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## COMMUNITY

# TCU's 'Team Mom' remains enthusiastic and supportive

By ALEXIS BIERMAN

STAFF WRITER

Draped in purple memorabilia, signed autographs and pictures galore with some of TCU's finest, Room 111 is just one representation of the love one Fort Worth celebrity has for TCU.

Whether referred to as Dolores, or more famously as "Team Mom," this 81-year-old TCU retiree has sparked the attention of many in the Horned Frog community.

But things are a bit different for this Frog fanatic.

Dolores Oelfke, who spent 23 years working in TCU's Financial Aid Department, is 12 years retired and, as of six months ago, has situated into her new home at Mira Vista Nursing Home.

Unable to attend any more games, Oelfke has brought the games to her.

The once sterile walls have undergone a complete purple-themed renovation. Lined with finishing touches like a personalized jersey and picture of the TCU fanatic from the Star-Telegram, Oelfke has completely transformed her 9-foot by 12-foot space.

Despite visits from devoted family and friends, no amount of decor can replace the feeling of cheering on the games in person.

"She misses the games," said her husband Lyle. "She'd sit down behind the team with signs and 'Team Mom' and all of that."

Albeit bedridden, Oelfke and husband of 58 years, Lyle, do all they can in their free time to support the frogs. The famed "Team Mom" said she supports the frogs through both their good times and bad, though this isn't to say she doesn't get frustrated.

Asked her opinion of the Frogs' game against Arkansas, Oelfke, prefaced with an eye-roll, had little to say.

"No comment -- period," Oelfke said.

While Oelfke attributes her positive memories from the Fort Worth university to the kids, staff and parents, she and Lyle collectively agreed that there was one group in particular that stood out.

"She enjoyed working with the athletes best," Lyle said. "She'd be there to see them off before they got



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Dolores Oelfke lays in her TCU-themed bed at Mira Vista Nursing Home.

on the bus, and every one of them would come over there to give her a hug before they got on."

During her career at the Office of Financial Aid, Oelfke managed a work-study program where she was introduced to many of the athletes. Their lifelong relationship took off from there.

"I would always be there when the team came on the bus, and I'd be there to greet them," Oelfke said. "And then when they'd leave, I'd be there to say bye. The team invited me to a lot of their things."

Though many, including TCU head football coach Gary Patterson, Chancellor Victor Boschini and NFL star Andy Dalton, know TCU's personal cheerleader for her reputable nickname, the long-standing Frog supporter hasn't always been recognized as "Team Mom."

"We got the idea from a campaign

on TV," Lyle said. "I fixed her a sign one game and it took off from there."

Taking pride in attending almost every sporting function that TCU had to offer, Oelfke, who was once labeled "TCU's No. 1 fan" by Boschini, is no stranger to the spotlight when it comes to the passion she has for TCU and its athletics.

"She's been on the front page of Star-Telegram at the bowl game," Lyle said. "She used to be in the parades all the time with the convertible and signs."

When asked about her favorite part of TCU sports, she responded, "I can't answer that. There's too many."

Lyle insisted, "It's winning."

Oelfke is located at the Mira Vista Nursing Home in Room 111 and loves visitors.



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## CAMPUS NEWS

# IJM promotes awareness on campus of labor trafficking

By ELIZABETH HINZ

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While many people automatically associate human trafficking with the sex trade, sexual exploitation only accounts for roughly one-fourth of the crimes involved in modern-day slavery.

An estimated 21 million people are thought to be trapped in labor trafficking, according to the International Labour Organization. At 68 percent, the majority of these individuals are forced into labor such as agriculture, construction and manufacturing.

The chocolate industry, or rather the cocoa bean, is also largely dependent on forced labor.

The International Justice Mission, TCU's anti-trafficking organization, promoted awareness on the issue on Wednesday with a screening of the documentary "The Dark Side of Chocolate."

The documentary investigated child trafficking and forced child labor at cocoa plantations in Africa.

The event drew about 50 to 60 people in Sid Richardson. Fair trade chocolate, which strictly

prohibits the use of slave or child labor in production, was given out at the end of the documentary.

IJM President Madelyn Carter said she wants to teach people about what labor trafficking looks like and how to combat against it.

"This isn't like a 'don't eat chocolate thing,'" said Carter, a senior majoring in entrepreneurial management. "It's more having a critical concern for where the things you buy come from and who's making your goods and where you're putting your money towards."

