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## CAMPUS NEWS

# New enrollment process confuses students

By Gracie Amiss

MANAGING EDITOR, TCU 360

As the spring semester approaches and enrollment for next semester begins, some students have run into trouble trying to sign up for classes.

MyTCU has undergone a plethora of changes over the past couple of years. The tweaks range from simple design changes to complete reboots of certain aspects of the site.

However, the alteration of the “enrollment tab” has left some students who are in the thick of signing up for classes in the dark.

“No students really knew it had switched over and that it was all new,” said Alden Schneider, a senior business marketing and graphic design double major. “[Signing up] was different than years past and the system looked completely different.”

The update to the enrollment tab has been in “test mode” for the past two months and was officially rolled out three weeks ago.

Students in the Honors College are the first round of Frogs to sign up for classes, followed by the general student body a few days after. Some students who signed up Monday ran into a variety of inconveniences such as buffering, trouble with transferred credits and overall confusion.

TCU’s registrar’s office is working tirelessly to prevent these problems as enrollment dates quickly approach.



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Vanessa Lanzarotti, the associate registrar, said her office heard from about 20 students who were having trouble with the new system.

“This was not the outcome we wanted and I apologize for the inconvenience,” Lanzarotti said. “Nov. 4 is the heaviest traffic day of advanced registration. By noon, we weren’t hearing of any more issues and don’t expect to see any more throughout advance registration.”

For graduating seniors, enrolling for their last semester can be emotional – the differences in the platform add additional stress to what can already be a nerve-racking process.

Although Maddie Posz, a senior psychology major, had one of the earlier enrollment slots, she was still nervous the classes she wanted to take would reach capacity before she could sign up.

“Enrolling always makes me a little nervous,” Posz said. “I have enrolled the same way for the last seven semesters. I also

had no clue it would be different until I was trying to enroll – for it to suddenly be different was frustrating.”

Unlike years past where the student could enroll all of their classes in one swoop, Posz – alongside others – had to sign up for each class one by one.

“I was used to enrolling by going into the shopping cart, adding classes and then enrolling from there,” Posz said. “But when I went to the shopping cart page this morning it said ‘shopping cart isn’t available or is empty’ so I had no clue how I was supposed to enroll.”

The registrar’s office provides resources in hopes of clearing up confusion, but some students still are unclear on how to best navigate the site.

Students can enroll through the Purple Schedule Builder by compiling their desired courses, clicking “get this schedule” and ultimately “do actions.”

“I had friends that didn’t get courses they needed because they

didn’t know how to use the new system and the class filled before they could enroll,” Schneider said. “Getting into specific classes is all about how quickly you can enroll and it makes it that much more difficult to get your class if you’ve never been shown how to use the new platform.”

But much like any new product, problems are bound to arise. Now, Lanzarotti and the rest of the registrar’s office feel better prepared to deal with them.

“For students who had pre-loaded their shopping cart, it took too long for the enroll button to appear,” Lanzarotti said. “That will be the first place we look to improve the process, as this didn’t show up as an issue in our testing.”

The first day of scheduled enrollment appointments for Spring 2020 began Nov. 4 and lasts until Jan. 17, which is the last day to enroll or change classes.



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## SPORTS

# Men's basketball welcomes new faces to the team

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With a roster that only has six familiar faces and many inexperienced players, questions have started to arise about if head coach Jamie Dixon can make noise in a tough Big 12 conference.

While TCU's situation is less than ideal, Dixon is no stranger to producing wins under these circumstances.

"We did it last year," Dixon said. "Things change. We had five guys with season-ending injuries last year."

Despite the injuries that plagued the Frogs all season, Dixon's team fell just short of an NCAA tournament berth and fell to Texas in the NIT semifinals to end their

season.

With 13 new faces on the roster, several stand out as those who could make an impact this season for TCU.

Senior Edric Dennis Jr., a transfer from UT Arlington, is set to start at point guard for the Frogs to start the season.

A team-high 32.9% from deep and 14.0 points per game with the Tigers then earned Dennis Jr. the opportunity to play at UTA, where he quickly became a leader. After averaging 14.3 points per game, 4.5 rebounds and 2.3 assists with the Mavericks, Dennis Jr. decided to finish his time in the NCAA with the Frogs.

