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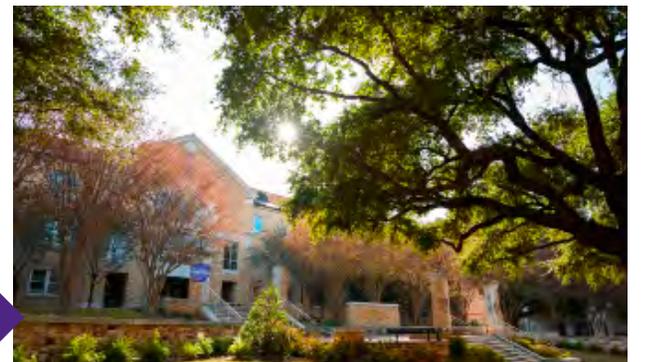
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BUSINESS

COVID-19 sparks decline in business at Fort Worth restaurants and bars

By **CAROLINE GARLAND**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Fort Worth businesses have experienced hardships in the wake of COVID-19, especially the bars and restaurants around campus.

Dutch's Burgers and Beers on South University Drive has experienced a decline in patrons. Managing partner Kay Greenlee said the restaurant is usually packed with the return of TCU students in the fall, but this year has been different.

"There has been a decline in our business but it has gotten much better," Greenlee said. "It is not 100% back where it was but it's much better. The biggest difference we see is we're getting more night-time business than we normally would."

Fuzzy's Taco Shop on Berry Street has also experienced tough times due to COVID-19 restrictions. Eduardo Jiminez, the general manager, said he is very concerned with the decline in sales.

"As far as the business goes, well you know it all relates around sales because once sales drop then that means we're not able to afford much labor anymore," said Jiminez. "It's sad to see these employees' hours get cut from 40 to 20 hours a week."

Jiminez said the postponement of TCU football games and lack of visitors at TCU has also greatly affected his restaurant's business.

Bar traffic dropping

The bars in Fort Worth are making adjustments to open



PHOTO COURTESY OF KAY GREENLEE

Restaurants in Fort Worth have seen a decline in customers due to COVID-19.

doors during the pandemic. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has said a bar can only be open if 51% of its sales come from food. To help the bars reopen, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission has removed restrictions and amended the rules for bars.

Briana Brown, a senior fashion merchandising major, said she has noticed a big decline in the number of people in bars since her return to TCU this semester.

"The bars are really quiet, and you have to stay seated at your assigned table; you cannot walk around or dance anymore," Brown said. "I think people are not frequenting the bars as much right now because of these rules; it takes the fun out of the whole bar experience."

The bars around TCU are definitely feeling the effects of COVID-19.

Whiskey Garden bouncer and security guard Conner Peterson, said business has been down this year even

with the return of TCU students.

Students are not booking parties at the bar as often as they have in previous years, he said.

"I've also noticed a lot of TCU students do

not know which bars are open and which are closed, which is leading to a far smaller number of students at the bar scene than previously seen," Peterson said.

"It is not 100% back where it was but it's much better. The biggest difference we see is we're getting more night-time business than we normally would."

-KAY GREENLEE

DUTCH'S BURGERS AND BEERS MANAGING PARTNER



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An overhead picture of University Drive shows Dutch's Burgers and Beers among other businesses.



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COMMUNITY

Clothing outlets encourage eco-friendly fashion

By **CAMILLA PRICE**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Second-Hand September, an initiative started by the UK charity Oxfam, is encouraging consumers to go 30 days without purchasing any new clothing by renting, trading or choosing second-hand.

Jana Pimentel, a TCU alumna who graduated last year, is working to raise awareness of the campaign and encourage others to participate.

“What they’re promoting is for the month of September, instead of buying new clothing, and I would actually say to extend that to just about anything, to shop second-hand instead,” said Pimentel. “So that’s really the main goal and just to bring awareness to the environmental impact of the clothing and textile industry.”

One of the fashion industry’s most damaging impacts comes from the fast fashion cycle.

Dr. Shweta Reddy, who teaches a course on sustainable fashion at TCU, said fast fashion is the rapid and wasteful production of clothing that harms workers and the environment.

“It’s a very short production to floor,” she said. “In 68 days, if you have to make the textile, cut the textile, sew it and put it onto the shelf, it’s basically putting pressure on a lot of people.”

