Ali,

We are so proud of you! You have worked hard and been rewarded with a great opportunity to pursue your dream career. Stay curious, reach for the stars, and make every day a great day.

Congratulations, with all our love,
Mom, Dad & Jack



Ali Wittenberg



CONGRATULATIONS,

KATY!



You've done it, congratulations! After all your hard work, you walk away with a great education, wonderful lifetime friends and an exciting future to come. We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. As the Lord continues to bless you down life's path, remember to always stay sweet, loving, kind and considerate. We Love You so very much, Go Froggies!

Love,
Mom & Pop

Katy Farrell

COMMUNITY

Shelter hosts Doggy Meet-and-Greet

By **SOPHIA DOUMANI**
STAFF WRITER

The Fort Worth Animal Care and Control Shelter held its first open adoption at the ZBonz Dog Park. Fifty dogs of all breeds played in the park alongside potential new owners.

“Usually we have events where the dogs are at an adoption location but they have to be in kennels,” said volunteer coordinator Melanie Hewitt. “This time, we could let them off the leash to play so people could really see their personalities and what they’d be like if they took them home.”

She said this kind of event is unusual because of how many people it takes to put it together. Each dog



PHOTO BY SOPHIA DOUMANI

Woman plays with shelter dogs at ZBonz Dog Park.

was accompanied by a volunteer to ensure no fights broke out with other dogs.

“I think we’re the first in Fort Worth to

do something like this,” Hewitt said. “There are some risks involved in bringing this many dogs out into the public and then just letting them

run free. You don’t want any incidents where somebody gets bit.”

Luckily, the event was incident-free, prompting Fort Worth Public Information Officer Diane Covey to consider doing it again.

“We’d love to go back to ZBonz Dog Park for more adoption events,” she said.

Thirteen dogs were adopted at the event. Each dog sold for \$10. At the shelter, dogs are available for \$49.

“We always wish for more but we’re thrilled 13 of them are in their forever homes,” Covey said.

While the Animal Care and Control is a kill-shelter, Hewitt says they do not euthanize healthy, adoptable dogs. When dogs are euthanized, it is

due to behavioral issues or medical care costs.

She said they euthanize “if the animal comes in wounded, maybe hit by a car or abused to the point where we can’t provide them the medical care they need to become adoptable at some point.”

The Fort Worth Animal Care and Control Shelter has a 91 percent live-release rate. Hewitt said there are hundreds of dogs in their care.

“We have maybe 500 to 600 dogs at any given time,” she said.

One dog had been at the shelter for two years and finally found a home with the Garmendias.

Dilka Garmendia and her family adopted the dog in the hopes of starting a new life. The Garmendias moved to Fort Worth from Puerto

Rico after doctors told them their newborn son was not going to live.

“We left everything,” said Garmendia through tears. “We came here with our clothes and a GoFundMe account.”

To the family, their new dog symbolizes hope, something they have not let go of. Garmendia said that her son is doing much better and is now expected to live.

For other families, Hewitt says anyone ready for the responsibility of a dog should come adopt.

“Adopting is a decision you will not regret,” she said. “Dogs are such rewarding companions and everything that they can give to you is worth the time and the effort to make them a member of your family.”



CONGRATULATIONS,
EMILY!

Congratulations Emmy, we couldn’t be more proud of you! You’ve worked so hard and accomplished so much. Whatever path you take, we know you will be very successful. Our wish for you is that you are equally as happy, and find the same sense of joy that you had when these pictures were taken. Daddy is very proud of his GHG!

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CRIME

Police: TCC student found dead near TCU knew killer

By **ELIZABETH CAMPBELL**
STAFF WRITER

A Fort Worth homicide detective said he believes Molly Matheson, who was found dead near campus last month, knew her killer and was sexually assaulted by him.

Police arrested Reginald Kimbro, 23, last week in connection with Matheson's death.

According to the affidavit for the case, surveillance video from a house on the same block as Matheson's showed Kimbro's car in the area that night. Police also found text messages from

Kimbro to Matheson on her phone.

During an interview with police, Kimbro said he and Matheson, 22, dated while she was a student at the University of Arkansas, according to the affidavit. The Registrar's Office at the University of Arkansas could find no record of Kimbro ever attending.

Detectives explained the case in the affidavit that was signed April 27 by Fort Worth Homicide Detective K.C. Sullivan. The details from the affidavit are as follows:

Around 4:30 p.m. on April 10, Matheson's

mother, Tracey Matheson, found her daughter "curled up in a ball" in the shower area of her apartment. Homicide detectives arrived on the scene around 5:45 p.m.

Her mother told police she had come over after Matheson's boss called to say she had not shown up to work. Matheson lived alone in an unattached apartment behind a house in the 2600 block of Waits Avenue, two blocks from TCU. According to the affidavit, there were no signs of forced entry into the apartment. The door was closed but not locked, according to police.

