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## CONSTRUCTION

## UNTHSC/TCU Medical School is right on track

By **SHELBY KITSON**  
STAFF WRITER

TCU's planned medical school should be accepting applications in the Fall of 2018 and students are already making plans to apply.

Morgan Williams, a junior biology major, said she hopes to claim one of the 20 seats set aside for TCU students.

"It's an honor to get into any medical school, let alone to be one of the first students in a newly established school," she said.

Dr. Stuart Flynn, the dean of UNTHSC M.D. school, said he has already made plans for next year's opening.

"We are admitting 60 students per year," he said. "We hope for it to grow over the years based

on sustainability and excellence."

Flynn plans on hiring a significant part of the leadership team himself. In five years, the school will have about 700 faculty members, a majority of them being physicians from Tarrant County.

"Our medical students will be taught at the highest level to communicate which is a big deal," Flynn said. "We will also have a simulation center in which our students will be able to train for their procedures before they actually do it on real people."

The UNTHSC/TCU M.D. school will have classes on both university campuses. However, a large part of the courses will be held in clinical practices.



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Dr. Stuart Flynn has been appointed the dean of the new med school.

"The reality of it is Fort Worth will be a medical school," Flynn said. "We will be a part of the town now, which is going to be great."

The cost of tuition for the school will be the median of a private school tuition - \$50,000 per year, said Flynn. He added that the community and other

people will donate and help contribute money to the school in order to give scholarship money to the students.

"I am excited to see the steps and process that the new school will partake in over the next few years," Williams said. "And, I hope to be a part of it."

## ENTERTAINMENT

## "Get Out" is a hypnotically good horror film

By **CHRIS GARCIA**  
STAFF WRITER

"Get Out" is a layered and disturbing horror that reflects on one of society's biggest issues.

The directorial-debut for Jordan Peele, it follows Chris (Daniel Kaluuya) as he visits his girlfriend Rose's (Allison Williams) parents and discovers that something sinister is occurring in their quiet suburb.

It's a surprisingly layered story. Nothing is as it seems, and there are plenty of hints and pieces of information that tie together nicely by the film's end, making the conclusion satisfying and memorable. This is complimented by the effective twists the film relays, with each building nicely upon the last. A strong sense of dread occurs as a result. The dread, however, is balanced by occasional bits of humor to keep the film from falling too far

into the horror or comedy genre and helps makes things feel fresh and entertaining.

The strong story is developed through great performances from the cast. Kaluuya gives a strong and believable performance as Chris, making him likable and easy to support. Allison Williams, Bradley Whitford, Catherine Keener and Caleb Landry Jones also do well as the family, providing performances that border a fine line between caring and creepy. Milton Howery rounds out the cast as Chris' friend Rod and really helps the comedic bits work with great timing and delivery.

Kaluuya's performance helps his character's arc feel complete. Chris goes through changes that pay off emotionally and help provide a sense of growth not many horror films have. Unfortunately, the development of the other characters is lacking.

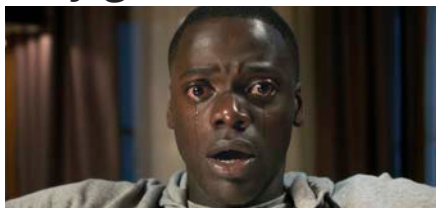


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Daniel Kaluuya plays the role of Chris in "Get Out."

This makes some of the motivations and choices in the latter half of the film feel unexplored.

There are some really interesting ideas and concepts that make the film fun and extremely interesting to watch at times. When those ideas aren't at play, however, the film keeps a simpler style that, while looking nice, doesn't stand out as much.

Despite this, the film is a definite must-see for horror fans due to its effectively done atmosphere and twists. Because of its subject matter and the way the film is crafted, it's also worth highly recommend-

ing to general audiences despite its horror-oriented nature. Overall, "Get Out" not only meets expectations but becomes what is one of the best and deepest horror movies in the last few years.

## Verdict

*Equal parts disturbing, hilarious and socially relevant, "Get Out" is an amazing horror film that messes with the genre and the mind.*



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## FEATURE

# Student refugee starts Refugee Empowerment Partnership

By **ELIZABETH CAMPBELL**  
STAFF WRITER

Tek Ghimire spent most of his life in a camp in war-torn Nepal before coming to Texas as a refugee around four years ago.

