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TCU reaches back to its glory days to hire former player Jamie Dixon as its new men's head basketball coach

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Rainn Wilson talks about life's big questions

By Laura Belpedio
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Rainn Wilson, known for his role as Dwight Schrute on the NBC comedy series "The Office," talked to TCU students about his path to finding purpose.

Hundreds of students filled the Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom for the event hosted by theEnd.

Students were anxious to see Wilson as they waited in a line that wrapped around 3 flights of stairs and out the door.

"I'm most excited to see THE Dwight Schrute and for him to impart his wisdom on the TCU community," freshman pre-business major Tad Dawson said.

The Emmy-nominated actor began his performance with some jokes but told the audience he wanted to have a serious conversation about his project SoulPancake.

Wilson recounted his childhood and his personal journey.

"I had a strange Bohemian upbringing," Wilson said. "My mom and dad were, kind of, hippies and we were always talking about life's big questions."

Wilson said the most turbulent time in his life came when he went to college at NYU. He said he explored his love for acting while at the university, but lost his faith and found himself unhappy.

Throughout college Wilson said he experienced highs and lows, but eventually found sense and clarity through his religion.

While practicing his religion, the comedian said he found a purpose and created SoulPancake.

Wilson said he created a website and YouTube channel to explore life's big questions, celebrate humanity, and champion creativity.

"SoulPancake is the accumulation and reflection of my life's journey," Wilson said. "Here people gather to become inspired."

Wilson closed the night by saying, "It's been an extraordinary journey and I wish you all an extraordinary journey as well."



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INSPIRATION Actor Rainn Wilson tells students about his life's path and finding purpose at the Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom Friday night.

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th24 Bleeding Purple
► **Where:** Brown-Lupton
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f25 Billy Bob's presents
Bret Michaels
► **Where:** 2520 Rodeo Plaza
► **When:** 10:30 p.m.
► **Cost:** \$20-40



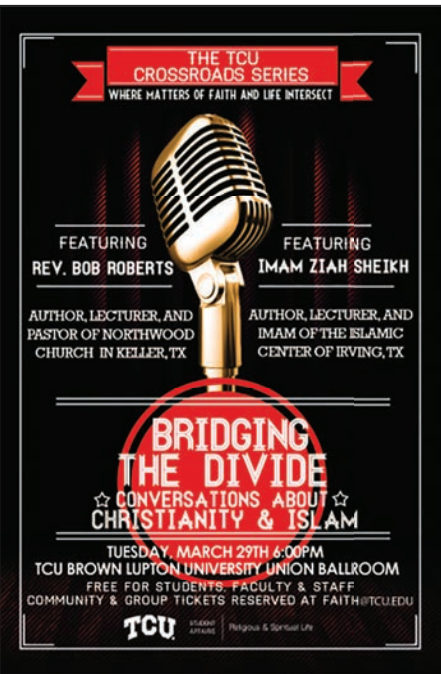
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Clay Walker
► **Where:** 2520 Rodeo Plaza
► **When:** 10:30 p.m.
► **Cost:** \$16-35



sa26 Local Brews and Local
Grooves
► **Where:** 2200 North Lamar Street, Dallas
► **When:** 3 p.m.
► **Cost:** \$14-60



tu29 TCU Crossroads Series
► **Where:** Brown-Lupton
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FOLLOWING THE MONEY

Congress to review TCU's endowment and tuition raises



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CONGRESS U.S. Representative, Tom Reed, is drafting a proposal that would require college endowments over \$1 billion to spend at least 25 percent of their profits every year on financial aid.

By Kaylee Bowers

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Congress sent TCU and 55 other private schools a letter in February asking how they use their endowments of over \$1 billion.

The Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee want to make higher education more affordable, wrote David Pasch, the communications director for Rep. Peter Roskam, R-IL, the chairman of one of the subcommittees, in an email.

Both the schools and their endowments are tax-exempt because the IRS defines them as charitable institutions that advance education, Pasch wrote.

"The committees will review to what extent these colleges and universities are serving their charitable purpose, especially since the cost of private four-year schools has increased 146

percent in 30 years," Pasch wrote.

In other words, similar schools went from costing an average of about \$13,000 to about \$31,000, Pasch wrote.

What endowments do

Chancellor Victor Boschini said endowments are essentially savings accounts that guarantee schools continue to exist.

TCU's \$1.47 billion endowment is "well governed" by the Board of Trustees and allows the university to expand its scope of operations, said Jim Hille, the chief investment officer of TCU's endowment.

"Endowments grow through donations and investment returns," Hille said. "The majority of TCU's is invested in areas including stock markets, bond markets and real estate with the purpose of creating a long-term asset," Hille said.

"About 5 percent of TCU's endowment is spent on annual operations," Hille said, which accounts for approximately 12 percent of the operations budget. Tuition is the most central of other yearly operational revenue sources."

