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CAMPUS LIFE

Students mentoring high schoolers

By MACY YATES

STAFF WRITER

Balancing dual-credit classes, preparing for the SAT and studying for upcoming subject tests are all things high school students at O.D. Wyatt High School stress about as they inch closer to graduation. However, sophomore Josiah Snowden has started a mentoring and tutoring program to help make these things a little bit easier for them.

Snowden said one of his main goals was to bring TCU students and the Fort Worth community together.

"I thought it was a great opportunity to have a two-way street of TCU going and teaching others, but then having the Fort Worth community teach TCU students," he said. "I really wanted it to be a two-way street with both sides having something to give."

Snowden said he's always liked interacting with people from all different walks of life.

"I think it is always great when you bring in people with different backgrounds and make everyone the best type of person they can be because everyone has so much to offer," Snowden said.

O.D. Wyatt Assistant Principal Godswill Barrah said the administrators at O.D. Wyatt were excited about this mentoring group because it was a partnership and support group that was much needed.

"It is one thing for us to tell our kids what



PHOTO BY MACY YATES

Students help mentor groups to prepare for their post-high school experiences.

it's like to go to college, but it's a different thing for someone who is currently in college to sit down with a student in an ongoing process, not just a one-time thing," he said.

A student at O.D. Wyatt says the lesson plans through the program have helped her academically.

"I have been noticing

that I have been understanding my work better and that is because of y'all," the student said. "In the class, I mostly struggle with, physics, some of y'all have really helped me understand better. They show me examples and do anything to help me."

Snowden said this group is something he hopes will be ongoing

even after he graduates.

"I really want it to be a long program with no definite end in sight to just keep bringing in people with new ideas that actually care about what the program does and what it has to offer so that it can keep contributing and growing in whatever ways they see best," he said.

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MLK ANNIVERSARY

Divinity grad opened her home to civil rights leader

By **KENNEDY HARVEY**
STAFF WRITER

The first African-American graduate of the Brite Divinity School opened her home to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. when hotels and churches would not.

The year was 1959 and Vada Felder was the host.

That was the story told during Last Supper: Telling Stories That Matter, a monthly program TCU women and gender studies, disciples on campus and comparative race & ethnic studies organizes. Felder was the first African-American to graduate from both Brite Divinity School

“Her story should be known by every single student on this campus, by every faculty member and by every prospective student on campus.”

MASON WAGNER
RELIGION AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES DOUBLE MAJOR

and Texas Christian University in 1954.

Five years later, Felder also helped bring King Jr. to Fort Worth in 1959.

During his visit, no hotel would host King, no church would welcome him, so he stayed with Felder. Her home on 1331 Stewart Street still stands today.

“There is more to Vada’s narrative, and more to women’s history, more to black history,

more to her story, and these stories need telling again and again,” Reverend Nathan Russell said.

Mason Wagner, a senior TCU religion and communication studies double major, wrote “Vada Felder: The Real Super Frog.” He said stories like Felder’s, which often go unheard, are important to share.

“We haven’t had the right voices to amplify

them to the university,” Wagner said. He also said he believes it’s easy to focus on bad parts of history, but said he feels it’s just as important to focus on the good parts wrapped up between.

“Vada Felder is such a beacon of good in our history,” he said. “Her story should be known by every single student on this campus, by every faculty member and by every prospective student

on campus,” Wagner said.

One of the main organizers of the event was TCU junior Fiyori Kidane, a religion and sociology major. She said Felder’s story is one she holds dear as one of the few African-American women on campus.

“There are lots of black students here who could not be students without it being integrated, and Vada was instrumen-

tal in that,” Kidane said. “I could not be a TCU student without her.”

Wagner said she reminded everyone that just because you are not directly affected or you are not the one having the problem does not mean that there is not one. He believes stories like this should be heard not only by those impacted but by everyone.

“There are so many injustices that occur throughout history, but if we don’t know of the people who overcame them, we cannot end up with the hope of knowing we can change other injustices,” Kidane said.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Faculty Senate to discuss changes proposed to delay Greek recruitment

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AGENDA

RESOLUTION

Submitted by the Student Relations Committee for consideration by the full Faculty Senate.

