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Love makes the world go 'round -- Sophomore Dana Vincent plays the lead role of 'Lili' in the University Theater's production of the Bob Merrill /

Michael Stewart musical 'Carnival.' The play is being performed tonight through Saturday at 8 p.m. (Photo by Delcia Itzel.)

South Texas needs complete university

By Nora Lopez
Senior Reporter

Dr. Miguel Nevarez, university president, this week called for the support of the faculty and community to convince the Select Committee on Higher Education there is a need for a comprehensive university in South Texas.

At an informational meeting Monday attended by faculty and students Nevarez stressed that although it would be nice for PAU to be chosen as the site of such a university, the real issue is to gain the presence of a comprehensive university in South Texas.

"This area (South Texas) has been underserved for many years," he said. "I was encouraged very, very much when Larry Temple (chairman of the Select Committee) said this area was underserved and called for Texas A&I to be merged with Corpus Christi State University. Temple ought to be commended for the first part of his recommendation."

Nevarez and members of the

Board of Regents were critical of Temple's recommendation to merge Texas A&I and CCSU because the merger would leave PAU out in the cold.

Instead, at their last meeting the Regents passed a resolution calling for the formation of a comprehensive regional university in South Texas that would include PAU.

Nevarez said that rather than have the three universities fight among each other to be chosen as the flagship school, the three should first concentrate on gaining a comprehensive university somewhere in South Texas.

"We would like for this campus to be the comprehensive university," he said. "But we don't want to lose a comprehensive university for South Texas because we fought amongst each other."

Presently, South Texas is the only region in the state that does not have a comprehensive university. A comprehensive university would include a doctorate and masters program as well as a law school medical school and other professional schools.

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Two minicomputers replace old mainframe

The university will soon replace its 10-year-old mainframe computer system with two more powerful minicomputers at a cost of \$2.2 million.

Regents Tuesday approved the purchase of two VAX minicomputers produced by Digital Equipment Corp.

Installation of the new hardware may be as much as six months away, according to Dr. Roy Flores, vice president of business affairs.

The purchase first must be approved by a state oversight agency before the purchase order

can be issued and DEC may take up to 90 days to deliver the computers after it receives the order.

Pan American solicited proposals from IBM and DEC because the university's new software can run on either system, Flores said.

Staff analysis of the two proposals showed the DEC systems would cost the university an estimated \$2,231,000 over the next five years, for hardware, operating software, maintenance of both hardware and software, staff training, and additional

staff, said Flores.

Analysis of the IBM proposal shows an estimated five-year cost of \$2,541,000.

DEC proposed two minicomputers, a VAX 8700 and a VAX 8550, with subsystems for fund accounting, accounts payable, purchasing and budgeting; personnel management, with subsystems for payroll, personnel records, position control, and labor distribution; student records, with subsystems for admissions, transcript information, billing and receivables, and financial aid management;

and alumni and development records, with subsystems for alumni giving, fund management, and campaign management and reporting.

The applications are integrated, meaning that data entered into one subsystem will automatically update related data in another subsystem.

In other business, the regents:

- Approved a contract with the Alumni Association to maintain and update the university's records on graduates and former students;

- Approved a budget change of \$9,088 to pay expenses of litigation involving a contract dispute with a Dallas computer software company;

- Approved a budget change of \$91,059 for the Office of Institutional Advancement to enable that office to conduct a three-year capital campaign;

- Approved the hiring of Roben Hatami, Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin, as an assistant professor in accounting and economics.

- Approved adjunct professorships for Dr. Heather M.

Ogilvie in the department of nursing education; Dr. Sheila Pozorski, psychology; and Dr. Israel Cuellar, psychology.

- Accepted donations of \$7,150 from the Davidson Family Charitable Foundation, \$8,000 from Central Power and Light Co., and \$6,000 from the Exxon Foundation.

- Heard a report from Dr. Michael DeMoss, dean of the Reynaldo G. Garza School of Law in Edinburg, on the progress of a study of the feasibility of the law school affiliating with Pan American.

Committee names new editors

The Publications Committee named Porfirio Villarreal, a junior communications major, and Tara Ellis, a senior English major, as 1987 spring semester newspaper and magazine editors.

Villarreal was named editor of *The Pan American* newspaper and Ellis will head *Rio* magazine.

Villarreal is a 1984 graduate of Pharr-San Juan-Alamo High School. Villarreal said he has always been interested in communications. He was first involved with the electronic media but, as he said "I changed over to print media and found out I liked it better."