Today he and his brother, Action Ghimire, are both sophomore computer science majors at TCU.

"Our family was like yours; we had a farm, we had a house, we had a country, but war broke out," Tek said. "We didn't choose to be refugees, it was impossible for my family to stay in that place."

Action called the camp they grew up in, "a prison."

"We couldn't leave the camp and we couldn't work in the camp," Action said. "We were jobless and hopeless."

Tek said his parents decided to move to the United States in order to give their family a better life.

"I was so excited when I heard I was going to be going to America because I had only heard about a story that all the big buildings were going to be there and everyone would be driving cars," Tek said. "I had seen Terminator and you know when they blast the whole building? I was so excited to be here."

The excitement remained, but the brothers said that adjusting to a new life in America was not without challenges. Both said that learning English was the hardest part of the transition. Action also said that the different food and clothes were a surprise.

"Everything was different," Action said. "It was tough for me to adjust at first."

Tek and Action had help, though. They both credit their time at the

International Newcomers Academy, a Fort Worth Independent School District school focused on fostering rapid language learning and orienting students to U.S. culture. The school helped them adjust and realize they were not alone.

***"Our family was like yours; we had a farm, we had a house, we had a country, but war broke out."***

**TEK GHIMIRE**  
SOPHOMORE

"That school is a great part of my life," Tek said. "It was mostly international students, so seeing them and figuring out I'm not the only one who is going through that thing, that kept me going."

The support Tek said he felt from his teachers and Catholic Charities was a "big help" and inspired him to start the Refugee Empowerment Partnership (REP) on TCU's campus.

"We just want to make things smooth for refugees," Tek said.

Tek is joined by his fellow students, including sophomore finance major Sam Witherspoon who is helping REP receive their service organization designation from TCU. Witherspoon is also helping to plan trips for the group to the Ladera Palms apartments, which according to Fort Worth non-profit The Net, is "populated primarily by resettled refugees from all over the world."

"Refugees are really just normal people who have been put

in extremely difficult circumstances," Witherspoon said. "It's really just important for us to understand that and to help from our position of privilege."

Witherspoon said the group would be helping teach English to adults at Ladera in order to help them pass their citizenship test.

"Citizenship tests for this country are pretty intense," Tek said. "I struggled with it, so I just want to help them achieve that goal."

Senior news and media studies major Myrah Osmani said her work with refugees sophomore year as part of a service learning class inspired her to get an internship with the Refugee Services of Texas and join the REP.

"It's a very humbling experience, I mean I think finals are hard," Osmani said. "These people have gone through so much and one of the families I've been working with, they had a newborn baby and their plane almost crashed in the ocean. It just makes you realize how grateful you should be for the life you live here in America."

Tek said that in addition to helping refugees transition, he is also hoping to change the current stigma many refugees face.

"Right now people have the connotation of the word terrorist with refugee," Tek said. "They believe that all refugees are terrorists which is not true at all. I want people to know refugees better. Come and have a conversation with me, it helps."

The group has yet to set an official date for their first open meeting but Tek said that students should watch [what2do.tcu.edu](http://what2do.tcu.edu) for more information on upcoming events.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TEK GHIMIRE

The Ghimire brothers when they were children in Nepal.



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TCU students, including Tek Ghimire, volunteer with children at Ladera Palms.

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## SPORTS

# Track and Field shines



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Indoor Track and Field finished strong at the Big 12 Championship.

By **MAYA BULGER**

STAFF WRITER

The Horned Frogs finished with great results this weekend at the Big 12 Indoor Track and Field Championship in Ames, Iowa.

"I thought that we performed well this weekend," said the Director of Track and Field Darryl Anderson.

## Track Events

Sophomore Brenley Goertzen was crowned Big 12 Champion in the women's 5,000 km race. She had a school record time of 16:02.80 which was over 20 seconds faster than the previous record time of 16:23.55, set by Mary Kinyanjui in 2004. Goertzen also grabbed a bronze medal in the 3,000-meter race, with a time of 9:23.01.

Senior Tiffany Terry took home silver in the 600-yard run with a time of 1:19.54.

Senior Makaila Flannigan placed fifth in the Pentathlon, setting a new school record of 3,744 points. She was the first person to medal this weekend.

