

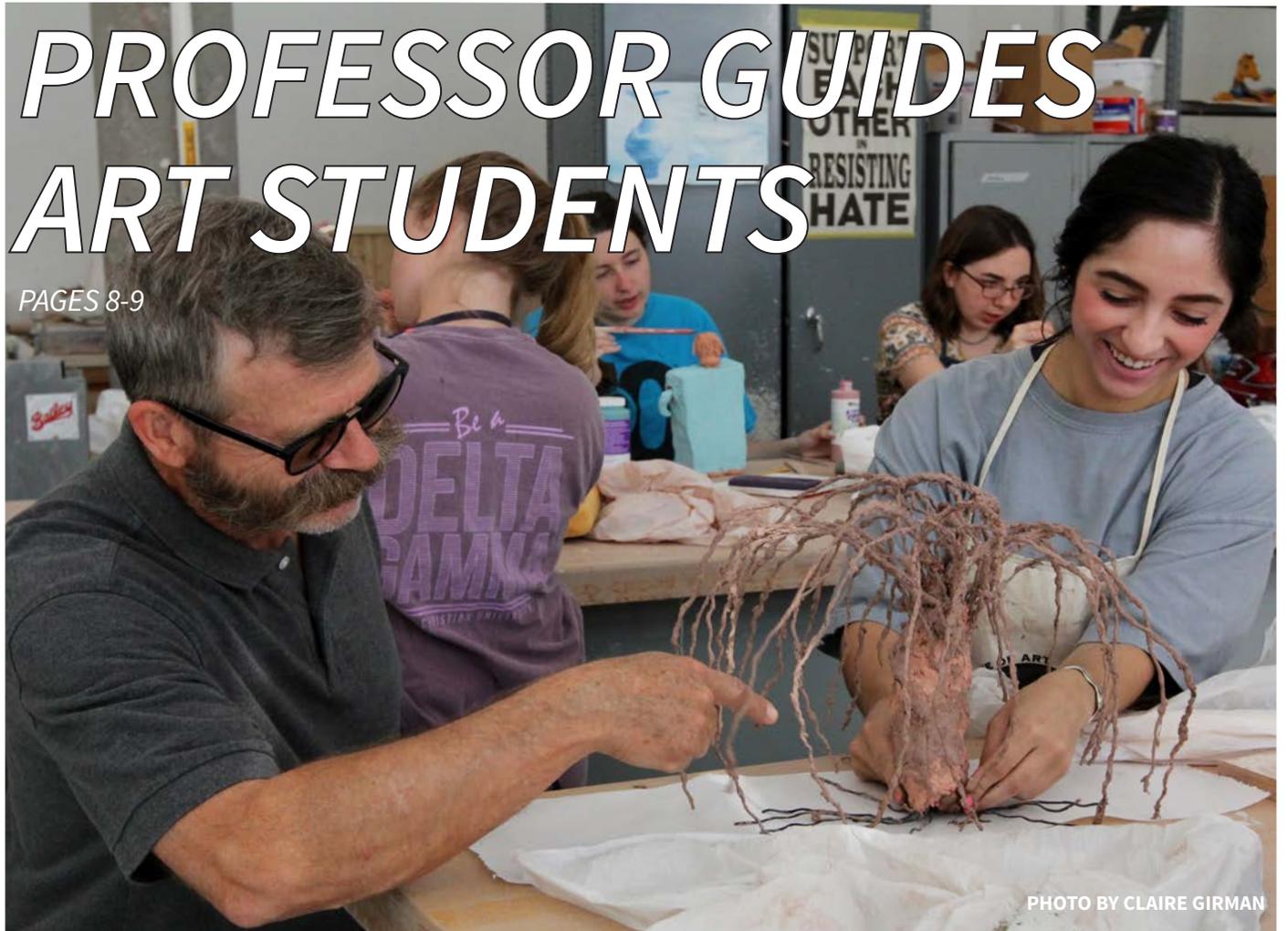
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## Nursing group volunteers at elementary school

By DAISHA SIPHO  
STAFF WRITER

TCU nursing groups assisted Blue Zones and Christene C. Moss Elementary School in an effort to make morning drop-offs safer for their students.

One group was assigned to C.C. Moss Elementary because the school identified a safety hazard that had been noted four years ago.

Parents were stopping in the middle of a two-way street, slowing the flow of traffic. This made students walk in front of other cars to cross the street.

Since then, staff members have been placing cones in the drop-off area and directing cars to the stopping point. Staff also assists students out of their cars. This allows a convenient drop-off for parents and safety for students.

The groups collected data of arrivals and dismissals, creating a plan for implementation of new drop-off procedures. They also provided flyers and spoke with parents about the new initiative.

Team member Hayley Walz said TCU nursing has returned to the project every spring to try and improve safety for the children.

"We believed that C.C. Moss was in most need of an adjusted drop-off procedure," she said. "We saw that the groups before us had worked on assessing the traffic situation and taught pedestrian safety to the children."

