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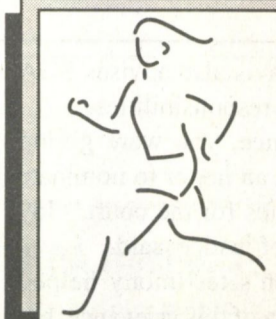
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# The Pan American

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The University of Texas - Pan American

April 11, 1996

## News Shorts

### For Your Information

**Today** - AIDS Quilt will be on display 7-9 p.m. in the Fieldhouse. For more information contact Ismael Garza, 380-6334.

SGA will hold a public meeting to talk with students about issues on campus at noon in the UC Circle.

**Apr. 12** - The UTPA Folkloric and Mariachi groups will perform at 8 p.m. in the FA Auditorium.

**Apr. 16** - A presentation by Students Engaged in Sociological Studies on "The Pharr Riot of 1971" will be given at 7 p.m. at the McAllen Public Library. The presentation is free and refreshments will be offered.



## State

Houston hospital officials are attaching electronic alarm bands around newborns ankles to help prevent baby snatching.

An alarm will go off if unauthorized persons try to remove the bands or walk away with an infant that has a band through stairs or elevators.



## Nation

President Clinton signed the line-item veto into law earlier this week but the National Treasury Employees Union filed suit claiming the law is unconstitutional because it contradicts the idea of separation of powers.

Congress can still override the law with a two-thirds vote in both houses. Forty-three governors have the line-item veto available to them.

Compiled from news reports.

## Trial continues with questionable decisions

Trinidad Gonzalez  
Staff Writer



Analysis  
premise Court.

Former Student Government President Daniel Garcia Ordaz's hearing has veered from the absurd to questionable decisions made by the Student Supreme Court.

Garcia is facing 14 grievances of failing to fulfill his duties while president and vice president. The grievances were filed by SGA Senator Lee Keyes.

Grievances against Garcia range from misuse of funds to making personal copies to failing to observe Robert's Rules of Order while he chaired the SGA Senate.

The three most distinct events that have

occurred during this hearing are: the court's advisor telling the court it could convene without quorum; the courts advisor acting as a witness while observing other witnesses' testimony; and denial of counsel for the defendant.

On Monday night, Faculty Justice Fred Ellis was late for the appointed time of when the hearing was to reconvene.

Elvie Davis, advisor for the court, told the three students justices they could convene without Ellis, the lone faculty justice, and that he could listen to tapes of what he missed.

Ellis showed up before the court convened, but if the court had taken Davis' advice, they would have been in violation  
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The Pan American/Jennifer Clemente

**Kelsey Kim, senior, Genaro Cantu, sophomore, and Faviola Lopez, sophomore, participate in a Twister contest held recently by the Committee on Women's Issues near the Science Quad. During the contest, members read out events in women's history to bring awareness of women's history and issues to those participating in the event.**

## Students garner awards at annual conference

David Waltz  
Managing Editor

The Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA) honored seven UTPA students and staff members of The Pan American and Gallery Magazine at an annual TIPA convention in Abilene, Texas.

Every year, TIPA, a 65 member university and college association of student publications and mass media, sponsors seminars conducted by professionals in various fields of mass communications.

"The conference is an educational tool for students as well as being a fun trip," Joyce Prock, The Pan American adviser, said.

Awards were presented for outstanding student work and contributions to mass communications in areas of newspaper, magazine, yearbook, radio, television,

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## Library Week kicks off with week long activities

Kathy Clemente  
Staff Writer

National Library Week, April 14 - 20, offers various activities for students and staff, featuring activities which include book sales, an essay contest and Log-on Day at the library.

"Library Week is to draw the attention of students, and for them to realize that the library plays an important role on

campus," Elinor Folger, library director, said.

Also during the same week, Amnesty Week takes place, allowing an "amnesty" on overdue University Library books. Borrowers don't have to pay the fines due on any overdue library books if they are turned in during Library Week.

During the week librarians will wear special T-shirts and buttons that state

"Libraries Change Lives."

The library hosted "Libraries Change Lives" Essay contest. Winners of the "Library Changes Lives" Essay Contest will read their essays at the Friends of the Library meeting in the Media Theater at noon on April 16. This meeting is free and open to the public. Students can get more information from the reference desk in the library.

The prizes will be \$100 for first place;

\$50 for second place and \$25 for third place.

Throughout April, the essays from the contest along with photographs of the authors will be displayed in the Library lobby.

On April 16, Log-On Day, classes about logging-on will be offered in the library. The classes are free to students.

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## The Pan American Report Card: Making the Grade, Part 2:

Proud graduates say they received adequate education; 32% of graduates polled make over \$30,000 on first job

Meredith Markham  
Editor

One of the most important factions in a university is its alumni. They are the ones who go out into the workplace spreading their influence and their alma mater's name and reputation.

So it is no surprise that this, the second part of our special report on UTPA, should focus on the alumni's perceptions of UTPA.

### UTPA's Image

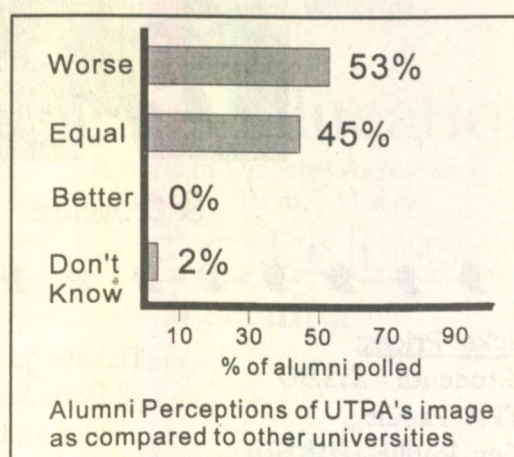
The first question asked was how they thought UTPA's image rated against those of other universities. Their responses were comparable to those received from current students and faculty members.

