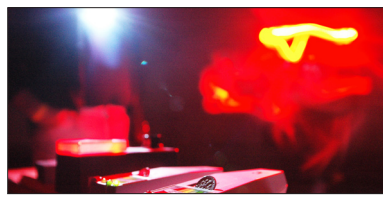
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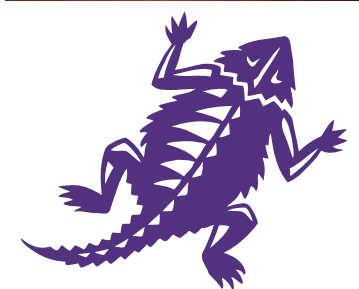
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Neeley School to require higher GPAs of freshmen

By JOE ZIGTEMA
Staff Reporter

Stricter GPA requirements proposed for freshman pre-business majors next semester will try to stop students from "churning up" the program, the Neeley School of Business' senior associate dean said.

Pending University Council approval in November, incoming freshmen in the pre-busi-

ness program next fall will be required to maintain at least a 2.5 GPA by the end of their first year and complete five required courses, said Bill Moncrief, senior associate dean.

The motion for the requirement change passed at the last Undergraduate Council meeting Oct. 19.

Griffin Kirchner, freshman pre-business major, said

because it's his first semester, he is a little concerned with the potential rise in GPA requirements. But he understands the purpose is to keep the business school prestigious, he said.

"I can see the pros and cons to both sides," he said. "The pro would be to turn out more competitive business majors. The con would be if people mess up their first year, they

may not get a chance to prove themselves."

Freshmen will have to take microeconomics, macroeconomics, intermediate composition, applied calculus and one core requirement class, according to the proposal the Neeley School submitted to the Undergraduate Council.

Moncrief said students normally apply for admission to the business school during

their sophomore year, but some students are getting caught up in what he calls "the churn-retaking" courses multiple times to boost GPA to the required level. Presently there are 40 seniors and 160 juniors still in the pre-business program, Moncrief said.

"They can't get their grades to where they need to be, either because of the lower

division or their overall GPA," Moncrief said. "I don't think it's in their best interest, and it's terrible for our classes."

Under the new program, Moncrief said, students not meeting the 2.5-GPA requirement at the end of their first year will be required to change majors.

Those students will be encouraged to pursue a busi-
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Prank calls may be to blame for group's suspension

By DAVID SPENCER
Staff Reporter

Two anonymous phone calls made to Alpha Kappa Alpha's corporate office are to blame for the sorority's suspension this semester and one of those calls may be a fake, said AKA's regional adviser.

In April, one caller identified herself as a student and pledge of the sorority's TCU chapter, and another identified himself or herself as the parent of a hazed student, said Tari Bradford, AKA's south-central region adviser.

"Do I believe one (of the phone calls) was a prank?" Bradford said. "Yes, I do."

The phone call might have been made by a person who attempted to get in to the sorority, but was denied membership, Bradford said. Bradford said because the incidents occurred at the end of the semester, it was difficult to initially investigate and see if the phone calls were valid.

"Right now, we are continuing investigation of the allegations," Bradford said. "The young ladies are very sorry for allegations. This is not their normal behavior."

The student who called

said members of the sorority forced her to go off campus and retrieve information, Bradford said. The parent who called said her child refused to give information about specifics of the hazing.

"We don't tolerate any type of misconduct," Bradford said. "We strive for excellence. Any type of allegations made is unacceptable."

The TCU chapter of AKA has two members.

AKA president Yvonne Watkins would not comment on the allegations. Shanell Whitley, the other member of the sorority, would not return phone calls or e-mails asking for comment.

Information regarding the investigation is being turned over to James Parker, assistant dean of Campus Life, Bradford said. Parker said if he received an allegation, he would do everything to keep information regarding that allegation confidential.

"The sorority will remain on suspension until their regional board of directors gives them permission," said Gaius George, National Pan-Hellenic Council adviser.

"We don't tolerate any type of misconduct. We strive for excellence. Any type of allegations made is unacceptable."

Tari Bradford
AKA adviser

"It is a total hell..."



Erasmus Pinero Jr. and his family fled Cuba when he was 15. His efforts to teach a class on Cuba's involvement in the Cold War on campus failed twice due to low enrollment.

Cuba native aims to educate about country

By AMANDA SHIMKO
Staff Reporter

Music, food and culture — these are what the media like to report about Cuba, things one Cuban man says do not mean a thing to Cuban exiles. But his attempt to educate TCU students about this fell short.

Erasmus Pinero Jr. views Cuba as a hell that he was fortunate enough to escape 33 years ago, a place where books were rewritten and freedoms were

squashed.

Pounding his fists loudly on the table, Pinero Jr., 47, said the real Cuba is ignored in this country.

"Media do not like to touch Cuba because it might erase the idealistic image that they have," Pinero Jr. said. "They see it as a socialistic paradise, and it is not. It is a total hell for people living there."

Pinero Jr. planned to draw from his experiences of growing up under communism for a course he was to teach through

the Office of Extended Education titled "Cuba in the Cold War: A View from the Other Side." Unfortunately, the class was canceled because of low enrollment, said Julie Lovett, director of Extended Education.

"You have to suffer, you have to feel in your skin to be able to be a true spokesman of what happened," Pinero Jr. said.

The lecture course, which would have

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Student investment fund earns more than any other university

By JOE ZIGTEMA
Staff reporter

You don't need to be a Wall Street investor to make money in the stock market. In fact, you could just be a TCU student.

Members of the student-run Educational Investment Fund at TCU have historically outperformed or performed with the stock market, said Andrew Angelico, chief administrator of the fund. The class consists of both undergraduate and Master of Business Administration students in

the Neeley School of Business.

The fund, started by Alcon Laboratories co-founder William C. Conner, has grown to \$1.5 million since its inception in 1973, according to its Web site. Students donate 6 percent of the fund's end-of-year value to Baylor's department of ophthalmology in Houston and to TCU, said faculty adviser Larry Lockwood.

Over the years, students have given more than \$2.25 million in dividends, more

than any other student-managed university fund in the country, Lockwood said.

Kelsey Biegert, a senior finance and accounting major, said the class members support and challenge one another, which makes for a great learning environment.

"You're being evaluated by your peers, so it's not one person judging you, it's 15," Biegert said. "When you're standing up there, you want to do a good job because when you invest in a stock it's not \$10, its thou-

sands of dollars."

According to the fund's portfolio, energy stocks Cameron International Corp. and Schlumberger Ltd., and technology stock Anixter International Inc. turned in the best percentage gains this year. Cameron International and Schlumberger recorded gains of 74 percent and 69 percent, respectively, while Anixter International turned in a 49 percent gain.

Lockwood said students choose how to weight their stocks from the Standard &

Poor's 500 index, and their bonds from the Lehman Brothers Government/Corporate Bond index.

Within the S&P 500, there are certain sectors, each holding a weight of the total index. The class looks at how the S&P 500 weighted each sector and adjust the weights accordingly based on its own analysis.

"That's where we start making important decisions in regard to the economy," Angelico said.

