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CAMPUS NEWS

Housing and dining facilities to be on East Campus

By KYLA VOGEL

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Another building boom is on the horizon.

On Friday, TCU's Board of Trustees is expected to vote on a resolution to build residence halls and dining facilities on East Campus, along with other topics.

During a "chat" with students last Thursday afternoon in the Commons, Chancellor Victor Boschini predicted that the board would take action to relieve the crowding in the dorms and dining halls.

"In two years we

will see new residence halls along with dining facilities," Boschini said.

In 2017, the Board of Trustees agreed to add 300 additional beds to TCU's housing and approved an increase in enrollment.

Richards & Arnold Halls were the product of the last residential building boom.

But with a record 2,560 first-year students, the Commons is now filled with the Class of 2025.

The chancellor has long said that, ideally, TCU would have housing for everyone who wants to live on campus.

The board's approval is only the first step to adding more beds. TCU's Facilities Master Plan, which was released in 2017, included residential housing and dining on East Campus.

According to the plan, "new housing on East Campus would be supported by appropriate dining and recreation facilities necessary to complement housing programs."

The growing number of students has also strained dining facilities. Market Square was built in 2008 when there were only 7,471 undergraduate students. In 2021, that

figure has now grown into 10,222 students.

Market Square is also troubled with a limited number of food stations and an open kitchen, creating obstacles for some students with allergies and dietary restrictions.

In 2015, the King Family Commons opened to help reduce the pressure built up in Market Square and to offer a food-allergy-free kitchen; however, it is out of the way for many first-year students.



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SPORTS

Without Patterson, 2022 recruiting class at risk

By Colin Post

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Less than 24 hours after Gary Patterson and TCU parted ways, members of TCU's 2022 recruiting class have started to rethink their commitments to the Horned Frogs.

The unknown of committing to a team without a head coach or getting promised exposure has already caused almost the entire class to take action.

On Monday afternoon, three-star defensive lineman Trevon McAlpine announced that he would be decommitting from TCU and reopening his recruitment.

Hours later, wide receiver DJ Allen, TCU's

second-highest 2022 recruit, announced that he would be reopening his recruitment while maintaining his current commitment to the Frogs.

Later Monday evening, four-star wide receiver Matthew Golden, who is TCU's third-highest 2022 recruit, announced that he was joining McAlpine in decommitting from TCU and reopening his recruitment.

Signs of recruiting fallout for TCU started soon after the Patterson news dropped, as eight of TCU's remaining 10 commits in the 2022 class either posted or interacted with tweets that implied their surprise within 24 hours of the breaking news.

Over the next few hours, Cade McConnell, Ja'dais Richard, Seth Martin and Major Everhart — four more members of TCU's 2022 class all tweeted their initial thoughts on Patterson's departure.

Finally, Golden chimed in one more time this morning, putting out a cryptic tweet about his future. Joseph Adedire and Ajay Allen, two more TCU commits for 2022, retweeted the tweet in support.

Given Patterson's legacy as a top 50 head coach in the history of college football, it is no surprise that recruits would find a Frog squad not led by Gary Patterson less appealing.

On Sunday afternoon, former TCU offensive

tackle Jeff Olson ('07-11) took to Twitter to acknowledge the impact the legendary head coach had on getting players to come to Fort Worth.

This thought is also echoed by current members of the TCU football team, as safety T.J. Carter cited Patterson as the reason he transferred to TCU from Memphis this spring.

"Hall of Fame coach," Carter said to the media about Patterson earlier this fall.

TCU's 2022 class currently ranks seventh in the Big 12, and even that uncharacteristically-low ranking is expected to drop in the wake of the Frogs losing their tenured leader.

COMMUNITY

International Environmental Complex plans to revolutionize sustainability

By ISABELLE ACHESON

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Leaders in the Fort Worth community are developing a complex with the potential to become the epicenter for tackling global environmental challenges.

The International Environmental Complex, also known as Ecoplex, will house a diverse community of scientists, academics, business owners and entrepreneurs in hopes to revolutionize the global sustainability standard.

