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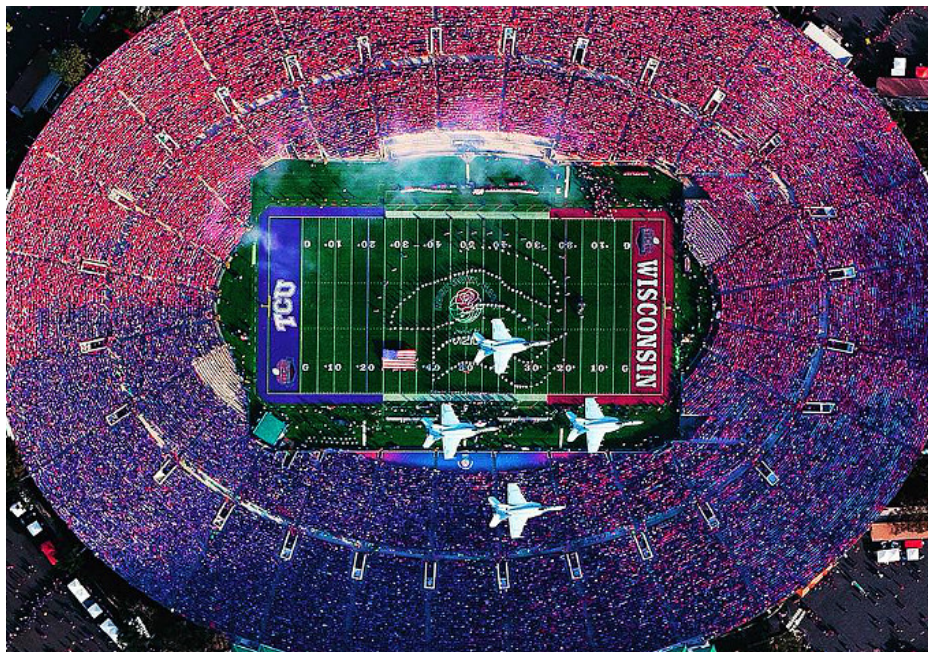


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Aerial view of the 2011 Rose Bowl. After their victory, TCU gained over 5,000 more applicants than the previous fall.

## Success in athletics attracts students

By **BRANDON KITCHIN**  
STAFF WRITER

With each TCU athletics win, interest in the university rises from students around the world – both from students looking to attend a great school with good sports programs and from students who want to play themselves.

This is not a phenomenon unique to TCU, however.

A crowd of about 200 students and faculty members was at the Brown-Lupton University Union to hear Dr. Doug J. Chung of Harvard University lecture about his research on schools and the effects of their intercollegiate athletic programs.

Chung spoke about the “Flutie Effect,” which he described as “an increase in exposure and prominence of an institution after athletic success.” He was highlighting the correlation of students’ interest in applying to a

school after the school experiences athletic success.

The Flutie Effect was named after College Football Hall of Famer Doug Flutie, who threw the game-winning desperation pass in 1984 against the University of Miami during his time at Boston College.

This game had a massive effect on Boston College in the following years.

In a spring 2003 edition of the Boston College Magazine, the director of communications for the Lynch School of Education, Bill McDonald, determined that applications to the school surged 16 percent in 1984 (from 12,414 to 14,398), and another 12 percent (to 16,163) in 1985.

### *Admissions Effect*

TCU, in recent years, has gained a lot of national and worldwide attention because of its successes in athletics.

TCU’s biggest success, arguably, that attracted interest to Fort Worth was the Horned Frogs’ Rose Bowl win over Wisconsin in 2011.

After winning in Pasadena, California, TCU gained over 5,000 more applicants than the previous fall. According to data provided by ir.tcu.edu, in the fall of 2010, 14,079 first-year students applied to TCU, while the fall of 2011 saw 19,166 applicants.

“I think it really opened the door to California for us,” Mark Cohen, director of athletics media relations, said. “California is the No. 2 state for us where we get students from outside of Texas. I’ve heard the running joke – TCU: Texas California University – there’s no doubt being at the Rose Bowl helped open that door – in particular Southern California, LA, Orange County and San Diego.”

Cohen may be right about the Rose Bowl getting Californians to

come to TCU. In fall 2010, only 363 undergraduate students were from California wherein 2016, 1,157 of undergraduate students are from California.

The number of first-year applicants has steadily risen from 2014 through 2016 as well.

From fall 2014 to fall 2015, applications rose from 17,029 to 18,422, which would have followed the stomping of Ole Miss in the 2014 Peach Bowl. They then rose again in fall 2016 to 19,960 after the miraculous triple-overtime comeback against Oregon in the 2016 Alamo Bowl.

Athletic success and growth also comes off the heels of rebuilds of basketball’s Daniel-Meyer Coliseum into the new Schollmaier Arena, the renovations of Lupton Baseball Stadium, the building of sand volleyball courts next to

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the University Recreation Center and success in many other sports on campus.

"I think athletic success has been a big factor in bringing people to visit and look at TCU," Associate Director of Admission David Stein said. "We do meet a lot of people on the road who say they first heard of TCU by watching us play football or baseball on national TV."

In addition to football, many people also credit TCU's success in Omaha, Nebraska, as the baseball team has made it to the College World Series three years in a row since 2014 – the only team in the country to do so.

But, Stein also says that TCU does a great job of being the best possible university for students when they come, so the combination of good academics, atmosphere and athletics makes TCU such a smart choice.

"However, a bigger factor is that TCU is walking the walk," he said. "When prospective students see Frog Fountain across the Commons and how great this campus is, when they meet with our faculty and realize how much we care about student success, and when they hear from people who went to TCU about how much fun they're having and how much they love learning here – that's what gets people to apply and come here."

### Athletics Department

Tickets sales are at an all-time high, recruiting is booming and Horned Frog pride isn't just in 'Funktown,' but all around the country.

Cohen, when asked about the progression of athletics, said there are a lot of things that help propel the Athletics Department forward.

"You look back at 2011 – the year we went to the Rose Bowl – we were still in the Mountain West, and our season tickets that year, something like 13,000 maybe and now you fast forward 6 years and now we're at 34,000, sold out, with a waiting list and we've sold out of football season tickets now 4 of the last 5 years since we joined the Big XII in 2012, which also was the first year of Amon G. Carter Stadium after its rebuild," Cohen said.

He also talked about the hype surrounding the men's basketball season as they prepare to start their season.

"The arrival of Jamie Dixon and what he's done for men's basketball can't be understated," he said. "The buzz around town and on campus is something we've never seen before. The media coverage nationally, not just locally, there's an excitement about men's basketball and it's great to have one of your own coming back."

Cohen also talked about how recruiting has grown tremendously over the past few years in all sports.

He said TCU used to lose battles with other schools for recruits because the player wanted to play in a better conference like the Big XII when TCU was not yet a member.

Now that TCU has been in for a few years – and they're winning – "it's helped immensely," Cohen said.

Another huge thing that Cohen said has helped TCU be so successful getting their brand out is sports marketing and social media.

"Recruiting is year-round and the best source of information for them is right in their phones in social media," Cohen said.

He said the Athletics Communication staff places a heavy emphasis on social media, outreach

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**DAVID STEIN**  
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF  
ADMISSION

and accessibility. For recruits, donors, season ticket holders and other constituents, social media is the primary means of communication besides email and their athletics website.

Giving praise to Chris Del Conte, director of Intercollegiate Athletics, Cohen said that he doesn't know another athletic director that is more accessible than Del Conte.

"You've seen how prolific he is on Twitter, I mean it's phenomenal," Cohen said. "Anyone can just tweet at him and he's in instant communication with them. It's unheard of."

Cohen added that he believes athletics has been successful PR for the school.

"There's no doubt on a college campus [that] athletics is not the most important thing, but it is the front porch to your university," Cohen said. "It's the No. 1 marketing tool you have – the exposure and visibility that a successful athletics program can bring an institution."

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## SPORTS

# TCU accepts Liberty Bowl bid

By **GARRET PODELL**  
STAFF WRITER

TCU accepted its bid to the AutoZone Liberty bowl on Sunday.

