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The TCU Tree Lighting shines bright for another year

By **COURTNEY O'CONNELL**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

The TCU community took a break from their daily routines Tuesday to join in a century-old university tradition: lighting the Christmas tree.

The earliest record of the campus Christmas tree is 1910, according to TCU special collections. This year's ceremony evolved from a celebration started in the 1980s that included a toy drive. It's since moved from the front of Sadler Hall to the Campus Commons. Thousands filled the Commons to enjoy a live Christmas performance, drink hot chocolate and watch the 46-foot evergreen be lit up.

Student activities coordinates the event with an assist from the Student Government Association, which pays for the 40- to 50-foot tree.

Days prior to the tree lighting ceremony, the evergreen was decorated. It was now not only a massive, 46-foot evergreen that stood at the bottom of the commons, but now it was a Christmas tree. And to the entire TCU and Fort

Worth community, this meant that one thing was coming: The annual TCU Christmas tree lighting.

Each year, the TCU Christmas tree lighting is put on by SGA and the Student Activities office helps coordinate the event. The SGA allocates money to the tree every year and looks for one ranging in 40- to 50- feet. The first tree lighting ceremony in the campus commons took place in 2009 when the commons were built, but the tradition has been ongoing for over 40 years.

“It is a time to celebrate the community TCU has created for its students and start the end of the semester on a cheerful note.”

KELLY LEE
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT
ACTIVITIES

This year, the tree lighting and concert

included the lighting of the tree, refreshments, a live concert, SuperFrog Santa and fireworks.

Not only is the annual TCU Christmas tree lighting a cherished tradition for university students and faculty, but it's also a memorable night for the entire Fort Worth community. The event draws thousands of Horned Frogs and community members from across the region each year.

In addition to the fireworks, tree lighting, photo-ops and refreshments, it is also tradition for the ceremony to have a live performance of Christmas songs for the crowd. In 2024, TCU hosted Drew and Ellie Holcomb who have performed several times in the past.

“We love being invited and it is always a great time,” Drew Holcomb said. “It’s the only show we do all year that is split in half by an enormous Christmas tree being lit and then a big fireworks show. There is also a lot of energy from the students and the people from around town who come to the tree lighting.”

There are a few who are as involved with the

tree lighting ceremony as students on campus. Not only will you find faculty and staff members along with their families at lighting, but the alumni association is one organization that is as involved as anyone

else. Each year the organization sends out an email promoting the tree lighting, and not shockingly, it remains one of the people’s favorite TCU traditions.

Brooke Shuman, one of the alumni association

directors, first graduated from TCU in 2003. From being a first-year student in 1999 to now working for the university, she has seen the tradition expand immensely since. Before the campus commons were built, the



PHOTO BY TYLER CHAN

People gather around the christmas tree during the TCU Tree Lighting celebration in Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 2, 2025



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Fireworks being shot off during the TCU Tree Lighting celebration in Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 2, 2025.

tree lighting ceremony took place in front of Sadler Hall with a much smaller tree and certainly no fireworks. While it looks a bit different now (with the tree sizes nearly doubling, concert performances, crowds of thousands and out-of-the-park firework shows) there is one charm that the tradition has not lost: the celebration of the community coming together as one.

And there’s a reason why the tradition has grown so much and continues to reach new heights each year: that’s because it’s a favorite for the university and Fort Worth community.

Back when the tree sat in front of Sadler Hall up until 2009, it was sponsored by the Order Omega toy drive.

Shuman remembers students reading a line from “The Night Before Christmas” and bringing toys to donate to the foundation. With former chancellor Michael R. Ferrari lighting the tree and facilitating the ceremony, the event still held the same elements of singing and spreading Christmas cheer.

This year’s tree lighting comes as students prepare for dead days and to go home for the holidays, but this wasn’t always the case. When TCU was known as AddRan Christian University, parents couldn’t always expect to have their kids come home for the holiday.

Why have Christmas tree lightings become such a big deal?

While the TCU Christmas tree lighting ceremony is a highly

anticipated night, the tree lighting tradition has been made an annual event that is a global phenomenon.

These ceremonies are a way of carrying out traditions as a way to unite communities, put a smile on people’s faces and inlight the feeling of Christmas cheer. But it’s also a way for those who don’t feel as welcome in a community to feel a part of something. The holiday season can be hard for those students who are away from home, and this tradition is a way to celebrate.

