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CAMPUS NEWS

Language barriers remain in TCU's alert system

By GRACIE AMISS

MANAGING EDITOR, TCU 360

TCU tested its alert-readiness system Tuesday; however, not everyone on campus may have understood the system's verbal warnings and text messages.

Last week's alert was exclusively in English.

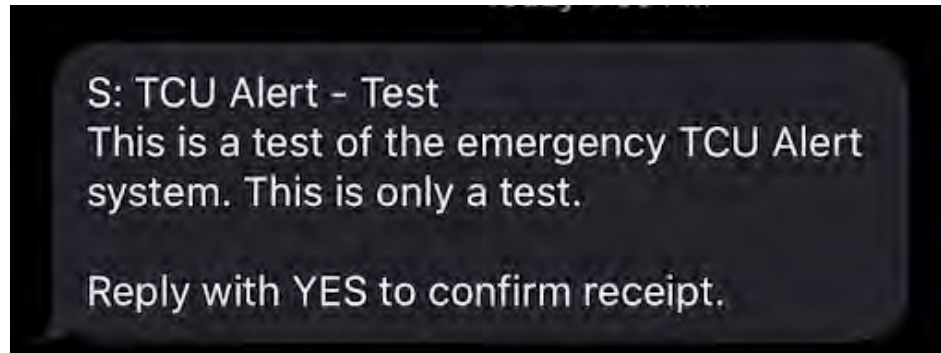
Although TCU's student body is predominately white, with 62.7 percent of the undergraduate class classifying as such, the majority of its staff members are Hispanic — 21.1 percent to be exact, according to TCU's 2019 Human Resources Census.

Concerns about the system only serving a portion of the TCU community arose two years ago following the incident where an armed person was on campus. Loudspeakers, emergency strobe lighting, text messaging, emails and phone calls were all deployed, but they were solely in English, thus leaving some non-English speakers wondering what was happening.

Now, years later, TCU's alert system continues to be monolingual, marginalizing those on campus who predominately speak another language.

Nevertheless, the university is working to install software that offers as many as 20 language options in case an emergency arises, according to Adrian Andrews, the assistant vice chancellor for public safety.

Andrews said the software could be



SCREENSHOT COURTESY OF TCU STUDENT

Tuesday's test of the TCU Alert system occurred at approximately 1:50 p.m. It consisted of campus loudspeakers, emergency strobe lighting, text messaging, emails and phone calls; all were in English.

implemented at the beginning of the 2020 fall semester.

"When training our students, faculty and staff we take into consideration that English is not everyone's first language. We explain the importance of knowing at least four words in English, 'Lockdown,' 'Evacuate' and 'Seek Shelter,'" Andrews said.

Until these procedures are put into place, the alarms will stay in English. If a situation was to occur, Andrews said every building on campus has emergency coordinators who are trained by the Department of Public Safety to take care of their area.

However, he's not sure if every coordinator can speak more than one language.

"I am not sure if they are bilingual," Andrews said. "Most of our custodial staff who are 'Spanish first' speakers are teamed with at least one bilingual coworker."

For Maya Vela, a junior news and media studies major and comparative race and ethnic studies (CRES) minor, it is essential to create an environment where everyone feels



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Angelica Acosta, TCU's facility services supervisor, is a staff member who speaks Spanish.

safe.

"I think it is so important to have the TCU alert in different languages, especially Spanish," Vela said. "On TCU's campus, in particular, a lot of the staff members' first language is Spanish. To not give the people who do the majority of hard labor on campus a chance to hear an emergency alarm in their native language is simply unjust."

Vela, a third-generation United States citizen and Latina woman, proudly defines herself as an activist for social justice and multicultural inclusiveness.

"I think that TCU needs to become more effective and genuine in

their efforts to provide services in order to become more supportive of minorities on campus," Vela said.

Looking forward, Andrews said he believes TCU will continue to work to be inclusive.

"I have worked in several professional offices all over the country for more than 30 years and I can honestly say that TCU works on a daily basis to be respectful and supportive of its students, faculty and staff's race, religion and sexual orientation," Andrews said.



