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**GOAL #1** STRENGTHEN ACADEMIC PROFILE & REPUTATION

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- b) Continue to emphasize areas of strength
- c) Continue to strengthen undergrad & grad profiles
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- e) 9,500 undergraduates & 1,500 graduates
- f) Compete + Excel in a Power Athletic Conference

**GOAL #2** STRENGTHEN ENDOWMENT

## CAMPUS NEWS

# Board of Trustees raises tuition 4.9 percent

By **ELIZABETH CAMPBELL**  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR, TCU 360

The Board of Trustees decided on a 4.9 percent tuition increase for the next academic year, which will bring tuition up from \$44,670 to \$46,860.

Chairman of the Board, Mark Johnson, said a lot of thought went into this number, as well as short-term and long-term planning.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said need-based aid will also increase by more than 4.9 percent.

“We’ve done that for the past seven years,” Boschini said. “We’ve raised it by at least the same amount, but usually more.”

Johnson said a “substantial” part of the money from the increase goes toward financial aid as TCU strengthens its endowment.

“The endowment, as we continue to grow it, gives us the opportunity to help students pay for their education,” Johnson said.

## Increasing Student Enrollment

Cost of tuition isn’t the only thing the board is looking to grow. Johnson said the board approved raising the full enrollment of TCU students to 11,000 with 9,500 undergraduate students. The process to get to this number involves adding 50-75 students in each incoming class over several years.

“We’re not going to do that all at once,” Johnson said. “We want to be methodical about that.”

The rise in students



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CAMPBELL

The Board of Trustees decided on a 4.9 percent tuition increase to help strengthen many reputations across the TCU campus.

shouldn’t create a large rise in classes sizes, Boschini said, as there is a limit of a 14:1 student to faculty ratio that keeps class sizes small. Boschini also said the current student to faculty ratio is 13:1.

Johnson said the board unanimously agreed to not lose the small class sizes because of an increase in students.

## Construction Plans

In order to house all these new students, the board approved construction plans for two new residence halls. Boschini said the new buildings will be in the Worth Hills area, facing the current Hayes residence hall, and will provide 301 additional beds in suite-style configuration. Construction is set to begin spring 2018 and open in time for the fall 2019.

The board also approved plans for a new fine arts building, which will include classrooms, design studios, testing and construction labs for textiles, archival storage for textiles, faculty and support offices, student

study spaces and meeting rooms. Construction will begin February 2018 and is anticipated to be completed in fall 2019, Boschini said.

A School of Music performance hall will also be added on the east side of campus. Johnson said he thinks the performance hall will be a “statement” building on that side of campus. It will include a 700-seat performance hall and rehearsal rooms for orchestra, band and percussion. Other rooms include a green room, a dressing room, offices and other individual practice rooms, Boschini said.

“I think it’s going to be very appealing,” Johnson said. “It will serve a music program that has built a tremendous reputation around the country as being first class. We want to get them the facilities that they deserve.”

The football stadium will also be updated. The expansion calls for two new levels of luxury seating above the current upper deck and will include premium-level seating up to 1,500 seats

and as many as 20 suites. Construction starts May 2018 with anticipated completion before the start of the 2019 football season, Boschini said.

Johnson also said the board talked about plans for a more long-term construction process near Bellaire drive. This includes a new admission building and restructuring the Honors College to concentrate the area and provide more classrooms. He also said there were long-term plans to expand the Brown-Lupton University Union.

As for the financing of these projects, Johnson said some will be funded with university capital. Boschini said residence halls are almost always paid for by the university because the students end up paying for them.

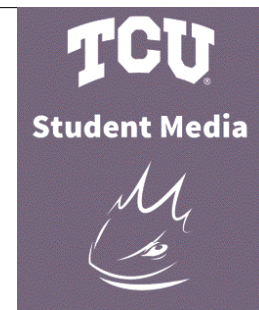
For the other construction projects, Johnson said there are fundraising stipulations in the resolutions, so the construction can’t proceed until there have been binding commitments.

