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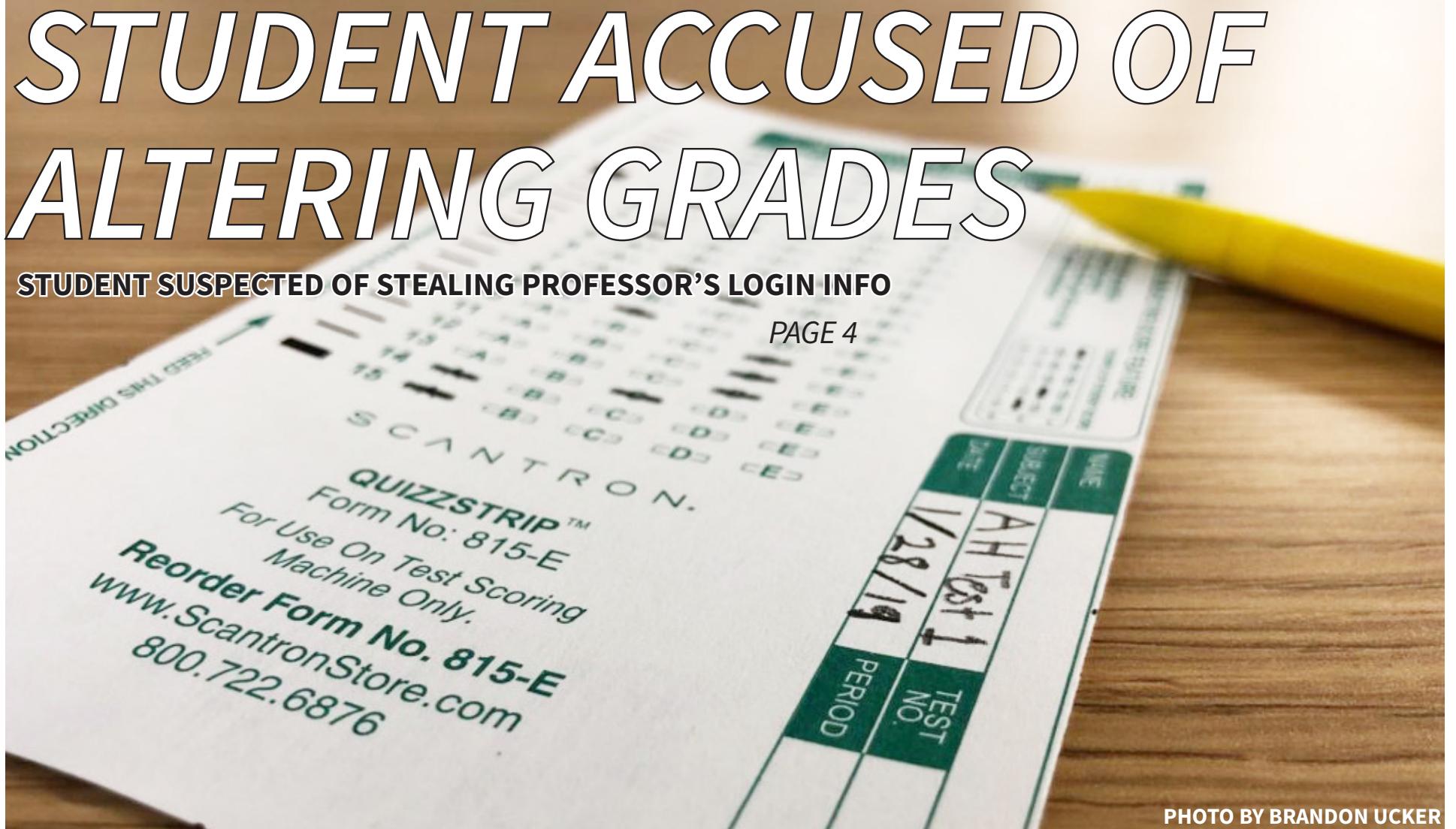


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People affected by the government shutdown receiving free groceries from Tarrant Area Food Bank at Southcliff Baptist Church.