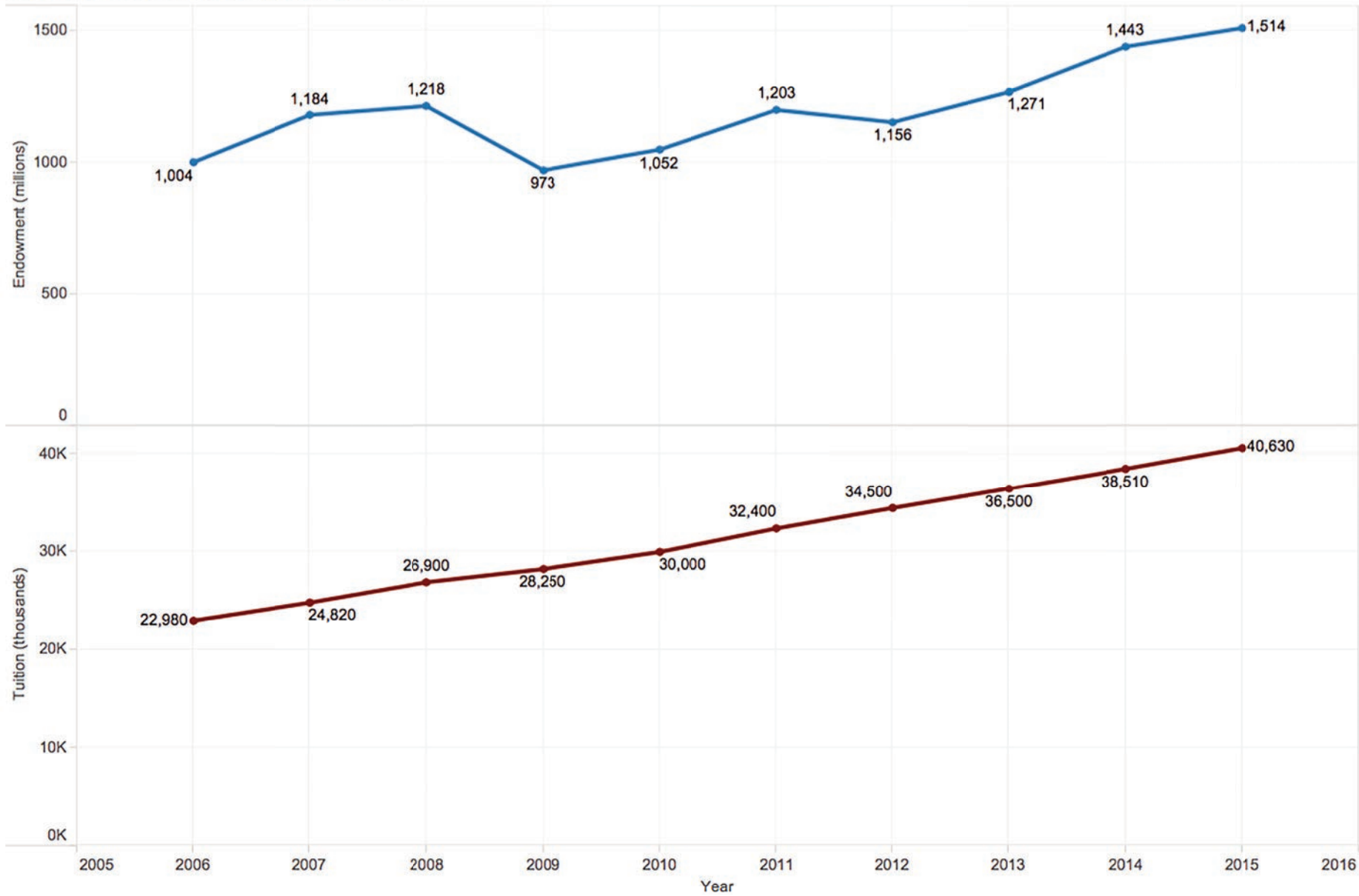
Most schools, including Brown University and Northwestern University, use their endowments similarly, according to the school websites.

TCU's endowment compared to other private schools

TCU has the third largest endowment of all the Texas schools that received a letter. The other schools are Baylor University, SMU, Trinity University, Rice University and Baylor College of Medicine, Pasch wrote.

Each has an endowment in the \$1 billion range, except for Rice's \$5.557 billion, according

TCU endowment versus tuition growth



to the university websites.

Those endowments, however, are relatively low when compared to the endowments of letter recipients like Harvard and Yale. Harvard’s endowment is \$37.6 billion; Yale’s is \$25.57 billion, according to their websites.

TCU’s response will clarify the purpose and distribution of its large endowment, Hille said.

“The general population, including our congressmen, don’t really understand how endowments work,” Hille said. “To give them credit, this is their way of getting to understand how endowments work.”

Endowment limitations

Regardless of size, endowments are not used to decrease overall tuition, although part of the 5 percent devoted to the operating budget goes to scholarships, Hille said.

If more than 5 percent were set aside for operations each year, the endowment would eventually run out, and that would be unfair to future generations, Hille said.

“Tuition would have to offset that, so that

would be short-term gain and long-term pain,” Hille said.

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CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER OF TCU’S ENDOWMENT

Boschini said the main cause of rising tuition is student and parent demands.

“They could have lower tuition the moment they want less services,” Boschini said. “The problem is, they never do.”

Essentially, Hille said, a school’s endowment size cannot significantly change tuition costs without severe future consequences.

Response

Boschini said large endowments are good as long as they benefit the institution.

“People will stop giving money to TCU as soon as they think we’re not doing a good job with it,” Boschini said.

Boschini wants individuals to be able to vote on endowment effectiveness, not Congress, he said. He said Congress is trying to simplify a complex issue.

Hille is coordinating TCU’s response with a team of about 12, he said.

The deadline is April 1.

Pasch wrote, “Depending on their findings, the committees may start legislative efforts to ensure endowment spending more directly meets the charitable goals of higher education.”

community

'Egg-lectic' affair

22nd Annual Easter egg hunt brings alums, families, children together



JESSICA RANCK / TCU 360

EGG HUNT Families wait for the 22nd annual Easter egg hunt to start in front of Sadler Hall Sunday.

