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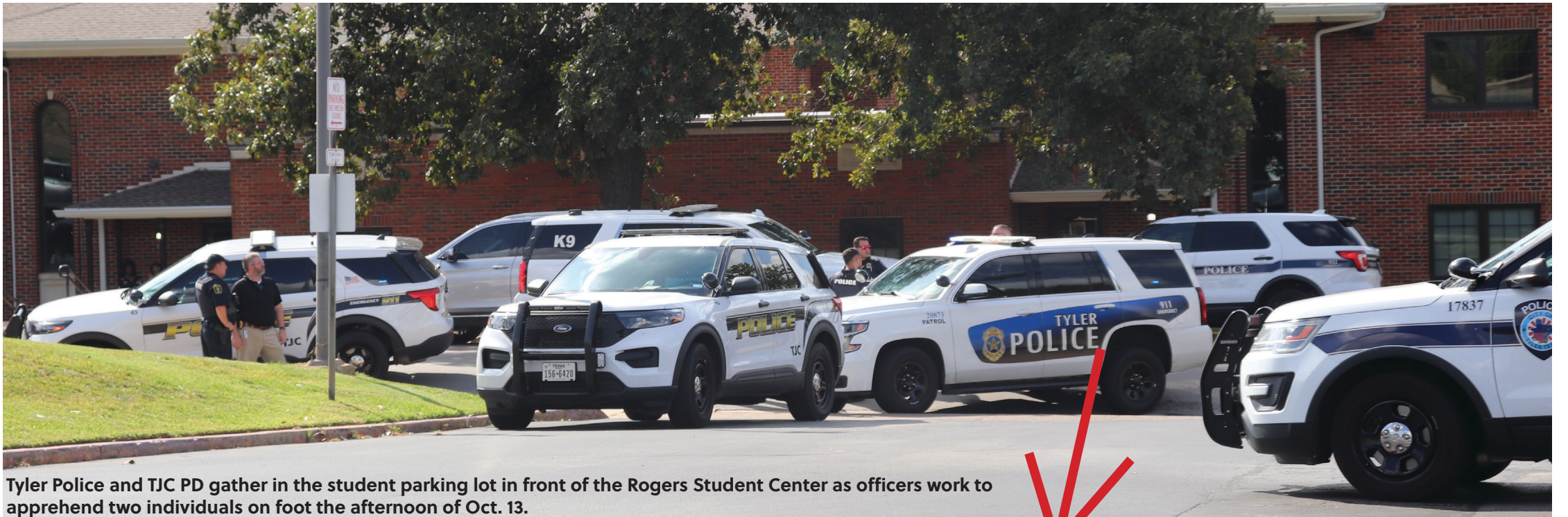


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Tyler Police and TJC PD gather in the student parking lot in front of the Rogers Student Center as officers work to apprehend two individuals on foot the afternoon of Oct. 13.

Three arrested following pursuit on Central Campus

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Campus police have released the incident report for the event that prompted a campus wide alert on Friday, Oct. 13. At around 1:15 p.m., an alert was sent out via text and email to TJC students and staff through the TJC Emergency Notification System, urging those on campus to "be vigilant" as TJC police worked to apprehend two individuals on foot near Central Campus on S. Mahon Ave. The alert stated "TJC Police are pursuing 2 individuals on foot near Mahon. Actor 1: Red shorts-black shirt, Actor 2: White shirt-black shorts/pant."

According to the report, three individuals were arrested after attempting to evade police, resulting in a foot chase through some parts of campus before they were taken into custody. The arrests were made in addition to two others

earlier on Friday in connection to a string of aggravated assaults in the area, according to KLTU.

According to the incident report from campus PD, "at approximately 1:15 pm, the TJC Police Department received a call about an injured individual in Cross Roads. Upon arrival, the person had already left the building. Upon investigation, it was determined the individual left the area in a dark-colored vehicle and was possibly involved in an incident earlier at another location on campus. A description of the vehicle was provided to the patrol officers, and a vehicle matching the description was observed. An officer attempted to stop the vehicle, but the operator of the vehicle evaded the officer. The vehicle came to a stop at dead end street off campus. After stopping, several of the occupants exited the vehicle and ran from the officer."

