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CAMPUS NEWS

Second provost candidate visits campus

BY OSCAR HERNANDEZ

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The second of three candidates in line to be the next provost position spoke at an on-campus forum Wednesday.

Faculty, staff and students heard from Dr. Teresa Abi-Nader Dahlberg, the dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science at Syracuse University, during an open forum in the Brown-Lupton University Union auditorium.

As a dean at Syracuse, Dahlberg has been credited with stabilizing the university by reducing expenses, expanding revenue and engaging university leaders to carry out practices involving budget plans, academic strategies and advancement plans.

Dahlberg also enacted efforts that broadened participation and community engagement within scholarship programs at Syracuse University.

Dahlberg served as dean for the Albert Nerken School of Engineering at The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, where she initiated an increase in the size and diversity of faculty across campus.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said he hopes to name a successor to Provost Nowell Donovan in December. The provost serves as the university's chief academic officer and is ultimately in charge of faculty and curriculum matters. Donovan announced in the spring



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Dr. Teresa Dahlberg, dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science at Syracuse University.

that he would be stepping down at the end of this academic year.

The Chancellor's chief of staff, Jean Mrasek, said those attending the forum should bring their TCU I.D. to register for attendance and provide electronic feedback afterward.

The electronic feedback will allow attendees to check whether or not they recommend the candidate for provost and rate various aspects such as academic mission, leadership, diversity and inclusion, said Mrasek.

The first candidate, Dr. David Perlmutter, the academic dean of College of Media and Communication at Texas Tech University, spoke in a similar forum Nov. 15. The third forum with the last candidate is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 3.



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Dr. David Perlmutter, academic dean of College of Media and Communication and semi-finalist for the next provost position.



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CAMPUS NEWS

New TCU Alert messages to be more concise, public safety official said

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Next time there’s a campus emergency expect TCU Alert to tell you what to do: Lock down, Evacuate or Seek Shelter, rather than what’s happening, as part of their new “L.E.S.S. is more” initiative.

In the past, TCU has had 44 different messages in an attempt to cover all conceivable situations, but this led to increased potential for error and confusion.

“Instead of telling people what’s happening, we tell them what to do,” said Adrian Andrews, the associate vice chancellor of public safety. “What we concluded was that these three responses will cover just about every

incident on campus.” Andrews said he challenged law enforcement personnel all over the country to find a situation where lockdown, evacuate or seek shelter would not work, and they agreed those would suffice.

“I think it is really important that students know exactly what to do in a given situation, so a simplified system will help eliminate confusion for students,” said Kate Vukasin, a sophomore business student. “Everyone will know what to do with those three messages, so it should make the campus safer.”

After the initial simplified alert, the TCU Alert system will send text messages, emails

and phone calls with more information when it becomes available.

Sophomore child development major Caroline Culpepper said her confidence in TCU’s emergency response is increased knowing the university continues to assess and update its procedures.

Buildings around campus will have flyers posted providing specific emergency information for that particular building. The university wants students, faculty, staff and visitors to understand what action they need to take during a lockdown, evacuation or seek shelter situation.

“I think this is overall a better system than we had,” said Andrews. “We tell people what



PHOTO COURTESY OF TCU 360

TCU Police will work with the L.E.S.S. is more system to improve campus safety.

to do instead of them trying to figure it out,

and then give them more information after.”

CAMPUS LIFE

Campus gets into the holiday spirit at annual Christmas tree lighting

BY DEMI BUTLER
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TCU students celebrated the kickoff of Christmas with the annual Christmas Tree lighting event on Tuesday, Nov. 27 in the King Family Commons.

Student Activities and the Student Government Association work together every year to create a Horned Frog winter wonderland in the heart of campus. Each year this time-honored tradition brings thousands of TCU Horned Frogs from across the region to Cowtown.

“One of my favorite parts is that everyone

comes together for the night,” said Boschini. “I like even the weather that night.”

For the second year in the row, American folk-pop music duo from Tennessee, johnnyswim performed in front of the 43-foot tall Christmas Tree.

To ensure that the event is better each year, SGA starts planning for the event in May. Most of the funding for the Christmas tree lighting comes from TCU Donors. TCU’s SGA also helps fund the event. The event roughly costs about eighty thousand dollars.

