



## School puts out welcome mat

By Rachel Benavidez  
Staff Writer

Students arriving for the first day of school at UTB/TSC this year may have felt more "welcome" on campus. That is because Aug. 26 today was designated "Welcome Week" at the university.

Information tents were set up at five points around campus with giveaways, cookies and water, and volunteers to answer questions about the university and Welcome Week activities. These activities included a lecture series titled "Making College Count: Learning to be Successful in College," a pep rally for Scorpion Sports, and "Mini Stings!"—a day to encourage students to get involved in student activities.

"We want to connect students with services and things that they need to start school," Dean of Students Jill Zimmerman said. "That's what the information tents are for. ... Our goal is to create a

sense of connecting to the university."

Veronica Gomez, a sophomore education major, volunteered to help during Welcome Week. Asked why she volunteered, Gomez replied:

"I don't want to just be a student. I want to help my fellow students. By helping with Welcome Week, I'm doing my part."

Gomez hopes to get that message across to fellow students.

"You have to get involved to get the full perspective on college life," Gomez said. "By encouraging us to participate in the different activities, it shows that the university actually cares about the students. The volunteers, many of them students themselves, have left their offices to get out there to meet and help the students."

Zimmerman said she hopes hosting events such as "Enter the Success Zone" on Tuesday, where students had the opportunity to have lunch

with UTB/TSC President Juliet V. Garcia and other administrators, helps students to "see them in a different light."

The dean of students said it is important to the growth of the university and its students to build a "connecting partnership between the students and the community—because our students are the community." The activities are also meant to have an aspect of "academic support."

"Most importantly, we want the students to have fun," Zimmerman said. "... In college, memories are made—our students deserve to have fun while they're learning ... that is the atmosphere we hope to

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## Enrollment goes up

Preliminary numbers after Arena Registration show student enrollment at UTB/TSC is up more than 9 percent over last fall. Fall 1998 enrollment was 8,137, and current numbers show enrollment at 8,898. Fall 1999 enrollment figures will not be official until the 12<sup>th</sup> class day.

After a slight decrease in enrollment over the last two years, these early numbers are greatly welcomed. Approximately 15 percent of students, or more than 1,300, registered for Fall classes during Arena Registration. The official record day for enrollment is Sept. 13.

—News and Information Office



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Elizabeth Pirtle (left), kinesiology instructor, and sophomore Nieha Robinette joust during Welcome Week. More Welcome Week photos, page 8.

## SGA elections set

By Erick R. Tripp  
Staff Writer

Are you interested in helping out your fellow students? Or in interacting with other students? Well, you might want to run for a Student Government Association office. The SGA will conduct elections Sept. 29-30 for the offices of historian, secretary, and parliamentary. There also will be spots open for representatives for each of the colleges and schools here on campus.

The deadline for filing for candidacy in the SGA elections is noon Sept. 24. A meeting for candidates will take place immediately after the deadline, Dean of Students Jill Zimmerman said.

Asked what the SGA plans to do this year, SGA President Alberto Perez said he and the other SGA members want students to voice any concerns, complaints or ideas they may have. They want the students to participate more, not only in student government, but also in classes and other extracurricular activities pertaining to the university.

SGA members also plan to address concerns about security and lighting on campus. They are concerned about students who have night classes having to get to their cars in the dark. The SGA also is trying to help fix the little things too, such as classrooms not having pencil sharpeners and getting the clocks in the halls fixed. The group plans to continue with its "I Spy" series, where students can submit their concerns about things on campus.

The SGA is working on several one-on-one sessions and other activities to interact with the student body. These consist of talking to the students and random sampling of students to find out what they believe is the purpose of a student government.

Among the SGA's first activities this semester was passing out free phone cards and water to students waiting in line for Financial Aid balance checks during Welcome Week.

The group will continue passing out free Scantrons and Blue Books, plus new items such as key chains, high-



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Administrators and students ride the trolley after the Aug. 27 ribbon-cutting ceremony. The campus shuttle service began this semester.

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create with Welcome Week ...  
and all year round."

Zimmerman wants Welcome Week to reflect the university's goal "to change the atmosphere," and make students feel that [at UTB/TSC] "it's not only a good education—it's a good place to be because there are good people."

While planning Welcome Week, Zimmerman asked "What does a 'university' look, taste, feel and smell like? And how can we do that here?" She said the response and support from volunteers was "astronomical." She is "very, very pleased" with Welcome Week and "we are going to do more."

Welcome week volunteer Carla Rodriguez, a sophomore chemistry major, said the activities were "very helpful for the students."

Rodriguez, who was stationed at one of the information tents, said she was asked

about "everything from directions to financial aid." She said the university is "doing more this year" in terms of activities and reaching out to the student body as a whole.

Gomez, a transfer student from Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, also notes a change in the atmosphere on campus.

"All these activities make it look more like a traditional university that's growing. They create a college atmosphere that is not all about academics, it's also about having fun."

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lighters, pens, and ID holders.

The SGA's office hours are noon to 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; and noon to 3 p.m. on Wednesday. Its meetings, which are open to all students, will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Leadership Exchange Room, located in the Student Center. The first is scheduled for Sept. 8.

For more information, call the SGA office at 544-8976.

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## Essay Contest

The Collegian is sponsoring an essay contest in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, which begins Sept. 15.

The theme of the essay should be a response to "What Do Hispanics Need to Succeed Today?"

Essays can be in English or Spanish and should be two double-spaced, typewritten pages. The essays must be turned in to the Office of the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, South Hall 246, by 5 p.m. Sept. 30.

Luis Rodriguez-Abad, associate professor of Behavioral Sciences, and Cipriano Cardenas, chairman of the Modern Languages department, will judge the essays.

The five best essays will be published along with photos of the winners in the Oct. 8 issue.

## RESOLVING CONFLICT

The UTB/TSC Conflict Resolution Center offers a series of workshops open to the entire campus community. These workshops are designed to give participants useful information about confronting conflict in interpersonal relationships so as to solve problems and preserve or improve the relationships.

## PEACEFULLY

The series will begin on Wednesday, September 8, with a presentation on "Resolving Conflict Peacefully." The series will continue with workshops that address specific aspects of conflict resolution. You are welcome to attend any or all of the workshops.

- Sept. 8 Resolving Conflict Peacefully
- Sept. 15 Assertiveness
- Sept. 22 Communication Skills
- Sept. 29 How to Handle Anger
- Oct. 6 Decision Making
- Oct. 13 Problem Solving
- Oct. 20 Improving Interpersonal Skills
- Oct. 27 Understanding Your Conflict Style



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## The Conflict Resolution Center

# On Campus

## Orientation no longer fee free

By Leslie Palomino  
Staff Writer

Due to the growing number of new students and the growing costs of conducting orientation, UTB/TSC has implemented a new \$10 fee for all incoming freshmen. Late last year, the Office of New Student Relations requested the fee, which was approved in February by the Student Fee Advisory Committee.

Some students don't like the fee, while others don't mind it.

"We should not have to pay ... to come to orientation," student Martha Martinez said. "If we did not have to pay last year, why do we have to pay this year?"

Carlo Tamayo, coordinator of New Student Relations, said the money gained will be used solely for orientation. Proceeds will be used to pay for materials, such as informational packets and student handbooks, and for student helpers and meals.

"I don't mind [the fee]," Tommy Martinez, a criminal justice major and incoming freshman from Hanna High School. "They talk to

you one-on-one and assist you if you have any questions. The tour helps a lot, too."

There are no fee waivers and no plans such in the future. Tamayo said every student is expected to attend orientation.

The fee is minuscule compared with that of other universities. UT-Pan American Edinburg charges \$25 for its orientation while the \$55 fee at UT-San Antonio is the most expensive in the region. High-profile universities such as UT-Austin charge between \$35 and \$150, depending on a course of study.

Vice President for Student Affairs Olli Rivas said the fee can be viewed "symbolically as a small investment by a student take on the future." She defended the fee saying that nearly 41 percent of students who sign up for orientation do not attend. She hopes more students will attend instead of rescheduling or not going at all.

Look for changes in future orientations the offices of Student Affairs and New Student Relations begin to reformat orientation day events.



PHOTO COURTESY OF NEW STUDENT RELATIONS

The "caterpillar" is a freshman's favorite trustbuilding exercise on Orientation Day.

### Brief

TASP preparation workshops are under way for the Sept. 18 test. The Saturday series continues on Sept. 4 and 11. Reading is from 8 to 10 a.m., math is from 10 a.m. to noon, and writing is from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The weekday series continues through Sept. 16, Monday through Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. Writing is on Mondays, reading is on Wednesdays, and math is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All workshops are conducted in North Hall 116. For more information, visit the Learning Assistance Center in North Hall 122, or call 544-8208.

### Club profile:

## HOSA makes history

By Obed Leal  
Special to *The Collegian*

The Health Occupations Students of America club hopes to repeat the success of its inaugural year, when it won state and national awards.

Nora Montalvo, in charge of Health Science Technology courses, formed a chapter of HOSA here last fall. Montalvo's vision for the chapter was to get members to use the knowledge and skills they have acquired through their studies and put them to a test by competing against other universities and colleges across the country in health-related events. Montalvo believed our students had the capability and potential of going far and ready to go win.

The organization had a rough start. The number of students who joined the club was less than anticipated. Yet, those few members worked hard on community service projects and fund-raisers. Before long, HOSA had 20 members. The community service highlight of the year was the first annual Bike-A-Thon sponsored by several HOSA chapters in Brownsville. This event raised money for the Make-a-Wish foundation, making HOSA members proud.

As the date of state competition neared, HOSA members worked hard to prepare for the events. On March 24, 11 members traveled to Lubbock to compete at the HOSA State Leadership Conference. The UTB/TSC



HOSA members are (from left, top row) Jessica de la Garza, Samuel Perez, Edward Anderson, Thomas Hernandez. Bottom row: Corina Fernandez, Obed Leal, Mayela Peña, and chaperone Gloria Spencer.

HOSA chapter won six first-place medals and advanced to national competition a first for a Texas chapter.

At the HOSA National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tenn., member Corina Fernandez placed third in veterinary assistance.

The first HOSA meeting of the semester is at 2 p.m. today in the Leadership Exchange Room, located in the Student Center. Membership dues are \$15. For more information, contact Montalvo at 548-6573.

### Publicize YOUR Club!

Send us information on your meeting times fund-raisers and special events, and we will publish them **FREE** in our *Briefs* section.

Include name of club, day, time and location of event and a contact number. Informator must be typed and submitted to The Collegian office in the Student Center.

## Viewpoint



The line for Financial Aid check disbursement looked like this for most of the day on Friday. Remember, it isn't the heat; it's that humidity.

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## You have arrived! Now get in line

By Debra Wilson  
*Collegian Editor*

On a campus where most students receive financial assistance, it is wise to begin distributing FA checks on the second day of classes? Not really, but that's what happened Aug. 27.

The line for loan checks at the Business Office ran the entire length of Tandy Hall, but that was nothing compared to the three-hour wait for student balance checks at the Student Center.

At one point, that line ran from inside the Student Center, around the courtyard between the Student Center and the library, and past the front of the library to the flagpole.

Fortunately, a few kind staff persons took pity on those poor souls sweating through the heat of the day and provided jugs of water for public use. Yet, looking upon that human serpent made me fear for the future of mankind. What kind of fool would shuffle along for three hours under the noonday sun for a check?

Then the thought struck me: If my workplace is in the Student Center, how do I get in? Surely, that savage mob of heat-crazed students wouldn't let me sneak past their line. Perhaps, I thought, the doors on the other side aren't locked. The doors were open, but through the smoke-tinted windows nearby I saw the glint of a badge. Cops. I steeled myself

for a Gestapo interrogation:

"Where are your papers? You cannot enter the Student Center without identification. Your papers are not in order. What is your real name? Who sent you? I knew it. You are an American spy!"

However, the dude in blue was actually quite nice and politely waved me through when I pointed out the Collegian office next to the restroom. Hipe for humanity lives on.

Hope for order on Get Your Check Day is still in the trauma ward. Maybe next time checks should be distributed a week prior to classes or else conduct the whole affair in the air-conditioned Jacob Brown Auditorium.

### Letters to the Editor Policy

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## Student Soapbox

What was your experience with Welcome Week?

"I am [angry] because I didn't get a [goodies] basket."

—Eric Valdez,  
Sophomore psychology major

"It was a good experience. I'm sure the new students will really get help with whatever questions they have."

—Mary Ann Peña,  
Junior Spanish major

"The workers who provided cool packs were great, but the lines for checks and loans weren't."

—Miguel Maldivado,  
Junior registered technician major

"Bad. Everything is very disorganized."

—Juan D. Mejia  
Sophomore chemical engineering major

—Compiled by Arnie Gonzalez

### The Collegian

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## Sports

## Volleyball profiles



Name: Maria Dolores  
Martinez (No. 2)

Position: Outside hitter  
Classification: Freshman  
Height: 5'6"  
Hometown: La Joya  
Major: Kinesiology

"Loly" Martinez was the first player recruited for Team Sting this year. Martinez, a graduate of La Joya High School, signed the letter of intent to play in April.

"It was an honor to be asked to play for the team," Martinez said.

"They have gone as far as nationals and not everyone gets to go that far. I was very excited—they are the best team in the conference."

But her main objective at UTB/TSC is to get an education.

"Education is important, without it you can't find a good job," she said. "In the future I want to be able to support my family and be able to give my children what I didn't have."

After seeing her sister play volleyball, Martinez knew that she wanted to follow in her footsteps. She loved sports and began playing volleyball, basketball and softball at high school.

"I love to play volleyball," she said. "As tired as we get and as hard as practice is, that feeling just keeps you going and going."

Some of her former opponents in high school now are her teammates.

"It is not hard to play with people that you might know but never played with," she said. "I hope to show Coach [Brian Funk] that I can do it, that [we're] here to win it all."

After completing two years at UTB/TSC, Martinez hopes to play volleyball at UT-Austin.

-Jessica Arriaga



Name: Elizabeth Salazar  
(No. 10)

Position: Middle Blocker  
Classification: Freshman  
Height: 5'9"  
Hometown: Brownsville  
Major: Physical Therapy/  
Business

"Lisa" Salazar found herself speechless when asked by Head Volleyball Coach Brian Funk to play for the Lady Scorpions. Salazar knew since high school she wanted to continue playing volleyball but had not given any thought to any particular college.

"I knew I wanted to go somewhere, somewhere where they were good," Salazar said. "I heard the [UTB/TSC] team had gone to nationals and I knew they were good."

Funk, she said, is strict because he wants his team to be good and "wants the best for all of us."

"I can say I've learned different plays and how to be more responsible from Coach [Funk] in this short while," Salazar said.

Besides volleyball, Salazar participated in basketball, softball and track at Simon Rivera High School.

Education, however, is Salazar's top priority.

"The first thing I want to do this semester is pass all of my classes," she said. "I also want to get better in my position." After her sophomore year, she wants to move to San Antonio and play volleyball there.

Asked what she would change at UTB/TSC, Salazar replied, "I wish we could add more sports and more parking spaces."

-Jessica Arriaga

## Ellis trades court for classes

By Jessica Arriaga  
Sports Editor

Ladka Ellis, an assistant volleyball coach for three years, has resigned to concentrate on her studies.

This semester, Ellis is completing fieldwork for her education major, which occupies much of her time.

"I will miss the girls and watching the game as intense as they sometimes get," Ellis said. "We always hoped to come out with a victory."

Ellis played volleyball at Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa, before transferring to UTB/TSC and becoming a member of the 1995 Lady Scorpions team, which ranked No. 5 in the nation.

After her stint on the team, Head Volleyball Coach Brian Funk asked Ellis to



Ladka Ellis

join the coaching staff as its first female assistant. She was in charge of registering players for classes, handing paper work and even getting their books. She also kept stats.

"I enjoyed it," she said. "When I was asked by Coach to become his assistant he was looking for someone to help him with the girls."

Ellis will graduate next spring, after which she

hopes to enter graduate school to obtain a master's degree in exercise physiology.

She is optimistic about Team Sting's chance to reach national competition.

"I have high expectations," she said. "This year's group is very aggressive and competitive."

Continuing to help Funk this year in his other assistant coach, Janet Salcedo,

"I think Janet can handle it well," Ellis said. "She has a lot of experience, I know she will do good."

Ellis' advice to the Lady Scorpions is clear.

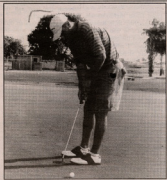
"Never stop believing in yourself and in the team," she said. "Listen to Coach and Janet, they know what they are talking about."

## Brief

The Men's and Women's Soccer clubs seek players for the Fall 1999 season. Players must be UTB/TSC students, faculty, or staff.

The women's team practices from 6 to 8 p.m., and the men's team from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the East Brownsville Little League complex, next to Scorpion Park. For more information, e-mail Bernie Pena at [berniepena@hotmail.com](mailto:berniepena@hotmail.com) or come by during practice hours.

Visit the Soccer Club Web site at [www.ca.utb.edu/Structure/tchtml](http://www.ca.utb.edu/Structure/tchtml).



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UTB/TSC Golf Team member Ricky Beronikis makes a par putt on Aug. 27 at the Fort Brown Municipal Golf Course.



## Volleyball Invitational

Support Team Sting at the Volleyball Invitational tournament today and Saturday at the Garza Gym. Games begin at 9 a.m. each day, with the championship playoff set for 6 p.m. Saturday. UTB/TSC will compete against Illinois Central College, Navarro College and Wharton County Junior College.