## Medical School

Johnson said TCU signed the final collaboration agreement with UNTHSC on the new medical school. They’re also moving forward in the accreditation process, which Johnson said is “tremendous.”

When first announced, the school planned to take students in the fall 2018; however, that plan has now been pushed back to the fall 2019.

“We moved it out from an accreditation standpoint to give everyone a little more time,” Johnson said.



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CAMPUS NEWS

‘Frogs Fighting Cancer’ club aims to provide support for patients

By CORINNE HILDEBRANDT  
STAFF WRITER

A new student group, Frogs Fighting Cancer, hosted a kickoff tailgate Saturday to celebrate their new organization. Frogs Fighting Cancer, officially established Nov. 1, aims to promote cancer awareness and unite the TCU community to overcome the fight against cancer. Makenzie Burnett, a senior and co-founder of Frogs Fighting Cancer, said she noticed a gap of cancer supporters at TCU after Ann Loudon and Frogs for the Cure left campus. “We thought that there was a need on campus,” Burnett said.



Frogs Fighting Cancer aims to promote cancer awareness.

PHOTO BY CORINNE HILDEBRANDT

“This is something we have all been affected by, so that’s kind of why we started.” Loudon established and chaired the student group, Frogs for the Cure, an on-campus organization that coordinated events to raise money for

cancer research. While Loudon’s and Frogs for the Cure’s legacy revolved mainly around raising funds for research, Burnett said Frogs Fighting Cancer is taking a different approach. She said, the organization’s primary objective is spending quality time with people who are experiencing cancer firsthand. “The focus for this group is more on volunteering and being on the ground, hands-on, actually being with people who have gone through the cancer treatment process,” she said. Brooke Barlock, a senior and co-founder of the club, said the program is dedicated toward creating a strong community so people have a place to go if they’re struggling. “We want to create a support group where people can turn to,” she said. Frogs Fighting Cancer is also looking to volunteer at organizations throughout the community. “We also want to deal with volunteering at organizations in Fort

Worth, like Cancer Care Services of North Texas,” Barlock said. “We want to volunteer once a month and get enough TCU students to really make a difference at those events.” Julia Zellers, a senior and co-founder of Frogs Fighting Cancer, said she is hoping to impact more than the TCU community. “Our goal is to make an impact on the Fort Worth community because there are a lot of people that have to sit through chemo treatments with no one to talk to,” she said. “So we’ve started setting up appointments where we can get volunteers at cancer care services.” To raise more awareness for the organization, Frogs Fighting Cancer will hold a fundraising event each semester. The first group meeting is in January and is open to all students. “Anyone is welcome to join and come to our first meeting and be involved at any level they want,” Zellers said. “We would love to have you join Frogs Fighting Cancer.”

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## CAMPUS NEWS

# Mental health issues have spiked

By ABBEY BLOCK

STAFF WRITER

In the spring semester of his first year at TCU, Matthew Dedden purposely stepped into oncoming traffic.

Dedden was drunk and had felt depressed for months. He hadn't planned to hurt himself, but under the influence of alcohol that's what he tried to do.

Dedden's friends pulled him away from the cars before he could get hurt, but the suicide attempt showed Dedden he needed professional help for anxiety and depression.

"There was definitely an underlying reason I took that step," he said. "I was so depressed, and I felt that I had nowhere to go."

Dedden experienced periods of anxiety during high school, but the issue got worse in college.

"Growing up, I had a life that was pretty easy," he said. "I never really had tough situations where my anxiety and depression [came] out."

Dedden's experience isn't uncommon on college campuses, where an increased number of students need assistance with their mental health, said Yvonne Giovanis, assistant director of the TCU Wellness Center.

A survey found 95 percent of directors of college counseling centers reported a significant increase in severe psychological problems among their students.

The TCU Counseling and Mental Health

Center sees 10 to 15 percent of the student body each year, said Eric Wood, assistant director of counseling and mental health.

Wood also said the increase in the number of students reporting mental health concerns, such as anxiety and depression, may actually be caused by an increase in the number of students seeking help—not by an increase in the overall prevalence of these concerns.

"I feel like there's more students who are open to acknowledging that they're struggling," Giovanis said. "They're seeking help."

