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MORE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ARE ON TCU'S CAMPUS THAN EVER BEFORE

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COVID-19

Core Honors faculty encourages campus-wide vaccine mandate

By **ALLIE BROWN**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

More than a year after COVID-19 forced students online, colleges are still trying to assess the best course of action to keep students and faculty safe.

The core faculty of the John V. Roach Honors College proposed a vaccine mandate for TCU on Oct. 13.

“A campus-wide vaccine requirement ensures a safer, healthier TCU community,” according to the vaccine statement sent to TCU leadership.

“The statement is an encouragement to let campus members know the signers support protecting our community through vaccination,” said Ron Pitcock, interim dean of the John V. Roach Honors College.

Honors faculty are currently in conversation with the Provost, the Chancellor and the Faculty Senate on this matter, said Rob Garnett, associate dean of the John V. Roach Honors College.

Because the vaccine mandate has not been approved at this time, specifics about how it would work are not set in clear.

“The Honors faculty values in-person learning and campus safety; at the same time I recognize vaccine mandates are complex with federal and state regulations, pending OSHA standards and other considerations

for those not able to get vaccinated,” said Pitcock.

According to the Honors faculty statement, those who cannot receive the vaccine due to strongly held religious beliefs, allergies or other medical conditions would contribute to campus safety by receiving COVID-19 tests once or twice a week.

Regular testing is advisable at least until the rate of community transmission in Tarrant County falls below 50 new cases per week per 100,000 people, and fewer than 8% of COVID-19 tests in the county are positive, Honors core faculty said.

Other universities across the nation, including Baylor and Rice, have implemented a similar vaccination and testing policy.

Baylor does not require a COVID-19 vaccination, but it is strongly encouraged. For those not fully vaccinated, Baylor requires they take a COVID-19 test once a week. Masks are required indoors for everyone.

Rice requires vaccinated faculty and staff to be tested for COVID-19 once every two weeks. Vaccinated students must test once a week. All unvaccinated students, faculty and staff are required to test twice every week. Masks are required indoors for all students. Vaccinated professors are allowed to remove their masks while lecturing as long

as they remain 10 feet away from students, and unvaccinated professors must keep their masks on indoors at all times.

With no vaccine mandate in place at TCU, leadership is trying to find new ways to encourage students to get vaccinated and keep campus safe.

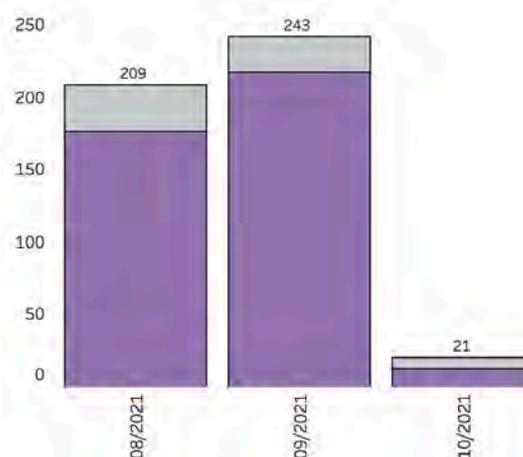
There are weekly prizes for reporting your vaccination including \$5,000 worth of free tuition, \$1,000 campus cash and reserved parking.

TCU COVID-19 Statistics

As of Oct. 22, 432 new positive cases were reported in the 2021 fall semester. The monthly positives rate has dropped significantly compared to August and September of this year.

While COVID-19 cases have been dropping, it's worth noting that in the 2021 spring semester (Jan. 1 through May 14),

Monthly Positive COVID-19 Cases



TCU COVID-19 statistics as of Oct. 26

432 positive cases were reported. In approximately two months, TCU has matched the COVID-19 case count of an entire semester.

September through November of 2020 was rough for COVID-19 cases, which is something we need to be aware of this semester, said Director of Emergency Management Sean Taylor at the Oct. 7 Faculty Senate meeting.

As of Oct. 22, the total number of students, faculty and staff vaccinated is 7,864. This number has increased since the previous week when the number was 7,760.

As of Oct. 7, the percentage breakdown of vaccinations was 80% of faculty, 67% of staff and 50% of students, according to Taylor.