Students who want to get into the class must submit

an application and resume, and, if qualified, are called in for an interview. Lockwood said these students are some of the best at the university.

"There are usually plenty of perfectly well-qualified people, but there just aren't enough spots," Angelico said.

Senior finance major Chris Boerner said that although he spends about 20 hours per week working outside of class, he enjoys what he's doing.

"It's a lot of work, but you
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BERLIN — A 19-year-old German woman has escaped from prison by hiding in a friend's suitcase.

— Reuters

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get a lot out of it," Boerner said. "I learned a lot about the stock market and business, and I really enjoy working with the other people in there."

Students take the class for two semesters, Angelico said. However, the class is staggered so students join and leave the class every semester.

Angelico said the fund operates with a running portfolio. Students typically spend their first semester learning about existing stocks and try

to introduce a new stock to the class during their second semester.

The class is atypical of others in that there aren't many lectures, Angelico said. Students are responsible for creating a 20 to 25 page report on their assigned stocks, and class time is spent discussing each stock in the portfolio, Boerner said. Lockwood said recruiters tell him these reports compete at a high level with similar reports from professional analysts.

"(The models) are where you have to think about how much the company is worth," Angelico said.

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ness minor, which the Neeley school is presently restructuring to make it friendly to non-business majors, he said.

The reason for this, he said, is to keep students on track toward a degree, instead of spending five or more years in college retaking courses.

"Instead of changing out after a year and a half of going through this, in your freshman year if you're not there, (you may) move on to something else and get a minor in business," Moncrief said.

Administrators in the business school are ultimately trying to lower enrollment to 1,400, Moncrief said, and eliminating students in "the churn" will continue to drive enrollment down. Presently, Neeley school enrollment is 1,763, Moncrief said.

Moncrief acknowledged that the GPA requirement puts a lot

of pressure on incoming freshmen, especially men, who have a significantly lower GPA during their freshman year compared to women. However, he said, he feels the vast majority of students will step up.

"We've found that every time we raise the bar, students step up and meet the bar," Moncrief said. "I don't think we're going to eliminate a lot of people."

Moncrief said fraternities on campus need to explain the change to their freshmen and help them meet the requirement.

"(Fraternities) need to help their freshmen through the process or there are going to be a lot of freshmen fraternity guys that don't get into the business school," Moncrief said.

Jeremy Ross, a senior accounting major, said he thinks the business school should never lower its standards.

"If the GPA goes up, it reflects well on the school," he said. "And for people who work hard, it's a good thing."

BIG WHEELS



Lauren Wright, a sophomore interior design major, and Nikita Purdy, a sophomore social work major, ride around the supersonic track at the mtvU exhibition at Sadler Lawn on Monday. MtvU came to campus to hold auditions for an episode of the new weekly music video show "The Freshman."

MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Photo Editor

Texas A&M Greek event a Halloween alternative

By ERIC DAVIS
The (Texas A&M) Battalion

COLLEGE STATION — The basement at Pi Kappa Alpha became a Halloween wonderland with a cakewalk and haunted house at Texas A&M University.

"We wanted to have fun with the kids in a safe, fun environment," said Travis Kurtz, sophomore in secondary education and one of the event organizers. "We wanted to make a place where people could come to have a lot of fun."

Pi Kappa Alpha was responsible for the advertising, and members of Kappa Delta were in charge of decorating the house for the event.

The event was free to the public, but donations in the form of money or canned goods were accepted for the Flint Hills Breadbasket.

The cakewalk gave children a chance to win full-sized cakes if they donated an extra dollar for leukemia research.

Children of all ages were invited to participate in the free Halloween party. Orga-

nizers added new attractions and improved on the haunted house in an attempt to get more people to come out.

The boundaries of the haunted house, a main draw for visitors, were redrawn to allow the participants to walk outside. Inside the haunted house, various scary scenes were on display, and characters like Jason and the Grim Reaper crouched behind bloodstained sheets to scare the children.

Katie Gorham worked at the face-painting table and

said she was learning as the night progressed.

"I've never done this before," Gorham said. "Pretty much the only thing I can do is cat faces."

Carolina Camacho, Manhattan resident and parent of three children who attended the event, said she and her children plan to go trick-or-treating on Halloween, though they attended Sunday night's event.

"I got a flier at work, so I thought we would try it out," Camacho said.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"What we once did 'for the sake of God' we now do for the sake of money."

— Friedrich Nietzsche

THE SKIFF VIEW

Schools must fill in parenting gaps

Distributing birth control pills to middle school students is a gamble. There's controversy over this issue because city officials in Maine passed a plan that will allow middle school students to receive birth control pills without direct parental consent. King Middle School will become the first middle school in Maine to make a full range of contraception available, according to an article by the Associated Press. Students must have parental consent in order to be treated at the school health center, but treatment is confidential under state law, according to the article. It is then up to students to inform their parents about the services they receive. It's also up to parents to ask. On one hand, it seems reasonable that parents should have the right and responsibility to make health care decisions for their child. On the other hand,

it may be more important for a young person to have access to confidential medical services than to require that parents be informed of their child's condition. Minors who are sexually active, pregnant or infected with a sexually transmitted disease, and those who abuse drugs or alcohol or suffer from emotional or psychological problems may avoid seeking care if they must involve their parents. "About one-fourth of student health centers that serve at least one grade of adolescents 11 and older dispense some form of contraception," said Divya Mohan, a spokeswoman for the National Assembly of School-Based Health Care, in an article by The Associated Press. Education should ideally begin in the home, but when there are gaps in that education, it's the responsibility of schools to fill them.

Opinion editor Sonya Cisneros for the editorial board.

BY NATE BEELER



Depression common; Look for warning signs

"Cry me a river," wails Justin Timberlake to the masses. How about some Prozac in exchange for our tears? Antidepressants are the most commonly prescribed medication in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A CDC report released in July revealed that, of the 2.4 billion prescriptions given in 2005, 118 million were for antidepressants. When REM sings "Everybody hurts," they're right. About 121 million people worldwide suffer from depression, according to the World Health Organization. We've all wanted to be sedated before. There are some days when we just don't want to wake up. Things are going badly — whether it is school, work or our personal lives — and all we want is release. But do our woes call for antidepressants? Regular sadness and clinical depression are not the same thing. Symptoms of depression include sad moods, loss of interest in normal activities, impaired thinking, weight loss and fatigue. In extreme cases, depression can include thoughts of suicide. These symptoms must be present in the

patient for more than two weeks for a doctor to diagnose depression, according to the Mayo Clinic Web site. Unlike general sadness, clinical depression has a chemical and biological basis and is not dependant on external factors, even though it can be triggered by stressful life events. People with clinical depression do not have control over how they feel. But when it comes to a diagnosis, distinctions become blurry. A study released this year found prolonged depressive-like symptoms are common in those experiencing broken hearts and other major life changes. There is no physical test to detect depression. Doctors have to rely on screening questionnaires and a diagnostic manual to assess whether a patient has depression. However, screening tests do not take into account the context in which the symptoms occur. Because of this, antidepressants might be prescribed to people who do not need them. Antidepressants may help numb the pain, but they also desensitize people to other feelings, including happiness. When treating depression, psychiatrists couple medication with psychotherapy for optimum results. Antidepressants are not meant to be handed out like candy. Depression is a common problem on college campuses, where students are



exposed to high levels of stress. In 2005, the American College Health Association reported that 15 percent of college students suffer from depression. Watch out for the warning signs. Not all who suffer depression run around cutting off their left ear and making paintings that will posthumously sell for a fortune. Some people are more subtle. Eric Wood, a licensed professional counselor at the TCU Counseling, Testing, and Mental Health Center, said students who suspect they have depression should seek professional help.