Church, food bank distribute free groceries

BY CAROLINA OLIVARES

MANAGING EDITOR, TCU 360

A church in Fort Worth partnered with a mobile food pantry Tuesday to provide groceries to furloughed workers affected by the government shutdown.

The Tarrant Area Food Bank distributed groceries to 200 families at Southcliff Baptist Church.

"The government shutdown ended, but these people are still impacted by that," said Dr. Carroll Marr, a senior pastor. "What we don't realize sometimes is that though they get a paycheck later on down the road, they still need money to put gas in their car to get to work."

The food distribution

was scheduled to run from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Javiera Gonzalez, who works in the Agency Services Department for the food bank, said they've been partnering with the church for about five years.

Gonzalez said they decided to do a mobile food pantry because those usually receive a greater turnout.

Families started at the first station, filling out a short, simple form.

"Mobile food pantries only require them to provide their name and how many household members are in the house, so there's no barriers," Gonzalez said.

The families turned in their forms at the second station, followed by the third station, where

they picked out their groceries.

A fourth station was available to register for food stamps.

Ethan Smith, a volunteer, said he was at the church by 3:30 p.m. helping set up. Smith loaded families' vehicles half an hour later when the food distribution officially kicked off.

However, Stu Cocanougher, a pastor at the church, said there was a rush of families in need before organizers were even ready to start. They arrived so early they had to wait until things were in order.

Tuesday's event wasn't just a major reaction to the government shutdown; Southcliff does this on a regular basis.

Marr said the church provides food for more than 200 students that take English as a second language (ESL) classes Tuesday nights.

The last wave of people that collected food were the ESL students who were coming out of class.

The 7,000 pounds of food was mostly gone by 5 p.m.

"We exist to become the hands and feet of Jesus and to reach out to as many people as we can," Marr said. "It doesn't concern us why they are there, it just concerns us that they are and that we can make a difference and help them any way we can."



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CAMPUS NEWS**TCU attempts to combat unconscious bias through grading feature****BY BRANDON UCKER**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

The adjectives ‘faceless’ and ‘nameless’ might not be associated with grading; but a new feature in D2L hides the identities of students during the grading process.

The goal is “to decrease unconscious bias in the grading and feedback process” by removing students’ names from assignments, according to an email sent to faculty by the Koehler Center for Instruction Innovation and Engagement.

Researchers suggest that unconscious bias can

occur when people make quick judgments based on past experiences.

The benefits of anonymous grading has been studied.

“It’s a good way to prevent people not only from being bias against certain people or kinds of people but the other direction,” Vikram David Amar, Dean of the University of Illinois College of Law. “It prevents instructors from playing favorites because they happen to like or think highly of someone.”

Although there is no information on the number of professors using this feature, Romana Hughes, who is

also assistant provost of educational technology and faculty development, wrote in an email that the tool has been received well by faculty.

“[The] Anonymous Marking of Assignments feature gives instructors (or TAs with grading access) the ability to read and assign grades to submissions without knowing which student submitted which item until after publishing the grades to the Grades tool,” Director of the Koehler Center Romana Hughes wrote in an email.

Instructors are always looking for ways to improve their

teaching,” Hughes wrote. “This new feature, as mentioned above will make their grading more objective and consistent by decreasing unconscious bias when grading.”

Jodi Campbell, a history professor at TCU said she has caught herself succumbing to unconscious bias and that it can affect anyone.

“Last night I was grading a pile of papers and I was reading one and was kind of surprised that it was a little better or worse than I expected, and I suddenly realized it was a different student than who I thought it was.”

Junior neuroscience major Lauren McCue said grades can be influenced by more than a student’s work.

