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Proposed Title IX changes open for comment

By **MICHAEL ROGERS**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Less than 60 days remain for the public to respond to the U.S. Department of Education's new Title IX regulations.

In November, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos introduced the changes to the federal civil-rights law that prohibits gender discrimination in schools and other programs that receive federal funding.

DeVos said the changes would make the process more fair for students accused and their schools.

Changes include:

Eliminating schools' responsibility to respond to off-campus incidents

Requiring a higher burden of proof

Conducting mediations

Allowing cross-examination by Title IX advisers

Under the new provisions, schools would only be required to respond if an official report of an incident was made or if multiple complaints concerning the same person were made to an official with authority to respond.

If approved, this would be a change from the Obama-era regulations stating schools could be found in violation of Title IX for not responding to sexual misconduct allegations if they knew, or reasonably should have known, about them, according to NPR.

TCU Title IX Coordinator Darron Turner said his office



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Education Secretary Betsy DeVos testifies during a Senate Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2019 funding request and budget justification for the U.S. Department of Education on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, June 5, 2018.

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is "concerned with some of the proposed changes, but that they are working with the ICUT (Independent College University of Texas)" and other professional organizations.

The proposed rule change can be found in the Federal Register, and the public has until Jan. 28, 2019, to provide

feedback.

The U.S. Young Women's Christian Association has already voiced its dislike of the new policies and blamed DeVos for potentially "depriving students of the support, resources & care they deserve."

TCU student body president Abbey Widick met with TCU general

counsel Lee Tyner Friday to discuss the changes, and TCU is working on an official response to the issue.

Widick said she wants to find a way for the Student Government Association to be involved with Title IX policy going forward.

Responses can be made at regulations.gov.



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TITLE IX

Everything you need to know about Title IX

BY ALEXA HINES

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Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos has been in the news with her recent suggestions for changing Title IX policies. Here is what you need to know before reading her changes:

What is Title IX?

Title IX is a federal law passed and signed into law by President Richard Nixon in 1972 that states: “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal

financial assistance.”

Who does Title IX apply to?

Title IX applies to any educational institution that receives federal funding, both public and private. This means Title IX applies to almost all colleges and universities as they receive federal funding through the financial aid programs their students use.

Why is Title IX always brought up with athletics?

School athletics are considered to be an educational program or activity. Due to that consideration, Title IX affects participation, scholarship and benefits for female athletes.

Title IX requires schools and universities to offer an equal opportunity to play for women and men. This, however, does not require athletics to offer identical sports. All female and male athletes must receive athletic scholarships that are proportional to their participation and equal treatment of equipment, scheduling, travel and daily allowance and access to tutoring and other student-athlete programs and facilities.

What else does Title IX apply to?

Title IX applies to pretty much any form of discrimination, harassment or prohibited



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Title IX is a part of the Education Amendments Act of 1972.

conduct at an educational institution. Examples include course offerings, financial assistance, student services,

educational programs and sexual assault.

What resources are available at TCU?

TCU has a Title IX

office inside Student Affairs that works with TCU Police, TCU Campus Life and other offices on campus.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Effort to add DEI to the core moves to Faculty Senate

BY BENTON MCDONALD

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Faculty members will join the conversation about incorporating diversity, equity and inclusion into TCU's Core Curriculum.

The proposal would add a DEI overlay to the essential competency and writing emphasis requirement without adding any additional credit hours. There will be a variety of courses to satisfy the requirement based on a student's major.

The DEI subcommittee on curriculum will present its proposal to the faculty senate today at 3:30 p.m. in the

Student Government Chambers. The chambers are located on the third floor of the Brown-Lupton University Union.

Senior Hope Bentley is the Student Government Association director of diversity and inclusion and sits on the DEI sub committee for curriculum. She said that students have constantly brought up putting DEI in the core as a way to have needed discussion about the campus culture in a safe setting.

The measure was approved by the SGA with 82 percent support last week, but not without dissension. Some students questioned whether the classroom

was the best place for students to learn about DEI, while others argued that TCU does not have the faculty expertise to teach it.

"Right now we're saying let's just put something together and see how it goes," said Class of 2021 representative C.J. Ervin. "There's nothing wrong with that, but at the same time there are a lot of things being left out of that conversation that should be taken into account."

Ervin, who voted against the resolution, said the university needs to focus on hiring a more experienced and diverse faculty.

"There's a lot of



PHOTO BY GREER BAIANO

Students and faculty gather at the DEI forum to share experiences, thoughts, and ideas.

attention that should be focused in other areas that in turn could enhance the development of the DEI process," he said.

AddRan College of Liberal Arts representative Cage Sawyer echoed Ervin's concerns that SGA was supporting

a resolution without actually knowing how it would be implemented.

"It just set a bad precedent," said Sawyer. "Even though what she said was nice and pleasant, the bill didn't contain that stuff."

Sawyer voted for the resolution but

said he would rather students have immersive experiences with diversity outside of the classroom setting.

"I think everyone would benefit from an immersive experience, and that is the voice I was advocating for," he said.

Mikea Jackson, a first-year student who is a member of the TCU Justice Coalition, said that the course is necessary because it forces those who wouldn't otherwise learn about diversity and inclusion to do so.

Bentley said the goal is to have the course as a requirement in the core by the fall of 2020.

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Lillian Young

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-Neil Gaiman, Make Good Art

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Mom, Dad, Nan, Lucy & Snickers



MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Women make history in the 2018 midterms

BY MARIANA RIVAS

WEB EDITOR, TCU 360

Congress will get a new look on Jan. 3.

With more female candidates to choose from than ever before, Americans voted for a record-high number of women to serve in the 116th United States Congress.

Newly elected women also shattered diversity records.

Candidates Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib became the first Muslim women elected to Congress. Deb Holland and Sharice Davids became the first Native American women elected to Congress. And Maine,

South Dakota and Iowa elected their first female governors.

TCU political science professor Joanne Green attributed the increase of female candidates to a “perfect storm” of societal frustration.

A combination of the #MeTooMovement, gun violence and Donald Trump’s campaign motivated women to run, Green said.

The Trump campaign shifted women’s attitudes about what it meant to be president, said Anne Moses, founder of the political organization IGNITE.

“Historically one of the reasons women have not run is that they feel



AP PHOTO/J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., center, is joined by fellow Democrats, from left, Rep. Terri Sewell, D-Ala., Rep.-elect Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., Rep. John Sarbanes, D-Md., and Rep.-elect Veronica Escobar, D-Texas, at a news conference to discuss their priorities when they assume the majority in the 116th Congress in January, at the Capitol in Washington, Friday, Nov. 30, 2018.

under-qualified to run and simultaneously overvalue the qualifica-

tions for elective office,” Moses said. “Having a president that so clearly did not hold traditional qualifications lowered that bar.”

Another reason women didn’t run as much in the past was because of difficulty gaining financial support in campaigns.

“Women are socialized to be altruistic, not self-interested, so asking for money for themselves is harder than asking for money for like a philanthropy,” Green said.

Underrepresentation in government is clear in the representatives of 2018, according to the Center for American Women in Politics.

The majority of Americans wanted a change, according to a Pew Research Center study. Fifty-nine percent of Americans want to see more women in government and top corporate positions.

Democrats are beating Republicans to the punch, however.

They have a longer history of supporting and providing resources to female politicians, Green said. And “women are more liberal than their male counterparts on social issues,” regardless of other demographic factors that influence party distinctions.

That showed in the midterms this year, with fifty-nine percent of women voting for the Democratic candidate in Congressional elections.

Women are “vulnerable in many ways,” Green said. They are less likely to be paid well and more likely to be victims of a crime, she said.

“The Democratic Party is more supportive of egalitarian policies, which advance equal opportunities in employment, education” and reproductive rights, Green said.

Moses said she believes unequal female representation in different parties is problematic.

“If we want to get to political parity we need women on both sides of the aisle in equal numbers,” Moses said.

But there are still some barriers to achieve political parity.

Rebecca Montgomery, the head of advocacy at the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, is no stranger to navigating biases in the political sphere.

“Women must work harder to be included, to be invited to the table,” Montgomery said.

But she said she believes the midterms are just the beginning of progress.

“We should encourage one another to become more engaged in our political environment, educate ourselves on the issues, ask questions for understanding and clarity and have respectful political discourse,” Montgomery said.

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POLITICS

Tips for serving political opinions

BY GRACE AMISS
MANAGING EDITOR, TCU 360

College is a time for students to explore ideas and concepts, but talking about these newfound beliefs and opinions can be tricky, especially at a holiday dinner table.

Family conversation around news events, politics and religion can quickly erupt into an argument when opinions clash.

“Having conversations surrounding sensitive topics like politics or gun control can be challenging, especially if those conversations are with family members,” said Dr. Vaile Wright, director of research and special projects at American Psychological Association.

The problem is, however, that sensitive topics are often what are on people’s minds.

Senior news and media major Violet Herzfeld said she doesn’t like to remain silent if a topic is important to her.

“If I feel that my perspective is necessary or could be beneficial in a situation, I share it without holding back,” Herzfeld said. “When I draw the line on civility, it is because they either are implicitly or outrightly hateful toward any minority group, or their ‘opinions’ are all based on the memorized rhetoric of political commentators who intentionally say wild things to get their listeners hyped up. I have no respect for that.”

Herzfeld said she has had to sever ties in the past with people who had extremely radical and offensive perspectives.