# Arts & Entertainment

## Society serves world-class music

### Alumnus

**Teodoro Estrada sets up for the UTB/TSC Alumni Art Exhibition, which began with a reception Tuesday night. The exhibition closes Sept. 24.**



## Briefs

**Grupo Folklorico Tzafán**, a dance group, seeks dancers. No experience is necessary. For more information, call Zelnia Mata at 544-6291 or e-mail her at zmata@utb1.utb.edu.

The University Cinema Club will show Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey" at 7 tonight in the SET-B Lecture Hall. Admission is free.

## Fads and misbehaving

By Melissa Cantú  
Collegian Online Editor

From blond highlights to those annoying little butterflies, what's in and what's not has been the question of the summer. I admit, I had those bold blond streaks in my dark brown hair, but I had enough sense to get rid of them after a month of "what's-up-with-your-hair" stases. Cute butterfly clips are cool in your hair but not a monsier-size print of one on the leg of your oversized bell-bottoms.

Speaking of bottoms, guys and gals, I have noticed some tight-fitting jeans in class. Here's a hint: Once they ride up, you need to take a ride to Wal-Mart and buy some new jeans that let your fragile parts breathe.

Young ladies, if you're going to be wearing a sleeveless tee, be sure the only strap showing is not from your bra. Word of advice: Wear a strapless or be daring and don't wear one at all.

The Ricky Martin "loco" haircut is totally cool, but

guys be sure to differentiate between the loco and the Woody Woodpecker.

Putting aside fashion do's and don'ts, some students should take a class in campus etiquette. Here are the top 10 campus no-no's:

1. Smoking while sitting next to a nonsmoker on a bench between North and South.
2. Not attending a Student Government Association meeting.
3. Not introducing yourself to the person sitting next to you in class.
4. Yelling at your financial aid adviser.
5. Leaving your trash on the table. (Your mother doesn't work here!)
6. Pulling the fire alarm when there's no fire.
7. Making out in the TV Room.
8. Not attending a music recital or art exhibit at least once a semester.
9. Arriving to class late, then leaving early.
10. Talking in class while the teacher is talking.

By Rachel Benavidez  
Staff Writer

A local organization is bringing a variety of music to Brownsville's ears, showcasing international artists, composers and music that ranges from classical to world beat.

The Brownsville Society for Performing Arts "is committed to bringing as many cultural events as possible, and promoting the arts in all its forms in Brownsville by presenting world-class artists," said Michael Quantz, a co-founder of the group and coordinator for guitar and humanities at UTB/TSC.

Several Brownsville residents, including Carlos Chavez, Roberto Robles, L.R. Pelly, Roberto Ponce, Jorge Dominguez, Claire Becot, Laurence W. Siegle, David Nunez and Quantz, founded the society in 1994.

The society's 1999 concert series begins at 7 p.m. Sept. 11 with "Musica Española," an evening of classical music from Spain. The concert will feature cellist Jimena Gimenez Cacho and pianist Sergio Vasquez.

Flamenco guitarist and composer Ruben Romero will perform on Oct. 8. Quantz quotes recent reviews as saying Romero's "engaging style has distinguished him as a primary innovator of the Santa Fe sound."

The annual "Jazz Fest," previously known as the "Latin Jazz Fest," is scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend. The fest played host to Tito Puente in 1997.

Previous seasons have included concerts by the St. Petersburg String Quartet, the Moscow Chamber Orchestra and World Music artists Suzuz

and Farah.

Robles said the Society for Performing Arts is "trying to open the mind to other forms of music that can bring great pleasure to the soul." Although this season's opening concert is a tribute to classical music from Spain, the society is devoted to diversity, Robles said.

"We want people to recognize that the Brownsville Society for Performing Arts is open not only to classical music, but music from all over the world," he said, adding that the group is "trying to bring music not commonly heard in Brownsville."

Tickets (\$5 and \$10) for the Sept. 11 concert, which will be held at the Lopez High School Theater, are available at the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce (542-4341) and the Brownsville Convention and Visitors Bureau (546-3721).

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# Tiempo Nuevo

## Fabricando árboles mágicos

### El estudiante de hoy



Por Daniela Ortega  
Reportera

**Nombre:** Juana Yvette García  
**Edad:** 18 años.  
**Preparatoria:** Simón Rivera High School.  
**Especialidad:** Cronología.  
**Reconocimiento:** "Fui miembro del club de historia de la preparatoria debido a mis buenas calificaciones".

**Reto más grande:** "Terminar mi carrera de cronología".

**Metas:** "Graduarme en el otoño del año 2003 y trabajar en el Servicio de Aduanas".

**Paratemporos:** "Me gusta salir, ir al cine con mi novio, a la playa, nadar, salir con mis amigos".

"Que has hecho en beneficio de tu comunidad?"

"He ido a ayudar a limpiar la playa Boca Chica y pienso seguir siendo voluntaria y así motivar a más gente para que ayuden a nuestra comunidad".

**Analistas:** "El año pasado en el club de historia de mi preparatoria, tuvimos que ir a un lavado de autos, aproximadamente 15 alumnos cruzamos los que iban a participar y resultó que solo 4 alumnos asistieron para hacer todo el trabajo".

"Si pudieran cambiar algo en el campus, que harían?"

"Que el campus estuviera más reducido, que hubiera una alberca en el campus para los estudiantes de clases de natación, porque creo que la clase es fuera del campus, se gasta gasolina y tiempo".

Por Lysette Martínez  
Editora de Tiempo Nuevo

"Para mí son árboles mágicos, ya que yo no sabía leer, pero yo voy a mi padre cuando él me está haciendo ramificaciones, y lo voy a conocer y *flourish* frente a mis ojos, de manera que aprendí a hacer árboles de familia desde los cinco años".

Así describe Yolanda González, asistente bibliotecaria, su pasión por la genealogía la cual comparte justo con su profesión. Su padre es un ingeniero cargo principal pasatiempo era el hacer árboles de familia. Por él, ella aprendió el arte de la genealogía y desde entonces se lo convirtió en parte de ella.

González era estudiante del Texas Southern College cuando comenzó a trabajar en la biblioteca Arnold L. Oliveira en 1994. Se inició como bibliotecaria, se ha destacado por su talento en la reparación de valiosos libros históricos que se encuentran en deterioro, pero principalmente por su espíritu en descubrir las raíces de familias del sur de los Estados Unidos y del Norte de México. La carrera de la genealogía le ha aportado incontables gratificaciones.

En una ocasión llegó un grupo de personas de Monterrey a su oficina para que les investigara sus raíces genealógicas y mientras esperaba su turno, llegó otro grupo de personas residentes de California. Estos últimos también iban a investigar sus raíces, cada familia ajena a la otra. Cuando

ella pasó al primer grupo hacia su escritorio, tendió en la mano los papeles que le presentaron, estudió nombres y fechas, luego atendió al segundo grupo. Mientras ella los escuchaba, ella reconoció los nombres y apellidos que le estaban dando y para sorpresa de todos los ahí presentes, esos dos grupos de personas eran familiares mutuos que estaban tratando de encontrarse desde hace muchos años. Fue su solo uno de los días más inolvidables para González.

Además cuenta con una extensa colección de libros como recurso de apoyo para ayudarle en su investigación tanto genealógica como histórica, ya que la genealogía va de la mano con la historia.

Posteriormente para principios del semestre primavera 2000, González se retiró después de 45 años de colaborar con esta universidad. Todavía no sabe quien la sustituirá, pero asegura que pronto se lo pondrá a la tarea de buscar quien sea su aprendiz y pueda continuar con la tarea de la genealogía.

"González es parte de esta institución como lo es el material que está en los libros", Douglas M. Foster, director de la biblioteca, afirma. "Ella es la historia institucional personificada. Ella comenzó a trabajar para TSC, después UTW/TSC, desde que Dwight Eisenhower fue presidente, que es más de lo que la mayoría de la gente de este campus ha vivido. Ella conoce más de la historia



Lysette Martínez/Tiempo Nuevo

### Yolanda González

local y de la gente del valle en los dos lados del río, que cualquier otra persona que yo conozca. Ha grown conmigo compartido esa información con cualquiera que se lo pida, incluyendo mi persona. Su retro va a dejar un vacío el cual será irremediable llenar y no tengo intención de dejarlo a menos que ella me prometa seguir ayudándome cuando la necesite".

Frances Vaughn, directora de la biblioteca desde 1980-90, describe a González como "ella es fabulosa, es una enciclopedia andante". "Es tener y poseerle cuando se propone hacer cosas... Ella es de gran valor para...".

Los personajes más sobresalientes a los que González ha ayudado a encontrar sus raíces ancestrales son: John Eisenhower, el hijo del presidente, y Barbara Bush, la ex-primer dama. Además de haber realizado amplia investigación local con familias como los Ball, descendientes del Padre Ball, por el cual la hija del Padre hace honor a su nombre.

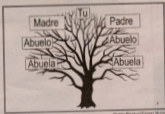
González cuenta con una extensa lista de afiliación a grupos genealógicos tales como: miembro de la Asociación Histórica de

Brownsville, miembro de la asociación genealógica del Fort Brown, presidenta de la Sociedad Histórica de Matamoros-1996, entre otros. "Casi cualquiera que desee tener un árbol genealógico de sus ancestros lo puede lograr con un poco de tiempo y mucha paciencia", ella dice. El servicio se ofrece gratuitamente, el interesado debe traer cuanto información le sea posible de sí mismo, de su cónyuge, de sus padres y de sus abuelos, como por ejemplo la fecha y lugar donde nacieron, se casaron, y murieron. El lograr un árbol genealógico completo requiere ponerse en contacto con parientes, buscar registros de nacimiento y hasta viajar de ser posible.

"Es importante conocer los nombres de sus familiares, algunos veces ha habido gente que no conoce el nombre de sus abuelos", ella dijo.

González dijo que posiblemente en breve tiempo, aunque todavía no sabe la fecha o ubicación exacta, se ofrecen clases de genealogía en Brownsville y Matamoros.

Para más informes sobre árboles genealógicos, comunicarse al teléfono 983-7103 o acudir en persona a su oficina.



Arbol genealógico

# On Campus



(Clockwise from upper left.)

At the B104 Live Remote, senior Lonnie Lopez (left) has The Balloon Artist Formerly Known as Phill (right) analyze his hand-writing. Junior Gus Gallegos (center) looks on as Phill builds a balloon Road Runner.

"Hively," the B104 Bee, takes a stroll with freshman Minnie Gutierrez. Hively spent most of the day in efforts to get students registered to vote.

At the B104 Live Remote, senior Paula Degly won a T-shirt for correctly spelling "Eidman."

Freshman gladiators Josue Pizana (left) and George Soldado tied in numbers of jousting matches won.

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## Tall order for Zavaleta



Zavaleta accepted the position of vice president for External Affairs, which he describes as "a new and important division at UTB/TSC."

This new division was created because of the vision of President [Juliet V.] Garcia," Zavaleta said. "She realized as we continue to develop and mature ... there are a number of things that we are doing and are going to do that need to be consolidated under a division called external affairs."

The division is organized into several departments, each with a specific goal. The purpose of the division is "to coordinate and guide relationships of internal offices with external constituents," Zavaleta said. The external constituents are governmental and community relations, adult continuing education, the Center for Business and Economic Development and workforce training, entrepreneurial and public-private partnerships, technology program development and the Cross Border Institute for Regional Development.

Another department will enhance the relationship between UTB/TSC and the community.

federal governments from both sides of the border to discuss educational and community issues.

"Our region does not stop at the border," he said. "It continues on to the south and to the north. That is the idea of governmental relations, to centrally direct and integrate the institution's interaction with government."

Another department will enhance the relationship between UTB/TSC and the community.

Community relations will serve as a "point of contact between the university and the community," Zavaleta said. "We will advertise the point of contact and get them in touch with the proper office or person or program on campus. ... Then we will make sure they get the information they need."

Another facet of community relations is recruitment of international students.

"There is definitely a desire See "Zavaleta," page 2

Antonio Zavaleta  
By Rachel Benavidez

Staff Writer  
Antonio Zavaleta, a long-time professor and administrator here, is excited about his new job.  
Earlier this summer,

## Budget up 10 percent

By Debra Wilborn  
Collegian Editor

UTB/TSC budget figures for the next two years are in. Here is the low-down. UTB/TSC Partnership revenue (and expenditures) for fiscal year (FY) 2000 is \$66,618,806. That is almost a 10 percent increase over the revenue and expenditures for 1999. Although the new budget won't receive final approval until later this fall, no substantial changes are anticipated, university officials say.

As outlined in a proposed budget presented to the Texas Southmost College Board on June 29, the goals for Fiscal Year 2000 are to increase faculty and staff salaries and add new faculty, expand enrollment management initiatives, expand distance learning, and establish the Office of External Affairs. Enrollment management initiatives involve just about anything pertaining to enrolling students, from advertising to recruiters to financial aid. The

new Office of External Affairs identifies new sources of funding and maximizes university resources for generating revenue.

This year, the state funded a mandatory \$1,200 per year pay increase for all university staff. Because our institution doesn't distinguish between UTB and TSC personnel, all staff will get the raise. However, the state considers just 30 percent of UTB/TSC staff "university" because 70 percent of students are in lower-division or developmental courses.

As the only such partnership in the state, UTB/TSC finds itself an exception to some of the rules. Texas appropriated \$112,000 for staff pay increases in Fiscal Year 2000 and again in FY 2001, but the actual cost is \$651,306 each year.

If a faculty member meets the base merit benchmark, and almost everyone does, he/she receives a 3 percent raise.

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Veronica Garcia (clockwise from bottom left), of Information Systems, and Juniors Aide Castro and Delinda Garcia line up Sept. 2 in the Student Center for free ice cream served by Veronica Nieto of Media Services, Marcie Ramirez of the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, Diana Galon of Counseling, and Lupita Farrell of Purchasing.

## Rough road to registration

By Rachel Benavidez  
Staff Writer

This semester's registration process suffered unforeseeable setbacks, university officials say, resulting in long waits to register either in person or by phone. In some cases, students themselves contributed to the delays.

Hurricane Bret forced the university to close on Aug. 23, days before the start of the fall semester,

and push back Arena Registration to Aug. 25-26 and Add/Drop to Aug. 30-Sept. 1. Classes, however, began as scheduled Aug. 26.

Ernesto Garcia, director of Enrollment, said more than 1,300 students enrolled during Arena Registration. Garcia said 1,000 of these registered on Aug. 25.

Also causing delays was the Telephone Registration system,

which has been in place for nine years and is in the third year of a software conversion.

"[We] had to build the system from the ground up," Garcia said. "... It is a monumental task." He speculates that a system conversion of this sort can take from five to 10 years to "work completely."

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# On Campus

## "Zavaleta"

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to attract students from Mexico ... and teachers," he said. "It will be my job to make that happen." He said the advantages of international relations are "twofold," encompassing economical and cultural growth for UTB/TSC "and the region as a whole."

Technology program development seeks to "assist the deans and provost with the idea of developing new programs where appropriate," Zavaleta said. "If the market identifies the need for a new program, we need to look into how that need can be addressed."

Promoting continuing and adult education in the areas of business, engineering, health and industrial technologies, is another facet of the division of External Affairs. The mission is to assist people with acquiring skills that enhance employability - "throughout life," Zavaleta said. As the job market becomes more technology oriented, there is a need for skilled workers familiar with the ever-changing technological trends.

It all comes down to training the workforce for the future through education," he said.

Land acquisitions, campus expansion and off-campus site management will be addressed in the entrepreneurial and public-private partnerships under External Affairs.

The Cross Border Institute

for Regional Development, or CBIRD, is a new component whose mission is "to respond to the challenge of fulfilling the vision of creating shaping and building a dynamic and prosperous 21st century Texas-Mexico border," Zavaleta said.

We look at ourselves as one region with one future," Zavaleta said. "We have to stop thinking of ourselves as we and they and rather as us."

The purpose of CBIRD is "to conduct research and evaluation that deals with providing services so that we may continue developing as a region. ... These are the primary things," he said. "It is my job as vice president to provide the management, the oversight, to bear the creative vision as part of President Garcia's executive team."

Zavaleta initially refused the job because of "separation anxiety."

"I miss the contact with the students," said Zavaleta, who previously served as interim vice president - for Administration and Partnership Affairs during Wayne Moore's absence and dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "I believe in teaching. It's who I am and what I am."

However, after careful reconsideration of the benefits of External Affairs for the university, he accepted.

Zavaleta is enthusiastic about the new division and responsibilities.

"We have to think outside the box," he said, "to what we

## "Budget"

### Continued from page 1

Faculty can also apply for exceptional merit (an extra 5 percent) and equity adjustment. The average faculty pay increase is 3.75 percent. In FY 2000 the state gives nothing to help pay for \$738,941 worth of raises. In FY 2001 the state appropriates \$127,000 toward the \$750,000 needed for faculty raises that year. The total cost of staff and faculty raises both years is \$2,791,553 but the state of Texas has appropriated only \$351,000.

President Juliet V. Garcia's salary is \$151,242, a 4 percent increase from last year. Vice President for Administration and Planning and interim VP for Business Affairs Wayne Moore receives \$104,328 with no raise. Provost and VP for Academic Affairs Raymond Rodriguez makes \$109,986 after a 1.5 percent pay increase. VP for Student Affairs Olivia Rivas gets \$88,186 after a 3 percent raise, and VP for External Affairs Antonio Zavaleta receives \$70,840.

Want to know how much your math teacher makes? Look him or her up in the UTB budget for FY 2000, available at the reference desk in the library.