By Jessica Ranck
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TCU alumni and members of the Fort Worth community kicked off the Easter festivities early this year in front of Sadler Hall.

The 22nd annual Easter Egg Hunt and Alumni Family Picnic was hosted by the TCU Alumni Association on Sunday.

The event invited families to participate in balloon art, pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Easter Bunny and an Easter egg hunt that lasted a total of five minutes.

Children ran through the lawns and collected as many eggs as they could find. Some were lucky enough to find golden eggs that could be turned in for prizes.

Each egg hunt was separated by age group to give all children a fair chance at collecting eggs.

"My best part was that I never stopped collecting eggs," said Tyler Shuman son of TCU Alumna Brooke Shuman

Although the children had fun, the picnic was also a time for TCU alumni to visit and reconnect with their old college friends.

"We've been coming [to the egg hunt] for a few years now," said TCU Alumna Brooke Shuman. "It's a great time to see old friends and their families and have our kid see the campus."

Families stayed around after the egg hunt to enjoy the sunny weather and good company.

By the end of the event, TCU Alumni and their families left with happy smiles and full baskets.

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medical school

Stuart Flynn selected dean of TCU, UNTHSC medical school

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After months of searching, TCU and the University of North Texas Science Center have decided who will lead their new medical school.

Dr. Stuart Flynn, dean of the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix, has been selected as the founding dean of the M.D. school. Flynn, who held an open forum at TCU on Jan. 12, was the founding dean of a medical school in Arizona that also started out as a partnership between two universities, according to a joint press release from TCU and UNTHSC.

Flynn got his medical and residency training from the University of Michigan and completed his postdoctoral work at Stanford University. He was also a professor of pathology and surgery at the Yale University School of Medicine.

When he spoke on campus in January, Flynn said one of his goals as dean would be to implement more competency-driven courses. He said he would want to create a program in which students could work closely with patients.

TCU and UNTHSC announced the partnership for the medical school last July. The two univer-



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STUART FLYNN Dr. Stuart Flynn, M.D. has been selected by TCU and UNTHSC to be the founding dean of the new medical school

sities plan to begin accepting applications for the medical school in 2017.

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food & entertainment

ZaTar first food truck to participate in Blue Zones Project

By Libby Vincek

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ZaTar isn't just a common Mediterranean spice in Jerusalem, it's also the brand of a Fort Worth food truck trying to steer the community in a healthier direction.

ZaTar is the first food truck to participate in the Blue Zones Project—a national effort that aims to lower rates of chronic diseases and improve quality of life, according to Blue Zones Project-Fort Worth.

Mayor Betsy Price, Texas Health Resources and the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce asked Blue Zones Project to certify Fort Worth restaurants in 2013.

Fort Worth has 22 Blue Zones certified restaurants and is the largest city partnered with the Blue Zones Project.

Although certification isn't available for food trucks, the Mediterranean restaurant on wheels provides meals recommended by the Blue Zones Project. Dishes were added like the tri hummus n' pita chipz, artichoke hummus wrap and 100 calorie or less baklava, according to their website.

"ZaTar is a terrific community partner and we think their patrons will really enjoy their delicious, healthy



LIBBY VINCEK / THE 109

BLUE ZONES CERTIFIED ZaTar is the first food truck to participate in the Blue Zones Project

menu options," said Blue Zones Project Vice President Suzanne Duda.

ZaTar started when a New York City native had a dream to feed people. Niddal Abedrabbo went from being a \$2 billion revenue manager for Hewlett Packard, to plumber, electrician, mechanic, chef, graphics designer, marketer and finally, food truck chef.

Abedrabbo opened the ZaTar food truck in December of 2015.

"Phase one was launching and getting up to speed in regards to our operations," Abedrabbo said. "Phase two was having our truck legitimately offer healthier foods and get Blue Zones certifications."

He said the menu is all about giving customers healthy substitutions. Ingredients like goat or sheep cheese and multi-grain and wheat bread are a few adjustments he recommends.

Abedrabbo also uses his truck to give back to the community.

"One of the most basic ways to give is to feed someone," said Abedrabbo. "We take [food] for granted on a daily basis but it is such a vital part of human nature."

ZaTar, he said, gives free food to people who can't afford to buy a meal from the truck. The bright orange and red stove on wheels visited Garland and Rowlett in January to feed the families whose homes were destroyed by storms.

"We are always looking for ways to give back," said Abedrabbo. "If I can give back to people who are less fortunate on a daily basis it makes me sleep well at night."

campus

Students share their art in new organization, TCUnderground

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PERFORMANCE Student showcases her singing in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall as peers watch and cheer on.

TCU and local performers looking for a platform that isn't afraid to host diverse and creative acts may have found their new home.

TCUnderground is a new organization on campus that hosts showcases of student rappers, musicians, poets and more to all come together a few nights a semester to perform for each other, in a safe, uncensored environment.

Nia Brookins, the founder of TCUnderground, said after a long semester of going through the process to make the organization a reality, she's just happy that there is a safe place on campus where anyone can come to express themselves through their art.

"It's an organization now that strives to integrate the TCU and local community through art," Brookins said. "We're always going to have that one thing in common, and then we want to encourage creative expression through performance."

For the performers, being in a room with people that all want to be there as much as the next person really helps create the best environment for creativity.

