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EVERY HORNED FROG  
SHE MEETS.

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# Two sorority chapters to quarantine for two weeks

By **RENEE UMSTED**  
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TCU instructed all chapter members of two sororities to quarantine for 14 days to help limit the spread of COVID-19 within their organizations.

The news came Tuesday in an email to residents of the Chi Omega and Pi Beta Phi chapter houses from Kathy Cavins-Tull, the associate vice chancellor for student affairs.

As of Tuesday morning, TCU reported 175 active student cases of COVID-19; 111 students are living off campus, and 64 are living on campus.

The mandate applied to women living in the chapter houses and in other places on and off campus, including those who have not shown symptoms or been exposed to infected individuals.

Women living in the chapter houses were tested for COVID-19 Tuesday morning, and Cavins-Tull wrote in the email that only residents would be allowed in those buildings for the remainder of the quarantine period.

This marks the latest in a series of outbreaks in Greek organizations at universities across the country. On Aug. 20, Texas A&M placed two sororities “whose activities and members are experiencing exposure to the virus” under quarantine. Similarly, the University of South Carolina mandated quarantine for two sororities Tuesday.



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The Chi Omega chapter was one of two sororities placed on mandatory quarantine.

Other schools have taken more drastic measures in response to the spark in cases. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, for example, transitioned to distance learning after a week of in-person classes following the appearance of several clusters on campus, one at the Sigma Nu fraternity.

isolation bed capacity, should it become necessary.”

As of Tuesday, the status of the isolation bed availability was Level Green, meaning there is 65% or higher availability. If the availability drops below 65%, the status becomes Level Yellow, and any availability lower than 30% is designated Level Red.

cleaning using the same system.

“It is our expectation that all TCU community members will follow health and safety protocols so that we can remain on campus and provide an optimal learning environment for many in our community,” Cavins-Tull wrote in the email.

To help slow the spread within your membership, all chapter members (those living in the chapter house as well as non-residents) are required to [quarantine](#) for 14 days. Campus Life will notify your professors that you will need to take your classes online during this period. We encourage you to contact your professors as well. We ask that you not leave your room except to pick up food and bring it back while you are in quarantine.

If your test is positive, you will need to be placed in [isolation](#) (location to be determined). (If you are already in quarantine, the time period is extended for 14 additional days, starting today.) Thank you in advance for helping us keep our campus healthy by slowing the spread of COVID-19. (Quarantine information is attached.)

Starting today and throughout quarantine, only residents will be allowed in the chapter house. We are taking these actions in coordination with Tarrant County Public Health in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19 in the TCU community. Our goal, like yours, is to be able to continue on-campus housing and in-person classes until the semester [ends Nov. 24](#). We are happy to have you here and want to keep you here. Thank you for your support.

TCU revealed this week a new COVID-19 dashboard to report case numbers and other related information. Cavins-Tull wrote in an email Monday to the TCU community that the university has “ample

A screenshot of the email from Kathy Cavins-Tull.

TCU is ranking the availability of protective equipment and maintenance of enhanced



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CAMPUS NEWS

# Honors College removed from House of Representatives

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The John V. Roach Honors College will no longer have allocated seats in the Student Government Association House of Representatives.

The student body voted Friday on the referendum, which passed by a vote of 613-185.

The Honors College will no longer be recognized as a primary academic unit but as a supplementary co-curricular program offered to select students, according to the passed bill.

Vivian Noyd, the SGA chair of elections and regulations, said the House wanted the students to be able to voice their opinion on the referendum after they passed the legislation in February.

Noyd will oversee the reapportionment of House seats now that the referendum has passed.

“The 48 seats that make up the SGA House of Representatives will now be apportioned based on the TCU population each college has,” she said. “Some colleges will remain the same while others will obtain more seats in the House.”

The AddRan College of Liberal Arts, Bob Schieffer College of Communication, College of Science & Engineering, Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences and Neeley School of Business academic units will each receive an additional seat in the House.

“By eliminating seats currently reserved for Honors representatives, every TCU undergraduate student will be equally represented in terms of seat allocation,” according to the bill.

Though over half of the House of Representatives is comprised of students who are affiliated with the Honors College, 12% of students at TCU are members of the Honors College, according to the bill.

The legislation originally passed in the House of Representatives by a vote of 33-15 in February, just one vote over the required two-thirds majority.