Wood said many times being approached by a friend is how a student decides to look for help. He said when approaching a friend about depression, you should discuss the behaviors you are noticing instead of making judgments on why the person is feeling that way. Students can schedule free and confidential counseling sessions by calling the TCU Counseling, Testing, and Mental Health Center at 817-257-7863. Don't be afraid to ask for help.

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New Web site shouldn't replace real introductions

The world of online social networking has boomed ever since the opening of Web sites such as Facebook and MySpace. These Web sites allow people to socialize with people they once knew, friends and acquaintances. A new Web site with the same idea of social networking has popped up: LifeAt.com.

LifeAt is designed for people that live in housing developments and apartment complexes, and it allows for people to scope out their neighbors before they actually get to know each other, according to an article in the New York Times. However, people are not exactly getting to know each other better on a personal level with online networking alone. The old-fashioned way of introducing yourself in person is a better way of becoming close with your neighbors. The community of LifeAt is likened to Facebook and MySpace. It allows users to create profiles with pictures and descriptions. Users can have "friends" that show up on their user profile along with the users' personal reviews of the retailers and restaurants in the area. Users can also upload pictures of old furniture they want to sell in a section for classified ads. LifeAt aims to "create a safe online community where fellow residents can meet and help each other out as they explore their new surround-

ings," according to the company's Web site. More people, however, don't want to pursue a relationship further than that. Many people seek refuge behind a computer screen. Sociologist Keith N. Hampton at the University of Pennsylvania, created the Web site I-Neighbors.org to study offline relationships of people that use social networking sites. The Web site was successful, generating 45,000 users. However, that does not mean it was successful for offline social connections. Hampton said the lack of personal connections was mostly because young people who use the Web site are "less interested in the people that live around them and more interested in their own social networks," according to the article. Young people tend to move more often than older people with families and apartments tend to become more of a temporary housing solution, the study noted. Online social networks have good intentions. It is a wonderful way to keep in touch and maintain friendships you already have. However, making new friends is difficult with these Web sites because they only reveal the surface of a person. Using LifeAt or a similar Web site is a great way to break the ice, but if you want to see the rest of the iceberg, you can always introduce yourself to your neighbors. After all, they only live a door or two away.

Hayley Freeman is a sophomore English major from Fort Worth.

Government tries to control morality with 'sin' taxes

America is the greatest nation in the world, mainly because we as Americans have so many personal freedoms. Unfortunately, many of these freedoms are being handed over to our government. One of our greatest freedoms is the ability to thrive in a free, capitalist economy. The beauty of such a system is that it is run by the people, not the government. Choices in our life, such as whether to buy cigarettes, are left up to individual citizen and should not be regulated by any government agency.

However, our government is walking a slippery slope with what and how it regulates — especially regarding tobacco. In March, Iowa Gov. Chet Culver signed a bill raising a tax on tobacco from 36 cents to \$1.36. The tax is so high that even generic packs of cigarettes can easily cost more than \$5. While those of you who don't smoke may not care about this tax, many, including myself, feel this is an example of government crossing lines it should not. Tax hikes on cigarettes are extremely hard on smokers. Statistically, a

majority of smokers are lower-income individuals. Putting this sort of pressure on lower-income families, simply because someone in a government position deems tobacco "evil," is absurd, and should not be tolerated. What really gets under my skin is not even so much the taxes themselves, but the reason for the taxes. Taxes on products such as alcohol and tobacco are commonly referred to as "sin" taxes. This sort of rhetoric is disturbing. What is the government trying to say? That it has the moral authority to label an action a sin?

Taxing tobacco because it is a "sinful" practice is ridiculous. We live in a free county. If I choose to smoke and develop lung cancer, then that is my God-given right to freedom of choice. What's next? Should we tax McDonald's because its food can lead to heart disease? Of course not. Where is this type of government regulation leading our country? Think about this, and follow it out to its logical conclusion. Are we to assume that any potentially harmful substance or action can be regulated by our government? Should the gov-

ernment regulate sexual activity, as it can lead to contracting STDs? Hamburgers lead to heart disease — should we tax them? Do we really need "big" government governing "big" corporations? Who wants the same government that so gracefully handled Hurricane Katrina handling and judging our biggest businesses? Calling an action such as smoking wrong or sinful is the job of parents and guardians, not the government. Government needs to stay out of personal choice, and let us, as responsible people, make these choices on our own. Taxing an item to deter

its use is unreasonable, and is a clear example of government playing Big Brother. So should we continue to call cigarettes sinful, and tax them accordingly? I certainly hope we do not. Why? Because it is the responsibility of free people and parents raising free people to make these sorts of judgment calls. If we give our government the power to label actions sinful and tax them as they wish, we will lose the one thing that makes America so great: personal freedom of choice.

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taken place over two evenings Oct. 17 and Oct. 24, would have been a brief history of the Cold War and how Cuba influenced and participated in the Cold War.

Pinero Jr. said the reasons behind the lack of interest in the course are symptomatic of the situation with Cuba for a variety of reasons.

The metroplex, for one, has more of a Mexican influence and lacks the Cuban culture found in areas like Miami, Pinero Jr. said.

Cuba is not on anyone's radar, he said, it is a quiet island, laying dormant waiting for Castro to die.

He said he felt people did not want to hear from a Cuban exile because of the obvious bias in the class. If an American professor with no ties to Cuba had taught the course, he or she may have had more success, Pinero Jr. said.

"The idea behind the course is to give people a sense of the role Cuba played in the Cold War, which was extremely critical, if not essential, to the meaning of the Cold War," Pinero Jr. said.

He said he wants to expose the truth behind the communistic veil as a person who has lived it and wants others to know what really happened.

"There's a painful legacy of communism in Cuba that goes largely unreported every day," Pinero Jr. said. "They talk about the Palestinians, they talk about the Holocaust. They talk about the Darfur events and things like that. But they never talk about Cuba suffering for the last 47 years under communism, and that's a very big deal for a lot of people."

Pinero Jr. said Americans

need to pay more attention to Cuba.

"Cuba is an economic powerhouse for the U.S.," Pinero Jr. said. "There is a huge potential for Cuba becoming the Hong Kong of Latin America."

Lovett said courses taught through Extended Education usually need to be offered a few times before they can get full enrollment.

This is the second attempt Pinero Jr. has made with the course, but he said he is not ruling out another attempt in the future.

Pinero Jr. said people and the media do not want to hear the truth.

"There is a huge exile community in the U.S. that will tell them the truth and when they are confronted with the truth, they have to erase from their minds their idealistic and utopian view of Cuba that they have," Pinero Jr. said. "They don't want to face reality."