"I think it definitely has improved since UT took over," Ralph

Green, criminal justice graduate said. "I think they've got a great (criminal justice) program."

Fifty-three percent of the alumni agree with the 48 percent of students and 88 percent of faculty that think UTPA's image is worse than most other universities. Yet 45 percent of the alumni surveyed think its equal, none think it's better and two percent don't know.

However, some alumni thought



that UTPA's image is improving, even if it is taking some time.

"We're working on this image for Pan Am and it's going to take some time and work,"

Cynthia Parrao, history graduate, said. "I am very happy that it's here, and is attracting students from Mexico. I really appreciate that Pan Am is here and am proud that I graduated from there."

President Miguel Nevarez admitted that part of the problem with the image status in the minds of

alumni is the lack of better alumni communications. However, he did say the university is working on the problem.

"We need better communications to let alumni know what's happening on campus," Nevarez said. "We started doing it with Los Arcos. Currently, we are trying to get a larger circulation. I do think communications and perceptions have improved greatly since the Alumni association was started in 1979."

### Alma Mater Pride

Surprisingly, a much better response was obtained from the question, "Are you proud of graduating from UTPA?"

Only 17 percent of the alumni said they were not par-

ticularly proud of graduating from UTPA, while a whopping 83 percent of them said they were proud of it.

"The school is getting much much better as far as enrollment," Parrao said. "It is getting stricter and the entry requirements are getting stricter. A lot of kids are using the remedial programs as a crutch. I always tell the seniors I teach that they need to make high grades on the SAT's and such because UTPA is becoming stricter with their entrance requirements."

Going along with the amount of pride alumni have for UTPA is their perception that they have received an adequate education from UTPA. In fact, 92 percent of those alumni polled said they re-

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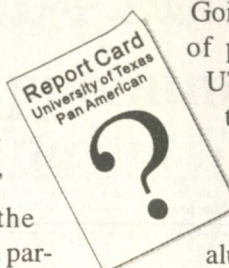
Cynthia Parrao  
Alumni

ceived an adequate education.

When asked to comment on the amount of positive response about adequate education, Nevarez had this to say.

"I think it's great. I didn't think it would be that high. It shows that the faculty are making the classes useful. I think that it's a tremendous kudos for our faculty."

He went on to say that, "We need  
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# Jumps

## UTPA from p. 1

to track the alumni by discipline so we can feed the results to the departments where the results will have greater impact on the quality of education within those departments."

On the other hand, four percent of the alumni said that they did not receive an adequate education and four percent did not know if they had received an adequate education.

"I thought that the classes were watered down and weren't challenging enough," Ann Maus, medical graduate, said. "But the students did well on the (state) tests; however, I wanted more than just a degree."

### Salary Ranges

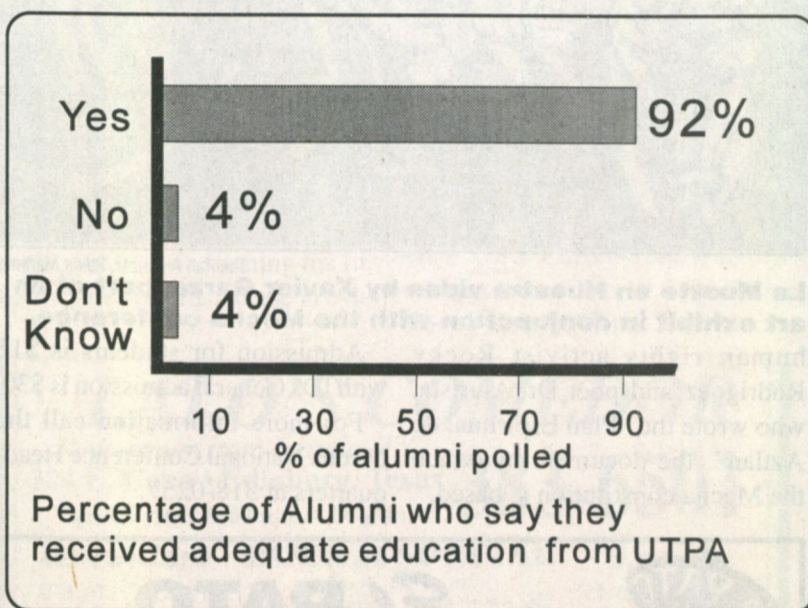
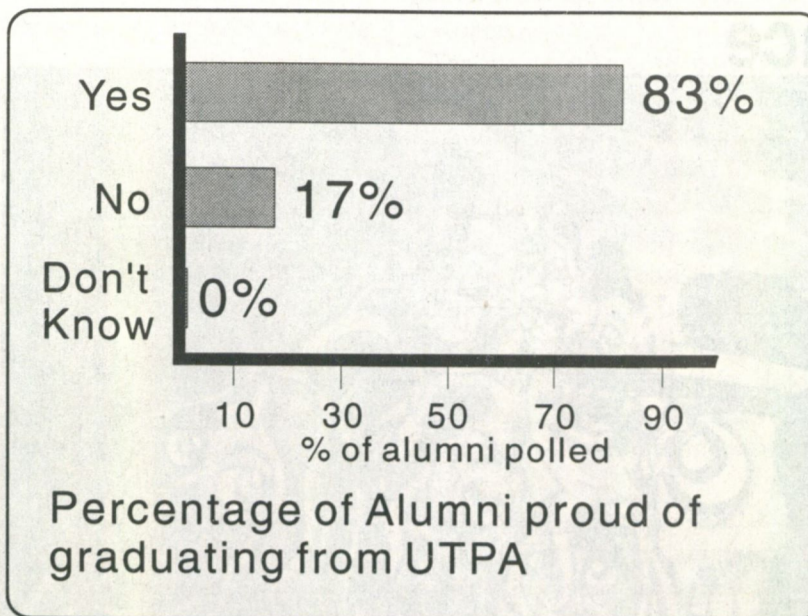
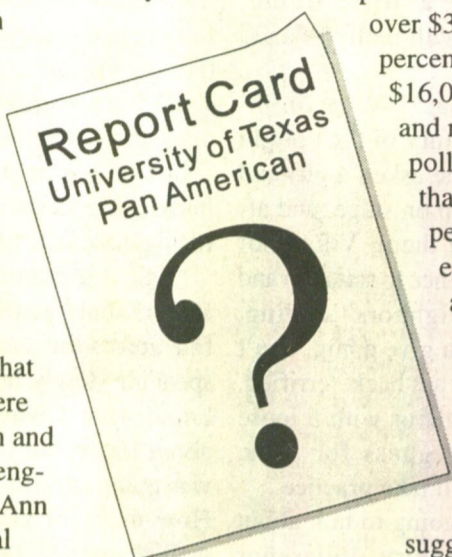
One thing that is extremely important to a graduating student is what kind of salary they will command in the current job market. The logical question to