Senior theatre studies major and comedic performer Emily Versen said the constant high energy level she felt from the TCUnderground audience made her feel more comfortable and free on stage.

"I have not been aware of a creative outlet on campus quite like TCUnderground," Versen said. "As an artist and performer, I feel very strongly that TCU needs an inclusive and diverse platform for people to come together through artistic expression, and TCUnderground is exactly that."

The amount of variety from act to act allows the artists opportunities to speak and collaborate with people they may not have ever been able to before.

Junior acting major and lead singer of the band Midnight Show Jesse Thomason said TCUnderground emphasizes the need for both community and diversity among artists on campus.

"It's incredible seeing people in pursuit of their passions, and TCUnderground harbors a sense of community that takes TCU so far beyond just a classroom setting," Thomason said.

On the flipside, those in the audience should be ready for the wide variety of acts.

Senior theatre major Dana Cassling was in the audience and said it was a pleasant surprise to find so much diverse talent on and around campus that she never knew about.

"It's just a chance to see so many different types of acts that you don't normally see," Cassling said. "I had no idea there were so many talented rappers and poets at TCU."

TCUnderground has its showcase every two weeks. Any student or local act looking to perform should like the organization on Facebook and message them there to reserve a spot.

Hero's Homecoming

Dixon brings impressive resume back to TCU hoops



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By Grant McGalliard and Kacey Bowen

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TCU basketball fans may be happy that they brought back their prodigal son to Fort Worth, but Jamie Dixon is more than just a former Horned Frog player.

He's also one of the most consistently successful coaches in the nation.

Dixon brings a litany of accomplishments with him to TCU from his time coaching Pittsburgh, where he spent the last 13 years at the helm of the Panthers.

Here's a look at what TCU is getting in Dixon, who was formally introduced at a press conference in front of over a hundred fans at Schollmaier Arena Tuesday.

A strong resume

In 1989, two years after graduating from TCU, Dixon went to New Zealand and coached at Te Aute College before heading back to the U.S. to be an assistant at Los Angeles Valley College.

He was an assistant at Northern Arizona, UC-Santa Barbara, and Hawaii, and finally reunited with Ben Howland at Pitt. Howland was the head coach at NAU while Dixon was an assistant.

After Howland and Pittsburgh parted ways in 2002, Dixon stepped into the head coaching role and immediately saw success with the Panthers. His first season ended in a Sweet Sixteen appearance, and the Panthers made the Big East championship game.

The Big East dissolved in 2013, and while Pittsburgh left for the ACC, Dixon left with the all-time highest winning percentage in Big East history, at 65.8%.

The Panthers, in total, were 328-123 under Dixon in 13 seasons.

Pittsburgh made the NCAA Tournament 11 out of the 13 seasons that Dixon was at the helm. The Panthers made the Elite 8 in 2009, a season that also saw Pitt reach the No. 1 ranking in the nation, and made the Sweet Sixteen two other times.

Dixon was the Naismith Coach of the Year in 2009, and earned other national coaching honors in 2010 and 2011. He was the Big East Coach of the Year in 2004.

Success in purple and white

While Dixon has racked up wins as a coach, he was also a successful player at TCU.

Under head coach Jim Killingsworth, Dixon played guard for two Southwest Conference championship teams. His game-winning shot against Texas in 1986 to clinch the championship remains a key part of TCU basketball lore, and was shown on the video board during his introductory press conference.