TCU is also expecting big things from their

first-year players this year, primarily guards PJ Fuller and Francisco Farabello.

Fuller, a four-star out of Findlay Prep from Seattle, Washington, was ranked No. 73 in ESPN's top 100. Following a senior season where he averaged 18.7 points, 5.8 rebounds, 4.7 assists and 1.9 steals, Fuller was ranked the 12th-best shooting guard in the nation by 247Sports.com.

Like Fuller, Farabello was listed as a four-star by ESPN, ranking No. 105 nationally.

Unlike Fuller, Farabello grew his game outside of the country at the NBA Global Academy in Canberra, Australia. As a junior, he shot 48.3% from deep at the academy.

The guard also represented his home country of Argentina three consecutive summers (2017-2019) at the FIBA World Cup.

"They had big reputations coming in," Dixon said about his first-year. "I'm excited about our freshmen. There's no question."

Dixon said that for TCU to succeed this year with such a new group, they will need to cut down on turnovers. The Frogs were seventh in the Big 12 last season with a -0.4 turnover margin.

Despite Dixon's 68-41 record since taking the head coaching job at TCU in 2016, many experts doubt that even he can lead this set of Frogs to prominence — TCU was picked dead last in the



PHOTO BY CRISTIAN ARGUETASOTO

With so many new faces on TCU's roster, center Kevin Samuel has taken up a leadership role in just his second year.

Big 12 preseason poll, receiving just 11 votes.

Regardless, Dixon is confident in his team. After the Big 12 lost elite players like Jarrett Culver (Texas Tech), Dedric Lawson (Kansas) and Makai Mason (Baylor), the 17th-year coach knows that TCU isn't dead in the water.

"Our league is so

wide open," Dixon said. "When I say wide open, I mean a good wide open."

TCU kicks their season off 7 p.m. Thursday at home against the Southwestern Pirates.

## Women's basketball hungry for NCAA tournament appearance

BY JACOB HOOK

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TCU women's basketball comes into this season with big aspirations — head coach Raegan Pebley's first NCAA Tournament appearance.

Last year, TCU finished with a 24-11 record, including a 10-8 record in conference play, but the first team left out the NCAA tournament.

Last year's Horned Frogs are the first-ever Power Five school to finish their season with more than 20 wins and an above .500 record in conference play and not to get invited to March Madness.

Pebley said being shutout of the Big Dance

last year has helped motivate her current squad.

This year's squad is full of returners, including six seniors and one junior, but they lose over 30 points and 15 rebounds per game with the loss of Amy Okonkwo and Jordan Moore.

Senior guard Kianna Ray comes into the season as a Big 12 honorable mention, and the point guard said the team learned a lot from Okonkwo and Moore.

This year's older players will look to fill the void left by the four lost seniors and Pebley said she expects the offense to run through Ray.

"She's [Ray] got a great IQ for the game," Pebley said. "She's a driving force for our

team."

Ray averaged 10.2 points per game and a team-best 4.1 assists per game last year, but she's looking to improve those numbers this year.

"I'm definitely looking to keep getting my teammates the ball," Ray said. "I love that I'm able to find my teammates, but I'm also looking to up my scoring. That's been a big focus for me."

Some of the other key pieces returning to this team include Adeola Akomolafe and a pair of returning post players, Ella Hellessey and Morris.

These returners are all hungry to get a bid into the NCAA tournament this year.

"Having six seniors returning with a sense of

urgency, you can't really match that," Ray said. "None of us have made it to an NCAA tournament yet, so we are doing whatever it's going to take."

The Frogs also have high expectations for their three first-year players, especially Obinna, a redshirt first-year.

"Becky [Obinna] has really developed in the interior. She grew a lot in her redshirt freshman year," Pebley said.

The Horned Frogs open up their season in Schollmaier Arena against a tough mid-major, Robert Morris, Tuesday at 12 p.m.

The Colonials are unanimous picks to win the Northeast Conference



PHOTO BY JACK WALLACE

Head coach Raegan Pebley.

as they bring back over 85% of their scoring from last year. They've made the NCAA tournament three out of the last four years.

