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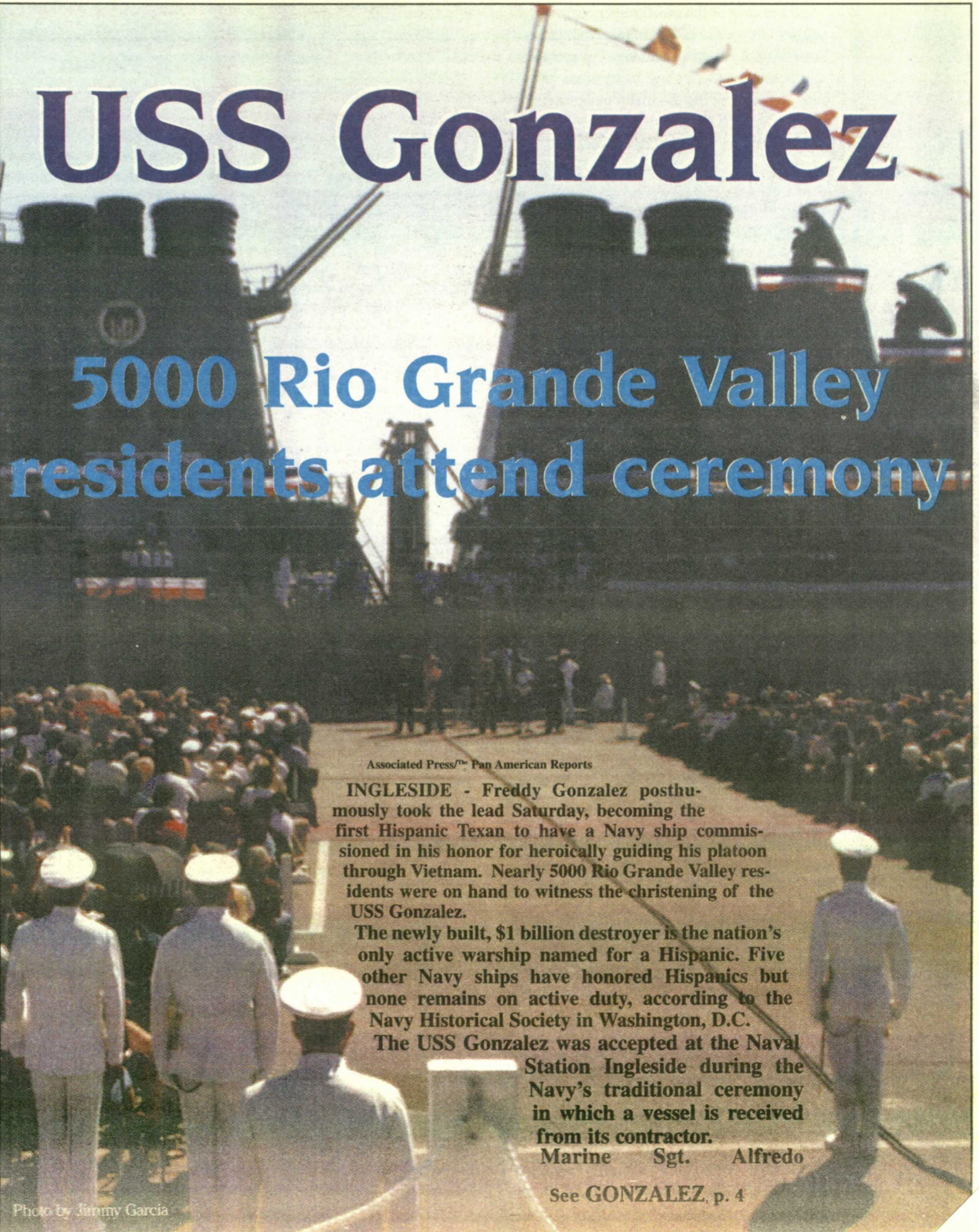
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USS Gonzalez

5000 Rio Grande Valley residents attend ceremony

Associated Press/Pan American Reports

INGLESIDE - Freddy Gonzalez posthumously took the lead Saturday, becoming the first Hispanic Texan to have a Navy ship commissioned in his honor for heroically guiding his platoon through Vietnam. Nearly 5000 Rio Grande Valley residents were on hand to witness the christening of the USS Gonzalez.

The newly built, \$1 billion destroyer is the nation's only active warship named for a Hispanic. Five other Navy ships have honored Hispanics but none remains on active duty, according to the Navy Historical Society in Washington, D.C.

The USS Gonzalez was accepted at the Naval Station Ingleside during the Navy's traditional ceremony in which a vessel is received from its contractor.

Marine Sgt. Alfredo

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Photo by Jimmy Garcia

Chicken caper embarrasses Edinburg

EDINBURG (AP) - First there was the chicken and cheese caper, also known as the purloined poultry problem. Then came the infamous underwear affair, and one mustn't forget the case of the prostituted pooch.

Quick! Someone call Sherlock Holmes. Something is afoot in Edinburg. For months now, scandalous, if strange, allegations have been surfacing in this normally quiet town near the Mexico border.

Worse yet, the accusations concern the community's largest employer: the Edinburg Independent School District. And while this tale has all the makings of a quirky Holmes mystery - including its own super sleuth - it's become an embarrassment for residents.

"It already has given people the wrong impression of Edinburg," says native Nick Molina. "People make fun."

So what's all the fuss about? It's elementary, really. Theft, plain and simple, with a distinctively South Texas twist that has pitted outsider versus insider and called into question the family ties so cherished in this close-knit hamlet. It all began in May of last year, when Douglas Moore came to town as the new school superintendent.

A stern-looking man with the white hair and icy stare of Boris Yeltsin but twang of Dwight Yoakam, Moore was transplanted from the Central Texas town of Brady to take charge of the district's 4,000 employees and 20,000 students.

A 26-year public school veteran, he didn't waste any time. Soon after his arrival, allegations of wrongdoing by some school employees were brought to his attention.

One investigation already has gone to trial. In that case, a former junior high bookkeeper is accused of stealing up to \$20,000 from a student activities fund.

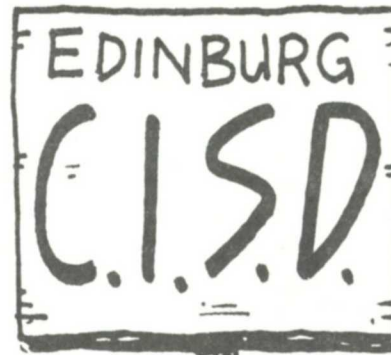
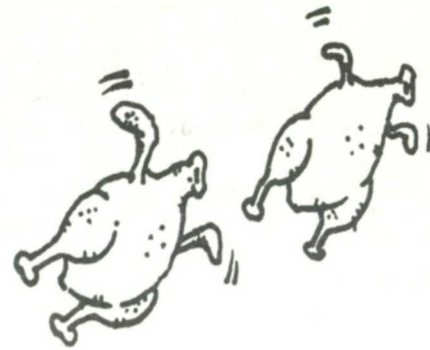
"There were a lot of things left laying around, and they all came trickling in here," says Moore, who insists he never went looking to unearth any dirt; the dirt was shoveled on him. And the mound kept growing. Take the case of the stolen food commodities, known around town as the "Chicken Caper." School investigators last year found missing pounds of food meant for the low-income lunch program. Among the purloined products were 10 30-pound cases of chicken, 20 8-pound rolls of ground beef, 20 5-pound loaves of American cheese and five turkeys.

The district's former warehouse supervisor for food service was accused and indicted on stealing between \$200 and \$750 worth of commodities over a 2 1/2-year period. At about the same time, another employee whose

job

'Friendships are deep here. We're all either blood-related or intermarriage related. It causes an uncomfortable situation.'

-- Nick Molina



turned into Magnum the super stud, siring puppies for which the district received no reimbursement or stud fee. And the indiscretions didn't stop there. Moore also alleged that someone had over-ordered dog food - up to 400 pounds worth a month and traded the surplus for whiskey and cigars.

Although Moore now says the district could not confirm whether the food was traded for booze and smokes, the damage was done. Magnum, the whiskey-guzzling gigolo, became the talk of the town. After the district retired him as drug dog, other pooches sent in résumés for the position, paw prints and pictures included. One applicant - CoCo Houdini - said he could start work as "soon as I am released from the Betty Ford Clinic." No one has been charged in the case, and although Moore never accused anyone by name, Magnum's former handler has sued for defamation, a lawsuit made even more interesting because the plaintiff is the nephew of Hidalgo County District Attorney Rene Guerra.

The relationship between Moore and Guerra, whose wife is a principal in the district, already is strained because the superintendent earlier accused Guerra of dragging his feet on some of the school thefts. Of that charge, the longtime politician responds: "It's not only misleading; it's an outright lie." Guerra notes that he cannot prosecute cases until they are brought to him.

The tension has created a rift in town, and speculation is growing about a move to try to oust Moore in the next election, even though the school board supports him. "Friendships are deep here," says Molina, whose seven kids graduated from Edinburg schools. "We're all either blood-related or intermarriage related. It causes an uncomfortable situation.

"Unfortunately, we have to stay here and live together, and he's just passing through." Moore, 50, admits this job probably will be his last in public schools before retiring, and that has given him incentive to continue pursuing what some have categorized as petty thefts. "Who has a right to steal anything, no matter what the value is?" he says. "What some people may think of as petty to some people is still theft."

was to purchase clothing for indigent second and third-graders was accused of ordering clothes for her own family, including men's size-38 underwear.

The worker was fired and charged with theft between \$20 and \$500. That case most angers Moore, who likens it to "taking money out of the offering." While the clothing caper may be most appalling, the case that has put Edinburg on the map, to the chagrin of its residents, is that of Magnum the drug dog. Moore refers to it as "the dog business," and now refuses to discuss it because of a defamation lawsuit pending against him and the school district.