“SGA budgets around \$45,000 for this event,” said Brad Thompson,

Student Activities director. “Student Activities also puts in additional money towards the event.”

Each year SGA, Student Activities and TCU Donors spend more and more on the event, each year breaking the record.

“It’s the first year I’ve been since graduating and I wanted to bring my daughter now that she’s old enough,” said Rebecca Joslin, TCU graduate. “We live in Fort Worth so it’s the perfect event for our family.”

Visitors had the opportunity to write and send letters to Santa from TCU. Superfrog Santa was also spotted taking



PHOTO BY REESE PRICE

Members of the TCU community came from all over to watch Johnnyswim perform before later watching the tree lighting.

pictures with visitors.

“I like seeing that everyone kind of acts like a kid for the night,” said Boschini. “I think it’s well worth the amount of money spent to bring

people together.”

The celebration concluded with classic TCU fireworks.

“This is my second year attending and I like the fireworks the best,

they are really cool,” said senior entrepreneurial management major Parker Mitchem. “TCU should do more things to get all the students in the commons.”

SPORTS

Players accept postseason honors

BY COLIN POST

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

The Big 12 announced their postseason All-Big 12 awards Monday after the regular season ended Saturday, and three Horned Frogs were honored for their performance this season.

Freshman outside hitter Élan McCall was unanimously selected to the All-Big 12 First Team and the All-Big 12 Rookie Team. Senior middle blocker Anna Walsh joined McCall on the first team, and setter Tori Dilfer was named to the All-Big 12 Second Team.

“All of our players understand that no one is presented these awards on their own merit,” head coach Jill Kramer said. “These awards are representative of our team’s daily effort that they all put forth together.”

The awards for McCall come at no surprise, as she put together one of the best freshman seasons in program history. Not only has she won six weekly Big 12 honors this season, but she also was the first Horned Frog to ever be named to the Sports Import/AVCA Player of the Week and VolleyMob Player of the Week.

The first freshman in program history to win double honors in a single season, the Leander, Texas, native finished the season top ten in the league in kills per set and digs per set. The star freshman also led the Horned Frogs in total kills, despite missing six matches with an injury.

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HEAD COACH,
JILL KRAMER

“She [Élan] came up big for our team day-in and day-out as a six-rotation outside hitter leading our team in kills per set, digs per set, and was solid as a primary passer,” Kramer said.

Walsh earns All-Big 12 honors for the second-straight year. She is the third TCU player ever to win conference postseason awards in back-to-back seasons (All-Big 12 Second Team in 2017).

Second to only McCall on the team in total kills, the senior outside hitter made her experience known, playing in every set of every match this season. After being named to the Preseason All-Big 12 team, Walsh recorded double-digit kills in 20 matches and finished her career with 1,152 kills, making her the 11th player in TCU history to reach 1,000 kills.

“Anna [Walsh] carried a huge load for us offensively as a middle blocker,” Kramer said. “She has one of the best arm swings I’ve seen out of the middle in a long time and found a way to

score when teams knew she was getting the ball.”

With Dilfer’s award, the sophomore becomes the first setter to win a Big 12 postseason honor in the history of TCU volleyball.

While leading the conference in service aces, the San Jose, Calif., native recorded 10 double-doubles on the season for TCU. Her 1,134 assists on the season were good for 11.12 assists per set, which was the second-highest total in the conference. Dilfer was also named to the Academic All-Big 12 First Team.

“Since we had some key players in and out of the line-up, our offensive game plans needed to change often this year,” Kramer said. “Tori managed those changes well and continued to get in the gym and improve her tempo and location, so that no matter who she was setting, she was giving them a hittable ball.”

The Horned Frogs finished sixth in the Big 12 with a 7-9 conference record.



PHOTO BY ERIC SASADEUSZ

Élan McCall was named tournament MVP for the second time in her young career.



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Anna Walsh and Tori Dilfer celebrate a kill against SMU.

SPORTS

Men's basketball cruises past Eastern Michigan, 87-69

BY COLIN POST

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

TCU men's basketball rebounded from their first loss of the season as they cruised to an 87-69 victory over Eastern Michigan Monday night behind a career-high 27 points from forward Kouat Noi.

