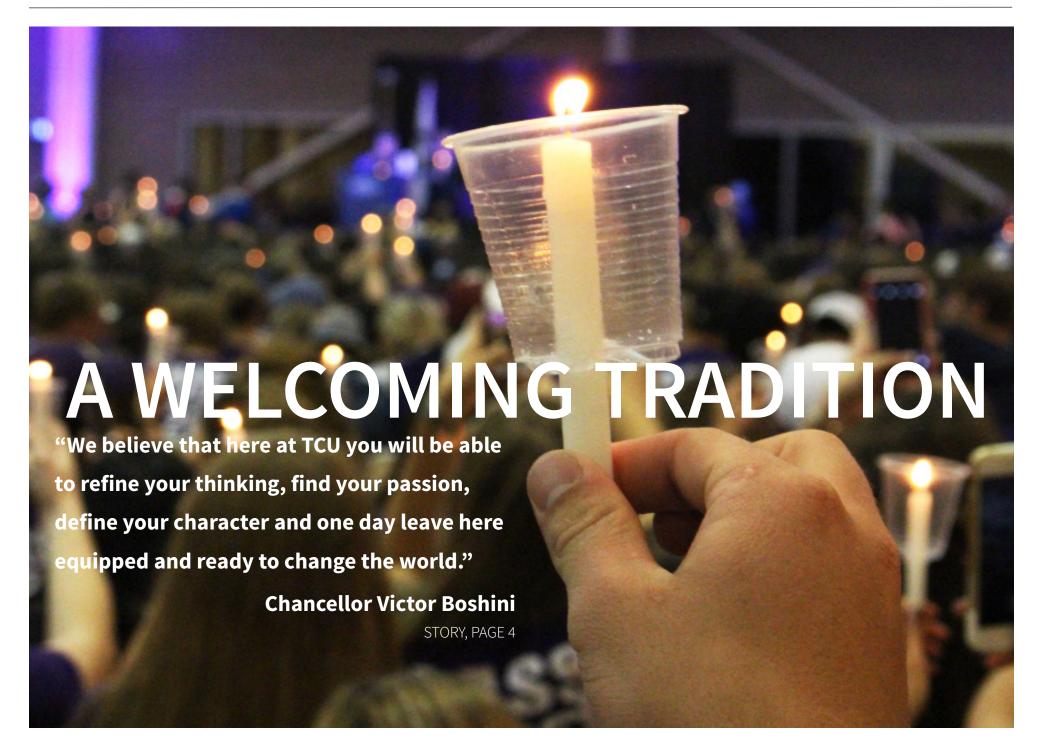


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HANK KILGORE

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Ahoy, fellow Horned Frogs! I'm The Skiff Editor this semester, and I can't tell you how excited I am to share my passion with you all. We have completely redesigned The Skiff from the ground up to be a visually-driven and original-content-creating source for TCU and Fort Worth news and entertainment. I'm a journalism major with an FTDM minor and a senior here at TCU. I hope you enjoy reading The Skiff this week and each week that follows. Stay classy and Go Frogs!



ZOE ZABEL

DESIGN EDITOR

Hello fellow Frogs! I am a junior journalism major, minoring in photography and graphic design. I am the Design Editor for The Skiff this semester. The Skiff design team has been hard at work this summer redesigning the student newspaper. We have completely revamped the paper so that it flows more smoothly. The design team is being assisted by Sarah Huffstetler, former deputy managing editor for design and graphics at the *Star-Telegram*. Changes include a new font, a new logo and a new cover design. We hope you find the design more more eye catching.



EMILY RHINE

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LEAH GRIFFIN

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POLTICS

Trump stops in Fort Worth for fundraiser ahead of Austin rally

By DEAN STRAKA

STAFF WRITER

Donald Trump's stop in Fort Worth Tuesday to pick up some campaign cash wasn't met with vocal opposition.

The only demonstrator of note was a Trump supporter who said he stripped down to a Texas flag swimsuit to show his opposition to abortion.

Trump's Texas tour included a stop at the City Club in downtown Fort Worth, before continuing to Austin for a fundraiser, a rally and an interview with Fox News host Sean Hannity.

The Fort Worth event included round-table discussions, a luncheon and a photo op with "The Donald." The fundraiser began at 11 a.m. His motorcade was on the road again by 1:15 p.m.

Mansfield resident and minister Rives Grogan, who stripped down to a swimsuit, said his support for Trump was a anti-abortion views.

"Over 50 million have been murdered through abortion in America, and Hillary Clinton has no plans to stop abortion," Grogan. "Donald Trump wants to appoint conservative justices to bring an end to abortion."

Grogan said Tuesday he initially supported Ted Cruz, but shifted to Trump after realizing that he was the only candidate strong enough to defeat Hillary Clinton in a presidential election.

"A lot of Republicans and conservative Christians get worked up over how Trump isn't the perfect candidate, but the reality is that there is no such thing as a perfect candidate," Grogan said.

"We need to get behind him or Hillary will win."



DEAN STRAKA / TCU STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mansfield resident and minister Rives Grogan, who stripped down to a swimsuit, said his support for Trump was a decision largely guided by his strong anti-abortion views.

Grogan made news in April 2015 when he was arrested for interrupting a Supreme Court marriage equality hearing. He pleaded guilty to illegally demonstrating inside the courtroom in September 2015 and spent 21 days in jail.

Eric Edwards, who runs a financial advising firm in downtown Fort Worth,

lingered on the sidewalk near the City Club hoping to see Trump.