But in previous statements, Moore contended Magnum, a full-bred black labrador, was

Teacher corps recruiting students

Joe Zambrano
News Editor

Teach for America is currently recruiting graduating seniors for its teaching force. "We are now in the process of a major national recruitment effort," said Larry Rincones, regional director. The organization will recruit in over 180 universities in the country including UTPA.

"We have a regional office right here in the area. We, of course, want to recruit graduating stu-

dents from UTPA," said Riacones.

Teach for America is a national teacher corps of talented, dedicated, graduating college seniors who commit 2 years to teach in the nations most under resourced urban and rural public schools. "Teach for America is not only teaching in the class room, but also providing a community service," said Rincones.

The organization's vision is for all children in this country to have an equal opportunity to an excellent education. "Basically, Teach for America is about bringing the

most dedicated and the brightest out of graduating seniors into the classroom to teach children," said Rianones.

Teach for America assigns graduates across the nation, According to Riacones. "If you accept to teach for the organization, and because you are from this region, you don't have to teach here. You can choose to go to 13 other regions in the country," added Rianones. Options for assignments include Mississippi, New York, Oakland, Los Angeles and Washington DC.

Later on this fall, some of the

corps members that are working in the southern schools will visit the university classrooms to encourage UTPA students to apply.

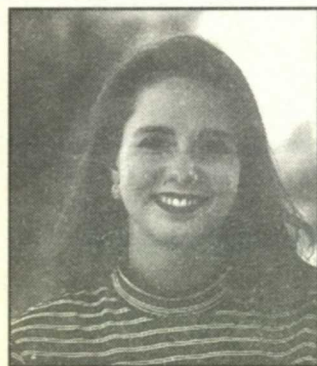
Corps members do not require a teaching certification, initially. After completing the two year commitment and the corps institute, a certification is awarded. "What we do is guarantee you a job. Most districts would hire one of our corps members over a education graduate," said Rincones.

Individuals seeking for information may contact Larry Riacones at 630-6781.

Democratic and Republican student club presidents stand on similar issues Political clubs review campaign issues

Juan M. Vento
The Pan American

If you talk to UTPA students about their interest in this year's presidential election, chances are responses will run the gamut from slightly interested to very interested - not unlike responses given by students at any other college in the country. Ask seniors Laura Pazin, university republican president, or Robert Lizcano, young democrats president, for their views, however, and you are



Laura Pazin, political science senior.

guaranteed a serious discussion on the issues.

Pazin sees her organization's task as somewhat of an "uphill battle". She is, nevertheless, optimistic and resolute in reaching her objective. "My

goal [as President] is to get the Republican Party known on campus. For so long there has only been a Democratic group. It's really important [to me] for the students to know that they have a choice."

Of the many issues surrounding this presidential election, Pazin is particularly interested in the budget/deficit issue. "I think we really need to have a balanced budget. I want them [politicians] to give it to me straight. I know that it's hard to balance the budget, and I know everybody professes to have a plan, but the bottom line is that it needs to get balanced." She underscores her point with one of her favorite analogies: "More students today believe in UFO's than believe that

Social Security will be there for them when they retire!"

Although the budget issue ranks high on her list, other issues, such as affirmative action, are also important to her. "I think we need to move on from affirmative action. It's trying to right wrongs done in the past, and I think that it is making us live in the past rather than right those wrongs. In essence, it's reminding us of our differences rather than building on our commonalities."

Lizcano also sees his organization's top goal as one of increasing awareness during this presidential election. "Really, my goal is to let the students know what the Democratic philosophy is all about."

Although Lizcano does not speak in terms of "uphill battles", he does see challenges for his organization. In the recent past, the Young Democrats have operated without formal leadership because of student transfers. One of the biggest challenges he faces, however, is the apathy of college students toward politics, something he is determined to overcome. "I was tired of hearing that college students have such apathy about getting involved in politics."

For Lizcano, all of the issues surrounding this presidential election are important. "One that I find very important, and one that is grabbing a lot of headlines, is the proposed legislation that will prevent education of children of illegal immigrants." He sees inherent problems with this approach to immigration. "If you think about it, the majority of people who were children of immigrant parents - even illegal parents - are today's doctors and lawyers." He also cites the "English Only" issue as divisive and as one that could create a lot of animosity, particularly here in the Valley.

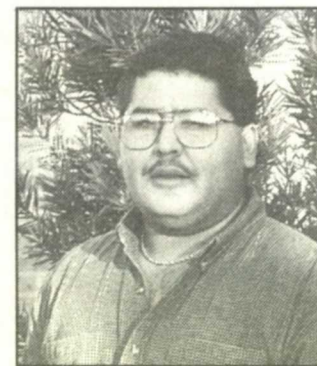
Lizcano's interest in politics began as

early as that of his University Republican counterpart. He credits his father's active role in local politics as a catalyst. "My father was a member of the school board for almost a decade... I remember helping him out at campaign elections and at bar-b-que fund raisers even as far back as when I was in junior high."

Lizcano rose to his present position from within the ranks of the Political Science Association (PSA) and specifically in response to the urging and support he received from friends who wanted him to run for the top position in the organization - an honor that he does not take lightly. "My fellow students wanted me for this position, so I will do the best I can to fulfill the duties and responsibilities that come with the position."

Although their political views are different, Lizcano and Pazin have something in common: They both have strong convictions, and they are both committed to helping UTPA students gain a better understanding of the issues during this important election year.

The Young Democrats currently meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, at noon, in the Liberal Arts Building (Rm 107). The University Republicans meet every Thursday, at noon, in LIBA 203.



Robert Lizcano, political science senior.

Faculty senate challenges tenure review

David Waltz
Editor

In response to Dr. William Cunningham's, university of Texas system chancellor, call to the system faculty for input on implementing a post tenure review policy, the faculty senate came to a resolution last week after a week long session discussing the issue.

Cunningham issued the call in response to state Sen. Bill Ratliff's (R-Mount Pleasant) senate education committee chairman, proposal to "establish a faculty evaluation policy that includes an annual review of the performance of all faculty, including tenured faculty. The review would include the use of peer and student evaluations. Below standard peer and student evaluations for two consecutive years would provide cause the tenure revocation or dismissal."

The faculty senate feels strongly any policy that restricts academic freedom is wrong.

However, the senate supports any policy that does not have term tenure, - or any

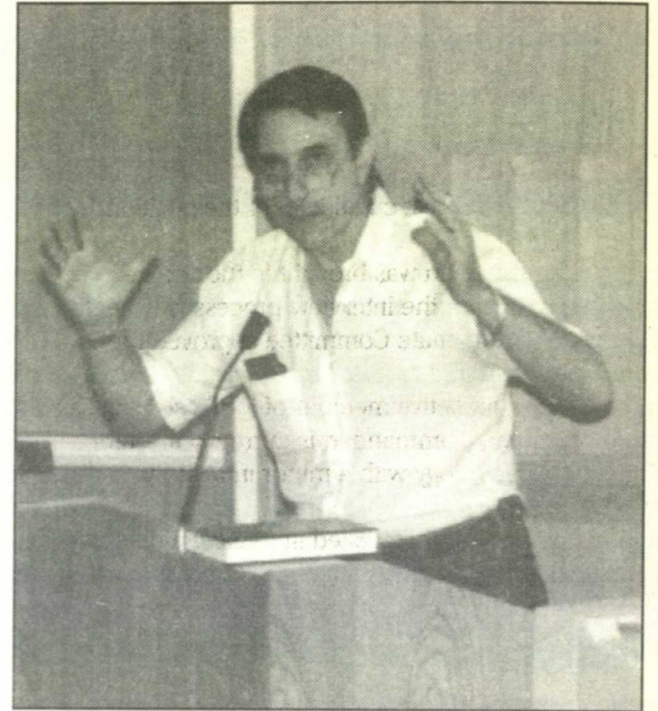
system of periodic evaluations that require faculty to re-establish their credentials for tenure - has peer review at various stages of all evaluation processes, and composition of peer review committees determined by consultation between faculty and administrators.

"Tenure protects voices," Dr. Bruce Wilson, nursing professor, said. "Tenure is the only protection for academic freedom."

"Tenure," according to Brian Leiter in an article appearing in the *Austin American-Statesman*, "prevents a professor from being fired without just cause . . . It protects against arbitrary dismissal; it is not a dereliction of duties."

Concern for non-productive faculty and getting rid of "deadwood" is one of many motivations to implement this policy, Dr. Samuel Freeman, political science professor and faculty advisement committee ex-officio member, said.

"We can't roll over and play dead. We have to work with the chancellor." Freeman said. "He is a good man, but he has been dishonest on this (post tenure review)."



Joe Zambrano/The Pan American

Dr. Samuel Freeman, political science professor, conveys his sentiment on the tenure review issue.

Salinas' brother accused of tax evasion

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) - As if Raul Salinas de Gortari didn't have enough troubles, now the government is accusing the jailed brother of the former Mexican president of tax evasion.

The Finance Ministry filed a complaint against Raul Salinas accusing him of evading about \$160,000 in taxes, Mexican prosecutors announced late Friday.

Raul Salinas, brother of former President

Carlos Salinas de Gortari, is charged with plotting the September 1994 assassination of a top ruling-party official and embezzling the equivalent of millions of dollars while he was a mid-level public servant during his brother's presidency.

Police searching a Mexico City ranch belonging to Raul Salinas found the buried remains of a man recently who prosecutors believe was murdered. Forensic experts are testing an unearthed skull, bones and hair to determine whether the remains are those of

Manuel Munoz Rocha, accused of conspiring with Raul Salinas to assassinate the party official. Salinas was arrested in February 1995, about three months after his brother left office.

He has denied all charges and said the body found on his capital city ranch was planted there to frame him. Carlos Salinas - who has not been charged with any crime - left the country in disgrace shortly after his elder brother's arrest. Blamed for corruption and economic crisis, he is living in self-imposed exile, reportedly in Ireland.

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from its contractor.

Marine Sgt. Alfredo Gonzalez died Feb. 4, 1968, after saving more than a dozen lives. Gonzalez, 21, was wounded three times in as many days. But he refused treatment and continued to lead his platoon, rescuing Marines until he was killed by a North Vietnamese rocket.

