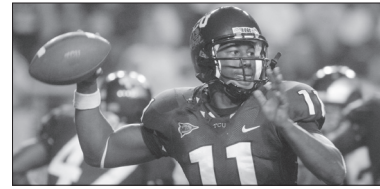




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Administrator: Program with sister school on hiatus

By ANA BAK
Staff Reporter

The university has put a program with its Mexican sister school on hold, citing free speech and press issues.

David Whillock, assistant dean of the College of Communication, said the undergraduate dual degree program with Universidad de las Americas-Puebla is currently on hold.

Conflict arose at the university in January.

- UDLA was put under warning by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, an accreditation agency, Jan. 2.

- La Catarina, the university newspaper, was shut down Jan. 16 for 16 days for criticizing administrators, students said.

- Fifteen faculty members and five board of trustees members were removed in April.

Whillock said TCU cannot ignore what is taking place

at UDLA.

"It seems like UDLA is being run by a dictator," Whillock said. "If we're wrong, then prove it."

But because TCU's relationship with UDLA has been established for so long, Whillock said, it would be hard to close the door. Although the relationship isn't stable now, there could be a good opportunity in the future, he said.

"The relationship is for the students," Whillock said.

He said TCU has been concerned about the situation at UDLA's student newspaper, La Catarina, since it shut down and reopened in January. The newspaper is being published again, but UDLA students have said they are still being censored.

"I've heard rumors while it's still open the issues have not been resolved," Whillock said.

Monica Cruz, former editor in chief of La Catarina, said UDLA and the newspa-

per staff started discussing its expression of the freedom of speech this summer to ensure its stability.

La Catarina was shut down in January because of cartoons and opinion columns criticizing the university's administration, Cruz said.

Cruz said the staff asked for a written guarantee of its freedom of speech because of a university code that prohibits publishing anything that would damage the university's image.

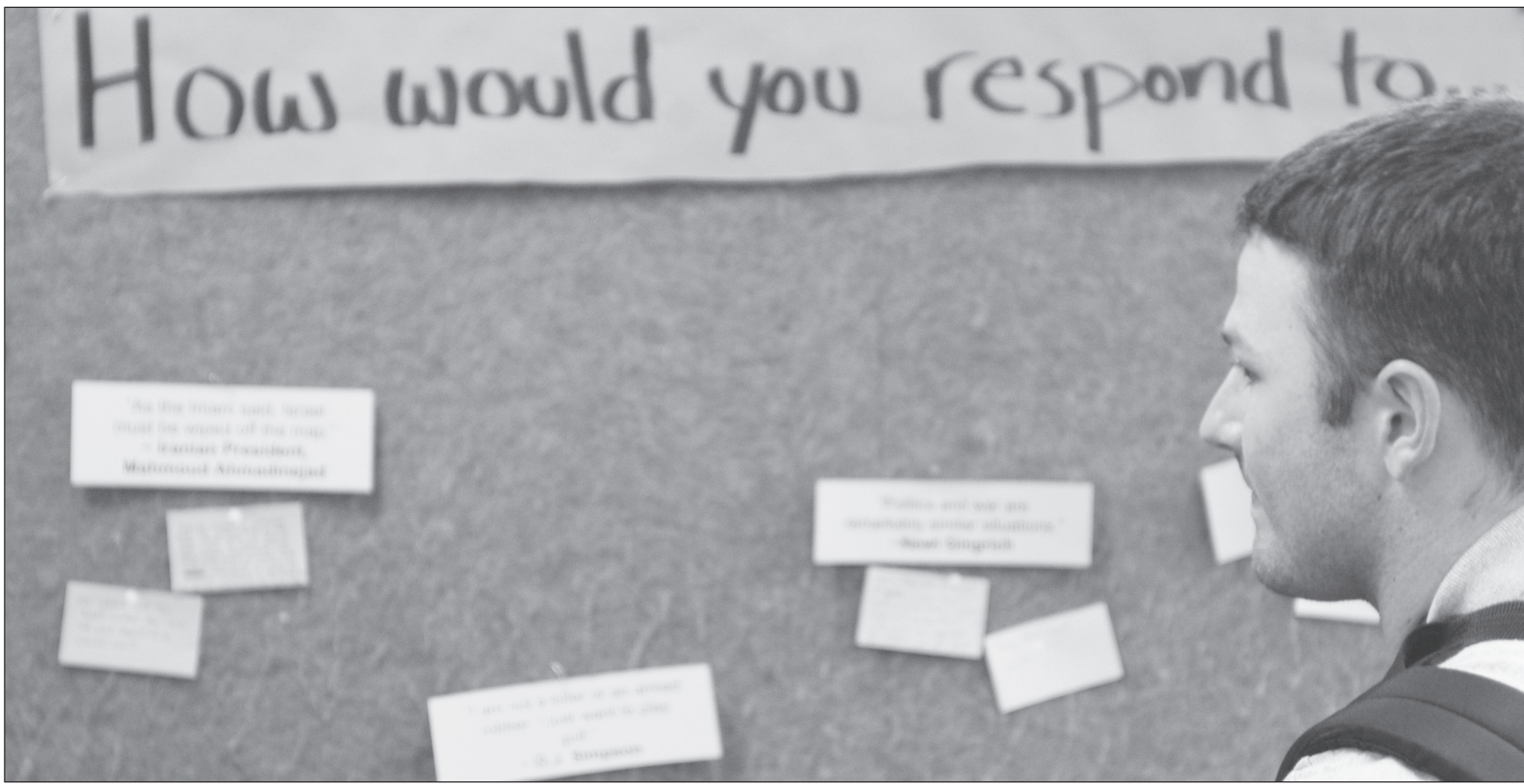
She said while waiting for this guarantee, the university published a new La Catarina on Aug. 29.

"We were replaced," she said. "The new editor in chief has no experience."

Whillock said the program would be on hold until UDLA started to value the same things TCU does, such as freedom of speech.

UDLA has also been under a yearlong warning with SACS since Jan. 2 for violating UDLA, page 2

QUESTIONABLE



Luke Sprinkle, a senior psychology major, stands in front of a board in the Student Center Lounge. Quotes from personalities ranging from Hillary Clinton to Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad were posted on a board and students had the opportunity to place their reactions.