He first served as a staff writer for *The Pan American* during the fall 1984 and spring 1985 semesters. In fall 1985 he was named managing editor under Brad Nibert.

As for making changes in the

newspaper, Villarreal said "There will be no major changes in the operations of the paper. The paper will focus on basic news stories and some features."



Porfirio Villarreal

Ellis is a 1980 graduate of Edinburg High School. She was the 1986 spring semester editor of the *Rio* magazine. She also served as a staff writer for the magazine during the fall of 1985. Ellis was also a contributing writer for *Gallery* literary magazine, which is produced by the English department.

As for making any changes in the magazine, Ellis hopes to employ a full staff.

"Hopefully there will be a separate staff for the newspaper and magazine," Ellis said.

She plans to use the ideas of her staff for feature stories in the magazine. She feels "All the ideas of the staff should be used, not just the editor's."

"I encourage all students to join the magazine staff, not just communication majors and English majors," Ellis said. "Any student who is interested in

writing should join the staff."

Student Publications Adviser Joyce Prock said, "I am very excited for both new editors: they both have good qualities."



Tara Ellis

Students to face Sugar Road detour

Drainage improvements by the city of Edinburg in the university area will force some students, faculty and staff to reroute next semester since repairs will mean temporarily closing a stretch of Sugar Road.

The repairs will be done on the drainage system beneath Sugar Road starting at the University Drive intersection to the drainage ditch just before the driveway leading to the Physical Plant.

"It is not going to interfere with parking at all, but it is going to possibly need all the cooperation of the students to detour," said Chief Gregorio Salazar of Traffic and Security.

The improvement project is expected to last three months, but the time needed to close part of Sugar Road will only be about

six weeks according to Hormoz Jafarzadeh, the university's utility engineer who has been working with officials from the city of Edinburg.

Jafarzadeh said repairs need to be done while the street is closed and will start after finals. He hopes that at least one driving lane can be opened by the time students return to register for the spring semester.

"It is mainly going to affect the dormitories, the CAS Building and deliveries to the cafeteria and the Physical Plant," Jafarzadeh said.

Parking lots which will be directly affected by the temporary closing of Sugar Road will be Lot B, the parking lot in front of the University Center; Lot C, the parking lot behind the Liberal

Arts Building; and Lot J and K, the parking lots for the dorm students and the Physical Plant staff.

"It will affect just about all of us," Salazar said. "We are not going to be left out without parking lots, but it will only affect how we approach them."

According to Salazar, none of the parking lots will be blocked off completely from student use but the blocking will consist of one entrance to a specific lot.

Salazar advises that students using Lot C and Lot J and who come from McAllen and cities west of McAllen on University Drive, turn on McColl Road and take Schunior Street to the university.

As for those students coming in from Pharr and cities east of

Pharr, Salazar advises students to come through Highway 281, take Schunior Street until they get to the university.

According to Salazar, by the time "the project is over the university is going to have a better flow of traffic" through Sugar Road since the center lane will be made into a left-turn-only lane. He said that the creation of a left-turn-only lane will leave the other two lanes to continue with the normal traffic flow and thus eliminate the halt of traffic presently created when a car is going to make a turn.

Salazar added that when the project is completed, in addition to solving the drainage problem, it will also leave Sugar Road as a newly paved street.

** FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE **
These examination schedules apply to the Edinburg campus only

FALL SEMESTER 1986-1987			
Day Classes			
Thursday, December 11			
7:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	All TT English 1301 classes		
9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	All MWF English 1301 classes		
5:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	Evening English 1301 classes		
Friday, December 12			
7:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Math 1335 classes		
9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Math 1340 classes		
Monday, December 15			
7:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	MWF-1 classes	(7:45 - 8:35)	
9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	MWF-5 classes	(11:45 - 12:35)	
12:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	TT-2 classes	(9:10 - 10:25)	
2:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	TT-5 classes	(1:25 - 2:40)	
Tuesday, December 16			
7:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	TT-1 classes	(7:45 - 9:00)	
9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	MWF-2 classes	(8:45 - 9:35)	
12:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	MW-6 classes	(12:45 - 2:00)	
2:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	TT-7 classes	(4:15 - 5:30)	
Wednesday, December 17			
7:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	TT-3 classes	(10:35 - 11:50)	
9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	MW-7 classes	(2:10 - 3:25)	
12:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	MWF-4 classes	(10:45 - 11:35)	
2:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	MW-8 classes	(3:35 - 4:50)	
Thursday, December 18			
7:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	MWF-3 classes	(9:45 - 10:30)	
9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	MW-9 classes	(5:00 - 6:15)	
12:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	TT-4 classes	(12:00 - 1:15)	
2:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	TT-6 classes	(2:50 - 4:05)	
Saturday classes: Examinations will be given at regular class time on December 13.			
Evening classes: Final examinations will be given at regular class time beginning on Thursday, December 11, 1986, and ending on Wednesday, December 17, 1986. (Periods 11-14 are considered evening classes).			
NOTE: Examinations should be given only at the time designated. If an examination needs to be shifted from the scheduled time, prior approval by the appropriate school dean is required. Examinations for double period classes should be given at the time scheduled for the first hour the class meets.			