"Every time I look around, there is something else that brings him back to life," Dolia Gonzalez said about the honors her son has received. "It's like he never left."

Gonzalez was also posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions at Hue City, Vietnam, during the start of the infamous Tet Offensive. His hometown of Edinburg has remembered the fallen hero with an elementary school and a street bearing his name. He also was recipient of a Medal of Honor, the Purple Heart, the Vietnam Service Medal and two Bronze Stars. Commissioning of the ship nicknamed

"Fighting Freddy" is the nation's highest award for valor. Gonzalez is one of 37 Hispanic soldiers, sailors and Marines to receive the honor. "It's hard to explain. It's like my son is being reborn," Mrs. Gonzalez said. "It's like he never died."

But her son's loss has been bittersweet as Mrs. Gonzalez refers to the men serving on the USS Gonzalez as "her boys." "I had one son, but now I have a whole lot more," she said, adding the ship's diner is referred to as Dolia's Diner in the waitress' honor.

The ship will spend a week at Ingleside and then head for Florida for sea tests and trials before making its home at Norfolk, Va. It is scheduled for deployment to the Middle East in 1998.

"He was a hero's hero," said Jim Sullivan, one of Gonzalez's platoon members, who now lives in Pennsylvania. "I can say many guys in that group deserved the Medal of Honor, but you take the bravest thing any of those guys did and (Gonzalez's) actions were 10 to 15 times greater than that."

SGA assigns new vp

Gracie Gonzales
The Pan American

As of the first week of October, newly elected Vice President Carolina Vasquez has been serving as presiding officer over the Student Senate. The nomination came from the President of the SGA, Romero Diaz. "I chose to nominate Carolina Vasquez as the best candidate for the position," said Diaz.

The nomination was brought to the Senate Committee after the interview process was implemented. The Senate Committee approved her appointment.

Vasquez, an active member of ROTC serving as a 3rd company commander, is currently a senior studying Sociology with a minor in Military Science.

Vasquez is very interested in making a difference through SGA. "I read the ad in the paper concerning an opening, and thought it might be a perfect opportunity for me to help as many people as I possibly can."

Vasquez, who graduated High School in 1991 from McAllen High, entered the army fresh out of school. She then chose to attend UTPA through a scholarship program. After college graduation, she is to be commissioned in the U.S. Army. "I have always been interested in SGA, and was prompted to apply as soon as the position became available, hoping to ultimately make a difference in the lives of others."

SGA holds first meeting

Lydia Puenta
The Pan American

SGA was rather busy at their meeting last week, as they elected a new secretary, two senators-at-large, and three committee members.

Judy Quezada, math freshman, was elected as the new student government secretary.

Elected to senator-at-large positions were George Guajardoo, psychology/biology junior and James Ogle, political science/English junior.

Three new appointments were made to various committees in the organization.

John Butters, Health senior, was appointed to the Traffic/Parking Committee, Hector DeLeon, Health junior, was reappointed to the Food Committee and Jose Rodriguez was appointed to the AIDS/HIV Taskforce.

The members of the senate also voted to organize a booth at the upcoming Carnival.

In addition, the group also voted to have a taco giveaway during the month of November, but with a twist.

Lee Keyes, chair of the Fiscal Committee, suggested instead of just

giving tacos away to students that the members ask for comments for the students in place of money.

Keyes, psychology senior, said that SGA had success with a similar event last year.

"Basically, we are trying to make students aware of Student Government and what we are about," he said.

He said with this event, the group is going a step beyond and asking for input from the students.

"We'll have flip charts and markers available to the students to write any ideas, gripes or positive comments

they would like to make about the university or SGA in general," he said.

SGA's next meeting is tentative. Interested individuals may contact SGA at the University Center room 322.



Judy Quezada, SGA secretary

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381-2511

Your Student Fees at Work!

Contest celebrates souls' day

The Center for International Studies and the University Library are sponsoring an event entitled "International Halloween - Dia de los Muertos - MI Souls' Day Celebration!!!"

The campus-wide contests' goal is creating altars and other related structures depicting different countries' way of honoring the dead. Students,

faculty, and the general public are invited to participate in the contest.

The altars and other similar creations will be displayed at the Library lobby from October 28 through November 15. A reception and awarding of prizes (\$100 - 1st prize, \$75 - 2nd prize, and \$50 - 3rd prize) will be held at noon, October 31, in the Library lobby.

Organization offers internships

Joe Zambrano
News Editor

Inroads, Inc., a national career development organization, will recruit prospective students for internships at noon Tuesday in the College of Business room 110.

The organization recruits students, and places them in two- to four-year internship with sponsoring organizations including AT&T, Nations Bank, IBM,

Amco, Federal Reserve Banks, Hallmark Cards and TRW.

Inroads' goals are training students for community and corporate leadership and an immediate occupation after graduation with a sponsoring corporation.

The organization is funded by sponsorship fees and supplements by foundation grants and contributions.

Individuals needing special accommodations should contact U/TDD at 381-2244 at least 2 days prior to the event.

Friend or Foe?



Diana Arevalo/The Panorama

Hector Beja hones in on his target during his archery class.



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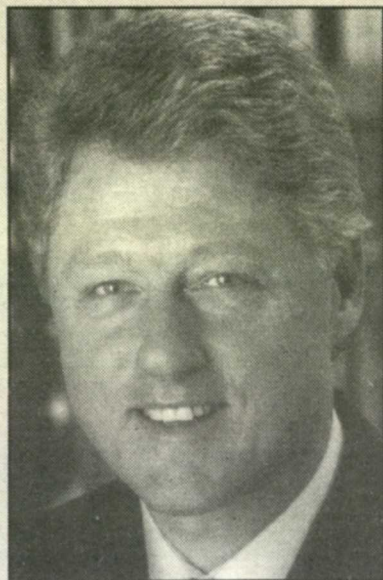
Addressing the issues



ISSUE: BOSNIA.

Here are the answers of the major presidential candidates to the question:

“What, if any, support would you be willing to provide to a proposed international force in Bosnia after the withdrawal of U.S. troops in the present operation?”



Bill Clinton:

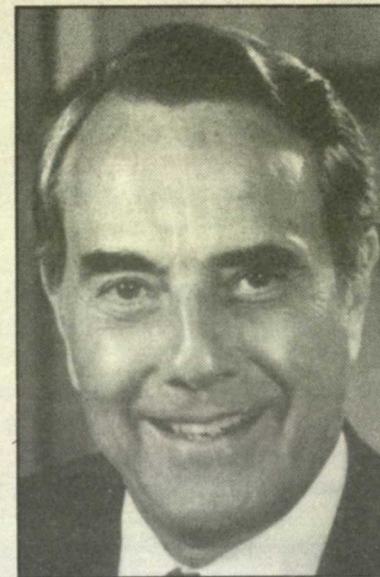
“The administration is dedicated to helping restore peace and stability to the former Yugoslavia by helping to implement the provisions of the 1995 Dayton peace accords.

The United States, with NATO and other partners, is also working to create secure conditions in which international organizations

can implement the critical civilian aspect of the settlement when the American and European military forces leave the region. The United States, along with our European Union partners, the World Bank, and others, intends to enhance humanitarian assistance, economic stabilization, police training and de-mining, and to support economic reconstruction and the growth of democracy in Bosnia-Herzegovina.”

Bob Dole:

“I supported President Clinton’s decision, once it was made, to commit troops to Bosnia, just as I supported previous presidential troop commitments in previous administrations. But I made clear at that time that I believed the commitment was flawed, as it was made outside of any real strategic framework and had no clear and limited mission. While it had a clear withdrawal date, that date has now been slipped and the



U.S. commitments and role in the area expanded. ... We have been lucky so far that our role has not caught us in the ongoing ethnic battle, but I think the continuing police function ought to be taken up by a multinational NATO contingent drawn from Europe itself ... if for no other reason, to show the breadth of European resolve over this conflict.”
-The Associated Press

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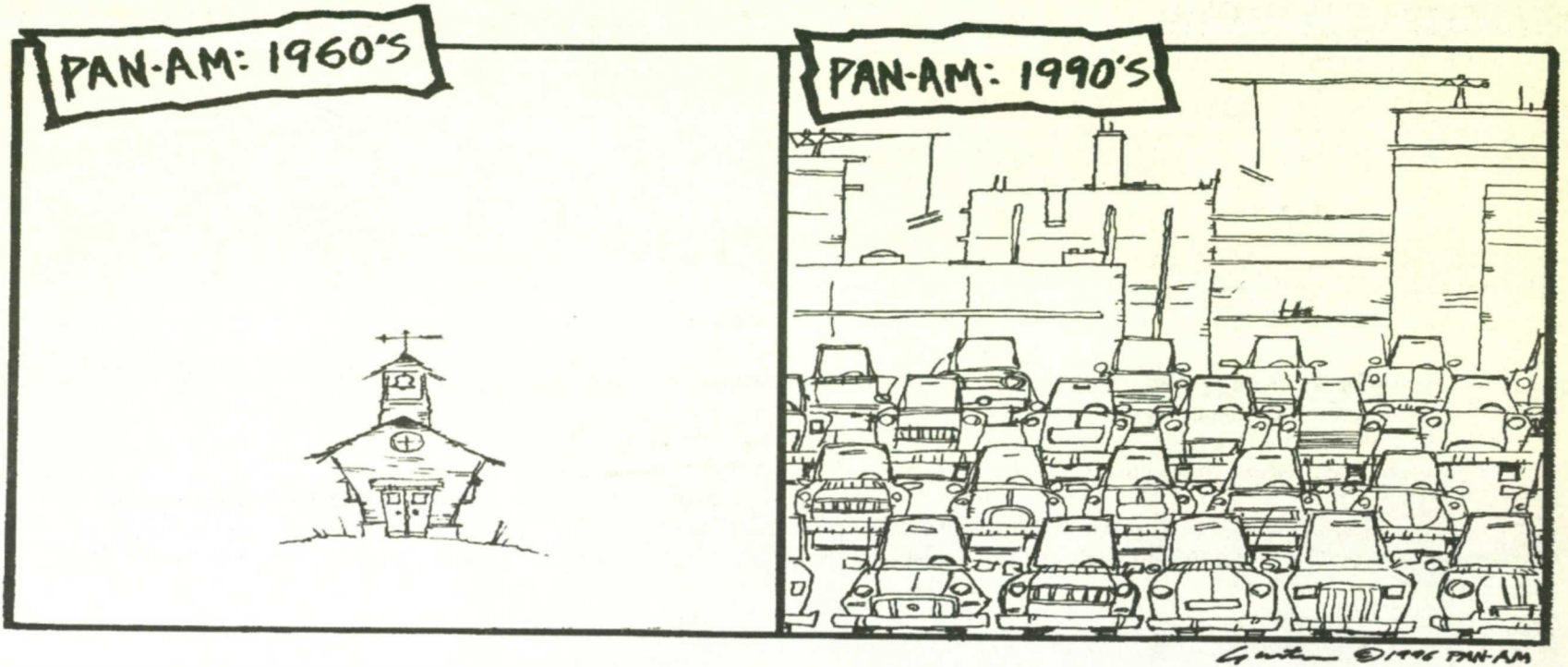
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Editor's Call

With the state legislature breathing down the Chancellor's neck to invoke post tenure review system wide, we students should stand up against this policy.