Popular brands including H&M, Boohoo and Forever 21 manufacture clothes for as many as 52

“micro-seasons” each year, according to The Good Trade. The quick turnover keeps inventory flowing in, encouraging consumers to toss out items they bought weeks before to purchase outfits that are in style.

The average American bought more than twice as many clothes in 2014 as in 2000 but sends 70 pounds of clothing to the landfill each year, according to Council for Textile Recycling. Nearly all of the clothes could have been recycled or repurposed by manufacturers.

Fast fashion takes a toll on the planet. The industry is the second-largest water polluter in the world, according to the U.N., with the oil industry in first.

Clothes with synthetic fibers like polyester, nylon and spandex are made with oil-derived petroleum and release greenhouse gas emissions as they rot in landfills.

Many companies that sell clothes and other textile products in the U.S. put workers at risk when their manufacturing occurs in countries with limited labor and safety laws.

“Most workers in the fashion industry are underpaid, overworked and mistreated,” said Brooke Prock, the artisan production coordinator for Fort Worth sustainable clothing outlet Tribe Alive.

The outlet pays its artisans a living wage as part of its mission to make clothing sustainably, from



PHOTO BY CAMILLA PRICE

Sustainably made clothes displayed at local clothing outlet Tribe Alive.

producing synthetic-free items using minimal energy and water to eliminating single-use plastic.

Workers may also be exposed to toxic chemicals. Of the 2,000 different chemicals used in textile processing, just 16 are approved by the EPA, according to sustainable fashion brand Reformation.

Next steps for consumers

Second-Hand September is just one of the solutions to increasing environmental and social sustainability in fashion.

The number of sustainable outlets like Tribe Alive is growing, but Prock said the concept of sustainable fashion still needs wider acceptance.

Pimentel said students can help the sustainable fashion movement with small actions, such as purchasing gently used

Average Consumer Bought **60%** More Clothing in 2014 Than in 2000, But Kept Each Garment Half as Long



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Consumers are increasingly buying into the fast fashion cycle.

accessories or buying classic clothing from eco-friendly companies that won’t go out of style.

Reddy also stressed the significance of the consumer on making the industry more sustainable.

“You’re basically voting when you’re buying a garment,” she said. “You make a choice every day, every time,

actually, that you’re buying a piece of fabric.”

Most sustainable fashion companies have a page on their website discussing their environmental and human rights practices.

Prock says being a sustainable fashion consumer not only means purchasing sustainably made clothing, but also keeping items longer

and donating or trading unwanted items.

“I think everyone should evaluate their own closet,” said Prock. “If consumers were educated on the true cost of producing quality pieces with fair labor, I believe the fashion industry would naturally move towards a healthier, more sustainable place.”



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NEWS ROUNDUP

GREEK LIFE Panhellenic sorority loses its charter

The national organization of one of TCU's newest sororities has revoked its charter, explaining in an email that despite "a sincere effort, they were unable to build and sustain their membership."

Members of Alpha Omicron Pi received the decision on Saturday after the second round of Panhellenic sorority recruitment. The chapter has been active on campus since the fall of 2012.

Kathy Cavins-Tull, the vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said, "It is with sadness that TCU acknowledges the closing of the Lambda Rho Chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi after eight years of active leadership and service to TCU collegians, the University and the Fort Worth community."

-Marisa Stacy

NEWS National Finals Rodeo heads to Globe Life Field this December



PHOTO COURTESY OF AP IMAGES

A contestant in the National Finals Rodeo.



PHOTO BY HEESOO YANG

The Alpha Omicron Pi chapter at TCU has had its charter revoked.

Arlington's Globe Life Field is set to host the 2020 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo this December, the first time since 1985 that the event will not be held at Las Vegas' Thomas & Mack Center.

The change in venue was initiated due to COVID-19 restrictions that would prevent any fans from attending in Nevada.

Globe Life Field provides an alternative because of Texas Gov. Greg Abbott's statewide ordinance allowing 50% fan capacity at sports venues.

The event will be held Dec. 3-12.

-Mel Morris

CAMPUS NEWS \$25 million donated to the TCU and UNTHSC School of Medicine

The TCU and UNTHSC School of Medicine received a \$25 million donation, contributing to the Lead On campaign.

Chancellor Victor Boschini announced the donation from Anne Marion, who died in February, and the Burnett Foundation on Sept. 15 in an email to students and faculty.

The endowment will enhance the School of Medicine's communication-based curriculum designed to cultivate "empathetic scholars."

