

From tenured to 'terminated'

By Joe Molina
COLLEGIAN EDITOR

Business professor appeals UTB's 'reduction in force' action

Professor Marvin Lovett, a recipient of the University of Texas System Regents' Outstanding Teaching award in 2010, faces termination May 2013 due to UTB/TSC's reduction in force.

Lovett was hired by Texas Southmost College in 1983 as an instructor and achieved full professor status in Fall 2007. He currently teaches in the university's School of Business.

According to his résumé, Lovett earned a bachelor of science in psychology and sociology, a master of business administration and a doctorate of higher education in administration and supervision.

When he received his termination notice last July, Lovett said he felt disappointed and surprised, and was concerned for the future of the university.

In a telephone interview Nov. 16 with Lovett and Russell Ramirez, a Texas State Teachers



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UTB/TSC faculty members Michael O. Quantz and Marvin G. Lovett (second from right) are flanked by UT-Brownsville President Juliet V. Garcia and Provost Alan Artibise in this 2010 photo after being recognized for excellence and innovation in teaching at the undergraduate level by the University of Texas System.

Association staff attorney appointed by the Texas Faculty Association to advise Lovett in his termination appeal process, Lovett said the reasons for his termination were "rather vague and inconsistent."

Ramirez said the university

has been "shifting and changing reasons" when providing the cause for Lovett's termination.

"They have been saying that there is going to be a program change, and, of course, I think that's disputed because Dr. Lovett's program is going to

continue," Ramirez said. "And the other thing they are saying is that ... there was going to be a reduction in the student population and that hasn't happened."

Asked about the status of Lovett's grievance, Ramirez replied: "There is supposed to be a

committee made up of professors ... at UTB/TSC that is going to review our grievance."

At least 89 faculty members have received termination notices that take effect next May, according to university officials.

In an article published Nov. 19, UT-Brownsville Provost Alan Artibise said he expects to begin notifying staff as early as February whether they will be retained.

Lovett's attorney is also assisting nearly a dozen other UTB/TSC professors, some tenured, to fight to keep their jobs.

Allegations of age discrimination are also included in several of the grievances, including Lovett's.

"Especially because it appears that they are now retaining younger professors that are not even tenured ... they are tenure-track," Ramirez said.

The university has informed the TSTA attorney an investigation will be conducted in regard to the age discrimination allegations.

"I do have options, of course," replied Lovett when asked if he had alternative employment

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New beginnings

TSC adopts new logo, hires 5 employees



BRYAN ROMERO/COLLEGIAN

Texas Southmost College President Lily Tercero shows the college's new logo to the board of trustees during the Nov. 15 meeting in Gorgas Hall. The logo was approved by the trustees.

By Alex Rodriguez
THE COLLEGIAN

The Texas Southmost College board of trustees has approved a new logo for the college, a marketing campaign and hired five new staff members.

Don Breeden, of the Breeden/McCumber/Guerrero advertising agency, introduced the new TSC logo along with the company's plans to brand the college with the words: "tradition, innovation, opportunity."

Breeden said he would use newspaper ads, billboards and specialty items such as T-shirts

that are "modern and wearable" in the campaign. He wants to include images of students and Gorgas Hall on all of the ads to show the community "we are TSC, we are here to stay, we are here to grow and help this community."

The board hired three administrators and two staff members:

--Mike Shannon will serve as the associate vice president of Student Services. Shannon previously served as the assistant dean of Student Life at South Texas College --Marti Flores is the new dean of Health Career and

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Looking past the horizon

Deadlines near for study abroad

By Marlane Rodriguez
THE COLLEGIAN

The Study Abroad program gives students a chance to live in another country and experience another culture while earning UTB/TSC credit hours.

Alla Paroiatnikova, executive director of the Office of Global Engagement, supervises the activities conducted by the office, including dealing with

international students, projects such as International Education Week and the Study Abroad program.

Paroiatnikova encourages students to travel.

"We need to think globally, but it's not enough anymore," she said. "You also need to travel to really get a global experience."

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UTB/TSC freshman communication major Leticia Montiel (left) and freshman psychology major Alyx Paz receive information from junior sociology major Omar Martinez after looking at the scrapbook on the wildlife of Costa Rica during the Study Abroad Fair, held Nov. 14 in the Endowment Courtyard. The university will sponsor a study abroad trip next May to Hacienda Barú, Costa Rica, where students will study reading and writing.

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POLICE REPORTS

The following are among the incidents reported to Campus Police between Oct. 29 and Nov. 4.

Monday, Oct. 29

1:21 p.m.: A faculty member reported his iPhone 4S as missing. The faculty member said he called his phone several times and that he had just received a response minutes before. The man who answered said he had purchased the phone from two other people for \$150 thinking it was an iPod. The faculty member told Campus Police he would contact the man to meet with him in order to retrieve his phone. The Campus Police officer advised him to inform him when they would meet so he could be present for investigation purposes.

Wednesday, Oct. 31

2:08 p.m.: A faculty member reported that a student had fallen asleep in his class and was not waking up after the class ended. The student showed signs of drowsiness and slurred speech. The student stated that the medication he was taking made him drowsy and he sometimes falls asleep. Emergency medical services were called and reported the student's vitals as normal. The student declined transportation but was advised to rest and not drive until he was fully recovered. He was advised by Campus Police to visit Student Health Services if he needed a place to rest.

4 p.m.: A student reported that at 12:20 p.m. that day two Brownsville Lopez High School

students told her that they had seen two private pictures of her on the phone of another student from the same high school. The student said one of the photos was of her in her bra and underwear and the other was of her nude. The student was advised to file a report with the Brownsville Independent School District Police Department since the high school is in their jurisdiction. A B.I.S.D. police officer told a Campus Police officer that the juvenile from Lopez showed those photos to others while he was in the McDonald's next to Tandy Hall and has the photos of the UTB student stored in his phone.

Thursday, Nov. 1

4:34 p.m.: A campus visitor reported being approached by a faculty member almost every day as she dropped off and picked up her children from the music academy in Eidman Hall. The woman said that a few times at the beginning, the faculty member would knock on her vehicle's window, yell at her and tell her that she could not park in Lot Y because it is a faculty parking lot. The faculty member then started walking around her car and would act like he was on the phone with someone. The woman reported that he is scaring her and her children. Campus Police contacted the faculty member and told him not to make contact

with anyone who does not have a permit to park in Lot Y and to contact Campus Police so that they could handle the situation. There have been four similar reports filed involving the same faculty member. A copy of the report was forwarded to the Dean of Students Office and the faculty member's supervisor.

9:37 p.m.: Two students reported being stalked by a man while skateboarding along Gorgas Drive. The students said they were approached by a man they had met before but did not know well who yelled out one of their names. Because they didn't know him, they were scared, began speeding away on their skateboards and yelled at the man to leave them alone. The man then began chasing the students, but did not go beyond Gorgas Hall. The students continued to skateboard toward Casa Bella until they eventually lost sight of the man. They said they had seen the man on campus before but he never carries anything. A description of the man was given to Campus Police. The students were advised to call Campus Police if they see the man again and that they could contact the department if they feel unsafe or need an escort at night.