Some argue reviewing the performance records of tenured professors would eliminate professors who are not doing their job.

Well, most do not know what tenure actually is. Tenure means having the right for due process. It is not 'at will' employment, meaning the employer or employee can terminate the working relationship at any time for any reason. There has to be a just cause and judgment rendered by the

professor's peers before he/she is fired.

Tenure means a professor has academic freedom and will not be removed for his/her beliefs.

Tenure guarantees students an influx of different ideas and beliefs that will influence the way we think for the rest of our lives.

Therefore, as students we should support any measure that ensures academic freedom.

As students we should support any measure that ensures the influx of different ideas and beliefs.

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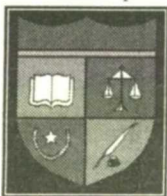
sure that does not cause a single teaching method, idea or belief to be the sole method, idea, or belief taught at this or any university.

This issue of tenure can be bigger than some people think. It can affect the quality of teaching and the type of subject matter taught at this university.

Everyone should become informed on this issue before the state legislature gets their hands on it, and passes something that will be detrimental to the university community.

Editor

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Dole's campaign will stick with the issues

Walter R. Maers
Associated Press special correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) - There's a sense of frustration in Bob Dole's campaign camp: They want to make ethics, integrity and character into issues against President Clinton but can't figure out how, short of an offensive that could backfire.

It is a dilemma for the challenger and the White House knows it. A candidate trying to overtake a president and trailing badly as the running days dwindle needs to shake up the contest.

Attack tactics on the character issue is one way, perhaps the last way, to try. But the polls indicate that a character offensive could be a liability. And Dole's running mate quothably renounced the idea when asked about personal and ethical differences.

"In my opinion, it is beneath Bob Dole to go after anyone personally," Jack Kemp said in the vice presidential debate.

There's no lack of cases to challenge, from Whitewater to misappropriated FBI files to an array of investigations into official conduct in the Clinton administration.

Donald Rumsfeld, Dole's campaign chairman, wondered aloud why those haven't been issues and concerns among the voters. The evidence in both campaign and independent polls is that they are not; Clinton counselor Mack McLarty said people want civility, not attack

tactics, and the Republicans don't dispute that.

Indeed, in a survey among viewers of the first Clinton-Dole debate, more people judged the character issue to be unhelpful, unimportant or irrelevant than said so about any other topic. One-third of those who responded said so, and no other subject came close.

"They were very uncomfortable when that was raised," said Diana Carlin, directing the survey for the Commission on Presidential Debates.

Public opinion polls since the campaign began have rated Dole a man of higher personal integrity, Clinton the candidate who better understands the problems of average people, and the latter far more important than the former.

Rumsfeld, the Dole chairman, said the Republican nominee's ratings in the initial debate were worst when he was harshest. And Dole said in a radio interview that his campaign surveys showed that "if you go on the attack with Clinton ... the first people who jump overboard are women."

Clinton already has the advantage with women voters, and Dole can't risk widening the gender gap. Dole also is sensitive to his own reputation, although his tough-guy campaign roles date back years, notably to his own vice presidential campaign in 1976, when his opponent called him a hatchet man and it stuck.

When a woman in Wheaton, Illinois, told

him to come out swinging harder against Clinton, Dole said he'd heard that from others, as well.

"It's a very fine line because there's a myth out there that Bob Dole is mean," he said.

In an ABC interview, he said he wants to win, but there are limits to what he'll do in trying.

"I can't see myself getting into the mud here in the last three weeks," he said. "I want to be at peace with myself when it's over."

But he said he will deal with official, not personal matters. "Some people think I'm not tough enough, but I'm working on it," Dole said last week in Lima, Ohio.

His campaign tone certainly hasn't been soft - a standard line is that he wants people to think of trust when they think of him, and of fear when they think of Clinton.

Campaign manager Scott Reed said Friday that personal conduct and the Whitewater case are off limits, while the FBI files, the travel office firings, and "the ethical caliber of Clinton appointees" are among fair targets.

Those are fine lines, likely to blur. And getting to such topics may take some doing in the final debate, town hall style with audience questions. In such a debate four years ago, George Bush was primed to go after Clinton until a questioner lectured the candidates about trashing each other.

"Can we focus on the issues and not the personalities and the mud?" another added.

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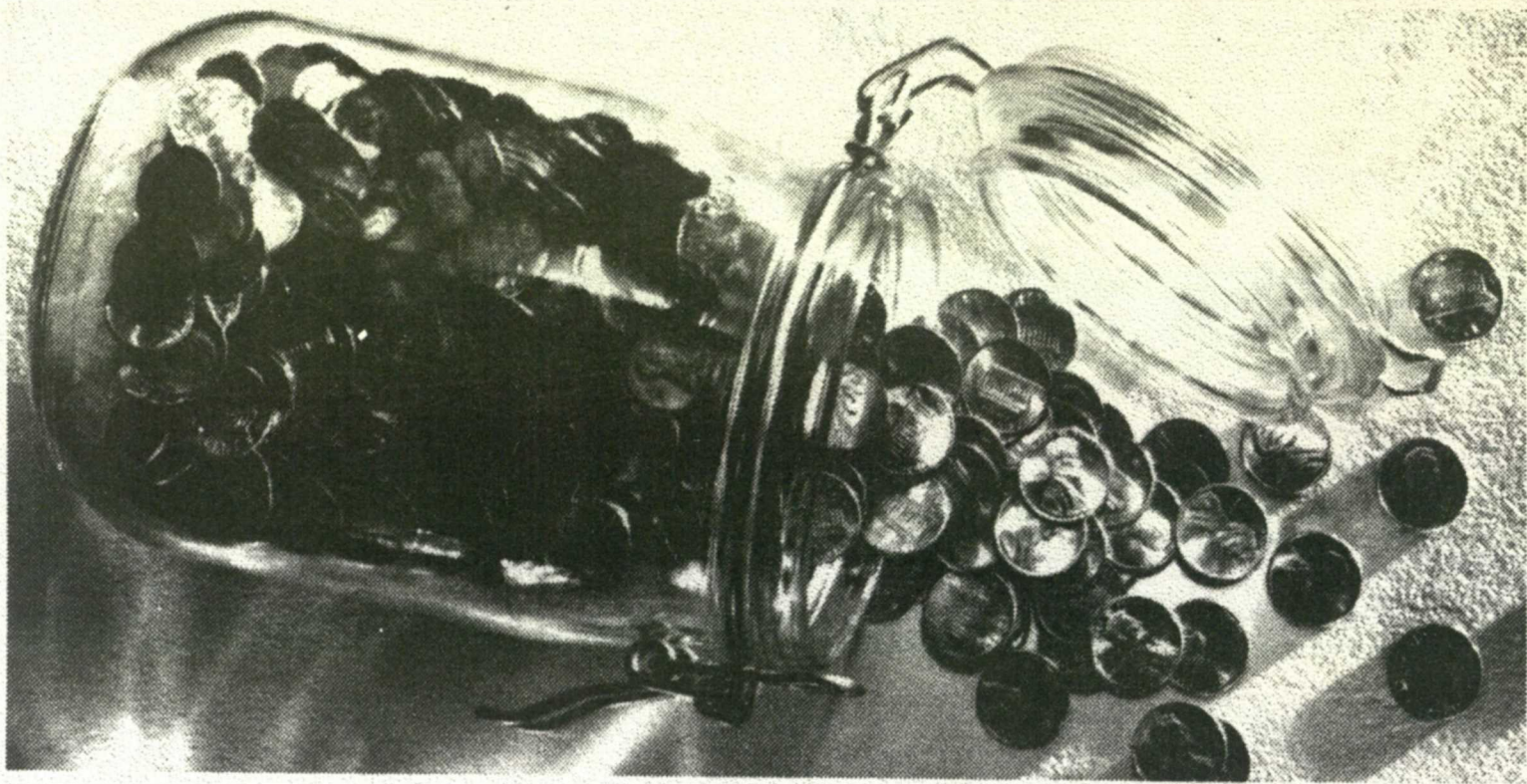
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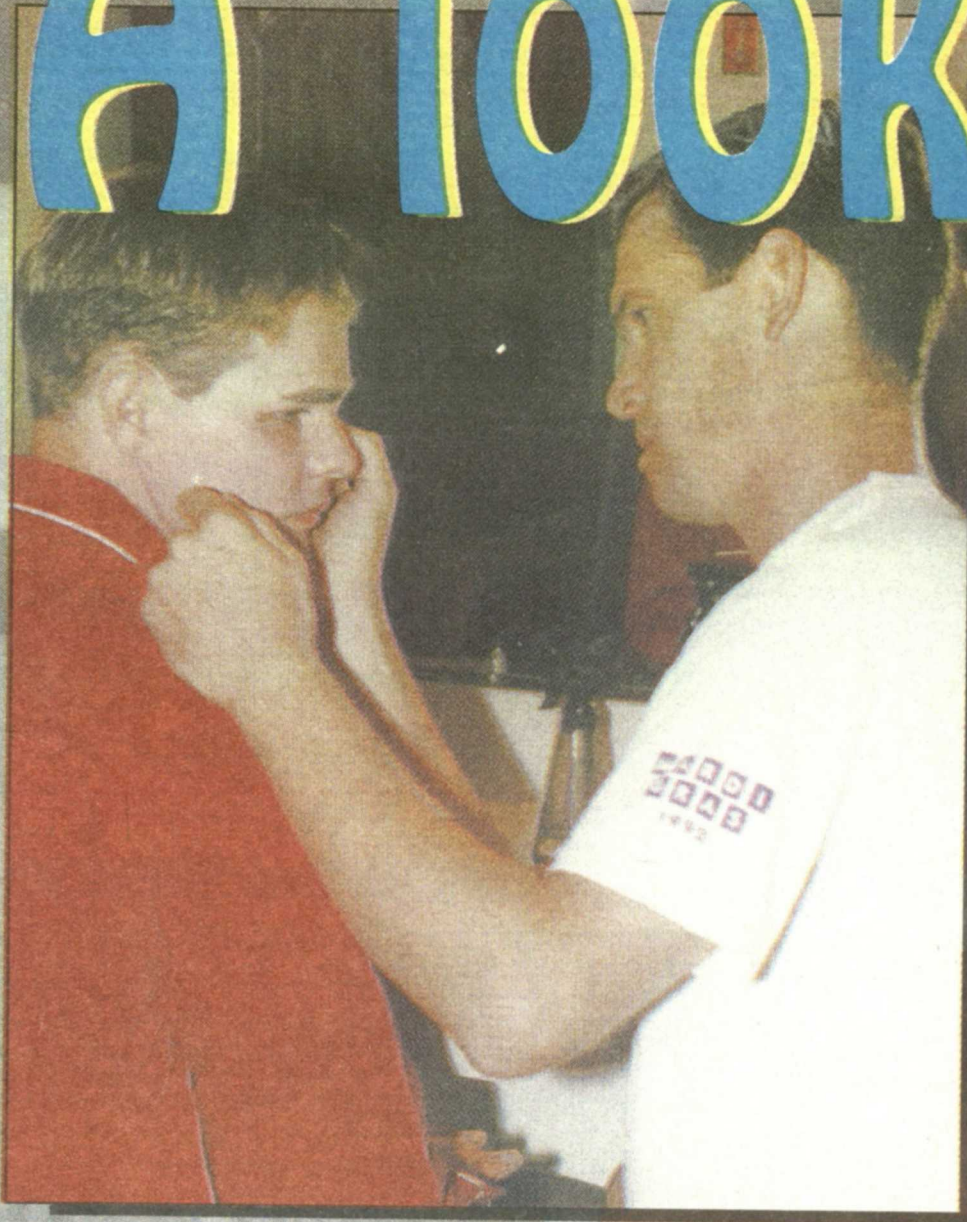
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A look behind