First-year students were not eligible to vote because the original bill passed last spring and was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Though the Honors College itself will no longer be represented in the House, the voice of its members will still be heard in SGA as many of the current representatives hold double representation.

“It will definitely be strange to no longer be an Honors College representative, but I believe taking away that privilege from the Honors College could also open up more opportunities elsewhere on campus,” said Gabby Douthitt, who lost her Honors seat but is still in the House as a Class of 2022 representative.



PHOTO BY HEESOO YANG

The Chambers is where SGA and Faculty Senate convene for their meetings.

AddRan College of Liberal Arts	7	8	1
Bob Schieffer College of Communication	5	6	1
College of Science & Engineering	8	9	1
College of Education	2	2	0
College of Fine Arts	4	4	0
Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences	5	6	1
Neeley School of Business	11	12	1
School of Interdisciplinary Studies	1	1	0

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The new apportionment of House seats. (Appendix – H.B. 106-25 – “A Bill to Reapportion House of Representatives Seats for the 107th Session”)



Milton Daniel Hall.

PHOTO BY HEESOO YANG

## COMMUNITY

# More than just a desk assistant

Mary Ruth Jones makes an impact on every Horned Frog she meets

By **MARISSA STACY**  
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Students who have lived in Clark Hall or Sherley Hall in the past 14 years often point to one person who helped shape their first-year experience.

Mary Ruth Jones.

Jones goes by a lot of titles to the TCU community -- desk assistant, friend and even mom. After attending TCU, she decided to come back to the school to work again to help get her three children through school.

As a desk assistant, she assists first-year students with their transition to the college lifestyle. She deals with problems of missing keys, rents cleaning supplies and handles other functional issues that arise in first-year dorms.

Jones said she likes being a grandmother figure to the students and feeling like she influenced them in some way. She is a major influence on many students and a big part of their TCU story.

Kyle Kevorkian, a TCU alum, was a resident assistant in Sherley for two and a half years while Jones worked there. As an out-of-state student, Kevorkian still had to stay at TCU for some holidays as a resident assistant. So one Easter when Kevorkian had to stay in Fort Worth, Jones invited him to attend her family event. This meant

a lot to him, and he was also invited to many of the Jones' other family events, such as tailgates before football games.

"It all comes down to her intentionality," said Kevorkian. "She realizes that every student is important to the TCU culture, and so she gets to know them."

## Mary's missing

Students worried last fall when she disappeared from her normal position at the desk for a couple of days. Matt Winnek, a first-year strategic communication major, said many of the students were confused about where she went.

"No one told us anything about where she was," said Winnek. "So the rumors started flying about what could have possibly happened to her. It is safe to say we were very worried about where she went."

The students care about her as much as she cares about them. One chilly day, two boys were leaving Sherley Hall to head to the gym. As Jones noticed the boys leaving in short-sleeved shirts, she asked the boys where their sweatshirts were. The boys then mentioned to her they were from Chicago, so the colder temperatures did not bother them.

## Family legacy

As a mom, Jones is fortunate that all three of her children attended TCU, and her son Clark Jones is a microbiolo-



PHOTO COURTESY OF KYLE KEVORKIAN

Kevorkian attended the Jones' tailgate with another TCU student, Jillian Verzwylvelt.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MAVIS TANG

Tang with Mary Ruth as the first-year students were taught the cheers at Frog Camp.

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gy professor and was Faculty Senate chair at TCU.

When Clark was elected, he wrote a love letter about TCU and the meaning the school had to him. This letter was mainly about his mom, whom he believes allowed him to be here.

“When you are Mary Ruth’s son, bleeding purple is a requirement,” Clark wrote in his letter.

Clark said when he tells people his mom is Mary Ruth, they always get excited and tell him

detail.

“She remembers everything anyone tells her,” Tang said.

When Tang graduated in 2019, there was one special person sitting in the audience cheering her on.

“After the ceremony, my mom asked me who that lady was in the audience cheering for me,” Tang said. “I had to explain to her that it was just Mary Ruth and that is what she does.”

Mary Ruth is a fixture at graduation. For years she has attended with longtime friend Kay

***“I ENJOY GETTING TO KNOW STUDENTS AND FIND OUT WHAT THEY ARE PLANNING TO DO AND WHERE THEY ARE FROM.”***

**-MARY RUTH JONES**

SHERLEY HALL DESK ASSISTANT

they love his mom. He loves hearing about how students remember his mom from Frog Camp.

