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Rhodes Scholarship finalist helps community



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Sophomores Laska Anderson and Courtney May embrace each other following a stunning victory over Texas A&M.

By **ROBBIE VAGLIO**

EXECUTIVE EDITOR, TCU 360

TCU's newest finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship has made an impact on the community by helping others reach their fullest potential.

She never thought she'd be in this position, though.

Laska Anderson, a senior majoring in history and English and minoring in writing, learned about the opportunity to be a Scholar in 2016 when Caylin Moore won the award.

"I never thought that I would be here," Anderson said. "I always thought Rhodes Scholars were people that design non-profits and things like that. I didn't really see myself in that light."

Rhodes Scholars are selected for their scholarly achievement, their character, commitment to others and the common good and for their potential for leadership in all of

their potential careers, according to their website.

It's a highly competitive award – over 2,500 students applied across the nation. Anderson is one of 200 finalists.

Anderson is TCU's first finalist since Moore won the award in 2016. Josh Simpson in 2014 and Matthew Freedman in 2006 are other recent finalists from TCU.

"There's a personal statement and it's only 1,000 words, so you have to condense your entire life into 1,000 words and you get 5 to 8 letters of recommendation in addition to a university endorsement," Anderson said.

Only 960 applicants received a university endorsement.

Although she has earned a 4.0 GPA, is taking graduate classes as an undergraduate and works with underprivileged children in the community, Anderson said she didn't think

her accomplishments were worthy of a Rhodes Scholarship.

"I would say the thread that holds all of my involvement together is I'm very passionate about helping others reach a platform where they can see opportunities available to them and realize their own confidence," Anderson said.

Anderson, who is also on TCU's equestrian team, has been giving free equestrian lessons to children since she was 13.

However, she has stopped riding because of an illness, but she hasn't left the team. She's spent her time off the horse serving as a student coach to mentor her teammates.

"It's been so cool seeing the other side," Anderson said. "I still feel like I'm just as involved in equestrian, but I'm just not the one going into the arena. I'm still part of prepping our girls to being the best that they can and helping

them navigate the life of a student-athlete."

She also coaches under-resourced elementary and middle school children in life skills and volunteers with the Tarrant Area Food Bank Learning Garden to provide nutrition education and adequate food supply to Fort Worth children.

As a peer tutor in the writing center, she helps students expand and polish their ideas, mainly working with students whose second language is English.

"I think that that is my main passion is to be able to help others create a space for them to realize their potential," she said.

On top of that, she has earned almost every possible equestrian accolade – including NCAA Division 1 Rider of the Year in 2018 – and was selected to be an NCAA Elite Equestrian, an award given to one student-athlete at the

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national championship based upon performance record and highest GPA.

“Laska is an accomplished researcher, a collegiate athlete who has reached the pinnacle of her sport, and a thoughtful citizen who uses her spare time to help people in need. Moreover, she considers history as a form of inquiry, has an uncanny talent for building trust, and possesses the moral force necessary to help change our world,” Chancellor Victor Boschini said.

“What’s refreshing about Laska is her authenticity,” said Ron Pitcock, the assistant

dean of the Honors College. “The Rhodes Scholarship never served as the motivation for her extraordinary achievements in the classroom, her excellence in the equestrian arena, or her discoveries in international archives. Excellence is the common result of how Laska intensely and thoughtfully pursues educational and athletic endeavors with uncommon maturity and humility.”

To her, being a Rhodes Scholar is all about being the best that you can be in everything that you do and seizing all the opportunities that are made available.

But it’s not all about

her; it’s about the people behind the scenes cheering her on.

“My parents are incredible and the coaches I’ve had here are the most amazing women and my professors who have helped me,” Anderson said. “Applying for this award is great but I feel like it’s not about me. It’s about the people behind me who have helped to shape me.”

Anderson hopes to get her doctorate in history and teach at a university in the future. For now, she’s preparing for her final interviews with the scholarship committee which she’ll have on Saturday.



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Anderson serves as a peer tutor in the writing center and also works with underprivileged children in Fort Worth.

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SPORTS

Football misses shot at bowl eligibility with loss to WVU

By COLIN POST

SPORTS EDITOR, TCU 360

Needing a win to reach bowl eligibility, TCU football ended their season Friday as they fell just short at home against West Virginia, losing 20-17.

“[You’ve] got to make plays,” head coach Gary Patterson said. “You can’t give ball games away.”

The Frogs gave up a touchdown with 2:10 remaining to give the Mountaineers the 20-17 lead. The loss drops TCU to 5-7 on the season.

Safety Ar’Darius Washington was one of the lone bright spots for TCU in the game, as



PHOTO BY HEESOO YANG

Jalen Reagor, who has declared for the NFL draft, sulks as TCU misses their shot at a bowl game.

the emerging first-year recorded two interceptions in the contest.

Quarterback Max Duggan finished just

15-for-36 for 144 yards and two interceptions.

A strong hit on wide receiver Jalen Reagor, after a catch on TCU’s

first drive of the game, popped the ball up in the air and into the hands of the Mountaineers.

West Virginia would score just four plays later to go up 7-0 less than five minutes into the contest.

The Frogs, led by their seniors, would respond well. Minutes later, receiver Taye Barber exploded up the right sideline for a 64-yard rush to put TCU deep in West Virginia territory. This set up a two-yard rushing touchdown by running back Sewo Olonilua to tie the game at seven.

Later, with 4:47 left to go, West Virginia got the ball with a chance to take the lead. It looked like

TCU had them stopped, but defensive end Ross Blacklock was called for targeting, ejecting him from the game and putting the Mountaineers deep in TCU territory.

Just two plays later, West Virginia took the lead on a 35-yard touchdown pass.

TCU would get two more opportunities to score from there, but they turned it over on downs both times. Duggan didn’t even get a chance to throw on TCU’s final offensive play, as he was swarmed by West Virginia’s defensive front.

“They have some really good players up front,” Patterson said about West Virginia.

Out of TCU’s seven losses on the season, six of them were decided by six points or less.

Despite the loss, TCU held West Virginia to just 244 total yards, which falls well below their average of 329.0 per game. This makes the Frogs a perfect 12-for-12 this season on holding opponents below their season total offense averages.

This is just the third time in Patterson’s 19 years as head coach that TCU has not reached a bowl game.

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Counseling and mental health center implement changes to better assist students

By **ARIANA WILLIAMS**
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TCU's mental health center is looking to rethink the traditional model of college mental health through the implementation of new programs and initiatives.

The counseling and mental health center received a three-year, \$300,000 grant from the Department of Health & Human Services to create dedicated intake and crisis response teams.

Across the country, 34% of college students received treatment for mental health, according to a recent study from the American Psychiatric Association, highlighting its importance on campus.

The grant provides funding for other campus partners to host prevention programs for specialized populations such as veterans and first-generation students.

The changes to the collegiate recovery programs aspire to help students who deal with depression, anxiety and eating disorders, offering after-care services and support communities for students with an array of different needs, including those who are trauma survivors.

Some of these services

include a suicide ideation crisis center, which helps people with suicidal thoughts, and an eating disorder crisis center. Each of these programs aims to create an easier transition back to TCU for students who are hospitalized for suicidal ideation or a suicide attempt, as well as catering to students who need a higher level of care.

Eric Wood, the director of the counseling and mental health center, is in charge of spearheading these initiatives.

"Our hope is that these changes expand our scope of care and focus our mission at providing treatment, recovery and after-care services to students," Wood said.

Another program that will be implemented is the Comprehensive Care Model — a program that is unique to TCU.

This initiative pairs the Counseling and Mental Health Center with local treatment centers and private donors to offer advanced care programs to students on campus.

Additionally, it includes an intensive outpatient program and behavior therapy

programs for students with persistent symptoms.

The removal of session limits will be one of the biggest changes, Wood said.

Previously, a student would be limited to three on-campus visits with a counselor — now, sessions will have no set limit. Instead, they will be goal-directed so that therapists and students can efficiently monitor progress and ultimately determine when counseling can be completed.

Also, the mental health center extended its hours to 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with evening services available on Monday through Wednesday from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. by appointment.

