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CAMPUS NEWS

TCU student tests positive for COVID-19 twice

By **ASTRID SOUTO**

STAFF WRITER, TCU360

One TCU student on campus has tested positive for COVID-19 for the second time.

Mary Price Montagnet is a sophomore business major who initially tested positive in late March after spring break. The second time she tested positive was in late August, shortly after school started.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggests immunity following COVID-19 infection lasts approximately three months.

“People who have tested positive for COVID-19 do not need to quarantine or get tested again for up to three months as long as they do not develop symptoms again,” according to the CDC.

Montagnet said she was shocked when she saw her second positive test result.

“I was really overwhelmed and frustrated because everyone was coming down with it,” Montagnet said. “So I started crying the second time just because of the overwhelming emotions and everything.”

Montagnet and two other infected students quarantined for two weeks at Liberty Lofts, a student housing center near campus. Montagnet said her symptoms improved the second time around, and she believed her immune response to the virus had strengthened.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARY PRICE MONTAGNET

Mary Price Montagnet (right) has already battled the coronavirus twice this year.



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Students have been asked to wear masks around campus.

Through her experience, Montagnet said she thinks others can become reinfected with COVID-19. She worries that another wave of infections are inevitable this fall.

“You never know when your antibodies are gonna

fade away,” Montagnet said. “You never know who you’re around that has it so I would just tell everyone that they’re not invincible if they’ve already had it.”

Montagnet is currently healthy and working to avoid a third infection.



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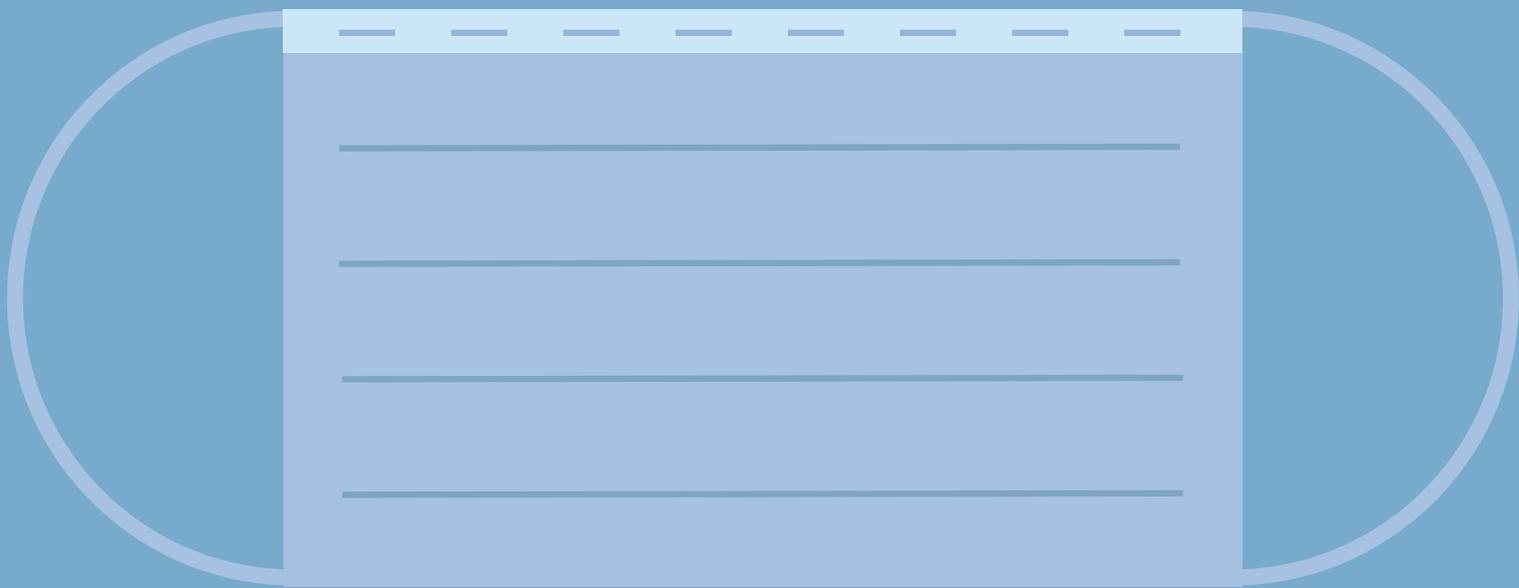
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Student Media

CAMPUS NEWS

International student population hits lowest levels in over a decade

By **ANDRE GIAMMATTEI**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

TCU's international student population has decreased this semester due to COVID-19 concerns and potential immigration restrictions.