Matheson's left eye was swollen and there were spots on her face caused by bleeding, according to the affidavit. Due to her physical injuries and her lack of clothing, Sullivan said he believed, "she may have been sexually assaulted."

Underwear and linens from the bed were found in the washing machine in the apartment, according to the affidavit. Sullivan wrote that he believed that the items "may have contained evidence of sexual assault and were placed in the



(LEFT) PHOTO COURTESY OF NICK MATHESON
(RIGHT) PHOTO COURTESY OF FORT WORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT
Detectives say Molly Matheson (left) knew Reginald Kimbro (right).

washing machine by Molly's killer in order to destroy evidence."

Officers connected Kimbro to the case after unlocking Matheson's phone using her fingerprint, according to the affidavit.

The last "read" text message was from Kimbro and said "Lazy Ass. Im outside." It was sent April 9 around 10:30 p.m.

On April 10 around 3 a.m. Kimbro sent another text: "Hey. Thanks again for the advice. Its nice seeing how far you've come. Im proud of you brej. Hmu when you get up." That message was never marked as read on Molly's phone.

In the affidavit, Sullivan explained that he ran a search on Kimbro and found that he had been arrested for sexual assault by the South Padre Island Police Department in March 2014. Sullivan said South Padre police told him Kimbro took the woman to the bathroom where he choked and raped her. Kimbro's semen was found on the woman.

Kimbro said the sex was consensual, and the charges were later dismissed.

In 2012, Kimbro was a suspect in an aggravated sexual assault case in Plano. In the affidavit, Sullivan detailed the

account from police, which contained similar aspects to Matheson's case and the one in 2014. According to the affidavit, Sullivan "noticed the similarities in the cases."

Sullivan interviewed Kimbro April 14, according to the affidavit. During the interview Kimbro said he had previously dated Matheson while she was a student at the University of Arkansas. The two broke up, but stayed in touch. Kimbro said Matheson texted him April 9 asking if he wanted to hang out.

Upon arriving at Matheson's apartment, Kimbro said they kissed but didn't have sex and that he left around 1:30 a.m., April 10.

After leaving Matheson's apartment, Kimbro told police he began driving to Arkansas. But Sullivan said Kimbro, "became upset," and wanted to end the interview when asked, "specific questions," about the time frame, according to the report.

No charges had been filed as of Tuesday afternoon, according to a county clerk.

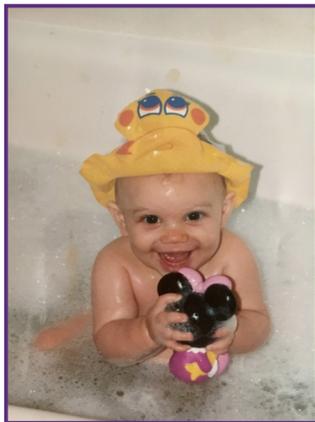
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We love you, Mom, Dad, Evan, and your Dunlavy, Walker, and Simmons Family!



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CONGRATS, REILLY!

CONGRATULATIONS REILLY! Four years flew by and here we are - celebrating you and your graduation! We're so very proud of you! Great things are in store for you sweet girl and we will be cheering you on every step of the way!

We love you! Mom, Dad and Remy



Emily Rhine

CONGRATS, EMILY!

My sweet, adorable, happy baby girl is now graduating from TCU and heading to SMU Dedman School of Law! You are so deserving of all you have achieved. You've worked hard and made great decisions along the way. And I know you will continue to do so. I'm so very proud of you and love you very much!

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FEATURE

Main Street Arts Festival proves selective, even for National Geographic Creative

By **SAM BRUTON**
STAFF WRITER

Only one of seven applying artists are accepted to the annual Main Street Arts Festival in Fort Worth. After nine years, Greg Davis, a contributor to National Geographic Creative, made the cut.

Davis began applying for the festival in 2006. He received his first acceptance letter last year.

For Davis, it was a feeling of excitement, relief and, “wow, I got it,” he said.

The application process allows artists to showcase their work through five images. Then, five art professionals review and score the artists. Davis was one of 213 accepted artists from more than a thousand applicants this year.

The “people’s choice award” also made its debut on Main Street last year. Festival-goers selected Davis through social media as their favorite artist.

“I won the people’s choice award the first year they’ve ever given it,” he said. “You have to stick to it and believe in your work.”

The award winner was invited to the 2017 festival to exhibit his photography alongside artists of many mediums: ceramics, jewelry, fiber, leather, painting, sculpture, glass and more.

Contributing to National Geographic Creative isn’t the only project on Davis’ photography resume.

In 2004, he left his office job and traveled for a year. In a small Vietnamese village, he

photographed the green and blue hands of a blanket weaver. It was this photo that helped Davis realize his passion.

