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CAMPUS NEWS

'The Red Zone' still exists in the COVID-19 age

By **REBECCA ROBINSON**
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New students have been living on a campus that's much different than the last academic year, but the excitement to take advantage of social opportunities should serve as a reminder that 'The Red Zone' still exists.

"The Red Zone" is a term used to describe the statistical relationship between the first six to ten weeks of a female student's college career and their heightened susceptibility to becoming victims of sexual assault and harassment.

According to Inside Higher Ed, 50% of all college sexual assaults occur from the start of the fall semester through Thanksgiving break.

Leah Carnahan, the confidential advocate for TCU's CARE program, said that first-year students, especially female ones, want to fit in with other students most during the first six weeks, and this leads them to take chances they might avoid otherwise.

Carnahan said drugs and alcohol heighten the risk of sexual assault and

are involved in many of the cases she deals with. She said that factors like COVID-19 contribute to 'The Red Zone' because instead of having one class of first-year students, it feels like there are two due to the missed opportunities for sophomores last year.

"We were really concerned coming back because we basically have two years of students that have never socialized in a college setting," Carnahan said.

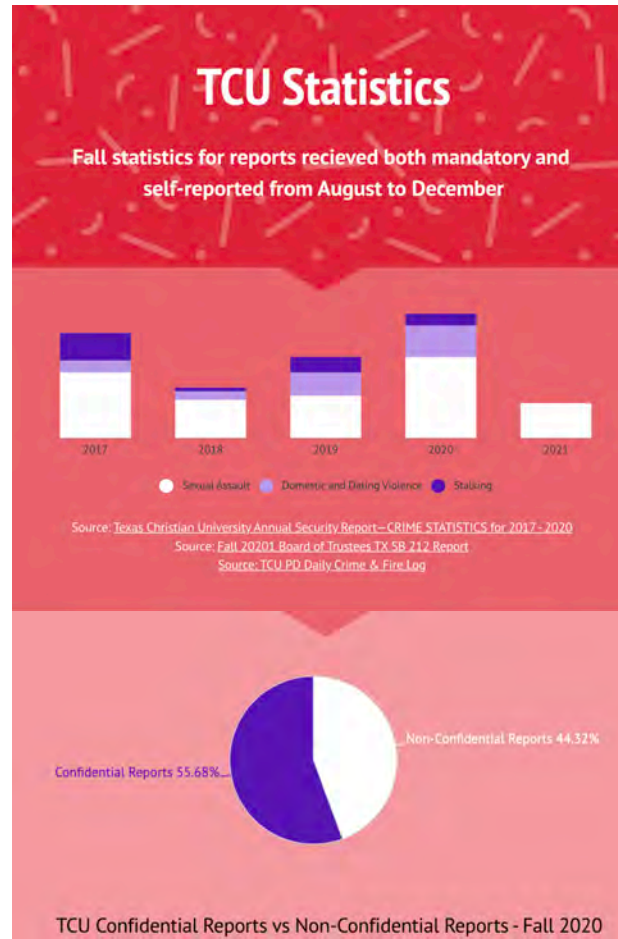
The statistics so far have not been what Carnahan and others may have expected.

"I thought for sure Labor Day weekend would be bad this year, because in the past it has been. This year, not so much," Carnahan said.

While this time of the year is when most instances occur, the number of assaults "ebbs and flows" throughout the year, said Carnahan.

Student resources

Carnahan said the most important thing for first-year females is to make sure they are educated on the resources CARE has to offer.



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Not only is there an assault hotline, confidential advocates and survivor support groups, but there are yoga classes and meditation groups for assault survivors available at TCU.

It is suggested that first-year students reach

out to their RAs and Hall Directors in case of emergency.

Grace Emery, a first-year student living in Colby Hall, says that her RAs are extremely helpful in times of need.

"If there is anything weird going on around campus, my RA will text me," Emery said. "I know if I was ever in a situation, I could walk down the hall and knock on their doors."