"For a lot of these athletes, it was their first Big 12 meet, and I think that they will get a lot better as we move to the outdoor season," said Anderson.

In her first Big 12 meet appearance, sophomore Brittney Trought took home bronze in the 60-meter hurdle finals, behind a time of 8.34.

Sophomore Kayla Heard placed fourth in the 400-meter finals, clocking in at a personal best of 53.2.

For the men, sophomore Derrick Mokaleng made his first Big 12 appearance and took home bronze in the 600-yard run behind a time of 1:09.54. Junior Kevin McClanahan placed fourth, clocking in at 1:09.59.

In the 60-meter dash finals, junior Jalen Miller placed fifth with a time of 6.79.

Sophomore Darrion Flowers notched a seventh place finish with a time of 21.69 in the men's 200-meter dash finals.

To close out the meet, the women's 4x400-meter relay team of Terry, Heard, and sophomores Lexi Aitken and Jaden Davis placed seventh with a season best time of 3:40.55. For the men, the 4x400-meter relay squad of Mokaleng, McClanahan, and freshmen Jostyn Andrews and Ryan Champlin placed sixth with a time of 3:10.33.

## Field Events

First-year student Isaiah Rogers made his first Big 12 meet appearance a memorable one by grabbing a bronze medal with a mark of 55 feet, 7.75 inches (16.96 meters).

Sophomore Lebogang Maloka and junior Scotty Newton placed in the long jump. Maloka placed seventh with a mark of 23 feet, 6.25 inches (7.17 meters) and Newton eighth with a mark of 23 feet, 4 inches (7.11 meters). Newton also placed fourth in the triple jump with a mark of 52 feet, 5.50 inches (15.99 meters).

Sophomore Justin Sanchez placed eighth in the weight throw with a distance of 59 feet (17.98 meters).

On the women's side, senior Nafissatou Boixel and junior Briona Oliver placed in the long jump for the women. Boixel finished in seventh with a mark of 19 feet 9.50 inches (6.03 meters) and Oliver placed eighth recording a mark of 19 feet 6 inches (5.94 meters).

## Up Next

TCU travels to College Station, Texas to compete in the NCAA Indoor Championship from March 10-11.

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### RECOGNIZING LEADERS IN ACADEMIA

At the annual Endowed Chairs and Professorships Dinner last month, TCU honored faculty who hold prestigious endowed positions, as well as the donors who established them. **TOP ROW FROM LEFT:** Dr. Dennis Cheek, Dean Homer Ereksen, Dr. Molly Weinburgh, Dr. Malinda Crawford, Dr. W. Charles Sawyer, Dr. Eric Simanek, Dr. Karol Gryczynski, Dr. Gregg Cantrell, Mr. Kerry Cornelius, Chancellor Victor Boschini, Dr. Frederico Xavier, Dr. Paul Schrodt, Dr. Morgan Swink, Dr. David Moessner, Dr. Richard Hanson, Dr. Alan Gallay, Dr. Paul Irvine, Mr. John Owings **SECOND ROW FROM LEFT:** Dr. Bill Moncrief, Dr. Patrick Flynn, Dr. Richard Denne, Mr. Jason Faubion, Provost Nowell Donovan, Dr. Audra Boone, Dr. Karen Nelson, Dr. Rhiannon Mayne, Dr. Susan Ramirez, Dr. Linda Hughes, Dr. Kara Vuic, Dr. Diane Snow, Dr. Marilyn Tolbert, Dr. Richard Galvin **BOTTOM ROW FROM LEFT:** Dr. Efstathios Michaelides, Dr. Mark Thistlethwaite, Dr. Bob Greer, Dr. Richard Enos, Dr. Rhonda Keen

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## Horoscope

A baby born today has a Sun in Pisces and a Moon in Aries if born before 2:43 a.m. (ET). Afterward, the Moon will be in Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, March 2, 2017:

This year you make a strong impression wherever you go. Others can't help but notice you. Keep a stern hand on your finances. A problem could appear from out of nowhere. Try to avoid this type of hassle if you can. If you are single, you appear to be more visible than in the past. You attract wannabe suitors easily. If you are attached, the two of you relate unusually well from summertime on. Learn to respect each other's differences. TAURUS knows how to get your attention.