Bulletin boards provide forums for student discussion

By MEGAN MOWERY
Staff Reporter

A new conversation has begun on campus but this conversation is only on paper.

As part of the semester's theme, "Right. Responsibilities. Respect," Dialogue Days has been scheduled for the first Monday of every month to allow students to post their opinions on bulletin boards, said Molly Baldwin of the Center

for Community Involvement and Service-Learning.

Bulletin boards located in the Brown-Lupton Student Center lounge list several questions in a variety of topics for students to respond to by pinning a note card on the board.

Baldwin said the bulletin boards, also known as graffiti boards, welcome students and faculty to write their opinions anonymously on the

board.

Freshman prebusiness major Austin Brown said the boards are a good way for students to express opinions without judgment, he said.

The organization hasn't decided how to display the graffiti boards, Baldwin said, but they will probably be showcased at the end of the semester.

Freshman prebusiness major Pre-

vost Foushee said the boards are good to have as a forum outside the classroom for students to voice their opinions.

Foushee said if it creates a controversy, it's good as long as it doesn't turn violent.

Baldwin said a series of events will be held for this semester's theme and the events can be viewed at www.themesemester.tcu.edu.

Orchestra to perform dance music

By CALLIE COX
Staff Reporter

Salsa. It's not just something to dip your chips in. It's a dance students can watch and learn today.

As a part of Hispanic Heritage month, the Dallas Latin Youth Orchestra will be performing all types of dances from salsa to Latin and jazz, said Joanna Bernal, co-coordinator of the cultural months planning committee.

Greg Trevino, adviser for the cultural months planning committee, said the orchestra will perform for about 45 minutes during which students can watch and dance along to the music.

"We hope this will introduce students to a variety of dancing that they may not be familiar with," Trevino said.

Otis Gray, director of the Dallas Latin Youth Orchestra, said the 13-piece orchestra will perform many different kinds of dance music.

"There will be dance lessons by professional salsa dancers, and then those dancers will do a show themselves," Gray said. "There will be other dances featured in the show as well."

Bernal said she hopes there will be a contest at the end of the dance lessons so students can try out their new dance steps.

Gray said the orchestra started this past summer and this is the

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Counseling Center hires two new psychologists

By ALYSSA DIZON
Staff Reporter

After hearing from more than 30 applicants nationwide, the TCU Counseling Center selected the top two candidates to join its staff this fall, the director of the center said.

The Counseling Center, located next to the Health Center, hired psychologists Elizabeth Koshy and Eric Wood, to provide more counseling, outreach and education programs to students.

Linda Wolszon, director of mental health services, said she was looking for people with good clinical skills, who are active in outreach and programming and can relate to college students.

"People were so positive

about both (Koshy and Wood)," Wolszon said.

She said she was glad to not have to pick between Koshy and Wood because they were "both so excellent."

Although they have just started working, she said they are already making an impact.

Koshy and Wood are currently counseling students and visiting classes and campus organizations to present mental health programs.

"They've really enhanced our abilities," Wolszon said. "I've gotten e-mails from professors saying, 'Dr. Koshy and Dr. Wood came to my class, and we were really pleased.'"

Koshy said TCU wants to meet students' needs and go to where students are instead

of waiting for them to come to the Counseling Center.

"I really wanted to be a part of a college campus looking to

"Counseling is a relationship where you can be honest with each other - that drew me into psychology."

Elizabeth Koshy psychologist

"We really want to continue

to improve health promotions," Wolszon said. "It needs to be everyone's business."

Wood said he chose to come to TCU because

of its good reputation and his desire to help students.

"The most enjoyable part is listening to the students," Wood said. They're so bright and smart. When you meet people, you get to know them personally and help them out."

Because college is a time of major changes and transitions, he said, he wanted to work

with students to help them make those transitions.

Wood was born in Cleveland but grew up in the Dallas-Fort Worth area in Carrollton. He received his Master of Arts degree at the University of Texas at Dallas and his doctorate at the University of North Texas.

Koshy was born in Connecticut but grew up in Jenks, Okla. Koshy moved to Texas in 2001 for college, earning her Master of Art and doctorate degrees in counseling psychology at Texas Women's University. Before coming to TCU, she worked in pediatric psychology at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas. Koshy counseled patients in hospitals, community mental health centers and university health

centers in the past, but decided that a college campus was the

"best fit for (her)."

"I wanted to be a safe place for people who feel misunderstood," Koshy said. "Counseling is a relationship where you can be honest with each other - that drew me into psychology."

CLARIFICATION

The following information was left out of a story published Sept. 14:

The Health Center has offered the HPV vaccine since November 2006.

Information regarding the vaccine can be found on the Health Center's Web site.



WEATHER

TODAY: Partly cloudy, 92/72
WEDNESDAY: T-storms, 89/71
THURSDAY: Sunny, 91/70

PECULIAR FACT

China has banned TV ads for bras and underwear.
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UDLA

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ing two core requirements. SACS, which also accredits TCU, reported UDLA's governing board is not adequate, and the university has not shown financial stability.

In April, five board members were fired and the board of trustees dissolved, said Neil Lindley, former board of trustees member at UDLA. Lindley said this was a "blatant violation of SACS requirements."

However, Maria Lopez Aguilar, vice director of communication at UDLA, said there would soon be new governing organs at the university and said she didn't have enough information to comment on the status of the board of trustees.

According to an article from a Puebla newspaper, La Jornada de Oriente, the rector of UDLA, Pedro Angel Palou, announced Sept. 24 a new governing form would take place with an election in October.

Provost Nowell Donovan said if UDLA was to

lose its accreditation, discussion about the school's situation with UDLA would increase.

As of now, Donovan said, TCU is not taking an aggressive approach toward UDLA.

"We're here and they're there," Donovan said. "There's no reason to do anything."

Lindley said losing accreditation could lead to UDLA's closure.

"It is not a light matter," he said.

Jack Allen, vice president of SACS, said losing accreditation could affect funds a university receives from the U.S. government. The federal government relies on the accrediting associations when considering the allocation of funds, Allen said.