Assistant principal Charla Staten said the TCU Nursing group was very beneficial in assisting C.C. Moss with its arrival procedures. They trained staff, created an official launch date and allowed C.C. Moss to implement the new drop-off procedures.



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Nursing students hang up flyers in the school.

"We are very thankful for their participation and support in ensuring that Moss is a safe learning environment," she said.

Staten added that the staff enjoys collaborating with the TCU nursing students because they always provide great insight on how they can alter some of their practices in order to make the school and community safer.

"We would like to thank TCU nursing cohort and professors for always being very supportive and having a vested interest in the wellbeing of Christene C. Moss Elementary and its community," she said.

The group based its model on practices from Safe Routes to School toolkit and from models used by other schools with safe drop-off procedures.

Safe Routes to School aims to create safe, equitable and healthy communities throughout the United States. They also focus on the advancement of safe walking and bicycling to and from schools as well as to improve the health and wellbeing of all children.

Group leader Claire Parker said working



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Nursing students help with drop-off.

in the east Fort Worth community was unique for her team. Instead of working in a hospital with individual patients, they could focus on a whole community.

"Having the chance to be hands-on in creating a safer environment for elementary students in the Stop Six district of Fort Worth was humbling and rewarding," she said. "We got to see the students and greet their parents every morning."

Parker said parents

were responsive to the pilot programs, directing traffic in the mornings and showing their desire for a safer drop-off routine.

TCU Nursing students said they will continue to make the campus safer with the relationship they have maintained with the community.

Staten said parents have adjusted to the new routine and trust that staff will ensure the safety of all students.



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COMMUNITY

# Fort Worth Zoo named fourth best zoo in US

By COLLEEN MORTELL  
STAFF WRITER

The Fort Worth Zoo was recently named the fourth best zoo in the country by USA Today.

The public played a pivotal role in the overall rankings. They were asked to vote from a list of the top 20 zoos. The Fort Worth Zoo was the only zoo from Texas to place in the top 10.

"We really had a chance to communicate with our guests and visitors about some of their favorite parts of the zoo and get them involved in the campaign," said Public Relations Coordinator Chelsea Adler.

Many Dallas students visiting the zoo, including Kat Jones and Genesis Taylor, were encouraged to visit the Fort Worth attraction by friends.

"They were just saying

it's really cool and big and had a wide variety of animals," Jones said.

Taylor is originally from Fort Worth, but she now lives in Las Vegas. She never saw the zoo as a child and decided to visit once she returned to Texas.

"They said it was better than the zoo in Dallas," Taylor said.

Adler said the Fort Worth Zoo stands out from other zoos because it takes part in conservation efforts.

Fort Worth Zoo biologists have been working to decrease the mortality rate of Anegada iguanas. The zoo invited two groups of college students to examine the iguanas and observe a camera study to capture the iguanas' behavioral information. Recently, the number of iguana births has increased.

The zoo is also

working to reintroduce the critically endangered Puerto Rican crested toad into its habitat. It is the only native toad of Puerto Rico, where teachers and zoo officials traveled to search for toads and reintroduction sites. The staff set up an automated recording system to observe the toads at night.

The zoo is involved in conservation work in more than 30 countries, which led to the establishment being recognized as an American Humane Certified producer by the American Humane conservation program.

The zoo also takes part in anti-poaching efforts in Africa.

Executive Director Michael Fouraker once served as the president of the International Elephant Foundation. The zoo partners with the foundation to help support African and

Asian elephants. The partnership researches, monitors and brings conservation awareness to communities.

One of the greatest success stories in conservation is Gus, the first gorilla born at the Fort Worth Zoo. The baby primate is a member of the endangered species, western lowland gorilla.

"You'll see he's still a little gorilla just exploring his natural habitat," Adler said. "But he also represents a big conservation success for the western lowland gorilla."

Some guests believe the conservation efforts help the animals feel better.

"Our zoo feels more animal-centered, and the animals seem happy," said weekly zoo visitor Lark Johnston. "It's not just about watching people on display or animals on display; it's



PHOTO BY COLLEEN MORTELL

The Fort Worth Zoo's education programs and conservation efforts helped it place as the fourth best zoo in the country.

about teaching our kids we watch them to learn about them."

The Fort Worth Zoo also takes pride in its many education programs, ranging from pre-school to summer and career camps, that more than 100,000 students have participated in programings ranging for preschool to summer and career camps.

Many children enjoy trading and learning

about fossils at the Texas Nature Traders building, where they can bring in artifacts to earn points and learn more about the environment.

"They learn about the wildlife and the local nature," said frequent zoo visitor Robby Castetter. "It educates the kids while they're young so they can help preserve when they're older."

ACADEMICS

# Society of Women Engineers help build Fort Worth home

By BRANDON KITCHIN  
STAFF WRITER

Some TCU students in the Society of Women Engineers put on their hard hats and joined Fort Worth volunteers in building one man a new home.

Elizabeth Torres, SWE vice president of external affairs and mechanical engineering major, helped organize the group's involvement with the event.

"We really try to do a lot of outreach and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), but from time to time, we just do some other volunteer [events] together like Habitat for Humanity," said Torres.