“I remember doing this as a TCU student, so to continue this tradition is very special. There’s a lot of things that have changed but this has stayed the same. We’re still doing it from almost 100 years ago. Traditions evolve but the core of what we’re doing stays the same.”

BROOKE SHUMAN
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR



Madilyn K O P E C

“CONGRATULATIONS, Madilyn!
We are so proud of you as you graduate from TCU with your degree in Journalism. Your hard work, determination, and passion for storytelling have brought you to this moment, and we know it's only the beginning of all you will achieve. Keep shining, keep writing, and keep chasing your dreams — Your voice in this world will make a difference!”

We love you! ~ Mom, Alex, Dad, Andie, Trinity, Jack & Bailee



HISTORY

The history of TCU’s campus development and origins

By **MILLER KERR**
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

TCU’s campus started with a dream and sketch of 10 buildings.

After a fire destroyed campus in the spring of 1910, the city of Fort Worth enticed the college to bring the campus to Cowtown from Waco.

That summer, the city granted \$200,000 to build TCU. Surrounded by neighborhoods, the new campus began construction on 50 acres of land.

“The buildings were functional, but not architecturally significant,” said Don Mills, Chancellor of Student Affairs in 1969.

He recalled that the campus was unattractive as TCU yellow brick covered the campus with minimal landscaping.

The administration building has moved three times among TCU’s campus.

In 1911, Reed Hall served as the administration building for 50 years.

Following, Sadler Hall became the administration building until 2020 when The Harrison took over. It houses the Chancellor and executive leadership of the university.

Since 1960, Reed Hall has served many purposes.

After its renovation in 2010, Reed Hall houses academic facilities for AddRan College of Liberal Arts.

Before Sadler Hall was built in 1960, a men’s dormitory stood there as the fourth building on campus.

The four-story structure was built in place of Clark Hall costing \$1.2 million.

Once the administrative offices left, Sadler Hall became home to the John V. Roach Honors College, TCU Global, and many other offices, classrooms, and student lounges.



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Goode Hall, Clark Hall, The Administration Building, and Jarvis Hall in 1911.



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TCU’s campus in 1928.



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Administration building cornerstone ceremony in 1911.



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R. H. Foster Hall in 1942.



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Jarvis Hall all girls' dormitory in 1911.



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The Sid W. Richardson Physical Sciences Building in 1971.

After Sadler Hall took its new position on campus, Clark Hall moved south.

Clark Hall, Goode Hall and Jarvis Hall were the first residential halls on TCU's campus.

Jarvis Hall was originally a female residence hall. It housed men for one year during the 1954 school year until women moved back in the following school year.

In the 1940s, two residence halls, Foster Hall and Waits Hall, were built to house girls.

For the men, four dormitories were built Tom Brown Hall, the Wright Building, Milton Hall and Moncrief Hall.

Originally, Tom Brown Hall and the Wright Building were parallel to each other. After their

demolishment, the Tom Brown/Pete Wright Commons was built.

"This was the first building where we were really consciously trying to create a community," Mills said.

After a study revealed students wanted more privacy in their residence halls, renovations began in the 90s starting with Foster Hall.

When it was time to renovate Jarvis Hall, the costs were too high to meet ADA requirements for a residence hall. Jarvis then became an academic building in 2008.

On east campus, the Winston-Scott Hall of Science was built in 1952. The only building on campus named after two faculty members. It

houses all the sciences in one building for the first time in over thirty years.

All laboratory sciences were taught in the Administrative Building when the new campus opened. As each science program grew, the departments were scattered throughout campus. Sid W. Richardson started construction in 1968. The building is a maze to even veteran students who are studying the physical sciences.

"I've been here 50 plus years, and I still can get lost in that building," Mills said.

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Paul M. Rudolph faced controversy for the design of this building, but he believed this building to be a work of art providing the school with six lecture halls.

Following the style of Sid Rich, the Bass Building was built to house the Harris School of Nursing and three departments of the AddRan College.

North, the Dan D. Rogers Hall and Charles D Tandy Hall together house students in the Neely School of Business.



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The Winton-Scott Hall of Science buidling in 1952.



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Mary Coutts Burnett Library in 1925.

Completed in 1957, the building cost \$825,000. It was mainly funded by Dallas businessmen who were friends of Rogers.

For 15 years after the opening of the campus, the library remained on the second floor of the Administration Building.

As student enrollment increased, there was need for a bigger space.

“In 1923, when the need seemed most critical, TCU became the recipient of a gift that would undergird the school’s financial foundation for years to

come — the Mary Coutts Burnett Trust,” said John Hewatt Swaim, author of Walking TCU.