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CAMPUS NEWS

AddRan announces new dean

By **ALEXANDRA PREUSSER**

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After a nine-month-long, national search TCU found the next dean of the AddRan College of Liberal Arts less than 20 miles from campus.

Dr. Sonja Stephenson Watson, associate dean of Academic Affairs for the College of Liberal Arts and associate professor of Spanish at the University of Texas at Arlington, is expected to begin her new role on May 29.

Dr. Andrew Schoolmaster, who has been dean for more than 12 years, will retire at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

"I believe her leadership and proven ability to collaborate across many schools and advance programs will be an asset to the university and strengthen us as we work together to achieve our Vision in Action: Lead On strategic goals," Dr. Teresa Abi-Nader Dahlberg, the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, said in a statement to the university.

"I am extremely excited to serve as the next dean of the AddRan College of Liberal Arts," Watson said in a statement to the university. "AddRan has a strong academic history and reputation, which is commensurate with its stellar faculty, students, and alumni. I am eager to begin advancing the school's mission by articulating the value of the liberal arts, enhancing diversity, equity and



PHOTO COURTESY OF TCU

Scharbauer Hall houses the AddRan College of Liberal Arts.

inclusion, and bolstering AddRan's academic profile."

AddRan is the largest college on campus with about 1,400 students and about 200 faculty members.

"AddRan college has a long history of great successes, and we're all grateful for the leadership that Dean Andy Schoolmaster has provided," Dr. Kara Dixon Vuic, the chair of the search committee, said. "As we turn over a new leaf, we're excited about the future and the opportunities that lie ahead to grow and strengthen the college's position as the beating heart of TCU. AddRan has led the way on new initiatives and has helped to chart a path forward. We're looking forward to the arrival of Sonja Stephenson Watson and



PHOTO COURTESY OF TCU

Dr. Watson's new headshot.

are eager to help her make a new home here at TCU as a Horned Frog."

Dr. Watson will begin her new role at TCU on May 29, 2020, according to the statement by the university.

CAMPUS NEWS

SGA to vote on taking seats from Honors

By **LAYNA STEWARD**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

The House of Representatives passed a bill Tuesday night calls for the elimination of House seats for the John V. Roach Honors College.

The legislation, which passed 33-15, noted that “students within the honors college receive triple representation from their class, academic and honors representatives whereas non-honors students only receive double representation.”

A student body vote is expected to be held before the end of the semester. The measure needs a simple majority to pass.

The apportionment became a concern once the numbers and percentages of House members’ representation came to the attention of Student Body Treasurer Paige Shiring, said Class of 2021 Representative Austin Shively.

“When looking at the numbers and percentages, there is not an equal represen-

tation in the House currently because of the Honors College seats,” said Shively. “Getting rid of the Honors College seats will create equality within the House.”

The House of Representatives wants it to be known that “this has nothing to do with any current litigation that exists on campus, but that it is purely our student government’s attempt to make our representation of the student body more fair and equal,” said Neeley School of Business Representative Zane Champie.

Lawsuit claims TCU faculty physically, verbally abused student

“This is not a legal matter,” said Shiring. “This is SGA taking an opportunity to critically evaluate how we conduct business during a time where the campus really cares.”

The Honors College is technically a co-curricular program, so if that is the case, other co-curricular programs such as Neeley Fellows should also be represented in the

House, Shiring said.

“Without the Honors seats, it will open up more opportunity for other students to become a part of SGA,” Shively said.

Although the majority of the representatives voted in agreement with the bill, there was a significant number of members who believe the Honors College should still be represented.

“I believe that maintaining honors representatives is the best way to ensure transparent and effective advocacy for TCU students,” said honors Representative Clayton Dana-Bashian. “However, the upcoming referendum is an important way for the students to voice their opinions about their representation and tell SGA how best to represent them moving forward.”

Overall, the goal of this bill is to create a “truly equitable student government,” Shiring said.



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The House representatives were asked to raise their hand if they are in the John V. Roach Honors College.