"I think it's great that they have more availability, I really could've used that last year, and I know some other dance majors that could have as well," said Claire Schoellerman, a sophomore double major in ballet and modern dance.

Haley Polk, a senior film, television and digital media student is excited to see how these changes will better TCU's



PHOTO BY KATHRYN LEWIS

The mental health center is implementing new programs and initiatives.

student body.

"I was a bit frustrated at first with the session limits," Polk said. "I had my counselor taken away after a few limited sessions, and it was not great. This is going to be very useful for the new students coming in."

Wood said there has been overall support for the programs and initiatives thus far.

"I have received positive remarks from colleagues at other

schools in terms of our new treatment model," Wood said. "We are still in the adjustment period as we transition our services, but the support and mentality from the university has been amazing."

The changes made to TCU's counseling center aim to further cater to the different needs that students may have regarding mental health.

The mental health center is available

for both walk-in and scheduled appointments. Students can visit the center's website and learn more about programs, hours of availability and ways to contact the faculty and staff.

NEWS

Venezuelan migrant families manage struggles for citizenship in Colombia

By **MARIANA RIVAS**

WEB EDITOR, TCU 360

Cucuta, Colombia
— Home for four-month-old Victor Davic Mendoza is a bedsheet on a distant relative's floor.

Victor's mother, Dina Lopez, 17, fears Victor and her two daughters, Dagni, 4, and Jamie, 2, will grow up in poverty.

"We are old and we can put up with it, but with the kids..." Lopez said without finishing her thought.

Dina and Victor Mendoza, 25, didn't expect their new reality to be almost as harrowing as their old one in Los Teques, Venezuela, where food, medicine, healthcare, and electricity are all scarce.

They join the 4 million others who have fled economic and political chaos in a country that has been spiraling for more than a decade.

Where hyperinflation continues accumulating, nation-wide blackouts last weeks and cases of eradicated diseases are rediscovered, many Venezuelans feel they have no other choice but to flee.

In an effort to stifle dictator Nicolas Maduro, the U.S. has issued sanctions, and countries such as Colombia have closed diplomatic ties with the nation.

The couple is now set to start the process of registering their son as a Colombian, sealing with it their hopes for a better life; a new life that is just several office visits, a folder full of paperwork

and several months away—their solution to a problem they never saw coming.

The stateless people

Until last month, Victor Davic was stateless. He had no nationality to his name.

He is one of approximately 24,000 babies born of Venezuelan parents who were promised Colombian citizenship last month because of the "obstacles impossible to overcome" that parents faced.

Parents couldn't simply pass down their Venezuelan citizenship. There were no operating Venezuelan consulates since the start of this year, and Colombia is one of the few countries in the region that doesn't grant citizenship by birth.

Colombia has reacted differently from most other countries in the region. Instead of providing barriers to Venezuelan migrants, it has chosen to open its doors, make special work permissions and grant the children citizenship.

Others, including Perú and Chile, have started requiring Venezuelans to have visas, which are almost impossible for poor migrants to afford.

"Now it's our turn," said Mariana Medina of the Defensoría del Pueblo of Colombia. "We were migrants in an extreme magnitude, and today we are receiving. It is a moment of solidarity but also to return the favor."

The complex history between the neighboring countries has defined



PHOTO BY MARIANA RIVAS

The Rev. Francesco Bortignon explains the daily functions of Mision Scalabrini Cucuta in his office. They provide housing, meals, and education to migrant families, over 95% of which are Venezuelan.

Colombia's attitude today, but it still causes a point of contention for younger generations that don't remember when an economically prosperous Venezuela welcomed thousands of Colombians fleeing violence from the guerrilla warfare.

Still, the influx of migrants has overwhelmed Colombia, which has absorbed an estimated 1.2 million Venezuelans since the chaos began.

'Where God leads them'

Lopez and Mendoza knew they had to leave when Lopez became pregnant.

"We weren't feeding ourselves well," she said. "I didn't take any

vitamins or any of that."

Dina was showing signs of early preeclampsia, a complication tied to blood pressure that can be fatal. She was at risk of a miscarriage.

Venezuelan migrant mothers tend to show obvious signs of malnutrition, said the Rev. Francesco Bortignon of Mision Scalabrini Cucuta.

"They've never had a medical screening," he said.

So on Nov. 2 of last year, Mendoza and Lopez, at 19-weeks pregnant, made the trek from Los Teques to Cucuta, finding a ride wherever they could.

Bortignon said women aren't prepared for the journey. They come

wearing flip-flops and threadbare t-shirts. At night, when the temperature falls, some wrap themselves in aluminum foil, hoping to stay warm.

They travel "where God leads them and while their body endures," Bortignon said.

Migrants often make their way to a new life by crossing Simon Bolivar International Bridge, a place that now has as much vitality as a marketplace. The two-lane bridge was originally designed for vehicles. But now it's filled with the traffic of footsteps of around 140,000 Venezuelans in 2019, according to Migración Colombia. There, Venezuelans

resell anything they can get their hands on: over-the-counter medicine, fruit, socks, and toys.

La Parada is their first stop after making it to Colombia. The tiny town has a soup kitchen, a soccer field and medical facilities sponsored by the United Nations and other humanitarian groups.

"Most pregnant women who walk through our doors are high-risk cases, and we can't treat them," said Marcela Rosas, the administrator of Medical Center La Margarita, whose clients are almost exclusively Venezuelan.

A lack of prenatal care

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in Venezuela is one of the migrant mothers' largest motivators for making the journey.

"I did not want to move for the nationality," said Julifer Nieto, 20. "I wanted her to be born well because I knew that in Barquisimeto I might've had to give birth on the floor."

Nieto said her niece was born in a hospital in Barquisimeto, Venezuela, where her sister saw a woman giving birth on the waiting room floor because of a lack of hospital beds.

But in Cucuta, they aren't immune to a similar problem.

Hospital Universitario Erasmo Meoz, the largest public hospital in Cucuta, has seen a spike in its numbers from 5 percent of Venezuelan mothers giving birth there in 2016 to almost 80 percent in July 2019.

The sub-secretary of Health Care Control for the City of Cucuta, Franklin Hernandez, said the healthcare system in Cucuta has barely remained afloat with the mass migration.

"The services were already collapsed, and as a result of the Venezuelan immigration these public hospitals started to receive that quantity of people that we weren't ready to receive," he said. "Not only do we have to address our problems, but we also have to address Venezuela's problems."

'Everyone is exhausted...'

Life in Cucuta is hard, but Mendoza and Lopez say they can at least manage. Mendoza works odd jobs when

he can find them, and Lopez sells candy on the street.

It isn't uncommon for cars to be flooded with Venezuelans asking for money at stoplights in whatever way they can: playing music, selling water, cleaning windshields. There is even worry among Cucuta citizens about children being used to beg for money.

The sheer magnitude of the issue has left many Colombians feeling deflated, even the ones who want to help.

"Everyone is exhausted by the mass of Venezuelans," said Bortignon. "And it is an exhaustion with a certain vitality. Annoyance. Dirt. Mess. Some violence. Lack of employment."

Animosity has built up among Colombians as a result of the mass migration, and many aren't pleased with the government's most recent resolution.

"It's also not like it's very well received that they get citizenship in our society," said Medina.

This disagreement could lead to a possible lawsuit against the resolution. It could be revoked with relative ease, putting the citizenship status of these children in danger.

Medina cites other imperfections with the resolution; it depends upon Venezuela's diplomatic status in Colombia. But Medina said the Venezuelan consulates were putting up barriers to the children before requiring a visa or Colombian legal migratory status from their own citizens.

"For Colombia, this has been a very strong

cultural shock but also an institutional shock," said Zair Mundaraim of Juan Guaido's Venezuelan embassy in Colombia. "And the institutional shock is reflected in all the legal system and all the resolutions. It prevents integration."

Lopez and Mendoza said they have felt discriminated against since their arrival.

"Those that did bad things when they got here like rob," Lopez said. "They think that all Venezuelans are like that, but many of us aren't like that. There are some of us that really work to get what we need."

A new chaos

Eligia Venezia, 38, came from Venezuela to "test fate" in the hope of a fresh start. She found one, but it wasn't what she expected.