Although a university never protests the state legislature for giving it too much money, UTB/TSC received far better funding than originally anticipated, said Budget Office Director Rosemary Martinez in an interview. As the legislative session progressed, the state contributed more money. Part of that is special items funding, seed money for starting new programs that an institution will fund later. The Licensed Vocational Nursing program at Port Isabel began with special items funding, and this is the first year it will be funded entirely by UTB/TSC. At first, legislators wanted to drop this funding, but through the lobbying efforts of university officials, local representatives, and university employees during a Senate Finance Committee visit, UTB/TSC kept special items funding, about \$3 million.

## Where does all that money come from?



The amount of money UTB/TSC gets from each area has increased almost every year since 1993. Most of it comes as state appropriations, money given to the university by the Legislature. Much of that is restricted to specific uses, like Pell grants which can be used only for student aid.

Don't worry; it all gets spent. Education and General Fund (E&G) covers operational costs such as faculty and support personnel salaries, student affairs, and business affairs. State, federal, or contract funds restricted in use by an outside entity are called Restricted. Designated describes revenues generated by UTB/TSC and restricted in use by internal controls. For example, add/drop fees may pay only for late registration.



## New Education and General (E&G) Funds for FY 2000

Net revenue increase: \$5,770,142

### Restricted funds:

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 Tuition revenue bond debt for SETB \$1,262,934  
 Staff pay raises \$651,306  
 What's left over for other operations... \$1,855,902

### Operations:

Faculty pay raises \$738,941  
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## Essay Contest

The Collegian is sponsoring an essay contest in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, which begins Sept. 15.

The theme of the essay should be a response to "What Do Hispanics Need to Succeed Today?"

Essays can be in English or Spanish and should be two double-spaced, typewritten pages. The essays must be turned in to the Office of the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, South Hall 246, by 5 p.m. Sept. 30.

Luis Rodriguez-Abad, associate professor of Behavioral Sciences, and Cipriano Cardenas, chairman of the Modern Languages department, will judge the essays.

The five best essays will be published along with photos of the winners in the Oct. 8 issue.

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# On Campus

## "Road"

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Preliminary figures show about 9,000 students enrolled for fall, a 9 percent increase over last fall, but there are only 36 accessible telephone registration lines.

"The number of lines is not sufficient," he said. "Our No. 1 priority is to upgrade the system."

Although there were no increases in the Enrollment staff or budget this year, "we were ready [for the registration

process]," Garcia said.

Students, Garcia said, also were to blame for delays by demanding to be advised "on the spot" about degree plans and required courses.

He faults students for not seeking academic advisement earlier in the process. Early advisement would be a "tremendous win-win situation," Garcia said.

Sophomore Jaime Arredondo and Justin D. Flores, a business major, were among the students standing in

the Add/Drop line on Sept. 1. Both said that full-page newspaper ads listing university schedules, procedures and events would be effective to inform students to come in early and be more prepared.

Asked if there would be a campaign for early advisement for next semester, Garcia said, "That is something I would like to see. ... It is certainly recommended."

## Club spotlight

Name: Club Cultural Latinoamericano

Sponsors: Rene Sainz, Alberto Peña and Conchis Salazar

President: Nora Glenn

Vice President: Juan Carlos Rodriguez

Secretary: Anagelia Salazar

Treasurer: Miriam Castro

Purpose: To promote awareness among students, faculty, staff and

the community about Latin American culture.

Membership fee: \$5 per semester.

Meeting times: 1 to 3 p.m. every Friday in the Faculty and Staff dining room, located in the Student Center.

Events: Sponsors the Grito during Mexican Independence Day on Sept. 16 and the Posada/Pastorela in December.

Fund-raisers: Wednesday Club Sales (\$3 Mexican plates) and car washes.

Community service: Includes beach cleanups and visits to orphanages.

Trips: Every May, Members earn points to ensure a spot on the trip. This school year, the club plans to go to Oaxaca, Mexico. Previously, club members have visited Mérida, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico City and Guazacapán.

Membership: 30

History: Started in 1991 by Anagelia Salazar.

—Compiled by staff writer Leslie Palomino

## Briefs

The Catholic Campus Ministry begins a six-week lecture series tonight at 7 p.m. in the Newman Center. The lectures will be based on "The Catechism of the Catholic Church," and will be presented by Grace MacKinnon, director of Adult Religious Formation for the Diocese of Brownsville. For more information, call the ministry at 542-3942.

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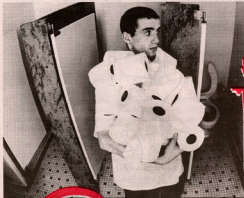
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## Viewpoint

## Administrators miss point of barbecue

By Melissa Cantú  
Collegian Online Editor

Last week a barbecue was held so students would have the opportunity to meet administrators and get to know them on a one-on-one basis. The luncheon at the gazebo area began at 11 a.m. The tables were packed with eager students and staff members. Jill Zimmerman, dean of students and interim director for Student Activities, worked very hard toward making sure everything was going as planned with Student Activities staff by her side drawing in students. The Brownsville Herald was present to snap a few photos. But there were just a few things missing to make the event a success. The guests of honor—administrators. Students had lunch with pictures of them on easels next to the tables.

This was very discouraging. As a student, I began to question where our administrators' priorities lie. Others students asked, "Where are they," "Are they here yet." There was talk of them being tied up in a meeting. There was more talk of a party at Tony Roma's for Marilyn Dyer. Who knows and who cares. The event was planned and

confirmed by administrators and they did not keep their commitment. How can one hour be too much to ask? The administrators did arrive, but more than an hour late. The majority of the students had left by then. If they were like me, they got tired of waiting in the heat. I passed by to see when they finally arrived. I was disgusted. I did n't want to stop. I just watched from a distance while our president and other administrators spoke to just a handful of students. Do they not know what influence they can have on our campus? Imagine if they had arrived earlier and spoken to dozens of students. Maybe they would have encouraged a student to not give up. Maybe they would have encouraged a student to get involved on campus. The possibilities would have been endless.

Their behavior is difficult for me to understand. Why is it so easy for me, a student with no degree to see that what they did was wrong? How can administrators with doctorates and years of experience be so blind? I think that everyone who worked hard to make the event happen and all those students that attended deserve an apology



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Olivia Rivas, vice president for Student Affairs, chats with freshmen Cruz Navarro (left) and Lorena Bautista.

## Student Soapbox

What do you think about the Add/Drop process?

"Very bad. They need to be more organized."

—Marco Morales,  
Sophomore

"I don't hate much, but I really hate waiting in line."

—Mauro Castillo,  
Criminal justice major

"Well, I think add/drops are OK, but the lines are way too long. There needs to be more organization in lines for everything."

—Jennifer Stout,  
Freshman

—Compiled by Arnie Gonzalez

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## Sports

## Volleyball profiles



Name: Nicole Gonzalez (No. 1)  
Position: Setter  
Classification: Freshman  
Height: 5'6"  
Hometown: San Antonio  
Major: Kinesiology

"Nicki" Gonzalez, a graduate of San Antonio's Marshall High School, rejected softball scholarships for her real love, volleyball.

"I wanted to play softball but I like volleyball more than softball," Gonzalez said. "I realized that volleyball is something I really like to play."

Gonzalez played volleyball and softball in high school. A call from Head Volleyball Coach Brian Furk helped her decide to stick with volleyball.

"Frank was really my motivation," she said. "His personality is great and once I got here, [my teammates] were so cool and I just "fell right in."

Leaving San Antonio did not scare Gonzalez, but she misses her sisters, Jaci, a high school sophomore, and Dominique, a first-grader.

"I get along with my sisters very well," she said. "I miss Jaci, [we] are really close."

Gonzalez is the team's setter, a position she has not played before.

"I know as a setter I have a lot of responsibilities but I am ready to handle it," she said.

Gonzalez also has set nationals in her goal. She knows it will not be easy but having four returning Team Sting members is of great help.

"As freshmen we have to realize that in order to reach this goal we are going to have to step up to the sophomores' level," she said. "If we are going to get there, we have to get these on again."

Gonzalez said she gets "along with every single one of my teammates."

"Everyone has their own personality and that is what I like."

By Jessica Arriaga



Name: Carli Saenz (No. 11)  
Position: Outside Hitter/middle blocker  
Classification: Freshman  
Height: 5'11"  
Hometown: McAllen  
Major: Occupational Therapy

"Carli" Saenz is back on the court after a long break. She tied out for the volleyball team during the summer, and got a call from Head Volleyball Coach Brian Furk a week later to join the squad.

"I was excited, it was like starting all over again," she said. "I hadn't played for a year." Saenz graduated two years ago from McAllen High School, where she participated in volleyball, basketball and track.

She considers herself the quiet player on the team. Growing up with four sisters and a brother, she learned to listen.

"I get along with everybody," she said. Saenz's father, who died recently, is her inspiration.

"I have this rock, which I found next to my father's grave," she said. "I go to it before games. It's a very pretty rock, I like to look at it because it always reminds me of him."

Saenz has high expectations for the team. "We have to practice well and everything will fall into place," she said. "My goal is to win conference, advance to regionals and go to nationals."

Asked what she would change about the university, Saenz replied, "I wish they would add more food choices, maybe even make a bigger lunchroom."

She also would like to see more students, faculty, staff and the community support Team Sting at home games.

After playing two years at UTB/TSC, Saenz hopes to transfer to UT-San Antonio, where she wants to get her master's in physical therapy. One day she would like to open a clinic for low-income families.

"Growing up my family faced many financial problems and I know how hard those times can be," she said.

By Jessica Arriaga

## Scorps place 2nd at invitational

By Jessica Arriaga  
Sports Editor

The Lady Scorpians placed second at their invitational volleyball tournament last weekend, falling to Illinois Central College 15-12, 15-7.

In its first game of the tournament Sept. 3, Team Sting defeated Wharton County Junior College 15-6, 15-10, 15-12. Outside hitter Bo Contreras had 11 digs and outside hitter Elnaset Clemente made 17 kills. The team then stung Navarro College 15-6, 15-1, 15-8.

The Scorpians, however, found ICC to be a much tougher opponent. After winning the first game of the match 15-11, the Scorps were outpaced 11-15, 6-15. Contreras made a total of 16 kills while outside hitter/middle blocker Lisa Salazar had 13 digs.

The next day, the Scorps again defeated Navarro 15-10, 15-13, 15-10. Outside hitter/middle blocker Jessica Kromer led the way with 10 kills and outside hitter/defensive specialist Loty Martinez had 14 digs.

Team Sting also turned away the Wharton Pioneers in their second face-off, 15-6, 15-4. The Lady Scorpians then took two of three matches against the ICC Cougars, 15-8, 12-15, 15-10. The second match had the crowd on their feet but ICC still took the win.

Team Sting and the Cougars advanced to the championship playoff. The Cougars mangled the Scorpians 15-12, 15-7.

"I am pleased the way they played in the final match against Illinois," Head Volleyball Coach Brian Furk said about his team. "All of them were outstanding."

The team will travel to West Plains, Mo., to play against Southwest Missouri State University on Sept. 16. On Sept. 17-18, the Lady Scorpians will participate in SMSU's invitational tournament, along with ICC, Miami-Dade Community College, Blinn College, Belleville (Ill.) Area College and Elgin (Ill.) Community College.

## Going... Going... Gone



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Outside hitter/middle blocker Caro Saenz (No. 11) tips the ball over Janet Salcedo, assistant coach for the Lady Scorpians, during the Alumni game Sept. 1 at the Guerra Gym. The team, in its first game of the season, defeated the former Scorpians 15-11, 15-7. Alumni team members were Minnie Getzeme, who played for the 1998 Team Sting; Salcedo, who played in '95; Liz Aguilar Guerra, an '84-85 player and now head volleyball coach for Rivera High School; Iris Rodriguez, who played in '91, and Noelia Urbe, also a '91 member and now head volleyball coach for Lopez High School. Erica Matamoros also played with the opposing squad. "The purpose of the game was to get those butterflies off the girls," Head Coach Brian Furk said. "I wanted them to put their uniforms on and play in front of a crowd. I just wanted to introduce the team."

The Collegian is seeking volunteer writers to cover Scorpion sports. For more information, call Azenett Cornejo at 544-8263.

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The UTB/TSC Men's Soccer Club faces Texas A&M-Kingsville at 1 p.m. Saturday at Brownsville Antonio Gonzalez Park.

The UTB/TSC Men's Golf Team will compete in the seventh annual Rocky Thorpsson Tournament in Paris, Texas, today through Sunday. Paris Junior College is sponsor of the tournament.

# Arts & Entertainment

## On the air and under fire with David Pearson

By Diana Cordova  
Staff Writer

David Pearson, a Behavioral Sciences professor, has taken the helm of UTB/TSC's weekly radio interview program.

This semester's first broadcast of "Society Under Fire," formerly known as "Academic Voices," is scheduled to air at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 16 on KMBH (88.9 FM). The radio show also will be broadcast at 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 19.

Social Sciences Professor Tony Knopp hosted "Academic Voices" for seven years. Knopp asked Pearson if he wanted to take over the program. Pearson said yes, then promptly renamed the show.

"With apology to Professor Knopp, when I first heard the name of the show, I wanted to change the dial," Pearson said.

Pearson has appeared on televi-

sion news shows, including "Good Morning America," "Nightline" and "The Larry King Show" to speak about his book on the Reagan administration, "KAL 007: The Cover Up: Why the True Story Has Never Been Told."



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David Pearson hosts "Society Under Fire."

Topics for discussion on "Society Under Fire" will include bilingual education, discrimination against Hispanics and sex education.

Pearson's first guest will be Patrick Glynn, associate director at the Institute for Communitarian Policy Studies at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Glynn earned a doctorate in philosophy from Harvard.

John Kekes, a professor of philosophy at the State University of New York at Albany, is scheduled to be Pearson's second guest.

The third guest will be Diana Furchtgott-Roth, author of "Women's Figures: An Illustrated Guide to the Economic Progress of Women in America." She is a fellow at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C.

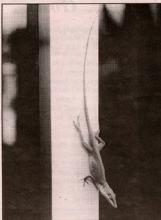
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Clockwise from top: A green anole lizard lounges on a window of the Student Center.

A buff-bellied hummingbird enjoys a flowering shrub between Gorgas Hall and the Old Morgue.

Another buff-belly rests on a bare branch nearby.

Photos by Debra Willborn

## El estudiante de hoy



Por Jessica Arriaga

Editora de Deportes

**Nombre:** Raymundo Martínez Jr.

**Edad:** 21 años

**Preparatoria:** López High School (Primera generación)

**Especialidad:** Licenciatura en matemáticas

**Reconocimientos:** He tenido la oportunidad de trabajar con alumnos de octavo grado, en el programa Madre e Hija Hispanas, en UTB/TSC desde 1996. En 1998 fui asignado como coordinador asistente del programa por mi experiencia y esfuerzo.

**Retó más grande:** Ser estudiante de tiempo completo y a la vez trabajar en este programa manteniendo un buen promedio general.

**Metas:** Llegar a ser administrador en una escuela, preferiblemente de la escuela en que me vaya a graduar. Mi otra meta sería ser coordinador de un programa como el de Madre e Hija Hispanas, sería magnífico.

**Pasatiempo:** Ser entrenador de "Pony baseball" de Brownsville. Me gusta enseñar béisbol básico. Hasta ahorita mis jugadores han sido de 13 a 14 años de edad.

**Aneédoas:** Hace dos años mi equipo ganó el primer lugar en la división. Fue muy emocional cuando mis jugadores me bailaron con agua, desafortunadamente el agua estaba muy fría y me enfermó.

**Qué has hecho en beneficio de tu comunidad?** Motivar a mis jugadores de béisbol para que sean ejemplares en nuestra comunidad.

**¿Si pudieras cambiar algo en el campus, qué harías?** Implementaría un sistema de tarjetas de crédito en donde el alumno no tuviera que formarse en línea para recibir su dinero de ayuda financiera. El dinero se pondría en su cuenta de crédito con lo cual el alumno usaría su tarjeta para pagar sus libros, comida, etc.

## MBA vía Internet aquí

Por Lysette Martínez  
 Editora de Tiempo Nuevo  
 y Brenda Iracheta  
 Reportera

El director del programa para maestría a través del Internet, Karl Kampschroeder, anuncia el inicio de una maestría en administración de empresas vía Internet. Este programa fue desarrollado en conjunto con otras siete universidades texanas y será coordinado por el tele-campus de las universidades correspondientes. El programa ofrece 48 horas de crédito y las escuelas participantes son: UTB/TSC, UT-Arlington, UT-Dallas, UT-Tyler, UT-Perrin Basin, UT-Pan American, UT-San Antonio y UT-El Paso.

Cada una de las universidades mencionadas ofrecerá un curso y poco a poco se le irán agregando más cursos en el futuro, dijo Kampschroeder, hasta que todos los cursos para obtener la maestría (48 horas) sean ofrecidos vía Internet.

Son cinco los estudiantes ya inscritos al MBA vía Internet en UTB/TSC, Kampschroeder dijo.

Los estudiantes interesados tienen que seguir el proceso normal de inscripción de la universidad de su preferencia. El calendario también será el mismo que sigue la escuela normalmente.

Pan ser aceptado en esta universidad al pro-

grama, se requiere que el estudiante tenga un promedio general de 2.8 y que haya obtenido una calificación de 400 o mayor en el examen de admisión para la maestría en negocios administrativos.

El programa tiene varias ventajas, dijo Kampschroeder. Cuando el estudiante toma estas clases por computadora, no tiene que poner un pie en el campus. Generalmente la comunicación es que se forma entre el estudiante y el profesor es más completa que el estudiante tiene la oportunidad de extender sus comentarios de forma más profunda vía correo electrónico y en una clase normal a veces es difícil hacer preguntas al maestro debido a la timidez o a la falta de tiempo.