“Ecoplex would become a place for sustainability industries and corporations to office down the hall from NGOs and non-profits,” said Becky Johnson, Ecoplex board member and professor of environmen-

tal science at TCU

The Ecoplex mission is to bring environmentalists together from different industries to take on the world’s urgent environmental issues, separate from the government.

Ecoplex’s unique star-shaped layout will house five main centers for sustainability. The first center is America’s first-ever environmental science museum, the National Environmental Museum. The museum will become the outreach piece to educate the community.

The Center for Innovation and Applied Solutions will merge science and business to inspire entrepreneurs to find sustainable commercial solutions.

The Earth Epicenter

will become a shared office complex with industry officials, scientists and environmental non-profits.

The Center for Global Resilience will focus on climate change education and preventative measures to keep humanity from an environmental catastrophe.

Finally, the Ecoleaders Institute will educate youth and help put youth in leadership positions within the sustainability community.

The International Environmental Complex also plans to pave the way for sustainable operation. The complex will process its own waste, generate its own energy and recycle its own water on the building site. “By doing



PHOTO COURTESY OF ECOPLEX

Photo rendition of the future Ecoplex building.

this, we will decrease our reliance on the Texas energy grid and become more self-reliant in hopes to model how others can as well,” said Horn.

Fort Worth is an ideal place for Ecoplex to break ground. “Fort Worth is doing a lot of great things in sustainability, but it doesn’t get recognized,” said

Johnson. Most sustainability non-profits are located on the coasts, so building Ecoplex in middle America would create exposure without increasing competition.

“Texas is known for oil and gas,” said Horn. “But Texas is also a leader in wind and solar energy; leaders in Fort Worth are pro-sustainable growth,

and I think the city leaders would support this project.”

Ecoplex is now in the funding stage and looking for donors to support the building of the complex. The completion date is unknown, but the members of the board are optimistic and are excited for the future.

Gus's World Famous Fried Chicken is only two miles from campus at 1067 W. Magnolia Ave. 817-927-4693. Also available on Doordash and Ubereats.



COMMUNITY

Resale shop combats Tarrant County domestic violence

By **SKYE MORENO**

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Berry Good Buys, located just six minutes from campus, is a resale store owned and operated by SafeHaven, an organization that seeks to end domestic violence in Tarrant County.

“Instead of just going and grabbing something that somebody donated, our clients can come shop with dignity and pride,” store manager Amanda Davis said.

Clients are given vouchers to use for items including clothing and furniture at the store at no cost, said Davis.

Proceeds from purchases made by community members are all used to provide safety to survivors at the shelter. Many if not most of the donations received come from closet clean-outs.

“We get people of all shapes and sizes, and all tastes,” Davis said.

Household goods and men’s, women’s

or children’s clothing in good condition are all accepted and can be dropped off during business hours.

During certain days each week, the store sells varying categories of goods for 50% off. Visit Berry Good Buys Facebook for full details.

Combating domestic violence

During the first two months of the pandemic, the National Domestic Violence Hotline

reported a 9% increase in its contact volume compared to 2019. This number dropped to 6% after, though the hotline predicted that “survivors would likely feel less safe reaching out for support because of being in such close proximity to their abusive partner.”

According to SafeHaven’s 2020 impact statistics, a total of 1,774 individuals sought safety through emergency shelter and a total of 2,641 women and children were served.

Davis said that although she hasn’t seen an increase in clients come into Berry Good Buys, employees at the store ensure the shelter remains well-stocked with clothes.

“Usually, the clients will come shopping here with the voucher [and] get the items that they need,” Davis said. “I know that [the shelter] has had an increase in [clients].”

Getting involved

Students and community members looking for donation drop-off sites are encouraged to visit Berry Good Buys, Monday through Saturday during normal business hours.

The store asks that all donations be brought in either boxes or bags and without hangers.

For more information about how you can get involved visit SafeHaventc.org.

TCU students work to save shelter animals in Euless

By **KYLA VOGEL**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Shelter animals in Euless, Texas, are getting an assist in finding forever homes from two junior business majors.