Through the Habitat building process, families are able to earn a house through "sweat equity" rather than paying a down

payment on a mortgage. The term sweat equity refers to people working their payment off by laboring on their own home, neighbors' houses and taking homeownership classes for a total of 250 hours.

Trinity Habitat for Humanity volunteer coordinator Mark Rummel said this process helps families who need a home but couldn't afford one.

"It's a hand up, not a hand down," said Gary Baxter, a volunteer at the site. "We're not giving them the house, they're earning the house."

SWE volunteers worked on a home for Nikabou Nadjombe, who came to America from Togo, a country in West Africa almost four years ago.

Giving back to the community is an important focus to the

women of SWE.

"Not many women get recognition for their part in the engineering community," said Kara Lasater, a junior mechanical engineering major who serves as outreach coordinator for SWE. "It's an honor to represent TCU and women in science through acts of service. I love being a part of an organization that represents a lesser known group of people and actively tries to improve the lives of others."

At the national level, The Society of Women Engineers is a non-profit and service organization that was founded in 1950. Currently, the organization has over 35,000 members at the collegiate and professional level.

This house is one of several being built in the Hillside and Morningside neighborhoods. Habitat

plans to build at least 10 new homes there by the end of the year.

The organization also plans to build at least the same number of houses in both the Como and Carver Heights neighborhoods.

Rummel said Habitat for Humanity plans to continue to build at this rate in each of these three

communities for the next five to six years.

TCU SWE has worked with Habitat for similar projects in the past. For them, it's an annual outing.

"It's an amazing chance to tangibly give back to the surrounding community of Fort Worth," Lasater said. "As

an engineering student, I find working on a build as fascinating as it is fulfilling."

Nadjombe's will have a new home by August, an accomplishment he will have earned with hard work and a collaboration with the community.

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## COMMUNITY



Concept art of the south side of Dickies Arena.

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## Dickies Arena: Fort Worth's new convention center set to open in 2019

By **HUNTER GEISEL**  
STAFF WRITER

The city of Fort Worth will receive a new convention center in the next two years: the Dickies Arena.

A crowd of people gathered Tuesday morning near its new location on the corner of Harley Avenue and Gendy Street to hear the news about the new arena coming to Fort Worth.

The Dickies Arena will be a 14,000-seat convention center that will host concerts, sporting events, family entertainment, community events; and become a new location for the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo in 2020 with the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum still hosting the equine events.

Before the reveal of the name "Dickies Arena," the convention center was previously referred to as the "Fort Worth Multipurpose Arena." It was a project that was

in development since its conceptualization by U.S. Representative and former Fort Worth Mayor Kay Granger, said Ed Bass, chairman of Multipurpose Arena Fort Worth, the not-for-profit managing entity of the new arena.

The concept of the arena was eventually perfected in the early 2000s as a part of the Olympic bidding process with Dallas for the 2012 games.

Bass said his managing company, along with the support of the city of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, the state and private-public partnerships, received approval to continue the project from Fort Worth voters in November 2014.

Price said that she was excited to have the opportunity to make groundbreaking ceremonies happen, but today was "extra special."

"It's been planned for a long, long time," Price said. "It is a state of the art multipurpose arena that

will be just phenomenal that we'll continue to promote Fort Worth and where we are."

For now, the construction zone is a hole about 10 acres in area and 23 feet deep, with over 275,000 cubic yards of dirt already removed by dozens of semi trucks.

### BREAKDOWN OF THE LAYOUT

Dickies Arena will seat about 13,400 people for sporting events, such as the NCAA women's gymnastics championships in 2020, along with the first and second round of games for NCAA men's basketball, making the arena the largest basketball venue on the Fort Worth side of the metroplex.

The lower bowl and suite levels are positioned and "virtually identical" to those in the American Airlines Center in Dallas, Bass said. The furthest seats, which will be the upper bowl, will also be in

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the same position as the Premium Platinum seats at the Dallas Mavericks games. In addition, Bass said there will be no nosebleed seats.

"The key to this success is not only our first-class facility but for a burst of reputation with creating a great student-athlete experience," Bass said.

For concerts, the arena

could fill up from 12,500 seats to 14,000 people, going head-to-head with the American Airlines Center. The size of Dickies Arena will give Fort Worth a competitive advantage to bid on various events, said Price.

For the rodeo, there will be 50 percent more dirt box seats, closest to the center of the rodeo and there will be premium club seating with suites. Overall, Dickies Arena will have a dome edifice with very fine details throughout the convention center.

"This is not a baby arena," Bass said. "This is the real thing."

### FORT WORTH MULTIPURPOSE ARENA TO DICKIES ARENA

Before the closing of the groundbreaking ceremony, a "mystery guest" was introduced by Bass to the attendees of the ceremony after the Dickies Arena sign was

revealed. The guest was no other than chairman and CEO of Dickies, Phillip Williamson.

Dickies has been a long-time sponsor of the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, and Williamson said he and the company are committed and passionate about Fort Worth and that they couldn't be more thankful than to have naming rights for the arena.