He said his support is based on Trump's economic policy.

The campaign website vows to unleash "the power of U.S. businesses and entrepreneurship" through cutting taxes across the board and ending what Trump calls "bad trade deals."

Edwards said he isn't worried about Trump's financial hiccups. "I know he has had to deal with a few issues business-wise such as bankruptcy, but it takes a lot of effort to rise back up from the ashes."

EVENTS CALENDAR

Volleyball Home Opener

- 7-9 pm, Rec center
- Free with TCU ID

TCU Olympics

- 8/25, 6-8 pm
- Campus commons
- Free

TCU paint party

- 8/26, 10-11:45 pm
- Bluu auditorium, Free

Jon Wolfe: Boots on a Dance Floor tour

- 8/26, Show starts at 10:30
- Billy Bob's
- \$16 Reserved/\$12 GA

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows showing

- 8/27, 10-11:45 pm
- Bluu auditorium
- Free

Cactus decorating event

- 8/29, 4:30-6:30 pm
- Campus Commons
- Free

Literary Trivia Night

- 8/31, 6-7 pm
- Mary Couts Burnett Library
- Free



COVER STORY

Rain doesn't stop Chancellor's Assembly salute to Class of 2020

By HANK KILGORE

STAFF WRITER

The Class of 2020 was greeted with speeches from TCU administration, music from the TCU Marching Band and Frog Corps, and even a visit from football head coach Gary Patterson at this year's Chancellor's Assembly.

The annual event, which is usually held in the Amon G. Carter Stadium, was moved to the University Recreation Center because of stormy weather. Once the students were seated, the Frog Corps led the group in the Star-Spangled Banner.

"TCU is what it is because of the passion and commitment of those who've come before you," Boschini told the first-year and transfer students who had gathered in their Frogs First groups.

"You will also help shape it."

Cooper Thompson, a first-year pre-business major, said the assembly "showed how united TCU is as a school and how the class of 2020 is already a part of it."

Provost Nowell Donovan captured the new students' attention by talking about

"TCU is what it is because of the passion and commitment of those who've come before you. You will also help shape

it."
VICTOR BOSCHINI, CHANCELLOR

their "place in the Horned Frog community." He told them the TCU community "nourishes respect, dialogue, and thoughtful conversation."

Carlo Capua, the president of the TCU National Alumni Association, told the Class of 2020 how important it is to connect with each other.

"Students who have the most enriching and successful experiences in college are the ones who plug themselves in," Capua said.

The TCU Marching Band played throughout the event. They struck the fight song as Gary Patterson approached. In his excitement for the new class, Patterson veered from his prepared remarks. His excitement was reciprocated by the students.



SAM BRUTON / TCU STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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TOP PHOTO:

In TCU tradition, the new students were given candles to light. Boschini told them the candles are meant to represent the "light of knowledge that stands against the darkness of ignorance."

LEFT PHOTO:

A member of the Class of 2020 participates in the Chancellor's Assembly.



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SORORITIES



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Students and families celebrate Bid Day in front of the Brown-Lupton University Union.

Soggy, stormy weather changes Bid Day tradition

By KAT MATTHEWS

STAFF WRITER

TCU women learned what sororities they were placed with Friday, but instead of running up the Commons to their sorority, heavy rains forced them to walked down the steps of the Brown-Lupton University Union.

The new members boarded charter buses to take the women to their respective Bid Day events.

The downpour forced more than 300 families and students to huddle under the BLUU archway. Those who could not fit filled the steps and entryway waiting to see each sorority's new members.

"We're disappointed but still excited."

JIMMIE GRAVES

MOTHER OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENT ANNA GRAVES

Meanwhile the sorority tents lining the TCU Commons were left vacant.

New sorority women were not the only ones who had to adjust their expectations. Parent Jimmie Graves, mother of first-year student Anna Graves, said she was let down by the change in plans.

"We're disappointed but still excited," Graves said.



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The weather didn't dampen the spirits of the more than 300 family and students at Bid Day.



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CAMPUS LIFE

Alcohol violation fines lowered

By ZOE ZABEL

DESIGN EDITOR

TCU has lowered fines for alcohol violations this school year in an effort to encourage students, rather than parents, to pay.

Under the changes, the fine for a first violation falls to \$75 from \$150. The second violation will cost a student \$100, rather than \$225 and the fine for a third violation is \$150, down from \$300.

"The purpose of structuring these sanctions is to keep students safe," said David Cozzens, associate vice chancellor and dean of campus life. "Our primary goal is the prevention and education of alcohol."

The new program, which focuses on the prevention and awareness of alcohol consumption, includes a new wellness center in the University Recreation Center. The fully staffed center will focus on stress, sleep deprivation and alcohol wellness.

The new alcohol program will also include enhanced education for first-year students as an interactive online program.

AlcoholEdu will take students four hours to complete, said Cozzens. "Students will need to receive an 80 percent on the exam to pass," he said.

If students receive additional violations additional education will be

given through the AlcoholEdu sanctions program.

The AlcoholEdu program will be paid for through the fines collected from alcohol violations, said Cozzens.

Cozzens said there's no truth to "three strikes and you're out."

"We have never removed a student yet for getting three alcohol violations," he

Students who receive a third violation usually indicates someone who has a bigger problem that needs to be addressed, said Craig Allen, director of housing and residence life.

Cozzens said violations are carried over year-to-year to hold students responsible, Cozzens said. He added that if students get a fresh start every year they are more likely to break the policy.

Community service requirements are also changing with the new program.

