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CAMPUS NEWS

Person of interest arrested following report of on campus assault

By **ALEXIS KING**
MANAGING EDITOR, TCU 360

A person of interest has been arrested about two days after a student was assaulted by the suspect on campus property.

In a campus crime alert sent to students and faculty Monday, the TCU Police Department responded to an assault complaint from a student Sunday evening. The student reported that the male suspect “approached her from the rear and grabbed her around the waist.” The student said they did not recognize the suspect nor know his intent.

TCU Police and the Fort Worth Police Department investigators are currently conducting

a thorough investigation on the assault report, which has led to an arrest.

According to Interim Chief of TCU Police, Robert Rangel, the suspect had been around the TCU area for several days prior to the assault.

“Our collateral investigation, so far, has determined that the suspect in the assault has been in the W. Berry Street area for the last few days and had been in Winton-Scott, Sid Richardson and the Neely School Hays-Smith complex last Friday,” said Rangel.

Shortly after the police department notified the campus community about the assault, TCU Police released updated photos of the person of



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A 2020 file photo of a TCUPD car.

interest on campus and the surrounding area.

Shortly after 5 p.m., the Fort Worth Police Department made an arrest after a “brief on foot pursuit.”

TCU and Fort Worth Police Departments will continue their investigation as “detectives interview him for the Assault on our student and unrelated crimes,” Rangel said in an email sent to the campus community.

The suspect arrested is expected to be charged with multiple felony and misdemeanor charges, with an outstanding warrant from Dallas county.

The TCU Police Department strongly encourages students to “remain vigilant” and immediately report any suspicious activity to 817-257-7777 or the FrogShield app for any off-campus emergencies.

CAMPUS NEWS

TCU students donate hair to raise awareness for childhood cancer

By **LEAH BOLLING**
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TCU students organized a hair donation drive to raise awareness for childhood cancer and collect hair to be made into wigs last month.

Each participant donated at least eight inches of hair. The hair was then sent to the nonprofit Children With Hair Loss, an organization that makes wigs and hair replacements for cancer patients.

Yasmin Misra, a sophomore nursing major and one of the hair drive coordinators, said that this event would be a good way to raise awareness while also making a difference.

“It’s one thing to create an informational flyer or an event that just spreads awareness. It’s another thing to take action and bring that upon yourself to do something associated with that awareness,” Misra said.

Students partnered with Vanguard Hair Studio to make the drive happen.

“While it’d be super fun if one of us were to cut the hair, obviously most kids don’t want another student cutting their hair that has minimal experience,” Misra said.

Araceli Aguilar, the manager at Vanguard Hair Studio, has been a stylist for 15 years. She



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TCU students organized a hair donation drive last month to raise awareness for childhood cancer and collect hair to be made into wigs.

said that throughout her career she has seen the way hair can really empower her clients.

“I really like to help. If this is going to help anybody, one person or 10 people or 100 people, that’s what is going to make a huge difference,” Aguilar said. “So I’m happy to help and be involved with these kinds of events.”

While students were excited and nervous to be participating in this event, giving back was at the heart of it all.

“I think that everybody that’s going into this is really excited that they’re able to help contribute,” Misra said. “I think even if people have nerves, it’s definitely offset by excitement.”



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CAMPUS NEWS

Fall Break returns, giving students much-needed rest

By **CAMILLA PRICE**
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After 2020 left students struggling to cope without a fall break, TCU students said they will take advantage of this year's break to mentally refresh and catch up on coursework.

The Fall Break, a two-day recess from classes, traditionally takes place at the midpoint of the semester.

"Even though it's not a whole week, it's downtime and time to recharge, get like a mental break," said first-year child development major Claire Hoelscher. "My high school never had a fall break, so I'm super thankful TCU does."

In the past, however, COVID-19 derailed

Fall Break plans for everyone. Last fall, TCU compressed the semester to 15 weeks, eliminated breaks and added two Saturday class sessions to meet the requirements for the minimum number of days students had to be in school before Thanksgiving.

The administration shifted the schedule to reduce nonessential travel over the holidays and minimize students' time on campus during peak flu and cold season, according to a May 2020 email from Chancellor Victor Boschini.

According to the fall 2020 TCU Undergraduate Student Experience Survey, 78% of students reported that they had experienced a noticeable increase in anxiety since the

beginning of classes and more than half reported a noticeable increase in depression.

In March 2021, TCU held a two-day Spring Refresh to allow students, staff and faculty to "take a moment of rest," according to a Protect the Purple release by Boschini.

Next month, TCU's Thanksgiving Break will offer a full week off for students. The break is scheduled to take place from Saturday, Nov. 20 through Sunday, Nov. 28.

Chhabra said, given the chance, he would take semester breaks one step further by giving students two or three days off every 90 days.

"Probably like three breaks over the semester," he said. "Because we need it."

CAMPUS NEWS

Campus community commons return for fall weather

By **MADYSON BUCHANON**
STAFF WRITER TCU 360

The community commons was optimized last year to adjust for the pandemic and consisted of outdoor couches, tables and a video wall arranged on the lawn of the campus commons and in Worth Hills. The space provided a comfortable student experience on campus, and it played an even more important role when classes were online.

When students returned this fall, many

were disappointed to find the amenities in the community commons were gone, but the plan was always for the space to return.

Student Activities decided it would be too hot to have the furniture outside at the beginning of the semester, said Brad Thompson, director of Student Activities.