The Horned Frogs are heading to Memphis, Tennessee, where head coach Gary Patterson claimed his first bowl win, to take on the Georgia Bulldogs on Dec. 30.

Had TCU prevailed against Kansas State on Saturday, they would've matched up against Texas A&M in the Texas Bowl in Houston but instead, TCU gets a different SEC opponent.

However, this isn't the first time TCU and Georgia have met.

The two schools played against each other in the 1942 Orange Bowl, Georgia winning that game 40-26.

Georgia has won three of its last four bowl games, while TCU has won four of its past five. In TCU's last bowl game against an SEC team, the Frogs defeated Ole Miss 42-3 in the Peach Bowl on Dec. 31, 2014.

The Liberty Bowl marks the Horned Frogs' 14th trip to a bowl game in 16 seasons under



PHOTO BY: SAM BRUTON

Foster Sawyer prepares to throw a pass against Kansas State.

Patterson. TCU also went to a bowl all three years when Patterson was the defensive coordinator (1998-2000).

"Bowls are a great reward for our players, and we're looking forward to utilizing the game as a springboard for our off-season program," Patterson said. "It's cool to play against them because we don't cross over very much being in the Big 12 and them being in the SEC."

Under Patterson, the Horned Frogs are 2-2 versus SEC opponents. In addition to the victory over Ole Miss, TCU defeated Vanderbilt 30-14 in 2003. TCU's losses come from a

37-27 decision to No. 12 LSU in the 2013 season opener and the 41-38 double-overtime loss to Arkansas earlier this season.

TCU gained bowl eligibility this season with a 31-9 win against the Texas Longhorns on Nov. 25 in Austin.

"It's a very exciting opportunity for our football program to face Georgia in a tradition-rich game like the AutoZone Liberty Bowl, where Coach Patterson earned his first bowl win," TCU athletic director Chris Del Conte said.

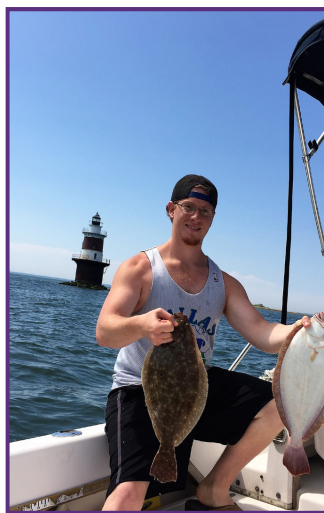
Kickoff is set for 11 a.m. on Dec. 30 at the Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium in Memphis.

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Mom, Dad and Rachel



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## FEATURE

# Jaden Oberkrom: Where is he now?

By GARRET PODELL

STAFF WRITER

Former TCU place-kicker Jaden Oberkrom is doing more than playing football recently.

He should be in the NFL.

The stats are there: 79 onside field goals in four years, the Big 12's all-time leader in made field goals, tied for TCU's record for longest made field goal with a 57-yard kick.

In fact, Oberkrom was signed by the Jacksonville Jaguars. When they released him, the Cleveland Browns stepped up.

But rather than join the Dog Pound, Oberkrom retired.

He's still kicking, but there's a twist.

He coaches middle and high school kickers at Oberkrom's Kicking Academy. Lessons last an hour and cost \$80.

"I'm not in it for me or the money, and if I was, I'd be in the NFL," Oberkrom said.

"Whether it's one or 50 guys a week, I just want to impact the kids and help them be better."

His change in career choice has nothing to do with lack of love for the game itself.

"I loved playing football at TCU, and I watch it even more than I did when I was in college," Oberkrom said. "The passion I have for training these guys just didn't compare to the passion I had about kicking."

His passion is genuine and his clients can feel it.

One of his high school clients, Belton High School kicker Nyel Tabat, drives up about two to three hours each way from Austin almost every weekend to learn the craft of kicking. A junior, Tabat plans to continue taking lessons until he graduates in 2018.

"I feel so much more comfortable learning with Jaden because it sounds plastic and fake learning at camps with tons of people," Tabat said.

"He can really focus in and give me individualized tips, and he really helps you become a better kicker instead of just telling you how to be a better kicker."

Tabat said the improvement he's had since he started working with Oberkrom is noticeable.

"I used to not be able to hit 55, but I feel comfortable with 60 yarders now," Tabat said. "I can actually kick off the ground instead of a tee, it's now actually more comfortable kicking off the ground now."

Tabat's longest in-game attempt was from 47 yards, and he made it. Tabat has been looked at by Angelo State, Drexel and Northwestern.

Tabat's mindset and improvement are prime examples of why Oberkrom started his business, he said.

"I want them to have a good time, and I hope each kid feels more confident when he leaves than when he walked in,"

Oberkrom said. "I give them two things a week to work on, and I try to make it fun."

One of the ways Oberkrom tries to make kicking fun is by projecting a care-free attitude.

"I remember every kick I missed, and every miss motivated me to be more locked in," Oberkrom said. "I tell the guys I train not to care, but to learn and grow from their experiences."

So far, Oberkrom loves coaching young kickers and his passion continues to grow.

"After doing the business for a few months, I have no desire to continue playing," Oberkrom said. "I get happier helping guys grow and develop than doing it on my own. I'm done kicking for good."

TCU head football coach Gary Patterson didn't exactly share Oberkrom thought process when he came to ask Patterson for guidance about becoming a coach.

"If I had the degree he has, I'm not sure I'd do it because I'd go make some money, and I've told my sons not to coach," Patterson said. "It says a lot about him that he loves teaching and loves kids, and he came in and talked to me about it when he decided what he was going to do."

Oberkrom graduated from TCU in 2015 with a psychology degree and a business minor.

Although Patterson may not have made Oberkrom's decision were he in Oberkrom's shoes, he respects his decision.

"It's cool that he wanted to do that," Patterson said.

Oberkrom acknowledges he took a risk when he started his kicking academy, but after six months of being in business, he wouldn't change a thing.

"I took a gamble, a leap of faith, but I wouldn't change anything," Oberkrom said. "Every experience I have had has been a good one."



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## FEATURE

# Prof studies civil rights in Texas

By SAM BRUTON

STAFF WRITER

While many scholars of the civil rights era have focus attention on the larger than life heroes of the movement, one TCU historian has shifted his attention to the local people who worked on the front lines.

Dr. Max Krochmal said thinking of history from a top-down perspective, which examines characters such as leading generals and presidents, provides a limited scope.

"You can't understand civil rights if you only look at it from the perspective of the president or even Dr. (Martin Luther) King," said Krochmal. He examined how African Americans, Mexican Americans, organized labor, and the liberal movement of white reformers fought for civil rights in Texas in his newly released book, "Blue Texas: The Making of a Multicultural Democratic Coalition in the Civil Rights Era."

"My real focus was to try to pull out what really mattered in this unwieldy big story and figure out how to narrate four tales at once," he said of the work that began with his dissertation.

"Blue Texas" explores how disagreement within communities shaped the strategy of multiracial coalition building. The groups had different goals as activists but worked together, forging human relationships in the process.

These groups eventually overthrew Jim Crow and Juan Crow while organizing voter education and registration campaigns.

The biggest takeaway, Krochmal said, is realizing that Texas' timeless tradition of "cowboy conservatism" and big

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- DR. MAX KROCHMAL

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF HISTORY

hair sits atop a "robust tradition of liberal, union and civil rights activism." Krochmal said anyone who wants to carry that forward can draw on the traditions he explores in the book.

"Students or community members can feel more supported that they're standing on the shoulders of tenacious and innovative activists of the past," he said.

Krochmal said he wanted to understand why people participated in the civil rights movement and what their goals were.

"I'm trying to get to their voices and not think about them as a statistic," he said. "I did my best to understand them on their own terms and follow their movements."

"Blue Texas" is a narrative history. Krochmal said he presented historical figures as characters, but in a way readers can identify with while being accurate.

The book follows about a dozen key activists who organized within their communities and built bridges with other groups.

One challenge was building a narrative about people who haven't been part of the public story. Moses Leroy, an African American from southeast Houston and a civil

rights/union activist and survivor of the 1917 race riot at Camp Logan, is one of the activists in "Blue Texas."