"I am inspired by the vision of the School of Medicine to transform medical education," Marion said before she died. "This school is bringing considerable advances and innovations that are reshaping curriculum and preparing its graduates to better serve the community. I am pleased to make this gift."

The campaign was initiated to strengthen

the university's endowment and its support of scholarships and academic programs, as well as to increase the diversity and inclusiveness of the student population.

-Molly Boyce

CAMPUS NEWS AddRan dean focuses on providing 'top-notch' education this semester

The newest dean at TCU is focused on providing a quality education for students and increasing the number of faculty of color.

Before the pandemic hit, Watson said she looked to focus on conveying the value of a liberal arts education and enhancing AddRan College's diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) efforts in her role as dean.

In addition, she said she plans to start a leadership program for a cohort of students called AddRan Ambassadors.

"Further, I will launch two college-wide diversity, equity, and inclusion committees, one for faculty/staff and the other for students, to further incorporate DEI in to AddRan to recruit and retain students and enhance the student perspective," Watson said.

The pandemic and its effect on TCU made Watson add on to her initial goals.

-Alexandra Preusser

COMMUNITY YMCA to host virtual learning sites in Tarrant County

The Tarrant County YMCA has created nine virtual learning assistance sites across Tarrant County for students to complete their schoolwork.

Tarrant County commissioners approved \$770,000 in CARES Act funding to support this program.

Students from kindergarten through fifth grade can attend their virtual classes, receive academic support and participate in social activities, Winn said.

The YMCA will have three locations: Benbrook Community Center YMCA, Ryan Family YMCA and YMCA Camp Carter.

The program will also collaborate with Clayton Youth Enrichment, Girls Incorporated of Tarrant County and Tarrant Girls and Boys Club.

-Brian Contreras

CAMPUS NEWS Neeley School of Business appoints director for inclusive excellence

The Neeley School of Business is making changes with diversity in mind by appointing a director for inclusive excellence.

Ann Tasby, an instructor of accounting, will serve as Neeley's inaugural director for inclusive excellence.

Tasby, who is also a faculty liaison for TCU's National Association for Black Accountants and the TCU Accounting Career Awareness

Program, will develop and lead a school-wide inclusive excellence strategy, framework, activation and accountability system for historically underrepresented students.

Part of the strategy includes a recruitment and retention plan for diverse faculty and staff to enrich the academic experience and culture of connection within the business school.

She wrote in an email her position represents the dedication of Neeley to cultivate well-rounded professionals who are prepared to be effective in the global economy.

-Alexis King

"We are deliberately checking to make sure all voices are heard and respected. I am personally fully committed to the adventure ahead and determined to create a 'Brave Zone' where ALL voices will be valued."

-ANN TASBY

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CAMPUS NEWS

TCU announces modified spring break

By **BENTON MCDONALD**
MANAGING EDITOR, TCU 360

The spring semester at TCU will be condensed and include a three-day “on-campus spring refresh” in place of a traditional spring break as the university continues to adjust to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chancellor Victor Boschini announced the calendar revisions in an email to staff and faculty on Sept. 18. This is a change from the university’s message on Sept. 10, when Provost Teresa Dahlberg said at the Faculty Senate meeting there would be no breaks next semester.

The semester will begin Jan. 19 and conclude April 30, with final exams set for the

week of May 3.

There will be no classes between Tuesday, March 9 and Thursday, March 11 as part of the on-campus refresh.

“While this modified calendar eliminates traditional spring break to reduce travel and the potential for spreading COVID-19 and the flu, we remain focused on the benefits of pausing to refresh while keeping our Horned Frog family as safe and healthy as possible,” Boschini wrote.

Student Affairs is planning several programs for students over the three-day period. Classes will occur on Monday and Friday of that week.

Students will also be off on April 2 for the

Good Friday holiday.

Online-only and in-person/dual learning options will be offered to students for the full semester as they were for the fall, Boschini wrote.

“We are prepared to be flexible and continue innovating to ensure academic goals are achieved,” he wrote.

Boschini also announced an online-only winter intersession that will be held between Nov. 30 and Dec. 18 for “undergraduate students who choose to focus on academic progression.”

He told TCU360 that winter intersession courses will cost the same amount as other terms.

Classes will be held every day during the intersession.



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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, TCU hopes to reduce travel with an abbreviated spring break.