The number of undergraduate international students at TCU increased to 447 in 2019 from 429 in 2015. This year, that number has fallen to 388, the lowest since 2008.

Director of International Admissions Karen Scott said before the pandemic, the number of international student deposits for the 2020-2021 academic year were continuing in an upward trend.

John Singleton, the director of international student services, attributed the decline to the pandemic.

Distance challenges

There are some inter-



PHOTO BY HEESOO YANG

Some international students are taking classes online in their home countries, dealing with time differences.

national students who are enrolled but not physically present at TCU. For students like Harmann Chhabra, online classes presented the option to do a first semester from home.

Chhabra, a first-year

student from India, was unable to get his student visa in time to attend school because the American embassies in India were closed due to the pandemic.

The 13-hour time difference between

central India and Fort Worth has had Chhabra staying up all night to attend his classes. He said he misses the opportunity to get hands-on experience in his engineering classes.

In other cases, the

time difference has been a deterrent for students in Europe, Africa and Asia, prompting many to defer enrollment, Scott said.

International Student Services is in contact with students who have deferred through Zoom meetings and virtual events and programs.

Despite his office's best efforts, Singleton said he believes the current situation has ultimately "devalued the college experience" for students who have been preparing to study abroad their entire lives.

Immigration concerns

On July 6, another challenge arose for international students. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) issued a directive that would prevent students on an F-1 visa from living in the United States if they had no in-person classes to

attend.

International Student Services was able to work with a counsel to make sure international students could take classes in person to stay at TCU, Singleton said.

The ICE regulation was revoked a week later, but Scott said it created an environment of great uncertainty.

"At one point, we had told students that they could come, but we were really urging students to stay home," Scott said. "One week we were advising a student to do one thing and then the following week it was something completely different."

While she hopes there are no permanent effects, Scott said she has concerns that certain immigration policies might make prospective international applicants look elsewhere when applying for college in the future.

Latin American applicants set to benefit from admissions changes

By **ANDRE GIAMMATTEI**

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TCU's decision not to consider SAT or ACT scores for the upcoming applicant class could benefit international students, especially those from Latin America.

Director of International Admission Karen Scott said students from Latin America tend to have lower scores than other international students and those from the U.S.

TCU made the decision April 1. Scott

said she believes the change in requirements will give international students a better chance of attending TCU since they do not have to submit any scores. She added that under the new policy, students can still receive academic scholarships.

TCU is one of many universities across the country that has opted to make SAT and ACT scores optional for fall and winter applicants because the pandemic disrupted test-taking schedules.

For example, the tests scheduled in May and June were canceled, while two more tests were held at limited capacity or in select locations.

Applicant pool concerns

Prospective students have expressed some concerns that the upcoming application pool could be larger than usual due to the amount of deferrals from the fall of 2020.

Since most international students only

deferred until January, Scott said this specific population should not be worried about the potentially more competitive pool of applicants.

Even if more international students extend their deferral, Scott said she still believes international students have nothing to worry about.

An eye on international growth

The office of admissions is hoping to grow the international student population at

TCU over the next few years.

"When it comes to admission, we want that diversity," said Scott.

Though there is not an international student quota, TCU's international students make up about 5% of the student population.

"We would like to be at 10%," Scott said. "We always want more international students."

Outside of the test scores, she said the application process will look very similar to that of years past.

Prospective students will need to submit their high school transcripts, an essay, teacher and counselor recommendation letters and for international students only, an English proficiency test. The application fee is \$50.

The application deadlines are set for Nov. 1 for early action and early decision, and Feb. 1 for regular decision.

CAMPUS NEWS

Emergency drills in buildings cut short due to social distancing

By **OSCAR SARAVIA**
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“Seek shelter” emergency drills have been eliminated in buildings this semester due to social distancing regulations established by TCU.

The seek shelter drills are one part of the “L.E.S.S. is More” campus safety initiative and are used to demonstrate what people would do if there were severe weather situations near campus.

People on campus would be instructed to lock down in the case of an active shooter, for example, and they would be told to evacuate buildings if there were a fire, gas leak or bomb threat.