Krochmal found recorded interviews of Leroy and a small collection of his items that are preserved at the Houston Public Library.

One of the Krochmal's favorite findings was a mass letter Leroy had written to his neighbors.

"It's a rare moment in which you get to hear him speak," said Krochmal.

The professor didn't stay quiet in libraries for all of his research. He drove to the address of Leroy's now abandoned Houston home and sat on the front porch, where in the 1980s a sociologist had interviewed Leroy and his wife.

"You try to see the physical spaces they inhabited and learn anything you can from that," said Krochmal.

Krochmal's narrative includes archived interviews, labor union records, records of local activities, newspapers and government documents.

"As a historian you are a detective of the past. Your job is to uncover every shred of evidence," he said. Krochmal conducted interviews, visited dusty libraries all over Texas and traveled where the sources led



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While researching for his book, Krochmal visited libraries in Houston, San Antonio and Arlington.

him.

In the oral interviews, Krochmal said, he was steered to write a political history as well because

people are telling him what mattered to them.

"What became clear was that civil rights wasn't just about access

or integrations, but also about economic issues, job opportunities and the push for independent political power."



Niko Gilmore

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## COMMUNITY

# Choice of eateries abound in FW

By KELSEY EMERY

STAFF WRITER

In terms of graduation, which job is the best fit and in which city may not be known but where to dine for graduation brunch and dinner is simple.

A graduation rite of passage is eating a celebratory meal with your family and friends at some of the best places in town.

Bud Kennedy, a columnist and food critic at The Fort Worth Star-Telegram, and Patricia Sharpe with Texas Monthly, offered a list of restaurants in Fort Worth that are worthy of this special event.

One disclaimer, though--don't forget to make reservations because graduation is always one of the busiest

times of year, according to restaurant owners.

Family and friends drive and fly in to join our TCU family in celebrating the graduating class and all they've accomplished.

This influx brings an incredible rush of energy (and people) that can create interminable waits at restaurants throughout town. Without a reservation, a table for six probably won't be available.

Now, for brunch, the six "must go to" places in town include: Brewed, Lucille's, Reata, Blue Mesa, Press Café, and Righteous Foods.

Brewed is in the Magnolia Avenue district and is always a popular, trendy hangout. Its traditional southern breakfast plates and local Texas coffee concoctions invites a steady flow of

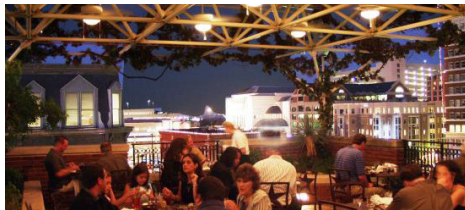


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Reata is one place that is recommended for brunch.

customers.

Lucille's and Reata, on the other hand, are classic Fort Worth staples. One is in the Cultural District and the other near Sundance Square. Both are high-end restaurants full of tradition.

If you go to Lucille's, make sure to try the Banana Nut French Toast, according to our two experts!

Toward West 7th, Righteous Foods is a great spot for healthy omelets, detox drinks, and a quiet,

peaceful atmosphere.

It's where TCU students hang out and often bring their weekend guests.

Blue Mesa and Press Café are also trendy destinations with healthy dishes to offer, Sharpe said.

If you are vegan or suffer from food allergies, these are all great options. Blue Mesa even has endless mimosas with breakfast, which is always the perfect way to toast to graduation.

As for dinner, award-winning chef/owner Tim Love of Woodshed Smokehouse has created the barbecue (and all types of smoked meats) place to go.

The atmosphere is the ideal setting for a family outing, not to mention the beautiful location on the Trinity River.

Press Café also has a great location on the Trinity River, making it the perfect stop after a morning bike ride or run for brunch or the ideal place to sit around a fire pit and watch the sunset with a glass of wine and a light dinner.

Rodeo Goat and Joe T. Garcia's are currently two hot spots in town, but there can often be a wait during peak hours.

Each restaurant typically has a line out the door, but the incredible

Mexican food and margaritas (Joe T's) or a big craftsman burgers (Rodeo Goat), are both most definitely worth a little idle time talking to family and friends.

Lastly, graduates and families wanting a more traditional and classic dinner setting may opt for the ambiance of Ellerbe Fine Foods or Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse.

They are each classic locations with stellar reputations; you can't go wrong with either. According to Kennedy, Ellerbe is a "very pretty restaurant in the Magnolia Avenue district with a clever, farm-fresh southern and Louisiana-style menu."

Lastly, don't forget to make reservations because these are all hot spots.

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## GRADUATION WEEKEND

# Fun things to do in Cowtown

By **ANDREW VAN HEUSDEN**  
STAFF WRITER

Fort Worth has a lot to offer during “the most wonderful time of the year.”

Students and families looking to celebrate Christmas or graduation are sure to find many options in Fort Worth.

The following is a list of places around Fort Worth that are filled with holiday cheer for anyone.

## Stockyards National Historic District

The Stockyards recently hosted “Christmas in the Stockyards” on Saturday but the entertainment is not over yet.

One thing out-of-state travelers might be fascinated by is the daily cattle drive. The cattle drive happens every day at 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

If you are more interested in nightlife, Billy Bob’s Texas is always a popular option. Billy Bob’s Texas is the perfect place to learn how to two-step. It’s also a great place to go to hang out with friends and family; however, you must be 18 years old to enter without a parent or guardian. Anyone younger must have a parent or guardian escort.

On Friday, Dec. 16 and Saturday, Dec. 17, Billy Bob’s Texas will host the Randy Rogers Band. Doors will open at 6 p.m. but the concert will start at 10:30 p.m. The general admission for both nights is \$18. There are special ticket prices if you are interested in reserving a spot.

Those not interested in the Randy Rogers Band will have a second chance to attend a Billy Bob’s concert when Kacey Musgraves performs. She will be at Billy Bob’s Texas

on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

There are also many restaurants in the historic stockyards area. One that is a popular place is Joe T. Garcia’s Mexican Restaurant. The restaurant is currently decorated for the Christmas holiday. This would be a great place to go with the whole family. The restaurant only takes cash, so be sure to plan accordingly.

## Sundance Square / Downtown Fort Worth

Sundance Square is a great place to get into the Christmas spirit. The Christmas tree in the square had its annual lighting on Nov. 19 but the tree will be up for a while. Kids and families can also take photos with Santa. The hours vary for that event, but the tree is always lit.

In addition to the tree, Texas Ballet Theater presents “The Nutcracker” at Bass Performance Hall. There is a Friday night showing at 8 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday, there will be matinees at 2 p.m. and night showings at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. respectively.

The performance is two hours long with a 20-minute intermission. Tickets range from \$50 to \$500.

If a ballet performance does not please you, then you can always opt for a comedy show. Four Day Weekend, a comedy venue, puts on shows Friday and Saturday nights. Tickets are about \$20 plus tax but attendees must be over 18.

Downtown Fort Worth also has many restaurants for large group dinners. Del Frisco’s Grille, Bird Cafe, and Taco Diner are three restaurants directly in the Sundance Square area. Other restaurants to



A large Christmas tree is placed in the middle of Sundance Square.

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consider for large dinner groups can be Reata, Cheesecake Factory and Taverna.

For more fun and only about five minutes away from Sundance Square is Coyote Drive-In theater and Panther Island Ice.

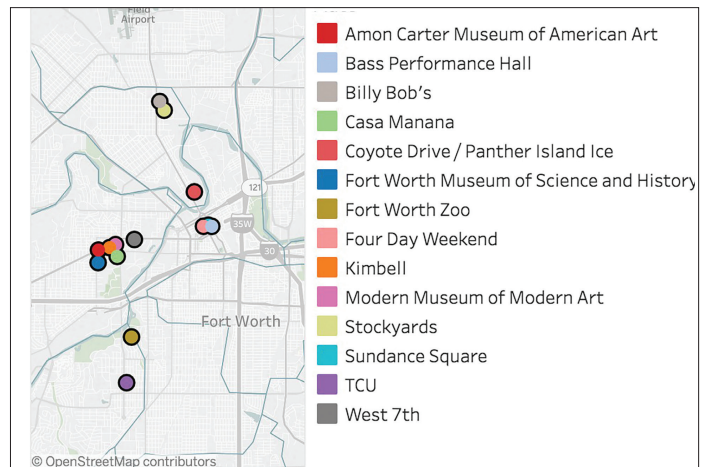
Coyote Drive-In theater currently has special seasonal prices. If you are interested in embracing the cold Texas weather and watching a movie, then this may be a fun option for the entire family.