"They just have so much senior leadership returning," Pebley said. "They shoot the three-ball very well, and they have a great interior presence."

Pebley said for this

week of games, she is looking for her team to continue working on its defensive identity that made it one of the Big 12's best defensive teams last year.

## CAMPUS LIFE

# Students comment on Market Square changes

By **NIKKI SPELLMAN**  
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Students may have noticed some changes to Market Square this semester, all of which were done in an effort to better the environment and offer more services for students.

Miles Oller, the assistant director of facilities for Housing & Residence Life, said the changes include:

- New furniture and carpet
- Digital menu boards
- Smoothie menu
- Dessert station with a bakery oven
- Local coffee partnership with Dwell
- Flat-top griddles at the Shuffles station
- New restaurant partnerships
- An avocado toast station offered at breakfast daily

The changes were made for a variety of reasons, Oller said.

In the dining area, the booths were removed and replaced with family-style furniture that is easier to move around. This allows students to change seating arrangements and custodians to move furniture and clean underneath it.

The built-in booths in the main dining area will likely not return, Oller said, but moveable booths are available in the west dining area.

Oller said he has received mostly positive feedback, but some students miss the

comfortable seating options.

“I like the changes; I think it’s different,” said senior environmental science major Jarrett Blasingame. “I miss the booths, I’ll be honest, but they’re not coming back, and I guess we will learn to live with the change.”

The removal of the booths did not result in fewer seats, Oller said.

The longer tables forced Brown-Lupton University Union staff to move the bakery section to where the smoothie bar used to be.

“This setup would now give us the ability to bake items in front of students and offer them fresh, right out of the oven,” Oller said. “The bakery move meant we had to move the smoothie station to an area with a smaller footprint.”

These changes increased the speed and service while also taking guesswork out of flavor combinations, Oller said.

New technology makes it easier for students to know what food is being served and shows what is going on around campus.

“We continually saw students walking to the front of the line to see what was being served to decide,” Oller said. “This gives students a chance to read from a distance and navigate Market Square quicker.”

The televisions also show how long each menu option will be served.

“I think this is a step in the right direction,” Blasingame said. “I think they still need to work on long lines and those kind

of things and restructuring some of how that works.”

Long lines at Market Square have been addressed in the past, most recently in 2016 when dining services introduced a “meal exchange” option to encourage people to eat at other places besides Market Square.

Also in 2016, Market Square introduced other changes that included new plates and bowls and new silverware dispensers.

Equipment-wise, stir fry will now be cooked on flat-top grills instead of in woks.

“We were having issues with food particles getting caught in the drains when we rinsed out the woks,” Oller said. “This caused ‘swelling’ issues in the BLUU plumbing and was causing damage — it is also more manageable for our team to operate and has increased speed of service.”

Dwell Coffee is also available to all students in Market Square as part of a new partnership with Dwell’s owner, Jeff Brannon.

Cameron McCool, a sophomore business major, said the changes to Market Square do not make his dining experience any better.

“I feel like there’s always stuff they can improve on, like quality of the food,” McCool said.

However, the changes to Market Square does not mean the food served will change at all.

“Most of the changes are structural, like ‘Oh,



PHOTO BY NIKKI SPELLMAN

Dwell coffee partnered with TCU this year to offer its coffee to students at Market Square.

we got some new tables,’ but that didn’t really fix the quality of the food or the diversity of options,” Sarah Frazier, a sophomore communica-

tion major, said.

Don’t expect this to be the end of changes at Market Square. Oller said the SGA Dining Committee meets once

every two weeks to discuss potential changes that could be made to campus-wide dining.



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## CAMPUS LIFE

# Criminal justice dept. to host symposium on trauma

By **ERIN MILLER**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Speakers from the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Fort Worth Police Department and more will visit TCU Wednesday to explore the stigma surrounding assault.

The Pain Into Purpose symposium will cover what prevention measures are put in place to prevent sexual assault, abuse and trafficking.

On the response side, the event will discuss how organizations respond to victims after crimes are committed and what can result from these events.

Dr. Ashley Wellman, an instructor of criminal justice, said the purpose of this symposium is to give people the chance to look into these situations and the people who

handle them.