"It sucks to lose," Noi said. "This past week, we've been going hard every day and pushing each other, and it showed tonight."

In just his second game back from injury, the sophomore from Newcastle, Australia, shot 11-15 from the field and 5-8 from three to go with four assists and two rebounds.

"I'm always comfortable shooting the

ball," Noi said. "It was a good game today, and I give all the credit to my teammates for finding me when I was open."

Noi's performance played a big part in TCU's season-high 60.7 shooting percentage.

The Horned Frogs stuttered out of the gates, missing nine of their first 11 shots and finding themselves down 11-2 with 13:02 left in the first half.

"This was going against zone for the first time, so you saw the struggles early," said head coach Jamie Dixon.

The Horned Frogs adjusted, and from there, it was all TCU.

The long-awaited return of guard Jaylen Fisher finally paid off. While he officially

returned in TCU's previous game against Lipscomb, the junior only played seven minutes and did not score.

In a span of 2:28, Fisher announced his return by hitting three-straight three-point attempts. His electric shooting was part of a 20-6 run by the Horned Frogs, propelling them to a 35-24 halftime lead.

"I just felt like that's what the team needed then, you know what I mean, just a spark of the bench," Fisher said. "It was just a blessing for me to come in and do that."

Fisher finished the game with 12 points and five assists in 31 minutes played. He said after the game that his knee felt "not one hundred percent, but it will get

there."

TCU thrived defensively, scoring 21 points off of 16 forced turnovers.

"It kept us going in the first half and eventually got us going in some offense," Dixon said. "We want our defense to lead to more offense. That's something we need to do."

Led by Noi and center Kevin Samuel in the second half, the Horned Frogs attacked from both outside the three-point line and inside the paint.

Samuel finished the game with 15 points on 7-9 shooting to go with seven rebounds and two blocks.

"You have Kouat and Jaylen, you know, they open up the floor with their shooting ability,"



PHOTO BY CRISTIAN ARGUETASOTO

Kouat Noi had a career-high 27 points to lift the Horned Frogs to a dominant win.

Samuel said. "It opens up the floor, so you can get me inside."

TCU shot 67 percent on 19 assists in the second half, including six three-pointers and five

dunks.

The victory pushes TCU's record to 4-1 on the season, no longer in the top 25 after falling to Lipscomb.



Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This year you make waves just because you can. When you focus on a goal, you might be difficult to stop. People who do not know you well often misread you. You are precise and detail-oriented, yet you also love a good risk. If you are single, this year could be the year you meet a life partner. If you are attached, the two of you seem to come to agreements only after you air out each of your points of view. VIRGO can be critical and fussy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You can almost count on someone not understanding what you say. A great deal of activity could be triggered as a result of this miscommunication. A boss could be unusually distant or cold. Worrying won't do you any good. Tonight: Clear out some paperwork and errands.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ When your creativity surges, you have little to be worried about. Today, you exhibit unusual imagination and have the ability to focus on whatever issue is at hand. You can't seem to detach from a problem that has been quietly nagging at you. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You could need some time to relax in order to stay on top of a situation. You might not see the logic of slowing down. Try a slower pace, at least for a day. Confusion surrounds your home. Do not be surprised if you are caught in the middle of a disagreement. Tonight: Be a couch potato!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Honor a fast change of pace. Several people are determined to find you, no matter what! Stop for a moment and listen to what each person is sharing. Slowing down and

listening will help you to center yourself. Be more of an observer right now. Tonight: The less said, the better.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You have good financial sense, which you often display. Of course, everyone enjoys letting go sometimes. Set limits on how far you will go with your spending. You have a lot of people you want to spoil and indulge this holiday season. Tonight: Buy some eggnog on the way home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Your magnetism emerges. People don't often see how talented you are. You tend to be modest and try not to toot your own horn. Understand that it's OK to accept others' praise from time to time. A child or loved one craves more of your attention. Tonight: Where the action is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You sense that a lot is going on behind the scenes. For now, just do your thing. Be receptive to others' questions, and consider asking some of your own as well. Just remember to be subtle in your approach. Be aware of what is happening behind the scenes. Tonight: Among the crowds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Emphasize the pros and cons of a situation that comes up in a meeting. If your reaction is very different from that of those around you, you might want to think through where you are coming from. Remember, everyone is entitled to his or her opinion. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