Mary Ruth has attended Frog Camp for 26 years. She is best known for teaching the students the cheers that have been yelled at TCU for years. From the “Riff Ram” to “Icky Dicky,” Mary Ruth lights up the ballroom as soon as she walks in.

Mavis Tang met Mary Ruth at Frog Camp in 2018. A Frog Camp director, Tang was put in charge of checking on Mary Ruth throughout the day.

But Mary Ruth also checked up on Tang. The two chatted about Tang’s recent change of major and what was going on in her life. Since then, Tang said she never forgot a

Higgins, the associate dean of Student Development. They sit in the same spot to take pictures of the students. **Frog forever**

Mary Ruth leaves her job as the desk assistant at 3 p.m., but returns to campus in the evenings for whatever is going on—sporting events, speakers or student performances.

Mary Ruth is known for being someone who cares about everyone who comes in contact with her.

Higgins said having her in the dorms is “such a gift,” and many parents realize that when they meet her as well.

“She’s a role-model, somebody you know will always listen, forever care and always be a light on for whoever needs



PHOTO BY TUYEN HOANG

Mary Ruth, a cancer survivor, escorted by the baseball and basketball team in a survivor parade in 2015.

her,” said Higgins.

Clark said Mary Ruth “will most likely be retiring this year or by the end of the year due to COVID-19.”

This past spring, an endowed scholarship was established in her name to benefit upper-division students who have demonstrated commitment to TCU.

Mary Ruth fills a lot of different roles for the TCU community. But, whenever anyone was asked to speak about her, they all would end up talking about the impact she has made not only on them but also on the entire community.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CLARK JONES

Mary Ruth celebrating the new scholarship in her name.



# DISTANCE, BUT N

## Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020:

Caring, idealistic and identifying with the downtrodden, you make it better for others, and this pressure can lead to depression. So talented are you, you need someone to manage your business affairs. This year, you learn to nourish yourself and you produce a masterpiece. If single, you're greatly sought after but decide to stay alone. If attached, your love is intense but subject to change. LIBRA keeps up with the variables.

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

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Today renews your vitality and motivation. Your career assumes primary importance and you go forward with renewed zest. Just be cautious about making commitments or promises. There might be more involved than is first apparent. Tonight: Ask to hear each thing repeated, and twice.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Involvement with music and art from faraway lands elevates your spirit. Grandparent and grandchild interactions will be especially happy and comforting. While walking or engaging in other active pursuits you sense a deeper connection with yourself. Tonight: Write it down. It's valuable.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Listen while those you're closest to reveal heartfelt thoughts and opinions. A loved one might yearn to write a book, travel or study something new. Be supportive. You'll find it's time to review your many types of relationships. Tonight: Special time with children.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ In regard to business as well as romance, seek progressive associates who bring you fresh outlooks. This stimulates personal creativity and brings respectful support from others. There is ample time for recreation and relaxation. Tonight: Glad today went better than yesterday.

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

★★★★ Leo's cell salt is magnesium phosphate. This cell salt is called "the natural painkiller." It benefits what's ruled by Leo: heart, lungs and back. Find it in mint, soybeans, plums, wild rice, cashews and citrus fruits. Tonight: Concoct some fantastic recipes.

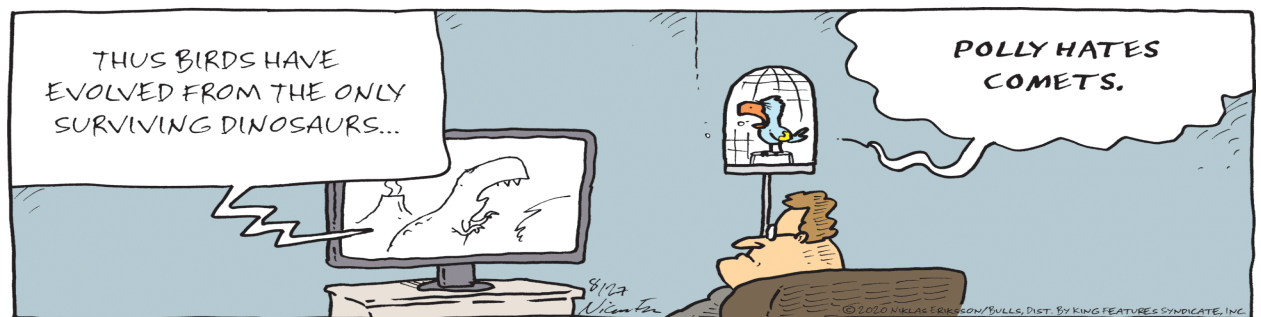
### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ Today encourages others to make plans involving you. Cooperate if this feels beneficial, but be cautious if you sense that the direction things are headed isn't quite right. Ironically, this will help you do right by others. Tonight: Relief, as if you'd dodged a bullet. You did.