Protect the Purple reports only six total (students and employees) active cases for COVID-19, as of Oct. 26



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CAMPUS NEWS

IJM holds annual on-campus thrift shop to help end modern day slavery

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Over the last six years, the International Justice Mission (IJM), the largest nonprofit anti-slavery organization in the world, at TCU has contributed to the community by bringing awareness and getting students to participate by attending social justice events and helping with fundraisers.

On Saturday, Oct. 9, IJM at TCU held its first

big fundraising campaign of the semester.

Threads is an annual on-campus pop-up thrift shop where all of the proceeds go towards IJM's field office in Delhi, India.

IJM began by asking students and the TCU community at the beginning of the semester to donate any of their gently used clothes, except socks and undergarments, that they no longer needed.

The limited-time event

brought awareness to IJM, in hopes they could curb the cycle of forced labor in fast fashion and reduce environmental waste.

As students walked into the pop-up shop, there were tables with piles of clothes for customers to look through. Different categories of clothes were organized in certain sections with prices ranging from \$5 to \$20.

Benjamin Smoke, vice president of fall

advocacy for IJM at TCU, said every cent would be donated to IJM, and anything that is not sold at the pop-up shop will be donated to a local organization.

"In addition to fundraising and supporting the cause, we are also seeking to make connections because we are always happy for people to walk in and ask us about modern slavery, and we're excited to take the opportunity to educate more people,"

said Smoke.

The pop-up shop quickly started filling with TCU students and members of the community as they left the event with plenty of new items to add to their closet.

Abby Evans, senior graphic design major, said this was the first time she had ever heard of IJM.

"I saw that it was supporting a good cause, and I love thrifting so it was a win-win," Evans

said.

Over the years, IJM at TCU has raised thousands of dollars for IJM's field offices in Delhi with the pop-up thrift shop alone.

This year, according to IJM at TCU's Instagram account, they sold over 130 items and more than 50 customers purchased an item, raising \$1,093 for IJM in Delhi.

SPORTS

Martinez shows promising future for TCU women's cross country

By MICAH PEARCE

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Mariana Martinez already had family ties at TCU, but the rising cross country star had a long road before garnering success at TCU.

Martinez lived in Canada for eight years and moved to Mexico City, Mexico. Now, she's leading an exciting, young women's cross country team while studying pre-business.

Weekly, Martinez logs an average of 50 miles, which is separated into two categories. She runs 35 to 40 miles on weeks when the team competes and 55 miles when the team does not compete. Before its last 6K race, the team went through a period of training called "Hell Month."

"The workouts are so intense because we have no time to taper between one race and another," Martinez said.

Tapering means lowering mileage or workouts so athletes can prepare for upcoming meets or recover from recent meets.

Martinez said she likes the long break between races, because the team can really focus on getting stronger.

During "Hell Month," Martinez said some of her favorite workouts were "8x800 repeats on the track because you can start out slow and get faster based on how you feel," along with mile repeats.

A big focus for distance runners is their endurance, which is showcased in the long run. This workout is longer than any other run they do, but the focus is on how the runners' legs feel throughout. Martinez said her longest run to date was 13.5 miles.

On Oct. 16, TCU traveled to College Station, Texas, to

compete in the Arturo Barrios Invitational. Martinez and the rest of the women's team ran a 6K race (3.73 miles). She finished 27th overall out of 265 runners in the pack, while the team finished 21st out of 33. Martinez beat out all of the University of Texas at Arlington runners, whose team is ranked 14th in the region.

Before that, the team ran at the UTA Gerald Richey Invitational Season Opener. There, Martinez finished first for TCU women and fourth out of 51 runners with a 5K time of 17:58. This had her averaging around 5:46 pace per mile and finishing just 14 seconds behind first place.

Even as a sophomore, Martinez has built up an impressive resume. She earned a bronze medal in the 5K at the Pan American U20 Athletics Championships in Costa Rica while in high school,

and her personal record (PR) in the 5K coming into the 2021 season was a 16:47 (about 5:24 pace per mile for 3.11 miles).

Martinez fell in love with long-distance running after her older brother Fernando Martinez, a pole vaulter for TCU's track and field team, introduced her to the sport when they lived in Canada. Her brother also influenced her decision to come to TCU.

Before race days, Martinez always focuses on eating a good dinner the night before and breakfast the morning of the race. While eating well is important, Martinez said she also values resting her body and getting as much sleep as possible.