SPEER ATTIC / JOHN SPEER

Join the frenzy-I did

The nation's hands are raised in frenzied horror. White House faces wrinkle with concern and feign innocence. Again, "I will not resign," echoes through executive halls. Democrats count their fortunes for 1988; cloakroom grins escape the camera's eye. Republicans thrust a finger to the wind and guess which way the stench will blow, "Did he know?"

Did the Great Communicator know? "If the Führer knew what bloody blows his henchmen dealt, all would be calm in Germany today," a groaning people once believed.

Stalin's subjects claimed, even as the shadow of his dripping sword crossed the winter sun, "The Great Father would put this to an end--if he knew."

"When I use a word it means just what I choose it to mean -- neither more nor less," Humpty Dumpty said. "The question is," said Alice, "whether you can make words mean so many different things." "The question is," said Humpty Dumpty, "which is to be master -- that's all."

Question: When is a swap not a swap? Answer: When a terrorist becomes a freedom fighter, when war is peace,

when hate is love and summit is not a summit.

In the mind of some, the collective gasp from the gaggle of media geese in Washington is tragicomic irony. "We will not deal with terrorists" was doublespeak before Iran -- for those who cared enough to know.

Reed Brody cared enough to know what phantoms screamed through peasant huts in northern Nicaragua's volcanic paradise. Idyllic jungle life erupts into fiery death and jungle rot -- Made in the U.S.A., the label reads. When Brody called it "Contra Terror in Nicaragua," he spoke not double, he spoke not on the counsel of speech writers and corn-fed Harvard pundits; he wrote what he witnessed in the steamy lull of Reagan's backyard storm. But it's not really Reagan's storm. It's mine and yours, gentle taxpayer, buyer of bourgeois privilege, voracious eater of turkey.

Washington's red-tied kettle of press hawks have learned a new word. Can you say "accountability?" Mister Rogers quizzed. Accountability was forfeited before this generation could mouth the word.

Executive privilege-, national security-, "if you knew what we knew-" obfuscation was not born in Reagan's house. Presidential abuse and lawlessness were not made inside Nixon's gates. The Democrats, it seems, perfected those tricks, if the truth be known.

Did he know? Did JFK know when brother Bobby bugged Martin Luther King? Did FDR know that his most benign critics were snoopers? Did Stalin believe that Trotsky was a Nazi? Did Hitler know that Goebbels lied? With our consent the liars rule, the rulers lie, the masters define, the bullets fly.

Two dreams tug at the sleeping mind of fat America, Pilate of nations. At once, attractions of democratic and moral benevolence compete with the slumbersome feast of power, privilege and riches. In the end it is simpler to feast on the scattered crumbs of kings than to stand guard with the sentries before the palace of human dignity. And woe be to those who lie prostrate before the falling giant, for "all the kings horses and all the kings men..." will never reassemble the feast.



Senate Speaks / Thelma Ramos Faculty thanked

At this week's Faculty Senate meeting the PAU Student Association delivered the following letter of appreciation:

To the Faculty Senate:

I want to express the gratitude of the Student Association for the two resolutions which you passed and read to the Board of Regents regarding athletics funding at PAU. From what I've read in the student newspaper, I realize the Faculty Senate has had difficulties representing faculty needs and perspectives, and I hope you understand that as the representatives of student interests, we in the Student Association face similar difficulties.

The Faculty Senate was one of the few--if not the only--official body that recognized the importance of the student survey on athletics, and your support of the student right to have a larger share in the decision-making process of student service fee expenditures was encouraging to students in general and to PAUSA in particular.