"Our customers, employees and their families look forward to attending the stock show every year," Williamson said. "And, we're excited to help to provide a state of the art arena that will help define what legendary really means."

Dickies Arena is scheduled to open in November 2019 and the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo will call the new convention center home the following year.

FEATURE

# FW rapper empowers open-mindedness

By **JACOB SMITH**  
STAFF WRITER

Therron Coleman, better known as Wrex, is a Fort Worth rapper working to change the landscape of the city's hip-hop scene.

Influenced by eastern philosophies, Wrex uses his rapping to empower and encourage people to open their minds.

"Inhale, exhale. You need to breathe and close your eyes so you can see," said Wrex in the featured song on his latest album, "Chakra Flow."

Wrex's music producer and owner of Global One Entertainment, Paul Gordon, said that the modern day hip-hop lacks a message it once had.

"A lot of hip-hop is ego driven, you know? Look what I got, look at my

cars, look at my chains. No, he's on another level," said Gordon.

Wrex found his belief system after dealing with depression as a child.

"I had a hard childhood and I always searched for a way to relieve the inner conflict I had," said Wrex. "Internal conflict is something you don't learn how to deal with in school."

Wrex's long-time friend and fellow rapper, Drew McCollough or Dru B Shinin', said that Wrex has always stood out as a strong artist.

"We used to do this thing on the west side of Fort Worth called, 'West Side Wednesdays' where I would try to get all the MC's from that side of town to come to my friend's house and we would record raps," said

McCollough. "Wrex stood out as the best so we've been working together ever since."

Wrex said he hopes to spread harmony in Fort Worth by connecting all classes and ethnicities from any walk of life.

"I just want to try to make sure that we are all relatable and that we can see a common thread between people," said Wrex.

Wrex plans to release a new album this year and expand his art to reach a global audience but doesn't measure his success on the validation of money or fame.

"The music is not thirsty. You know how people say 'thirsty'? The music is not thirsty. It is what it is, now," said McCollough.



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Wrex said he hopes to spread harmony in Fort Worth by connecting all classes and ethnicities from any walk of life.

  
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MEN'S TENNIS

# Frogs secure outright Big 12 Championship

By **ROBBIE VAGLIO**  
STAFF WRITER

The No. 9 Horned Frogs defeated the No. 7 Texas Longhorns 4-1 for the team's fifth win over a top-ranked team this season. Their 12th consecutive victory to claim the outright Big 12 Championship pushed their record to 17-4 overall and 5-0 in conference play this season.

The Frogs battled through the tightly contested doubles match,

winning both matches 6-4 for their 10th straight doubles point. The No. 34 pair of Jerry Lopez and Reese Stalder won their first match. Cameron Norrie and Trevor Johnson claimed the doubles point for the Frogs with their sixth consecutive win.

"It's exciting to win the conference and everyone knows what we have gone through this year and to have the resilience to hang in there and win such a tough conference

is amazing," head coach David Roditi said. "I am happy for the guys, we just have to keep getting better."

The Frogs took the first set on five of the six courts during singles matches and quickly earned a 3-0 lead with quick wins on courts one and six. Trevor Johnson continued his undefeated season with a 6-3, 6-3 victory, while No. 2 Norrie (now No. 1) defeated his 14th ranked opponent of the season 6-2, 7-5. No. 27

Alex Rybakov won his 17th straight match with a straight set win to clinch the match.

"It was a well fought match and deserving of the Big 12 title," Roditi said.

This match wrapped up the regular season for the Horned Frogs as they claimed the Big 12 title. TCU earned the No. 1 seed and a bye in the first round of the Big 12 Championship. The tournament runs from April 27-30 in Norman, Okla.



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Frogs win the back to back conference.

FEATURE

# Frog Life empowers a culture of wellness on campus

By **MEGAN GUTER**  
STAFF WRITER

From the University Recreation Center to the Counseling and Mental Health Center, TCU has many outlets to keep the mind and body healthy. The school's latest initiative added a twist to the holistic view of wellness.

Frog Life is TCU's "comprehensive wellness initiative that empowers the Horned Frog community to live well," according to their website.

The new organization hosted its first wellness on Feb. 2. Faculty and students gathered in the Brown-Lupton University Union to hear speakers from both the TCU and Fort Worth communities, including Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price and Student Government Association President John Paul Watson.

Price applauded TCU for the addition of the Frog Life program.

"A healthy city is an engaged city; what we put into it is exactly what we get back," she said.

Price also mentioned how Frog Life incorporates ideas in programs



PHOTO BY MEGAN GUTER

Organization members said the goal is to help students make healthier choices.

already existing in Fort Worth.

"Frog Life will fit in well with our Blue Zone program," she said.

The Blue Zones Project is a "community-wide well-being improvement initiative to help make healthy choices easier for

everyone in Fort Worth," according to the Blue Zones Project website.

Price praised TCU and the city of Fort Worth

for their commitment to healthy lifestyles. She said it's not just about food but activity as well.