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

★★★ Today accents home

### Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



### Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



and heritage. Express tolerance regarding a family member or household member who has been difficult. Seek to make your residence more comfortable and functional. Remember what it was that you were born to do. Tonight: Connect with an elderly family member. .

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

★★★★ Today finds you uncharacteristically talkative. The stars favor a focus on planning and correspondence. Embrace travel opportunities, too. Prepare for the unexpected. The pace will seem to quicken. Tonight: Return all your phone

calls. It will feel amazing to clear that up.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Travel, perhaps for work, can boost your income. Research current trends in your career field. Exercise careful judgement regarding a risky financial suggestion made by another. Consider a vocational study to add to your impressive skills. Tonight: Actually watch a whole movie.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ A subtle and wry sense

of humor helps you rise above rough situations. Stay flexible today. Accept how new factors come into play, and all will be well. Your personal creativity will be stimulated. You receive respectful support from others. Tonight: Emails. ck, bright solutions to problems.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Today invokes a nostalgic mood, and you cherish a bit of peace and privacy. News arrives concerning those who have been part of your past. Nature calls to you. It's also a wonderful time to appreciate

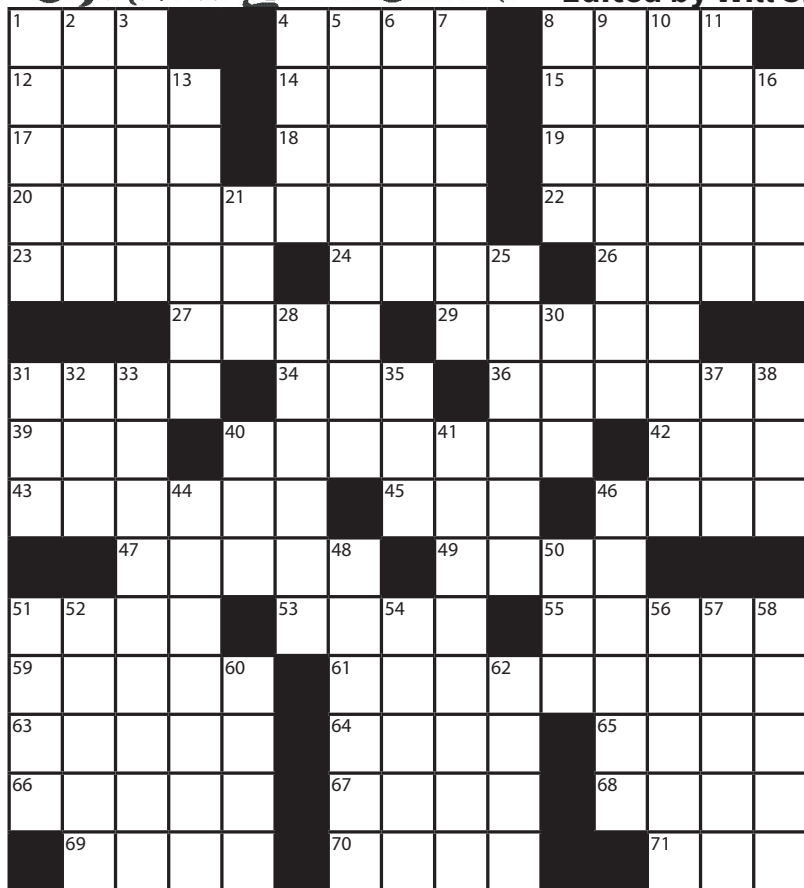
undeveloped land. Tonight: A connection to the stars.