She said one of her friends who is Hispanic told her that the friend wasn’t penalized from grammatical errors in a paper because the professor thought English was not his first language.

McCue believes there is potential for this new feature to fight against unconscious bias.

“I think if the professors actually commit to using it, it can make an impact,” said McCue.

Amar said blind

grading is already used during standardized tests like the SAT, ACT, Medical College Acceptance Test (MCAT) and Law School Aptitude Test (LSAT).

“If you really want to judge the work on its own, then you should just look at the work and not the identity of the author.”

Amar said blind grading cannot work for certain formats, such as writing papers that require a student to get a pre-approved topic, but “where it can work, it seems so obviously superior.”

Sorority fashion show to raise money to fight domestic abuse**BY DYLAN GUEST**

LINE EDITOR, TCU 360

TCU Alpha Chi Omega will be hosting a fashion show on Sunday, Feb. 17 at the downtown Hilton to benefit the Women’s Center of Tarrant County and the fight against domestic violence.

The event is not just open for members of the sorority. Amanda Norman, Alpha Chi Omega’s vice president of panhellenic, encourages everyone to come.

“Anyone can attend! There is a cost of admission to raise money, but TCU students will receive a discount,” Norman said.

A silent auction followed by a live auction will take place before the fashion show. One of the

items auctioned off last year was a dinner with TCU head football coach Gary Patterson.

“When guests arrive, they bid on silent auction baskets, buy from local vendors, and participate in a raffle,” said Hayley Cruikshank, the sorority’s vice president of philanthropy. “After the live auction, the fashion show comprised of TCU students and children of Alpha Chi Omega alumni will begin.”

Westen Riley, a junior computer science major, said he wants to participate to support the cause.

“I served as the IFC vice president of philanthropy for a year, so of course philanthropy means a lot to me,” Riley said. “I got asked to

participate and I figured I would do it to support the cause even though I have actually never participated in a fashion show.”

The Fashion Show has been Alpha Chi Omega’s staple philanthropy event for the past 27 years.

Emily Fassler, the Models Retailers fashion show chair, expects to see a lot of success.

“The Fashion Show event has raised over \$700,000 for the Women’s Center of Tarrant County over the last 27 years,” Fassler said. “We are already on track to raise over \$100,000 this year, and we are hoping we will surpass the amounts raised of previous years.”

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CAMPUS NEWS

Student accused of changing grades in three classes

BY ROBBIE VAGLIO
MANAGING EDITOR, TCU360

TCU has accused a student of stealing his professor's login information and signing into the D2L grade book to change his grade, according to arrest warrant affidavits.

Vu Thanh "Steven" Phan, was arrested last month on a charge of breach of computer security between \$2,500 and \$30,000, a state jail felony.

Phan who had taken eight computer classes, "used his skills as a student here at TCU and . . . had the knowledge and did in an unauthorized capacity make entry into the . . . D2L gradebook along with entry into



FORT WORTH POLICE
DEPARTMENT

Vu Thanh "Steven" Phan the PeopleSoft program where he changed his grade in three different classes..." according to the affidavits provided after an open records request.

TCU spent more than \$2,500, but less than \$30,000 investigating the matter, according to the affidavits.

Phan is accused of

"knowingly accessing a computer system or network...without the effective consent of TCU, the owner and did knowingly obtain a benefit, defraud, or harm," according to arrest affidavits.

The investigation began during finals week when Professor Daniel Chen, who teaches in the Neeley School of Business, discovered Phan's altered grades at 8:16 a.m. on Dec. 13. According to the affidavits, the grade was changed with the professor's credentials, so Chen emailed his colleagues warning them about the breach and to closely monitor the grade book.

Phan's grades were

changed in two other classes - one taught by another professor in Neeley; the other by a computer science professor. All three told investigators, "they did not provide their credentials to any person nor did they give any person access or permission to access the D2L with their credentials," according to arrest affidavits.