Cozzens said it will be used to provide sober tailgates, sober events and informational fairs.

"The purpose of this is to provide students with community service that will be directly related to the behavior they are trying to fix," he said.

About 450 alcohol related violations are issued on campus each year. First-year students receive the most violations.

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CRAIG ALLEN

DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE

students who are receiving multiple violations and the increase of first-year students could also have some correlation with the amount of violations issued," said Allen.

The new policy adjustment is modeled off other Big 12 schools.

Cozzens said that TCU is above average for the number of violations issued to students for drinking compared to other colleges our size.

"That's the part of the competition we don't want to win," he said.

Students are split in response to the new policy changes.

Junior Matt Radich said he thinks

that the fines won't make a difference because students are going to continue to consume alcohol.

Senior Phi Kappa George Waidelich said he would "rather pay the fine than do the new community service."

The new program also hopes to increase the collaboration relationship with Housing, Fraternity and Sorority life, Campus life, Counseling Center, the new Wellness Center, TCU Police and other TCU departments regarding programming with the hope to enhance consistent messaging and enforcement of the policy.







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COMMUNITY

Recent graduate remembered

By MOLLY JENKINS

STAFF WRITER

Services are scheduled Monday for a recent TCU graduate who was killed Sunday in a car accident.

The funeral for
Destani Marie Carter,
who graduated in May,
is set for 11 a.m. at the
Pilgrim Rest Baptist
Church in Dallas.
Carter will be buried at
Oak Grove Memorial
Gardens in Irvine.

Carter, 23, was hit by a truck after stepping out of her wrecked car near Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth police said.

The pickup driver and his passenger immediately stopped at the scene, Carter's sister, Jasmine Brown, told the Star-Telegram.

Carter, the oldest



Destani Marie Carter

of seven, received a bachelor of science degree in child development from TCU.

She grew up in Irvine and attended Nimitz High School.

"She was a positive person," said Lexy Cruz, A TCU alumna who attended Nimitz with Carter. "Even our high school teachers are posting about how great she was."

COMMUNITY



GARRETT PODELL /TCU STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Drew Medford died in a one-vehicle crash on the Chisholm Trail Parkway early on Aug. 18.

TCU, Paschal communities celebrate life of incoming TCU baseball player

By GARRETT PODELL

STAFF WRITER

Both of the school communities on Berry Street, TCU and Paschal High School, came together last week to celebrate the life of a 2016 Paschal graduate and incoming TCU baseball player.

Drew Medford died in a one-vehicle crash on the Chisholm Trail Parkway early on Aug. 18. The wreck occurred around 2:30 a.m. near the Interstate 20 exit, according to a statement from Texas Department of Public Safety and Texas Highway Patrol Staff Lieutenant Lonny Haschel.

Medford, who was set to pitch at TCU next season, was the MVP of District 4-6A, Paschal baseball head coach Darrell Preston said.

TCU head baseball coach Jim Schlossnagle and TCU baseball players Luken Baker, Brian Howard and Michael Landestoy, were among those who gathered at the Paschal practice field.

Schlossnagle had issued a statement earlier that day: "Our program lost another teammate this morning in Drew Medford. We ask that you please keep the Medford family in your thoughts and prayers."

Friends, family, Horned Frogs and Panthers alike remembered Medford.

"He had one of the biggest hearts in the world," Zach Shaw, one of Medford's close friends from high school, said. "Drew Medford was the one of the most genuine, most kind, and caring people I have ever had the pleasure of encountering."

Medford was known for his ability to make people smile. "He just made everybody laugh and was such a great guy to be around," said Lauren Callaghan, a first year TCU student.

Almost the entire practice football field was full - it was nearly impossible to see the grass - with people coming to pay their respects. A downpour didn't deter the entire crowd; most stayed throughout the the vigil.

"This is amazing," Preston said.
"I look out here and all I see is
nothing but love for Drew Medford,
and I think it's fitting that it's
raining, just like all the tears that
are falling right now because he was

such an unbelievable person."

Medford's friends and family spoke of the trait he was most known for: his spirit.

"Drew Medford taught us something: how not to quit," Preston said. "Drew Medford won, I see it looking at all of our faces, and he's looking down at us today and always will be."

Paschal head football coach and assistant baseball coach Matt Miracle also praised Medford for his never-give-up attitude.

"We have a strong community here at Paschal, and we don't stay down, we get back up and keep pushing forward," Matt Miracle said. "We all know that's what Drew would want us to do."

Paschal and TCU students and alums alike all agreed that Medford made an impact on their lives.

"This right here, all of these people, just goes to show the impact that he made," Shaw said. "Each and every one of you knew him, and he grew on all of us every day."

Paschal principal Terri Mossige said, "Never ever underestimate the spirit of a community. We stand together."

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MOVIE REVIEW

Kubo knows how to show and tell

By CHRIS GARCIA

STAFF WRITER

"If you must blink, do it now"
In a summer full of sequels and remakes, *Kubo and the Two Strings* is an original idea that takes viewers on a stunning emotional journey as it adds to this year's strong animated lineup.

The newest offering by animation studio Laika (Boxtrolls, Coraline, ParaNorman), follows a boy named Kubo on his quest to gather three pieces of magical armor.

Improving upon the studio's already stunning animation, Kubo uses a mixture of stop-motion, dioramas and CGI to deliver beautiful landscapes and detailed characters that really grab the viewer's attention.

The animation also helps visualize the more exposition-laced story. Backstory that might be more difficult to understand or easily missed is played out using multicolored origami, adding both movement and flair in what would be otherwise dull moments.