Panther Island Ice opened in mid-November. It features an ice rink that would be enjoyable for anyone. Regular admission is \$12.

## Cultural District

Museums are usually opened year-round; but for someone who may be traveling to Fort Worth for the weekend, this may be the only opportunity to see some of the art exhibitions.

The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth is currently hosting “KAWS: WHERE THE END STARTS.” The exhibit features 20 years of work by modern artist KAWS. The art is a combination of paintings, drawings



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and sculptures. One of the walls in the exhibit was also painted by the artist before the exhibit opened in October.

The Kimbell Art Museum is featuring works of Monet in their featured exhibit called “Monet: The Early Years.” Monet: The Early Years has an exhibition fee of \$18. The exhibit is free for Kimbell members. If you aren’t interested in the exhibit, you can always take a look at the permanent exhibitions.

Other museums you should consider checking out are the Amon Carter

Museum of American Art or the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. Both are located in the cultural district and feature various exhibitions.

In addition to the museums, Casa Mañana is presenting “Santa Claus - A New Musical.” Just like “The Nutcracker,” there will be nightly performances and matinees.

According to Casa Mañana’s website, this musical is about the hunt to potentially find a new Santa Claus after the original Santa

Claus declared it his last Christmas. Tickets range from about \$35 to \$275.

## West 7th District

West 7th is a great place to go for nightlife and entertainment.

There are many places to get dessert in the West 7th area, including Sweet Sammie’s and Paciugo. West 7th also has many different restaurants, including the Social House and Thirteen Pies.

The Movie Tavern is a place to go on West 7th if you are interested in dinner and a movie. Check online for showtimes.



## CAMPUS LIFE

# Kappa Delta Pi celebrates golden anniversary

By DANIELLE JOHNSTON  
STAFF WRITER

Students in TCU's international honor society for education students, Kappa Delta Pi, celebrated their chapter's 50th anniversary on campus by working in the community.

The organization redid playrooms in Leibrock Village for the Brite Divinity School's residents and their children. The members cleaned out the rooms and compiled a list of developmentally appropriate toys. A month later, they returned to complete the transformation and arrange the new items.

Kappa Delta Pi also paired with Carter Park Elementary to spend each Friday reading to the school children. This year, the organization will have

successfully completed both a pencil and book drive for the school.

President of Kappa Delta Pi, Remy Zingale, said she is constantly amazed at all the work the organization gets to do in the community.

"Over the years we have gotten to be involved across all Fort Worth, with TCU students experiencing so many different aspects of education," said Zingale. "From redoing playrooms to reading with second graders on Fridays, [Kappa Delta Pi] truly helps out in more ways than one."

Vice President of Kappa Delta Pi, Allison Davis, said the organization provides a unique opportunity for education students to gain real world experience.

"[Kappa Delta Pi] has been a great way to meet seniors in the College of



PHOTO BY ALLISON DAVIS

Members of Kappa Delta Pi spend Fridays working with children at Carter Park Elementary.

Education and hear about their experiences in the field," said Davis. "Serving and learning from our professors outside of class has also been amazing."

The honor society meets once a month depending on the project.

"This semester, we are

really looking to expand and help more children in the Fort Worth community. From work events, to reading with students, to coming to our meetings our members are always willing to help out in the Fort Worth community," said Zingale.



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A member of Kappa Delta Pi volunteers with children.

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## 25-YEAR MASTER PLAN

# Construction continues

By **HUNTER GEISEL**  
STAFF WRITER

The towering cranes, construction crews and orange barrels likely have a place on campus for years to come.

At their November board meeting, TCU trustees approved a 25-year master plan that would continue the campus's transformation.

Three projects already underway will be the first steps of the plan. Construction on the proposed Interior Design and Fashion Merchandising building is expected to begin in the summer. Work on a new school of music is expected to start in the summer of 2018.

Dean O. Homer Erekson of the Neeley School of Business is raising money to pay for a \$75 million effort to tear down Dan Rogers Hall and build a replacement hall connecting Tandy and Smith Halls.

"We're trying to be the best university we can be," said Todd Waldvogel, associate vice chancellor for facilities. "We're trying to put our resources, notably

in this particular place and acreage and square footage to the highest and best use of the university and we think we're doing a good job."

In August, Waldvogel and his team presented the master plan's vision to the building and grounds committee of the board of trustees.

From then and through November, Waldvogel told the "world" of his team's plans.

"We went to the faculty senate, staff assembly; we had town hall meetings, we met with city planners, we met with city council folk, we even went to neighborhood meetings," Waldvogel said.

In the previous plan, the school of music would have been located on the Sandage parking lot, over by University Methodist Church on Berry Street. When Waldvogel looked at phasing construction and connectivity with the rest of the college of fine arts, he said the logistics were overwhelming and it would be nice to have a marquee facility.

Waldvogel said with these buildings near each other and the Bob

Schieffer College of Communication, it will help better integrate the creative schools.

"I think there is neat synergy with that and I think that the deans of fine arts and communications enjoy that opportunity now that we can develop into a personality that's bigger than one particular program," Waldvogel said.

TCU is also raising money to build an addition on the Dee J. Kelly Alumni & Visitors Center.

There are also plans to start building two more residence halls similar to Hays Hall in summer 2018, Waldvogel said.

"First of all, we have to fulfill our housing obligations of our freshmen and sophomores," Waldvogel said. "And then, we need to look for a healthy mix of upperclassmen and those two residence halls should make us healthy with freshmen and sophomores and then the Greek [housing] adds some capacity."

With the Greek Village scheduled for completion by 2019, the new housing



PHOTO BY ALISON DAVIS

Trustees approved a 25-year master plan at their November meeting.

will also have a large lawn space that will be reminiscent to the Campus Commons.

Waldvogel said the master plan will be published electronically by April with a "big purple bow."

"The general plan will be written and, frankly, we're going to try and publish in a format that is specifically on the web," Waldvogel said. "So, we

want to make it available electronically."

Waldvogel said students can contact faculty and staff, along with campus leadership to get involved with the committees a part of each project.

He also said that students should be active and aware of what going on with construction so that they can be appreciative of all of the work put

into campus, understanding where this university was when you arrived and how it will be for future generations.

"I think the ones that have been and have done so have actually appreciated it, you get to see the fruits of your labor," Waldvogel said. "So, just keep an eye open for any opportunities that pop up in all kinds of places."



Meggy Ralston

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## COMMUNITY

# Fort Worth Code Compliance aims to increase recycling

By KAYLEY RYAN

STAFF WRITER

Fort Worth's landfill is expected to be full within 25 years.

That and a growing population that's expected to hit 1 million within the next 10 to 15 years has city officials looking for ways to reduce waste.

The goal is to recycle 40 percent of all waste within the next seven years. Fort Worth's current recycling rate is 21.8 percent, according to city officials. The city's 2016-2036 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan is awaiting city council approval.

The plan would emphasize diverting commercial waste from the landfill, considering that two-thirds of waste in Fort Worth comes from businesses and only one-third from residents, said Joao Pimentel, senior planner for the city's solid waste services division.

But residents say they want

to do their part.

The recycling bins should be larger than the garbage bins, said Dennis Stuart, a Tanglewood resident.

"Mine get filled up before the trash can," Stuart said. "Those fill up in three days, then what do you do?"

Overton Park resident Lee Ann Carrell also wants larger recycling bins and more of them in public places. She said that a composting option would be beneficial as well.

"It would be more natural than other fertilizer," Carrell said.

Incentives, partnerships and awareness could help encourage businesses to utilize services already available to them, Joao Pimentel, senior planner for the city's solid waste services division.

For example, Cowboy Compost is a service that collects, sorts and delivers food waste from businesses and residents around Fort Worth to



PHOTO BY KAYLEY RYAN

facilities that will compost the food scraps to create nutrient-rich soil.

