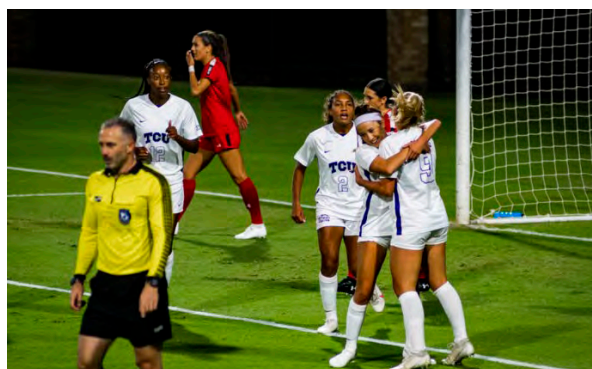


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CAMPUS NEWS

Some students with all online classes still returned to Fort Worth this year

By KAI GRADY

STAFF WRITER, TCU360

TCU offered students the option to take all of their courses online this semester, and some decided to do so from Fort Worth.

Chase Leslie, a senior news and media studies and political science double major, said he already signed a lease for the fall and wanted a change of scenery.

"I wasn't going to find anyone to fill it, and it was already a loss, so why not just be here," he said. "I just wanted a break from my parents honestly; it's nice to be here."

Alexis VanBaarle, a senior biology and anthropology double major, also said she was tired of being at home and needed to come back to TCU as soon as possible.

"I really missed campus and being at home had become too much for me," said VanBaarle.

Leslie, a graduating senior, said although the situation is less than ideal, he still wanted to spend his last semester on campus.

"It is my final semester, so I wanted to spend it at Texas Christian," he said. "I was expecting to spend this semester having a little bit more fun, but you can't really do that with COVID."

Although both students said the decision to come back was easy, they still expressed concerns regarding the coronavirus.

"Usually I go to the



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALEXIS VANBAARLE

Alexis VanBaarle, pictured on the right, smiling with friends.

library to study, and now I am scared to go to the library because people don't wear masks," VanBaarle said.

Dr. Kimberly Owczarski, an associate professor in the film-TV-digital media department, said it does not make sense for every student to return to campus, but that it's important to come back if possible.

"It depends on where you're from and the safety of where you're from," she said. "It's really hard online to build community, especially for our freshman and transfer students."

TCU is allowing students to choose between in-person, online or hybrid classes for the spring semester.

VanBaarle said safety is the most important priority and she is okay with taking another semester of all online classes.

"I would absolutely want to go back to



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHASE LESLIE

Chase Leslie, pictured on the right, with some friends at TCU.

in-person classes, but because of people who don't wear masks and sickness, I would be okay with it online," said VanBaarle.



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COMMUNITY

CDC releases guidelines for a safe Halloween amid COVID-19

By **BRIAN CONTRERAS**
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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released guidance about how to celebrate Halloween safely, encouraging people to adhere to safety measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

A Saturday Halloween would likely bring out swarms of trick-or-treaters in past years, but this year, COVID-19 may scare them away.

The CDC grouped activities into three “risk” categories: lower-risk, moderate-risk and higher-risk. Lower-risk activities provide a safe alternative to the more dangerous activities, while the city designated higher-risk activities as those that should be avoided to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Some lower-risk activities include:

- Carving or decorating pumpkins with members of your household
- Decorating your house, apartment, or living space
- Having a virtual Halloween costume party

Moderate-risk activities include:

- Participating in one-way trick-or-treating where individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab and go while

continuing to social distance

- Attending a costume party held outdoors where protective masks are used and people can remain more than 6 feet apart
- Visiting pumpkin patches or orchards where people use hand sanitizer before touching pumpkins

Higher-risk activities include:

- Participating in traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children who go door to door
- Attending crowded costume parties held indoors
- Going to an indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together and screaming

Fort Worth residents and local communities are working on plans to keep everyone safe.

