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COMMUNITY

Dan's Bagels offers new dining option near campus

By **AVA BASCH**
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Bagel lovers in the TCU area now have a sourdough option.

Dan's Bagels' newest location is just off Forest Park Boulevard in the building that formerly housed Enchiladas Ole'.

The shop experiences its heaviest traffic during breakfast and lunch hours, making it a convenient food option for students looking to

eat in between classes.

Yelp rated it among the 2025 top 10 bagel shops in the U.S. and Canada. It offers scratch-made sourdough bagels and unique toppings.

Less than a mile off campus, some students have been lining up to try it, but the reviews are mixed. Some students said the quality, convenience and presentation of the bagels have made it a popular choice.

"I loved how many

options there were, and I thought it was delicious," Brynna Hernandez, a junior nursing major, said. "I also like that it's sourdough, so it's good for your gut health."

Others said its popularity is driven more by its newness rather than its quality, and the bagels are no different from those of other local bagel shops near campus.

"I've had it a few times, and I don't think it is that amazing,"

Kinlee Young, a junior psychology and political science double-major, said. "I honestly prefer Einstein Bros more. I just think it is new, and everyone wants to try it."

Despite mixed reviews, Dan's Bagels has become one of the many popular food options for students, especially for those seeking quick and easy meal options to take on the go.



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The storefront's official Instagram showcases their bagel selection.

CAMPUS NEWS

TCU SGA aims to improve Froggie Five-O awareness

By **SYDNEY VANCE**
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TCU's shuttle service, Froggie Five-O, will soon become more accessible on campus through new signage intended to help students use and know about the safety resource.

Student Government Association representatives Owen Mlakar and Kyle Bell said the change came after hearing confusion among students.

"In the Campus Affairs Committee meeting, we discussed input from students saying they weren't aware of Froggie

Five-O and didn't know how to use it," Bell said. "We knew how important it was for safety."

Froggie Five-O provides free rides around campus after dark. Students call a designated number, and an officer or student worker arrives by golf cart to shuttle them safely to their destination.

Without posted instructions, the service is often underutilized.

"These signs will help make the ride service more accessible," Mlakar said. "Many students walk around late at night,

unsure how to call a Froggie Five-O. These signs allow students to quickly call for a ride while also encouraging them to take advantage of the service."

The bill calls for six permanent signs in high-traffic and high-visibility areas. The planned locations include the Worth Hills parking garage, the baseball and soccer field lots, the overflow lot behind the football field, the front of the library and near Gutierrez Dining Hall.

The signs will include the Froggie Five-O phone number, making the

service easier to use in the moment.

The signs will be funded and designed through the TCU Police Department and Transportation Services, with SGA supporting the effort now that legislation has passed.

"The more we make these services more popular and easier to access, the more students will use them, and the safer campus becomes," Mlakar said.

Campus Affairs said their focus remains on strengthening day-to-day safety resources, rather than reacting to specific

incidents. The signs are expected to be installed

later this academic year.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TCU POLICE

Froggie Five-O driver poses in golf cart outside of the Amon G. Carter Stadium.



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TEXAS TALES

Texan restores faded history one marker at a time



PHOTO COURTESY OF LES WRIGHT

Chris Woolsey sands down a historical marker in Gruene, Texas, before painting on Oct. 27, 2025.

By **ANDREW GUYER**
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Lifelong Texas resident Chris Woolsey travels across the state filming himself doing what he loves: preserving Texas history by restoring sun-stained, water-damaged and forgotten historical markers.

Growing up in the Dallas suburbs, Woolsey learned Texas pride early in his life when his father insisted on family road trips over flying.

That decision helped Woolsey appreciate the scenery and landmarks that are often dismissed as flyover country.

“There were always two things that we pulled over for on road trips, and that was scenic views and historical markers,” Woolsey said. “That was our thing, and that’s how I really came to enjoy learning about Texas history.”

With motorcycle racing aspirations, Woolsey never considered the restoration work he does today. After realizing he would not pursue a racing career, Woolsey began working as a contractor.