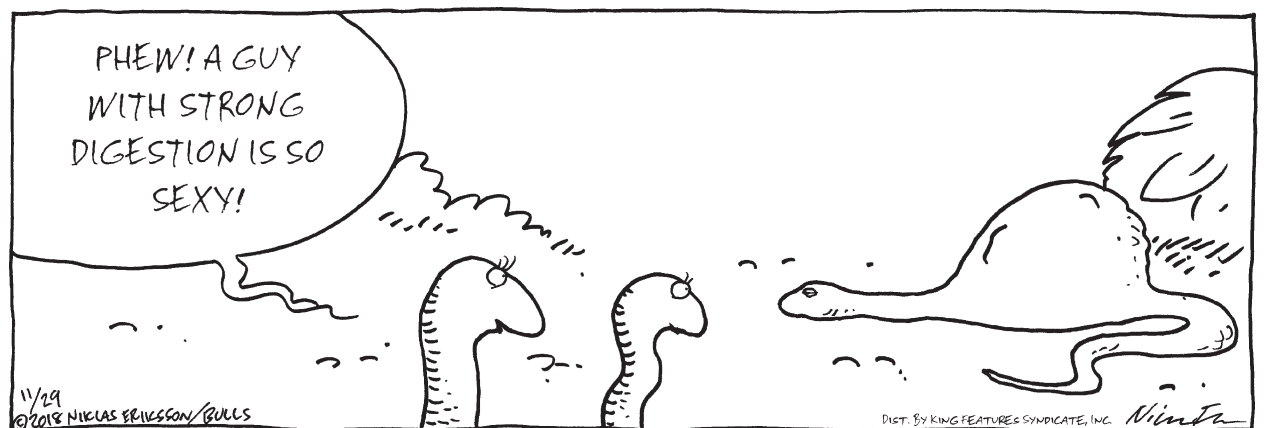
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Pressure builds around your work or your community responsibilities. You might not be

Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



Intelligent Life by David Reddick



aware of how fussy you can get when you're out of your element. You care about precision, yet you're still adventurous and like to take risks. Tonight: Join friends for a fun time out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)★★★★★ You detach with ease and understand much more of what is motivating you as well as those around you. You gain a

strong perspective, which helps you interact with others. Touch base with someone who has very different insights from yours. Tonight: Note what is not being said.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ The best way to handle a partner or key associate is on a one-on-one level. You can

root out a problem in order to come to an understanding with this person. Both of you will feel much better after having a long chat. Visit with an older loved one. Tonight: Opt for dinner for two.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might not agree with a partner, but you ultimately recognize that the two of you

have similar issues. What is different is your responses to these issues. You could learn a lot from this person. Respect what each other has to say. Tonight: Go along with a loved one's request.

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PUZZLE BY NEVILLE FOGARTY

- ACROSS

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5 Where chapeaux go

10 Greek house, for short

14 Rough spots?

15 ____ Lodge

16 Top-notch

17 Footnote info

18 See 17-Across

20 Looks beneath the surface, in a way

22 Not real emergencies

23 Night school subj.

24 2010 health measure, in brief

25 John who founded a Fortune 500 company

26 See 29-Across

29 Common article

32 Something that's tailor-made

33 Shooting game

35 Stage name of rapper Sandra Denton

38 Seasoning for un oeuf

39 Prefix with nautical

40 What may blossom from buds?

43 Worker in a chamber: Abbr.

45 Oft-repeated words

46 See 45-Across
- DOWN

1 That's an order

53 Trail

54 German opposite of alt

55 Pat who played filmdom's Mr. Miyagi

57 Vented, say

59 See 61-Across

61 Bed selection

62 Garden crawler

63 Not yellow

64 Neighbor of a Jayhawker

65 Tears for Fears, e.g.

66 Disseminated

67 Have (to)
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2 Firm affirmation

3 African country that's a member of OPEC

4 Dutch artist Jan van der ____

5 Verizon, e.g.

6 Anti-fracking legislation, e.g.

7 Part of a tennis serve

8 Sinusitis treater, for short

9 Bond producers

10 Muslim ascetic

11 Rigged game in "Casablanca"

12 Deep blue dye

13 "Bill & ____ Excellent Adventure"

19 Adler in "A Scandal in Bohemia"

21 Popular smoothie ingredient

25 Twofold

27 Fraud

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30 Sarcastic laugh syllable

31 Freudian subject

34 Cape Town coin

35 "Masterpiece" network

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TCU Trivia

Sports: The men's basketball team's first season was the 1908-1909 season. **True or False?**

SOLUTION FROM 11/15

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TCU TRIVIA ANSWER

True! The first season was the 1908-1909 season.

