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campus expansion

TCU plans new interior design building

By Hank Kilgore

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TCU is planning a new interior design and merchandising building to provide students and professors with better resources and more space.

The current building is located off-campus and is becoming overcrowded, students said.

Junior fashion merchandising major Meredith Hudson said the current location of the building is inconvenient.

"Being all the way by the police station is a real hassle," Hudson said.

Junior interior design major Brooke Wissenbach said that the new building will make up for the current lacking resources and draw attention to the program.

"I think it's great that there are plans for a new building," Wissenbach said. "Our current building is practically off-campus and doesn't provide all the resources we need."

Not all students think a new building will bring in more first-year students, though some said that a new building could provide a better experience for existing majors.

"I don't think being closer to campus will bring more people to the program," Hudson said. "With the new building being on campus, however, students will be able to network better and it will allow students better access to campus resources."

The Dean of the College of Fine Arts Anne Helmreich said they are "still deep in planning meetings about the project."

Helmreich said there will be an official announcement sometime in the near future.

The new building will be useful to more than just interior design and fashion merchandising majors.

Associate Provost for Academic Support Leo Munson said the new building will give the theatre department a place to store costumes and construction equipment.

Senior theatre major Dana Cassling said the new storage for theatre will be a benefit.

"We always need more storage," Cassling said. "This would make it possible to have more of our stock closer and make it more accessible."

The new facility is planned to be behind Moudy Building North.



HANK KILGORE / TCU360

RENOVATIONS The current Interior Design and Fashion Merchandising building is located off-campus by the TCU police station.

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VOLLEYBALL TCU volleyball's Instagram congratulated a trio of juniors who received honors from the American Volleyball Coaches Association. To see your picture featured, hashtag your photo #skiffx360.



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f11 Billy Bobs presents Mike Ryan
Where: 2520 Rodeo Plaza
When: 10:30 p.m.
Cost: \$15-18



sa12 Billy Bobs presents
Wade Bowen
Where: 2520 Rodeo Plaza
When: 9 p.m.
Cost: \$16-25



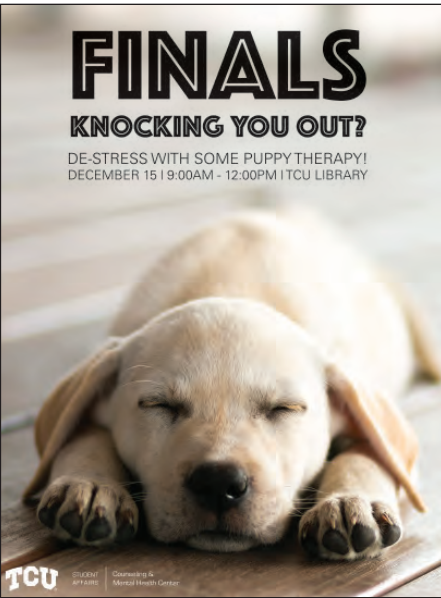
m14 39th Annual Carols by
Candlelight
Where: Robert Carr Chapel
When: 7 p.m.
Cost: Free



tu15 Schollamaier Arena
Dedication
Where: Ed and Rae Schollamier Arena
When: 2 p.m.
Cost: Free



tu15 Puppy Therapy
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fall commencement

Heavy traffic expected for fall graduation ceremony

By Shelby Arnold
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TCU police are expecting heavy traffic on campus due to fall graduation next week.

With fall commencement around the corner, TCU police have teamed up with the Fort Worth Police Department to assure traffic is kept to a minimum.

The commencement ceremony will bring an increased number of people to TCU’s campus.

“There are going to be a lot of people on campus that are unfamiliar with the area,” TCU Police Sgt. Cathy Moody said.

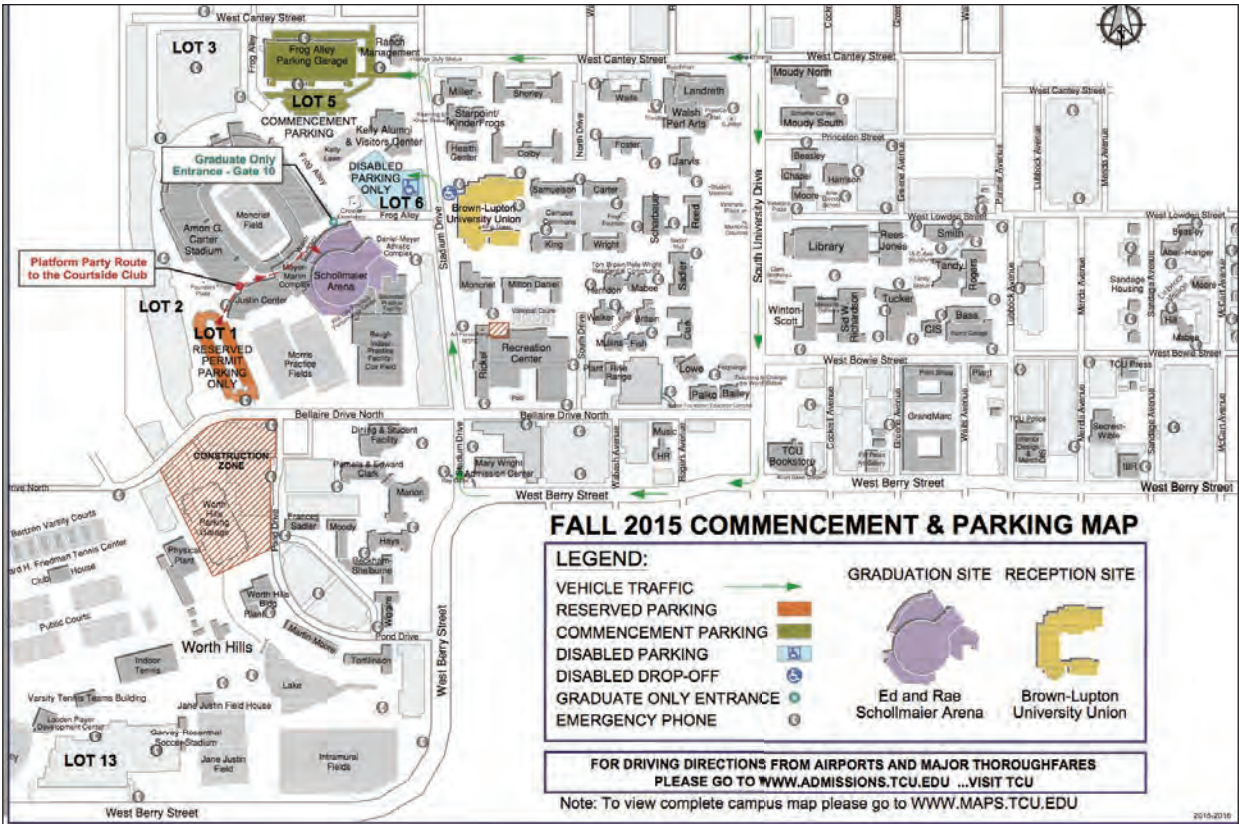
Moody said a map that shows traffic patterns, parking lots and event venues has been added to the commencement website to reduce traffic congestion.

“We ask that [people] help us by asking family to carpool on that day and arrive on campus with ample time to park in the Frog Alley parking garage,” Moody said.

This year, guests can park for free in the new Frog Alley parking garage and in Lot 5.

“The new Frog Alley parking garage has over 1,000 parking spaces, making it the primary parking area for guests,” Moody said. “Golf cart shuttles will be posted on Frog Alley to assist anyone with mobility issues.”

On graduation day, there will be several Fort Worth police officers available to help with heavy traffic and parking problems.



MAPS.TCU.EDU

PARKING AND TRAFFIC TCU posted a map to help people from out of town find their way around the TCU campus.

“Fort Worth police officers [will be] monitoring intersections, drop off points and parking lots,” Moody said.

The fall commencement ceremony will be held Dec. 19 at 1 p.m. in the Ed and Rae Schollmaier Arena.

Moody said the best advice to avoid traffic and parking issues is to visit commencement.tcu.edu and read it thoroughly.

religious & spiritual life

TCU allows students to submit Advent devotionals

By Alexa McBride
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TCU’s Religious and Spiritual Life department allows for students and members of the TCU community to submit Advent devotionals during the Advent season through the Feed Your Spirit program.

TCU has been organizing Advent and Lent for 10 years. Associate Chaplain Rev. Todd Boling has been orchestrating the devotionals for the last five years.

Members of the TCU community can submit Advent devotionals that will be published to the TCU Faith and Spirit blog and sent out to subscribers via email so other members of the community can show support.

“Often times individuals identify a scripture passage that means something to them and is relevant to the season,” Boling said.

The Advent devotionals generally consist of a



TCU FAITH & SPIRIT FACEBOOK

BLOGGING During the Advent season, students submit advent devotionals as part of the Feed Your Spirit program.

reflection on a personal experience that connects to a biblical passage. The writer of the devotional then explains a lesson learned from the experience and relates it to scripture.

Boling said a combination of Christian students, faculty, campus ministers and staff submit around 25 devotionals per year via email, including the Lenten devotionals that are received in the spring.

All of the writers have been scheduled to write the devotionals for this Advent season, but if any members of the community have an interest in participating, Boling said to contact him.

screen actors guild

Individual SAG movie nods fall short on diversity

By **Lindsey Bahr**

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LOS ANGELES — Ensemble nominations for the Screen Actors Guild Awards highlight diversity in both film and television, including nods for 'Beasts of No Nation,' 'Straight Outta Compton' and 'Orange is the New Black.' Yet, individual nominations, especially for movies, remained largely white — only adding to concerns this will be yet another monochromatic awards season.

Idris Elba was nominated for best supporting actor in the child soldier drama 'Beasts of No Nation.' He is the sole individual minority nominee in the movie categories of the 22nd annual SAG nominations announced Wednesday.

Elba said in a statement that he was "floored" and "humbled" by the recognition.

"It goes without saying that my performance is shared with the tremendous actors I work with," wrote Elba, congratulating his 'Beasts' co-stars Abraham Attah and Kurt Egyiawan as well.

Elba was also nominated for his leading role in TV's 'Luther.'

Hollywood's lack of diversity has become of critical concern following last Oscars' all-white

acting slate. But while the predominantly black casts of both 'Beasts' and 'Straight Outta Compton' were recognized for their ensemble work, alongside 'Trumbo,' 'Spotlight' and 'The Big Short,' individual acting nominations in most film categories exhibited a striking lack of diversity. Thursday's Golden Globe nominations could bring more attention to the issue.

Though 'Straight Outta Compton' was a box office and critical hit, its award season prospects were a big unknown. On Monday, the African-American Film Critics Association named the N.W.A drama their best of the year, but it's been mostly overlooked by other critics' awards.

Overall, there were more diverse individual nominees in television than film, thanks in part to the fact that TV divides nominees into comedy and drama, which provides more inclusion. In addition to Elba's nod, other TV nominees included Queen Latifah for 'Bessie,' Uzo Aduba for 'Orange is the New Black' and Viola Davis for 'How to Get Away With Murder.'

The SAG nominations also helped bring a murky awards season into a bit better focus. Nominees are selected by separate movie and TV nominating panels, each comprised of more than 2,000 randomly selected SAG members, and the organization's choices highlighted a few underdog performances.

Leading female performance nominees included Cate Blanchett ('Carol'), Brie Larson ('Room') and Saoirse Ronan ('Brooklyn'), all of whom have dominated awards buzz, but also Sarah Silverman for the depression indie 'I Smile Back,' and Helen Mirren for 'Woman in Gold,' about an elderly Jewish woman looking to reclaim art once stolen by the Nazis. Mirren was also nominated for a supporting performance for 'Trumbo.'

"I was in shock. I try really hard in therapy to not let myself self-esteem be informed by outside forces. But (expletive) it. I'm going to let myself feel it today and let it fortify me," said Silverman on Wednesday morning. "The fact that it's SAG — which is peers, voted by actors — means so much to me."

The lead actor nominees were a bit more expected, with recognition for Bryan Cranston ('Trumbo'), Johnny Depp ('Black Mass'), Leonardo DiCaprio ('The Revenant'), Michael Fassbender ('Steve Jobs') and Eddie Redmayne ('The Danish Girl').

In the supporting category, Christian Bale was nominated for 'The Big Short,' Mark Rylance for the Cold War thriller 'Bridge of Spies,' Michael Shannon for playing a predatory real estate agent in '99 Homes' and young star Jacob Tremblay for playing a child in captivity in 'Room.'

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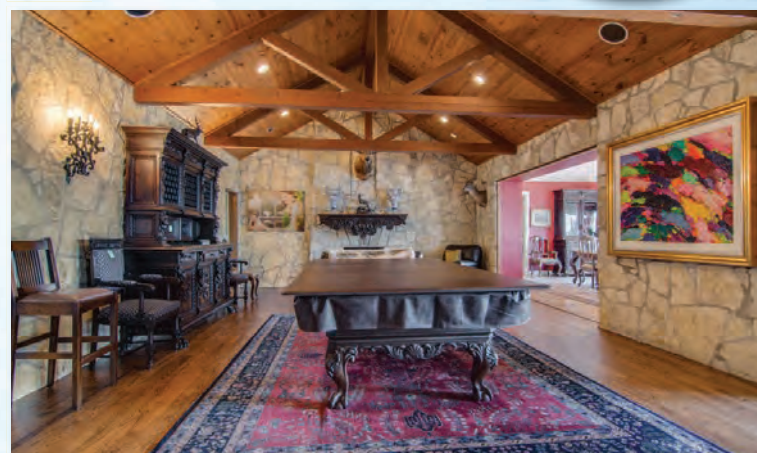
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administration transition

John V. Roach Honors College searches for new dean

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The search for a new dean of the John V. Roach Honors College is underway.

In order to attract professionals from around the country, the position has been posted in the Chronicle of Higher Education.

The new dean will be appointed by mid-April 2016, said Dr. Robert Garnett, chairman of the search committee and the economics department.

The search committee is comprised of 18 members.

Dean Andrew Schoolmaster from AddRan College of Liberal Arts and Dean Mary Patton from the College of Education are a part of the search. There are also two honors students, senior accounting major Francesca Roberts and senior Josh Blankenship.

The remainder of the search committee includes faculty and staff from across the university.

In 2014, the founding dean of the honors college, Dr. Peggy Watson, resigned and left a vacancy that has since been filled by Interim Dean Dr. Sarah Robbins.

Garnett said the honors college has experienced tremendous growth since its inauguration in 2009.

"The latest numbers we have say that close to



LAUREN NIXON / JOHN V. ROACH HONORS COLLEGE

HONORABLE An honors laureate is accompanied by Provost Donovan. The honors college is currently searching for a new dean.

1,200 students are involved in the honors college," Garnett said. "That's a lot."

Search committee member Francesca Roberts said she has had a positive experience since she began as an honors student.

"I've had the opportunity to take honors

classes in a variety of subjects outside of my major," Roberts said. "I would not have taken these classes were I not in the honors college, and I have enjoyed the opportunity to expand my horizons and learn from some exceptional professors."



Kelsey Alyn Gross

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Emmie and Hadley

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foodie festivities

Magnolia Avenue offers restaurant options for graduation weekend

By Peyton Davis

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As graduation quickly approaches, friends and family of graduates will be celebrating in the area. Magnolia Avenue offers great restaurant options for those families to gather with graduates.

Brewed is a coffeehouse that offers an exceptional brunch and a fun atmosphere. It's a great choice for Saturday or Sunday brunch with the family. Brewed accepts reservations.

"Brewed has amazing lattes," said Alex Cheetwood, a senior fashion merchandising major. "The interior has just such fun vibes. It's very artsy. I'm excited to bring my family to brunch there on Sunday."

Another fun restaurant located right around the corner from Brewed is Live Oak Music Hall & Lounge.

It will offer live music on Friday, Saturday and Sunday night of graduation weekend.

Free shows start at 6 p.m. on the rooftop, but guests will have to pay for the next artist who begins at 8 p.m.. Live Oak also has a full bar and a great local beer selection.

"My relatives are coming down and Live Oak is a perfect place for drinks before going out to dinner," said Taylor Reisdorf, a senior Spanish and strategic communication double major.

Cane Rosso is located right next to Brewed and offers true Neapolitan pizza.

The small restaurant creates an intimate setting and would be a great dinner spot for the whole family. Cane Rosso's pizzas are cooked in a wood-fired oven at 900 degrees and are ready in just 90 seconds.

Other restaurants located on 'Restaurant Row' include Lili's Bistro, Shinjuku Station, Nonna Tata, Ellerbe Fine Foods, Cat City Grill and Magnolia Cheese Company.



COURTESY OF CANE ROSSO

MAGNOLIA MUNCHIES Magnolia Avenue offers restaurants like Cane Rosso, a popular pizza place, for celebration places for graduates. Other favorites include Brewed, a coffeehouse, and Live Oak Music Hall & Lounge.

no child left behind

Senate clears major education bill, sends it to Obama



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EDUCATION Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., voices Senate's decision to clear a major education bill about No Child Left Behind.

By Jennifer C. Kerr

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The way the nation's public schools are evaluated — teachers, students and the schools themselves — is headed for a major makeover, with a sweeping shift from federal to state control over school accountability and student testing.

The Senate on Wednesday voted 85-12 to approve legislation rewriting the landmark No Child Left Behind education law of 2002, now widely unpopular and

criticized as unworkable and unrealistic. The White House said President Obama would sign it Thursday.