Mark Watson (Charley) helps Geoffrey Pearson (Biff Loman) with last minute details.

Donnella Saldaña, stage manager, and Alex Rodriguez, sound technician, make final light and sound checks.

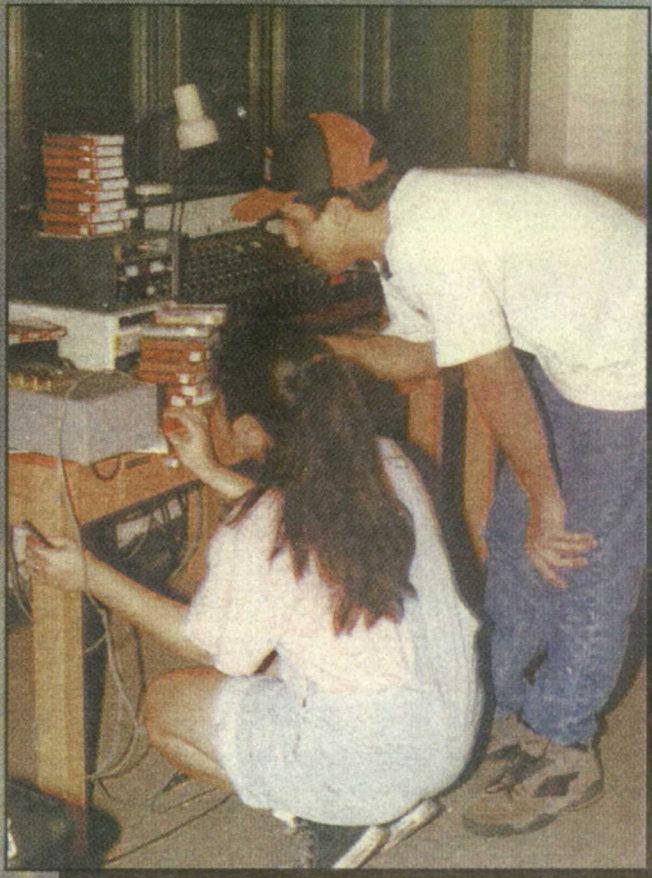


Rebecca Quintanilla (Letta) adds first layer of make-up before stage rehearsal.



Kriselda Garza, costume crew member, sizes-up Nintin Kupur (Bernard) for costume.

d the scenes



Four weeks ago hammers began pounding away on the stage of the University theatre as the floor plans were laid out in preparation for the University Theatre's presentation of (Death of a Salesman).

This show takes on a new meaning with its flashbacks of Willy Loman's memories. The set designer, Tom Grabowski, had to utilize lighting and the stage design to transmit to the audience the flashbacks which create the whole story.

The two levels of the set included the upstairs bedroom and the downstairs part of the Loman home. A backyard area designed on the edge of the stage served as the setting for a restaurant scene. The stage construction served in a way that major scene changes were not necessary.

And as if the prop crew did not already have enough to do, they needed to hunt for a 1912 kitchen stove and three twin-size beds.

Fortunately, the stove hunt came to an end as Sarah J. Martin's father supplied the stove. Martin played the part of The Woman in the play, and the quest for the three beds also came to an end courtesy of Dr. Linda Donahue's children.

Once the completion of the set had come to pass, the lighting cues had to be set to every scene in order to illustrate the flashbacks in Loman's head.

"It is important for the audience to know when the show is in present time or in a flashback," Grabowski said.


Because of the hard work by the students and faculty, this production which could have been difficult to follow on the part of the audience, actually flowed with ease.

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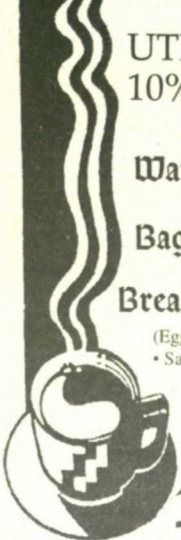

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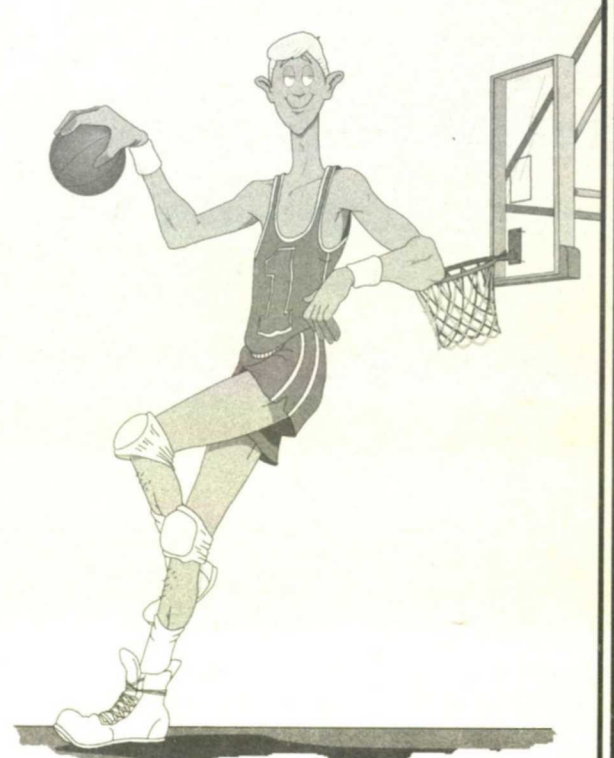
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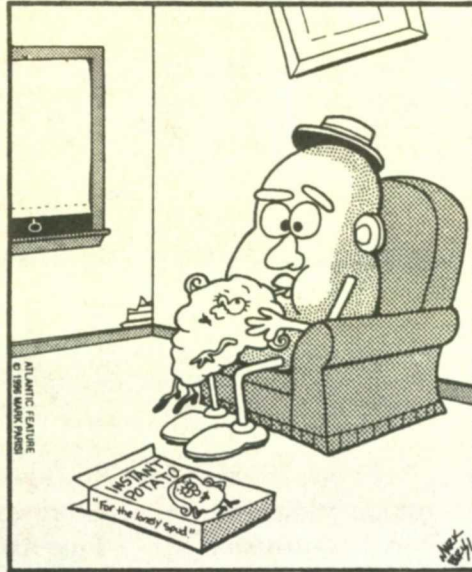
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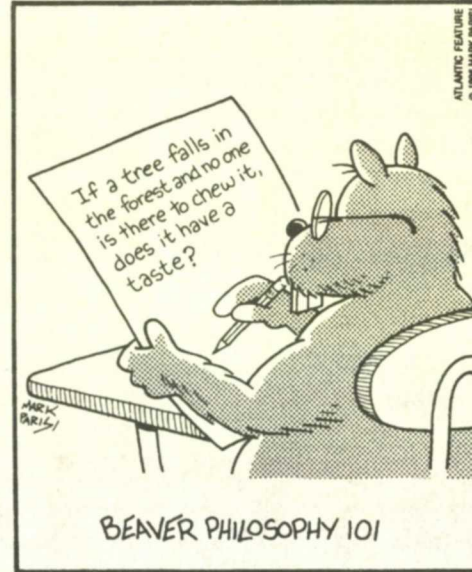
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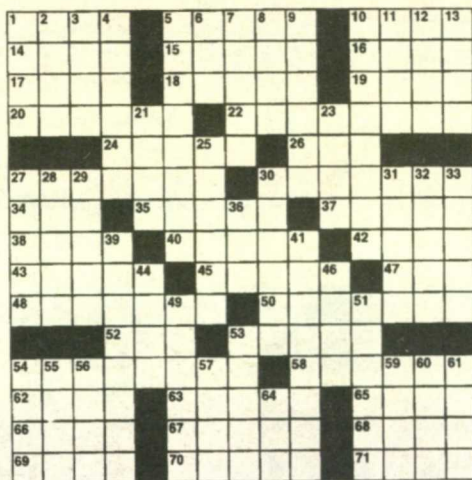