TCU fashion students adjust to a fashion industry changed by COVID-19

By **ALEXIS KING**
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

TCU fashion merchandising students are navigating changes in market and fashion courses caused by COVID-19.

“Not much as the curriculum but the department has made several changes in several fashion courses to help students prepare for what’s next,” said Leslie Browning-Samoni, a fashion merchandising professor.

Students are now depending on technology and other resources to gain a virtual experience similar to one they would get in person.

Most classes are taught remotely, and only a few are in-person. Textile test and analysis, for example, would normally have in-person labs but have transitioned to an online format where students are testing the performance of textile products from home.

From virtual fashion week shows to brands changing their traditional schedules, COVID-19 has reinvented the fashion industry.

Fashion merchandising major Izzy Fleming said much of the merchandise brands put on the market before COVID-19 will continue “to recycle within the

market for the coming seasons due to the pandemic.”

“These times are a lot harder because some of us don’t know what the fashion world is going to look like today or even next year,” said Fleming.

According to the Business of Fashion, TCU is not the only university adjusting to the new changes within fashion schooling.

Fashion students at other universities have experienced fashion labs in a remote setting where staff and faculty are developing “creative techniques with students to make fashion more accessible.”

Browning-Samoni



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The College of Fine Arts building, which houses the department of fashion merchandising.

said students should start asking themselves what they want to do when they begin working in the field and if they are prepared to adjust to a slightly different job.

“Opportunities are going to look different; things are going to look different,” she said. “You might not get that dream job in New York City. They may want you

working from home.” To find out more changes regarding the TCU fashion merchandising department, go to finearts.tcu.edu/fashion-merchandising.

CAMPUS NEWS

Honors College begins to see change in student application pool

By **BEN KASPER**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Since the John V. Roach Honors College changed its application process, the students enrolled in the program have become more creative and motivated both inside and outside the classroom.

The trend started during the 2018-2019 academic year, when the Honors College shifted its focus in admission decisions to the students' supplemental essays, rather than their academic success.

"Student essays provide a better context for understanding a student and the challenges they have faced and/or overcome," said Dr. Ron Pitcock, the interim dean of the Honors College. "The process is now more holistic and fairer to all applicants."

Prior to the change, first-year students had

received invitations into the Honors College at TCU and bypassed any additional steps to apply.

"A key trend is that there are more students applying who have qualities more interesting than a high test score or top class rank," said Pitcock. "More of these students have grit and have had to be creative in discovering ways to address their motivation to learn."

This new "opt-in"

process is attracting students, "especially those who — because of a test score or under-resourced school system — may not see themselves as honors students but clearly are in every ounce of their being" apply and now be accepted into the Honors College, said Pitcock.

Jett Forest, a student in the Honors College who was in the first class to experience the new application process, said

"IN THE PAST, QUANTITATIVE MEASUREMENTS PROVIDED THROUGH THE TCU APPLICATION WERE THE DRIVING FACTOR. MANY EXCELLENT STUDENTS WERE OVERLOOKED IN THAT PROCESS."

- DR. RON PITCOCK,
INTERIM DEAN OF THE HONORS COLLEGE

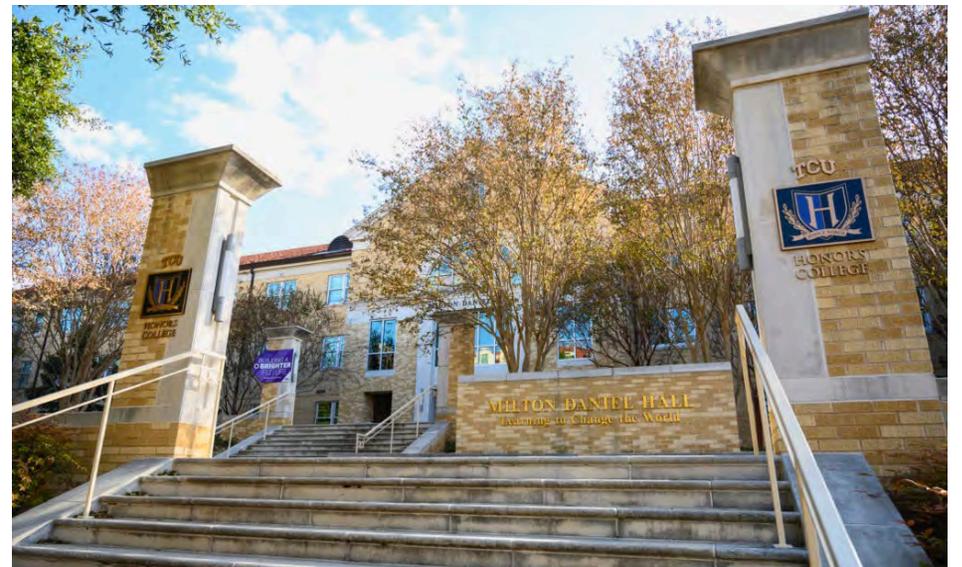


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Milton Daniel Hall, the residence hall for honors students.

he reached out to the Honors College upon submitting his undergraduate application.