With a flexible schedule, Woolsey had time for new hobbies, and he found restoration

work in an unexpected way.

“I went to visit a historical marker, and it wasn’t there,” Woolsey said. “I looked it up on the Texas Historical Commission’s website, just to find out which one it was, and I found they actually allow volunteer work on these. I thought that would be a cool hobby.”

Woolsey started his hobby this summer and began posting it on social media.

“I thought that seeing the before-and-after side of [restoration] would be really cool, and maybe somebody might find it interesting,” Woolsey

said. “I thought I might be able to share it with my friends and family and it kind of exploded.”

As of November 2025, Woolsey has about 19,000 followers on both TikTok and Instagram. His restoration videos have reached viewers across the country, beyond just Texans.

With a growing audience, Woolsey hopes his videos help viewers notice the history around them and understand how their communities came to be. He also wants people to know their neighbors and take pride in where they live.

Woolsey said he hopes younger Texans embrace the same sense of community pride that motivates his restoration work.

“Being proud of where you’re from doesn’t mean looking down on other places,” Woolsey said. “It means seeing what you can make better and using your time or skills to do it.”

He believes that making a change does not require one big gesture, but just effort.

“Helping your neighbor or your community, even in small ways, can change how you see the world,” Woolsey said. “If you’re ever feeling down, go do something for someone else with no expectation of getting anything back. A little hard work can go a long way.”

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CHRIS WOOLSEY

LIFELONG TEXAN & CONTENT CREATOR

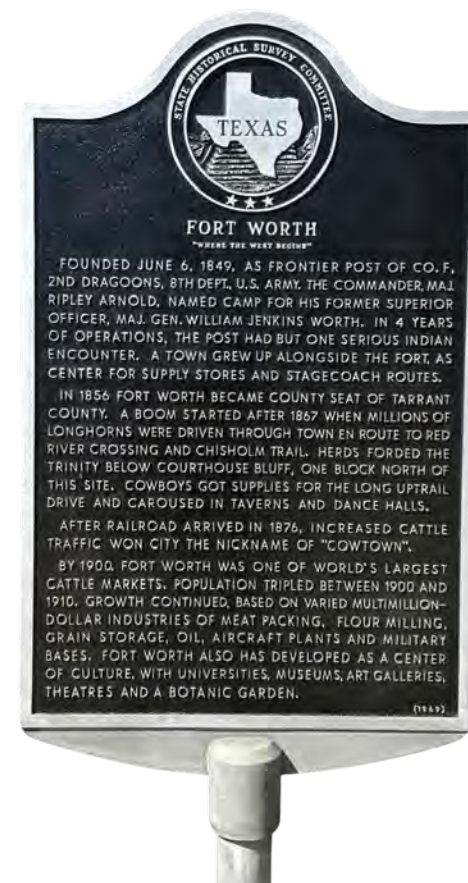


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The historical marker, “Where the West Begins,” in downtown Fort Worth, was restored by Woolsey in October 2025.



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CAMPUS NEWS

TCU's Fab Lab turns student creativity into reality

By ALIYAH HOWELL

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Tucked away on the first floor of Mary Coats Burnett Library is the Fabrication Lab, also known as the “Fab Lab,” where students’ ideas are brought to life.

The Fab Lab allows students to reserve various types of specialized equipment, from 3D printers to embroidery machines. Whether for a class project or a personal idea, students can learn to make almost anything.

The 3D printers are some of the most popular machines—perfect for models, prototypes

and even tiny art sculptures. It can create objects from lions with textured manes to dainty snowflakes, all beginning as digital STL files.

“I used the 3D printer in the Fab Lab for a class project, and it was super easy,” Katie Putnam, a senior strategic communications major, said. “I just came in with my design and [the student workers] helped me convert the file.”

In the room next to the 3D printers is the laser cutter, which can carve intricate designs into wood, glass and even leather materials.