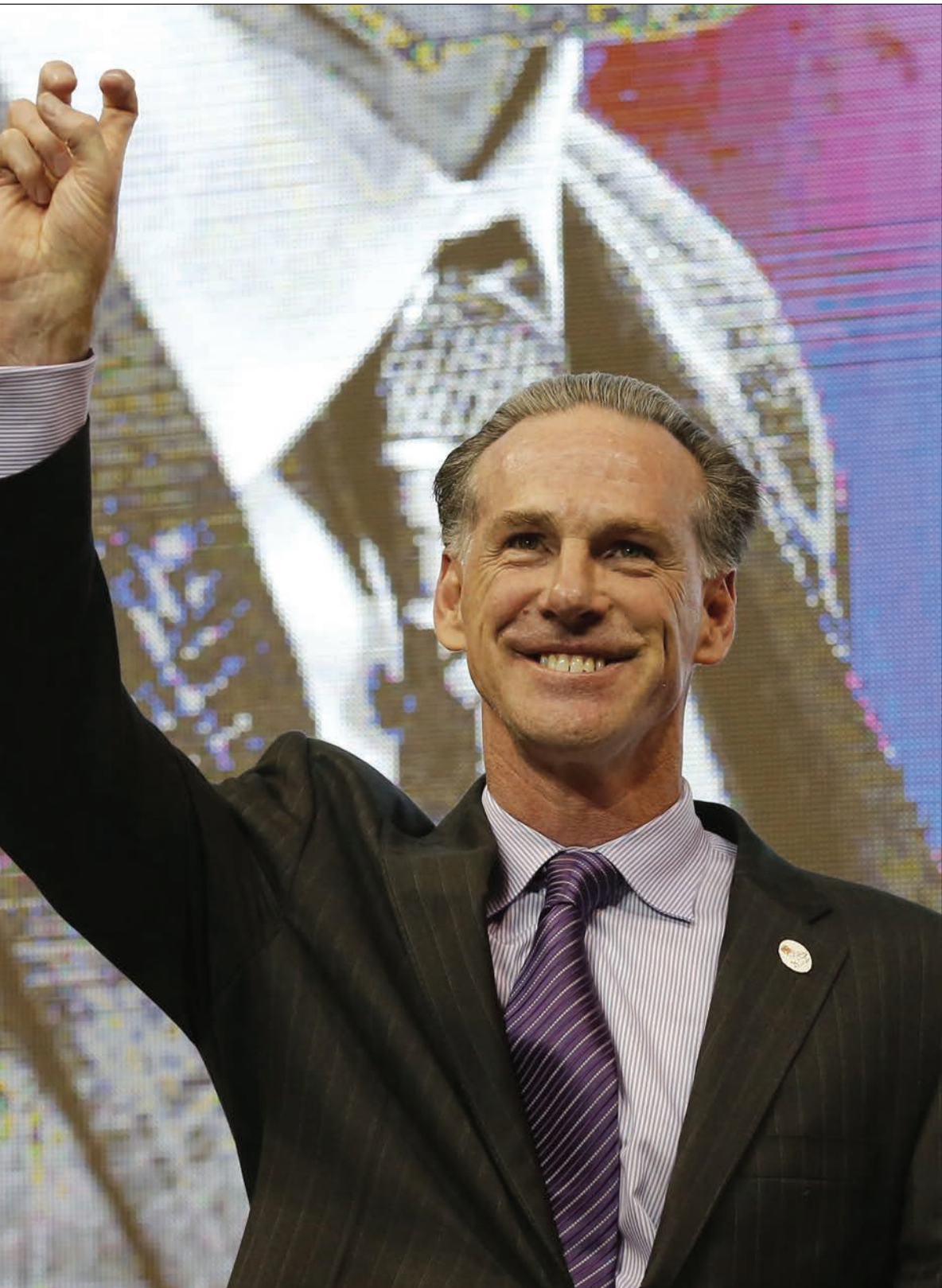
Dixon was 73-45 as a player at TCU. In his lone NCAA Tournament appearance in 1987, the Frogs beat Marshall in the first round before falling to Notre Dame.



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1987 TCU BASKETBALL Jamie Dixon helped lead TCU to Southwest Conference titles in 1986 and '87.



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MEN'S BASKETBALL TCU director of intercollegiate athletics Chris Del Conte announced the hiring of Jamie Dixon as head men's basketball coach Tuesday.

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TRACK & FIELD TCU runner Brianna McGhee runs the 100 meter hurdle race at the TCU Invitational Friday.

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INCOMING The new men's basketball head coach, Jamie Dixon, attends a TCU baseball game.

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Times this season TCU baseball has outhit their opponent

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Times TCU baseball has scored double digit runs this season

6

Straight matches won by men's tennis player Jerry Lopez.

21

Straight home victories by TCU men's tennis this season

68.5

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Average aggregate score by TCU rifle member Hannah Black

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All American awards in TCU rifle earned by 5 TCU shooters

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Shutouts by TCU beach volleyball this season

recreation

Three new club sports could start next semester

By Ally Lantz

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Three new club sports are seeking approval to start competing next semester.

Swimming, trap and skeet, and eventing — an equestrian-based club — are all seeking university approval to become club teams.

Trap and skeet is one of the largest growing high school sports, said Mary Ellen Milam, associate director of programs for the University Recreation Center.

"Students are coming and trying to keep doing that," Milam said.

There are five requirements for teams to be approved as a university club sport. The first step is gaining interest in the desired sport. A team must have at least 10 members and maintain that number to be eligible to become a student organization.

Next, the club must fill out the forms available on the student organization website to get officially approved by the university.

Clubs must be able to compete at a collegiate level, so the third step is to meet with Milam and show that there are other colleges with this particular club. Additionally, clubs must present a sustainability model



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COMING SOON Three clubs, swimming, trap and skeet and eventing are currently seeking university approval for Fall 2016.

to prove the sport will not die out over a couple years.

The last step is to gain approval from the risk management office in the recreation center.

While there are only five steps in the process, funding can be an issue for potential new clubs.

Milam said the University Recreation Center doesn't get any additional money just because new clubs are added.

"The amount of money to fund clubs gets dispersed even less to each club with the more clubs we have," she said.

Lack of interest has also caused certain teams to disband or not be able to start. A competitive cycling

team was disbanded due to not maintaining 10 members. This has left some students wishing for more sports on campus.

"I wish we had softball because I played softball my whole life," said Haylee Bowden, a sophomore child development major.

Even with some of the frustrations that accompany overseeing club sports, Milam said they are an important aspect of university life.

"It is that outlet for those individuals who do want to compete with their college experience," she said. "This may be the last time they get to compete at their sport, at least at the collegiate level."

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crime

Forensics debate team car burgled after nationals

By Zoe Zabel

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The TCU forensics debate team's car was broken into Monday, and items were stolen from the vehicle on the team's way home from competing at the National Debate Tournament in Lexington, Kentucky.

The team members stopped for lunch at a fast food restaurant in Jackson, Tennessee, and when they returned to their vehicle, they found that several briefcases and backpacks had been stolen from inside.

The value of the items stolen is estimated to be around \$5,000. Items stolen include laptops, headphones, textbooks and a trophy a student won at the tournament. Team coach Dr. Amorette Hinderaker's debate bag, which included her laptop and all of her research which she has been working on for years, was stolen, said Shelby Whitson, a junior who has been on the debate team for three years.