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

★★★★ Today brings deep transformation to commitments. A hidden fact comes to light. Associates will amaze you. It is better to delay than to force issues. Patience helps you attain the recognition you crave. Tonight: You completely switch gears and dive into play mode.

# MAKE IT SOCIAL

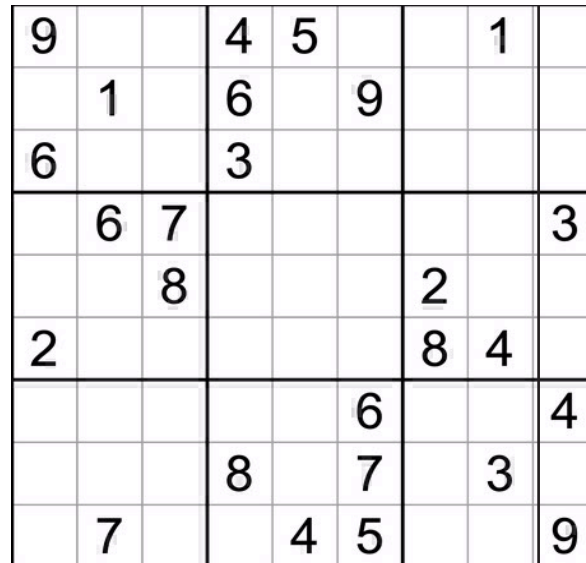
## The New York Times Edited by Will Shortz



- ACROSS**
- 1 Major source of wheat
  - 4 Zipped
  - 8 Hindu avatar
  - 12 Kaplan course subj.
  - 14 Neighbor of Algeria
  - 15 Snubs, possibly
  - 17 Swaying just before a disaster
  - 18 Blarney Stone site
  - 19 Wedgy
  - 20 Part 1 of an instruction for solving this puzzle
  - 22 Mean
  - 23 Donna's predecessor?
  - 24 Glamping option
  - 26 Bold alternative: Abbr.
  - 27 Image on the Missouri state quarter
  - 29 A jigger is bigger than this
  - 31 Some loud chewers
  - 34 Limelight stealer
  - 36 Didn't stay put
  - 39 The Cardinals, on scoreboards
  - 40 Part 2 of the instruction
  - 42 Many wages

- 43 Sewer
- 45 TV's "Science Guy"
- 46 Tech info site
- 47 Heineken alternative
- 49 Smoking hot Italian?
- 51 1982 film that takes place inside a computer
- 53 Wrests
- 55 Cry in an opera house
- 59 Labor day event
- 61 End of the instruction
- 63 Minimalist
- 64 Fish frequently caught by newts
- 65 Ending for patri-
- 66 Leader typically appearing shirtless in "S.N.L." parodies
- 67 Colonnade trees
- 68 Hawn of the silver screen
- 69 Bustline muscles, informally
- 70 Some winks
- 71 Retired means of travel, for short

- DOWN**
- 1 Result of loose lips?
  - 2 Job that involves a lot of sweating
  - 3 Judd of country music
  - 4 Hook associate
  - 5 Handout on December 31
  - 6 Peace Nobelist Root
  - 7 Dough used in a taqueria
  - 8 Org. for some future lts.
  - 9 AWOL part
  - 10 Colonial force
  - 11 Own a boat, say
  - 13 Pewter accompanier in the Bible
  - 16 Wads are made to do this
  - 21 "Emeer" for "emir," e.g.: Abbr.
  - 25 Castle feature
  - 28 "Rosy" things
  - 30 Present ... or a concise explanation of this puzzle's theme
  - 31 "Special Agent \_\_\_\_" (Disney animated series)
  - 32 Copier tray abbr.
  - 33 Go on



**DIRECTIONS**

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

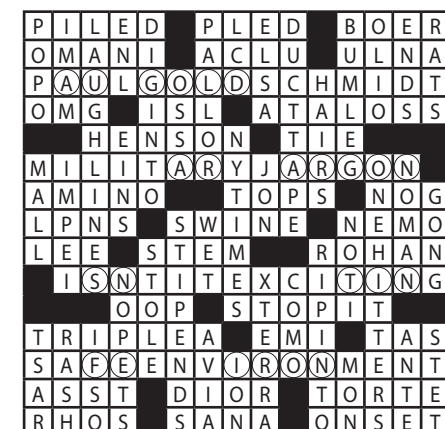
**SOLUTION**

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

## TCU Trivia

True or False? TCU's colors, purple and white, originally symbolized royalty and clean play.