With the weather cooling off, many students say their favorite thing about the lounge area is being outside and getting out of their dorms.

Some students seemed to agree that the space was great, but suggested that music and more seating would be a nice addition. TCU will remove the furniture on Nov. 29 to prepare the Commons for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. Student Activities and the SGA are working to have the furniture back in the spring, most likely around March.

COMMUNITY

Fort Worth Zoo looks to further conservation efforts by advancing exhibits

By ISABELLE ACHESON
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The Fort Worth Zoo supports conservation projects in more than 30 countries around the world and promotes international, national and local conservation efforts. This commitment has solidified the zoo as one of the best in the country.

Located off of South University Drive, the zoo was announced as USA Today’s No. 1 Zoo in North America for 2020. This year, it took the No. 2 spot.

“Conservation is a series of management plans, opportunities and strategies that are put into place that alleviate pressures on species that are vulnerable,” said Associate Professor of Environmental Science at TCU Victoria Bennett, who holds a doctorate in Ecology. “Conservation is an important part of zoos, as they provide a source of genetic diversity and preserve biodiversity.”

The survival of species across the globe is threatened by habitat loss, climate change, pollution, disease and human interference. The Fort Worth Zoo

strives to maintain animals under human care in hopes to help species in the wild.

“Conservation is one of our three cornerstone principles of the Zoo’s mission,” said the Fort Worth Zoo Communications Assistant Director Avery Elander. “The zoo focuses on connecting people to wildlife inside the zoo in hopes that they will feel more inspired to go out and help their counterparts in the wild.”

Furthering human-animal connections drives the renovations of exhibits at the zoo. The goal of renovating exhibits is to increase the quality of life for animals and enhance the guest experience.

The newest renovation is a \$100 million building and capital campaign called ‘A Wilder Vision.’ The project will take place in four phases and is currently on phase three: the construction of “Asian Predators & Hunters of Africa.”

The construction includes expanding the

original habitats and allowing for improved viewing of the big cats and predators that will call this exhibit home.

“The purpose of this project is to redesign and modernize the zoo and give animals more enriching habitats,” said Fort Worth Zoo Outreach Supervisor Kelly Gant. “Enrichment is actions done by zoo staff to improve the quality of the animals’ lives.”

Elephant Springs, a fan favorite exhibit, was the second phase of ‘A Wilder Vision.’ Completed earlier this year, the exhibit tripled its original size, expanded the yards and added new water features to increase enrichment opportunities. The renovation of this exhibit will allow the Fort Worth Zoo to continue its leadership in elephant conservation.

‘A Wilder Vision’ is scheduled to be completed by 2025 after completing the final phase, “Forests & Jungles.”

The Fort Worth Zoo is expanding its exhibits to connect visitors with the wild beauty of the animals in hopes to encourage visitors to play their own role in conservation.



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Photo of an elephant in the newly renovated exhibit, Elephant Springs, at the Fort Worth Zoo.

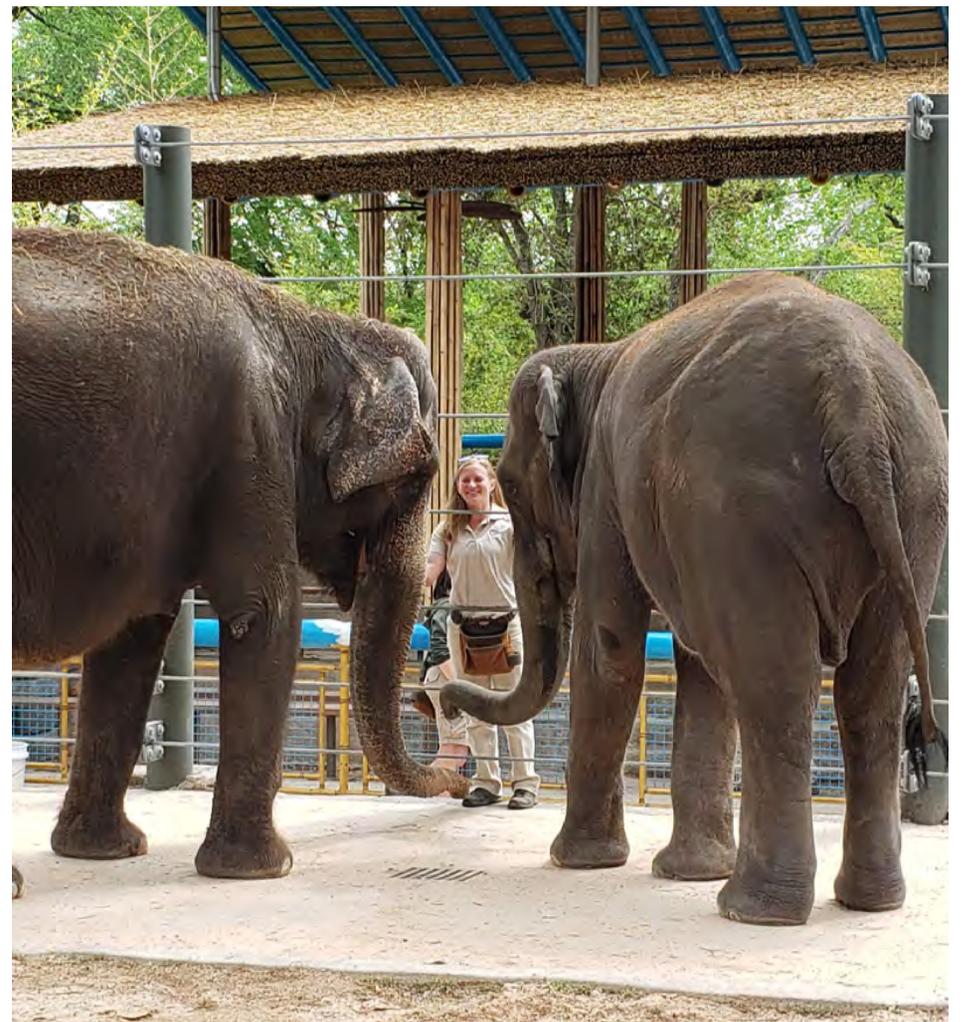


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Photo of a Zookeeper working with elephants.