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)

★★★★A discussion might not be satisfying, or you could experience a misunderstanding. Remember, you are your own person; therefore, you can make your own decisions and/or accept your version of what is happening. Tonight: Follow your instincts if money is involved.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You could be upset by what is occurring around you. At the same time, you gain a deeper insight about what works and what is doable. You might need to rethink several areas of your life because of this new awareness. A friend comes through for you. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

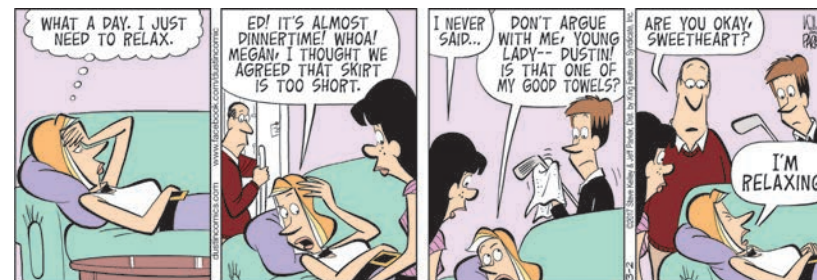
### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Take a backseat, just for a short while. Today is a good day to play it low-key. Be direct in your dealings with others. A friend or loved one is likely to do exactly what you want. Someone you look up to might inspire you. Act on this energy. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

### Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



### Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



### Intelligent Life by David Reddick



### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Use your priorities as a basis for making a decision. You might be surprised by how pressured you feel in a meeting. A conversation with a friend at a distance will inspire you to act on what you feel. A boss or superior could push you very hard. Tonight: Find your friends.

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

★★★★★ You won't need to worry about your boss or someone you answer

to, because he or she approves of what you do and how you present yourself. Reach out to a friend or loved one with whom you have not spent enough time as of late. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

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

★★★★ Take an overview, especially if you are uncomfortable with what you are seeing. Conversations are likely to be animated. Your finances could be involved. Follow your sixth sense, but

stay grounded in reality. Avoid taking wild risks. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

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

★★★★ You'll want to think through a personal matter more carefully before making a decision. The welfare of an important relationship could be determined by your choice. Stay in touch with your feelings, especially when an unexpected offer arises. Tonight: Say "yes" to a loved one.

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

★★★★ Allow a friend or partner to have a stronger voice, and let him or her deal with some of the obligations that you typically handle. You might need to take some time just for you, and this person will be glad to pitch in and help. Tonight: Act as if there were no tomorrow.

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

★★★ Prepare for a heavy work day, where you can accomplish a lot quite quickly. You might want to rethink a decision with greater care. Your ability to bypass obstacles and/or handle them effectively makes you stronger in nearly any situation. Tonight: Off to the gym first.

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

★★★ You might want to see what you can do to change the status quo. Discussions could be quite animated, especially on the home front. Deal with a personal matter that keeps entering your thoughts. Your sixth sense is likely to kick in. Tonight: Go where the action is.

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

★★★★ Your domestic life needs some attention. Clearly, others need you. Be flattered rather than begrudging. Your way of looking at a matter could be offbeat and a bit eccentric. Try to see where others are coming from. Tonight: Get some extra sleep; you are going to need it.

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

★★★★ Understand what is happening with a sibling or close friend. This person will share some news and give you a lot to think about. Whether he or she is right makes little difference. You don't have to agree, but you do need to respect his or her feelings. Tonight: Visit with a friend.