Frog Life will help

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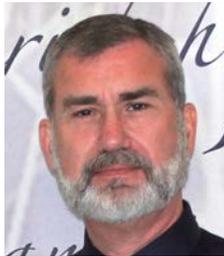
students and faculty maintain sound mental and physical health and Watson is determined to bring awareness to the importance of health on campus.

"The Wellness Center and Frog Life is helping face a much larger issue," he said. "Students do not have to go through their struggles in silence."

To find out more information about Frog Life, students can go to froglife.tcu.edu or reach out to the rec center, the Religious & Spiritual Life and the Alcohol & Drug Education center.



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**This year – for the first time – The Michael R. Ferrari Award for Distinguished Service and Leadership went to four outstanding staff and faculty members in recognition of extraordinary achievement beyond their work responsibilities.**

Two award winners – **Mr. Chuck Dunning** and **Ms. Ebony Rose** – come from Student Affairs. Mr. Dunning and Ms. Rose developed a program to encourage intentional dialogue on questions of difference that could lead to conflict on campus. The program has been such a resounding success that they have trained colleagues, student leaders and scores of other Horned Frogs to help carry it to a broader audience.

Another award-winner, **Ms. Victoria Herrera**, recruits students for TCU's Community Scholars program. She works closely with counselors from partner high schools who in turn encourage their best students to apply to TCU and prepare for the Community Scholars program. Ms. Herrera not only mentors these students through the application process but also throughout their TCU careers. Her efforts have increased Community Scholar applications as well as campus diversity.

**Dr. Michael Butler** was honored for two titles he voluntarily added to an already expansive list: associate marshal of Commencement and chair of the TCU Undergraduate Council. As associate marshal, Dr. Butler is responsible for recruitment and training of faculty marshals. As chair of the Undergraduate Council, Dr. Butler exhibits "the unique ability to balance flexibility in helping units on campus to achieve important improvements to curriculum and adherence to process and policy."

## FEATURE

# Associate professor of art molds students

By **CLAIRE GIRMAN**  
STAFF WRITER

It started on a creek bank in DeQueen, Arkansas.

As a child, Chris Powell and a friend would spend their days building forts and roads out of whatever they could find along the creek.

"One day, I picked up a wad of clay down by the creek and made a shoe out of it," said Powell, an associate professor of art. "My friend made something too, and we brought them back to show his mom. She was absolutely thrilled over them."

Soon a mother's pride became Powell's passion.

His love of sculpting prompted him to attend college, encouraged him to pursue a full-time position at TCU and took him to Japan where he learned

lessons he brought back to the creek.

But as a child, Powell said he had little knowledge of what art was.

"Apart from my grandmother who loved to write and collected diaries, we didn't have any artists in the family," he said.

Powell said he remembers visiting his first museum in Oklahoma, The Museum of the Red River, where there was an exhibition on Caddo Indian pottery.

"At the time, I didn't even know it was art," Powell said. "I just thought they were a bunch of pots."

Today, he helps majors and nonmajors understand the complexity of ceramics and that everything doesn't have to be perfect to be done well.

"Chris truly was the

one who introduced me to the concept of 'within tolerance,'" said Luke Warren, a senior studio art minor. "It's where you learn to be okay if something in your work is a little bit off. There's a difference between saying something is bad craftsmanship and saying something is 'within tolerance.' As an artist, Chris has taught me that something can be slightly off, but it adds value to the overall piece."

Powell said it is part of his own teaching philosophy that students have experience working with different materials and understand different processes.

He said it took more experience and practice for him to gain his own understanding of art; therefore, he has the same expectations for his students.



PHOTO BY CLAIRE GIRMAN

Powell shows a pottery project to Marlee Yoxall (middle), Clara Hamilton (left).

## Learning Curve

College wasn't part of his original plan for life after high school.

"I always liked school, but I honestly didn't think college was going to be an option for me," he said. "It wasn't until one of my father's friends asked me if I would ever consider it."

He said that conversation was enough to inspire him to enroll into classes at a nearby community college.

Powell said he took a Spanish class and a ceramics class.

"At this point, my future aspirations were crazy," he said. "I wanted to move to Peru and make pots like I've seen the Peruvians make."

It wasn't long before Powell decided to further his education. A year later, he enrolled into Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas, where he earned a BFA in ceramics.

"This is where I met my wife, Vonne. We shared a studio together our senior year, and finally decided to date," he said. "After three months, I asked her to marry me. We both didn't know what we were going to do, but we knew we wanted to be together."

Powell received an

offer to earn his masters from Bradley University in Bradley, Illinois. After three years in the Midwest, the duo decided to move back to Fort Worth, Texas, to be closer to Vonne's family.

Powell then worked a minimum wage job mixing clay in order to support his wife and dreams of one day becoming a teacher.

The company he worked for sold clay to TCU, and this sparked Powell's interest to start a dialogue about future employment at the university.

He accepted an offer from TCU to manage the equipment in the ceramics and sculpture studios in the School of Art. He continued to search for teaching jobs in Texas.

"It wasn't the most glamorous job," he said. "But I only hoped it was one step closer to being able to teach."