Instead of finding more opportunities, she was met with obstacles everywhere she went. She and her husband couldn't find jobs. Authorities threatened to take custody of her three kids. Her youngest son, Vilan, was a stateless baby, and for her, it was the last straw.

"It must have been that everyone was very stressed, and they didn't want to care for the Venezuelans because of the situation that we're going through right now," Venezia said.

She is currently asking for money to find her way back to Venezuela.

Lopez and Mendoza don't know whether they'll return one day; there are times when they consider it.

"If it's not one thing, it's the other," Lopez said. She said problems tend to pile up on



PHOTO BY MARIANA RIVAS

Pregnant mothers wait in the maternity wing at the Erasmo Meoz hospital.



PHOTO BY MARIANA RIVAS

Venezuelans perform at a spotlight. One of them plays a popular Venezuelan instrument known for its four strings, a cuatro.

them in Cucuta. Their memories of the chaos that once was their home get hazier.

But they choose to stay for their children; they're determined to make do with their new reality.

"It would be smarter to establish the kids here because we've already made the move," Mendoza said. "The future is theirs. We

already passed our time."

They remember when they brought Victor Davic into a world outside of Venezuela's chaos and into a different one.

Lopez was starting contractions months before her expected cesarean section. The Erasmo Meoz hospital refused to take her in until the scheduled date. The couple slept outside

in the main square on two occasions waiting for their slot. On April 24, Lopez was dilated, and they couldn't hold off any longer. They took her in for an emergency c-section.

Victor Davic was born. "We're grateful for the help," Mendoza said.

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GRADUATION

A guide to designing your graduation cap

By RILEY KNIGHT

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If you're an artistic type who has been planning your graduation cap since the day you received your TCU acceptance letter, you can stop reading now.

If you cringe at the thought of drawing anything other than a stick figure, don't worry -- here's a step-by-step, foolproof guide to decorating your graduation cap.

So, to create a graduation cap that will rival the Mona Lisa, you will need a few materials.

Materials:

- Construction paper/Decorative Paper
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Paint

Extra: jewels, glitter, stickers, markers

Step 1:

To start, measure your graduation cap with a ruler and cut the paper to match the dimensions. Since I'm a sophomore and don't necessarily have a graduation cap, I'm using the construction paper as a makeshift cap. Using the hot glue

gun, glue the paper to the top of the hat. Hopefully, by now you have a general idea of how you want your masterpiece to look.

Step 2:

Using your ruler or a stencil, sketch out your design with a pencil. Once you are satisfied with your design, break out the paint. Paint or color in your design (however your heart desires). For paint, it is best to use two coats for a smoother, finished look.

Step 3:

Now for the fun part... Here is where you get

to personalize your cap. Using my hot glue gun, I glued jewels on the edge of my cap and around the letters. After adding your personal flourish, sit back and admire your work.

Of course, each cap will be different and personal to each graduate. For those who are struggling to come up with a design, here's a list of possible themes to get those creative juices flowing.

Pizza theme – Decorate your cap as a large pizza slice to symbolize the amount of Toppers you've consumed in your four

years.

TV show theme – Proudly own your Netflix obsession by modeling your cap after your favorite show, which you may or may not spend hours binge-watching.

Current events theme – Nothing will remind you more of your wonderful senior year like dedicating your cap to what is going on in the news. Try a wonderful Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton theme – oh, senior memories.

Social Media handle theme – Rack up those follows while accepting your diploma by putting your Twitter handle or

Instagram username in large letters. Bonus points if you actually gain followers.

Nothing – You can always go against the crowd by doing absolutely nothing to your cap. No decorations, no anything. Nothing says, "I'm over it, get me out of here," like a blank graduation cap.

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Majority of college students will not use their degree after graduation

By CHAD VAUTHERINE
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Imagine four to five years of hard work, countless assignments and thousands of dollars spent on a college degree that won't be used after graduation—for a majority of college graduates, this is actually more of a reality than ever before.

According to a study conducted by Next Gen Personal Finance, only 27% of today's college graduates will work in the field of their degree after graduating.

TCU senior Sarah Crowder studied communications and energy for four years, though she is not going into either of those fields.

Crowder recently accepted a job with a college ministry at Baylor University.

"It wasn't until my senior year that I thought

I might not be taking a traditional route in my post-grad years," she said. "We are given a template to go to college for four years, work for a company and begin life, but I am excited to do something different."

TCU sports broadcasting major Ryan Layne said he believes his degree will help him no matter what job he gets.

"I believe my degree does hold value for what I want to do, as I plan on going into more than one field of work," said Layne. "All the hands-on learning we had in our major, I will use those to help me find jobs that suit what I am looking for."

"Most of the people in my life see my degree as a benefit for my career," said Crowder. "I will not be graduating with just a communications degree, because this school has shaped me into the future



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Students celebrate as graduation comes to a close.

employee that I will soon be."

According to U.S. News & World Report, 85% of TCU students are placed in the workforce or graduate school within the first three months after graduation.



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Graduation ceremony held at the Ed & Rae Schollmaier Arena.

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Hannah,

Congratulations! You did it girl! We could not be prouder of you. Now we are excited to see what God has next for you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

COMMUNITY

Great places to eat around campus and Fort Worth

By JACOB HOOK

LINE EDITOR, TCU 360

Graduation weekend brings hungry family members from all over the nation to TCU's campus.

Read below to find some of the best dining experiences the Fort Worth area has to offer.

FORT WORTH FLAVORS

Charley's Old Fashion Hamburgers

This hole in the wall has been a staple in Fort Worth citizens' diets since 1953.

The exterior looks like a vintage burger stand, and the burgers have a fresh, classic taste.

"Our burgers are cooked fresh to order," said Deborah Bell, owner of Charley's Old Fashion Hamburgers. "It might take a little extra time, but it's worth the wait."

Some of the most popular burgers are the project x burger, the avocado burger and the mushroom burger.

Charley's recently opened a sweet shack right next door that offers ice cream, popsicles, cake balls, fudge brownies and more.

QUICK BITES

Zeke's Fish & Chips

For nearly the last five decades, Zeke's has been famous for its fast service

and variety of delicious seafood options.

"Some of the most popular items on our menu are cod, catfish and chicken salad," said Mark Lidell, the owner of Zeke's.

The food comes out fast, but if you need your seafood to go, Zeke's also offers a drive thru window.

Zeke's has the feel and flavor of a mom-and-pop seafood place.

All of its seafood is cooked to order, and the food's flavor separates it from the traditional seafood you find elsewhere.

BEST BREAKFAST

Yogi's Deli and Grill

Anything you can crave — this restaurant has got it. Yogi's is known for its wide variety of food and fast service.

This deli offers pancakes, breakfast tacos and eight different kinds of eggs benedict.

"Our restaurant is family owned, and everything is home cooked and made from scratch," said Yogi Florsheim, the owner of Yogi's Deli and Grill.

NEW TO TOWN

Fat Shack

"It's hard to describe this restaurant," said Ronnie Davis, the owner



PHOTO BY JACOB HOOK

Charley's sign outside of the restaurant.

of Fat Shack. "It's crazy. Basically, we just take deep fried items and pile them into a sandwich and call it a meal.

This crazy new restaurant just opened underneath GrandMarc seven months ago.

"Business has been better than we could ever

imagine," Davis said.

Davis said the restaurant's most popular dessert items are the deep fried Oreo's, deep fried Twinkies and deep fried cheesecake bites.

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CAMPUS LIFE

A guide to preventing food waste

By CAMILLA PRICE
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

TCU Dining and Sodexo have implemented many programs to reduce food waste on campus; now, it's the student body's turn.

The U.N.'s Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) estimates the amount of food wasted annually is more than twice what is needed to provide food for the roughly 800 million malnourished people worldwide.

In addition to a humanitarian challenge, food waste is also an environmental issue. If

it were a country, food waste would be the world's third-largest emitter of greenhouse gases after the U.S. and China, according to National Geographic.

Sodexo's resident district manager Michael Dahl and district general manager Scott Majestic said TCU Dining participates in programs with goals to keep food waste off the table.