Sunday, Nov. 4

10:30 p.m.: A student turned himself in to Campus Police

after a warrant for his arrest was issued on charges of evading arrest and criminal trespassing. A resident assistant reported a man matching the description entering an apartment in Casa Bella. A Campus Police officer knocked on the apartment door, spoke with the student and recognized him as a man who had been issued a criminal trespass warning on Oct. 18 for violating curfew and for being in possession of drug paraphernalia inside the student housing complex. He was asked what he was doing inside the apartment and was advised to turn around with his hands behind his back. He then fled from the officers to the bottom of the stairs and to the parking lot where police lost sight of him. Inside the apartment, police found the student's bag and eventually obtained the student's phone number. Police tried calling the number to speak to the student or someone he was with but the person on the other end of the phone kept hanging up. The next day, a Campus Police officer spoke with someone from an attorney's office and advised them that the student needed to turn himself in to Campus Police on Nov. 6 at 9 a.m. On Nov. 6, the student turned himself in and was transported to the Carrizales-Rucker Detention Center.

--Compiled by Samantha Ruiz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD FOR FINES

Campus Police is sponsoring a **Food for Fines Drive**. Non-perishable food items may be donated in lieu of paying for parking citations issued before Dec. 31. Donations will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday until Jan. 13, 2013, at the **Campus Security Center**. Suggested food items include baby formula, boxed macaroni and cheese, canned fruit and vegetables, packaged dry noodles, rice, soups, Vienna sausages and Spam. For more information, call 882-7201 or e-mail police@utb.edu.

HALO 4 TOURNAMENT

The **Student Union** will host a **"Halo 4 Tournament"** at noon Wednesday in the game room.

For more information, call 882-5937.

COMEDY SHOW

The **Communication Council** presents a **"Comedy Show"** at 7 p.m. Friday in the International Technology, Education and Commerce Center. Tickets are \$5 at the door and there will also be a concession stand. For more information, call 882-7025.

JINGLE BELL JAUNT

The **REK Center** will host its fifth annual **"Jingle Bell Jaunt" 5K race** around campus from 6:30 a.m. to noon Dec. 1. Festive attire is encouraged for the event. Register at the REK Center or online at www.utb.edu/campusrec. The entry fee is \$10, \$8 for students and \$12 for late registration. Race day

registration and package pickup will be from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. and the race will begin at 8 a.m. After the race, there will be **"Reindeer Games"** inside the REK Center. For more information, call 882-5972.

HERALDING THE HOLIDAYS

UTB music majors will perform at 6:45 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Arts Center for their second annual scholarship fundraiser. Admission is \$12 for children under 12 and students with a valid ID, \$10 for orchestra and \$15 for balcony seats. Purchase tickets at www.utb.edu/tickets or call 882-7025.

STUDENT REP NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being accepted for the **UT System Student Regent** and

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Student Representative until Dec. 7. Nominations can be dropped off at the Dean of Students Office in the Student Services Building. For more information, call Student Affairs Administrative Secretary **Melissa de la Rosa** at 882-5141.

RN-BSN ONLINE PROGRAM

The deadline for applications for the **UTB/TSC College of Nursing's RN-BSN Online Program** has been extended to Dec. 7. Applicants must also submit a copy of their UTB transcript, their current RN license, CPR card and immunization record form. Students accepted into a nursing program are required to clear a security background screening.

For more information, call nursing Secretary **Lourdes Requena** at 882-5070.

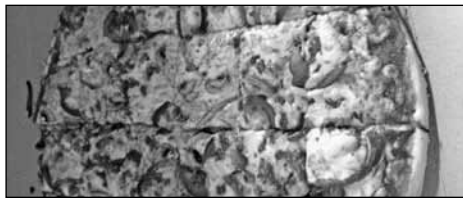
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--Compiled by Kaila Contreras



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Sandwiches, wraps and cookies are laid out for members of the food board to taste during Delicious Desserts' presentation Oct. 19.

Mike's Taste of Chicago's special pizza contains sausage, onions, green peppers and mushrooms.

Food board mulls proposals

Mike's Taste of Chicago and Delicious Desserts vie to sell food at campus locations

By Samantha Ruiz

THE COLLEGIAN

Two restaurants are awaiting a decision on who will serve food in three locations on campus: the Student Union's El Comedor, the café at the University Boulevard Library and the kiosk in Tandy Hall.

There has also been a recommendation to have some type of "grab-and-go option" for food in Casa Bella, UTB/TSC Purchasing Director William Dodd said.

Maximum ThroughPut, a company doing business as Mike's Taste of Chicago, and Delicious Desserts were the only restaurants that responded to the request for proposal (RFP), Dodd said.

Delicious Desserts serves sandwiches, salads, breakfast and lunch plates, soft drinks and snacks in the café by the University Boulevard Library and operates out of its kitchen in the International Technology, Education and Commerce Center (ITECC).

If not selected, the restaurant will no longer serve in the café but will continue service in the ITECC because its service there is under a different contract, Dodd said in an interview with *The Collegian* last Wednesday.

Mike's Taste of Chicago is a restaurant at 2100 E. Price Rd. that serves hot dogs, pizza, sausages, hamburgers and snacks.

Sofia Martinez, owner of Delicious Desserts, said her restaurant should serve on campus because they already have the experience.

"We're already working with the students and we know what the students like and want, and I think we can do a good job," Martinez said.

Michael McCreary, one of the officers of Maximum ThroughPut and owner of Mike's Taste of Chicago, said his restaurant serves a variety of food ranging from American and Italian to Greek and Polish.

"I've had a number of students talk to me about it and they eat in my place and they said that they wished that we would be there [on campus]," McCreary said. "They would like to be able to get pizza by the slice."

McCreary said students didn't like the past food vendors because they didn't listen to what students wanted, which is what his restaurant cares about the most.

The university's food board is in the process of deciding which restaurant will be selected, said Douglas Stoves, director of Residential Life and Collegiate Chess.

The board has already received the proposals, seen the presentations and made site visits. The next step is for them to decide on a recommendation to send to university officials, Dodd said.

"All three of those have been done. Now it's up to the committee to formally turn all that in," he said. "Then based on the choice of the committee, a recommendation will be made to university officials. ... Then we'll open negotiations with whoever is recommended."

Though the kitchen in the Student Union's El Comedor is in bad condition, Dodd and Stoves said that both potential vendors said they could make some use of the kitchen and supply out of their other locations.

"Each of [the vendors] have said that they can offer, just like they said in their presentations, daily specials probably with some sort of steamer tables so when the customer comes in they don't have to wait for an order to be prepared," Dodd said.

Stoves said: "More like a cafeteria line than a buffet. Both had grab-and-go options ... because they understood time constraint of students running from one class to the other."

Dodd said the board is hoping to have a contract executed by the end of November and the new vendor would be ready to serve food in Spring 2013.

Chick-fil-A will continue to serve food until the Christmas holidays.

The food board consists of six staff members and seven students, with Stoves as the chair.

Junior sociology major Carlos Gutiérrez, who is one of the students on the board, said students are looking for a healthy, affordable and student-friendly restaurant.

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Second in state

Chess team competes in Houston

By Michelangelo Sosa

THE COLLEGIAN

The UTB/TSC Chess Team took a moment's reprieve from schoolwork to compete in the prestigious Texas State Collegiate Competition Championship in Houston, earning second place.

Sponsored by the Texas Chess Association, the competition was held at the Hilton Hobby Airport Hotel Nov. 9-11.

The chess team lost the championship to the University of Texas at Dallas. Texas Tech University placed third.

"The three big ones are UT-Dallas, UT-Brownsville and Texas Tech [University] and we managed to hold off Texas Tech and get second place," said Douglas Stoves, director of Residential Life and Collegiate Chess. "The players are doing really well, and I'm always astonished at what the team can do when they're asked to perform in competition."

Seven of the nine members from the "A" and "B" teams competed in Houston: Grand Master Axel Bachmann, International Master Max Cornejo, Women's Grand Master Katerina Nemcova, Women's International Master Luciana Morales, Women's International Master Daniela de la Parra, Jeffrey Serna and Armando Cortez.