SPORTS

Reagor leads Horned Frogs to 6-6, bowl eligibility

BY COLIN POST

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

In a game the Horned Frogs had to win to become bowl eligible, wide receiver Jalen Reagor had over 200 yards of offense and the defense stepped up, as TCU defeated Oklahoma State 31-24 Saturday on senior night.

“Gotta give the kids a lot of credit,” head coach Gary Patterson said. “Somehow, we found a way to win.”

Reagor was all over the field, scoring on a six-yard pass from quarterback Grayson Muehlstein late in the second quarter and on an 83-yard run early in the third quarter on which he blew by the entire Cowboys’ secondary.

His receiving touchdown had ended a 26:21 scoring drought in the game to put TCU up 7-3 after OSU had kicked a field goal on their opening drive.

As if it were scripted, the catch not only gave Reagor the fourth 1,000-yard receiving season in TCU history but was also good for his seventh-straight game with a touchdown reception—a TCU record. He finished the game with eight catches for 91 yards. This helped him

finish the regular season with 72 of the Horned Frogs’ 231 catches, a record 31 percent of TCU’s receptions.

“It’s just all surreal,” Reagor said. “I know I’m capable of playing like that. It’s just the way that happens. It’s just a blessing.”

The score was a big reason why TCU had out-gained OSU 176 yards to 61 yards in total offense at halftime.

Reagor’s rushing touchdown early in the third quarter was the second of the sophomore’s career. His 121 yards rushing Saturday were a career-high and the second-highest total in a game for any Horned Frog this season.

With quarterbacks Shawn Robinson and Michael Collins out with season-ending injuries, Muehlstein made the start for TCU. A graduate student, the Decatur, Texas, native made the first start of his five-year career as a Horned Frog on his senior night.

After fumbling on just his second snap, the veteran signal caller recovered well to finish 16-25 with 180 yards, two touchdowns and a 150.9 passer rating. He finished his regular season career with zero intercep-

tions thrown on 43 pass attempts.

While their offense was finally clicking, the Horned Frogs showed why they have the top-ranked defense in the Big 12. On the first snap of the second half, linebacker Jawuan Johnson picked up a fumble and took it all the way to the house to put TCU up 14-3.

Along with the touchdown, Johnson finished with 12 tackles on the day, tying a career-high.

In the game, TCU held the No. 9 offense in the nation, which previously averaged 520 yards per game, to 280 yards of total offense, including just 99 passing yards from Cowboy quarterback Taylor Cornelius. This was the first time OSU had recorded fewer than 100 yards passing in five seasons.

Mostly due to the efforts of Gladney, the Frogs had restricted the Cowboys’ primary wide receiver and Biletnikoff Award hopeful Tylan Wallace to just two catches for 29 yards through three quarters. Although Wallace finished with four catches for 64 yards, the total was still well below his previous season average



PHOTO BY CRISTIAN ARGUETASOTO

Niko Small (2) led an incredible effort by the No. 1 defense in the Big 12.

of 122 yards, and he did not have a substantial impact on the game.

Although Small gave credit to Gladney, saying that he was the “best cornerback in the Big 12,” the success of the TCU secondary was also aided by the return of the senior defensive back, who had not played since Oct. 27 at Kansas. Patterson said the experience of Small gave his secondary more confidence and allowed them to play faster.

The bowl game will be the 19th in Patterson’s 21 years as a coach at TCU and 16th in his 18 years as head coach.

The Horned Frogs will find out this Sunday



PHOTO BY CRISTIAN ARGUETASOTO

Grayson Muehlstein (17) made his first start in five years as a Horned Frog.

which bowl they will play in and who they will be playing.

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