"We wanted to have an opportunity for the community and for our students to interact with practitioners and advocates in the field who are making a difference and trying not only to prevent and respond to trauma but to show people a way that you can thrive after trauma," Wellman said.

One of the speakers is Tracy Matheson, the founder of Project Beloved, an organization that provides response initiatives to survivors of sexual assault.

Matheson founded the organization in 2017, a year after her daughter Molly Jane was raped and murdered in her apartment in Fort Worth.

Its two major response initiatives are Beloved Bundles and soft

interview rooms.

Beloved Bundles are kits that provide sexual assault victims with clothing, hygiene products and other necessities needed after a forensic exam because most of a victim's belongings are taken as evidence.

Soft interview rooms are created to help victims feel "emotionally safe" and more comfortable during the interview process.

See Project Beloved's other Tweets

Matheson will be giving her talk at 4 p.m. and she hopes people will walk away with a further understanding of sexual assault cases and a willingness to work toward changing the conversation around them.

Matheson also said

attendees will leave the symposium with a clear understanding of how to grow from horrific events.

Wellman reiterated Matheson's statement that she hopes people walk away from the symposium with a better understanding of crime's impact on the survivors, victims and families.

"The reality is, especially when as a society we're so fascinated with crime, we forget that there's another side of the coin," Wellman said. "So frequently, we want to know about the criminal and about the crime and what happened, but we forget there's a whole other side to the criminal justice program that is actually looking to see how we respond to and help those who have been

FLYER PROVIDED BY DR. ASHLEY WELLMAN

The event will start with prevention measures and move into response for victims.

affected by crime."

The symposium will be held on Nov. 6 in the Kelly Center. Cynthia Hood and Dorothy

Settles, victim-witness coordinators from the U.S. Attorney's Office, will start off the event at 1 p.m.

# SGA plans to revise pass/no credit system

By **TATUM SMITH**

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TCU's Student Government Association (SGA) is pushing for a change in the pass-no credit system to keep students more engaged in class.

Under the proposal, students who declare the pass-no credit option would be able to switch from a "P" on their transcript, which is the only grade you receive for passing a pass-no credit class, to the letter grade they earned in the class.

The revision focuses on the opportunity for students to learn and

succeed in class.

"In that essence, we redeem the initial goal of the pass-no-credit system while providing students the opportunity to keep a grade they do in fact earn," said SGA President Josh Witkop.

Students cannot declare pass-no credit on major or minor classes, so Witkop said the current system has the potential to weaken the impact of TCU's core curriculum.

Junior computer science major Blake Patterson agrees with Witkop.

"Once a student pass no-credits a class,

they tend to no longer care about learning all the material presented within the class," Patterson said. "All the student wants at that point is to earn the bare minimum to pass."

Chancellor Victor Boschini also saw the good in this revision plan — he said it could benefit both students and professors by getting students to be engaged and excited about their classes, rather than worried about grades.

"It might make people more engaged in their classes, as I hope it will do," Boschini said.

Students who elect

pass-no credit cannot remove it once they've decided and it doesn't transfer over if you change majors.

Witkop said if everything proceeds promptly, the revision could be effective for the fall 2020 semester.

Even with the change, students would still be limited to two pass-no credits that cannot be used for major or minor courses or associated requirements.

The pass-no credit deadline would also remain the same and once declared, students cannot reclaim that pass-no credit. The fall



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SGA representatives in their weekly House of Representatives meeting.

deadline is Nov. 12 and the spring deadline is March 31.

The Faculty Senate Student Relations Committee is reviewing the proposal. If it is approved, it moves to the

Faculty Senate for a vote.

If approved by Faculty Senate, it goes to the Provost/University Curriculum Committee, which makes the final decision.

# Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019:

This year, follow your emotions and your hunches. You could be more on-target than in previous years. You simply know what to do and when. If single, trust your instincts but date someone for at least a year before deciding "This is it." If attached, the two of you easily could become closer, especially if your sweetie tunes in to your feelings. PISCES understands you nearly too well.

