

**DATEBOOK** Guide to Weekly Meetings

The Department of History is hosting Ramon Ruiz of the University of California, San Diego Friday, Oct. 7 at 2:30 p.m. in Gambrell 152. Ruiz will speak on Chiapas and Cuba. An information session on the Goldwater Scholarship for sophomores and juniors majoring in mathematics, natural sciences and engineering will be held Monday, Oct. 10 at 4 p.m. in the Gressette Room on the third floor of Harper College.

**Wednesdays**

- Academic Success Drop-in, 12:10-12:50 p.m., RH 306.
- Workshop on memory and concentration through hypnosis with Dr. Judy Small, 2-3 p.m., Counseling and Human Development Center. Call 777-5223 for more information.
- Living Off Campus and Learning (LOCAL), 2:30 p.m., RH 307. Call the Off-Campus Student Services in RH 209 at 777-4174.
- PALM Campus Ministry, 5:30 p.m., dinner and program, PALM Center.
- Student Government Senate, 5 p.m., RH Theater.
- Women Students' Association, 6 p.m., RH 201.
- Campus Rape Awareness, 7 p.m., Oct. 5, RH 332
- Bible Study, 7 p.m., Presbyterian Student Center, 1702 Greene St.
- Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 5, Nursing Auditorium (room 231).
- CPU Golden Spur Committee, 7:30 p.m., CPU Conference Room.

- CPU Special Programs Committee, 8 p.m., RH 201.
- CPU Contemporary Sounds Committee, 8:30 p.m., RH 306.
- College Republicans, 7:30 p.m., Gambrell 151. Call Larry Drakeford at 544-3501 or Vernon Davenport at 796-7402 for more information.
- Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Association, 8 p.m., BA 303.
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 9 p.m., Roost lobby. Call J.J. Gentry at 256-8067 for more information. Special praise and worship night.
- Is Graduate School for you? 3-4:30 p.m., Oct. 5, Gambrell 152.

**Thursdays**

- "Heart to Heart," 7 p.m., Baptist Student Union, 700 Pickens St.
- CPU Ideas & Issues Committee, 7:30 p.m., CPU Conference Room.
- Interservice Christian Fellowship, 8 p.m., RH 303. For more information, call Richard Grinnan at 256-1211.
- Campus Crusade for Christ's "Prime Time," 7:30 p.m., RH 327. Call Dave at 551-5577 for more information.
- Christian Coffee House, 9-11 p.m., PALM Center.

**Sundays**

- Ballroom Dance Club, 4-5 p.m., Blatt P.E. Center Room 107. For more information, call Gabriele at 256-3140.
- Worship Service and dinner, 5:30 p.m., PALM Center, 728 Pickens St.

# Safety concerns stop plant

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. (AP) — The contractor for the plant where the nation's nuclear weapons are disassembled defended its safety record Tuesday in the face of a government-ordered suspension of work there.

"We have not discovered anything at this point that represents a safety problem," said Margaret Morrow, plant defense manager for contractor Martin Marietta Energy Systems Inc.

She said, "We have found several other incidents where we have found confusion in the way (regulations) were written and called out, and things we need to change."

The Department of Energy manager for the plant said the situation that led to the shutdown of the plant's uranium reprocessing work was serious.

"The plant has had several instances

in the last year where there were violations and procedures were not followed," the DOE's Bob Spence said. "That is the bottom line."

The plant in Oak Ridge, Tenn., disassembles and stores the uranium from up to 1,000 warheads annually. It is known as the Y-12 plant, its World War II code name.

Outside inspectors cited problems in the way bomb-grade materials were being stacked at the plant during a Sept. 22 review and the lack of response from employees responsible.

All shipments of enriched uranium from the DOE's Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas, were halted indefinitely and a massive retraining program for about 5,000 employees was ordered.

# Little music machine



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 USC "Big Music Machine" Symphony members Tony George, Amy Mason, Ben Merritt and Rose Kelly perform in the Russell House Monday to promote their concert Thursday at the Koger Center.

# New York human rights group calls Cuban embargo illegal

WASHINGTON (AP) — A human rights law group filed a petition against the government on Tuesday charging that bans on the sale of U.S. food and medicines to Cuba violate international law and cause widespread suffering on the island.

"We are, in effect, killing innocent, helpless, defenseless Cuban citizens," said Dr. Anthony Kirkpatrick, a University of South Florida anesthesiologist.

He said at a news conference that a tightening of the embargo in 1992 has brought about increased suffering among Cubans with diseases such as asthma and pneumonia.

A State Department official said Cu-

ba's problems are caused primarily by Cuba's failed system, not by the U.S. embargo.

The official, asking not to be identified, said that while trade with Cuba is prohibited, humanitarian donations are not. She noted that \$50 million in such donations have been approved over the past two years.

The petition was filed by the New York-based Center for Constitutional Rights with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, an arm of the Organization of American States.

It alleged that the embargo violates four articles of the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man and an OAS Charter article barring one mem-

ber state from engaging in economic coercion against another.

The petition was based on evidence gathered by Kirkpatrick and other U.S. physicians and scientists who made fact-finding trips to Cuba.

It contends that Cuban children are deprived of the only effective treatment for pediatric leukemia because the appropriate medicine is only produced in the United States and is unavailable to Cubans.

Dr. Gustavo Roman, a neurologist who visited Cuba last year, said the more restrictive embargo contributed to an epidemic last year causing eye disorders and other health problems. He said the problem was traced to a shortage of vitamin B, found in meat, dairy

products, eggs and vegetable oils.

A State Department official said it is misguided to hold the United States accountable for Cuba's health and nutritional problems.

Wayne Smith, a frequent critic of U.S. policy toward Cuba who once headed the U.S. diplomatic mission there, said the tightening of the embargo in 1992 has had a devastating impact on Cuba.

He said it bars subsidiaries of American companies operating in third countries from trading with Cuba. During the last year such trade was permitted, he said, exports from these companies totaled \$700 million, about 90 per cent of which consisted of foods and medicines.

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