“It is hard for me to look at people I once considered friends who

actively support bigoted, racist [or] sexist ideas, policies and leaders,” Herzfeld said. “I know some people who are amazing friends on the day-to-day, but

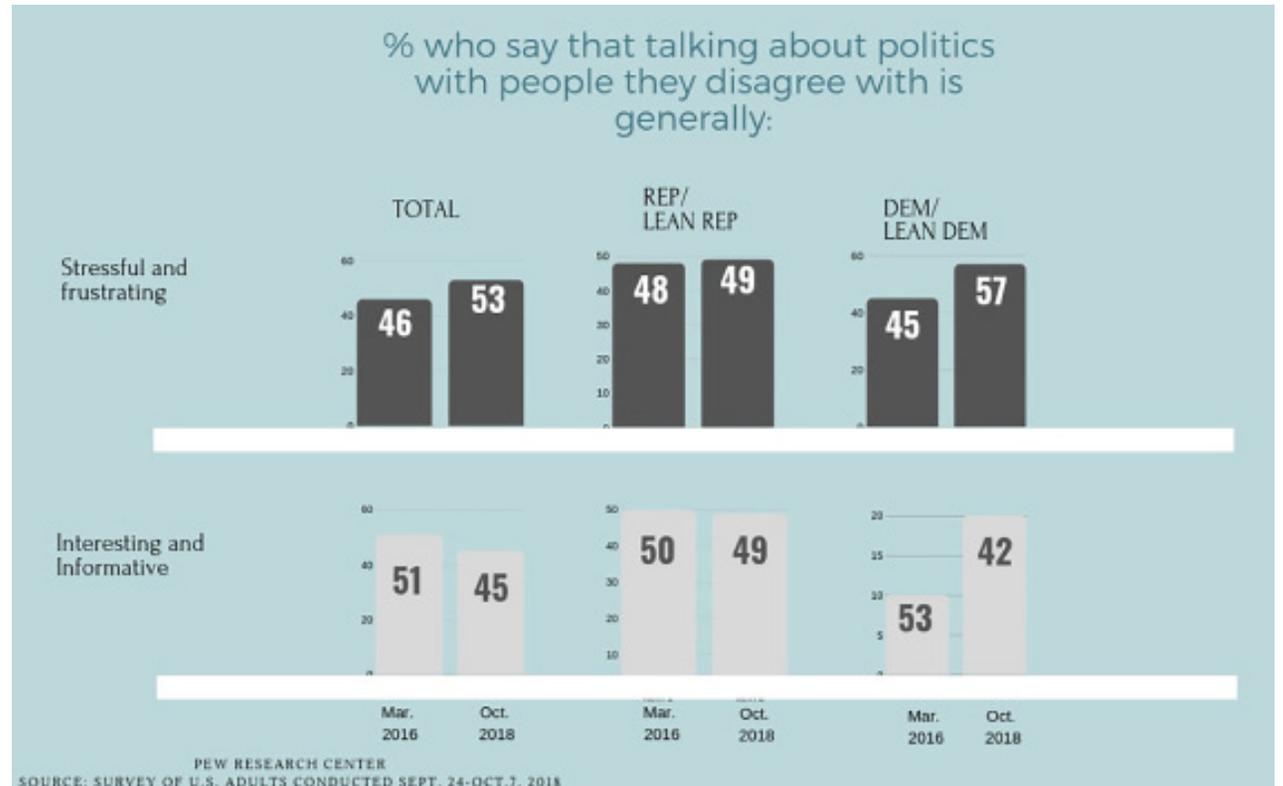
outwardly speak about things that are oppressive [or] misogynistic. Those are not people I want on my team at the end of the day, regardless of how they treat me personally.”

Senior strategic communication major Danielle Foreman said people should be able to voice opinions without backlash.

“People take politics to

heart without hearing the other side out,” Foreman said. “If you are not a part of the solution, you are a part of the problem.”

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All our love.

at the holiday dinner table

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Not speaking your voice allows those in power to do as they please.”

For Lauren Dooley, a senior political science major and officer with the College Republicans, it's not just about party--it's about respect.

“I used to refrain from sharing my political views if I knew they wouldn't be well received by someone who disagreed with me, but there's more power in being able to disagree respectfully than sit in silence,” said Dooley.

Wright said there are ways to disagree with someone's viewpoints or beliefs in a constructive way.

“Having conversations surrounding sensitive topics like politics or gun control can be challenging especially if those conversations are with family members,” Wright said. “When talking, find areas where you may agree on something. You may find that by doing so, the tension and stress will decrease in the conversation.”

When it comes to crossing the line between voicing an opinion and being offensive, Wright said there's lots of gray.

“Individuals have a right to voice their opinion and others may or may not find that opinion offensive,” Wright said. “Ask

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DR. VAILE WRIGHT

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROJECTS AT AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

yourself - if your opinion was published on the front page of a newspaper, would you be able to stand behind it. Be mindful of the words and tone you are using when voicing your opinion and avoid

any polarizing language and personal attacks that would likely offend another person.”

For Herzfeld, so long as respect is at the core of every conversation, she believes there is room to agree to disagree.

“To truly discuss politics in a healthy way, we must be open to learning from others,” Herzfeld said. “Even if we disagree, I respect others' opinions so long as they are not oppressive, and so long as they have

reasoning, logic and considerate thought behind them.”

Although many refer to these times as being extremely politically divided, voicing a political opinion is entirely up to each individual.

“Whatever one decides, it's important to be informed and know how you may be impacted by certain political decisions,” Wright said. “It is important to remember that everyone has a voice and that they should feel able to speak out if they chose to do so.”

If all else fails, Wright said it may be beneficial to suggest another activity to do as a group.



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GRADUATION

Students prepare to decorate graduation caps

BY MEGAN GUTER
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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.”

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. Others draw inspiration from their future.



Congratulations, ADAM!



Adam Nunez

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Congratulations, MICHAEL!

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Love

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Michael Biehl

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Graduation is the time for students to show their creativity.

GRADUATION

Association keeps up with grads

BY KENNEDY STADLER
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

After receiving their diplomas and moving their tassels from right to left, the graduating class of fall 2018 will become official TCU alumni and receive a whole new perspective on what it means to be a Horned Frog.

“Just because you’re leaving campus does not mean you’re leaving TCU,” said Jessica Cung, director of the TCU Alumni Association.

Once registered with the TCU Alumni Association, members are provided opportunities to stay connected to their alma mater and the 90,700 other Horned Frogs worldwide. The TCU Alumni Association



PHOTO COURTESY OF TCU INTERACTIVE MAP
The alumni center addition was completed earlier this fall.

helps in assisting with job opportunities, connecting alumni with fellow graduates and planning social events.

The TCU Alumni

Association recently launched Horned Frogs Connect, an exclusive media platform that allows alumni to expand their careers,

businesses and professional networks. Alumni can access Horned Frogs Connect via LinkedIn or Facebook. Horned Frogs Connect is not only used for professional purposes; it also allows alumni to stay in touch with classmates as well as mentor other TCU alumni.

There are events nationwide for TCU alumni that are put on by local, regional and international alumni clubs to help alumni stay connected to their Horned Frog community. There are 11 chapter cities as well as 17 club cities sponsored by the TCU Alumni Association in the U.S., as well as two international alumni groups in Panama and Japan.

The TCU Alumni Association helps put alumni in contact with local clubs so that they can attend events ranging from football watch parties to volunteer opportunities. Alumni are welcomed back to campus for Homecoming weekend for alumni tailgates along Frog Alley and Frog Fest.

Each year, alumni are invited to join the “traveling frogs” on one of the TCU Alumni Association’s sponsored tour program destinations. The 2019 locations offer alumni many choices, ranging from a tour of the national parks in Southwest United States to a cruise in the South Pacific.

Joining the TCU Alumni Association

allows TCU graduates to be a part of their half-century celebration as Horned Frogs. Alumni plan the 50-year reunion celebration during the weekend of spring commencement, giving alumni the opportunity to relive wonderful memories on the campus they once called home.

“Active involvement in the Alumni Association can keep you in touch with your old friends as well as pave the way for new ones,” said Cung.

Updating your mailing address and email address is the best way for alumni to actively stay connected to all things TCU.



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GRADUATION

New alumni share stories about the professional world

BY HALEY POLK
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Living accommodations and managing finances are hardships some TCU alumni endured after their transition from college life to adulthood.

Nicoletta Bradley, who graduated from TCU in 2015, said she did not realize how much of a time commitment it took to be in the working world.

“I miss the flexibility and little pockets of free time I had while attending TCU,” she said. “When you’re in the workforce, you suddenly can’t skip anything because you have

commitments.”

TCU alumna and former TCU cheerleader Taylor Freetage said the hardest part about becoming a “real adult” was the small, daunting things, such as keeping her house clean.

Bradley said being able to live with someone she knew after graduation helped her in her transition from college.

“There is a lot of unknown when becoming a real adult, so being able to come home to something that is familiar can really help you not feel so overwhelmed,” said Bradley.

Peyton Mabry graduated in 2018 and



PHOTO COURTESY OF INSTAGRAM (@CHRISTENMARIEE)
Former TCU Showgirl and TCU alum Christen Lockett.

is now working on managing her personal

brand. Despite the perks that come with living alone, she said having to shoulder all the responsibility can be a nuisance.

“Being adult involves thinking about long-term finances instead of just focusing on short-term spending like I did while attending TCU,” said Mabry. “I have had to have a much more disciplined approach to budgeting and savings since graduating.”

Budgeting can seem daunting, especially when handling the other tasks of being an adult.