ask is what salary range a recent graduate can expect.

Over 70 percent of the alumni polled say they made \$21,000 and up after graduation. In fact, 43 percent of those said they made from \$21,000 to \$30,000 on their first job, and 32 percent said they made over \$30,000. Only 15 percent made from \$16,000 - \$20,000, and none of those polled made lower than \$16,000. Four percent are self-employed and another four percent have gone back to graduate school.

As most alumni suggest, perhaps all that is needed is a bit more time and effort by everyone involved in order to brighten the old image of the university for the newer generations coming in.

In the next part of this series, on April 18, we will compare faculty workloads and salary ranges with those of other universities.



## TIPA from p. 1

advertising, public relations, and photography.

"You get out what you put in," Meredith Markham, editor of The Pan American, said.

"If you attend the seminars which are presented by professionals in the field, you will gain more knowledge of how the real world works. The contests also measure your ability to compete in the market."

Live events were staged, where students competed in news writing, sports news writing, radio announcing, magazine layout, newspaper layout and many other associated events. UTPA students won two awards during the live competition.

"I was pleased that our students placed this year," Prock said. "This is the fifth year that students have placed in magazine design."

Meredith Markham and Reina Martinez won first place in photo essay and Michael Sanchez won an honorable mention for magazine layout.

The Pan American staff won four individual awards for the 1995 production year, where entries were submitted in early 1996. Liza Longoria won an honorable mention for newspaper sports action photo, David Waltz won an honorable mention for sports news story, Meredith Markham won an honorable mention for opinion page design, and Gustavo Olivares and Omar Gonzalez won third place in freehand infographic.

Holly Meisel, staff reporter for The Pan American, was elected TIPA's secretary for the 1996-97 convention.

The Gallery Magazine staff won three individual awards. Cauhtemoc Paz won second place in feature photo, Mary Catherine Cloud won first place in magazine illustration, and Juan Moreno won an honorable mention for magazine illustration.

The Gallery staff also won an honorable mention for best single issue.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Cultural and historical activities highlight the National Mecha Conference

Lydia Puente  
Arts and Entertainment Editor

This weekend offers a variety of historical and cultural events courtesy of El Sexto Sol de Mecha, the campus organization hosting the 1996 Mecha National Conference today through Sunday at the university.

The conference, whose theme is "The Sixth Sun: The Rebirth of Conscientiousness," is dedicated to Ricardo Sanchez, a well known Chicano poet and activist.

One of the organizers of the conference, Ray Quiroga, anthropology junior, said Sanchez was a great model for Chicanos.

"Sanchez was a poet from the barrio and was proud of who he was," he said.

Quiroga said Sanchez chastised elitist and intellectual Chicanos who were not active in the movement.

Quiroga said this is the first time the conference is being held in Texas.

One of the goals of the conference is to get other Texan Mecha

chapters more involved, he said. "For many years, California has hosted the conference," he said. "What we want to do is to stir up momentum and get more people from Texas involved."

Quiroga said the conference is not geared for only Mecha members.

"It's for anyone who is interested in Chicano culture, history or philosophy," he said.

The conference will feature a variety of workshops on such topics as politics, film, poetry and literature, Chicano philosophy, music and spiritual healing.

The event will also feature poetry readings, art exhibits, film screenings, theater and dance performances.

The conference begins tonight at 6 p.m. at the Media Theater.

"Chicano! The History of the Mexican American Civil Rights Movement," a documentary by famed filmmaker Hector Galan, will also premiere at 11:30 a.m. Friday in the Media Theater.

Saturday, Mecha will present lifetime achievement awards to



The Pan American/Reina Martinez  
**La Muerte en Nuestra vidas by Xavier Garza, part of an art exhibit in conjunction with the Mecha conference.**

human rights activist Rocky Rodriguez and poet Dr. Alurista, who wrote the "Plan Espiritual de Aztlán" the document by which the Mecha constitution is based. Admission for students is \$15 with ID. General admission is \$30. For more information call the Mecha National Conference Headquarters at 318-0257.

### Campus Events

Art seniors Kelly Smith and Dominic Lopez will present their BFA exhibits April 15-19 in the Clark Gallery in the Fine Arts Building. A reception will be held from 7-9 p.m. Monday.