While seemingly a kids movie, Kubo is not afraid to wander into serious and



follows a boy named on his quest to gather three pieces of magical armor.

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often melancholy territory. The film's attempts at comedy are kind of hit or miss, and the consistently dark tone might make it harder for younger kids to watch and understand. The titular character's quest is bolstered by themes such as creativity and loss that give it a heavy emotional weight, and while kids may enjoy it for the visuals and action, older audiences can also appreciate the lessons and ideas Kubo is conveying.

Storywise, Kubo can be a bit

slow-paced at times, especially in the beginning. Once the pace does pick up, however, the film offers enough in action and unique set pieces to make up for it. There are also a few questionable plot moments, but they can be overlooked as they help build on the movie's themes.

Art Parkinson (Game of Thrones' Rickon Stark) does a solid job voicing Kubo, bringing a sense of compassion and strength throughout the film. Joining Kubo are the no-nonsense

Monkey (Charlize Theron) and oblivious Beetle (Matthew McConaughey). Despite a few rough patches in dialogue early on, Theron and McConaughey quickly steal the show as they settle into a nice banter.

Verdict: While it suffers from a few dips in plot and dialogue, Kubo and the Two Strings combines a mature and emotional story with incredible visuals to craft an experience worth sharing.

8 out of 10 frogs





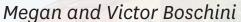
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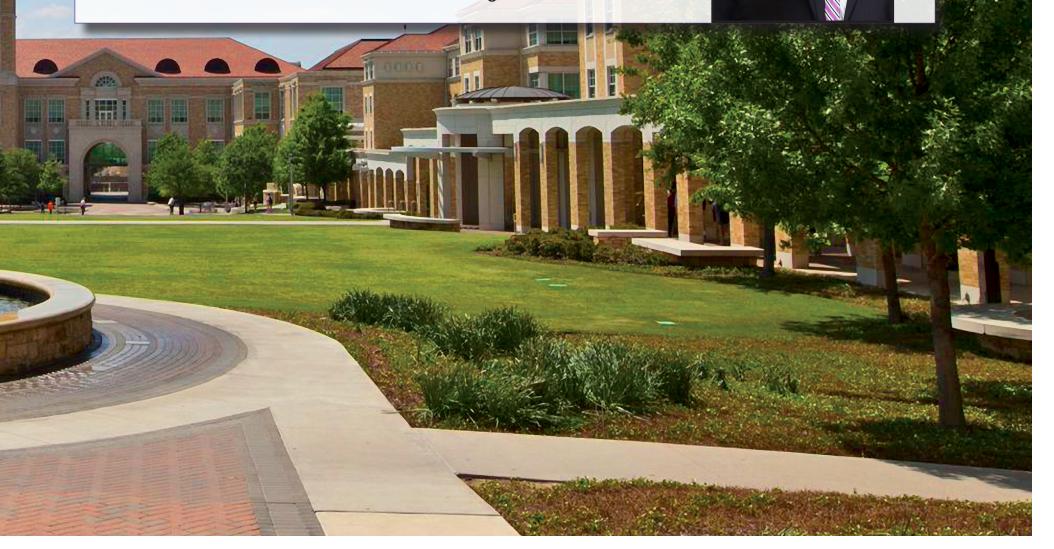
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Please accept our very best wishes for a productive and engaging semester.





FRATERNITIES

TCU removes Phi Kappa Sigma for hazing and other misconduct

By GRANT MCGALLIARD

STAFF WRITER

TCU has removed the Beta Theta chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity from campus after a series of incidents including hazing and drug dealing.

Phi Kap's dismissal came after internal discussions with the university administration and talks with the fraternity's national office, according to Kathy Cavins-Tull, TCU's vice chancellor for student affairs.

There were a series of issues that became part of the "culture of the chapter," she wrote in an email. "The University believed that there were some things happening in the Phi Kappa Sigma chapter that put their members and their chapter at risk.

"In trying to find solutions, we decided that closing the chapter for a period of time was the best solution," she wrote.

Clayton Reis, who was the fraternity president at the time of the dismissal, outlined some of the events in an email sent to chapter members. A screenshot of part of the email was sent to TCU360.

"We had our former CRA, living in



"We do not talk in terms of 'punishment,'
but instead developing some sustainable
practices to restore the status of the
chapter on this campus. We are working
with Phi Kappa Sigma to create a plan for
reestablishing their Beta Theta chapter."

KATHY CAVINS-TULL, VICE CHANCELLOR, STUDENT AFFAIRS

the frat house, in possession of drugs, guns, and alcohol," Reis wrote, referring to the chapter's resident assistant. "We had multiple Phi Kaps dealing drugs, including a member in the house dealing some extremely hard drugs."

"We had a gulf shores spring break video produced by members of PC15 that went public on the internet and was posted on TCU fb wall that showed our members and other students raging like no tomorrow," Reis wrote. "We were caught drinking in the chapter room during candlelight for the seniors.

"And we have been caught hazing 2 out of the last three years among other

violations with the school and nationals," he wrote.

Cavins-Tull declined to comment on Reis's email.

Reis did not respond to repeated voicemails and emails. Phi Kappa Sigma Executive Director Timothy Schug was not immediately available for comment.

In 2008, Phi Kappa lost housing privileges and was reduced to colony status due to "misconduct" that included drinking alcohol in the chapter room. TCU reinstated the fraternity's housing privileges in 2009 after members completed a program.