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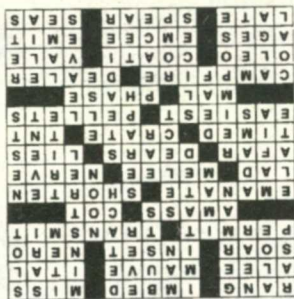
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- 17 Fly high
- 18 Map within a map
- 19 Roman ruler
- 20 Allow
- 22 Send
- 24 Accumulate
- 26 Army bed
- 27 Send forth
- 30 Abbreviate
- 34 Young boy
- 35 Free-for-all
- 37 Daring
- 38 Distant
- 40 Loved ones
- 42 Fibs
- 43 Used a stopwatch
- 45 Wooden box
- 47 Explosive
- 48 Least difficult
- 50 Small balls
- 52 Bad: pref.
- 53 Stage
- 54 Outdoor heat producer
- 58 Vendor
- 62 Bread spread
- 63 Raccoon relative
- 65 Dell
- 66 Eons
- 67 TV personality
- 68 Give off
- 69 Tardy
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- 71 Bodies of water



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- 10 Traveling musician
- 11 Object
- 12 Indian dress
- 13 Coin opening
- 21 Muslim priest
- 23 Middy
- 25 Choose
- 27 Make happy
- 28 Tightly knit group
- 29 John Quincy —
- 30 Angel
- 31 Banal
- 32 Happening
- 33 Cozy places
- 36 Hearing organ
- 39 Levy again
- 41 More reliable
- 44 Unable to hear
- 46 Otherwise
- 49 Cuts into servings
- 51 Military vacations



- 53 Serenity
- 54 Fuel
- 55 Marine plant
- 56 Come together
- 57 Cavort
- 59 Cloth with metallic thread
- 60 Director Kazan
- 61 Soaks flax
- 64 Pskoe

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 - 6 Grown boy
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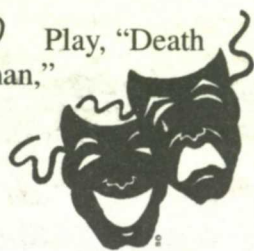
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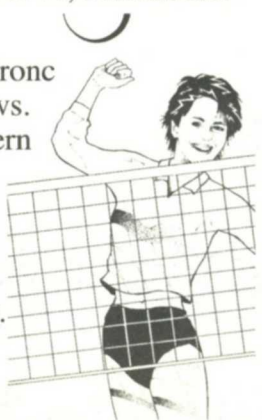


17-25 ASSIST registration for Spring 1997 by appointment.

17 History Movie Night, "The Mountain Men," 7 p.m., LA 101.

18 MIDNIGHT MADNESS opens UTPA Basketball season 10:30 p.m. to ??, Fieldhouse.

19 Bronc volleyball vs. Southwestern Louisiana, Parents' Weekend, 3 p.m., Fieldhouse.



20 Bronc soccer vs. South Alabama, 2 p.m., Soccer Stadium.

20 Bronc volleyball vs. New Orleans, Parents' Weekend, 5 p.m., Fieldhouse.

22 BYOB (Bring Your Own Banana) 11 - 1 at the Quad. Sponsored by the University Program Board.

22 UT Pan American Choir Concert, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

24 History Movie Night, The Wind and the Lion, 7 p.m., LA 101.

24 Philosophy Club meets 12-1 in LA 101. Guest Speaker.

26 MBA Toastmasters Club, 10 a.m., BA 113.

26 Carnival, 7 to 11 p.m., UT Pan American Field House. Food, fun, games and music by "Crossfire."

27 Bronc soccer vs. UT Pan American Alumni, exhibition, 4 p.m., Soccer Stadium.

29 Barbecue for international students at UT Pan American, 7 p.m., Hidalgo County Historical Museum. Sponsored by International Women's Board, UT Pan American Foundation.

31 History Movie Night, "The Old Gringo," 7 p.m., LA 101.



 **November**

1 Bronc volleyball vs. Western Kentucky, 7 p.m., Field-house.

1-2 UT Pan American Folkloric Dance Company in concert with the UT Pan American Mariachi, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

2 Bronc soccer vs. Schreiner College, 2 p.m., Soccer Stadium.



5 Bronc volleyball vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville, 7 p.m., Fieldhouse.

5 Senior Recital, Debbie Jasso, flute, 8 p.m., Recital Hall.

6 Faculty Forum, noon, McAllen Country Club. Doug Bartley, former business professor, on his return from Russia. Sponsored by UT Pan American Alumni Association, 381- 2500.

7 Philosophy Club meets 12-1 in LA 101. Guest Speaker.

9 MBA Toastmasters Club, 10 a.m., BA 113.

9 Bronc volleyball vs. Lamar University, 7 p.m., Fieldhouse.

10 Valley Symphony Orchestra Concert featuring Broadway musical choruses, 3 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. (630-5355 for information.)



11 Application deadline for arena registration for Spring 1997.

12 Bronc basketball vs. Monterrey Tech, Mexico, international exhibition, 7:30 p.m., Fieldhouse.

12 UT Pan American Jazz Ensemble Concert, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.



14 UT Pan American Alumni Association awards banquet, 7 p.m., University Ballroom.

16 Lady Bronc basketball vs. U.S. All-Armed Forces, exhibition, 5 p.m. Fieldhouse.

16 Bronc basketball vs. U.S. Army, exhibition, 7:30 p.m., Fieldhouse.



23 Bronc basketball vs. McMurry University, 7:30 p.m., Fieldhouse.

23 & 24 Renaissance Feast by music department, 6:30 p.m., dinner and program, University Ballroom.

26 Lady Bronc basketball vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville, 5 p.m., Fieldhouse.

26 UT Pan American Band Concert, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

27 Last day to drop or withdraw through the Office of Admissions and Records.

27 Residence halls close for Thanksgiving holidays at 6:30 p.m.

28-30 Thanksgiving holidays. No classes.



 **December**

3 Lady Bronc basketball vs. Oral Roberts University, time TBA. Fieldhouse.

3 Senior Recital, Eddie Mendez, trumpet, 8 p.m., Recital Hall.

2-8 "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens at the University Theatre.

7 UT Pan American Folkloric Dance Company in concert with the UT Pan American Mariachi, 2 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.



14-19 Final Exams

21 Commencement

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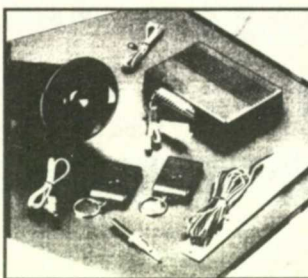


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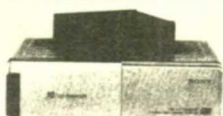
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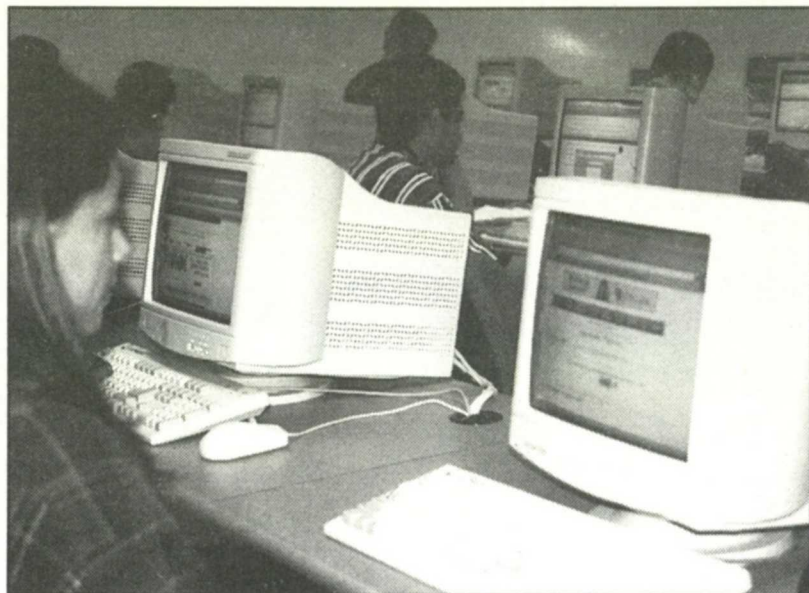
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Internet use: activity or addiction?

Holly Meisel
The Pan American

A glance over the shoulder, crack of the knuckles and a quick dose to calm the nerves. It is a new addiction which follows the dawn of the electronic age. A new drug? No, it's cyberholism.

"I hate to see people make this out to be some sort of virtual-cocaine, because it's not," Steve Copold, director of information



The computer labs at UTPA are popular with the Internet Crowd

resources, said. "I fail to see the beneficial effects of drug-use, but I see a lot of beneficial effects in computer use."