Carnahan said she hopes that first-year students and victims of sexual assault will feel comfortable reaching out to her and urges upper-classman to feel safe doing the same.



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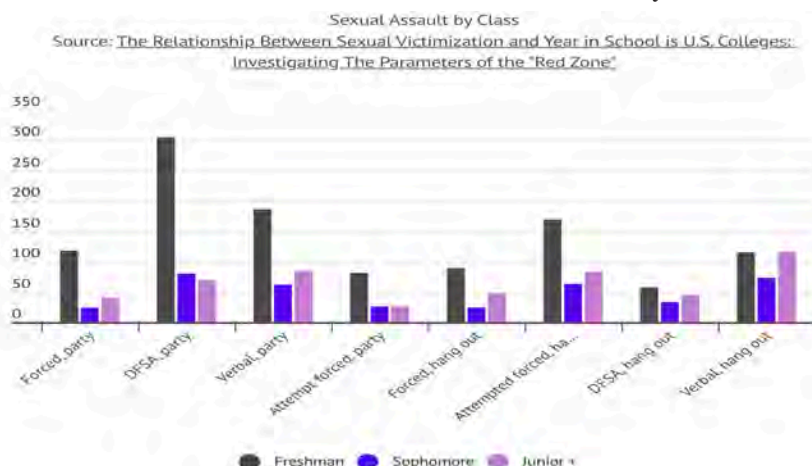
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CAMPUS NEWS

Market Square navigates growing campus population and dietary demands

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While the number of students looking for a meal has expanded by about 4.9%, along with increased dietary demands, concerns and preferences, TCU's only all-you-can-eat facility has changed little since it opened in 2008.

The layout of Market Square remains "true to the day it was built," said Miles Oller, the assistant director of facilities for Housing & Residence Life.

As TCU grows, there are concerns that Market Square hasn't been able to keep up with the pace.

The dining hall has a restricted number of food stations, so there's no way to guarantee

against cross-contamination in the kitchen. In addition, seating capacity is limited.

The convenience of Market Square, which is located in the Brown-Lupton University Union (BLUU), means that some students rely on it despite food allergies.

Junior accounting major Travis Bailey said he ate there as a first-year even though he has a nut allergy.

"I probably would have had more options and felt more comfortable not eating at Market Square, but living in the Commons makes you want to grab something quick and easy," Bailey said. "I just had to be careful. I basically ate the safe stuff

over and over again to be

safe."

Just off from residence halls, Market Square is also the primary dining location for first-year students, but some say they have to go elsewhere because of dietary concerns.

First-year kinesiology major Sarah Taylor said she's vegetarian and often has a difficult time finding food options in Market Square, so she goes to the King Family Commons instead.

Set in the midst of Worth Hills, the King Family Commons opened in January of 2015 to alleviate some of the pressure on Market Square and was also designed with a food-allergy-free kitchen.

Magnolia's serves food that is free of soy, wheat,

gluten, eggs, dairy, shellfish, tree nuts and peanuts.

General Manager of TCU Dining Scott Majestic said changes in the meal plan have also given students options outside of Market Square.

"We are still operating within the same space for the most part," said Majestic.

As TCU nears a total enrollment of 12,000, there's talk of renovating Market Square. The last upgrade happened in 2019 and included new furniture and carpet, along with the removal of booths.

The number of first-year students looking for a meal has grown 57% since the dining hall opened in



PHOTO BY KATHRYN LEWIS

Magnolia's in the King Family Commons building.

2008.

Oller said expansion plans are in the works.

"We would love to have Market Square renovated by fall of 2023," he said. "That is a goal"

Oller said the university is gathering data that is key to discovering what

the students want, which may affect the completion date.

"It will be challenging to figure out what we do...we are limited in that space," said Director of Housing & Residence Life Craig Allen.

Allen said the aim of expansion is to increase seating and food options.



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COVID-19

From public health to politics: Has vaccine politics ended?

By **LEAH BOLLING**

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Mask and vaccine requirements have been a heated topic throughout the course of the pandemic but these professors said both have become politicized issues despite being part of what were bipartisan arguments.