"No tienes que tener contacto cara a cara y a muchos les gusta eso", dijo Kampschroeder. Además, el programa tendrá acceso continuo las 24 horas. Otra de las ventajas de este programa es que los estudiantes no estarán limitados por la falta de tiempo. La flexibilidad de horario que ofrece este programa es de gran conveniencia para las personas que viajan por motivo de negocios o para las que trabajan y no tienen tiempo de acudir al campus a tomar clases regulares. La gente que vive lejos del campus y que no les gusta manejar también se beneficiará con la implementación de este programa.

Algunas desventajas serían que se necesita



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**Karl Kampschroeder**

disciplina y responsabilidad para llevar a cabo sus clases de maestría vía Internet. El estudiante debe terminar sus clases a tiempo porque nadie va a recordarle que se apresure ya que no hay oficinas a donde acudir para hacer preguntas.

El costo de las clases vía Internet es más alto que el de los cursos ofrecidos en el campus, dijo Kampschroeder. Una de las razones de esto, son los gastos administrativos del telecampus. Mucha gente sabe que el costo de las clases en UTB/TSC es mucho más bajo que el de otras universidades. Así que no sería justo que algunas instituciones universitarias cobraran más porque en realidad es como si todos estuviéramos en la misma institución con las clases vía Internet. El costo será alrededor de \$80 dólares por una clase de tres créditos.

## 2 viajan a Illinois para ponencia

Por Lysette Martínez  
 Editora de Tiempo Nuevo  
 y Daniela Ortégón  
 Reportera

Dos estudiantes de UTB/TSC participaron en un programa de investigación en Illinois este verano pasado.

Brenici Patiño, cuya especialidad es literatura hispánica, tuvo la oportunidad de acudir a la Universidad de Illinois por medio del programa de verano de investigación y oportunidades (Summer Research Opportunities Program). Patiño dice que mientras que exploraba el Internet en busca de oportunidades de estudios universitarios, ella descubrió una página que la conduciría hasta "Urbano-Champaign", uno de los campus de la Universidad de Illinois.

Gracias a esa universidad, ella obtuvo una beca, así como transporte y dormitorio durante su estancia que se efectuó desde el 1° de julio hasta el 6 de agosto. También, el programa ASPIRE de UTB/TSC ayudó con los arreglos del viaje.



**Brenici Patiño y Griselda Treviño**

"Mi propósito era aprender más sobre escuelas de posgrado y familiarizarme con ella, lo cual me ayudó a trabajar de una manera más responsable e independiente, donde los profesores te asignan un proyecto y te orientan para que al final del verano entregues una ponencia", dijo Patiño acerca del programa.

Este programa de verano está compuesto por un consorcio de 15 universidades en Michigan, las cuales forman el Comité de Cooperación Institucional. El objetivo es atraer estudiantes para desarrollar en conjunto actividades recreativas.

"El fin de mi viaje fue conocer otro ambiente, obtener información que en un futuro me va a



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servir y obtener una idea más clara, la experiencia que tuve al realizar mis investigaciones fue de una manera más formal en una universidad de prestigio como es la de Illinois", dijo Patiño. "Mi trabajo este verano fue en literatura chilena. Trabajé en la obra de teatro "Héroes y Santos" de la autora Cherry Morgia.

"En el tiempo de mi estancia me di cuenta que el estar lejos de casa te hace ser más responsable y te ayuda a ponerle más empeño a las cosas. Aprendes las diferencias culturales y a convivir con personas de diferentes culturas. A largo plazo quiero llegar a ser una catedrática de universidad, principalmente aquí en la Universidad de Brownsville".

Griselda Treviño fue la otra estudiante que compartió de esta oportunidad. Su especialidad es ciencias. Treviño se enteró de esta beca a través del programa ASPIRE, donde Candace Fetzter, coordinadora del programa le proporcionó una solicitud y le ayudó a llenar los papeles necesarios. Una vez admitida dentro del programa, ella se fue a la universidad de Illinois, también patrocinada por el SROP, por sus siglas en inglés.

"El objetivo de mi viaje fue obtener datos sobre hechos en el impacto ambiental de la armada militar.

"Durante mi estancia en Illinois estuve trabajando para la armada", Treviño dijo. "Mi viaje no fue de vacaciones, fue un trabajo cansado ya que tenía que ir a trabajar de 4 a 5 días por semana, y con un honorario de \$8m. a 4 p.m. Sin embargo, la experiencia general que obtuve del viaje me dio una introducción a lo que es la escuela de maestrías".

Treviño planea continuar sus estudios a nivel maestría en el área de la farmacología

# On Campus



## Groundskeeper gives nature a helping hand

By Erick R. Tripp  
Staff Writer

Those of you who have night classes around 9 o'clock in or near Tandy Hall might have seen a man under a tree in the grassy area next to the Oliveira Library. He is Mike Trevino, a groundskeeper for the Physical Plant Department, and what he is doing is pollinating a sausage, or cucumber, tree (*Kigelia pinnata*).

The sausage tree was planted there around the late 1970s or early '80s. It was brought to campus from Africa during a trip taken by a campus organization.

This is the first year the tree has flowered this abundantly, said J.D. Garza, also of the Physical Plant Department. Trevino and Garza say the recent rains and the installation of an irrigation system might have helped the tree to flower more this year.

The tree is a native of tropical

Africa and grows to 50 feet tall. The flowers, which open only at night, are dark red with white in the center. The flowers are pollinated naturally by bats. However, Trevino pollinates the flowers since there are no bats locally that are interested in the flowers. Since the flowers open only at night, bees and other insects do not get the chance to pollinate the flowers.

The sausage tree blooms from autumn to spring, but since our climate is different from its native climate it flowers in the spring and summer.

Trevino began pollinating the tree in August. He pollinates the flowers by bringing two cordlike stems together. He then rubs the flowers together, transferring the pollen from the stamens of one flower to the pistil of the other.

Although the flowers of the sausage tree are beautiful, don't be tempted by its poisonous fruit.

Clockwise from left: the sausage tree in bloom, groundskeeper Mike Trevino in action, and the tree's blossoms.  
Photos by Erick Tripp







## Roque instrumental in extending Hispanic heritage celebration

By Lysset Martínez  
*Tempa Nuevo Editor*

Hispanic Heritage Month has been celebrated here for years, but few on campus know that a UTB/TSC administrator was responsible for extending the national observance from a week to a month.

Margarita Roque, vice president for Institutional Advancement, worked for nearly a year to successfully persuade Congress to approve the extension, which it did in 1989. At the time, Roque was legislative director of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus in Washington, D.C.

The idea of expanding the observance was suggested to Roque by Gilberto Coronado, then a retired Army colonel and now an administrator with the Selective Service.

"I knew this was going to be a great advance for the Hispanic community, and if other minority groups, such as African-Americans have an entire month to celebrate their heritage, then why not us?" Roque said.

"If Hispanics are the largest minority group in this country, then they deserve a month, not a

week" to celebrate their heritage, Roque said.

After Congress' approval of Hispanic Heritage Month, it was discovered that the Library of Congress did not have information about Hispanic culture. Roque decided to do something about it.

Frank du Varona, a Cuban historian, provided Roque with an extensive historical reference collection on Hispanic culture. Roque sent those historical data to the Library of Congress, which made copies of them.

"Many teachers across the country, but principally North and South Dakota, would call me to find out what Hispanics eat and what their customs are," Roque said. "It's incredible that they asked these questions, but for those who don't know anything about us, well... it's important to know..."

"Superficially, we are different, but once [other groups] get to know us, they find out that we have a lot in common."

The national and local celebration began Wednesday and will continue through Oct. 15. Activities here include concerts, plays, films and lectures (see schedule on Page 6 of The Collegian).

"It is a well-organized event, which offers opportunities for the community of Brownsville," said Farhat Iftikharuddin, interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts and coordinator of the campus celebration. "It is a marvelous experience. The events are free, with the exception of one or two activities."



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The Brownsville Society for the Performing Arts opened its new season on Saturday with "Musica Española," a concert of classical music from Spain, at Lopez High School. Cellist Jimena Güemez Cacho and pianist Sergio Viquez performed works by Manuel de Falla, Enrique Granados, Federico Mompou, Gaspar Cassado, and Joaquín Nin y Castellanos.

## 100 percent pass rate on ExCET

By Melissa Cantú  
*Collegian Online Editor*

Heroes come in all forms. Just because they are not as evident as Hercules or Joan of Arc, doesn't mean there are no heroes walking the halls of this campus. Three faculty members of the Department of Mathematics, Associate Professor Zhong-Ling Xu, Lecturer Jerzy Mogilski and Assistant Professor Jorge Navarro, formed a coalition to help their students pass the ExCET and succeeded.

Mogilski said 100 percent of the 19 UTB/TSC stu-

dents who took the test during the 1998-99 academic school year passed. All were first-year test takers and 17 of them passed it on their first attempt.

However, there is a dispute between ExCET officials and UTB/TSC over the passing rate, the professors said. ExCET officials recorded the passing rate as 94 percent, Mogilski and Xu said, because they included a student who first took the test in 1987 and forgot to include another student who was classified as a first-year test taker. The professors have contact-

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## Student hurt in fall, sues school

By Debra Wilborn  
*Collegian Editor*

Carlos Mendez, a biology student who graduated in May 1998, is suing UTB/TSC for injuries he suffered when he slipped and fell on campus in October 1997.

According to the Office of the Attorney General, which is representing UTB/TSC, the trial has been rescheduled several times. Originally, the case was to be tried

March 3, 1999, in the 357th Judicial District Court of Cameron County and named UTB/TSC and custodian Richard Martínez as defendants. However, the trial was rescheduled for Aug. 2 and then Aug. 30. Recently, lawyers for Mendez amended the petition to add AM-KO Inc., a Texas company that had the UTB/TSC housekeeping contract at the time, as another defendant.

The trial now is scheduled for Nov. 1.

According to the plaintiff's second amended original petition and a notice of claim sent to UTB/TSC President Juliet V. Garcia on Oct. 30, 1997, Mendez was walking with a professor on the second floor of Eichman when Mendez slipped and fell on water leaking from a pipe. When

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Margarita Roque

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**Alpha Kappa Psi**, a business fraternity, meets Fridays at 1 p.m. in North Hall 217. For more information, call Maribel Salinas at 550-0382.

The Learning Assistance Center will sponsor a **Studying for A's Fest** Sept. 28-29 in North Hall 116. The Sept. 28 study skills workshops are "Boosting Brain Power," 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; "Time Management," 11 a.m. to noon; "Reducing Math Anxiety," 2 to 3 p.m., and

"Preparing For and Taking Essay Exams," 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. The Sept. 29 workshops are "Reducing Test Anxiety," 9 to 10 a.m.; "Study Smarter," 11 a.m. to noon; "Problem-Solving Strategies," 1 to 2 p.m., and "Test-Taking Tips," 3 to 4 p.m. No pre-registration is necessary and all workshops are free. For more information, call the LAC at 544-8208.

The **Catholic Campus Ministry** continues its six-week

lecture series at 7 tonight in the Newman Center. The lectures are based on "The Catechism of the Catholic Church" and are presented by Grace MacKinnon, director of Adult Religious Formation for the Diocese of Brownsville. For more information, call 542-3942.

The **Alliance Francaise** will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 1 at Coleman Hall on the campus of the Marine Military Academy in Harlingen. Mary Ricciardi, a French instruc-

tor at the academy, will give a lecture in English on medieval customs. The public is invited. For more information, call Milo Kearney at 544-8836.

The **Collegian Press Club** meets at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Publications Office, located in the Student Center. For more information, call 544-8263.

### "Lawsuit"

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Mendez felt, he "sustained injuries, including a serious injury to his left knee." Campus medical personnel and campus police took reports regarding the incident.

The plant in Edman had been "watered or excessively watered" by Richard Martinez, an employee of UTB/TSC, the lawsuit alleges. The suit charges the defendants with negligence in "one or more of the following respects:

1. Improperly placing the plant at issue;
  2. Failing to have a reservoir or container to prevent leakage from the plant;
  3. Improperly watering the plant;
  4. Failing to clean up (or properly clean up) the water draining from the plant;
  5. Failing to place proper warnings; and/or
  6. Failing to have a policy in effect providing for the safe maintenance of plants and the premises in general."
- The petition also alleges that defendants UTB/TSC, Martinez and AM-KO knew of the "dangerous condition" of the floor and the "unreasonable risk of harm" it posed to the plaintiff and other students. Furthermore, it alleges the defendants "failed to exercise ordinary care to protect plaintiff from the danger, by failing to adequately warn plaintiff" of the wet floor.

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"and/or to make that condition reasonably safe. The failure of defendants to use such care proximately caused plaintiff's injuries."

The petition states that "all time defendants ... [defendants] ... were acting within the course and scope of their employment or official duties."

Mendez seeks to recover damages in the form of physical pain, mental anguish, and physical impairment and loss of physical capacity he has suffered in the past and will in "reasonably probability suffer in the future." He also seeks to recover the "reasonable cost of necessary medical and health care treatment" received and will need in the future, and costs of court.

The day of the accident, the lawsuit states, Mendez sought treatment from Dr. B.N. Lakshminathan, a Brownsville orthopedic surgeon. An MRI revealed the need for surgery, and on Dec. 17, 1997, Lakshminathan performed arthroscopy and arthrolysis, recovering and reattaching a ruptured muscle. As of April 14, 1998, Mendez had incurred medical bills "exceeding \$15,000" and was still undergoing physical therapy at Lash's facility, the suit states.

Attorneys for Mendez are Phil A. Bellamy and Nue D. Garza Jr. Bellamy declined comment on the case, saying it would be "inappropriate" to discuss it before it went to trial.

### ExCET workshops, test dates and registration deadlines

Series	Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Benchmark	Workshop 3	Registration	ExCET
2	Oct. 24	Oct. 31	Nov. 7	Dec. 4	Nov. 20	Dec. 5
3	Dec. 12	Dec. 19	Jan. 9	Feb. 6	Jan. 15	Feb. 20
4	Feb. 13	Feb. 20	Feb. 27	Apr. 10	Mar. 12	Apr. 17
5	May 8	May 15	May 22	Jan. 5	May 28	Jun. 12

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of the ExCET officials to resolve the matter.

The professors formed the coalition in 1997, spurred by concern among administration and the department over the poor performance of students in the ExCET for secondary mathematics teachers.

Xu, Mogilski and Navarro conducted a study of ways to improve student performance. During their study, they noticed a trend with test takers. First they would go to the exam and take the test just to see it. Then they would try to remember the types of problems that were on the test. Next they would study. Last they would take the test only to fail it again. The process would be repeated.

"Repeated takers take the test over and over because of some hope for luck," Xu said, "as if they were playing the lottery."

"We wanted to change that attitude," Mogilski added.

Before the study, the faculty first responded to low first-year passing rates by simply trying to improve the test-taking skills of the students, Mogilski said. Efforts to improve their skills resulted in even lower first-year passing rates. The first-year pass rate is the number of examinations passed during an academic year on the first attempt divided by the number of first attempts during that year.

For 1996-97, the first-year pass rate was 48.48 percent. For 1997-98, the rate decreased to 21.43 percent.

According to the study, Xu, Mogilski and Navarro discovered several needs and addressed them with a "blitzkrieg" approach. This included increasing the number of ExCET workshops, preparing new handouts for participants that include sample questions and test-taking suggestions, utilizing the course "Special Problems in Mathematics" as an ExCET review, aligning curriculum with ExCET competencies, establishing a clearance system for the mathematics test-takers, using the State Board for Educator Certification ExCET Practice Exam as a benchmark and offering intense tutoring.

They found that about 40 percent of the competencies on the exam are not covered by the curriculum and that active participants in the workshops increased their scores significantly in the practice test.

What is impressive is that Xu, Mogilski and Navarro are implementing the approach by themselves. The professors not only teach a full course load, but also spend hours helping students prepare for the ExCET. Students now must take two workshops before taking the benchmark test. Students then must take a third workshop to address problems they missed on the benchmark. Students cannot

take the ExCET without passing the benchmark test.

The workshops are six hours each. They are conducted on Saturdays voluntarily by the three professors, outside of their regular workloads. On average, 10 to 20 students participate in the workshops. Xu, Mogilski and Navarro also spend hours tutoring students one-on-one.

Mogilski and Xu said students tend to memorize formulas and procedures and don't learn to use life's experiences to answer mathematical questions.

"We are taking a very serious approach," Mogilski said. "We're trying to change their way of thinking."

"We want [students] to use critical thinking," Xu said.

Xu, Mogilski and Navarro provide "a happy and relaxed atmosphere and a vivid and vigorous mathematical environment" and encourage students to use their intuition for solving problems. They include everything they possibly can in their workshops as long as the students are actively participating and improving their performance.

"We have a very different idea of teaching, and we teach our own way," Mogilski said.

The statistics prove their way works. And they have the endless phone calls of students thanking them after passing the ExCET.



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# On Campus

## Gorgas members trek through Costa Rican rainforest

By Rachel Benavidez

Staff Writer

Members of Gorgas Science Society ventured into the rain forests of Costa Rica during a two-week trip in August. Sixteen student members joined Genaro Lopez, a biology professor, Jose Martin and Alma Solis, dean and associate dean of the College of Science, Math and Technology, respectively.

The group watched turtles nesting on a beach, rappelled through trees 60 feet in the air, climbed an active volcano, and bathed in a hot water spring said to have healing powers.

The society originally planned to visit India. However, they discovered that more members would be able to travel to Costa Rica because it was more economical. Cost per member was about \$1,200. The trip was partly funded by a grant from the Gladys Porter Zoo in recognition of the society's work with the Students Teaching Students program, where UTB/TSC students developed a curriculum on endangered species and presented it to schoolchildren and zoo visitors.

