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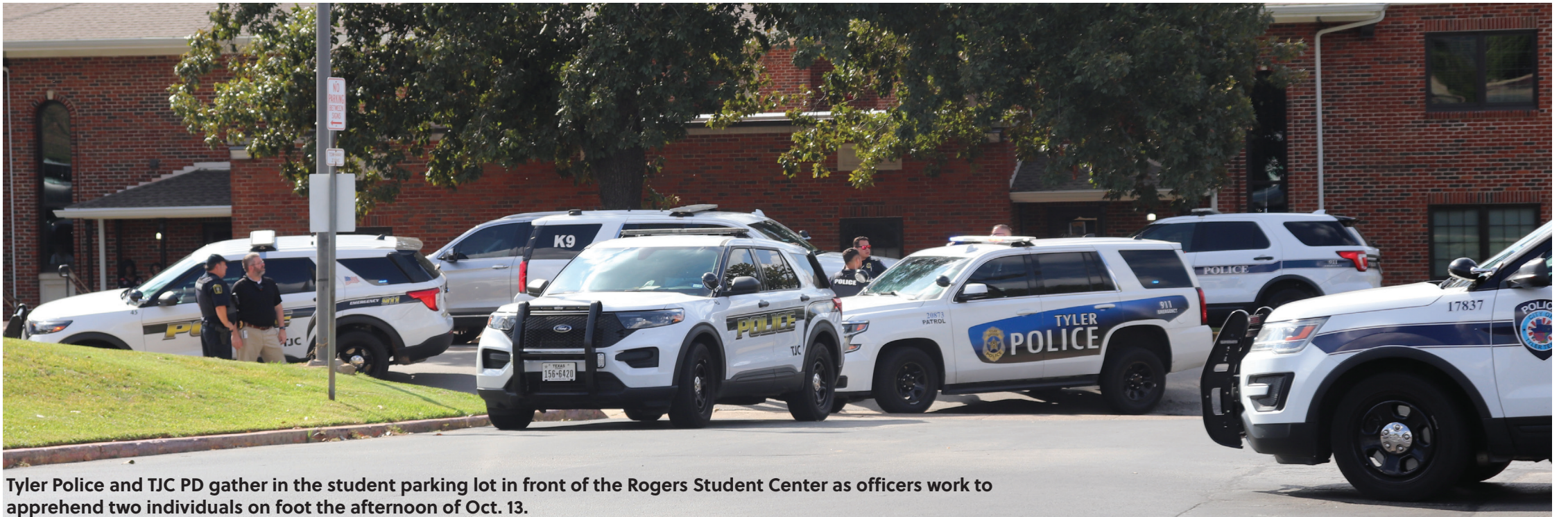


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Tyler Police and TJC PD gather in the student parking lot in front of the Rogers Student Center as officers work to apprehend two individuals on foot the afternoon of Oct. 13.

Three arrested following pursuit on Central Campus

Story and Photos by **Baleigh Davis**
Managing Editor

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**
Broadcast Director

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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This chair lift is located in the Vaughn Library.



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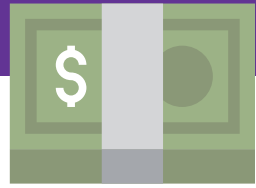
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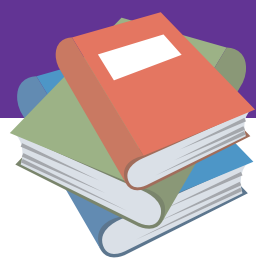
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ADA: Repairs on light poles and safety in the works

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that hasn't been able to service our campus. Some chair lifts on campus, they were just too big for them," Hatton said. "We have issues on campus with elevators right now. Several different buildings; we're working on it though. We're going to be better."

Regarding safety on campus, the Department of Facilities and Construction recently added three more emergency phones, which are the blue emergency phones, around campus.

"My main focus is campus safety, job safety, and being safe on campus," Hatton said.

Hatton explained his team's two top priorities are getting the light poles in the parking lots new LED bulbs rather than the old metal halide lights. Halide lights have a max output of 100 lumens per watt. LEDs on the other hand have 110 lumens per watt. LEDs are also known to be better for energy consumption than the older fashion kind of lights like halogen, incandescent and fluorescent.

"We're starting in November, probably you'll see us with a boom lift on campus and start changing lights," Hatton said.

Following the Student Senate meeting on Nov. 14, TJC is hosting a night walk, where faculty and students walk all over campus looking for spots that may look unsafe or where an unlit light bulb is located.