With \$150,000 set aside, the President decided this money would build the Mary Coutts Burnett Library.

In the 1950s, the religion center was built.

The pink buildings, differing from the cream-colored brick around campus, surround the focal point of the religion center, Robert Carr Chapel.



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Man directs the crane placing the steeple of Robert Carr Chapel in 1953.



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The J.M. Moudy Visual Arts and Communication Building was a gift to the University for the Amon G. Carter Foundation in 1980.

The J.M. Moudy Building for Visual Arts and Communications is of even further contrast to the rest of campus

than the religion center. The buildings use of concrete and glass make for a creative design that reflects the special

studies taking place inside.



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The Rickel Building for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation



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The newly built Brown-Lupton Student Center in 1955.

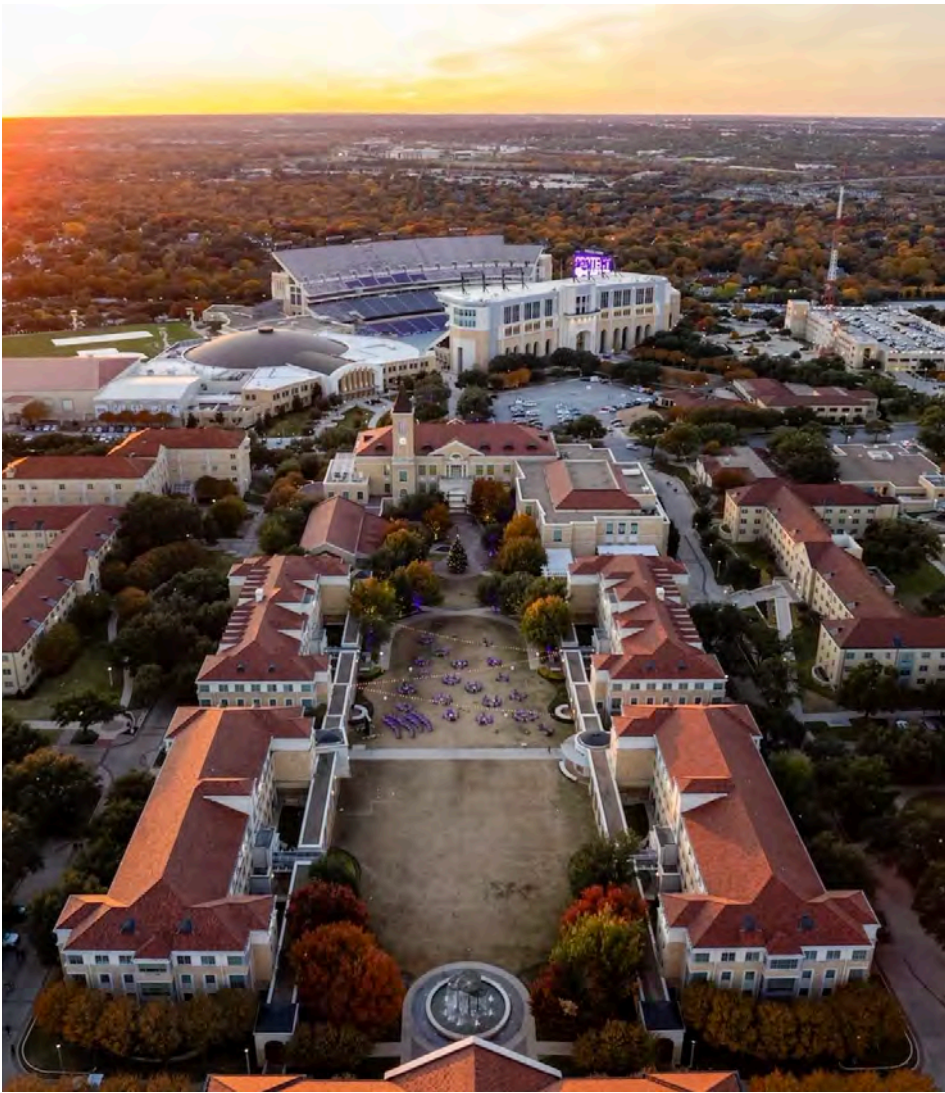


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The center of campus, The Campus Commons

Built during Dr. Tucker’s chancellorship in 1978, Moudy was initially designed to face the North to welcome people to the campus. Families living in University Place disliked this design thinking it would bring an excess of students into their neighborhood.