In the past, students have used the laser

cutter to carve detailed, historical scenes from the book “17th-century Mixson-Colquitt Gradual” into wood pieces.

Beyond lasers, the Fab Lab also offers embroidery machines and vinyl printers, adding a creative twist—letting students design patches and create posters that mix art and tech. Students do not need prior experience to use the Fab Lab. After a short orientation and guidance from a student worker, anyone can cut, print or sew their ideas into reality. Whether it is a marketing prototype, art installation or just a

fun idea, the Fab Lab has students covered.

“The Fab Lab is really unique, and it’s a great opportunity for students,” KiKi Fong, a Fab Lab student worker, said. “We’ve had anatomy students make the anatomical heart, and it was really cool.”

The Fab Lab is more than a workspace—it is a bridge between imagination and reality. By giving students hands-on access to advanced tools, TCU is helping shape the next generation of makers, designers and entrepreneurs.



PHOTO BY ALIYAH HOWELL

A 3D-printed anatomical heart from the Fab lab.

CAMPUS NEWS

TCU commuters caught between cost and convenience

By RYLAND SCOTT

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With dining costs climbing and parking spaces shrinking, many TCU commuters say grabbing a quick meal between classes has become a frustrating balancing act.

Rising prices

As prices for on-campus dining rise — with Market Square entry now \$7.50 and Gutierrez Hall at \$15 — students without meal plans are stuck paying premium prices or risking their parking spots.

Gutierrez Hall offers high convenience, proximity and food quality compared with other dining options.

Still, many commuters say the higher cost makes eating there often a difficult cost to justify.

Some students have started meal prepping or limiting purchases to save money. Others rely on quick snacks between classes just to make it through the day.

Sophomore commuter and early childhood education major Savannah Cawthron said she attempts to plan ahead to avoid buying expensive meals on campus.

“I’m fortunate to live only two hours from home,” Cawthron said. “Every break, my mom makes me a few meals and freezes them so I can bring them back with me.”

Cawthron brings one

of those meals on days when her schedule allows time to eat.

“On the days I don’t have a meal prepped, I end up buying food on campus or nearby,” Cawthron said. “That can range anywhere from \$8 to \$15 for one meal.”

Cawthron said the prices add up quickly, and the portions or balance of meals sometimes leave her hungry again before the day is over.

First-year commuter and nursing major Katlyn Tran faces similar challenges balancing cost and convenience.

“I have to limit myself to one thing a day, and it has to come from off campus,” Tran said.

According to TCU Dining Services, the

university offers flexible meal plans and several dining venues, including the new Gutierrez Hall, with diverse menu stations and longer hours. For commuters, though, the problem extends beyond pricing. Leaving campus to find cheaper food often means losing a hard-to-find parking space, adding another layer of frustration.

Many students say they feel “price-locked” into campus dining. Rising meal costs, short breaks between classes and limited parking make a simple lunch one of the hardest parts of a commuter’s day.



PHOTO BY NGHIA TRAN

Gutierrez Hall, a new favorite dining spot among students, draws both commuters and residents.

CAMPUS NEWS

Frogchella celebrates first-generation TCU students



PHOTO BY MIROSLAVA LEM QUINONEZ

Students who attended Frogchella signed a poster.

By MIROSLAVA LEM QUINONEZ
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Students Support Services (SSS) hosted a week of events from Nov. 2–7 to celebrate first-generation college

students. First-Gen Week, an annual celebration tied to National First-Generation College Student Day on Nov. 8, highlights the achievements and experiences of students

who are the first in their families to pursue a four-year degree. This year’s theme was inspired by Coachella, transforming the Campus Commons into “Frogchella,” the main event of the week.

“We try to meet their needs so that it helps them not only be successful to graduation, but then beyond.”

