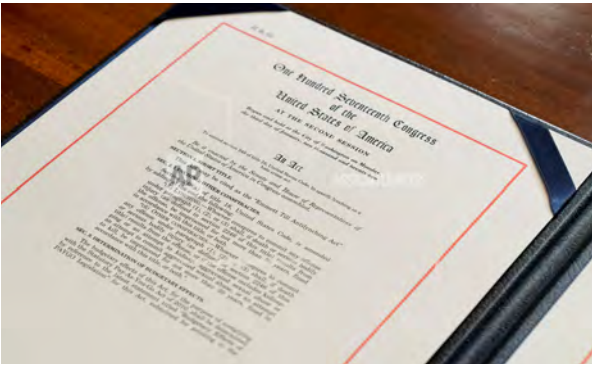


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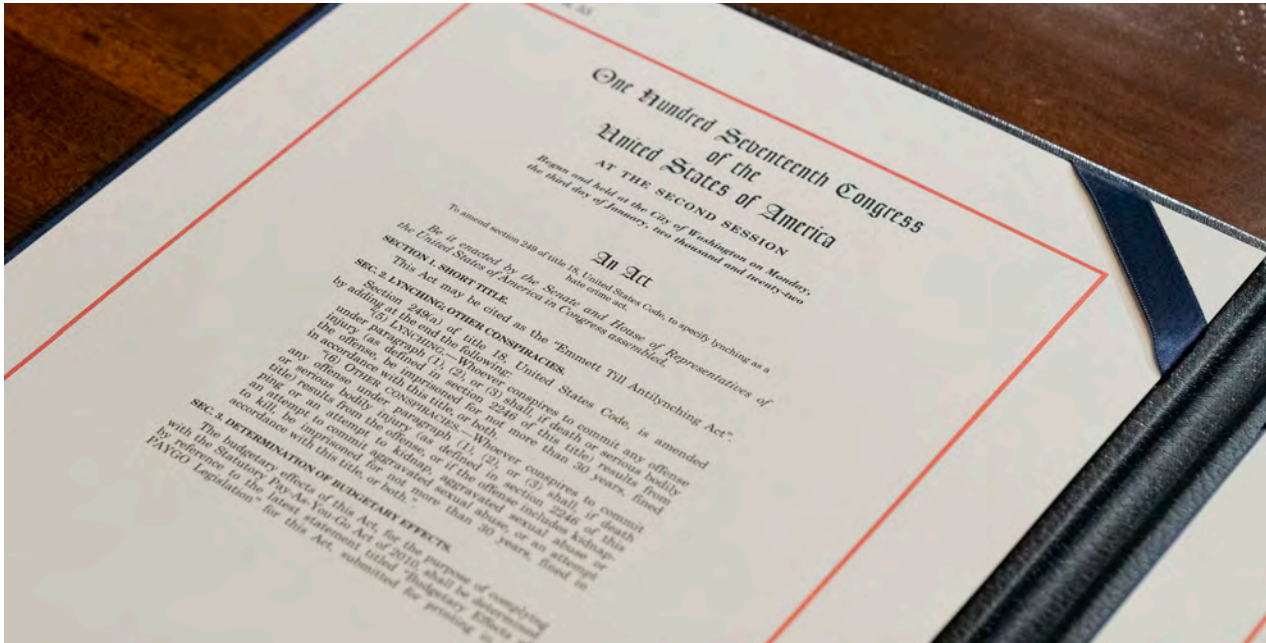
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CAMPUS NEWS

Emmett Till's last living cousin speaks to TCU about reconciliation, forgiveness



AP PHOTO/ALEX BRANDON

H.R. 55, the “Emmett Till Antilynching Act” which designates lynching as a hate crime under federal law, is placed on a table before being signed by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of Calif., on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

DRU KENNEDY HAWKINS
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

A week after the Senate passed an anti-lynching bill named for Emmett Till, his last living cousin spoke at a TCU Facebook live event to talk about forgiveness.

The Rev. Wheeler Parker was with Till, who was 14 at the time, when Till “wolf-whistled” at a white woman in Money, Mississippi. The woman, Carolyn Bryant Donham, accused Till of grabbing her and being sexually menacing in the grocery store owned by her husband.