FACULTY SENATE MOTION IN SUPPORT OF RESCHEDULING GREEK RECRUITMENT

Whereas, TCU students benefit from making academics the primary focus of their college years, especially their first semester on campus, and
Whereas, the timing of Greek recruitment at the beginning of the fall semester hinders the ability of new students to turn their attention to academics, and
Whereas, the social demands placed on Greek pledges during their first semester on campus diverts attention from academics, and
Whereas, a poll of students identified Greek life as one of the most commonly cited barriers to engagement and inclusion on campus, and
Whereas, the TCU Faculty Senate's Student Relations Committee has extensively studied the timing of Greek recruitment at TCU, and
Whereas, comparable universities in the area have delayed Greek recruitment on their campuses until the spring semester with positive results, and
Therefore, the TCU Faculty Senate strongly supports the movement of Greek recruitment to the beginning of the spring semester.

By **CAROLINE OLIVARES**
STAFF WRITER

For many incoming first-year TCU students, college life starts a week before classes as young men and women take part in recruitment.

But that tradition is facing scrutiny. A Faculty Senate committee is recommending that recruitment be delayed until spring. The committee recommendation is expected to be discussed during today's Faculty Senate meeting. If approved, the resolution calling for the change isn't binding, but the vote could prompt the university to review the recruitment process. Some faculty are



PHOTO BY CRISTIAN ARGUETASOTO

Some Greek houses are still going under construction.

concerned recruitment in the first semester might be hurting first semester grades, said Professor Adam Schiffer, chair of the student relations committee. He said the move would also reinforce the idea of "Frogs First."

"You come here

and you're Frogs for a semester," Schiffer said. "You get to know your roommates and the people on your floor. You get to know the students in your classes and you get to know students in different Greek organizations, too, because your first impression

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from somebody for just a few days of recruitment might change over the course of the semester.”

But others aren’t sold on the need for change. Students involved in Greek life said the delay could hurt recruitment numbers and students might feel adrift in their first semester.

During his town hall meeting with students on Monday, Chancellor Victor Boschini said he doesn’t favor a move.

“If you choose to go through fraternity or sorority rush, it’s a mutual selection process,” Boschini said. “In the fall, when you go through it and get rejected, it’s not you they rejected because they don’t really know since you only spent thirty minutes in their living room.”

He added he’s been at institutions that participated in spring recruitment. “In the spring, when you get rejected, it’s you they rejected and so it’s actually worse in my opinion.”