“It should not map onto the political spectrum where you

have different views on it depending on what side you’re on,” said Dr. Adam Schiffer, a professor of political science at TCU. “But somehow that happens and it becomes ‘politicized.’”

Schiffer said if Biden’s mandates become more strict and start affecting the university, he expects that there will be some pushback, but overall TCU is very good about complying with federal law.

Party association has become so important to

many people’s identity that once an issue gets associated with one side or the other, a party’s stance on the topic is much more important to people than the arguments themselves, Schiffer said.

Dr. Joanne Green, a professor of political science at TCU, said that an issue becoming politicized, such as safety measures like masks, is very troubling because the issues could be defined in ways that are solely based on public

health.

“Things have gotten a lot less consensus-based and a lot more oppositional,” Green said. “We are framing things as us versus you and I really hope we can get away from that thinking and start thinking more about, ‘where is our common ground?’”

With the President’s vaccine mandate starting to take disciplinary actions on federal employees by Nov. 9, the ever-politicized vaccine

argument may have just been shut down for good.

Biden’s plan to ensure employees of companies with 100-plus employees are fully vaccinated or require weekly tests is a government mandate that could impact over 80 million workers in the private sector, the White House estimated.

Similar to how the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) gave the Pfizer, Modern and Johnson & Johnson shots emergency use authorization, Biden gave

Occupational Safe and Health Administration (OSHA) authority to issue an emergency temporary standard to make fining businesses that have unvaccinated employees legal, according to Healthline.

As for fraudulent vaccine cards and information, the OSHA said they will have to depend more on employers for now, but with jobs on the line and possible future mandates, getting the vaccine could be the inevitable.

CAMPUS NEWS

Students celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

By **TENAE DURHAM**

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The Hispanic Alumni Alliance celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month in a big way one week ago. With a nacho bar, a Mexican flower station and free headshots, students were encouraged to mingle and enjoy the things that may remind them of home inside the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center.



PHOTO BY TENAE DURHAM

Mexican flowers made by students at the Hispanic Cultural Awareness Celebration.

Melissa Austin-Weeks, associate director for alumni relations, explained that organizing an event of this magnitude was not an easy task.

“You know we’re professional event planners, that’s what we do in the Alumni office,” said Austin-Weeks. “So, if you present us with an idea, we are going to run with it.”

This event, as well as future ones, was

aimed at having a focus surrounding Hispanic culture awareness and providing students the opportunity to interact with the campus community. But, one of the main goals is to give students the opportunity to feel a sense of home.

“Familismo,” the name of the program, holds meetings every month where students can gather for activities as well as learn about career and professional development.

“We were very interested in this event being the first event for ‘Familismo’ in September, focusing on Hispanic Culture Awareness. So we wanted the students to come and get a flavor, not only of the food, but the craft of making the Mexican flower, and the pendule, things that sort of remind them of home,” said Austin-Weeks.



PHOTO BY TENAE DURHAM

Students celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month during kick-off event.

When it came to what a highlight was for students, having the opportunity to connect to the campus community intrigued many. While many of the students who attended were graduate students, others were undergrads who expressed hopes of making a lasting connection

that could carry over into their respective fields of study and hopefully professional opportunities.

Caroline Quevedo, a first-year business major, expressed these same feelings.

“I’m hoping to take away some lasting connections,” said Quevedo. “Not only

with other students, and friends, but also with older people who can maybe help me moving forward into my future with internships and career opportunities.”

CAMPUS NEWS

How rising juniors can get junior and senior year full tuition paid

By **CHLOE CLOUD**

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The Excellence in Literary Fiction (ELF) scholarship, established in 2008 by TCU alumna and best-selling novelist, Sandra Brown, grants one winning applicant two full years of tuition for the applicant's junior and senior year.

The ELF scholarship is an endowment that gifts passionate writers, and the reason for its creation was to do that very thing.

Michael Brown, the husband of Sandra Brown, created this scholarship as a token

of admiration for her success as a writer.