The top scorers at the competition were Nemcova and Morales, with 3.5 points each. The UTB/TSC teams competed against 33 people.

"Our main goal is to play as well as we can at the Pan Am competition in Princeton, New Jersey," Bachmann said. "We know that we're going to have to train as hard as we can if we're going to make it this year. This year is going to be very exciting, and this past competition was really great practice."

Grand Master Mauricio Flores, who did not compete in Houston, won an online collegiate tournament Nov. 4. Bachmann placed third.

"The [UTB/TSC] chess [team] competed against other contenders from other schools around the state of Texas to get practice," Flores said. "The team has been doing really well, but in the end it's all going to come down to how we perform in the Pan American Intercollegiate Chess Championship. I know we are going to perform well."

In the online competition, the whole team played but only Flores and Bachmann placed.

The Pan American Intercollegiate Chess Championship is the most important chess competition in the Western Hemisphere. The competition will take place Dec. 27-30 at Princeton University.

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~Letter to the Editor~

Get with the program, Cornyn and Cruz

Texas is not Wyoming or Idaho. It is a very diverse state, perhaps the most in the United States.

What a sad scene to have as United States Senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz.

Both have pledged to do all they can to thwart any of President Obama's attempts to move the nation in a progressive and compassionate direction.

Yet, Texas will soon be blue, and that should mean no Sen. Cornyn after 2016, and no Sen. Cruz after 2018.

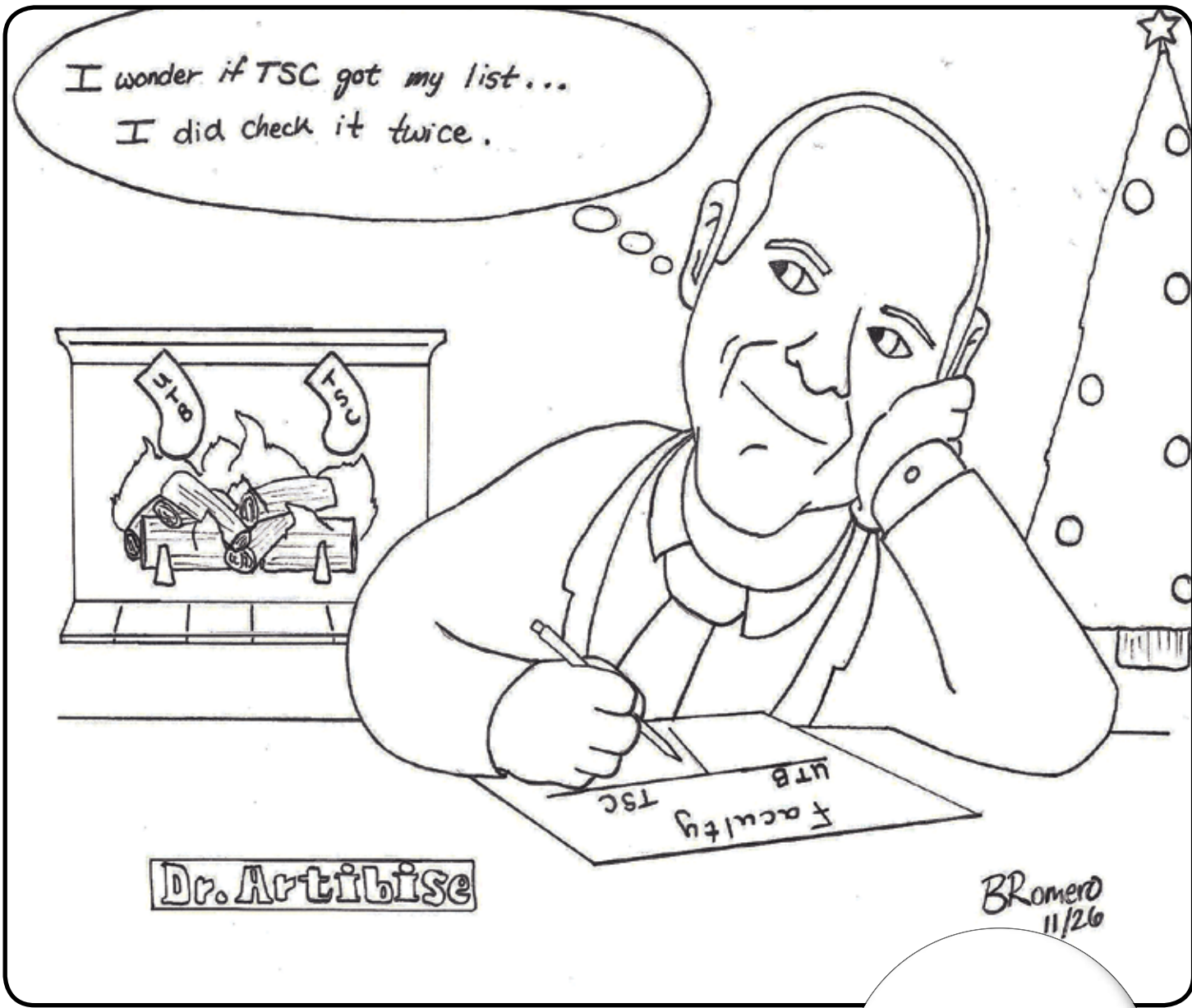
How much harm can they do in their terms?

I fear a lot, but perhaps congressmen--from both parties--who wish to see the nation become embracing of its diversity--will override the Lone Star State's reactionary duo.

**Eugene "Gene" Novogrodsky
Brownsville**

~Policy~

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The other life I lived

By **Viridiana Zúñiga**

COLUMNIST

Being away from home is anything but easy. I often find myself hankering to see my parents, my friends, the orange tree in my yard, and my old faithful dog. Oh, boy! It has been hard being away from my cherished Matlapa, a town in San Luis Potosí, México, my little piece of heaven.

As I recall, the best phrase I heard as child was "Wake up! We are in Matamoros!" I used to pinch my arm just to see if it was real, that I was there. Then, when the holidays were over and we had to go back to Matlapa, I would cry for one or two days, missing my beloved Matamoros.

But time changes everything. Today, I live in Matamoros, but one or two days of crying are not enough to demonstrate how much I miss Matlapa.

Daring to look back reveals my vulnerability, a touch of nostalgia. I see my childhood, my street, my siblings singing an old song, my mother combing my hair in the morning, my father reading a book to us at bedtime, the first time I rode a bike, the first friend I ever made--I see my story.

Going back to the place that used to be my only home is strange, exciting and melancholic. It brings me back to a life that's part of me, but that is not my life anymore. It is part of another life I lived, and that I loved. A life that shaped my personality, my dreams and my beliefs, a life that was always kind to me.

It is nice to go back where everyone is happy to see me and I'm happy to see them.

The best phrase that I read now is "*Bienvenidos a Matlapa.*" Everything has changed, but remains familiar. I'm finally there, the place of my thoughts, my refuge, my home. I run to my house, I whistle at my dog, I say "good evening" to my neighbors and I see Mom and Dad. Everything's all right. It's like I never left.

HAVE YOU BEEN NAUGHTY OR NICE? AND, if you've been Nice, what would you like Santa to bring you?



John Sánchez
Biology freshman

it I want--money to give away to my girlfriend and family, and money for school because I am broke and everyone needs money right now."

"I think I've been nice this year, and, well, if I had a choice to get something for Christmas would probably be money. Lots of money, so I could buy whatever



Daniela de la Cruz
Engineering physics-bioengineering freshman

"Well, I would like for him to bring me a car because I really do need a car to go to work and go to school. I don't like asking people to give me rides to places and stuff like that."