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The renovation plans for “Asian Predators & Hunters of Africa.”

CAMPUS NEWS

Arts Leadership and Entrepreneurship minor returns to TCU

By **ARIEL WALLACE**
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

A popular minor at TCU has returned to campus this fall.

The Arts Leadership and Entrepreneurship (ARLE) program is now back after it was put on pause due to budget reallocations in the College of Fine Arts.

When the program was paused last semester, students in the minor were shocked by the decision.

“We were kind of nervous because we had one professor and we are a smaller program,” said Savannah Ekurt, a junior flute performance major. “However, everyone really united and took a front to this and contacted people higher up in the leadership within the [College] of Fine Arts to really try to help save the minor.”

They came together to see what they could do. Students created petitions and even made a video to save the minor they enjoyed so much.

“We made a video explaining why we loved arts leadership, how it impacted us and why we thought it would help us in the future,” said Janie Carr, a sophomore business major. “After we made that video, I think it definitely brought some more awareness to the situation and the issue.”

When word of the program got to students, they were very happy that their efforts made an impact.

“It’s my absolute favorite class I have here at TCU, so I was excited to find out it kept continuing, and it’s a really great opportunity,” said Carr.

“I am so happy to still be in the minor

program. I think it is going to be useful for me when I graduate,” said Ekurt. “I’ll perhaps even get my master’s in arts leadership or arts administration.”

The ARLE minor is back on campus. However, there are still changes that are being made to the program, one of those being the new certificate option for students to pursue.

Dr. Kristen Queen, the new director of the academic resource center for the College of Fine Arts, was excited to announce that the Arts Leadership and Entrepreneurship program now has a certificate option for students.

“It is a little bit smaller than a minor, so it is nine credit hours. It is a transcript certificate,” said Queen. “You take the introductory



PHOTO BY ARIEL WALLACE

Outside of the J.M. Moudy Visual Arts and Communication Building where the College of Fine Arts is located.

course, and you get to choose from the palette of courses we offer in the Arts Leadership and Entrepreneurship program.”

Queen said she has many plans for expanding the minor to more students and having more presence on social media so students

already in the program can share their work with the community.

“The ideal student for this program is someone who wants to make a difference through the lens of the arts. It is all centered around nonprofits and giving back to the community,” said Queen. “It must

be a student who can collaborate well but is innovative, excited and very passionate about learning new and different techniques for expressing their art form, and helping others understand the value and impact of the arts in the community.”

CAMPUS FEATURE

TCU Rhino Initiative plans ahead after fifth annual Rhino Run

By **KATHRYN LEWIS**
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The TCU Rhino Initiative held its fifth annual “Rhino Run” last month, and the group has more planned looking ahead.

“The Rhino Initiative started in late 2013,” said Department Chair and Director of the Institute for Environmental Studies Michael Slattery, who is also the advisor to the TCU Rhino Initiative.

“There was some money that was freed up from the university’s Board of Trustees for faculty to innovate and bring people who were doing extraordinary work on the ground around the world,” he said.

“I had heard of Dr. William Fowlds in South Africa, who was doing extraordinary work with rhinos and rhino rehabilitation,” Slattery continued. “So I contacted him, and he came over to TCU in

2014 and spent a week here with our students explaining what the rhino crisis was. From there we began to ... raise money and awareness so that we can help rhino protection and rehabilitation on the ground in South Africa.”

“As part of that, in 2015, we thought it might be a good idea to get the community involved. What better way to do that than a run?” he said.

The Rhino Initiative club has many events planned for the year

ahead.

“We’re going to have fundraisers to raise money for the Amakhala Game Reserve in South Africa,” said sophomore environmental science major Ashlyn Morrill, the club’s event coordinator.

“We’ll also have guest speakers to just spread awareness about the poaching situation with rhinos and to get people to know about what’s happening,” she said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. MICHAEL SLATTERY

Students stand next to an anesthetized white rhino after assisting with a dehorning procedure in South Africa led by Dr. William Fowlds. Many of the students later helped found the TCU Rhino Initiative Club.

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TCU TRADITIONS

‘Riff Ram Bah Zoo’: Showing spirit at TCU

By **ARIEL WALLACE**
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

TCU is known for its sea of purple and white in the stadiums on game day. Fans’ support and adoration for TCU can be seen from newborns to the elderly and even pets. The love for TCU overflows into Fort Worth and beyond.

Here are a few ways for incoming students to show the same love for TCU.

“Riff Ram” chant

One of the oldest known chants in the nation, “Riff Ram” dates back to the 1920s. Students and alumni cheer it in the stands and experience it on the Jumbotron every home game, as TCU legends like LT and Andy Dalton hype up the crowd just before kickoff. The chant

is accompanied by a signature dance and is repeated multiple times with increasing pace.