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POLITIFROG

Early voting began Tuesday in Texas

By **SHANNON MURPHY**
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Early voting for the March 3 primary began Tuesday across the state of Texas.

This year voters can cast an early ballot at area college sites including the Brown-Lupton University Union throughout the 12-day voting period.

The increased voting times at college sites is in response to a new law that only allows for full-time early voting sites.

Although Tarrant County officials initially said they may have to

remove the early voting sites at college campuses, money was budgeted to operate all eight sites.

Voters will see new voting machines at the polls.

Tarrant County approved an \$11 million purchase of the machines last August, which include both a paper and digital ballot. A tutorial on the machines is below.

“From what I’ve read, the new machines include better technology, but still print a paper ballot,” TCU political science professor Grant Ferguson said. “That sounds good.”

Registered Tarrant County voters are eligible to vote at any site in the area. Voters can visit the Texas Secretary of State’s website to check their eligibility and see a list of sites.

Tarrant County early voting schedule:

Tuesday Feb. 18 through Friday Feb. 21: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday Feb. 22: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Feb. 23: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday Feb. 24 through Friday Feb. 28: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



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Fort Worth citizens participated in early voting in the Brown Lupton University Union at TCU.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020:

This year bestows an unusual strength of will. When you want to accomplish something, all you need to do is focus on your objective. You can pull a rabbit out of a hat if you so choose. If you are single, you easily could meet an assortment of people. In some way, your rigidity interferes with your ability to relate. Work on leaving judgments aside. If you are attached, you could see a situation a lot differently from your sweetie. Learn to accept and respect your differences. A fellow AQUARIUS has quite an impact on you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Emphasis is on driving a hard bargain. You see the situation for what it is. You have the wherewithal to change it. Claim your power and you will like the end results. Tonight: Accept your successes gracefully.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You might receive some stunning news that forces your hand. Make an effort to accommodate others, but you need to keep your concerns primary. You are in the process of eliminating the superfluous. Tonight: Respond to a late-night request.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Push away trivial conversation and focus on the issue at hand. Listen to your inner voice when making a decision. You might be surprised at what comes up. Tonight: Consider splitting town for a long weekend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Your feelings might be closer to the surface than you realize. A one-on-one conversation could have you in tears before you know it. Empathy

could heal a schism that has existed for too long. Tonight: Time for some personal time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Defer to others and listen to what they might share. What appears to be a blockage is only temporary, forcing you to stop and assess your recent decisions. If you want, now is the time to change directions. Tonight: Off to the gym.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Your ability to read a situation clearly allows more intense conversations with others who might be involved. Give yourself time to make a decision. Brainstorm with others. Tonight: Postpone plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Events force you to tap into your imagination to find the right solution for the situation at hand. Your creativity soars, but a child or loved one could need extra time from you. Tonight: Be your charming self.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Be willing to reverse gears and head in a new direction if you perceive that what you are doing is not working and/or you are hitting one obstacle after another. A discussion with others involved might be necessary. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Speak your mind and be willing to follow through on your ideas. You might not be able to get a consensus from those involved. Tap into the pioneer within and go for what you desire. Tonight: Meet up with a co-worker after work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Listen to your instincts about a financial matter. One of

Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



Intelligent Life by David Reddick



your choices is odd or not typical for you. Taking a risk could make or break what you are handling. Demonstrate your flexibility. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You radiate good news despite an apparently difficult situation. You seem to have the wherewithal to glide through a storm of indecision. Support

yourself in your choices even if they are somewhat bohemian. Tonight: All smiles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Play it low-key. You have no reason to reveal all your cards. Eye the present situation as fluid and changeable. Your perspective might dramatically change as the day ages. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

The New York Times

Edited by Will Shortz

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PUZZLE BY ED SESSA

- ACROSS
- 1 White pizza topping

5 Green bits of ornamentation

11 Masala ____ (hot beverage)

15 Bestower of the Movies for Grownups Awards

16 Keep the beat, in a way

17 Parts of a nuclear reactor

18 Where Miners have majors

19 Type of fluffy wool

20 ____ surgeon

21 Word following sing or play

23 Furrowed feature

25 Wait on

26 Tribal leaders

27 Language that's the source of "gesundheit"

32 Uber alternative?

35 Pint-size

36 ____ Day and the Knights ("Animal House" group)

40 Suits

42 " ____ it!" ("Hush!")