When asked about how she balances schoolwork and workouts, she simply said, "That's a good question." Martinez usually goes to classes

after her morning workouts and then rests before doing homework and going to bed. This has become somewhat routine for her on weekdays.

She said her dedication comes from her commitment to "being the best student-athlete as possible."

Behind every great runner is a great coach, and Martinez has one in head coach Lisa Morgan-Richman.

One of Martinez's favorite memories of Coach Morgan was at Texas Relays at the University of Texas at Austin. While she ran, she could hear her coach yelling from the other side of the track, pushing her to finish.

Looking back on her time at TCU, her favorite running memory has been winning her 3K (1.86 miles) race with a PR of 10:03. Besides the

win, Martinez also loves the support that comes from others, whether they are familiar faces or not.

Despite a strong start to her TCU career, Martinez has more that she wants to accomplish before she leaves Fort Worth. Some personal goals she has set for herself this season are to break her 16:47 PR in the 5K. She also wants to score in the Big 12 Championships later this season as well as run the 10K (6.2 miles) during track season, which she hasn't raced before.

It's strong, dedicated runners, like Martinez, who give hope to a TCU women's cross country team that is on the up-and-coming and filled with young talent.

The women's 2021 Big 12 Championship is set to take place Friday, Oct. 29 in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

CAMPUS NEWS

International students: an opportunity worth 8,000 miles

By **ELLA GIBSON**

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TCU's on-campus international student population skyrocketed this semester compared to last year due to the availability of the COVID-19 vaccine.

The Office of International Services worked with the Brown-Lupton Health Center to provide vaccines for all international students. Families of international students were facing the dilemma of whether to send their children to campus in the midst of the pandemic, and the opportunity for vaccination was the deciding factor for many.

Remote learning was the reality of the 2020-2021 school year. Students attended classes online due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For many international students, this meant

learning from thousands of miles away.

Last year, the amount of international students on TCU's campus was at an all-time low. Not only has classroom learning resumed in 2021, but international students are living on campus more than ever.

Realities of remote learning

Students weren't able to leave their countries, but this was only the first of many challenges that they faced. Many classes took place synchronously over Zoom, meaning that students had to log on at the time that class was scheduled. For those living in different time zones, this proved a major complication.

Petra Celeste Iracanye, an international economics major from Kigali, Rwanda, took classes online for

two weeks before coming to campus. Iracanye explained the challenges of her experience learning from thousands of miles away.

"The difficulties with taking classes remotely were time zone differences, as we were seven hours ahead, poor network while using my computer and I had a hard time accessing books," said Iracanye.

Many international students had to attend classes and take exams throughout the night in order to stay on track and be marked present. John Singleton, director of International Services, shared unanticipated results of this system.

"We had no idea that on their own ends, maybe families wouldn't be empathetic to their students studying at 2 or 3 or 4 a.m.," Singleton said.

Many internation-

al students had cultural expectations or family responsibilities that consumed the hours that they weren't in class. Students were sleeping less and working overtime. Singleton shared that they lost students as a result.

In preparation for the 2020-2021 school year, the university informed Singleton that international students would have to follow quarantine guidelines when arriving on campus. Already scheduling orientation around these time frames, Singleton spoke to the health center about vaccination possibilities.

The health center worked with International Services to provide the vaccine for all international students. The impact was greater than anyone expected.

It is difficult to get the vaccine in many countries, according

to the BBC. When TCU presented this opportunity, it was the only chance that many students had to get vaccinated.

Other factors contributed to many students' decisions to come to campus this year, and some opted out of getting the vaccine.

97% of TCU's international students are on campus this year. Singleton explained that International Services did not adjust the number of admitted students this year. Instead, students have traveled to campus more than ever.

A new campus life

Many international students saw TCU in person for the first time in August. Students can now experience life on campus, rather than seeing it from behind a

screen.

"Zoom and online classes, accompanied with the culture shock that we already come with, made it very hard to make friends and get used to the culture," said Harmann Chhabra.

Despite culture shock, Chhabra became involved as an orientation leader, resident assistant, representative of Student Government Association and campaign member for the student body vice-presidential and presidential candidates. He says that coming to campus was a great experience.

International students have faced unexpected changes throughout the development of the pandemic. Now, on campus, some of these students are a part of student life for the first time.