TCU alumna Christen Lockett said her parents helped her budget her finances by writing a one-year plan based off her income.

She said this was useful during her transition into working for a brand marketing agency and managing her own public relations firm, Lockett-Up PR.

TCU alumna



PHOTO COURTESY OF INSTAGRAM (@TAYLOR_FREETAGE)
Former TCU cheerleader Taylor Freetage cheering on TCU Horned Frog Football.

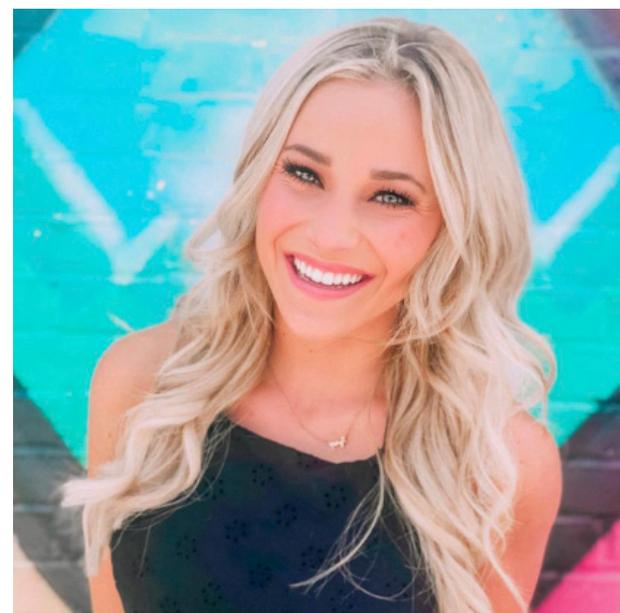


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2018 graduate Peyton Mabry.

Mackenzie Friedman said that she initially struggled not having days off like she did when she was enrolled in college.

“In college, there are so many small goals to work toward,” said Friedman. “I’ve had to learn how to create my own endpoints, set my own goals and celebrate the little things along the way to avoid getting stuck in a rut.”

Since graduating, Friedman said she has

really learned the value of a dollar. She was able to turn her love for cycling into a part-time job at ZYN22 to help supplement her main income as the Digital Content Manager for the Dallas Wings of the WNBA.

Despite their struggles in the real world, all of the graduates expressed gratitude for their time at TCU and for what they learned there.

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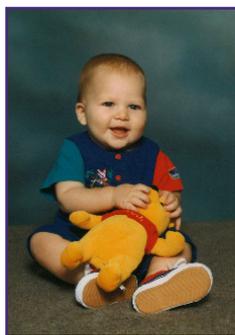


Lindsey Thompson

Best of luck to you in your next adventure. Keep smiling! We love you!!!

Mom, Dad and
Brandon

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Gary W. Williams III

You have made us so proud. We wish you huge successes and happiness for your future.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Dylan & Parker

GRADUATION

As graduation nears, seniors reflect on their time

BY JACQUELINE FLYNN
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

As the class of 2018 nears graduation, many are savoring the memories of their time at TCU.

From the fireworks at the Chancellor's Assembly as first-year students to the annual lighting of the Christmas tree and Saturdays at Amon G. Carter Stadium, good times at TCU abound.

Frog Camp with the John V. Roach Honors College in Paris is an indelible memory for Andy Mills, a political science major.

"It was an incredible opportunity to meet great people and explore a new place with them before my time at TCU had



Spring Graduation 2013

PHOTO COURTESY OF TCU 360 STAFF

really even begun," said Mills.

Finance major Kelsey

Graham, recalled a cold, rainy day during her sophomore year when all

of her friends opted to skip class and binge on movies.

"I don't know why, but it was one of those days that just stuck with me," said Graham. "Cherish the little moments with your friends and take every experience you possibly can because it will be over before you know it."

Emily Spaulding, a political science major, is a founding member of the TCU all-female cappella group, Here Comes Treble. She said starting the organization was the most influential experience of her four years on campus.

"It was such a great thing to be able to start when I got here and to have it grow as I have grown over the past four years," she said.

Spaulding said if she were to give advice to her

first-year self, she would tell her to believe in herself more.

"I would say to myself, 'Just do it! Don't worry too much and just embrace all of the fun things TCU has to offer,'" she said.

Talia Pancini, a finance major, said she would tell herself to take the time to get to know as many people as she could. She said that all of her favorite memories from the last four years are because of the people she's met at TCU.

"This time passes faster than you could ever imagine, so you want to make as many lasting relationships in this amazing place we call home for four years," Pancini said.



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BY MARISSA STACY

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Graduation is a time for reflection for many, and to do so, The Skiff looked back on old Skiffs and yearbooks to see what TCU's tradition used to be.

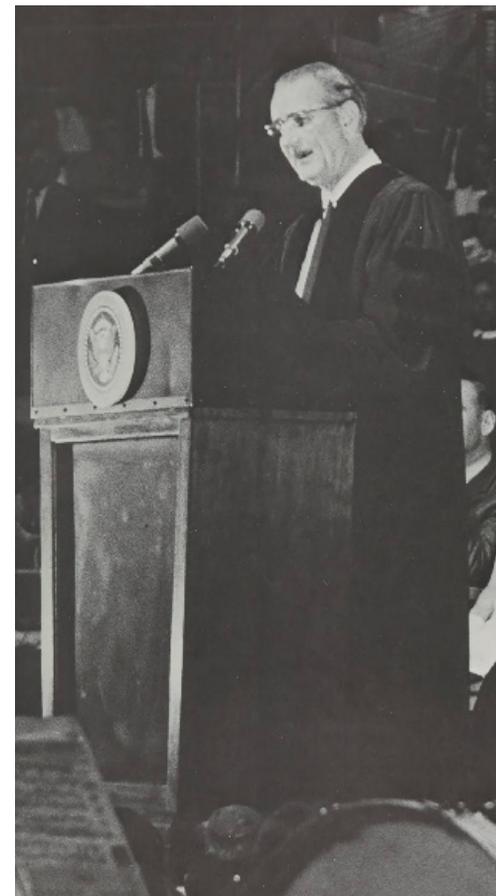
Four hundred sixty-four students graduated in 1958. The commencement ceremony was held in Ed Landreth Auditorium. The speaker was Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet of St. Louis, president of the Christian Board of Publications, and he spoke at the west campus lawn.

1968

President Lyndon B. Johnson was the featured speaker at the 1968 commencement ceremony. Since so many people wanted to attend, there was a reserved seating policy. Chancellor Moudy handed out the diplomas to the students graduating.

1988

There was an organ recital held in Robert Carr Chapel as a part of the 1988 commencement ceremony. The actual ceremony was held in the Daniel Meyer Coliseum.



President Lyndon B. Johnson addresses the class of 1968.

Congratulations,

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As one chapter closes and another opens, I know you have the ability to make all your dreams come true. Stay confident and focused for you already have the heart, mind and soul of a champion. You are my sunshine, you've got a friend, you and me against the world. Love you unconditionally to the moon and back.

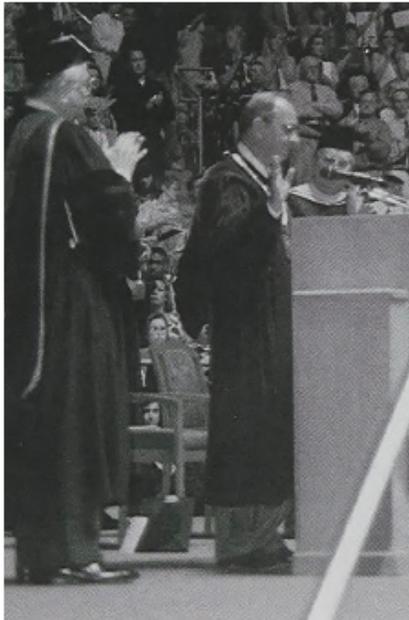
Momma/Madre

Joei Riette Velten

1998

In 1998 the commencement ceremony was held in the Daniel Meyer Coliseum. There was a Chancellor's Reception at the Dee J.

Kelly Alumni & Visitors Center, where the TCU Commencement Festival Band performed at the Chancellor's Concert. After the graduation activities, Chancellor William Tucker retired.



Chancellor William E. Tucker displays his usual modesty while accepting a round of applause from the audience at the spring commencement, his last as chancellor of TCU.

1999

The Senior Toast began in 1999 and was held with Chancellor Michael Ferarri. This celebration started to be a place for seniors to go and celebrate their graduation together.

2008

One thousand three hundred students graduated in 2008. Roger Williams, a 1972 graduate and the 105th Secretary of State in Texas, spoke to the graduating class this year. To graduate in 1972, the cost was \$55 for an undergraduate degree, \$65 for a master's degree and \$100 for a doctoral degree.

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This year's commencement will be held Dec. 15 at 9 a.m. It will be live-streamed for those who have family that can't make it. The Senior Toast with Chancellor Victor Boschini will be Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 5:30 p.m.

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Every Friday until Christmas, The Star in Frisco hosts a Christmas Spectacular Event which includes performances by the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders, the Dallas Cowboys Rhythm and Blue Dancers, a special appearance by Santa and more. Admission and parking are free.

SIX FLAGS HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

While in Arlington, feel free to swing by Six Flags Over Texas for its Holiday in the Park event. The amusement park transforms into a winter wonderland where visitors can enjoy rides, games and a meet and greet with Santa's reindeer. The tickets begin at \$50 for a day of Christmas adventures, and event lasts until Dec. 30.