UDLA was accredited before it received federal grants from the U.S., so losing accreditation could mean more than just losing finances, Allen said.

"There's a certain prestige in being accredited," Allen said.

UDLA will undergo review with SACS in early December, Allen said.

War vets find colleges unwelcoming

By BOBBY CAINA CALVAN
McClatchy Newspapers

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Cody Conway, a combat Marine in Iraq, envisioned a lifelong career in the military. If not, perhaps a return to civilian life as a mechanic.

Four years ago, the Roseville, Calif., enlisted man returned from war unexpectedly, his life and future shattered by a non-combat accident outside Baghdad that tore the muscles and tendons from his right arm and shoulder.

"I want to move on with my life," Conway said Thursday between classes at Sierra College in Rocklin, Calif.

For Conway and thousands of other war veterans, life after Iraq and Afghanistan has meant looking for new vocations and learning new skills as they struggle to put their lives back in order.

By the thousands, they are filling college classrooms across the country — but few campuses, veterans and their advocates say, are adequately prepared to respond to the surge.

Colleges are bracing for a huge

surge of military enrollees. More than 1.5 million Americans have served in Afghanistan or Iraq.

The college campus has become a new front line as veterans of the country's latest wars battle the bureaucracy at home to get the educational benefits they were promised from the military and confront what some perceive as stigmas of serving in an increasingly unpopular war.

Sierra College counts more than 200 Iraq war veterans attending classes, and school officials say more are on the way.

Many arrive on campus with the scars of war — physical and psychological. While accustomed to the discipline of the military, they are unprepared for the rigors of academic life.

"We've heard some veterans tell us that they were more afraid to step onto a college campus than they were going to Iraq," said Bart Ruud, a Vietnam War veteran and a retired Sierra College counselor who volunteers at the campus.

"Regardless of how we feel

about the war, our duty is to help every one of these students become successful," said Catherine Morris, a veteran of three branches of the military and a Sierra College counselor assigned specifically to assist the growing number of veterans on campus.

"They want to come back home and put the war behind them, but they find that it's not that simple" Morris said.

For veterans, few things are simple. Many have been surprised by the complexity of rules governing the GI Bill, the federal tuition reimbursement program.

Last year, the Department of Veterans Affairs, which administers the GI Bill, provided \$2.76 billion in education aid to 498,123 people.

But critics want the government to make key changes that would encourage more veterans to enroll. They want the government to pay benefits up front instead of requiring veterans to seek reimbursement for tuition after paying out of their

own pockets.

"They were told that if they served their country, their schooling would be paid for. Then they are hit with reality," said Patrick Campbell, legislative director for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, who is taking part in today's symposium.

"I'm looking forward to hearing stories from all these vets," Campbell said. "I want to hear the good and the bad."

Some of the stories will be about discouragement, said Kyle Williams, who served with the Marines in Iraq and was injured during a mortar attack in the volatile Anbar province.

"There's been a lot of frustration," he said. "There are so many things people don't understand. You come across these 18- and 19-year-old (college) kids who haven't experienced life outside their parents' home. All they want to know is if I killed anybody in Iraq."

"They don't realize that we're trying to put all that behind us," said Williams, president of the Sierra College Veterans Club.

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second performance.

"This is an orchestra for young people ages 15 to 20 who have a desire to play this kind of music," Gray said.

Trevino said the committee chose this orchestra because it is becoming well known in Dallas.

"It is a great mixture because there will be an

educational aspect as well as a performance to highlight different kinds of music for those who aren't really familiar with it," Trevino said.

Gray said it is going to be a high-energy event.

"The more people that are there, the more fun it will be," Gray said. "You don't need to know any dance moves to participate."

The event will be 7 p.m. today in the Brown-Lupton Student Center Ballroom.

MVP

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highest-scoring team in the league. He entered Saturday leading the league in runs (137), triples (19) and multi-hit games (62). He was second in total bases (375). His 87 extra-base hits were an NL record for a shortstop. He had 30 homers and 39 steals. He had 93 RBI — almost all from the leadoff spot.

Rollins talked big in the off-season, saying the Phils were the team to beat in the NL East. He backed up that talk, and that counts for something, too.

AL MVP. Poor Magglio Ordonez. The Detroit slugger is leading the majors in

hitting and is second in RBI, and he probably won't get a first-place vote on the writers' ballot. That's because Alex Rodriguez has had one of the great seasons of all time, and just in time to either renegotiate his contract with the Yankees or get \$30 million a year from some other deep-pocketed club on the free-agent market.

Rodriguez entered Saturday ranked No. 1 in the majors in homers (54), RBI (155), runs (142) and slugging (.644).

The Yankees were 21-29 on May 29. They went 70-38 in their next 108 games to sew up the AL wild card. Over that span, A-Rod hit .317 with 34 homers, 107 RBI, 97 runs scored, and

he had an OPS (on-base, plus slugging percentage) of 1.064.

NL Cy Young. Jake Peavy will be the hands-down winner, outdistancing Arizona's Brandon Webb. The Padres' ace is tops in the NL in wins (19), ERA (2.36) and strikeouts (234). His opponents' batting average (.203) is second-best in the league.

In his last 13 starts, Peavy went 10-1 with a 2.20 ERA and held opponents to a .170 batting average.

AL Cy Young. Cleveland's C.C. Sabathia, who went 19-7 with a 3.21 ERA, is the winner here over Boston's Josh Beckett, who went 20-7 with a 3.27 ERA. The Angels' John Lackey and the Indians' Fausto Carmona are also in the argument.

Sabathia pitched 241 innings, tops in the majors, to Beckett's 2002/3.

Innings pitched is one of baseball's most underappreciated statistics. To rack up as many innings as Sabathia, a pitcher first has to be good enough to stay in the game, and, second, durable enough to go deep. A pitcher who can rack up 241 innings doesn't just help on the days he pitches. He takes pressure off the bullpen, keeping it fresh every other day.

Sabathia was an ace in every sense. He beat two-time Cy Young winner Johan Santana three times, and Detroit ace Justin Verlander twice. He struck out 209 while walking just 37.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Society, my dear, is like salt water, good to swim in but hard to swallow."