The building was rotated in toward the rest of campus.

Completed in 1972, the Rickel Building for Health, Physical Education and Recreation spans 140,000 square feet.

The Rickel Center offers TCU students, faculty, staff and alumni access to state-of-the-art programs and facilities for various physical

activities. The building also includes an aquatic center featuring diving and swimming pools that meet NCAA standards.

This building received a bronze medal from the International Olympic Committee for the design and opportunities available inside.

In need of a student lounge area, TCU built the Brown-Lupton Student Center in 1955. In the beginning, a cafeteria, snack bar, coffee house, and an air raid shelter filled the building.

Behind the student center laid a parking lot – the center of campus.

In conversation with trustees concerned about a lack of parking, Mills said, “We claim to

be a student-centered institution. The dead center of TCU campus is a parking lot. That makes it a car centered university, not a student-centered university.”

This pitch led to the construction of the Brown-Lupton University Union housing various residential dining, the University Store, offices, study rooms and the chancellors dining room.

The architecture of TCU buildings are simple.

But the intention put into the layout of campus as it has renovated and expanded since 1910 shows it fosters learning and community.



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ALUMNI

TCU alumni chapters keep the Horned Frog spirit alive

By **ADDISON THUMMEL**

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United by shared memories and their alma mater, TCU's alumni chapters try to bridge geographical gaps and offer a support system no matter how far Horned Frog graduates roam.

As graduates leave campus, they can take comfort in knowing that there are 11 alumni chapter cities and 17 alumni club cities waiting to accept them into their new community with open arms.

Chapter cities include Austin, Chicago, Dallas/Dallas-Young, Denver, Fort Worth/Fort Worth-Young, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New York City, San Antonio and Washington Metro.

If there are not enough active alumni to maintain an official chapter, devoted Frogs are still able to be involved in their community's alumni club. These clubs can be found in Atlanta, Boston, Charlotte, Cincinnati,

Midland, Nashville, North Carolina Triangle, Northern California, Oklahoma City, Orange County, Portland, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, St. Louis and Tulsa.

At the heart of these chapters are the spirited presidents that devote their time and energy to being the bridge that keeps the alumni in their community connected to the ever-changing campus that they all once walked.

Dallas-Young Chapter Co-President

Sam Baxter graduated from the Neeley School of Business as part of the class of 2017. As a third-generation Horned Frog, he knew he wanted to stay connected and involved with the university post-grad.

After serving on the alumni board for a few years, he stepped into the role of co-president, alongside Kristen Thomas, running the Dallas-Young alumni

chapter.

"TCU is so good at providing that culture of connection while in school, and I wanted to try to maintain and replicate that energy for people post-grad," said Baxter.

Remaining in close connection with the other alumni chapters is crucial to making sure strategies of running chapters remain relevant and effective.

In his time as co-president, Baxter has attended events in other chapter cities and has been introduced to innovative ideas by other chapter presidents he meets with. Experiences like this foster collaboration while also strengthening the alumni network as a whole.

In the coming years, Baxter aims to initiate collaborative events between the Fort Worth and Dallas chapters. Additionally, he prioritizes ensuring these chapters maintain regular visits to campus, acknowledging their



PHOTO COURTESY OF SAM BAXTER

Dallas alumni chapter members at a sports watch party.

significance as the closest alumni groups to the university.

Baxter urges graduating seniors and young alumni to stay engaged with the Alumni Association and their chapter cities' online platforms. This connection keeps them informed about local events and introduces them to TCU's valuable alumni resources and

benefits.

"When you get to a different city you are left wondering where you are supposed to go and what you are supposed to do," said Baxter, "The alumni office almost always has an answer to this question and has ways for you to find people in your area that also want to celebrate TCU."

Austin Chapter President

Leveraging her strategic communication major, Sophie King, class of 2020, now serves as an account manager at HF Custom Solutions, where she gets to work directly with TCU.

King became involved with alumni relations even before she graduated, as she was the President of Student Foundation, a service organization that allows current students to work directly with alumni for on campus events.

She attributes her invaluable leadership experience and her current job, which enables her to stay connected to the university, to her status as a TCU alum and her enduring relationship with the Alumni Association.

"Staying connected to the Alumni Association and being a part of your chapter really helps



PHOTO COURTESY OF SAM BAXTER

Dallas alumni chapter members doing group volunteer work.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SOPHIE KING

Austin chapter members gathering for a National Championship watch party.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SOPHIE KING

Austin alumni chapter members at the TCU v. UT men's basketball game in Austin.

ease the transition from college to adulthood," King explains, "It's not always an easy transition and having other Horned Frogs that have been there is really special."