## Butts across campus still relaxed

Following the presentation by Victor Villaseñor in the Fine Arts

**Gina Tiano Saxena**  
Guest Column

Auditorium at U.T. - Pan American last month, I left the auditorium feeling a little numb, shocked, but with really relaxed buttocks.

Villaseñor said "We're finishing up the century of the uptight asses!" After he asked a girl and guy to come up on stage, and after he hugged them, Villaseñor asked the audience to stand up and "hug your neighbors" adding, "and when you give a hug, don't do it with your ass back, terrified. Hug your neighbor with a loose ass." Well, I guess for some people that will take practice.

"What I'm going to talk about is the 21st century, Villaseñor said. "And I want you all to jump aboard this spaceship with me called earth, and I want you to take over. The 60s were a time of drugs, sex, and rebellion; that was all good because everyone came up empty. The 90s will be the 60s

all over again except this time straight, sober, and with your guts on the line, and with

your mind open. All the indigent people of earth will make it work, not because they look like Playboy bunnies, but because they've got guts, and heart, and soul! We are moving into a new consciousness!"

I could not help but feel that I had boarded a spaceship and was losing consciousness.

"Just a minute!" Villaseñor's fingers shot into the air as silence fell across the auditorium. Then speaking slowly, he said: "I did not know what I was going to talk about today, but I knew that this was going to be an important talk. How many of you in here have walked on fire? Raise your hands. I have fire walks at my home. I light up logs this big around (he held up his hands to demonstrate), and I step up to the fire and wait to hear the voice say to me, "esta bien." Then the fire invites me in,

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# Opinion

## Corruption, the voice of the voters

We should all be thankful that you can still find justice in the state of Texas. You see my shaky faith in the courts and the judicial system has been slightly returned by the diligent folks who made up a recent Travis County. It only took this particular Travis County jury four hours to render a guilty verdict against State Representative Sergio Munoz.

You see the fine politician from Mission had been arrested and charged with the offensive of driving while intoxicated one night this past December in Austin. It must have been a rough day in the land of babble for Munoz because not only was he drinking but he was speeding home from an evening at a local topless bar. After being stopped by the police, Munoz, according to court testimony, was being uncooperative and using obscenities... which is rather common for those of us who have been stopped late at night buzzing in our heads and down the highway!

With the guilty verdict Munoz faces a later sentencing which

### Pointing Fingers

Mark M. Milam

could result in a maximum fine of \$2,000 and 180 days in jail, but it is estimated that he will receive probation... because the court records in Travis County indicate that most first time offenders luck out with such a sentence. What should happen to Sergio Munoz should have happened long ago... he should be drug back to Mission and yanked of his position and corrupt influence on the already battered Hidalgo County! Unfortunately, I do not live in Mission and I can only urge the citizens to reevaluate their decisions when it comes to their representative... As a friend said recently, "If you want to burn in hell, keep hanging with the devil!"

I am not sure if he was

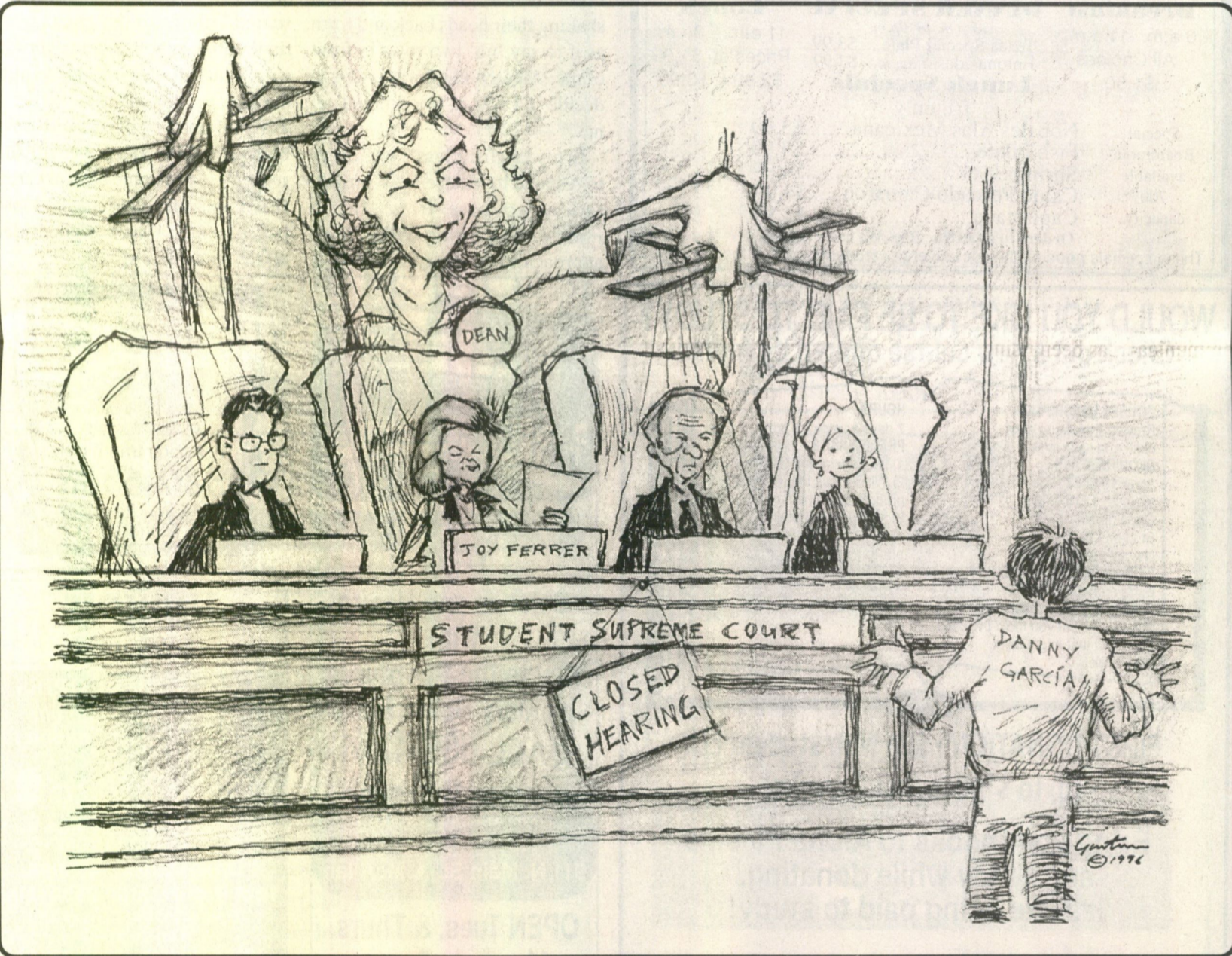
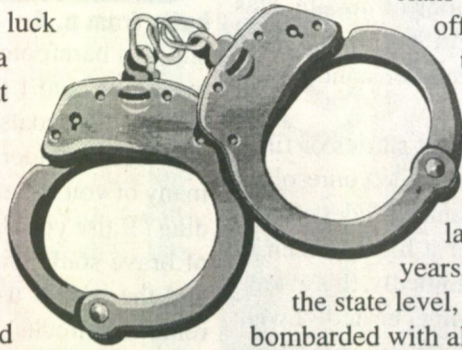
referring to Munoz but the comparison somehow sticks.