Connecting businesses to these existing services could help create a more sustainable Fort Worth, said Robert Smouse, assistant director of the city's solid waste services division.

Residents recycle at a rate of 70 percent, but the plan aims for 90 percent, or about 14,000

tons of diverted waste.

Recyclables that can be diverted from the waste stream include significant percentages of paper, plastics and, the biggest contributor, food, according to statistics from the solid waste services division of Fort Worth Code Compliance.

Fort Worth's growth could shorten the lifespan of its Southeast Landfill. It takes in 3,000 tons, or 240,000 full bags of a trash a day, said Jane Berry, operations supervisor of the landfill.

Smouse said collaborating with the community of Fort Worth is key to reducing the amount of waste that would normally go to the landfill.

"We're wanting to work with residents, businesses, to reach those goals together rather than big government telling them what to do," Smouse said.

The city hopes to raise awareness about waste through open house meetings, workshops, on-the-street

interviews and online surveys, said Smouse.

Community feedback pinpoints recycling and waste disposal as a top priority for residents, though not as important as clean water and air, according to a 2014 survey listed in the plan.

Overton Park resident David Greer said he agrees with what the city was trying to do.

"It's obviously a good thing if we're trying to prevent trash from landfills," Greer said.

The city is considering allowing for larger recycling bins that could be offset by the cost of smaller garbage bins.

The city would need to change its existing "pay-as-you-throw" program to make the smallest garbage bins the least costly, not the most.

The plan proposes adding economic incentives for residents who compost in their backyard and providing reward/tax credit incentives for businesses that recycle.



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## CAMPUS NEWS

# Centralized testing center now part of the discussion

By **MONICA DZIAK**  
STAFF WRITER

Every week hundreds of students miss class -- whether it be for band trips, athletics road trips, family emergencies or sickness. Lots of these students miss tests in the process.

Faculty say they need help in administering make-up tests. Other universities, such as SMU, Baylor and UNT, provide testing centers, and now there has been a discussion for the past four to five years for TCU potentially to create one.

The testing center would be not only for students in need of taking make-up exams but also for students who have an extended time accommodation for a learning disability, for example.

Marsha Ramsey, the director of TCU's Center for Academic Services, said some of the university's colleges are creating an internal means of providing testing, which usually runs through the dean's office.

"A lot of faculty are very happy with that," Ramsey said. "They like the fact it's close because they have to deliver their tests and pick up their tests. It also helps so the students don't have to hike across campus."

She said there are pros and cons in having a centralized testing center on campus.

"I think it works well for those who are needing make-up exams; faculty has to make arrangements for students to come in at a different time, so a center would be an opportunity provided," she said.

But there are also issues in having a centralized testing center, she said -- the biggest being location, staff and



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Junior biology major Leslie Gonzalez studies for organic chemistry in the periodical section of the Mary Couts Burnett Library.

an issue regarding the accommodation letter, which states that the student should be able to move to a quiet area of the classroom where students' questions and the proctor's answers can still be heard.

"When a student is not in the classroom with the professor [while taking the test] and someone in class raises their hand and asks a question about the test, and the professor gives them a hint about the question, then it helps you answer that question," Ramsey said. "If the student is not in there, they don't have that same advantage."

"That was a big concern with faculty when there began to be a discussion about the testing center," she added. "So it still goes back to the other students who may have gotten some additional information for the test."

We have students who say that as well, that they want to be in the

classroom, because [this instance] may happen."

The former director of TCU's bachelor of social work program, Linda Moore, sat in on many of the discussions regarding a testing center at Faculty Senate meetings.

She said she believes a well-staffed testing center would be a great idea for TCU and that a vast majority of the Faculty Senate supported the idea.

"It would take the burden off of faculty who have lots of other things to do," Moore said. "If you're teaching two to three classes with 40 to 50 students in them, and you have four students in the class that need accommodations, that's four extra hours somewhere you have to do what you need to do to make sure they get what they need."

The decision to add a testing center to TCU's campus is ultimately up to Provost Nowell Donovan and upper-level administration.

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## HEALTH

# Eating disorders can wreak havoc on students' lives

By **KRISTEN WEAVER**  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF THE 109

Monarch butterflies flutter around the freshly planted yellow flowers along University Drive. The grass is trimmed, and groundskeepers are vigilant about stray leaves and fallen nuts. There's not a thing out of place.

TCU's campus is a reflection of how some students say they constantly feel they should be: flawless.

"Our campus is full of pretty, thin people," said Erin Mulkey, a senior accounting major.

Maybe it's because TCU is 60 percent female, or perhaps the competitive drive when it

comes to school translates to a need for physical perfection as well.

"Here it's an incessant competition," said Tierney Johnson, a senior finance major. "Girls need to compare themselves to other girls to get the guy, get the formal date, get the attention they seek, when there isn't really much of it to go around."

For some TCU students, the desire to be beautiful and thin can get out of hand-- but many said they rarely hear about eating disorders on campus.

"At TCU, it's still a problem where people are like, 'I don't want to talk about this, I don't want to hear about this,'"

want to hear about this," said Hannah Wallace, a junior political science and criminal justice double major.

Although there are many resources on campus that provide support for students, Johnson said she doesn't think the school is doing enough.

"I think that it's just flying under the radar, put on the back burner," Johnson said. "Hopefully, TCU realizes that it affects more people than you would think."

## Hannah's story

Hannah Wallace is one student whose body image struggles morphed into a full-blown eating

***"At TCU, it's still a problem where people are like, 'I don't want to talk about this, I don't want to think about this, I don't want to hear about this.'"***

## HANNAH WALLACE

JUNIOR POLITICAL SCIENCE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE DOUBLE MAJOR

disorder.

Wallace loves to run. She said the sounds of her feet pounding the pavement and electronic music blasting through her headphones provide a time to de-stress, unwind and reflect on the week. But it hasn't always been this way. Wallace's struggles with her body image began in her sophomore year of high school. Running in combination with dieting became obsessive and addictive—to the point of detrimental.

"I was extremely chubby. I'm 5 feet tall, and I think a healthy weight for me is like 100 to 115 pounds; I was like 135," she said. "I got made fun of a lot. My boyfriend at the time—people would ask him, 'How's it going with Miss Piggy?' or 'Do you have the swine flu?'"

Wallace said negative thoughts began to permeate her mind from there, and things started to change.

"Whenever you get bullied about something, it's obviously going to affect you," she said.

Wallace said her mother put her on the Paleo diet, and she began exercising and watching her weight constantly.

"I was watching what I eat all the time and exercising just to make sure I lost weight," she said. "Everyone was like, 'OMG, you're so pretty now, you've slimmed out,

you're so beautiful.' And it's just so sad to me that beauty is so related to thinness."

Wallace's body image improved during her senior year of high school, she said.

"After that I got to the point where I was healthy again and eating and not worrying about it as much," she said. "That was my end of the senior year."

However, her transition period at TCU brought up many of the same issues she had in high school, only worse this time.

"My roommate and I would say, 'I look so fat today,'" she said.

Wallace said she turned more towards bingeing and purging during her first year at TCU because it was easier to hide.

"This time, I turned more toward bulimia because it's definitely harder to not eat when you're constantly around people all the time," she said. "So I just started purging."

She said she eventually stopped purging her sophomore year, and for a while, she was in a good place. She took up running initially as a way to relieve stress and clear her mind from negative thoughts.

"I decided running was going to be my new thing," she said. "But I never said I was

gonna be a runner so I could lose a lot of weight."

And that's exactly what happened. Wallace said running and training became an obsession, a way to lose weight quickly.

"I was training for my marathon," she said. "I was losing weight, and I was like, 'Oh my god this is so awesome. Like I'm so skinny.'"

Wallace said she was not eating nearly enough to balance out the number of calories she was burning during her long runs.

"If you aren't fueling your body, you're going to deteriorate," she said.

And her long runs took a serious toll on her body.

"I was getting really skinny and it ended up having a lot of negative health effects," she said. "I had stress fractures on my feet and back, wasn't sleeping well. I already suffer from anxiety and depression, and that made it like 5,000 times worse."