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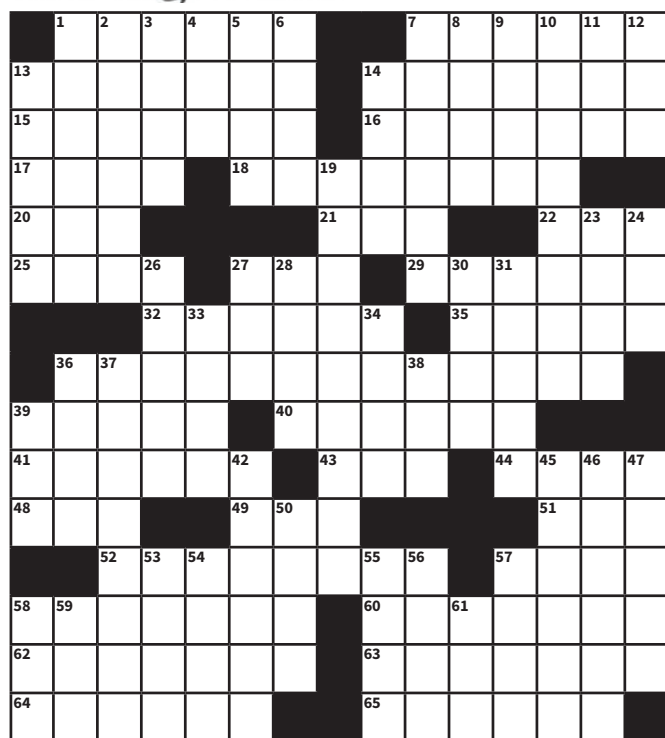
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### Across

- 1 To wit
- 7 Weakness
- 13 One traveling in a basket
- 14 Place where people are rushing
- 15 Lively
- 16 Deadlock
- 17 Lively
- 18 White House pets for Reagan and both Bushes
- 20 Le Duc \_\_\_\_, decliner of the 1973 Nobel Peace Prize
- 21 "Huh! No kidding!"
- 22 Black \_\_\_\_
- 25 End of some business names
- 27 Actress Benaderet
- 29 Prophet who anointed Saul
- 32 "Spit it out!"
- 35 \_\_\_\_ fries
- 36 Secret's source ... that can be found four times in this puzzle
- 39 Up
- 40 Bowled over
- 41 One whose business has a lot of overhead?

43 Dec. 31

- 44 It keeps a team together
- 48 Ice cream purchase
- 49 "The Name of the Rose" author
- 51 Reject
- 52 Greek
- 57 Percolate
- 58 Voting requirement in some states
- 60 "Let's go someplace private"
- 62 Best Picture subject nine inches shorter than the actor who portrayed him
- 63 Whisky first produced for King George VI's 1939 visit to Canada
- 64 Refines, in a way
- 65 Intensify

### Down

- 1 Plato's "tenth Muse"
- 2 Supervillain in a 2015 "Avengers" sequel
- 3 Rosemary, for one
- 4 That guy

5 Ancient symbols of sovereignty

- 6 Station
- 7 Forces
- 8 Common spot for a sunburn
- 9 Constant
- 10 Subject of an 1820 compromise
- 11 "\_\_\_\_ alive!"
- 12 Word of support
- 13 Exceeds 21, in a way
- 14 Dandy
- 19 Aeschylus tragedy
- 23 Sports star with a signed jersey in the Vatican
- 24 Foxy
- 26 Not tip
- 27 Club alternative
- 28 "\_\_\_\_ & Duke at the Côte D'Azur" (1966 jazz album)
- 30 1 chain x 1 furlong
- 31 Obfuscate
- 33 Rock follower?
- 34 Fortune 500 company founded in 1995

## Sudoku



### DIRECTIONS

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

### SOLUTION FROM 2/23

3	2	5	6	4	7	1	9	8
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1	4	2	7	9	5	6	8	3
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8	9	1	4	7	6	5	3	2
6	5	4	8	3	2	9	1	7
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## TCU Trivia

TCUUnity: Shaun King came to TCU Wednesday to talk to students.

### TRUE OR FALSE?

36 Name of a family with a combined 7,228 hits

37 One may be exploited

38 Suffix with real

39 "The \_\_\_\_ of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice": M.L.K.

42 All that is left?

45 Feature of many a minion in "Despicable Me"

46 Actor Culkin of "Igby Goes Down"

47 Boot

50 Give up

53 Bibliography abbr.

54 Shabby

55 Cool people

56 Ice cream purchase

57 Ice cream \_\_\_\_

58 Scoreboard figure: Abbr.

59 Start to hesitate?

61 Afternoon hour in Italy

### SOLUTION FROM 2/23

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### TCU TRIVIA ANSWER

FALSE! Shaun King came to TCU Tuesday.

## FEATURE

# Students share stories of discrimination

By SOPHIA DOUMANI  
STAFF WRITER

Bassi Doumbia remembers the day he walked onto the basketball court toward heckles and monkey noises. After being greeted with flying banana peels and the N-word, he knew that he was not welcome.