The Journey To America

Pinero Jr., along with his parents, Liduvina and Erasmo Pinero Sr., and sister, Marisol Pinero, had been able to buy their freedom from the Cuban government in the form of a visa.

Pinero was 15 years old when he and his family fled Cuba for Spain in 1974, but the memories are clear.

"It was like paying ransom to get out of Cuba," Pinero Jr. said.

The family moved to Spain for three years while they waited for their turn to enter the U.S.

"You could not fly directly to the United States," Pinero Jr. said. "You had to get to a third country first."

When they finally got to Tampa, Fla., Pinero Jr. was 17 and didn't know English.

"Whenever you get to the U.S. the first priority is to get a job," Pinero Jr. said. "And,

normally, you get a job in the underground economy, in other words, an economy that doesn't require you speak any English."

Pinero Jr. entered high school where he was able to learn English quickly with the help of some bilingual friends and managed to obtain a job at a local hardware store.

Upon graduation, Pinero Jr. entered a two-year college in Tampa before proceeding on to The University of Florida where he graduated in 1984 with a degree in aeronautical engineering.

But 1984 was to be an even bigger year.

Pinero Jr. became a U.S. citizen and joined the U.S. Navy the same day in 1984.

"I became a U.S. citizen and walked across the street to join the U.S. Navy," Pinero Jr. said. "I wanted to payback my freedom."

Pinero Jr. served as a lieutenant in the Navy where he was a naval aviator.

During the seven years he served, he was able to travel the world with his newfound family.

"There is a strong camaraderie in the Navy," Pinero Jr. said. "It is a very strong-knit community."

Family Life

Pinero Jr. met his wife, Barbara Perez, through his family while he served.

"It was almost like a pre-arranged marriage," Pinero Jr. said. "They bring the girl because they know that you are a good candidate, and my mother knows that she is a good candidate."

While visiting his family on a leave of absence, the two were finally introduced.

"It was a very traditional courtship, mostly by letters," Pinero Jr. said of his long distance relationship with his future wife, who is also a

Cuban immigrant.

"All we could do was talk on the phone," Barbara Pinero said. "We got to know each other much better, but we had very expensive phone bills for two years."

Barbara Pinero was 12 years old when she emigrated from Cuba to Spain with her family in 1983 where she spent three years before entering the United States, she said.

They had similar backgrounds, Pinero Jr. said, and they held the same concerns and values.

The two got married Dec. 21, 1991, the same year Pinero Jr. was honorably discharged from the Navy.

The couple moved around Florida while Pinero Jr. held jobs at Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. and Pratt & Whitney, and his wife attended college to pursue a degree in economics.

In 2001, Pinero Jr. was transferred to Connecticut with Pratt & Whitney.

In July 2002, he accepted a job with Lockheed Martin and moved his family to Texas.

He has been at Lockheed Martin for five years working as a propulsion engineer.

He lives in Keller with his wife, 36, and their two sons, Leonardo, 10, and Luis, 8.

Pinero Jr. is very adamant about his children knowing the truth about Cuba.

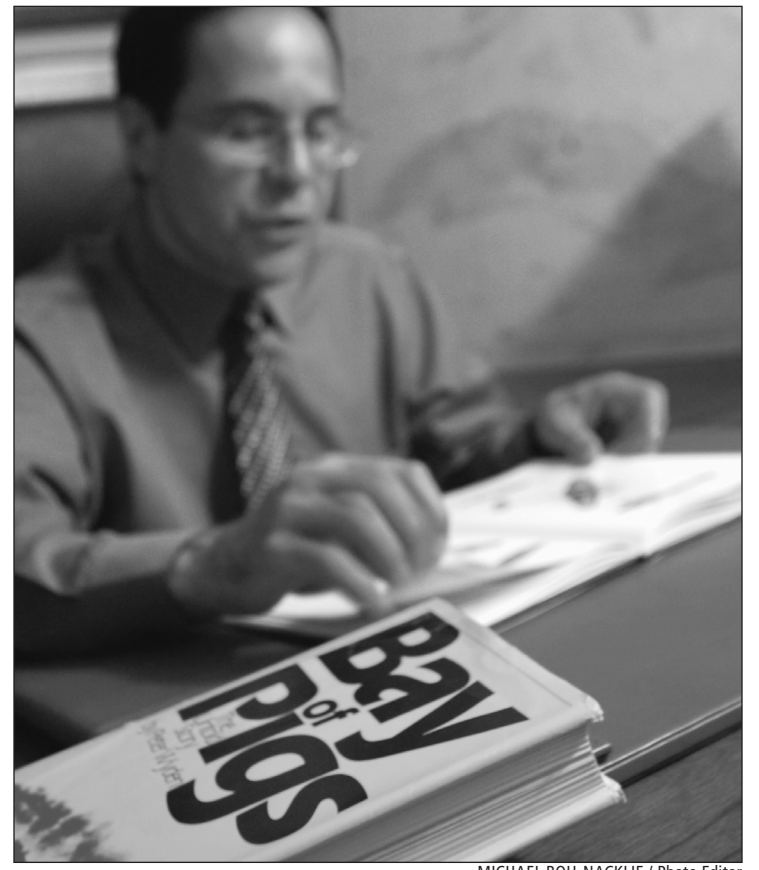
"I want them to know the truth," Pinero Jr. said. "I don't want them to be indoctrinated by this left-leaning propaganda."

The Cuban Controversy

Controversy has been looming around Cuba for some time as to whether Fidel Castro, 81, president of Cuba, is dead or alive.

Pinero Jr. doesn't care.

"Whether Fidel Castro is alive or dead it doesn't matter and the reason why is the



ERASMO PINERO JR. / Photo Editor
Erasmo Pinero Jr. fled Cuba at age 15. He hopes to reveal the truth about Cuba's participation in the Cold War and its communistic legacy in a course on campus.

damage is already done," he said. "He affected millions of people, he affected Cuba forever and he destroyed Cuba from what it used to be, so it doesn't matter anymore."

He said the scenes of Cuban healthcare in Michael Moore's "Sicko" are completely false.

"It's a total farce," Pinero Jr. said. "Medical healthcare in Cuba is a myth that the left in this country eats very well. They're naive and they are gullible about that. It is a socialistic lie that doesn't work; it never has worked."

Identity

When those who know Pinero Jr. describe him, the first thing that comes to mind is his passion.

Brent Anderson, a co-worker who has known Pinero Jr. five years, describes him as very passionate.

"He has a great appreciation of what he has been given," Anderson said.

Barbara Pinero said she agrees with Anderson's description of her husband.

"He is very passionate about aviation and history — any kind of history," Barbara Pinero said.

Pinero Jr. said he may one day visit Cuba again if the political atmosphere was to change, but he would never live there again.

"The United States is my country, my home, my only allegiance," Pinero Jr. said.

Pinero Jr. may have been born in Cuba but he does not let that dictate his identity.

"I am an American, not Cuban-American," Pinero Jr. said. "I don't like to be called Cuban-American. I don't like to be called Hispanic. I am an American. Period. And that's what is important."