The women, who dedicate much of their time outside of the classroom to working with a local animal shelter, said their experiences have filled a missing piece in their lives.

Over the past year, Marie Langer and Brittany Taylor have made many round trips about 40 miles each to the Euless Animal Shelter where they work with the Trinity Girls Awareness Program, also known as GAP.

Upon arriving at the shelter, the girls are tasked with taking photos of the new animals to help them find a foster home and, eventually, a forever home.

Langer says the shelter

is like a prison. “Our goal is to get as many animals out of the dark place as possible.”

“Some of them come in terrified, aggressive and even physically broken,” Langer said. “Once they have a sense of stability, they turn into angels.”

Langer and Taylor met working together in a group project in the Neeley School of Business where they found a shared passion for animals.

Taylor’s professor recognized her love for animals and connected her with the local rescue, GAP. Taylor passed the information along to Langer, and just days later they found themselves involved in the organization.

Founded by Steffenie Vela in 2003, the nonprofit raises money to support the shelter. Langer and Taylor have raised more than \$2,414 for the rescue through

T-shirt sales.

Vela created GAP with hopes of giving girls at Trinity High School an opportunity to be involved in community service.

The program holds fundraisers such as bake sales, T-shirt sales and tamale sales to sponsor the Euless city-run shelter. When an animal comes into the shelter, GAP steps in to help address its needs.

GAP has reduced euthanasias at the Euless shelter by 80%, said Taylor. The Euless shelter has not put down an animal in 10 years due to capacity issues.

Langer says as a college student, there are various ways to get involved with the Trinity GAP Rescue.

Fostering is the most impactful action a student can take to help the rescue, Langer said. “Capacity issues are why animals are put down. People opening up their

homes until an adoption takes place literally saves their lives,” she said.

Twelve students have fostered animals since the program was introduced to campus.

After a family death and isolation during the pandemic, senior marketing major Gemma Welk said “fostering Parker was exactly what I needed.”

“If you are even considering fostering, try it out,” Welk said. “Even if it is just for the weekend, giving these animals care for a little bit is better than none.”

GAP takes care of all expenses including the food, kennel, and vet appointments.

For those living on campus or unable to foster, donations are another way the rescue looks for help.

Langer said donations recently helped a dog abused by its owner to undergo emergency surgery.

Langer and Taylor created an Amazon wish list for those that wish to donate tangible items. The wish list includes items such as bones, flea and tick treatment and kennels.

“TCU students have made a tremendous difference. We exhausted our area and were struggling to find new fosters, but TCU is a whole new community,” said Vela.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARIE LANGER

Marie Langer and Brittany Taylor smile with “Ladybug” while delivering donations from their Amazon Wishlist at the Euless Animal Shelter.

CAMPUS LIFE

Wellness workshops: resources available for TCU students

By **TENAE DURHAM**

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With the stress of the semester halfway over, the TCU Campus Recreation & Wellness Promotion's Wellness Center hosted an opportunity for students to have an open dialogue surrounding the importance of mental health allyship.

"In terms of midterms, we at the Wellness Education office are always consistently looking to support

students because we know it's a tough time, so this is just one of the many things we do," said Sarah Rasing, a graduate assistant for the TCU Wellness Center and the event organizer. "We also offer programming and different outreaching campaign events that both our office and our wellness peer educators, these are our student leaders, host, that they put on throughout campus."

Challenging the mental health stigma

Erica Etcheverry, a first-year psychology major, has been stressed with school in general but said midterms add an additional pressure.

"One of my biggest focuses coming into college, and being a psychology major, was the stigma surrounding mental health. So, that's such a big and important thing for me," said Etcheverry. "My parents are very heavy

believers in that stigma, and so getting therapy was really hard for me until something serious happened. And I deeply believe that shouldn't be the case. Being a

[first-year] in my first round of midterms I definitely didn't know what to expect, and so that caused almost more anxiety than stress."

The Wellness Center

"Our overall goal is that anybody on this campus or in this community that might be feeling a little alone right now, that they can find support."