They also plan on adding something that will make it quick and easier for all students and faculty to send in maintenance tickets. QR codes will be added to all the lamp poles so if a student sees that a light is out while walking in the parking lot at night, they can scan the QR code and send in the work order. The QR code will be linked directly to that pole specifically so maintenance knows exactly where it is.

"We're not here at night, and so we kind of rely on the campus police and students. If you walk by a light pole that's not lit, it's dark, you can take your phone out, scan the QR code and it sends a ticket right to us that light pole is out that identifies a light pole," Hatton said.

"We're working really hard to brighten up the campus," Hatton said. "I think there's gonna be some more cameras added later in certain areas, but the lighting is definitely going to be upgraded."



Above: The light bulbs will be changed from halide to LED in November. Top Right: Automatic doors are available all around campus. Right: TJC approved an agreement with TK Elevators recently.



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Incident report: 2022 campus crime statistics available

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Was arrested for evading arrest or detention."

As of Oct. 25, this investigation is ongoing.

In the wake of this incident, students should be mindful of their surroundings, and take the appropriate measures to keep themselves safe. According to the 2023 Annual Campus Safety and Fire Report, which provides the statistics of reported crimes on campus for the past three years (2020-2022), there were six reported cases of burglary in 2022, one reported case of rape

as well as fondling, and one reported case of stalking on TJC's main campus. To download and view the full report, visit the Campus Police Communications page of the TJC website.

"I know that the police over here can do their job and handle these kinds of things. So that I won't be so worried," McMillan said. "I do feel safe that law enforcement knows how to do their job. So it does allow me to become more comfortable in Crossroads while I'm here as a resident, a student and a resident assistant."



Above: Officers pick up a white article of clothing from the ground near the Vaughn Conservatory. Below: Tyler PD officers get in their vehicle to leave campus after the arrests were made.



TJC Police Department Crime Statistics

Criminal Offense Reporting		TJC Main Campus			
Offense	Year	On-Campus Property	On-Campus Student Housing Facilities	Non-Campus Property	Public Property
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0
Rape	2022	1	1	0	0
	2021	3	3	0	0
	2020	2	2	0	0
Fondling	2022	1	1	0	0
	2021	1	1	0	0
	2020	1	1	0	0
Incest	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	1
	2020	2	0	0	0
Burglary	2022	6	5	0	0
	2021	1	0	0	0
	2020	5	2	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	1	0	0	0
Arson	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0
Violence Against Women, VAWA, Offense Reporting		TJC Main Campus			
Offense	Year	On-Campus Property	On-Campus Student Housing Facilities	Non-Campus Property	Public Property
Domestic Violence	2022	1	1	0	0
	2021	1	1	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	2022	1	1	0	0
	2021	2	1	0	0
	2020	2	2	0	0
Stalking	2022	1	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0

Above: The 2023 Annual Campus Fire and Safety Report provides the statistics of reported crimes on campus for the past three years (2020-2022). To download and view the full report, visit the Campus Police Communications page of the TJC website.

3 movies coming out in Nov.

By Marissa Krnavek
Entertainment Editor

November is the perfect month to go to the movie theaters. It's a colder month, so indoor activities are perfect for staying warm. Another reason November is a good month for the movies is because of all the movies coming out. With that, there are three movies I'm excited to see. The first movie I want to see is "Priscilla." This new drama tells the love story of Elvis and his wife, Priscilla. King of Rock 'n' Roll, Elvis Presley, is played by Jacob Elordi. Priscilla is portrayed by Cailee Spaeny.

I'm excited about this movie because I'm interested to see how Elordi portrays Elvis. Austin Butler played Elvis in the 2022 film "Elvis." To me, Butler's performance was on top. I don't think anyone can beat it. Another reason I'm thrilled about this movie is because there hasn't been much content on Priscilla's side of the love story between her and Elvis. Elvis and Priscilla were the "it" couple of their time. Their story is one that needs to be told.

The movie starts when Priscilla meets Elvis at a

party. Because of his fame, Priscilla is immediately interested in him. From there the movie goes on to show the relationship between the two and how Elvis became more than a crush.

This movie comes out on Friday, Nov. 3.

The second movie I'm looking forward to is "Journey to Bethlehem." This live-action Christmas movie musical tells the story of Mary, Joseph and the birth of Jesus. The two main characters, Mary and Joseph, are portrayed by Fiona Palomo and Milo Manheim. I haven't heard much about these actors; however, I'm interested to see how they do in their roles.

I'm eager to see this movie because I haven't heard of many movies like this one. Additionally, it's appealing to have a new movie on the roster for the holiday classic collections. Based on the trailer this movie looks very interesting.