"I've been nice and for Christmas I would like a brand-new laptop [computer], preferably an Apple, simply because I need it for school. It's not something I just want, because I'm going to need it for school assignments."

Amy Rodriguez
Communication sophomore



Carmen Valdez
Nursing freshman

"If I was nice, I would like Santa to bring me a bunch of new games for PS3 [entertainment system], mostly so I could be playing video games this vacation with my brothers."

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options. "I have a business that I have been operating for a number of years in marketing and I can always turn to that, but I am more concerned for other faculty who may not have a 'Plan B.' ... Fortunately, I do have that. I don't wish to exercise it, of course; I didn't expect to exercise it."

According to the UT-Brownsville web page on transition matters, "Present UTB employees who once worked for TSC, prior to the 1991 Partnership, will be offered employment by TSC, as per the original

partnership." contract.

Because Lovett worked for TSC before its partnership with the University of Texas at Brownsville, he believes he has an option for employment at TSC after the partnership is completely dissolved in 2015.

He said he is concerned for his colleagues who have been "negatively impacted" by the UTB/TSC's faculty "right-sizing."

"We have many very admirable individuals who have been treated unfairly and it's very tragic," Lovett said. "I am so sorry for all the stress and anxiety that they've gone through and continue to go through today."

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Technical Education. Flores is the current Allied Health Department chair and director of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program at UTB/TSC.

--Arnold Gonzalez was named chief information officer. Gonzalez previously worked as the manager for specialized services at Hitachi Consulting.

-- Julieta Ontiveros and Luz Hernandez were named senior administrative assistants. Ontiveros previously served as the academic program coordinator for the Regional Academic Health Center. Hernandez was a customer service representative at the Brownsville Public Utilities Board.

Nine other positions are available and posted on the TSC website (www.tsc.edu), including director of human resources, associate vice president of instruction and director of educational technologies and curricular innovation.

Trustees also voted to support a grant application by the City of Brownsville to the Texas Department of Transportation Enhancements Program for the Brownsville Historic Battlefield Trail Fort Brown Connection.

The plan would extend the existing hike and bike trail through Fort Brown to connect the three historic battlegrounds of the Mexican-American War.

Ramiro Gonzalez, the city's

comprehensive planning manager, said the city will accomplish this by using the current sidewalk on International Boulevard in front of the university, then renovate the corner of International Boulevard and University Drive to help cyclists and hikers cross the street to the sidewalk that will be extended by 14 feet. The trail will end at the Fort Brown Memorial Golf Course.

Brownsville City Manager Charlie Cabler told *The Collegian* the city is seeking a grant of \$675,000.

After the meeting *The Collegian* asked TSC President Lily Tercero about UT-Brownsville transferring the function of providing dual enrollment courses to TSC, as was announced by UTB on Nov. 15.

"Dual enrollment normally has been affiliated with community colleges and as TSC goes to become a fully comprehensive community college, it's a very natural transition that TSC take over that area," Tercero said.

The Collegian also asked Tercero if TSC would keep the same Dual Enrollment staff.

"What normally we have been doing is that we have basically stated that all our positions are going to be open positions and that everybody will have the opportunity to apply and be considered if they are qualified candidates for the positions," she replied. "So it may be that you find some individuals that were formally part of the dual credit that join TSC when we get those positions open and set up and the programs set up by the fall of 2013."

FOOD

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"I think [because] we're surrounded by unhealthy foods, the most important thing is that we have a healthy variety from which we can choose," he said. "Not only that, but also that it will be affordable for all students; other than being healthy, that it has good quality standards and that the person in charge of the food must be interested in working with the students."

Members of the board rated the

restaurants on a scale of one to five on topics that range from the variety of food offered to the knowledge of the university culture during the presentations Oct. 19.

The board also conducted site visits in which they surveyed the atmosphere and cleanliness of the restaurant.

"You more or less get a feel of how they are," Gutiérrez said.

Any questions or comments on food vendors can be directed to Stoves at 882-7191 or Dodd at 882-6553.

Making plans for the future

SGA backs Rock 'n' Beats; to do honor code surveys

By Magaly Rosales

THE COLLEGIAN

The UTB/TSC Student Government Association will support a music festival on campus with a \$300 donation.

During its meeting last Tuesday, the senate approved Resolution No. 15, titled "Rock and Beats Festival," which allocates no more than \$300 for the event.

"The Rock 'n' Beats Festival is a free music festival that we have done during the last three years," said senior management major Carlos Solitaire III. "We had all different kinds of [music] genres."

SGA Vice President of Administration Karla Lozoya said: "From my understanding, this event has a good turnout of students."

Solitaire said the festival draws high school kids, their parents and the parents of the band members.

"Everybody comes out and supports one another," he said. "A lot of this talent is based in [UTB/TSC], plus Valleywide. It's a fun event."

The event will take place next April, Solitaire said.

Also approved was Resolution No. 16, which allows the involvement of the senate in UT-Brownsville's Honor Code Committee by gathering student input using Survey Monkey and collecting students' suggestions at various locations on campus.

The committee is in charge of developing an honor code for the university and will survey students on what they think should be included in the code. The panel

Senior management major Carlos Solitaire III asks the Student Government Association to help support the Rock 'n' Beats Festival during last Tuesday's senate meeting.



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will then develop the code and present it.

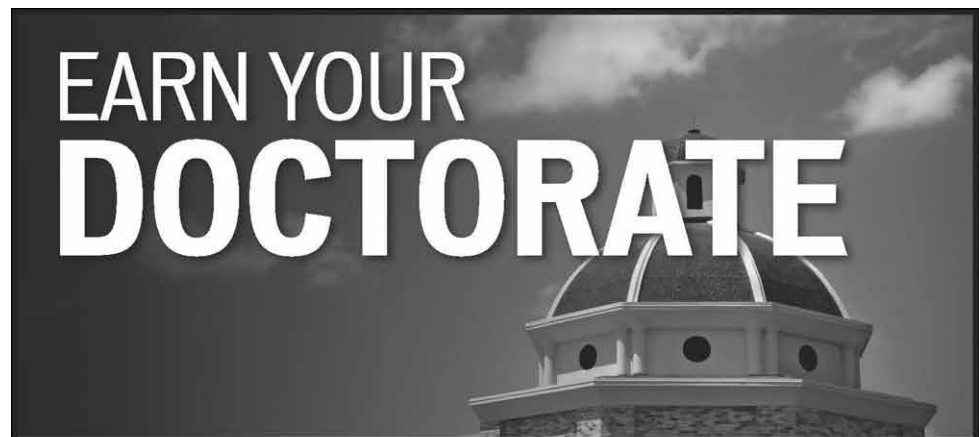
"We have some ideas, but we want to see if our ideas are what students want so we can, kind of, take what students say and what we say ... and see how we can mix everything together," College of Liberal Arts Senator Marisol Cervantes said.

During committee reports, SGA Vice President of Historical Archives Elizabeth Ayala thanked the members of the senate who helped out during the Winter Bash Dance held Nov. 17.

About 40 students attended the dance, according to Ayala. The event collected toys and blankets for the needy for Christmas.

"I think you all did a good job, those of you who put effort into it," Judicial Affairs Coordinator and SGA Adviser David Marquez said. "In addition to collecting gifts and toys for children, it was an opportunity for you to work together and build that chemistry of teamwork."

The SGA will not meet again until the Spring 2013 semester.