SARAH RASING

GRADUATE ASSISTANT FOR THE TCU WELLNESS CENTER

has other Wellness Workshops taking place throughout the rest of October and November that students can attend.

"That they find somebody, something, an organization, that they find belonging on this campus. Because everyone and anyone is welcomed here, and no matter what a student is going through, we have people who are resources on this campus that want to help them and want them to succeed," said.

TCU IdeaFactory celebrates 10 years helping students

By **BAILEE UTTER**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

From helping students pitch their passions to hosting innovation workshops for faculty, there is a place on campus for all.

TCU IdeaFactory celebrated its 10-year anniversary last Tuesday when students gathered in the Commons to have tea, enjoy desserts and brainstorm.

Reese Brown, the human center design academy coordinator, said the purpose behind the birthday party was to celebrate and explain IdeaFactory's growth over the last 10 years to people on campus.

"I always say that IdeaFactory is TCU's best kept secret," said Brown. "The work we are doing is really important, so our mission this semester is to scream IdeaFactory's name."

IdeaFactory's growth

Dr. Eric Simanek, the chemistry department chair, launched the IdeaFactory in the basement of Tucker Technology Center to focus on science-based ideas.

Over the last 10 years, IdeaFactory moved into Rees-Jones Hall #101 when it was completed.

Cedric James, associate director for IdeaFactory, helped Simanek expand the idea across campus.

"We shared the desire to do something great for the community," said James. "Dr. Simanek is a visionary, opportunist and a man of character. I knew it was a great fit for me."

James said Dr. Stacy Grau, director for IdeaFactory, helped introduce IdeaFactory to different parts of campus as well.

"Today, we use design thinking methods to

vet ideas, offer courses, workshops, and co-curricular experiences for everyone on campus," said James.

What IdeaFactory offers you

The IdeaFactory is a multidisciplinary space open to anyone who is curious about solving problems in a creative way.

The fall 2021 workshop series is offered to undergraduate and graduate students. Students will learn about human-centered design and how to apply it to their college experience.

The IdeaFactory offers courses to students who are interested in learning about human-centered design. Courses offered to undergraduate students include IDEA 30001 and IDEA 30153. Graduate students can enroll in IDEA 60153.

Pitch Your Passion is an outlet offered to

students to share ideas and get initial feedback. Students can sign up on IdeaFactory's website to pitch their ideas every Friday at 2:30 p.m.

Social Impact Design Challenge is a competition-style event open to

anyone who has an idea and wants feedback from professional judges and an opportunity to earn funding to support their idea. The competition will be hosted on Nov. 12 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and details can be

found here.

Faculty and staff can engage in the Building Inclusive Teams workshop on Nov. 12. More workshops will be offered in the spring.



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Factory staff, members of theCrew, and students celebrated the IdeaFactory's 10-year anniversary in the Commons.