"It's the non-monetary value that we are mourning," Whitson said. "Hours and hours of work lost, and the stress and inconvenience of it all, as well as the



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NATIONAL TOURNAMENT LThe TCU forensics debate team stands with their awards after the National Tournament in Lexington, Kentucky.

sentimental value of items that can't be recovered."

Police determined the suspect used a knife or screwdriver to open the door and forced entry, Whitson said.

"They stole the debate flows notes on the arguments during the debate, including the one from the debate that won me a national championship in IPDA," said Timothy Betts, a junior and founding

member of the forensics team. "They also stole a plastic duck that has been with me in every single tournament and speech – it's the small stuff that's hurting us."

When they found their items had been stolen, the team members contacted the police, who fingerprinted the van while the students searched the area for any traces of their belongings, Whitson said.

"We checked to see if surrounding businesses had cameras, which they didn't," Whitson said. "Meanwhile, our parents were looking at Craigslist and calling pawn shops."

The forensics debate team competed for a week in the Pi Kappa Delta National Comprehensive Tournament. The tournament included both speech and debate skills.

None of the student property stolen is covered by TCU because the team signs a travel waiver that removes TCU from liability of travel expenses. The team won several awards, including a first-place award in the International Public Debate Association event and several finalist awards.

fit worth

Local companies in Fort Worth launch fitness initiative

By Jake Foote

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This year's Fit Worth Corporate Challenge consisted of 21 companies, 277 teams and 2,000 individual participants that logged about 3.6 million minutes of physical activity.

The Fit Worth Corporate Challenge is a six-week fitness competition where local companies and individuals compete to log the most minutes of physical activity.

Heidi Swartz, a founding member of Fit Worth and the Director of the Cowtown Marathon, said that the Fit Worth initiative was started three years ago by a group of volunteers who wanted to inspire health habits for youths in the community.

The Fit Worth Healthy City Initiative hosted an awards ceremony in Magnolia Green Park on Tuesday to congratulate corporate challenge participants.

According to FitWorth.com, participants in the corporate challenge lost over 5,000 pounds for the second consecutive year.

The awards were given to the individual with the most minutes logged, the company with the most participants and the company with the most minutes logged per participant.

The City of Fort Worth had the most participants with more than 550 while the Blue Zones Project Fort Worth was presented with the award for most minutes per participant.

Many of the local companies that participated in the challenge set up tents and activities at the awards ceremony. Games such as cornhole, mini-tennis and disc golf were available to people attending the event.

"We had a very diverse group of corporate entities participate from hospitals to schools to business and law firms," said Leslie Casey, chairman of Fort Worth Health and Wellness.

Lexus of Fort Worth, Luke's Locker and the Blue Zones Project Fort Worth were some of the companies that set up display areas at the awards ceremony.

Mayor Betsy Price was originally supposed to attend the event and present the awards to the winners, but she was unable to do so due to a last-minute conflict.

Casey handed out the awards in her place with help from NFL free agent Tyler Clutts and Rowdy, the Dallas Cowboys mascot. Clutts spoke to the crowd briefly about the importance of fitness in every day life and how his career as a football player has taught him a lot about personal fitness.



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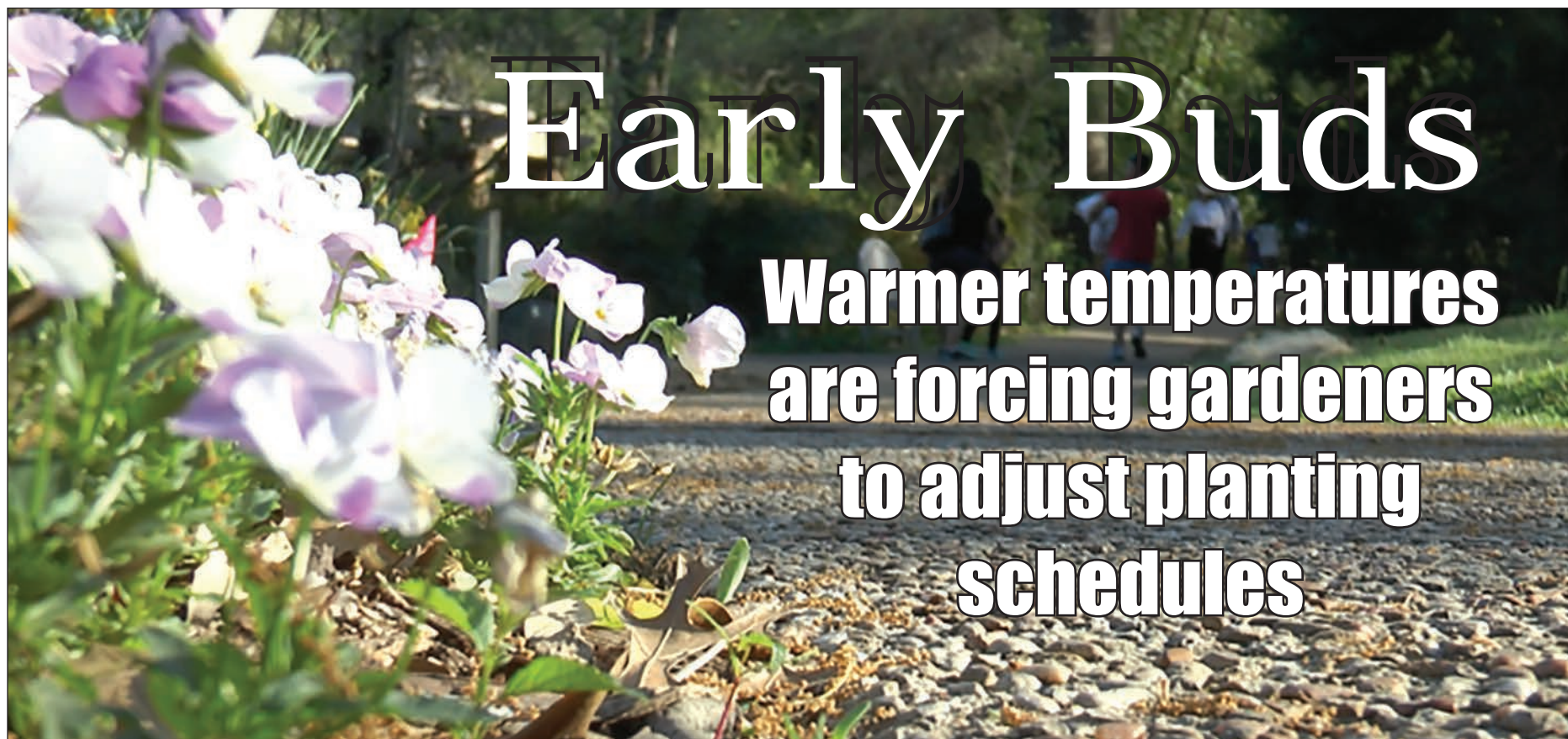
ACCOMPLISHMENT Leslie Casey, chairman of Fort Worth Health and Wellness, hands out awards for individual achievement in place of Mayor Betsy Price with the help of NFL free agent Tyler Clutts and Dallas Cowboys mascot, Rowdy.