CAMPUS HEALTH

TCU nursing students practice during annual flu clinic

By **LONYAE COULTER**

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The TCU Harris College of Nursing held its annual flu clinic on Oct. 6 for faculty, staff and students in the University Recreation Center to help combat flu season.

"So, we're having the nursing students do the clinic one, because a lot of them, we have an instructor table for semester two juniors, so that is to get them in the practice of doing it,"

said Elizabeth Hester, Team Accelerated BSN. "And as far as our seniors and our other nursing students that are about to graduate in December, we're allowing them to vaccinate just to continue to be volunteering in their community, being the face of the nursing program and to continue to keep their skills up to date before graduation."

"It's really just to be a face of the nursing program and show how we volunteer and care about our TCU

community and our surrounding community members," said Hester.

Volunteers that helped with the clinic experience in their communities, while volunteers in the Student Nursing Association got nursing hours.

Preparation

Brynne Smith, a junior nursing student, and her clinical group practiced giving shots on each other to make sure they knew how to inject the flu shot.



PHOTO BY LONYAE COULTER

TCU nursing students give out flu vaccinations.

"It's really a fun experience to be able to do this and be able to help out the TCU

community. I did it with the COVID vaccines last semester as well, and it makes me feel good

knowing that I'm just helping to protect the purple," said Smith.

CAMPUS NEWS

Intercultural Center brings Halloween traditions to campus

By BAILEE UTTER

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The graduate student who planned last week's pumpkin decorating event at the Intercultural Center had one thought in mind: experiencing an American Halloween tradition.

It turned out that she wasn't the only one.

"I did not expect the event to be such a success," said Noortje Hermans, a graduate student from the Netherlands. "There were no more pumpkins after fifteen minutes."

Located in the Brown Lupton University

Union near Moncrief Hall, the Intercultural Center embraces under-represented students' identities, cultures and experiences.

For some students, the event was a study break from midterms. Others said they had never celebrated Halloween before, so they wanted to see what it was all about.

Yusuf Hussein, a first-year business major, decorated pumpkins with his friends for both reasons.

"I have never celebrated Halloween before, but being at TCU you get a feel of different cultures, so I was willing

to participate," said Hussein. "Of course, I wanted a break from studying too."

According to the World Population Review for 2021, 24 countries celebrate Halloween. Celebrations range from the ghosts, ghouls and trick-or-treating in the U.S. to Mexico's Día de Los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, from Oct. 31 to Nov. 2.

Students used their creativity to decorate their own pumpkins. Some students used symbols and designs from their home countries.



PHOTO BY BAILEE UTTER

Students creatively decorated their own pumpkins at the Intercultural Center on Monday.

TCU has students enrolled from 76 different nations.

The Intercultural Center will be hosting more Halloween events

this month, which will be announced soon.

COMMUNITY

Fort Worth Zoo's Boo at the Zoo event returns for Halloween

By CAMILLA PRICE

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After a drive-thru event last year, the Fort Worth Zoo's annual Halloween bash is back during park hours with pumpkin decorating, trick-or-treating and more festive activities for guests of all ages.

The 30th annual Boo at the Zoo event will take place during the Halloween weekend from Friday, Oct. 29 through Sunday, Oct. 31.

Last year, the zoo moved Boo at the Zoo to a nighttime drive-thru format due to COVID-19, but this year it's returning to its normal daytime park experience, explained Avery Elander, the zoo's

assistant director of public relations.

"Coming off of the last 18 months of craziness, I think just being able to have this beloved tradition back in the park again is just something we're all really looking forward to," she said.

The daytime event allows guests to have a more interactive experience and connect with the zoo's 7,000 animal residents, said Elander.

The zoo will host "keeper chats" throughout the park where visitors can ask questions and learn about the zoo's conservation efforts in the wild. Animals will also receive Halloween-themed enrichment,

which includes novel toys, scents and food items that stimulate their natural behavior.

"It's much more animal-focused and I think that's what the zoo is all about."

AVERY ELANDER,
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Visiting the zoo also contributes to a higher purpose. The nonprofit zoo participates in more than 30 conservation projects locally and around the world, including work with

TCU's mascot, the Texas horned lizard.

Know before you go

Boo at the Zoo is open during park hours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily on Halloween weekend. Entry for the event is free with an admission ticket to the zoo, which can be purchased on site or pre-purchased online at www.fortworthzoo.org.