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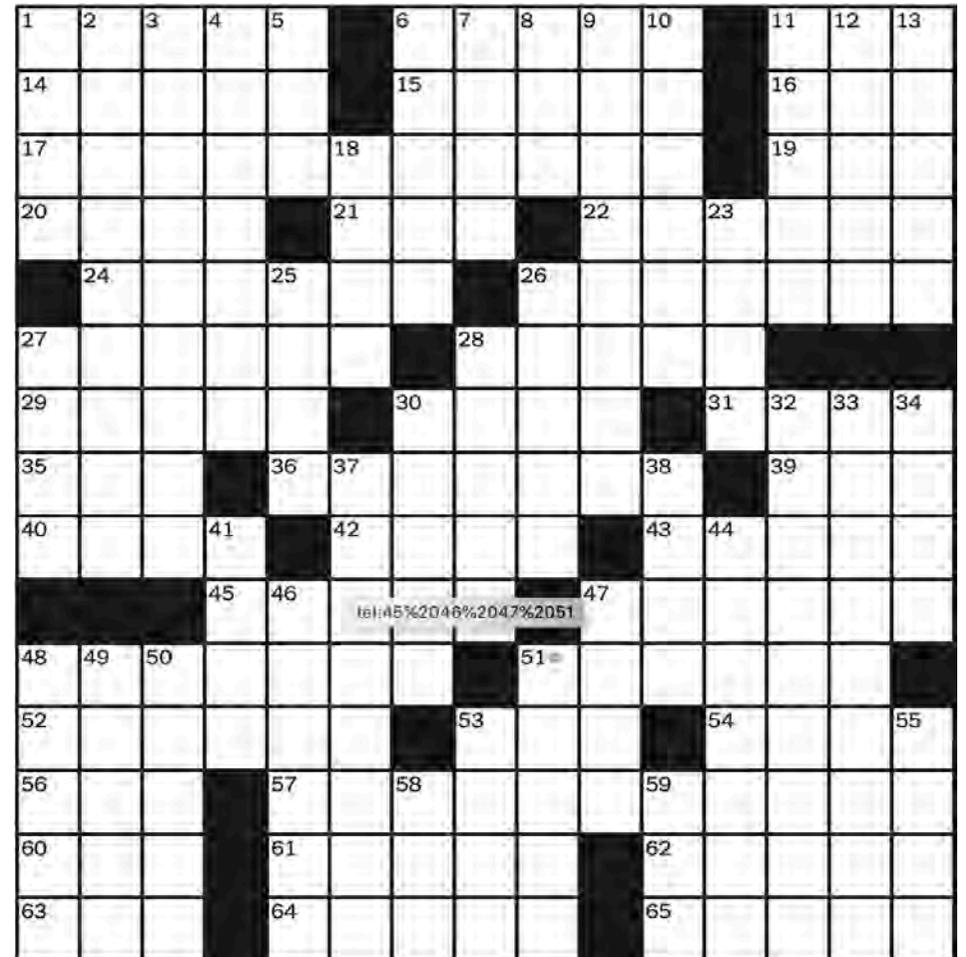
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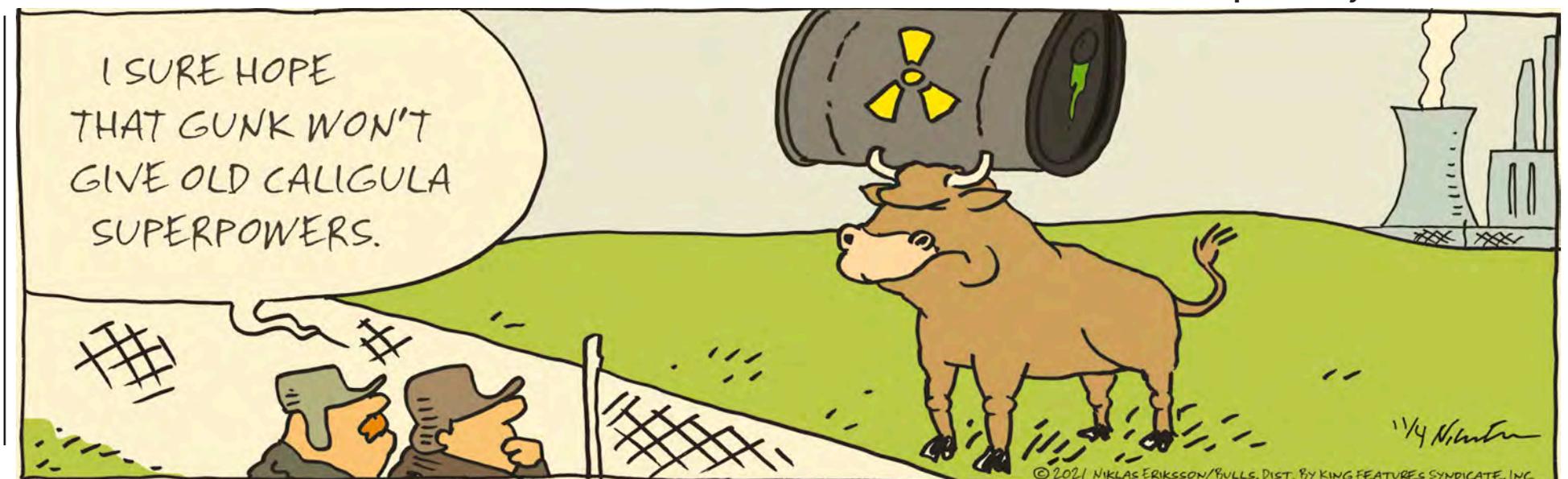
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Horoscope