CYNTHIA MONTES
DIRECTOR OF SSS

Students, faculty and campus organizations gathered around the Frog Fountain for music, games, food and resource tables. “We’re the first ones in our families to be here,” said Leila Aguilar, student board director for First-Gen Week and a first-generation Latina student. “Having the support from other people that have been here or have been part

of TCU for a long time is very important for us.” Aguilar said planning for the week began about three weeks earlier, led by a board of 10 student directors. This year’s main event expanded beyond previous years to reach more students passing through the Campus Commons. The celebrations emphasized the importance of the broader TCU community beyond the program.

personal development. “We try to meet their needs so that it helps them not only be successful to graduation, but then beyond,” Cynthia Montes, director of SSS, said. Montes added that First-Gen Week is not just for first-generation students, but for anyone who wants to show support. “The success of our classmates is success for our community,” Montes said. “We all know someone who is first-gen. We all can get in on this celebration.”

“It highlights those other people that support us and who are not first-gen, because they also are our support system,” Aguilar said. A first-generation student is someone whose parent or legal guardian did not complete a bachelor’s degree. Students whose parents have associate degrees or some college credit are still considered first-gen.

Throughout the week, students attended workshops on career planning, financial literacy and navigating campus resources. Volunteer opportunities were available for students looking to assist with events or table at Frogchella. “You just feel the energy around this celebration,” Montes said. “It manifests into people with excitement, laugh, joy and dancing.”

Student Support Services offers two programs on campus, SSS Classic and SSS STEM-Health Sciences. Both serve first-generation, income-eligible students and students with disabilities. The programs provide academic support, financial guidance, tutoring, mentoring and

First-Gen Week concluded on Nov. 7, but Student Support Services will continue offering academic, financial and community support for first-generation students throughout the year.



PHOTO BY MIROSLAVA LEM QUINONEZ

A welcome table for First-Gen Family Day stands outside the Brown-Lupton University Union on Nov. 2 as part of TCU’s First-Gen Week events.



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Horoscope

The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

- ★★★★★-Dynamic
- ★★★★-Positive
- ★★★-Average
- ★★-So-so
- ★-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Today you feel a strong urge to get away from your daily routine. If possible, take a short trip or go somewhere different. Give yourself a chance to experience new scenery, new interactions and meet new faces. Discover new places and new ideas. Sign up for a course. Tonight: Explore!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Your emotional experiences will be more intense today as you deal with different situations. In a similar way, you might attract someone to you who is intense and powerful. You might have strong feelings about shared property or being surrounded by familiar things that hold memories from the past. Tonight: Check your finances.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Conflict with others will be more emotional today because the Moon is opposite your sign. Guard against knee-jerk reactions. Nevertheless, loved ones and partners will feel more important to you than usual. You might even seek security and support from them. Tonight: Cooperate with others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Today you might be

involved in the care of someone else. Or you might have to put the interests of someone else before your own. (You're not being a martyr; this is simply what's happening.) You can do this; you are the most nurturing sign in the zodiac. Tonight: Get organized.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ It's a playful day! For some reason, it will be difficult to conceal your feelings from others. Don't even try. Romance will feel stronger, and relations with a lover will be more intense. You also might feel protective and nurturing, especially toward children. Tonight: Socialize!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Home, family and your private life are your priority today. You might even feel possessive about something or someone. A conversation with a female family member could be important. Meanwhile, this is a great day to enjoy privacy among familiar surroundings. Tonight: Relax.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