He also gave a shoutout to Jason Witten, another Cowboys player, who he said has taught him a lot about personal fitness.

"The way he takes care of his body, the way he eats, the way he prepares. It's showed me how important it is to take care of your body," Clutts said.

The corporate challenge was one Fit Worth's many initiatives to set a good example for young people.

gardening



By Alex Gaffigan

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Fort Worth's unusually high March temperatures began the gardening season earlier than expected.

Average March temperatures a year ago reached a low of 22 degrees, when a now infamous winter storm wreaked havoc on local gardens and agriculture on March 5, 2015.

This year's winter weather tells a different story, with temperatures reaching up to 89 degrees and only dipping as low as 44 degrees this month.

These mild temperatures have brought an early start to spring, and the beginning of the Fort Worth gardening season is weeks ahead of schedule.

Steve Huddleston, the senior horticulturist of the Fort Worth Botanic, has seen the impact of the warmer winter temperatures in the gardens. He said

the cold weather plants are taking the brunt of the higher temperatures.

"This week we've had temperatures of up to 80, which has had a considerable impact on our winter annuals such as ornamental kale, cabbage and pansies. The kale and cabbage are already bolting, which wasn't supposed to take place for another few weeks," Huddleston said. "They're already at the end of their life cycle."

The warmer temperatures coming sooner also raise concern over a potential increase in insect populations in Fort Worth.

Huddleston said despite the early bloom of a lot of major flowers, bugs are feasting and destroying various plants at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens.

"The pansies look bad enough now that we really should consider replacing them. The aphids are having a field day with the foliage," Huddleston said.

"Usually we wouldn't even consider doing that until about April."

Ace Hardware employee Brandi Dye said she too has concerns about pests this spring, and said gardeners should be prepared to fend off an increase the number of bugs.

"Without a hard frost this winter, the pests and bugs in your gardens are going to be much worse this year," Dye said. "Watching for grubworms and mosquitos will be the biggest key for gardeners this year, and local pesticides are going to be really important."

Despite the negative effects of the warmer weather, local residents such as April Rancier are excited about the prospect of planting their gardens earlier this year.

Rancier said she is thankful for the mild winter, as her garden will now require less preparation going into the season.

"I didn't have to trim as many weeds or cover as many plants during the winter, which saved a ton of work," Rancier said. "Everything is blooming much earlier, so I've already started mapping out what I plan on planting where."

Dye said she has noticed the eagerness of residents to start gardening as well. She said the recent spike in sales has been the primary indication.

"Usually our gardening season doesn't start for a few weeks, but we've already sold a ton of seeds and a lot of our potted plants," Dye said. "The forecast shows that we are in the clear, and people aren't as worried anymore about the late season frost."

"I've been gardening since I was a little girl, so to have mother-nature give us an early gift like this, that is really exciting," Rancier said.



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

This solution to this sudoku can be found at:

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What year was recently hired head coach Jamie Dixon born?

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around town

WORK OF ART

Fort Worth's art scene gets bigger with the opening of the Art Room



JACOB SMITH / THE 109

NEW ADDITION Maria Cervantez admires Fort Worth's newest gallery, the Art Room's first exhibit titled "One." The Art Room opened its doors Saturday.

By Jacob Smith
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Fort Worth's newest art gallery, the Art Room, opened its doors Saturday with the first exhibition titled "One."

The exhibition features work from 15 various local and international artists.

The night was a huge success for the gallery's co-curators Nathan Madrid and Katie Murray.

"We honestly hope that every exhibition is as big of a turn out as this one," said Murray.

The gallery consists of a large room with adjacent white and cement brick walls.

Thumping rhythmic beats from the house D.J. added to the atmosphere as crowds walked through inspecting images and enjoying conversation.