As we are faced with more and more absurd and inappropriate behavior from our politicians and elected officials one has to ask a question of where do we draw the line. In the last couple of years, especially on the state level, we have been bombarded with allegations of corruption, theft, and various acts that disgrace the public and those elected to serve this public... Even sadder than the allegations are the reality that we have when these politicians and law enforcement officials are convicted and sent to prison... or freed on probation.

I realize that there is a world of difference between driving drunk and taking payments from a drug dealer while acting as

County Sheriff, but it raises the questions of responsibility and accountability for those you trust with your vote. Your vote is your signal, your voice of confidence... if it is not earned then you do not vote for the individual. On the same hand, if they earn the confidence of the public but prove undeserving then we should seize that power and confidence back immediately.

Maybe it is just me, but if I want drunks, dopers, and thieves representing me then I know a few fine folks to nominate from the local barrio bars... At least with this collection of swine I would know exactly their character and the kind of representation that I could expect... It is offensive and insulting when characters like Sergio Munoz ride under the banner of respectability and sincerity, to only reveal their dark souls and crooked views in the middle of the night... under the glare of a policeman's flashlight and the careful eye of a patrol car video camera.



## Justice not served

The Student Supreme Court has, without question, disregarded one of the most sacred representations of the American judicial system and American society—the U.S. Constitution.

The Constitution is the foundation of our country. We, as students, have used that document as a model for our organizational constitutions. Joy Ferrer, chief justice of the student supreme court, has changed, without question, the Student Government Association's Constitution to suit her needs in the trial of former SGA President Daniel Garcia Ordaz.

Why, we ask, should the same body that hears evidence during a trial, decide before the trial what evidence would be admissible?

Why, we ask, would a hearing be closed to the public when the constitution plainly states all judicial hearings are open?

Why, we ask, are students being subpoenaed to testify in a trial when they were told they were not allowed to testify by the court before the trial started?

Why, we ask, are advisers, who have testified as witnesses in the trial and heard the testimony of other witnesses, active in the decision making concerning the admission of evidence and court procedure in the trial?

The trial of Daniel Garcia Ordaz is a mockery to the Constitution of the United States. When individuals change written rules and guidelines to fit their own personal or professional agendas, then what is the use to having these rules? Or a Constitution for that matter?

The Student Supreme Court should be reprimanded, and a new, open trial which follows the constitution should be conducted to promote fairness and more importantly justice.

From the Editor



Your letters and comments are welcome. Send your opinions to the address below. We look forward to hearing from you.

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## Communication students selected for national convention

For the third consecutive year, students in the Speech Communication Program in the Communication department have had their scholarly papers selected for presentation at the Annual Sooner Communication Conference at the University of Oklahoma, March 29-30. Chosen from juried competition, these students will participate in this Seventh Honors Conference at Oklahoma with other young scholars from across the south and southwestern U.S.

Two undergraduate communication majors, Miki McCarthy and Aliber Lozano, Jr. will present revised versions of research prepared in a course in "The

Rhetoric of Television" under the instruction of Dr. George C. McLemore, assistant professor of communication. McCarthy's work "Image Is Everything" explores the social influence of diverse televised icons and images, while Lozano examined the rhetorical myths and influence of pop star Madonna in his essay "Madonna: Myth And Hegemony."

Marcia Urban, a masters degree candidate and a student in a graduate seminar in Rhetoric and Communication Theories, completed her initial research under the direction of Dr. William F. Strong, assistant professor of communication. Urban engaged in an analysis of the controversial



From left to right: Aliber Lozano Jr., Miki McCarthy, Dr. William F. Strong, Marcia Urban, Dr. George C. McLemore

media theorist Marshall McLuhan in her work titled "Media McLuhanatic of McNificent Prophet?" These and other students' scholarly work will receive critiques and evaluations by distinguished guest professors Anita Vangelisti and John Daly, both of the

University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Jack R. Stanley, chair of the department of communication, said: "This type of student success is indicative of the high quality of scholarly efforts in which our department's students are involved and we are glad that their superior work is gaining recognition beyond our campus."