## Getting Settled

Powell was offered a teaching position after having built more connections with the TCU School of Art. By 1989, he taught between one and two studio classes, and continued overseeing equipment in the studios.

After the part-time professor for ceramics retired, Powell was

given that area to teach full-time.

Powell said he emphasizes his honesty to materials through his teaching. He said he wants students to gain knowledge of the materials and process of making their work.

Warren said he enrolled in Powell's beginner ceramics class his sophomore year.

"One thing right off the bat I really appreciated about Chris, is that he finds so much value in the process and the materials you're using, versus the actual finished product," Warren said.

Powell said since teaching, he's seen his own work evolve as he continues to refine his aesthetic.

"I remember a turning point where I began seeing changes in my work," Powell said. "When Vonne got pregnant, and her body started to change, I saw my work beginning to change in form."

## Cross-Cultural Connections

In 2012, Powell had the opportunity to connect and exchange ideas with representatives of the Hiroshima City University.

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"I became connected with a potter named Tadashi Hirakawa. He was interested in rebuilding an ancient dirt kiln known as a "Tsuchigama," Powell said. "I told him I wanted to build one. Tadashi said I should fly out to meet him first and fire the kiln with him, and then he would fly back to the states and build one with me."

Powell said the generosity and sincerity of Hirakawa was compelling. He said it made the exchange of ideas over email and mail that much more exciting.

Hirakawa flew out to Arkansas where he and Powell built the ancient dirt kiln in Arkansas. Powell said they did a test fire, and the second fire, they used actual objects.

He said they held a symposium in the summer where half a dozen people from Japan came to study the kiln.

"It's inspired off of an ancient technique," Powell said. "The same clay we dug to build the kiln, we also used to make the objects to fire. There aren't any glazes involved, but the ash built up in the process, rests on the objects."

Powell said the fundamentals of the technique aligns with his own philosophy regarding the appreciation for natural materials as an artist.

"It's that honesty to materials...it's the process and the materials that give the piece life," he said.

**Continuing on Course**

Powell said earning the teaching position at TCU is still the, "best job in the world."

"Chris is an amazing teacher," said Kieran Sattar, Powell's teaching assistant. "The way he encourages and pushes me as an artist, translates into the classroom with his own students."

Warren said as a student, Powell's



Sculptures made by Powell.

interaction in and outside the classroom remains sincere and genuine.

"There's a huge personal connection that goes beyond the class with Chris and his students. He's taken a huge investment in me," Warren said. "We have this exchange of labor going on where he will help me install some of my work somewhere, and I will help him take down fence posts in his backyard. I definitely see

him as a mentor."

Warren said Powell's experimental quality is truly unique, and allows for some grace in the process of creating in the classroom.

"Chris can just say "Okay, let's throw it in the kiln and see how it turns out," Warren said. "It allows students to become hands-on in the process to see how materials and the process work together, as opposed to being fed the information."



PHOTO BY CLAIRE GIRMAN  
Powell, left, helps Christian Wendlandt, right, with an assignment.

Sattar said Powell stands by his teaching philosophy that his classes are "hard work, but hard work is fun."

"One thing I appreciate about Chris as an artist is his ability to step out of the box. He does what he wants," she said. "The minute he says he wants to make something, he doesn't question it - he just makes it."

Sattar said she finds Powell the most helpful when regarding her work

as an artist. She said he offers her flexibility to make decisions about his class curriculum, and also instills confidence to keep improving.

"Our aesthetics are completely different," Sattar said. "But he's very approachable and fun. If you seek out his guidance, he can always find a way to tell you something and relate it back to what you need. That alone shows how dedicated he is as a teacher."

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## Horoscope

A baby born today has a Sun and Moon in Taurus if born before 9:39 p.m. (ET). Afterward, the Moon will be in Gemini.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, April 27, 2017:

This year you have unusual powers of persuasion. Others will find it difficult to say "no" to you. Don't push people to agree with you; just be yourself. Your magnetism soars as well. If you are single, you will want an equal, not a subservient sweetie. You are likely to meet someone special during the colder-weather months. If you are attached, you finally are able to realize a long-term goal through the efforts of your significant other. A major purchase in the fall is likely to add to the quality of your life together. **GEMINI** can talk you to death.

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)

★★★ Juggling your finances will take skill. No matter what, you will achieve your goals. Dealing with an authority figure will be easy, because you know what you are doing. You might need to listen to what others need as well. Tonight: Make some calls about the coming weekend.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You are running on high and might be unstoppable. Of course, if those around you knew you better, they would know exactly what to do to slow you down. Information comes forward that changes your viewpoint and encourages you to look at a decision differently. Tonight: Out.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You might be out of sorts and not as sure of yourself as you'd like to be. When you open up and get feedback, you will hear otherwise. Not until later will you be able to integrate what you have heard. Try to postpone an important

### Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



### Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



### Intelligent Life by David Reddick



decision you need to make. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Meetings with others will be extremely enjoyable. You might find that this happy quality could interfere with a business matter. Try to contain yourself, if possible. Reach out to friends, and schedule a get-together for later in the day. Tonight: Do whatever seems natural

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

★★★ Those around you trust your judgment. You might change your mind about one particular situation, and as a result, you could see others' impressions of you change as well. Someone else could offer a different perspective. Tonight: Accept a friend's last-minute invitation.