— Arthur Stringer

THE SKIFF VIEW

New proposal exploits collegiate athletes

In January, NCAA officials will vote on a controversial proposal that, if passed, would allow commercial companies to use pictures or images of collegiate athletes to advertise their products.

The specific players whose pictures are used would still not be allowed to endorse a product, and would still not be allowed to receive compensation.

Though colleges could receive compensation for the athletes featured, the players would have little control over how their images were used. As it seems, this is simply exploitation.

As proposed, an athlete still couldn't wear a shoe and appear in a commercial and say, "Be like me, wear this shoe," but it seems logical that this is the inherent message.

While coaches and schools reap the recruiting and publicity benefits, the player gets his picture strewn all over billboards, magazines, newspaper and the Internet and receives nothing but a little fame.

Though some say this fame is worth it

in glory alone, it would only be a select few — who probably are already famous — who would be used in such advertisements.

It's not like the second string rifle team member at a D-II school is going to be pictured next to a Chevy. The athletes who are likely to be exploited will be those who are already household names throughout the country and are awaiting a NBA, NFL or MLB draft pick.

Basically, it's a steal for companies and schools. The company gets endorsements that, if using a professional athlete, would be costly. The college athletic programs get the notoriety and recruiting perks of having its player worshipped by young athletes all over the country — not to mention the cash the player should be receiving.

It's a win-win for everyone except for the athlete whose picture or image is used. It's simple logic. If you're going to use an athlete to advertise your product, cough up the dough to do it. And then, wouldn't that be a violation of NCAA rules of paying players?

News editor Bailey Shiffler for the editorial board

BY LANA BLOCKER



Biking best form of transportation

A surge in the number of students riding bicycles on campus this semester has sent pedestrians diving for the nearest patch of grass.

If the rising popularity of the bicycle is any indication, there are good reasons to consider an alternative means of transportation to walking or driving on campus.

The panic when you wake up and realize you have class in 10 minutes is a good place to start.

With a bike, a 10-minute walk can turn into a three-minute ride.

True, you'll still look like your mug shot when you get to class, but at least you'll be on time.

Riding a bike is simply convenient, especially for students who don't have a car.

A trip to the grocery store is not a hassle anymore when it takes you only five minutes to get there.

The dorky basket provides space for a reasonable amount of goods, and it's comforting to know you won't have to rely on arm muscle to take those groceries home.

The bicycle is an excellent alternative to the University Recreation Center as a source of exercise.

Your disheveled, sweaty peers at the Rec Center do not promise to be as



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engaging a sight as the natural scenery flanking 30-miles worth of biking and hiking trails at nearby Trinity Park.

If you don't want to leave school grounds for your exercise, a ride around the campus perimeter should be enough to let out some steam.

And, of course, the bicycle is environmentally friendly.

It was concern for the environment that inspired the Purple Bike Program, according to Keith Whitworth, sociology professor and founder of the program.

The Purple Bike Program allows students to check out a bicycle for free.

There are no time limits — a student might request a bike for a day or for the entire semester.

The program also provides accessories — a lock, helmet and basket — and free maintenance.

To complement this initiative, the administration

should look into making campus more bike-friendly.

More bike racks are needed to match the increase in bicycle users.

A shortage of bike racks has prompted students to lock their bikes to railings outside the Student Center and residence halls.

Other buildings on campus do not have adequate space for students to park their bicycles.

Crowded walkways make bicycle transportation difficult.

Pedestrians and cyclists have to awkwardly negotiate their share of narrow space.

Bike lanes or pathways should be installed to make bike transport more practical.

Don't be the one scrambling out of a flower bed. Give the bicycle a shot. Oh, and keep the basket. You don't know when E.T. might hitch a ride.

Julietta Chiquillo is a sophomore news-editorial journalism major from San Salvador, El Salvador.

President Putin restricts media; governments need press criticism

Freedom. Freedom of speech, freedom of the press.

It's nothing for us to turn on the news and hear that things aren't going well in Iraq or to write a letter to the editor arguing the point of a story that seemed one-sided.

In Russia, however, that freedom is slowly being pulled from the grasp of its citizens.

Russian president Vladimir Putin took office in 2000 touting a sense of liberalism and a belief in a market economy.

Sadly, part of Putin's agenda has been adding increased government control in subtle, and not so subtle ways.

The latest is that the British Broadcasting Center's Russian broadcast can no longer be aired on Russian airwaves because of license terms.

Another radio broadcast, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, was dropped last year for similar reasons.

Russia has joined the ranks of China and Zimbabwe in hindering BBC broadcasts.

The BBC is appealing to the Federal Service for Mass Media Telecommunications and the Protection of Cultural Heritage with the hopes of getting its broadcast back on Russian airwaves.

All that's left: Russian news broadcasts.

But not just any Russian news — Russian news that is generally pro-Kremlin.

In other words, the citizens of Russia are only allowed to hear what the government wants them to.

No fair and balanced coverage here.

Censorship is occurring in many more places than Russia, and, it is definitely not a new concept.

Venezuela president Hugo Chavez has censorship practices much like Putin and true communist countries have infringed upon freedom of the press for years.

Though censorship has its consequences it brings with it possibilities for more far-reaching problems.

If the press is silenced on a global scale the truth would be elusive, the people would never be able to completely believe the government-sponsored news or know what decisions the government is making. Losing the freedom of the press means losing the power of the people to hold the government accountable and losing freedom of speech.

Not only are the Russians now losing their own personal freedoms, but they're also losing their right to know. The press is not able to function as a watchdog to the government, much like it does here.