There was much confusion around campus following the incident, as information on the investigation was not available to be shared at the time.

"I was a little concerned, because as an RA, seeing six police cars in your parking lot is nothing to be excited about," said Crossroads RA Daijah McMillan.

Following the apprehension of the individuals by the joint efforts of TJC police and the Tyler Police Department, the all clear message was sent out around 3:35 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13.

The report stated, "As a result of the call, one individual was arrested for resisting arrest, search or transport, theft of a firearm, and tampering with evidence. A second individual was arrested for allowing an unlicensed person to operate a motor vehicle. A third individual

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TJC Alert: Be vigilant. TJC Police are pursuing 2 individuals on foot near con Mahon. Actor 1: Red shorts-black shirt, Actor 2: White shirt-black shorts/pant

TJC Alert: Update
All involved parties have been located and apprehended.

Thank you for your vigilance.

Screenshots of the TJC emergency messages that were sent out to all subscribers of the campus alert system at approximately 1:15 p.m. and 3:35 p.m. on Oct. 13 encouraging students and staff to be alert.



From left: ADA regulations state floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm and slip resistant. TJC offers accessible doors with a button. Larry Hatton, director of Facilities and Construction, said in November they will add QR codes to light poles if they need fixing to repair the outage.

ADA regulations, safety concerns on campus addressed

Story and Photos by **Halee Hasten**
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Concerns about the Americans with Disabilities Act and campus safety issues were voiced at the October Student Senate Committee meeting. For example, students at the meeting wanted more lights to shine over sidewalks and step lights at the Rogers Student Center and the cafeteria.

According to the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, state and local government facilities, public accommodations, and commercial facilities should be readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities. TJC as an education institution must follow ADA requirements, which includes accessible doors, elevators, parking, bathrooms, pathways etc.

TJC student Brittany Whitmire, who is currently using a walker, expresses her difficulties getting around campus.

"If I was somebody that had used this on a regular basis, the sidewalks are awful. Like this thing keeps getting caught on cracks. It's uneven, there's not good access to doors," Whitmire

said. "So I could see anybody that does have to use this on a regular basis, it's probably pretty difficult."

TJC Student Ezra Santos, who is using crutches, talked about her experience getting to her dorm.

"Ornelas B dorm getting down the stairs, across the bridge up another flight of stairs, and then the building's elevators are always broken so then I have to go up another flight of stairs to even get to my floor," Santos said.

The Department of Facilities and Construction manages the maintenance of buildings and construction on campus. Larry Hatton, the director for Facilities and Construction, had some answers for students regarding maintenance concerns.

"I haven't been here long enough to have any ADA compliance issues come up other than the standard maintenance items like the push door buttons and repairs," Hatton said.

Students can submit maintenance request tickets from Apache Access, or email maintenancerequests@tjc.edu.

Hatton says the facilities department tries to address all work orders that come in, in a timely

fashion. "We don't like having a lot of open work orders," Hatton said.

Hatton likes to review a request within 24 hours from receiving it or it could take longer depending on the request.

"If there's something that's outside of our purview, like you know, waiting for a part or having to go get a part, it might take a little bit longer," Hatton said. "So I want to clarify that some tickets are open a little longer because of circumstances that are out of our control."

TJC has different staff members who help fix and manage facilities across campus. TJC also outsources to a different company that takes care of the elevators' electronics and mechanisms for anything that's not routine maintenance. Hatton said the staff electrician can help reset the power if an elevator faults out.

TJC Board of Trustees approved an agreement with TK Elevator Corporation for elevator maintenance at the Sept. 28 meeting.

"We are in the process right now of switching the company. The TK elevators, they did the elevators in the past. For whatever reason before I got here, they switched to a smaller company

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