"I applied because I saw that [the Honors College] offered great opportunities like study abroad trips and undergraduate research," said Forest. "The discussion-based and liberal arts classes are a nice break from my math and

econ classes."

Last year, the Honors College received more than 1,600 applications. According to the Honors College website, there is no minimum high school GPA or standardized test score for its first-year applicants.

To apply, students have to write two essays. One is at least 500 words and asks the students to

write about something meaningful they would dedicate their lives to that lies completely outside of their intended major.

The second essay can be no more than 500 words. It asks the students to pick one of three available questions, which allows students to share a meaningful experience.

All-female team of student body officers makes TCU history

By **LESLIE FIELDS**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

For the first time in 107 years, all three of the Student Government Association's student body officers are female.

Paige Shiring is student body president, Liliana Ogden is student body vice president, and Gabby Douthitt is student body treasurer.

The female leadership was extended to the SGA House of Representatives when Vivian Noyd was elected as speaker of the House.

"This is exciting for many reasons," Noyd said. "I think having an all-female group of student body officers is really incredible; you truly have three of the most dedicated and passionate women advocating and serving students."

This election is exciting for the new officers, but Ogden said it also brings feelings of dispirit.

"Considering it has been 107 years and this is the first time it has been an all-female board of

Student Body Officers is insane," Ogden said. "It is really exciting for us, but it is also disheartening that it took us this long to get here."

Douthitt said this female force contributes to the efforts of diversity, equity and inclusion on campus.

"With women in the leadership positions, it creates such a cool opportunity to bring in different perspectives on campus," Douthitt said. "I think women have such an interesting and different kind of

passion and heart for the work they do, and that is going to bring a really interesting style of work to the offices we hold in SGA."

Adding to the excitement around the new officers was the connection that all three share.

"Having three women that are not only incredible and accomplished leaders in their own right is exciting, but what is even more exciting is that they are all really good friends," Noyd said. "As a student

body, we will get to see the benefit of having people being able to collaborate easily towards a unified goal."

Ogden said the three women have great relationships with each other, which is going to expedite their success.

"We all have great relationships, and we are all very driven and focused," Ogden said. "We all have passions that intertwine and align."

Ogden's campaign slogan was "Action Starts Now," and she has

plans to advocate for all students.

"My slogan has driven my entire campaign platform, and it is what I will continue to fight for," Ogden said.

As for Douthitt, she is working toward equitable organization funding, officer availability, financial transparency and lifetime financial awareness as treasurer.

"I am really excited about what I am working toward this year," Douthitt said.

PROTECT

Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020:

Imaginative, free-spirited and generous, you travel many roads in this lifetime, physically and mentally. This year, allow yourself to commit and settle, and you'll accomplish miracles at work. If single, others' attraction to you draws you into affairs, potentially including a triangle. If attached, you have a very understanding partner who allows you time to yourself. You both might decide to move this year. SAGITTARIUS is a wanderer like you.

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, your career is highlighted. You may question authority and become more vocal and visible at work. Extra effort and attention to detail make the recognition positive. Tonight: Sentiment is replaced with an affinity for all that is contemporary and progressive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Faraway places and foreign people turn your thoughts away from the familiar. You may explore new philosophies and belief systems and be profoundly affected. Daydreams are vivid. Communication is delicate. Be cautious if speaking or writing about controversial topics. Tonight: Friends suggest adventuresome travels.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You enjoy learning and are something of a perpetual student. You can learn a great deal at this time; old concepts are changing. Today memories of a grandparent or childhood companion will be vivid and meaningful. Tonight: Accept experiences from the past philosophically.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ A partner must be compatible with your relatives, especially your mother, to make you happy. Your generosity and sensitivity make you a delightful companion if you can overcome memories of old, lost loves. Romantic prospects improve today. Tonight: Date night.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★ Today can bring temporary weariness. Take care of old maladies and get extra rest when this occurs. Avoid those who are ill if you can. You are especially vulnerable. Get both sides of the story if there is disturbing news. Tonight: Take the night off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Love trends are definitely improving. You will be liberated from old heartaches or disappointments. A spiritual connection with a special person might form today. Existing relationships transform for the better. Tonight: Romantic opportunities arise that open doors -- pursue them.

Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You can relax. There is a feeling of reprieve from demanding realities and pressures. Companions are less critical and more supportive of your ideas. Your home life is improved if you use humor and patience in communicating with family members. Tonight: Quiet evening at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You can do some impressive writing today. Cards and emails, as well as stories and poems, flow freely. Neighbors are more friendly; accept

invitations they extend. Return telephone calls promptly. They can be very important. Tonight: Socially distanced socializing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Conversations revolve around business. Today promises you information about and an understanding of certain financial matters. There is a new awareness about what money really does and doesn't mean. Tonight: Be ready to expand and experiment to assure success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You can make constructive changes today. It's a good time to polish your skills. Complete work requiring analysis or precise measurements. New technologies and gadgets are an asset. It's easier to clear away debris and get organized. Tonight: Tradition is upheld now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ A subject that is hard to understand suddenly is clarified if you study diligently. It's a perfect time to think about attending a meditation group and deepening your awareness.

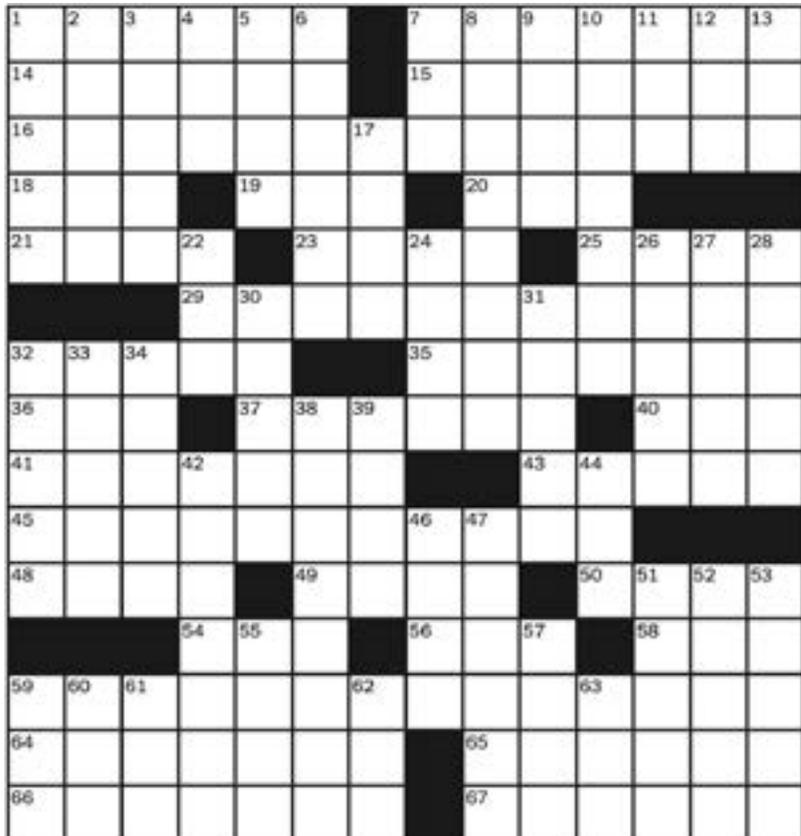
Seek healing and inspiration from the arts or contact with nature. Tonight: Deep rest.e

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might be a bit more quiet than usual because you are especially impressionable today. You are quite psychically aware of the deepest inner feelings of others. Talk remotely in a group. Your humor wins new friends. Tonight: Others want to be closer.

THE PURPLE

The New York Times Edited by Will Shortz



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 - 53 Big pitchers
 - 55 A while ago
 - 57 Grandson of Adam and Eve
 - 59 College ____ (something that might include an SAT score)
 - 60 Commercial lead-in to mart
 - 61 Basic bio subject
 - 62 Loosey-goosey
 - 63 One-up



DIRECTIONS

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

SOLUTION



TCU Trivia

True or False? TCU's campus is 295 acres.