“Riff, Ram, Bah Zoo
Lickety, Lickety, Zoo,
Zoo

Who, Wah, Wah, Who
Give ‘em Hell, TCU.”

“I like the Riff Ram chant because no matter what, the student section goes crazy,” said Preston Gilpatrick, a junior music performance major. “School spirit means being proud of your school, and the people in it. It means that we can all come together in times of need and rely on each other.”

Alma Mater

The TCU Alma Mater was written by student Glen Canfield in 1928. It is played at the end of every sporting event, during special events and every day at the top



Liliana Ogden, a TCU Dutchman, gets ready for the game by laying down pom-poms on every seat in the student section.

PHOTO BY HEESOO YANG

of the hour ringing from the bells located in the Robert Carr Chapel.

The lyrics are also

inscribed on the front of the PepsiCo Performance Hall.

The Alma Mater has an academic and assembly version, but the assembly version is used more frequently.

“Hail all hail, TCU
Memories Sweet,
Comrades True
Light of Faith, Follow
Through
Praise to Thee, TCU.”

Fight Song

An upbeat tune, the TCU Fight Song gives students a chance to celebrate with each score and show their spirit throughout. It was written in 1926 by then-band director Claude Sammis. This song is normally accompanied by clapping

from the fans and an exclamatory “Rah, Rah, TCU!”

“We’ll raise a song,
both loud and long

To cheer our team to
victory

For TCU, so tried and
true,

We pledge eternal
loyalty.

Rah, Rah, TCU!

Fight on boys, fight,
with all your might

Roll up the scores for
TCU

Hail white and purple
flag whose heroes never
lag,

Horned Frog, we are
all for you!”

Go Frogs’ hand sign

The quickest way to show spirit on campus is to throw up the Go Frogs hand sign. Simply

make a peace sign with your hands and curl your fingers to make the famous “Go Frogs” hand sign.

“I would say that the Go Frogs hand sign is my favorite because that is what identifies TCU above all other schools,” said Alexis Hunt, sophomore biology major. School spirit to me means to embody the school that you are representing, cheering for its victories and grieving for its downfalls and being a constant support system.”

Frog Alley

Frog Alley is where fans tailgate and socialize hours before home

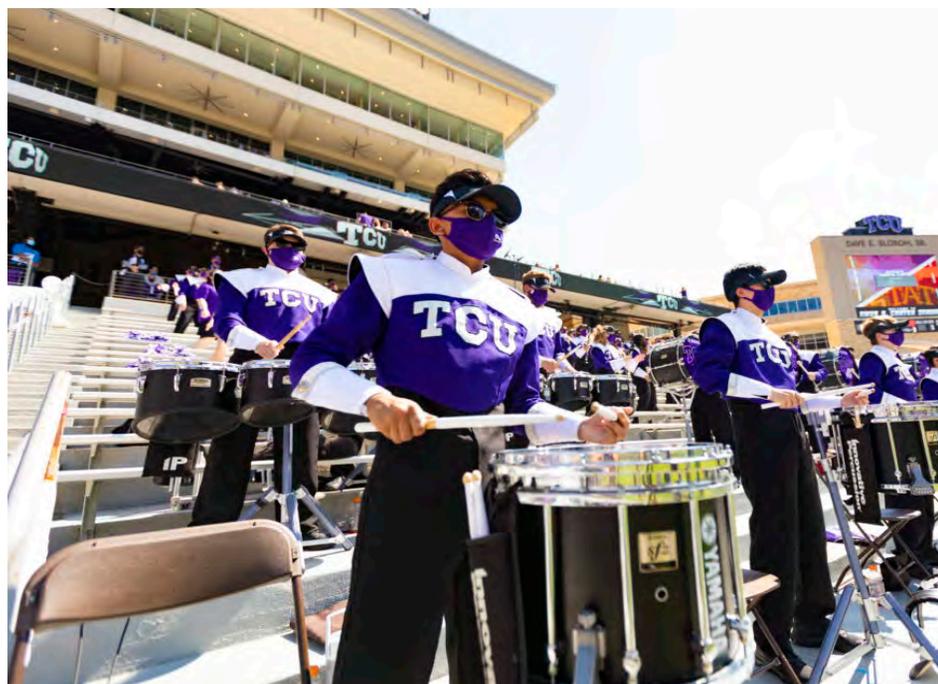


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TCU Band members, wearing masks, perform during the TCU vs Iowa State football game.

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football games begin. TCU Cheerleaders, Showgirls and the Horned Frog Marching Band march through Frog Alley hours before kickoff, hyping up the crowd before the game begins. TCU players and coaches also enter the stadium through the alley before games.

TCU Go Purple Fridays

TCU fans who wear purple on Fridays receive discounts and special offers from Fort Worth companies during football season. Many companies partner with Go Purple Fridays because of TCU's impact on the Fort Worth community

The TCU Dutchmen

The Dutchmen, named for TCU legend

Dutch Meyer, promote TCU athletics and get the crowd pumped at home games. You can spot them in the front row with their famous purple and white striped overalls -- and their love for TCU, of course.

"School spirit to me is showing up and showing love and support for your school and community in a united way," Kaeden Alexander, a sophomore Dutchman said.



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Ed and Rae Schollmaier Arena Jane and John Justin Hall of Fame Horned Frog Statue.



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Members of the TCU cheering team celebrate a score against Kansas in the second half of an NCAA college football game, Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013, in Fort Worth, Texas. TCU won 27-17.