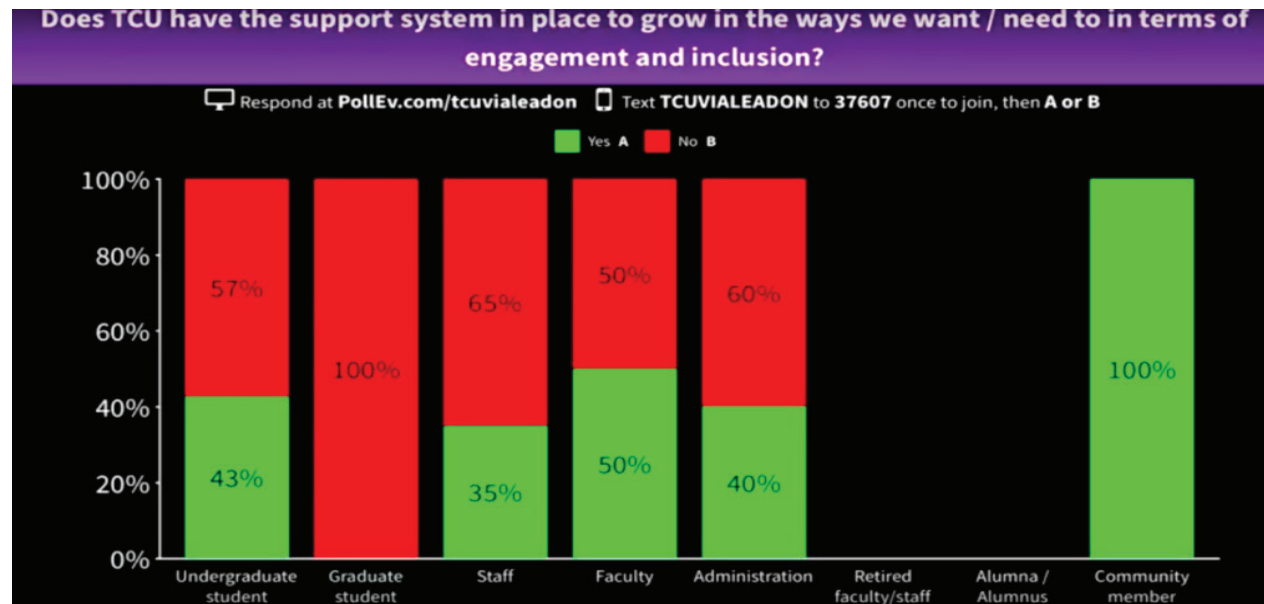
Academics

Schiffer said some professors see a lot of students who do very poorly the first semester.

“They come in and ask for an extension on a paper or they come in upset after a midterm or test grade,” Schiffer said. “They very often identify first semester Greek activities as one of the factors that is very overwhelming.”

Some Panhellenic women said there are other factors that contribute to poor academic performance and Greek life shouldn’t be singled out.

“I for sure lost focus, but I wouldn’t necessarily



A survey taken by the the university's Vision and Action Strengthen Campus Culture and Experience Committee.

peg it to Greek life,” said Marthann White, a sophomore elementary education major and Kappa Alpha Theta member. “I lost focus because I never wanted to miss out on things my friends were doing and for me that happened to be my sorority friends, but regardless if I was in Theta or not, I still would have lost focus by constantly wanting to be with my friends and having that initial desire to make friends.”

Preslie Sandidge, political science major and Phi Mu member, said joining a sorority wasn’t the problem; instead, she needed to learn good study habits and time management.

Emerson Nance, economics major and Sigma Alpha Epsilon member, said he agrees. He said adjusting to college academics was difficult in general.

“My grades freshman year in the fall were poor, but I mainly think it was from where I came from, a large public high school where I could skate by and not do much,” said Nance.

Others point out

sororities offer study hours as means of assuring student academic success.

Although study hours are not mandatory, if they are met, then points are awarded to these women, which allow them the ability to attend social events.

Baylor University and SMU conduct recruitment in the spring. Some Panhellenic women there said recruitment didn’t affect their academics.

“I took less classes in the fall of my freshman year than I did in the spring so I had to focus more in the spring to keep my grades up,” said Megan Green, SMU sophomore and Kappa Kappa Gamma member. “Spring semester is usually more busy with social events, but it is what you make of it.”

Baylor has rules and a culture that might be helping keeping first-year students in line.

“It is actually considered dangerous for potential new members to be seen out at all,” said Denae Gerasta, junior Kappa Alpha Theta member at Baylor University. “Most who

are seriously committed to rushing will only go out to parties once or twice over the entire semester. Freshmen are told not to stay anywhere past midnight. There can be no dancing on elevated surfaces or being seen getting too close with boys, and actually talking to boys is discouraged in general.”

Social Life

TCU Greeks said recruitment is an important part of their social life.

“Although the process is very rigorous and timely, I think that, especially for me, I met a lot of people throughout the process that helped make my transition as an incoming freshman a lot easier,” Alanna Carollo, finance major and Gamma Phi Beta member, said. “I think building those relationships before going through recruitment would make the whole process completely different.”

TCU Panhellenic women also said moving recruitment might hurt their numbers, but Baylor’s spring recruitment hasn’t

reduced interest.

“Incoming freshmen and transfers get involved in a lot of student organizations other than Greek life to fill their time, and then once they are in a sorority, they are able to represent Greek life to a diverse set of groups on campus,” Gerasta said.

Gerasta said she thinks being limited to people in class or in the dorm could create social tension after a more secure group of friends is established after recruitment.

“Friend groups often partially or completely change after recruitment, creating an awkward dynamic at times and making it feel like you’re starting freshman year over again second semester in some senses,” she said.

Pressures

Greek recruitment is at the top of the list as a barrier to inclusiveness, according to a survey done by the university’s Vision and Action Strengthen Campus Culture and Experience Committee.