Fort Worth resident and parent Yvette Owens said she believes parents are in a tough position this holiday season.

“My kids definitely want to go out to trick or treat, but I really don’t know what we are going to do this year,” Owens said. “I’m not sure how comfortable I feel with



PHOTO COURTESY OF AP

People take pictures of Halloween pumpkins at The Halloween Pumpkin Fest in Bucharest, Romania. The Halloween Pumpkin Fest, “the biggest pumpkin carving event in Europe”, according to organizers, took place over the weekend at a popular park in the Romanian capital. Thousands tried their hand at carving pumpkins ahead of Halloween.

my kids going door to door and not knowing if someone has [COVID-19] or has had it.”

Some communities and homeowners associations are trying to curb the spread of COVID-19. Donnie Davis, the president of Eagle Ranch’s Homeowners Association, is hoping all of the families will do their best to follow the rules.

“We are not stopping families from doing a traditional door-to-door Halloween this year,” Davis said. “We have asked all of our families in our community to follow the CDC guidelines and wear a mask while out.”

Church-hosted trick-or-treating and fall festivals have become tradition for some families to attend. However, churches have decided to change those events and, in some cases, cancel them.

“We have been hosting a ‘trunk-or-treat’ for our members for the past 11 years since we opened but we thought the safest

COVID-19 or who may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 not to participate in in-person Halloween



PHOTO COURTESY OF AP

Pumpkins are shown at Bob’s Pumpkin Patch in Half Moon Bay, Calif. on Oct. 12, 2020.

thing was just to cancel it this year,” said Terry Meyer, the director of Western Hills United Methodist Church in Fort Worth.

The CDC is asking anyone who has

festivities, including giving out candy to trick-or-treaters.

CAMPUS NEWS

SGA passes zero-tolerance policy against hate speech

By **LUCIE LUNDQUIST**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

The Student Government Association voted to support the implementation of a zero-tolerance policy against hate speech.

According to the resolution, which passed with 90.5% of the vote, the code of student conduct should include disciplinary sanctions for those who use hate speech. It calls for students who use hate speech to face a minimum consequence of suspension from TCU and expulsion for any future offense.

Mikea Jackson, the SGA director of diversity and inclusion and author of the bill, wrote in an email she believes it is time for TCU to take some action.

“TCU has made many commitments and performative actions in



SGA convenes in the BLUU Ballroom this year to follow COVID-19 guidelines.

PHOTO BY HEESOO YANG

support of marginalized students and DEI,” she wrote in an email. “However, they have only been performative.”

According to the resolution, hate speech contradicts TCU’s mission to create “ethical leaders and responsible

citizens in the global community.” Key to this goal, Jackson wrote in the resolution, is to promote diversity, equity

“The passing of this resolution showcases that the Student Government Association is trying to be a representative and advocate for their entire student body, including marginalized populations.”

- MIKEA JACKSON

SGA DIRECTOR OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

and inclusion.

Jackson proposed the resolution to encourage the administration to make a concrete decision about implementing a zero-tolerance sanction against hate speech.

This resolution requires that SGA advocates for “the interests of all undergraduate students, including those in

marginalized groups.”

“People must realize, understand, and accept that hate speech is not a matter of ideological differences, there is a history of othering and oppression of marginalized lives when you talk about hate speech,” said Jackson.

Chancellor talks enrollment increase, DEI initiatives and campus connections

By **ALEXIS KING**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Chancellor Victor Boschini spoke to TCU News Now about his concerns and optimism for the university’s enrollment numbers.

Despite the challenges related to the pandemic, TCU saw a total enrollment increase for fall 2020. Overall, the number of students for fall 2020 stands at 11,379, an addition of 355 students from 2019.

Boschini said he believes the main reason

for the increase goes with TCU’s mission, which “values on students and the connections among the campus community.”

“I think people were so eager for those connections and wanted to come back to campus, which made the numbers go up,” said Boschini.

