

BASEBALL

Hugs and homers: Brotherhood is ‘what life is about’

By **CHARLES BAGGARLY**

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It was a 2-1 count.

Third baseman Brayden Taylor was up to bat for the Frogs, who were leading Texas A&M – Corpus Christi 11-6. Center fielder Elijah Nunez, who doubled the prior at bat, was stretching his lead at second base.

Up big, the Frogs weren't done piling on runs just yet.

BANG!

Taylor turned on a pitch, sending it 415 feet for a home run. Lupton roared as Taylor trotted around the basepaths. Associate Head Coach Bill Mosiello gave Taylor a high five as he rounded third.

Nunez was waiting for Taylor at home plate. Taylor gave him a hug. He then turned to hug first baseman, David Bishop.

“The Bashbros” is a nickname that Bishop and Taylor have for each other. They have been a dynamic duo this season, driving in a combined total of 62 RBIs.

When a Frog hits a home run, it's tradition to hug the player batting next.

Taylor said that hugging Bishop at the plate is always a good feeling.

“Whenever I give him a hug, it's always like ‘hey man, you're up next. Go get ‘em’,” said Taylor.

That's exactly what Bishop did.

BANG!

On the first pitch of the at bat, Bishop launched a high fly ball to

deep left-center field.

The bullpen stood up and scrambled into three lines as they watched the ball fly through the sky and celebrated by doing “the Bernie” in unison as the home run ball touched earth.

Bishop trotted around the bases with a massive smile on his face.

After rounding third, Bishop gave coach Mo a high five and made eye contact with second baseman Gray Rodgers. He stuck his tongue out jokingly as he approached home plate and hugged Rodgers.

Bishop gave Rodgers a pat on the shoulder before returning to the dugout.

The Frogs still weren't done.

They were having fun and feeding off each other's energy.

Rodgers stepped up to the plate.

BANG!

On a 2-2 count, Rodgers hit a hard line drive down the first baseline that went all the way to the wall.

He rounded second hard, trying to stretch the hit into a triple. Rodgers slid into third, barely beating the tag. As the dugout cheered, Rodgers stood up.

He signaled his teammates with his hands and hit an uppercut, a typical celebration for Horned Frogs who hit for extra bases. Rodgers then hit his signature move, the dab.

Hitting a home run is one of the most fun and exciting things you can do in baseball. What

makes it more exciting? Touching home plate and getting a hug from your teammate. The purpose of celebrating, for the Frogs, is not to brag but to spread energy to their teammates and cherish each other's accomplishments.

“I think it shows a brotherhood, you know?” said Bishop. “It's a rewarding thing to hit a home run and have guys at the plate waiting for you to give you a hug.”

Shortstop Tommy Sacco said that the team started giving out hugs after homers last year.

“That's my favorite part about a home run, is getting home and getting a hug,” said Sacco. “It's real special to be the first person to greet them, because you know that they're feeling excited. That's the best part about it.”

To the team, Frogball USA isn't just baseball, it's a lifestyle. Frogball USA is a band of brothers, a family of sorts.

Coach Mosiello agreed with Bishop that Frogball USA is a brotherhood. He said that this team is special; he cited their resilience and also the fact that they play for each other, not themselves, as reasons.

“It's fun coming to the ballpark every day to be with them,” said Mosiello. “The kids are what makes our program. [...] I've stayed here because, how can I leave these kids? They're amazing kids. [...] The players, the brotherhood, the kind of kids they are? They're what life is

about to me, besides my family.”

Head Coach Kirk Saarloos said that the family environment and brotherhood is “what we sell here” and a big reason why former players come back.

“Part of being a coach, why you do it, is because of those relationships with players and former players,” said Saarloos.

Starting pitcher Riley Cornelio said that when you play for TCU, you play for something bigger than yourself.

“You see everybody come out and the amount of people that are impacted by it [TCU Baseball],” said Cornelio. “I think it is always special to see.”