The bill would keep a key feature of No Child: the federally mandated statewide reading and math exams in grades three to eight and one such test in high school. But it would encourage states to limit the time students spend on testing, and it would diminish the high stakes associated with these exams for underperforming schools.

The measure would substantially limit the federal government's role, barring the Education Department

from telling states and local districts how to assess school and teacher performance.

There was strong bipartisan support for the measure, which had been endorsed by the nation's governors, teachers' unions, chief school officers and administrators.

Republican Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, who leads the Senate Education Committee, called it a "Christmas present" to 50 million children.

Alexander, a former U.S. education secretary, said he hoped Obama "will wrap a big red bow around it ... and send it to the children and the 3.4 million teachers who are looking forward to it."

Alexander was a chief author of the bill along with Democratic Sen. Patty Murray of Washington — and in the House, Education Committee Chairman John Kline, R-Minn., and ranking member, Rep. Bobby Scott of Virginia.

Murray, a former preschool teacher, said the work must now begin in "our schools, in our communities, in our states," to find ways to make sure that all students achieve. "We expect them to live up to that, and that's the promise of this bill," Murray said after the vote.

States and districts will now come up with their own goals for schools, design their own measures of achievement and progress, and decide independently how to turn around struggling schools. Testing will be one factor considered, but other measures of success or failure could include graduation rates and education atmosphere.

mental health awareness

Suicide prevention coordinator is making a difference on campus

By Emily Holt

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In 2012 the TCU Counseling and Mental Health Center was awarded a federal 'Campus Suicide Prevention Grant' from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

The center knew exactly how the money should be spent: hiring a suicide prevention counselor.

"We had always done suicide prevention training, but after the shock and grief of two deaths in the 2009-2010 year, it lit a fire in us," said Linda Wolszon, the director of counseling and mental health.

Suicide Prevention Outreach Coordinator Cortney Gumbleton has been making a difference on campus since she arrived in 2013. But what most students do not know is that Courtney has a story of her own.

In 2008 Gumbleton's best friend, Dan, committed suicide.

This tragedy inspired Gumbleton to become involved in suicide prevention. Gumbleton is a TCU graduate, and Wolszon said "hiring Cortney was a no-brainer."

"She presented a well-researched vision of a comprehensive public health model for prevention, and she was energetic, passionate, engaging, and anyone could tell she would be dynamite for our efforts," Wolszon said.



EMILY HOLT / TCU 360

R U OK? Courtney Gumbleton has made efforts to prevent suicide through programs, trainings and outreach.

One of Gumbleton's main efforts in suicide prevention is teaching students QPR. The name is intentionally supposed to remind students of CPR to help students understand that making an effort to help prevent suicide can save a life.

QPR stands for question-persuade-refer. These steps are what Wolszon calls "suicide gatekeeper training" and is how the Counseling and Mental Health Center believes students should handle a friend who may be considering suicide.

The center understands that education is crucial to suicide prevention and has provided 100 trainings to students, faculty, staff and parents between 2013 and 2015. More than 90 outreach activities have also been held on the TCU campus.

"We need to keep up the efforts and never let up," Wolszon said. "Our partnerships with departments all across the campus are critical to spreading the word, and Cortney is a master of building strong partnerships."

study spots

Local church hosts study event during dead days

By Connie Beltran

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McKinney Church is hosting its study day event today from noon until midnight. The event is open to all college students.

Ernie Bonnoitt, college pastor in McKinney Church, said the event is part of the college ministry, Encounter, which looks for ways to help students around the area.

"We know that finals are a very stressful time for college students," Bonnoitt wrote in an email. "It's an opportunity to bless them and show them that this church really does care about college students."

For studying, the church will provide quiet study spaces, group work rooms and tutoring. Students will have access to free food and a coffee bar

throughout the day. There will also be service dogs to help relieve stress, free massages, movies, games and prizes. The event will end with an optional worship service.

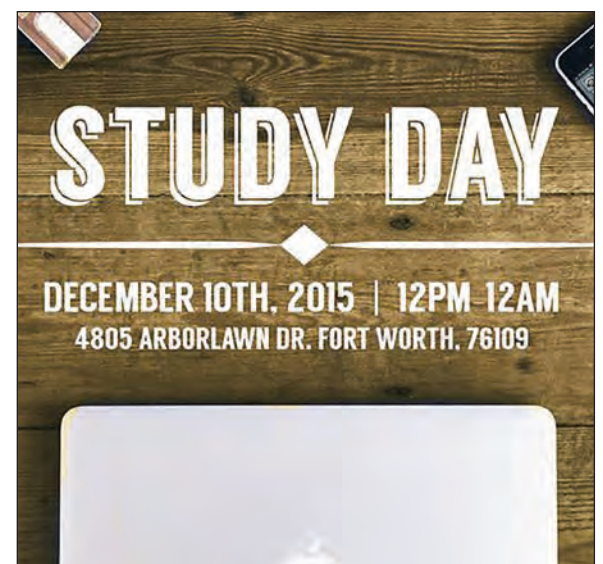
To help students attend the study day event, shuttle buses will be going from the Brown-Lupton University Union to the church every 30 minutes.

Tien Nguyen, a junior business major, said she is planning on attending the Study Day event for the second time.

Nguyen said she is looking forward to attending the event. The church provides many resources and activities to help students study and relax, she said.

Since the spring of 2014, McKinney Church has hosted the event every semester before finals.

McKinney Church is located on Arborlawn Drive in Fort Worth.



COURTESY OF ENCOUNTER FACEBOOK PAGE

DEAD DAYS McKinney Church is hosting a study event for students today from noon to midnight.

prehealth advice

Faculty, upperclassmen advise incoming first-years

By Danielle Moss
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Premed students work vigorously throughout their four years at college to prepare themselves to get into medical school.

TCU students and professors give advice to incoming freshmen premed majors on how to navigate through these four years of undergrad and get into medical school.

“The four years before medical school are definitely really hard,” said senior biology major Ali Rafetto.

Those four years are preparing students for medical school, where students compete against each other for spots in a medical school.

“In the four years preceding medical school, it is important that students create a record that makes them stand out and is competitive,” said Dr. Phil Hartman, dean of the College of Science and Engineering.

To ensure students stand out competitively means they should take their studying very seriously and not wait a couple days before the test to start studying, said senior biology major Lauren Dawn.

“Unless you have a photographic memory, do not wait until a few days before the test,” said Dawn. “As long as you manage your time wisely you will be just fine.”

Students advise incoming first-years to take their studying seriously but they also should actually learn the information in their classes and not just memorize it.

“First-year students need to study hard and take each class as if it was preparation for the MCAT and not just as class that has to be taken to graduate,” said Hartman.

Another way to handle the competitiveness of the major is to find an ally, said Rafetto.

“It definitely gets competitive amongst



TCU DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

FROG’S ANATOMY Professors and seniors give advice to incoming premed first-years on how to get through the next four years and get into medical school.

premed students,” said Rafetto. “So having that person or group of people who is on your side and can study (or have meltdowns) with you makes all the difference.”

Hartman said medical schools do not only look at grades, classes and MCAT scores. They also look at extracurricular activities and what students are passionate about.

TCU offers many opportunities to get involved or get experience for premed students like Alpha Epsilon Delta (pre-health fraternity), Global Medical Training or research programs with professors, said Dawn.

“At times you could be taking classes that you might not find interesting, but instead try to find connections with the class to other medical aspects,” said Rafetto.



TCU DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

MEDICAL SCHOOL METHODOLOGY Older students recommend that incoming premed first-years spend time learning the information from classes instead of just memorizing it for an exam.

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KATIE!

Words cannot express how proud I am of your achievement. Your Mom is with you in spirit and would be proud too.

Love always,
Dad



Katie Keefe

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Christian Morrow

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Love ya,
Mom and Dad



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religious fellowship

Muslim Student Association focuses on community after Paris attacks

By Tad Desai

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Last month, a series of coordinated terrorist attacks in Paris killed 130 people and injured hundreds more, creating a state of fear and uncertainty that reached even in Fort Worth.

"My first thoughts were primarily, 'I hope the death count stops,' and once that stopped, I was worried about the future of the perception of Islam and the perception of Muslims," said Ali Haider, a sophomore pre-business major and co-president of the TCU Muslim Student Association.

The reason for Haider's concern stemmed from the revelation that Islamic radical terrorists connected to the Islamic extremist militant group ISIS carried out the coordinated attacks. In a statement claiming responsibility for the attacks, ISIS said the attacks were in the name of Allah, the Arabic word for God.

These connections have resulted in backlash against Muslims all over the United States. Since the attacks, multiple reports of mosques receiving death threats and being vandalized have surfaced. There was also an armed, non-violent protest against a mosque in Irving.

Yushau Sodiq is an associate professor of Islamic and Religious Studies at TCU and also a Muslim. Sodiq said the Paris attackers do not represent what the Muslim community stands for as a whole.

"This fear of Islam should be removed completely and [people] should recognize that those Muslims who do something wrong in Paris or anywhere, they are just terrorists and to me they are not Muslims," Sodiq said. "If they were Muslim, they would not cause harm to others."

Haider said the fear felt in the non-Muslim community as a result of the Paris attacks is being felt just the same within the Muslim community as



TCU MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION

MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION The student organization is fighting the misconception that Islam is a violent religion while fostering support for the Muslim community.

well, especially the MSA.

"I think we have to be a little more sensitive now about what we say and how we go about our events because it's hard to say 'Muslim Student Association' without certain descriptions of who are," Haider said. "The word 'Muslim' has a very sensitive connotation nowadays."

Sodiq said he has experienced more support for the Muslim community now despite the anti-Islamic acts occurring throughout the nation.

"Some of my colleagues at TCU have come to me and said, 'Don't fear. We are supporting you,' and that is what we need," Sodiq said. "We should rally together to fight terrorism."

Haider and the MSA are attempting to foster this type of support throughout the TCU and Dallas-Fort Worth community.

"One of our goals is to make sure when people on the TCU campus hear the name 'Muslim Student Association' they don't automatically get a sense of fear," Haider said. "We want them to know it's a safe place to mingle with other Muslims."

Haider said the MSA is currently planning on creating a safer environment for the mosque in Irving.

"We're trying to organize, among Muslims and non-Muslims, a counter-protest so that we can make a way for them to get inside without getting harassed," Haider said. "We want to make sure people trying to worship Islam can get into the mosque safely and get out safely."

Sodiq said it is this type of community outreach in the Muslim community that will show what Muslims truly believe.

"[Radicals] are just following their own whims and desires and they have no right to do so," Sodiq said. "Muslims in the United States must turn on their feet and say, 'We are not with the terrorists and we are against what they are doing.'"

The MSA wants to make this message clear and is attempting to accomplish through their community outreach.

Roxana Aguirre, the program coordinator for Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services at TCU, is helping the MSA facilitate and put their events on a bigger scale. Aguirre does this by assisting the MSA in collaborating with other groups on-campus.

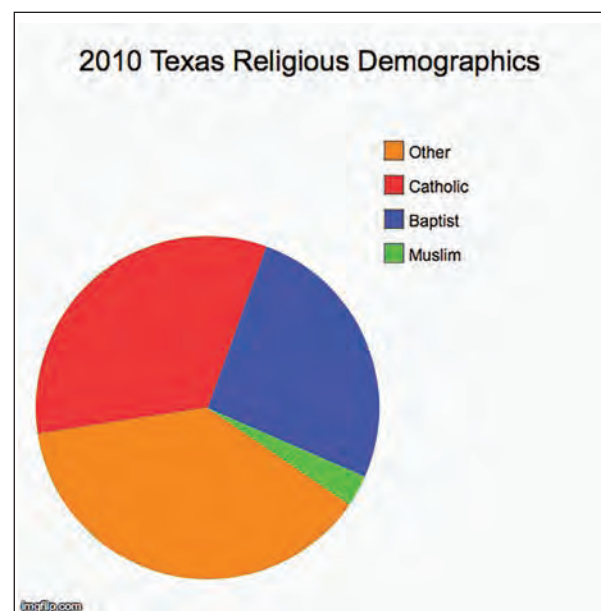
"If you have an interest or are invested with a group on campus and then they collaborate with another group on-campus, then you're more than likely to be invested in it too," Aguirre said.

Haider said the MSA is planning more events in collaboration with other faith-based organizations on campus.

"TCU Better Together, an inter-religious faith group, is actually taking a lot of initiative to get people of Christian and Jewish faiths from organizations like FCA and Hillel to come together and help out with community outreach for Muslims in the area," Haider said.

Haider said he hopes a Muslim community that has been afraid to attend a public meeting since the Paris attacks can be reassured and "rekindled".

Haider also said he believes Muslims reaching out to the community can help shed the misconception that Islam is a violent religion and Muslims are people who support such violence.



international experiences

TCU sending most students abroad ever, despite alert

By Alexa McBride
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TCU’s Center for International Studies sent out an email confirming that all of the study abroad programs will continue as planned despite the U.S. Department of State Worldwide Travel Alert issued Nov. 23.

Study abroad coordinator Jesica Severson said TCU is sending 195 students, the most the program has ever sent, to 16 countries in spring 2016. Only three students have elected to withdraw from their study abroad programs next semester.

The Center for International Studies teamed up with multiple departments across campus and assembled a list of frequently asked questions as a resource for those apprehensive about studying abroad.

The FAQs include answers to questions about potential program cancellation, program withdrawal and advice about how to approach the situation.

The study abroad department has received an influx of questions from concerned parents sending

their children abroad next semester. However, the Center for International Studies ensures families that students will be safe, especially with the help of international resources students will have access to while abroad.

TCU purchases an international travel source for all students, faculty and staff called International SOS that is available 24/7. Severson said International SOS provides students and parents with an extra layer of security and support in the event that something goes wrong.

“I think it is a good peace of mind that no matter where you are in the world you can call them and they can help,” Severson said.

Travelers are able to call with any range of questions or problems they may have from needing to call an ambulance to losing their passport.

Severson said the most important thing to the study abroad department is that students and parents feel comfortable with their decision to study abroad.

“If they are not comfortable with it and if they decide to withdraw from their programs, we will work with them and help them,” Severson said.

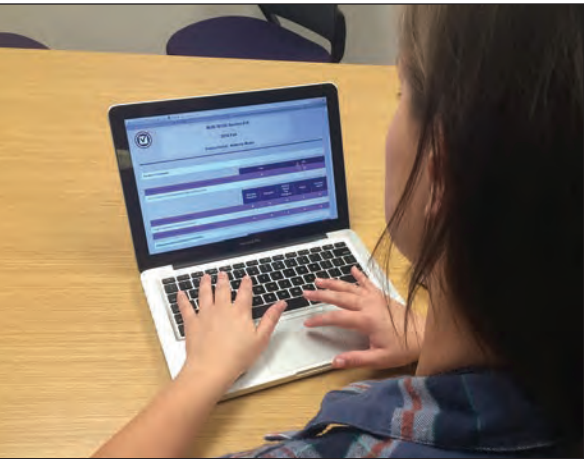


TCU STUDY ABROAD

BROADENING HORIZONS Sophomore Caroline McKnight traveled to Costa Rica and said she learned to combine her business major and environmental science minor. Study abroad offices are sending more students abroad in the spring than ever before, despite travel alerts sent out by the U.S. Department of State.

student comments

Professors emphasize importance of eSPOTs



ALEXA MCBRIDE / TCU 360

STUDENT EVALUATION TCU faculty members encourage students to complete their eSpot surveys.

By Alexa McBride
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TCU faculty members have been sending numerous emails to students reminding them to complete their eSPOT surveys.

Every student across campus is asked to complete an eSPOT for each class at the end of the semester.

The eSPOTs contain a number of questions in which students are asked if they ‘strongly disagree’ or ‘strongly

agree’ with an aspect of their professor’s teaching, and a few areas in which students are able to type free response answers.

Film, TV, and digital media professor Richard Allen said he finds the eSPOTs valuable.

Allen said the eSPOTs make him aware of when “improvements or shifts of emphasis can be made.”

While some professors give extra credit if every student in their class completes an eSPOT, adjunct professor Tawnell Hobbs said she thinks students need a better incentive to fill out the evaluations.

“The more students who fill them out provides professors an even fuller picture of the classroom experience,” Hobbs said.

TCU’s associate provost for institutional effectiveness Catherine Wehlburg said it is crucial for students to know how important these evaluations are. She said the university considers their responses.

“Departments use them to look at faculty in terms of how well they are teaching,” Wehlburg said.

Junior communications major Auddie Patterson said eSPOTs are useful if students take the time to fill out the evaluations properly.

“It gives the professor and university solid feedback about what they’re doing right and wrong,” said Patterson.

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strategic communication awards

Roxo awarded for its third consecutive year at Worthy Awards

By Kayley Ryan

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Roxo, TCU's student-run strategic communication agency, won awards for its third consecutive year at the fourth annual Worthy Awards on Nov. 5.

Public Relations Manager Kelli Massey wrote in a November press release that the Worthy Awards is held annually by the Greater Fort Worth Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America to recognize advertising and public relations agencies in the greater Fort Worth area.

Roxo won an Award of Achievement for its social media design for Revitalize Charging Solutions and a Worthy Award for its social media campaign for Fort Worth Bike Sharing, Massey wrote.

Chapter president Michelle Clark, who is accredited in public relations and serves as the assistant vice chancellor of communications at TCU, said the Worthy Awards allow the chapter to recognize the important work of local strategic communications agencies.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and support one another," Clark said. "In our line of work, we often shine the spotlight on others, so to have our own successes recognized is a professional boon."

The Worthy Awards event was held at the Fort Worth Club at 6:30 p.m., according to the chapter's website.