Although both intermittent sadness and stress are common among college students, when these feelings become pervasive and consuming, students may be facing a mental health concern, Giovanis said.

"There are always going to be challenges," she said. "The key is being able to manage the challenges of daily living. A student who is doing well in mental health is able to cope and figure out how to balance things."

Giovanis said pressures such as academic demands and the financial burden of paying for college can increase mental health concerns among students.

"Knowing the cost of college puts a bit of a burden on students," she said. "If they or their parents are putting \$60,000 a year toward the end goal, this is not

something they feel like they can fail at."

The fear of failure contributed to a cycle of anxiety that impacted the academic success of Kristen Pirkey, a senior nursing major.

While taking tests, Pirkey said her anxiety would become so severe she "blacked out." Even when she knew the material, Pirkey's anxiety prevented her from reading and thinking through the questions.

"I really didn't have any sort of reasoning," she said. "I knew I was there, but I was not absorbing any of the information that I was reading."

Pirkey's test anxiety became so pervasive it eventually impacted her life outside class.

"Almost every day, I would be in constant turmoil," she said. "Whenever I woke up, I was stressed, and I would be overwhelmed and worked up."

The anxiety impacted Pirkey's ability to sleep and socialize and caused her to question whether or not she had chosen the right major.

"I finally found something that I'm passionate about, and I'm working my hardest to be what I want to be, and my anxiety is holding me back," she said. "I would start questioning and asking: If I'm not doing well in school, is this really my passion? Anxiety tears you down."

After being encouraged by her adviser to seek help, Pirkey went to her doctor and started taking

medication to alleviate the symptoms.

Since starting the medication in the spring of 2017, Pirkey said her anxiety has decreased and her grades have improved.

"On a test, even if I don't know the answer, I actually have a thought process and can make a logical guess," she said. "I would not have been able to do that last semester."

More students are coming to college with some kind of mental health diagnosis, which may also account for the increased number of college students who report mental health concerns, Giovanis said.

This was the case for Savannah Rae Hale, whose depression and anxiety started in middle school.

"Ever since then, the more apparent side effects come in waves," she said. "It results in a panic attack where I can't think, start to hyperventilate or just need to cry until it all stops."

Wood said a combination of stressors can cause increased mental health concerns for students when they first come to college.

"For first-year students, it's the first time where pretty much everything in their life is changing," he said. "At the same time, physically, their brain is developing. On top of that, you're going to have the college stress that is inherent with the demands of school, trying to find social connections, and all of that is going to hit at the same time."



PHOTO COURTESY OF MATTHEW DEDDEN

"I'm not faking anymore," Dedden said. "I've found ways to cope and I really want to give back and help people."

Dedden said he wasn't fully prepared to handle the challenges of college when he came to TCU because he was far from the support system of his family.

"When you come to college, you have to handle life on your own," he said. "I think there's a lot of pressures that you're introduced to when you're on your own, so it's really difficult to cope with those things and make sense of all of those decisions that you're trying to make."

Rebekah Stutheit, a senior religion and communication studies double major, said she realized she had anxiety during her freshman year.

"It started because adapting to being in

college was a really strenuous experience," she said. "On top of that, I was sexually assaulted during my freshman year."

Stutheit said her anxiety progressively worsened, and she started having recurring nightmares and panic attacks. Her panic attacks could be triggered by an upsetting event and would "snowball into the feeling of not being able to breathe and not being able to move or do anything about it."

Stutheit's anxiety became so debilitating that there was a three-week period during her sophomore year when she could barely leave her bed.

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“That’s when my friends pushed me to get help because they noticed that it was such a deep spiral down from where I had been,” she said.

Stutheit started going to the counseling center. She said although she still has difficult days, her anxiety has drastically improved.

“I don’t have anxiety attacks as often, and I’ve learned ways to cope with it when I do,” she said. “I still have my bad days where I feel like I can’t get out of bed, but even on those days, I know how to handle where I’m at.”

Anxiety is more commonly reported by students, but depression is still a major problem that can manifest in many different ways, Wood said.