Cornelio said that TCU Baseball is a brotherhood and it runs deeper than what a lot of people see.

“A lot of people see the end result of what it looks like on the field and what they don't see is the bonding and the brotherhood we have off the field, and that's really where it starts, it's that chemistry,” said Cornelio. “We're all there for each other. Somebody goes down, we all go down.”

Coach Saarloos said that whether you win or lose, it's important to have an understanding of what the end goal is.

“Yea, you want to win the last game of the year,” said Saarloos. “But [the goal] also is to teach [the players] how to be a really great young man when you do leave here.”



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SPORTS

Student Frog Club gives students exclusive access to athletics events and merchandise

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While TCU Athletics has always been celebrated within the Fort Worth community, this spring has sparked a new passion for the Horned Frogs.

With the beginning of the Sonny Dykes era, Basketball's dance in March Madness, Men's Tennis winning the indoor national championship and Rifle winning their 4th Air Rifle National Championship, TCU Athletics is ending this year on a high, and students and fans have noticed.

The desire to be a part of TCU's legacy is stronger than ever, and with the emergence of the Student Frog Club, students have the opportunity to have a larger role in leading that legacy.

"Everyone wants to be involved in the history. I think that if you join the Student Frog Club you can even go deeper than just being in the student section or going to the game. I think that this is becoming a part of the history," said Jordan Susce, a Frog Club graduate assistant.

The club offers students exclusive opportunities for members to get inside access to TCU Athletics by granting tours of athletic facilities, fast pass entrance to basketball games, exclusive Frog Club invitations and gear, priority postseason tickets and discounts for basketball, football and baseball games.

The \$25 yearly membership donation gives access to students with an affinity for sports the ability to have a coffee with Coach Dykes

and even the chance to call a play at the spring football game on April 22.

Elizabeth Donnelly, a Frog Club graduate assistant, says the fee goes directly back to athletics.

"We try to think of it as students helping other students and vice versa," said Donnelly.

While the Student Frog Club was only recently revived at the end of 2021, it is striving to create a strong connection between students, student-athletes and athletics. In an effort to foster connections, the club will host a tailgate for students with free food and drinks on the Kelly Center Lawn before the spring football game.



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You Gotta See This: Member's of TCU's Men's Basketball team pose with Student Frog Club t-shirts in support of the club.

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CAMPUS NEWS

A dedication to sound: The Van Cliburn Concert Hall officially opens

By JD PELLIS

EXECUTIVE EDITOR, TCU 360

A dedication celebration Thursday night at the Van Cliburn Concert Hall at TCU marked the beginning of an era.

Live music was performed in the hall for the first time, as donors, trustees, administrators and professors gathered for a private performance hosted by a myriad of TCU music ensembles.

At one point, an opera singer performed an aria from the balcony while the wind symphony and jazz studio played together on stage.

“It’s an amazing night in the history of Texas Christian University,” Chancellor Victor Boschini said. “I want to thank all of the donors that made this possible. This music center, especially the Van Cliburn Hall have been an amazing addition to TCU. This building is built to have a 100 year lifespan, so imagine the thousands of students and faculty who will perform and work in this space.”

For years the TCU School of Music was limited to the acoustic qualities of the century-old Ed Landreth Hall, and later PepsiCo Recital Hall.

The Van Cliburn Concert Hall at TCU was scheduled to open in September 2020. But when supply chain issues delayed construction, the hall was starved of music for nearly two years. TCU even used it to hold science classes in the fall of 2021.

In March, the construction of the hall was finally complete.

School of Music administrators have worked closely with acousticians to make the Van Cliburn Concert Hall at TCU and the TCU Music Center unlike any other.

“A hall like this just doesn’t exist anywhere in Fort Worth right now.”

-SEAN ATKINSON,
DIRECTOR OF THE TCU
SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Unique planning took the TCU Music Center to new heights. Practice and ensemble rooms were constructed as separate buildings within the encapsulating music center, a special design intended for soundproofing.