In the movie, Mary is visited by an angel, and he tells her she will be pregnant with Jesus. Throughout the movie, Mary is struggling with keeping her honor and coming to terms with her

fate.

This movie hits theaters Nov. 10.

"The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes" is the last movie I'm wanting to see this month.

College students my age grew up watching the Hunger Games Trilogy. Now, there's a new part of the story coming out.

"The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes" tells the story of Coriolanus Snow, portrayed by Tom Blyth. The story follows 18-year-old Snow who is the last of his lineage. Snow has been assigned to mentor Lucy Gray Baird, portrayed by Rachel Zegler.

I'm excited about this movie because I've always been interested in "The Hunger Games," so I'm awaiting watch this new addition.

"The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes" comes to theaters Nov. 17.

For those interested in seeing these movies, they will be showing at the theaters in Tyler. Don't forget to bring your student ID, and ask about a student discount.

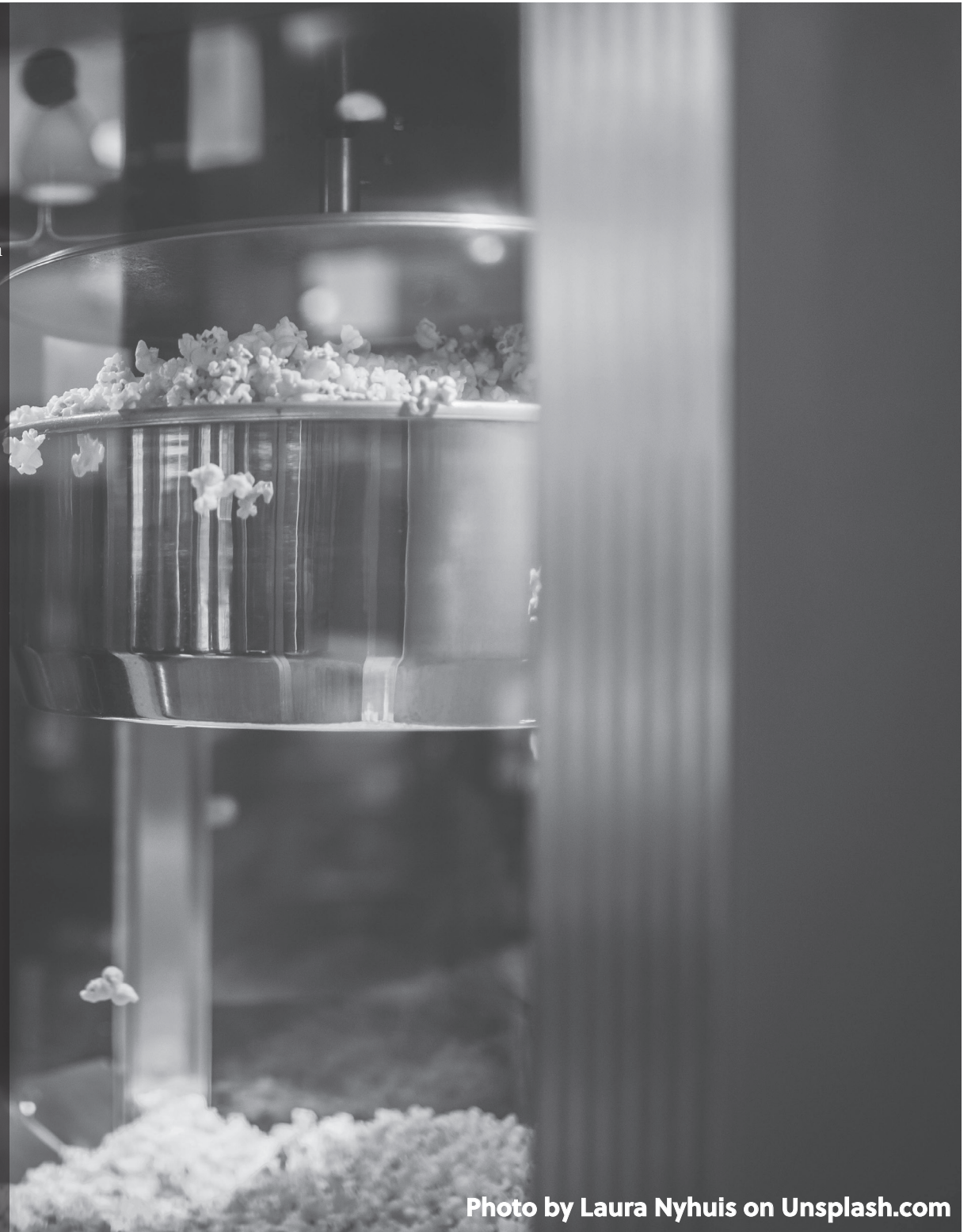
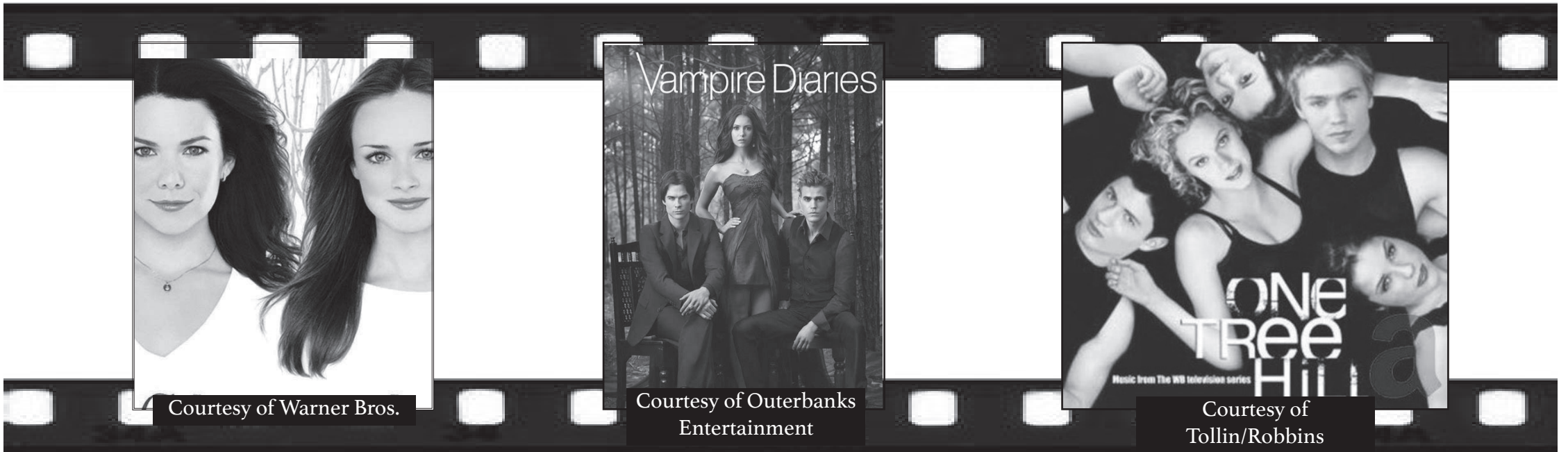