First-year child development major Darlene Ninziza said she is glad IJM is paying attention to the issue.

"I heard about child labor and trafficking before and that it was connected to Africa, and I am from Rwanda which is central Africa," said Ninziza. "I didn't expect there to be such a thing as this club and that they are concerned for something that's happening so far away."

Some students said the documentary made them more aware about child labor trafficking.

"I really did not know

much about human trafficking to begin with and coming here really did open my eyes about the child labor industry," said first-year student Oscar Hernandez. "We definitely need to pay attention to where we put out money."

First-year pre-business major Andrea Carrasquilla said the documentary broadened her views on labor trafficking.

"I knew that there was human trafficking, but I didn't know it could be with something as simple as chocolate," said Carrasquilla. "There's ways to make a difference. Even just educating is a good start."

Carter said IJM's goals include continuing to raise awareness about labor and sex trafficking as well as providing students options to take action.

"It's just been cool to see TCU embraces us," said Carter. "We're a young club and we have a lot of support on campus which just shows the hearts of the TCU students are so caring and compassionate for this issue."

## FOOTBALL

# TCU anticipates close game against Kansas

By GARRETT PODELL

STAFF WRITER

TCU isn't expecting a blowout Saturday when the Horned Frogs travel to Lawrence, Kansas, their out-of-state trip, to play the Kansas Jayhawks.

Since joining the Big 12, the Frogs have won all four meetings against the Jayhawks, all by 14 points or less.

Head coach Gary Patterson said Tuesday he is more worried about what his team does rather than what Kansas does.

"They're very physical on defense and they play very hard," Patterson said about Kansas.

TCU defensive end James McFarland said, "KU always has a couple wrinkles when they play us."

Offensively, the Jayhawks have settled on sophomore Ryan Willis as quarterback over redshirt junior Montell Cozart, who started at the beginning of the season.

Patterson said the switch didn't force major adjustments in TCU's

*"They're very physical on defense and they are playing hard."*

GARY PATTERSON ABOUT KANSAS

TCU HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

game plan. "They run the same offense with both guys," he said.

Defensively, the Horned Frogs are giving up 414.6 yards a game, third for the Big 12.

Patterson said uptempo offenses, at TCU and conferencewide, have led to inflated numbers in defensive yards allowed.

"We haven't been able to be as diverse as we'd like to be [on defense]," Patterson said, because the speed of the games prevents substitution packages.

TCU kicks off at 11 a.m. Saturday in Lawrence against the Jayhawks.

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## CAMPUS NEWS

# TCU explores Indigenous People's Day at inaugural symposium

By **SAM BRUTON**  
STAFF WRITER

TCU students were encouraged to view Columbus's arrival in the Americas from the perspective of Native Americans as part of the university's first Indigenous People's Day symposium.

Chebon Kernell, the keynote speaker at the panel discussion, said he was in awe of how indigenous perspectives were brought into the world of academics.

"Events in history are presented as a 'that's just how it is' or 'it's God's will,'" he said. Growing up in Oklahoma, he said people like him were dehumanized by their histories.

He asked Monday's audience: "What would it look like to recognize the true history and challenge the meaning of Columbus Day?"

Dr. Theresa Gaul of the Department of English and Women and Gender Studies and Dr. Scott Langston of the Religion Department organized the event. It was sponsored by an Instructional Grant and the AddRan College of Liberal Arts.

To mark the occasion, a teepee nearly 24 feet high and 18 feet wide was set up in the Campus Commons. Its owner, Carl Kurtz, is a TCU alumni and employee and a member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Nation.

After a panel discussion, dancers of the Tribal Traditions Arts and Education group presented traditional dances to the beat of Comanche Thunder drummers.

Kernell is a citizen of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and executive secretary for Native American and Indigenous Ministries of the General Board of Global Ministries for the United Methodist Church.

The panel discussion also featured Peggy Larney, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, who said the U.S. is a model for eliminating indigenous people.

"Columbus Day needs to be abolished," Larney added.

Brian Larney, Peggy's son and a Choctaw/Seminole artist, said that "students around here don't have that many Native American friends so they don't see the need to assist."

"Indigenous people don't see Columbus Day as something to celebrate" said Gaul, an organizer of the event. Many Native Americans and indigenous people are calling



SAM BRUTON / TCU STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A teepee stands 24 feet high and 18 feet wide in the Campus Commons as part of the Indigenous People's Day symposium.

for a reframing of the holiday to more accurately convey history and share cultural sensitivity.