Roxo's President Oscar Roel attended the Worthy Awards on behalf of his team, Massey wrote.

Roel said his team's work for the clean energy start-up company, Revitalize Charging Solutions, included increasing its social media followers, conducting research and using social media platforms to ask followers what could be improved about the company.

Roel said the awards brought credibility to the



KELLI MASSEY / ROXO

ROXO SUCCESS Roxstars Whitney Machacek, Addy Kryger, Oscar Roel, Hayley Byk and Madison Gottlieb attended the Worthy Awards Nov. 5 at the Fort Worth Club. Roxo won awards for its third consecutive year.

student-run agency.

"When agencies hear 'student-led,' they assume we produce below-average work," Roel said. "Roxo winning these awards showed the Fort Worth community what Roxo has to offer, and we are on track to win more awards for the years to come."

Channel planner Madison Ladd and account executive Colleen Garland also worked on Roel's team.

Meanwhile, Madison Gottlieb served as account executive for the team that won a Worthy Award for its social media campaign for Fort Worth Bike Sharing, Roel said.

Roel said Gottlieb and her team increased Fort Worth Bike Sharing's Twitter and Instagram activity by taking pictures around campus of TCU students using the rentable red bikes.

He said the team's work increased ridership,

especially during the weekends. He said Gottlieb's team conducted surveys that showed TCU students were using the bikes more for leisure than for transportation.

Gottlieb said her team's social media campaign produced excellent results.

"We were able to see the direct impact and progress we made by increasing Fort Worth Bike Sharing's presence through our graphic design, marketing and social media efforts," Gottlieb said. "This partnership was extremely rewarding."

Joining Gottlieb on the team were copyrighter and account planner Megan Wallstedt, public relations manager Elle Gargano and graphic designer Hayley Byk.

Roxo has also won Worthy Awards for its Valentine's Day Campaign for the TCU Men's Tennis Team in 2014 and for its work for the Lone Star Film Festival in 2013.



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travel restrictions

House tightens controls on visa-free travel to U.S.

By Erica Werner

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON -- Driven by the Paris terror attacks, the House voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to tighten controls on travel to the U.S. and require visas for anyone who's been in Iraq or Syria in the previous five years.

The legislation takes aim at the 'visa waiver' program that allows citizens of 38 countries to travel to the U.S. for stays of 90 days and less without first obtaining a visa from an embassy or consulate. Belgium and France, home to most of the perpetrators of last month's Paris attacks, are among the participating countries.

The bill, which passed 407-19, would institute a series of changes, including the new visa requirement for citizens of Iraq, Syria and any other country deemed a terrorist hotspot, along with anyone who's traveled to those countries in the previous five years. Exceptions are made for official government visits and military service.

Countries in the visa waiver program would also be required to share counterterrorism information with the U.S. or face expulsion from the program. All travelers

would be checked against Interpol databases, and visa waiver countries would be required to issue 'e-passports' with biometric information.

"You have more than 5,000 individuals that have Western passports in this program that have gone to Iraq or Syria in the last five years," said Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy. "Those are gaps that we need to fix."

Some 20 million visitors come to the U.S. annually under the visa waiver program. They already are screened through an online system maintained by the Department of Homeland Security, and the White House has recently announced a series of improvements to that and other aspects of the program.

But in past years, the program has been used by would-be terrorists, including "shoe bomber" Richard Reid, who boarded a flight from Paris to Miami in December 2001 without a visa and attempted to set off a bomb. Zacarias Moussaoui, the "20th hijacker" from 9/11, also flew from London to Chicago with a French passport and no visa in February 2001, according to a Homeland Security Inspector General report from 2004.

Lawmakers of both parties spoke in favor of the legislation, which is also backed by the White House. It's a rare area of bipartisan agreement after the



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VISA WAIVER Majority leader Kevin McCarthy discussed House's decision to tighten controls on travel to U.S. and requiring visas for anyone who's been in Iraq or Syria in the previous five years.

Obama administration's fury when the House passed legislation last month cracking down on the Syrian refugee program in the immediate aftermath of the Paris attacks.

international relations

Model UN returns to campus after Czech Republic conference



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MODEL UN Members of the program, while not debating, went on excursions to locations such as Auschwitz.

By Tobî Carter

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A group of 11 students spent their Thanksgiving break debating on behalf of other countries.

The Model UN program attended a conference in Olomouc, Czech Republic, from Nov. 22-28.

Olomouc is a city located on the Moravia River in the eastern side of the Czech Republic. It is the city of Palacký University, who hosted the conference.

This was the second time TCU students attended an international conference in Olomouc.

Associate professor of political science and director of the Model UN program Eric Cox said this conference is the best conference to date outside of the country.

TCU delegates were given two countries to represent. Argentina was represented by six students and Angola was represented by five.

Senior political science major Dakota Foster represented the security council for Angola. He said his major takeaway was learning how to cooperate with others and act diplomatically.

"The biggest thing is learning how to work diplomatically and saying things in the nicest way possible," Foster said.

The assistant director of the sophomore and junior year experience Rachael Capua was the faculty supervisor for the trip. As part of the National Model UN requirements faculty supervisors are not allowed to influence the process of the conference, but are there for emotional support.

"What I loved seeing was all these different types of students coming together because they believe in diplomacy and they believe in value of opinion," Capua

said.

Foster said it was a different experience than that of the New York or Washington, D.C., trips. Students attending the New York conference are required to take United Nations Institutions and Processes the semester before the trip and International Organizations Research the semester after. This ensures that the delegates are prepared for an intensive conference.

All 11 students who attended the conference had been to New York in previous semesters.

Capua said she was impressed with the professional approach from the students.

"They carried themselves with class and professionalism and are very knowledgeable about the whole Model UN process," Capua said.

Senior political science major Lauren Fowler represented the general assembly for Angola and said students should join the "hidden gem" at TCU.

TCU delegates won three of the four best position papers award and the award for outstanding delegation for the Argentina representatives. Next year, their international trip will be to a conference in Kobe, Japan.

educational outreach

Education majors give glimpse of college to international students

By Tiffany Pittman

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TCU education majors led groups of students from the International Newcomer Academy on campus tours.

TCU students took them to Amon G. Carter Stadium, the Mary Coats Burnett Library, the Bailey Building and the Brown-Lupton University Union.

Junior Katelyn Crow said, "It was really important for them to see what college is like and what their experience might be like so that they could really see themselves pursuing higher education."

INA is a school in the Fort Worth Independent School District that helps refugee and immigrant children adjust to American culture. Students come from all over the world, speaking several languages.

Dr. Cecilia Silva established a partnership between TCU and INA about 20 years ago.

Silva and Dr. Sara Philips work with parents' coordinator Faiha Al-Atrash to give TCU students experience and INA students exposure.

Al-Atrash said students spend two semesters at INA learning English and content subjects (social studies, science, math, etc.), before being mainstreamed into FWISD high schools based on where they live.



TIFFANY PITTMAN / TCU 360

INTERNATIONAL INTERACTIONS TCU students held a panel to talk with International Newcomer Academy students.

Learning to speak English has been beneficial for students. Being able to speak it gives them hope for a better life than their home countries.

"College is a far-away dream for them, especially refugees," Al-Atrash said.

Al-Atrash said bringing these students to TCU shows them college is not just a dream. Silva and Philips both said TCU students build a rapport with INA students and faculty that will help later on when applying for jobs.

"Working with ESL students and newcomers adds something that schools want and puts them ahead of the curve," Silva said.

Silva said each TCU student has assisted at INA to learn how to teach students with a language barrier.

"Most of my students have been in the country about four months or less," Crow said. "I had a really great teacher helping me along the way, and these kids are the nicest, sweetest, most hard-working kids you will ever meet. They're amazing."

religious communities

Newman Center to provide place for prayer, studying

By Hank Kilgore

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TCU's Catholic Community will have a new home - open to all - by the spring.

The Rev. James Wilcox, who recently became TCU's Catholic chaplain, discussed the building the university's first Newman Center and what it will do for students and members of the TCU Catholic Community.

Newman Centers are designated buildings for Catholic communities at non-Catholic schools. The TCU Catholic Newman Center will be housed in a building on West Berry Street in the space next to Kubes Jewelers. The Catholic Community worked with the Diocese of Fort Worth to lease the space.

Kelly Guilbeau, liturgy chair for the Catholic Community, said, "I've seen centers on other college campuses be wonderful places for Catholic students to gather and build friendships, and I can't wait to see what it will do for our community."

Wilcox said the Newman Center will be "the home for TCU Catholic students, but is welcome to anyone. There will be office space, work space, kitchen space, places to relax and, of course, places to pray."

Meggie Koch, co-president of the Catholic Community, said, "It will be so nice to have a central location for all Catholic TCU students to hang out, study and pray together. I think it will help the Catholic community expand and reach out to more students while building a tighter knit community."

Wilcox has been working on getting the Newman Center constructed since the early summer. The Bishop had asked Wilcox to helm this project when he was first assigned to TCU. Wilcox said he wants to create "a place for Catholic and non-Catholic students to just be."

"If that means resting or reading a book, that's great," Wilcox said. "If that means spending time in front of the blessed sacrament, which I believe is what most people want, that's what this space is for."

"The Newman Center is a home for the students," said Tom Centarri, the Catholic Community's campus minister. It is a place for establishing a relationship with Christ but also a place to study, snack, nap, hang out, connect with fellow students, find comfort in friendships and security in our blessed Lord."

While most of the Newman Center is being planned as an open space, there will be a special



HANK KILGORE / TCU 360

NEWMAN CENTER The Rev. James Wilcox said that by mid-January, students will be able to come "pray, study and relax" in the TCU Catholic Newman Center.

walled-off section for a chapel.

The Newman Center is on track for a ribbon-cutting opening on Jan. 20.

"I'm really excited for the opening," said Michael Arterburn, a junior political science major. "It's going to be a great resource for the Catholic Community and will serve as a tool to build a stronger sense of community."

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first-year experience

Connections program gearing up to welcome the class of 2020

By Tobi Carter

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Connections directors are looking forward to helping the Class of 2020 adjust to their lives in college.

"It's a great way to get involved with TCU's community right off the bat," said Natasha Kalauze, a sophomore psychology major and a Connections director.

Connections is a six-week program during the fall semester. The goal of the program is to help incoming students transition into TCU and learn more about themselves and their personal leadership skills.

Layton Spence, one of the Connections directors and a sophomore business major, said Connections helps students learn about their personal style of leadership.

"Knowing the different strengths of your leadership skills is a huge thing to go on, even if you don't get a leadership role in [Student Development Services]," Spence said.

Tyler Fisher, the assistant director of the TCU Leadership Center, said the structure of the program emphasizes StrengthsQuest and values to help students perform in college more efficiently. He also said the



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CONNECTING Last year's Connection group gathered for six weeks starting the second week of the semester.

program uses the TCU mission statement to create SMART goals.

SMART goals are goals that are specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely.

Because of the focus on leadership development skills and goal setting, Fisher said incoming students will be able to "function in a higher fashion."

Kalauze said the takeaway from Connections is

making friendships with other people.

Fisher said he also wanted to emphasize the resources students learn about during Connections.

"This is a nice way during those really tricky first two months on campus to find out what resources are available to you as a first-year student," Fisher said. "It's a great opportunity to continue and grow your individual legacy and the overall culture at TCU."

graduation location

Commencement to be opening event in new arena

By Adam Kelley

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Dec. 19 will mark the first commencement ceremony at TCU in the newly renovated Ed and Rae Schollmaier Arena.

Initial plans to open by Nov. 13 for the opening home men's and women's basketball games were delayed, making commencement the first official event held in the new arena.

"We were met with some unforeseen circumstances, including weather conditions," said TCU Athletics Director Chris Del Conte after the delay was announced.

But after apologizing for the postponement, Del Conte said, "When opened next month, the Ed and Rae Schollmaier Arena will enhance our student-athlete experience as well as [be] a tremendous source of pride for the TCU and Fort Worth communities."

The \$72 million renovation provided the 53-year-old arena with a modern entrance, widened concourses, upgraded concessions and additional bathrooms and seating.

But despite all of the renovations, it's too soon to determine whether the new arena will have a major impact on the ceremony itself, according to Manager of Academic Progress Kristi Harrison.

When asked if the new arena would yield any

changes Harrison said, "I can't answer that until we have had a graduation in the new arena to see if there are differences. Right now it is scheduled to be held just as it has been in the past."

Students were also unfazed by the opening of the new arena for the ceremony.

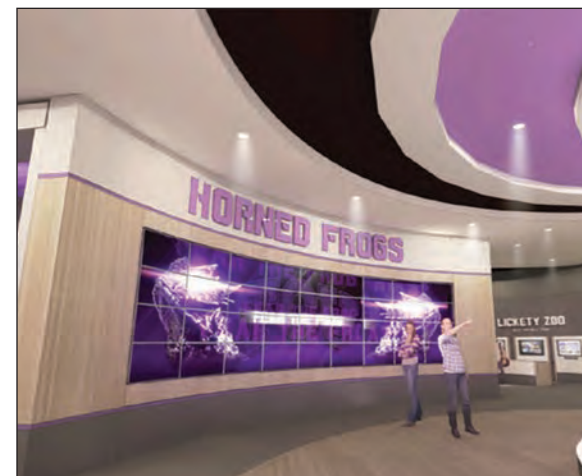
"Honestly, I didn't even know if the new arena would be completely built by graduation," said graduating senior Elle Carnley.

"But as long as everything goes smoothly the day of I don't have any complaints."

There are 782 degree candidates set to graduate this December.



COMMENCEMENT Fall graduation will be held in the new basketball arena on Dec. 19, and TCU police said to come early and carpool to avoid parking issues.



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post-grad plans

New medical school used to persuade students to come to TCU



TCU DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

MEDICAL TCU'S future medical school is an attractive element to students interested in the prehealth track.

By Danielle Moss

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Applications for next year's first year class are up and some of that boost may be due to TCU's

plans to launch a medical school with some slots reserved for its graduates.

TCU has partnered with the University of North Texas Health Science Center to offer an M.D. program with plans its first class start to start in 2018.

"The addition of a medical school may well have the effect on our academic reputation that the Rose Bowl had on our athletic pedigree," said Ray Brown, TCU's dean of admission.

The school plans to accept 60 students per class. A big selling point is that 20 slots will be reserved for TCU graduates, said Chancellor Victor Boschini.

Brown said the medical is one of many factors that make TCU attractive.

"Premed is the perhaps the fastest growing population of prospective students in the country at the moment," Brown said. "So yes, more students are heading that way, but that would be true at most colleges in the U.S."

This increase in premed students could also be because of the high number of TCU students who get accepted into medical schools.

"TCU has gained a bit of a reputation as a 'doctor factory,'" Brown said. "We have put a lot of students into medical school, particularly given our size."

Some TCU first-year premed students said they are looking forward to the new medical school.

"I know that I was really excited to hear, that after I accepted my letter, we were getting a medical school," said Kaelin Dickey, a first-year biology major.

First-year chemistry major Dominique Iida said she likes the fact that the medical school will be closer and familiar to her.

Even with the addition of the medical program, some students said they will go somewhere else.

Dickey said she could see some students going to TCU for medical school, but others might opt for a school that has more established reputation.

graduation events

Tickets not required to attend fall commencement ceremony

By Alexa McBride
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Tickets are not required for guests attending the fall commencement ceremony this year.

The fall commencement ceremony will take place at Ed and Rae Schollmaier Arena rather than the Amon G. Carter Stadium.

The commencement will take place on Dec. 19 and doors will open at 12 p.m.. The ceremony begins at 1 p.m. and is expected to last approximately three hours.

Graduating senior psychology major Maddie McAleenan said she has 15 family members and friends attending the commencement on her behalf.

“My family and friends are coming into town to watch me graduate a semester early,” McAleenan said.

There is not a limit for the amount of guests each graduate can bring, but seating is based off of a first come first serve basis. Guests of graduates may reserve several seats for other guests, but saving entire rows is not permitted.

“I have 20 family members and about 40



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FOUR YEARS LATER Strategic communication major Elizabeth Greenwell celebrates with her diploma in spring 2015. Tickets are not required for the fall commencement ceremony Dec. 19.

fraternity brothers attending my graduation,” senior Phi Kappa Sigma member and economics major Jacob Gould said.

Graduates with disabled guests must notify the school before Dec. 17 by calling 817-257-7802.

‘chancellor of the free world’

German leader Angela Merkel named Time’s Person of the Year

By Hillel Italie
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — German Chancellor Angela Merkel has been named Time’s Person of the Year, praised Wednesday by the magazine for her leadership on everything from Syrian refugees to the Greek debt crisis.

Time also cited Merkel’s strong response to “Vladimir Putin’s creeping theft of Ukraine” and on its cover called her “Chancellor of the Free World.”

“Not once or twice but three times there has been reason to wonder this year whether Europe could continue to exist, not culturally or geographically but as a historic experiment in ambitious statecraft,” Time editor Nancy Gibbs wrote. “You can agree with her or not, but she is not taking the easy road. Leaders are tested only when people don’t want to follow. For asking more of her country than most politicians would dare, for standing firm against tyranny as well as expedience and for providing steadfast moral leadership in a world where it is in short supply, Angela Merkel is TIME’s Person of the Year.”

Merkel, 61, is just the fourth woman since 1927 to be chosen and the first since opposition leader Corazon C. Aquino of the Philippines in 1986. She is the first German since Willy Brandt, the West German chancellor named in 1970 for “seeking to bring about a fresh relationship between East and West” during the Cold War. In 1999, Time picked the German-born Albert Einstein as Person of the Century.