As King is still new to the role of president, she expresses great excitement to continue to work on improving her chapter and planning events that can be used to form meaningful connections and strengthen the Austin chapter's bond.

"We should all be so proud to be Horned Frogs and I want to make sure our alumni have a place to celebrate that in Austin and make this city a Horned Frog home away from home," she said.

Chicago Chapter President

Within just a few months of graduating in the class of 2022, Austin Flanagan quickly took

on the responsibility of making the dormant Chicago chapter lively and more active.

Under Flanagan's leadership, the Chicago chapter has made significant strides in member growth and engagement.

Looking ahead to 2025, Flanagan's objective is to transform the chapter into an "all-encompassing" alumni community. This entails engaging not only recent graduates but also older generations of alumni and those residing outside of downtown Chicago.

"That's the really fun part, when you have a TCU alumni class of '70 connecting with a member that just recently graduated, and seeing that friendship grow organically," said Flanagan.

During the year, the Chicago chapter convenes for watch parties covering football,

basketball and baseball. They also engage in community service and networking events. Currently, Flanagan is collaborating with Thomas Brown, the director of alumni relations, to organize a chapter event featuring a boat ride for its members.

Brown is one of the several chapter liaisons who act as the communication bridge between the D.J. Kelly Alumni Center and chapters situated at more distant locations, such as Chicago.

"The alumni office does a great job of keeping up communication and providing resources for us," said Flanagan.

As the university continues to grow and evolves toward becoming one of the larger branded schools, Flanagan emphasizes the increasing importance of our unique alumni

experience. He stresses the importance of maintaining "organic networking and connections."

During TCU's 150th celebration, the Chicago chapter held a semi-formal event at the Peninsula Hotel in downtown Chicago. This gathering brought out a wave of new alumni along with Chancellor Victor Boschini and President Pullin.

"As a 23-year-old at the time, it was truly special to just be in that environment and get to see the power and influence that TCU has had on the world and all that it's done with just a limited amount of people that we've had historically," said Flanagan.

Chapter Presidents Council (CPC)

Every year, the Alumni Association arranges a weekend

conference that includes national alumni board members, the advisory board for Frog Club, the Clark Society board and chapter presidents from all across the country. This gathering provides a collaborative platform geared toward strengthening and improving the TCU brand overall.

During this, chapter presidents are able to represent their chapter members and re-connect with each other and the chapter liaisons at the Kelly Center to discuss in develop new plans for enhancing the overall alumni experience.

"When we're in that meeting space and just tossing ideas back and forth it's a really fun way to get inspired and revved up to welcome the new graduates to their new home as alumni," said King.

In order to connect with and successfully get more young graduates involved, it is crucial that new events are being introduced and advertised widely.

Football tailgates and watch parties are key events that attract large groups of alumni, igniting a sense of Horned Frog pride and enthusiasm.

"The football national championship events made it easy to draw in alumni and gather them together out of excitement, because TCU was national new and was at the top of everyone's mind," said Flanagan.

Building memories beyond campus

What connects all alumni chapters, their presidents, the alumni board, and the wider TCU alumni community

is the shared desire to uphold the sense of family TCU instills in its students. It's this bond that drives alumni to keep making memories with their fellow Horned Frogs, even after they've left campus.

While leading an alumni chapter poses its challenges, the presidents of these chapters find rich rewards in the form of lasting memories, lifelong friendships, and the satisfaction of witnessing connections form among those in their community.

King recalls her favorite memory as a TCU alum was putting on a drag show brunch for the alumni in her area, "we had a few older members show up and we all had the best time dancing, singing and just being silly and fun with a bunch of alumni".

For Flanagan, he cherishes the time TCU's head coach for men's basketball, Coach Dixon, and President Daniel Pullin, attended a Chicago Cubs game at Wrigley field, with the Chicago alumni chapter.

"Seeing these guys that are very high ranked in the higher education and college athletic field sitting in the bleachers with young alumni, being rowdy, having fun, and sharing that experience with them is truly something you don't see everywhere and something that most schools don't get to do," said Flanagan.

TCU's Alumni chapters serve their goal in upholding the "Mem'ries sweet, Comrades true" values of the alma- mater.

To find an Alumni Chapter in your city, visit the Alumni Association website.