When it comes to spring 2021, Boschini said his fear is that students will not want to return back to campus until the pandemic has passed.

“I hope students will come back, but with

everything going on, I just don’t know,” said Boschini.

The chancellor added that TCU’s long-standing financial aid initiative is another reason enrollment numbers increased for the fall.

TCU added \$65 million of financial aid for students this year, and Boschini hopes it will “carry us through the spring semester.”

Among the 355 additional students this year, 265 were undergraduate, and 147 were graduate students.

Looking ahead

Looking ahead to fall 2021, the chancellor said he hopes campus life will be back to normal.

When asked what steps TCU would implement to maintain the enrollment increase, Boschini said DEI initiatives “play a role in increasing numbers across all demographics.”

“We’re going to have to intensify those initiatives because the enrollment that is out there does not reflect the enrollment we have,”



SCREENSHOT

Boschini discussed many important topics in an interview with TCU News Now.

said Boschini.

TCU holds a population of 29% non-white students, and Boschini said TCU

plans to “develop better recruitment strategies for those students to get a great education because they’re out there.”

CAMPUS NEWS

Leveling the playing field: TCU's new way to admit fine arts students

By **HALEY CABRERA**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced some of TCU's academic departments to adapt their admissions practices.

The Department of Theatre and other fine arts departments typically rely on in-person auditions on campus or at national call sites where prospective students perform in front of directors from several different colleges.

Examples of these call sites include the College Audition Project, International Thespians Convention and College Audition Weekend hosted by Dallas Summer Musicals.

Dr. Harry Parker, a professor and chair of the theatre department,

said he and his team have made specific alterations to their process, expanding upon the already virtual aspect of auditions that the university offers through GetAcceptd.com.

"For several years now, we have required students to submit a virtual 'pre-screen' audition or portfolio review," said Parker. "This year, when a prospective student passes their pre-screen, they will be scheduled for a live, virtual audition on Zoom."

He said he is hopeful prospective students who were previously unable to travel to TCU or other audition sites because of financial reasons will now be able to share their talents.

"There are advantages to this system for

everyone: no travel, and much less time invested to see the same number of students," Parker said.

Some TCU fine arts majors said they believe this will level the playing field for performers across the country.

First-year musical theatre major Caden Large said "in many cases, so many talented students are unable to audition for incredible fine arts programs because they simply cannot afford to go to these conferences."

Nijel Smith, a sophomore musical theatre major, said he had to travel to Chicago from Union City, Tennessee, because that was the closest place for him to audition.

"That, paired with my mother being a single parent and a teacher,"



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CADEN LARGE AND NIJEL SMITH

TCU Theater students, first-year Caden Large (left) and sophomore Nijel Smith (right).

Smith said, "made our only option being to drive the six hours to Chicago early in the morning, have my audition, and then drive back."

Large said in addition to travel there are other elements to auditions that might limit partic-

ipation from students whose families "can't afford the college prep programs and audition coaches that students of higher classes can afford. This results in very homogenous first-year fine arts classes."

Parker and TCU

are looking to extend the easier accessibility that comes with online auditions post-pandemic, and they encourage prospective students to both visit campus and get their pre-screens in.

COMMUNITY

TCU alumna shares her story as a survivor of breast cancer

By **ALEXANDRA PREUSSER**

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One TCU alumna is reflecting on her experiences with breast cancer during its annual month of awareness this year.

October might mean pumpkins, candy and Halloween for most, but it's also a time for reflection, awareness and education on breast cancer.

Haleigh Curlee, a TCU alumna, was diagnosed with stage two breast cancer at 24 years old after she was experiencing chest pains due to a



PHOTO COURTESY OF HALEIGH CURLEE

Haleigh Curlee lost her hair due to cancer treatment.

tumor on a nerve.

She was diagnosed on a Friday and had about 10 meetings with doctors the next week. The doctors came up with a plan to do 16

chemotherapy sessions, 28 radiation sessions and have a double mastectomy.