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SPORTS

Dennison sets all-time digs record, TCU volleyball splits series with OU

By **LAYNA STEWARD** and
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When TCU volleyball completed its 2020-2021 extended season, defensive specialist and libero Dani Dennison was set to graduate from the school in a few months while sitting at third on the university's all-time digs list.

Because of the extra year of eligibility that COVID-19 made available to her, Dennison made the decision to come back to TCU for a fifth year as a graduate student to help the Frogs bounce back from a disappointing year and chase history.

On Oct. 9, the Huntington Beach, California native etched her name in the TCU history books forever, becoming the school's all-time digs leader with 1,441 in her career and counting.

Dennison's achievement was not the only highlight of the weekend for the Frogs, as TCU followed a five set loss to Oklahoma on Friday night with a five set win over the Sooners on Saturday.

The win was TCU's first conference win of the year, breaking a four-game skid for the Frogs. Here's a closer look:

Game one

In its first home conference match of the season, TCU took a commanding two-set lead before dropping three straight to Oklahoma to drop the contest in five sets.

"As a staff, we need to figure out how to keep our team locked in for a longer period of time and play point for point," said head coach Jill Kramer after the match.

Four of the five sets were decided by two points, resulting in some entertaining and tense gameplay. Despite the loss, the Frogs looked as sharp as they had all season.

Sophomore outside hitter Taylor Raiola led the offensive attack for the Frogs, tallying a team-high 18 kills. She also made a significant contribution on the defensive end, posting a team-high 22 digs, making her the first Horned Frog hitter to reach 20-plus digs in a match since 2019. This is her second-straight game setting career highs in kills and digs.

Dennison also had 22 digs, setting the foundation for a strong TCU passing game. She had nine digs in the fifth set, which kept the Frogs competing until the final whistle. This put the graduate student two digs away from tying the all-time program record.

Junior middle blocker MyKayla Myers set a new career high in kills with 16. She also blocked 16 hits.

In the opening set, middle blocker Afedo Manyang sparked the TCU offense with incredible attacking efficiency. She posted a .600 hitting percentage in the set on her way to a team-high .348 percentage for the match.

In a back-and-forth set with 15 ties and six lead changes, the Frogs came

from behind late to win. The momentum switched after a successful TCU challenge of a hit by Raiola that was tipped by the Oklahoma frontline.

The Frogs continued their dominant play in the second set with a Raiola-led offensive attack. After a close contest, the Frogs fell behind 23-22 to the Sooners. They then closed the set on a 3-0 run behind a Raiola kill and two blocks from Myers.

TCU started the third set by winning four points in a row. Oklahoma responded with a four-point run, though, and slowly built a commanding lead. The Frogs started to look defeated as the Sooners captured a momentum-shifting seven-point set victory.

"We just need to be better for longer," said Dennison. "I think we kind of let off the gas, and they took advantage of it."

TCU battled in the fourth set, but once again failed to close out the Oklahoma offense. Down 23-20, the Frogs pushed three, tying the game. The Sooners responded by forcing the Frogs to commit two attacking errors, sending the match into a tiebreaker.

Behind a stellar defensive performance from Dennison, who had nine digs in the shortened final set, TCU took a 12-10 lead. The frontline then collapsed, committing three attacking errors on their way to a .080 attacking percentage that allowed a 4-0 Oklahoma run.

The Sooners won their



PHOTO BY HEESOO YANG

TCU libero Dani Dennison is now the all-time leader for digs with 1,441 digs in her career.

third straight set, keeping the Frogs winless in Big 12 conference play.

"There was a big momentum shift in the third that we didn't grab back – we needed to be a lot more aggressive in those last three sets with some purpose in our attack," said Kramer. "I was happy to see us battle in the fifth, but like we talked about in the locker room, every team in our league is great and we need to be tougher in the end."

Although the team lost, it showed great promise. Setter McKenzie Nichols set the tempo, accumulating 50 assists throughout the match. Defensively, the Frogs were stellar, digging 73 and blocking 22 attacks.

Game two

In response to its heartbreaking loss on Friday night, TCU came out even stronger on Saturday, winning the match's final three sets to earn a hard-fought 3-2 victory over Oklahoma

for its first Big 12 win of the season.

Solidifying herself as one of TCU's greatest defenders ever, Dennison set a new program record with a career total of 1,441 digs behind ten in the game to help lead TCU to the big win.

"A program record is a lot of hard work, sweat and tears that people don't see; and it shows up in spectacular performance on the court," said Kramer.

To Dennison, though, the record took a back seat to TCU getting back in the win column.

"I thought the record was cool, but I think it was even better that we won," said Dennison. "I don't think it would have meant as much if we didn't."

The Frogs got out to a slow start, falling into an 11-4 deficit right away, of which they would never be able to claw out.

Seven blocks and .462 hitting by the Sooners smothered the Frogs, giving Oklahoma the 25-13 win in its fourth-

straight set victory in the series.

The second set looked better for TCU, as the team hit .300. Oklahoma did not do much slowing down, though, taking the set 25-22 to give the Frogs an 0-2 match deficit.

Outside hitter Julia Adams was not going to let TCU go down that easily, recording 10 kills to lead the Frogs to a 25-19 third set lead to give them some life.

This rallied TCU as a team, as six different players recorded kills in the fourth set. Middle blocker Myers led the way with six kills by herself, and the Frogs sent the match into a fifth set with a 25-22 fourth set victory.