Across the country, more than one in three undergraduate students said they felt so depressed it was difficult to function, according to the National College Health Assessment. One out of 10 have considered attempting suicide.

“For someone who’s depressed, everything feels overwhelming,” Giovanis said. “Everything feels dark, and all your senses feel muted.”

While facing depression during her first year at TCU, it was a daily battle to find the motivation to go to class, study and socialize, said Briar Hill, a junior psychology major.

After class, Hill said she would go straight to bed and stay there for hours, which caused both her grades and health to suffer.

“It got to the point

where I wasn’t even sleeping anymore; I was just looking at the ceiling and doing nothing,” she said.

Hill went to her doctor, who prescribed an antidepressant, but the medication wasn’t properly monitored.

“Over time, I realized I still wasn’t happy, so I tried to find other things to make me happy, but nothing really helped,” she said. “It got to a point where I realized my life wasn’t worth living, so I tried to commit suicide.

“I felt like it would be better off if I just didn’t try anymore,” she said.

For Hill, suicide felt like an escape.

Wood said the desire to escape overpowering feelings or pain is often the main reason college students attempt suicide.

“They feel so overwhelmed with a lot of pressures and don’t know a way out,” he said. “At that age, they don’t really want to die; they’re just saying, ‘I want to get rid of the pain and cope.’”

Hill’s ex-boyfriend stopped the suicide attempt and called her parents. Hill spent three days in the hospital, and her medication was regulated. She eventually decided to take a year off from school to regain control and spend time with her mom, who had been diagnosed with colorectal cancer.

Hill said she tried to hide her anxiety and depression because she feared being stereotyped and stigmatized.

“I wanted people to think I was okay,” she said. “I’m typically a very optimistic person, so being in those situations where I felt worthless was not something I had experienced before I came to college. It was

hard to ask for help.”

Even though the stigma surrounding mental health has improved over the years, there is still work to be done to educate the people about the true nature of mental health, Giovanis said.

“Nowadays, words like depressed, panic attack and anxiety still make people raise their eyebrows,” Hale said.

“Many think that people with mental health concerns are ‘crazy’ or that ‘something is wrong with them,’” Hill said.

These labels are hard to overcome, said Jasmine Thompson, a senior criminal justice major who dealt with depression throughout high school and college.

“Labels make people feel small and make people feel like they are stuck with the condition,” she said. “If you call someone depressed, they may feel they will be depressed forever. If you say someone has depression, they may feel that it’s treatable.”

Mental health concerns are considered medical conditions that can be treated with the proper medical care, Wood said.

“A mental health concern is no different than a heart condition, it’s a health problem,” said Jamie Dulle, an assistant dean of Campus Life. “Just because we can’t see the hidden injury doesn’t mean that it’s not there.”

Giovanis said there are “actual changes in the brain structure and hormones.”

She said bipolar disorder and schizophrenia are talked about less.

“Those are the two where the onset is



PHOTO BY ABBEY BLOCK

According to the National College Health Assessment, 12.2 percent of students felt “tremendous stress” within the last 12 months.



PHOTO BY ABBEY BLOCK

It’s easier to treat depression and anxiety in college than in later adulthood, said Wood.

actually highly likely in this age group,” Giovanis said. “They tend to be more impactful and a lot of the times, the medication treatments are not as straightforward.”

She also said bipolar disorder and schizophrenia are stigmatized and misunderstood more often because they’re

less common among students.

Educating people about mental health is an important step in de-stigmatizing the topic, said Thompson.

After receiving treatment for his depression and anxiety, Dedden wanted to use his experiences to educate and help others

facing mental health concerns. He became an orientation leader and shared his story with incoming first-year students.

“I wanted them to realize how important it is to focus on your mental health,” he said. “It’s nothing to be ashamed of, so I’m willing to talk about it.”





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## Horoscope

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Deal with joint finances. Others seem to acknowledge your know-how and general wisdom. Getting a "yes" response is much easier right now. Acting with the support of friends and loved ones makes you feel secure in your choices. Tonight: Let the other party choose!