These students' travel is funded by both the Office of the Vice-President for Student Affairs and the Vice-President for Academic Affairs. Dr. McLemore said that "This generous funding clearly demonstrates UT-Pan Am's on-going commitment to and encouragement of these important scholarly enterprises by our university's students."

# Diversions

## Paying dues



*Getting your doctorate is a long hard road, but one recent recipient says it's worth it*

Holly Meisel  
Staff Writer

When Salma Ghanem, a journalism professor, chose to put aside her college career to start a family, she knew it would take a tremendous amount of self-discipline, as well as determination to complete her dreams of attaining her PhD.

After successfully defending her dissertation this month, Ghanem gleefully answers to the call, "Is there a doctor in the house?"

Born in 1960, Ghanem grew up in Cairo, Egypt, the daughter of multicultural parents. Her mother is Dutch; and her father, an Egyptian, served in Anwar Sadat's cabinet, first as Minister of Culture, then as Minister of Higher Education.

Ghanem, who speaks English, French and Arabic, began college at the American University in Cairo, at the age of 16. When her father died suddenly that year, the 17-year-old dropped out of college and married a fellow student, Ashraf Hilmy, who was studying medicine.

In keeping with Egyptian tradition, Ghanem uses her maiden name.

In 1980, her daughter, Horeya, whose nickname is "Looly," was born in Cairo. Ghanem also has a 7-year-

old son, Alexander, born in Harlingen, Tx.

One year after her daughter was born, Ghanem, her husband and daughter moved to the United States, settling in Westchester, NY., where she attended Fordham University in Manhattan one semester.

When her husband accepted a position with Valley Baptist Hospital in Harlingen the family moved to the Rio Grande Valley.

"My husband had a cousin in the Valley who he visited once during the month of January, in 80-degree weather," she recalls. "When he came back to New York and was welcomed with a huge blizzard, moving down to the Valley seemed like a pleasant idea."

Starting as a business major, Ghanem enrolled at Pan American University in 1985. At that time, the 25-year-old junior had no idea she would soon discover her gift lay in the field of communications.

"I really wasn't thinking about communications when I was in high school," she said. "I did what a lot of undergraduates do, I switched. I started off as a physics major, then to economics, then business. It was during that time when I took my first speech communications class with Ms. Jan Courtney that I simply fell in love with the field and decided that was going to be my direction."

In May 1987, Ghanem earned her bachelor or arts degree in communica-

tions—10 years after starting college.

As a graduate student, Ghanem edited the 1987 fall edition of Rio magazine.

When her husband accepted a position at Scott and White Hospital, Ghanem packed up the family and moved to Temple, Texas.

She subsequently enrolled at the University of Texas-Austin, commuting 65 miles each way for 2 and a half years, while completing a masters in journalism. Four years later, she has earned a doctorate in communications, in the UT department of journalism.

Ghanem also received many awards for her outstanding writing, including the Freedom Forum Graduate Scholarship for three consecutive years at UT and the Turner Award, presented in Holland where she presented a paper based on her dissertation.

The topic of her doctoral dissertation is "Media Coverage of Crime and Public Opinion: An Exploration of the Second Level of Agenda Setting." Her research examined the relationship between media coverage of crime and public concern about crime. For example, although crime has been dropping, public concern about crime as been rising.

Ghanem analyzed 2,330 articles on crime over a two year period.

After 19 years, Ghanem believes she has achieved a goal that would have made her father proud.

"I was determined, for my dad's sake, that there was going to be another Dr. Ghanem," she said. "So part of this was also a very personal goal."

However, she would not suggest the path she took for other students.

"I would not recommend taking so much time off like that to anyone," she said.

"We all have disadvantages. We all have difficulties we have to work with, and really, a lot of self-discipline is needed to get it done. If you don't have it, it can drag."

How did Ghanem balance her time around her devotion to school, her family, and the responsibility of child care?

"When you have children, you really don't have that much control over your time," she explains. "With what little time you do have, you've got to use it to the fullest. You don't have the option of saying, 'Oh, I'll do that later.'"

Dr. George McLemore, assistant professor of communications, has been a close friend of Ghanem since she was an undergraduate enrolled at Pan American.



Dr. Salma Ghanem

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# Sports

Upcoming Events

Today at 12:30 p.m. the Lady Bronc volleyball team will host a tournament at the HPE II building. UTPA will play Texas Southmost at 1:30 p.m., Texas A&M-Kingsville at 3:30 p.m. and Laredo Community College at 5:30 p.m..

## Broncs remain on the road

### Team challenges USL tomorrow

Sergio J. Sanchez  
Staff reporter

The baseball team, in the middle of a seven game road trip, faces Southwestern Louisiana (USL) in a three game conference series beginning tomorrow at 7 p.m., followed by a double header on Saturday.

**“Either we get beat by one bad pitch like in Saturday’s loss to Louisiana Tech, or we give up too many walks or errors. Either way, we’ve been shooting ourselves in the foot.”**

Al Ogletree  
Baseball coach

USL is currently tied for fourth in conference with a 7-8 record, and is 16-21 on the year.

Since beating South Alabama two weeks ago, the Broncs have fallen into a semi-slump, and have lost four in a row. What is so difficult for head coach Al Ogletree to swallow is that three of these four losses were by one run.

“Either we get beat by one bad pitch like in Saturday’s loss to Louisiana Tech, or we give up too many walks or errors,” Ogletree said. “Either way, we’ve been shooting ourselves in the foot.”

UTPA lost both of their games last weekend to Louisiana Tech by one run, 6-5 and 5-4. Although the Broncs outhit and outhomered Tech, (Matt Siskowski, Steve Redden and Mick Tosch all smacked

homers) they still suffered the losses. Friday’s game was called due to rain.