Gorgas also held fund-raisers to help pay for the trip.

The group visited the Centro Agronomica Tropical de Investigaciones y Enseñanza

(CATIE), a research facility in tropical agriculture for Central America that also grants master's and doctorate degrees.

"[CATIE officials] were very impressed with the bilingual skills of the students," Lopez said. "They hope that some of them will consider working or studying there after graduation."

Also on the itinerary was the Instituto Nacional de Biología (INBIO). The group visited INBIO to learn about their work with cataloging the plant and animal life of Costa Rica.

Another factor in choosing Costa Rica, Lopez said, is that it "specializes in ecotourism. ... We wanted to see and experience the tropical rainforest in its natural state."

And that is exactly what they did.

The students embarked on a "canopy tour," which led them to a wildlife preserve at Rincon de la Vieja. They saw several species that they had never seen before or had seen only in captivity.

"Howler monkeys woke us up at 8:30 in the morning," said Lopez, who imitated their call for this reporter.

The group also spotted several snakes, birds, parrots, butterflies and tree sloths.

As they climbed the Arenal volcano, which last erupted in 1968, it began to gram-

ble and erupted in "a huge column of white smoke," Lopez said.

"How lucky for us!" he said of the unexpected eruption.

The group traveled from the beaches and volcanoes of Costa Rica's Caribbean coastline, through its rainforests and to the country's beautiful West Coast in 14 days.

"We experienced a lot," said Veronica Estrada, a Gorgas Science Society member, who said her "most lasting memory" of the trip would be Playa Carrillo, and the palm trees that were "right on the beach."

"It was beautiful," she said "We had a blast!"

Over half of Gorgas' members are non-science majors. Lopez hopes "that they will develop an emotional attachment to the natural world ... whatever field they're in."

"Costa Rica has no standing army ... and is a very green country with a nearly 90 percent literacy rate," Lopez said. "Over 25 percent of the country is part of the national parks system ... a wonderful contribution."

Costa Rica is an agricultural society. "There are many farmers who don't have many material things, but are still prosperous. ... There are different ways to be successful," Lopez said.

He hopes students see that "peace can be prosperous."



PHOTO COURTESY OF GORGAS SCIENCE SOCIETY  
Members of Gorgas Science Society find a waterfall in Costa Rica.

## Emerald Isle gives Moore new perspective on school

By Rachel Benavidez

Staff Writer

Wayne Moore, vice president for Administration and Partnership Affairs, has returned to UTB/TSC after a one-year absence. In that year, Moore served as chief financial officer for the National College of Ireland (NCI) and believes that his more than 20 years of experience at UTB/TSC prepared him.

During a conversation with NCI President Joyce O'Connor at Harvard University's Institution for Education Management last year, the two administrators found that their universities were similar in many ways.

"[We] have similar student bodies," Moore said, adding that NCI is trying to provide access to students who did not have access in the past and is in the process of building a new campus.

"They have outgrown the place they're in now," he said.

"I had experience with a growing institution with a similar mis-

sion ... and with building and programming new buildings," Moore said, referring to UTB/TSC.

Shortly thereafter, O'Connor visited UTB/TSC and offered Moore the job. The original request was that he stay for two years.

"I didn't want to be away from home for two years," he said, "and I thought it would be too long to be away from the institution here. It would not be to the benefit of UTB/TSC for me to be gone for two years."

They agreed he would stay for only one year.

NCI also had recently lost its registrar. Moore's plan for his year there was "to provide them with enough guidance and enough of my experience, that in the time that I was there, we would hire a registrar and we would spend some time together." Moore hoped that he could "provide a smooth transition" within a year.

He felt it was "best for both institutions."



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Wayne Moore

Just as he hoped NCI would benefit from his experience, Moore would also learn from his time there. When he went to Ireland, he knew only one person.

"I never had to go to another place and start all over," he said. Moore describes the system of higher education and culture in Ireland as "very different" from our own. "I had to learn a lot," he said.

Asked what of his experience he would incorporate at UTB/TSC, Moore replied, "I realized that one

of the things I needed to do here, more than I had already been doing, was listening and getting more information before making some decisions. The one thing I learned that changed my view here a lot ... is that at UTB/TSC, we think of ourselves as very poor school compared to other institutions. ... In fact, we are a very rich school ... in facilities and all kinds of things."

Higher education is more accessible in the United States than in Ireland and other small countries, although, he said "they are working on making it more accessible."

Moore said that seeing how many more resources and the level of accessibility we enjoy in comparison to other institutions gave him a "perspective on how lucky we are."

Moore's stay in Ireland was not all work. He did "a lot" of walking, sightseeing and even some mountain climbing. He changed his diet while in Ireland and enjoyed a pleasant climate. All this activity

left him 15 pounds lighter.

Serving in his place as interim vice president for Administration and Partnership Affairs was Antonio Zavaleta, former dean of the College of Liberal Arts and now vice president for External Affairs.

Moore says he is "very pleased" with the department's progress in his absence and is happy to report "no problems there."

Upon his return, Moore found that he has much to do. In addition to overseeing Administration and Partnership Affairs, he is serving as interim vice president for Business Affairs until the position is filled.

Upcoming projects for Moore will include overseeing construction of a new bookstore, a technical center, a new Life and Health Sciences Building, choosing an architect for a new student union and paving more areas for parking lots.

For more information on the National College of Ireland, access its Web page: [www.nci.ie](http://www.nci.ie)

# Viewpoint

## Straightening out those mixed messages

By Tom Harlan

### College Press Exchange

Professors must think students are stupid. After reading the Princeton Review rankings, they probably think they know why we spend all day doodling, drooling and daydreaming. What they don't realize is that the problems between us and them are often because of poor communication, not barge drinking.

It's hard to listen to instructors when you don't know what they are saying. So here are some funny forwards that will help you understand your teacher's lectures.

Here's what professors say (and what they really mean):

This reads some minor revision. (I never actually got around to reading this.)

My office hours are by appointment only. (I'm never in my office.)

Ten percent of your grade is based on class participation. (I'll be judging your grades.)

This won't be on the test. (Nap time!)

Bring the text to class. (I don't have a clue how to lecture—we'll just kill time with group read-alongs.)

Not much is known about... (I don't know anything about)

We'll be spending a fair amount of time on this important concept. (This was my dissertation topic.)

Talk to me in my office after class. (Get out of my face.)

Don't come in late during my lecture. (I have the attention span of a fruit fly.)

Save your questions until the end. (See above.)

The first will be comprehensive. (I'll expect you to recapitulate in two hours everything I couldn't fully cover in 15 weeks.)

Everyone will prepare in-class oral presentations. (This course is outside my specialty—I'll just bluff it and let YOU teach.)

There are two TAs available to help you. (I can't be bothered.)

This year I'll be scaling the grades. (I just passed tenure review.)

Let's break up into quiet discussion groups. (I have a hangover.)

Let's have class outdoors today! (I had beans for lunch.)

You won't be able to sell the text back to the bookstore. (My contract wasn't picked up.)

Well, that answer would be beyond the scope of the course. (I haven't a clue.)

Ha, ha. (That was supposed to be funny.)

Please note the last day to withdraw. (The midterm's gonna hurt.)

The answer to number four is "b," and just skip number 17. (I only got around to making up the test last night.)

I haven't had a chance to make up the syllabus for this course yet. (The department chair stuck me with teaching this course at the last possible minute.)

Well, it was on the syllabus. (I'll hold you responsible for this even though I forgot about it myself.)

Attendance is required and will be counted in your grade. (I'm so boring no one would show up otherwise.)

Read chapters five through 10. (I'm not coming in at all next week.)

Let's go over the exams. (Half of you failed.)

It was in the textbook. (I made it up.)

I'm postponing today's exam. (There's snuff on the exam I forgot to cover.)

Don't write on the question sheet. (I'm so lazy I just use the same exams every semester.)

Next time we'll see a film. (I ran out of lecture material.)

Don't worry, that won't be on the exam. (Ask someone who cares.)



ROBERT COOPER/COLLEGIAN

The TV Room's new look. Call it Slim-Fast.

What do you think about the newly renovated, but smaller TV Room?

"It's a bit uncomfortable, but it serves its purpose."

—Dalia Saenz,  
Freshman political science major

"It has its up side, like it doesn't take up space—space that could be used for other purposes. Its down side is that it gets a little cramped, but it's worth it."

—Arturo Cantu,  
Freshman accounting major

"Well, I don't like it. It's too small and the chairs are uncomfortable. I think that they should... build a bigger one."

—Rosa Sanchez,  
Freshman education major

"I don't know. I am still trying to get in, it's that small!"

—Mauro Castillo,  
Sophomore criminal justice major

## Student Soapbox

## Essay Contest

The Collegian is sponsoring an essay contest in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, which begins Sept. 15.

The theme of the essay should be a response to "What Do Hispanics Need to Succeed Today?"

Essays can be in English or Spanish and should be two double-spaced, typewritten pages. The essays must be turned in to the Office of the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, South Hall 246, by 5 p.m. Sept. 30.

Luis Rodriguez-Abud, associate professor of Behavioral Sciences, and Cipriano Cardenas, chairman of the Modern Languages department, will judge the essays.

The five best essays will be published along with photos of the winners in the Oct. 8 issue.

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## Volleyball profile



**Name:** Idalia Vanessa Haro Castillo (No. 6)  
**Position:** Middle blocker/  
 outside hitter  
**Classification:** Freshman  
**Height:** 5'11"  
**Hometown:** Guadalajara,  
 Jalisco, Mexico  
**Major:** Neurology or  
 Orthopedics

"Vane" arrived Sept. 9, several days after the start of the fall

semester, but she has a good excuse. She was a member of Mexico's National Women's Volleyball Team and was still competing with that group when classes started here.

Her main objectives are to get an education and some day give her parents everything they have given her.

Haro said it was easy saying yes to Head Volleyball Coach Brian Funk when he asked her to come to UTB/TSC. It was tougher to persuade Haro's father to let her join the team.

"He assured my father in a letter that what I was being offered, I would get," she said. "It was then that my father accepted. I think that if it wasn't for [Funk's easygoing personality], I wouldn't be here."

After her start here, she hopes to play for a larger university and study medicine.

"Volleyball is not everything for me," she said. "It is just the way for me to get an education."

Haro says it has not been easy integrating into Team Sting after a late start.

"They already have a game and I have to make myself fit in there," Haro said, adding that communicating with the setter is the most important task she has. Haro doesn't speak English yet and setter Nicki Gonzalez speaks little Spanish.

Playing on the Mexican team has made Haro a world traveler. She has competed in Japan, Cuba, the Netherlands and other countries.

"Many people think it is easy to be able to go to all these places but the truth is that people don't see the sacrifices," such as leaving one's family and friends behind.

—Jessica Ariaga



By Jessica Ariaga/Collegian

Members of the UTB/TSC Men's Soccer Club warm up before Saturday's season opener against Texas A&M-Kingville at Antonio Gonzalez Park. No game took place, however, because the referee showed up about 15 minutes late. A&M refused to play, saying UTB/TSC had to forfeit the game, according to club President Bernie Peña. The Scorpions countered by saying A&M should have played "under protest." UTB/TSC has asked Ted Michael, president of the Texas Collegiate Soccer League, to resolve the dispute. The Scorpions are scheduled to play Lamar University in Beaverton at 1 p.m. Saturday and Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogoches at 1 p.m. Sunday.

## Salcedo guides team on, off court

By Maricela Gonzalez  
 Staff Writer

At 22, Kinesiology senior Janet Salcedo has two things on her mind: her studies and trying to guide this year's volleyball team into Nationals as the assistant coach to Brian Funk. But before Salcedo can spring out of the ol' mop, the eight girls on Team Sting must first work together to achieve short-term goals. The next three conferences will determine whether they will qualify for the NCAA National Championship Competition.

In 1995, Salcedo played the outside hitter and defensive specialist, helping the team to place fifth in national competition.

"As long as I can remember, Coach Funk has always stressed teamwork and the

need to put egos aside by speaking of the rewards of belief and perseverance," Salcedo said. "I try to incorporate that into the lesson as well."

As an assistant coach, she has



Janet Salcedo

"to" to do. She runs practice when Funk is in a meeting and even checks the girls' curfew at their living quarters.

"I guess the greatest challenge for me has been the

transition that I made from being a player to a coach," Salcedo said. "It's hard to not want to be out there with the girls. Sometimes I see myself through them."

Recently another assistant coach, Lidka Ellis, resigned. When asked about that Salcedo said, "She will be missed." Then with a smile she retorts, "She still comes around though."

The love of the game is apparent in Salcedo and it is obvious she is confident of this team.

"I think that a lot of students aren't really aware of the quality of volleyball that we have here," she said.

As the interview draws to a close, the girls begin to gather around her and practice begins. Team Sting is on the prowl and Janet Salcedo couldn't be prouder.

The Collegian is seeking volunteer writers to cover Scorpion sports. For more information, call 544-8263.

Date	Opponent/Tourney	Place	Time
Sept. 16	Southwest Missouri State-WP	West Plains, Mo	7 p.m.
Sept. 17-18	SMSU- West Plains Invitational	West Plains, Mo	9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Date	Opponent/Tourney	Place	Time
Sept. 18	Lamar University	Antonio Gonzalez Park	3 p.m.
Sept. 19	Our Lady of the Lake	San Antonio	3 p.m.
Sept. 25	North Harris College	Houston	3 p.m.

# Hispanic Heritage Month Events

## Today

7 to 9 p.m.

SET-B Lecture Hall  
Film  
"La Ciudad"

A cinema verité account of immigrants in New York City directed by John Riker

Presented by the University  
Cinema Club

## Monday, Sept. 20

6 to 7 p.m.

Endowment Courtyard  
Concert

Estudiantina: Sombra Verde  
Presented by Pace High School

## Tuesday, Sept. 21

12:15 to 1:15 p.m.

SET-B Lecture Hall  
"Daende" and the Poetry of Garcia Lorca

Poetry reading, Flamenco music and discussion of the concept of "duende" and awakening the creativity of the Spanish character  
Presented by Genaro Lopez, biology professor

## Wednesday, Sept. 22

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Student Center  
Health Concerns Symposium  
Blood Drive  
Sponsored by Student Health Services  
& American Red Cross

Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Student Center  
Mariachi/Folklorico Performance  
Directed by Antonio Brisello of Fine Arts and Zelma Mata of Kinesiology

## Thursday, Sept. 23

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Student Center  
Health Concerns Symposium  
Health Fair sponsored by Valley Regional Medical Center  
Herbal remedies, alternative medicine, Ask the Doctor booth  
Free immunization: diphtheria booster, MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine and tuberculosis test

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Student Center  
American Red Cross blood drive

1:40 to 2:55 p.m.

South Building 106

Class Presentation

"Rio Grande Ranching: An Historical Perspective 1865-1920: Tejanos and Hispanos"  
Presented by Jim Sullivan, Social Sciences Department

## Friday, Sept. 24

8 to 10 p.m.

SET-B Lecture Hall  
Concert  
San Antonio Early Music Ensemble: A Celebration of Hispanic Composers

Features early music by Hispanic composers of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance performed on authentic instruments of the period  
(Admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and \$3 for children and UTB/TSC students with ID.)

Sponsored by UTB/TSC Patron of the Arts program

## Saturday, Sept. 25

8 to 10 p.m.

SET-B Lecture Hall  
Concert  
UTB/TSC Music Faculty Showcase: From Zarzuela to Salsa

Faculty will perform works of Hispanic composers, from the Baroque to the 20th century.  
(Admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and \$3 for children and UTB/TSC students with ID.)

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### Schedule of Films

(To be shown at the Benito Longoria Conference Room in the Oliveira Library)

#### Sept. 20 and Sept. 22

9 to 10:45 a.m.: "Like Water for Chocolate"  
10:45-11:45 a.m.: "Gabriel Garcia Marquez"

1 to 3 p.m.: "Sunset 15"

3 to 3:30 p.m.: "Spirit Doctors"  
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.: "Diego Rivera"

#### Sept. 21 and Sept. 23

9 to 10:45 a.m.: "Ballad of Gregorio Cortez"

10:45 to 11:45 a.m.: "Mito, Rituales, y Costumbres Azteca"  
1 to 2:40 p.m.: "House of Bernarda Alba"

2:40 to 3:40 p.m.: "Tenechitlan"  
3:40 to 4 p.m.: "Frida Kahlo"  
4 to 4:30 p.m.: "Dr. Americo Paredes"

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# Tiempo Nuevo

## Roque logró extender celebración

Por Lysette Martínez

*Editora de Tiempo Nuevo*

Se ha celebrado el mes de la herencia hispana en el campus por años, pero pocos saben que una administradora aquí fue responsable por la extensión de las festividades de una semana a un mes.

Margarita Roque, vicerrectora de Desarrollo Académico de UTB/TSC, es una de las figuras principales en este evento nacional. Roque trabajó por casi un año para lograr convencer a los congresistas para la aprobación de dicho propósito en 1989. En ese tiempo ella era directora legislatadora con el comité hispano del congreso en Washington, D.C.

La idea de extender la celebración se la sugirió Gilberto Coronado, entonces retirado coronel de la armada de los Estados Unidos y ahora administrador de los servicios selectos.

"Yo me di cuenta de que este sería un gran avance para la comunidad hispana, y si otros grupos minoritarios como los afro-americanos tienen un mes entero [febrero] para la celebración de sus raíces [Black History Month], entonces ¿por qué nosotros no?", dijo Roque.