43 Place for a bench

44 Ancient name for Ceylon

45 Terse rebukes

46 Invite to the roof, say

47 Like a desk that's a sign of genius, it's said
- 49 Gobbledygook, metaphorically

50 Flight schedule abbr.

51 The mister, affectionately

56 N.L. East city, on scoreboards

58 Lithuanian, e.g.

60 In the worst way

61 Neighbor of an Arkansawyer

62 It has cork and a bell

63 1950s-'70s football star nicknamed "The Golden Arm"

64 Part of a pot

65 Bra brand

66 Stop waffling

67 Fight protractedly

68 E, F and G, but not H

69 Opposite of the point?

70 Collectors' goals
- DOWN
- 1 Animals, collectively

2 Face-plant, say

3 Ice cream cone, e.g.

4 Breakfast cereal in a green box

5 Routine activity?

6 Beer ____

7 On the ____ (frequently, in slang)

8 Skater Midori

9 Attire

10 "I don't want to hear it"

11 Sounds made by fans

12 Lena of "Cabin in the Sky"

13 Firefighter Red

14 Lands in the sea

22 Hawaiian fish with a palindromic name

24 Ending with pay

28 Squiggle on a musical score

29 Ends up with

30 Sci-fi forest dweller

31 Trees with red berrylike fruit

32 Funnyman Brooks

33 Piece of furniture often covered with crinkly paper

34 Study of rocks

37 What five answers in this puzzle do phonetically, in defiance of their clues?

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TCU Trivia

True or False: The Brown-Lupton Foundation, which funded the TCU Student Center and Health Center, made its income based on soft drinks.

SOLUTION

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TCU TRIVIA ANSWER

- 38 Language of the Canadian Arctic

39 Conciliatory gesture

41 Window frame

43 Trim

48 "Sup, bro!"

49 Yellowstone attraction

50 Work on a tablet

52 Bay Area athlete, for short

53 Kane of "All My Children"

54 Sightings in the Himalayas

55 Oar

57 English city where the Who once recorded a top 5 live album

59 11-Across and others

61 Bumbling bunch

SPORTS

Women's basketball second in Big 12

By **SAM FRISTACHI**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

TCU women's basketball beat the Iowa State Cyclones on Sunday afternoon behind double-digit scoring efforts from all five starters, 82-72.

Junior guard Lauren Heard led the Frogs with 23 points, adding 11 rebounds to register her fourth double-double of the season.

Senior guard Jayde Woods had 17 points of her own, while seniors Adeola Akomolafe, Jaycee Bradley and Kianna Ray added 12 points each.

"This was a great win for this team," head

coach Raegan Pebley said "Coming out of [the loss at] Baylor, they responded the right way. They responded with maturity, being connected, working for that and not taking it for granted."

TCU opened the game with an 8-0 run but Iowa State would fight back to outscore the Horned Frogs 17-8 for the rest of the first quarter to take a 17-16 lead.

The Horned Frogs would bounce back in the second quarter, scoring nine out of the next 11 points and taking a 36-29 lead into halftime.

Iowa State would come out strong after

halftime, making five three-pointers in the third quarter. TCU would counteract that by going on a 12-0 run to take a 57-52 lead with ten minutes to play.

The Horned Frogs would go on a 10-4 run to open the fourth quarter, instigated by back-to-back three-pointers from Bradley.

TCU would have three different 11-point leads in the fourth quarter, allowing them to close out the game despite Iowa State coming within six at one point.

With the win, TCU moves to 18-5 overall and 9-3 in conference play.



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Adeola Akomolafe was one of the five starters to score double-digit points for TCU on Sunday.

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