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THE STAFF

Meet the 2025-26 Skiff staff: the faces behind the press



Darius Adams is a freshman journalism major who serves as a page designer for the skiff. He believes “that everyone has a story worth telling, and being apart of student media at TCU provides the platform to bring those voices forward.” He’s excited to connect with others this year by learning from their experiences and therefore contributing to a collective narrative that represents the spirit of TCU.



Colin McThorn is a senior acting major and journalism minor, “I joined student media because I’ve always had an itch to write. I used to make to make little books in elementary and that’s turned into giving platforms to unheard groups, especially in the arts.” My favorite movie Dune part 2!



Roderick Villareal is a senior journalism major and DCDA minor from McAllen. “I joined student media to get experience and to get to meet new people.” My favorite show is Avatar the Last Airbender.



Elaine Marie Ehrensing is a sophomore marketing major from New Orleans, Louisiana. “I wanted to join the Skiff to not only learn new skills, but to meet people with diverse interests and majors. The Skiff is historic and important to keeping students up to date, and I am excited for another year contributing to this!”



DaZiah Knox is a sophomore journalism major and political science minor who serves as the Associate Editor for the Skiff. Her favorite movie is “To all the boys I loved before”. “ Being apart of student media allows me to not only grow my journalistic skills, but to also fuffill my passion of telling stories and connecting with others.”



Addison Waishes is a freshman journalism major.I joined Student Media: I wanted to join TCU Student Media to gain hands-on journalism experience, share student stories, and connect with like-minded peers. My favorite show is Criminal Minds.



Macy Bayer is a sophomore double journalism and marketing major with a minor in political science. She currently serves as a page designer for the skiff and her favorite movie is Mamma Mia. “I joined student media because I am passionate about telling TCU’s stories and creating content with some of the most dedicated students on campus.”



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CAMPUS NEWS

New Starbucks is open late and accepts Dining Dollars

By **MACY BAYER**
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Students in search of a pick-me-up have a new option. There's a new

Starbucks on the first floor of the Brown-Lupton University Union featuring a full drink and food menu. It's in the space formerly occupied by Union Grounds. The

makeover includes an expanded seating area. Unlike the Starbucks in the TCU Campus Store, this one accepts Dining Dollars. Students can even make advance

orders on the Starbucks mobile app and pay using Dining Dollars. For many of the students who stood in line for Monday's grand opening, convenience was the primary appeal. Many said they live in the west campus dorms, and the BLUU location is more convenient. "This Starbucks is closer to my classes and my dorm," Victoria Perez, a sophomore psychology major, said. "It is a convenient place to study, get lunch or a beverage and connect with friends." Students said the revamped layout encourages impromptu gatherings and studying. The warm and inviting

ambiance and the overall design feel similar to a traditional Starbucks storefront. Kaitlin Pena, a senior child development and religion double major, said the new space stands out as an on-campus dining and social location. "It looks authentic, and I am impressed," Pena said. "I think TCU made a good decision with this space." Several students said the Dining Dollars option means they don't have to use their cash for a caffeine boost. Sophomore criminal justice major Taryn Campbell said she was a regular at the Campus Store Starbucks, which does not take Dining

Dollars. "It just makes more sense to spend the Dining Dollars on my meal plan at this Starbucks," Campbell said. Students can get their coffee fix on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and on weekends from 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. The cafe is part of a larger campus dining renovation plan that includes a total renovation of Market Square, which is set to close in December.



PHOTO BY MACY BAYER

A Starbucks has replaced Union Grounds as the coffee spot in the Brown-Lupton University Union.

CAMPUS NEWS

TCU makes campus wide changes to parking system

By **PILAR OLIVAS**
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

The crackdown comes as 1,200 parking spots have been eliminated for various reasons. Some parking areas will be reserved for permit holders such as Frog Alley for commuter permits and Molly Reid Hall for Tier 1 faculty permits, as much of east campus is being transformed with dorms, parking decks, retail spots and green space. Here's what students, faculty and staff need to know.

Parking Permits and Enforcement

Parking permits will now be fully virtual and verified through the registered license plate rather than the windshield sticker used in previous years. Cars in campus lots will be checked by a combination of manual enforcement and License Plate Recognition Technology (LPR). The LPR system will automatically scan license plates that enter and park in TCU parking lots to verify the status of that vehicle's permit. Vehicle owners will be notified of parking violations through email.

Parking Lot Closures

This year's construction projects required TCU to close a larger number of parking lots, leading to a loss of 1,200 parking spots for students, faculty, staff and visitors than last year, said said Jude Kiah, associate vice chancellor of student affairs. **What do TCU drivers need to do?** To make sure everyone finds parking and gets to class on time, on-campus students are encouraged to walk, ride bikes and scooters, or use the Leap (TCU's new transportation system launching this fall). Commuters should

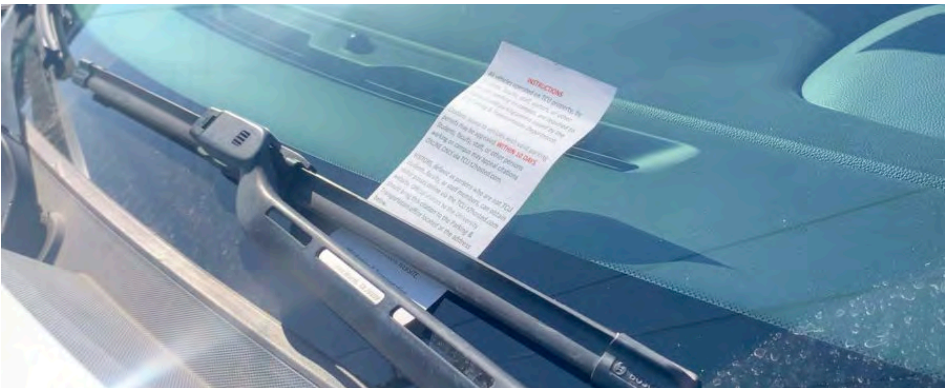


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TCU PD has implemented a new parking citation system, including white thermal ticket material.

add 15 minutes onto each end of their commute, Kiah said. Citations will include a link for those who want to appeal where pictures and written appeals may be submitted to a committee for review. TCU's LPR website

also recommends that TCU drivers check that their vehicle is legally registered and that their license plates are fully visible. Anyone who is unsure about whether their vehicle is registered or may need to change their plate number can

contact their state's DMV to verify their status. For parking lot closure updates and additional info, anyone can visit parking.tcu.edu which includes maps, and information on regulations, permits and fines.