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)

★★★ You might be choosing to play it low-key. Ideas seem to fly into your mind from left field. You might wrestle with one idea until it seems to work and have beneficial results. Tonight: Get plenty of R and R. You will need it.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Zero in on what you want, understanding the challenges it could present. You may welcome a new opportunity that will open you up and allow you to break away from certain mental filters. Tonight: Go with a wild suggestion.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Your ability to get past a problem allows greater give-and-take than in the recent past. Others admire your ability to synthesize and get to the bottom of a problem. You smile and others respond. Tonight: Think weekend.

## CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your feelings change, and you are likely to view a personal issue in a different light. As a result, what appeared to be a far-out idea becomes doable. Share your observations with a close friend or loved one.

Tonight: Off to hear great music.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ One-on-one relating draws results. How you deal with someone could radically change. When you spend more time with this person, you see him or her in a different light. Do not get too stubborn when dealing with a work-related matter. You might be right, but others need to find out on their own. Tonight: Share with a loved one.

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

★★★★★ You want to defer to another person at the moment. He or she might be on a certain path and will resent interference. You have a way of thinking that is very different. A child or an innovative project needs your energy. Tonight: Go with the status quo.

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

★★★ Emphasize the practical and what you can get done. If you call the shots, you will be able to bypass what appears to be a rigid perspective from a key person. Otherwise, you could spend a lot of time exchanging ideas and/or negotiating. Tonight: Relaxing at home.

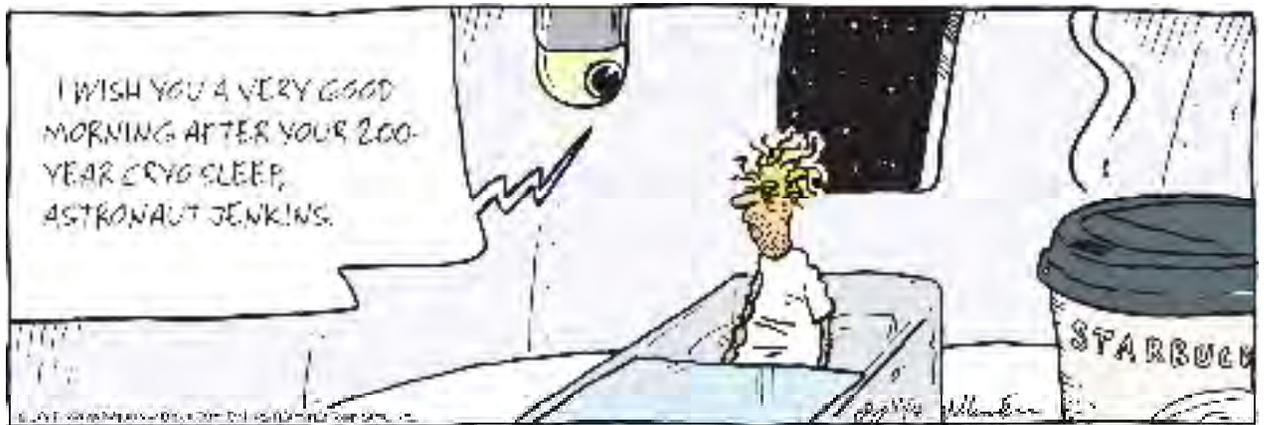
## SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your creativity emerges, and you see life in a new way, with a different perspective. You can make headway when dealing with someone who seems to intrude on your pace. You might choose to bypass this person. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