“There are a lot of new

things we’ve had to learn about social distancing that we never knew before,” Assistant Vice Chancellor for Public Safety Adrian Andrews said. “It is something new for the college campus setting.”

Andrews said the lockdown and evacuation protocols were done as they normally would be, but the seek shelter drill was removed because it requires everyone to gather in the lowest floor. That would not be possible with social distancing.

He added that students followed the COVID-19 guidelines during the lockdown and evacuation drills.

“This year while doing drills, students came with their masks which is a great sign of trying

to keep others safe,” he said. “I noticed full compliance when doing these drills.”

Waits Hall Director Alison Moss said, “Students did a great job coping with the timing of the drills and the use of social distancing. We didn’t have to request anyone to use a mask because it has already become second nature.”

Moss said even though there wasn’t a seek shelter drill, she talked with students about seeking shelter in case of an emergency.

“I did host meetings during moving day and told the students where to go in case of an emergency,” she said.

Moss added that she feels confident everything will go well if an emergency situation



PHOTO BY HEESOO YANG

Students can request help from the TCU Police with the FrogShield app.

arises in the building.

“I think students are prepared because apart from providing them with instructions, the building has the intercom system that tells them where to go when alarms

go on,” she said.

Andrews said students should download the FrogShield app in case that assistance is needed.

“It is like having an alarm in your pocket and if any situation presents,

the police will be there without you telling them your location. If as many people as possible could download it, it would be amazing.”

Student organizations and SDS find new ways to offer service hours

By **KAITLYN FREETAGE**
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Student organizations and Student Development Services (SDS) have been working to provide students with community service opportunities that abide by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines amid the pandemic.

Student organizations often require students to complete a set number of volunteer hours — or service hours — each semester. Hours can be obtained through volunteering at events and fundraisers that benefit the community.

Senior marketing and



PHOTO BY HEESOO YANG

Frog Camp is one activity operated by Student Development Services.

Spanish double major Mark Lillard said the executive board of Alpha Phi Omega, a national coeducational service fraternity, has been modifying projects such as their blood drive to provide members with safe access to service events.

This year’s blood drive is being held outdoors, and only two people will be allowed to donate at a time. People who donate will also receive an antibody test, Lillard said.

“We are also looking at alternative ways to help the community, such as

donating to drives for clothing and food,” he added.

Lillard said some events were temporarily suspended due to their reliance on active group work. As a result, service hour requirements have been reduced to 15 hours from 25.

Like APO, other campus organizations have reworked their service events and hour requirements.

SDS acknowledged the importance of service hours for students and has been working to provide new virtual options.

Erin Wilson, the associate director of community engagement,

said service opportunities, though different this semester, have been a big success so far.

Since classes began, students, faculty and staff have completed more than 2,000 service hours, which adds up to about a \$30,000 impact on Fort Worth, according to the value of volunteer time, Wilson said.

She added that students have been actively trying to stay engaged by attending “Take Action Tuesdays” on Zoom every Tuesday at 2 p.m. to learn about the virtual service projects available each week.

“My department is doing everything we can

to help students make a difference, even if it is at a distance,” Wilson said.

Though many events have gone virtual, students are encouraged to help out the community in any way they can.

“COVID-19 has put a pause on many things in life, but it has not paused the needs that people less fortunate face every day. If anything, it has actually increased those needs and made them more urgent,” said Lillard. “While serving those in need may be more difficult now, it is also more critical. Those who can help should during these times.”

PROTECT

Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020:

Sensitive, hardworking and dignified, you succeed brilliantly this year. Doubts, however, might prompt you to consider a change to your chosen field. Have faith in your unique and idiosyncratic self. If single, it's challenging for you to open up and trust, and this year you decide to put it all into your work. If attached, you are blissfully happy and best friends. LEO gives you all you need.