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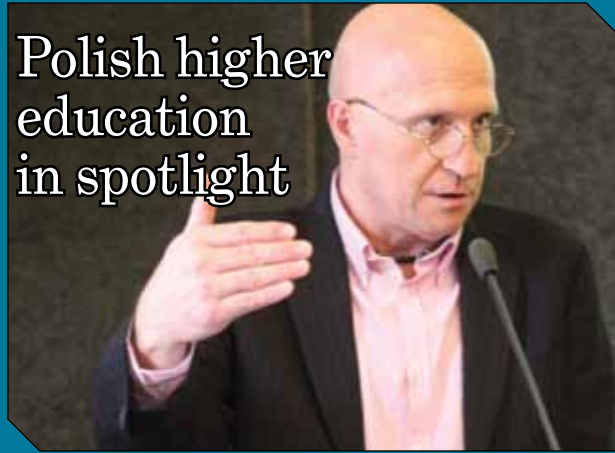
Maria Teresa Christl (left) and Peter Pick, international management majors and Austrian exchange students, perform the *donauwalzer*, an Austrian dance, Nov. 12 at the Student Union. A total of 478 international students from 43 different countries attend UTB/TSC.



Here we go!

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Polish higher education in spotlight



MICHELLE ESPINOZA/COLLEGIAN

Professor Waldemar Kowalski, of Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce, Poland, talks about the higher education system in that country during a presentation Nov. 13 in the Education and Business Complex's Sal6n Cassia. Kowalski also discussed the possible student and faculty exchange between UT-Brownsville and Jan Kochanowski University.

Grammar rules

Literature lecturer Anna Szczepanek-Guz, of the Jan Kochanowski University in Poland, gives a presentation on grammar classes during English Associate Professor John Newman's class on Nov. 14. The lecture was part of UTB/TSC's observance of International Education Week.



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Clearing up misconceptions



BRYAN ROMERO/COLLEGIAN

Sophomore engineering physics-computer major Muhammad Tahir presents information about his country, Pakistan, Nov. 15 in Cardenas Hall North.

Student provides information on Pakistan's culture and regions

By Samantha Ruiz
THE COLLEGIAN

Many people may have preconceived notions of what the country of Pakistan is like. One might relate the country to deserts and heat but more commonly, anti-American sentiments.

During his lecture on Pakistan Nov. 15 in Cardenas Hall North 233, sophomore engineering physics-computer major Muhammad Tahir cleared some

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French lesson

MICHELLE ESPINOZA/COLLEGIAN

UTB/TSC students learn about the French lifestyle from junior business major Sontot Gauthier and senior engineering physics-mechanical major Anne-Sophie Baudry during the presentation titled "France: Cuisine and Fashion," held Nov. 12 in Cardenas Hall North.

Students describe country's customs

By Kaila Contreras
THE COLLEGIAN

France dominated Room 233 in Cardenas Hall North on Nov. 12.

The Office of Global Engagement hosted "France: Cuisine and Fashion" as part of International Education Week activities to show UTB/TSC students how international students, including those from France, live and what their customs and traditions are.

Violaine de Quillacq, a senior accounting major; Sontot Gauthier, a junior business major; Estelle Delpech and Anne-Sophie Baudry, both senior engineering physics-mechanical majors, gave a presentation on the clichés regarding France, such as the Eiffel Tower being used as a radio antenna and women not shaving.

"This is cliché; don't imagine that the French are like that," Quillacq said after the presentation.

The French students also described what a Christmas Eve dinner is like

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Introducing Kazakhstan



BRYAN ROMERO/COLLEGIAN

Graduate physics major Darkhan Tuyenbayev presents information about his country, Kazakhstan, Nov. 13 in Cardenas Hall North.

Establishing its identity

By Héctor Aguilar
THE COLLEGIAN

Apples, eagles, camels, horses and yurts are all characteristic of the Kazakh culture, according to Darkhan Tuyenbayev, a graduate physics major at UTB/TSC.

The Republic of Kazakhstan is a Eurasian country of 16 million people.

"American fact book says the country's main issue is creating their national identity," Tuyenbayev told about 35 people who attended the Nov. 13 presentation in Cardenas Hall North 231. "That's why we're always trying to say something about our country, so people will know

See KAZAKHSTAN, Page 11

Side-by-side countries



MIGUEL ANGEL ROBERTS/COLLEGIAN

Graduate computer science major Liudmila Szetlova of Moscow, Russia, describes what the country is like during a presentation Nov. 14 in Cardenas Hall North 231.

Students describe life in Belarus and Russia

By Michelle Espinoza
THE COLLEGIAN

Students from Russia and Belarus talked about their native countries as part of International Education Week at UTB/TSC.

Artemiy Bogdanovskiy, a senior physics major, spoke about Belarus, which is bordered by Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Lithuania and Latvia.

"Forty percent of the territory is covered in forest," Bogdanovskiy told about 40 people gathered in Cardenas Hall North 231 for the presentation on Nov. 14.

He also talked about the country's cuisine.

"We eat a lot of potatoes," Bogdanovskiy said. "They are called 'second bread' sometimes. We prefer natural food; we don't use a lot of spices."

He showed photographs and videos to help UTB/TSC students understand how different Belarus is from the Rio Grande Valley.

Graduate computer science major Liudmila Szetlova informed students about Russia. She is from Moscow, its capital.

Szetlova spoke about Russia's climate, religion, cuisine, holidays and education.

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To meet the holiday demand, Lopez Tamales, a family owned business at 137 E. Madison St. in Brownsville, prepares the first of four 400-pound batches of *tamales* for December--its busiest month of the year.

A small order of bean *tamales* has finished cooking and is ready to be packaged.



In December, Lopez Tamales employs up to 10 people at a time for the various stages needed to prepare all kinds of tamales their customers have been enjoying for 30 years. The *embarradoras*, or spreaders, spread *masa*, or corn dough, on thousands of moist corn husks before filling them with beef, pork, chicken, beans, cheese, raisins, peppers, fruit or any combination the customer desires.



Pastorela set for Saturday

Peregrinación and posada also part of presentation

By Eréndira Santillana
THE COLLEGIAN



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Campus minister.

The evening's activities begin at 6:30 p.m. with the *peregrinación*, or pilgrimage, in which Joseph and Mary's search for lodging is re-enacted. The pilgrimage will start at the SET-B Lecture Hall, proceed to the Endowment Courtyard and then return to the lecture hall before the start of the play.

Fifteen performers, including

Cast members of the Catholic Campus Ministry's *pastorela* rehearse Nov. 15 in the Newman Center. They are (from left) Eduardo Padillo, sophomore psychology major; Marcia Chapa, biology freshman; Vianney Chavira, biology freshman; Jéssica Sáenz, biology sophomore; David Garcia, engineering technology freshman; and Juan Diaz, psychology sophomore.

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TSC students who are members of the Catholic Campus Ministry and community volunteers, will present the *pastorela* in English and Spanish.

As part of the event, the actors will perform a repertoire of Spanish Christmas carols, or *villancicos*. The songs include "El burrito de Belén," "Los peces en el río" and "Campanas

de Belén," among others.

Catholic Campus Ministry President Lucas Gomez said the *pastorela* will be a humorous way of learning the biblical story of the birth of Jesus.

"You can expect to laugh; [there] will be both Spanish and English jokes," Gomez said.

Asked what the audience can expect at this event, Lysaght

replied: "I think it's a good way to start your Christmas season in remembering what the season is about and understanding that we, like the shepherds, have that same struggle. I think you can expect that sense of community because it's open to students, students' families and the community."

A *posada*, or reception, will take place after the play in the SET-B courtyard. UTB/TSC's Office of Student Life will provide refreshments and entertainment.