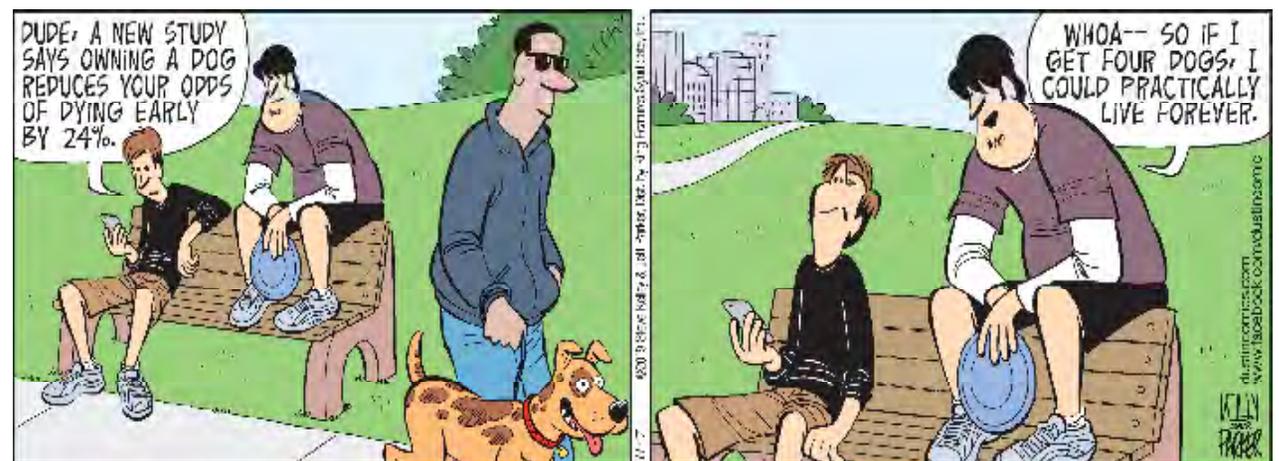
## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Pressure around your home and property builds. You could feel as if you cannot find the right path, and for now, that may be true. You also might be dealing with an extraordinarily tenacious person. Tonight: Good luck kicks in.

## Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



## Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



## Intelligent Life by David Reddick



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

★★★ You might not intend to be a handful, but you are when someone challenges you to do something you might not have considered. Sometimes, not being as stubborn and rigid could help. Tonight: Relax with a dear friend.

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

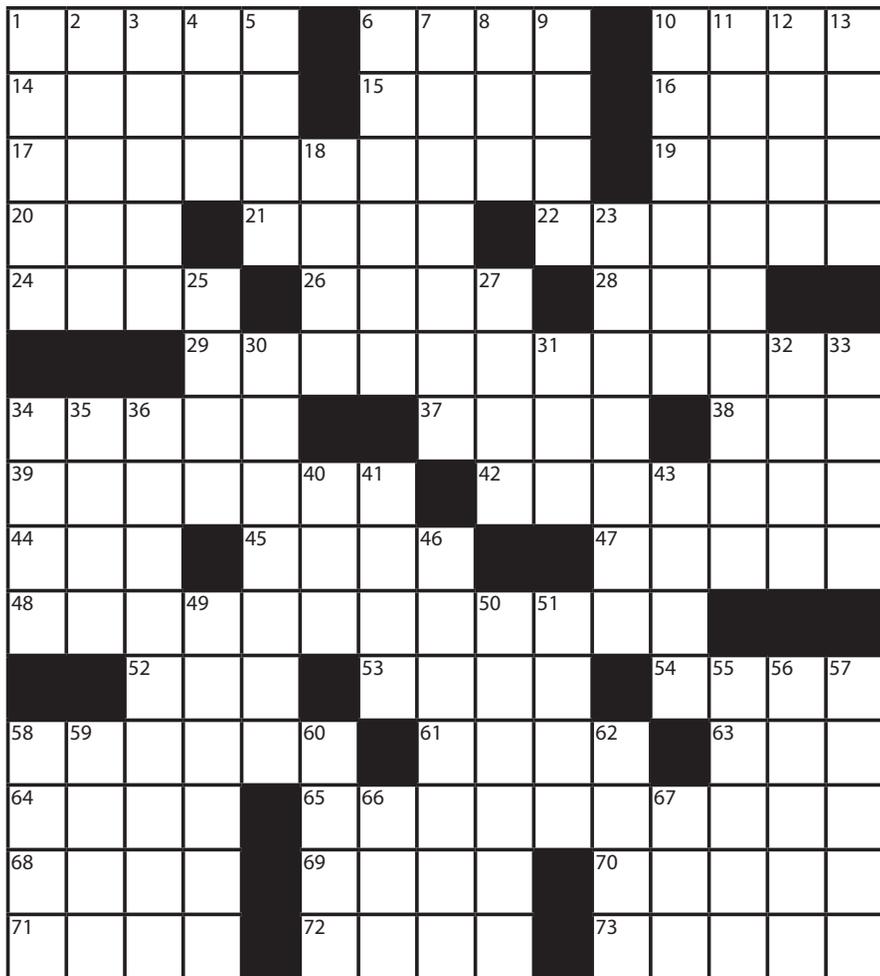
★★★ You might have some difficulty settling in and being practical. Your vision of possibilities interferes. However, when dealing with funds and expenditures, be as practical as possible. It will pay off. Tonight: Follow a fun friend's lead.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your vitality changes and you feel as if you can deal with a difficult person and perhaps a scattered boss. Stay calm, cool and collected. The results could be extraordinary. Tonight: Wish upon a star.