Oklahoma University began observing Indigenous People's Day last year with a symposium similar to TCU's. This grassroots movement is finding its way throughout the nation, Gaul said. Both Seattle and Minneapolis have accepted petitions to change the name of the holiday.

Kernell said Oklahoma, a state created for indigenous people, is the stage for irony. Twice a petition was written to change the name of Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day and twice it was denied.

Edyka Chilomé, an activist of diasporic indigenous descent, noted the legacy of violence that has come from Columbus Day.

"Many of us come from indigenous people who have been displaced," she said.



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Edtja Chilomé answers an audience member's question at the panel discussion held in the BLUU Ballroom.



## COMMUNITY

# Officers, students celebrate National Night Out

By SARAH GRISHAM

STAFF WRITER

TCU police officers gathered in the Brown-Lupton University Union Tuesday night to celebrate Fort Worth's National Night Out.

National Night Out is a nationally observed day that aims to strengthen police and community relationships and bring awareness to crime prevention.

George Steen, a TCU police officer, said it's a way to get people out of their houses to meet their neighbors.

"We're trying to get everyone together so that if you see something going on in your neighborhood, you will pick up the phone and call," Steen said.

Steen said he wants events like this to start in other communities by students who graduate and become tax-paying citizens.

Jeremy Ramirez, a sophomore strategic communication major, said the police officer he talked to helped clarify differences between automotive laws in his home state, New York, and Texas.

"They were very accommodating," Ramirez said. "They gave me tips on what certain laws are and how to go about it; they communicated really well with me."

Steen said he hopes National Night Out will build trust within the community and start a dialogue about current issues.

"If we are doing something wrong or the public is doing something wrong, maybe we can talk instead of shout at each other," Steen said.



SARAH GRISHAM / TCU STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A group of TCU police officers gathered in the Brown-Lupton University Union Tuesday night to celebrate Fort Worth's National Night Out.

Fort Worth firefighters from Station 21 and Tarrant County district attorneys also attended the event.

Paul Nguyen, assistant criminal district attorney, said he enjoys face-to-face time with members of the community he represents.

"We try to show our support for law enforcement officers who we work very closely with," Nguyen said. "We want to get to know the community we are serving and answer any questions or concerns that people might have as far as the legal process goes."

The booth in the BLUU was just one of many events taking place around the city Tuesday. Residents of Fort Worth were encouraged to get outside and meet with police officers and other city personnel.

## CAMPUS NEWS

# Clown hysteria reaches TCU campus

By SHANE BATTIS

STAFF WRITER

The clown phenomenon has come to TCU.

Students reported multiple sightings early Tuesday morning through social media.

TCU police said they haven't received any calls from students reporting clowns on campus, but they have received calls from concerned parents.

"I will tell you it's a hoax," said Robert Felts, a TCU police dispatcher. "We don't have any reports. We have not seen any clowns."

A man wearing a white clown mask, accompanied by two unmasked people,

was spotted walking in the TCU Greek community, said Anna Kathryn Groom, a sophomore business major. The clown, she said, was roaming after midnight and drew a crowd of students who took pictures of and with the anonymous person.

Groom said she didn't think this clown was a threat.

"I think they were walking around trying to freak people out," Groom said.

Martin Derito, a Froggie-Five-o driver, said he saw about 200 people walking around Monday night looking for clowns. He said the "clown hunters" were carrying baseball bats, hockey sticks, golf clubs, tennis rackets and a hammer.

Derito said the groups were walking around saying they wanted to find a clown. Other groups packed into truck beds and drove around campus yelling and holding up sports equipment and various club-like items.

Froggie drivers have radios to contact the TCU police department to report suspicious behavior on campus. He said drivers relayed information from their passengers to dispatchers.

Derito said he saw clown hunting parties on campus throughout his 11:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. shift.

The clowns have been reported across the country since the sightings began in late August in South Carolina.

## Statement from Cavins-Tull

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## Horoscope

A baby born today has a Sun in Libra and a Moon in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016:

This year you open up to new ideas. You ask many questions and reflect on different attitudes and ways. As a result, your immediate circle expands. If you are single, this development allows you to have many more choices. Know that your authenticity will attract the right person. If you are attached, look beyond the level of your daily relating. If you find that you and your sweetie are not connecting as you would like, consider how you create this barrier. Work on your listening skills, and be willing to hear what is being said. SAGITTARIUS tends to get you energized. 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)

★★★★ You'll realize that how you see a special person is distorted. In fact, this person could fall off the pedestal on which you have placed him or her. The experience is likely to be rather sobering, yet important. Try to develop a more realistic bond. Tonight: Make a call to a loved one.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ A friend might mean well, but because his or her thinking is likely to be distorted, you won't have a clear perspective of the situation. Check out all the facts. Make an effort to help a close friend or loved one feel cared about. Tonight: Spend time with a favorite person.