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Review: Top 3 must watch TV series for college students

By Grace Stone
Multimedia Journalist

With Thanksgiving around the corner, it is the perfect time to dive into a TV series you've never seen. These three TV series are classics that will keep you laughing, on the edge of your seat and falling in love. These shows are all complete series; that means you can binge without stopping.

1. "Gilmore Girls"

"Gilmore Girls" is set in a small town in Connecticut called, "Stars Hollow." This is the perfect picturesque town full of different characters from all walks of life. The show focuses primarily on Lorelai Gilmore and her daughter, Rory. They exhibit the perfect mother and daughter relationship and double as best friends. The story shows their life after Lorelai gets pregnant with Rory at a young age and runs away from her wealthy parents. Later, she reestablishes a connection with her parents for Rory's sake and begins frequenting her parents' house. The show follows Rory's life throughout high school and then into college while Lorelai acts on opening her own bed and breakfast. The show exhibits love, hardships and the meaning of friendship. I love this show because it is so easy to turn on any episode and be able to laugh and get lost in Stars Hollow. The characters are perfectly portrayed and leave you wishing you could be a part of the town. I highly recommend making this your comfort show during the holiday season.

2. "The Vampire Diaries"

"The Vampire Diaries" is a supernatural teen drama, full of love and plot twists. The show is set in a town called Mystic Falls in Virginia where nothing is as it seems. A young girl named Elena Gilbert discovers the secrets of the creatures lurking in her town and falls in love with them. The Salvador brothers, Stefan and Damon, appear to be normal but are vampires who are hundreds of years old. Stefan is brave and selfless while his brother Damon is quite the opposite. Elena gets intertwined with the brothers and is torn between the two vampires. This show follows Elena and her love stories with both brothers and keeps you on your toes while trying to predict her future. Along with the love triangle, they also live in a town of vampire hunters so there is constant action and battles for them to stay alive. This show kept me on the edge of my seat. I couldn't turn it off. The characters are perfectly casted and the town is so dark and mysterious it is a great fit for this show. This is the perfect show for watchers who love a rush and complicated love stories.