"This was a surprise birthday present for Sandra," said ELF scholarship facilitator Dr. Dan Williams. "She actually left school to marry Michael, and so to make up for her pressing pause on her career as a writer, he proposed to have this scholarship made in her name."

For the last 13 years, the ELF scholarship has granted over \$700,000 to 13 student-writers enrolled at TCU.

To apply, students must submit a writing portfolio between 50 to

75 pages. The work must be original fiction — either as part of a longer story or a collection of short stories. Applicants must also submit a self-introduction and two letters of recommendation.

Students do not have to be an English or writing major upon application but must enroll in either major upon winning.

Wafa Shaikh, the 2021 ELF scholarship recipient, submitted a collection of short stories that spoke on women's issues for her application. Shaikh admits that the

path to her application was quite stressful for her to complete, but the result was life-changing.

"My life has changed a lot," Shaikh said. "I love that I can dedicate myself to writing more. I think that's what college should be, a dedication to studying without having major worries obstructing that. Having my tuition covered has done that for me."

Matt Grubb, the 2020 recipient also holds gratitude for being selected.

Grubb decided to submit part of a fiction novel he first started

writing when he was 16-years-old.

"When I heard about this scholarship, I thought about the book I started when I was 16. So, I thought I might have a shot of winning if I finished it," Grubb said.

Both recipients urge students who are considering applying to think big and stay disciplined.

"Just try and do something that's big. Don't do something that is barely going to get over the word count or something that's a safe pick," said Grubb. He

He also advised

applicants to remember that their writing holds value — win or lose.

"The scholarship is just a bonus," said Grubb. "At the end of the day, if you're a creative writer and this is what you love doing, then you're putting time and effort into something that matters to you."

The deadline for the scholarship is Dec. 4, 2021. For more information on how to apply, go to <https://elf.tcu.edu/new/about-the-scholarship> or contact Dr. Williams at d.e.williams@tcu.edu.

SPORTS

No. 10 soccer gets back in win column against Houston Cougars

By **HALEY CABRERA**

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Midfielders Gracie Brian and Camryn Lancaster shined on Sunday for No. 10 TCU soccer as the Frogs captured a 3-1 win at home against the University of Houston Cougars.

After a loss to Baylor and a draw against the University of Texas at Austin, the Horned Frogs were looking for a way to get back in business with an out-of-conference match.

"We wanted to be exposed and tested," head coach Eric Bell said. "The non-conference portion of the season has definitely gotten us ready for the conference season."

TCU's backline

started off the game strong against a fast Houston offense. In the fourth minute, defender Brenna Brosam broke up a potential scoring opportunity for Houston with a great defensive stop.

Most of the half was played in the midfield, but neither team was able to capitalize on any goal-scoring opportunities in the offensive third.

The Horned Frogs had several looks from strikers Lancaster, Messiah Bright and Skylar Heinrich, but ended the half scoreless. The Cougars outshot the Frogs 7-6 in the first 45 minutes.

TCU started the second half with a new intensity. The team played a tight defense

against Houston and worked to feed the ball outside to the wings on the offensive end.

In the 58th minute, Bright had a great move to beat a Houston defender and cut across the 18, laying the ball off to Brian at the top of the box who placed a perfect shot into the top corner.

Brian did not stop there. In the 63rd minute, she fought her way through two Cougar defenders to knock a ball into the back of the net, putting the Frogs up 2-0.

TCU kept high pressure on Houston, not allowing the Cougars to get off any threatening shots. Goalkeeper Lauren Kellett only clocked 2 saves for the second half.

The Frogs' third goal came with eight minutes left in the game. Bright



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Senior Messiah Bright takes on two Houston defenders on Sunday, Oct. 3.

worked inside the six to draw the attention of three Houston defenders, allowing Lancaster to find a gap and fire off a shot just outside the

reach of the Houston goalkeeper.

Despite a late Houston goal off a set-piece, TCU secured the match to improve to 9-2-1 on the

season.