Video footage referenced in the affidavits showed Phan entering Room 226 in Tandy Hall on Dec. 12 at 1:26 p.m. He was alone. He removed a keyboard from his backpack, replacing the keyboard at instructor work station computer with it.

Phan left the

classroom at 1:28 p.m. after leaving his keyboard at the instructor's station. He returned 27 minutes later to take a final exam for Chen's class.

Phan returned to the classroom in the evening, returning the original keyboard and taking his keyboard back.

Phan used the information captured on his keyboard to log into D2L to change his grades, according to arrest affidavits.

Special Agent Brian Sanders of the Secret Service said keyboard devices can be used to "log keystrokes and illegally obtain password information on computers," according to the arrest affidavits.

TCU's Information

Technology department had measures in place at the time of breach to prevent an incident like this from happening, according to the university's spokesperson.

"Those measures are being assessed and additional measures may be added," the university said in a statement.

Phan met with TCU Campus Life on Jan. 11 to discuss future classes. Afterward, he met accompanied TCU detectives to the campus police station. According to the affidavit, he refused to cooperate with police, denying all involvement in the case.

TCU's Registrar's Office said Phan is still enrolled as a student at the university.

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CAMPUS LIFE

Parking lot closures cause new problems for students

BY CORINNE

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LINE EDITOR, POLITIFROG

Another campus parking lot is closed and students are frustrated with the lack of available spots.

Parking Lot 12 on Sandage Ave is closed in preparation for the construction of the new TCU hotel, which the land is being leased to a developer.

With over five campus lots permanently closed due to construction projects, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Public Safety Adrian Andrews said students may face new challenges finding

parking.

"We're missing a lot of parking spaces right now," Andrews said. "I know it is causing a lot of inconvenience for everyone."

While old lots continue to close, new lots are still under construction, forcing students to leave for class much earlier.

Audrey Hatcher, a senior, said she used to park in the Sandage lot, but with the new closure her only option is to get to campus early in the morning.

"It's just really frustrating and time consuming," said Hatcher. "You have to get here way too early."

Andrews said last month TCU issued 550 parking tickets, which is why students are finding alternatives for driving.

Hunter Ricks, a junior, said he bought a moped so he wouldn't have to worry about parking at all.

"I use that to like mitigate the chances of showing up late to class," Ricks said. "But also, that's an expense I shouldn't have to worry about."

Students said they want to abide by the parking rules, which is why they're looking into using the shuttles or arriving early in the mornings.

Andrews said he's

hoping students start to utilize the shuttle system more.

Students may have to park farther away from campus to find a spot, but with improvements to the university's shuttle system, Andrews said students won't have to make the longer walk.

"What I'd like to push is the idea of people riding the shuttles," he said. "We had 10 shuttles as of last year, but now we have 14 shuttles."

Students can find information on parking lot closures and campus construction through their student emails or by visiting maps.tcu.edu.



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A lone car is parked in the University Christ Chapel parking lot Thursday morning. Students have to move their cars from the lots closest to Amon G. Carter Stadium by 8 p.m. the night before the game.

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Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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This year, you alternate between intellectual responses and wildly emotional reactions. You are on a seesaw and often wonder which option might be best. Look to the results for an answer. If single, you might attract someone who identifies with one side of you. Look for someone who accepts and understands your personality. If attached, you keep life exciting for your significant other. PISCES helps you spend your funds before they are in.

ARIES

(March 21-April 19)
★★★ Tap into your imagination; you might surprise even yourself with what comes up. You discover a way to turn a red light into a green light. Your ability to understand those around you helps you pull a white rabbit out of a black hat. Tonight: Play it low-key.

TAURUS

(April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Emphasize what is important to you. Success comes through a close associate's help or suggestion. As stubborn as he or she might be, this person will move off his or her position when needed. Tonight: Surround yourself with friends.