Dining tackles food waste

TCU participates in a tracking program called Lean Path, which traces pre-consumer waste and allows the dining team to adjust production and

menu offers and prevent over-purchasing certain items.

If food is still left over, it is given to the Fort Worth community, representatives from Sodexo said.

TCU Dining also sources food from 53 local farms and a variety of nearby partners, which eliminates food loss and emissions during the transportation process.

Uneaten food left by students and other consumers goes through a "pulper" to reduce its volume by 88%. However, further solutions for waste, like composting, depend on student interest.



Students dining at Market Square.

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Students have an impact

Despite interest from student government and Sodexo, composting a large amount of food waste has not yet been implemented on campus due to issues with pricing and space, said Nicole Gorretta, Student Government Association's (SGA) director of sustainability.

To pave the way for future composting, Gorretta has written SGA resolutions that request the addition of composting facilities when the Brown-Lupton University Union is remodeled.

Similarly, TCU student McKenzie Amaral has worked on developing a greenhouse on campus after she became interested in food sustainability while writing her cookbook, Dormet, which lists recipes that are able to be prepared in a dorm room.

"TCU students need to show a vested interest in this project to ensure that it would be utilized," Amaral said.

Students need to take initiative in encouraging these innovative solutions – and in managing their own food waste. In the buffet-style Market Square, it can be tempting to choose larger portions, but Gorretta reminds students that "it's better to take less food and then go back for seconds."

Students eating off-campus can also contribute by using to-go boxes for leftovers and planning ahead for meals to prevent overbuying at the grocery store can eliminate unnecessary toss-outs.

Buying "imperfect" fruits and vegetables also prevents waste in grocery stores because oddly shaped or colored fruits are often discarded due to consumers' focus on aesthetics.

Occasionally eating

leftovers may not feel like a large contribution, but every scrap matters. A USDA study estimated the average American throws out nearly a pound of food every single day, equating to close to 150,000 tons of wasted food daily across the United States.

Just one-third of that food could satisfy the needs of the 42 million Americans facing food insecurity, meaning they are unsure how they will get their next meal.

The effects of food waste are far-reaching and costly. The FAO states that wasted food equates to \$680 billion in industrialized countries, and the squandered energy and water used to produce and transport the food generate as much as 37 million cars' worth of greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. alone.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Tuition increase won't impact applicant pool, said dean of admissions

By **NIKKI SPELLMAN**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Although tuition will increase 4.9% next school year, there is little evidence to suggest annual increases have affected the applicant pool, said Heath Einstein, the dean of admission.

TCU's direct estimated cost for the 2019-20 school year is \$63,830, tuition alone being \$49,160. Next year, tuition is set to increase to an estimated cost of \$66,250.

Even though tuition is rising annually, Einstein said the admissions department doesn't have a difficult time

pitching the university to students.

"Families know that college is expensive these days, and so our conversations are less about the price point and more about helping them understand the value proposition of this lifelong investment," Einstein said.

As a mother of two TCU students, TCU alumna Shauna James is not happy that tuition continues to increase every year.

James said the best remedy is to only increase tuition for incoming first-year students and to freeze the price throughout their four years.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TCU

TCU's Dean of Admission Heath Einstein.

"It's one thing to keep raising it over and over, but I think that as incoming freshman you should have your tuition [froze]," James said.

However, Chancellor Victor Boschini doesn't



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This Jan. 28, 2019 file photo shows the entrance to the main Duke University campus in Durham, N.C.

think that's the best option.

"I've worked at a school that did that, and they canceled it because it backfired," Boschini said. "What happened is eventually the underclassmen got angry, and they thought that they were paying for your benefits. It kind of created some dissension on campus."

There are universities across the country that make efforts to make tuition more affordable, such as Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

Duke University reviews each incoming student's application and uses that information to determine the amount the family and student are expected to pay. Any additional amount comes in the form of scholarships, work-study and student loans, according to their website.

Kendall James, a senior communication studies major, said these universities offer more opportunities to students with a lower income and promote diversity and inclusion.

"They have a very structured system to make sure that students of lower income can actually come to the schools which makes these schools more diverse, especially in comparison to TCU, where our set tuition rate and financial aid are different and harder to obtain," James said.

Students and parents have begun to look at the quality of a TCU education and what the value of education is with the name of TCU in comparison to other prestigious universities.

"Bang for the buck, it's something to think about," said Shauna James. "At some point, are we getting a Duke University education?"

Affordability is an issue TCU is also trying to address.

"Counselors in the Office of Admission, as well as the Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid, go to great lengths to explore ways in which families can afford TCU," said Einstein.

As a recipient of the Dean's Scholarship,

Kendall James said her scholarship is covering less and less of her tuition each year.

The Dean's scholarship was offered to her at \$20,000 a year, and with the increase in tuition, the cost has gone up, but her scholarship has not.

"The problem for me is that the price I thought I was getting coming to TCU has increased a lot since I came as a freshman, and I think that it's false advertising on TCU's part to raise tuition because what I paid as a freshman is not the same as what I'm paying as a senior," Kendall James said.

Over the past four years, the number of applications has increased by 8.6%, even though tuition continues to rise each year.

The Office of Admission provides students with printed materials, digital marketing, presentations and formal conversations to draw incoming students to TCU and ensure they know it can be affordable.



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CAMPUS LIFE

A cappella group offers opportunities

By JACOB HOOK

LINE EDITOR, TCU 360

An all-women's a cappella group not only provides a place for women to continue singing and performing, but also a place to make everlasting friendships.

Here Comes Treble has been on campus for six years and has provided a group for women who are passionate about singing and performing.

Aubrey Bossie, a first-year music major, said she joined the group so she could sing casually and meet new friends that share similar passions.

Rachel Rowe, a sophomore music education major, reiterated those feelings.

"I've been in the group for two years now, and it's been an awesome time," Rowe said. "I really love rehearsing with the girls."

But being a part of the group is not just about having fun and making friends; it also includes numerous hours of hard work.

Haley Springer, a senior nursing major and the club's president, said the club rehearses twice a week for two hours each week.

"First we start with reviewing upcoming events or gigs and then we conduct warm ups to get our voices ready to sing," Springer said. "When songs are new we often split up into sopranos and altos to go through parts, and then



PHOTO BY JAKE HOOK

Here Comes Treble performing in the BLUU Auditorium.

we put it all together."

Rowe said the process of creating a song and performance, which begins by choosing a song, can take anywhere from three to five months.

"Choosing a song is typically a democratic process," Springer said. "We all suggest songs and then vote on which ones to do."

Springer said the only reason a song typically gets vetoed is if it won't work for a cappella or if they don't have a member who can sing the solo.

After the song idea is chosen, the group is then tasked with creating an arrangement.

"We throw out song ideas and then somebody gets tasked with writing the arrangement," Rowe said.

Rowe said all of the group's arrangements have been written by group members or friends of the group members.

All the hard work pays off in the end for Here Comes Treble, when they get to perform, particularly at the International

Championship of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCAs).

"We performed my freshman and sophomore year in ICCAs, which is the 'Pitch Perfect' organization, but we weren't able to compete last year because it was during our spring break," Springer said. "But we've auditioned this year, and we're hoping we'll be able to compete again."

Here Comes Treble performed with License to Trill, a co-ed a cappella group on TCU's campus, on Nov. 13 in the BLUU Auditorium, and the all-female a cappella group is scheduled to perform again on campus Dec. 5.

"We will be performing in Sacappella on Dec. 5," Springer said. "It's going to be Senseless Acts of Comedy joined by a few a cappella groups, and it will be improv skits mixed with a cappella performances."

Auditions are typically held every August and are announced on the group's Instagram.

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OBITUARY

Heisman winner, former TCU coach Pat Sullivan dies at 69

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pat Sullivan, the 1971 Heisman Trophy winner at Auburn who went on to coach TCU and Samford, has died. He was 69.

Sullivan's family released a statement saying he "died peacefully at home" Sunday morning, surrounded by relatives. The former quarterback was diagnosed with throat cancer in 2003 and the statement said he "fought a long and difficult battle as a result of his treatments."