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)

★★★ Today both the Sun and the Moon are opposite Uranus, which will create hiccups related to finances, property, inheritances, taxes, and debt. Check out these areas to make sure something hasn't gone awry. Stay on top of things! Tonight: Check your finances.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ Your relations close friends will be disrupted by something unexpected today. Someone might make unusual demands. They might do something that surprises you, or they might introduce you to someone who is "different." It's not a boring day. Tonight: Be cooperative.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Something will interrupt your work today. Staff shortages, power outages, canceled appointments, late deliveries -- something. To be safe, give yourself extra time for whatever you have to do so you have wiggle room to cope. Tonight: Get organized.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Parents: Please know that this is an accident-prone day for your kids, which means you need to be vigilant. Be aware of potential hazardous situations. Meanwhile, social occasions might be canceled or changed. Avoid sports accidents. Tonight: Socialize!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Your home routine will be interrupted today. Small appliances might break down or minor breakages could occur. Perhaps someone

unexpected will appear at the door. Brace yourself. Get dressed and prepare to deal with something you didn't think would happen. Tonight: Entertain at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Please be aware that this is an accident-prone day. (We're talking physical or verbal accidents.) Obviously, an accident doesn't have to happen, but the odds do exist. Therefore, pay attention to everything you say and do. Tonight: Speak up!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Keep an eye on your finances and your possessions today, because something unexpected could impact them. You might find money; you might lose money. Make an effort to protect what you own against loss, theft or damage. Be on guard! Tonight: Be cautious.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★ Something surprising might occur in your one-on-one relationships today. Someone might make a radical suggestion. Something surprising could occur. Personal freedom will be an issue. Patience.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You feel restless today. You have a feeling that you're waiting for the other shoe to drop. Something in your personal life might catch you off guard. Be wise and pace your day so you can handle the unexpected. Tonight: Enjoy time alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ This is an interesting day because a friend might do something that amazes you. Admittedly, it could be minor; however, it could be major! You might be ejected from a group. You might be involved in a protest. Tonight: Be

friendly with others. Listen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Parents, bosses, and the police might do something that surprises you. Be prepared for this. If you think something unusual might happen, it will. If you are challenged by authority, be polite. Tonight: Watch your

step..

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Travel plans might suddenly change today. Likewise, school schedules might change. People will be excited about politics, religion and racial issues. This is a trick day with lots of detours. Tonight: Think first..



BIG 12 PREVIEW

Can TCU soccer extend their regular season dominance?

By **ANDRE GIAMMATTEI**
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The Big 12 regular season culminated this past Thursday with No. 6 TCU securing its second consecutive title after a 1-0 road victory against Texas Tech.

After a year of no postseason conference play due to the pandemic, teams will have a chance to compete for another title: the Big 12 Championship held in the Round Rock Multipurpose Complex.

Teams will play single elimination games starting from the quarter-finals stage to determine the champion. Regular season conference standings determined the seed that each team will hold.

No. 1 TCU vs. No. 8 Iowa State (11:30 a.m.)

The Horned Frogs come in as favorites not only for this matchup but also the entire tournament. After an inconsistent start with a loss to Baylor and a draw at Texas, TCU found its footing and finished the year on a seven-game winning streak.

The Frogs bring a great combination of a productive offense and stalwart defense, both tied for first in the conference. The increased depth for this team has allowed Coach Eric Bell to have his starters rested for these conference playoffs as well.

Iowa State, on the other hand, managed to get into the Big 12 Championship with a

victory against Kansas State in its last game of the regular season.

Prior to that win, the Cyclones had lost five consecutive games. One of those losses was a 3-0 defeat at home versus TCU. With only two conference victories this season, anything other than a first round exit for Iowa State would be a massive upset.

No. 2 Texas vs. No. 7 Oklahoma (2 p.m.)