The final set was intense, with the two teams knotted at 11 with the match on the line. A powerful kill from Manyang then capped off a 4-1 TCU run to end the match and give the Frogs the win. She recorded four kills in the fifth set alone.

SPORTS

Football eyes West Virginia as chance to start 2nd half of season strong

By COLIN POST

SPORTS EDITOR, TCU 360

Finish strong – even amidst the mediocrity that TCU football has seen over the last four years, that mindset has remained true of head coach Gary Patterson and his Horned Frogs.

“Since I’ve been here, we’ve always been a team to finish strong, more than anything, in the second half of the season,” junior defensive end Ochaun Mathis said. “We’re going to just come out there and do what we have to do this half of the season.”

In 2018, TCU won three of their last four games to reach bowl eligibility before defeating California 10-7 in the Cheez-It Bowl. After a disappointing end to 2019, the Frogs won five of their last six games in 2020, bouncing back from a 1-3 start to earn a spot in the Texas Bowl.

Halfway through the 2021 season, TCU finds itself with a similar opportunity. The Frogs are currently 3-3 and need to win half of their remaining contests to make a bowl game.

Despite their slow start to the year, simple bowl eligibility is not all that TCU is chasing.

“Personally, we’re not resetting any goals for the conference because we believe that there’s going to be a team in the conference championship with two losses in conference [championship],” offensive tackle Andrew Coker said.

An appearance in the Big 12 championship would likely require TCU to win out, so they

are focusing on getting one win at a time as they try to achieve the improbable in the form of a season turnaround.

Step one in this goal is a matchup at home with West Virginia this Saturday. Here are three things the Frogs need to do against the Mountaineers to get back in the win column.

1. Open up the passing game

It is no secret that the TCU offense needs to show out to make up for the inadequacies of their defense. The Frogs have given up 30 or more points to each opponent this year, with the exception of Duquesne.

Last week, star running back Zach Evans was ruled out moments before the game with an injury, and the Frogs averaged just 4.7 yards per carry on the night.

Though quarterback Max Duggan was still able to perform well in Evans’ absence (career-high 346 passing yards), West Virginia’s balanced pass rush represents a threat to the signal caller’s success if the TCU run game does not get going.

Both ranking in the top five of the Big 12 sack leaders, defensive linemen Tajh Alston (five sacks) and Dante Stills (four sacks) have led a West Virginia that has 80 quarterback pressures in six games this season.

Though he has just two sacks on the season, defensive lineman Akheem Mesidor has also been effective for West Virginia in the pass rush, leading the team

with 16 total quarterback pressures and highlighting the depth that the Mountaineers have in that department.

There is no better way to take pressure off of a quarterback and extend his time to be effective in the passing game than running the football with efficiency.

On Tuesday, Patterson said that Evans was “probable” for Saturday. If the sophomore is able to play, his Big 12-leading 7.9 yards per carry (minimum 50 attempts) will be crucial for TCU as they seek to keep their offensive rhythm going.

2. Get to the quarterback

Especially if cornerback Tre Tomlinson is unable to return (currently listed as “questionable”), the TCU pass defense is unlikely to see much improvement for the remainder of the season because of injuries and lack of depth.

West Virginia ranks third in the Big 12 with 265.8 passing yards per game, while TCU comes in at seventh with 235.2 passing yards given up each game.

For the fourth-straight game, the Frogs are facing a team that has played multiple quarterbacks this season, and West Virginia head coach Neal Brown has said this week that both Jarret Doege, their week one starter, and backup Garrett Greene will get playing time on Saturday.

Regardless of who is under center for the Mountaineers, they will have an opportunity to

have a break-out game against a weak TCU secondary unless the Frogs are able to be effective in the pass rush.

This would be fairly uncharacteristic for TCU, as they have just eight sacks this season (ninth in the Big 12), but West Virginia’s conference-high 16 sacks given up (tied with Texas) presents a prime opportunity for the Frogs to get this ball rolling.

A key figure in this goal for TCU will be Mathis, who recorded two sacks on Saturday against Oklahoma. Both sacks helped hold the Sooners to field goal attempts, and the junior believes this will propel him to greater success going forward.

“It definitely gives me the feeling of what I have to do to get my pass rush off against guys who play as good as the guys we’ve played against,” Mathis said. “Having that opportunity to play against Oklahoma and get those two sacks has definitely put me ahead.”

Especially if Green, a redshirt freshman, is in for the Mountaineers, a strong pass rush by Mathis and the Frogs will help throw off the West Virginia pass attack and prevent them from moving the ball well.

3. Feed Quentin Johnston

One of the great things about college football is that the greatest players can often get touch aftermath and still be effective, regardless of what the opposing defense schemes up to stop them.



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Zach Evans (6), one of the Big 12’s top running backs, is expected to make his return from injury on Saturday against West Virginia.

TCU felt this all too well against Texas, as the Longhorns handed it off to running back Bijan Robinson six straight times on their final offensive drive to run the clock out and keep the Frogs’ offense from getting another drive.

With a 6-foot-8-inch frame and excellent speed for his size, wide receiver Quentin Johnston represents one of these players for TCU.

On Saturday, Frog fans got a taste of what TCU can achieve offensively when they put trust in the sophomore, as he put up career-highs of seven catches, 185 yards, and three touchdowns (all of which were contested).