Phi Kap's chapter adviser, Gerald

Ewbanks, was the fraternity's president when it was sanctioned in 2008.

"We are disappointed about the chapter being closed down for the next 18 months," Ewbanks wrote in a statement. Ewbanks expressed hope that the fraternity would be reinstated by 2018

Cavins-Tull wrote that the removal is not meant to be a form of punishment.

"We do not talk in terms of 'punishment,' but instead developing some sustainable practices to restore the status of the chapter on this campus," Cavins-Tull wrote. "We are working with Phi Kappa Sigma to create a plan for reestablishing their Beta Theta chapter."

In his email to the fraternity, Reis was contrite.

"There was behavior that was accepted by a lot of you and that is why this happened," Reis wrote. "And ultimately because I did not stop these things from happening its a poor reflection on my ability to condemn that behavior.

"That being said I still love you guys and know everybody makes mistakes I just wish it did not have to end."

CONSTRUCTION

Recent renovations to east side of TCU library now complete

By NIA BROOKINS

STAFF WRITER

After the addition to the Mary Couts Burnett Library were completed last fall, it was clear the east side needed a new

This summer, construction crews laid new carpet, added a fresh coat of paint and added new furniture. The entryway was also reconfigured so the turn stands will now face forward instead of sideways.

James Lutz, director of library administrative services, said, "This was done so students can see clearly where to go in the library."

The renovations are not over yet, however. Lutz said the overall project is five to seven years long. Eventually the library will have a new heating and air conditioning system and more space for students.



MADALYN SHIRCLIFF /TCU STAFF PHOTOGRAPHERFiyori Kidane, sophomore, enters the library through one of the reconfigured turn stands.

The summer renovations were completed and ready to use right before classes began on Monday.



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Thao Pham, sophomore, works in one of the newly installed study pods.





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SPORTS

Women's tennis team prepares for a 'serious year'

By GRANT MCGALLIARD

STAFF WRITER

After finishing tied for second in the Big 12 last season, TCU women's tennis head coach Lee Taylor Walker said this season the team is returning with seniors and a set of high standards.

Despite his own high expectations for the team and those of the coaching staff, Walker said he's letting the players set their own goals this season.

"Any time you have a large senior class, they want to go out on top," Walker said. "That's something they'll do, in terms of setting an actual goal of whether they want to win a national championship, a conference championship, top 10, top 5, top 20, that's really up to them to decide."

Walker said returning all-Big 12 doubles first team Seda Arantekin and Caroline Wegner have a chance to win an individual doubles national championship this year.

"They're top 25 in the country, and that's great, but really, we want them to be top 5 in the country," he said.

Walker also said that having Arantekin and Wegner back will help boost the confidence in the younger players. Having the rest of the team play against them during practices, or even splitting the duo up, pairing them with the less-experienced players, could build greater depth in the team, he said.

Walker said that Big 12 newcomer of the year Olaya Garrido-Rivas brings a lot of potential to the team. She wants to go out on top and along with her fellow seniors Arantekin, Wegner and Sofiko



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After finishing second in the Big 12 last year, TCU women's tennis has several returning seniors.

Kadzhaya, are dreaming pretty big, he said.

"Olaya...has some big goals for the fall," Walker said. "She wants to win a regional championship, and I think she's totally capable of doing that."

Mia King, who was a big contributor to the 2015-16 team, especially in

doubles, returns this year as a student assistant coach. Walker had high praise for her, saying that "there's some people that finish their eligibility that you don't really want around...and there's people like Mia, who you want around as long as possible."

Walker said this season is going to be a "serious year."

condemn that behavior," Reis wrote.
"That being said I still love you guys
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just wish it did not have to end."

SPORTS

Women's Golf: striving to be the best with more experienced players

By JONATHAN PICKELL

STAFF WRITER

The future for TCU women's golf is now, said head coach Angie Ravioli-Larkin.

Last season, four of the five team members who competed in the NCAA regional were first years. Ravioli-Larkin said she expects continued growth out of them for 2016.

"Being a year older, a year experienced, I'm so excited," Ravioli-Larkin said.

Ravioli-Larkin said she was impressed by not only the players' growth on the course, but off. She said as each player grew individually, the team also grew as a whole. That growth led to an increase in performance she was able to see towards the end of last season, she said.

Ravioli-Larkin said this season it is about striving to be the best at everything each day.

Ravioli-Larkin said that her players want to win a national championship and she believes they have that ability. She said the key is to give 100 percent, 100 percent of the time.

"We can't control if we win or not," she said. "But we can control what we do every day in order to get that win."



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Last year, four of the five team members who competed in the NCAA regional were first years.

"I think when we start looking too far ahead and putting those extra pressures on ourselves and you get out of living day to day,"

ANGIE RAVIOLI-LARKIN

COMMENTARY



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The goal this year is to win the College World Series. The Frogs were one win away from the finals last year, but lost back-to-back games to Coastal Carolina.

TCU Baseball goes out swinging

By GRANT MCGALLIARD

STAFF WRITER

Last season, the TCU baseball team was supposed to be rebuilding. Construction took them to Omaha.

The Frogs were one win away from the College World Series finals, but lost back-to-back games to Coastal Carolina.

Instead of mourning the loss, let's celebrate the tremendous success.

The Frogs made their third straight trip to Omaha, with a treasure trove of young talent. They proved that head coach Jim Schlossnagle and his staff earned their pay raise and alleviated any fears of a depleted pitching staff.