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A previous Enchant Christmas display.

WORLD'S LARGEST LIGHT MAZE AND MARKET

The Texas Rangers may have finished their season, but that doesn't mean Globe Life Park will be vacant for the rest of the year. Enchant Christmas is taking residency in the Arlington stadium by hosting the World's Largest Light Maze and Market. The holiday treat will be operational until Dec. 30. The starting ticket price is \$20.



DALLAS ZOO VISITS REUNION TOWER

GeO-Deck the Halls at Reunion Tower in Dallas is hosting a joint event with the Dallas Zoo this holiday season. There will be an up-close and personal interaction with some of their mammals, birds and reptiles. Adult tickets are \$17. One of the nights is Friday, Dec. 14, the day before TCU's commencement ceremonies.



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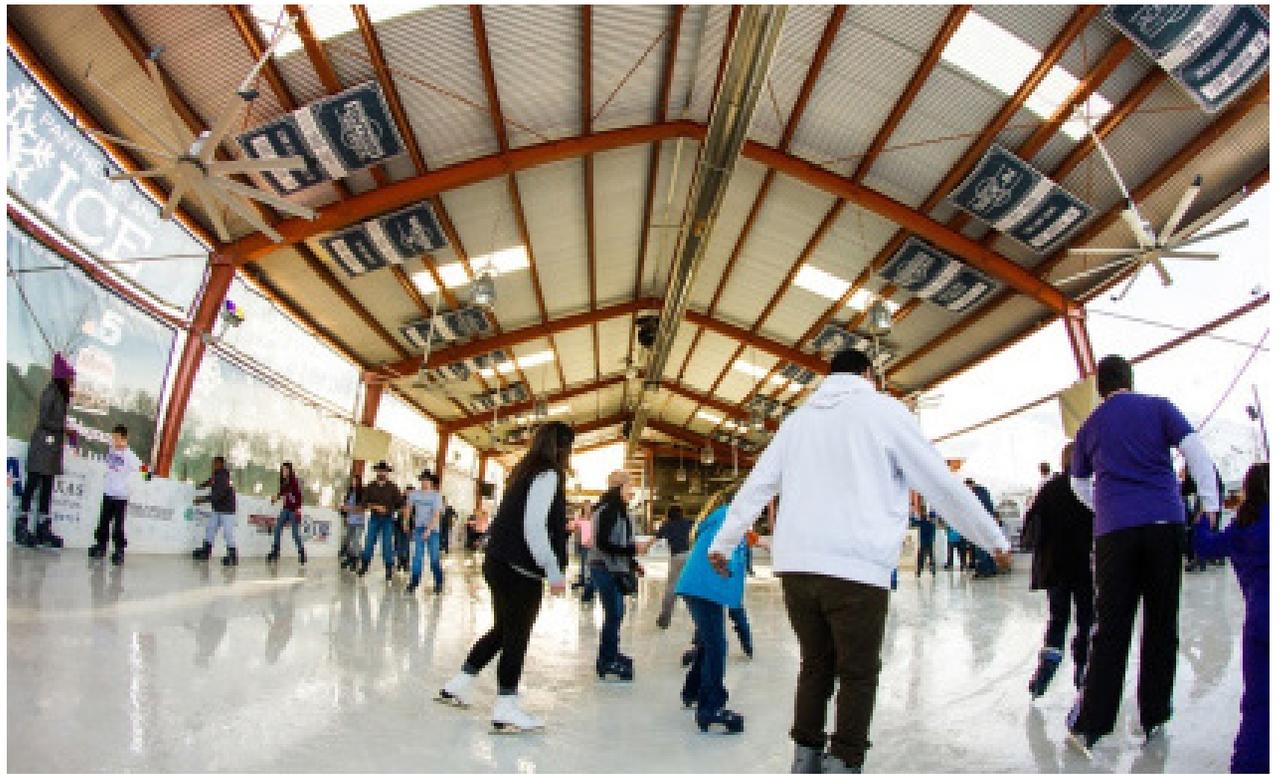
A yearly Christmas tradition in the Dallas/Fort Worth area is Gaylord's ICE! display located in Grapevine. ICE!, featuring Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, features over 2 million pounds of hand-carved ice sculptures. Guests are provided with a parka to wear during the exhibit. In addition to the ice sculpture maze, there are also ice slides and a life-sized gingerbread house. The general admission tickets are \$18, and the display concludes on New Year's Day.





“THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS”

The Dallas Arboretum has a “The 12 Days of Christmas” event every Wednesday through Sunday through the end of December. The exhibit involves 12 outdoor gazebos filled with costumed characters, music and animals. Each gazebo will host a part of the song “The 12 Days of Christmas.” The tickets begin at \$12 for members and \$20 for non-members.



PANTHER ISLAND ICE

Panther Island Ice is an outdoor skating rink northeast of downtown Fort Worth. For \$12, you can skate in Panther Island Ice’s seasonal rink and dine at the Coyote Canteen. More information can be found on their website.

CHRISTMAS AT THE WHITE HOUSE

The George W. Bush Library and Museum is hosting an event called Deck the Halls and Welcome All: Christmas at the White House. This event allows visitors a glimpse into the decorations that were displayed in the White House in 2006. The event runs into 2019, so there is plenty of time to see the decorations. The tickets are \$16 for adults.



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Every night of December, Epic Helicopters offers a Holiday Lights Tour of Fort Worth beginning at 6 p.m. The tours start and end at the Fort Worth Meacham International Airport. The cost of this holiday adventure is \$179 per person.

GRADUATION

Barbecue to burgers, restaurants abound in Fort Worth

By DEMI BUTLER
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Winter graduation brings hundreds of visitors to campus. This December, head to the Near Southside for dog-friendly brunch and award-winning Texas barbeque, or visit downtown for rooftop brunch or dinner in Sundance Square.

Fall commencement will be Saturday, Dec. 15 in the Ed and Rae Schollmaier Arena at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The morning graduation will celebrate students from AddRan College of Liberal Arts, the College of Fine Arts, the School of Interdisciplinary Studies and Neeley School of Business.

The afternoon graduation will feature students from Brite Divinity School, Bob Schieffer College of Communication, College



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Picture of one of the burgers served at Shaw's Patio.

of Education, College of Science and Engineering and Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Celebrate graduation in Fort Worth with these well-known restaurants deep in the heart of Texas.

Shaw's Patio Bar and Grill:

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Fall commencement will be Saturday, Dec. 15 in the Ed and Rae Schollmaier Arena at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Shaw's offers brunch specials until 2 p.m., including chicken and waffles, migas and portobello eggs benedict. Its regular menu, which is served all day, features burgers, salads, sandwiches and gourmet hot dogs. Visit Shaw's for modern, unique food in a family-friendly



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Picture of one of the a breakfast served at Ol' South Pancake House.

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Ol' South Pancake House:

Looking for a more traditional breakfast? Try German pancakes at the award-winning Ol' South Pancake House. Not sure when you'll be hungry? No worries, Old South is serving breakfast and dinner plates 24/7.

Established in 1962, Old South is quick with service but take into account that there is normally a 30-45 minute wait!

Reata:

If you're thinking of something quiet and elegant, Reata is the place to go, offering three stories of indoor and outdoor seating. The brunch menu includes stuffed French toast, salmon cake eggs benedict, fried quail and waffles and much more.

Their lunch and dinner menu offers traditional steakhouse items. Be sure to make reservations in advance!

Fuzzy's Taco Shop:

For a quick snack, be sure to stop at the original Fuzzy's Taco Shop; it's an essential part of the TCU campus. Whether you're craving salads, tacos, burrito bowls or salads, Fuzzy's oversized entrees are sure to satisfy your cravings. Always supporting the Horned Frogs, they have plenty of televisions to watch the latest sports game. They even have purple margaritas!

Del Frisco's Grille:

Feeling fancy? Try Del Frisco's Grille to have a front row seat to the hustle and bustle of Sundance Square. Del Frisco's offers a variety of foods including its gluten-free salmon

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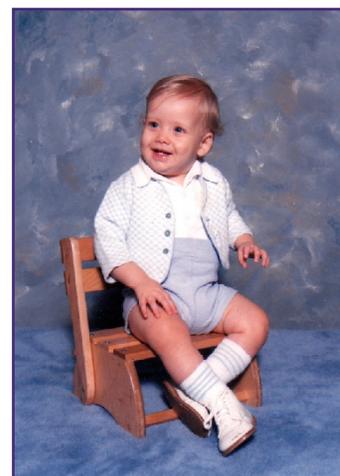
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Picture of one of the a meal served at Reata.



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Picture of one of the a meal served at Del Frisco's Grille.

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with roasted asparagus, grilled filet mignon or the wild mushroom flatbread with caramelized onions and arugula.

Heim Barbecue:

For those looking to try Texas barbecue, head over to the Near

Southside district to try the award-winning Heim Barbecue on Magnolia Avenue. With lines out the door, be sure to plan to wait for Texas smoked meat and ribs. Entrees include Niman Ranch pulled pork and ribs and jalapeno cheddar sausage. They even



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Picture of one of food served at Fuzzy's Taco Shop.



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GRADUATION

Top places to eat and rent out for friends and family

BY KRISTEN NOTO

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Graduation is filled with fun and exciting times for seniors, and it is also a time when friends and family come to Fort Worth to be a part of the festivities.

There are a number of restaurants and bars that offer great food, drinks and atmosphere. Many students have weighed in on what they feel are the best spots to take family and friends when they are in town. The top 10 places listed below are good ideas for showing visitors different parts of the city while enjoying great food and drinks.