Ellos trabajaron así como los hispanos, antes solo tenían una semana para celebrar su cultura, pero a partir de los años 60, esta celebración se extendió a un mes.

"Si en este país los hispanos son la minoría más grande, entonces merecen tener un mes y no una semana para dedicar con orgullo a los hispanos" dijo Roque.

A partir de la aprobación del congreso de la celebración del mes de la hispanidad, se descubrió que la biblioteca del congreso no

contaba con información sobre la cultura hispana. Es entonces que Roque, una vez más, decidió hacer algo al respecto y se puso a la tarea de buscar dicha información.

Frank de Viroña, historiador cubano, fue quien le proporcionó a Roque una muy extensa recopilación de datos históricos referentes a la cultura hispana. Roque envió estos datos a la biblioteca del congreso y ahí le hicieron copias. Desde entonces esa biblioteca ha usado esa información para el propósito de la celebración de las fiestas hispanas.

"Muchas maestras de diferentes escuelas del país, principalmente de North y South Dakota, me llamaban para preguntarme lo que como un hispano, también querían saber cuáles son sus costumbres" dijo Roque. "Es increíble que hicieran [esas] preguntas, pero para aquellos que no saben nada de nosotros, pues... eso es importante saberlo...."

"En lo superficial somos diferentes, pero una vez que se nos da la oportunidad de conocernos mejor, se dan cuenta de que tenemos muchas cosas en común."

"Este es un programa muy bien organizado, que ofrece oportunidades para la población de Brownsville en general" dijo Farhat Iftekharuddin, decano interino del Colegio de Artes Liberales y además coordinador de Hispanic Heritage Month aquí. "Es una experiencia maravillosa. Las sesiones son gratuitas con excepción de una o dos actividades."

"Vengan y tomen ventaja de esta celebración cultural. Hagan de UTB/TSC un lugar de reunión y entusiasmo. Inviten a su comunidad para que disfruten de esta oportunidad de aprendizaje y entretenimiento".

## El estudiante de hoy



Por Daniela Ortigón  
Reportera

**Nombre:** Rosy Salinas

**Edad:** 18 años

**Preparatoria:** Colegio Don Bosco

**Especialidad:** Negocios Internacionales

**Reconocimientos:** "Cuando estaba en la preparatoria del colegio Don Bosco pertenecía a la escuela y aborrecía en la universidad se entregaron dos reconocimientos del director de la facultad de negocios por mi alto nivel académico".

**Reto más grande:** "Es poder llegar a graduarme de la universidad con honores y con un promedio alto".

**Metas:** "Es graduarme en el año 2003, salir de la universidad bien, obtener un buen puesto en un banco y ser exitosa en cualquier cosa que emprenda".

**Pasatiempos:** "Es tomar clases de aerobics, salir a bailar, ir al cine, ir de compras, nadar y también ir a la playa".

**Anécdota:** "Fue cuando entré a la universidad en primer semestre llegué y estaba sola sin amigos de la preparatoria entonces en la clase de matemáticas poco a poco fui avanzando el semestre nos empezamos a conocer uno con otro y al último ya todo fue como en la prepa todos nos conocíamos muy bien".

**Que ha hecho en beneficio de tu comunidad?**

"Cuando estaba en la preparatoria fui voluntaria en un orfanato de Matamoros ayudando a organizar juegos y a convivir con los niños que estaban ahí".

**¿Si pudieras cambiar algo en el campus, que harías?**

"Me gustaría que fuera más grande, que tuviera dormitorios propiedad de la universidad y que hubiera una alberca techada".

## Programa realiza sueños de educación

Por Daniela Ortigón

*Reportera*

Cincuenta estudiantes de preparatoria están participando cada año en un programa que los orienta y prepara para asistir a la universidad.

Alberto Villarreal, director del programa Upward Bound, dice que trabajan con estudiantes de preparatoria del noveno al doceavo grado a los cuales se les ofrecen actividades para el desarrollo académico, preparatorios para que cuando lleguen a la universidad se sientan cómodos, y tengan una mejor idea sobre lo que se va a hacer en la universidad.

Este programa fue fundado hace 4 años por el gobierno federal por medio del Higher Education Act (acta de educación superior) de 1965. Hay aproximadamente 600 programas de Upward Bound en diferentes colegios de los Estados Unidos, incluyendo UTB/TSC.

"Tenemos dos programas nuevos [este año] los cuales son Upward Bound matemático-ciencia, el cual va a ayudar a estudiantes de Harlingen y San

Benito, y el programa de Veteranos Upward Bound para todo el condado de Cameron", dijo Villarreal.

A los estudiantes del último año de preparatoria, se les enseña como llenar solicitudes para entrar a la universidad, para la ayuda financiera, las inscripciones y registración de las clases.

Dentro de este programa se realizan viajes para que los estudiantes visiten otras universidades del estado de Texas como UT-San Antonio, University of Houston, UT-Austin, para conocerlas.

También se dan pláticas sobre las carreras con las que cuentan estas universidades, invitamos a oficiales de policía, jueces, doctores de la comunidad para que los orienten", dijo Villarreal.

El programa Upward Bound no tiene ningún costo. Los estudiantes reciben una cuota de 40 dólares cada mes por participar.

Para entrar a este programa hay que cumplir ciertos requisitos los cuales son: que los padres de los estudiantes no se hayan graduado de universidad, que los



Alberto Villarreal

estudiantes estén clasificados con bajos ingresos, y que necesiten ayuda académica. "Lo más importante es que tengan el potencial para terminar la universidad", dijo Villarreal.

Dos sábados cada mes Upward Bound les ofrece clases de matemáticas, lectura, ortografía, ciencias de computación, investigación de materias y carreras. De lunes a jueves se da ayuda académica. Se proveen servicios de orientación en áreas académicas, ayuda financiera, y exploración de carreras. También los estudiantes asisten al laboratorio de computadoras. Por 6 semanas

durante el verano en UTB/TSC, toman clases sin crédito para aprender.

Juan Manuel Cardona, ex-participante de Upward Bound y que está en el primer año de universidad, dijo, "Yo me gradué de la preparatoria Lopez en el onceavo año de preparatoria. Desde que entré a la preparatoria me involucré en el programa y hasta el momento todavía me están ayudando. Es un programa que te mantiene activo, requiere de atención, te enseña a ser responsable. Nos da muchas experiencias muy buenas y que puedo usar a futuro; todo lo que aprendemos lo aplicamos aquí."

Margie Mancillas, asistente a la vicerrectora de asuntos estudiantiles, obtuvo una subvención federal para fundar el programa aquí hace 4 años. La cantidad que se les otorga son 240,000 dólares por año para los costos del programa. En la actualidad son 52 los estudiantes, que ya se graduaron de preparatoria y ahora están en universidad.

Para mayor información llame al 544-3846 o visite la

# ELECTION DAY

## SGA Needs You!

Become involved and run for an SGA Officer or Representative Position during the fall elections September 29-30. Candidate filing deadline is at noon September 24 in the Office of Student Activities.

# Adopt-a-Beach Cleanup!

Sept. 18-South Padre Island

Sign up at the Office  
of Student Activities.



# Come by the Career Zone

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# Give the gift of life Donate Blood



The American Red Cross will be on campus Wednesday, September 22, and Thursday, September 23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Center. Bring a picture ID. You must eat before donating, and must weigh 110 pounds or more. Refreshments will be served.

Valley Regional Medical Center and other health care agencies will conduct a free health fair on Thursday, September 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact the Student Health Center at Ext. 8951 or 3896.





## Hispanic Heritage Month begins



Alberto Pérez brings out the Mexican flag.

## Teamwork builds record enrollment

By Debra Wilborn  
Collegian Editor

Enrollment for Fall 1999 has broken the record for both the most students enrolled in a semester and the largest enrollment increase since TSC entered into its partnership with UTB, university officials say.

This semester 9,092 students are enrolled at UTB/TSC, an 11.7 percent increase over 1998's enrollment, said Ernesto García, director of Enrollment. This unprecedented double-digit hike follows two years of enrollment decreases. García attributes the surge of students to the new Enrollment Management Task Force, headed by Vice President for Student Affairs Olivia Rivas.

"We started it right before we saw the decrease, so it was good timing for us to start looking at it," García said.

He explained that enrollment management includes recruitment, retention, marketing,

issues in admissions and financial aid, and "almost everything that impacts the student population...."

"We got everybody involved, every department, and so I think it was an effort across the institution that resulted in this particular number increasing so drastically," García said.

García also said that the university is continuing to work in the area of enrollment management and is in the process of hiring an executive director for enrollment services who would be part of overseeing enrollment management initiatives.

"There are several things that we have done, and that we are still strategizing to work with," García said, adding, "We're really trying to highlight those areas [of recruitment and retention]."

García predicts that this increase is the start of a trend, and that hopefully, the percent

By Lysset Martínez  
Tiempo Nuevo Editor

Before dozens of spectators, several UTB/TSC students breathed deeply before exhaling their emotional versions of the *grito* at the Gazebo Plaza last week, signaling Mexico's Independence Day and the start of the Hispanic Heritage Month.

Besides a *grito* contest, students played chalgua, a bagu-like picnic, and listened to traditional Mexican music from Mariachi Escorpión.

The ceremony opened Sept. 15 with the Student Government President Alberto Pérez singing the Mexican national anthem. Some students placed their right hands over their chests and joined in the singing, while others watched. After the Mexican banner was presented to Pérez by members of Club Cultural Latinoamericano, Mariachi Escorpión performed "Adelita." The excitement of the celebration was reflected in the smiles of all present. Some mariachis could not contain their emotions, stamping their feet while playing their violins, guitars and *bandolones* (mandolins).



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Jennifer Robles' *grito* was a crowd favorite.

Angela Salazar, president of Club Cultural Latinoamericano, said the event "is a way of demonstrating what our cultural roots mean and of learning [about them]."

"Perhaps those of us who have lived outside Mexico cannot distinguish the difference between a *grito* contest and the actual cry of independence. This is an excellent opportunity to learn the differ-

See "Grito," page 2

## Drug users could lose financial aid

By Adolfo Mendez  
College Press Exchange

Fogert Jan. 1, 2000. Apparently, more important date—for high school and college students, anyway—could be July 1, 2000.

Software experts are saying wide spread chaos is unlikely to occur when computers role their dates into the New Year, so don't worry about Y2K. But there could be many students adversely affected by another date—July 1—for an unrelated reason.

That's when a federal law goes into effect that could strip students of their college financial aid for any drug conviction, no matter how minor. One conviction could mean a student would lose work-study and financial aid for a full school year.

A Republican-controlled Congress approved the new provision, which is part of the Higher Education Act, and President Clinton signed it into law in October 1998.

See "Drugs," page 2



DEBRA WILBORN/COLLEGIAN

Tony Claudio and Justin Villanueva perform with Mariachi Escorpión Sept. 15.

See "Enrollment," page 2

# On Campus

## Hispanic Heritage Month Events

**Monday, Sept. 27**  
7 to 1:30 p.m.  
SEFB Lecture Hall  
Presentation (for undergraduate and high school students)  
Mexican-American Author: Carmen Tafolla  
Sponsored by the English Department

7 to 9 p.m.  
SEFB Lecture Hall  
Presentation and book signing (for the public)  
Mexican-American Author: Carmen Tafolla  
Sponsored by the English Department

**Tuesday, Sept. 28**  
12:15 to 1:15 p.m.  
SEFB Lecture Hall  
Discussion  
Latin American Students' Panel  
Students from various Latin American countries will speak on the challenges of raising their roots, culture and traditions while living in the United States and on the benefits of attending a border university.  
Sponsored by Student Affairs and the International Student Club

7:30 to 9 p.m.  
Richardson Art Gallery  
Opening  
Eduardo Ybarra, One Man Show  
Exhibit will feature the works of the Hispanic artist. The show ends Oct. 24.

**Wednesday, Sept. 29**  
7 to 9 p.m.  
Edman Hall Auditorium  
Poetry Readings  
Poets from Matamoros  
Sponsored by the Modern Languages Department

**Art**  
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of art and appreciate part of our culture." Nevertheless, one of the most popular activities was the grito contest. Francisco "Panchito" Villarreal, a criminal justice major, and Jennifer Robles, a member of *la familia Escorpiones*, both won first place for their duets and received T-shirts from the club. "I'm glad the university supports this type of art to strengthen ties not only with our neigh-

**Drugs**  
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Drug policy reform advocates: mobilizing on college campuses across the country to overturn the provision. Twelve student governments've endorsed a resolution calling for the drug provision to be removed," says Kris Lotlikar, campus coordinator for Drug Reform Coordination Network, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit organization. The NAACP and -accounting Lotlikar-students on 150 campuses support HR 1053, a bill

**Thursday, Sept. 30**  
4:30 to 6 p.m.  
SEFB Lecture Hall  
"Dad Nascimbu"  
Speakers: Mexican General Benicze Rendón and U.S. Consul George Krupf  
Sponsored by Student Affairs

7:15 to 9 p.m.  
SEFB Lecture Hall  
Concert  
La Misión  
Latin American music group  
Sponsored by Student Affairs

**Friday, Oct. 1**  
7 to 9 p.m.  
Edman Hall Auditorium  
Film  
"Who the Hell is Juliette?"  
Cuban director Carlos Marrochín analyzes the relationship between young women and their fathers.  
Presented by the University Cinema Club

**Monday, Oct. 4**  
Noon to 1 p.m.  
Free Speech Area  
Faculty and Student Original Poetry Reading  
Sponsored by the Modern Languages Department

6 to 7 p.m.  
Endowment Courtyard  
Faculty and Student Original Poetry Reading  
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bor, Mexico, but also with our own traditions," said Thelma González-Sullivan, international student adviser. After the grito contest, many students participated in a game of *chulupa*. "The *chulupa* was [a type of canoe] in which the Aztecs traveled from camp to camp," said Isabel de la Torre Hansen, an adviser in the College of Liberal Arts. The *chulupa*, decorated with flowers, is represented on one of the game cards.

sponsored by U.S. Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), to repeal the drug conviction provision. At George Washington University, in Washington, D.C., student activists plan to convene the first-ever student-run "Sensible Drug Policy Convention" in November, said Lotlikar, a junior at Rochester Institute of Technology in New York.

Convention planners have the backing of NAACP's Youth and College Division, which will co-sponsor the event, said Hewett Senghor, the organization's national college coordinator.

"This is a NAACP bread-and-butter issue. It's our mission to work against anything that works against the advancement of young people," Senghor says.

The problem, Senghor says, is that the new federal aid restriction could worsen an existing imbalance in the justice system when it comes to blacks and whites in jail. Already, more whites are arrested for drug-related offenses than blacks. But African-Americans face convictions at higher rates than whites, she says.

National rates of imprisonment

7:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
SEFB Lecture Hall  
Keynote Speaker  
UTB/TSC President Juliet V. Garcia

**Wednesday, Oct. 6**  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Concert  
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Noon to 2 p.m.  
Tandy 211  
Victim Conference  
"Myths, Realities and the Survival Problems of the Coques in Puerto Rico" is an ecological perspective of the species that are a cultural symbol for all Puerto Ricans. Presented by Rafael Jogler, biology professor at the University of Puerto Rico

7:15 to 9:15 p.m.  
SEFB Lecture Hall  
Panel discussion  
"Hispanic Women's Dilemma: Family or Career?"

Panel participants: Juliet V. Garcia, UTB/TSC president; Denise Joseph, history professor; Sylvia Potts, dean of the School of Education; and Berenice Rendón, Mexican consul.  
Moderator: Luis Rodriguez-Abad, associate professor of Behavioral Sciences

**Friday, Oct. 8**  
7 to 9 p.m.

Mexico celebrates Independence Day (Sept. 16), commemorating the date in which the plan for freedom was begun, said Social Science Professor Anthony Knapp. Similarly, in the United States, July 4 is the day in which the fight for freedom began, he said.

"Many people need to learn more about Mexican history," Knapp said, explaining that the cry for freedom is not "Ay, ay, ay," but actually "¡Viva Mexico! ¡Viva los heroes de la Independencia!"

for African-Americans are higher than for other groups and the number of black drug convictions far outpace that of whites, according to the Sentencing Project, a Washington, D.C. nonprofit group that analyzes criminal justice policy.

Come July, minorities will add another whammy to the existing disproportionate number of drug convictions, Senghor argues: a possible loss of their financial aid.

"You could be a high school senior and make a mistake [with See "Drugs," page 8

SEFB Lecture Hall  
Film  
"The Tango Lesson," directed by Sally Potter  
The film is a celebration of the body in motion and of the tango.  
Presented by the University Cinema Club

**Saturday, Oct. 9**  
10 to 11:30 p.m.  
SEFB Lecture Hall  
Children's Drama  
"La Gotra de Agua"  
This play, performed in Spanish, shows in a non-conventional way the importance of following hygiene norms in order to live a healthy life.  
Presented by Teatro Universitario La Veracruz

7 to 9 p.m.  
Play  
"La Condesación"  
This play, performed in Spanish, deals with cultural and interpersonal conflicts within a Mexican-American family.  
Presented by Teatro Universitario La Veracruz

**Monday, Oct. 11**  
Noon to 1:30 p.m.  
SEFB Lecture Hall  
The Real Meaning of Columbus Day  
Lecture by Luis Rodriguez-Abad, associate professor of Behavioral Sciences  
Readings: Winning essays written by UTB/TSC students for Hispanic Heritage Month

**Tuesday, Oct. 12**  
7 to 9 p.m.  
Jacob Brown Auditorium  
UTB/TSC Wind Ensemble and Community Band Performance

**"Enrollment"**  
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increase will stay in the double-digits. Garcia said the next challenge is to surpass the fall enrollment. He said spring semesters have usually had the highest numbers.