Unfortunately, we were not as successful as we would have liked. However, we in the Student Senate and Student Association plan to continue our efforts in encouraging the

administration at PAU to develop a fair and intelligent budget for student service fees. We appreciate your support and recognition, and share with the Faculty Senate a desire to make decision-making procedures at PAU more reflective of the groups and interests they affect. Thank You. PAU Student Association

On other matters, the week of December 8-12 has been designated as "Clean Up Your Act" week at the Learning Resource Center. This is a joint effort between your student association, the Learning Resource Center staff and physical plant personnel to work on the serious littering problem that has worsened to a distressing level this year.

The LRC has already removed lobby furniture and is considering closing the snack area because a few thoughtless individuals continue to trash out our library. If we students want to keep our privileges, we must respect our campus and CLEAN UP OUR ACT! So, next week, make an extra effort and help clean the LRC. But keep that effort going all year long!

Letters to the Editor

Face slapper

Open Letter to the Board of Regents:

This letter is a direct challenge to the Board of Regents and Dr. Miguel Nevarez to explain the recent decision handed down at the last Board meeting on November 19, 1986. The Board voted unanimously to place a 50 percent ceiling on athletic spending (by-passing the 30 percent ceiling recommended by the Student Task Force and the Advisory Committee for the Allocation of Student Service Fees) and to follow through with efforts to form a conference with other Division I schools.

For the few weeks prior to this decision, the members of the Student Task Force devoted much time and effort trying to educate the student body as to the unfairness in the distribution of Student Service Fees. They (Task Force) gathered facts and figures that clearly showed that a major share of student service fees (money drawn directly from students' pockets for the purpose of providing students with a "direct service") was being used to fund the athletic program. They were also smart enough to see that this imbalance was causing serious difficulties in the abilities of other student services (primarily tutoring, financial aid, Honors Program, and Student Health Services, which, by the way, recorded 1,018 visits for the month of October alone!) to adequately serve the needs of the students.

What did the Task Force do when they saw all this? THEY CARED!!! They cared enough to fight for the rights of their fellow students! They cared enough to push for the proper use of student money! They even cared enough to the research, conduct studies, attend hearings and place all their arguments out in the open for all the public to see!

During all this time, not once did I hear a valid argument for funding the athletic program at their present rate! I am not surprised. Who can argue that all other services should suffer because of the needs of ATHLETICS? Can anyone? If no one can, then why did the Board of Regents vote to do just that? How did they reach this decision?

The Pan American University Policy and Procedures Manual (Section 5.3 Part B, point 2) reads as follows, "In determining the mission of the institution, the Board of Regents should consider how the University fits into the pattern of higher education in the state and should consult the collective wisdom of the students, faculty, and professional staff."

What happened here? Surely the Board of Regents could not have missed the results of a scientific student survey that showed that showed that 93.3 % of all those polled (nearly 800) would like to allocate less than 40% to athletics! Or perhaps they simply do not care what the students? They also could not have missed the resolution set forth by the Faculty Senate (at the same Board meeting November 19) that states that "students should be allowed to make their own decisions about student spending for athletics." It seems that the Board does not put any value on the opinions of our faculty, either.

Again, they probably missed the results the Institutional Self-Study (completed August, 1985) involving the staff, students, and faculty. The committee assigned to investigate athletics concluded that the students "should be instrumental in deciding how their fees are used and that the intelligence of their judgments will

increase with the reliability and clarity of the information with which they are provided." This committee further reported that "although motives are difficult to determine, the committee can see no reason for the obfuscation surrounding practices for student service fees other than a fear on the part of the university administrators that students might not approve of the way their fees are allocated."

Apparently, the Board of Regents used sources other than students, faculty, and professional staff at this university to make their decision. What these sources are, however, is not the issue. The real issue is whether or not the Regents have to explain their decision to anybody. I think they do. According to the Pan American Policy and Procedures Manual (Section 5.3), the Board of Regents has the obligation to "explain the affairs of the institution to the citizens of the state." As a full-time employee, full-time student, and citizen of Texas, I have the right to that explanation!

Therefore, I openly challenged Dr. Miguel Nevarez, Mr. Ramon Garcia, Natividad Lopez, Ms. Margaret McAllen, Mr. Homer Scott, Mr. Horacio Barrera, Mr. Charles Villasenor, Mr. Kent Schaefer, Mr. Eddie Cano, and Ms. Lauryn Gayle White to explain this particular state of affairs! In doing this I also dare them to do something they probably forgot to do when they were making their decision--I DARE THEM TO CARE!!!