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

★★★★ Your creative process forces you

to look at a personal matter differently. You open up to a new idea that feels so much more comfortable. Do not deny yourself of an opportunity, even if some risk involved. Tonight: Be naughty; add mischief.

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

★★★★ You might have overstated a situation and will need to pull back and listen to the other side. You and the other party both can be a bit dramatic,

but coming to a mutual understanding will be less difficult than expected. Tonight: Listen to your favorite music.

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

★★★★ Others continue to dominate plans, and you'll be content to go with the flow. As a result, several people might assume that you are a "yes" person. You just choose to go along with whatever feels right, and you also don't want to deal with any flak. Tonight: Accept an offer.

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

★★★★ You could have a lot to do in order to complete your to-do list. You'll continue to push yourself very hard. You might want to take another look at a financial matter. How flexible you are will become key in an important discussion. Tonight: Respond to someone else's efforts.

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

★★★★ Even though you might be confident about a key topic, your thoughts are likely to change after a conversation. Your flexibility points to your success. A chat with a friend about upcoming plans needs to happen in the near future. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

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

★★★★ Your more playful, risk-taking side is likely to display a need to express itself in a meaningful way. You might opt to spend some time close to home right now. You will accomplish more if you can work from home, too. Tonight: Get together with friends.

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

★★★★ A meeting proves to be more significant than you originally had thought. Express your feelings, with the knowledge that others will understand where you are coming from. Make an important call about a recent purchase that you made. Tonight: Out and about.

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- 4 Lead-in to toe or top
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- 10 "Un \_\_\_\_" (answer to "Parlez-vous français?")
- 13 Fashionable
- 15 Distinctive filmmakers
- 17 One-horse carriage
- 18 Alley seen on TV
- 19 One may be deep
- 20 Passed
- 21 Again ... and again
- 23 \_\_\_\_ Ming, 2016 Hall of Fame inductee
- 24 Thereabouts
- 27 Unfeeling
- 29 Line at a barbershop
- 32 Pickup line?
- 33 Broadway opening
- 35 Perhaps not at all
- 37 Keats ode subject

**DOWN**

- 38 2017 symbol in the Chinese zodiac
- 40 Accented approval
- 41 Boots
- 43 Actress Skye
- 44 Can
- 45 Eye protector
- 46 Writing on many a chalkboard
- 48 Tape recorder button
- 50 Certain varietal, for short
- 52 Provide with oxygen
- 54 Game day disappointment
- 57 Singer of the anthem "Hatikvah" ("The Hope")
- 61 Carry out
- 62 Big to-do
- 63 Sticky stuff
- 64 Some playfulness
- 65 German direction
- 66 Short
- 67 Show filmed at Rockefeller Center, for short
- 68 Play (with)

- DOWN**
- 1 "It is \_\_\_\_ that is golden, not silence": Samuel Butler
- 2 When tripled, et cetera
- 3 Article of apparel that often leaves one arm bare
- 4 Was encouraged
- 5 Layabout
- 6 Look at searchingly
- 7 Olajuwon of the N.B.A.
- 8 Wreckage
- 9 Good candidate for adoption
- 10 Settle by calling the question
- 11 Lake connected with lake-effect snow
- 12 Exhausted
- 14 Girl Scout cookie offering
- 16 Barely successful avoidance of calamity
- 22 Brand for weight-watchers
- 24 Barbarous
- 25 Caterpillar stage

## Sudoku

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**DIRECTIONS**

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**SOLUTION FROM 4/20**

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## TCU Trivia

**History:** In 1980, there were more students in the AddRan College of Arts and Sciences than the Neeley School of Business. True or False?

**SOLUTION FROM 4/20**

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**TCU TRIVIA ANSWER**

TRUE! 1,900 students were enrolled in the Addran College of Arts and Sciences.

## TRACK AND FIELD

# Team competes at the Michael Johnson Invitational

By **MAYA BULGER**  
STAFF WRITER

The Horned Frogs traveled to Waco, Texas to compete at the Michael Johnson Invitational this weekend.

## Running Events

For the second-straight week, junior Briona Oliver ran a personal best in the 100-meter dash, recording a time of 11.66 for an eighth-place finish.

Sophomore Anna Cozart and junior Tiffany Terry also ran personal-best times. Cozart recorded a time of 4:42.43 in the 1500-kilometer race, and Terry placed third with a time of 2:10.11 in the 800-meter race.

Sophomore Lexi Aitken placed fourth in the

100-meter hurdles with a time of 13.64.

In the 5000-kilometer race, sophomore Nicole Hicks placed third with a personal-best time of 17:11.83 and freshman Kirsten Johnston placed fifth with a time of 17:26.70.

In the 4x100-meter relay, Oliver, seniors Judy Emeodi and Sabrina Moore, and sophomore Kayla Heard placed second, clocking in at 45.64.