The first on the list is Woodshed Smokehouse. Woodshed Smokehouse is the first place students take their guests to eat when they want authentic barbecue near the Trinity River.

It offers a wide range of meats, whether that be a burger, pulled pork, chicken, brisket or even tacos. Besides offering a variety of food, Woodshed's outdoor stage allows them to host many different artists to come play for the customers. Accounting major John Edmond said, "Besides the pastrami sandwich being the best thing about Woodshed, it would have to be their good music."

The second on the list is HG Sply Co. HG Sply Co, originally only located in Dallas, Texas, is relatively new to the area and has riverside views. They offer a health-conscious menu with items like ahi tuna poke, a quinoa burger and vegan queso.

The restaurant is vegan-friendly and prepares a number of dishes that are gluten free. It is located right on the Trinity River and its outdoor patio seating provides a setting for guests to eat, drink and enjoy the weather. It is also available to rent out for big parties.

The third spot students bring guests to is Press Café. Along with HG Supply & Co and Woodshed, Press Café has an outdoor patio. Press Café is located in the Shops at Clearfork. The newly developed area offers a number of big-name luxury stores along with a few other restaurants. Press Café offers American style food with many different wine and coffee options as well.

Rodeo Goat is the fourth place on the list and is located in the West 7th area. Rodeo Goat has a wide variety of burgers famous throughout the city. Criminal justice major Tanner Zang said not only does he love being able to take his dog to Rodeo Goat, but he says they have the best burgers in the city.

The fifth place to check out is Kona Grill. Kona Grill is known primarily for their sushi and Asian inspired dishes, but their menu also includes American food options like flatbread pizzas, sandwiches and burgers. They also have an outdoor patio on their second floor that can be rented out.

The sixth among students' favorites is Reata, which is located in downtown Fort Worth.



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Woodshed Smokehouse is one of the best Fort Worth eats.

Reata is commonly rented out for big events like weddings, parties and more. It offers a wide variety of Texas-inspired cuisine with an atmosphere to match.

The seventh on the list is Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House. The restaurant is a staple among Fort Worth locals. Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House also has private dining if students would like to host a party for graduation.

"My favorite thing about the restaurant is their décor," said senior Cecilia Pinales. "It is like walking into an upscale saloon that feels warm and comforting."

The next one is Rahr and Sons Brewing Company. When people from out of state hear the name, they most likely are unfamiliar with the local company. The Rahr and Sons Brewery is located in Fort Worth, Texas, and allows anybody to rent it out for a big party.

On Wednesday's and Saturday's from 1-3 p.m., they offer \$10

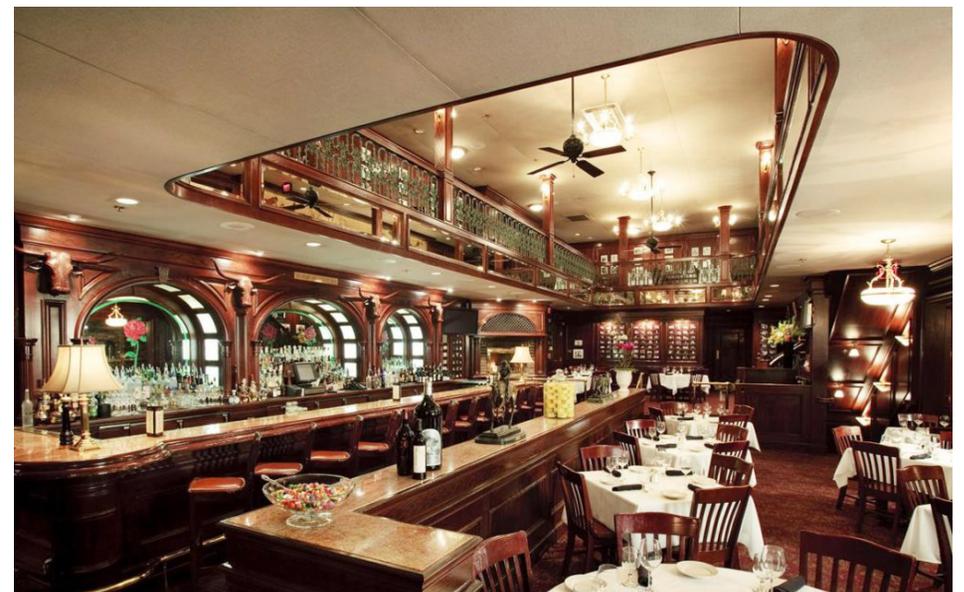


PHOTO COURTESY OF DEL FRISCO'S DOUBLE EAGLE STEAKHOUSE.

The sleek interior of Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse provides a high-class atmosphere to enjoy some of Fort Worth's best steak.

tours of the facilities that include customized pint glasses and three of their creative beers on tap. The brewery also has a large outdoor area surrounding a stage where people can listen to music.

Ninth on the list is Joe T. Garcia's. The restaurant is known throughout the area for its authentic Mexican cuisine. Although it may look small from the front, the restaurant expands back and has a

large number of tables and party rooms. Joe T. Garcia's is a classic place for students to take visitors.

The restaurant only takes cash and does not take reservations for smaller parties.

"Its lovely outdoor and indoor atmosphere is a fun place to relax and enjoy delicious Mexican food," said interior design major Katey Robinson. "Joe T. Garcia's is a guaranteed good time for your

family."

The final spot to take visitors is Brewed, which is located on West Magnolia Street. Brewed offers brunch and all day eats like eggs benedicts, a fried egg sandwich and twisted Texas toast.

Above are the top 10 spots students like to bring visitors; however, there are many more places to take family and friends while they are in town for graduation festivities.

SPORTS

Cheez-It Bowl gives seniors one more chance to play this season

BY BENTON MCDONALD
SPORTS EDITOR, TCU 360

A TCU team that fought through injuries and offensive woes all season will get the chance to finish their season with a winning record later this month in Phoenix.

The Horned Frogs were selected as the Big 12's representatives for the Cheez-It Bowl, where they will take on the California Golden Bears Dec. 26 at 8 p.m.

It will be the team's third postseason trip to Arizona under head coach Gary Patterson. They played in the 2010 Fiesta Bowl and 2012 Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl.

The Horned Frogs won their last two games to become bowl eligible.

It will be the final game for star defensive players Ben Banogu, L.J. Collier and Ty Summers, three players who epitomize Patterson's eye for talent.

The team and Patterson have been driven by a desire to keep winning and give their seniors one more game and one more chance to shine.

"The best thing about bowl games is you give your seniors an opportunity to play one more game," Patterson said.

They will face a Cal team that finished 7-5 this season, their best record since 2015.

"We're very humbled and excited about being able to come West," said Patterson. "We

understand what kind of opponent we're getting into."

The Golden Bears have become known for their defense under second-year head coach Justin Wilcox, who took control of the program in 2017.

They held the two best teams in the Pac-12, No. 9 Washington and No. 13 Washington State, to 10 and 19 points respectively.

"I understand how they've been playing," said Patterson. "They beat Washington during the season so we understand what kind of opponent we're getting into."

The Golden Bears also beat University of Southern California

(USC) for the first time since 2003.

This will be the first-ever meeting between Cal and TCU but not the first between the two head coaches.

Wilcox was the defensive coordinator at Boise State from 2006 to 2009 when the Broncos matched up with Patterson and the Horned Frogs multiple times.

Wilcox and his staff got the chance to visit and learn from Patterson in Fort Worth during that time, and the Golden Bears head coach said he has always enjoyed watching TCU play.

"I got the chance to compete against TCU when I was at Boise State and have always had a



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Ty Summers is one of six football players pursuing a graduate degree in liberal arts.

ton of respect," Wilcox said. "Coach Patterson has won a ton of games for a long, long time."

Both teams are in the top 30 for total defense in the country, foreshadowing a grind-it-out, punt-heavy battle in the desert.

"Any time you get

into a ballgame where it's going to be hard-hitting and it is going to be a close ballgame, everybody gets excited about it," Patterson said. "Whether it's high scoring or low scoring, it makes no difference."

The game will be broadcast on ESPN.

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SPORTS

Defensive ends highlight Frogs earning Big 12 honors

BY COLIN POST
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Led by defensive ends Ben Banogu and L.J. Collier, eight Horned Frogs were honored Wednesday by conference coaches as All-Big 12 selections.

Banogu and Collier were both first-team selections, making this the second-straight year for TCU's starting defensive ends to make first-team. Banogu and Mat Boesen achieved the feat last year.

Cornerback Jeff Gladney, safety Ridwan Issahaku, offensive tackle Lucas Niang and wide receiver Jalen Reagor received second-team recognition, while defensive tackle Corey Bethley and linebacker Ty Summers were given honorable mention accolades.

Along with being first-team All-Big 12 for the second-straight year, Banogu is also an

honorable mention for Defensive Lineman of the Year. The McKinney, Texas, native leads the team with 17.0 tackles for a loss (second-highest in the Big 12), 7.5 sacks, eight quarterback hurries, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

Second to Banogu with 9.5 tackles for a loss and 5.0 sacks, Collier also recorded five quarterback hurries and four pass breakups. He had a career-high eight tackles (4.0 for a loss) and 2.0 sacks in the Horned Frogs' 14-13 win over Kansas State.