CAMPUS NEWS

Official TCU diplomas will not be given at ceremonies

By **PILAR OLIVAS**

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Graduation is only a month away for many seniors at TCU, but receiving their diplomas is going to look a little different than in years past.

Starting in December, TCU graduates will find that the diploma covers they receive on stage contain a congratulatory note and information on the mailing of their diplomas.

This decision from the Registrar's Office

is meant to ease the process of completing grades and preparations for commencement ceremonies, Nichole Mancone Fisher, the assistant vice provost and university registrar, said.

"We would have to reprint diplomas for all students who had a change of major or had their honors designation change after final grades came in," Fisher said. "There was a very narrow window to work with students on grade changes or a change of major in order for them

to meet requirements to have the degree conferred and receive their diploma at the ceremony."

The practice of handing out placeholders at commencement ceremonies is not uncommon among universities, especially schools with large student populations. The University of Texas at Austin, the University of North Texas and Texas A&M are just a few of the Texas universities that mail their diplomas once they have been certified

after the commencement ceremony.

TCU notified seniors graduating in December with an email on July 9. While the change doesn't affect their graduation status, some seniors felt a little let down.

"For me, it's disappointing," Jessica Rowe, a senior music education major, said. "I graduate in December, and I'm student teaching. I feel like TCU already doesn't do much for December grads, and they've taken away one more thing."



PHOTO BY TCU 360

Official diplomas will be mailed out after commencement ceremonies.

Frog fans speak out on TCU game-day accessibility

By **AVA BASCH**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Some fans question whether the university is doing enough to make the game-day experience accessible to everyone, as obstacles for fans with disabilities continue to persist.

University officials said TCU offers accessibility services, including reserved ADA parking, accessible seating and elevators to make the stadium easier to navigate for fans with disabilities.

Senior Associate Athletic Director for Ticket Operations, Sean Conner, said the university provides about 150 ADA parking spots near the stadium and accessible seating on every level of the stadium.

Despite these accommodations, ADA parking is often sold

out, making it difficult for students like Ashton Fritz, who uses a wheelchair, to participate in the game-day experience.

"It is often hard for me to find parking with my wheelchair van," Fritz said. "That's frustrating, and I don't see TCU doing much to improve accessible parking on game days."

Fritz said the university does a decent job providing accommodations, but obstacles remain that limit the full game-day experience. Parking, he added, is just the beginning of the challenges he faces.

The next challenge is the obstructed views from accessible seating. Seats are sometimes located far from the action or blocked by the band. This makes the game much harder to follow and less enjoyable.

"There are often people blocking your view and in the way as you navigate the stadium," Fritz said. "It's a lot like going through a concrete jungle."

Fritz said he would like TCU to make a greater effort to ensure the game-day experience is smoother and more enjoyable for disabled fans.

Accessibility can be a challenge not only for students but also for community members who regularly attend TCU football games.

Frog fan Jessica Cunningham regularly attends games with her husband, who uses a wheelchair. For her, attending games has generally been a positive experience, but not without challenges and frustrations.

Cunningham said the stadium's seating options and ramps are placed

appropriately, but the elevators are crowded and hard to find. The larger issue, she said, is poor communication from stadium staff about where accessibility services are located.

"When we went to our first game, none of the staff could tell us where to go," Cunningham said. "We finally figured it out on our own."

Something as simple as staff training and awareness could make a big difference in improving the game-day experience for all fans, Cunningham said.

For fans like Cunningham and Fritz, football season is more than a game; it is a way to feel included. As TCU continues to make improvements to the game-day experience, they hope accessibility will remain part of the conversation.



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Emma Fitzgerald, Class of 2023, cheers on the frogs from the accessible seats behind the student section.

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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 brings financial opportunities, because you can see ways to benefit your home and family, or perhaps increase your income. In fact, behind-the-scenes research might yield sensible solutions for your future. Whatever occurs will be unexpected. Tonight: Conversations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ An unexpected epiphany might occur today that throws a new light on how you relate to relatives, siblings, neighbors or an older friend or older member of a group. This new understanding might be about how to juggle this relationship, and at the same time, maintain your own independence. Tricky! Tonight: Check your belongings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You're focused on partners and friends and have to be patient with those who are closest to you, because Mars is opposite your sign, which makes you easily annoyed with them. Luckily, surprise news about finances or your public reputation will please you. (Throw me a bone!) Tonight: You win