- abbr.)
- 56 "So ____ heard"
- 58 It can be broken, but not fixed
- 59 Classic young adult novel ... or hint to the path taken by four letters in the answers to the starred clues
- 64 Cure-all
- 65 Longhorn rival
- 66 Hypothetical solar system body beyond Neptune
- 67 White-barked trees

SOLUTION



TCU TRIVIA ANSWER

True

SPORTS

Volleyball looks to rely on Clark's influence on and off the court

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There has never been a moment too big for Katie Clark.

Since her first year at TCU, the middle blocker has been the best when the lights have been the brightest.

This was never more evident than on Oct. 6, 2019, when Clark put together her best performance to date to push the Frogs past Texas Tech University in Lubbock after a back-and-forth five-set battle. The then-sophomore was unstoppable, collecting 21 kills and a block to give TCU their first Big 12 victory of 2019.

Clark finished her 2019 campaign as TCU's leader in kills (289), blocks (99) and points (353.5). Her efforts earned her a spot on the All-Big 12 Second Team and All-NIVC First Team after the Frogs made it to the NIVC semifinals.

Heading into her junior season, Clark's coaches and teammates are confident that when the ball is heading her way, she is going to deliver.

"Last season she [Clark] played right side, left side and ended up proving to be one of the most dominating middle blockers in our league," TCU head coach Jill Kramer said. "We are excited for her continued development and contributions to our team this upcoming season."

In June, recognition continued to pour in for Clark. The Arlington, Texas, native gained her first career preseason



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After being named to the Preseason All-Big 12 team, Katie Clark certainly has some added pressure to perform for TCU this fall.

award, as she was one of eight players unanimously named to the preseason All-Big 12 team. She was also the only unanimous selection who was not on the 2019 All-Big 12 First Team.

Now, with the Frogs set to kick off their season against Baylor, TCU will look to rely on Clark's hard hitting and leadership as they navigate pursuing a Big 12 title amid a pandemic.

A four-year letter winner at Arlington High School, Clark has long been a dangerous offensive threat. The 6'3" middle blocker finished with a school-record of 2,329 kills, to go with 745 digs and 335 blocks. An outstanding senior year saw her finishing with a spot on the 2017 Under Armour Girls High School All-America Third Team ranked as FloVolleyball's 11th-best senior in Texas.

Things did not change when Clark got to TCU.



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Middle blocker Katie Clark goes up for a strong spike during her first season at TCU.

Though injury held her to just 22 matches in her first year, she dominated the time in which she did play. Reinforcing Clark's theme of playing well in the biggest moments, eight of her 10 double-digit kill matches came

during Big 12 play.

During the week of Oct. 8, 2018, Clark became the sixth player to earn Big 12 Rookie of the Week and Offensive Player of the Week in the same week. She would go on to finish third among

TCU players with 194 kills and 2.37 kills per set.

As a sophomore, Clark demonstrated that she would do whatever it took for her team to succeed. She played both middle blocker and right side, making her a scouting nightmare for opponents.

After one of the Frogs' recent practices, Kramer hinted at the fact that Clark could see even more diversity in her role this season.

"She's been training on the middle and on the right side for the last two or three weeks, and today, she played on the outside," Kramer said. "She lit it up."

Kramer emphasized that having players who can play several positions is important "all the time, but especially in a situation like this."

Dating back to March, when TCU basketball saw hopes of a postseason vanish because of the coronavirus, Clark has used the uncertainty surrounding her season to motivate her.

"I know if our season were to be canceled or moved or anything like that, I would be devastated," Clark said. "It made me very humble and grateful to be able to play this season."

Clark said she used time in quarantine not only to get better at her craft but also to get acquainted with the incoming first-years.

"I think it brought us together," Clark said about time in quarantine. "We got to bring in our first-years and start to get to know them and get

them comfortable with our program."

Despite the success she has seen in her first two seasons, Clark is far from done. Heading into a season filled with ambiguity, she said she believes volleyball season is just as important as any other sport's for both TCU Athletics and the NCAA as a whole.

"I think it's just super

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MIDDLE BLOCKER FOR TCU VOLLEYBALL

important that every sport got to play this season," Clark said. "Yes, others are fan-favorite sports, but each sport individually brings so many different, unique things to the table."

To be competitive this season, TCU will certainly need to lean on the game and experience of their third-year middle blocker when the going gets tough.

The Frogs open their 2020 season on Oct. 2 at Baylor.