Normally, finishing a season undefeated is a good recipe for a title. However, Texas fell a little short as its three draws put the team just one point behind the Horned Frogs in the final standings.

The Longhorns present themselves as the primary threat for TCU's title run. Tied with the Horned Frogs for best defense in the conference, Texas also possesses several weapons in its offensive arsenal that can be difficult to contain for any team.

On the other side, you have a much-improved Oklahoma team. The Sooners defense has been catastrophic at moments, but they closed out the season with two shutouts and a two-game winning streak. Also, their offensive capabilities are very close to those of the best teams in the Big 12, scoring just one goal fewer than the Longhorns.

The most recent matchup in the Red River Rivalry was worthy of all the headlines. Texas led the Sooners 3-0 with

less than 40 minutes to play, but Oklahoma bounced back and by the 83rd minute, the game was tied. When it seemed like the game would be going to overtime, the Longhorns scored their fourth of the afternoon, sealing their victory.

Despite the expectation of having Texas come out victorious, this rematch should have plenty of emotions.

No. 3 Baylor vs. No. 6 West Virginia (5:30 p.m.)

Consistency issues have prevented the Lady Bears from standing atop the conference. They were the only team to beat TCU, but also lost two of their matchups against the bottom four teams in the Big 12.

Baylor is ranked in the bottom half in offense and in the middle of the pack in defense but its knack for taking advantage of timely moments to come out with wins against seemingly superior competition makes the team a dangerous opponent to face.

Projected as the conference champion according to the Big 12 Soccer Preseason Poll, the Mountaineers have been disappointing this season.

Their defense has been staunch, conceding only one more goal than TCU and Texas. However, they have really missed some of that creativity in the final third after some key seniors graduated the past spring.

The regular season matchup ended in a



PHOTO COURTESY OF GO FROGS

No. 6 TCU celebrates after being awarded the Big 12 regular season trophy on Oct. 28, 2021.

scoreless draw, which shows the parity between these two teams. West Virginia's pedigree and postseason experience, despite having the lower seed, might give them a slight edge in a matchup too close to call.

No. 4 Oklahoma State vs. No. 5 Texas Tech (8 p.m.)

For the second season in a row, Oklahoma State has fallen short when facing the elite teams in the conference, but the team has still taken care of business when facing the bottom half of the Big 12.

Ranking fourth in offense and sixth in defense, the Cowgirls have been average. They still show bursts of that explosive counterattacking offense that took the league by surprise last season, but with teams expecting it, they have not been as effective.

Texas Tech, on the other hand, was a wild card entering conference play. A weak schedule made the team seem stronger, but conference play brought the Red

Raiders back to reality.

They are tied for first in the Big 12 in goals scored, but their 7-0 beatdown of the Sooners on Matchday 1 skews their offensive numbers. The Red Raiders allow more than a goal a game, but are still ahead of the Cowgirls in that category. All statistics point toward Texas Tech being slightly favored, but Oklahoma State's better form towards the end of the season might tip the scale towards the Cowgirls. Regardless, this could be the most even first-round matchup.

Players to watch

Messiah Bright – The striker has been in exceptional form, scoring in four of the Horned Frogs' last five games. She finished conference play as the leader in shots and shots on goal, as well as leading the best offense in the league.

Brandi Peterson – The best defender in the Big 12. Peterson won Defensive Player of the Week during half the weeks in conference play.

A new champion

With Kansas as the last team to win a Big 12 postseason tournament in 2019, there will be a new champion with the Jayhawks missing the event.

TCU and Texas appear to be a step above the rest of the pack, but previous editions of the Big 12 Championship have shown that regular season success does not always translate to this playoff format.

Since 2015, only West Virginia in 2016 was able to win both.

This will also be the last opportunity for many teams to secure a bid for the NCAA Tournament played in November.

The quarterfinal round will be played on Sunday, Oct. 31. The semifinals will be held on Thursday, Nov. 4. All games in these rounds will be available to stream on ESPN+.

The Championship game will be played on Sunday, Nov. 7 at 2:30 p.m. and will be broadcast on FS1.