Wednesday’s news came in as Merkel’s spokesman Steffen Seibert was leading a government press conference in the German capital, while Merkel herself was at an event in Leipzig. When asked about it by The Associated Press, Seibert said he had only just received word on his phone himself.

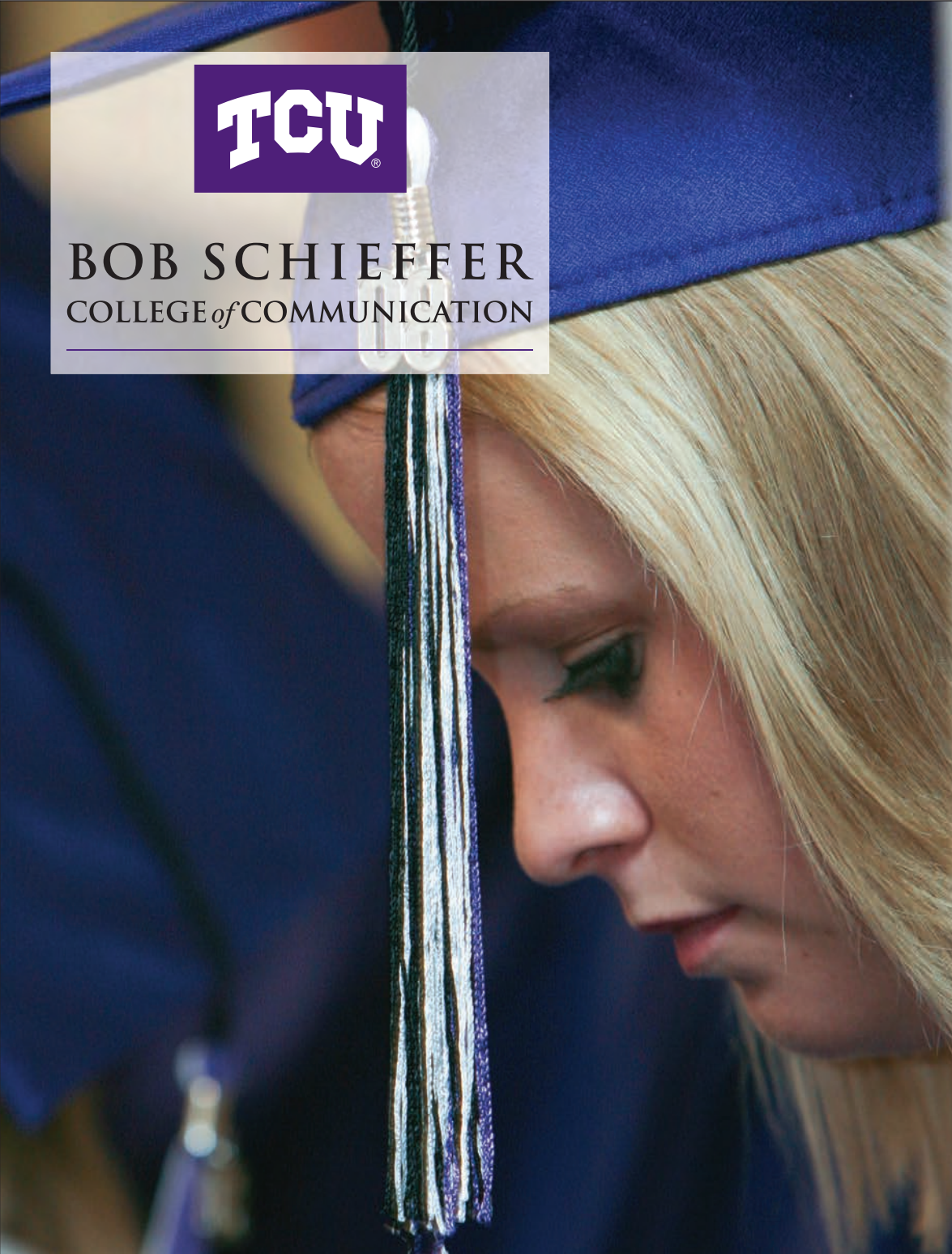
“I’m sure the chancellor will regard this as an encouragement for her political work, for a good future for Germany as well as for Europe,” Seibert said.

The other finalists included Donald Trump, who for months has topped Republican polls for the 2016 U.S. presidential election and dominated headlines.



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ICON German Chancellor Angela Merkel is featured as Time’s Person of the Year.



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fall 2015 graduation

December graduates may fair better on the job market

By Makenzie Stallo

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Students graduating in December may have an advantage in the job market over those graduating in May.

John Thompson, the executive director for TCU's Center for Career and Professional Development, said there are more job opportunities for spring graduates but the overwhelming amount of competition diminishes the chance of getting a quality job.

December grads that begin the job search before they graduate are entering the market during a new hiring cycle. Thompson said companies like to get interviews and candidates in the fall and students go to work when they graduate.

"If you graduate in the fall, you fill critical needs for a lot of companies," Thompson said.

In the spring, Thompson said employers come back to fill their quota for hires. While this does lead to a number of job opportunities, the quality of those jobs may be lacking.

"It's probably not going to be the best work experience because they know that a certain number

of those students are going to quit after a while," Thompson said. "It really is a numbers game with most employers."

According to a survey completed by Career Services, 57 percent of December 2014 graduates who completed the survey were employed after graduation. This is compared to the 45 percent who were employed after the May 2015 graduation.

Senior sociology major Christopher Sanchez is graduating in December and said he is still figuring out his career path. Sanchez said he commends the work of Career Services for helping him prepare.

"I feel that TCU has done a great job in preparing me with the knowledge and skills that will give me a great upper hand going into the real world," Sanchez said. "All of them have constantly made me realize the importance of applying my full effort because the competition will be tough."

The number of graduates in each term is also a factor. Last May TCU graduated 1,873 students, compared to the 728 (including those who graduated in August) that are expected in December.

Regardless of the graduation term, Thompson said starting the job search early is the best thing to do. The

reason can be boiled down to one thing: money.

He said some employers feel as if they can lessen the salary because they know students looking for jobs right before graduation have limited options.

"The later you wait when it comes to graduation, the more advantage you give to an employer when negotiating salary" Thompson said.



TCU'S NEWS AND EVENTS PAGE

GRADUATION Students graduating this fall may have better luck finding a job straight out of school.

finals week

Frogs CARE aims to increase student wellness, decrease stress

By Amanda Aguilar

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Students involved in Frogs CARE hosted an event earlier this week to educate students on how to have a healthier finals week.



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FROGS CARE Students destress by playing with puppies in the BLUU.

Under the guidance of the Alcohol and Drug Education Center, these students aim to educate "the TCU Community about alcohol, other substances, and related health and wellness issues such as sexual health and stress," according to its website.

"And they [the Frogs CARE students] decided that as students they were feeling stressed towards the end of the semester and so they wanted to do something that would help alleviate and relax some of our students as they go into finals exams and head home for the holidays," said Yvonne Giovanis, Alcohol and Drug Education associate director.

Although similar events have been held by the organization before, the students involved in the planning added new elements this year.

The new elements involved physical stress relief. Students were given bubble wrap to pop. The United Latinos Association, who partnered with Frogs CARE, provided piñatas in the shape of Christmas trees for students to hit. Students scrambled to get the candy once a piñata broke open.

There was also a spin wheel with studying

facts and myths. A student could spin the wheel and answer a question from one of the many categories. If a student answered correctly, they could enter a drawing for a free massage.

Mugs with healthy study tips were provided near a hot chocolate station. Briyet Sigala, senior psychology major and Frogs CARE member, said the mugs were her favorite element to the event.

"It's kind of like a little prescription," Sigala said. "It's our prescription to the students for them to have a healthier finals week and for them to be more efficient and more effective."

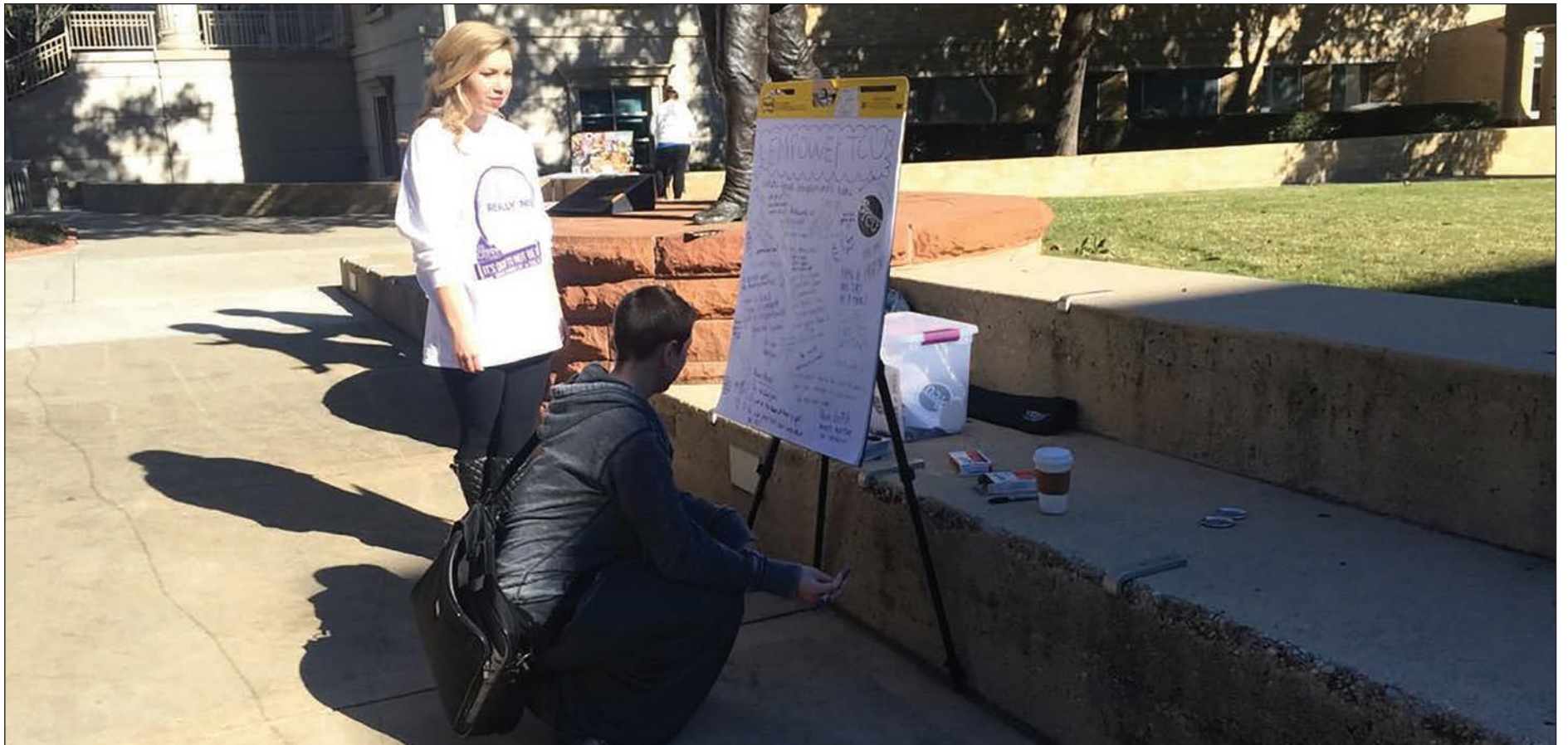
But the favorite aspect to the event seemed to be the puppy therapy. Volunteers from St. Paul Lutheran Church brought comfort dogs for students to pet. Students flocked to the dogs, and most even spent a great around the animals. Every student had a smile on his or her face while petting the dogs.

Ally Coyne, first-year biology major, said she enjoyed the puppy therapy because she would always pet her dog when she got stressed out at home.

Students left the event better educated on how to have a healthier finals week.

student government

SGA says: 'It's okay to not be okay' through Empower TCU



MONICA DZIAK / TCU360

MENTAL HEALTH SGA put on Empower TCU Wellness Campaign last week. Students could write empowering messages on sticky notes throughout the program.

By Monica Dzik

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Two weeks before finals week, students were reminded about the importance of seeking help when dealing with stress, anxiety and depression.

Sticky notes reminding students "it's okay to not be okay," and that talking about how you're feeling is healthy, could be found across campus last week as part of the Empower TCU Wellness Campaign.

The second annual campaign was also responsible for the lawn signs across campus that reflected on how common anxiety and stress can be.

Thirty-three percent of TCU students reported feeling stressed, which is 5 percent above the national average; 16 percent of students felt too depressed to function, according to the campaign.

Empower TCU was specifically scheduled close to finals week, in order to get people talking about something that touches a lot of students, said Lizzie Sparks, one of the campaign's Wellness Directors.

She said the idea was formulated about two months ago with the hope that it'd make people want to talk about mental health issues, rather than shy away.

"We really wanted to channel those people who don't want to be reached, because if you're struggling with those things, it's really hard to talk about," Sparks said. "We wanted to make sure with this campaign, we were effectively reaching those who usually don't want to be reached."

The campaign included a video that features three students' personal stories of stress, anxiety and depression. Each student revealed they sought help by talking to others—one spoke with a friend, one went to Campus Life and one went to the Counseling & Mental Health Center.

Parker Levy, a senior marketing major, was one of the students in the video. He revealed at a stress relief event during the campaign how he "vividly remembers sitting in [his] shower and freezing up for 15 or 20 minutes, not being able to do anything."

"See what's best for yourself, but don't internalize things -- it's the worst thing you can do."

LIZZIE SPARKS

WELLNESS DIRECTOR FOR EMPOWER TCU

Levy said a friend suggested he go to Campus Life, but Levy said he hesitated because he felt he was strong enough and didn't need a therapist.

But once he decided to go, he continued to go for months.

"I think my story can help people realize there are resources on campus that can help you that you don't have to be afraid of," Levy said. "They'll help you not feel like you're only focusing on yourself by

going; they'll help you find ways to help yourself by pouring into other people or pouring into things you're passionate about."

Sparks said it's important for students to find help in the best way possible for themselves.

"Some people are comfortable talking to people they don't know, and some people are comfortable talking to people they know," Sparks said. "So just take a breath, evaluate your situation and think, 'Would I benefit more from telling someone I know or telling a professional?'"

"See what's best for yourself, but don't internalize things—it's the worst thing you can do."

She also said the campaign has already fulfilled its goal in inspiring students to seek help when dealing with anxiety, depression or stress.

"Someone told my co-director that because of the video we released talking about stress, she went to the Counseling Center to talk to somebody," Sparks said. "So it's great that we've been able to reach just one person, that's a good enough goal on its own."

SGA President Maddie Reddick said it's good students were receptive to the campaign.

"I think it's good students want to talk about this and do something about it," Reddick said. "I think it was a really positive week to talk about something that's not always talked about that touches the lives of students."

The sticky notes from the campaign will be hanging in the library during finals week so students will see the empowering messages when they walk in.

syrian crisis

Judge: No hearing this week in Syrian refugee case

By Alexa Ura
THE TEXAS TRIBUNE, TEXASTRIBUNE.ORG

A federal judge in Dallas said Monday it will be several weeks before he takes up a case in which Texas is suing the federal government and a refugee nonprofit over Syrian refugees, according to a lawyer connected to the suit. That is despite the state’s request for a hearing before Wednesday.

In a conference call, U.S. District Judge David C. Godbey told attorneys involved in the lawsuit that he would not hold a hearing this week, according to Rebecca Robertson, policy and legal director of the ACLU of Texas, which is representing the nonprofit being sued. An aide to Godbey and a spokeswoman for the U.S. Department of Justice confirmed that.

During the call, Godbey directed the state, the federal government and the International Rescue Committee, the nonprofit being sued, to submit briefings in the next few weeks, Robertson said.

On Friday, the federal government disclosed its plan to resettle 21 Syrian refugees in Texas this week. Also Friday, Texas conceded its request to block the families’ arrival, but Attorney General Ken Paxton said the state would move forward with its lawsuit and

requested a hearing by Wednesday.

Though Godbey did not set the hearing, Paxton described the conference call as “a step in the right direction” because it resulted in a directive that the federal government should provide state officials with “advance notice of its intent to settle refugees within the state.”

“The Obama Administration contends they have no duty to share with states any information on refugees. As a result of our lawsuit, the Administration has been instructed otherwise,” Paxton said in a statement. He added that federal attorneys had offered information to assure state officials that the refugees headed to Texas this week do not have “material ties” to terrorism.

In the lawsuit filed last week, Texas argued that the federal government and the International Rescue Committee — one of about 20 private nonprofits that have a state contract to resettle refugees in Texas — are violating federal law by moving forward with resettling Syrian refugees in the state after Gov. Greg Abbott ordered them not to do so. The lawsuit argues that the federal government and resettlement group have not fulfilled their contractual obligations to consult with, and provide information to, state



UNHCR
SYRIAN REFUGEES A child walks in a United Nations refugee camp in Turkey.

officials.

Federal officials have argued that governors do not have jurisdiction over which refugees are placed in the states. In its response Friday, the federal government said the state’s argument is “without merit” because it has met its contractual obligations under the Refugee Act of 1980.

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TCU GRADUATION WEEKEND EVENT GUIDE

By **Nick Pauszek**

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Graduating from college is an enormous achievement that should be celebrated, but Horned

Frog families that aren't from around Fort Worth don't always know what to do or where to go while in town.

The fall commencement ceremony is Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Ed and Rae Schollmaier Arena, but families will need to pass the time until then and find

a place to celebrate afterwards.