Several nights later, Till was taken from the home of the relatives he was visiting. Donham’s husband, Roy Bryant, and his half-brother, J.W. Milam, made Till carry a 75-pound cotton gin fan to the

Tallahatchie River before making him take his clothes off and beating him to death.

Roy Bryant and Milam were acquitted by an all-white jury but later admitted to killing Till. In a 2017 book examining Till’s murder, Donham recanted the story of Till accosting her in the store.

The federal anti-lynching law awaiting President Biden’s signature was first proposed in 1918.

“The wheels of justice grind slow, but they do grind, it is good to see some change,” Parker said. He was introduced by TCU’s race and reconciliation committee, which hosted the Facebook live event last Wednesday.

Rev. Wheeler Parker lives today to not only tell the story of his cousin but also try his best to

make light of his cousin’s legacy. He learns all of this from Till’s mother.

“She never stirred up hate, she took the pain, anguish, and frustration and turned it into something positive,” Parker said.

Parker remembers that Till’s mother told him to carry on the legacy of her son, as she did. He knew these shoes were hard to fill, but would do anything in his power to obey her instruction.

One big way that Parker was able to carry out Till’s legacy was with the Emmett Till Memorial Center that he helped open.

The center serves a purpose to not only tell the story of Till’s tragedy but also point away toward social healing.

The center uses different things like storytelling and arts to

help individuals process their anger and pain and imagine ways to keep moving forward.

“I always tell people to brighten the corner where you are,” Parker said.

With everything that has gone on since the murder of Till, President Biden is now signing the Emmett Till Antilynching Act soon. This will be the nation’s first federal anti-lynching legislation and would establish lynching as an offense made by a person conspiring to commit a hate crime, resulting in death or serious injury, according to thegrio.com.

There is always more work to be done, and Rev. Wheeler Parker believes it’s a journey in which we must keep moving forward.



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CAMPUS NEWS

Criminal mischief: The most common crime reported in residence halls

EMMA WATSON
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Criminal mischief is one of the most common crimes at TCU so far this semester, according to the TCU Police Department’s Daily Crime and Fire Log.

TCU Police Commander Stephen Hall said criminal mischief, including property damage, was the most commonly reported crime in residence halls.

“Unfortunately, criminal mischief is very common,” Hall said.

Criminal mischief is the act of destroying or tampering with someone else’s property.

Allen said that compared to other college campuses across the U.S., TCU rarely faces property damage or criminal mischief in buildings.

“Every now and then, we’ll have a little flare-up of property damage,” said Craig Allen, the executive director of housing and fraternity and sorority life. “We’ve seen some holes in walls, or we might see furniture that’s damaged.”

Sometimes, when a student causes damage, “other students see the damage and, for whatever reason, start doing damage too,” said Allen.

For this reason, they move quickly to repair damages and identify who is causing them.

Theft, though, can easily occur without anyone noticing. Hall said thefts are typically crimes of opportunity.

Allen said theft seems

to occur most often when students leave their belongings unattended or leave their door open or unlocked.

“I do not recall a single case within the last five years that someone forcefully entered a residence hall room to commit a crime,” said Hall.

Harrison Holloway, a residence assistant in King and Wright Hall, said, “From what I’ve seen, it’s just, like, willful negligence.”

Many residents feel that they have more security in the halls than they actually do.

“They think, ‘Oh, nobody’s going to go in my room, it’s completely safe,’ and leave their doors unlocked,” said Holloway. Because of these expectations of safety, the residence halls have more opportunities for criminal mischief and theft.

Holloway said King Hall, like many of the older residence halls at TCU, requires key access, making it a hassle to lock and unlock the doors every time.

“It’s just easy to keep it unlocked all the time,” Holloway said.

Many of the newer residence halls have automatically-locking doors that can be opened with the resident’s student ID. Allen believes this does help with theft.

Allen said awareness and education are important for students. He urges students to lock their doors when they leave and secure and hide their valuables in the residence halls.

“It’s a sign of, really, how trusting students are,” said Allen. Because theft doesn’t happen very often, students don’t think they need to lock their doors.

“You don’t expect it to happen to you, until it does,” said Holloway. He explained that he often sees residents learn and mature from these incidents.

Still, most of these criminal issues are dealt with by TCU Police, said Holloway.

Commander Hall explained that each case receives a detective for a follow-up investigation.