Robert Alvarez Senior CAS Senator

Vacuum later

To the Editor:

Is it cost effective (in the context of saving because of state budget cuts) to vacuum during the daytime, i.e. 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.? Many people use the library for other reasons than that of checking out books, i.e. studying. I, myself, am unable to study when the floor is being vacuumed. That's right, too much noise. Also, I seldom see other people using the library when its floors are being vacuumed. Maybe the staff should take a survey and research this issue?

Why? Because, financially speaking it would cost less money to vacuum the library's floors at night, value wise, that is. If only a few are using the library because its floors are being vacuumed, than why not vacuum at night? And then electricity costs will be much less. Or are library patrons here for the maintenance crew's benefit? Or could it be that the state really believes its educational funds are being efficiently spent, (when some of the library's peak electrical consumption time also happens to be its lowest usage time--because "the floors must be vacuumed"?)

Yes, makes me wonder. But not too much, because it's obvious the library's staff is in control--seeing that they desire a copy of this essay be sent to the Pan American or possibly The Monitor, etc.

Name withheld by request

Speer dignified

Open letter to John Speer:

Buoyed as I am by my confidence in our cadets and the purpose and achievements of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program, I am reluctant to dignify your "Campus notes" column of the 20th of November with a

response. But out of responsibility to our cadets, some of whom expressed discomfort with your column, I am moved to write.

I think it is self evident, (and even you recognize it, albeit briefly and in passing) for the need of a trained military to preserve the traditions of our country. Indeed, the training of our future leaders is the most important thing our peace-time military can do. Our ROTC program undertakes this grave responsibility by imbuing our future leaders with a professional military ethic that is committed competence and sacrifice. Necessarily, our program requires a training that approximates experiences that leaders might encounter in time of actual combat.

You make a valid point that there are better places to conduct tactical maneuvers than on campus. But given laboratory time limits and locational constraints, we do the best we can to exact the needed leadership lessons. To prevent you from again drawing erroneous conclusion about the intent or adequacy of our training, I invite you to accompany us on one of our twice-a-semester, weekend field training exercises. We conduct these at Camp Bullis near San Antonio, which allows us the terrain and distances to apply to field situations the lessons we learn in the classroom and leadership labs on campus.

Most centrally, I think it is extremely regrettable that you would abuse your power of press access to publicly judge a whole program by a peripheral incident of a couple of students cutting up. Clearly, the "heavily armed men in civilian clothes" that raised your ire that Monday morning were not behaving as disciplined cadets, nor, since we have no drills on Mondays, were acting in their roles as cadets but more likely merely reverting to the youthful exuberance of typical college students. So please have patience, John. Good leaders are made, not born. The Reserve Officers' Training Corps program is just the start of a long and formalized system of professional learning that all officers will undergo, but it is a good, strong start.

Michael R. Shields Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army Professor of Military Science

To the Editor:

The price of dissent and protest is often high--the history of our nation is replete with sad examples that attest to this fact. To a long line of such tragic occurrences must now be added the astounding coup that was achieved by the local forces of elitist privilege, the PAU Athletic Program. With the verdict of the Special Committee on Athletics now complete, not only will the Athletic Dept. maintain its iron grip on its allocation of student service fees, but it will actually have its share raised from the current 46 percent to an annual allotment of 50 percent. The price that must be paid by those against such an outrage is the literal "slap in the face"--not only did the committee ignore their input but it actually made a bad situation worse by increasing the total share of university athletics.

Now that the verdict is in, it is indeed ironic that those who had set out to rectify a glaring injustice find themselves worse off than where they had started. No one can accurately predict what the immediate impact will be of further inroads on precious student service fees, but the final results are readily decipherable. PAU Athletics will continue to hold its dominant

position over other, more egalitarian, programs, and those suffering from already acute budget cuts will find their misery increased even further.

The mighty few have rode roughshod over the rights of the many, and the depth to which life at Pan American University has sunk is merely a gloomy harbinger of more despicable things to come.

David Ball

Food thoughts

To the Editor:

For as long as human memory serves, man has had a necessary need for food. That is to say, that food is the sustenance that has kept our society from being zapped into oblivion.

It is on this cerebral note, (now that I've got your attention type of mentality) that I fast forward you to the fall of '86. To focus even more, the food of the fall of '86. A deeper and final focus reveals that this letter is about the

food in the cafeteria. Now as a dorm resident, I can attest to you that it is no big secret that the food does not command a 4-star rating, however, where I ask you, do you draw the line? I've been eating this food for nearly two years now and it looks like the cafeteria food has hit an all time low. In quality, in variety, name it. It's low. It's a shame because the people who work there are such nice folks and I don't really feel they are at fault here.