GEMINI

(May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might not appreciate the heavy flow of others seeking you out. You feel obligated to respond accordingly. Others seem inordinately generous with any slippups that you might have while returning their inquiries. Tonight: A friend plays an important role.

CANCER

(June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your imagination carries you past many hard moments. Use this ability to resolve a problem that seems to always be present. When you relax and know that you

can resolve the issue, a viable solution comes up. Tonight: Relax to a favorite TV series.

LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Do not hesitate to reach out for a loved one or key associate. You feel more secure with this person because he or she is available to help you brainstorm or sleuth through a risky yet touchy situation. This person helps tame your impulsiveness. Tonight: Return a long-distance call.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Defer to others. At the same time, catch up with others and see what's on their mind. You might want to visit with one person at home -- where both of you will be free to speak and others aren't likely to overhear. Tonight: Play it mellow.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Work past a problem; don't allow yourself to let go and decide that a resolution isn't available. A resolution does exist.

Communication remains sunny and upbeat. Brainstorm with a key person. You could be pleased with what comes up. Tonight: Know your limits.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your creativity emerges to help you get past someone's self-imposed restriction. He or she will slowly open up and grin. Then, you can have an active and worthwhile conversation. Curb a tendency to go overboard. Tonight: Squeeze in a stress buster.

SAGITTARIUS

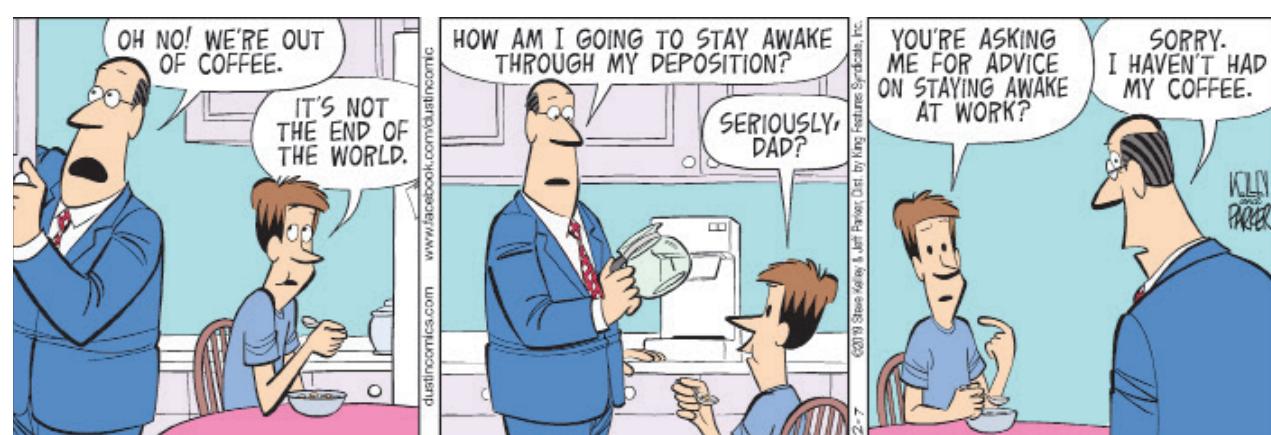
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You seem to be able to deal with a loved one's or roommate's tantrum. You might want to pull back and take a hard look at what seems restricted or unavailable. Decide to have an overdue chat with the other party. Tonight: Be as agreeable

Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



as possible.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Your sixth sense emerges. Because you're also unusually resilient and creative, you can use it to clear out a difficult problem. Be willing to express an idea you've been mulling over.

Strong feedback might open a door. Tonight: Meet up with a friend.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You could be overly responsive to a friend. But you might not focus on another priority that could ultimately

cause a problem. Before you decide on a purchase or a financial change, make sure your finances are as you think they are. Tonight: Be confident.