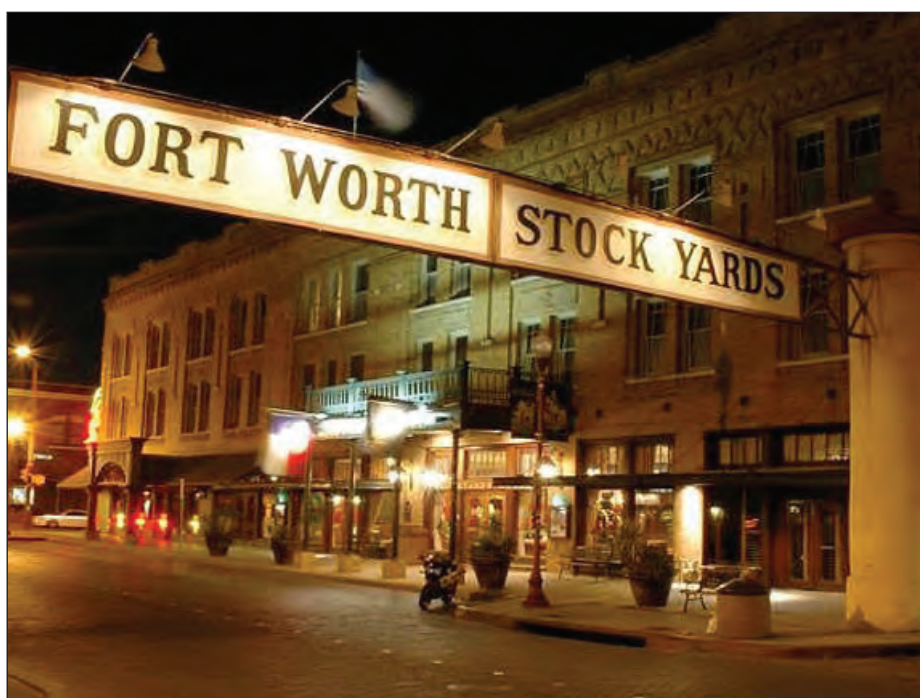
This list of activities, restaurants and events going on in Fort Worth will make sure that families of soon-to-be alumni have a weekend (Dec. 17-19) they'll never forget.

DAYTIME ACTIVITIES:

The Fort Worth Zoo: Rated as the second-best thing to do while in Fort Worth, the zoo is a fun time for the whole family that has a wide range of animals to enjoy.



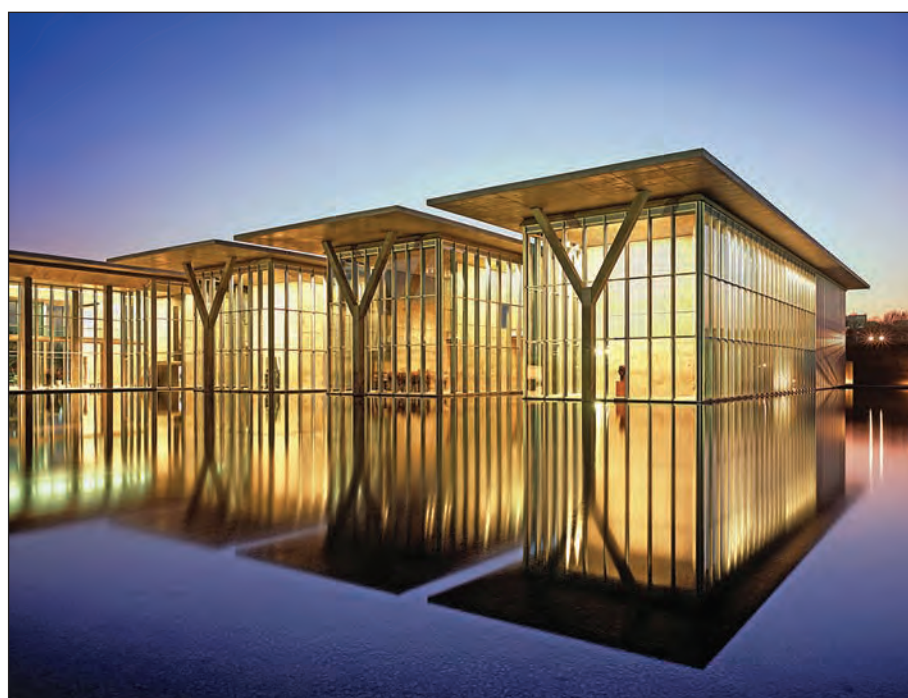
The Stockyards: The daily herding of cattle is always a sight to see. Something is always going on in the Stockyards, from the armadillo races to the carriage rides. Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show is also happening Saturday 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.



Fort Worth Botanic Gardens: Visit the oldest botanic garden in Texas that sits on 109 acres of land and features thousands of different plants.



Modern Art Museum: Fort Worth's museum of modern art has many exhibitions going on currently. Artists include Kehinde Wiley, Joyce Pensato and pieces from the Permanent Collection.



NIGHTTIME ACTIVITIES:

Texas Motor Speedway: Gift of Lights: Ever wonder what driving on a NASCAR track is like? Look no further because here's the chance. Drive on the track and under millions of Christmas lights at the speedway.

West 7th Bars: The bar scene on West 7th is a great place to get some drinks with your Horned Frog and those in your family who are old enough to drink.

West 7th Starlight Symphony: West 7th is home to a new light and music show synced to holiday classics. The light show debuts Friday at 6 p.m.

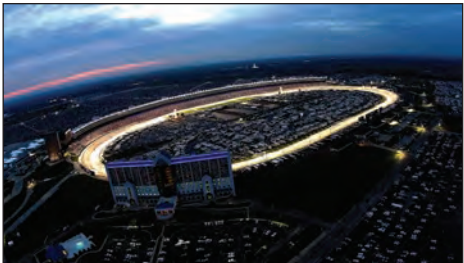
The Stockyards: Just like during the day, there's a lot going on at night. On Friday and Saturday nights the Stockyards Rodeo Championship showcases the best local talent.



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Del Frisco's Steakhouse: This steakhouse in downtown Fort Worth is a great place to celebrate and has a delicious menu to match.

Texas De Brazil: A Brazilian style steakhouse features all-you-can-eat meat and much more. For a different take on steak, go here.

Clay Pigeon Food and Drink: This restaurant was voted best new restaurant in 2014 by Fort Worth Weekly magazine.

Reata: Also in downtown, this southwestern-themed restaurant features a scenic view of downtown while enjoying a meal.

The Stockyards: All the fun of the Stockyards means you need somewhere to refuel, and luckily there are several places to eat. From stands on the side of the road to full scale restaurants, there's plenty to choose from.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Randy Roger's Band at Billy Bob's: The country music band is playing Friday night, Dec. 18 and Saturday night, Dec. 19.

Stewart Mann & Statesboro Revue at Billy Bob's: Unlike Randy Roger's Band, Stewart and his crew are a rock band that have been in the business for awhile. They play Thursday night only.

Sundance Square Friday Night Concert Series: The weekly installment of the concert series features former contestant from 'The Voice', Luke Wade.



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Blocks posted by the TCU volleyball team against Hawaii in the postseason

19-10

Record for the TCU volleyball team this season (W-L)

61.1

Free throw percentage by the men's TCU basketball team on Dec. 5 against Colgate

26

Defensive rebounds by the men's TCU basketball team against Colgate

11

Consecutive home games won by the TCU volleyball for the longest winning streak in program history

CFP Rankings

- 1. Clemson (-)
- 2. Alabama (-)
- 3. Michigan St. (+2)
- 4. Oklahoma (-1)
- 5. Iowa (-1)
- 6. Stanford (+1)
- 7. Ohio State (-1)
- 8. Notre Dame (-)
- 9. Florida St. (-)
- 10. North Carolina (-)
- 11. TCU (-)

AP Poll

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NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP TCU volleyball players Jillian Bergeson and Regan McGuire make a block in their Dec. 4 game against Hawaii. The Frogs lost 3-2.



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MEN'S BASKETBALL TCU player Malique Trent makes a fast break against SMU in Fort Worth on Dec. 2. SMU defeated TCU 75-70.

sports calendar

f11 Men's basketball vs. Prairie View A&M
7 p.m. in Fort Worth

sa12 Women's basketball vs. Notre Dame
11 a.m. in Fort Worth

sa12 Men's indoor track at Reveille Invitational
All Day in College Station

sa12 Women's indoor track at Reveille Invitational
All Day in College Station

th17 Swimming and diving vs. Pro-Am Classic
6 p.m. in Lewisville

f18 Swimming and diving vs. Pro-Am Classic
5 p.m. in Lewisville



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san bernadino

FBI: California shooters radicalized at least 2 years ago

By Eric Tucker

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The two San Bernardino shooters were radicalized at least two years ago and had discussed jihad and martyrdom as early as 2013, one year before they married, FBI Director James Comey said Wednesday.

Comey told the Senate Judiciary Committee that investigators believe that Syed Rizwan Farook and his wife, Tashfeen Malik, were radicalized even before they began their online relationship and that Malik held extremist views before she arrived in the U.S. last year.

He told the panel that the two “as early as the end of 2013 were talking to each other about jihad and martyrdom before they became engaged and married and were living in the U.S.”

The disclosure means that Malik’s radicalization had already begun when she applied for a visa to come to the U.S. to get married, and that the government’s vetting process apparently failed to detect it. Comey said he didn’t know enough to say whether weaknesses in the visa process enabled her to enter the U.S.

Malik moved from Pakistan to the U.S. in July 2014 and married Farook the following month. Farook was born in Chicago in 1987 and raised in southern California.

FBI officials had previously said that the couple had been radicalized for “quite some time,” but the disclosure Wednesday was the most specific yet about the timeline of their relationship and progression toward extremism.

Comey said the couple was clearly inspired by a foreign terror organization, but that investigators



SUSAN WALSH / ASSOCIATED PRESS

GUN VIOLENCE FBI Director James Comey prepares to testify on Capitol Hill in Washington about the San Bernardino shootings last week.

did not yet know whether their online courtship was arranged by such a group or developed naturally.

“It would be a very, very important thing to know,” he said.

The FBI director described the couple as an example of homegrown violent extremists who appear to have radicalized “in place,” drawing a distinction between the San Bernardino attack and the one last month in Paris that officials suspect involved planning and training in Syria.

Comey declined to say what role, if any, encrypted communications played in last week’s massacre.

Though he said the Obama administration was not seeking to address concerns over data encryption on smartphones, he said he remained concerned that criminals, terrorists and spies were using such technology to evade detection.

“Increasingly, we are unable to see what they say, which gives them a tremendous advantage,” he said.

He said one of the gunmen in last May’s shooting outside a Prophet Mohammed cartoon contest in Garland, Texas had exchanged more than 100 messages prior to the attack that investigators still had been unable to access.

home court advantage

Women’s basketball takes 11th consecutive win at home

By Brandon Ucker

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TCU Women’s basketball won 80-42 Saturday afternoon against the University of Louisiana-Monroe at the University Recreation Center.

The Horned Frogs held the lead the entire game and came out strong in the first quarter with a 21-7 lead.

Three players had points in the double digits. Senior All-American candidate Zahna Medley led the team scoring 20 points. Freshman Jordan Moore followed with 16 points and sophomore Toree

Thompson scored 15 points.

Medley scored six three-point field goals, bringing her to 250 total three-point field goals in her career.

Head coach Raegan Pebley said she was impressed with Medley’s performance.

“Zahna has been a steady leader for us,” Pebley said. “She’s not just a scorer.”

This is the team’s 11th consecutive win at home this season, the third longest streak in program history.

The Frogs took on Stephen F. Austin in a four-game homestand at the University Recreation Center on Dec. 9.



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STRONG SEASON The Lady Frogs beat University of Louisiana-Monroe 80-42 on Saturday at TCU for their 11th consecutive home win.

weapon violence

Texas gun rights group plans fake mass shooting demonstration



JENNIFER WHITNEY / TEXAS TRIBUNE
GUNS “Come and Take It San Antonio!” gun rights rally at The Alamo, San Antonio, Oct. 19, 2013. A Texas gun rights group plans to hold a fake mass shooting Saturday.

By Luqman Adeniyl
THE TEXAS TRIBUNE, TEXASTRIBUNE.ORG

A Texas gun rights group plans to hold a fake mass shooting demonstration Saturday at the University of Texas at Austin to protest gun-free zones.

The event planned by Come And Take It Texas will feature members of the organization acting out a mass shooting with cardboard guns, fake blood, and fake sounds of gun shots, according to a spokesman for the group, which is also known as DontComply.com.

Come and Take It Texas created what it is calling the “Open Carry Walk and Crisis

Performance” event because of renewed discussions by politicians and the media about cracking down on gun rights, according to the group’s spokesman, Matthew Short.

“We want to bring light to the fact that people are dying because we outlaw guns,” Short said. “We are going to do it as a visual demonstration so that people can get an understanding of what might actually happen in this situation.”

Texas lawmakers passed a campus carry law earlier this year that will require all public universities to allow concealed handguns on campus, though they may create gun-free zones. Private universities can opt out of the law, which goes into effect in August.

bowl games

TCU to face Oregon in the Alamo Bowl

By Dean Straka
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The No. 11 Horned Frogs are heading to San Antonio this bowl season, as they will face the No. 15 Oregon Ducks in the Alamo Bowl at the Alamodome on Jan. 2, 2016.

It is the first time TCU has been selected to play in the Alamo Bowl, while it will be the second to trip to San Antonio for Oregon in three seasons.

The Ducks finished the season 9-3 overall and 7-2 in the Pac-12 conference. After a rocky 3-3 start to the season, the Ducks won their last six games, including wins over ranked Stanford and USC.

The game will feature a match-up of two of the highest rated offenses in the nation. Many anticipated TCU to face Oregon in the Rose Bowl last

season before the Frogs were dropped from No. 3 to No. 6 in the final week of of the 2014 CFP rankings.

Despite finishing in the top 12 and six spots ahead of No. 17 Oklahoma State, the Frogs did not receive a bid to a New Year’s Six bowl game this season. Instead, the Cowboys are heading to New Orleans, representing the Big 12 in the NY6 as they face off against Ole Miss in the Allstate Sugar Bowl on New Year’s Day.

Oklahoma State won the tie-breaker over the Frogs for second place in the Big 12 conference with a head-to-head win over TCU on their side. With the Big 12 Champion Oklahoma Sooners headed to the College Football Playoff, the second place team in the conference is slotted for the Sugar Bowl.

Kickoff for the Alamo Bowl is set for 5:45 p.m.




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END OF SEASON TCU will take on Oregon in the Alamo-dome in San Antonio on Jan. 2.

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Jordan Prather

education

Texas public schools are poorer, more diverse

By Kiah Collier and Alexa Ura

THE TEXAS TRIBUNE, TEXASTRIBUNE.ORG

If you stepped into a classroom at one of Fort Bend Independent School District's campuses, you'd probably find one of the most diverse groups of students in the state.

With a 72,000-student population, the school district southwest of Houston is the most diverse among the state's traditional, non-charter school districts. The makeup of its student population comes closest to having equal shares of the nation's four major ethnic groups — white, black, Hispanic and Asian.

Only 18 percent of Fort Bend ISD's students are white, and almost a quarter of students are Asian. The rest of the student population is either black or Hispanic. Though it's the most extreme example of diversity, Fort Bend is a microcosm of the changing demographics of Texas' 5 million-plus student population.

The makeup of the Texas public school system has become less white and poorer in recent decades, according to the most recent data from the Texas Education Agency reflected in The Texas Tribune's Texas Public Schools Explorer. It's a change that's largely attributable to massive growth in the state's Hispanic and Asian populations.



BOB DAEMMRICH / TEXAS TRIBUNE

EDUCATION Schoolchildren watch the Veterans Day parade on Congress Avenue on Nov. 11..

During the 2014-15 school year, well over half of the state's 5.2 million public school students were Hispanic. That's up from 15 years ago, when about 40 percent of the state's 4 million public school students were Hispanic. At the same time, the Asian student population doubled, but kids of Asian descent still make up a tiny portion — 4 percent — of the statewide student population.

Since the turn of the century, the white student

population has plummeted by about a third — down from 43 percent of all students in 2000 to less than 29 percent during the last school year. Meanwhile, the black student population has remained largely the same, declining slightly in the past five years to less than 13 percent of the student population in the 2014-15 school year.

This story has been edited for length.

gun legislation

Hill Democrats seek spotlight to curb terror suspects' guns

By Alan Fram

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON -- Democrats took to the floors of the Senate and House on Tuesday to draw attention to their drive to prevent suspected violent extremists from obtaining guns, an issue they believe has gained potency from last week's shooting massacre in California.

Facing certain defeat, Democrats in both chambers unsuccessfully tried forcing votes on legislation that would let the government prohibit firearms sales to people suspected of terror acts. Debate, livid at times, came days after a Muslim couple who federal authorities say adopted extremist views killed 14 people last week in San Bernardino, California.

Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., called it "absolute insanity" that suspected violent extremists are not already among the categories of people barred from purchasing firearms from gun dealers. Without naming them, he blamed the gap on the National Rifle Association, which for years has used an alliance

with gun-rights lawmakers, mostly Republicans, to block gun control legislation in Congress.

"We can't let a small group, an influential, powerful lobbying group, make Americans less safe," Schumer said.

No. 2 Senate Republican leader John Cornyn blocked debate on the legislation, which is sponsored by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., a longtime advocate of gun curbs.