Copold, says that on his job, he sits in front of three display terminals anywhere from probably nine to twelve hours a day, five days a week. He then goes home and sits in front of another one for another three or four hours.

"If you're an innately curious person, the internet will drive you crazy because you just jump from one fact to another," he said. "I learn something everyday from cruising around the internet and it's a

fun way to learn."

Dr. James W. Aldridge, professor of experimental psychology, says he spends a lot less time than he wants to surfing the net.

"It's as though I suddenly have a subscription to every magazine in the world that's published on any topic," he said. "Whatever it is I feel like reading about right at that instant, I can immediately do it."

Aldridge, who admits to being somewhat of a library addict, says he spends most of his time downloading photographs, paintings or artwork.

"To me, cruising the net for hours seems no different than being engrossed in magazines," he said.

According to Dr. Mark Winkle, professor of social psychology, an addiction to the internet would fall under a psychological dependence—an intense and constant feeling or need for the engagement of a particular activity.

"I don't like the word addiction because it has a real negative connotation to it—like an illness," he said. "The only thing I would say that could be negative about spending so many hours on the internet would be if it interferes with your life or the lives of other people in some negative way. If not, then I'd say sit in front of it twenty-four hours a day if you'd like; I don't see how that could be harming you."

René Longoria, a freshman accounting major, admits to spending over four hours every afternoon in the computer labs, chatting on internet lines and cruising the net.

"I've ran into sites that give recipes on how to make LSD or even a bomb," he said. "Even though it can be harmful in that sense, I think overall the internet is more useful than it is harmful."

"For a lot of people, it is a hobby as well as for working or studying," Copold said. "You also put yourself in a much better position to get a job when you get out of school because that is one of the first areas you're inquired on is 'what is your computer experience or what software packages are you familiar with?'"

So, is there anything negative about spending countless hours cruising the internet?

Besides the fast-paced typing on chat lines, Copold said, it can "limit the social life—to some extent."

Theatre opens with success

Lydia Puente
The Pan American

The most poignant works are often the simplest. In the classic drama "Death of A Salesman," playwright Arthur Miller presents the simple story of Willy Loman, an out-of-luck salesman who struggles to find success in a harsh world.

This play, considered by many to be one of the greatest plays in American theater, is being presented at 8 p.m. tonight through October 19 and at 2 p.m. October 20 in the University Theatre.

The role of Willy Loman is one of the most sought after roles in theater history, and with good reason. Loman is a study in emotions, who can go from despair to joy to rage in the blink of an eye.

Lead actor Dan Donahue more than measures up to the challenge. He deftly handles the multifaceted character, changing easily from scene to scene.

In the story, Loman tries to have his success through his older son, Biff and in the process ignores his youngest son, Happy.

Biff and Happy, portrayed respectively by Geoffrey Pearson and Mauro Flores, Jr.,



perform admirably in their roles, particularly Pearson, whose character has the unfortunate opportunity of watching his father fall into disgrace.

Marian Monta performs well as Willy's wife Linda, who is optimistic to a fault, despite her husband's obvious flaws.

Loman's only friend in the world, so he says, is Charley, portrayed with flair by Mark Watson. Even though Charley would do anything in the world for Loman, he doesn't let him because of his pride.

While, "Death" is a relatively simple story, it could have proved a disaster for a less organized cast and crew.

This play, though at times a wrenching drama, teaches a lesson about the definition of success. Success cannot be measured though one's pocketbook, but by the amount of true happiness in one's life. For Loman, this is a lesson he never learned.

Admission is free with valid I.D. Latecomers and children under third grade will not be admitted. For more information contact the University Theatre Box Office at 381-3581.



REVIEWS

THE SPIRITS

'DRIVE'

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'Drive' is the debut release by the Liverpool duo, The Spirits. In much the same style of current Euro-pop (The Cranberries, Oasis) the album is moody, hypnotic, and utterly captivating. This album challenges your emotions, uplifting them to a new and vibrant pulse.

The Spirits are the creative collaboration of Ronni O'Keefe and Nicky Williams. O'Keefe, a seasoned studio hand, matched his songwriting skills with the stunning voice of Nicky Williams, who had spent her early career singing background on dance records. The blending of their talent and experiences has resulted in an excellent debut, and group.

The ten track album spins through real fast, the songs are short and quick to implant their messages and themes. It is hard to single out one of the songs as a sure hit... because the album is a complete package. The only thing standing between The Spirits and total fame and success is the public, and their generally stale acceptance of new music. The style and flow of this album, and the music, is not what you are use to hearing. Instead it is new, refreshing, and a break of clarity in the haze of over-produced, highly commercialized, popular music.

-Mark M. Milam / Lifestyle Editor



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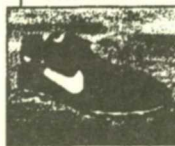
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Midnight Madness!!

Oscar Gonzalez
Sports Editor

As the cool north winds begin to blow through the Valley, nature signals the beginning of a new season...Basketball! Last year has come and gone and now it's time to do it all over again. The UTPA basketball teams kick off another season with the legendary Midnight Madness!

The roundball mayhem will be held at the UTPA Fieldhouse tomorrow at 10 p.m. with a Lay-up contest forecast to begin the evening.

Although the Madness in only 5 years old, attendance and quality has exploded. In it's first year, the program drew about 500, while last years attendance surpasses 1,300. Program head honcho, program brain, and assistant men's basketball coach, Tim Thomas, has pulled no punches in organizing this year's celebration.

Along with the traditional Bronc and Lady Bronc scrimmages, and the Slam Dunk exhibition, other competitions are scheduled to include the student body. A 3-on-3 basketball tournament is scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. at HPE 2. The championship games will be held at the UTPA Fieldhouse later that evening. The winners receive \$75, while second place takes \$30.

Deadline for signing up for the 3-on-3 contest is today at 9:00. Interested parties should contact Intramural & Recreational Sports at 381-3673.

The festivities are a way to gain

some more support from students here. The players as well as coaches want to see more of response from the UTPA community.

"We want to try and bring the campus together," said Thomas.

"We're trying to promote more spirit, more campus pride, and togetherness." Thomas says that the campus groups will be the key to the promotion of Midnight Madness.

Some of the groups that Thomas is relying on are the RHA Dorm Rats, Phi Kappa Theta, American Marketing Association, Young Adults Catholic Ministry, Phi Sigma Kappa, Alpha Kappa Psi, UTPA-ROTC and NSSLHA.

Prizes will be given out for the various events, including free t-shirts to the first 100 to shoot and make a bucket from 3-point range. "Participation is very important," said Tim Thomas.

For the first time ever, Midnight Madness will include a slip and slide contest. Organizations participating are allowed one representative to compete. The goal is to slide as far from the sliding point on the gym floor. Participants will do the sliding in socks. Although organizers encourage ingenuity when making adaptations to the socks for better results (simple modifications such as wax paper on the soles of the socks for easier sliding), they discourage any material that would ruin the gym floor like Vaseline.

There will also be a painted face contest, painted sign, UTPA chant, a dance contest.

"I think it's a lot of fun. That's what it's all about," said Thomas.

Carreon lifts team at Texas A&M meet

Sports Information

Peter Carreon grabbed seventh among 126 official runners Saturday to lift Texas-Pan American to a surprising third place finish in Texas A&M's 18-team cross country meet.

The Texas Longhorns ran away with team honors, scoring 54 points to runner-up TCU's 115. The UTPA Broncs trailed TCU by a single point and their 116 edged Texas A&M, fourth with 118.

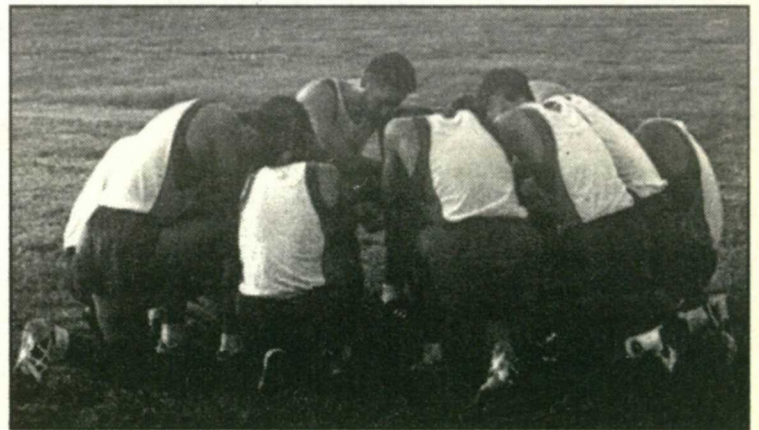
David Lagat, a Kenyan running for TCU, won the five-mile race in 24:47. Carreon fought the crowded field for seventh in 25:28.

Mike Hernandez ran 19th, Camilo Garcia 25th, Joe Medina 28th, Peter Trevino 37th and Eddie Navarette 42nd for UTPA's balanced team effort.

"I was pleased with the performance again—to finish third in such a big meet with 18 universities competing," said Scott Richardson, UTPA coach, whose teams were both unbeaten until Saturday.

Freshman Kacey Warrick led to Lady Broncs to finish eight with her personal best time, 18:41 for 3.1 miles, good for 27th place individually. Melissa Dearth took 29th, Lydia Reyes 32nd, Angie Jaramillo 35th and Britni Bluntzer 47th for UTPA.

Texas-San Antonio dominated the women's race, it's fifth runner finishing ninth, to score 23 points and shock Texas, second with 48. North Texas was third at 121 and host Texas A&M fourth. UTPA's 170 points got eight of the dozen women's teams.



Reina Martinez/The Pan American
Men's cross country team huddles during recent meet. The men's cross country team proved their athletic prowess at last weekend's Texas A&M meet.

Dogs, Iguanas clash in flag football finals

The 1996-97 Intramural Flag Football season winds down today with the women's championships. For the first time in flag football history, a women's team is competing. The Naked Iguanas face off against the Bad Dogs at 5 p.m. today.