The concern has been so dire not only to me but to my dormitory friends as well. So much that I am presently conducting an in-depth survey as to the specifics and dynamics behind the dissatisfactions we all share here. I mean, let's face it folks, we pay good cash for our food, the least we can get is our fair shake.

The survey is part of an experimental psychology assignment and I feel it will be a valuable tool as to how we as students feel on this issue. J. Ray Trevino II

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New GSL requirements

Loan recipients must show need

Students applying for the Guaranteed Student Loan are now required to demonstrate financial need before their loans can be approved.

The new requirement is a result of the Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965. Changes were implemented Oct. 17 and more changes are still to come, according to Financial Aid Office personnel.

Referred to as "need analysis," the process is the same used to determine eligibility for the College-Work Study Program, the National Direct Student Loan (NDSL) and the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG).

PAU students applying for a Guaranteed Student Loan must fill out a general application for financial aid before eligibility for the loan is determined. There is a \$2 fee for determining eligibility.

Another change called for by the reauthorization act, effective immediately, is that the financial aid office will no longer mail completed loan applications to lenders. Students must now pick up their loan applications from the financial aid office and mail them directly to the lender.

The financial aid office will provide students with names and addresses of at least five lenders.

Other changes in the reauthorization act include increases in GSL borrowing limits per year and the overall aggregate amount of loans. These changes will take effect on loans whose period of enrollment begins after Jan. 1, 1987.

First and second year undergraduate students may borrow up to \$2,625 per year; subsequent undergraduate students may borrow up to \$4,000 per year.

The total aggregate amount an undergraduate may borrow is \$17,250. Graduate students will be able to borrow up to \$7,500 per year. Total loans students may borrow as undergraduate and graduate students is \$54,750. Parent borrowers may borrow up to \$4,000 per year.

The interest rate for GSLs will remain at 8 percent, but the 8 percent will apply through the in-school period and during the first four years of repayment. The interest rate will increase to 10 percent beginning with the fifth

year of repayment. This change in interest rates will be effective for new borrowers with periods of enrollment beginning after July 1, 1987.

The reauthorization act also provides GSL borrowers a deferment due to unemployment for up to 24 months, which borrowers can file for more than once.

The definition of an independent student has been redefined in the reauthorization act and will go into effect Jan. 1, 1987 for GSL borrowers with periods of enrollment beginning after Jan. 1.

The new definition of independent students for Pell, College-Work Study, National Direct Student Loan, Supplemental Opportunity Grant, Hinson-Hazelwood and Texas Public Education Grants will go into effect July 1, 1987.

Under the reauthorization act, an independent student is one who has attained the age of 24. If a

student has not reached age 24, he or she is considered independent if he or she is

- an orphan or
- a ward of the court or
- is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or
- has legal dependents other than spouse or
- unmarried undergraduates not claimed by parents or guardians on their income tax returns and received total income and benefits (not including financial aid) of at least \$4,000 in 1985 or 1986 or
- is married or a graduate or professional student and will not be claimed as a tax exemption by parents or guardians in 1987 or
- is through documentation by the aid administrator determined to be independent by reason of unusual circumstances.

Students who have any questions about these changes may go by the Financial Aid Office at the Student Service Building Room 186 or call 381-2501.

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Still, he said it would be detrimental if a comprehensive university was established in South Texas that did not include PAU.

Because the committee is considering revamping the way universities are classified, PAU might wind up getting less funds allocated because of where they would be classified.

The proposed system of classification calls for only two schools at the comprehensive-research-university level, Texas A&M and the University of Texas at Austin.

The second tier is for comprehensive regional universities such as the University of Houston and Texas Womens University.

If PAU were not included in a comprehensive university in South Texas, it would drop to the third tier for regional colleges.

The fourth tier is for vocational schools and commuter colleges.

Nevarez said the university receives would receive a funding decrease if it were classified as a regional college.

"Our student per capita is \$67 per student while other universities across the state have a per capita of \$200 to \$300 per student," Nevarez said. "We are seriously underserved."

Last week, following the announcement of the Board of Regents resolution, U.S. Circuit Judge Reynaldo Garza said he did not support a move to merge PAU with CCSU and Texas A&I.

Garza, who is from Brownsville, is the Valley's only representative on the Select Committee.

According to Garza, PAU should be made into a comprehensive university on its own since the Valley should be considered separate from the Corpus Christi area.

But Monday, Nevarez said he doubted the Select Committee would approve forming two comprehensive universities in South Texas.