“On that one year trip, I discovered that I had the eye to capture compelling and inspirational imagery that people want to collect,” he said.

In 2013, Davis traveled to India to photograph Kumbh Mela, the largest pilgrimage in India that occurs every 12 years. He captured Indian travelers making their journey to bathe in the Ganges and Jumna rivers.

Twenty-four images from that trip have been on exhibit in eight Texas museums alongside a short documentary film that Davis wrote, directed and executively produced.

These exhibits really drew the eye of the festival-goers.

“It’s an affluent crowd,” Davis said. “Because this festival has been going on for decades, they’re more educated about what really is art and what is collectible art. The caliber of work at the Main Street Arts Festival is very high-end. I do art festivals all over the country and this is one of the best, highest-end juried festivals.”

The festival is one of the main projects of the Downtown Fort Worth Initiatives Inc., a group organized to innovate the downtown area. 2017 marks the 32nd year for the festival with many sponsors in the Fort Worth area.

Davis will be returning to India with the hope of finding a man he photographed while there in 2013.



PHOTO BY SAM BRUTON

The Main Street Fort Worth Arts Festival featured a variety of local artists and musicians.



CONGRATULATIONS, JOSHUA!

Know what makes your graduation extra special? It’s having watched you grow up, so many great memories, and knowing all the challenges you’ve worked through to get to this day. Now you’re a confident young man about to receive your college diploma. It’s been my joy to watch you grow and achieve so much these past 4 years at TCU. Hope you know how proud I am and how much I love you!

Love,
Mom



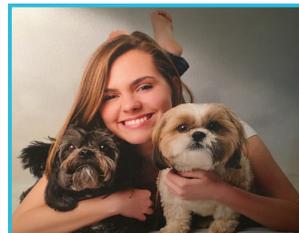
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CONGRATULATIONS, MADISON!

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A baby born today has a Sun in Taurus and a Moon in Leo if born before 5:47 a.m. (ET). Afterward, the Moon will be in Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 4, 2017:

This year life presents some challenges, especially when dealing with finances. You tend to be more carefree, whereas a partner or loved one seems to be more frugal. Try to see where others are coming from more often. If you are single, someone you meet could be emotionally unavailable. You cannot change this person, so just move on. If you are attached, try to avoid conflicts over money. You and your sweetie might want to consider getting separate bank accounts. **VIRGO** encourages you to think outside the box.

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)

★★★★ You are full of get-up-and-go. It might be difficult to stop you once you get going. You have a lot of ground to cover, and you will do it with efficiency. Try not to run over someone who is not as quick as you, or who isn't on the same track as you! Tonight: Know when to call it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Avoid a hassle by touching base with your inner voice. Do what you feel is right and not necessarily what is expected. A close loved one might express his or her disdain. Curb a tendency to go overboard, especially when reacting. Tonight: Add some romance to the mix.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might want to do something differently from those around you. You could be more grounded than others are aware. Allow greater give-and-take between you and someone else. You will learn a lot more about each other as a result. Tonight: Order your favorite food.

Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



Intelligent Life by David Reddick



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You are likely to speak your mind, but the reception you receive might not be what you had expected. Pull back and gain insight by exploring a recent conversation. Someone will want you to pick up the slack for now. Don't say "yes" too quickly. Tonight: Spread your wings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You might not know how hard you need to push to get your way. Recognize

your limits as well as others'. A friend could push to spend time with you, which is likely to cause a problem with a loved one. Say "no" if doing so would do more damage than good. Tonight: Out late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Go for more of what you want. You might have to jump over an obstacle or two in order to reach your goals. A boss or someone you look up to could be somewhat difficult to deal

with. Know how far you should push this person. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You understand a lot more than others realize. You realize that sometimes it serves you to back off and take a loss, or let someone else have his or her way. Keep an eye on the big picture; it might be a lot different from what you had anticipated. Tonight: Detach rather than react.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ One-on-one relating takes you down a new path of understanding. A financial matter might stand in your way and could prevent you from achieving the long-term connection you desire. Deal with this issue ASAP. Tonight: Avoid talking shop, for everyone's sake.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You could be coming off much more negatively than you realize. Your willingness to handle a difficult matter takes a radical turn, as the other party might not be gracious for your efforts. You'll opt to focus on one issue rather than many. Tonight: Do something different.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You might not be in the mood to move forward on a particular project. If you keep hitting roadblocks, you will want to consider proceeding in a different direction, at least for a little while. Let go of a hassle, and work with what seems a lot easier. Tonight: Make weekend plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Deal with others on a one-on-one level. If you notice that someone is being difficult or touchy, you might want to back off and gain a new perspective. Your desire to communicate is important, but others might be too feisty or preoccupied for their own good. Tonight: All smiles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You have the ability to get past problems with ease. How you deal with others and their reactions could be surprising. Recognize that people just might be in a bad mood, and accept that you can control only yourself. Know not to push your luck. Tonight: Homeward bound.