Some panhellenic women agree with

Boschini’s stance on the motion because they believe the spring recruitment process can get very biased and personal.

“Girls are going to feel like it’s more a “them problem” if they are hanging out with a certain organization all semester and they’re cut by an organization in the spring,” White said.

Some fraternity men prefer recruitment to take place in the fall because going through the process at the beginning of second semester would be stressful.

“I feel like having it in the fall is a good thing because you get it out of the way before you really get into finding out your major and the classes you want to take,” said history major and Sigma Alpha Epsilon member, Will Kirtley.

But Schiffer said the delay will result in a more informed decision about what group is a best.

Supporters of spring recruitment said it allows students to get to know sororities instead of making quick judgments based on the reputation.

A more personable spring recruitment would still show the Greek system is flawed, Schiffer said. As some students who make the effort to form deeper connections with active members during the “off” semester are still denied.

“It is definitely difficult when potential new members that you were close with are released by your sorority because you cannot explain to them that unfortunately that is the nature of recruitment, and they can feel betrayed,” Gerasta said.



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Horoscope

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You know how to handle a difficult controversy. You have a tendency to go overboard when making a point. Listen carefully to what is happening with a loved one. This person is telling you a lot more than you might realize. Tonight: Suggest a new type of pastime.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Communication between you and an associate could fall flat, partially because of a misunderstanding. Trying to straighten out a matter that both parties care a lot about might be more complicated than you originally had thought. Be sincere and open. Tonight: Out late.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Defer to someone whom you feel has more control than you do. This person would like to make an idea and situation work, and he or she won't work against you in any way. Remain sure of yourself, and be willing to connect on a deeper level. Tonight: Flow with the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Stay on top of a situation. Remain focused on the issue at hand, and use your imagination to find a workable solution. Others might not think your idea is as good as you believe it to be, but you will want to try it out anyway. Tonight: Make sure you include some exercise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Rethink a personal matter more thoroughly. You have gotten a lot of feedback from a loved one. Though you might not agree with this person, you do value his or her feedback. A visit from a relative could be difficult to handle, as so much is going on. Tonight:

Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



Intelligent Life by David Reddick



Let it all hang out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ A certain situation could open you up to more and more positive changes. You have chosen to go in a specific direction, and you will continue on that same path. Buy a loved one a

special gift, and trust that he or she will appreciate it. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Stay more tuned in to what is happening around you. Your ability to communicate and work through

an issue emerges, encouraging you to head down a new path. Understand that a friend might not have an accurate perception of a situation. Tonight: Swap stories with a pal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your instincts will settle in

once you make sure that you are on the right path. You have had a difficult time pursuing a long-desired goal in the past, but it appears to be coming true now. You might be making this an either-or situation, but it isn't. Tonight: Be a bit mellow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You could be in a position where you might want or need to change. You seem to have inadvertently created some pressure for a family member. You will discover the importance of continuing as you have been in order to resist a shake-up. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ The tension you are feeling keeps mounting, to the point that you must take action. Your sense of discipline and morality prevents you from running with a seemingly perfect idea. If you let go and take a leap of faith, you will feel much better. Tonight: Talk less, and listen more.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