3. "One Tree Hill"



"One Tree Hill" is an American drama full of juicy high school drama and love, of course. "One Tree Hill" is set in a small town called Tree Hill, North Carolina. This show tells the story of two high school boys, Nathan and Lucas Scott. Although they are brothers by blood, they couldn't be more opposite in character. Lucas grew up with a single mom who had been left by his father when he was born. Lucas grew up to be an intelligent well-rounded boy and worked really hard for everything he had. Nathan grew up with both his mom and dad and they were very wealthy; it seemed like Nathan had it all. He was popular at school and even the captain of the high school basketball team, just like his father was. Both lived separate lives until Lucas decides to try out for the basketball team. This causes a rivalry and an uproar between the brothers. While following the brothers' lives, the show demonstrates their friendships, hardships and revelations. This show is well made and always leaves you wanting more. I loved this show so much that I have watched it multiple times. This show is a great watch for drama lovers.

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55. Russia's hard liquor
56. Ctrl + Z
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60. Famous French couturier (1905-1957)
61. Heavy Metal's Quiet ___
62. Caustic soda
63. Newsman Rather
64. Kill, as in dragon

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9. To a very great degree (2 words)
10. Not bright
12. Sacred choral compositions
13. Roundish
14. *Sweet tooth, technically
19. * ___ Musketeers, spelled out
22. Drops at dawn
23. * ___-Frutti
24. Highlander's dagger
25. Sage and rosemary
26. *Scoop holder
27. Averse
28. "Drove my chevy to the ___"
29. Southeast Asian org.
32. Relinquish, as in property
33. Clergyman's title, abbr.
36. *Single serving treat
38. Embarrass
40. Arthur, to friends
41. Hard feelings
44. I to Greeks, pl.
46. TV's "Where everybody knows your name"
48. Opposite of depression
49. " ___ a high note"
50. Same as fogley
51. Inactive
52. "Ant-Man" leading actor
53. Not top-shelf in a bar
54. Greek portico
55. Radio knob, abbr.
58. Farm pen



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Friday, Nov. 3

Reflections on the life of the spirit

Board Dining Room 3rd floor of Rogers Student Center @ Noon



Monday, Nov. 6

Turning Point USA Meeting

Rogers Student Center @ 3:45 p.m.

APA Style Workshop

Online @ 6 p.m.

Band Life Group

Apache Band Hall patio @ 6 p.m.

Girls Life Group

Baptist Student Ministry @ 7 p.m.

Devotionals

Mrs. Anglin's home @ 7 p.m.

Email kang@tjc.edu for location



Tuesday, Nov. 7

Laser Printing Workshop

Digital Media Lab @ 10:45 a.m.

STEM Club Meeting: Demo Prep and Practice

Genecov 102 @ Noon

Study Strategies: New and Unexpected Ways for you to Study

Quest Classroom, 1st Floor, Vaughn Learning Commons (TJC Library)

@ 3:30 p.m.

Student Senate General Assembly

Jenkins Hall Room 1109 @ 4 p.m.

Student Senate Committee Meeting

RSC, Apache Rooms @ 4 p.m.

Digital Privacy: How and Where Our Data is Tracked

6 p.m. Sign up and find Link on OrgSync

Refugio

Baptist Student Ministry @ 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 8

Blood Drive

RSC, Spirit Room @ 9 a.m.

Meaningful Conversations

Board Dining Room 3rd Floor of the RSC @ Noon

Wednesday Lunch

Baptist Student Ministry @ Noon

Keep TJC Beautiful

347 Pirtle Technology @ 3 p.m.

Digital Privacy: How and Where Our Data is Tracked

Quest Classroom - Vaughn Library

@ 2 p.m.

CJSA Meeting

Pirtle T-200 @ 4:30 p.m.



Thursday, Nov. 9

Apache Aeros Meeting

Library Quest Classroom @ 5 p.m.

The MVMNT

Baptist Student Ministry @ 8 p.m.



Friday, Nov. 10

Watkins-Logan State Veterans Home: Veterans Day Volunteer Event

Watkins-Logan State Veterans Home @ 8 p.m.

Reflections on the Life of the Spirit

Board Dining Room 3rd Floor of the Rogers Student Center @ Noon



Saturday, Nov. 11

Fall Festival at Elijah's Retreat

Elijah's Retreat: Co Rd 3110, Jacksonville, TX 75766 @ 10 a.m.



Monday, Nov. 13

Turning Point USA Social

Rogers Student Center @ 3:45 p.m.

Lecture and Concert on Azerbaijani Music

Apache Rooms 1 and 2 @ 3 p.m.

Band Life Group

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Baptist Student Ministry @ 7 p.m.