"When you're that young, and you go through something

that physically and emotionally, I feel like it alters you," Curlee said. "The physical changes that it did to my body really threw me off because when you're 24 years old, you're supposed to be at the peak of your life, you're having a great time, you're supposed to be feeling really good about yourself, and then, I went through and lost all of my hair, I had to get a double mastectomy, and it kind of changes your self-view."

On Nov. 13, she will celebrate her one-year anniversary of being

done with treatment.

After being pronounced cancer-free in July, Curlee is approaching this month differently than in years past. She still feels as though she has not fully accepted what has happened to her but wants to use this month to spread awareness and to educate, especially to young people.

"I would really like to educate and make aware of the situation because I don't think a lot of people know how many people it affects," Curlee said. "It is a time of reflection for me, and I feel like I have

been trying to be really thankful of everything that my body, my family, my friends and I did last year."

More than 276,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in women in 2020, according to the American Cancer Society.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, but the number of cases can decline with early detection. The National Breast Cancer Foundation recommends doing a self-exam once a month.

VOTE VOTE VOTE

Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday,
Oct. 22, 2020:

Magnetic, charming and exciting, you are a palpable, seductive presence. This year, you have a very successful career, while having a turbulent personal life. Fiercely intelligent, you accomplish a professional breakthrough in 2021. If single, you break many hearts before you decide to commit. If attached, you are happily ensconced with your partner and don't want to change a thing. LIBRA is balanced enough to be your true match.

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 highlights your public reputation. Prepare for change regarding professional aspirations. Be observant. A new direction emerges. If you have truly wanted a new career path, this is the time to pursue it. Tonight: Your creative potential is very promising -- celebrate this.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Note current events; gather books and other reference materials. There is much to learn today. Foreign language skills come easily now, as well as different accents. Creative word usage will impart a special power to magical workings. Tonight: Music brings more inspiration.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Listen to others' viewpoints. Compromise and negotiate. Surprises occur. Be receptive to the unexpected. You

might even find that a whole new life is about to begin. Dedication to a worthwhile mutual interest could enhance a love bond. Tonight: Plenty of rest.

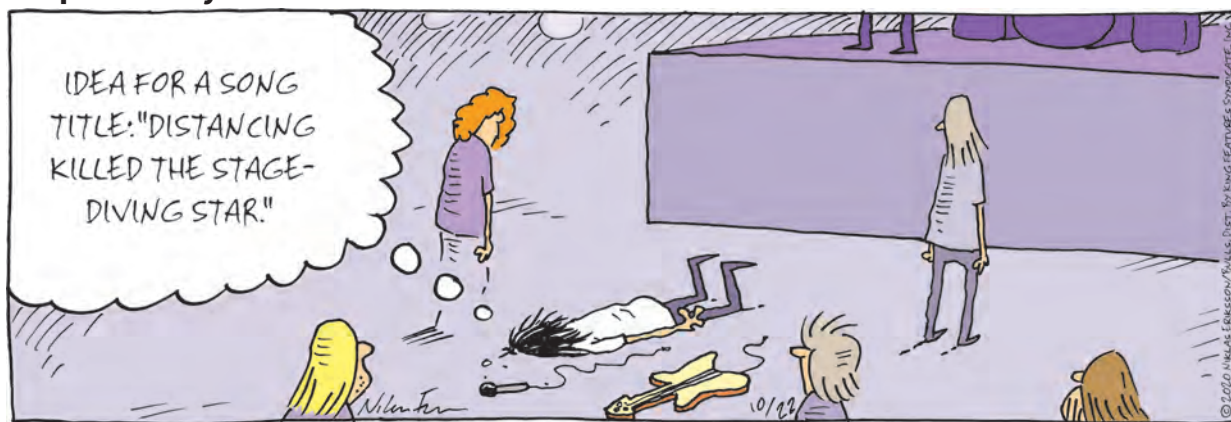
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ A true pal comes to your rescue and helps resolve a potentially sticky situation. Associates are competitive, and some ethical or legal issues may come to the fore. Finances will be a delight. Tonight: Whatever you focus on will grow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Animals respond well to your love and care. Scatter seed for wild birds. Someone familiar provides comfort and companionship. Your artistic ability is excellent today. Try drawing, writing, dancing or photography. Tonight: A magnetic attraction can develop quite quickly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Your love and pleasure sector is impacted. Your personality will open new doors. Express your creativity. A new romantic interest or an enjoyable new project will brighten your day. Instinctively you will say and do all of the right things. Tonight: Bonding with children.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Today highlights your residence and real estate sector and can bring some wonderful opportunities to acquire another more desirable dwelling or workspace. Shop for items you especially would like to have in your home. Tonight: Planning your wished-for changes.

Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Mercury retrograde races quickly and cleverly through your sign. Despite delays and technical mishaps, rapid responses are the path to your success today. Writing, travel and learning are all favored. Tonight: Back up all your files on your computer to ensure safety.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★ It's time to conserve on expenses. There may be temporary tension with a loved one about finances. Remember what's really important and be patient when working with finances. Don't indulge in hurtful words toward a loved one if

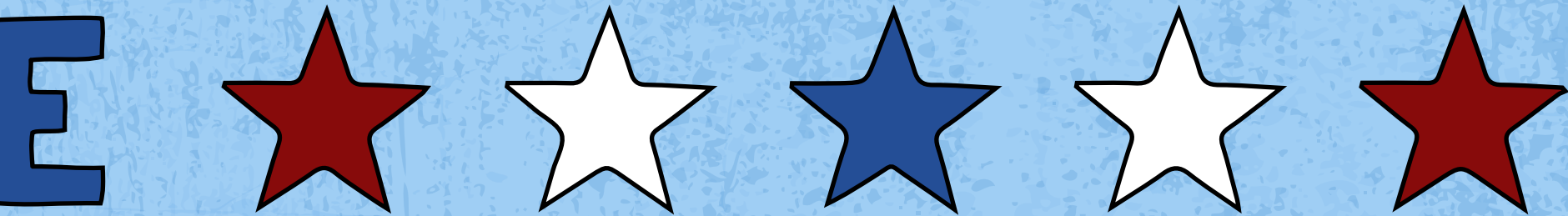
money management becomes frustrating. Tonight: Resolve.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ It's easy to express yourself today. Focus on image improvement. Celebrate with some new wardrobe items. You'll be able to accurately assess situations. Start planning now for travel over the upcoming holiday period. Tonight: Your very own fashion show.

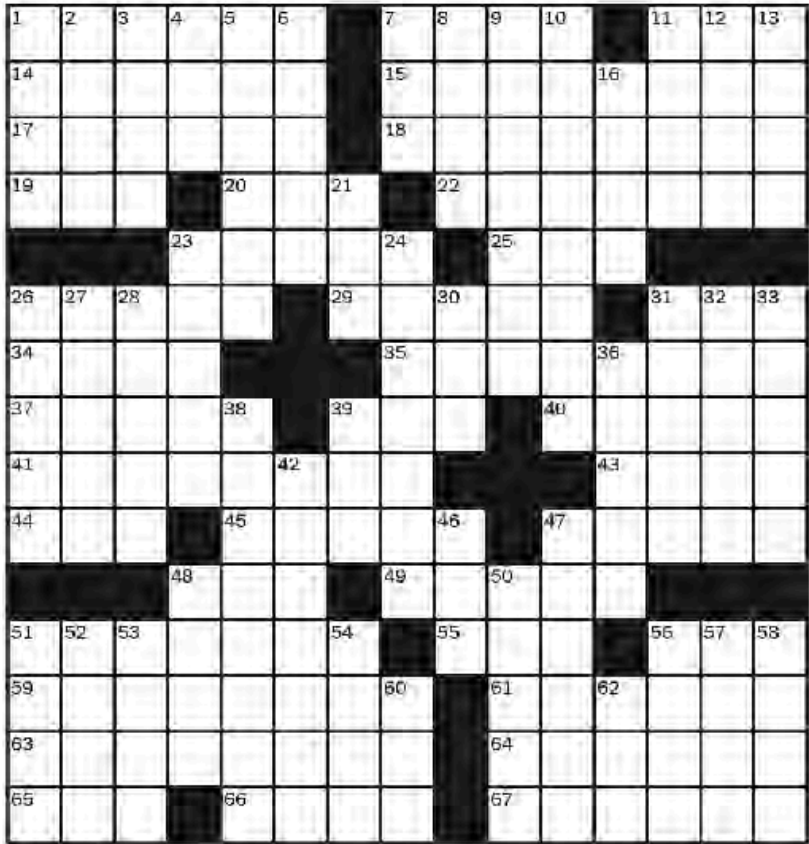
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your dreams will be especially vivid. Take the time to interpret them, and valuable messages will emerge. Untamed places and wild animals will