At first glance, it didn't look like the Frogs would make a deep tourney run. TCU even lost its alumni game to the old Frogs, after projected ace Rex Hill gave up early runs.

TCU lost its official opening game, too, against Loyola Marymount, but righted the ship by ripping off a 7-game win streak, including a sweep of the Shriners Hospitals for Children Classic in Houston.

The Frogs lost just three games before beginning Big 12 Conference play, but were unable to dominate in the conference like they had in the past.

TCU lost four series against Big 12 opponents and finished with a 16-10 record that left them in third place heading into the conference tournament.

There, the Frogs made it to the championship game, where a huge lead against West Virginia was wasted, and the game went into extra innings.

That's when Luken Baker, freshman DH and waking nightmare for opposing pitchers, displayed the first inkling of how vital he'd be all postseason and launched a walk-off championship-winning home run in the bottom of the 10th inning.

That moonshot sent the Frogs to the postseason, where they swept the Fort Worth Regional on a rainy June weekend.

The College Station Super Regional was next (Baker hit a home run there, too, and Jared Janczak was electric in his Friday start), where TCU knocked off the Aggies for the second consecutive year.

Baker's emergence was one of many outstanding individual performances. Josh Watson, Austen Wade, and Elliott Barzilli hit the ball well, and Janczak and Brian Howard submitted several dominating pitching performances.

Howard, in particular, was overwhelming on the mound, especially when the pressure was at its highest. His win against Texas A&M in the clinching game of the College Station Super Regional provided a spark of energy and motivation for his team.

The Frogs won their first game at the College World Series, when -- you guessed it -- Baker hit a bomb in the top of the 9th inning to come back and beat Texas Tech. TCU beat The Coastal Carolina Chanticleers in the second game, too, and sat in the driver's seat, one win away from the final.

They'd stay one win away. The Chanticleers were a team of destiny, bound and determined to knock off the giants of the game on their way to a stunning title, and the Frogs were just one giant on their checklist.

This year, the goal isn't to make it to the College World Series. It's to win it. The talent is certainly there, with everyone but Brian Trieglaff and Dane Steinhagen set to return.

VOLLEYBALL



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 $Ashley \ Smith \ and \ the \ Horned \ Frogs \ kick \ off \ their season \ Friday \ against \ North \ Carolina \ State.$

TCU Volleyball looking to build on last year's success; season starts Friday

By GARRETT PODELL

STAFF WRITER

Coming off its second-best season in program history, TCU volleyball is eyeing a deep NCAA Tournament run.

The Horned Frogs kick off their season Friday against North Carolina State.

Director of Volleyball Jill Kramer said she likes the way her team looks. She said the team is healthy, blocking well and has bulked up its non-conference schedule.

"They put a lot of work in and preparation," Kramer said. "They all trust and believe in one another and that's what it takes to get things done. I believe we have people to do that this year."

Last season the team was ranked as

the seventh-best blocking team in the country.

"We only have three players under six feet on the team, but for blocking isn't always about size," Kramer said. "We spend time on teaching girls to read the game well and that is what a lot of blocking is about."

Outside hitter Ashley Smith, one of six players to be named unanimously to the Preseason All-Big 12, is coming off knee surgery.

But Kramer said that Smith's injury might have actually helped her become a more complete player. She said while recovering Smith focused on aspects of her game that she didn't need her knee for -- like loosening her arm swing and her passing platform.

"Ashley's stronger in her core, which directly affects her arm swing, that's the biggest thing I've seen, and her passing platform was already good, but she's been able to improve her platform and her court vision," Kramer said.

The team's most important position, setter, is still in play. Last season, senior Alexia Heist and sophomore Kaylee Smith split time at the position, yielding positive results. This season Smith is in the hunt to be the top setter, but faces new competition from junior Lamprini Konstantinidou.

Konstantinidou followed Kramer from West Virginia and sat out all of last season due to the NCAA transfer rules. She is also the setter for the junior Greek national team.

In addition to N.C. State, the Horned Frogs non-conference schedule includes University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and Duke University.

The 2016 TCU volleyball recruiting class is ranked No. 15 according to the Top 30 Collegiate Recruiting Classes that was released by PrepVolleyball.com, which marks the first time in program history that TCU's incoming recruiting class is ranked.

Fans are also a key part of the team's success. TCU sold out all but one home game last season; that was the best attendance in the Big 12 and one of the best in the nation.

"We had Penn State's head coach here, Russ Rose, doing a coach's clinic with us over the summer," Kramer said. "He said, 'I'm never bringing my team to come play here, this is one of the toughest places to play in the country."

First serve against the Wolfpack is at 7 p.m in the TCU Recreation Center.

SPORTS

TCU Equestrian starts the season in winning mindset

By JONATHAN PICKELL

STAFF WRITER

This season TCU equestrian is looking to finish the job following the program's first national championship runner-up performance in the 2016 National Collegiate Equestrian Association National Championships.

After losing by a single point in the championship round last season, senior Kari Hancock said this year the mindset is that the team can come back stronger and win the NCEA National Championship this year.

"One point is not a lot when you're coming to the national championship," Hancock said. "Now we have that confidence in what our team can do, we have the talent and we have the hard

TCU Director of Equestrian Haley Schoolfield said this year the team will take extra notice of the competition and come prepared.

"Despite how accomplished our riders are, they're very humble, quiet winners, and they work hard at their craft," she

While much of the team goes home over the summer to prepare individually for the season, Hancock and junior Julia Finn stayed in Fort Worth to put in some extra work together.