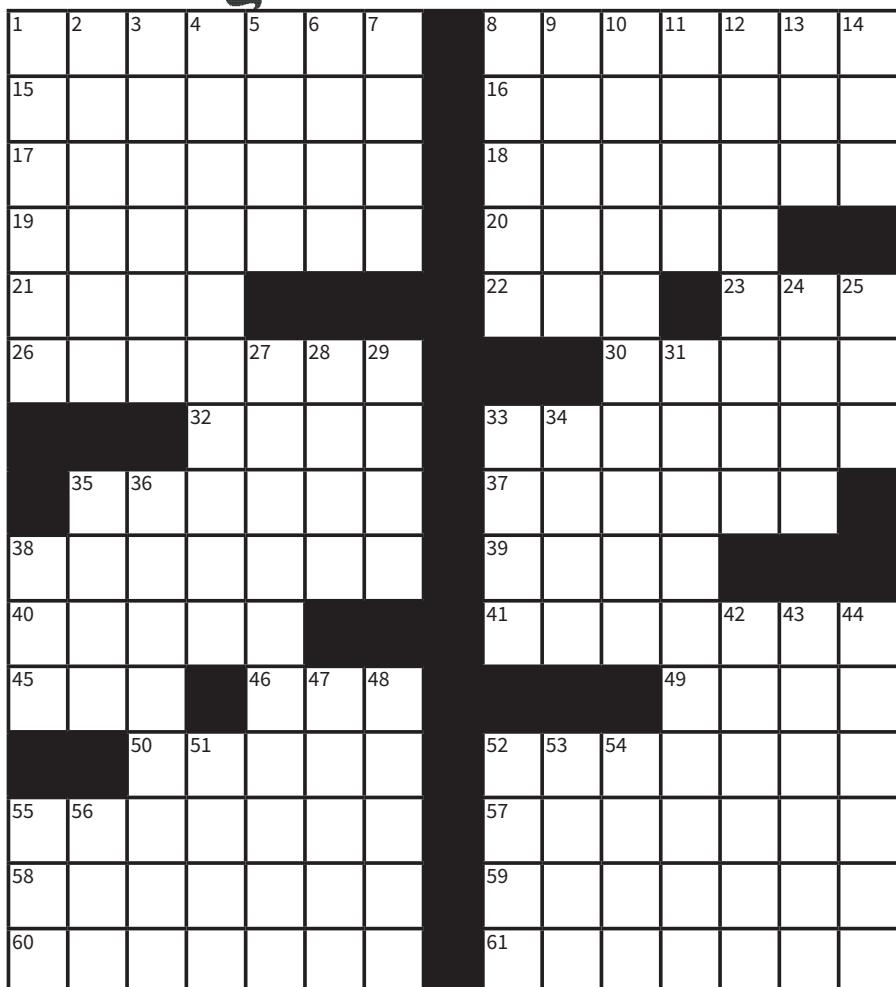
PISCES

(Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You feel as though you cannot be stopped. Use some of this energy to manifest more of

what you want. Goodwill stems from a public appearance; nevertheless, you need to convince someone of your ability to handle a special opportunity. Tonight: As you like.

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PUZZLE BY TIMOTHY POLIN

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- 8 Followers of the Baal Shem Tov
- 15 Author known for the intelligence of his writing?
- 16 Outer layer of a membrane
- 17 Crystallizing substance in Kurt Vonnegut's "Cat's Cradle"
- 18 Conglomeration
- 19 & 20 Pattern in back of a window
- 21 Cut down, possibly
- 22 Cold-weather product prefix?
- 23 Reading ability?
- 26 Can't stomach
- 30 "De profundis," e.g.
- 32 Best-selling erotic novelist ___ Leigh
- 33 Germ-free state
- 35 & 37 Hit Leonardo DiCaprio film, with "The"
- 38 Narrow tube in chemistry
- 39 Get better
- 40 App customers
- 41 Cinches
- 45 Boardom?
- 46 Playing card marking
- 49 Word with full or file