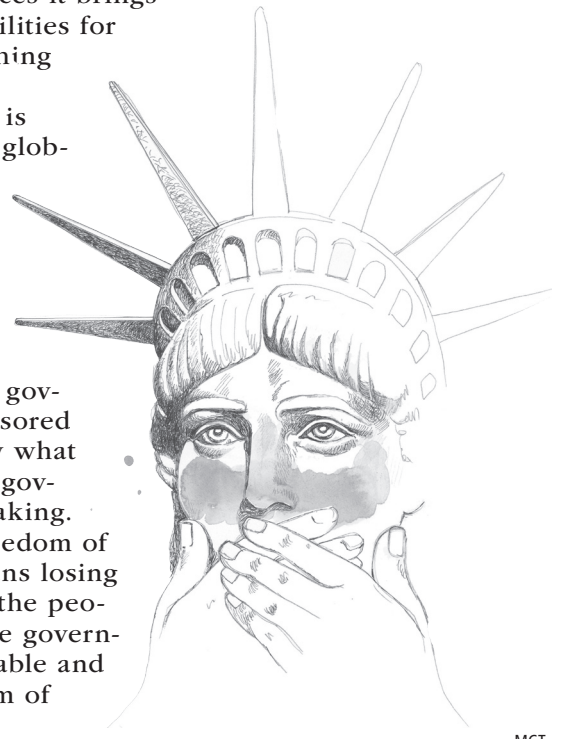
Although this is a problem, the greater problem is what might be coming next.

It's not likely that Putin will stop here.

Many past leaders didn't.

He will only continue to increase his power so long as no one steps in to stop him.

Jillian Hutchinson is a junior news-editorial journalism major from Omaha, Neb.



MCT

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Absence of meals-to-go in new plan inconveniences students

The thing that bothers me the least about the new meal plan, actually, is the cost.

I think that what TCU administrators are proposing requires an increase in cost — at least I hope.

My concern regarding this new meal plan is what exactly TCU administrators are thinking?

With the changes they make every year I am seldom surprised, but often agitated.

I understand the idea of bringing community to TCU through the idea that we cannot get food to go, but what about the level of convenience that should

go hand in hand with having "freedom" in college?

My complaint is not merely on the changes in reference to the meal plan, but into the lack of changes that, to students, seem necessary.

I never saw a survey asking us if we would like to, essentially, be locked into the cafeteria to eat our food; or if we wanted to get rid of Deco Deli and Edens (which are two of my favorite places to eat).

However, I did take an optional survey last year regarding library hours, and the overall usefulness of the library.

I do not feel that I am

alone in stating that the library hours are less than compatible with students' needs.

If you were to look at schools that TCU often competes with (SMU, UT, A&M), all of these schools have at least one 24 hr. library; so I don't see what the problem is when it comes to keeping our single library open until 2 a.m., 3 a.m. or 4 a.m.?

Additionally, while Smith Hall may be "open" 24 hours, it is only because people put newspaper in the door so they can get in and out for those tedious all-nighters, or even just to study until

3 a.m. and hope that the TCU Police don't come and yell at them.

I understand some of the changes that TCU administrators are making, but I find it interesting that they are continuously preaching: "Learning to Change the World," when the change needs to happen on campus, for the betterment of the immediate students before we can "learn to change the world."

Furthermore, how much learning can we possibly be doing when the library closes at 1 a.m.?

TCU administration has clearly never had to study

in the lobby of Milton Daniel Hall.

I feel like TCU administrators have this plan for the future that only caters to the students in the next five years, and they are forgetting about the students that are here now.

We also need attention, we also have a voice.

They are making all of these changes to project a better image in the collegiate world, and better their rankings — which is understandable.

However, I find it ridiculous that the students that are here now are not the ones for who changes are being made.

If TCU administrators would listen to the surveys and opinions of students then they would really know what students are looking for.

Dare I say that students aren't interested in being forced to eat in a cafeteria like a high school, or being kicked out of the library at 1 a.m. by the ever-so-friendly staff, or being completely ignored?

Maybe it is all about money, in which case — congratulations TCU for making changes for students that aren't even here yet at the expense of the current students.

Evan Berlin

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Wa. professor attempts to prevent cancer

By PAULA BOCK
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — The back story of the new cervical-cancer vaccine includes, among its many twists: Warts, Italian nuns, a virus old as humanity, a German scientist who shared DNA samples even with those who'd spurned him, numerous naysayers and red herrings, thousands of University of Washington student volunteers, a mended friendship — and a Peace Corps returnee who launched her pivotal career in sexually transmitted diseases (STD) through a chance encounter at a shopping mall.

"It didn't seem to be a linear pathway to how I got here," laughs University of Washington epidemiology professor Laura Koutsky. She's credited with developing the world's first human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine along with Dr. Kathrin Jansen, a yeast expert then at Merck Research Laboratories.

HPV by the Numbers

Human papillomaviruses are responsible for virtually all cervical cancers. Cervical cancer strikes 493,000 women every year and kills 274,000 of them, usually in their most productive years. After breast cancer, it is the second most common cancer among women. In poor countries, it is the leading cause of cancer-related death because Pap tests to screen for pre-malignant cells are not routine.

Talk about contagious! Within a year of first intercourse, a young woman has a 30 percent chance of becoming infected with HPV even if she has only one partner. Within three years, 60 percent of women are infected. By the time women are in their 40s, the infection rate is 70 to 80 percent.

Koutsky calls HPV "an equal-opportunity infection," unlike other sexually transmitted diseases that tend to hover around people who have many sexual partners. You can get HPV your first time. You can even get it through genital contact without having intercourse.

Those were the startling results of Koutsky's ground-breaking research that enlisted 900 women volunteers on the University of Washington campus starting in the late-1980s for three years of pelvic exams, shots and detailed questions about their sex lives.

The dogma, back then, was that to learn about any sexually transmitted disease, you had to study high-risk populations at STD clinics. But Koutsky suspected that by the time people sought help at an STD clinic, they'd have already been long infected. It would be too late to figure out how and when they got the virus and how long it would take for the bug to damage cells.

Finding a Vaccine

So Koutsky also recruited at the University of Washington's Hall Health outpatient clinic and focused on women who'd had fewer than four sexual partners in their lives. Her important early studies, published in the New England Journal of Medicine and



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University of Washington epidemiology professor Laura Koutsky is credited with helping develop the world's first Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine.

the American Journal of Epidemiology, examined the disease's natural history — what causes cervical cancer and HPV, who gets it and when.

Flash on vaccines, and most people think of scientists tinkering with slides and serums. Koutsky's role, as an epidemiologist, was to design studies that demonstrated the vaccines' safety and effectiveness, an endeavor considered so significant that Koutsky is the first author on the scientific papers announcing the vaccine breakthroughs.