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ A friend or a member

of a group might have a happy surprise for you today. It could deal with practical plans for future travel, publishing, higher education or something to do with medicine or the law. Whatever the case, it looks like it benefits you! Oh, happy day! Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Something high-viz (and unexpected) might occur today that makes you look good in the eyes of others. This might be a favorable decision related to shared property, mortgages or inheritances. It also might be another source that is joyful to you. Looking swell! Tonight: Be friendly!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ An unexpected opportunity to travel might fall in your lap today. Or this favorable surprise might relate to publishing, the media, medicine, the law or something to do with higher education. Whatever the case, you will benefit! Your partner might benefit as well. Tonight: You're admired.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You might be pleased with some financial news today. No doubt, it will be unexpected. It could be work-related — it might involve filling out forms. (The worst!) But it appears that the decision of bosses and authority figures will favor you in a beneficial way. Tonight: Explore and learn!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

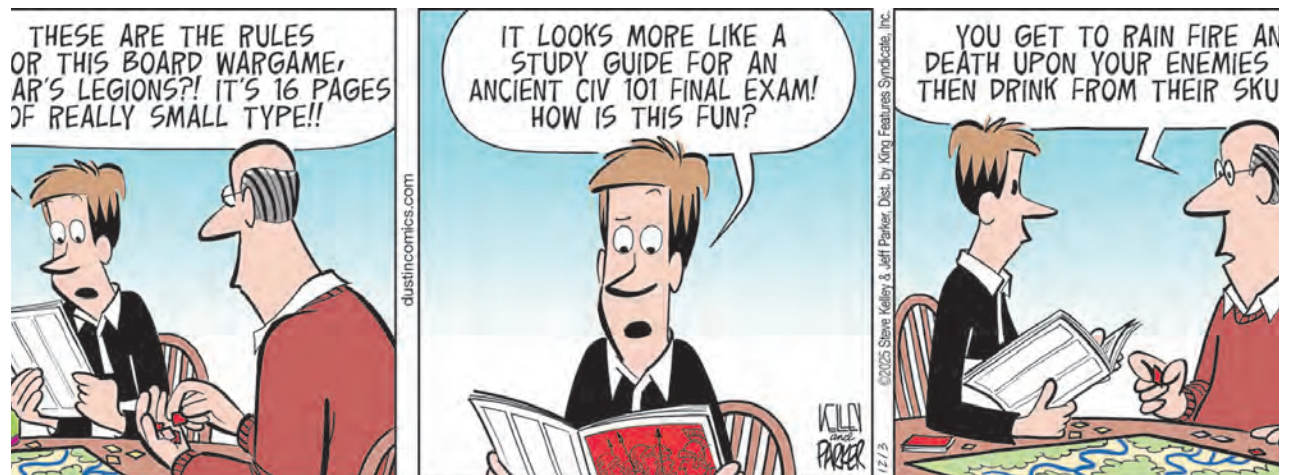
★★★★ This is an interesting day, because although you might

Comics

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Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



have to compromise or go more than halfway when dealing with others, you will be rewarded. This could relate to vacations, future travel, something to do with your kids or higher education. (It looks good.) Tonight: Check your finances.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ An unexpected decision related to your work or your health might bring increased benefit to your home

and family. This could be about money coming to you from a third source like a partner, an insurance payout or the government. Hey, any benefit is welcome! Tonight: Cooperate.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Get dressed, because surprise opportunities to socialize might fall in your lap. This could be an invitation from a partner or close friend. It might have something

to do with someone in the general public. It might have an element of obligation with someone older, a pleasant duty, perhaps? Tonight: Get organized.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Your home routine will be interrupted today by something. Initially, you might want to chill out at home and be by yourself. Nevertheless, whatever happens will likely please you. Surprise company might drop by. To be

on the safe side, stock the fridge. (Beer and pizza? Wine and cheese?) Tonight: Socialize!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ This is a positive day, despite the fact that you have some serious considerations. However, an accident prone influence is present, so be mindful and pay attention to everything you say and do. Meanwhile, something will please you. Tonight: Caution.

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
- 1 The “R” of REM

6 States

10 Little devil

13 Bring down

14 Milkshake ingredient that might get stuck in a straw

15 “Whatever”

16 Dracula’s preferred way to eat wings?

19 “When u coming?”