Inside the Van Cliburn Concert Hall at TCU, there are 717 seats — all are the best seats in the house.

Second to none:
The sounds inside the hall

The acoustics were thought out down to the grain of wood.

The hall can adjust its acoustics so the audience can hear everything from the quietest sounds to cacophonies.

The control room has the means to achieve this



PHOTO BY JD PELLIS

The TCU Wind Symphony prepares to play on opening night at the Van Cliburn Concert Hall at TCU.



PHOTO BY JD PELLIS

The conductor of every ensemble that performed opening night during a standing ovation.

without the audience realizing. Hidden behind acoustically transparent walls, curtains surrounding the hall are deployed to absorb sound. And hanging from the ceiling are cloud tiles that create the illusion

of space. When tilted up, the hall can sound two to three times bigger than it actually is.

“What that allows you to do is make all those acoustic changes, but from the audience’s perspective, you’ll never

know the difference,” Atkinson said. “The hall will just sound different and sound great.”

This gives the hall an unrivaled dynamic atmosphere.

“The acoustics were just phenomenal,” said senior marketing major and TCU SGA president Lau’Rent Honeycutt.

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PHOTO BY JD PELLIS

The choir performing along with the orchestra on opening night.



PHOTO BY JD PELLIS

The audience inside the van Cliburn Concert Hall at opening night.



PHOTO BY JD PELLIS

Outside of the Van Cliburn Concert Hall at TCU after the show April 8, 2022.



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The list of Seat Campaign donors.

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Not many students were in attendance Thursday, as the main purpose of the night was to thank those involved in developing the building, but those who performed could feel excitement growing with every applause.

“It was just so much fun,” said Wesley Vaughn, a choir member and senior music education student. “Everyone was so involved and so passionate about this hall and what Van Cliburn stood for. I’m so excited for TCU to get to use this for years to come.”

Van Cliburn, a 20th century American pianist, had close ties to TCU. The first Van Cliburn International Piano Competition was held in 1962 at TCU. Now, his name is cemented on campus for at least another century.

The opening of the hall also marks the

return of the early rounds of competition to TCU’s campus.

“I’ve played in the Meyerson [Symphony Center] and Bass Hall, the big halls in the area, and I want to say it’s definitely up there with those professional halls,” said Jesus Garcia, a senior music performance student who plays french horn in the wind symphony.

The acoustics were designed by Acoustic Distinctions, the same firm that worked on the Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas.

“It honestly feels like you’re part of something really big, almost like you’re in a professional symphony.”

-JESUS GARCIA
SENIOR MUSIC PERFORMANCE MAJOR

The grand opening came close to midway through TCU’s Lead On fundraising campaign. With 14 months remaining, TCU is about 233 million shy of its \$1 billion goal.

The \$10 million concert hall is part of the \$53 million TCU Music Center, which provides more than 7,500 square feet of rehearsal space and learning resources for TCU’s band, orchestra and percussion programs.

Names can be engraved on the gold plates on the armrests of the 717 seats for a donation of \$2,000 to \$10,000 as part of the Van Cliburn Concert Hall at TCU Seat Campaign.

The celebration continues this week, with performanc-

es from percussion ensembles, Frog Corps, TCU Wind Symphony, TCU Orchestra and the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra. To view a full list of events, visit the TCU Fine Arts website.