Sullivan was a College Football Hall of Famer who played four seasons with the NFL's Atlanta Falcons, wrapping up his playing career in 1976

with the Washington Redskins and San Francisco 49ers.

He was on the search committee when Auburn hired coach Gus Malzahn.

"We are deeply saddened by the passing of Pat Sullivan, one of Auburn's all-time greats on and off the field," Malzahn said. "I will forever be indebted to Coach Sullivan for helping bring me back to Auburn to serve as the head football coach."

"He was a friend, mentor and a man of great character who was beloved by many generations of Auburn fans."

Sullivan began coaching at Samford in

2007 and stepped down in December 2014, citing health issues

He went on to serve as special advisor to the president for campus and community development.

"Coaching is a grind. Right now I need more balance in my life," Sullivan said in announcing his resignation. "I need to pay more attention to my health and I want to spend more time with (wife) Jean, my children and grandchildren. I owe that to them. But I'm not done working and I'm not leaving Samford."

He was TCU's head coach from 1992-97 and then worked as UAB's offensive coordinator before taking over at

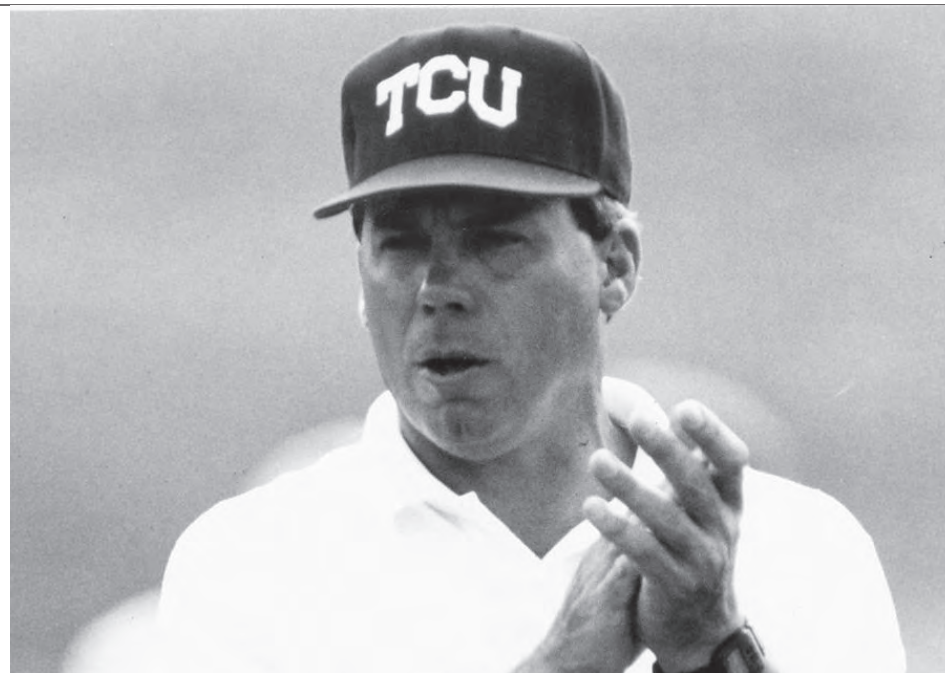


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Former TCU football coach Pat Sullivan.

Samford. Sullivan was inducted into the Hall of Fame as a player in 1991.

He entered the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 1981.

"Pat Sullivan gave Samford all and more than we could have asked," Samford President Andrew Westmoreland said. "His teams won games, his players persisted to earn degrees. By personal example, he led everyone closer to Christ and he brought honor to our university."

Sullivan led the nation in total offense as a junior in 1970, teaming up with wide receiver Terry Beasley to pass for 2,586 yards. He passed for 2,012 yards and a career-best 20 touchdowns as a senior, securing the Heisman with a 248-yard, four-touchdown performance against Georgia. Sullivan edged Cornell's Ed Marinaro



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Auburn quarterback Pat Sullivan poses with his Heisman Trophy.

1,597-1,445 in Heisman voting.

Sullivan was an All-American and SEC Player of the Year his last two seasons.

"He was a kind and humble gentleman, who was an Auburn legend," Auburn athletic director Allen Greene said. "He

made a lasting impact on Auburn as the school's first Heisman Trophy winner, a coach and longtime ambassador."

Before going to Auburn, he was a three-sport star at John Carroll Catholic High School in Birmingham.

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SPORTS

Women’s basketball tops Boise State in Maggie Dixon Classic

By **SAM FRISTACHI**
LINE EDITOR , TCU 360

Led by a season-high from junior Lauren Heard, TCU women’s basketball defeated Boise State 77-65 on Sunday in the Maggie Dixon Classic.

Along with 25 points, Heard also added five rebounds, four assists and two steals in the win. Guard Kianna Ray contributed 14 points, seven rebounds and three assists herself.

The Frogs are now 6-0, their best start since 2003. The win also marks TCU’s 21st win in a row over a non-conference opponent at home.

“Six and zero, it’s really fun to do that with

all of our seniors,” said Heard.
Ray started the game with a three-pointer, and the Frogs never looked back, leading by as much as 21 in a game they never trailed.

TCU shot 38 percent from the field in the first half but had six 3-pointers, giving them a 37-23 lead at halftime.

The Frogs improved their efficiency to shoot 50 percent from the field in the third quarter, including a perfect effort from beyond the arc. This extended their lead to 59-43 at the end of the third quarter.

The 21-point lead came twice in the fourth quarter, with the Frogs

going up 68-47 with 6:51 to play, and then 73-52 with 5:35 on the clock.

The Broncos went on a 13-4 run to close out the final five minutes of the game, but TCU’s fast start held them off.

The Horned Frogs finished the game shooting 43 percent from the field overall, which included a season-high 47 percent effort from beyond the arc.

“I loved that we could open the Maggie Dixon Classic with a win against a quality opponent,” said head coach Raegan Pebley. “That was a team, full of seniors, that has won a lot of basketball games. They have had a lot of success, being in



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Guard Lauren Heard has been key factor in TCU’s 6-0 start this season.

the NCAA Tournament four of the past five years. This is a team that played Louisville and played them really well, and Louisville just upset

the No. 1 team in the country.”

The Frogs will face off against the Auburn Tigers next as a part of the Big 12/

SEC Challenge. The contest is set to tip-off at 2 p.m. Saturday from Schollmaier Arena.

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SPORTS

Volleyball outmatched by No.1 Baylor in season finale

By **SAM FRISTACHI**

LINE EDITOR, TCU 360

TCU volleyball closed out their regular season with a loss to No. 1 Baylor in Waco on Saturday.

The Frogs were swept, but the win for the Bears secured them a share of the Big 12 Championship with Texas.

"I'm proud of our team for the progress we've made this season," said head coach Jill Kramer. "We have not seen the results we've wanted to on the scoreboard, but any coach with a team full of youth understands that growth is a process and

takes time, commitment and grit. Our team has come to the gym with energy and enthusiasm day-in and day-out and grown in their knowledge and play daily. We'll keep climbing."

Baylor gained an early 7-2 lead in the first set, but the Frogs responded with a 4-0 run thanks to a kill from middle blocker Afedo Manyang and two blocks from outside hitter Ashley Waggle to eventually cut the lead to 10-8.

TCU got within a point of the Bears, but a late run by Baylor put the Frogs away 25-19.

The teams exchanged

points early in the second set, with Baylor taking an 11-9 lead. TCU's offense fought back, but it wasn't enough, as Baylor won the second set 25-18.

Baylor got off to another hot start in the third set and never looked back, winning the set 25-14 and swept the match.

Outside hitter élan McCall led the team in kills and digs, producing her ninth double-digit dig match of the season.

Middle blocker Katie Clark led the team with three blocks, extending her streak of at least three blocks in the last 10 games.

The loss closed out the 2019 regular season for the Frogs. TCU finished the season at 9-17 overall and 4-12 in Big 12 play.

On Sunday, TCU accepted a bid to the

National Invitational Volleyball Championship (NIVC). Their first matchup will be against Miami of Ohio on Thursday in Bowling Green, Ohio.



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Despite the Frogs finishing with a losing record, head coach Jill Kramer (right) was encouraged by the growth her team showed.