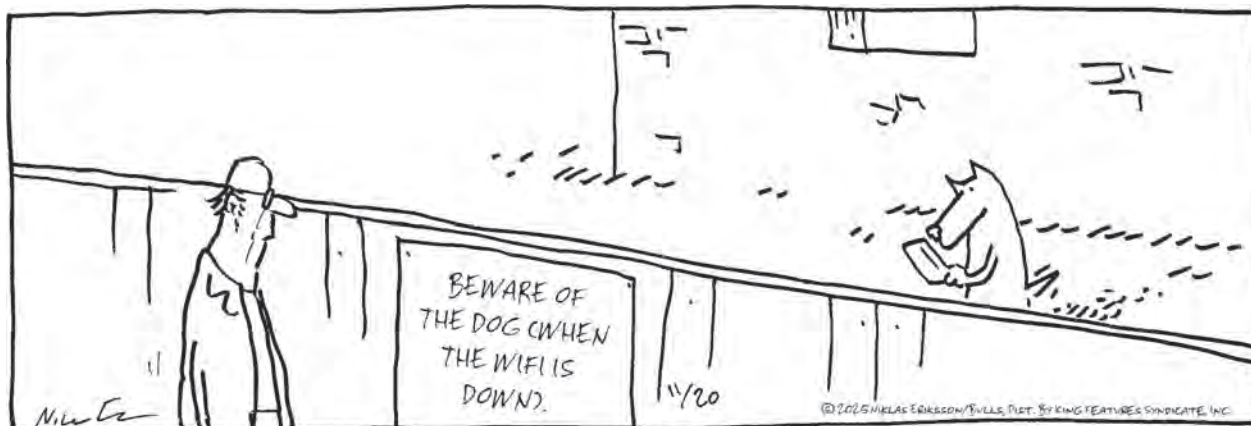
★★★★ You are affected by your immediate surroundings. You are also a keen communicator. Today in particular, you want to discuss something that is real, something that has importance and meaning for you. You don't want to waste time on superficial chit-chat. Tonight: Involved conversations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

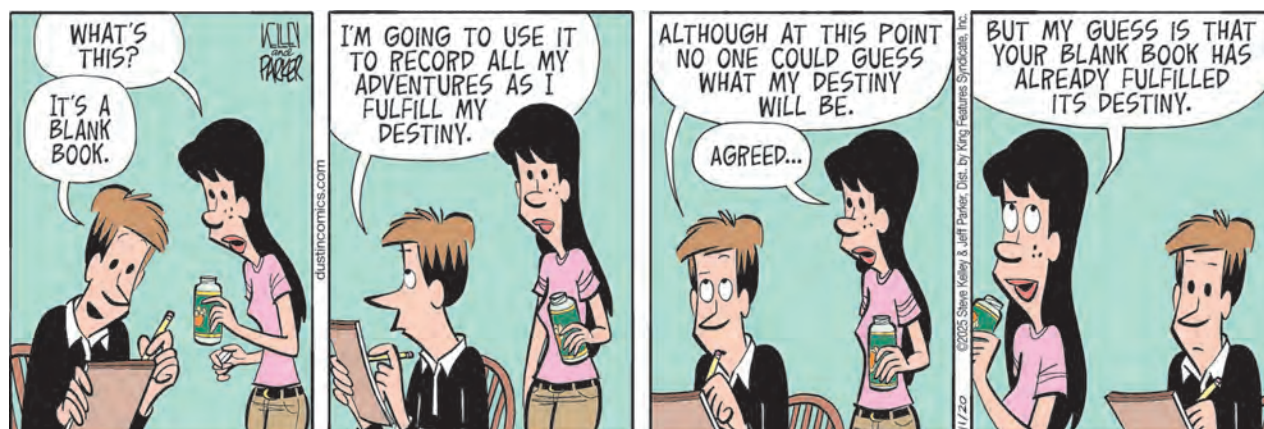
★★★ Take the gloves off and

Comics

Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



be patient. In a curious way, you identify with your possessions more than usual today, which is why you might have a strong attachment to something. Or perhaps your attachment is to your values and ideas. If this is the case, you might have to defend yourself where you really have nothing at stake. Tonight: Check your belongings.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign, which makes you more

emotional than usual. However, it will also slightly improve your good luck. This happens for two and a half days every month, and when it occurs, you have the edge. Why not test this by asking the universe for a favor? Tonight: You win!