Enrollment numbers are broken down by classification. This semester there are 6,254 students in lower-level courses only, 800 in upper-level, 1,345 in both, and 693 in graduate courses. Since 1993, the university has seen a 28.8 percent increase in enrollment.

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# On Campus

## Millions pray before class worldwide

By Debra Wilborn  
Collegian Editor

At 7 a.m. Sept. 15, millions of students across the globe gathered at their campus flagpoles to invoke the Higher Power. See You At The Pole (SYATP) is a national organization that promotes this day of the year for students to pray on campus for their schools, teachers, government, and each other. SYATP is held at the same time everywhere, from 7 to 8 a.m. on the third Wednesday of September, so everyone participating will be essentially praying together.

According to the SYATP Web site ([www.syatp.com](http://www.syatp.com)), the event began spontaneously with a group of teenagers in Burleson, Texas, at a DiscipleNow convention in early 1990; 45,000 students in four states participated in the first official gathering on Sept. 12 of that year. In 1998, more than 3 million students took part in all 50 states and countries on six continents.

About 27 people prayed at the UTB/TSC pole. "It's pretty much done for high schools and junior high, but we're trying to get it up to the university level," said Melissa Tarres, public relations director with the local chapter of Chi Alpha, a national organization of campus ministries.

Chi Alpha contacted See You At The Pole to

get posters advertising the event.

Although Chi Alpha was the primary supporter of the non-denominational event at UTB/TSC, SYATP is open to anyone who wants to join.

"Sorry you missed out! Chi Alpha has a Bible study on Mondays from 12 to 1 p.m. in Tandy 113, and campus minister David Silva Jr. conducts services on Wednesdays from 12 to 1 p.m. in Eidman 1.

"We'll feed you spiritually and physically," said Silva at the close of last week's service as club members gave McDonald's hamburgers to everyone present.

Students nationwide were encouraged to pray for those displaced by Hurricane Floyd, which interrupted the normal SYATP schedule on the East Coast. The following day, prayer continued for victims and survivors of the tragedy in Fort Worth, where a gunman killed seven people and himself during a rally at Wedgwood Baptist Church.

The rally was a follow-up event for students who were involved in See You at the Pole and "was one of hundreds of similar gatherings being held in communities across the nation to cap a day that began for them at their schools in prayer and worship," a report on the SYATP Web site said.



David Silva Jr. teaches at a Chi Alpha meeting on Wednesday. Chi Alpha was the primary supporter of See You At The Pole at UTB/TSC.

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# Viewpoint

## Student Soapbox

### What has been your weirdest experience in class?

"Leaving class early without the teacher saying anything."

—Paulina Ponce,  
Freshman engineering major

"One semester, a professor would crack up in the middle of his lecture and talk to herself."

—Luzra Castillo,  
Junior criminal justice major

"One professor tried to tie his shoelace while sitting on the stool and almost fell back. The whole class started laughing."

—Maria Castillo,  
Sophomore physical therapy major

"My Spanish professor gave me a certificate for a lifetime supply of enchiladas for getting an A on my English exam."

—Ricky Garza,  
Junior Spanish major

"Finding out that my math class was to be held in a mechanical room."

—Ruben Garcia,  
Senior engineering major

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## Letter to the editor

### FYI classes fun, bargain

I wanted to let the community know how pleased I am with a new program the school has this year: FYI classes. "FYI" stands for "for your information." The program allows almost anyone to take almost any class if it hasn't filled up, at less than half the price. FYI students get no credit and no grade and the instructor decides how much class participation he will allow. Registration, even for non-students, is done simply by calling a person (983-7401) or going to Eildman 107A.

This is great for current students who don't want to risk their GPA but want to take something for fun or just to explore. It's great for those of us who don't want a degree, just more information about something. I know there are FYI students in voice and piano and guitar. I'm taking a marketing class FYI and I am really pleased. More people should take advantage of this opportunity next semester.

Cathy Elmer  
Adjunct faculty, Business Technology

## Essay Contest

The Collegian is sponsoring an essay contest in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, which begins Sept. 15.

The theme of the essay should be a response to "What Do Hispanics Need to Succeed Today?"

Essays can be in English or Spanish and should be two double-spaced, typewritten pages. The essays must be turned in to the Office of the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, South Hall 246, by 5 p.m. Sept. 30.

Luis Rodriguez-Abad, associate professor of Behavioral Sciences, and Capriano Cardenas, chairman of the Modern Languages department, will judge the essays.

The five best essays will be published along with photos of the winners in the Oct. 8 issue.

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# On Campus

## Club spotlight

**Name:** Alliance Francaise  
**Sponsors:** Milo Kearney, Suzanne LaLonde  
**President:** Ruby Ipiña  
**Vice President:** Justin Lawrence  
**2nd Vice President:** Lea Erica Salazar  
**3rd Vice President:** Robert Cowan  
**Secretary:** Ana Camacho  
**Parliamentarian:** Maria Ozuna  
**Treasurer:** Crystal Gabbert  
**Purpose:** To foster interest in French history and culture  
**Membership Fee:** None  
**Meeting Time and Place:** Usually, at 7 p.m. the first Friday of each month at South Hall 122 or at the Marine Military Academy  
**Fund-raisers:** None  
**Trips:** The alliance sponsors trips to France and other countries.  
**Members:** About 30  
**Community Service:** Each spring, members help to present

French Day, in which high school French classes participate in proficiency contests.

**Events:** The alliance participates in the Medieval Fair at the Hidalgo County Courthouse in Edinburg each November. At meetings, the club presents movies in French with English subtitles and guest lecturers. Students also make presentations about French history and culture.

**History:** The first French club, Fleur-de-Lis, was started in 1987. The club then joined the international Alliance Francaise with the help of Lucy Willis, then head of the Modern Languages department.

**Side Organization:** Table Francaise meets at 1 p.m. each Saturday at Luby's Cafeteria in Sunrise Mall for lunch and conversation in French.

—Compiled by Leslie Palomino



Alliance Francaise officers for 1999-2000 are (seated, from left) Robert Cowan, third vice president and Justin Lawrence, vice president. Standing: Milo Kearney, sponsor; Ruby Ipiña, president; Suzanne LaLonde, co-sponsor; Lea Erica Salazar, second vice president, and Ana Camacho, secretary.

## Briefs

The Gorgas Science Society will conduct officer elections at its meeting, scheduled for 1:15 p.m. today in Eidman 211.

The Student Government Association will hold a general meeting at 3:15 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center's Leadership Exchange Room. SGA elections will be conducted from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 29-30 in the lobbies of South Hall and Tandy Hall. A validated UTB/TSC ID is required for voting.

The local chapter of Chi Alpha, a national organization of campus ministries, meets from noon to 1 p.m. each Wednesday in the Eidman Lecture Hall.

The Collegian Press Club meets at 1 p.m. each Tuesday in the Student Publications Office, located in the Student Center. For more information, call 544-8263.

Alpha Kappa Psi, a business fraternity, meets at 6 p.m. each Friday in North Hall 217. For more information, call Marigle Salinas at 550-9382.

The Learning Assistance Center will sponsor a Studying for A's Post Tuesday and Wednesday in North Hall 116. Tuesday's

study skills workshops are "Boosting Brain Power," 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; "Time Management," 11 a.m. to noon; "Reducing Math Anxiety," 2 to 3 p.m., and "Preparing For and Taking Essay Exams," 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Wednesday's workshops are "Reducing Test Anxiety," 9 to 10 a.m.; "Study Smarter," 11 a.m. to noon; "Problem-Solving Strategies," 1 to 2 p.m., and "Test-Taking Tips," 3 to 4 p.m. No pre-registration is necessary and all workshops are free. For more information, call the LAC at 544-8208.

The Alliance Francaise will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 1 at Coleman Hall on the campus of the Marine Military Academy in Harlingen. Mario Ricciardi, a French instructor at the academy, will give a lecture in English on medieval customs. The public is invited. For more information, call Milo Kearney at 544-8836.

The Catholic Campus Ministry continues its six-week lecture series at 7 tonight in the Newman Center. The lectures are based on "The Catechism of the Catholic Church" and are presented by Grace MacKinnon, director of Adult Religious Formation for the Diocese of Brownsville. For more information, call 542-3942.

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## Sports



UTB/TSW Women's Soccer Club

UTB/TSW Women's Soccer Club member Brenda Paig makes her way through the field during Saturday's game against Lamar University at Antonio Gonzalez Park.

## Golf course helps students straighten business approach

### College Press Exchange

DEKALB, Ill.—Talk about kids to succeed.

Sales students at Northern Illinois University are taking business Golf 101, an annual on-campus seminar designed to help them see a slice of the real world they normally would not in a classroom.

Professor Dan Weibaker, a caddy with a doctorate in marketing, raised eyebrows when he first pro-

posed the idea of teaching the dos and don'ts of behavior on the greens—often said to be where business deals frequently are made. But even the biggest skeptics quipped after word got out that some of Weibaker's students had been hired by the sales executives enlisted to play with them.

Students start off the class learning such basics as: Replace your divots. Don't let the customer win. Never talk business before the first six holes are played. And most of

all, Weibaker coaches, make friendships that could pay off later. The classroom lecture covers everything from the difference between a "massut" and a "bungo bungo"—golf wagers—to gauging the right time to make a sales pitch.

"Academics often gets knocked for not providing students with real-world training," Weibaker told the Associated Press. "Well, this is as real world as it gets if you want to pursue a career in sales."



UTB/TSW Men's Soccer Club officers and members are (front row, from left) Ivan Rodriguez, Enrique Troncoso, Arturo Paig, Hugo Smer, Sergio Arias, Armando Longoria, Eduardo Aggett and Jorge Aguilar. Middle row: Gastivo Sainz, Freddy Martinez, Salvador Hernandez, time Sausdrol, Ricardo Rodriguez, Pablo A. Garza, Zostino Rivera, Alvaro Perales and Raul Rio. Back row: Bernis Peña, president; Elicio Quintanilla; Ricardo Silva; Jose Miguel Omeroy; Francisco Villanueva, vice president; Jesus Omar Villarreal, goalie; Jose Luis Ornelo; Juan Robledo, treasurer; Eduardo Hierro; Ricardo Treviño, and Tony Baez, secretary. Not shown are Fernando Santos, Jorge Fonseca, Daniel Morales, Ramon Zantiga and ignel Salas.

## Soccer club promising

By Miguel Camacho

Staff Writer

Last Saturday afternoon, while the sun bore down on the field and the rest of the city was either preparing for the "Fight of the Millennium" or at the beach, the UTB/TSW Women's Soccer Club played its season opener against Lamar University. Unfortunately, the Beaumont team crushed the Scorpions 5-0.

The whistle signaling the start of the game sounded at 3 p.m., under hot and humid conditions. It began with the promise of a good match, as possession of the ball was turned more than six times during the first two minutes of play. Lamar attacked aggressively from the beginning but the Scorpions were not intimidated and responded with an equally aggressive defense. The Scorpions, consisting mostly of players who are participating in their first year of college-level sports, demonstrated early on that their communication skills would play an important role in the game strategy.

With the assistant coach directing movements from the sidelines and the players obeying his decisions, the team seemed to possess good control of the ball and a confident spirit. The players, who had few opportunities at clear shots, made excellent use of their defensive ability by returning or blocking all attempts fired at their post. The team's confidence was supported by the joyful laughter shared among teammates at the bench and even more so by the chanting of phrases from songs such as "El Rey" and "Old McDonald."

As a scoreless first half came to an end, the team gathered their liquids and headed for the shade provided underneath a nearby tree. After a short, well-deserved rest, the Lady Scorpions were back on the field and again ready

for action.

The second half began, and the team's confidence remained strong. This was evident by the way a player was able to focus on the game and simultaneously be aware that a fellow teammate was trusting away her air-time minutes on the other end of the field.

"Carleen te telefonó" (Hang up the [cellular] phone!) Scorpion Alma Garcia yelled across the soccer field to a teammate who was standing on the sideline, talking on Garcia's mobile phone.

Despite having had most of the second half played on Scorpion territory, goalie Marjy Espinosa and her teammates remained serene. It was only after fatigue set in, late in the second half that the Lady Scorpions' defense began to waver, giving Lamar the chance to score five goals.

"I take no credit from your team," Lamar Coach Virgilio Davis told this reporter. "Our team has been playing for some time now, and we have a lot of experience. ...I really like the way your team communicates, the way they talk to each other."

Scorpion center halfback Alejandra Espinosa, a senior, agreed.

"For a new team, we communicate very well," Espinosa said.

Center forward Brenda Paig and the Espinosa were among the players who helped the team play strong. Assistant Coach Oscar Gonzalez demonstrated a positive and fair attitude by allowing every participant to play (all 27 of them).

For this newly formed team, with only three weeks of practice, the journey toward a fulfilling season has begun. The lack of experience and stamina was their downfall on Saturday.

The Lady Scorpions will face North Harris Community College on Saturday in Houston.

### UTB/TSW Men's Soccer Club results

Opponent	Score	
Lamar University, Beaumont	2-4	Loss
Stephen F. Austin State, Nacogdoches	4-2	win



The Men's Soccer Club will play the University of St. Thomas Saturday and University of Houston Sunday. Both games will be at 1 p.m. at Antonio Gonzalez Park in Brownsville.

# Sports

## Funk to team: have patience

By Jessica Arriaga  
Sports Editor

The UTB/TSC Women's Volleyball Team has returned home disappointed after a devastating invitational meet



**Brian Funk**

at Southwest Missouri State Sept. 16-18, where it defeated only one of six teams. But Head Coach Brian Funk remains undaunted.

"Overall, I was still pleased," Funk said. "We need to have patience. If anything, I know we have talent and my job is to get what we have and get them on track."

Middle blocker/outside hitter Vanessa Haro was out for the last game against SMSU-West Plains because of a knee injury. Outside hitter Eli Clemente, who pulled a stomach muscle during a game Sept. 3, substituted for Haro. Both players are recuperating and will play at Laredo Community College on Thursday.

At the SMSU tourney, outside hitter Bo Contreras had 48 kills and 43 digs. Setter and outside hitter Liz Clemente closed the matches with 44 digs.

"The girls admitted that they had gotten bitter on

this their first road trip," Funk said.

Funk began coaching the volleyball team in 1992. His energetic and motivating personality has helped Team Sting reach national competition in 1995 and '98, where they were ranked No. 5 and No. 9, respectively.

Team members say Funk's easygoing personality was a key factor in coming to play for UTB/TSC.

Going into his eighth season, the Chicago native's goal is to return to nationals and reach a higher seat, maybe even take No. 1.

"My goal is to make it to nationals," Funk said. "I just don't want that for myself but I want these guys [new members] to know how it feels to reach there."

With only four players returning from last year, Funk and Assistant Coach Janet Salcedo have had to get on the court and show game techniques to the new players.

"Experience tells me we are going to be good," Funk said. "We are going to make it into nationals. They have to believe in me and in themselves, if not they are going to struggle."

Funk sees himself coaching at UTB/TSC for a long time.

"I would like to win the national championship someday," Funk said. "What better story than to have a team from South Texas between the ages of 18 and 19 years old winning a national championship."



Team Sting (from left): Liz Clemente, Loly Martinez, Lisa Salazar, Jessica Kromer, Vanessa Haro, Head Volleyball Coach Brian Funk, Assistant Coach Janet Salcedo, Caro Saenz, Nicki Gonzalez, Bo Contreras and Eli Clemente.

### Southwest Missouri State - West Plains Invitational Results

Scorpions vs. SMSU-West Plains	5-15, 9-15, 10-15	loss
Scorpions vs. Belleville Area College	2-15, 15-13, 15-17	loss
Scorpions vs. ElginCommunity College	12-15, 5-15	loss
Scorpions vs. Blinn College	7-15, 14-16	loss
Scorpions vs. Illinois Central College	15-11, 11-15, 15-11	won
Scorpions vs. Miami-DadeCommunity College	4-15, 5-15	loss
Scorpions vs. SMSU-West Plains	0-15, 7-15	loss

## Gonzalez completes baseball team

By Maricela Gonzalez  
Staff Writer

It's time to get pumped up, time to train the "fighting Scorpions" for the new millennium. Head Coach Eric Gonzalez has finished recruiting players for the Scorpion Baseball Team.

They consist of 15 new players, and 11 returned from last year," said Assistant Baseball Coach Patrick Reid.

Players come from South Texas, Reynosa, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Santa Cruz, Azaña.

During a two-game scrim-

mage Saturday against Laredo Community College, the Scorpions won 7-5 in the first and lost 8-2 in the second.

The team practices every day from 2 to 5:30 p.m. at Scorpion Park.

"I have observed the team's physical and mental development," Gonzalez said. "I've noticed a stronger chemistry between the players. For example, the older ones began teaching the up-and-comers."

This is Gonzalez's fourth year with the team and he seems optimistic about the spring season.

"Our main goal is to reach the playoffs," Gonzalez said. "After that, anything can happen."

The team will play four games against Blinn College Oct. 1-2 in Bresham.



Pitcher Fernando Aviles (center) and other players practice their pitching techniques Sept. 16 at Scorpion Park.



The UTB/TSC Men's Golf Team competed Sept. 11-12 in the Rocky Thompson Intercollegiate Open in Paris, Texas. The team tied for No. 10 with McLennan Community College. A total of 12 teams competed.