"After breast cancer, it is the second most common cancer among women."

Paula Bock
Seattle Times

Two of Koutsky's key studies, published in 2002 and 2007 in the New England Journal, proved HPV vaccines were effective. "You can have a million vaccines out there," Koutsky says, "but do they work? Can you point to data that say this product is safe, this product is effective, it does what we think it should do in a group of people?"

In a May 10 editorial in the New England Journal, Dr. Christopher Crum writes: If the promise implicit in the study by Koutsky et al. is realized, we could, in our lifetime, see the gradual but progressive dismantling of the barriers to preventing cervical cancer. The captives of our current system — both patients and their caregivers — may be set free.

For most people, the immune system tackles and virtually clears HPV infections in one to three years. But about 15 percent of the time, the virus lingers. This can lead to warts or cancer in men, women and youths. That's why our health system promotes fre-

quent Pap smears and removal of suspicious pre-cancerous lesions. Such intensive monitoring and treatment carries a hefty price tag, never mind the stress.

"The HPV vaccine ranks with the hepatitis B vaccine as the two most important vaccines to be given to prevent cancer," says Dr. King Holmes, chairman of the University of Washington's Department of Global Health and director of the Center for AIDS and STD. "Laura brought the HPV vaccine trials forward in the most efficient manner possible. There were no missteps. As a result, this is a vaccine that got out to women more quickly and with all of the right considerations."

In all, it took more than two decades to create Gardasil, the new Merck vaccine that protects against four types of HPV (two cancer viruses and two wart viruses) using Koutsky's 1980s natural-history study as a starting point.

In the world of vaccines, that's fast.

History of the Virus

Human papillomaviruses evolved with humans a million years ago. Ancient Greeks and Romans described genital warts thousands of years ago. But for most of human history, no one understood how sex, HPV and cancer were linked.

People had long suspected a relationship between cervical cancer and sex. In 1842, Italian physician D. Rignon-Stern reported that nuns had virtually no cases of the disease; cervical cancer was rare among married women; the rate among prostitutes was unusually high. By the 1900s, it became clear. Women with more sex partners were more likely to



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Laura Koutsky, epidemiology professor at University of Washington, and Dr. Nancy Kiviat (right), a pathologist, collaborated on research proving HPV-16 infections take only months, rather than decades, to develop pre-cancerous signs in Seattle.

get cervical cancer.

By the 1960s, researchers surmised that one or more sexually transmitted diseases caused cervical cancer — perhaps herpes or chlamydia, they thought. Then, in the 1970s, Harald zur Hausen, a German cancer researcher training at the University of Pennsylvania, bucked conventional wisdom, demonstrating that HPV was a family of viruses that caused everything from common warts to malicious cancers of the cervix, and more rarely, of the anus, penis, mouth and neck. Until then, nobody realized certain viruses could cause cancer.

Zur Hausen freely shared with labs worldwide the viral-DNA fragments he'd painstakingly isolated, an act credited with speeding up vaccine research.

Your skin, right now, is probably covered in human papillomavirus; there are more than 200 types. Two, HPV-16 and HPV-18, cause 70 percent of all cervical cancers.

Koutsky's natural-history studies proved a strong temporal relationship between cervical

cancer and those two. Soon after becoming infected with those virus types, women developed abnormal cells; sometimes these progressed to lesions, including the sort that typically turn into cancer.

The fact that it took only months to go from infection to bad Pap — instead of 10 to 20 years as previously thought — meant it would be realistic to test a vaccine.

"No one believed it," says Dr. Nancy Kiviat, who collaborated with Koutsky on the natural-history study. It was Kiviat who developed the assays to test whether women in Koutsky's early study had HPV and which type. Not an easy task.

Finding the Cure

"Now, everybody gets the same answer and tests are more standardized," says Denise Galloway, a microbiologist and collaborator on the natural-history study. "In the late '80s, early '90s, everybody was using different techniques, and the results were a mess. HPV was everywhere or was nowhere."



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Courtney Banzer, 27, receives an HPV vaccine from Dana Varon at Harborview Women's Research clinic in Seattle.

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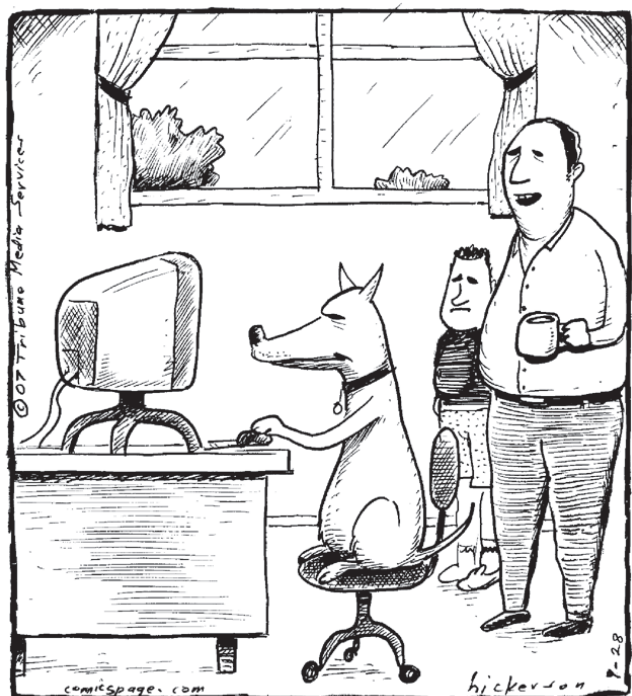
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A: What are you squeaking about? I'm the one with the pane!