"It's all about coming off a great season and knowing that we were so close and to be able to do that again, Finn said. "We know the work that needs to be put in to get there, so we've just focused on hard work, trying to keep improving."

Hancock and Finn both agree that junior Carly Burnett is a rider who could "really breakout" and bring a lot of potential this season.

"She ended up Most Outstanding Player at the Big 12 Championships on the flat, and that was one of her first big times competing," Hancock said.

Finn said that Carly may be quiet, but she puts in the hard work.

"She's definitely one of those people who leads by example and never stops working until she get's where she wants to be," Finn said.

One of TCU's biggest matches this season is Jan. 26 against Baylor at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo.

Hancock said this match will bring the



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TCU Equestrian team is looking to finish strong after finishing second in last year's national championship.

intensity that will fuel the team for more of their home matches.

"We want a win against Baylor almost as much as we want to win the national championship," Hancock said.

The rest of TCU's home matches are in Springtown, Texas, just about 30 to 45 minutes down the highway. Their first home match is September 16th against Texas Tech.





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BASEBALL



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MICAH WITH TCU BASEBALL TEAM

FOR MICAH

"We say it a lot, but it's hard to even give everyone outside of our program an idea of how much he really means to us"

By GRANT MCGALLIARD

STAFF WRITER

One of the most important players on TCU's baseball team stood around half as tall as slugger Luken Baker, couldn't throw a quarter as fast as Brian Howard or Durbin Feltman, and couldn't block balls behind home plate nearly as well as Evan Skoug.

But then again, Micah Ahern's incredible impact on everyone he met didn't relate too much to what he could do on a baseball diamond.

Michah, who was diagnosed with neuroblastoma (an aggressive form of cancer that primarily affects young children) at 15 months old, inspired the Horned Frogs with his relentless spirit, best summarized in his slogan: Never Ever Give Up.

Micah, 7, died July 28, surrounded by family in Arlington.

Micah became part of the TCU team through a partnership with

Massachusetts-based program Team IMPACT. He "signed" with the Frogs in 2014 in a special ceremony.

"He's just such a huge part of this team," Brian Howard said after TCU's win over Coastal Carolina in the second game of the College World Series, a game that Micah was able to attend.

"We say it a lot, but it's hard to even give everyone outside of our program an idea of how much he really means to us."

Seeing Micah before the game was "just awesome," pitcher Ryan Burnett said.

"Just puts a smile on your face," Burnett said. "Let's you forget about everything. Just go out there and play baseball, have fun."

TCU head coach Jim Schlossnagle said he was happier more with the positive impact the visit had on Micah, than he was with any impact on his

"He was enjoying the attention, which he's more than deserved," Schlossnagle said. "And anything that brightens his day has just been awesome.

"So to see a smile on his face and see his mom, she was in a great mood -it's just great. It's just great having him around."

Micah was featured on ESPN before the Coastal Carolina game and his story even drew the attention of TCU's College World Series opponent.

His mother, Linda, had posted on Facebook in early June that Micah's cancer had progressed past the point where chemotherapy and and antibody treatment can be effective.

Throughout the remainder of the CWS, the Frogs honored Micah by playing with a Superman logo on their hats with an "M" replacing the "S" and continuing to send messages of love his way.

TCU has created the Micah Ahern TCU Baseball Scholarship. It will be given to an athlete that never, ever gives up.



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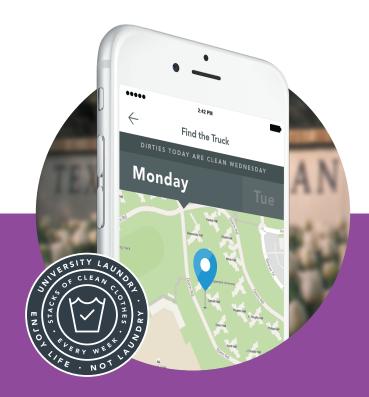
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Horoscope

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Aug. 25, 2016:

This year you could be more challenging than you realize. A friend or associate often expresses his or her frustration in dealing with you. Be more understanding of others. You might have difficulties staying grounded, especially in relationships. If you are single, you attract many different people. The person you choose to be with will be very comfortable in your company. If you are attached, you might feel pressured by your sweetie to express your feelings more often. You quickly will learn that what you say is more important than how you say it. PISCES often confuses you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so: 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Just when you have think you have completed most of what you want done, you'll discover otherwise. Someone could become quite touchy. You might want to throw your hands in the air and say, "I give up." Tonight: Clear the air with a certain person.

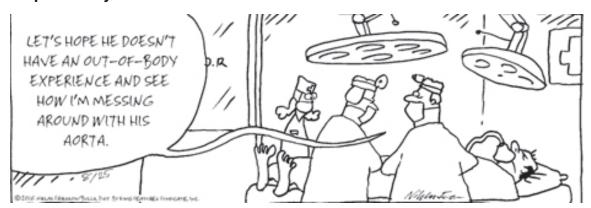
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

** Curb a need to be possessive. Every so often, you have an attack of the green-eyed monster. Rather than react to someone's actions with harsh words. just become less available. Your point will be conveyed without words. Tonight: Go shopping for several items you want or need.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** You could be in a situation where you would prefer to express your feelings to a partner before he or she becomes irritable and difficult. Let others offer their feedback and help you let this person know that enough is enough. Tonight: Ask and you shall receive.