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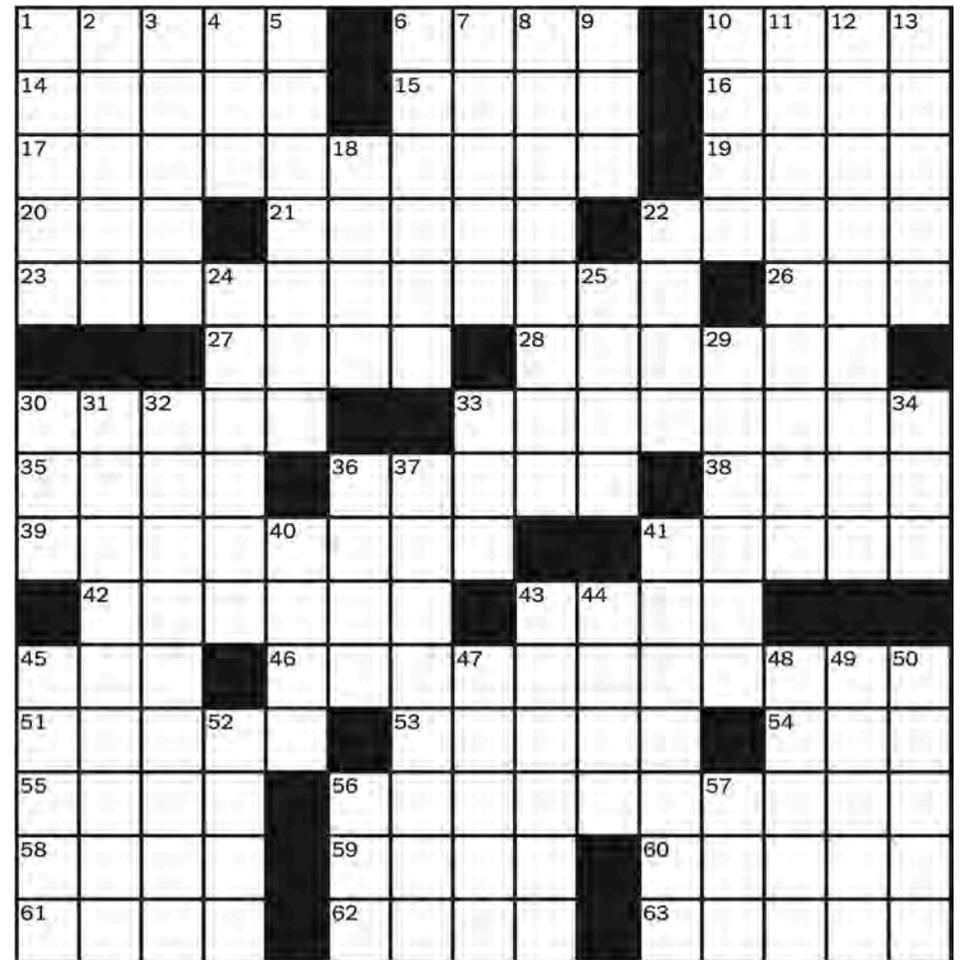
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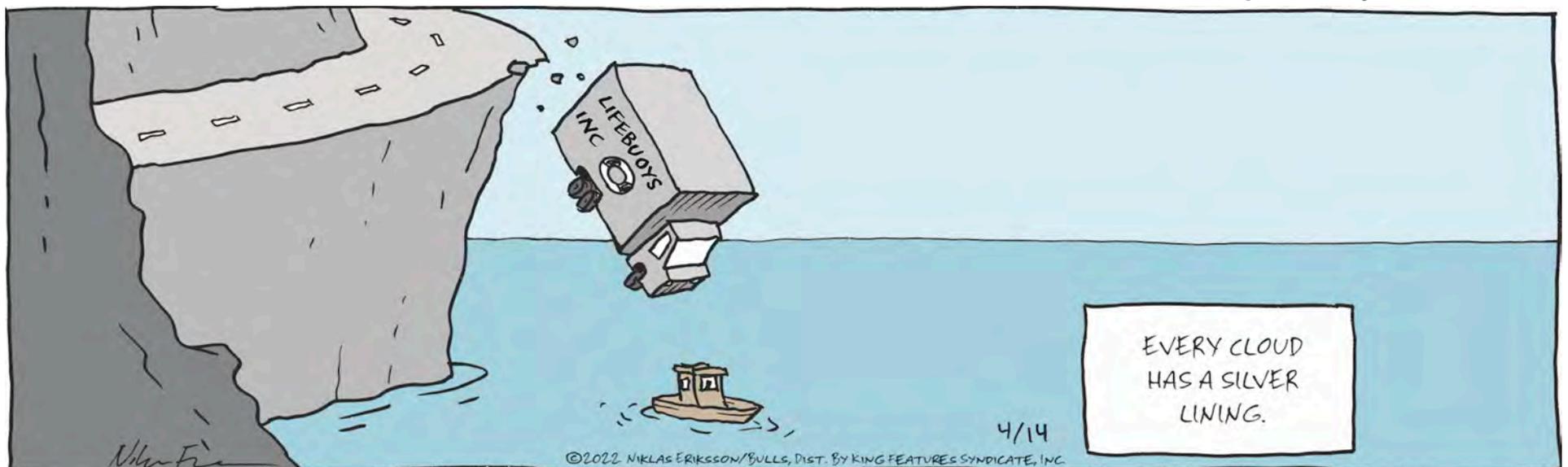