The Quigmans

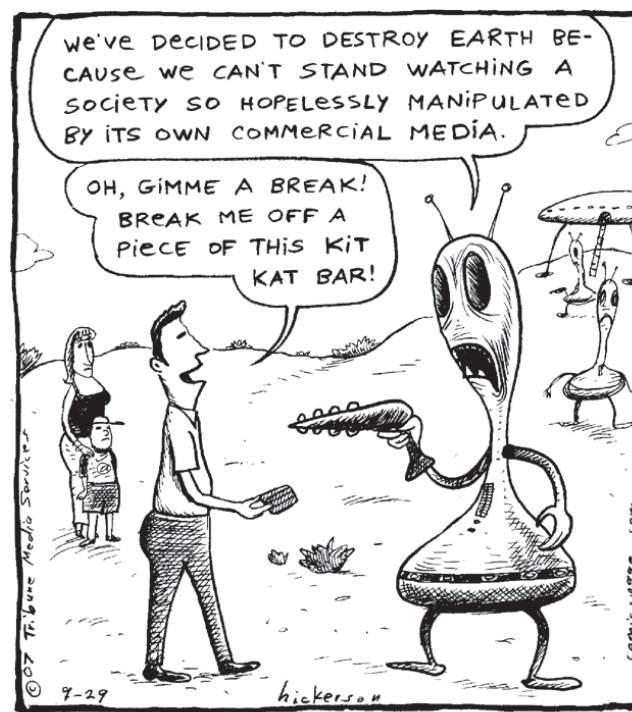
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Friday's Solutions

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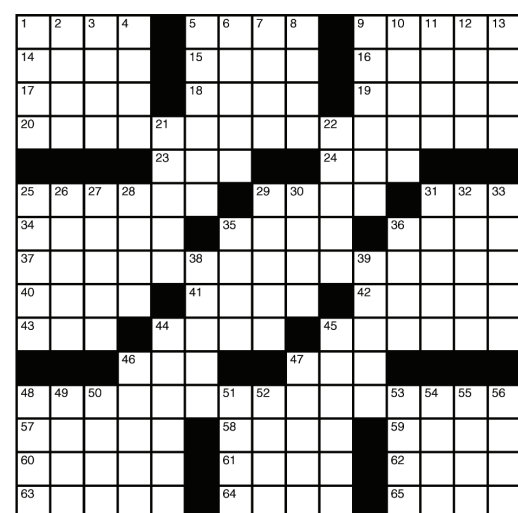
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- 18 Downfall
- 19 Favorite at the ball
- 20 Ridiculed, perhaps
- 23 Aardvark's snack
- 24 Annapolis grad
- 25 Have a lofty goal
- 29 Like dirty hearths
- 31 Poisonous snake
- 34 Place to get steamed
- 35 Urgent request
- 36 Chinese gooseberry
- 37 Reverse the fortunes of
- 40 Chills, as champagne
- 41 Vocalized
- 42 Arctic shelter
- 43 Grain in a Salingier title
- 44 Plaintiff
- 45 AWOL part
- 46 Raises, as stakes
- 47 Exist
- 48 Have one's revenge
- 57 Play the ham
- 58 Kitty stake
- 59 Half a sextet
- 60 Metric volume
- 61 Swerve off
- 62 Grimm baddle
- 63 Keep for later
- 64 Out of kilter



By Diane C. Baldwin
Columbia, MD

10/2/07

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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FOOTBALL

Offense gains momentum in win



Sophomore Marcus Jackson steps back to pass against Colorado State on Saturday. Jackson had three touchdowns in TCU's 24-12 victory over CSU. ANDREW CHAVEZ / Editor in Chief

By **BRETT LARSON**
Staff Reporter

Backup quarterback Marcus Jackson knew he was going to get some playing time against Colorado State, but after an injury to starting quarterback Andy Dalton, the game was his.

Behind Jackson, TCU won its first Mountain West Conference game and moved to 3-2 with a 24-12 win against the Colorado State Rams on Saturday.

Head coach Gary Patterson said he was going to continue using the dual-quarterback system of Dalton and Jackson, but after Dalton went down with a knee injury during TCU's first offensive drive, Jackson and the Horned Frogs did not look back.

Patterson said he was impressed with Jackson's play, but dealing with an injury to the starting quarterback is never something he prepares for. He said Dalton suffered a bad bruise and should be fine.

Jackson said when Dalton went down, he knew

he would need to lead the team.

"I had to calm myself down," the sophomore said. "No one was expecting him to get hurt. I had to go out and play football, do what I do best."

The defense was without preseason All-American Tommy Blake, who is on a medical leave of absence. Despite his absence, the Frogs defense still stifled the Rams to 55 rushing yards on 28 carries.

Poor late-game play has been a problem for the Frogs this year and Patterson said this game was no different.

Patterson described Saturday's fourth quarter as a lively one and said the team needs to find a way to stay strong offensively late in games, especially with several road games coming up.

"We've got to play better offensively in the fourth quarter or else we're not going to beat some of the teams we've got coming up in the next couple of weeks," Patterson said.

Jackson said last season's

Frogs came out and played hard in fourth quarters of games, and the team needs to do that again this year to continue its success.

"It's been the quarter where we came out and won," Jackson said. "That's when we beat our guys. That's what we need to get back in our mindset. The fourth quarter is our quarter."

Junior running back Aaron Brown said there were a lot of mental mistakes at the end of the game. Brown, in his second game since coming back from injury, ran for 124 yards on 22 carries and accumulated 150 total yards on the night.

"We've got to make our brains work better — not just the physical part," Brown said.

Jackson said having Brown back is a great luxury that takes a great burden off the offense.

"Everyone else doesn't feel like they have to be Aaron Brown," Jackson said. "They can just go out and do what they do best."

Brown said Patterson has

been preaching to play for the love of the game, not just the game itself.

Senior defensive end Chase Ortiz said the team still needs to improve its late-game play, but the team is getting better in that department.

"Since the game a couple weeks ago, we've preached 'finish games out,'" Ortiz said. "I don't think we were 100 percent, but we're getting better."

Jackson made his mark quickly after entering the game for Dalton with a four-yard touchdown run less than five minutes into the game.

Colorado State responded in its ensuing possession with a field goal, but was held without another score until the fourth quarter.

TCU started the second quarter off quickly with a four-yard touchdown pass from Jackson to junior tight end Shae Reagan.

TCU's next two possessions ended with a 19-yard field goal from junior Chris Manfredini and another four-yard rushing touchdown from Jackson.

TIM'S TAKE

Rhythm of the night builds for conference run

By **TIM BELLA**
Sports Editor

My cousin was married in Philadelphia on Sunday and I felt like the face of death the following day.