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Peace and privacy are your top priorities today. You won't feel much like socializing — not because you're being antisocial, but because you need

to "get away from all this." New mystical or spiritual disciplines might intrigue you. Tonight: Enjoy solitude

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Friendships are important today. You might feel more protective and supportive than usual to someone, because you value the relationship. This is a good day to share your hopes and dreams for the future with someone to get their feedback. Why not try it? Tonight: Be

friendly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Today aspects of your personal life are on display, which means people know private details about you. (Time for some damage control?) This is a good day to think of professional and business concerns, as well as the impression you create on others. Tonight: You're noticed.

The New York Times

Edited by Will Shortz

Sudoku

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

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- ACROSS
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- 1 “___ Talkin’ ’bout Love” (Van Halen song)

5 *Treat with kindness

10 Noted works of the Roman poet Horace

14 Brute

15 Statuette modeled after a knight holding a crusader’s sword

16 Feeling associated with skipping a party, perhaps

17 Unchangeable

19 Horned creature in “Pan’s Labyrinth”

20 Hungers for

21 Early Germanic people

23 Move around the world

24 *Expensive

26 Lift

29 Mardi Gras locale, informally

30 Ovarian sac contents

31 Fuddy-duddies

32 “Still ___” (2022 rap hit)

33 Meander

34 High lights?

35 Practice chiromancy

37 Disappear, as a

trail

40 “Central Park in the Dark” composer

41 Music box?

44 Diviner

45 Jerry’s uncle on “Seinfeld”

46 Box a bit

47 Tonkatsu coating

48 *Deli device

49 Bug expert, for short

50 Invite at the door

52 Extreme pressure

53 El ___

55 Felt tired during the day, say

58 Words to a betrayer

59 “The Philosophy of Right” author

60 Like a computer with a running screensaver

61 How whiskey might be served ... with a hint to the answers to the seven starred clues

62 *Risky endeavor, idiomatically

63 Onetime resident of the Winter Palace

1 Bolt

2 Certain Windows hard drive malfunction

3 *Conspicuous

4 Stupid stuff it’s fun to know

5 Level-ending foe

6 Educated guess: Abbr.

7 Sgt., e.g.

8 Like lemon curd

9 Preceder of “Bites” and “Bars” in commercial names

10 *Chance to meet one-on-one with a professor

11 “Copy me”

12 Runner Down Under

13 Certain heir

18 Make in the end

22 Steady humming sounds

24 Locale for catfish or carp

25 What allows Neo to disconnect from the Matrix

27 Spanish 101 verb

28 Whom you might greet with open arms, for short?

30 Novelist Charles who wrote “The Cloister and the Hearth”

31 Prefix with botanist

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- 33 “Sure ... if you say so”
- 35 Enjoys oneself uninhibitedly ... or a punny title for this puzzle
- 36 Profess
- 37 Something Lincoln once led, for short
- 38 Italian time unit
- 39 Card game with a winning score of 5,000 points
- 41 *Book addenda
- 42 Chicken ___
- 43 Thrive
- 46 Narrow channel
- 48 Derisive look
- 49 OB/GYN offering
- 51 Crisply shown, as on TV
- 52 Wooded valley
- 53 Coop
- 54 Performed amazingly, in slang
- 56 Id’s counterpart
- 57 The First State: Abbr.

LAST WEEK’S SUDOKU SOLUTION

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LAST WEEK’S CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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ATHLETICS

TCU Volleyball gears up for NCAA Tournament run

By **DARIUS M. ADAMS**
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With the NCAA volleyball selection approaching on Nov. 30, TCU is revving up for their run. Ahead of the tournament, take a look at some their top moments from the season.



PHOTO BY TYLER CHAN

TCU setter Ella Foti celebrates after the play at Schollmaier Arena.



PHOTO BY KEEGAN SCHMIDT

TCU volleyball players celebrate after the play.



PHOTO BY KEEGAN SCHMIDT

TCU volleyball team cheers after winning a match vs Wyoming. The TCU Horned Frogs beat the Wyoming Cowgirls 3-0.



PHOTO BY KEEGAN SCHMIDT

TCU volleyball players celebrate winning the point.



PHOTO BY TYLER CHAN

TCU outside hitter Becca Kelley goes up for the hit.