Admission to these events is free.

For more information, call Lysaght at 541-9667 or send an e-mail to ccm.utb@gmail.com.

UTB Radio a finalist for national award

College Broadcasters Inc. has honored UTB Radio as a finalist in the 2012 National Student Production Awards for its "College Radio Day" event held in October 2011.

Student Media Coordinator Susie Cantu and UTB Radio

Station Manager Moises Grimaldo accepted the award at CBI's National Student Electronic Media Convention, held Oct. 23-26 in Atlanta, Ga.

UTB Radio was a finalist in the Best Community Service category. Other finalists were the Rowan



SAMANTHA RUIZ/COLLEGIAN

Television Network at Rowan University for "Fifth Annual Telethon Supporting Make-A-Wish Foundation," and Loyola
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UTB Radio staff are (from left) Music Manager Robert Ruiz, Student Media Coordinator Susie Cantu, News and Information Manager Cleiri Quezada and Station Manager Moises Grimaldo.

HORIZON

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country you're visiting, the more excited you get, Paroiatnikova said. The better prepared you are, the more you enjoy your trip.

Larissa Guijosa, the Study Abroad coordinator for the Office of Global Engagement, takes care of incoming exchange students and outgoing students who wish to study abroad.

Guijosa said students should study abroad for several reasons.

"It's a great experience for a student, not only academically, but you're exposed to a new culture, a new language. You learn your survival skills," she said. "It adds greatly to your résumé; it's always a really good

competitive advantage when looking for a job."

Guijosa said studying abroad can brighten a student's perspective and help them mature.

The study abroad trips available next May are reading and writing in Costa Rica, photojournalism in Spain and business in Denmark and Sweden.

Spanish in Spain, criminal justice in France and London and environmental change in New Zealand are available for Summer I and French in Paris for Summer II.

The deadline for the May and summer programs is Dec. 9 and April 13 for Fall 2013. The cost of the trips varies and can be found on UTB/TSC's website

under study abroad, Guijosa said.

The trips must be paid for a month before departure. Financial aid covers only the tuition, and extra money left over from financial aid can be used for travel and lodging.

Scholarships and sponsorships can cover the lodging and travel costs. The Office of Global Engagement has scholarships available for students.

Students must have a 3.5 grade-point average, but if they are active and their grades are strong, that will be taken into consideration, Guijosa said.

Communication Professor Sharaf Rehman will teach his third study abroad course next May in Spain. Rehman said

studying abroad is a wonderful way to expose students to new cultures.

"We are becoming such a global village," Rehman said. "We are connected and interconnected with other places, cultures and people, so it is our advantage to go abroad and travel."

He said students who wish to study abroad should have an open mind and be prepared to see things that are being done differently.

"Our ways are not necessarily better or more appropriate," Rehman said. "Our way of doing things is one way of doing things, other people may do the same things but slightly differently, and both are equally valid."

Sophomore communication

major Amy Rodriguez is among the students who wish to travel abroad. Rodriguez is planning to attend the photojournalism course in Spain next May.

"It will be a new experience for me, not only to go somewhere else and travel and learn, but it will be a great experience just to travel, to experience the outlook of other places," Rodriguez said.

This would be Rodriguez's first time abroad. She has visited the Office of Global Engagement for assistance.

"They answered questions I had concerning study abroad," she said.

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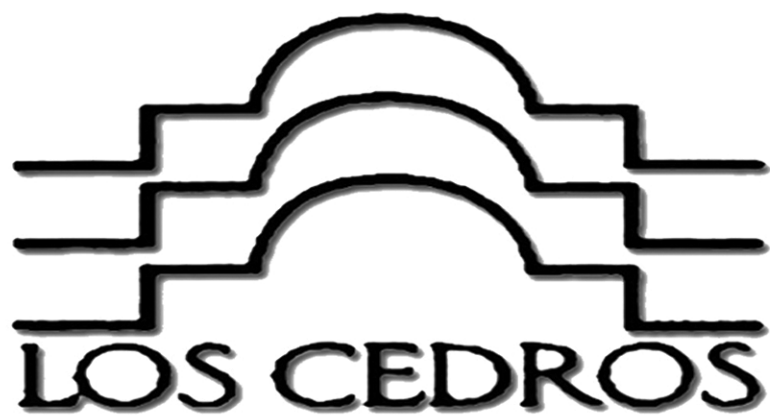
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Se acerca la fecha límite para estudiar en el extranjero

Por **Marlane Rodríguez**

THE COLLEGIAN

El programa de Estudios en el Extranjero ofrece a los estudiantes la oportunidad de vivir en otro país y conocer otra cultura mientras ganan créditos académicos de UTB/TSC.

Alla Paroiatnikova,

trabajo”.

Guijosa dijo que estudiar en el extranjero puede ampliar la perspectiva del alumno y lo ayuda a madurar.

Los viajes para estudiar en el extranjero que tendrán lugar en mayo son: lectura y escritura en Costa Rica, periodismo gráfico en España y administración de

dinero que sobra, puede usarse para el viaje y alojamiento.

Becas y patrocinadores pueden pagar el alojamiento y viaje. La oficina de Global Engagement tiene becas disponibles para estudiantes.

Se requiere que los alumnos tengan un promedio de 3.5, pero si son activos escolarmente y sus calificaciones son buenas, pueden ser considerados.

El profesor de comunicación Sharaf Rehman impartirá clases por tercera vez en el extranjero durante mayo en España. Rehman dijo que estudiar fuera es una forma maravillosa de exponerse a nuevas culturas.

“Nos estamos convirtiendo en una población global”, dijo él. “Estamos conectados e interconectados a otros lugares, culturas y gente, así que viajar al extranjero es nuestra ventaja”.

El profesor dijo que los alumnos que deseen tomar clases fuera del país deben ser de mente abierta y estar preparados para entender que las cosas se hacen en forma diferente.

“La manera en que hacemos las cosas no son necesariamente mejores o más apropiadas”, dijo Rehman. “Nuestra forma es sólo una forma de hacer las cosas, alguien más puede hacer lo mismo, pero un poco diferente, pero ambas son igual de válidas”.

Amy Rodríguez, estudiante de comunicación de segundo año, está entre los alumnos interesados en viajar. Rodríguez



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Estudiantes se reúnen para recibir información sobre los viajes disponibles para estudiar en el extranjero, durante el evento de Study Abroad, el 14 de noviembre en el Endowment Courtyard.

directora de la oficina de Global Engagement, supervisa actividades como atender a los estudiantes internacionales y trabajar en proyectos como la Semana de Educación Internacional y el programa de Estudios en el Extranjero.

Paroiatnikova invita a los estudiantes a viajar.

“Necesitamos pensar globalmente, pero eso ya no es suficiente”, ella dijo. “También es necesario viajar para tener realmente una experiencia global”.

Según la directora, entre más lea el estudiante sobre el país que va a visitar, estará más emocionado; pues, si el estudiante se prepara, disfrutará más del viaje.

Larissa Guijosa, la coordinadora de Estudios en el Extranjero de la oficina de Global Engagement, es la encargada de los estudiantes extranjeros de intercambio y de los que desean estudiar fuera.

Guijosa dijo que hay varias razones por las que los alumnos deberían estudiar en otro país.

“Es una gran experiencia para un estudiante, no sólo en el ámbito académico, sino también porque están conociendo una nueva cultura, un nuevo idioma. Adquieres habilidades de sobrevivencia”, dijo ella. “Le da más valor a tu currículum; siempre es una ventaja competitiva muy buena al buscar

negocios en Dinamarca y Suecia.