Player	Scores: Sept. 11-12	Total
Ricky Bonavides	75/73	148
Joey Zayas	72/76	148
Silvano Cristiano	77/76	153
John Roberts	79/78	156
Jeremy Guevara	82/80	162
Team two-day total		606

# On Campus

## UT-Austin reopens site of '66 shooting

By Julie Chen  
College Press Exchange

AUSTIN—The University of Texas at Austin has opened its Tower Observation Deck, partly as a gesture to the graduating class of a new millennium.

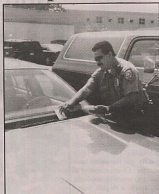
A deadly shooting in 1966 and a string of suicides in the '70s forced the administration in 1975 to shut down the tower, a famous city landmark and the heart of the university.

After 25 years and nearly \$600,000 of physical improvements later, the deck opened again to the public on Sept. 15. This time, it fronts a new steel lattice on the ledges designed to deter suicidal jumpers and an elevator redesigned to increase accessibility to disabled students.

While memories of tragedy mar its legacy, the tower remains the spirit marker for the University: It is lit when the home team wins and dimmed when there's no cause for celebration. It is the site of graduations and the backdrop for weddings. During freshman orientation, it dons colors other than burnt orange and spews fireworks. When Ricky Williams brought home a Heisman Trophy, it donned its own version of "34," Williams' jersey number.

The tower remains a Texas tradition and its observation deck will offer another chance to view the nation's most-populated campus at the turn of the new century.

Tours of the tower began Sept. 16 and cost \$3 to recoup the cost of renovations.



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Officer Joe A. Lopez issues a parking ticket near the Music Building.

## Gates Foundation pledges \$1 billion in scholarships

College Press Exchange

CHICAGO—The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged to give \$1 billion over the next 20 years to pay for scholarships for academically talented minorities from low-income homes. It is by far the largest contribution ever to American higher education.

The establishment of the new financial-aid program comes three weeks after the Gates family combined two separate foundations to create the wealthiest philanthropy in the United

States. It will be called the Gates Millennium Scholars Program and will be administered by the United Negro College Fund with help from the Hispanic Scholarship Fund and the American Indian College Fund.

The program will get under way next fall when it begins to provide \$50 million a year for 20 years to cover the costs of 1,000 annual scholarships to be distributed annually. The grants will go to "high achieving" minorities and will be renewable for each year of a recipient's undergraduate work as long as he or she maintains at least a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average. The program also will continue financial support for graduate work for eligible students who pursue advanced degrees in education, engineering, library science, mathematics or science.

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Phi Theta Kappa President Olga Gonzalez helps carry luggage, one of the items available at last month's rummage sale.

## Honor society rummages around

Members of the Alpha Mu Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society volunteered last month at the Lower Rio Grande Valley Humane Society's rummage sale. This is one of many community service activities the society takes part in.

Society members and friends helped by doing a variety of things at the rummage sale, held Aug. 7-8. They arranged items, helped people take furniture and other sale items to their cars, and answered customers' questions about prices.

Members in attendance were Olga Gonzalez, Alberto Velez, Julie Pedraza, Magda Sosa, Sarah Robles, Richard Hitchcock and Erick Tripp.

Today and Saturday, the group will conduct orientation for prospective members. For more information, call sponsor Celia Flores-Feist at 574-6644.

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drugs] and be hit by this law," Senghor said, adding that the NAACP is going to take up the issue at its October board meeting, and prepare an official statement on it.

"But you could be a rich, white kid, can abuse drugs and not lose his financial aid under this law," Senghor said.

Under the law, a student who is convicted of any drug offense would be suspended one year for the first offense and indefinitely for the second offense. If a student is convicted of selling drugs, financial assistance would be suspended for two years for a first offense and the student could lose aid indefinitely for a second conviction.

Students can get their financial aid back before the suspension period only if they complete a rehabilitation program.

The primary sponsor of the provision, U.S. Rep. Mark Souder (R-Ind.), an evangelical Christian, has said that taxpayers should not have to subsidize the college education of students who use or sell drugs.

"Actions have consequences. If you receive taxpayer assistance to pursue your college education, you will be held accountable for investing it wisely," he wrote in a February edition of the *Cavalier Daily*, the student newspaper at the University of Virginia.

"By no means do we encourage young people to sell drugs and be involved in drugs and we do believe that every crime deserves appropriate punishment," Senghor says. "But to take away their financial aid is not appropriate. It's not sensible drug policy."

But Souder's Deputy Chief of Staff Angela Flood says the law is color-blind.

"Those people who are splitting hairs on this on racial lines are forgetting that we're not looking at this to go after any one group. The message is for everyone, no matter what race or color or creed. The message is don't do drugs."



# Arts & Entertainment



PHILIP HOEFLINGER

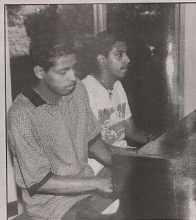
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Above: Phillip Hoeflinger, freshman, practices as part of the jazz band in the Music Building.

Below right: Twins Pedro and Francisco Gonzalez can sometimes be found giving an impromptu concert in the Student Center.



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## Briefs

The University Cinema Club will show "Who the Hell is Juliette," a film directed by Carlos Marcovich, at 7 p.m. Oct. 1 in the SET-B Lecture Hall. Admission is free.

Soprano Amy Brownlow will perform at 8 p.m. Oct. 1 in the SET-B Lecture Hall for "English Echoes," a concert of English art songs and arias. Admission is \$3. Brownlow, a Brownsville native, has performed throughout the United States, Mexico and Europe. Most recently, she sang the role of Masetta in "La Boheme" at the Seagle Colony Vocal Institute in New York.

The exhibit "A One Man Show," by Eduardo Ibarra, begins at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday with a reception in the Richardson Art Gallery. Admission is free. Ibarra, a Brownsville native and graduate of the Kansas City Art Institute, is a nationally recognized artist of the avant-garde style. His works show the influence of computers on today's world, often depicting computer screens with images of paintings within paintings. The exhibit runs through Oct. 24.



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# On Campus

## Uncle Sam seeks students to battle cyber-terrorists

By Jim Landers

*Knight-Ridder NewsService*

WASHINGTON—Uncle Sam wants computer-savvy college and high school students to fight the nation's information wars against hackers, terrorists and foreign agents.

Daily cyber attacks on federal computers and a shortage of technology talent have led the Clinton administration to push recruitment as part of a broad computer defense plan to be released this month.

The Federal Cyber Service Initiative includes a special cadre of university students called the Cyber Corps, who would serve as federal computer warriors in exchange for computer-science scholarships.

The effort spotlights what experts say is a new and serious threat: a computer-wielding terrorist or foreign power bringing down the nation's electric power grid, air-traffic control network or other crucial systems.

"The whole IT security threat has been a revolution. It has put a whole lot of pressure on federal agencies," a White House national

security official said.

The first class of 300 juniors, seniors and graduate students would be chosen next year, with an additional 600 in 2001, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The initiative calls for creating a Center for Information Technology excellence to train current federal workers to meet the new security challenges. And, the official said, "We're also looking at recruiting systems administrators right out of high school."

All the military service branches are looking for information technology specialists, and are having trouble retaining those already on the federal payroll. Private-sector employers are offering well-paid positions for computer security experts.

Assistant Secretary of Defense Arthur Mosey told the Senate Armed Services Committee this summer the Pentagon needs to offer incentives "such as proficiency pay, retention bonuses, and education and training opportunities to maintain a pool of highly skilled workers."

Administration officials say

cyber attacks happen every day, and that exercises have shown widespread weaknesses in government systems.

"Forget the individual hacker, the disgruntled insider. There are hostile nations developing, or who have developed, offensive cyber-attack capability aimed at the United States," said Jeffrey Hunker, the National Security Council's director of information protection.

"We believe there may be some well-funded terrorist organizations that either have offensive cyber-attack capability or may easily develop it. The same is true of organized-crime elements," he said.

Even before its formal unveiling, the computer defense plan is drawing criticism from some members of Congress and privacy advocates. Critics see the plan's Federal Intrusion Detection Network as an FBI license to snoop on Internet traffic and e-mail.

White House and FBI officials insist the criticism is misplaced, describing the FIDnet merely as a way to alert officials about computer intrusions. It would cover only "a small number of very critical systems within the federal government," said another White House official who also spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Federal officials are still unsure about how many employees they need to mount an adequate cyber

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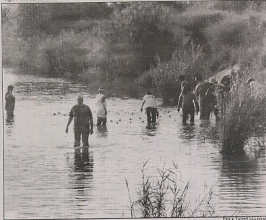
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"It is critical to America's future that we draw from the full range of talent and ability to develop the next generation of leaders," said Bill Gates, chairman of the Microsoft Corp. "The Millennium Scholars program is intended to ensure that we build a stronger America through improved educational opportunities."

William H. Gray, president and chief executive officer of the United Negro College Fund, said the program would help diversify the pool of students seeking higher education.

"All of society benefits when the doors of education are opened to a group of kids who wouldn't otherwise get the chance," he said.

Until now, the largest private gift to higher education—\$300 million in stock—was given in 1998 to Vanderbilt University from the Ingram Charitable Fund.



For a photo gallery

David McNeely's ichthyology class hunts for fish in the Rio Grande, downstream from UT/BTSC.

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# On Campus



Rogelio Rodriguez fixes bricks under the arch in front of the library after the center column was removed.



Ethel Cantu, associate professor of psychology and director of Conflict Resolution Center, talks about the different ways to say "I love you."

## \$2M federal grant targets university's retention rate

By Rachel Benavidez

Says UTR/TSC has been awarded a federal grant of more than \$2 million to enhance the student success and retention rate.

The Title V grant, from the U.S. Education Department, will be disbursed over a five-year period. The first funds will be available Oct. 1 in the amount of \$418,000, followed by four annual disbursements of \$425,000.

This is the first time that UTR/TSC applies for and receives this type of grant, university officials said.

The grant is intended for "Hispanic-serving institutions," said Jon Steingass, director of developmental education and Title V project director. "We applied for the money to assist us in enhancing our student success and retention rate ... through improving academic programs."

Associate directors for the program will be Eli Peña, director of Academic Advising, and Hilda Silva, director of the Counseling Center. Together with Steingass they are creating programs that aim at improving the retention or "persistent" rate by two percent annual-

ly. "So by the end [of the five-year disbursement period] we should have a 10 percent increase," Steingass said.

"How can we help students be successful?" Steingass said. "One way is through developmental education and the programs we are developing under the Title V grant."

The university hired Steingass earlier this year. He earned a doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Toledo and previously worked for Jacksonville University.

He described his work here as "an effort to bring together student affairs and academic affairs — to 'bridge the gap' so that support services and courses work together." He has worked with other institutions and their developmental education programs but has "never managed a grant of this size before, or of this scope."

"We are both a community college and a four-year institution," he said. "Compared to other community colleges in the nation, our retention rate is not that bad ... but compared to a four-year institution, we could do a lot better."

Steingass said last year's enrollment figures show that the university has a retention

rate of about 56 percent. That means that from Fall 1997 to Fall 1998, UTR/TSC lost about 44 percent of its freshman population.

The program's academic endeavors hope to improve and expand developmental education and what Steingass calls "gatekeeper courses."

Gatekeeper courses are typically freshman and sophomore level core courses such as History and Government I and II, Composition I and II, psychology, sociology and music or art appreciation.

"We know that students who are most at risk tend to [drop out] early ... especially for students in developmental or gatekeeper courses," Steingass said. "We want to catch that early and help them ... with an integrated program of faculty development and student support services."

There are four parts to the grant, Steingass said. The first is to expand orientation and develop a "freshman-year experience" program designed to help first-year college students adjust to college life and coursework. Second, is an "intrusive advising program" that is already partially in place. Instructors will notify advisers of students who are

having difficulty in their classes. In turn, advisers will contact the student to try to help them improve their performance.

"If you are not going to class, or are getting low grades, we want to help you with that," Steingass said.

The third component is to provide opportunities for faculty training "to expand what they are doing in the classroom ... so they can improve teaching and learning opportunities," he said.

Lastly, the program intends to establish "learning communities," where students will be grouped together and have the same classes, professors, perhaps even the same schedules. These will be called "cohort groups."

Steingass also emphasized the importance of academic advising for student success.

"We hope to get people in the right placement," he said. "We want them to be advised and immediately go to register — we want to make sure they are in the classes they need to be in."

These programs also will increase tutoring, expand supplemental instruction taught by students, create student mentor programs and provide peer-

assisted study sessions, which have been shown to be an effective form of tutoring.

"We wouldn't be able to run this program without the students," Steingass said. "Most of the [grant] money goes to pay the students — half of the money is going towards tutoring and supplemental instruction ... We are very excited about that."

These are programs that are somewhat in place at other universities. We are pulling together a lot of different components to make quite a comprehensive program."

Although the programs will be targeting freshman and sophomore level courses, the program is "for all students," Steingass said.

"We recognize the diversity in our student population," he said. "We have students of all different ability and age levels ... students who need developmental coursework, and those who don't ... We have students who are straight out of high school and we have students that we call 'non-traditional learners' who are typically older students and are just starting out or are returning to college ... These programs will incorporate all different levels."

# Tiempo Nuevo



De izquierda a derecha, Paul Martínez juega la chalupa, mientras Gabriel Alemán participa como anunciador.

## Grito abre la celebración hispana

Por Lyset Martínez

Editora de Tiempo Nuevo

Los gritos casi reventaron los tímpanos. Ante la presencia de docenas de observadores, los pulmones de varios estudiantes tuvieron que aspirar profundamente para exhalar alaridos de emoción esa tarde soleada. Todo esto debido al inicio de la celebración del mes de la Herencia Hispana.

El pasado miércoles 15 de septiembre dieron comienzo las festividades del mes de la hispanidad, en el Kiosko (Gazebo Plaza). Diferentes actividades se llevaron a efecto, el grito de Independencia, el concurso del grito y el juego de la lotería o chalupa fueron parte de esta inauguración.

La ceremonia se abrió con el himno nacional mexicano. Las manos de algunos se posaron en el pecho cerca del corazón como signo de respeto. Algunas personas cantaban el himno, otras se limitaban a mirar. Una vez entregada la bandera mexicana, la canción de "Adelita" tocada por el Mariachi Escorpión, continuó el evento.

La ovación del momento se reflejaba en los rostros y en las sonrisas de todos los ahí presentes. Algunos de los miembros del mariachi no pudieron contener la emoción que provocaba su música y el ambiente en general, que hasta se pusieron a zapatear mientras tocaban sus violines, guitarras y bandolones.

Aracelia Salazar, presidenta del Club Cultural Latinoamericano dijo: "Es una forma de mostrar lo que son nuestras raíces culturales y de aprender. Tal vez los que hemos vivido fuera de México, no distinguimos la diferencia de lo que es el grito [del concurso] de lo que es el grito de Independencia. Esta es una forma de saber la diferencia y poder apreciar parte de nuestra cultura".

Salazar después anunció la despedida de la bandera, mientras Alberto Pérez, presidente del Gobierno Estudiantil, tomó la bandera con la sobriedad y respeto que merecía la ocasión.

Pérez dió el grito de Independencia. La escolta del club Latinoamericano entregó la bandera a Pérez,

quien continuó la ceremonia.

Sin embargo, una de las actividades que más llamó la atención fue el concurso del grito en el cual participaron varios estudiantes.

"¿Hay alguien aquí que quiera competir para el grito?" hicieron la pregunta y la gente en respuesta contestó con carejadas de alegría.

Los gritos más fuertes fueron los de Francisco [Pancho] Villarreal cuya especialidad es criminología y de Jennifer Robles que canta para el Mariachi Escorpión cuyo grito dedicó a su esposa Salvador. Villarreal y Robles empataron con el primer lugar y como premio recibieron una camiseta del club Latinoamericano. Se necesitaba poseer bravura para pasar al frente, respirar profundamente y gritar a todo pulmón frente a tantas miradas puestas en ellos.

"Me da gusto que la universidad apoye este tipo de eventos para anar nuestros vínculos no solo con el vecino país de México, sino

que además, con nuestras propias tradiciones", dijo Thelma González Sullivan, consejera de estudiantes internacionales.

El charro Silverio Pérez, miembro del Mariachi Escorpión, estuvo dirigiendo la ocasión con ánimo y sonrisas contagiosas. La última canción del mariachi fue "El Rey" y con ella se despidieron.

Una vez terminado el evento del grito, el juego de la lotería atrajo varios estudiantes.

"La razón por la cual aquí se le llama chalupa al juego de la lotería, es porque ésa es la única cosa que la gente de aquí no conoce del juego de la lotería. Chalupa es la última de las herencias que los aztecas nos dejaron", dijo Isabel de la Torre Hansen, consejera del Colegio de Artes Liberales.

"La chalupa es la trajinera en que iban los aztecas de campo en campo. Como no tenían suficiente tierra, hacían una alfombra de hierbas y ahí echaban tierra para cultivar. Los que juegan la lotería [chalupa] conocen la jarra, la escalera, la muerte, todas

[las tarjetas] las han visto, pero si no han ido a Xochimilco, México, nunca han visto una chalupa".

En México se celebra el día de Independencia tomando en cuenta la fecha en que originalmente se inició el plan de independencia y no cuando literalmente ésta se obtuvo, dijo Anthony Knopp profesor de historia.

"Es como aquí en Estados Unidos, el 4 de julio es el día que se inició la lucha por conseguir la independencia de este país, dijo Knopp.

"El concurso del grito que hubo aquí, no es el grito de la Independencia".

"Mucha gente necesita aprender más sobre la historia de México", dijo Knopp.

En la televisión mexicana vemos al presidente de México gritar en el 16 de septiembre y no grita ay, ay, ay. La costumbre original del grito de Independencia es gritar viva México, vivan los héroes de la Independencia! Eso es el grito de la Independencia, el dijo.

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