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A Ghostly Presence

Local paranormal investigators seek contact with spirits

By MARCUS MURPHREE
 Associate Editor

When John Seahorn was a boy on his uncle's farm in East Texas, he said he saw some things that were not quite normal.

Along the banks of the Sabine River, a group of Native Americans were squatting by the water gathering some supplies. The problem is, there had not been Caddo Indians in this area in more than 100 years.

This was one of Seahorn's first experiences with paranormal activity.

Seahorn, now 62, is a member of Tarrant County Paranormal, a group dedicated to investigating and finding answers to explain the unexplained.

More Than Ghostbusters

In 1984, Dan Aykroyd, Harold Ramis and Bill Murray created a comedy classic that put paranormal investigation into the mainstream with "Ghostbusters."

Unfortunately for Seahorn and fellow paranormal investigators Jason Ausman and Karen Norwood the film put a stigma on their hobby.

"People have always seen ghost movies, but what was involved there always had a lack of credibility," Seahorn said.

Credibility is what Tarrant County Paranormal strives to uphold — not necessarily to prove skeptics wrong, but to show there is more to investigating these "spirits" than just ghost hunting.

"We serve to give evidence to what people believe on blind faith," said Ausman, 34.

Ausman described his belief system in the paranormal as something that is constantly under evaluation. Believing in the so-called ghouls and ghosts sometimes takes more than simply saying these spirits exist, it also requires hard evidence. Trying to prove something in a new field of science is something that is easier said than done.

Unlike just going out for scares or chasing apparitions, the crew of investigators works to help these spirits find a place.

"Think about it. If you were gone for maybe 100 or 200 years and didn't know you were dead, you would want someone to help you," Seahorn said.

The triumvirate of Ausman, Seahorn and Norwood work together to try to prove there is more than just the universe people live in.

"We approach every investigation with an open mind — we are not always here to immediately debunk something," Norwood said.

A Night In The Church

In order to find the ever-elusive proof, the crew conducts investigations about three times a week in various locations in North Texas. An old church in Springtown marked with a sign that says "Texas Historical Site" is one of their prime locations.

The building, with its boarded windows, cracked flooring and antique wooden pews, would not get coverage in the real estate section of the paper. There is no altar, but something — or someone — else is in the church, they say.

Seahorn and Ausman say they are not out for cheap thrills.

With a few specific paranormal investigating tools, magic happens inside this house of worship. Perhaps, magic is the wrong word, but they say, something beyond normality goes on in that building.

The setup for an investigation is simple: two shoebox recorders, a Tri-Field EMF reader and three K2 meters.

These tools are nothing more than objects that will read some of the surrounding magnetic fields, but amazing forces can control this equipment without any human touch.

Ausman and Seahorn took the precaution of turning off all cellular phones, and there is no electricity inside the decrepit church. This makes the odds of a false reading more slim and contact with the spirits more probable, Ausman said.

In silence, the men stand staring at the dark walls of the church.

The two begin talking into darkness. "If anyone is here please come out."

"If you feel a little bit of a tugging on your jacket it might be one of them. We have caught on tape the voice of a little girl saying, 'Mommy, help me,' and we think it's her."

- JOHN SEAHORN, member of Tarrant County Paranormal

"Let your presence be known."

It was not the glorified spirit-summoning seen in movies where 13-year-olds sit in a circle and light candles. This was two men talking to somebody who they could feel was nearby.

"If you feel a little bit of a tugging on your jacket it might be one of them," Seahorn said. "We have caught on tape the voice of a little girl saying, 'Mommy, help me,' and we think it's her."

Silence. Lights dance on the back wall. There are no cars on the back roads. No flashlights are turned on. Something is in this building with the investigators.

Some dogs and coyotes yip in the distance.

"If anyone is here please come out."

Light from a harvest moon makes its way through the front door.

The two discuss white noise being caught



MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Photo Editor

Several K2 milliGauss meters sit on a sawhorse waiting for a spirit to cause an energy surge which would cause the lights to change in strength from green to red. Whenever there is an energy disturbance the meters come to life.

on tape.

"On an audio recording, we get responses and voices that are only on tape," Ausman said. "We have heard on an EVP (electronic voice phenomena) one say 'Help me.'"

Without warning, the meters before the investigators began lighting up and contact was made. The cameras are off. There is no electricity, but

"I grew up in the area and heard a lot of stories about some of the haunted buildings in the area," said Carla Speck, a local investigator from Springtown.

Speck was there with fellow investigator Tony Redden, and the two were going to try to find some of the forces inside the church.

As for Ausman, Seahorn and Norwood, the Tarrant County Paranormal group was preparing to end their evening in Springtown.

"We will sometimes be here for three hours and not get anything," Seahorn said. "No readings, no contact, no sounds, but a night like this and twenty seconds of contact makes it all worthwhile."

The Future of Ghost Hunting

Tarrant County Paranormal has been around for about two years, and only one of the original members remains. Together the group works to continue finding some evidence regarding those who may not be easy to see, but do exist in some form.

When there is something that may be contested or controversial, Ausman is always ready with his tagline, "It's dust," to show he still is a mild skeptic.

Some voices come through on the white noise of the tape recorder. A jacket is tugged by a little girl. Some lights appear on the walls.

There are things that cannot always be explained. There are things that may defy logic.

These ghost hunters are there to show why one should think twice about that faint voice calling your name. Next time, try to talk back.

somehow electromagnetic waves are coming in contact with the tools.

"They use energy to set off our equipment," Seahorn said.