He offered his own plan giving the government 72 hours to delay gun sales to those suspected of terror acts and persuade a judge to block that sale, and letting the government immediately arrest the suspect. Democrats blocked that.

Cornyn said Democrats were trying to "capitalize" on last week's California shootings "to justify this unconstitutional attempt to deny American citizens their core constitutional rights," such as gun ownership.

The Senate last week rejected Feinstein's proposal and a Cornyn proposal similar to Tuesday's.

Republicans have reacted to the San Bernardino killings by emphasizing national security, pushing



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CAPITOL HILL Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-NY, called the lack of restriction "absolute insanity."

legislation stiffening restrictions on refugees and travel to the U.S.

In the House, Democrats led by Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif., a leading gun control advocate, forced a series of procedural votes to protest GOP leaders' refusal to allow debate on legislation by Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., that is similar to Feinstein's.

graduation

Seniors send message with decorated graduation caps

By Madison McCorkle
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Hot glue, glitter and bold letters. These are staples of graduation preparations for seniors decorating their caps.

On Dec. 19, the fall 2015 graduates will shuffle into the newly renovated Ed and Rae Schollmaier Area for Commencement, and while the students will be dressed in matching purple gowns and caps, not all caps will look the same.

Decorating caps has become a popular tradition among students as they want to show off their creativity or thank someone.

Delaney Owen, a graduating senior and Strategic Communication major, said she has seen people decorating their caps since her freshman year. She said she and a group of her friends are getting together to decorate their caps before commencement.

“I think it’s a fun way to show your future plans, thank your parents or reflect on your time here,” said Owen.

For Cooper Henson, a graduating senior and a film to digital media major, the decorated caps



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALEX CORBETT

CRAFTY Two seniors decorated their caps for spring 2015 commencement. Hot glue to glitter are staples at graduation.

offer a distraction during commencement and something fun to look at.

“You’ll usually see some pretty funny caps,” said Henson.

According to the TCU Commencement website,

seniors can pick up their cap and gowns from the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center starting Dec. 17th from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. or Dec. 18th between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. All others can be picked up at the graduation line.



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fitness

Group exercise classes gain a high-intensity upgrade

By Kayley Ryan

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The University Recreation Center shifted its focus this fall from aerobic, choreographed group exercise classes to 'high-intensity interval training' with updates to its cycle facilities and the names of its HIIT-style classes.

Ryan Keller, associate director of fitness and wellness, said in its cycle studio, the recreation center installed 26 new Keiser bikes and two 60-inch screens that can display anything from themed rides to music videos.

Psycho Cycle fitness instructor Patrick Martin said the new Keiser bikes are a huge improvement, as they utilize magnets rather than friction to make the ride smooth and the bike durable.

"There's no gym in the city that has these type of bikes," Martin said.

Martin said the two newly installed screens display the power, calories, heart rate and distance each cyclist generates.

This builds a community where each cyclist can track his or her progress, Martin said.

While new bikes have amped up the intensity in the cycle classes, new names have shifted the emphasis in what used to be called boot camp classes.

HIIT Cardio Blast, HIIT Fit and HIIT & Kick received their names this fall and shifted emphasis to match the trend of high-intensity interval training in the fitness industry, Keller said.

The recreation center also changed the name of Athletic Conditioning to Triple Threat, Keller said.

Triple Threat fitness instructor Henry Aleck said his class, which utilizes strength circuits and conditioning for full-body fitness, is the most high-intensity focused.

Keller said the popularity of HIIT-style classes like Triple Threat contributed to the new names and high-intensity emphasis in HIIT Cardio Blast, HIIT Fit and HIIT & Kick.

"Overall, people are moving away from choreographed dance classes and moving to sweating a little more," Keller said.

Keller added that they don't see as high of a demand for the classes they formerly offered. HIIT Cardio Blast fitness instructor Koy Garrett, whose class also utilizes circuits to work various muscles, said research in the fitness industry has pointed to higher intensity as being more effective over a short period of time.

"We really don't need to exercise for an hour," Garrett said. "Thirty minutes is all we need."

Surging interest in high-intensity:

Keller said the new focus on higher intensity is in response to participants' interest in the style.

"I don't think people are scared to work hard anymore," Keller said. "I think they're in fact looking for that."



KAYLEY RYAN / TCU 360

HEALTH There were 26 new Keiser bikes and two 60-inch screens added to the cycle studio.

In late November, HIIT Cardio Blast and Triple Threat brought in a range of nine to 12 participants to their Monday and Tuesday classes, while Psycho Cycle brought in 11 participants to its Monday class.

Keller said the fitness instructors are crucial to keeping retention rates high in these classes.

Courtney Dyer, a participant in Martin's Psycho Cycle class, said she has taken all the group exercise instructors since her freshman year but likes Martin the

"There's no gym in the city that has these type of bikes."

PATRICK MARTIN
PSYCHO CYCLE FITNESS INSTRUCTOR

best.

"It's always like inspiring just for me when he's up there like completely talking fine in a pool of sweat while we're all trying to keep up," Dyer said.

In Garrett's HIIT Cardio Blast class, Gaby Vallarino said she likes the instructor's enthusiasm and motivational teaching style.

Maria Andrade said she has taken Aleck's Triple Threat class since the beginning of the semester and likes the nonstop action in Aleck's class.

Time and cost:

Psycho Cycle with Martin meets every Monday at 6 p.m. and every Wednesday at 6 a.m. in Multi-Purpose Room 3 downstairs, according to the GroupEx schedule

for fall 2015 on the recreation center's website.

HIIT Cardio Blast with Garrett meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in Multi-Purpose Room 1 but is also taught on Thursdays and Fridays by different instructors.

Triple Threat with Aleck meets Mondays at 4 p.m., but the class is also offered Wednesday by a different instructor.

Participants can purchase a \$100 all-class pass, which gives them unlimited access to any group exercise class for the semester, Keller said.

Keller said participants can also purchase a one-day pass for \$5 and the recreation center occasionally offers free passes.

Looking ahead:

Looking to the near future, Keller said one new program in the works is "fitness-to-go," which could allow group exercise classes to be held in more convenient venues, such as students' residence halls.

Yoga is the prime candidate for the program, since the only equipment needed are yoga mats that hall residents could easily borrow for the class, Keller said.

Keller said the recreation center would also like to highlight the profiles of group exercise instructors on its website.

Currently the website only features information on the personal trainers, and Keller said having profiles on the instructors could help participants decide which class to attend.

"We do find that sometimes people could care less what class they're going to," Keller said. "They love the instructor they follow, so they'll go to whatever class that person teaches."

legal

Wary high court tackles Texas ‘one person, one vote’ case

By Mark Sherman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON -- Practical concerns about forcing states to abandon the way they have drawn electoral districts for more than 50 years seemed to give a key justice pause Tuesday in a Supreme Court case of immense importance to the nation’s growing Latino population.

The court heard arguments in a case from Texas on the meaning of the principle of ‘one person, one vote,’ which the court has said requires that political districts be roughly equal in population.

But it has left open whether states must count all residents, or only eligible voters, in drawing district lines.

In Texas, and other states with large immigrant populations, the difference is more than academic. Urban districts include many more people who are too young, not citizens or otherwise ineligible to vote.

Two rural Texas voters are challenging the use of total population data in drawing state Senate districts because they say it inflates the voting power of city dwellers at their expense.



JACQUELYN MARTIN / AP IMAGE

JUSTICE People stand in line hoping to enter the Supreme Court in Washington.

Their arguments seemed to make some headway Tuesday with Justice Anthony Kennedy, the pivotal vote on so many close high court cases.

When some districts of roughly equal population have dramatically different numbers of eligible voters, shouldn’t Texas “at least give some consideration to this

disparity that you have among voters?” Kennedy asked.

Later he wondered whether states could produce districts that were roughly equal in terms of overall population and eligible voters, saying, “Why is one option exclusive of the other? Why can’t they have both?”



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projected renovations

Students react to future library renovation plans

By Matt Johnson
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The Mary Coutts Burnett Library has plans in motion to renovate the now older sections of the library in order to match the newer wings.

June Koelker, dean of the library, said the positive comments to the new building have been great to hear and there are plans for future renovations.

The project covered the off campus Library annex, the West entrance, and the East entrance.

Plans couldn't go past that at the time because parts of the library had to remain open to the TCU body during renovations, Koelker said.

"The remaining section of the library had to be a working library during the construction year so we could not turn the entire library into a construction zone at the same time," Koelker said.

Koelker said now that the library's renovation featuring more space and modern updates has been completed, there are already preliminary plans to add even more.

"Decisions are under consideration how best to go forward now that we have so much successfully completed," Koelker said. "We had to do this in parts since the library was a working library during the construction year."

Some students said they feel more renovations to the library could be more of a hassle than anything else.

Luke Warren, a junior film, television and digital media major, said it was difficult to go so long without having access to a lot of the library.

"There has been a lot of construction already, and while I enjoy what has been done, it would be tough to have to spend time away from the library if they did more renovation because it'll get so loud and cramped again," Warren said.

The idea of having a more modern section and



MATT JOHNSON / TCU360

LIBRARY GETS A FACELIFT The recent renovations to the Mary Coutts Burnett Library have left the building with more modern, as well as older, wings.

a separate older section isn't a reason to jump back in with more construction, Warren added.

For others, the idea of moving forward with more construction on the library is very exciting.

Katy Rosser, a junior film, television and digital media major, said the new library is perfect for the student body because it provides more space for studying and multimedia activities.

"I think the library was due for an update as well as an extension," Rosser said. "My favorite aspect of the renovated library would be the multiple study space options that are now available, whether it be in a private reserved room or in any of the more open study areas."

Even though parts of the library have an older

look now, they can still be a great, quiet place to study, Rosser said.

"My favorite part of the library as a whole would be the middle section that hasn't been updated, it works well as the quiet study space that it is now and it even adds a historic feel to the building," Rosser said.

Rosser said that if there are future renovations, more space for computer and printing space would add more convenience to the library setting and allow students to move through quicker.

The older wing of the library will feature new furniture and similar seating styles as the new wing of the library once it is renovated, Koelker said.

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faculty-student relationships

Chemistry professor schools students on and off the court

By Evan Watson

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For more than 35 years, TCU professor David Minter has mixed organic chemistry with a powerful backhand.

Minter uses racquetball as a way to connect with his students outside of the classroom. He says he's played hundreds of students over the years, even setting up weekly games that have lasted from students' sophomore years to graduation.

Students say Minter often grabs a meal with them after racquetball matches, showing a genuine dedication that is representative of his character.

"He's compassionate, and hardworking, and just has a heart of gold," senior chemistry and math

major Samuel Floren said.

As an additional sign of his diligence, Minter says he hasn't missed a TCU home basketball game in 35 years.

"Oh, I don't miss basketball games," Minter said. "Everybody deserves support, and I'm always there."

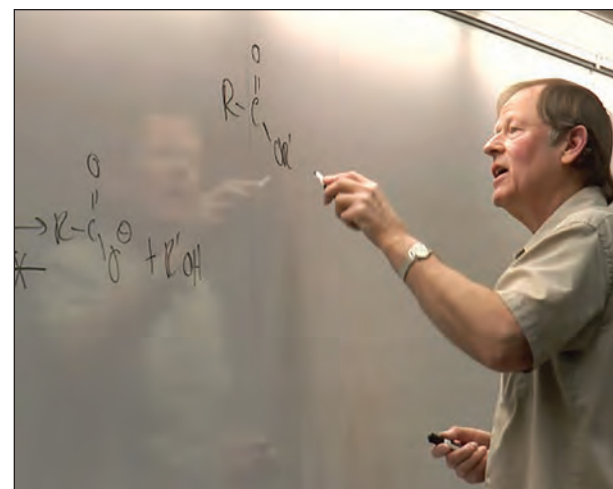
TCU alumnus Luke Lossau still plays racquetball with Minter. He said he's very close to Minter because of racquetball, and has even asked Minter to attend his upcoming wedding.

For Minter, there's no sign of slowing down.

"I view racquetball as that lifetime sport,"

Minter said.

With a passion for sharing his favorite lifetime sport, Minter has been able to affect his students' lives.



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VERSATILE FACULTY Chemistry professor David Minter connects with students outside of the classroom with racquetball.

tree traditions

Fort Worth's Heritage Tree Program adds two more

By Kyla Wilcher

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Fort Worth's Heritage Tree Program has two new additions: a black willow and a green ash.

The black willow, located at 9839 Watercress Drive, is a Texas champion tree. It stands 67 feet tall.

The green ash is a 64-foot-tall tree in the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge. Located at Ten Mile Bridge and Wells Burnett Road, the tree is in an area that is currently dealing with high water levels.

The Heritage Tree Program began in 2009, after an old tree was cut down to make room for a driving range.

The Heritage Tree Program's objective is to bring attention to historic trees and connect them to the local community. By classifying a tree as part of the heritage program, the tree is recognized as a local landmark.

Melinda Adams, the city forester, received a degree in forestry from Stephen F. Austin State University.

"I went into forestry because I knew sooner rather than later it was going to be so important to plant and protect trees, to try and offset the negative things that we've done to the environment," Adams said.

To be selected as a heritage tree, a tree must meet at least one of the Heritage Program's guidelines:

- Be located in Fort Worth city limits
- Possess an unusual size, age, species signifi-



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TREE HERITAGE Fort Worth's Heritage Tree Program added a black willow tree (seen above) and a green ash tree.

cance or other characteristic that contributes to its heritage status

- Be located on a historic site, such as the Trader's Oak, or contribute to the history of a site
- Enjoy notoriety, such as the I-30 homeless Christmas tree
- Serve as a well-known landmark, such as the Martel Avenue and Oakland Boulevard pecan trees
- Contribute to significant community ties

"The main criteria of a heritage tree is the shared experience it creates," Adams said. "It has to have some cultural significance. Just because someone has a big tree in their backyard doesn't mean it's a heritage tree – even though it may be nice."

Citizens can nominate trees by filling out the nomination form. A committee reviews the nominations, and every year the new heritage trees are announced at the city's Arbor Day festivities. There is no ordinance for protection to accompany the Heritage Tree Program.

student performance

TCU Cello Ensemble makes its semester finale

By Kelsey Ritchie

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The TCU Cello Ensemble brought the semester to a harmonized end at the concert in the Pepsico Recital Hall Friday evening. Twelve cellists, a mixture of both graduate and undergraduate students, performed pieces ranging from Mozart to Rossini.

The ensemble provides cellists with an opportunity to showcase and sharpen their talents. Students must audition prior to the semester and be willing to dedicate a considerable amount of time to practicing individually and rehearsing with the group.

This semester, the ensemble was directed by Ignancy Gaydamovich, a TCU alumni and a guest director. Gaydamovich said he has enjoyed his experience with the ensemble.

"Cello Ensemble is very specific," Gaydamovich explained. "It's a cross between chamber music and orchestral playing so they get to experience both things at the same time. It's a good thing to experience repertoire that comes from orchestra, but also some new pieces that no one has heard before."

Along with the uniqueness of the technicalities of the ensemble, graduate assistant McCaryn Bourgeois said she believes the camaraderie amongst group members is equally as unique.

"I think our studio is really special because it is very much like a family," Bourgeois said. "We do rehearsals during the day but then at night we do things like go shopping. I think it is really special that way because it makes us play better together."

Graduate assistant Liqian Zhao, a foreign exchange student from China who has been



KELSEY RITCHIE / TCU360

TCU CELLO ENSEMBLE Twelve cellists performed on stage at the Pepsico Recital Hall Dec. 4.

studying cello in the United States for the last two years, said the ensemble allowed her to experience something new while continuing to improve her skills on an instrument she has grown up playing.

"I picked cello because my father taught cello," Zhao said. "I've played since I was five and I realize now I can't live without cello. I need water, and the cello is the same thing with water. I had never played cello ensemble before I came to the US. It was a new experience to me and I really cherish it."

First year student Lexi Cole said the cello ensemble allows her to stay in touch with her musical side.

"It just brings out emotions that I don't get to bring out in other areas of my life," Cole said. "It's

just something really fun for me and the people are great."

The members of the ensemble worked hard to reflect their passion for the instrument in their end-of-the-semester performance. Gaydamovich said he felt that the concert was an example of all that the TCU School of Music has to offer to the campus community.

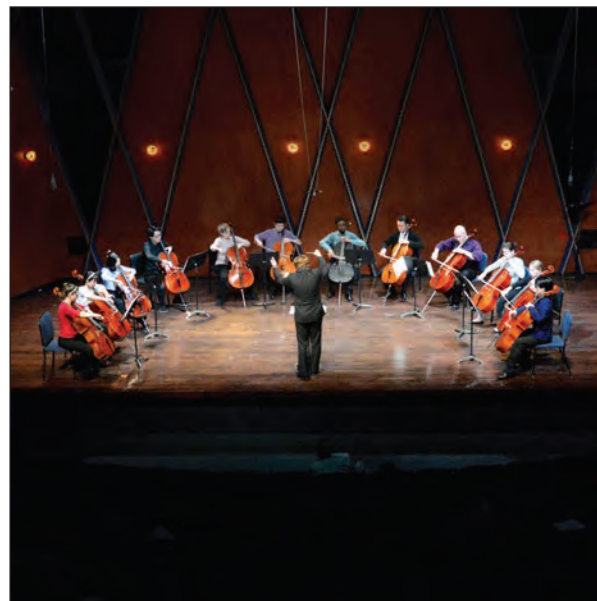
"The students and faculty here are amazing," Gaydamovich said. "It's also a school with a very high level of playing, especially in the cello studio. The entire campus— actually, the entire country— should know more about this school."