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)

★★★★★ Your charm and sex appeal are at an all-time high. Purchase new clothes or otherwise add to your appearance. If today doesn't help fill your social calendar, nothing will. Be flexible with career endeavors. Tonight: As you like it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Some old problems in your personal life might resurface. Look to today as a chance to finally resolve them. Just don't let others pressure you if you don't feel ready. Resolve to stay on top and keep the upper hand. Tonight: Keep the peace.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ A bright, talented friend can provide inspiration and happiness to you. You are versatile and creative in your

work today, and motivated to make a list of goals and decide about political and community involvement. Tonight: Some much-needed catch up with an old friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Competitors can be a source of inspiration today. You will stay informed about new developments in your field of expertise. Career-related study or travel is worthwhile. Take time to release stress and overcome anxiety, though. Tonight: Old resentments melt away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Spiritual growth assumes greater importance today. Old limitations dissolve. For those involved in educational programs of any kind the rewards are especially great. Relationships between grandparents and grandchildren are mutually enjoyable. Tonight: A joyful love experience.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ There are some complications related to home and family situations. Gather information; make sure there is a meeting of the minds. You might find yourself working in a different place with some new people. Tonight: Plenty of energy to handle this with aplomb.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ A loved one can show vulnerability. Your support and understanding mean a great deal to one who cares for you. Be realistic about your expectations. A long-term partnership might

Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



have run its course. Tonight: A healing comes through release.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Recognizing and controlling temptation is important now. Today can lead you into stressful activities and create a tendency to overindulge. It will be easy to binge on rich or exotic dishes. Focus on a healthy lifestyle. Tonight: A visualization of peace.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Although the urge to speculate or take a risk might be strong, today, caution should be exercised. You might wind

up spending more than you've made. The wants and needs of children might seem to drain you financially as well. Tonight: Watch reckless behavior.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★ Loved ones are likely to be hot-headed and easily upset. Frustrations occur as domestic responsibilities, making a good impression at work, and partnership demands may clash. It's a time to use flexibility to bend a little in every direction. Tonight: You cannot satisfy everyone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You find your thoughts deepened and intensified as you dig for answers with vigorous new determination. Avoid mental struggles with others, stay out of unsafe neighborhoods, and use extra caution on the roads. Tonight: Urge to get away from it all.

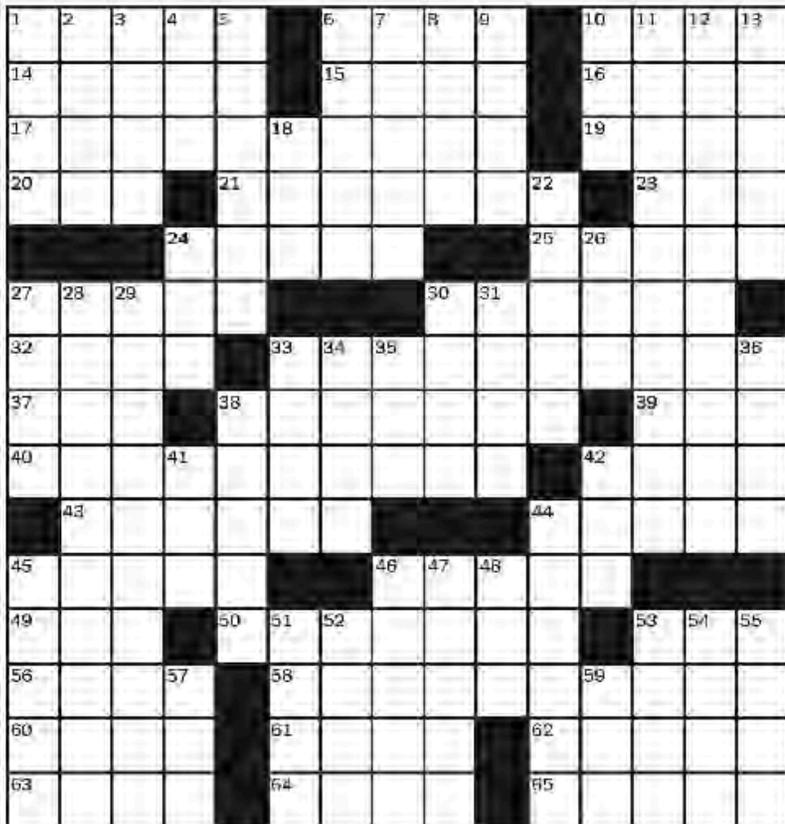
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your creative pursuits will be taking entirely new turns, and some very interesting ones at that. Today also brings fun and social opportunities on a grand scale. You can't help but impress others now. Tonight: Carrying on

the enjoyment.