COMMENTARY



TIM BELLA

Maybe it was the Justin Timberlake-style dance party I put on at the wedding reception that did me in. After seeing my father trying to con-

jure up the spirits of 1981 in his attempt to dance, I'm still trying to figure out how I was able to bring sexy back to the city of brotherly love.

However it happened, I was feeling like crap the next morning, but was surprisingly OK with it. Heck, even coming back to Dallas/Fort Worth Airport on Monday morning after 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. flights and finding out my car battery inexplicably died was not as painful as it would have been, if not for Monday's cover of the New York Times with the New York Mets fan looking like his dog just died.

Talk about depressing. Watching Brigitte Nielson engulf Flava Flav's face with her mouth never seemed so uplifting.

Oh, and the Frogs won, too. As my attempts to get the MTN's broadcast of the TCU game were thwarted by the East Coast media bias, I was getting text messages from friends telling me about how Marcus Jackson was running a comfortable offense with healthy Aaron Brown in the fold. By the way, whoever the doctor was that was able to help get

Brown back onto the field, possibly weeks sooner than anyone expected deserves a nice seafood dinner or a gift certificate of some kind.

Not to mention the Frogs handed Colorado State its first convincing loss after holding a Rams team averaging better than 34 points a game to six points through three quarters before a meaningless fourth-quarter score.

By most accounts, these were the Frogs people were waiting for. In a season that might have had some fans feeling disappointed, this was the Michael Corleone "Just when I thought that I was out, they pull me back in" moment some in Horned Frogs nation needed.

Even with Andy Dalton going down early to injury, the Frogs' offense had more first downs than the opposing team's offense for just the second time this season and won the time of possession battle for the first time.

Whatever Gary Patterson and his staff did in the week leading up to Colorado State, you can only hope it carries over against a Wyoming team that is looking to make its mark in the Mountain West Conference. If Air Force was any indication, TCU knows the Cowboys want to make their season by beating the Frogs in Laramie, Wyo. Keeping the collective rhythm built up through the Colorado State win alive could be the wave the Frogs can ride to a successful conference run.

Whether they know it or not, the Frogs are bringing sexy back for the rest of this season. Excuse me while I go lie down.

QUICK SPORTS

Male runner takes top-10 finish

In Saturday's Cowboy Jamboree at Oklahoma State, the men's and women's cross-country teams finished in 15th and 13th place, respectively.

Sophomore Festus Kigen finished in 10th place in the men's 8K with a course time of 24:34. Senior Matt Manly was close behind, finishing with a time of 26:06 and placing 40th overall out of 108 competitors.

For the women, freshman Tanja Ivandic led the Horned Frogs women, finishing 31st in the 5K with a time of 19:23. Sophomore Dani Selner followed Ivandic, placing 36th overall with a time of 19:27. Host school Oklahoma State won the men's title, while Missouri State took home the women's title.

Staff reporter Allie Brown

Conference foe too much for volleyball

The volleyball team lost 3-0 (25-30, 27-30, 30-32) to the New Mexico Lobos on Friday night, falling to 15-4 overall and 2-2 in Mountain West Conference play.

Freshman outside hitter Irene Hester established a new career-high with 13 kills, but it wasn't enough to lead the Horned Frogs to victory against a New Mexico team with a 12-4 overall record and 3-1 record in conference. The Frogs came back in the second game with a 7-0 run behind the serving of junior setter Nirelle Hampton before bowing out.

Staff reporter Allie Brown

Team wins after own-goal loss

The Horned Frogs soccer team may have outshot the Colorado College Tigers 16-5 Friday, but ultimately, it was the Tigers who walked away with the 1-0 victory.

During a second-half corner kick, freshman goalkeeper Kelsey Walters attempted to get the ball out of the box with a header, but ended up having an own goal in the Frogs' net.

The Horned Frogs bounced back from the own-goal loss with a 1-0 overtime win at the University of Houston on Sunday. Freshman forward Jackie Torda continued to roll for the team, netting her sixth goal of the season off an assist from sophomore midfielder Michelle Nguyen.

Staff reporter Allie Brown

RIFLE

BULLSEYE



The rifle team competes at the Horned Frog invitational on Saturday in Fort Worth. Three TCU shooters — sophomores Simone Riford, Erin Lorenzen and Emily Paper — finished in the top three of team aggregate scoring and four out of the top six places against teams such as UTEP, the University of Nevada at Reno and Air Force. Riford finished first in team aggregate thanks to a first-place finish in smallbore and Lorenzen was second in team aggregate behind a second-place finish in air rifle. MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Photo Editor

PRO BASEBALL

Competition tough for National League MVP

By **ASHLEY FOX**
The Philadelphia Inquirer

So, you think the National League East was a tight race? Look at the competition for NL most valuable player. And the American League Cy Young award.

The regular season ended Sunday and, all over the land, voting members of the Baseball Writers Association of America are filling out their ballots for the game's major awards.

The official winners won't be announced until after the

World Series. But just for fun, let's start some arguments. Here are the winners as one scribe sees it.

NL MVP. There's a famous New England sporting anecdote that goes like this: It's September 1967 and the Red Sox are down a run in the ninth inning at Tiger Stadium. Up comes Carl Yastrzemski, who is on his way to winning the Triple Crown. A Boston sportswriter sticks his head out the press box window and shouts, "If you really are the (gosh darned) MVP, hit a

home run right here." Yaz, of course, did and the Red Sox went on to win the game.

This story came to mind 10 days ago in Washington when Jimmy Rollins came to the plate with two outs in the top of the eighth inning. The Phillies had come back from a 6-0 deficit to tie the game at 6-6. Now, the go-ahead run was standing on second base with Rollins at the plate.

"If you really are the (gosh-darned) MVP, drive in this run."

Sure, enough, Rollins dou-

bled home the run and the Phillies won, 7-6.

Rollins had many of these moments (his two-run single in the fifth Friday night comes to mind) this season. That's why he's our NL MVP in an excruciatingly close call over Colorado's Matt Holliday and Milwaukee's Prince Fielder.

Rollins has started every game and played superb defense, making only 11 errors. Offensively, he has been the alpha dog for the

See **MVP**, page 2