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Knowing when to defer to others has become an art for you. You understand that allowing someone else to act as he or she wants to will bring positive results. As you give others a nod, they feel empowered. Watch what happens. Tonight: Go along with a friend's suggestion.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Know what you must do as opposed to what you would like to do. A fun call or invitation could be quite distracting. Try to postpone this interaction until later, when you can enjoy what is happening. Good luck follows you. Remain patient. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Once more, your imagination proves to be an unusual source of resilience and adaptability. Though you are unlikely to encounter any obstacles, you still will be pondering how to make a dream a reality. Don't allow anyone to interfere. Tonight: Go with the flow.

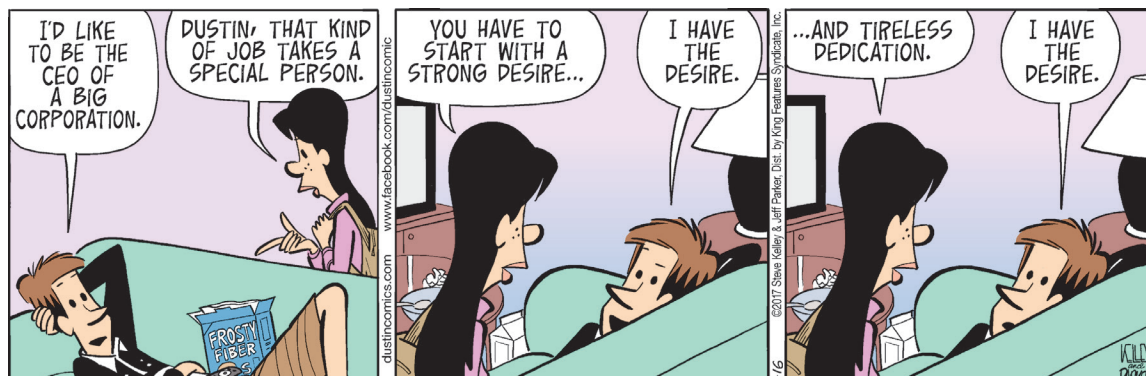
### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You could be more concerned about a personal problem than you are letting on. However, those who know you might be seeing some cracks in your facade. As a result, they might start to express concern. What you choose to share is up to you. Tonight: Make your

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### Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



### Intelligent Life by David Reddick



weekend plans.

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

★★★★★ You'll enjoy the company of a contemporary. This person's spontaneous style might be contagious. Your critical ways could start falling to the wayside. People will appreciate this

change in you, and you'll want to be more upbeat moving forward. Tonight: Say "yes."

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

★★★★★ As opportunities present themselves, regardless of whether they involve finances and/or romance, you

won't be able to say "no." Enjoy a little fun and overindulgence. Others will wish to be as carefree as you are. Tonight: Use good sense when making an important decision.

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

★★★★★ The Moon in your sign puts

you in the spotlight through Saturday. Your magnetism and charisma start to peak. Note how compliant those around you are becoming. If you have a problem that needs to be handled, the time is now. Take a risk. Tonight: Be with the one you love.

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

★★★ You might have a secret or some kind of exciting possibility that is brewing. Until this situation manifests, you should remain quiet about it. However, your mind is working overtime. Try to pay more attention to the here and now, for your own sake. Tonight: In your thoughts.

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

★★★★★ You smile as your day ends, and you might think that more days should fall into place like parts of today did. You might be blurring the line between your professional and personal lives. Think carefully, and keep the ramifications in mind. Tonight: Accept a friend's suggestion.

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

★★★★★ Pressure seems to build to the extent that the issue at hand becomes your main focus. Recognize that what is happening seems to be for the better. Be aware that you are accepting more responsibility as you take charge. Tonight: Others observe what is happening with you.

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

★★★★★ Your mind keeps drifting to other people and situations. To stay present in the moment will take self-discipline. In pondering your options, your imagination opens up. Start jotting down ideas; some gems of wisdom might be forthcoming. Tonight: Listen to some great music.

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TCU Trivia

**Buildings:** The Ed and Rae Schollmaier Arena was built in 1964.  
**True or False?**

SOLUTION FROM 11/9

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TCU TRIVIA ANSWER

FALSE! It was built in 1961.