PHOTO BY HEESOO YANG

TCU volleyball fell to Baylor Saturday.

CAMPUS NEWS

New software at health center hopes to increase organization

By **ANDRE RIVEROY**
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

The new software students use to check-in at the Brown-Lupton Health Center does more than keeping up with health records.

The electronic health record system, Medicat, which was installed during the summer, is integrated with the counseling center. In addition to allowing students to check-in, it screens students for signs of depression and other mental illnesses. It can also send text and email reminders to students about appointments.

Senior political

science major Jake Kammersgard said when he first used the system, he was confused because he got accustomed to filling out paperwork by hand.

“Realizing that I could immediately fill my proper paperwork out instead of waiting in line made me realize that the system was made to save both the students and staff time,” Kammersgard said.

Instead of going to the front desk to sign in, students complete their paperwork on a computer, a process that takes less than two minutes.

“Before self-check-

in kiosks, we had a staff person who would have to manually check the person in and pull out the paperwork for them,” said Kyle Roderick, the clinical informatics analyst at the health center. “After the patient fills out the paperwork, you have to then process that paperwork by scanning it into the system and then charting it in the correct file.”

Having the ability to have self-check-in kiosks gives staff and doctors more time to evaluate patient records immediately. Like anything, a new software system can take some getting used to.

“Going from a more robust system to a less robust system is going to have its inherent difficulties,” said Roderick.

Roderick believes one of the challenges is the doctors wanting to document the way they’re used to, but the change has made it a lot easier from the administrative side.

“It has been a steep learning curve for all of us,” said Stephanie Baldwin, the allergy nurse at the health center. “The kiosk allows nurses and providers to see patient charts ahead of time before the student is brought back into the exam room; the



PHOTO BY BRANDON UCKER

The TCU Health Center at noon.

paperless system is also environmental friendly.”

“The more we benefit as a health center, the more the student benefits,” Roderick said. “If it’s working in our

doctor’s and staff’s favor, we are going to be able to divert our attention from the administrative side of health care to the patient side of healthcare.”

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CAMPUS NEWS

Critic of altering benefits asked to leave committee

By **ROBBIE VAGLIO**
EXECUTIVE EDITOR, TCU 360

A vocal critic of TCU’s effort to restructure the employee benefits was asked to leave the committee that’s charged with formulating a proposal on the matter.

Dr. Andrew Ledbetter, a professor of communication studies, remains on University Compensation Advisory Committee; however, he was asked to step down from the working group so that Clark Jones, the Faculty Senate chair, and Chris Hightower,

the Staff Assembly chair, could join.

UCAC, and by extension the subcommittee, was asked by Chancellor Victor Boschini to develop a benefits plan for future employees that is more sustainable.

Ledbetter was removed from the working group because the current assembly chairs have more access to the board of trustees.

Ledbetter said Ted Legatski, one of UCAC’s co-chairs, removed him from the group so it could include the

two assembly chairs who have access to and contact with TCU’s Board of Trustees and senior administrators.

“They wanted to refocus the committee on trying to redevelop a proposal that they wanted to sell to the board of trustees,” Ledbetter said. “They wanted to shift their focus in that direction.”

Legatski wrote in an email the working group is no longer gathering any more information and has instead moved into the “recommendation-development stage.”



Andrew Ledbetter
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Replying to @MediaLawProf and @TCU

Also, to further clarify, I wasn't removed from the working group by the @TCU admin, but rather by Shawn Wagner and Ted Legatski as co-chairs of the university compensation committee.

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During an October faculty and staff town hall, Boschini said TCU’s

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Faculty Senate Chair, Clark Jones (right) looks on as Chancellor Victor Boschini discusses TCU’s benefits package



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Dr. Andrew Ledbetter was removed from the working group formulating a resolution on restructuring employee benefits.

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is following peer institutions like Baylor, SMU, Vanderbilt and Tulane, all of which have restructured their benefits packages. While Boschini has suggested only new hires would receive the more modest package, other schools such as Baylor, SMU and Vanderbilt included all employees.

Ledbetter, who chairs the Faculty Relations Committee, drafted a report disputing the chancellor and the board.

TCU’s total compensation is just under \$283 million with \$537

million of expenses less grants, according to the TCU’s 990 tax form from 2017, the latest available. Nearly 4% of the university’s compensation goes to executive and athletic officers.

“We need to carefully review all of the data we have available, and so far, it appears that our benefits and compensation are not particularly competitive to other universities that are our peers and aspirants and provide better compensation,” Ledbetter said. “It doesn’t appear that they are unsustainable.”

Ledbetter, who is also on the DEI committee for

the Bob Schieffer College of Communication, said he is worried the chancellor’s proposal could harm TCU’s ability to strengthen its workforce, as well as its academic profile and reputation - two of its Vision in Action goals.

“If we do change our benefits structure so that future employees have worse benefits than employees now, in the future we could have a younger, more diverse workforce with poorer benefits than the older, wider workforce,” Ledbetter said. “That’s not a good look for TCU and on its face that would

seem to be inequitable.”

The concern that a reduced benefits package could hurt recruiting efforts was also voiced at the town hall.

“Our compensation packages need to be nationally competitive, not just regionally,” a representative from the Harris College of Nursing said. “I would say that we make sure that we continue to recruit and maintain our top talent across the board.”

In a 2019 report from U.S. News & World’s list of best colleges in the nation, TCU fell 17 spots to No. 97.

Ledbetter said the cuts could harm the relationship between faculty and administration, one that was damaged several years ago after cuts were made to retiree health benefits.

In 2012-13, TCU’s shifted retiree health benefits from the university plan to a third party. The UCAC report noted that this “provoked a sense of frustration and betrayal from some in the TCU family” because faculty and staff were not

consulted with prior to action being made.

“I appreciate that this time we are having discussions about it ahead of time,” Ledbetter said.

According to the minutes from a March 2013 Faculty Senate meeting, there was a firestorm of angst and objection from faculty and staff, based on the perception that benefits were about to be changed for the worse.

Legatski said no decisions have been reached, but the group is expected to present recommendations to UCAC in January, followed by a presentation to the Faculty Senate and Staff Assembly.

Boschini said he will need to make a recommendation on the restructuring of faculty benefits to the board of trustees meeting in April.

“We need to carefully review all of the data we have available, and so far, it appears that our benefits and compensation are not particularly competitive to other universities that are our peers and aspirants and provide better compensation.”

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The volleyball team’s record is 9-7 with its conference record being 4-12. This page shows photos from various games throughout the season. They play their first game of the National Invitational Volleyball Championship today against Miami University.



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By **ANIKKA CLARK**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Bermuda grass is hardy and doesn't wither under the blistering Texas heat.

But J. Marvin Leonard, a frequent golfer and late Fort Worth retailer, disliked walking the golf course at River Crest Country Club because its Bermuda grass did not play in his advantage.

Instead of having his putts run smoothly across the greens, his ball would hop and stop about an inch or so from the hole. Bent grass would do the trick, but no matter how much he complained the country club's governing board would not budge.

So Mr. Marvin, as he was known to friends, decided to take matters into his own hands.

In 1935, Leonard invited friends and business associates to put up a security deposit of \$50 and become members of the only course in Texas with "premiere" greens.

About 100 Fort Worth residents called themselves members of the Colonial Golf Club when it opened on Jan. 29, 1936.

With the hope of long-term prosperity of the club in mind, Leonard decided it would

be best to sell Colonial to its members, leading him to change the club's name to Colonial Country Club on Dec. 31, 1942.

Surviving and thriving in the Texas heat

Colonial quickly became known for having greens which had once seemed impossible to survive Texas' grueling heat.

The turf quality of bentgrass typically declines in hot and humid regions due to environmental stresses, soil properties, management practices and diseases, according to Leon T. Lucas, Ph.D, an agronomist in the Carolinas Golf Association.

Leonard's daughter, Marty Leonard, said her father was determined to host a prestigious event at his course, so he convinced the United States Golf Association (USGA) to play the U.S. Open at Colonial in 1941, marking the first time the tournament was held south of the Mason-Dixon line.