Gladney leads the Horned Frogs with 14 passes defended (3rd in the Big 12). This included one interception and 13 pass breakups. While holding Biletnikoff Award semifinalist Tylan Wallace to four catches for 64 yards, barely more than half of his season average, the New Boston, Texas, native had four



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Ben Banogu (15) was the heart and soul of the Horned Frogs defense this season.

pass break-ups and an interception, as TCU beat Oklahoma State 31-24 to become bowl eligible.

Issahaku leads TCU with two interceptions

this season and comes in second with 74 tackles. In the win against the Cowboys, the senior had a career-high 12 tackles.

Niang played right tackle this season and was the only offensive lineman to start all 12 games this season.

Perhaps the most exciting part of TCU's offense, Reagor leads the Horned Frogs with 72 receptions, 1,061 receiving yards and nine receiving touchdowns.

Bethley also started every game this season and he is third on the team with 8.5 tackles for a loss and four sacks. His season was highlighted by a two sack, five tackle game in a win over SMU.

Summers recorded 44 stops, including 5.5 tackles for a loss and 3.0 sacks. This year splitting time between linebacker and defensive



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Jeff Gladney celebrates an incomplete pass attempt by Ohio State. TCU vs Ohio State.

end, Summers reached 315 career tackles, which ties with Jason Phillips (2005-08) for

the second-most in Gary Patterson's 18-year career as head coach.

Congratulations, JENSEN!

Dear Jensen,

We are so incredibly proud of you! Congratulations on all of your achievements and especially this special graduation milestone. We know the next chapter in your life will be filled with happiness and opportunities and we are excited to be with you on your life's journeys. We love you to infinity and beyond.

Mom, Dad and Taylor



Jensen Norell Ditzler

Basketball wins Maggie Dixon Classic against Army

BY COLIN POST
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

TCU women's basketball extended their win streak to three games Sunday as they rode a huge day from center Jordan Moore to a blowout win over Army in the Maggie Dixon Classic, 63-38.

"We talked about it before the game: how we're not just playing for ourselves, I mean, we're playing for something bigger than that," Moore said. "It felt pretty good just being able to like know that everybody's on the same page in terms of how we're playing."

The Maggie Dixon Classic is an annual game held to honor the

life and coaching legacy of Maggie Dixon, who died in 2006, the Army women's basketball head coach from 2005-2006 and the sister of current TCU men's basketball head coach, Jamie Dixon.

"I can't say it enough: how special it is and humbled we are that we have been entrusted with the opportunity to host this game," said TCU head coach Raegan Pebley. "This game was about Maggie...her life is continuing to impact people."

Moore was unstoppable for the entire game. In 21 minutes of play, she finished with 22 points on 11-13 shooting. On top of that, she recorded



PHOTO BY JACK WALLACE

It was a special game for the Horned Frogs, as they were honoring the legacy of the late Maggie Dixon

eight rebounds and a block.

She played a big role in the Horned Frogs

outbounding the Black Knights 46-35, leading to 10 second-chance points for TCU.

"I'm really happy with where our rebounding is at right now," Pebley said.

The Horned Frogs held the Black Knights to 27 percent from the field. Army's 38 points were the fewest TCU has allowed this season.

"Our defense has just continued to really have an identity, and we're going to continue to work on that," Pebley said. "It's what fuels our offense."

Forward Amy Okonkwo was instrumental in the defensive success, totaling a game-high five steals of the Horned Frogs.

"Amy did her job," Moore said. "That's really good for us. That's good for the whole team."

After TCU held a slim 17-16 lead at the end of the first quarter, guard Kianna Ray led the Horned Frogs on a 17-4 run in the second quarter to put the Frogs up 34-20



PHOTO BY JACK WALLACE

going into the halftime break.

Ray finished with nine points on three three-pointers and a game-high nine assists. She has accounted for almost half of TCU's made three-pointers this season while shooting 54 percent from beyond the arc.

It was all TCU in the second half as the efficiency of Moore, facilitating of Ray and defense of Okonkwo overwhelmed Army. The

Horned Frogs outscored the Black Knights 29-18 in the second half to cruise to victory.

Guard Lauren Heard finished with nine points, four assists and three rebounds for the Horned Frogs.

TCU women's basketball will return to action and look to continue their winning streak at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8, against Montana State at Schollmaier Arena.

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SPORTS

Time constraints, academic clustering among educational challenges for TCU football players

BY NICK STEPHENS
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Despite TCU football's on-field struggles this season, a quick glance through the program's social media reveals the academic success of their student-athletes.

Players on the academic all-conference team, award winners for academic achievement - the public perception of Horned Frog athletes' educational endeavors is quite positive.

"I don't feel there was anything the program could have improved upon," said Drew Combs, a 2009 TCU graduate and former Horned Frog kicker.

Yet data from the Academic Progress Rate (APR), an NCAA metric designed to hold programs accountable for the education of student-athletes, shows that the TCU football team has struggled with both eligibility and retention.

In the last five years, TCU has scored in the bottom half of all football programs and fell below the 20th percentile in both the 2014 and 2015 reports.

A broader perspective makes the numbers look worse-- TCU football spent 2013-2016 in the bottom 10 percent of all programs monitored by the NCAA. The score

rose in 2017 but still remained below the 20th percentile.

The poor run of scores is due primarily to 2012 and 2013, when the Horned Frogs had the lowest APR in the Big 12 Conference by a substantial margin and almost faced NCAA sanctions. The APR is based on a multiyear period, so those two years impacted future scores.

The drop-off was likely due in part to TCU's transition into the Big 12 Conference, which attracts better athletes who may have lesser academic profiles. It is also true that the APR percentile scores for the

football program have increased slightly in both 2016 and 2017.

However, several former Horned Frog football players believe there are bigger issues with the student-athlete experience.

"My academic counselor focused on keeping me eligible, and I wasn't introduced to or aware of other opportunities outside of football that could impact my future," said Steven Coleman, a 2009 TCU graduate and former defensive back. "I think the information I received was very limited, and I made my decisions based on that narrow scope of information that I had."

Coleman's experience falls in line with a study from the Journal of Issues in Intercollegiate Athletics, which points out why APR scores could be problematic: "It is a fear that the different approaches that might be utilized in order to avoid being penalized could be questionable."

These questionable approaches include extreme time constraints, as the schedules of football players don't allow them much time to participate in extracurricular activities or even to study.

They also include academic clustering, or the concentration of athletes within a certain major or majors-- it's a common tactic to keep student-athletes eligible for their sports.

Additionally, the negative perceptions surrounding student-athletes and their intelli-

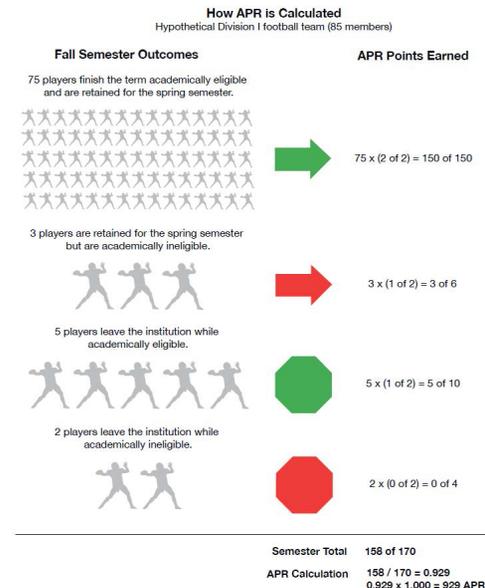


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The Academic Progress Rate (APR) is designed to measure a team's academic success.

gence can lead to their academic experience being decided for them by advisors or administrators.

The role conflict inherent in being both a student and an athlete can be difficult to handle, and the challenge for the athletic department is ensuring the student side gets the proper attention.

To evaluate whether or not that is happening, take a look at some concerns voiced by former football players about their TCU education:

Time constraints "With practices, meetings and games, finding time to study was tough," said Jeff Olson, former TCU offensive tackle and 2011 graduate. "You had to get treatment, find something to eat and then try to cram for two or three tests on the same day."

That sentiment was echoed by Blake Schlueter, 2008 graduate

and former offensive guard.

"I think we were unique in that we essentially worked a full-time job throughout our college careers," Schlueter said. "From scheduling classes that didn't conflict with practice to often missing spring, summer or holiday breaks, we stayed very busy."

The demanding schedules of TCU football players makes their education more challenging on multiple levels. First, it gives them significantly less time to study for their classes, especially during the season.

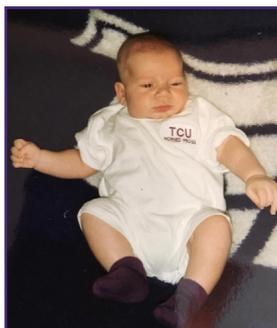
"Since competing as an athlete is not always compatible with being a full-time student, student-athletes may feel stressed and conflicted about performing in the classroom and on the field," said Elodie Wendling, doctoral student at the University of Florida, in her article

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Way to go, bro!
- Ryan



Colin Petty

Congratulations, MICHELA!

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We love you,
Mom, Dad and Connor



Michela Branch

on student-athlete role conflict.

It's not just that there's less time to study -- there are also certain academic opportunities that are unavailable to student-athletes because of their schedules.

2012 TCU graduate and former wide receiver Patrick McDonald said football players couldn't study in certain fields because there weren't enough classes offered that didn't conflict with practice.

Student-athletes also miss out on other opportunities that would improve their academic performance, according to an article in the *Society of Sport Journal*: "Generally, involvement in on-campus activities and other extracurricular activities positively influenced students' perceptions of campus climate and subsequent academic performance."