Admission tickets are \$16 for adults with a \$5 parking fee for nonmembers in the zoo's main parking lot.

For TCU students, the zoo offers a reduced-price student membership at \$56 per year, which includes free parking, discounts on food and merchandise and invites

to member-only events at the zoo.

Costumes are welcome and protective face masks are encouraged, but full-face makeup or masks are not permitted at Boo at the Zoo.

Traffic is expected to be heavier over Halloween weekend, so be prepared for longer wait times to enter the park. Temperatures are forecasted with highs in the high 70s and lows in the mid-50s throughout the weekend.

More ways to participate

Zoo guests can decorate a pumpkin and enter it for display during the Boo at the Zoo event.

Artists of pumpkins

selected for display will receive a free zoo entry pass that can be used during Boo at the Zoo, Oct. 29 through Oct. 31.

Artists must supply their own pumpkins and decorating materials. The zoo does not accept carved pumpkins for display.

Supporters of the zoo can also join the Boo Crew, the volunteer team helping to staff trick-or-treating stations and organize the event.

For a \$5 fee, volunteers will receive a t-shirt and ticket for zoo admission on another day of their choosing. Spots are going quickly, so register early for the best chance at taking part.

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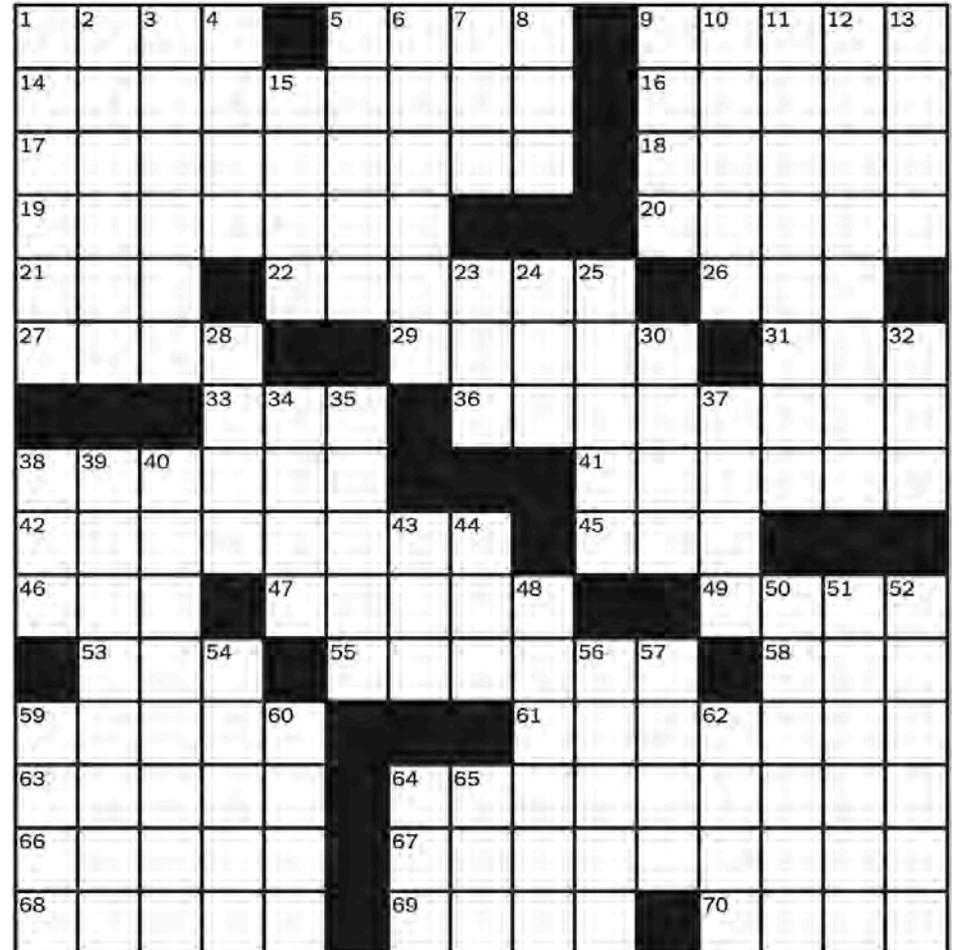
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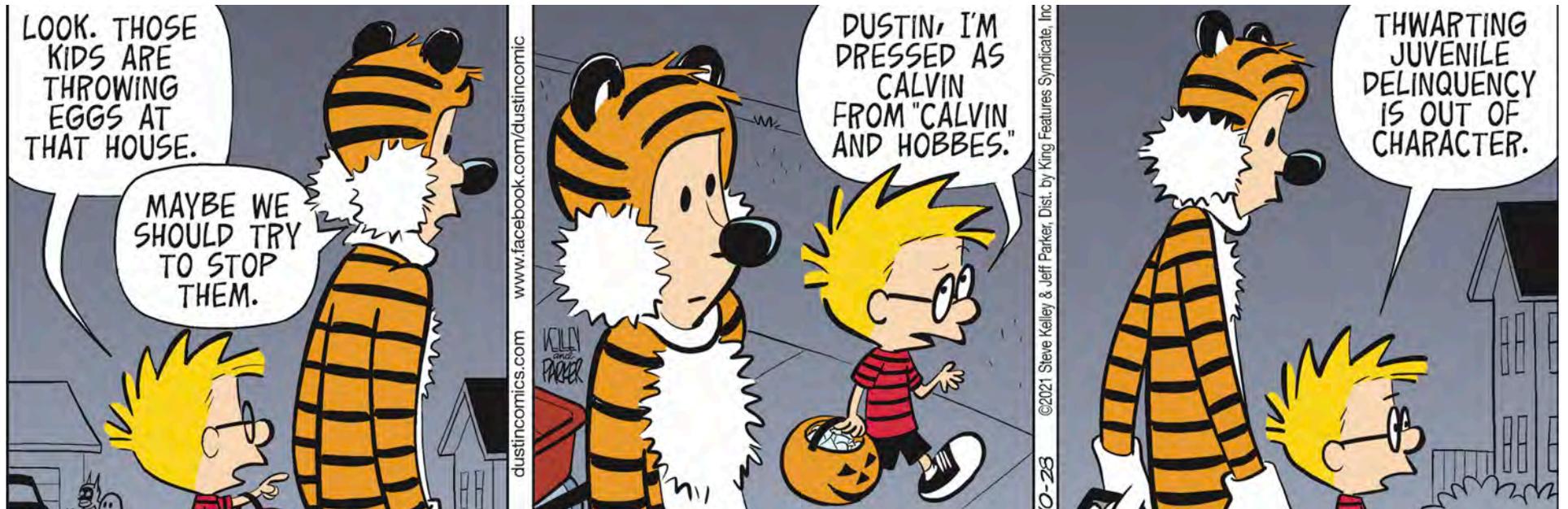
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Horoscope