Español en España, derecho penal en Francia y Londres y cambio climático en Nueva Zelanda son los viajes disponibles para Verano I; francés en París tendrá lugar durante Verano II.

La fecha límite para los programas de mayo y los de verano es el 9 de diciembre y para Otoño 2013, el 13 de abril.

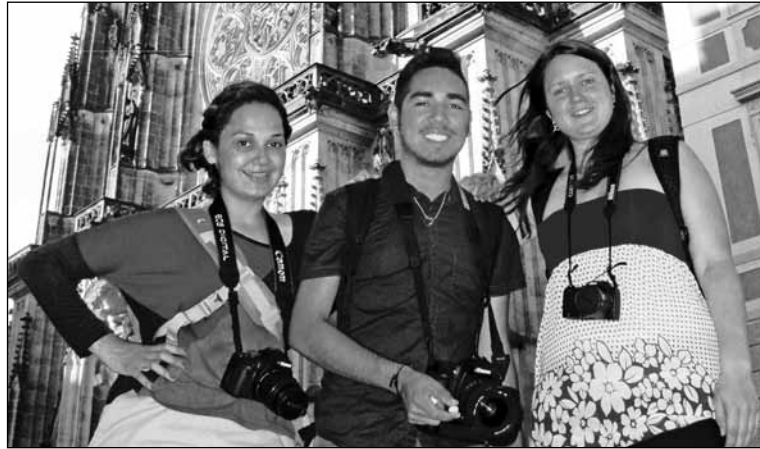


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Victoria Bouchot, una estudiante de tercer año de pedagogía (de izquierda), Jonathan Cruz y Katerina Nemcova, estudiantes de segundo año en comunicación aparecen en Praga, la capital de la República Checa, donde llevaron un curso de fotoperiodismo en mayo del año pasado como parte del programa de estudios en el extranjero de UTB/TSC.

El precio de los viajes varía, pero están disponibles en la página de UTB/TSC, en la sección de Study Abroad, dijo Guijosa.

Los gastos del viaje deberán ser cubiertos un mes antes de la fecha de salida. *Financial aid* sólo cubre la colegiatura, pero el

planea asistir a las clases de periodismo gráfico en España en mayo del próximo año.

“Será una nueva experiencia para mí, no sólo ir a otro lugar y viajar y aprender, sino que sería una gran experiencia sólo viajar y entender



Estudiante de HOY

MIGUEL ANGEL ROBERTS/COLLEGIAN

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¿Cuáles son tus metas? “Pues tengo muchas metas a corto, mediano y largo plazo. Las metas más concretas que te podría decir son: mantener mi promedio, graduarme con honores de la universidad y de esta manera poder convertirme en una maestra bilingüe que pueda transmitir sus conocimientos y habilidades a las futuras generaciones”.

¿Por qué escogiste la especialidad que actualmente estudias? “Escogí ser maestra porque durante mis años de preparatoria realicé ‘servicio social’. En dicho servicio, les enseñaba a niños pequeños de escasos recursos a leer en inglés y en español. Fue al estar frente a un salón de clases, al estar enseñándole a esos pequeñitos [descubrí que mi vocación] era convertirme en maestra, que eso iba a ser lo que más iba a disfrutar en mi vida”.

¿Quién es tu inspiración o modelo a seguir? “Mis padres, porque ellos siempre me han educado con valores y principios que son primordiales. [Dichos valores] me han abierto puertas en la vida. Mis padres me han enseñado a no darme por vencida, a luchar por lo que quiero y que una actitud positiva, la dedicación y la constancia son las claves para un buen futuro y por eso quiero honrarlos siempre con mis logros”.

¿Cuál sería tu trabajo ideal? “Ser directora en uno de los mejores distritos del estado, como San Antonio o Houston o trabajar de catedrática en la universidad”.

¿Qué técnicas usas para estudiar? “Siempre tomo notas y procuro estudiarlas una semana antes de cada examen. Como soy una persona muy visual, me gusta usar varios colores al tomar notas y me sirve mucho [también] hacer diagramas y mapas conceptuales. De [esta] manera puedo resumir la información y se me facilita el estudio”.

¿Cuál es tu consejo para los alumnos de nuevo ingreso? “Que aprovechen todas las oportunidades que se les brindan como alumnos de nuevo ingreso, que acudan a todos los eventos. Les recomiendo también que utilicen los recursos de la escuela, como talleres y laboratorios y se involucren en grupos estudiantiles”.

Anécdota: “Una vez cuando iba llegando a mi clase de álgebra, me acuerdo que era un martes por la mañana, me encontré a uno de los muchos gatos que había aquí en la universidad. [Como] yo detesto los gatos, [cuando] un gato empezó a aproximarse y empezó a maullar muy fuerte, me asusté y lo que hice fue hacer mucho ruido para intentar ahuyentarlo [pero] sucedió todo lo contrario. Por eso traté de acelerar el paso y cuando volteé el gato venía persiguiéndome; entonces corrí [porque] me asusté mucho. Cuando llegué a [Cárdenas Hall] ‘North’, a la fuente, estaban [ahí] muchos de mis amigos vieron que venía corriendo y quien me venía persiguiendo era un gato. Desde entonces, siempre se acuerdan de esa anécdota y se ríen mucho”.

--Recopilado por Eréndira Santillana



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Rubén Garza, un técnico de Coca-Cola repara el relevador del compresor de una máquina de refrescos en Student Union el pasado 5 de noviembre.

Una mariposa descansa en una rama de árbol del caucho cerca de la Biblioteca de la Universidad el pasado 6 de noviembre.

HÉCTOR AGUILAR/COLLEGIAN

Las vidas opuestas del campus

Sweet 16!

Women's soccer advances to 2nd round of NAIA national tournament

By Marlane Rodriguez
THE COLLEGIAN

The UTB/TSC Women's Soccer Team has advanced to the second round of the NAIA Women's Soccer National Soccer Championship Tournament, and will compete against Oklahoma City University at 6:30 p.m. today in Orange Beach, Ala., the site of this year's national tournament.

UTB/TSC advanced to the Sweet 16 by beating William Carey University 2-1 on Nov. 17 in Hattiesburg, Miss. Freshman midfielder Nicole Heer and senior forward Leah Russell scored the goals.

Head Soccer Coach Nik Barjaktarevic said he feels fantastic about the win.

"It's the first time we actually qualify for the Sweet 16," Barjaktarevic told *The Collegian* Nov. 19. "It's an amazing feeling for the team."

The women's soccer team, with a 15-3-1 record, won the

Red River Athletic Conference championship Nov. 10, shutting out Texas Wesleyan University 6-0 in Cedar Hill.

"I think they closed out the season great, they had a 6-0 win in the conference championship game, which is huge," UTB/TSC Athletics Director Todd Lowery said. "I think they're going to have their chance to win."

The volleyball team, which is the 2011 NAIA defending national champion, stacked up eight 2012 All-Conference awards after defeating the University of St. Thomas-Houston Nov. 10 in the Red River Athletic Conference tournament finals Nov. 10.

Junior outside hitter Danica Markovic, junior right-side hitter Michelle Marques, sophomore middle blocker Vanja Joksic, junior middle blocker Ana Guerra and senior right-side hitter Paula Barros all made a spot on the First Team All-Conference. Markovic was also named the RRAC player of the year and Marques, the



COURTESY PHOTO

The UTB/TSC Women's Soccer Team celebrates after defeating William Carey University 2-1 on Nov. 17 at Hattiesburg, Miss. The team has advanced to the Sweet 16 round of the NAIA Women's Soccer National Soccer Championship Tournament and will play Oklahoma City University today in Orange Beach, Ala.