recognize the innermost you. Don't worry if you're unable to share some of these feelings at present. Tonight: Greater external expression emerges.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Clashes will be resolved amicably. If you're the winner in a conflict, be alert to the possibility of poor sportsmanship. There could be some recognition at work. You find harmony with friends. Follow through with networking; blend business and pleasure. Tonight: Some escapism.



The New York Times Edited by Will Shortz



- ACROSS
- 1 Savings bank, informally

7 It's a wrap

11 Cry and cry

14 "Whoopee!"

15 About 600 million viewers watched its pilot in 1969

17 Pop-up generator

18 Superfan of a certain 2010s pop star

19 Third word of many a limerick

20 Rx dosages: Abbr.

22 Music holder before cloud storage

23 Nonclotting blood component

25 Supposed crop circle makers, for short

26 Garden pest

29 Held up

31 In-flight announcement, for short?

34 Tributary of the Potomac

35 —

37 Starts to de-camp?
- 39 + ... with a hint to four pairs of answers in this puzzle

40 Ish

41 Food item whose name is derived from a comic strip

43 —

44 Many a craft beer

45 Runs

47 Nimbi

48 Absorbed, as a loss

49 Section of the Chipotle menu

51 Thoughtless sender of emails?

55 "Delish!"

56 Pop

59 Like the browser windows of a multitasker

61 "F," on a form

63 "Indubitably!"

64 "Get what I'm talkin' about?"

65 Just squeeze (out)

66 Kind of disease with a telltale bull's-eye rash

67 Split
- DOWN
- 1 Become more relaxed

2 Newswoman Kotb

3 Feuds

4 George's lyricist brother

5 Subcontracted, with "out"

6 Major Nashville landmark

7 Key under a tilde

8 Kuwait is a member of it, in brief

9 Financial incentive for an executive to stay at a company

10 Stars

11 Gluten-free noodle variety

12 They work as a team

13 Middle finger, with "the"

16 No-fault rulings at court?

21 Hero

23 Muscle-to-bone connector

24 Lunar phenomenon

26 Carne ____

27 Small glass container

28 Avoid commitment

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TCU Trivia

TCU had no campus in 1910-11. Where did students live and go to classes?

- 30 Meas. equal to 180°/π
- 31 Spring month in Paris
- 32 Chain where you can buy wet or dry food
- 33 Guy friends, in slang
- 36 Midwest tribe
- 38 Prepare runny, as an egg
- 39 Drink suffix
- 42 —
- 46 For argument's sake
- 47 Housekeeping 101
- 48 Totals: Abbr.
- 50 —
- 51 Scottish isle connected by road bridge to the mainland in the 1990s
- 52 Sneaky look
- 53 Place for an icon in church
- 54 Be lousy (with)
- 56 Artist given the derisive nickname "Avida Dollars," an anagram of his full name
- 57 Charitable giving
- 58 Consider
- 60 Elizabeth Warren, ____ Herring
- 62 Verbal shrug

SOLUTION



TCU TRIVIA ANSWER

Downtown Fort Worth

SPORTS

Early goals lead soccer to victory over Texas Tech

By **SAM FRISTACHI**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Forwards Messiah Bright and Grace Collins each scored in the first nine minutes, as No. 6 TCU soccer defeated Texas Tech 2-0 on Oct. 16 to stay undefeated on the season.