The problem of losing games by one run has plagued the Broncs all season. UTPA is currently 5-10 on the season in one run games, and 3-6 in one run conference games.

Despite these tough losses, this week’s Sun Belt Conference statistics reveal that the Broncs have several standouts at the plate and on the mound.

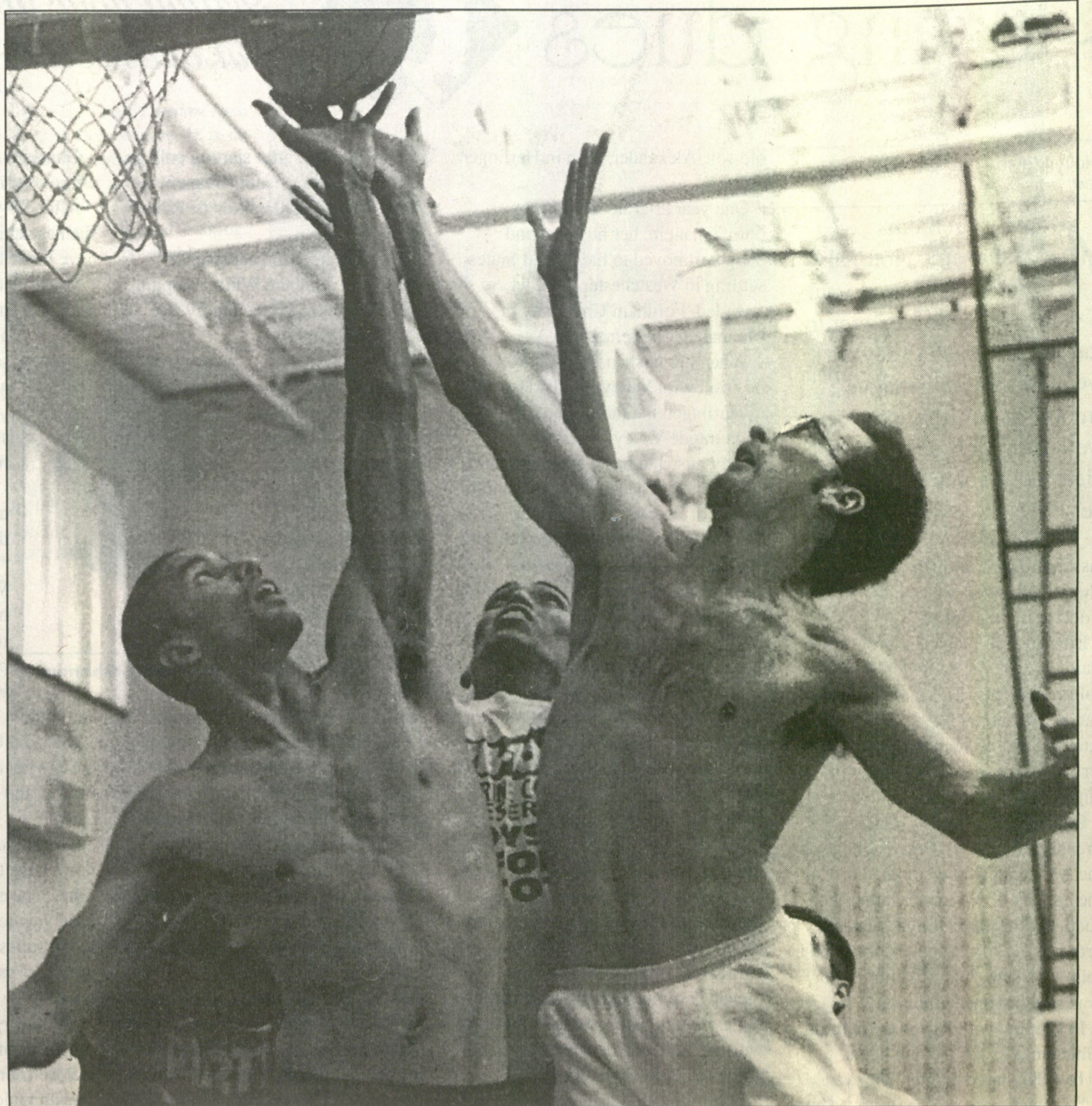
“Heath Autry has been hitting very well lately,” Ogletree said.

Autry, the team captain, currently leads the team with a .323 batting average.

Matt Siskowski, also hitting well, is fifth in the SBC in homeruns and doubles, with six and twelve respectively. Dean Davidson is in second place in triples, with three. Mike Karow (3.04) and Kiki Trevino (3.43) are among the top seven conference pitchers in ERA. Karow is also among the leaders in wins, with five, and strikeouts, with 50. Jody Moore has tossed three complete games, which puts him in third place, while Richard Crenshaw, UTPA’s primary closer, is also among the conference leaders with four saves.

Overall, the Broncs are 18-21 on the year, and 5-9 in conference. After this weekend’s games, they’ll be home to battle Arkansas-Little Rock on the 19th in another three game conference series. Next Friday’s home action begins at 4 p.m. with a double header; Saturday’s game starts at 1 p.m. All Bronc home games can be heard on AM 1240.

## Buck-Naked Basketball



Students Rick Lebron (left) and David Zlozkowski (right) play basketball at the HPE II Complex during the afternoon on Tuesday.

The Pan American/Liza Longoria

# Track team hopes to set school records in San Angelo

Melissa Vasquez  
Sports Editor

With four weeks left before the Sun Belt Conference Outdoor Championship track and field meet, the men and women teams are getting a jump start in preparing for the event as they travel to San Angelo tomorrow to participate in the Angelo State Relays. The teams hope to set school records as they did in the past years.

“In the past we have had more school records set there than in any other meet,” Keith Hutson, assistant track coach said. “It is a very good place to jump and a lot of our school records have been set there in the jumping, running events and relays.”