The PGA followed in 1946. The tournament, which has gone through several different sponsors in recent years, is its longest-running annual event at Colonial.

The only pause came in May 1949 when Fort

Worth experienced a historic flood, in which 10 people were killed and damages exceeded \$11 million. Water stood 10 to 12 feet deep in some locations.

"Colonial sits visibly lower than most of the city, which means the water drains directly towards the course, which has caused problems for the course," Marty Leonard said.

She said she vividly remembers walking out to Colonial Country Club with her father and seeing employees hanging from trees to avoid the high water.

Holes were rearranged and levees were added along the Trinity River to prevent a situation like this in the future, but the course was not able to host the PGA Tour event again in 1950.

Colonial Country Club holds the bragging rights of being the only course that has hosted a U.S. Open, a Player's Championship and an annual PGA Tour event.

The hometown advantage

Fort Worth native Ben Hogan is perhaps the course's most legendary player.

Hogan, who spent most of his childhood in Fort Worth, shot 65 in the final round of the first tour event in 1946.

His win at Colonial



(AP PHOTO/FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM)

May 1949, heavy rains overflowed the Trinity River to flood portions of 7th Street to University Ave. including the Montgomery Ward building (foreground). At least 10 people were killed and 13,000 left homeless.

was more than simply earning a paycheck. He had won at the course that was created because of the vision of Marvin Leonard, his mentor and friend.

The pair first met at Glen Garden Country Club in south Fort Worth where Hogan was a caddy.

Leonard frequently hired Hogan to caddy when he played, which sparked their relationship. Marty Leonard said the pair were like father and son.

When Hogan chose to make a living playing golf, Marvin Leonard

sponsored him.

Hogan was known for his stoic character and intense work ethic. He won the PGA event at Colonial five times. Because of his accomplishments, the country club is referred to as "Hogan's Alley."

To this day he is the only person to win back-to-back events at Colonial, which he did twice. His name can be found on the Wall of Champions located on the first tee box.

A bronze statue of Mr. Hogan greets the members and guests as they enter the gates

of Colonial. Located inside the clubhouse is the Ben Hogan Trophy Room, which pays tribute to the golfer's many achievements.

Today, Hogan's legacy lives on at Colonial for golfers, non-golfers and college students alike. The course is located just under a mile from TCU's campus, serving as a desirable location for students to work.

John Grady, a senior at TCU, worked at Colonial Country Club for over two years in the outside services

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departments, assisting members and taking care of the golf course.

“I learned a lot about the game of golf and it’s integrity while employed at Colonial, as well as everything that goes into hosting a major PGA tournament every year,” Grady said.

Changing with the times

Colonial Country Club has also opened its doors to women and men collegiate golfers, allowing the TCU women’s and men’s teams to utilize the course and its facilities at practice every week.

TCU women’s golf coach Angie Ravaioli-Larkin said that practicing at Colonial

is a huge recruiting advantage as well as a player development advantage. She said it gives the players opportunities to build lasting relationships with people who have significant influence and resources on and off the golf course.

“With Colonial’s rich history with the PGA Tour, Mr. Ben Hogan, the U.S. Women’s Open, and many other significant events in the world of golf, it is an honor and privilege to say that it is one of our home courses,” Ravaioli-Larkin said.

The rich history of Colonial Country Club is still being written as the PGA Tour has continued to host an event there, despite temporary issues with sponsorships.

Dean & Deluca pulled out if its six-year sponsorship agreement after the 2017 tournament, just two years into their deal.

In an attempt to make the 2018 tournament possible, American Airlines, AT&T, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway and XTO Energy Inc. joined to contribute \$2 million each to sponsor the newly named Fort Worth Invitational.

With many questioning if Colonial could find a sponsor in time to keep the longest running PGA event at its original site, the country club made an announcement in April 2018 that stopped all rumors.

Charles Schwab will be the new sponsor of the Fort Worth



(AP PHOTO/CARL E. LINDE)

Ben Hogan of Palm Springs, Calif., winner of last year’s Colonial National Invitational golf tournament, gets out of the rough on the 6th fairway during the first round of the tournament at Fort Worth, Texas, May 21, 1953. Hogan came in with a 73, three strokes over par.

tournament starting in 2019 until 2022. Charles Schwab has a history with the PGA Tour, which is promising for a lengthened life of the tournament being played at Colonial

Country Club.

The 73rd Charles Schwab Challenge will begin at the Colonial Country Club on May 20 and will last until May 26. Major golfers like Rickie Fowler and Jordan

Spieth will play in the tournament.



(AP PHOTO/DAVID J. PHILLIP)

Golfer Annika Sorenstam hits to the 2nd hole at the Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth, Texas on Friday, May 23, 2003, during the second round of the Colonial golf tournament.



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SPORTS

More than a swim coach, Richard Sybesma was ‘a life coach’

By **RYAN MEYERS**

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Between 1979 and 2017, TCU had seven men’s basketball coaches, five football coaches and four baseball coaches. The swim team had just one.

“It never felt that long,” said Richard Sybesma, who was coaching when Jamie Dixon, David Roditi and Jill Kramer were student-athletes.

With 38 years on staff, Sybesma is the longest-tenured head coach in TCU history.

“Maybe 10 or 15 years, but not 38,” he said.

Instead of praising himself for the accomplishment, he was more proud of all the lives he’s affected and his teams’ successes.

His resume speaks for itself. In five different conferences, Sybesma’s teams won seven conference championships and 16 individual league titles. He produced seven national champions, 18 All-Americans and four Olympians.

When Sybesma first accepted the job at TCU, he had just finished coaching for four years at Monahans High School in West Texas.

He was a three-year letterman and captain of the Texas Tech swim team and wanted to be a swim coach ever since middle school.

“Coaching was my way of working with kids and helping them become better people,” Sybesma said. “It became my purpose and I focused on that throughout my life.”

Before Sybesma arrived in Fort Worth, there was not a lot of support for the TCU swimming and diving programs.

The women’s team was forced to compete at the Division 2 level because the university

wasn’t giving out the full amount of scholarships. The administration promised Sybesma that they would increase their support for the program, and they did.

It took 15 years, but both the men’s and women’s teams eventually got the full allotment of scholarship swimmers. The travel budget was increased and more support staff was supplied for the teams.

Dale Pulsifer, a swimmer that Sybesma inherited when he arrived at TCU, considered transferring before the coaching acquisition was made.

Pulsifer recalls meeting with Sybesma as he was debating leaving TCU and coming away impressed with his message and commitment.

“He was the kind of coach you would want your child to have,” Pulsifer said. “He’s consistent, he’s fair and he tries to coach more than just the sport. He coaches life.”

One of Sybesma’s first accomplishments at TCU was beating his alma mater, despite longtime Texas Tech head swimming coach Jim McNally telling Sybesma that he would never beat

him when he took the job at TCU.

Pulsifer said that the look on Coach Sybesma’s face showed the team that this accomplishment was about the team more than anything else.

After the Southwest Conference disbanded, the team was forced to navigate between various conferences, but most of their success came in Conference USA.

Conference USA provided friendly waters for the swimming and diving teams, as TCU won five of their seven conference titles as

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members of the league, including a sweep of the men's and women's titles in 2004.

In between, Sybesma also served as the head coach for the Nicaraguan Olympic swim team at the 1996 Atlanta games. Moments like this were really special to him and they were made possible because of his hard work and dedication at TCU.

"Throughout my career, I've been able to do a lot of really neat things at and through TCU," Sybesma said.

Coaching Tree

Sybesma's passion for the betterment of student-athletes also translated into how he developed his assistant coaches.

His philosophy of coaching both the sport and life was the same for his assistant coaches, as he believed being a decent, honest person was just as important as training techniques to lead athletes.

After he finished his swimming career, Pulsifer moved on to become an assistant coach under Sybesma for a year. He credits his time as an assistant to his personal growth and becoming a better man.

Pulsifer said that

Sybesma stressed to him that coaching to a certain standard required one to show that standard in everything they did and be a "man of their word."

While Pulsifer did not continue to coach, some of Sybesma's other assistant coaches, graduate assistants and swimmers moved on to coach swimming in some capacity. By his own count, he has nine former colleagues that are now full-time head coaches or assistants at other programs.