50 & 52 Commander at the First Battle of Bull Run

55 Kobe or Shaq, notably

57 Recruits

58 Steam locomotive workers

59 Black Panther's co-creator

60 Reduction of tension

61 Choir composition

DOWN

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- 2 Withdraw
- 3 Gets a 5 on an A.P. exam, say
- 4 One who may help you keep your balance?
- 5 Lancastrian or Liverpudlian
- 6 ___ Laszlo (cosmetics brand)
- 7 Not easily understood
- 8 Stacks
- 9 Lumberjack
- 10 Daytime TV fare
- 11 Pass the time
- 12 Prepare, as hides for tanning
- 13 Org. that supported the Good Friday Agreement
- 14 "Scrumptious!"
- 24 Razor cut
- 25 May and others, for short
- 27 Hard to hear, perhaps
- 28 Quick pace
- 29 A good one is hard to crack
- 31 Underground activity
- 33 1970 Australian Open winner
- 34 W.W. II weapon
- 35 Full of sass
- 36 Gap in a schedule

38 Lightweight boxer?

42 Brawl in the backwoods

43 Possible candidate for a Razzie Award

44 Has a funny feeling

47 Like atoms with complete valence shells

48 Inherently

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52 The new girl on Fox's "New Girl"

53 Disfavoring

54 Group with a tartan

55 Subject of many '60s hits?

56 Had something

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TCU Trivia

Anniversary: How did TCU's Addraan College get its name?

SOLUTION FROM 1/29

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TCU TRIVIA ANSWER

Addraan College started as a mix of both Addison and Randolph Clark's first syllable of their names. In addition, Addraan was the name of Addison's firstborn, who had died.

Moore leads basketball to fourth consecutive victory

BY COLIN POST

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Jordan Moore scored 20 points and grabbed 16 rebounds, leading TCU to a 69-55 defeat over Oklahoma State and the Horned Frogs' fourth-straight win.

"It doesn't feel like four-consecutive wins, because we're so focused on one day at a time," head coach Raegan Pebley said.

TCU had lost four of their first six Big 12 matchups before winning their last four.

Moore dominated the floor all game on Sunday. Twelve of her 16 rebounds were on the offensive side of the ball, leading to 21 second-chance points for TCU.

"I told Jordan [Moore] last year that no one was better than her," guard Lauren Heard said. "She keeps fighting and it wills us through."

Moore's dominance started early for the Horned Frogs, leading to comfortable leads for TCU at the end of the first quarter (19-12) and at halftime (36-19). Though they were only shooting 22.2 percent from the three-point line, the Horned Frogs were able to score 24 of their 36 first-half points in the paint.

In the second half, TCU lead by as much as 21 but aggressive play by Oklahoma State cut the lead to just eight (61-53) with 2:25 left to go in the game.

In the end, it was the tenacity of Heard that carried TCU to victory. While she only scored six points, she grabbed a



PHOTO BY HEESOO YANG

Junior Jayde Woods is a guard for TCU.

career-high 14 rebounds, nine of which came in the second half alone.

"Seeing her [Heard] play the way that she plays gets me hype," Moore said. "That feeds off to me and feeds off to the whole team."

Heard would end up filling the stat sheet with six points, 14 rebounds, five assists, and three steals.

"I feel like I can always be doing something to help the team succeed and win, so that's what I try to do," Heard said.

Forward Amy Okonkwo and guard Jayde Woods combined for 24 points in the win

for the Horned Frogs. Okonkwo added five rebounds.

The victory improves TCU to 13-1 at home, tying them for the best home record in the Big 12.

"We believe that if we do the things, if we follow a process, if we follow a plan, the end result will take care of itself," Pebley said.

Looking to keep their winning streak alive, the Horned Frogs will head to Lubbock at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 6 for a matchup with Texas Tech.



PHOTO BY HEESOO YANG

Lauren Heard continues to be a do-everything player for TCU.