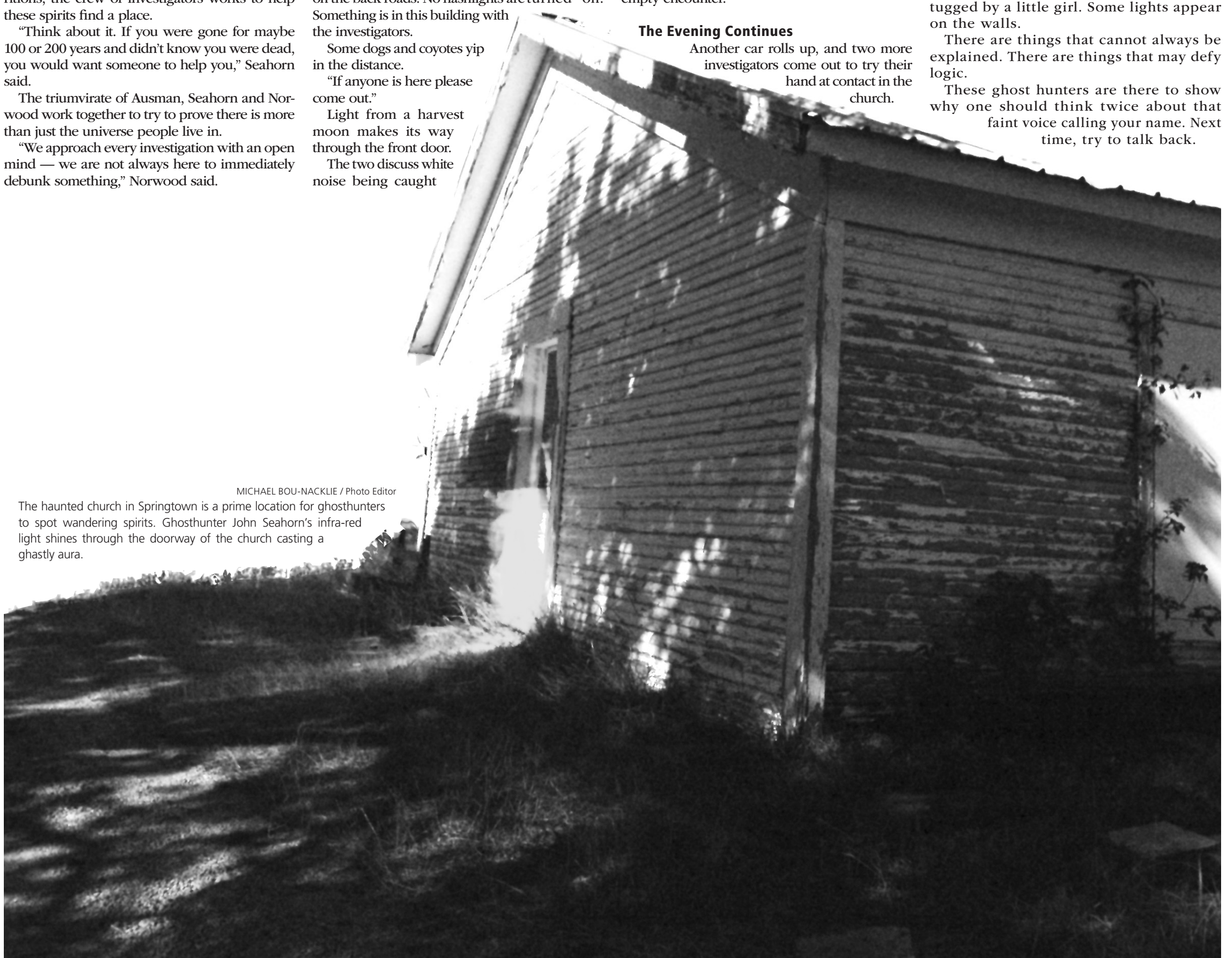
The lights flash and Ausman converses with the spirit.

"Is this the little girl who was here last week?"

The lights flicker once more, and then they are gone. Only twenty seconds of perceived contact, and the night in the church has not been an empty encounter.

The Evening Continues

Another car rolls up, and two more investigators come out to try their hand at contact in the church.



MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Photo Editor

The haunted church in Springtown is a prime location for ghosthunters to spot wandering spirits. Ghosthunter John Seahorn's infra-red light shines through the doorway of the church casting a ghostly aura.

SERIES

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game," Schlossnagle said. "You can take batting practice all you want and do drills all you want, but it's really hard to evaluate a player during that time."

Vern said the intrasquad series is something the team has been looking forward to all fall.

"We practice and take batting practice, but this is the fun part," Vern said. "We get to talk mess to each other, have a little bit of fun and it's our first sign of competition."

Schlossnagle said his team has improved in every facet of the game during the last seven weeks of fall practice. "Across the board, we have gotten better offensively," Schlossnagle said. "We've had some pitchers get better. We have a

good feel for what we have behind the plate from the catcher standpoint."

The coach also said his team needs to get healthy before the regular season starts in the spring.

"We need some rest," Schlossnagle said. "We have got to get stronger and get healthy. Right now, our season is going to be dictated by how many of our pitchers can come back from injury and our inexperienced guys can give us something."

Vern said even though the season is still a long way off, they are looking forward to it.

"We are a lot better team than we were when we started seven weeks ago," Vern said. "We are pretty happy about that and we have some good new guys and some guys that transferred in that will really help our team."

COURSE

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what we have control over, and that's ourselves," Ravaoli-Larkin said. "We don't approach anybody any differently, and coming off a win we just want to build on that momentum and play well."

The tournament has moved to the Angel Park Golf Club this year. Ravaoli-Larkin said the team has not seen the course before.

Senior Carrie Morris said she was not concerned about playing on a different course. The course will likely have open greens and few trees, Morris said.

"There shouldn't be any issues since the course will probably be similar to the other courses we've played at in Las Vegas," Morris said. "All of them are pretty similar to each other."

The team shot a practice

round Sunday, sophomore Valentine Derrey said. The team met with Ravaoli-Larkin afterward to discuss the intricacies of the course, she said.

The freshman trio of Prisela Campbell, Allyson Ferguson and Melissa Loh will represent the Horned Frogs along with Derrey and Morris. All five played in the team's win at the Lady Paladin Invitational, Ravaoli-Larkin said.

"Last week was their first tournament, so they know what to expect," Derrey said. "We all know that we can win the tournament."

Ravaoli-Larkin said she was happy with how the freshmen have looked early in the season.

"I wouldn't say (the transition) is easy for anybody," Ravaoli-Larkin said, "but they're really coming into their own games and figuring things out as they go along."

PRO BASEBALL

Red Sox become new dynasty

By TOM HAUDRICOURT
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

DENVER — The Boston Red Sox have become the new New York Yankees.

Red Sox president Larry Lucchino famously dubbed the Yankees "The Evil Empire" a few years back but if any team merits that designation, it's Boston.

The Red Sox have concocted the perfect formula of spending freely for veteran talent and developing pivotal players from within the farm system. Having swept to their second World Series title in four seasons Sunday night against the overmatched Colorado Rockies, Boston has all the makings of the dynasty the Yankees were in the late 1990s.

"The goal all along has been to build an organization that can sustain success," said young Boston general manager Theo Epstein. "Hopefully, with our young core of players and our farm system, we can do it."

Unlike the other teams in the final four, the Red Sox have the wherewithal to dole out the really big bucks for talent. Boston had a \$143 million payroll at the outset of the season, second only to

the Yankees' \$190 million payroll among the 30 big-league clubs.

Colorado, Arizona and Cleveland all had payrolls between \$50 million and \$56 million, ranking in the bottom third.

When the Red Sox ended 86 years of futility by sweeping St. Louis in the 2004 World Series, they were considered a heart-warming, feel-good story. They were an underdog of sorts, mainly because they came back from a 3-0 deficit in the ALCS to topple the hated Yankees.

But this Red Sox team had a totally different feel.

In other words, Boston is the new team to hate in baseball, unless you're among the legion of totally devoted members of Red Sox Nation.

"If someone wants to compare us to the Yankees, based on winning and results, that's a compliment," Epstein said. "They set an incredible standard in the game for winning. If our name comes up in the same sentence, that's fantastic."

"But if they want to compare us in how we do things, I'd say that's a little more off-base."

The Yankees are just figuring



KEVIN KRECK / Colorado Springs Gazette via MCT
Boston Red Sox pitcher Jonathan Papelbon celebrates with catcher Jason Varitek after their 4-3 win over the Colorado Rockies during Game 4 of the World Series on Oct. 28 at Coors Field in Denver.

out that it helps to develop your own players rather than tossing money at anyone with a pulse.

Boston's system has developed the likes of dominating closer Jonathan Papelbon, second baseman Dustin Pedroia, probably the 2007 AL rookie of the year, exciting young outfielder Jacoby Ellsbury and promising

left-hander Jon Lester, the gutsy Game 4 winner.