These records were set by former Bronc athletes, such as J.B. Pruitt,

who placed first in the 400 meter hurdles with a record breaking performance of 51.56 in 1993; David Hunter, with a 49-6 1/4 in the triple jump; and Shannon Crippen, who threw a 141-1 in the discus in 1995.

In the women events, Tonya Bailey led the women with the most records set in San Angelo in 1993. Bailey set records in the 100 meter and 200 meter with scores of 12.02 and 24.76. Another record breaker in that meet was Cynthia Cantu, who finished with a 15.38 in the 100 meter hurdles.

Participants in this meet range from Division I and II schools to universities from New Mexico, like New Mexico State and the University of New Mexico. Universities from Texas include Texas Tech,

University of Texas-Arlington, South West Texas University as well as Texas-A&M-Kingsville.

Almost all members of the squads will participate, with the exception of a few who will stay home and train for the conference championship, like Elizabeth Ortega, Linda Moncivais, Gracie Salinas, and others.

“It is a key meet because this is a point to the four weeks from conference where everyone gets a good measure of where they are at. After this weekend there are two more weeks and if they are not ready then they will not be ready by conference,” Hutson said. “It is a key meet and it is a good meet for them to run fast, jump far, jump high and throw far. It is a good place for them to excel.”

### Sport Column

## America’s favorite pastime strikes out again

Just the other day, my April issue of The Cable Guide arrived in my mailbox. Usually, I greet its arrival with much joy and anticipation... As a sports fan I wait with held breathe to see how many Knicks games I can see on free television, and as a film junkie, whether or not any Orson Welles’ films will be shown.

So with intense disgust and passionate anger, I was sent reeling backward when I peered into the mailbox and I saw a horrible person adorning April’s Cable Guide. It was the smirking, arrogant face of Dave Justice, a ballplayer with the Atlanta Braves. Immediately, I seized the magazine and ripped the cover off, turning all of Justice’ face and some of his chest into little tiny pieces.

Not yet satisfied, I turned the little pieces into smaller shreds and threw them out into the afternoon breeze. In a sick and saddening way, I felt really good and sort of proud. Yes, my friends, the baseball boycott and personal strike against Major League Baseball has entered its second season. I am still going strong, fueled ever more so by the typical fans who forgave, and the irresponsible organizations who have yet to apologize or recognize the damage of the strike or the 1995 season... the incredible disappointments, half-truths, and unrepentant attitudes have scared my baseball psyche and soul forever!

### Hitting the Boards Mark M. Milam

While all my friends and fellow sports commentators are busy firing off about pennant races and team expectations, I am silently recalling the glory years of my childhood summers. Days upon days were filled by the pursuit of stickball and card collecting.

I was a true boy of summer, in love with the American pastime... But then again that was over a decade ago, the spectrum of professional sports has grown large and ugly, gobbling up memories, joys and dreams as easily as a late June rain ends the tied, ninth inning game.

If I would have realized that someday I could be an arrogant, overpaid, sex symbol who swung a bat and did not have to pass a drug screen, pay taxes or go to jail for beating my wife... Well, perhaps this course of life would have taken a dramatic turn towards being a fat-headed ball player. Not that I could not have accomplished that, I played high school baseball and could really swing that bat, but reality set in and I could see that the future and my talent rested with a real education and occupation.

I am sorry for those who believe that playing sports is a real job. When baseball players receive

a minimum salary of \$109,000, it really undermines the notion that a ball player earns his money. When you see people work extremely hard every day to earn minimum wage and consider that baseball players’ median salary is \$350,000, it highlights my position that this collective bunch of so-called talent is extremely overpaid.

AHHHHHH! I am having another fit as we speak about this... Where is a copy of the Cable Guide? I need a Louisville Slugger to swing at my television set, another game is coming on the air...

This is going to be a long ugly season, and I am already suffering from a breakdown - not of my sanity but of my patience and will to forgive. So if you see me walking around with a bat in my hand and a torn Houston Astro jersey on my chest, take my advice and run away... unless you are ready to join the 1996 boycott movement.

With or without your support, I am rolling along full speed ahead. This is not just about complaining, or raising hell - this is about fighting the good fight for myself and all my sports brethren.

It has reached the point that we, the sports fans, either stand up for our rights or prepare to be abused and mistreated even further... Are you ready?

### Bronc Notes

#### Ortega earns honor for track

Lady Bronc runner Elizabeth Ortega has been named Performer of the Week for the Sun Belt Conference. She finished third at the Texas Relays as she blazed the metric two-mile in 9:56.87--the best in the SBC this season by 13 seconds.

She also ran the second leg on the 4x800-meter relay that finished seventh among 16 of the nation’s best track universities.

“Elizabeth really deserves the honor,” Reid Harter, UTPA track coach said.

The SBC professional staff makes the selections, based on performance.

Ortega also won the honor in cross country as SBC individual champion, and in indoor track for another strong 3000-meter run.

#### Women volleyball tourney today

The Lady Bronc volleyball team will be hosting a Spring tournament today at 12:30 p.m. and continue on until 6p.m. in the HPE II Building. The women will be hosting three schools, Texas A&M-Kingsville, Laredo Community College and Texas Southmost College. The tournament is open to the public and free of charge. The current schedule for the tournament is:

Time	Teams
12:30 p.m.	Texas A&M-Kingsville vs. Laredo
1:30 p.m.	UTPA vs. Texas Southmost
2:30 p.m.	TAMUK vs. Texas Southmost
3:30 p.m.	UTPA vs. TAMUK
4:30 p.m.	Texas Southmost vs. Laredo
5:30 p.m.	UTPA vs. Laredo