The Frogs will play at 7 p.m. today against the University of Oklahoma on ESPN+.

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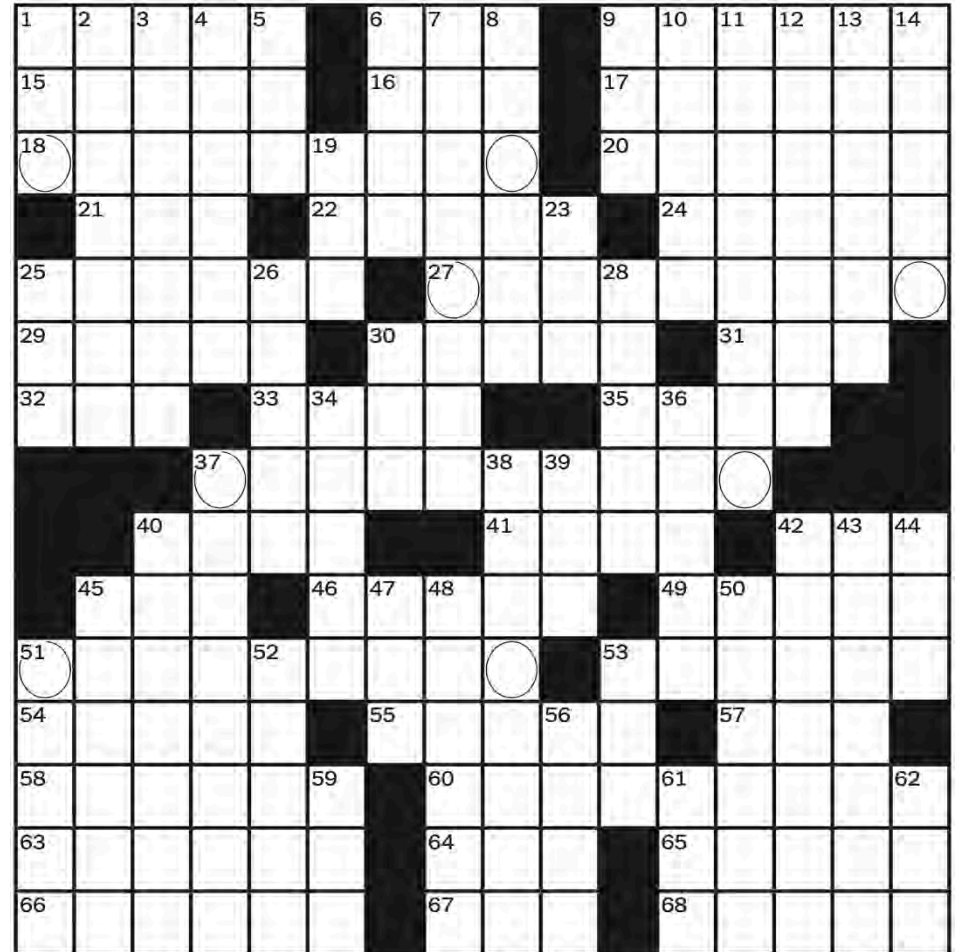
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16 "I was stuck in traffic," maybe
17 Titania's spouse, in Shakespeare
18 Fencer's cry
20 Like "h" among "h," "i" and "j"
21 Link between two names
22 Sean of "Stranger Things"
24 Scene in Edward Hopper's "Nighthawks"
25 Wishy-washy R.S.V.P.
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30 Apple on Apple Music
31 Tesla had one in 2010, for short
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35 Generates dubiously, with "up"