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Horoscope

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Guard against a tendency to be nitpicky today, especially at work. Or you might be this way when dealing with a pet or with issues related to your health. Instead, decide to go with the flow and let it be. Sometimes perfection is overrated. Tonight: Relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ This can be a creative, fun-loving day, unless you decide to fine-tune everything to a point where you have taken the joy out of something. Don't do this. Let the chips fall where they may, because in all likelihood, things will turn out just fine. Relax. Tonight: Teamwork!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ In order to keep the peace at home or when talking to family members today, your best option is to go along to get along. Of course, with your fast-moving mind, you see better options. But maybe others don't want to hear of these possibilities. Keep it simple. Tonight: You're focused.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★ When talking to others today, you might insist on something being correct, perhaps even correcting someone's grammar. (People love that.) Keep the spirit and general intent of what someone means in mind and don't get hung up on the details. Tonight: Explore!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ People are never casual about money, and even though you are a very generous sign, you're not

casual about money either. However, if you become a stickler today about financial matters or perhaps something that you own, someone else might be annoyed. Tonight: Passionate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ Be patient when talking to close friends today, because your penchant for getting things correct and observing little errors might hurt someone close to you. Relationships with others will be better if you cut them some slack. Tonight: Patience.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ More than any other sign, you are affected by your surroundings. Lighting, colors, smells. Today you might feel a bit uncomfortable or critical about something that is bothering you. This might be external; it might be internal. Fortunately, it's brief. Relax. Tonight: Work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ It's easy to be critical of others, including our friends. This means we are looking at the world with a critical eye. It's a choice. The flipside is you could come from a point of admiration. Feels better! Tonight: Play!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★ Today you might feel that someone is raining on your parade, especially someone in a position of authority like the police, a boss, a parent or a teacher. Bummer. However, don't let this affect you. It's just for today. Tonight: Cope at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★ You might be discouraged by the news or the media. Some of you also will be discouraged because a planned trip seems to be threatened or impossible. This can be disappointing. After the Full Moon on Saturday,

things might change. Tonight: Lively conversations!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Financial matters and issues related to shared property, inheritances, or debt might be discouraging today. Things are not the way you hoped. Join the club -- we number the millions. Tonight: Take stock.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★ Relations with partners and close friends might be stiff today because one of you is critical. If one is critical, then the other will be critical, creating a cycle. The secret is this cycle is easily broken by offering a compliment. Tonight: You're energized!



SPORTS

Unifying campus: Special Olympics basketball team prepares for Orlando

By **KATHERINE VAUGHN**
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Members of the TCU community packed the Schollmaier Arena on March 31st to support Beta Theta Pi's Special Olympics basketball team.

The basketball game was a fundraising event for the team to attend the Special Olympics this June in Orlando, Florida.

Special Olympics Texas suggested that the club apply for the games. After submitting a video of the team scrimmaging against each other, they were selected to attend.

The fraternity raised over \$7,500 and had over 200 people attend the game.

The team is composed of four partners from the fraternity, six special needs athletes and two coaches.