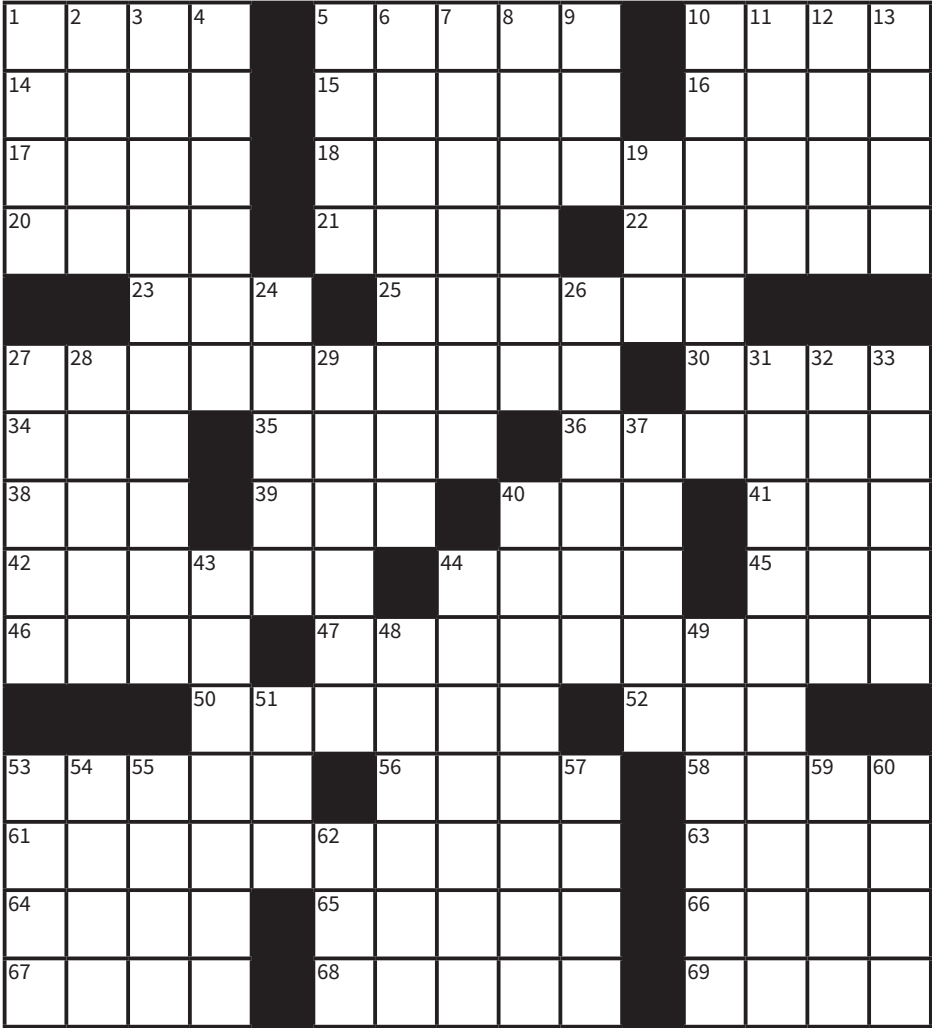
★★★★ Understanding what is necessary might be key to allowing a friendship to evolve. Knowing when to let go and enjoy what is happening will be critical to making life more enjoyable. Use caution with your funds so as to avoid overspending. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Zero in on what is important. You might feel slightly burdened by a responsibility. You will wonder what is happening, but could have difficulty understanding the complexity of the situation. You don't seem to see events and people clearly right now. Tonight: Happy at home.

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 - 15 Castle with famous steps
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 - 18 “Bring it on!” or “Let’s rumble!”
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 - 21 Fictional home in Georgia
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- 40 School yardstick, for short
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- 56 Take a header
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- 63 Like goo
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- 65 Playwright Chekhov
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 - 8 Treat as a saint
 - 9 Monsoonlike
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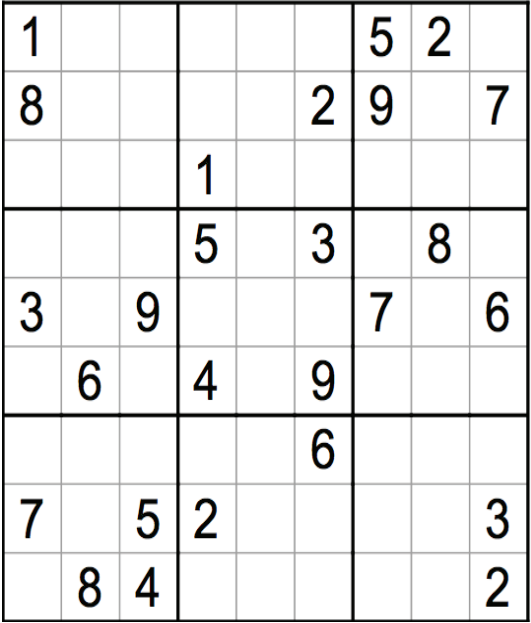
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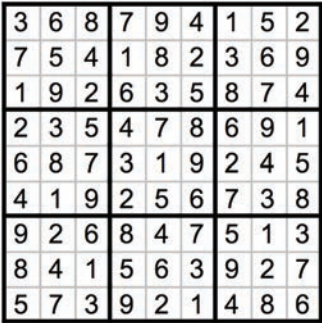
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TCU Trivia

Buildings: The Lupton Baseball Stadium is named for the couple who owned the Fort Worth Coca-Cola bottling franchise.
True or False?