She also said that despite all of the negativity stemming out of her eating disorder, it took her up to her breaking point before she could fully accept the fact that she needed help.

"When you're in this mental state, you don't see yourself that way," Wallace said. "I think a lot of people don't realize

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Jamie Corneby

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Elizabeth Katherine Bell  
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that people that could be 83 pounds, like disgustingly skinny, but to them, they look fat.”

With the help of friends, family and her therapist, Wallace started getting better.

“The first part to getting better from any mental illness is just recognizing that you can’t do it alone, and if you try to do it alone, you’re going to fail,” she said.

### **The reality of eating disorders in college**

It may seem hidden and unnoticed at times, but eating disorders that arise in college are more common than some may think.

According to the Multi-Service Eating Disorders Association (MEDA), 15 percent of women ages 17 to 24 have eating disorders. There are many factors that contribute to eating disorders in college.

Dawn Dillon is a psychologist in Fort Worth who specializes in eating disorder treatment.

Dillon said genetic predisposition plays a huge role in eating disorder development, describing genetics as “a loaded gun.”

“And if something [like college] pulls the trigger... you can see how college campuses are a huge transition,” she said.

TCU Counseling and Mental Health Center psychologist Amanda Swartz said the same thing: The transition period that college brings can often be a catalyst for something like an eating disorder to arise.

“One of the biggest things about college is what we know is that transitions are really hard for people,” Swartz said. “It’s often the first time people live away from home, the first time someone’s been in charge of all their food and the first time someone may have been in charge of their entire life.”

That pressure of being completely self-sufficient can be a huge stressor to some students, Swartz added.

“That can be sometimes a trigger for anxiety or depression or homesickness or an eating disorder if that is how it plays out.”

Dillon said she has worked closely with TCU students over the years and said some aspects of the school may contribute to eating disorder development.

“People are well-dressed, attractive, the typical look. And not that it’s bad, but if someone doesn’t fit that stereotype, it can be challenging if they didn’t have body image issues before,” she said, quoting what some of her TCU patients have told her.

What many people may not know is just how many people suffer from eating disorders in college.

Alongside the more commonly-known disorders of anorexia and bulimia, binge eating disorder can also be brought on specifically in someone’s first year of college.

“The average age of onset is age 18,” Dillon said. “The rate of women to men is 3 to 2.”

She attributed binge eating disorder in college students to transition and life change as well.

Despite the notion that eating disorders are all about unhealthy relationships with food, Swartz said they are just a way of managing something deeper.

“Eating disorders are not about food,” she said. “They’re about emotions and a way to manage those emotions. Are they managing anxiety or feeling lonely from depression?”

“Feeling insecure and out of place is part of it,” Dillon added. “Inherently, college campuses are all about comparison and trying to find your place and identity.”

Swartz said this for



COURTESY OF HANNAH WALLACE

Hannah Wallace (left) poses with a friend. Wallace is one student whose body image struggles morphed into an eating disorder.

those concerned about helping a friend or confronting someone who may be struggling:

*“I always want to say: remember it’s not about food. If you have a friend you’re concerned about, make sure you’re connecting with them as a person, and not just focusing on what they eat for dinner. This is a whole person with a whole life that’s struggling with one part.”*

Anyone who is struggling or has a friend with a possible eating disorder can visit the TCU Counseling Center, located underneath Samuelson Hall, as well as Campus Life or the TCU Recreation Center.



Maxx Gris

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## ACADEMICS

# Students with learning disabilities cope with obstacles

By **MONICA DZIAK**  
STAFF WRITER

While some college students enjoy sitting at the back of their classrooms, junior Chris Dorr sits at the very front. Dorr receives preferential seating to accommodate his learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

"During quizzes and other assignments, if I see people it kind of makes me anxious, like 'Oh, they're finished, why am I not finished?'" he said.

Dorr is one of 404 TCU students currently receiving an accommodation for a learning disability.

According to the 1990 Americans With Disabilities Act, a learning disability is a "neurologic disorder that causes difficulties in learning that cannot be attributed to poor intelligence, poor motivation or inadequate teaching."

Common learning disabilities include dyslexia, dyscalculia, dysgraphia, auditory processing deficit, visual processing deficit and ADD/ADHD.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, of college undergraduates who self-reported having a disability, 11 percent reported having a learning disability. Also, more than 200,000 students who enter college have some kind of learning disability.

TCU Student Disabilities Services provides various accommodations for students with learning disabilities — which range from extended time on tests to recorded class lectures — based upon approved documentation verifying "the existence of a disability."

Marsha Ramsey, director of Center for Academic Services, said



The Koehler Center, which is designed to work with faculty on teaching strategies and success for students in the classroom, is located in the Sid Richardson Building, Suite 501.

PHOTO BY MONICA DZIAK

specialists in the Student Disabilities Services department look for functional limitations when evaluating students' documentation.

"This is about access," Ramsey said. "If there are barriers, then we're trying to determine how to remove those barriers so students can demonstrate what it is they know or what they learn."

**TCU complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination in education against individuals with disabilities.**

Student Disabilities Services was not present at TCU until

1993, with the passage of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Section 504 of the legislation prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

Attaining success at TCU — and academic life in general — may have been tougher for students with learning disabilities prior to the department's existence.

"A lot of the time, learning disabilities were missed. Students just thought they weren't smart and didn't realize they had a learning disability," Ramsey said.

"It might also have been that students with a learning disability at that time didn't wind up going to college because their

kindergarten through 12th grade material was so difficult, and if they didn't know what was wrong, they might just think 'I'm not college material,' and decide to go another route," she added.

It also may have taken students with learning disabilities longer to graduate, longer to study and/or the need of extra tutors and support all over campus for whatever class they were struggling in, said LaShondra Jimerson, a disabilities specialist in TCU's Student Disabilities Services department.

Former director of TCU's bachelor of social work program, Dr. Linda Moore, who retired in May, said that prior to the implementation of

services and accommodations for students with learning disabilities across universities in the U.S., students with learning disabilities would either not succeed in college or not go to college at all.

"Before the Education for Handicapped Children Act in the 1970s, many times kids with any kind of disability wouldn't go to school at all," Moore said. "When I was growing up, we didn't have kids in wheelchairs in schools; we didn't have kids with developmental delay or lots of disabilities in schools."

Moore also said she believes more students with learning disabilities are in college now because they're more capable of

handling it.

The first testing for learning disabilities was in the late 1890s, after World War I soldiers returned from war and found they could no longer function using the same academic skills they used prior to the war, Student Disabilities Services Coordinator Laurel Overby said.

"When parents want something for their kids, they tend to have a lot of power," Moore said. "So once it got started, you saw people jumping on the bandwagon and the country got lots of legislation -- we got the Education for Handicapped Children Act, we got the Architectural Barriers Act, and by 1990, we got the ADA, which is the most comprehensive piece of legislation ever for people with disabilities."

Overby said not much attention was given to disabilities until the 1980s and 1990s, with dyslexia being at the top of the list.

"Disability falls under civil rights," Overby said. "It was finally given a voice."

## Student success

Some TCU students with learning disabilities say that the assistance from the Student Disabilities Department has helped them greatly.

Dorr, a strategic communication major, stressed the importance of his accommodations.

"If I didn't have my extended [test] time, I'd probably fail out of TCU," he said. "And if I wasn't able to type my notes, I don't know how I'd be able to take notes on paper without getting distracted."

He also said he feels like he wouldn't be as successful at TCU without the existence of the Student Disabilities

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Services department.

"I think for only one or two of my classes I haven't needed to use extended time on exams, and that's just one to two classes," Dorr said. "This is my first semester of my junior year, so I've used a lot of my extended time."

Regan Arnold, a junior entrepreneurial management major, was diagnosed with dyslexia and ADHD in fourth grade. She says a primary reason she chose to attend TCU is because of the university's accommodations for students with learning disabilities.

"I have worked really hard to overcome my learning disability, so I think that I can be successful on my own, but the fact that they have the resources here really played a part in why I came here," Arnold said.

However, only 17 percent of college students with learning disabilities take advantage of "learning resources at their school."