“Detectives seek out witnesses, review technology resources and interview suspects to try to identify the suspects in each case. If the suspects are identified, the police department works with the university to attempt to recover damages,” said Hall.

Identifying the offender is dependent on numerous factors, one of those is having a witness who’s willing to communicate.

“Our buildings are small, tight-knit groups,” said Allen. “If there’s a hole in a wall, 99% of the time, somebody knows who did it.”

Criminal mischief and theft are an issue on almost every campus in the U.S; however, TCU’s community and the care given to it makes these issues a little better.

“When you build strong communities, that stuff tends to go away or not happen,” said Allen.

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IN-DEPTH REPORTING

A TCU alumna is entering Ukraine and headed for Lviv



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Reporter Lena Blietz trying on a bullet proof vest.

By HAEVEN GIBBONS
MANAGING EDITOR, TCU 360

TCU alumna Lena Blietz and the freelance group are sitting at a checkpoint waiting to enter Ukraine. They plan to drive to Lviv by Thursday night, which is 90 minutes from the checkpoint.

Lviv is in Western Ukraine, 50 miles from the border of Poland. An estimated 200,000 people have fled their hometowns to find safety in Lviv since Russia invaded Ukraine. But on Saturday Russian rockets struck the city.

On Friday, they plan to meet up with a group of doctors and nurses with an organization called Condos for Kids, Blietz said.

Prior to Russia invading Ukraine, the organization helped Ukrainian children with medical issues get adopted. Now they are helping children who have lost both parents get

to safe houses in Ukraine.

Blietz will also be looking for other stories. They plan to report from Lviv until April 3.

March 29, 2022:

A TCU alumna is en route to cover the war in Ukraine: Her prep, her goals and her fears

She packed a sleeping bag, granola bars, water purification tablets, fleece leggings for the freezing temperatures and a bulletproof vest. By Wednesday morning, she will be in Krakow, Poland.

Blietz is headed for Krakow to cover the war in Ukraine.

"There are definitely a lot of stories that haven't been told simply because a lot of people that are over there are also trying to inform the world with what's going on more of a macro level and how this is going to inform world politics, and we need a balance of both," Blietz said. "So I am excited to

be able to contribute in ways that are maybe right now underserved. But I am nervous."

She is traveling with a group of freelance journalists through Accord Media, but she is producing and publishing all of her work independently and self-funding her trip.

Blietz said her focus will be human-interest stories. She plans to visit the subway system where many Ukrainians are sheltering from the warfare.

"So, I'm bringing a sleeping bag and a sleeping pad and everything. And I would love to spend the night down there," Blietz said.

She also wants to cover the hardships that Polish, Romanian and Slovakian residents are facing as refugees flood their cities. She is interested in visiting small towns in these countries to find out how residents are trying to help even when faced with language barriers and lack of resources.

"I haven't really seen a lot of reporting on how hard is this hitting the Polish people or the Romanian people that were obviously not prepared for this," Blietz said.

Coverage on TikTok

In addition to producing text and video stories, Blietz will post coverage to TikTok in hopes of reaching a different audience who may not be following the war via traditional news outlets.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LENA BLIETZ'S TIKTOK

Reporter Lena Blietz preparing to enter Ukraine, as seen on her TikTok.

Blietz said one of the biggest challenges is going to be creating more casual content to fit TikTok's platform without sounding like she is "making light" of the war.

"We're trying to reach the people that aren't being reached," Blietz said.

Blietz is also taking a film camera to document what she sees.

"We've all seen photos of war and stuff on film from so long ago, and I think it could be interesting to see some of these situations shot the same way," Blietz said.

Backup plan

Blietz said she is most nervous that she will somehow do more harm than good by being in the way or even just by eating food. She is bringing non-perishable food like granola bars.

The group has a backup plan. If it becomes unsafe to travel to Poland, they will stay in Amsterdam, where they have a layover, and find refugees there or in other parts of Europe.

The prep

Blietz brainstormed story ideas. She bought a bulletproof vest. She packed light. And, she left her parents with a list of her personal information in case she goes missing.

There is only so much she can do to prepare.

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"I think the last thing that anyone wants to do as a reporter is take away resources of any kind from the people that need them by going in to do good things but then end up being the people that also need help."

- LENA BLIETZ
TCU ALUMNA AND REPORTER

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A translator is traveling with the freelance group, but language barriers and culture shock are challenges Blietz knows she will face. Blietz bought a Russian pocket dictionary with images to help explain how to say some words.