The event was catered by Chile Pepper Grill and Denton's Audacity Brew House.

Though there was no defined theme for the exhibition, the pieces were meant to inspire a sense of realism. Submissions from Madrid, for example, showcased intense portraits of people across several ethnicities.

One is the first of several exhibitions held in the Art Room located near Montgomery Plaza on West 7th street.

Alison Jardine, a British artist currently working in Dallas, says she was thrilled to be a part of the project's beginnings.

"Given that it fits the theme, I do hope to work together again in the future," said Jardine.

Local artist and event spectator Maria Cervantez said she was excited for the opening of a small gallery in Fort Worth.

"It's great for local artists to have options closer to home to display their work," said Cervantez.

The gallery hours are by appointment only. For more information or to make an appointment, visit their website.



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CATERING Local beer from Audacity Brew House.



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SHOWCASE Artist James Zamora discusses his work in the exhibition.

international

At least 34 dead in terror attacks at Brussels airport, subway

No TCU students are studying abroad in Belgium this semester

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRUSSELS — Bombs exploded at the Brussels airport and one of the city's metro stations Tuesday, killing at least 34 people and wounding 270 others, as a European capital was again locked down amid heightened security threats. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attacks.

TCU spokeswoman Holly Ellman said there are no TCU students studying in Belgium this semester.

The two airport blasts, at least one of them blamed on a suicide bomber, left behind a chaotic scene of splattered blood in the departure lounge as windows were blown out, ceilings collapsed and travelers streamed out of the smoky building.

About an hour later, another bomb exploded on a rush-hour subway train near the European Union headquarters. Terrified passengers had to evacuate through darkened tunnels to safety.

"What we feared has happened," Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel told reporters. "In this time of tragedy, this black moment for our country, I appeal to everyone to remain calm but also to show solidarity."

Belgium raised its terror alert to the highest level, diverting planes and trains and ordering people to stay where they were. Airports across Europe immediately tightened security.

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CHARLES MICHEL

BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER

"We are at war," French Prime Minister Manuel Valls said after a crisis meeting in Paris. "We have been subjected for the last few months in Europe to acts of war."

Added French President Francois Hollande: "Terrorists struck Brussels, but it was Europe that was targeted, and it is all the world which is concerned by this."



VIRGINIA MAYO / ASSOCIATED PRESS

EUROPE CRISIS Explosions rocked the Brussels airport and the subway system Tuesday, killing at least 34 people and injuring many others. Just days later, the main suspect in the November Paris attacks was arrested in the city, police said.

European security officials have been bracing for a major attack for weeks, and warned that the Islamic State group was actively preparing to strike. The arrest Friday of Salah Abdeslam, a key suspect in the November attacks in Paris, heightened those fears, as investigators said many more people were involved than originally thought and that some are still on the loose.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the Brussels attacks, saying in a posting on the group's Amaq news agency that its extremists opened fire in the airport and "several of them" detonated suicide belts. It said another suicide attacker struck in the subway.

The posting claimed the attack was in response to Belgium's support of the international coalition arrayed against the group.

Michel said there was no immediate evidence linking the attacks with Abdeslam. After his arrest, Abdeslam told authorities he had created a new network and was planning new attacks.

U.S. President Barack Obama pledged to "do whatever is necessary" to help Belgian authorities seek justice.

Western Europe has lived for decades under the threat of violence from homegrown nationalist and revolutionary movements. Muslim extremists from North Africa and the Middle East have attacked civilian targets without warning, ranging from France's

1960s war in Algeria through Libya's 1988 downing of an airline over Scotland to the 2004-05 attacks on the public transportation systems of London and Madrid.

Certain neighborhoods in Brussels, like the Molenbeek quarter, have bred extremists and supplied foreign fighters. Plotters linked to the Paris attacks and others have either moved through or lived in parts of the city.

Tuesday's explosions at the airport in the Brussels suburb of Zaventem came shortly after 8 a.m., one of its busiest periods. Belgian Health Minister Maggie de Block said 11 people were killed and 81 wounded. Eleven people had serious injuries, Marc Decramer of the Gasthuisberg hospital in Leuven told broadcaster VTM. The nails apparently came from one of the bombs.

Zach Mouzoun, who arrived on a flight from Geneva about 10 minutes before the first blast, told BFM television that the second, louder explosion brought down ceilings and ruptured pipes, mixing water with victims' blood.

Video taken moments after the explosions showed travelers huddled next to airport check-in counters and lying near luggage and trolleys as dust and the cries of the wounded filled the air. Dazed people stumbled from the scene, some with clothes and shoes blown off.

Anthony Deloos, an airport worker for Swissport, which handles check-in and baggage services, said the first explosion took place near the Swissport counters where customers pay for overweight baggage. He and a colleague said the second blast hit near a Starbucks cafe.

The bomb on the subway train came after 9 a.m., killing 20 people and wounding more than 100, Mayor Yvan Majeur said.

Near the entrance to the station, rescue workers set up a makeshift medical treatment center in a pub. Dazed and shocked morning commuters streamed from the metro entrances as police tried to set up a security cordon.

The metro shut down after the attacks, as did the airport. More than 200 flights to Brussels were diverted or canceled, according to flight tracking service Flightradar24.

By the end of the workday, city officials said residents could begin moving around on the streets of the capital and train stations were reopening. But Peter Mertens of the Belgian crisis center said the threat of more attacks "is still real and serious."