Trey Fearn is a first-year Film, Television and Digital Media major who says he has a fine motor skills deficiency as a result from concussions during high school. He said he has difficulty processing information and takes longer time to read.

"If you give me a Scantron, I can have the answer in my head, but the actual act of bubbling it would take me a while," Fearn said.

He said he has not yet utilized the Student Disabilities Services to acquire assistance for his learning disability, nor has he told any of his professors of it.

"So far, I've been doing just fine without it, but I will 100 percent start using the accommodations throughout college," Fearn said.

According to a study done by the National Center for Learning Disabilities, the three factors most attributed to success post-high school for students with learning disabilities are a supportive home life, a strong sense of self-confidence and a strong connection to friends and family.

Other factors associated with success for students with learning disabilities include: early support for learning and attention issues, planning a smooth transition from high school to college or other post-high school endeavors, supportive teachers, facilitating relationships with mentors and participating in extra-curricular activities.

Junior child development major Antoinette Shrewsbury said that support from others has helped for her to cope with ADD, dysgraphia, fine motor skill issues and an auditory processing disorder.

"For years, I always felt embarrassed about the many learning disabilities I've had to deal with," Shrewsbury said. "But now, thanks to my parents, teachers and academic counselors, I couldn't be prouder of my academic achievements and success in school."

"My parents never allowed me to use my impairments as a crutch to feel sorry for myself, which used to drive me up a wall," she added. "But now, I can't thank them enough for never allowing me to give up on myself and for pushing me to be the best student I can be."

But what happens to a student in the "real world" who has a learning disability? The accommodations may look different than what the students are used to during college, but there are still

accommodations.

**Students who have learning disabilities and receive accommodations at TCU may also take advantage of such resources in the workforce as well.**

Ramsey said it's important that once a student who has a learning disability enters the workforce, he or she learns how to self-accommodate.

"If your boss comes to you and gives you a deadline, you don't get to go to your boss and say, 'You gave me a week to do this, I'm going to need a week and a half,'" Ramsey said. "The individual has to figure out how they're going to meet their deadline, whether that means working later hours, working longer or breaking the item down into little pieces."

She also said that with the advent of technology, there are a lot of things that can help individuals with disabilities, especially learning disabilities, to be successful.

"If a student needs a note-taker, your employer is not going to provide that for you, so you may have to do things like record on a laptop," Ramsey said. "It's nice to have the technology that we have now."

Some TCU students who have learning disabilities also said that they're not worried about the possibility of not receiving the same accommodations in the workforce that they're used to receiving at TCU.

"ADHD only affects me when I am being tested on subjects I do not enjoy," senior engineering major Diego Padilla said. "I know that in the real world I will be doing what I am passionate about, so it does not

***"This is about access. If there are barriers, then we're trying to determine how to remove those barriers so students can demonstrate what it is they know or what they learn."***

**MARSHA RAMSEY**

DIRECTOR OF CENTER FOR ACADEMIC SERVICES

worry me at all."

"Personally with myself, things that I enjoy are things that I know and understand more," Arnold said.

"Things I hope to do in the workforce are not things that my learning disability will necessarily play a part in."

"With my ADHD and distraction, and my dyslexia and reading things, I don't think those things will necessarily play as big a role in my life when I get out of college because it'll be more things that I'm wanting to be doing," Arnold added. "So I don't know if accommodations in the workforce will

necessarily be needed, personally for me."

**How does TCU compare?**

Ramsey said that while it's pretty consistent across universities for what each is currently doing to accommodate students with learning disabilities, there are some schools that have a for-pay program where students with learning disabilities may receive tutoring, mentors and special study spaces.

TCU also has the Koehler Center for Teaching Excellence on campus, which works with faculty in order

to teach them how to teach effectively, which certainly benefits students with learning disabilities.

"The more ways you can present the information the better; when you bring in information using several modalities, you're using more of your brain, so good teaching strategies in general benefit all students," Ramsey said.

Ramsey said that when TCU Student Disabilities Services works really well, "students come here, they get the access that they need and they graduate."

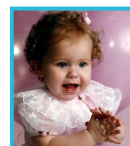


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### FEATURE

## The Ugly Christmas Sweater Shop comes to FW

By **ALEX MCBRIDE**  
STAFF WRITER

Entrepreneur Jeremy Turner used his holiday spirit to generate a store that solely carries ugly Christmas sweaters.

During previous holiday seasons, Turner noticed that Christmas party goers struggled to find a location that sold these specific holiday sweaters.

"I couldn't find them," Turner said. "[The ugly Christmas sweaters] were impossible to find and I saw how popular they are too and I thought wow that would be an amazing idea. It just hit me like to put them all in one place at one time and everybody can just come there for them and solve everybody's problem with that."

This is Turner's fourth Christmas season selling ugly Christmas sweaters, but the first season in which he is managing more than one location.

The Fort Worth location is the third Ugly Christmas Sweater Shop to open, following the founding location in Dallas and another new



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SHOP'S INSTAGRAM

The Ugly Christmas Sweater Shop in Fort Worth will be open until late afternoon on Dec. 24.

location in Frisco.

Turner and his employees strive to make customers feel as though they are stepping into the North Pole when they are shopping for ugly Christmas sweaters. The Fort Worth location plays Christmas music throughout the store, along with eggnog and Christmas cookies for their patrons to enjoy.

Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and reindeer are also present, creating an authentic Christmas experience for customers.

The Ugly Christmas Sweater Shop in Fort Worth opened the Saturday after Thanksgiving and will continue selling sweaters, vests, and sweatshirts until late afternoon on Christmas Eve.

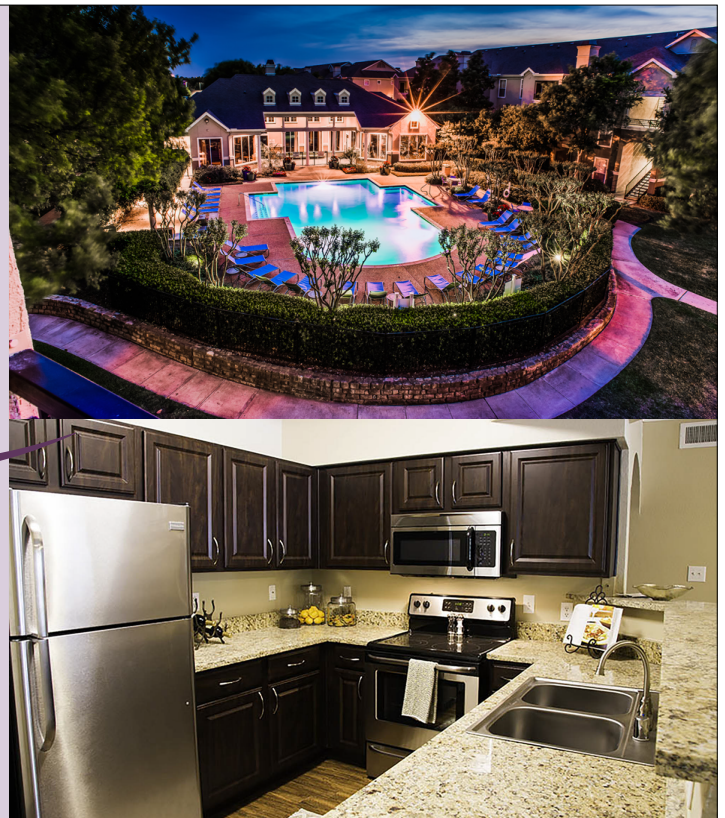
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A baby born today has a Sun in Sagittarius and a Moon in Pisces if born before 5:16 a.m. (EST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016:

This year you open up to a different way of life, one that is likely to be very rewarding. Opportunities seem to pop up from out of the blue. You could be quite serious when pushing others away. The unexpected runs riot in your life. If you are single, you could meet someone who sweeps you off your feet. Speak your mind, as this person needs to know the real you. If you are attached, the two of you will be more into the fun of your commitment than you have been in a while. Emphasize the friendship within your bond. ARIES can cause a lot of uproar in your life. 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 finally have cleared a difficult period in your life, and you finally feel good and relaxed. A conversation could go off the deep end, but know that it will return to some sort of sensible talk. A misunderstanding seems to come from out of nowhere. Tonight: All smiles.