20 Jocular suffix for “most”

21 First aid stinger

22 Cell centers

25 Sebastian the ____, mascot of the Miami Hurricanes

26 What makes Dracula frantically hop around?

30 Clickable pic

31 Eldest Corleone brother

32 Felt something on your head?

35 Food fight projectile

36 Speedway sponsor

39 Some unidentified visitors, for short

40 Wrap up
- 42 Well-rounded figure?

44 Showed sudden interest, in a way

46 Cry of victory

47 When Dracula doesn’t feel seen?

52 Lead-in to second

53 Like Satan, in the Bible

54 Knob on an electric guitar

57 A.F.L.-__

58 “Despicable Me” antihero

61 Get ready to attack Dracula and his pals?

64 Like some jobs

65 Well-used pencil, say

66 Rains hard?

67 Anti-traffic org.

68 Sport whose athletes wear topknots

69 Mythical luster?
- DOWN
- 1 Still red, say

2 Not much

3 Jupiter and Mars

4 “In a way”

5 Pick up on

6 Loosens up
- 7 Response to “Speak!”

8 Cold-weather cryptid

9 Neighborhood in Warren Zevon’s “Werewolves of London”

10 Knock back a few

11 Big bully

12 Aquarium diagnostic

17 World capital near the 60th parallel

18 Enlighten

23 “Sorry, that’s incorrect”

24 Restaurant chain acronym

26 Word with still or shelf

27 “New Jack City” co-star, 1991

28 Spanish name found in “business”

29 Fastener with an onomatopoeic name

33 Bring up

34 Pot grower?

36 What contains a lot of darn stuff?

37 The “Amigos” of film, e.g.

38 Big name in magic

41 Beer brand on “The Simpsons”

43 Feminist sex educator Shere ____

- 44 Pompous people
- 45 Non- pharmacological component of a clinical trial
- 47 Pristine, as land
- 48 Veterans Day event
- 49 Lake that’s the “thumb” of New York’s Finger Lakes
- 50 Certain Ivy Leaguers
- 51 Rags, e.g.
- 55 What a bargain hunter hopes to pay
- 56 Ides of March rebuke
- 59 Depend (on)
- 60 Old map inits.
- 62 Sound of a good car engine
- 63 Designation for the Toledo Mud Hens

LAST WEEK’S SUDOKU SOLUTION

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LAST WEEK’S CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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ATHLETICS

TCU Football awaits Bowl game after 8-4 season



TCU wide receiver Eric McAlister makes a one handed catch for a touchdown on Oct. 4, 2025.

By MACY BAYER
STAFF WRTIER, TCU 360

The Horned Frogs closed out regular season play with a 45-23 win over the Cincinnati Bearcats, ending with a 8-4 record. Relive the biggest plays and best moments from the season.



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In heavy rain, TCU running back Kevorian Barnes runs the ball towards the end zone on Oct 18. The TCU defeated Baylor 42-36.

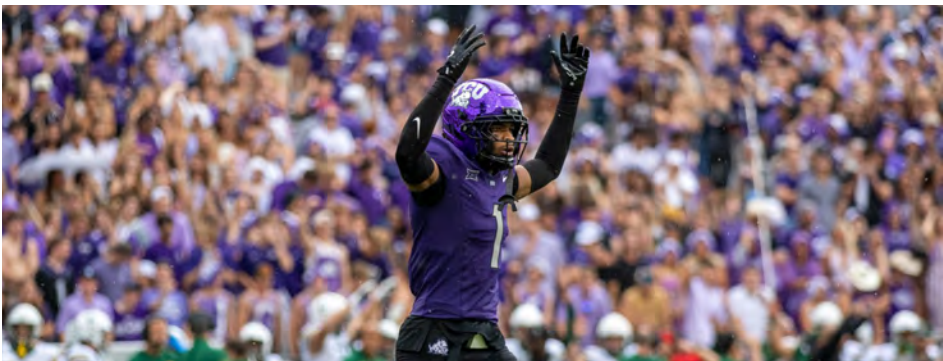


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TCU safety Austin Jordan pumps up the crowd at Amon G. Carter Stadium.



PHOTO BY NGHIA TRAN

TCU Wide Receiver Jordan Dwyer celebrates before scoring a touchdown on Nov. 29, 2025. The TCU Horned Frogs beat the Cincinnati Bearcats 45-23.



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TCU safety Bud Clark intercepts a pass intended for Iowa State receiver Brett Eskildsen on Nov. 8 2025. The Horned Frogs lost to the Iowa State Cyclones 20-17.



PHOTO BY TYLER CHAN

TCU wide receiver Eric McAlister catches the ball on Sep. 20, 2025. The TCU Horned Frogs beat the SMU Mustangs 35-24.