The recital, like the majority of the concerts offered by the school of music, was free admission and open to the public.



KELSEY RITCHIE / TCU360

SKILLS The ensemble provides cellists with an opportunity to showcase their talents.



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undergraduate author

Student publishes kid's book, 'The Howard Gardner Zoo'



ALEXIS KEABLE

IN THE CLASSROOM Alexis Keable, Kayla Kempson and students pose for a picture.

By Caroline Klapp
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She arranged brightly colored paper animals on the table in front of her. Looking at the giraffe, lion and monkeys, she talked through the process of creating them and watching class assignment become a published book.

Senior education major Alexis Keable turned in the original copy of the book, 'The Howard Gardner Zoo,' for a project in her educational psychology class.

"I started with the book idea and from that decided to take one of the learning theories and talk about it in a book setting because I could use a book in my future classroom," Keable said.

After Keable had her first copy made at Frog Prints, she said she received positive feedback and began looking into publishing.

"From people's responses I thought, 'okay, maybe I can do this,' and with professors' support I went through with it," Keable said.

Keable said she never thought of herself as an author or a writer, but with encouragement, she joined Create Space, a self publishing tool, and eventually published her book.

Assistant professor of education Brandy Quinn said the book helps

children understand who they are.

"What I really like about it was that she took something that she learned in terms of theories about how kids learn and turned that into something that is a tool for children," Quinn said. "And it's something that can help them understand more about themselves and who they are as students and as learners."

Keable said her goal in creating the book was to teach children that they have their own talents.

"The book is just about having kids know how amazing they are, and that's why I did it," Keable said.

Senior education major Kayla Kempson was a student teacher with Keable last semester. She was there the day when Keable read the book to the children and said the experience was really special.

"The kids loved it," Kempson said. "They thought she was famous so at the end they all asked for her autograph."

Since the book was published in August, Keable has sold over 175 copies through Amazon, Barnes and Noble and Create Space.

"I wrote the book with the purpose of having students, and children in general, know that they are smart and they have amazing gifts that they have to offer, even if they don't do well in a certain area," Keable said.

refugee resettlement

Syrian refugees welcomed by agencies despite states' fight

By Nomaan Merchant and Brian Slodysko

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS -- Days before a family of six Syrian refugees was to arrive in Texas, the furniture and supplies for their apartment were ready.

Local volunteers collected mattresses, toys and bicycles for two children. Syrians already settled here were prepared to welcome them and help them get acquainted with their new home thousands of miles from their war-torn homeland.

Even as governors in some states say Syrian refugees aren't welcome, resettlement agencies and volunteer groups with refugees continue welcoming them.

Refugees arrived this week in two cities in Texas and in Indiana, both states whose governors have said they reject Syrian refugees due to concerns they might pose a threat to public safety.

A family of six refugees was settled Monday night in Dallas, joining relatives living in the region



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SYRIA CRISIS Republican presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, gestures as he takes questions from the media about the resettlement of Syrian refugees in the U.S.

already, and a couple and their four daughters arrived in Houston. They arrived as Texas was mounting the most aggressive campaign of any state against Syrian refugees.

And a couple and their two young children arrived in Indiana at the invitation of the Roman Catholic archdiocese in Indianapolis, which went on with plans to resettle them despite calls from Gov. Mike Pence not to do so.

The family in Dallas arrived to a furnished apartment and a stocked refrigerator, said Lucy Carrigan, spokeswoman for the International Rescue Committee. An IRC caseworker was expected to meet with them shortly after their arrival and map out their next steps, from enrolling children in school to how to use local mass transit, said Donna Duvin, executive director of the IRC's Dallas office.

Duvin said her agency's work with the Syrian family was not greatly different from how it regularly helps refugees, though heavy media attention has followed this family's arrival. The agency, she said, wanted to "as much as possible, create a sense of a normal life" for this family and all refugees.

school safety

Two students arrested after shot fired near Arlington Heights School

By Elizabeth Campbell

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Two juveniles are in Fort Worth Police custody after an Arlington Heights High School student shot a handgun during a fight in the McDonald's parking lot across from the school Thursday afternoon, Sgt. Steve Enright said. No one was hurt.

Enright said a student fired a shot. Police originally believed another student picked up the gun then returned to school, however the gun later found in the second student's possession turned out to be a CO2 air pistol, and not the pistol fired outside of the McDonalds. That student found with the air pistol was arrested, Enright said.

Enright also said that the gun fired at the McDonalds is still missing.

Clint Bond, the External & Emergency Communications Director for Fort Worth ISD, said that up to three students could be arrested.

Witnesses said the fight happened around 1:45 p.m. while Arlington Heights students were on their lunch break.

A receptionist at Boyd W. Douglas Podiatry, which is across the street from the McDonald's, said she saw at least three teenagers running

through the parking lot and a woman chasing after them. She also said that the woman then directed the police on which way the teenagers ran.

At Arlington Heights, the campus was put into lockdown. By coincidence, the school had conducted lockdown drills earlier in the day.

"We thought it was just another drill at first and then when we realized it was not a drill it was really scary," freshman Savanna Gunn said. "We were all just huddled against the wall."

Junior David Dominguez said he knew the lockdown was real when his teacher started rushing to get students inside. Dominguez said he then ran outside as well to bring more students back into the building from their lunch break.

Once inside, students remained on lockdown for almost two hours as they waited for news.

"None of our teachers knew exactly what was going on," said freshman Ella DeMott. "They just had to keep us in the classroom."

Gunn said that the students passed the time talking to each other on their cell phones.

"We were all checking Snapchat and texting each other to spread the word about what was happening," Gunn said.

Police left the school around 3:45 p.m. and the

lockdown was lifted before the students were dismissed for the day. Gunn said that there was continued supervision as students left school.

"They walked us out to make sure we were safe," Gunn said. "There were people posted everywhere."



ARLINGTON HEIGHTS STUDENT

LOCKDOWN This photo circulated among students on Snapchat during a lockdown at Arlington Heights High School.

state refugee security act

Abbott, Cruz push new curbs on Syrian refugees entering U.S.

By Nomaan Merchant and Brian Slodysko
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gov. Greg Abbott and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas teamed up Tuesday to push new curbs on Syrian refugees entering the United States, with Cruz unveiling a new bill that would let states “opt out” of accepting some refugees.

“America is a charitable nation, but we cannot allow charity for some to compromise the safety for all,” Abbott said during a news conference with Cruz in Washington, D.C. “That is what has happened by the way that the federal government has interpreted and applied the Refugee Act that already exists.”

The new legislation, known as the State Refugee Security Act, would let a governor reject the resettlement of a refugee in his or her state “unless there is adequate assurance that the refugee does not present a security risk,” according to Cruz’s office. Abbott is among more than 30 chief state executives who have refused to accept Syrian refugees following the recent Paris attacks, citing concerns about the United States’ ability to vet the refugees for potential terrorists.

The news conference came four days after Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, Abbott’s successor, abandoned the state’s legal efforts to halt the arrival this week of 21 refugees in Dallas and Houston. Abbott emphasized Tuesday the state’s lawsuit to block the further resettlement of Syrian refugees in Texas is ongoing, referring additional questions to Paxton’s office.

“I will continue to do everything that I can to ensure that refugees from Syria who pose a danger to the people of the state of Texas will not be



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REFUGEE SECURITY Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas and Gov. Greg Abbott speak at a press conference in Washington, D.C. Dec. 8.

allowed to relocate into the state of Texas,” Abbott told reporters.

Texas’ fight with the federal government over Syrian refugees is unfolding against the backdrop of a presidential race in which Cruz has positioned himself as a fierce opponent of their resettlement in the United States. Cruz is also pushing legislation that would immediately place a a three-year moratorium on the United States accepting refugees from terrorist strongholds, including Iraq and Syria.

Both Abbott and Cruz declined to criticize Donald Trump, the current GOP presidential frontrunner, for his call Monday for “a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States.” Cruz, who has repeatedly refused to speak ill of Trump, reiterated that he disagrees with Trump’s proposal but brushed off questions about its constitutionality, saying he is “focused on my policies and the solutions that I am proposing.”

“Certainly in the media there has been no shortage of criticism of Donald Trump, and I do not believe the world needs my voice added to that chorus of critics,” Cruz said, praising Trump — as he has done for months — for “standing up and focusing America’s attention on the need to secure our borders.”



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employment rates

U.S. job openings slip in October; hirings on the rise

By Christopher Rugaber

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — U.S. employers advertised fewer jobs in October, though overall hiring picked up and quits rose slightly, adding to evidence the job market is slowly improving.

The number of job postings fell 2.7 percent to a still-healthy 5.4 million in October compared with the previous month, the Labor Department said Tuesday. That is not far from July's record high of 5.7 million.

Hiring picked up to 5.1 million, the most since June. And the number of people quitting their jobs, a sign of confidence in the job market, rose to 2.78 million. Still, that figure has been mostly flat this year.

Even with the drop in job openings, the data suggests companies are still on the lookout for more workers. The number of available jobs has increased 11 percent in the past year. That suggests businesses are still confident enough in future demand to increase their staffs, despite drags from slower overseas growth.

Federal Reserve chair Janet Yellen is closely monitoring the openings, hiring and quits figures as the Fed moves closer to raising short-term interest rates. Most analysts expect the Fed to move at its meeting next week.

Other surveys indicate that companies intend to keep hiring at a solid clip early next year. Staffing agency ManpowerGroup said in a separate report Tuesday that 20 percent of 11,000 employers it surveyed expect to add workers in the first quarter of 2016.



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EMPLOYMENT RATES Military veteran Mark Cannon talks with Cynthia Carcillo, veterans outreach representative for Career Source Broward, about employment opportunities at a job fair for veterans Oct. 6.

The company's hiring index reached the highest level for a first quarter since the beginning of 2007 just before the recession, ManpowerGroup said.

"We've seen strong jobs growth in the U.S. throughout 2015, along with declining unemployment and increasing wages, which brings a continued optimism for the start of 2016," said Jonas Prising, the CEO of ManpowerGroup. "We expect these broad trends to continue going into 2016, despite ongoing challenges in certain sectors like energy and manufacturing, as well as in export driven industries."

Rising quits can also help broadly lift wages. That's because most people quit their jobs when they have another one lined up, usually at higher pay. More quitting also forces companies to provide

raises for their existing workers to keep them from jumping ship.

Quits plummeted to just 1.6 million in August 2009, two months after the recession ended as Americans clung to the jobs they had. The figure has rebounded since then but remains below the pre-recession level of roughly 2.9 million.

The data comes after last Friday's robust jobs report, which showed that employers added 211,000 jobs in November and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 5 percent.

Those figures are a net total: Jobs gained minus jobs lost. The data reported Tuesday, in the Job Openings and Labor Turnover survey, are more detailed. They calculate total hires, as well as quits and layoffs.

federal reserve

Consumer credit rises \$16 billion in October

By Josh Boak

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WASHINGTON — U.S. consumers borrowed more heavily for auto and student loans in October, taking out debt that helps them find jobs and commute to work.

The Federal Reserve said Monday that consumer borrowing rose \$16 billion in October to \$3.5 trillion. But the pace of borrowing decelerated sharply from the \$28.5 billion increase in September.

Nearly all of the October gain came from the category that covers auto and student loans, while credit card borrowing edged up a mere \$200 million. The increase suggests that more

Americans are borrowing to improve their educational skills and upgrade their cars and trucks, instead of relying on debt to fund their daily shopping and emergency expenses.

Many economists expect that consumer spending will be relatively healthy in the coming months because of strong job gains that have bolstered auto and home sales for much of 2015. Yet a struggling global economy has tempered U.S. growth as the year draws to an end.

The Labor Department reported last week that employers added 211,000 jobs in November and 298,000 in October. The unemployment rate held steady at 5 percent last month. The report showed evidence that workers pushed to the sidelines during the Great Recession and sluggish six-year

recovery are filtering back into the job market.

The overall economy has advanced despite a waning global economy. A stronger dollar, slowing growth in China, a recession in Japan and a struggling Europe have been a drag on U.S. manufacturing, dampening overall growth. U.S. gross domestic product — aided by consumer spending — advanced at an annual rate of 2.1 percent in the July-September quarter, down from a 3.9 percent rate in the prior quarter.

The deceleration is expected to continue.

The Atlanta Fed forecasts that growth will slip in the final three months of 2015 to an annual rate of 1.5 percent. The private forecasting firm Macroeconomic Advisers estimates that the rate will be 1.7 percent.

soccer

TCU player explains evolution of game day for team

By Ally Lantz

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As a kid, a game day's success was marked by the number of orange slices you were given at halftime. Now as a college athlete, game day has become a hefty ordeal.

Jill Finnerty, a sophomore on the TCU women's soccer team, explained the evolution of game day throughout her career.

"It was super casual," Finnerty said while reminiscing of playing on her elementary school team, the Howling Ladybugs.

Her routine consisted of waking up and eating breakfast, then having her parents drive her to games. She said there was not a lot of thinking involved in game day. She would show up and play.

"In middle school I didn't know to what extent I was going to take soccer to, but I knew I wanted to get more competitive," Finnerty said.

Finnerty joined Real Colorado, a competitive soccer club based in Highland Ranch, Colorado, by the time she entered high school.

At this point, game day consisted of a full schedule of classes with minimal time for rest. Game day transformed into an all-day affair, since most people

at school were gearing up for the match.

"I thought it was harder to play after a long day of school," Finnerty said.

Finnerty went on to help Real Colorado win the U15 Colorado State Cup, as well as earn four varsity letters from Rock Canyon High School.

It was during this time Finnerty began her now consistent routine for game day.

"I would always put tape on my wrists in high school," Finnerty said. "I would write letters that meant something to me or encouragement."

Taping her wrists has become a large part of her game day experience entering into college. She was one of five Horned Frogs to play in and start all 19 games her first-year season.

Not only do individual players have specific habits on game day, but the team as a whole also has a number of different traditions. Every player will prepare separately before coming together to pray. The team then gets energized to play.

"We always listen to one song before we go out, and we have a dance we do for it" Finnerty said. She said the song and dance helps to calm the nerves and get the team ready.

Rest is the most important part of preparing for game day in college, she said. Throughout the week,



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COMPETITOR Jill Finnerty prepares to throw the ball during a game against Oklahoma State, Sept. 27.

the players have to balance school and their sport. Finding time for rest is extremely important in finding success on the field.

At this stage, game day has become a week-long experience for collegiate athletes. The coaches take time to ensure the athletes are prepared every day. When explaining the transformation of game day from childhood to college, Finnerty described it as "more structured and definitely more intense."

"We work all week on what we need to do for the game," Finnerty said.

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e. coli outbreak

Boston College: 80 sickened after eating at Chipotle

By Bob Salsberg and Candice Choi

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BOSTON -- Boston College said Tuesday the number of students complaining of gastrointestinal symptoms after eating at a Chipotle this weekend has climbed to 80, up from the 30 it reported the previous day.

The illnesses prompted the temporary closure of a Chipotle restaurant in Boston where the students ate, and come as the chain's sales are already being slammed by a multistate outbreak of E. coli linked to its restaurants.

Chipotle says it thinks the Boston College illnesses are an isolated case of norovirus and unrelated to the E. coli cases that have turned up in nine states.

"All of the evidence we have points in that direction," said Chris Arnold, a Chipotle spokesman.

Boston College said it is working with state health officials and that all students who reported symptoms have been tested for both E. coli and norovirus.

The Boston Public Health Commission said in a statement late Tuesday that results of initial testing conducted by Massachusetts officials on some of those affected showed the presence of norovirus.

Final test results were expected to take a couple

of days. The commission also said some non-Boston College patrons of the restaurant had reported symptoms as well.

According to a report from the Boston Inspectional Services department, which is responsible for inspecting the city's restaurants, an employee at the Chipotle restaurant in Cleveland Circle was sick while working a shift Thursday.

William Christopher, the department's commissioner, said it was not immediately known if management at Chipotle was aware of the employee's symptoms. He said the restaurant's permit to operate has been suspended by the city and that a disinfection process has begun.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, infected workers cause about 70 percent of reported norovirus outbreaks from contaminated food. Each year, norovirus causes 19 million to 21 million illnesses.

The virus can spread from an infected person, contaminated food or water, or by touching contaminated surfaces, the agency says.

If tests confirm that the Boston illnesses are the result of norovirus, it would support Chipotle's previous statement that whatever ingredient that was likely to blame for the E. coli is out of its restaurants



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RESTAURANT Chipotle temporarily closed its restaurant where the sick students contracted E.coli.

by now.

The CDC has not yet determined the ingredient responsible for sickening 52 people in the E. coli outbreak, but 47 of the individuals reported eating at a Chipotle before they got ill. The first cases were reported at the end of October in Oregon and Washington, with additional cases being reported later.

At a presentation Tuesday for analysts in New York City, Chipotle executives noted the exposure period for the E. coli cases appears to be over. The company has said it is tightening its food safety procedures, and that some of its local produce suppliers might not be able to meet the new standards.

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neighborhood complaints

Homeowners upset with students' parking in neighborhood

By Nick Pauszek

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Parking on campus at TCU has been a struggle for years as the population of the school rises annually, according to the TCU Office of Institutional Research.

The decision of walking or driving to class due to the fear of losing a spot, driving laps around the Greek parking lot until someone else leaves or parking in the overflow lot and waiting for the bus are a common occurrence but another way students are parking is starting to ruffle feathers off campus according to homeowners

The neighborhoods that surround TCU have been tied with the school since its founding in Fort Worth. The relationship is starting to turn sour as of late, a recent email from TCU and the Fort Worth Police Department stated residents were complaining about house parties, and the newest problem is a familiar one felt on campus.