# The New York Times

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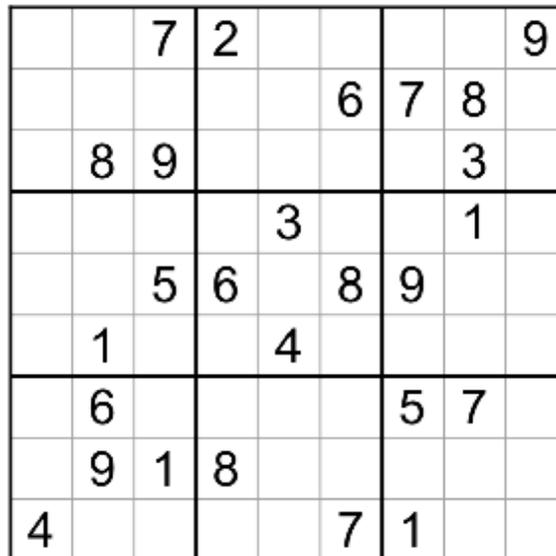
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## TCU Trivia

**True or False** A Texas sports writer coined the phrase "Killer Frogs."

**SOLUTION**

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- 46 Pillage
- 49 Like Solomon among all biblical kings
- 50 Popular juice brand
- 51 Creature on Endor
- 55 Neighbor of a Pakistani
- 56 \_\_\_\_ de leche (ice cream topping)
- 57 Press (into)
- 58 "Ghostbusters" force, for short
- 59 Frigid suffix
- 60 "Take a Chance on Me" group
- 62 Ali had more than 20 of them in his career
- 66 \_\_\_\_ Tres Virgenes, highest mountain in Baja California Sur
- 67 Golfer's target

## COMMUNITY

# Neeley graduate creates clothing line for disabled

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A TCU alumnus decided to start a business that designs customized clothes for people with conditions that impair their ability to button and zip their clothes, and it all started with the idea to help his grandfather get dressed.

Charlie McKee, a graduate of the Neeley School of Business, founded AdaptaFit, a company that produces a magnetic strip device to add to their clothing so they can open and close them with ease instead of buttoning or zipping.

“Two years ago, we

were visiting my grandparents over Christmas break, and I noticed it took my grandpa almost an hour to put on khakis and a button down, even with my grandma helping him,” said McKee, who graduated last spring.

AdaptaFit is currently in the early developments and its main priorities are focused on marketing to build a following and spread the word prior to launch.

“There has been a lot of trial and error of modifying the product,” McKee said. “The biggest challenge for me is that there are so many things I could be doing, so keeping

myself accountable is important.”

McKee said the product is made to help a variety of people, particularly those with arthritis, Parkinson’s, autism, cerebral palsy and any condition that affects fine motor skills.

“Showing people my product and seeing people react to it gives me energy,” McKee said. “Being able to get to do that as my job, seeing my product come to life and the effect it has on people, is a crazy feeling.”

McKee said he raised over \$10,000 in two years by participating in the Shaddock SeedFund Pitch Competitions, an

event open to all TCU students.

In addition to raising money to fund his business, McKee had mentors such as Michael Sherrod, an instructor in the Neeley entrepreneurship program, who helped him succeed.

“He’s been with me through every step of this process, and if I was ever in a pickle, I went to him,” McKee said.

Sherrod said helping students develop their ideas and receive funding is a priority. He has been working with McKee for over a year and a half, formulating strategies for potential setbacks and determining next steps.



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Charlie McKee, left, with his grandfather.

“The biggest thing is that everyone has a perception about starting a business being a big step to take,” McKee said. “To pursue an idea you have is just a bunch of small little steps, you

can validate that idea most of the time without spending money.”

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