These time constraints pose considerable difficulties to student-athletes academically, and one way that athletic programs around the country have worked to combat these difficulties is through academic clustering.

Academic clustering isn't inherently a negative thing -- student-ath-

letes often have similar interests resulting from their shared sports experiences, which leads them to select a field of study based on those experiences.

Problems arise when the reason for the clustering of student-athletes is for reasons other than their own interests. As Peter S. Finley, associate professor of sports management at Nova Southeastern University, said in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*: "They are encouraged to major in eligibility."

Just how prevalent is academic clustering at TCU? That data is available by locating students through the TCU email system directory, which lists students' majors under their contact information.

The three most popular majors within the 2018 Horned Frog football team are criminal justice (17 students), business (17) and communication studies (14). That means that of the 118 football players on the roster at the beginning of the season, 48 of them (40.68 percent) are concentrated within three majors.

This concentration



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Renovations to Amon G. Carter Stadium are ongoing and include more premium seating and a larger video board.

becomes more apparent when you discount undeclared and graduate students: 48 of 103 declared undergraduate football players (46.6 percent) are clustered within three majors.

Speaking of graduate students, there are six on the 2018 roster, and all six of them are pursuing a master's in liberal arts.

It's worth repeating that these numbers aren't necessarily a problem unless they represent the athletic department prioritizing eligibility over the wishes of the student.

The false ceiling Andy Bohlig is a 2010 TCU finance graduate and former Horned Frog quarterback. Bohlig transferred to TCU from Arizona State University

as a finance major and assumed his field of study would remain the same.

"We were set up with an academic advisor who helped us create our schedules," Bohlig said. "Unbeknownst to me, during my sophomore year they thought I wanted to be a social work major -- a default for football players, I guess."

This confusion set Bohlig behind in his studies. He had to complete an extra semester as a declared pre-business major to be accepted into the Neeley School of Business.

"I guess it was a miscommunication, but it was frustrating when I found out," Bohlig said. "It was almost assumed that they would assign the easiest course curriculum without really finding out what the student was interested in."

Bohlig's concerns fall in line with those of academic clustering in athletics. Student-athletes are commonly pushed to take classes and study topics that keep them eligible but also create a false ceiling that keeps them from reaching their full academic potential.

Wendling's article spells out the problem with that: "Given the low odds of becoming a professional athlete, these individuals are developing in an environment detrimental to their vocational endeavors and transition to life after sport."

Bohlig recognized the confusion, changed his major from social work and is now working as an entrepreneur in Houston.

The concern, of course, is that students who don't transfer in might not be made aware of all the academic options available to them.

Making connections When asked what changes would improve the academic experience of TCU student-athletes, the most common response was better a better professional network between current and former football players.

"There is a large network of successful business alumni that are happy to help student-athletes, but the only way they are asked to help is by donating large sums of money for new facilities," said Walker Dille, a 2012 TCU graduate and

former tight end. "These facilities do not help prepare student-athletes for their professional careers."

McDonald agreed, saying a connection with a former student-athlete could have given him better job opportunities.

"To my knowledge, there isn't a stream of communication that helps facilitate the development of professional relationships," McDonald said.

One of the challenges of creating such a process is avoiding NCAA violations. The NCAA enforces a strict set of rules in an attempt to maintain amateurism in their sports, and that creates hurdles for student-athletes searching for internships or jobs.

Still, the lack of professional opportunities was one of the most common critiques from former players, as was the lack of direction Coleman spoke about.

"There are many resources available to student-athletes to keep them eligible, but not for anything outside of playing football," Coleman said. "Ultimately, I just went with classes that were best for my situation at the time."

Despite criticism from numerous former players of their academic experiences, almost all spoke highly of the football program. 2010 graduate and former quarterback Marcus Jackson summed up their concurrent praise and criticism in one sentence.

"Honestly, the football program prepared me for life after college more than anything else," Jackson said.

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Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This year you will enjoy many variations in events and outcomes. You find that life tends to be unpredictable; however, it will help to recognize that you are in the first and luckiest year of a new 11-year luck cycle. If you are single, you are likely to meet The One. When you meet this person, you will know immediately. If you are attached, you and your partner need to plan more fun times together. Go on dates more often. You can trust SCORPIO with a secret.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Juggle your finances carefully. A decision could have implications beyond the obvious. You initially might look at the worst-case scenario and then decide to be reasonably indulgent. You are likely to see a situation from a more moderate point of view. Tonight: Out and about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Maximize the moment. You might have a special friend visiting. A loved one will notice how busy you are and retreat. Make sure this person is not being left out; ask if he or she would like to join you. Tonight: Whatever you choose is perfect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You don't need to explain why you need some time alone. Many of you will be doing holiday shopping. The intensity of a personal relationship could overwhelm you. Take some time and distance yourself rather than create an uproar. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Listen to a friend, as he or she gives you the scoop on what is happening with several friends and a get-together. A loved one could feel as if he or she isn't included in this group.

For your sake, do not allow this person to feel insecure. Tonight: Do what you love.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Others share with you as though you were their confidant. A problem could occur when more than one of these people are around, as there could be an undertone of jealousy. Support yourself in who you are. A loved one understands you well. Tonight: A force to behold.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Keep trying to get a hold of a friend. You care a lot about this person. Fill out cards and buy presents, especially for those at a distance. Recognize your limits. Invite friends to go caroling. Get into holiday music. Tonight: In the spirit of the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Continue to relate to close friends and loved ones directly. There is something about you that makes others want to be your sole focus. You give the gift of being present in the moment. Tonight: Spend some close time with a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Touch base with several loved ones. Even if you are heading in different directions during the day, it doesn't mean that you won't be able to get together later. You might be the force that brings loved ones together. Tonight: Enjoy a laid-back gathering.

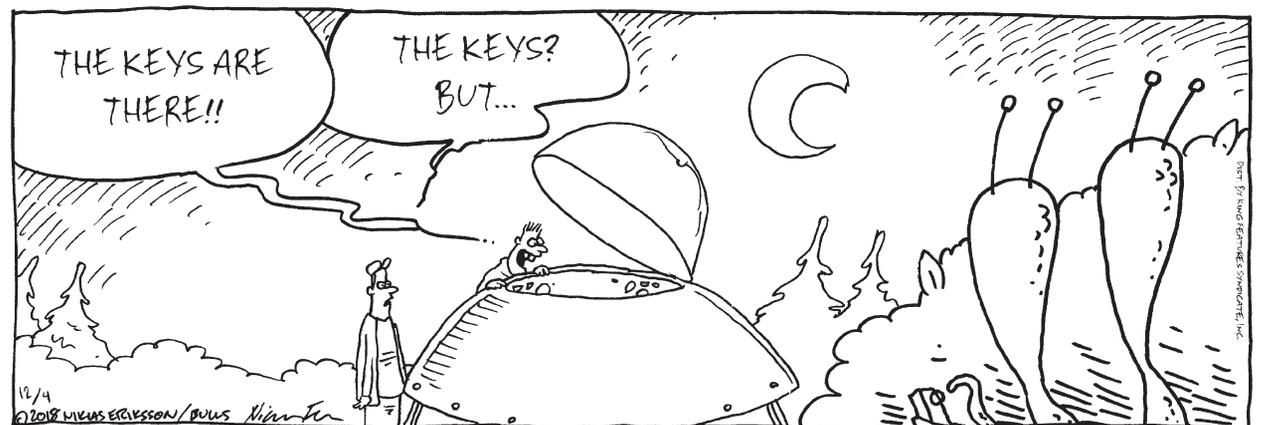
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You might be stuck in high gear trying to get as much done as possible. At some point, try to squeeze in a nap. A loved one will join you later in the day, as he or she wants to hang out with you, even if it means going

Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



Intelligent Life by David Reddick



shopping or finally getting a tree. Tonight: Celebrate life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You will want to spend some quality time with a special someone, but you have a lot to get done. Everyone is as busy as you are, and they probably would like to steal

some time away with their loved ones, too. Tonight: When you feel tired, stop.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You could be thinking that you should run some holiday errands, but you simply might need some time off from

the hectic pace. Once you decide to lie low, you might want to screen your calls. Tonight: Curl up with a favorite book and play it low-key.