## SPORTS

# Patterson says QB Kenny Hill, LB Travin Howard 'questionable' to play

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The heart and soul of both the Horned Frog football offense and defense, senior quarterback Kenny Hill and the team's leading tackler, senior linebacker Travin Howard, are two of four starters listed "between probable and questionable" by head coach Gary Patterson for No. 12 TCU's matchup at Texas Tech Saturday.

The other two starters who are "game-time decisions" are sophomore linebacker Montrel Wilson and junior safety Niko Small. The leading rusher, sophomore running back Darius Anderson, has now been ruled out for the season, and sophomore kicker Jonathan Song couldn't kick against Oklahoma last week.

"We've lost guys before and bottom line to it is, we have enough players to go win a ballgame," Patterson said. "If I thought they were out, I would just tell you they're out."



**Travin Howard**

On the bright side, the Horned Frog offensive line will receive a boost this weekend with the return of senior center Patrick Morris who has



Quarterback Kenny Hill (7) evades a tackle attempt by Texas Tech defensive back Kisean Allen

missed the last six games and will play a limited amount of snaps.

Now, the offense could be in the hands of freshman backup quarterback Shawn Robinson a year early, who was already in position for more play time for TCU in the final two games of the regular season.

"Here's the thing — in at least three games, the next two games and a bowl game, whether we get a chance to play in the championship game or not, Shawn Robinson is going to be one of the guys we're going to be looking at to change, to revamp our offense," Patterson said. "So sometimes things happen for a reason."

Hill has thrown only

one touchdown pass in the past three games, so there's a chance Robinson could provide a spark to the Frog attack.

"He's fine because he's played in a lot of big ball games," Patterson said. "He won a state title, which means he played in front of 50,000. It's not like he hasn't played in front of a big audience. The players just aren't as fast as they are on Saturdays at the college level."

Robinson is a former 4-star recruit and was named the Gatorade Texas Player of the Year after leading DeSoto High to its first-ever state championship in 2016. He has 13 carries for 75 yards this season. Most of his action came in the season opener against

Jackson State, where he threw for 94 yards and 2 touchdowns on 5-7 passing.

Whether it's Hill or Robinson taking the snaps, Patterson said the defensive maladies are most concerning.

"I'm more worried about the defensive guys, to be honest with you," he said. "You know why? Offensive guys get to punt. If you don't do well, it's three plays and then it goes back to the other team. Defense doesn't get to punt. When they're running vertical routes and the guy's standing in his end zone because you don't cover, then it's a problem."

The Frogs will be the most injury-riddled they have been all season when they travel

it's not. You know, I've found out sometimes, guys step up that you never, ever thought they would because they know it's their time."

Patterson didn't have any predictions on how Robinson will react to potentially his first collegiate start.

"If it does have to be his time, then we'll see how that works," he said.

## Hostile Environment

Every week Patterson lauds a road opponent as a "tough place to play," and this week was no different.

"Tough place to play -- Lubbock, Texas," Patterson said Tuesday.

The Horned Frogs' last trip to Lubbock produced one of its more memorable wins. TCU running back Aaron Green caught a tipped pass off the fingertips of wide receiver Josh Doctson on a pass from quarterback Trevone Boykin in the back of the end zone on a 4th-and-goal at the 4 with 23 seconds to play to give the No. 3 Frogs a 55-52 victory.

TCU's last trip to Lubbock also produced one of Patterson's most memorable postgame experiences, courtesy of the Red Raider fans.

"Frozen water bottles hit Coach [Doug] Meacham and I upside the head," he said. "Everyone else gets tortillas and we get frozen water bottles. It's a lovely relationship we got."

No. 12 TCU will face Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas Saturday. Kickoff is set for 11 a.m.

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**Kenny Hill**

to Lubbock Saturday, needing to win there and at home the next week against Baylor to clinch a spot in the Big 12 Conference championship game.

"Not my first rodeo," Patterson said. "If it was my first rodeo, then I might be sitting on the top of a building somewhere debating, but