SPORTS

Former wide receiver launches clothing line on TCU's Pro Day

By KRISTEN CLARKE

STAFF WRITER

Be young. Stay fresh. Live free.

Former wide receiver John Diarse brought more than just his football skills to TCU's Pro Day. He brought a brand and a clothing line, YFF, to go with it.

While becoming an entrepreneur isn't usually the first thing on a player's mind to impress NFL scouts, Diarse said he's different.

"I honestly feel like that's something that a lot of people don't do," Diarse said. "A lot of people are ashamed about their differences, but I embrace all of

mine."

He said the Y stands for "be young" meaning you can never get too old, or you're never too young to start dreaming and setting goals. The first F, standing for "stay fresh," refers to staying fresh mentally, physically, spiritually and emotionally, the wide receiver said. Diarse also said without being fresh in those areas, you can't achieve the things you're trying to achieve, and you have to be in the right state of mind in order to do things the right way. The last F, "live free," refers to being different. Diarse said it's about embracing the good, the bad, the ugly, flaws,



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Wide receiver John Diarse releases his new clothing line on social media.

talents, accepting it for what it is and making the best of it.

Diarse said he has watched his father set a good example over the years, but his dad said it's

up to Diarse to put in the work to be successful.

"I've always tried to share with him that I can only give you the good example, you have to make your own millions,"



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TCU wide receiver John Diarse speaks to the media after his Pro Day workout.

John Diarse Sr. said.

His mother, Shelia, said it inspires her to go back to school and eventually fulfill her dream of becoming a certified public

accountant.

"We're excited for him trying to reach out to his generation," Shelia said. "The platform has been set, and we're hoping that he will reach millions."

SPORTS

Student finds joy in volunteering for 'miracle' baseball league

By MADISON GOFORTH

STAFF WRITER

When many students make it out to the baseball field, it's for a few hours of team pride and relaxation - but when Christian Norton heads out on the diamond, it's to make a difference.

Norton is a volunteer for Miracle League, a national baseball league for children with disabilities. There are 320 leagues across America, Puerto Rico, Canada and Australia.

"The kids on the field have so much joy," he said. "Something about their spirit is so uplifting."

Grace Whetstone, the executive director of Miracle League DFW, said the league is for people with all types of

disabilities — physical and mental.

"We try to pair every player with a volunteer buddy," she said. "Ultimately, we need over 700 volunteers to pair up with the players in the league."

Norton worked with a player named Chris who was in a wheelchair. He helped him play in the outfield and wheel around the bases.

"Chris was an awesome guy," Norton said. "Really all the players wanted was someone to hang out and talk with them on the field. I got to know so many cool kids and learn all about their stories."

Terry and Cathy McGillivray have also been volunteering with the Miracle League since 2007.



PHOTO BY MADISON GOFORTH

"The kids brighten my life," Terry said. "The kids are amazing and it is so rewarding to see them play every Saturday."

Cathy said some of the kids have grown up playing together and have become the best of friends.

"They don't care if someone needs help batting, and they don't care if someone hits it over the fence," she said. "They just cheer for each other and help each other have fun playing baseball."

The Miracle League

serves more than 200,000 children and young adults with disabilities.

Whetstone said the biggest challenge is finding people to be volunteer buddies.

"People are needed to announce the games,

coach the teams and help the players on the field," she said. "Even if you have never played baseball, you can still be such a help out here with the kids."

Whetstone said her favorite thing to see is when a child actually experiences the game of baseball.

"Parents put their kids in the league dreaming and hoping their kids will experience the game," she said. "Not many kids actually catch a ball and very few hit home runs, but to see a dad run to home plate and lift his child in the air after a home run is what makes this job so great."

The Miracle League has games all day on Saturdays for six weeks in the fall and six weeks in the spring.