“Obviously, Max [Duggan] has a lot of trust in me, and I appreciate him for that, throwing the ball up, trusting me,” Johnston said after the game. “Coach [Patterson] is trusting me that I can make the big plays.”

What stood out

most about Johnston’s performance was that the majority of his catches, including all of his scores, came on plays when the defenders were in perfect positions to make plays. The physical wideout simply out-muscled the cornerbacks each time to make the play.

Regardless of his ability to make contested catches, Johnston has never been targeted more than 10 times in a game in his TCU career, seemingly putting a cap on his full potential as one of the Big 12’s best receivers.

With that in mind, especially against a West Virginia pass defense that has given up 248.5 yards per game through the air (ninth in the Big 12), TCU needs to get Johnston the ball more, as the young star has a chance to finish as one of the great receivers to ever don the purple and white.

TCU kicks off against West Virginia Saturday in Amon G. Carter Stadium at 6:30 p.m. on ESPNU.



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Christmas classic covered by Bing Crosby and Bob Dylan, among others
 - 6 Kind of gorilla 10 Second-best era
 - 13 Matrimony
 - 14 ___ Park (neighborhood in central Los Angeles)
 - 15 Neologism for the "best ever"
 - 17 Six Premier League teams play in it
 - 19 Other: Sp.
 - 20 Apt foreign rhyme of "moon"
 - 21 2016 inductee into the Basketball Hall of Fame
 - 22 Prom purchase
 - 23 Discharges
 - 25 Do a certain veterinary job
 - 27 Nudge
 - 28 Old-fashioned possessive
 - 29 Whitman of "Arrested Development"
 - 31 Japanese company with six stars in its logo
 - 33 With 44-Across, bit of consolation ... or a feature of this puzzle's grid?
 - 36 Like 2017 and 2027
 - 37 Something found in strands
 - 39 Easy basket
 - 41 Gore and more
 - 42 Welcome at the front door
 - 44 See 33-Across 46 Parts of soft palates
 - 48 Score specification
 - 49 Some significant others, for short
 - 52 Crop problem
 - 53 Hairy Tibetan beasts
 - 56 ___ the Saxon (Ivanhoe's father in "Ivanhoe")
 - 58 Christmas trees
 - 60 "___ kidding!"
 - 62 Sound heard before many a classic movie
 - 63 Make amends?
 - 64 [Silence]
 - 66 Certain pizza topping, slangily
 - 67 Fortright
 - 68 Game played on a 91' x 13' court
 - 69 Attractive older fellow
- DOWN**
- 1 Simple solution to a big problem
 - 2 "Just stop already!"
 - 3 Laura of "Ozark"
 - 4 Mine locales
 - 5 Caps or cones preceder
 - 6 Cannellini, e.g.
 - 7 The National Mall has more than 300 of them
 - 8 Shabbily made
 - 9 Famously sleepy animals
 - 10 Terribly eager
 - 11 Monopoly square between Marvin Gardens and Pacific Avenue
 - 12 Extremely catchy tunes
 - 16 Gift of persuasiveness
 - 18 Like some healthier potato chips
 - 24 "I did NOT need to hear that!" in brief
 - 26 "Absolutely!" 30 Heinous
 - 32 Crow
 - 33 Compete in the America's Cup, say
 - 34 Prefix with genetics
 - 35 An ice place to go?
 - 37 Lacking
 - 38 Nearly massless subatomic particle
 - 40 Some flower girls
 - 42 Marvel character with metallic skin
 - 43 Thumbs-down
 - 45 Dec. 31
 - 47 "Here's an idea ..."
 - 49 Player at the highest-elevation N.F.L. stadium
 - 5 Debauch
 - 51 Metonym for the movie industry
 - 54 Super Mario creature that resembles a turtle
 - 55 More confident
 - 57 Sag
 - 59 Pixy ___ (candy brand)
 - 61 Philosopher Descartes
 - 65 Ainer of Ken Burns documentaries

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Horoscope

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) ★★★★★ There's tough energy in the air today. For some, it will trigger arguments with partners, friends and authority figures. However, you also can use this feisty energy to get things done -- a wiser and more productive choice. Tonight: Patience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Disputes about politics, religion or racial issues might easily arise today. This is a waste of energy. Instead, be productive at work. You also can use this energy to work out and get physical exercise. Your choice. Tonight: Choose.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Parents must be

patient with their kids today to avoid confrontations. Likewise, romantic partners need to be patient with each other to avoid nasty arguments. Meanwhile, this same energy can be used in sports or creative ways. Tonight: Be smart.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Family conflicts and domestic arguments might take place today. However, you have a choice. Instead, you can use this same energy to move furniture and make improvements at home, especially those that require physical energy. This choice is a no-brainer. Tonight: Relax

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Today you are high-viz, which is why people might know details about your private life. (Like, what's with that?) This might put you on edge, which, in turn, could trigger arguments. Do not

say something you will regret later. Tonight: Keep busy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Money disputes are likely today. To put a positive spin on this, look for ways to improve what you already own. You might see new uses and applications for it. (Could that rusty barbecue be a shabby chic floor lamp?) Tonight: Get creative

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Right now, the Sun, retrograde Mercury and fiery Mars are all in your sign, which totally hypes your energy! You can use this energy to argue with others, or you can use it to improve something, especially your body or appearance. Tonight: Get pumped!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You might feel suspicious about something going on. Don't let this get

you down. You're excellent at dealing with hidden agendas. Resist the urge to retaliate against someone. Tonight: Easy does it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ This is a popular time for you, especially because you might be involved with people you haven't seen in a while from your past. You're very good at keeping your trapline fresh, because you know how to stay in touch with others. Tonight: Avoid arguments.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ People admire you now; meanwhile, some of you are involved with parents or bosses you haven't seen in a while. This could be an opportunity for some serious catching up. Resist the urge to defy authority, be rebellious or challenge someone. It's not worth it. Tonight: Be mellow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You might be involved in feisty discussions about politics, religion or racial issues today. It's impossible to fight prejudice, because prejudice was never based on logical facts. Avoid these disputes. Tonight: Enjoy discussions with creative pals.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You might be at odds with someone about shared property, inheritances, or insurance issues. This could involve shared responsibilities. Don't waste today fighting. Instead, use this energy to look for a solution. Tonight: Peace.