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I look forward to seeing you around campus. Here's to an exceptional year ahead.

LEAD ON & GO FROGS!

– Chancellor Daniel W. Pullin



WELCOME, DOGS!



TCU

CAMPUS NEWS

TCU flooding gets students to buy renters insurance

By **DREW MULLER**
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

TCU’s residence halls have experienced a handful of incidents involving water damage over the past decade, the most recent of which was the flooding at Molly Reid North (formerly GrandMarc). Yet, some students had not purchased renters insurance at TCU.

Last year, around 20% of TCU students invested in renters insurance through GradGuard, the insurance company partnered with TCU. Since the recent floodings, there has been a notable uptick. According to its website, 6,419 students are currently protected with GradGuard, around 50% of TCU’s total enrollment.

Renters insurance

ensures that students can protect their property’s value in case of burglary or natural disaster, and they can avoid financial responsibility if they cause damage to someone else’s property.

“If a student causes a fire and there is water damage, the student is liable because the student caused the damage with renters insurance, which is covered,” said Craig Allen, the executive director for housing and residence life. “I think a lot of times when you bring up insurance, people think of it like car insurance, and that is the real kicker from all of this is that renters insurance is inexpensive. For \$150, you can ensure everything in your room for an entire year.”

Many off-campus apartments and houses require students to



PHOTO BY ALEXIS GARCIA

Residents of Molly Reid Hall evacuated early Friday morning as TCU and city officials assessed the damage. purchase renters insurance. Allen said it’s also critical in case of natural disasters, like the recent flooding.

“Because you live off campus, your landlord has no obligation to put you up in a hotel, no obligation to do any

of that unless they’re negligent,” Allen said.

GradGuard provides insurance for students who live on and off campus at a set rate of \$165.40 annually and

\$14.70 monthly for on-campus living. The price varies for students off campus.



Colby Hall flooding on Monday, Oct. 21 2024.

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ACROSS

- 1 Beat at chess
- 6 Speech therapists’ targets
- 11 Adds to the chain, in a way
- 14 † symbols, on manuscripts
- 15 Square
- 16 It may be brown or blonde
- 17 “Nice of you to show up”
- 19 Something to play by
- 20 Marching syllable
- 21 Utter nonsense
- 22 Vocal flourish used by Lady Gaga in “Shallow” and “Bad Romance”
- 24 Tries, tries again
- 27 Univision article
- 28 “Hey, England, happy Fourth of July!”
- 33 Cow or cobra, in yoga
- 36 Do it!
- 37 Suffix with Sudan or Bhutan
- 38 With 41-Across, a hint to this puzzle’s theme
- 39 Stereotypical attire for tech bros

41 See 38-Across

- 42 Head into?
- 43 Speak hoarsely
- 44 ___ blanc (type of white grape)
- 45 “Say ‘goodnight’ Alexa.” “Goodnight Alexa”
- 49 Trash
- 50 Relative of a votive candle
- 54 Attire for an acrobat
- 58 Era in which daylight saving was introduced as a way to conserve energy, in brief
- 59 Lion in ancient Rome
- 60 “omg, u r too much”
- 61 “Bottom-of-the-barrel barrel prices! Buy today!”
- 64 Love, at Wimbledon
- 65 Softened
- 66 “___: The Origins of Our Discontents,” Isabel Wilkerson best seller
- 67 Like one who might prefer platonic relationships, informally
- 68 Fathers’ last words?
- 69 “Challenge accepted!”

DOWN

- 1 Japanese rice cake
- 2 Approximately
- 3 Home for the Sun Devils
- 4 ___ City (nickname for New Haven,nConn.)
- 5 Many a Joseph Cornell artwork
- 6 Shine
- 7 Tavern
- 8 A matchbook, for a wobbly table, say
- 9 “___ down!” (“Shut up!”)
- 10 Explore a cave
- 11 Like the Roman Empire around 48 B.C.
- 12 One might be cooked “casino”- style
- 13 Will be, in Spanish
- 18 Musical building block
- 23 Company name ender
- 25 South African currency
- 26 Doesn’t get hit, say
- 29 Hard animal to herd
- 30 Bad ending?
- 31 Site of a Nobel Prize award ceremony every December 10
- 32 Lasting lash effect

- 33 “East of Eden” girl
- 34 Setting for “The King and I”
- 35 Mammal that can roll up into a ball
- 39 One might help you move
- 40 Medium capacity?
- 41 ___ Field (M.L.B. venue since 2009)
- 43 Skin condition that causes facial flushing
- 44 Major that might require International Relations and U.S. Government classes, informally
- 46 Pimple
- 47 Ties another knot, so to speak
- 48 Comical growl
- 51 Word with cut or shot
- 52 Observe closely, as orders
- 53 Symbol
- 54 Forearm bone
- 55 Genre for “Double Indemnity”
- 56 Last word in the first line of “Home on the Range”
- 57 One tablespoon, maybe
- 62 Write
- 63 Porkpie, e.g.

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