Current Rice swim coach Seth Huston is one of these former colleagues. Huston was a graduate assistant for Sybesma from 1988-1990 and relished in the opportunity to coach at a Division 1 program and learn from an established coach.

"He was really up front with you on what he expected," Huston said. "He held me to the same standards that he expected from the rest of the team."

One lesson that he never experienced before meeting Sybesma was incorporating fun, non-swimming related activities into the program. These activities included skiing during a summer training trip, going to a play, or finding

a local event while out of town at a swim meet.

Huston said that these events gave the students a break from swimming so they could have fun and come together as a team.

A TCU Institution
When Sybesma announced his retirement in 2017, former athletic director Chris Del Conte called him "a beloved institution at TCU and in Fort Worth."

Being in a position for 38 years is bound to earn respect in itself, but Sybesma went out of his way to represent TCU and make a positive impression with everyone he met.

"Richard never met a stranger," Huston said. "He'll go out of his way to do things for people and make everyone feel good about what they do and who they are."

His passion for TCU was reflected when he won the Teammate of the Year award from the athletics department in 2008.

"He didn't bleed purple when he first got there, but he bleeds it now," Pulsifer said. "Ask anyone that has ever worked with him and the one thing they will say is that he is a man of character."



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A photo of coach Richard Sybesma as he cheers on the swim team.

Perhaps it was the coach in him, but he saw value in every position and would interact with everyone, from employees in the athletics department or the physical plant to lifeguards at the pool and professors in the business school.

Even now, he volunteers at TCU in the Frog Club and the Retirees' Association.

"I was married to TCU for 38 years," Sybesma said. "I'm here now as a Horned Frog fan and supporter, but I don't have to be here. I want to be here."

Beyond his relationships with his peers, his influence on his student-athletes was very important to him. He was proud of the work his teams put in the classroom, especially the women's feat of

being named a Scholar All-American squad for 45 semesters in a row for having a cumulative team GPA of 3.0.

He always knew that there would be life after swimming, which is why he instilled lessons that could be used in all aspects of life: Work hard, work towards goals and have fun along the way.

Looking Towards the Future

If you were to ask Sybesma if he could still coach he would say yes in an instant.

It's not as if he wanted to stop coaching, but the swimmers grind started to take its toll. The desire to spend more time with his family and friends lingered and, eventually, he figured it was time to make his personal life his top priority.

Despite no longer

coaching at the collegiate level, he doesn't stay far away from the pool. He continues to teach swim lessons each summer and calls one of his greatest joys. He estimates that he has taught over 15,000 kids to swim over 30 years.

Sybesma is also not absent from the team. He regularly has lunch and meets with the current swim coach, James Winchester, and he still makes appearances in the athletics department.

Sybesma believes that the swim team is headed in the right direction under the guidance of Winchester and that he can continue what Sybesma started.

"It's Coach Winchester's program now and I'm excited for what the future holds," he said.

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This year, you have many choices. Some of your decisions might be based on your intuition, and others will be based on facts. If single, the person you date will need to enjoy your multifaceted personality. Make sure you know each other well. If attached, the two of you create a lot of diversity and excitement in your lives. You both like the stimulation and rarely are bored. ARIES runs through your life like an energizer bunny!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Your mood changes as the day ages. You see situations in a totally different manner after a few hours. Whereas you might decide a situation was a no-go in the a.m., by midafternoon, you know you can handle it. Tonight: You naturally do the right thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Your friends support you in most of your goals and desires. Nevertheless, today you look within to see if these goals and desires remain valid. Often, what one wished for a year ago might change given time. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You have worked hard to complete a project or fulfill another person's requests. By afternoon, you will want to slow down and relax with friends. A call from a co-worker signals good news. Tonight: Why not start the weekend early?

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You often think and feel deeply when you attempt to come to a conclusion or decision. Impulse hits today, and you might toss your normal processing to the wind. In fact, a strong, impulsive drive pushes you to achieve. Tonight: Enjoy the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You relate with a great deal of empathy to one specific person. In some sense, you identify with this person. You quickly detach when dealing with day-to-day matters and look at the big picture. Tonight: Binge watch a favorite TV series.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Others seek you out. Sometimes you cannot deal with or understand someone's high emotional frequency. In fact, you could become somewhat irate dealing with this person. Tonight: One-on-one relating takes on a difficult tone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your emotions play a bigger part than you realize when getting to the bottom of a problem. Midday, a partner pushes you to become more analytical about an important matter. Tonight: You're lucky with any matter revolving around your home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your intuition leads you down many paths. You need to tune into your feelings more often. At times you come up with totally logical conclusions to cover an emotional gut response. Today you do just that! Tonight: Off to the gym.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You have mulled over an emotional issue many times now. The time has come to release it and just be yourself. Your creativity and imagination merge, coming up with unique solutions and dynamic ideas. Tonight: Act like a teenager again.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Be more inquisitive about a situation brewing around you. As you get to the

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Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



Intelligent Life by David Reddick



bottom of it, you might be quite amused. An emotional issue might need to be cleared, especially if it involves a loved one. Tonight: Order in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Double-check your change and make sure you have made the proper decisions financially. Despite the upcoming

season, be a bit conservative with your spending. Consider a gift of action for a friend. Tonight: Hang out with a pal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You lose some of your edge midday. You have pushed long and hard. You also have relied on your natural intuition. You opt to finally go off do some Santa chores and Christmas

spending. Tonight: Smiling over your choices.

The New York Times

Edited by Will Shortz

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PUZZLE BY EZRA BRAUNER AND JEFF CHEN

ACROSS

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- 13 Mauna ____
- 14 Lincoln ____, creator of the comic strip “Big Nate”
- 15 Small-scale
- 16 Abbr. that’s almost always preceded by a comma
- 17 They get kicked around a lot
- 19 Ceremonial goblets
- 21 Against expectations, say
- 22 Another go
- 23 Basic cable channel
- 24 Travelers from afar, for short
- 25 Rural shindigs
- 30 Co. milestone
- 31 Brouhaha
- 32 Train to a plane
- 36 Remove abruptly
- 38 English county that’s the setting for Agatha Christie’s “And Then There Were None”
- 39 Money in Istanbul
- 40 Not to mention
- 41 One-named supermodel of the 1970s-’80s

- 42 German article
- 43 “You flabbergast me”
- 48 Fill (up)
- 51 Prefix with tourism
- 52 Digs up some dirt
- 53 Profile persona
- 55 M langes
- 59 Kind of experiment ... or a hint to 10 Down answers in this puzzle
- 61 Trouble
- 62 Takes responsibility for
- 63 You’re out of it if you’re in it
- 64 Wiliness
- 65 ID checker
- 66 Something with a movable feast
- 67 “Absolutely!”

DOWN

- 1 A Baldwin brother
- 2 Kind of I.R.A.
- 3 Colorful French cookies
- 4 Good potential
- 5 Former liberal, maybe
- 6 Whopper
- 7 Surgery sites, for short
- 8 Star pitcher
- 9 Mockery
- 10 Get the lead out?
- 11 Foot, fathom or furlong
- 12 Playing pieces in Othello
- 15 Who said “Where there is oppression, there is resistance”
- 18 Scottish hillside
- 20 Court cry
- 23 Japanese noodle dish
- 25 “Hey there!”
- 26 Bud
- 27 Returning to the original speed, on scores
- 28 Fertilization targets
- 29 The Blues of the N.H.L., on scoreboards
- 33 Goes off into the sunset, say
- 34 Is for two?
- 35 Damage
- 37 Swimmer in an ornamental pond

- 38 Separate
- 44 What corn can be ground into
- 45 Orange Monopoly card
- 46 One kneeling with the ball in a field goal attempt
- 47 Relay part
- 48 Gal in “Wonder Woman”
- 49 Swears
- 50 Hot spot
- 54 TV channel with the slogan “We’re comedy”
- 55 [Sigh]
- 56 Huge fortune
- 57 What a glutton always wants
- 58 Makeup of a match
- 60 Provider of support

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TCU Trivia

True or False: Chancellor emeritus William Tucker has 1873 on his license plate.

SOLUTION

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