And while she has experience covering crime, breaking news and local government, she has never covered a war.

“It really takes a lot of gumption to do something like that,” said Judy Slate, who worked with Blietz at a station in Bozeman, Montana, as a senior reporter. “I couldn’t imagine myself boarding an airplane and going to cover a war. But she’s a confident person, she’s confident

in her reporting skills and I think she is looking forward to the challenge.”

News junkie

Blietz has always been a news junkie. As a kid, she remembers her dad reading CNN in the morning. Blietz followed suit.

“I started doing that just because I guess I thought that’s what people did in the morning,” Blietz said.

But Blietz always wanted to be a sports reporter.

At TCU, Blietz majored in broadcast journalism and minored in political science before graduating in 2015. In 2016, she got her master’s degree from the Medill School at Northwestern University with video concentration

in the Sports Immersion Program.

She has spent most of her career as a sports reporter, covering hard news in sports. But often, when she has been hired to cover sports, she has also ended up covering news too.

“In a small market, people end up wearing lots of different hats,” Slate said.

Bozeman was Blietz’s first job out of graduate school, and it is where she was first assigned to cover crime.

She has covered national news stories including the Sutherland Springs mass shooting, multiple unsolved murders, police corruption and the Black Lives Matter Protests.

“I think her background in sports and in covering crime both

help her equally really in this next endeavor because as a journalist you really have to know how to tell a story,” Slate said.

She also has experience interviewing refugees in San Antonio.

“So I have worked with refugees before, but it’s different when you’re kind of on your home turf.”

But Blietz said she wants to use the skill set that she has to be able to help people and help spread the truth.

“I’m definitely looking forward to and feeling very passionate about getting to tell the stories of more people,” Blietz said. “And I know that there are a lot of people saying there is enough media there, but there are 2.5 million refugees – not everyone has the



PHOTO COURTESY OF LENA BLIETZ

The border of Poland and Ukraine.

same story.”

**This story will be updated on TCU360.com to show Blietz’s TikTok coverage and her experiences in Poland.*

Blietz plans to return to the U.S. on April 5th.

CAMPUS NEWS

Admissions are more selective for Class of 2026

By **BROOKE GIANOPULOS**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

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CATE THOMPSON

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

With the May 1 college decision deadline less than a month away, TCU’s Office of Admission is bracing for the Class of 2026.

The goal is for 2,200 to 2,300 first-year students to matriculate, but last year 2,560 applicants took TCU on their college offers.

The largest class in TCU’s history sparked a housing crisis this year, pushing most juniors and seniors off-campus and sophomores into apartments traditionally meant for juniors and

seniors, while first-year students took over sophomore housing, including the Campus Commons.

On Friday, the Board of Trustees is expected to move forward on plans to add residential halls to the east side of campus, but instead of one residence hall and a dining hall, they will be building two residence halls.

The new residence halls will be double rooms with communal bathrooms and only for first-year students, according to Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Kathy Cavins-Toll. “We’re hoping to tie in the living environment with some learning

objectives.”

The new halls will be built across the street from Neeley School of Business and Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Chancellor Victor Boschini said the new housing can become a study hub for nursing and business students.

In the past 10 years, TCU’s undergraduate population ballooned 24% to 10,222 students from 8,229 students. The university added more housing but still hasn’t been able to keep up with the growth.

This year’s spring housing lottery saw some sophomores waitlisted, rather than assigned a room. Sophomores are

guaranteed housing, but rising juniors and seniors aren’t.

Craig Allen, executive director of housing and residence life, said upperclassmen should have a backup plan because housing is not guaranteed for them.

For upper-division students who want to live on campus, the lack of housing can be frustrating.

“We were given a specific time slot when we could pick our housing and got onto the portal right when the second hit,” said Stockton Ashley, a junior communication major.

Ashley said, when she was a first-year, she was waitlisted for sophomore

housing.

Despite the crunch, Boschini said there are no plans to relax the requirement that first-year students and sophomores must live on campus.

It is crucial for students to live on campus for two years in order to thrive in their environment at TCU, he said.

TCU has become more selective as its enrollment has grown.