The homeowners on Stadium drive, across from the Greek, Hays Hall and Marion Clark said they are angry and tired of students parking on their street.

Students' cars line the street at all hours of the day and the residents said they are fed up with cars taking potential parking spots for the homeowners themselves or their guests.

Kellie Leah, a resident of Stadium Drive, said, "It's become a problem because they take up all the parking along the street so anyone coming to my house and can't park in front of my house."

She also said that student's parking in front of her house has created a problem for her children.

Leah said that some students' cars will stay in front

of her house "for weeks at a time."

She said that if the school isn't providing enough parking for their students, they need to do so to make sure students stop parking on her street.

Her next door neighbor, Meyers Lawrence, said he "isn't excited about" the amount of students parking on his street and in front of his house. He said that when the new dorms were finished he noticed that more students began to park on his street.

The lack of parking spots for guests led to Lawrence getting a parking ticket he said. "We had some people coming over to do some work at the house and I had to pull my car out (of the drive way) and park across the street for a little while where it says no parking, then the cops come by and give me a ticket," he said.

Lack of spots on the street isn't the only problem that has arisen from students parking there.

Lawrence said, "Some of them let the trash fall out of their car and when I'm walking the dogs, I'm picking up their trash all the time."

John Castor also lives on the street and, like all of his neighbors, said that students parking there is a problem. He said that in the past, his family didn't mind people parking for things like chapter meetings on Sundays or game day parking for football games but now it's become an issue.

Castor added that students' cars partially block their driveway and that it's difficult to get in and out of it.

"It's convenient, close, and probably [away from] all the construction," he said about why students park on the street.

Joe McAloon, a sophomore political science major, parks on the street on a regular basis he said.



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PARKING Student cars line the street and take up spots that the homeowners might be able to use in Fort Worth.

"The spots fill up very quickly and if you don't have a spot in the [Greek] lot then you have to park in the freshmen lot, which is seventh-tenths of a mile away, and late at night, you don't want to walk there when it's cold," McAloon said. "We just park across the street because it's close and we can just hop over the fence and it's not hurting anybody to park there and it's a much shorter walk for us."

DeAnn Jones, the coordinator of parking and transportation services, said TCU isn't allowed to issue tickets to students who park on the street because it's the city of Fort Worth's jurisdiction.

She said the city has yet to contact them about a problem, and she has only received one direct complaint about it but also said that she doesn't know what other departments or people have been contacted.

Jones said if students cannot find a place to park in the Greek, then they should park in the first year student parking garage, parking lot or overflow lot and ride the shuttle to their desired location.

crime alert

College-aged man suspected of indecent exposure

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On Tuesday afternoon a female student reported to TCU police that she observed a white, college-aged male touching his exposed genitals while looking at her, according to an off-campus crime alert sent out by Detective Robert Rangel.

The incident occurred Monday evening at around 10 p.m., the female student said.

The man was "observed in the 3200 block of Greene Avenue, clandestinely looking into her bedroom window while touching his exposed genitals," according to the crime alert.

The alert said the man fled the area after the resident was alerted by a neighbor.

The female student described the male as 19 to 23 years old with short brown hair and no facial hair and being average height and weight. He was also "wearing a white t-shirt with an unknown graphic on the front of the shirt," according to the crime alert.

The offense is a Class B Misdemeanor of Indecent Exposure and was reported to the Fort Worth Police Department, which is investigating the crime.

TCU police are asking anyone who has information on the incident to contact Rangel at 817-257-7777.



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POLICE A man was observed doing inappropriate behavior while looking at a female student on Monday night.

republican party

Texas Republicans vote down secession proposal

By Patrick Svitek

THE TEXAS TRIBUNE, TEXASTRIBUNE.ORG

State GOP leaders, in a predictable but closely watched vote, have defeated a proposal to ask Texas voters whether they favor secession.

In a voice vote Saturday afternoon, the State Republican Executive Committee rejected a measure that would have put the issue on the March 1 primary ballot. The ballot language would have been non-binding, amounting to a formal survey of voters on whether they would like to see Texas declare its independence from the United States.

While the proposal's defeat was expected, the measure had sparked some heated debate on the 60-member executive committee, the governing body of the Republican Party of Texas. Seeking to avoid a protracted fight, the executive committee voted earlier Saturday afternoon to cap discussion of the issue at 30 minutes then put it to an up-or-down vote.

Tanya Robertson, the SREC member who introduced the proposal, argued at the executive committee meeting in Austin that the measure would have been "harmless," allowing voters to register an "opinion only." She also suggested the ballot language would have helped "get out the vote" among some Texas

Republicans who have been sitting out recent elections.

"The goal of these is to take a thermometer of how Texans feels about an issue, and what better issue for Texans to do that with?" she asked.

Opponents of the proposal argued it would have been an unproductive way for Texans to register their dissatisfaction with the federal government, however strongly they feel. One of the opponents, SREC member Mike Goldman, said he was "sorry we are even having the conversation" about secession.

The pro-secession measure was sent to the full body on Friday after approval by its Resolutions Committee. The ballot language before the executive committee Saturday afternoon read, "If the Federal Government continues to disregard the Constitution and the sovereignty of the State of Texas, the State of Texas should reassert its prior status as an independent nation."

Calling it "unpatriotic," the Texas Democratic Party had seized on the secession debate as evidence that the state GOP was falling victim to extremists in its own ranks.

"Every hardworking Texan should be worried that fringe issues are now the hot topic in the same party that controls state government," Crystal Kay Perkins, the executive director of the Texas Democratic Party, said



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in a statement after the vote Saturday.

Earlier Saturday, the executive committee defeated another controversial proposal, one in favor of moving the party's 2016 convention from Dallas to Houston. The proposal, which was shot down in a nearly unanimous vote, was inspired by opposition to Dallas' updated non-discrimination ordinance.

This story has been edited for length.

stress relief

Puppies and piñatas help de-stress students before finals week

By Hank Kilgore

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Stress is at an all-time high as finals week approaches, but that's nothing puppies and piñatas can't fix.

The TCU Alcohol & Drug Education department partnered with the TCU United Latino Association to provide a night of stress relief and awareness at the Brown-Lupton University Union Monday night with their event, "Tis the Season to be Stress Free."

"We have coloring pages and a quiz where you can enter to win a 60-minute Swedish massage at the Rec," said Smith Sheehy, a junior business major who helped run the event.

Sheehy added there were therapy dogs and piñatas to smash along with mugs of hot chocolate and cider with healthy study habits on them to help relieve stress.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry provided the therapy dogs. The organization takes in dogs from a litter and trains them to be service dogs to those who need comfort.

Chuck Wendt, a handler for the group, said the service only uses golden retrievers.

"Golden retrievers have the best characteristics for this kind of work," Wendt said. "When somebody is in stress, they can tell. If we go to a hospital, they're trained to get on a bed without hurting a patient. Whatever the person feels, golden retrievers can feel."

The ULA provided piñatas to smash. Daniela Sigala, a strategic communications major, is a member of the ULA and said tensions before finals "definitely rise."

"This event has been in the works since October," Sigala said. "We're just having piñatas to de-stress people, and it seems to be working."

The comfort dogs and piñatas certainly did their part to de-stress students who are preparing for finals.

"I feel like having events like this is a really good thing to do," said Marcos Ponce, a sophomore mechanical engineering major. "Sometimes I need something to get my mind off of schoolwork. I love dogs and animals, so these things just work really well for me."

"I really enjoyed beating the piñata," said Danielle



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PUPPY THERAPY Marcos Ponce, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, said having events like this is "a really good thing to do."

Mondragon, a senior FTDM major. "The piñata was really cute so I felt bad, but it did relieve a lot of stress as well. There's definitely a lot of stress before finals, and I feel like with college students, it's hard to deal with that stress, so this is a great event."

presidential candidate



By Scott Bauer

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MADISON, Wis. -- Donald Trump's call to block all Muslims from entering the United States is not only unconstitutional, but also impossible to carry out, legal experts said Tuesday.

Trump's proposed ban, announced to cheers at a rally in South Carolina Monday, would apply to immigrants and visitors alike, a sweeping prohibition affecting all adherents of a religion practiced by more than a billion people worldwide.

Beyond inciting condemnation from Republican presidential rivals, GOP leaders and others, legal and immigration experts said Tuesday that Trump's proposal violated the Constitution's equal protection clause and freedom of religion granted under the First Amendment.

"It is blatantly unconstitutional and it's an attack on the very foundation of the United States," said Marci Hamilton, a law professor specializing in the First Amendment at Yeshiva University in New York City. She called his idea "laughable."

"It's never possible to fully ascertain what someone believes internally," Hamilton added. "How does one recognize a Muslim, a Christian or a Jew? Do you look at where they were born, do you look at where they were raised? Do you look at the last religious service they attended?"

Trump's proposal amounts to a religious test for anyone wanting to enter the country, something that is unprecedented in U.S. history, said Nancy Morawetz, a professor of Clinical Law at the New York University School of Law.

"If one has this kind of a rule, you have to figure out how you're going to test it and verify it," Morawetz said. "What this really means is there would be a religious identity card."

Even an anti-immigration group that for decades has advocated curtailing the influx of immigrants to the U.S. disavowed Trump's religion-based exclusion.

"Nobody's interested in selecting people solely on their religion or their faith," said Dan Stein, president of the Washington-based Federation for American Immigration Reform.

Trump's comments highlight the broader concern over the immigrant vetting process, Stein said.

"Donald Trump is unartful, but it seems to us what he's really putting his finger on is this broader question of suspending a significant swath of immigration until this country can reassert a better screening process," Stein said.

U.S. immigration law has some "very, very ugly history" where people have been turned away based on their nation of origin, but never on their religion, Morawetz said.

In the late 1800s, Congress passed legislation broadly aimed at halting the immigration of Chinese laborers. Those were not fully repealed until 1943. Quotas limiting immigration based on race and national origin were also enacted in the early 1900s. Racial quotas were repealed in 1952, and those limiting people based on national origin were eliminated in 1965.


Legal scholars believe such bans, if proposed today, would not be found to be constitutional, Morawetz said.

Religion can factor into immigration decisions, but that typically happens when people are fleeing religious persecution. So people of a particular religion may get favorable treatment by the United States, as when Russian Jews sought to leave the Soviet Union.

Trump, who has built his Republican presidential candidacy around inflammatory rhetoric, stood by his latest statements Tuesday, saying stopping all Muslims from entering the U.S. is necessary because of hatred among "large segments of the Muslim population"

toward Americans.

Trump said banning all Muslims "until our country's representatives can figure out what the hell is going on" is warranted after attacks by Muslim extremists in Paris and last week's shooting in San Bernardino, California, that killed 14.



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tcu trivia

This football season will be the first time the TCU Horned Frogs play in a bowl game against Oregon.

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tcu trivia answer

a) True

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volleyball post-season

TCU falls just short of victory against No. 7 Hawaii

By Garrett Podell
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TCU almost upset No. 7 Hawaii in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, but lost in heartbreaking fashion 2-3 (25-17, 23-25, 26-24, 21-25, 13-15).
“I couldn’t be more proud of my team,” Director of Volleyball Jill Kramer said.
The match was back and forth, with TCU winning sets one and three and Hawaii winning sets two, four, and five.
Hawaii head coach Dave Shoji summed up the match perfectly.
“That was an incredible college volleyball game,” Shoji said.
Even though TCU was eliminated, the Horned Frogs still enjoyed their time in the tournament, “It was such a fun match, there were so many people, the atmosphere was so awesome, it was just a battle,” setter Alexia Heist said.
TCU started strong in the first set with a 13-4 run to open play, which forced the Rainbow Wahine to call an early timeout. As it has been all season long, TCU’s blocking game was dominant. The Horned Frogs out-blocked the Rainbow Wahine 4-0, while also tipping many of Hawaii’s hits. The result of the first set was never in doubt as the Horned Frogs cruised to a 25-17 set win.
The second set was a completely different story. There were eleven ties and eight lead changes throughout the set, but the Horned Frogs just couldn’t

come away with the last couple points, resulting in Hawaii taking the second set 25-23.
In the third set, it appeared that the Rainbow Wahine were going to run away with the set when they went up 24-19 on the Horned Frogs with just the set point to go. Suddenly, TCU hit another gear winning seven consecutive points on the power of outside hitter Jillian Bergeson’s serve to win the third set 26-24.
The fourth set was reminiscent of the second because of its eight ties and four lead changes. After team captain and outside hitter Ashley Smith hit a kill that cut Hawaii’s lead to three, 20-17, she landed awkwardly and suffered a lower leg injury, which caused her to exit the game and not return. Immediately following Smith’s injury, Kramer called a timeout to adjust the game plan, but Hawaii prevailed winning the fourth set 25-21. This set up a winner-take-all fifth set, first to 15 points.

The fifth set was also a back and forth affair with six ties and two lead changes, but the Horned Frogs fell to Hawaii 13-15, ending the second-best season in program history.
Even with Smith’s injury, the Horned Frogs fought until the very end.
“There was not one point when anyone put their head down when Ashley went down, and we knew that we just going to come together as a group and a battle, which what we did and we left everything out there,” Heist said.
Middle blocker Regan McGuire led the team in kills with 16. McGuire attributed her success to her



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CELEBRATION TCU readies itself for its next point against No. 7 Hawaii in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

teammates, “My team had my back, Lexi [Heist] trusted me so much and everyone else was covering me,” McGuire said. “Just knowing that your team trusts you and leads you have no worries, and you know that you just swing if you have to.”
TCU finished the season with an overall record of 19-10 (9-7). The Frogs appeared in the NCAA Tournament for the second time in program history and first time since 2009.

horned frog victory

TCU men’s basketball defeats Colgate 76-49

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TCU men’s basketball defeated Colgate 76-49 Friday, improving to 4-3 on the season.
Coming off their loss against SMU on Wednesday night, head coach Trent Johnson said he was concerned about the team’s energy going into tonight’s game. But, after the game he said they got off to a good start.
Guard Brandon Parrish said the team gave full effort because they wanted to show they’re a good team that will compete this year.
In the first half alone, the Frogs had 24 total rebounds, two three-pointers, and were 14-33 in FGA.
The Frogs held Colgate to only 19 points in the first half, leading them 37-19 after 20 minutes of play.

Johnson added that he saw growth in his players tonight.
They were sharing the ball and doing things they haven’t done in a while, looking for the open man, and forgetting about who was guarding, he said.
“There was some growth there.” Johnson said.
Rebounds were another key part of the game, with the Frogs tallying 40 on the night. Karviar Shepherd had 11 and Malique Trent had six.
It wasn’t the ability to rebound better, Johnson said, but their ability to react better. He said that Shepherd’s eyes were “reacting to the ball” and it helped them not be so sluggish.
“Being the first guy to react to it is so important.” Johnson said.
As the Frogs are have only played seven games, Johnson said it’s still a “work in progress,” and their main goals are to get healthy.



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BASKETBALL TCU guard Malique Trent dribbles the ball across the court during the game against Colgate.

Upcoming home game
vs. Prairie View A&M
Sat., Dec. 11 @ Wilkerson-Greines Athletic Center
7 p.m.

fall graduation



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The fall class of 2015 will be remembered as the first class to graduate in the new Ed and Rae Schollmaier Arena.

Here is an in-depth look at the makeup of this semester's class of graduates who will be walking across the new gym floor on Dec. 19.

Chancellor Victor Boschini is expected to award 601 degrees this fall.

While the fall commencement class is notably smaller than this year's May commencement class, the statistical makeup of the graduating class is as diverse as any.

The AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences expects to award the highest number of fall graduates with 118 undergraduates and one graduate student set to receive their degrees.

By comparison, the College of Education expects to award five degrees.

The Bob Schieffer College of Communication, which includes the departments of journalism, strategic communication, communication studies and film/television/digital media, plans to confer 88 degrees.

Sara Klepacki, a senior film-television-digital media major, is set to earn her degree in December and has big plans for life after college.

"Over the next couple of months, I will be interning in the creative media industry," said Klepacki. "Then in May, I plan to move to L.A."

Klepacki is also hopeful she will have the opportunity to travel to Uganda before moving to Los Angeles.

"I am not 100 percent sure if I'll be able to go depending on job stuff; however, it is a dream of mine to be a digital storyteller that tells authentic stories that matter and move people," Klepacki said.

When asked how TCU has prepared her for life after college, Klepacki had only positive things to say about her time at TCU.

"I simply cannot say 'thank you' enough to all of my professors," Klepacki said. "Thanks to TCU I have no fear for the future."

The diversity of this semester's graduating class is evident in the number of countries represented by the graduating exchange students.

Thirty exchange students from 18 different countries will graduate this semester, highlighting the cultural diversity of this fall's commence-

ment class.

Undergraduates are not the only students earning degrees in December:

- 90 students will receive master's degrees in December
- 54 of those students will earn MBA's from the Neeley School of Business
- 7 students will receive Master's of Science degrees in Nursing

More facts about the graduating class:

- 107 students will graduate with Latin Honors:
- 56 students will graduate Cum Laude
- 37 Magna Cum Laude
- 14 Summa Cum Laude

The high number of students graduating with honors is representative of the continued efforts of the TCU administration to further TCU's academic reputation.

Fall Commencement
Dec. 19 @ Ed and Rae Schollmaier Arena
1 p.m.
Reception
@ Brown-Lupton University Union
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.