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Tuesday, Nov. 14

Lunch n' Learn with Chad Daniel

Genecov 102 @ Noon

Push Past Procrastination: Final Exam Prep Tips

Quest Classroom, Vaughn Learning Commons (Vaughn Library Building)

@ 3:30 p.m.

Student Senate General Assembly

Jenkins Hall Room 1109 @ 4 p.m.

Digital Wellness: How Our Digital Practices Impact Us.

Online @ 6 p.m.

Refugio

Baptist Student Ministry @ 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 15

Honors Research Poster Session

Ornelas Center for Band, Apache Belles, & Dance @ Noon

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Baptist Student Ministry @ Noon

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Thursday, Nov. 16

Holiday Decor Workshop

Digital Media Lab @ 10:45 a.m.

The MVMNT

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TJC has over 12,000 enrolled students. But what really makes up the student body?

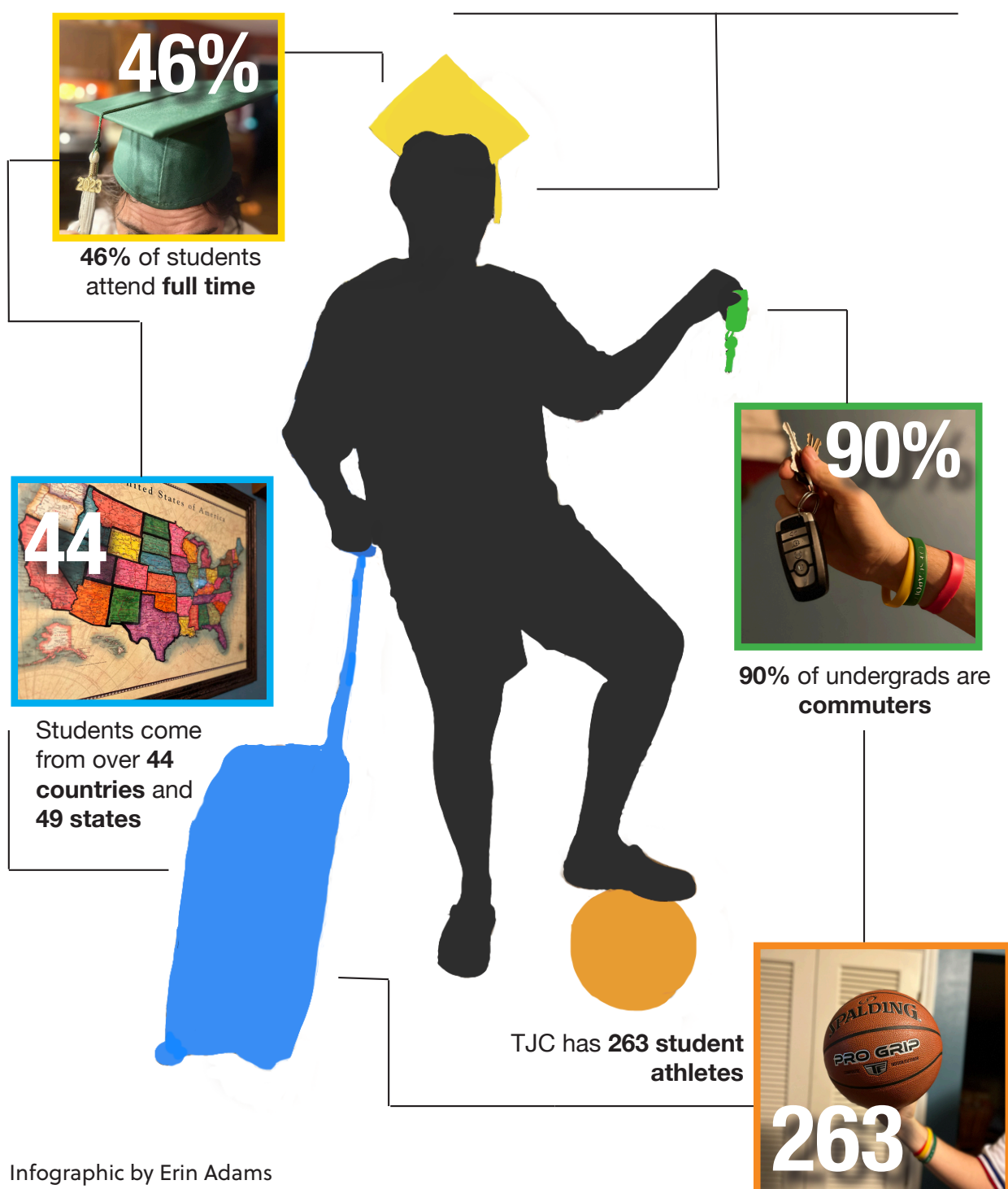


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TJC offers welding program at West Campus

By Savanna Benner
Multimedia journalist

Students who graduate high school will have an opportunity to decide if they are going to college or going into trade schools. According to a survey in the “More young adults are pursuing trades instead of college” article, around 45% of people would rather go to trade schools that offer specific training and learning opportunities, than go to college.