Although official numbers won’t be available until next fall, Dean of Admission Heath Einstein, said that there were 2.6% more applications this year than last year. There were 19,782 applications for the Class

of 2025, according to the Office of Institutional Research. There were over 20,000 applications for next year’s class.

“Because the entering first-year class in fall 2021 was larger than anticipated, we intentionally admitted fewer students for fall 2022,” Einstein said.

With more applications and fewer students admitted, TCU’s acceptance rate will decrease from the 54% it was last year.

Victoria Gonzalez contributed to this report.



MAKE 'EM COUNT!

LEFT IN THE SCHOOL YEAR.

The New York Times Edited by Will Shortz

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5 "Office-inappropriate" tag

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13 Part of a comparison

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15 Part of a guitar

16 *Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur

18 "If you come to ___ not understanding who you are, it will define who you are": Oprah Winfrey

19 H.S. class

20 Regarding this matter

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35 1847 novel originally subtitled "An Autobiography"

36 Where flotsam and jetsam may end up

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40 It covers 6.8% of the earth's land area: Abbr.

43 "Bye!"

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Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



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)
★★★★ Today you will look around you to see what needs to be improved. You're not concerned with being a critic, but with making the situation better, because you see what needs to be corrected. This is a good thing. Tonight: Happy at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your research abilities are stellar! Use this opportunity to dig deep for answers to old questions. Because you might mentally isolate yourself today, you might feel lonely. Hey, this is a brief dark cloud on your horizon. Tonight: Think.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You might have a discussion with someone younger today, perhaps in an organization. This discussion will be about practical matters. Possibly, someone older will be the teacher in this situation. Tonight: Enjoy what you own.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ A conversation with a boss, parent or someone in authority will be successful today because you are concerned with improvements and discussing plans. These discussions won't be frivolous, but they don't have to be dour. Take a positive view. Tonight: You win!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You will find it easy to apply yourself to any kind of study today, which is why you might finish a paper. You also might play the role of teacher to someone, or perhaps you are the student. You will

respect someone who has more experience than you. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ This is an excellent day for practical discussions about shared property, taxes, insurance issues or anything that you own jointly. Because you're in a serious frame of mind, you will pay attention to details. This combo guarantees you'll make good headway! Tonight: Be friendly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ This is an excellent day to clarify and explain issues to someone. It's also a good day to sign contracts or enter into negotiations. However, be aware of the restrictions of the Moon Alert. Tonight: Respect authority.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ This is a great day for work discussions or practical discussions related

to pets or your health. You'll be focused and ready to give attention to detail. Meanwhile, someone older or more experienced might have helpful advice for you. Tonight: Learn.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Earlier in the week, you might have struggled. Now your ideas might become a reality. Expect some creative, artistic and outside-the-box solutions. (If you believe in fairies, clap your hands!) Tonight: Do paperwork.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Family discussions will be productive today. A parent or older family member might have practical suggestions or good advice. Fortunately, you're in the mood to respect someone with more experience than you, which is why you will be open to listening to

others. Tonight: Cooperate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You will learn something new today because you have excellent concentration. It's a good day to tackle mental tasks that require precise thinking, focus and attention to detail.

Tonight: Work!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Financial discussions will go well today. You're ready to listen to the advice of someone more experienced. If shopping, you will buy practical items. Tonight: Play!

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COMMUNITY

TCU 360, yearbook both shine at Texas intercollegiate press convention

By **TREVOR MATTHEWS**
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

TCU Student Media and Horned Frog Yearbook staff received awards and recognition this past weekend at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA) Convention.

TCU 360 was awarded three first-place awards for coverage, and the Horned Frog

Yearbook stood out for photography.

Colin Post’s coverage of the firing of former head coach Gary Patterson won the award for sports news story in the narrative writing category.

“Timely reporting on the heels of Patterson’s dismissal. The story objectively covers Patterson’s accomplishments and his more

current struggles,” one judge wrote.

Haeven Gibbons won both of the other two first-place awards for her stories, “Grains to grocery: One bread maker brings together farmers and artisans at locally-sourced store” and “Fort Worth’s first community fridge program helps serve vulnerable neighborhoods.”

“[Gibbons] did not lose the human element in the wealth of information and did a solid job weaving the impact and personal story with broader research into the issue of food insecurity,” said a judge in response to Gibbons’ first community fridge program story.