**SOLUTION**



- 35 High point: Abbr.
- 37 Poet's "before"
- 38 "Can't Help Lovin' \_\_\_\_ Man"
- 40 Cousin of "Inc."
- 41 "I need your full attention over here"
- 44 Ending that's in the middle?
- 46 Santana of Santana
- 48 Like flour for baking
- 50 Original ainer of "The Monkees"
- 51 Shortening used in recipes?
- 52 Shrewd
- 54 In all honesty
- 56 Fiats, e.g.
- 57 Bridal shop display
- 58 Berkshire racecourse
- 60 Certain lawyers
- 62 It may be critical

**TCU TRIVIA ANSWER**

True



## CAMPUS NEWS

# Police investigate on-campus sexual assault

By **SAM FRISTACHI**

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The TCU and Fort Worth police departments are investigating a report of a sexual assault that occurred Aug. 16 in a residence hall.

The victim reported meeting the suspect via social media, according to the crime alert sent Aug. 19 by the TCU Police Department. To date, the suspect has not yet been identified.

Interim Chief of Police Robert Rangel wrote in an email some people may be dishonest when interacting with others on social media.

“It is easy to pretend to be something you are not just to get the attention of someone and

appealing to their vulnerabilities,” he wrote.

Rangel wrote that doing research about a potential date and talking to the person over the phone or FaceTime before meeting in person can help students stay safe while using social media. He added that students should not give out too much personal information before they are “comfortable and feel safe.”

“Many of our cases come not from predators, but from opportunistic actors/perpetrators where intentions are very different and not communicated,” Rangel wrote in the email.

Rangel’s suggestion to learn more about a date before meeting that person may be an

important step to take when using dating apps in addition to social media.

A 16-month investigation by Columbia Journalism Investigations and ProPublica studied more than 150 incidents of sexual assaults involving dating apps. It found most of the cases occurred during the users’ first in-person meetings, in parking lots, apartments and dorm rooms.

Match Group, which owns most of the major dating apps including Tinder, does not screen for sexual predators on its free platforms, meaning registered sex offenders can use the free apps.

In 2018, seven



PHOTO BY HEESOO YANG

The TCU Police and the Fort Worth Police Department are investigating the sexual assault that occurred Aug. 16.

rapes that occurred in on-campus residence halls were reported to TCU police, according to the Annual Campus Security Report published October 2019.

Students are encouraged to program the TCU Police phone number, 817-247-7777, into their phones and download the FrogShield app to be able to get a

rapid police response.

The Campus Life office and the Counseling and Mental Health Center have resources for students who are victims of a crime.

# Students must request tickets for football season

By **COLIN POST**

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Students will be required to request tickets online before each of the six home football games the Frogs will play this season, according to an email sent Aug. 18 from TCU Athletics.

This is a change from previous years, when students could attend games using their student IDs. Seating was available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Due to social distancing guidelines, the Amon G. Carter Stadium will be capped at 12,000 fans for the entirety of the season. TCU Athletics has reserved 3,000

tickets for students on the east side and north end zone of Amon G. Carter Stadium.

“Student attendance is a priority and a big part of our game day,” said Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Jeremiah Donati. “We reviewed TCU student attendance for the last few years to help determine a number of tickets to meet demand while still following health and safety guidelines and social distancing requirements.”

Students will have the option to create groups of up to four people to sit with. To do this, they can start submitting requests

at 8 a.m. on the Monday prior to TCU home games. Requests must be turned in by Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Students can expect to receive their tickets electronically by the Friday before home games. The tickets are non-transferable, and anyone without a reserved seat will not be allowed to enter the stadium on game day.

There is no limit to the amount of home games a student can attend.

If the demand for tickets is greater than the amount available, tickets will be issued in a lottery. Priority for tickets will fall in the following order:



PHOTO BY HEESOO YANG

The student section in Amon G. Carter Stadium.

seniors, juniors, graduate students, sophomores and first-year students.

As previously announced, all fans will be prohibited from tailgating and required

to wear a mask when at the stadium. TCU staff will strictly enforce the guidelines to reduce the spread of the virus.

The Horned Frogs kick off their season Sept.

12 against cross-town rival SMU.