"The word is we can't get recommended for two comprehensive schools," he said. "Our best bet is only one."

Even so, Nevarez points out that the Valley is the fastest growing area in the state. He also said that every year about 8,000 students graduate from Valley high schools compared to only 4,000 in the Corpus Christi area.

The select committee will meet two more times before their recommendations are taken to the legislature for approval, once on December 5 and again one week later when they will begin writing their recommendations. Nevarez said that at this point he would encourage faculty and students to write letters in support of a comprehensive university.

Overall, Nevarez said the committee has come up with some very good suggestions.

Among other things, the committee is considering an increase in faculty salaries so that the average pay of a faculty member would equal the average in the 10 most populous states. This would require an additional \$100 million annually.

Nevarez said some of the recommendations call for an increase in funding. He also said there was a good emphasis placed on reaching minorities.

Other proposals include a revamping of the way the state distributes research funds to colleges and universities, which would increase the role of peer review in the process and a study of the tenure system to determine whether a seven or ten year contract system would improve higher education, and to determine whether tenure hampers recruitment of women and minority-group members as faculty members.

News Briefs

Dec. grads number 750

Over 750 students will be eligible to participate in this semester's commencement exercises which will take place December 21 at 5 p.m. at the Physical Education Complex.

The graduation ceremony will include 324 students who completed degree requirements in August and 454 prospective December graduates.

Prospective graduates who have not received letters with the appropriate instructions should contact Admissions and Records at 381-2734 to verify that their correct addresses are on file.

The day of the graduation ce-

mony candidates should report by 4:15 p.m. to their designated school area and assemble alphabetically around the covered walkway of the Physical Education Complex.

Students may purchase caps and gowns (and hoods for Masters degree candidates) at the University Bookstore at a cost of \$22 for bachelor candidates and \$32 for master candidates. Selling of caps and gowns will continue through Dec. 19.

Larry Temple, chairman of the Select Committee on higher education, will be the guest speaker.

Dallas AP Chief to visit

John Lumpkin, the Associated Press Bureau Chief in Dallas, will come talk to students interested in pursuing a career in journalism Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. in CAS 107.

Lumpkin is scheduled to speak to students enrolled in the Introduction to Communications class being taught by Dr. Marian Monta but any interested student can attend.

Musicians plan holiday concerts

The Valley Symphony Orchestra and the University Chorale will present two holiday concerts on Dec. 6 and 7.

The first concert will take place Saturday at the Mary Hoge Auditorium in Weslaco at 8 p.m. The Dec. 7 concert will take place at the McAllen Civic Center also at 8 p.m.

The orchestra concert will include performances of Saint Saens - Christmas Oratorio and Fantasia on Greensleeves. The Chorale will perform "Christmas Day" and a "Carol Sing Along."

Admission to the performances is \$7 for the general public, \$6 for senior citizens and \$5 for students.

Valerio named Bronc Queen

The brown-eyed sophomore did not expect to be crowned Miss Bronc Homecoming Queen when she entered the U.C. Ballroom at last week's Homecoming Dance.

Ana Cecilia Valerio, a native of Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, said she decided to run for Bronc Queen after much encouragement from friends.

Her Homecoming escort was Michael Scott Phillips, who was named Mr. Bronc King.

Before attending Pan American,

Valerio studied chemical engineering for a year in Monterrey. She lived with her family in Harlingen before becoming a dorm resident.

After a year at PAU, Valerio became interested in the field of food manufacturing and plans to return to Monterrey after graduation.

Valerio's hobbies include listening to music, dancing, reading, traveling and spending time at the beach.

Knights win Olympic first

First place winners of the annual Bronc-Olympic games were the Intercollegiate Knights, with 297 points.

In second and third places, re-

spectively, were the Reserved Officer Training Corps (ROTC) with 291 points, and the Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC) with 240 points.

Car Thefts top police blotter

In an effort to make students and faculty aware of crime on campus *The Pan American* in cooperation with Traffic and Security, will begin printing a regular Police Blotter. Chief Gregorio Salazar of Traffic and Security encourages anyone who witnesses a crime or any suspicious activity to call the office at 381-2737.

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On Nov. 25, a student reported an unauthorized use of a vehicle. A 1985 Chevrolet Monte Carlo was stolen from parking lot B. The vehicle had an estimated value of \$11,000.

On Nov. 28, a student reported both tires on the left side of his vehicle had been slashed while his vehicle was parked in Lot H. Estimated loss is \$90.