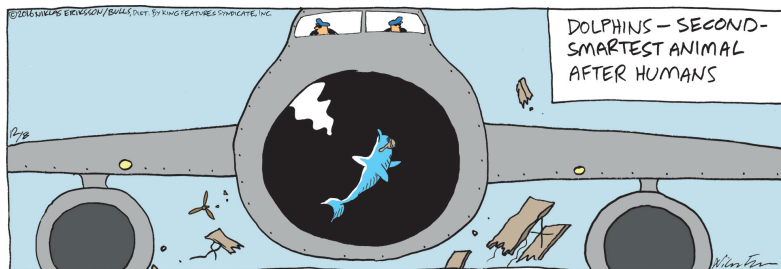
### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You could be more inclined to see a situation differently. Understand where you are heading, especially now that you have extra energy and the willingness to be focused on a major project. Consider your alternatives carefully. Tonight: Do your best vanishing act.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Your playful nature attracts many different people. You are more willing to make an extra effort, especially as you can make a difference. Relax and take care of yourself. You could be confused by everything you hear, and by

### Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



### Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



### Intelligent Life by David Reddick



how quickly you hear it. Tonight: Among friends.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Be more forthright in your choices. You know you can make a difference once you grasp the full dynamics of a situation. Extremes mark your thoughts. Indulgence marks your actions. You could be overwhelmed by what is happening. Tonight: Could go till the wee hours.

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

★★★★ You will want to indulge a child more than usual. You might think that heading in a new direction or choosing a new activity will make that easier. Allow a friend to see a situation from a different perspective. Be willing to give more information. Tonight: Meet a friend.

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

★★★★ You could be in one of your most creative moments. You know

what you want, and you know how to get there. You might mix some exciting moments into your plans. You are unusually attractive right now. A new bond becomes a possibility. Tonight: In the moment.

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

★★★★ Be as responsive as you can be when others make a suggestion. You need to make sure you listen carefully. You don't always need to act on others'

suggestions; just be open to the possibilities. You can only benefit from that type of thinking. Tonight: A must appearance.

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

★★★★ You might want to see a personal matter from a different perspective. Do not take a risk. Be willing to go along with someone else's plan for now. You could feel more connected to others as a result. The more you share, the closer you will become. Tonight: Off to the gym.

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

★★★★ You'll try to reconnect with a friend and have a long-overdue chat. If you're making a gift list for the holidays, know that you have a lot of ground to cover. Your imagination and ability to recognize what pleases others will result in the perfect gift. Tonight: Happy at home.

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

★★★★ You could be deep into the moment, ready to make a change and reach a new level of understanding. Your ability to see past the obvious helps you through hassles. Remember this ability is a gift that many people do not have. Tonight: Listen to a roommate's whisperings.

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

★★★★ You will want to say something in order to acknowledge what you are hearing and/or understanding. Others might not be able to be as receptive and clear as you would like them to be. You are on your own when it comes to making an important decision. Tonight: Out late.

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

★★★★ A possessive streak comes to the forefront. You might not be able to follow through on a friend's request. Remain sensitive to your opportunities, especially if you see a re-appearance of one. You'll want to say "yes" to what is being proposed. Tonight: Make it your treat.



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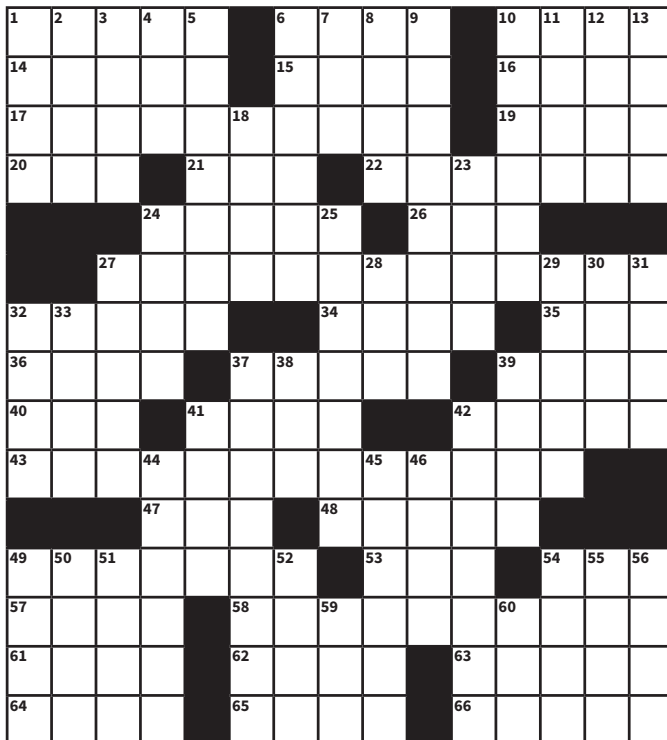
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## Sudoku

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## TCU Trivia

**TRUE OR FALSE:** The last time head coach Gary Patterson and the TCU Horned Frogs went to the Liberty Bowl was in 2002.

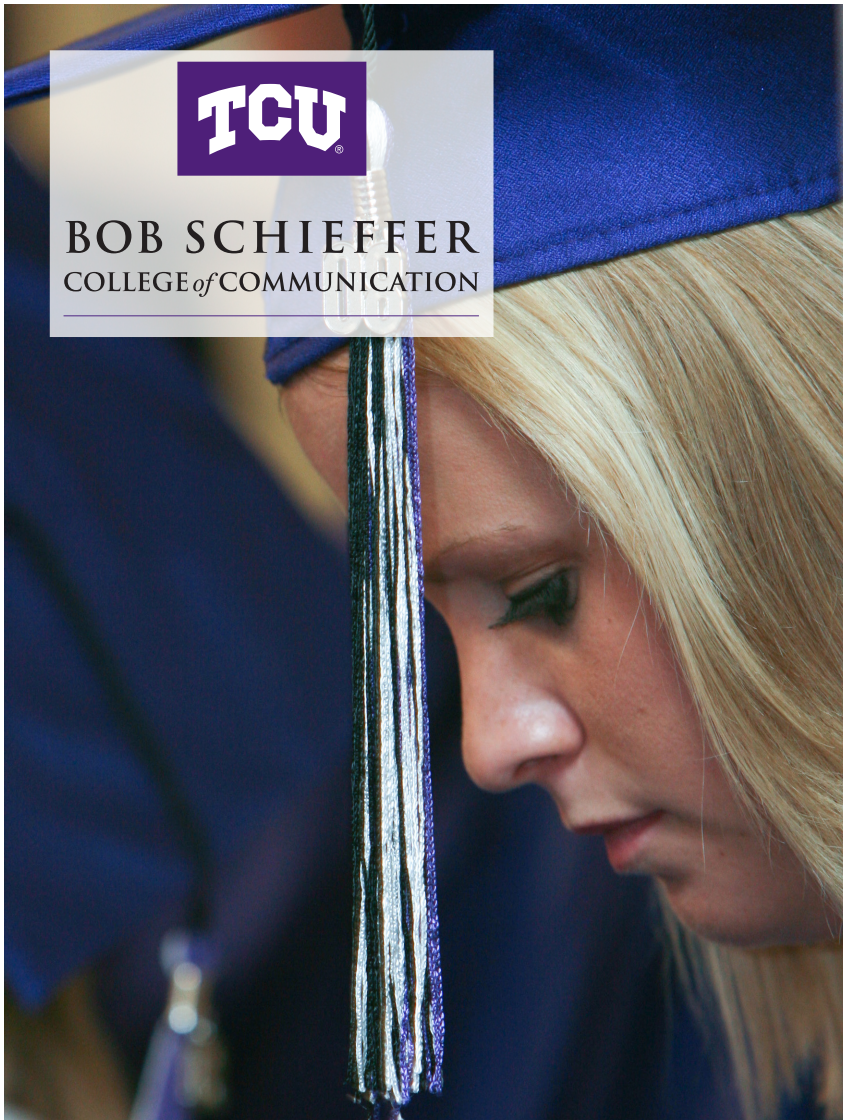
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### TCU TRIVIA ANSWER

TRUE! Patterson will return to Memphis this year.





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