Emeodi and Heard also placed fifth in the 4x400-meter relay with Terry and Aitken, clocking in at 3:43.84.

In the men's 1500-kilometer race, sophomore Patrick LaCour placed second with a time of 4:05.45 and sophomore Dylan



PHOTO BY MAYA BULGER

Freshman Isaiah Rogers competes in the shot put.

Brokmeyer placed seventh with a time of 4:13.17.

In the 400-meter dash, sophomore Derrick Mokaleng placed sixth with a time of 47.01 and junior Kevin McClanahan placed eighth with a time of 47.57.

Senior Dekan Ekpo placed seventh in the

200-meter dash with a time of 22.23.

The 4x100-meter relay team of seniors Raymond Bozmann and Jalen Miller, junior Emeilo Ferguson, and sophomore Darrion Flowers placed second with a time of 39.35.

Flowers also placed

fourth in the 4x400-meter relay with McClanahan, Ferguson and Mokaleng with a time of 3:10.42.

## Field Events

Freshman Isaiah Rogers placed first in the shot put behind a throw of 57 feet 11.25 inches (17.66 meters).

Sophomore Fellan McGuigan placed third in the hammer throw with a mark of 206 feet 9 inches (63.02 meters), and senior Ryan Finnie placed fourth in the triple jump with a mark of 47 feet 10 inches (14.58 meters).

On the women's side, senior Paola Miranda placed second with a distance of 180 feet 9 inches (55.10 meters) in the hammer throw, and junior Nafissatou Boixel jumped to 18 feet 7 inches (5.66 meters), placed eighth.

## Up Next

The Horned Frogs will travel to Austin, Texas to compete in the Texas Invitational on Saturday, April 29.

## BASEBALL

# Horned Frogs falter 6-2 to Stephen F. Austin

By **BRANSON NELSON**  
STAFF WRITER

The No. 5 Horned Frogs provided little resistance in a 6-2 loss at the hands of the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks on Tuesday night at Lupton Stadium.

"We knew that they were really good," TCU head coach Jim Schlossnagle said, referring to SFA. "I told the team before the game that outside of Long Beach State, that is the best team we are going to play in a mid-week game."

Charles King (0-1) made his first collegiate start against the Lumberjacks but did not make it out of the third inning and gave up three runs.

SFA took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second, as they loaded the bases with no outs on two singles and a walk. King limited the damage as he induced a double play and picked up a strikeout to end the

inning.

The Frogs went quietly in the bottom of the second, before SFA touched up the Frogs for four runs in the third. King started the inning on the mound and got the first two batters out on six pitches. He then walked a batter and allowed a single, bringing Schlossnagle out of the dugout to put in Jake Eissler.

"I was hoping to keep King under 45 pitches," Schlossnagle said. "If we were trying to have him be a starter and not pitch this weekend, I would have left him in the game because I felt like he was throwing OK."

The first batter Eissler faced, Zac Michener, doubled home both runners to make the score 3-0. Eissler had let just one of seven inherited runners score entering the game. The next hitter, Josh Evans, hit a line-drive two run homer to right field to make it

5-0.

"Give them credit," Schlossnagle said. "The two balls that he really left up the whole time were those two balls. A fastball up that Michener did a good job going the other way with and then a change up way up, and the guy hit it out of the ballpark."

The Frogs threatened in the fifth, getting two runners on base with one out, but a double play ground out from Austen Wade ended the inning.

Eissler dominated the fourth through sixth innings for the Frogs, keeping them within five. He retired all nine batters over that span, striking out five.

Cal Coughlin relieved Eissler on the mound in the seventh and gave up an unearned run to push the Lumberjacks' lead to 6-0. Coughlin got the first batter on strikes but loaded the bases after two walks and an error on second baseman Cam



PHOTO BY MICHAEL CLEMENTS/GOFROGS.COM

TCU Baseball vs Baylor at the Lupton Stadium on the TCU campus in Fort Worth, Texas on April 23, 2017.

Warner. The run crossed the plate on a balk, just the third by TCU's pitching staff all season.

The Horned Frogs' bats made some noise in the bottom of the seventh with two outs to pull within four. Ryan Merrill slid head-first into first for an infield single to start the rally. Elliott Barzilli then walked to set up Wade for a two RBI double. The double was his team-leading 11th of the season, and he pushed his on-base streak to 27

games.

Despite a scoreless eighth for Haylen Green and ninth for Austin Boyles, the Frogs could not make a late push to put any pressure on the Lumberjacks.

The five freshman pitchers sent to the mound combined to give up six runs on just six hits. They walked four and struck out 13.

The TCU lineup equaled the six hits tallied by the Lumberjacks and drew five walks, but could

not find timely hits.

TCU will look to rebound from the loss in a hurry, as they head to Lubbock for a series against Texas Tech starting on Friday. Texas Tech is tied for second in the Big 12 with West Virginia, two games behind the Frogs. First pitch on Friday is at 7 p.m. Friday's game will be televised on FS1, while Saturday's (3 p.m.) and Sunday's (1:30 p.m.) games will be on ESPNU.