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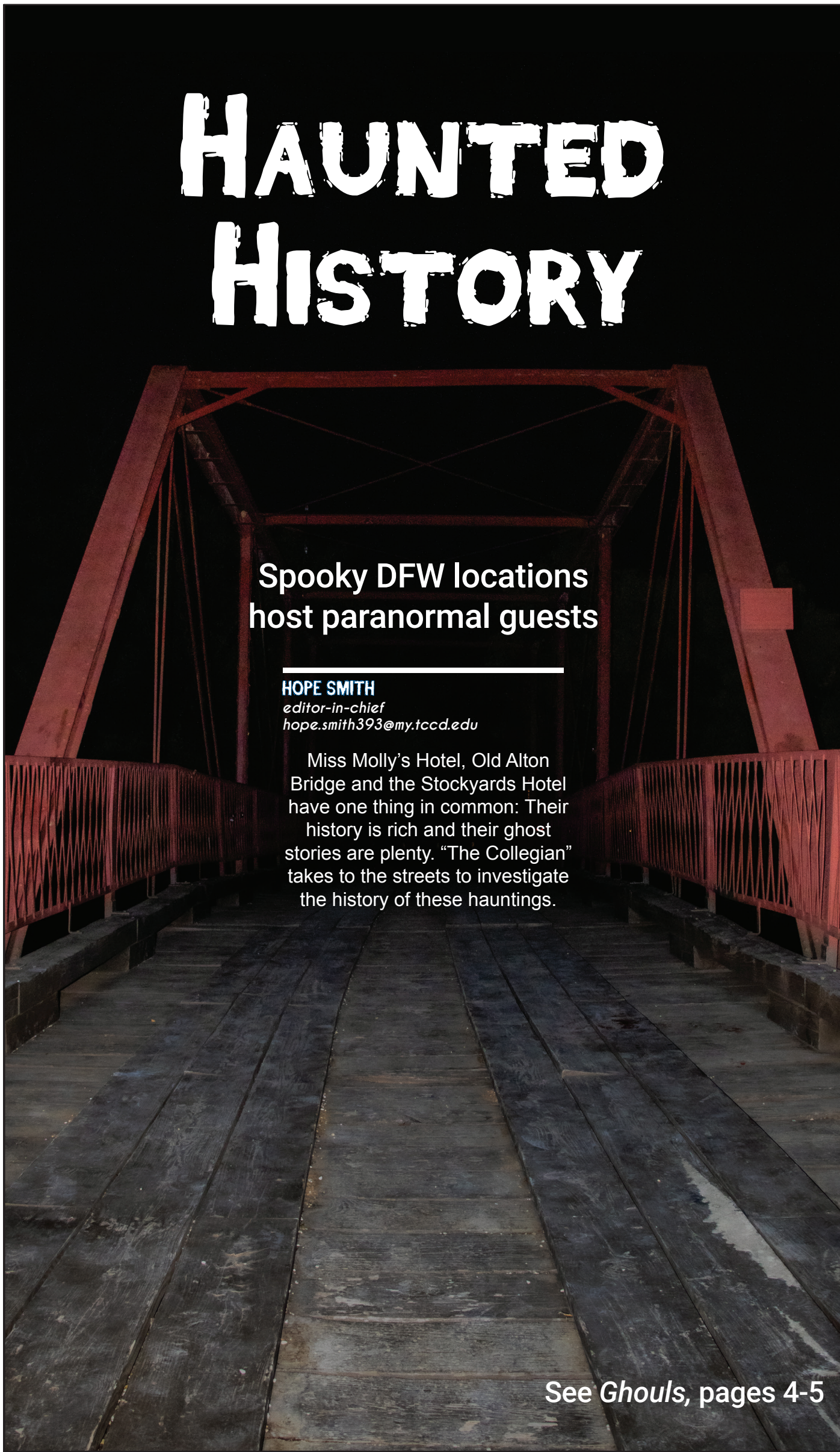
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HAUNTED HISTORY

Spooky DFW locations host paranormal guests

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Miss Molly's Hotel, Old Alton Bridge and the Stockyards Hotel have one thing in common: Their history is rich and their ghost stories are plenty. "The Collegian" takes to the streets to investigate the history of these hauntings.