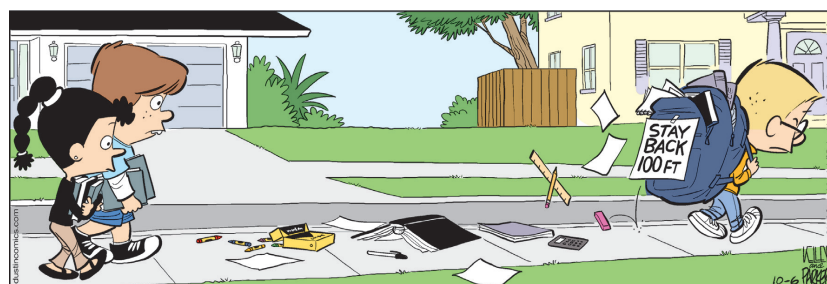
### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Your response to a key person could be influenced by recent gossip. Understand that the issue is not the person, but the lack of information. Try to get the whole story. Once you have all the facts, you can decide which action to take. Tonight: Beam in more of what you desire.

### Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



### Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



### Intelligent Life by David Reddick



### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Pace yourself, and know that you are in a unique position where you can make a big difference. Your ability to put a smile on someone else's face could make his or her day. Your sensitivity allows you to tune in to others more easily. Respond accordingly. Tonight: Do for you.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You like to see the best in people. However, a rude awakening could happen

because of a key person in whom you have put your trust. This person has been on a pedestal, and as a result, you have not been able to see his or her negative traits. Tonight: Let off some steam at the gym.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You have accomplished a lot in a small amount of time. You might need to slow down or take some time away from your work. This period could be as little

as an afternoon, or as long as a week. You cannot run endlessly without recharging your batteries. Tonight: Out late.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ When you ask a question, you expect a clear answer. Look at how you sometimes respond to questions, and you'll see that you can be vague. Is this intentional? Be careful not to turn someone off with your answers. Tonight: Meet friends for some munchies. Discuss

the weekend.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You tend to have a very materialistic attitude, though you don't always choose to share it. When you feel wound tight, as you might at the moment, your mood changes dramatically. Security does not necessarily come through money! Look beyond that level. Tonight: Your treat.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Know what you want, and draw in more of what you desire. Don't pull the veil of deception over your eyes with a domestic or personal matter. Live in the moment, and enjoy being more realistic. Financial dealings will go well. Tonight: Decide what you want to do.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You could be in a situation where your choices are more important than you realize. Stay sensitive to the results; you will be better off in the long run. You also might be getting some incomplete information. Clarify and ask more questions. Tonight: Cozy up with a good book.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You will be more prone to socializing rather than accomplishing what you want. Your sense of humor comes through at odd moments. How you see a personal matter could change because of a situation involving your finances. Tonight: Don't hesitate to go for what you want.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You might be pushed beyond your usual level of energy. Nevertheless, you still will need to perform to the max. Do not underestimate the effect that recent weeks have had on you. Make sure you take some quality breaks. Relax as much as you can. Tonight: Count on a late night.





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
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[request a postage-paid form](#) to be delivered

4 Sign the form.  
 (You'll have to print the form first if it was completed online)

5 Mail the form to [your county voter registrar's](#) office by Oct. 11.

# 3

## Grab one form of ID

Take your pick



- Texas driver license issued by the Department of Public Safety
- Texas election ID certificate
- Texas personal ID card
- Texas license to carry a handgun
- US military ID card with your photograph
- US citizenship certificate containing your photograph (doesn't need to be current)
- US passport

**Don't have any of these? No problem.**

Sign a sworn statement that there is a reason none of the IDs above are available, and bring one of the following:

- Valid voter registration certificate
- Certified birth certificate
- Current utility bill
- Government check
- Paystub or bank statement that includes your name and address
- A government document with your name and an address (original document required if it contains a photograph).

## Go vote

# 4

**ON ELECTION DAY:**



Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.  
Those in line at 7 p.m. will get to vote.

# 5

Get your sticker