TJC West offers students the ability to learn trades. The welding program at TJC West offers students opportunities to learn trade to help them when they graduate and are looking for a job. TJC West offers welding students two different options. They can either get their certificate, or they can earn an associate degree.

“If you are interested in our program, it is set up so that we do not do projects,” said Bryan Baker, the department chair for the welding program at TJC. “It is not high school. It is not what you do in high school. People come in expecting that, and they are very disappointed to find out that is not what it is.”

Baker wants upcoming students to know the welding program is not like learning in high school. They accept students to the program one time a year because the program fills up quickly. The early registration of students typically is in early April or by the end of May. Then the program starts in August. The welding program prepares students about learning how to weld pipe, grind pipe down and how to build projects using different metals they can use in the work industry and how they will prepare them for their future.

“It all depends on their skills. I would say it depends on what skills a person possesses that really allows them to move up,” Baker said. “We always tell people;

be sure you know and take it seriously. I always tell students that your job interviews start day one in the class. That is what we know of the students right there.”

Welding program graduates participate in hands-on learning of welding and having classes that lecture them before going into the field. They have classes from introduction to welding to advanced welding classes. With the different skills they possess, students can find specific jobs.

“In terms of opportunities, there is one company here, locally DSS Cat in Tyler, have hired 10 students right now that are working for them. They primarily recruit from us,” Baker said.

TJC West has companies looking into their students who are in the welding program. Companies are looking for people with experience, so when they see the knowledge and experience the TJC welding program offers, they are often willing to hire them.

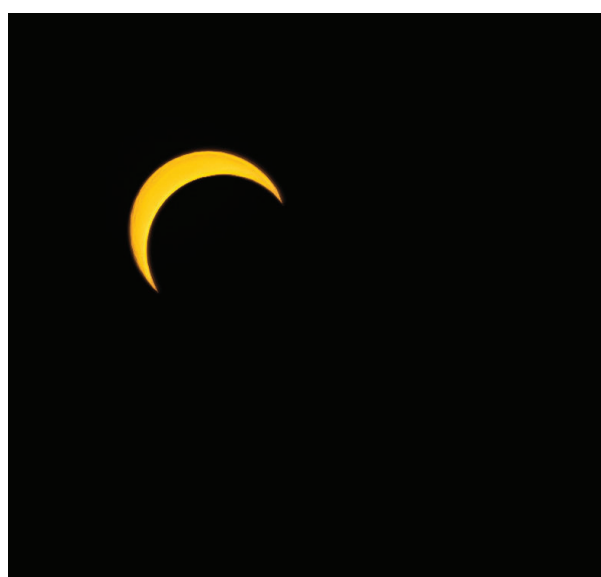
“I am a tattoo artist on the side. So, I figured tattooing and welding is basically the same thing,” Ashley Bishop, a welding student at TJC West, said.

Bishop used her skills as a tattoo artist to find a trade to work in.

“That is the thing that makes a job as an instructor, a teacher, all about. You see that you are impacting someone’s life. You are giving them an opportunity to learn a skill, learn trade, and really makes a difference in their ability to earn and make a living,” Baker said.

The welding program, which is offered at TJC west campus, which is located on West Loop 323 and is a two, eight- week semester. Students come to class four days a week. They have two days a week schedule where they would have different classes. Typically, their classes will be around three and a half hours.

During Homecoming on Oct. 14 an annular solar eclipse could be seen in Tyler. The solar eclipse happens when the moon passes in between the Sun and the Earth. This event only happens occasionally, because the moon doesn't orbit in the same plane as the Sun and the Earth. The solar eclipse aligned with TJC's Homecoming and it was the theme for the school.



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Bringing Life Back to Campus

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The vibrant flowerbeds in front of the White Administrative Service Center show one of the impacts TJC's new groundskeeper, Brandy Roberts, has made on the campus' appearance.

Roberts has been with TJC since this September and in this short time she has shown profound love and care for the campus.

According to Trevor McNeill, landscaping and grounds supervisor, Roberts was interviewed for two open positions, electrician and gardener. When she was told what the gardening position entailed, "her face lit up, that was a huge plus for campus."