Ethan Mito came out of TIPA with first place for “sports feature photo”

for the yearbook. As a whole, the student-run Horned Frog Yearbook earned two honorable mentions and third place for “Overall Excellence” of the yearbook. The judges noted that the “photography was especially strong” in the yearbook.

TCU 360 was also awarded four honorable mentions. One went to

Sarah Crispi for her story “Return of the disco: Latest fashion trends mirror the 1970s.” The second was awarded to Tristen Smith for “Dorm drinking trends show increase in 2020.” Honorable mentions also went to Post’s story “TCU football’s ‘national search’ leads to SMU’s Dykes for next head coach,” and Gibbons’ for “Reporter of the Year.”

CAMPUS NEWS

Clusterfork: Silverware theft worsens at Market Square

By **EMMA WATSON**
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

At Market Square, maybe the fork did run off with the spoon.

Forks, spoons, knives, plates and cups are all going missing, and diners are the leading suspects.

“This [year] has been the worst,” said Mystee Streetman, a manager at Market Square. “There’s a lot of things we’re low on.”

Pilfering is a problem unique to Market Square because it uses reusable plates, silverware and cups; the other dining halls use to-go containers or plastics.

Russell Humphries, the executive chef, said items are also accidentally being thrown away.

It’s not just students stealing, Streetman said, adding that it’s “faculty, staff, everybody.”

Humphries said the dining service just ordered more silverware, and it’s already gone.

“It’s hard to keep up with,” said Streetman. “It’s not just silverware; it’s everything that’s disappearing.”

An informal Instagram poll asked 58 students if they have ever taken items from Market Square. About 21% of responders admitted to stealing from Market Square; most of them confessed to having stolen silverware or cups.

“This has always been an issue,” said Gracie Harris, the chair of SGA’s dining services committee. Harris said forks are the most commonly stolen utensil.

The missing items can make dining difficult.

“If 500 kids just went through, and you’re coming through, guess what? Now you ain’t got nothing to eat off of,” said Humphries. “It has that domino effect.”

The few items left at a given time are constantly

being washed. “That’s where the struggles are,” Humphries said.

“It’s just frustrating for students to go into the BLUU and not be able to find a fork or a plate or anything else they might need while they’re there,” said Harris.

Dining at TCU is provided by Sodexo, which is aware of this issue and wants to prevent it from happening, said Harris.

“It is a hard problem to prevent,” said Harris. “If someone puts a fork in their backpack, no one is going to stop them on their way out.”

The Market Square staff doesn’t have time to police students, said Harris. “A lot of the time they’re more focused on [...] cooking and [...] preparing the meals.”

Humphries said he’s never seen someone walk out with something from Market Square, but he has found plates and other items scattered across campus.

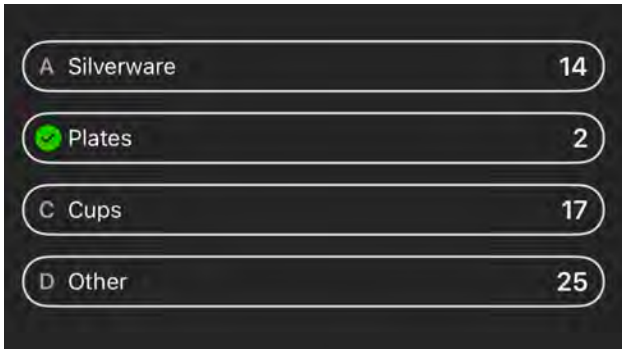


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The results of the informal theft poll.

“People just see it as a good opportunity,” Harris said. “They’re easy to take, and they’re probably useful for a lot of people.”

A lot of missing items are found in residence halls.

Streetman said students just don’t want to buy their own silverware and plates.

“Every time they go and clean the dorms and stuff, they’ll go around and pick up a whole bunch of our stuff,” said Streetman.

Harris said they’ve discussed setting up return boxes in the residence halls at the end

of the year.

“People, if they have taken forks, spoons, knives, plates, whatever, as they’re moving out of residence halls, they can just drop what they’ve taken in there,” Harris said.

While return boxes might help Market Square retrieve some of the items it’s lost, Humphries said it’s more important that students need to know basic rules.

“Stealing is wrong,” said Humphries. “That’s all really what it comes down to.”



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Students explore the dining options, including a pizza station, sandwich station, salad bar and more inside Market Square.