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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) ★★ Even though you have high energy today and you're enthusiastic, go gently. You might overwhelm someone. This could work the other way; you might attract someone to you who is enthusiastic about something! Tonight: Check your finances.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ You have a lot of energy to work with today. In fact, you're so enthusiastic, you will probably delegate to others. Easy does it, because they might resent this. Ideally, you will work best if you are on your own. Tonight: Be patient with others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★ Today you need to

be active. If these activities are competitive, so much the better, because you're keen to win! This energy can also be channeled into working with kids. Romantically, you might initiate something exciting! Tonight: Follow the rules.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ A parent or older family member might have something to say today. Of course, you have strong views as well. Use your means to work in cooperation with others to make improvements at home. This can be done if you don't try to run things. Tonight: Do your homework.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ You are super enthusiastic today, which is why you will easily inspire others. This is a great day for teachers, salespeople or anyone who wants to persuade others to agree with their ideas. Spontaneous

short trips will delight you. You have something to say! Tonight: Listen to others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ You're full of moneymaking ideas you might want to initiate today. You can still generate enthusiasm and excitement for your plans. You're ready to work hard to earn money today, and spend it. Tonight: Don't worry.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ Today Mars is lined up with the Sun in your sign, which makes you ready to tackle something new! You want to do your own thing because you don't want anyone bossing you around. Tonight: Beware money restrictions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ Some behind-the-scenes ideas make you excited today, and this

excitement is obvious to others. Nevertheless, with Venus in your sign, you will present yourself with diplomacy and charm, even though you're on a mission! Tonight: Respect your elders.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ Relations with friends are upbeat and energetic today! You will love to be active in physical sports, especially in a competition. (You want to win!) This same high energy will be apparent in meetings with others. Tonight: Take it easy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ Your ambition is aroused, which means you intend to achieve something. It's OK to go after what you want, but make sure you don't alienate important people. Make the effort to give them respect. Tonight: Listen to advice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ Avoid controversial subjects today, because you might go overboard. Instead, channel this energy into making travel plans or perhaps learning something new. Your best option is outdoor physical activity! Being desk-bound is not your best choice today. Tonight: Duty and obligations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ You'll have no trouble defending your best interests in discussions about inheritances, wills and shared property today. That's because today you are gung-ho to make a statement, especially with close friends. Tonight: Rules and regulations.



CAMPUS NEWS

Rideshare services offered for TCU students without a car

By **COLLIN PITMANN**

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Services available to TCU students without cars on campus.

TCU welcomed a record-breaking 2,560 first-year students to campus this fall, according to TCU's Office of Admission. Due to the above-average size of the first-year class, some students question the benefits of having a car on-campus.

TCU Marketing and Communications said the university issued approximately 6,000 student parking permits for the 2021-2022 academic year, up from last year's total of 5,500.

First-year student Brianna Bell thought

that not bringing a car to campus would be "a death sentence." After seeing TCU's parking scarcity, however, Bell said her feelings have changed.

"I've been in the car with my friends when they're struggling to find parking," Bell said. "So now I'm really glad I didn't bring a car so I didn't have to worry about all of that."

For Bell and other first-year students without a car, there are three rideshare and carsharing services available to TCU students outside of the popular Uber and Lyft options:

Zip Car

Zip Car is a carsharing

service where students can reserve a car anytime for personal use. TCU currently has several Zip Cars on campus, all located at the 15-minute parking lot on North Drive in reserved parking spots.

Students can book a roundtrip car starting at \$9.50/hr, or they can pay \$79 for a full day. When TCU-affiliated students join Zip Car, they'll pay a special first-year membership price of \$25. The membership comes with free gas for all trips, secondary insurance and roadside assistance.

According to Zip Car's website, students can apply online with a valid driver's license. The website also states that most people are

approved instantly and can book a trip within minutes.

For more info, visit ZipCar.com or call 866-4ZIPCAR.

ZIPZONE

ZIPZONE is an inexpensive, ridesharing transit option available to TCU students. To use ZIPZONE, download the Trinity Metro ZIPZONE mobile app onto your smartphone, add a payment method and type in your desired destination. Then, simply wait for your ZIPZONE-branded van to pick you up and zip you away.

TCU's campus as well as the Fort Worth Zoo, medical district and south Fort Worth

area lay in ZIPZONE's "Southside" radius. See a full map here.

ZIPZONE pricing is \$3 per passenger per ride with any multi-ride Trinity Metro Local Ticket. Hours of operation are Sunday-Wednesday 6-8 p.m., and Thursday-Saturday 6-12 a.m. For customer service help, call 817.215.8600.