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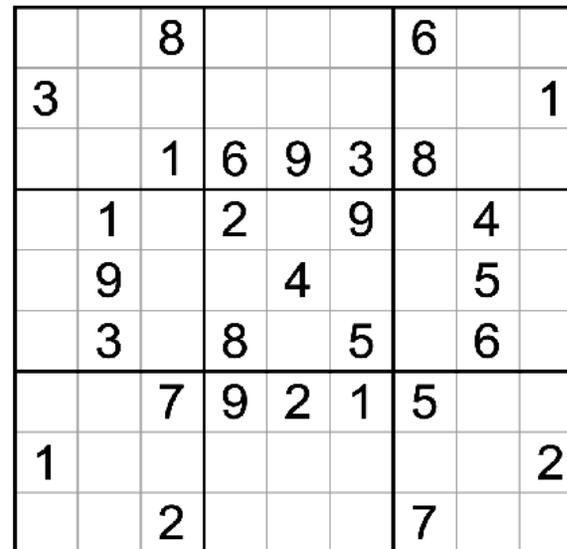
The New York Times Edited by Will Shortz



- ACROSS**
- 1 Halima Aden became the first Sports Illustrated model to wear one in 2019
 - 6 Luxuriate
 - 10 Animal tracker's clue
 - 14 Romance, in one of the Romance languages
 - 15 Sch. with the song "Hail to the Hills of Westwood"
 - 16 "Thirty days ___ September ..."
 - 17 Discussing
 - 19 Resounding comeback?
 - 20 CPR pro
 - 21 Entry-level workers?
 - 23 Nest egg source
 - 24 British nobility title
 - 25 Squeezing
 - 27 Drive
 - 30 Dubuque residents, e.g.
 - 32 Comportment
 - 33 "Imagine that!"
 - 37 The Admiral Benbow in "Treasure Island," e.g.

- 38 "All will be well"
- 39 "Just like I told you!"
- 40 Obstacle-based competition show, informally
- 42 Reply to "Can this be true?"
- 43 Term for a naval builder that looks like an aquatic insect
- 44 Like some medical tests, briefly
- 45 Drink once advertised as "Twice as much for a nickel"
- 46 Generation ___ (cohort born in the early 2010s)
- 49 Stat for a starter
- 50 Staple breakfast in Scotland
- 53 Cream ___
- 56 Galileo's birthplace
- 58 Windbag, as seen three times in this puzzle?
- 60 Strokes
- 61 Painted Desert feature
- 62 What users do
- 63 Urgent order
- 64 The right way?
- 65 Small particles

- DOWN**
- 1 Not at all fancy
 - 2 Certain religious leader
 - 3 Unpleasant surprise
 - 4 Cousin of a puffin
 - 5 Word with party or shower
 - 6 Cause of dread
 - 7 Something to squirrel away?
 - 8 Dickensian setting
 - 9 Writer DiCamillo with two Newbery Medals
 - 10 "Murder, ___ Wrote"
 - 11 Laugh uproariously
 - 12 U.S. city named for a European capital
 - 13 It doesn't cover much
 - 18 Word between here and there
 - 22 Just starting to learn
 - 24 Soul singer ___ E. King
 - 26 White-water rental
 - 27 "Fold" opposite
 - 28 Show in parts
 - 29 Food that's cut diagonally
 - 30 Security fig.



DIRECTIONS

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

SOLUTION

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TCU Trivia

What year did Super Frog make his debut?

SOLUTION



TCU TRIVIA ANSWER

- 31 Cause for nose-pitching
- 33 "Would that it ___"
- 34 Main ingredient in the German stew hasenpfeffer
- 35 Cable news host Melber
- 36 Participant in a sting?
- 51 Top
- 52 Fritz Lang collaborator ___ von Harbou
- 53 Share a side
- 54 Elite seats
- 55 Members of a defunct union
- 57 Reptile with a bad bite
- 59 Joey who's friends with Owl
- 38 One-named Italian male model
- 41 Scavengers on Luke Skywalker's home planet
- 42 Plan with a "Simple" variety
- 44 One of the four humors
- 45 "___ Pig" (children's TV show)
- 46 Stockpile
- 47 Unleash upon
- 48 Overly rehearse

SPORTS

Patterson: ‘No silver lining’ as football drops season opener to Iowa State

By COLIN POST

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Despite a strong second half from quarterback Max Duggan, TCU football gave up too many big plays, falling to Iowa State University 37-34 on Saturday in their season opener.

“There is no silver lining,” Patterson said. “We came to play. You’ve got to play to win.”