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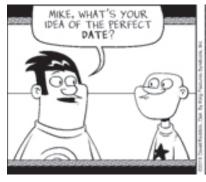




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Intelligent Life by David Reddick



CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You might wake up on the wrong side of the bed this morning. You could snarl at one person and ignore others. Fortunately, those around you read you loud and clear; they know when they have pushed too far, based on your reactions. Tonight: Confusion runs

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

through your plans.



★★★★ You have a tendency to draw in many people, but sometimes those same people could become highly reactive or iealous. Your words and smile might heal the moment, but not their insecurity. Recognize what you must say to help others relax. Tonight: Where the crowds

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might be at your wits' end

with a volatile situation. Recognize that you can't control this situation, but you can control your responses. This matter could involve real estate or your domestic life. Allow your creativity to infuse a relationship. Tonight: Listen to a loved

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might want to reach out to a loved one. This person needs to

know that you care, but his or her initial reaction might be less than friendly. Know that there is more going on here than meets the eye. A work-related matter is not as it appears. Tonight: Make plans accordingly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Allow your creativity to come out when dealing with a partner. The two of you tend to come up with the strangest ideas when conversing. You are very different from each other, yet you both love the unusual. You will find a solution. Tonight: Plan on dinner for two.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You might want to reconsider your attitude and reactions. Others could feel very strongly about a personal matter and won't want to change their tune. At times, you appear to be a lot tougher than you really are. Tonight: A loved one's reaction leaves you feeling confused.w

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You have a lot to do. Today's hectic pace could wear you out. Someone close to you might not be able to figure out why you are less than sunny. Perhaps you need to be more verbal about what ails you, even if it has little to do with the person in question. Tonight: Pace yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** While someone's attitude might get to you, you know where it is coming from, and will be able to move on. Friends will ask you what is going on, but you are likely to change the subject. Allow your sunny perspective of life to emerge. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Tension stems from various areas of your life. You understand the expectations that a boss has for a work-related matter. Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with a family member. Work on being nonreactive. Tonight: Share a bottle of bubbly with a loved one.



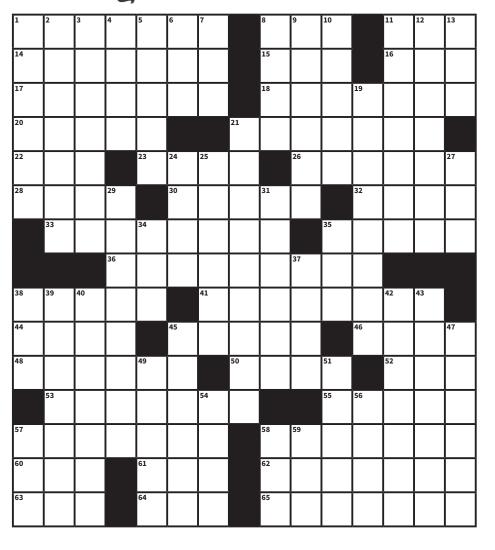
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TCU Trivia

The TCU Horned Frogs will be facing the Texas Tech Raiders on Oct. 29.

a) True

b) False

Across

- 1 See 14-cross
- _ Kappa Nu, engineering honor society
- **11** Agcy. regulating net neutrality
- 14 With 1-Across, no-no #1
- 15 1960s chess champ Mikhail
- 16 Geneva-based agcy.
- **17** Ulterior motives
- **18** Prominent feature of Bert on 'Sesame Street"
- _ White, singer of the 1991 #1 hit "Romantic'
- 21 Billboard chart listings
- 22 Is in Paris or old Rome?
- 23"Play Time" director Jacques
- **26** Shortly, informally
- 28 Approx. time it takes for light to travel one foot
- 32 This is one
- 33 "Modern Family" actor

- **35** Aid for a long-distance relationship
- **36** True to life
- **38** Battle locale that marked a turning point in W.W. I
- **41** See 19-Down
- 44 As above, in citations
- 45 Realm
- 46 New Mexico skiing mecca
- 48 Take back
- 50 15 divs. on old maps
- 52 Chronometric std.
- 53 Dinosaurs, informally
- **55** First of the Minor Prophets
- **57** CVS competitor
- 58 Old lamp fuel
- **60** ___ budget
- **61** Crack team, for short?
- **62** Supposed consequence of any of the three no-nos in this puzzle
- **63** Nepotism beneficiary: Abbr.
- **64** Zeppelin's realm
- 65 Coins

Down

- 1 Have an eye-opening experience 34 Word in a wedding
- 2 Chef with the catchphrase "Kick it up a notch"
- **3** Gave a heads-up
- 4 Fashion house based in the Big
- 5 "___ see that coming!"
- 6 Bambi's aunt
- **7** Some QB protectors
- 8 Needle holder
- 9 Bitter component of tea
- 10 Harmonize
- 11 Night light?
- **12** Detailed description
- 13 Intimidate
- **19** With 41-Across, no-no #2
- **21** Typical Three Stooges comedy
- 24 Offshore
- 25 Baba Mustafa, in "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves"
- 27 Just a bit
- 29 Autumn attraction

- 31 "Full House" twins
- announcement
- 35 Quick draft?
- 37 Target of a 1917 uprising
- **38** With 57-Down, no-no #3
- **39** "Sweet" girl of song
- 40 Music event
- **42** Prevents from stealing, say
- **43** Advantage for a hockey team
- 45 Staked
- 47 Hunts
- 49 Tandoori products
- **51** What a canopy provides
- 54 Offensive date
- **56** Relative of a bean pot
- **57** See 38-Down
- 58 Ottawa-based media co.
- 59 Gondola feature

TCU TRIVIA ANSWER

a) True

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