The TCU men's and women's basketball teams as well as TCU Elite Dance came to support the team and its goal of spreading

awareness for inclusion on campus.

But the team couldn't have gotten where it is today without the support of family, friends and the TCU community.

"It's just amazing that TCU has embraced us and really made everyone feel welcomed," said Thomas Lecy, a junior finance major and founder of the program.

Lecy started the initiative in the spring of 2020 during his first year at TCU after being impacted by a similar program throughout high school.

"All of the support has been insane," said Lecy. "People with and without disabilities are a lot more alike than we are different. We all want to feel included and feel loved and supported, and that's what we try to do every day."

Lecy has gained much from being a part of the team. As the students inspire the athletes, the athletes also inspire them.

"We all deserve to feel loved and respected for



who we are deep down," Lecy said.

Team member and supply chain major Will Schoen, inspired by his younger brother with special needs, wanted to become more involved with similar members of the Fort Worth community. Unified games presented the perfect opportunity.

"This is an experience that they will remember for the rest of their lives," Schoen said.

The team has dedicated months of hard work and preparation to get where they are, focusing on building

confidence and chemistry among the players.

They held Monday night games and Thursday night practices at the University Recreation Center. After traveling to a training camp in San Antonio, Texas from March 4 through March 7, the team is finally ready to compete.

Although the team has their eyes on a gold medal, some dreams have already come true for the athletes – all in the Schollmaier Arena.

"I've always wanted to be a Horned Frog," said athlete Avant Reed.

The athletes continue to inspire those around them with what they have learned.

"No matter who you are, where you come from, what skin color you are, no matter what race you are, you could do anything," said veteran athlete Thomas Parks. "Nobody will stop you. The only person to stop you is yourself."

Parks has come a long way. When he

was younger, he faced difficulty pronouncing phrases and communicating with others. Now, he has broken through those barriers and exceeded expectations. He has become one of the team's greatest assets and leaves an important message for all to hear.

The fraternity also competed in the 2018 Special Olympics that took place in Seattle, Wash.

The 2022 Special Olympics will air live on ESPN.

PHOTO BY KATHERINE VAUGHN

Beta Theta Pi fraternity members hold up signs to raise money for their Special Olympic Team.

TCU baseball strives to increase student attendance with recurring theme days

By **BREANA ADAMS**
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Baseball season is underway with the first conference game against Baylor a few weeks ago. With the rise in attendance for men's basketball last season, the marketing team for men's baseball is striving to achieve similar success.

Last season, TCU was ranked ninth in the country for average

attendance in baseball and third in the Big 12 conference. Its goal is to average 3,700 people per game – 1,200 more than last season.

Quintin Payton, the assistant director of athletics marketing, talked about the marketing efforts to attract more students to Lupton Baseball Stadium.

"We're doing the same strategies, just have a new partnership with

Barstool by working and utilizing them," said Payton. "Nothing new, just accelerating our traditional methods."

To attract fans, TCU baseball produces recurring promos and season-long theme days. The days include:

Tuesday: "Walking Tacos," taco ingredients in a chip bag including Fritos or Doritos;

Wednesday: "Kid's Night," children 12 and under get in for free;

Thursday: "Thirsty Thursdays," discounted soft beverages;

Friday: "Super Bowl of the Days of the Week," with happy hour specials, showgirls performance and fireworks to make it a special night;

Saturday: "Salute to Service," discounted tickets for active and retired military members;

Sunday: "Family Day," \$1 hot dogs, ice cream helmets and a kid's zone

play area.

The marketing team is also partnering with Barstool TCU in an effort to increase student attendance at games. A tailgate, similar to the one held for men's basketball, is already planned.

Since baseball season continues after the spring semester, Payton and the marketing team are trying to attract families from neighboring communities and fans.

"Between email marketing about team parties, developing email lists throughout the year and promos for tickets, they go hand in hand with various groups in the Dallas-Fort Worth area," Payton said. "Community outreach is an important part of attracting fans once the semester is over and students are off campus."