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) ★★★★★ This is a fantastic day to travel or learn something new, because you're eager to do anything to expand your horizons. Expect success if dealing with foreign countries. Romance with someone will blossom. Tonight: Socialize!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ This is a good money day! It's great for financial discussions. Money, gifts and goodies might come your way. It's a passionate, romantic day! (Be still, my beating heart.) Tonight: Home and family.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ This is a great day

to schmooze with partners, close friends and the public, because people like you. They see you as friendly and welcoming. Today you want to share your POV about something. Tonight: You have something to say!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Financial negotiations and issues related to work, especially work-related travel, will go well today. Co-workers are cooperative. Dealings with different cultures are likely. Look for ways to improve your work. Tonight: Focus on money.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ This is a lovely day for Leos! This is a perfect day for playful activities and social encounters with others. Sports events, fun times with children and the arts will all appeal to you. It's a great date night. Tonight: It's all about

you!
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You might have wonderful opportunities to redecorate today. Likewise, this is an excellent day to explore real estate opportunities. Entertain at home. Invite the gang over for good food and drinks! Tonight: Peaceful, quiet and enjoyable solitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ This is a marvelous day to schmooze with others, especially friends, groups and organizations. People will be happy to see you, because you are charming and diplomatic. Likewise, relations with neighbors, siblings and relatives will be warm and friendly. Tonight: Enjoy warm friendships.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ This is an excellent day for financial negotia-