MVP of the tournament.

On the Second Team All-Conference squad were senior outside hitter Erica Chimak and freshman setter Katarina Bursac.

Joksic also earned the Front Row Player of the Year award; Barros, Libero of the Year; and Bursac, Freshman of the Year.

Outside hitter and defense specialist Lauren Berletch and Markovic also earned the Champions of Character Award, according to a news release from the Athletics Department.

The team, which earned a first-round bye in the NAIA national

championship tournament, trained last week and headed for the national championship tournament in Sioux City, Iowa, last Friday. Its opponent had not yet been determined as of press time.

If both teams win their respective national tournaments, it will be the first time two teams win nationals in UTB/TSC history.

"If we were to win two in one year, that would be absolutely amazing," Lowery said. "I definitely think anything is possible."



BRYAN ROMERO/COLLEGIAN

Pumas team member Bibiana Martinez (left) tries to intercept the ball from Hustlaz team member Tiffany Hernandez during a Co-ed Indoor Soccer Tournament game held Nov. 9 in the REK Center. The Hustlaz defeated the Pumas 14-9 and advanced to the championship game, in which they defeated the Halcones 11-6. In the men's division championship, Colegio San Francis defeated Barcelonitas 8-6. In the women's division, the Pumas edged the Hustlaz 8-7.

The Hustlaz strike again

PAKISTAN

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misconceptions and said he hopes students can see another side of Pakistan.

Tahir, who has been in the United States for two years, is from Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan.

The national language in Pakistan is Urdu and its official language for government is English.

Many people think Pakistan is all desert and heat; however, Tahir said the weather differs among Pakistan's provinces.

There is every kind of weather in Pakistan, he said.

Unlike in the United States, in Pakistan people wear red for their wedding because it is the color of love. White is used for funerals.

The majority of the population in Pakistan follows the Muslim religion.

Pakistan's culture is a mixture of religion and tradition with some modernization, Tahir said after the lecture.

Asked what he wants students to get from his lecture, Tahir replied: "I want to show them a good side because mostly in news and in media there are bad things [shown]. It's not like what they think it's like."

Tahir's lecture was part of UTB/TSC's observance of International Education Week.

FRANCE

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for them. They usually start with champagne, *foie gras*, or goose liver, and oysters. The main course is either *capon*, or chicken, or a seafood platter. For dessert, they enjoy a yule log from a bakery or homemade, or gourmet coffee and chocolates.

"Many people ask us to prepare French food, but French is not just the main meal; we have the appetizer, we have the main dish, we have the dessert, we have the cheese ... so, yeah, it's a lot, but we don't eat in so much quantity," Quillacq said.

Jesus Lopez, a freshman international business and finance major who attended the presentation, said he learned some new details about French culture.

"I didn't know that they have so many stages when they eat," Lopez said. "They always have lunch between noon and 1 or dinner always between 7 and 9."

Gauthier explained the importance of knowing the difference among cultures.

"I think it's good to learn about other cultures for you personally and professionally," he said.

This semester, UTB/TSC is home to five French students.

International Student Adviser Aragelia Salazar said International Education Week is celebrated throughout the United States and began in 2000.

KAZAKHSTAN

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and people will recognize our country."

He described Kazakhstan as a modern country that tries to diversify its economy so it does not have to depend on oil.

Kazakhstan gained its independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. Its largest city, Almaty, which comes from the Kazakh word for apple, is the home of the bountiful fruit in the southeastern part of the country.

The Kazakh people have been a nomadic culture, transporting their portable houses, known as yurts, on camels' backs to any place they need to go.

Hunting with eagles is another Kazakh tradition because these birds of prey are more effective than humans at capturing prey.

The presentation also depicted herds of horses galloping on the Kazakh steppes.

Tuyenbayev's lecture was part of UTB/TSC's observance of the International Education Week.

"The purpose is to bring awareness to the different cultures we have at the university and allow students to get to know other countries and other ways of thinking and to think more broadly; in a few words, to globalize ourselves," said Aragelia Salazar, an international student adviser who works for Office of Global Engagement, which sponsored the event.

RADIO

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University's WLOY, for its "Both Feet In: Conversations with People Experiencing Homelessness."

Texas State University station KTSW won first place in the category for its "Fifth Annual My Radio Fest."

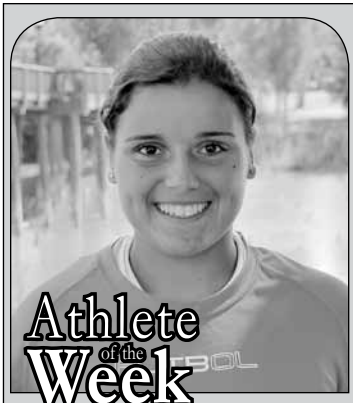
The 2012 National Student Production Awards had more than 700 submissions from universities in 12 categories.

College Broadcasters Inc. represents students involved in radio, television, webcasting and other related media ventures. It ensures a commitment to education and the student pursuit of excellence through active involvement in electronic media.

UTB Radio, a part of the Student Media Department at UTB/TSC, joined more than 250 college radio stations across the country Oct. 11, 2011, to mark College Radio Day.

The aim of College Radio Day is "to harness the combined listenership of hundreds of thousands of college radio listeners throughout North America and to celebrate the important contribution of college radio," according to www.collegeradioday.com.

Cantu attributes the award to the hard work and dedication of the UTB Radio staff, the volunteer DJs and members of the Booking, Promoting and Marketing student organization, formerly the Student Radio Club (SRC).



Name: Monica Mendes
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Kinesiology
Position: Defender
Hometown: Almeida, Portugal

Favorite soccer player: "Cristiano Ronaldo because one thing that I really love about [him] is that he never gives up and he always works hard to reach his goals and his team's goals and I think, for me, I'm that kind of person that likes to work hard and give everything for the team."

Who is your role model? "My family, my parents. I have a very good relationship with my parents and they always help me. They are next to me when I need [them]. Even if I don't need them, they are there. They are my big support, they are everything for me. It's more than I can explain, it's something so special."

What are your goals for the season? "My long-term goal is to go to the nationals and be a champion. My personal goals are to improve my skills over here in soccer, give everything for my team, work super hard to help them reach our goals and everything that I can do for my team is always more than important. Everyone has an important role on the team."

How long have you been playing soccer? "I started playing soccer when I was 4 years old. I started to play with boys until I was 12 [years old]. In Portugal you have to play with your team when you're 13 years old. So, I moved from a boys' team to a girls' team and I started to play soccer."

What sparked your interest in soccer? "My father was a keeper; he was a goalkeeper for almost 20 years. Since I was born, actually, we always played soccer, played sports. It's something that was born with me."

What was one of your best moments? "I played for my national team under [age] 19 and we qualified for the European championship this summer in [Antalya], Turkey. It was something like whoa. We lost the semifinal against Spain 1-0 in the last minutes. It was the first time that any Portuguese national team could play in the European or big tournament. In UTB my best moment of the year was when we won this game last year and then we qualified for the first round in the nationals."

What is your favorite food? "*Bacalhau à brás*; it's a Portuguese food, it's codfish with potatoes and eggs and vegetables. Everything with fish, fresh fish, everything healthy. That's why I miss my food over here."

What would you like to share about your country? "My country is a small country, it's not too big. We have almost 10 million people and that's it. It's a really nice country and it's safe. If you go there people are really nice with you. The view is awesome and we have a lot of beaches. ... Portugal is a special country because it's small but has a lot of wonderful things to see and to visit."

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