The supervisor described the quality of Roberts' work by saying, "Even all my guys say she gets after it, she does it and doesn't complain. Always has a smile on her face. She's doing a lot of good things for TJC."

Sherry Fuller, director of Career Education Services, also expresses her admiration for the groundskeeper's work as the garden outside her office has improved appearance since she was hired.

She accentuates Roberts' work by saying, "the flowerbeds in front of the WASC building have been less than stellar for the four years I have been here, but Brandy is really making a huge impact on

the school's appearance. She is working wonders."

Roberts explains the process she has carried out to restore the flowerbeds, which includes cleaning out the beds, taking out invasive Jasmine and giving the plants extra "tender loving care."

She enjoys gardening outside of her job and grows organic vegetables all year around, which she wants to incorporate into TJC.

"I do worry a lot about the critters, the little bees and such. And so, I would like to try to incorporate some more organic practices," Roberts said.

She is looking forward to creating programs to get people more involved with these organic practices and gardening in general "because of how relaxing, healing and peaceful it is" and she'd like to share that experience with others.

Her work has been warmly welcomed into the campus and the groundskeeper expresses her gratitude for the appreciative comments, freedom and trust she receives while performing her job.

Roberts describes the comments as empowering.

"I have not gone home one single day without a pocket full of beautiful heartfelt

comments on all my work and that has meant a lot," Roberts said. "For people to stop and say hello and what you're doing is looking great. I really appreciate it."



Groundskeeper Brandy Roberts poses next to a rose bush that sits in front of the White Administrative Building. Roberts' skill and dedication helped nurture the plant back to life. Photo by Baleigh Davis

Flowers to Find Around TJC



Azalea

/ə'zæliə/

a type of Rhododendron, also the flower for the zodiac sign Sagittarius

📍 Wise Cultural Arts (WCA)

Linnaea x Grandiflora

/lin-ay-ee-uh/

multi-stemmed, hybrid shrub, related to the honeysuckle

📍 Pirtle Technology



Ipomoea Sagittata

/ipə'mēə/

commonly called the saltmarsh morning glory, native to the Caribbean, Mexico

📍 Garden near Genecov

Common Zinnia

'zinēə/

zinnias are brightly coloured flowers belonging to the Asteraceae family

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Feature: Everything to know about TJC's Baptist Student Ministry

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The Baptist Student Ministry is a student organization in colleges across Texas. According to the BSM website, txbsm.org, it is a home away from home for college students. The BSM's mission is to engage college students to follow Christ. Additionally, the BSM wants to transform the world.

The BSM organization offers free lunches for students, Wi-Fi, coffee and friends at their building. The BSM also offers a chance for students to get involved in leadership roles.

A'laya Russell, a member of the BSM leadership team and an early childhood development major, leads a Bible study at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The Bible study is held at the BSM building on campus next to the housing office,

and it includes free food.

"Something I love the most about the BSM is the community. It doesn't matter who you are, or where you're from. They accept you for who you are," Russell said.

Any student can be a part of the BSM. According to the Texas BSM website, it's for all active college students. Being Baptist isn't required for students to join.

In addition to Wednesday night Bible studies, the BSM also holds worship nights. According to the TJC BSM's website, worship nights are held to provide a space for all religious backgrounds to learn about God. The worship nights are at 8 p.m. on Thursdays. According to tjcbasm.com, the worship nights include free pancakes and bacon for students who stay after worship for the after-party.

Missions are another part of the BSM.

According to gonowmissions.com, they mobilize college students to share the love of Christ across the world. Go Now Missions began in 1946 when four students were sent to Hawaii to conduct a youth revival. Since then, over 9,000 students have been sent around the world as missionaries.

The BSM got its start in 1919. Texas Baptists voted to begin a ministry for college students. The original name for BSM was "Baptist Student Union." In 1995, the name was changed to Baptist Student Ministry, which is still the name today. As for TJC, the BSM was established on campus in 1941.

"The Bible calls us to go out and create disciples," Russell said. As mentioned before, the BSM actively sends students out for missions. Russell mentioned this is something that TJC specifically loves to do. According to

the TJC BSM website, the next mission trip is Nov. 4-6.

According to the Texas BSM's "About Us" page, the BSM has three main goals. Those goals are to engage college students, to follow Christ and to transform the world. The BSM has over 150 missionaries working part-time, full-time and volunteering. According to the website's "About Us" page, their passion is they want every student in Texas to hear the word of God.

They aspire to change the world through missionary work and volunteer work. For example, handing out water on campus.

The BSM encourages TJC students to attend events. For more information about the events visit, tjcbasm.com.

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