CAMPUS NEWS

TCU adds Fort Worth bike sharing kiosks to campus

By **CAMILLA PRICE**
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TCU added two kiosks from the Fort Worth Bike Sharing program on campus over the summer as part of a larger effort to promote healthier and more sustainable alternative transportation – and students are already hopping on board.

Senior Alex Matthews, a computer science major and math minor, said the rental bikes offer a good option for students who want to avoid the hassle of maintaining their own bikes on campus.

“It’s a very fun thing to just know it’s there because biking is something you can do casually. You don’t have to be super athletically talented,” said Matthews.

Matthews rents bikes from the station in Worth Hills, which was installed in June along with one on Lowden Street on the north side of the Mary Coats Burnett Library.

“We kind of had time to get them settled and make sure there were no kinks before the students came back for August,” said Fort Worth Bike Sharing director Jennifer Grissom.

The bike sharing program has about 500 active users from TCU, including 66 new users who registered in the last month, said Grissom.

As of Sept. 9, the kiosks at Lowden and Worth Hills have had a combined 588 checkouts since their installation.

“We would love to see those numbers grow, but we’re very impressed

with that and glad that people are utilizing that system,” she said.

Growing the bike sharing program

The new bike stations join two existing kiosks located near TCU on West Cantey Street and at the intersection of West Berry Street and University Drive.

TCU holds a membership with the bike sharing program that allows students, faculty and staff to ride for free for up to two hours by registering with their TCU emails.

Jude Kiah, assistant vice chancellor for Student Affairs Administration, said he pushed for TCU to continue its membership with Fort Worth Bike Sharing after he came to campus three years ago.

“I was actually using the bikes at night a fair amount, so I had lobbied with our folks on campus to continue the program,” said Kiah.

The discussion on membership led to a larger evaluation at TCU of the need for more kiosks connecting high-traffic paths on campus, especially in the wake of COVID-19.

“When COVID hit, we really knew that [the bike share program] would probably be a good healthy option and help replace the shuttles so that students weren’t in close contact with tons of other students,” said Grissom.

TCU and the Fort Worth Bike Sharing program narrowed down

the two locations they believed would most benefit the student body. Already, the new kiosks have become popular with students.

Fort Worth has one of the most robust bike trail systems in the nation, said Grissom. “You can go from Benbrook to all the way north [or] very far east, all without having to cross car traffic,” she said.

Kiah hopes students use the bikes as a part of their everyday lives to cross campus, run errands and use the Trinity Trails system.

“We want students to interact with the Fort Worth community; we want them to be healthy and think of it as a recreational opportunity, and it’s a good opportunity for us to reduce our carbon footprint,” said Kiah.

Biking and sustainability

Before the Fort Worth Bike Sharing program launched in 2013, TCU sociology professor Keith Whitworth created the Purple Bike Program on campus to serve a similar purpose.

“I’ve always been a cyclist, and I noticed that there were a lot of international students who lacked transportation on the campus,” said Whitworth. Whitworth, who teaches a course on sustainability, also used the program to bring attention to the concept of students’ carbon footprints.

As part of the Purple Bike Program, Whitworth



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The bike sharing kiosk on the north side of the Mary Coats Burnett Library is one of two stations that was added to campus in June.

organized the “Tour de Frogs,” a cycling tour of campus intended to bring awareness to cycling on campus. Riders stopped at stations at each corner of campus to take part in free activities and learn how biking improves personal and environmental health.

Adding the bike kiosks to campus is just part of TCU’s efforts to integrate with local public transportation initiatives like ZIPZONE and Trinity Metro, said Kiah.

“We’ve talked to the folks at Trinity Metro about the redesign of their routes such that they would touch more of those student areas and then move people in heavier frequencies to and from the campus

area,” he said.

Kiah said reducing the number of carbon-driven cars on campus is key as TCU’s student population grows and more students live a short distance from campus.

“Anything that’s less impact on our environment, our parking lots, our safety of pedestrians, the health of people,” said Kiah.

Gearing up for student promotion

Moving forward, spreading the word about the bike sharing program to students is a priority for TCU.

Kiah said he considers TCU to be a bike-friendly campus, but students may not realize the bikes

exist or understand the convenience and health benefits of using them.

“We have great bike lanes and there are a lot of good ways to get across campus now, but teaching people to do that and marketing it to people – that’s really the next step,” said Kiah.

In the future, Grissom hopes TCU students who take part in the bike sharing program keep biking as part of their lifestyle after graduation.

“For students, I think specifically I would hope that they kind of develop a lifelong love of cycling whether it’s for fun or for commuting, but that they recognize that it’s a benefit to their life and to their community,” she said.