Hitch

Hitch offers both shared and private rides to and from TCU's campus.

After downloading the Hitch app onto a smartphone, students can purchase a ride. Pricing is varied based on the route, departure

time and other factors. Students can then schedule their ride and head to the designated pickup location.

TCU's Hitch pickup location is 2800 S. University Dr., and the campus drop-off location is the TCU Starbucks (located inside the TCU Campus Store).

Hitch rides are four-door sedans and "will allow you to store one carry-on sized luggage and one personal item per seat," according to the company website.

First-year student Lux Coker said she's never heard of these services but she said she finds them to be very appealing options.

MOVIE REVIEW

'Candyman' delivers chilling experience in the Box Office

By **VICTOR TORRES**

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Candyman has been one of the most striking films I have seen this year! It is a must-watch for horror and thriller fans alike. From Jordan Peele's Monkeypaw Productions comes a truly electrifying experience that once again breathes new life into the genre. Directed by Nia DaCosta, Candyman examines how the trauma of racial violence can never be forgotten within the minds of its affected communities, beautifully explored on the backdrop of a psychological thriller.

Like previous films from Monkeypaw Productions, this movie has an outstanding cast. I loved Yahya Abdul-Mateen II as our protagonist Anthony McCoy, an artist who becomes enthralled in the legend of Candyman – say his name five times in a mirror and he will instantly kill you. Teyonah Parris does a phenomenal job as Anthony's partner, who is shaken by Anthony's spiral into obsession. And I can't forget to mention my favorite characters, played by Nathan Stewart and Kyle Kaminski, who have some of the funniest scenes in the film to

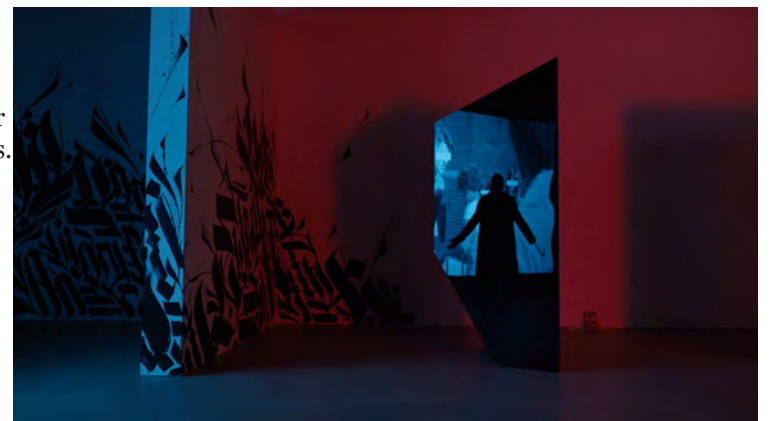
relieve tension from an otherwise serious story.

By far what gives this horror film more nuance than most is its fleshed-out social commentary, from examining how gentrification is ignored in upper-class communities to assessing the belittlement of Black voices in artistic communities. Truly, the most terrifying aspect of Candyman was not its most gruesome scenes or its jump scares (of which there were exceptionally few) – it was its very real look at the deep-rooted trauma that lingers in Black communities. Much of this compelling narrative pays respect to its 1992

predecessor and explores its themes and concepts to their fullest potentials.

As stated by Yahya Abdul-Mateen II in a USA Today interview:

"Candyman is a story about unwilling martyrs and about how the victims of violence are often turned into monsters and then not given a voice, and their stories are taken and controlled from the outside... With our Candyman, we're hoping to take back the narrative and the stories of our



A scene from 'Candyman' (2021).

PHOTO BY MGM

trauma from a place of victimhood and move it to a place of agency."

Verdict:

To dive fully into its social commentary would be to give away too much, but it is indeed wonderfully

crafted. Accompanied by beautiful cinematography, a delightfully unsettling score, and some striking special effects, Candyman is a horror movie that certainly offers a wholly unique experience.