“We knew that they might throw something at us a little bit different and they did with their shape,” head coach Eric Bell said. “Fortunately for us, we were able to get two goals relatively quickly against their shape. It was a good cushion for us to help us settle down and start playing TCU soccer.”

TCU scored the goals

on their first two shots of the game. The first was in the fifth minute as Payton Crews found Bright for her first goal of the season.

Four minutes after Bright scored, Collins put another one in the net to give the Frogs a commanding 2-0 lead.

Texas Tech made an effort to respond, but goalie Emily Alvarado stopped all eight of the Red Raider’s shots to record her 17th career shutout.

“I’m happy with the overall performance,” Bell said. “We get another shutout. Emily [Alvarado] does a good job. The backline and the front six do a good

job preventing shots and fighting. It wasn’t the prettiest, but it is a good win for us.”

For the first time since 2018, TCU is unbeaten through five games. The win Friday was also the 100th overall win at Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium.

“Texas Tech is a good team,” Bell said. “The record doesn’t show that, but they are well-coached, and they are going to be prepared. They threw something at us that our kids were able to handle, so I’m proud of our group for dealing with it.”

TCU will now begin a three-game road trip starting at Kansas. The



PHOTO BY JACK WALLACE

Gracie Collins celebrates with her teammates after extending the TCU lead to 2-0 against Texas Tech.

game is set for Thursday, Big 12 Now on ESPN+, and will be televised on

Volleyball swept in series with West Virginia

By **OSCAR SARAVIA**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

TCU continued its volleyball season last weekend with back-to-back losses on the road against West Virginia University.

Though the Frogs out-killed the Mountaineers 128-103 over the course of the weekend, they were unable to finish matches strong, falling to 1-5 on the season.

TCU started sloppy in the first set of the match on Oct. 22. West Virginia’s early 10-2 lead gave them enough momentum to cruise to a 25-18 victory.

Outstanding defensive performances by middle blocker Sarah Swanson

and outside hitter Audrey Nalls helped the Frogs get back into the contest, though. The duo recorded three blocks each, helping TCU tie the match score at one set apiece with a 25-18 win of their own.

“We’ve made some big improvements on the blocking and defensive side of the ball,” head coach Jill Kramer said.

The Frogs’ improvement was not enough, though, as they went on to drop the last two sets of the game.

A late 4-0 run by West Virginia gave the team the push they needed to win the set 25-22.

The last set was intense as well. The Mountaineers held strong, though, using an

early lead to stay ahead of the Frogs and win the set 15-11 to take the game on Oct. 15.

Despite the loss, TCU set their season-highs in digs (71) and blocks (10) as a team. Defensive specialist Ashley Wehrstein also set a career-high with 12 digs, while middle blocker

Another strong showing fell short for TCU on Oct. 23, with the Frogs falling 3-1 to West Virginia despite out-killing their opponent 65-47.

Defensive specialist Dani Dennison tied her career-high with 28 digs, her career-high in a Big 12 match.

TCU won 25-11, earning their largest set victory of the season.



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Middle blocker Afedo Manyang rises for a spike during the second game of TCU’s series against West Virginia.

After the Mountaineers claimed the third set 26-24, the Frogs went all out to stay alive in the fourth. The set saw 10 ties and three

lead changes before West Virginia was able to take it 25-20.

The Frogs will look to bounce back this week when they face

the Kansas Jayhawks at home Thursday and Friday at 3:30 p.m. Both games will be streamed on Big 12 Now on ESPN+.