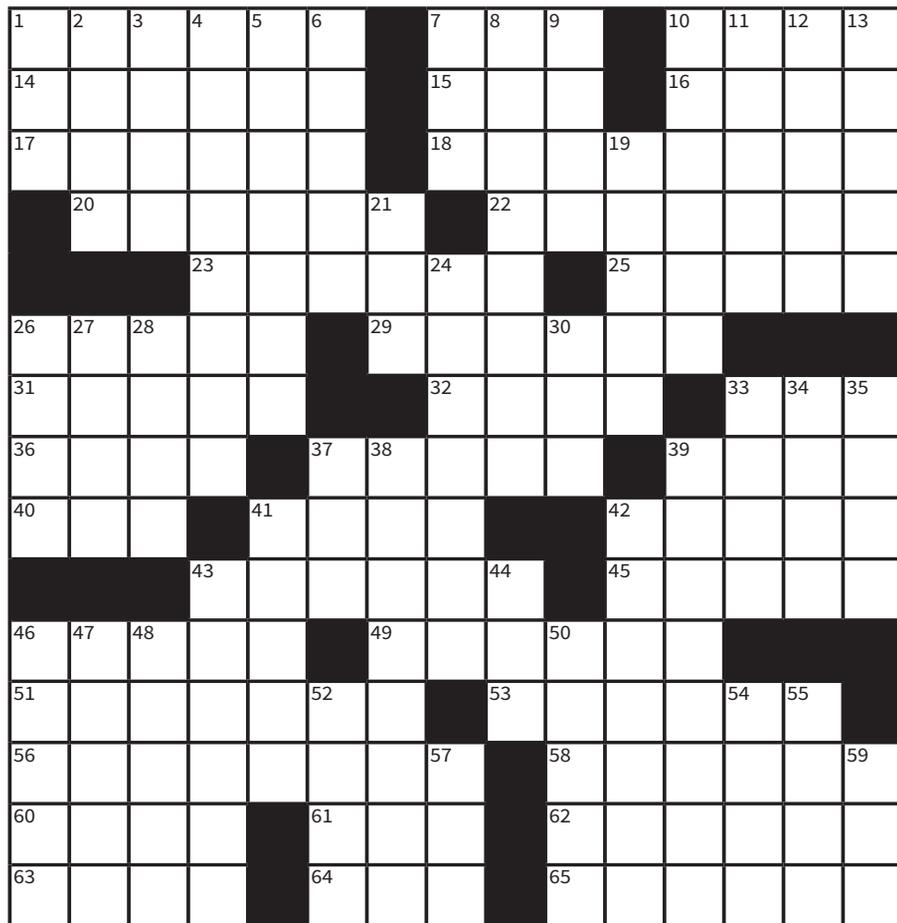
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Hook up with a friend for lunch to visit and discuss your holiday plans and gift-giving

arrangements. For you, most of the pleasure of the holidays comes from visiting with different friends, especially if they live out of town. Tonight: A hot toddy and some holiday fun.

The New York Times

Edited by Will Shortz



PUZZLE BY MATT GINSBERG

- ACROSS**
- 1 Something you must be willing to leave?
 - 7 Them's the breaks!
 - 10 River past Orsk and Orenburg
 - 14 Add to in haste
 - 15 Snake genus, or one of its members
 - 16 Pet form of José
 - 17 *Sound of little feet
 - 18 Shade of deep purple
 - 20 Custom-fit
 - 22 *Tycho Brahe contemporary
 - 23 Bridge player's combo
 - 25 Deprive of courage
 - 26 3.3, give or take
 - 29 Without a downside
 - 31 A lot
 - 32 Solidarity leader Walesa
 - 33 *Mr. Moneybags
 - 36 McGillin's ___ Ale House (historic Philadelphia tavern)
 - 37 *Branded candy with multicolored beans
 - 39 Close follower of a team?
 - 40 *Woman's young lover, in slang
 - 41 Actress Campbell
 - 42 Staple of ragtime music

- 43 Corrects, as an ID on Facebook
- 45 Cary of "The Princess Bride"
- 46 Neighbor of Tonga
- 49 Dr. Seuss' real surname
- 51 *Small talk
- 53 Leapt
- 56 Bossed around
- 58 *Idiom meaning "guaranteed"
- 60 Sea of Tranquillity, e.g.
- 61 Chief agricultural export of Kenya
- 62 Part of a steering system
- 63 Something commonly found in a laundry bag
- 64 Remnant
- 65 Wholly absorbed

- DOWN**
- 1 Picking up things?
 - 2 Louver feature
 - 3 "See ya!"
 - 4 Ability
 - 5 Like sandals
 - 6 ___ Field, former home to the Houston Astros
 - 7 Figure seen on the National Mall, informally
 - 8 Writing on many a greeting card
 - 9 Frank Herbert's "Dune" series, e.g.
 - 10 What you need to talk to a satellite
 - 11 Sphere
 - 12 Nocturnal affliction
 - 13 Admitted
 - 19 Richly luxurious
 - 21 Did one leg of a triathlon
 - 24 What's helpful to a degree?
 - 26 Ink stain, e.g.
 - 27 Explorer whose name is a sport
 - 28 Word in many Catholic church names
 - 30 Frigid
 - 33 Scratch, say
 - 34 Tops
 - 35 Groups on Noah's Ark

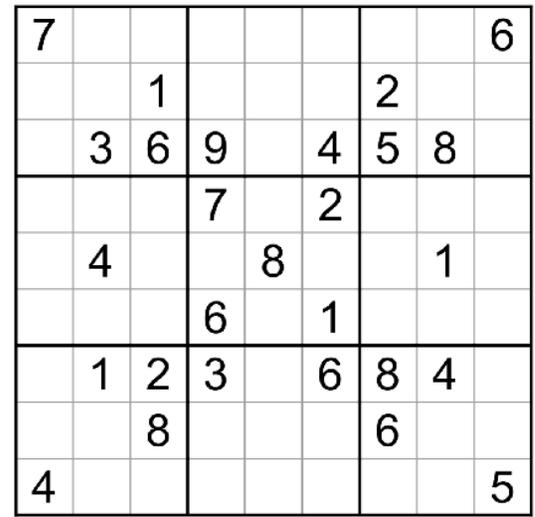
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Sudoku



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Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row, and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

SOLUTION FROM 11/29

5	2	3	4	9	1	7	8	6
9	4	8	7	6	2	1	3	5
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3	5	1	9	8	4	6	7	2
7	8	6	3	2	5	4	9	1
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TCU Trivia

Sports: TCU has 19 varsity sports. **True or False?**

SOLUTION FROM 11/29

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TCU TRIVIA ANSWER

False! TCU has 21 varsity sports.

- 37 Take a flier
- 38 Bond girl in 2006's "Casino Royale"
- 39 Visigoth vis-à-vis Rome
- 41 "Cool beans!"
- 42 Uses a keyhole, perhaps
- 43 Scoundrel, in Britain
- 44 Girl in the fam
- 46 Loser
- 47 Up
- 48 Prefix with economics
- 50 Rush
- 52 One-named French designer
- 54 "The Thin Man" role
- 55 Sticky stuff
- 57 One who might explain the birds and the bees
- 59 Debugging aid?

SPORTS

McCall, Clark overcome adversity

BY COLIN POST
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

TCU Volleyball stars outside hitter élan McCall and middle blocker Katie Clark dominated the Big 12 this year, despite it being their first collegiate season.

Both players were high school standouts but developed later in their careers and the recruiting cycle. Head coach Jill Kramer said this allowed TCU to sign them before programs with higher acclaim took notice of them.

Despite the late development, both players finished as some of the best players at their high schools.

McCall, a Leander, Texas, native, played at Rouse High School. She totaled more than 1,000 kills and digs in her career and led her team to a state championship her senior year. Selected for the 2017 Under Armour Girls High School All-American team, she was ranked No. 76 on the PrepVolleyball.com's Senior Aces list.

Despite living about

26 miles from the University of Texas, one of the nation's top volleyball programs, McCall was not recruited by the Longhorns.

After deciding she wanted to play collegiate volleyball her sophomore year of high school, she felt at home in Fort Worth, making her transition easy.

Clark, who attended Arlington High School, has always considered TCU as an option for college. She finished her high school career with a record of 2,329 kills and a ranking at No. 53 on the Senior Aces list and the No. 11 player in Texas by FloVolleyball.

Kramer called her one of the best utility players in Texas during her recruitment.

Both McCall and Clark knew they had something to prove as first-year players.

"Here, everyone's held accountable," McCall said.

While many of her high school teammates have been playing the sport simply for fun, each of her college teammates

has a specific job, Clark said.

"In college, everyone's here for a purpose," Clark said.

A little overwhelmed at first, each player said the veterans on the team went above and beyond to make sure they would have the smoothest transition possible into college life and athletics.

"Everybody's so open and friendly," Clark said. "They're always willing to help you and always there for you."

McCall made her presence known right away. The Horned Frogs opened the season with four matches as part of the Cowtown Classic and the young outside hitter totaled 59 kills and won Co-MVP of the event with her teammate, middle blocker Anna Walsh.

McCall had double-digit kills for the next 12 matches, earning four Big 12 Freshman of the Week awards in the first six weeks of the season.

After dealing with injuries she's suffered since high school, Clark's season was limited during non-conference



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Élan McCall sets up for a kill.

games and part of the conference games. She had 55 kills in her first 10 matches.

"When I first came in, it was kind of hard to accept the fact that I couldn't play yet," said Clark. "I took it day-by-day. I just had to trust the process."

Clark later dominated the seventh week of Big 12 play. She was awarded Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week and Big 12 Rookie of the Week after totaling 17 kills in a five-set loss to No. 4 Texas and a career-high 20 kills in a four-set victory over Texas Tech. This was the 10th time in Big 12 history that a rookie won both awards

in the same week.

McCall was later injured and was limited in seven matches, five of which the team lost.

McCall said she knew the struggle would make her a better player in the future.

"I just knew this was going to help me in the long run," said McCall.

Once McCall returned, TCU won two of their final four matches and the first-years combined for 102 kills. McCall also had four-straight double-doubles and earned both Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week and Rookie of the Week in the second to last week of conference play.

McCall finished with

a team-high of 370 kills for the season, and Clark finished with 192 kills and 52 blocks.

Although the Horned Frogs missed the NCAA tournament with a record of 15-12, the last four matches showed what kind of offensive success TCU could find when their team played together at full health.

After the season, McCall was unanimously selected for the All-Big 12 First Team and All-Big 12 Rookie Team.

"We're going to see a lot of great things happen while we're still here," Kramer said. "The future's bright for our program. It's something to be excited about."



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After battling injury herself, middle blocker Katie Clark gave TCU life while McCall missed time with injury.