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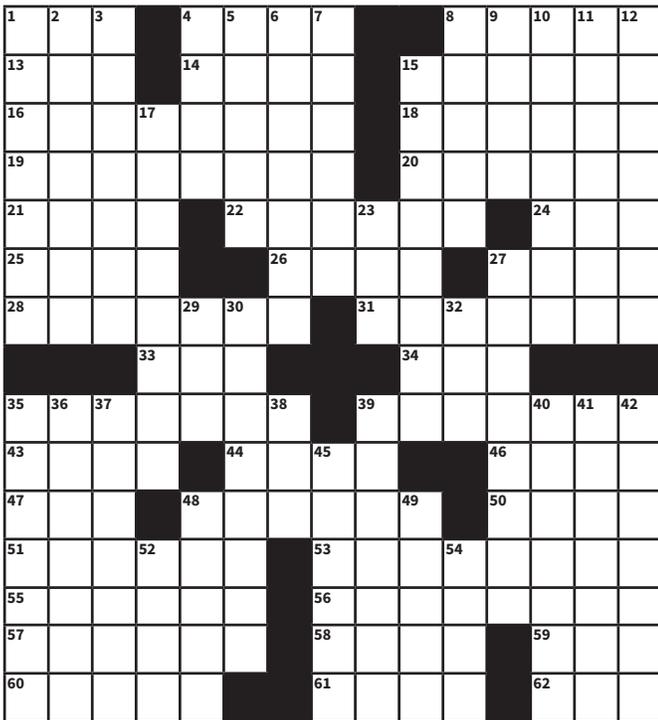
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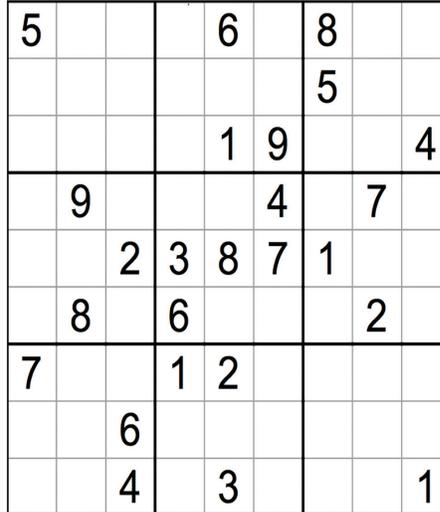
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- 8 Frances Moore ____, author of the best-selling "Diet for a Small Planet"
- 13 HUD secretary Carson
- 14 Milling byproduct
- 15 *Onetime White House nickname
- 16 High-pH
- 18 Support
- 19 *What may keep a model's weight down?
- 20 "Hear me out ..."
- 21 Somewhat
- 22 Caught
- 24 Music genre that spawned a fashion style
- 25 Rarest state bird
- 26 Walked (on)
- 27 Shamble, e.g.
- 28 "The Disrobing of Christ" painter, 1579

- 31 Most-nominated woman ever in the Grammys
- 33 What it takes decades to grow
- 34 Poetic "indeed"
- 35 Watches every penny
- 39 It comes at the end of a sentence
- 43 Not getting up until after 10?
- 44 Something that's long and steep?
- 46 Pop singer Halliwell
- 47 "Baby ___ Want You" (1971 hit by Bread)
- 48 Famed deli seen in Woody Allen's "Manhattan"
- 50 Visiting the nation's capital, for short
- 51 *Anthem writer
- 53 Brought in
- 55 It's usually in the 80s or 90s
- 56 Start of a kids' taunt
- 57 More substantial, as a paycheck
- 58 "___ homo"

DOWN

- 59 Traffic caution
- 60 Elevator stop
- 61 Florida pro team
- 62 About 5 mL
- 1 Capital of Swaziland
- 2 Put a new tag on
- 3 Vague notion
- 4 Start of a Beatles title
- 5 Adorns
- 6 Unexpectedly met
- 7 "It's just getting out of ___ and getting into another" (John Lennon on death)
- 8 Fatty acid, for one
- 9 German cries
- 10 Ever-changing
- 11 *Word after North or South
- 12 One may close a book
- 15 Rocky Mountain forager
- 17 Something that may be found in a belt

Sudoku



DIRECTIONS

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TCU Trivia

NFL: Josh Carraway got drafted to the New England Patriots.

True or False?

SOLUTION FROM 4/27

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FALSE! Carraway got drafted to the Tennessee Titans.

Congratulations to the STCO May 2017 graduates. We will miss you!

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Thanks for your hard work and the fun, both during and after class. Remember snow days, TCU Alerts, Gay Gaddis's visit, NSAC, ROXO, South Korean students' visit, cat t-shirts and PANCAKES!