Boston has been smarter with its war chest than the Yankees, who haven't been in the World Series since 2003 and haven't won it since 2000. That's why Joe Torre is unemployed and Terry Francona is riding high with an 8-0 record in World Series play.

PRO FOOTBALL

Remaining undefeated teams face off in Sunday's upcoming 7-0 showdown

By CHARLES CHANDLER
McClatchy Newspapers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The super-successful Indianapolis Colts made more history Sunday to set up a game of epic proportions.

In beating the Panthers 31-7 at Bank of America Stadium, the Colts became the first team in more than 70 years — since the 1929-31 Green Bay Packers — to start three consecutive seasons with a 7-0 record.

Ahead next Sunday — back home in the RCA Dome — is the much-awaited showdown against

the New England Patriots, who improved to 8-0 with Sunday's 52-7 win against Washington.

The Colts-Patriots game will be the first time since the 1970 NFL-AFL merger that two unbeaten teams have met with at least seven victories each.

It will mark the continuation of the best NFL rivalry of this decade — and one of the best ever. The Colts and Patriots have had many important regular-season and play-off meetings in recent seasons. Indianapolis is the reigning Super Bowl

champion and New England has three titles this decade.

"It's well documented what we think of the Patriots and their organization, how good of a team they are," said Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning. "It's going to be a super-tough challenge."

In the win against Carolina, Manning and Dungy reached career milestones. Manning threw two touchdown passes to surpass Johnny Unitas as the Colts' all-time leader with 288. Dungy became the winningest Colts coach, gaining his 74th victory (counting postseason games) to pass Don Shula and Ted Marchibroda.

Dungy reminisced about

watching as a child when Shula coached the then-Baltimore Colts.

"It's hard to believe; it really is," Dungy said. "To do it the same day, and to do it with (Manning) — to pass Don Shula and Johnny Unitas on the same day, I feel very honored."

Now, after weeks of avoiding media questions about facing New England, the Colts are finally free to discuss one of the most anticipated regular-season games in league history.

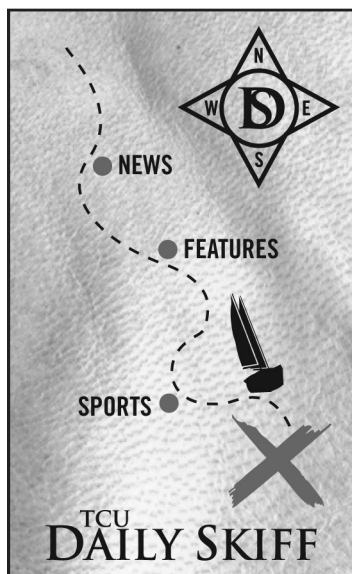
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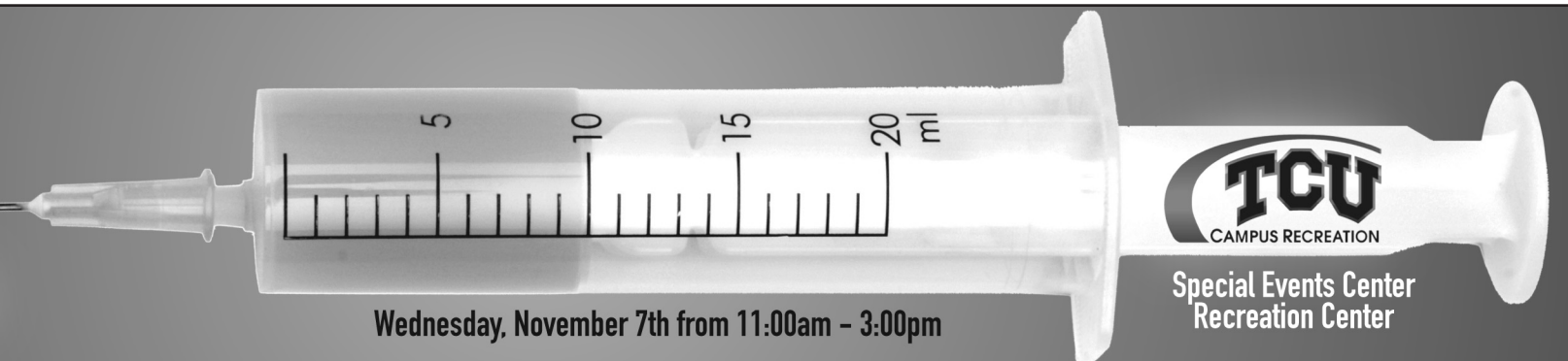
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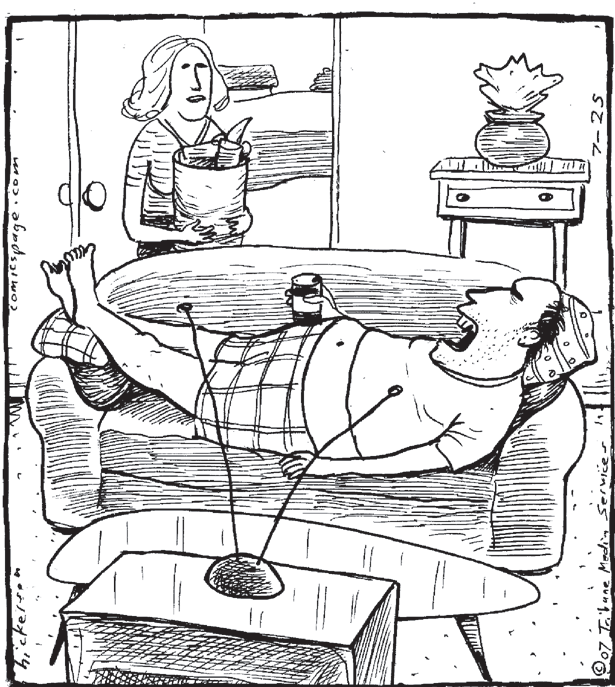
WORTH A LAUGH — BUT ONLY ONE

Q: What do skeletons say before they begin dining?

A: Bone appetit!

The Quigmans

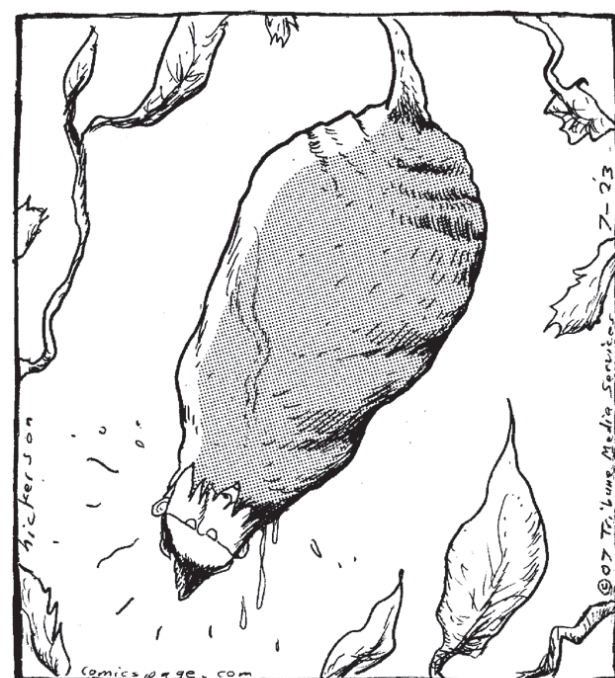
by Buddy Hickerson



"No, I am NOT slacking! I happen to be involved in a major scientific study of the difference between dillydallying and lollygagging."