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Child care program helps TCC parents

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For students seeking childcare services, finding the right fit can pose a challenge, especially for those who may not be able to afford the expensive rates many centers charge.

The TCC Child Care Assistance Program supports students by providing financial support and other services to those in need of them.

TR student Taniya Harbour-Jones, a relatively new member of the program, has a 4 month old daughter. She said the program is a life saver.

"I do not live with my parents so I must work in addition to school," Jones said. "My family just lives too far away for them to provide consistent childcare, so we for sure needed to have her in a childcare facility."

Coordinator of Child Care Assistance Karen Hutto said the program seeks to help students in any way it can.

"We are able to provide them with tuition assistance, child care centers that are pre approved, and our grant does require us to use accredited child care centers," Hutto said. "Once we approve a student we send them the approved list and then they can select off of that list the ones that might be convenient to them."



Childcare is very expensive so if we can assist in any way we want to be able to do that.

Karen Hutto
Coordinator of Child Care Assistance



Hutto said the program's mission is assisting college students so they can stay in school. Those interested in applying must be enrolled in at least 9 credit hours. For more information regarding the program's mission, eligibility requirements, financial assistance, and access to an online application, students can visit the TCC Child Care Assistance Program web page.

NE student Lillian Wright said she
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Concerns over Wi-Fi addressed by IT experts

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Wi-Fi network issues for students and faculty are being rectified with new wireless access points installed on NE campus.

In response to this problem, Chief Information Officer Todd Kreuger shared the administration's work-in-progress solution.

"We understand the importance of improving the Wi-Fi coverage at Northeast Campus and throughout the district," he said. "As a result, we are in the process of installing new Access Points District-wide. We have installed and activated new wireless access points on the Northeast campus in NTAB and NHSC."

On Sept. 24, a new wireless access point was activated in NACB, along with three

more times as many wireless points across the campus. These additions will improve the network issues, students and faculty have been experiencing.

In the first weeks of the semester, one of the running themes in classes, library and other spaces has students and faculty frustrated that the Wi-Fi doesn't stay connected for long periods or lags.

"I do most of my schoolwork online; when the internet is slow, it makes it harder for me to complete my assignments," said NE student Layla Stewart, a cybersecurity major, "I have to kind of rush through them."

In a board meeting on Sept 21, 2021, a motion was approved to upgrade the district's Wi-Fi and six wireless access using \$3.5 Million in HEERF (Higher Education Emergency Relief Grants) with a 15% for contingency to date, \$3.9 Million has been spent.

"Wi-Fi six is an ongoing multi-year project and is anticipated to be completed in 2025," Kreuger said.

Waiting on speed or connectivity can take instruction time from students and faculty if assignments or information need to be sent to the instructor during class and the internet is slow or students have to sign in multiple times. Stewart has experienced just that.

"It just takes longer to get assignments submitted and for my professor to see that I have submitted my papers so that it is able to be graded properly and it wasn't that I turned it in late," she said.

Julia Overby, a NE health studies major, said she was frustrated with leaving campus and working in a coffee shop, because she can't stay connected to the Wi-Fi long enough to study.

"It's hard to grab 100% full information

if a professor wants you to look up the textbook or even get on Canvas," Overby said. "Sometimes I really need the extra PowerPoint when they move the slide, I keep the PowerPoint right next to me so I can finish my notes. So, it definitely affects even the little things."

Faculty are also affected by the Wi-Fi connection in class. If the classroom isn't equipped with computers, teachers have to wait for students to log in multiple times, or the internet speed takes too long to load on personal devices.

NE speech adjunct professor Kenny Leblanc said the Wi-Fi connection has been an issue for her and students for all three semesters she has been working at TCC. Furthermore, the problem has recently worsened.

Several students said they don't know
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