Doumbia, a senior economics major, said the reception he received while playing high school basketball in Serbia was one of the most hostile experiences he had while growing up in Europe.

Doumbia and Monica Valdez, a senior majoring in studio art, both recently spoke about how racism has effected their lives and how they've grown somewhat immune to social slights and insults.

Doumbia grew up in Geneva, Switzerland. He said he traveled Europe extensively.

"Serbia of all places is where I met with the most, I'd say, backlash, in terms of racial slurs and heckles," he said.

"You're on the court and you have the opponent who not only has the incentive to take you down and disorient you, but they might genuinely be these racist people who really do want to hurt you."

He said his experiences in the U.S. and at TCU haven't been as jarring, but he has experienced racism. Here, he said it sometimes occurs at house parties where he encounters, "that drunk guy who speaks his mind a little too freely."

While he said he is no longer phased by this kind of behavior, Doumbia said people should not have to develop a resistance to it.

Senior Monica Valdez said she has also grown numb to racism.

Valdez said she has been told she was pretty, "for a Latina," and has



Bassi Doumbia and Monica Valdez share stories of discrimination

been judged on and off campus because of the color of her skin.

Valdez recalled one of her professors saying, "I didn't know you were from Mexico," after she correctly pronounced her name in class. Frustrated, she responded, "No, I'm from San Antonio."

"When people make those assumptions it hurts because it makes me feel like that's all you're going to see me as, as that one Mexican girl in your class," she said.

Being categorized by her last name makes Valdez feel that people are not seeing her for who she really is.

Valdez, who is Mexican and Spanish, said her Spanish-speaking peers have teased her for being monolingual.

She recalled others telling her, "Well if you can't speak Spanish, then obviously you're not Mexican."

People have also said they cannot consider

her to be half Mexican because she "acts white."

Valdez says that she doesn't have to speak Spanish to prove anything.

She is not alone in her struggle.

Doumbia said he has also been categorized because of his speech and appearance. He said most people automatically assume he is African-American because he



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as his primary language.

He said that when he got to Texas, people expected he knew what popular stores like Kroger were, but everything was foreign to him.

Having great friends has allowed Doumbia to have a mostly positive experience at TCU. He does, however, know students who chose to leave TCU because they felt unwelcome.

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MONICA VALDEZ  
SENIOR

doesn't have an accent.

Doumbia was raised speaking English and French, but since moving to America uses English

know a lot of people here who aren't exactly fans of the LGBTQ community as a whole."

Doumbia said we need to continue to inform students so that this type of behavior no longer flies under the radar.

He wants to ensure that the issues people face in their everyday lives are acknowledged. "A lot of people who get offended, harassed or abused don't come forward to admit it," he said. "It might be as a result of shame or even the inability to express it themselves because it's too hard to talk about. It's hard to think about. Once you've gone through something traumatic, it's very hard to come to terms with."

Valdez said she feels better knowing that she's not the only one who sees this happening on campus.

"I had always kept my head down, mouth shut," she said. "I wouldn't bring

it up because people had always been like, 'Oh, well I didn't mean it like that,' or, 'I was just joking, it's not serious.'"

Last semester, Valdez and many other TCU students took to Twitter to address issues of inequality on campus. The hashtag #beingaminorityattcu went viral, giving voices to the students who felt like they had none.

In October, Chancellor Victor Boschini implemented major changes to address issues of inequality on campus.

TCU now has a Chief Inclusion Officer and Title IX Coordinator, a major and minor in Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies, and is hosting speakers to get students talking about diversity on campus.

"I've never been so proud of a community," Valdez said. "It feels good to know TCU is standing behind us and hearing what we have to say."

Chief Inclusion Officer and Title IX Coordinator Darron Turner said students from different backgrounds have more in common than they may think. Turner urges students to spend more time getting to know each other.

"Don't let race be the thing that blocks us from interacting with one another," he said. "Don't let income be the thing that blocks us from interacting with one another. Don't let religious preference be the thing that blocks us from interacting with one another."

He also said that students are "better together." He joked that he wouldn't want "fifty of (himself), hanging around."

Turner calls students to step outside of their comfort zones. "We need to challenge comfortable conversations in ways that will make us grow. Uncomfortable at first, but grow."