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Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

See Wednesday's paper for answers to today's Sudoku puzzle.

Friday's Solutions

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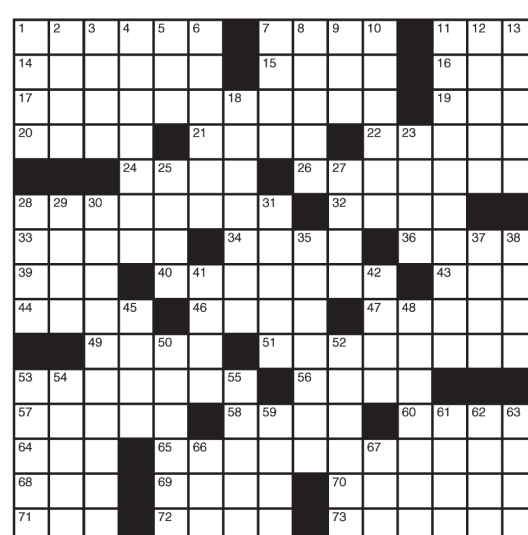
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 - 10 Diving birds
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 - 12 Ten-percent donation
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 - 18 Less mature
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 - 27 Beret filler
 - 28 ___ facto
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 - 30 Like some pillows
 - 31 Unspoken
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By Allan E. Parsons Mentor, OH 10/30/07

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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- 53 Dunce
- 54 Crisp toast
- 55 Greek god of the east wind
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- 61 Actress Arden, casually
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QUICK SPORTS

Team edges out home win

Things got a little too close for comfort during the volleyball team's win Friday.

The team avoided squandering a 2-0 match lead and downed New Mexico, 3-2, at the University Recreation Center.

Behind a double-double performance by freshman outside hitter Christy Hudson and a 21-dig outing by senior libero Calli Corley, the team moved to 19-9 on the season and 6-4 in conference play.

Sports editor Tim Bella

Senior night brings success

What had the potential to be a special night Friday became reality for the soccer team.

Senior Night proved to be a good one for head coach Dan Abdalla's team as it notched a 3-0 win against No. 22 Utah.

Sophomore Lizzy Karoly ignited the Horned Frogs attack with two goals on the night.

With the win, TCU improved to 8-9 on the season, while ending Utah's 13-match winning streak.

Sports editor Tim Bella

Swimmers take top honors

It was good times all around for the swimming and diving teams Friday.

The men's team completed a three-team sweep, while the women's team beat all of their opponents except for Northern Arizona during the first home meet of the season.

Senior Jonathon Berrettini and freshman Jessica Miles led their respective teams, winning two events each.

Sports editor Tim Bella

Men's runners secure sixth-place finish

A top-15 finish from a sophomore was one of the highlights for the cross country teams at Saturday's conference championships.

Festus Kigen finished 15th overall for the men, whose finish served as the catalyst for the men's team's sixth-place finish. He was a little more than five minutes off the lead.

Freshman Tanja Ivandic led the women's team during its eighth-place finish, good for 33rd place and almost six and a half minutes off the lead.

Sports editor Tim Bella

BASEBALL

FALL BALL



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Junior pitcher Taylor Cragin stands in the batter's box for the Purple team last weekend in the Purple-White World Series. Cragin and the Purple team would lose the series, 3-2.

White team grabs series

By BILLY WESSELS
Staff Writer

The baseball team ended its fall schedule with a win for the Purple team in game five of the Purple-White World Series.

Even with the 6-2 victory Sunday, the Purple team lost the best-of-five series, 3-2. Junior right fielder Matt Vern helped the Purple squad earn the Sunday victory by getting two hits and knocking in two runs. Last season Vern was third on the

team in extra-base hits and tied for the team lead in triples.

"After officially losing the series yesterday, we just wanted to come out and win another game," Vern said.

But this series was more about getting back into the swing of things than winning, head coach Jim Schlossnagle said.

"This is the closest we can come to simulating a live See **SERIES**, page 6

WOMEN'S GOLF

Squad swings to top-10 spot

By MICHELLE NICOU
Staff Reporter

After the first round of the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown, the No. 22 Horned Frogs women's golf team is in 10th place heading into today's second-round action.

The tournament features eight of the top 25 teams, but the competition level should

not affect the team's play, head coach Angie Ravaoli-Larkin said. Ranked teams include No. 9 Arizona, No. 12 Tennessee, No. 13 Kent State, No. 14 Pepperdine and No. 16 Oklahoma State. Tennessee has a three-shot lead ahead of second-place Arizona.

"We just have to focus on See **COURSE**, page 6

TIM'S TAKE

One dream ended early; Hopeful's career stunted

By TIM BELLA
Sports Editor

Thaddaeus Williams had a dream.

At 5 feet 11 inches and 280 pounds, Williams, an 18-year-old freshman from MacArthur High School in San Antonio, had enrolled in Hartnell College in Salinas, Calif., with plans

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Tim Bella

of extending his football career.

"When he got there, his personality stood out," said Matt Collins, Hartnell's head football coach. "Just a real happy person, full of energy."

This is where it gets good: After his two years at Hartnell, he wanted to put on the purple and white.

Williams aspired to be a Horned Frog.

"It was clear he had dreams and aspirations of playing not just Division I football, but football for TCU's program," Collins said.

He was going to be one of us.

Unfortunately, for those of us who didn't know Williams, his work ethic, his face. Twenty to 30 years down the line, you can't wash that away from your memory.

Williams died early Thursday morning after his brother, Langston Williams, allegedly fatally stabbed him over a dispute concerning a computer.

Damn.

Telling stories like Williams' never gets any easier.

Aside from being an A-caliber student and being involved in a

religious group in the community, he would lighten up practices, often running with the skill-position players to separate himself from the pack, Collins said.

Could you imagine the sight of a 280-pound defensive lineman sprinting next to the likes of Aaron Brown? What a sight it would be.

In a time where some athletes don't necessarily want to be on the team they're on, Williams cared about being a Frog.

He might have been more than 1,600 miles away, but he was a lot closer to TCU than anyone could have imagined.

But now, that image will remain trapped in time.

No TCU experience for Williams. No all-night study sessions at Mary Coats Burnett Library and no flirting with the cute girl in his 1 p.m. class.

No, there will be none of that.

Collins said Williams would have been a leader for the Frogs through his play. Sounds like Gary Patterson would have taken to the man.

"He has made a lasting impression on these people for the rest of their lives," Collins said. "You remember his smile, his laugh, his voice, his work ethic, his face. Twenty to 30 years down the line, you can't wash that away from your memory."

"He'll be there forever in our hearts and in our minds."

And maybe he'll be wearing the purple and white jersey he never did get the chance to wear.

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