Duggan, who entered for starter Matthew Downing at the start of the second half, finished 16-for-19 with 241 yards and three touchdowns. The sophomore showed little-to-no signs of rust after being medically cleared to play early last week.

“I think really just, we really came out fired up in the second half,” running back Emari Demercado said. “We were able to make more plays. Guys were getting excited, getting the momentum going.”

With 4:01 left to play in the game, TCU got the ball back with a chance to take the lead. On the first play of the drive, though, a bobbled catch by wide receiver Taye Barber led to an Iowa State interception.

Three plays later, the Cyclones scored a touchdown to extend their lead to nine and put the nails in the coffin for the Frogs.

On Tuesday, TCU head coach Gary Patterson applauded the Iowa State defense for being able to prevent big plays. His defense could not do the same against the Cyclones.

Iowa State had five plays of 32 yards or more in the game, three of which were scoring plays. The other two helped orchestrate scoring drives.

“I think we got to play better as a defense,” linebacker Garret Wallow said. “It really came down to five plays, and those five plays really hurt us.”

Wallow led TCU defensively with nine tackles, two of which were for a loss, and a sack.

The Cyclones finished with 424 yards of total offense, a significant improvement from the 303 yards they gained in their season-opening loss against Louisiana.

TCU racked up 499 yards of offense of their own, but their two turnovers — leading to 12 points for Iowa State — would prove to be the defense.

The Frogs looked like they had some rust to shake off to start the contest. After kicker Griffin Kell’s 49-yard field goal attempt was short on TCU’s opening possession, they punted on their next three drives.

Downing and the offense were not looking completely stale, gaining at least one first down on each of those first four drives. It was once the Frogs got past midfield that they were struggling to get things rolling.

Finally, with 6:37 left in the first half, Downing threw a 37-yard dart to freshman Quentin Johnston for the Frogs’ first score of the 2020 season.

Downing finished 11-for-21 with 159 yards and a score. Johnston, a former four-star recruit TCU flipped from Texas, caught two passes for 50 yards.

The Frogs trailed 16-7 at halftime. While the team’s offensive numbers were fairly close, a Downing fumble and a 75-yard touchdown run by Iowa State’s Breece Hall gave the Cyclones the advantage.

TCU was practically gifted a score in the waning moments of the second half.

The Frogs’ defense put the heat on Iowa State quarterback Brock Purdy, who panicked and flung a backwards pass toward his own sideline. The ball fell into the hands of linebacker La’Kendrick Van Zandt, who walked into the end zone for the score.

After the game, Purdy referred to that moment as “freshman me.”

Any momentum gained by TCU was quickly diminished, as Iowa State answered with a touchdown of their own in just three plays.

Needing a spark, Patterson went to his bench. With 12:37 left in the third quarter, Duggan trotted on to the field for TCU. The sophomore was cleared to play last Monday after previously being ruled out indefinitely due to a heart condition.

“We felt like we needed to get a guy who could take off and scramble more,” Patterson said about putting Duggan in. “Nothing more than that.”



PHOTO BY BRANDON WADE

Iowa State quarterback Brock Purdy (15) spins away from TCU defensive tackle Corey Bethley (94) during an NCAA football game on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020 in Fort Worth, Texas.

After taking a few drives to get warm, Duggan made his presence known near the end of the third quarter with a 27-yard touchdown pass to Barber.

Iowa State answered right away, using a 44-yard dime from Purdy at the end of the third quarter to move down the field quickly. Soon after, they scored a touchdown to go up 30-21.

A quick touchdown from Duggan to tight end Artayvious Lynn capped a quick three-play drive and gave the Frogs life midway through the fourth. However, Barber’s miscue on the ensuing drive cut the cord on hopes of a comeback.

“It’s been frustrating,” Wallow said. “As a team we have been through a lot and we overcame a lot. We want to win.”



PHOTO BY BRANDON WADE

TCU tight end Artayvious Lynn (88) scores a touchdown during an NCAA college football game against Iowa State on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020 in Fort Worth, Texas. Iowa won 37-34.

Duggan threw his third touchdown of the day at the buzzer, but it was too little too late for TCU, who broke their 18-game home opener win streak.

TCU’s offensive line had been one of the weakest links on the day,

giving up six sacks.

TCU will look to bounce back at 11 a.m. on Saturday at No. 8 Texas. Kickoff at Darrell K Royal – Texas Memorial Stadium.