tions, discussions about salary, and spending money. Whatever happens will likely favor you. However, since you might spend big, be careful. Keep your receipts. Tonight: Someone admires you!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You (and everyone else) feel happy and upbeat! Your energy is strong, and you're keen to explore and meet new faces. By all means, travel if you can, because this will please you. Tonight: Explore your world; do something different!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Solitude in beautiful surroundings might appeal to you today. Other people will use this same influence to explore a secret affair. Whatever the case, you are secretly pleased about something. (That's nice.) Tonight: Check your finances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ This is a marvelous day to schmooze with friends because you feel warm, generous and friendly, and they feel the same way toward you. Be cooperative, because the Moon is opposite your sign. You might have to pick up the tab. Tonight: Cooperate and be supportive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You make a fabulous impression on bosses, parents, and the police today. They see you as affluent, popular and successful. (Regardless of how you see yourself.) Tonight: Be of service or helpful to someone.

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SPORTS

Fresh legs: an update on TCU football's 2022 recruiting class

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Despite the team's signing of its first-ever five-star recruit Zach Evans in 2020, TCU football consistently falls at the feet of bigger programs when it comes to recruiting, and the 2022 class is no different.

So far, TCU's 2022 recruiting class ranks seventh in the Big 12, a spot lower than its 2021 recruiting class. The low ranking is primarily because TCU has just 11 commitments so far, three of which are four-star recruits.

Four-star cornerback Jaylon Guilbeau from Port Arthur, Texas, headlines the 2022 class. Guilbeau is the No. 13 ranked corner in the country according to 247Sports and was formerly committed to Texas.

"(Guilbeau) possesses good size and great length for a corner; he shows encouraging competitiveness when the ball is in the air," said Gabe Brooks, a recruiting analyst at 247Sports.

The other four-stars are both in-state receivers. DJ Allen is the No. 22-ranked receiver from Gladewater, Texas. He totaled over 1,300 yards and 17 touchdowns

as a junior but is now playing quarterback for his senior season.

"Talented, productive East Texas four-sport athlete who projects to the high-major level as a receiver with consistency and playmaking punch," Brooks said of Allen.

Matthew Golden, the other four-star receiver, is a 6-foot-1 outside receiver from Klein Cain High School in Houston. In eight games this season, Golden has 976 yards, an average of 122 per game, and nine touchdowns.

The last time the Frogs had two four-star receivers in a recruiting class was in 2017. Jalen Reagor ended up being a first-round pick in the 2020 NFL draft, and Omar Manning chose to transfer to Nebraska.

The rest of the 2022 class is made up of three stars. TCU has struck gold with three stars in the past, with players such as current Baltimore Ravens safety Ar'Darius Washington and current TCU defensive end Ochaun Mathis, both of whom were 2018 recruits.

Joseph Adedire is the highest-rated three-star of the eight committed so far. In 2020, Adedire was dominant on the edge, where he

totaled 12 sacks and 20 tackles for loss. Trevon McAlpine is the only other defensive line commit in the class. McAlpine is a 6-foot-3, 280-pound interior defensive lineman from Saraland, Alabama, and is currently the No. 87 ranked defensive lineman in the country.

The 2022 class will also bring in a pair of three-star running backs. Major Everhart is ranked No. 41 out of running backs in the class. Ajay Allen is the other back in the class and comes from Monroe, Louisiana. He was not as highly recruited as Everhart and committed to TCU over two months before receiving another Power 5 offer.

What's next?

The recruiting process is extremely competitive, but TCU has time to round out its class before the final signing day on April 1, 2022.

Expect to see some of these athletes sign national letters of intent as soon as Dec. 15, 2021, during the early signing period. The commits who choose not to sign early will sign during the regular signing period, beginning on Feb. 2, 2022.



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Philadelphia Eagles punt returner Jalen Reagor runs the ball during the first half of an NFL football game against the Carolina Panthers on Oct. 10, in Charlotte, N.C.



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In this 2020 file photo, Texas Tech offensive lineman Josh Burger (50) blocks TCU defensive end Ochaun Mathis (32) during the first half of the game in Fort Worth.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

FALL 2021



SEPT 4
AT TCU



SEPT 11
AT TCU



SEPT 25
AT TCU



OCT 2
AT TCU



OCT 9
AT TECH



OCT 16
AT OU



OCT 23
AT TCU



OCT 30
AT KSTATE



NOV 6
AT TCU



NOV 13
AT OSU

NOV 20
AT TCU

NOV 26
AT IOWA ST.