Both teams have split games. The Bad Dogs took the first one, 12-6, while the Naked Iguanas slaughtered the 'Dogs, 19-6.

There were only two teams in the women's division.

On the Men's side, Team Bud, the Ravens, The Untouchables, the Dorm Rats, the Pan Amanians, and the Young Guns were the final six teams left in this weeks showdowns.

The Men's finals will be held on Tuesday the 22nd.

In the Racquetball category, Brandon Terry beat Gerson Galloso to become this year's champion.

A 3-on-3 basketball championship is set to begin on Friday before tomorrow's Midnight

Madness. Teams will be competing for cash prizes of \$75 and \$30. Finals will be played during the Madness celebration. Two divisions were set up for men and women.

A beach volleyball tournament is scheduled for tomorrow. This event was set up by volleyball head coach Oscar Segovia to complement "Parents Weekend." Intramural Sports will be officiating the competition. There is only one category for the event, a 4-on-4 coed competition.

Soccer team shines over Shriner, 2-1 in thriller

UTPA Sports Information

UTPA used Pablo Villareal's goal during injury time, the final minute after 90 minutes had expired Sunday, to overcome Schreiner College, 3-2.

The UTPA Broncs won a road game for the second straight Sunday to raise their record to 2-10. They won without regular goalkeeper Marcelo Paredes, who suffered a broken bone in his right hand during practice Friday.

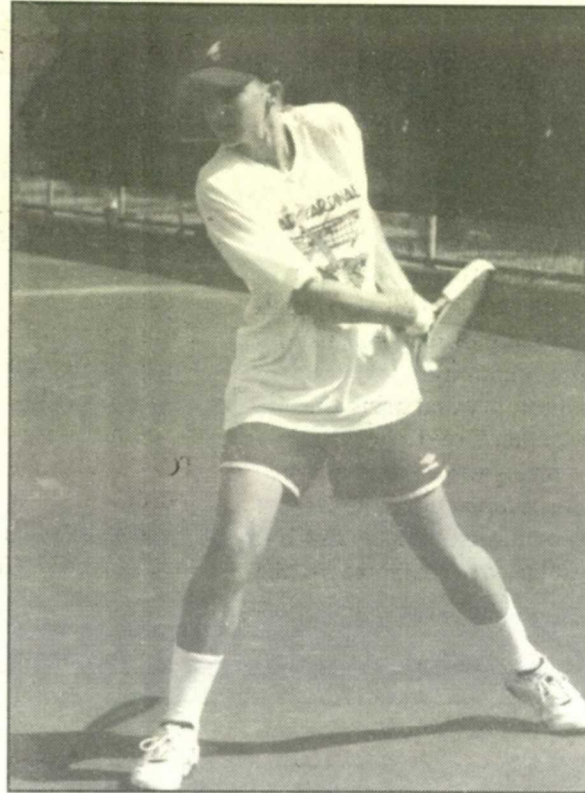
UTPA plays host to a five-game Sun Belt Conference Mini-Series this weekend. The Broncs battle Vanderbilt at 1:30 p.m. Friday and South Alabama at 2 p.m. Sunday.

The Broncs scored in the final minute Sunday at Kerrville to bump off Schreiner College, 3-2. Next they face Vanderbilt (a Sun Belt member in soccer only) at 1:30 p.m. Friday, then entertain South Alabama at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Three other Sun Belt games in Edinburg this weekend will match Western Kentucky vs. Jacksonville, 4 p.m. Friday; Jacksonville vs. South Alabama, 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Ryan Knell, Jesus Raul Leon and Pablo Villareal booted UTPA's goals at Kerrville. Pedro Lopez and Adrian Ausucua added assists.

Villareal, a 5-foot-4 newcomer to the Bronc squad in mid-season, scored on a chip shot over Shreiner's 6-foot-1 goalkeeper. Knell



Reina Martinez/The Pan American

Karen Bowly follows through on a return. The men's and women's volleyball teams competed at Monterrey Tech over the weekend.

scored unassisted by splitting the defense on a drive. Leon booted the clinching goal off a corner kick.

Daniel Asucua served as the Bronc goalkeeper after Marcelo Paredes' injury. Paredes will miss the remainder of the season. He had sparked UTPA to win a 2-1 upset at Oral Roberts University the previous Sunday.

Alfredo Flores underwent surgery for a broken leg on Tuesday. Flores injured his leg during a game against the University of Kentucky in early September.

Tennis team defeats Monterrey

The men's tennis team defeated Monterrey Tech 3-2, while the women's team won 2-1, last Friday.

Junior Jesus Garcia topped Jose Karam of Tech in three sets at the number one flight. Garcia dropped the first match 3-6, but came back to win the next two 6-3, 6-3.

In the number three flight Brian Smith defeated Jose Mireles 7-6, 6-3. Freshman Tri Phan had a solid performance for the Broncs in the clinching match as he came back to win 3-2 in the number four flight defeating Luis Martinez 1-6, 7-6, 6-3.

On the women's side, Yvette Martinez won the key match for the Lady Broncs defeating Ceci Nadal, while teammate junior Karen Bowley topped Carol Pelicoff.

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Bronc Diary



The biggest sports weekend of the new academic year, thus far, is coming up Friday-Sunday at UTPA.

The university will put four sports on display: Men's and women's basketball, soccer and volleyball. A dedicated fan will be able to watch six UTPA events within 53 hours.

The big show, spectator-wise, will be Midnight Madness starting near 10 p.m. Friday in the UTPA Field House. Admission will be free when the Broncs and Lady Broncs play intrasquad scrimmages, enjoy slam-dunk and 3-point contests, and put on a fan-centered evening that stretches until midnight. Cash prizes can be won by spectators.

It's Parents' Weekend for the volleyball team, which entertains Southwestern Louisiana at 3 p.m. Saturday and New Orleans at 5 p.m. Sunday.

The soccer Broncs battle Vanderbilt of Tennessee (a Sun Belt member in soccer only) at 1:30 p.m. Friday, and face strong South Alabama at 2 p.m. Sunday.

These events should prove worth seeing—Midnight Madness is always fun, and Sun Belt Conference rivalries are always fierce.

Gabriel Serda, who will be playing soccer for UTPA here Friday and Sunday, lists an unusual top sports thrill.

"I would say it was playing Italy in the Junior World Cup, in front of 20,000-plus fans in Italy, and beating them, 1-0," Serda said.

Now a junior, Serda stamped himself as a youthful soccer superstar in San Antonio. He scored 22 goals as a junior, 15 as a senior, to earn multiple honors for John Jay High. At 15 he became one of the youngest starters for the under-17 U.S. national team.

He played for the USA on many fields in 1991—in Jamaica, Tobago, Canada, New York, California, Florida—and Italy. In the Junior World Cup the USA beat soccer powers Italy and Argentina, both 1-0; China 3-1; then lost to Qatar 4-3, in the quarterfinal.

"The Italian fans whistle, instead of booing," Serda said. "At the beginning they whistled at us. That's an experience—20,000 people whistling at you. Once we scored, they started whistling at their own team. Afterward they congratulated us and asked for autographs."

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Broncs come home for the weekend

UTPA teams kick off SBC home openers

Oscar Gonzalez
Sports Editor

The UTPA athletic program will be busy hosting a few games this weekend. Until this Friday, the only athletic home game came when the UTPA soccer team hosted Oral Roberts University in a losing effort. The men's golf team hosted a tournament, but it was held at Cimarron since UTPA does not facilitate a golf course. The women's volleyball team has gone through a seven-week road trip.



Reina Martinez/The Pan American

UTPA soccer has improved their record to 2-10. They face SBC opponent Vanderbilt tomorrow.

But the wait ends this weekend, as the show-downs begin tomorrow with a bombardment of UTPA sports. The soccer team hosts Vanderbilt in the first home Sun Belt Conference game.

Vanderbilt will join UTPA and the rest of the SBC teams for soccer, as they normally do not belong in the SBC family. The game begins at 1:30 at the soccer field.

UTPA plays host to a five-game Sun Belt Conference Mini-Series next weekend in Edinburg. The Broncs battle Vanderbilt at 1:30 p.m. Friday and South Alabama at 2 p.m. Sunday. Three other Sun Belt official games in Edinburg this weekend will match Western Kentucky against Jacksonville at 4 p.m. on Friday, then Jacksonville goes against South Alabama at 1:30 on Saturday. Western Kentucky takes on Vanderbilt at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Later tomorrow, the annual Midnight Madness is slated to begin with the 3-on-3 tournament at 9 p.m. The program will include a slam dunk exhibition, and the an intersquad scrimmage highlighting the 1996-97 men's and women's basketball teams.

On Saturday, the UTPA volleyball team will make their home debut at the fieldhouse. The Lady Broncs will host Southwestern Louisiana at 3 p.m. The Lady Broncs' two home openers were given a special touch by naming Saturday and

Sunday "Parents Weekend."

A 4-on-4 volleyball tournament is organized to begin tomorrow to accompany the "Parents Weekend" festivities.

On Sunday the soccer team takes on South Alabama at the soccer field at 2 p.m. The Lady Bronc volleyball team then heads up against New Orleans at 5 p.m.

The LadyThe Bronc volleyball team won both of their matches over weekend against David Lipscomb and Williams Baptist to improve their record to 14-9. UTPA beat up David Lipscomb Friday evening, winning 15-3, 15-5, 15-5.

Junior Christine Phillips led the Broncs attack with 10 kills, while Christine Laury added 8. Sophomore Cita Jimenez had a spectacular serving game and picked apart the defense with a career high 9 serving aces.

On Saturday, the Broncs rolled past Williams Baptist 15-2, 15-4, 15-6. UTPA had a balanced scoring attack led by sophomore Rebecca Boykin with 7 kills. Laury connected for 6 kills, and Belinda Lara and Vivian Montemayor each added 5 kills.

UTPA's game against Tennessee State was canceled Saturday afternoon due to a scheduling conflict.

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