On Nov. 28, a student reported both tires on the left side of his vehicle had been slashed while parked in lot H. Estimated loss is \$100.

What, Where, & When

THU

CAMP will hold a bake sale from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the entrance of the Student Services Building.

PHILOSOPHY CLUB will hold a presentation from 10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. in LA 117. Guest speaker: Mr. Raul Solls.

SAT

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION will hold a tamale sale from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in the cafeteria forum.

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Play Review Theater stages lavish 'Carnival'

By Rose Marie Herbert
Staff Writer

"Carnival" is the most lavish production the University Theater has put on in a while. It has a large cast (over 30), beautiful costumes, and, as usual, clever use is made of a sparse set.

There are puppets, dancing girls, acrobats, clowns, a set of Siamese twins, a strong man, a gypsy snake charmer, and even a man on stilts.

There are so many fine performances that it seems unfair not to mention everyone by name. However, several in particular stand out: Dana Vincent plays Lili, an innocent country girl who joins the carnival. The role calls for a great deal of singing, including "Love Makes the World Go 'Round," the most well-known song from the original Broadway production. Vincent is lovely and has a beautiful voice. She handles the role quite well.

As "Marco the Magnificent," Charles M. Pokorny does everything from magic tricks to sword fighting. Brian Warren as Paul also sings beautifully. Jeff Marquis has some funny moments as Jacquot, one of the pupeteers.

Also in the cast are Sara Kidd and Billy Rodriguez. It's not really fair to the audience to have these two in the same scenes together. Both are so delightfully funny and talented that you don't know who to watch. Keep your eye on one and you miss out on what the other is doing as the two upstage one another continuously.

Watch for their hilarious "Humming" duet in Act 1. Rodriguez slyly and casually delivers the funniest lines in the play as the cigar-chomping Mr. Sclegel, the ringmaster. Kidd is the brassy, trashy Rosalie, the magician's assistant and long-suffering girlfriend. She sings too.

Two complaints: One of the dancing numbers in Act 1 was somewhat sloppy - the audience seemed relieved when it was over. Also, several people in the audience mentioned that the play seemed slow at times, especially the second act.

However, I think this was largely due to the fact that the theater was only about half full because it was also the night of the Broncs first home game. No doubt the energy level will be higher with a full house.

These two comments aside, "Carnival" is an enjoyable experience. Credit should be given to Director Doug Cummins for undertaking such a big task. If you want to see some of the best of what the University Theater and PAU have to offer, see "Carnival."



A work of art -- Margie Sanchez, 22, has dedicated her up-coming art exhibit to her fiance, Gaston Arguelles, a University of Texas finance major. Sanchez is the first student to have her work showcased in the CAS Art Gallery. (Photo by Delcia I. Lopez.)

Sanchez art show first CAS Gallery student exhibition

By Rose Marie Herbert
Staff Writer

Senior art major Marguerite A. "Margie" Sanchez will exhibit her work in the CAS Art Gallery Dec. 5 - 12. A semi-formal reception will be held Dec. 5 from 8 to 10 p.m.

Titled "An All-Media Experience," the exhibit will contain over 60 pieces including drawings, sculptures, ceramics, watercolors, posters, and t-shirt designs.

For the last year Sanchez has been doing freelance work for the University Program Board, designing posters, fliers and t-shirts for various UPB-sponsored activities. In addition, she designed the t-shirts for the recent intramural games. These will also be a part of the exhibit.

Sanchez has been practicing her artistic talents since childhood. Most recently she has been working with watercolors.

"I really love watercolors," she said. "I would like to develop it further. I'm doing portraits and illustrations."

Sanchez cites Michelangelo's "Creation of Adam" as one of her favorite works. However, she said of her own work, "I am a realist. Everything I have is functional."

"I am a realist. Everything I have is functional."
--Margie Sanchez

Sanchez estimates that the exhibit has thus far cost her some \$800 for frames, glass, mats and refreshments for the opening night reception. She also had pedestals custom made in Monterrey for exhibiting her work.

Sanchez is the daughter of Ruben and Juanita Sanchez of Elsa. Her father is the director of DM Premier Food Services. Her mother is personal secretary to the director of Student Health Services.

"Hopefully this will be a turning point and more students will be able to exhibit their work in the CAS Gallery"
--Margie Sanchez

For the last four years Sanchez has worked in the university print shop under the supervision of Hermelinda Drewry. Her duties include typesetting, paste-up and graphics.

In addition, she is involved in the Art Club and is secretary of the campus Advertising Club, a district branch of the American Advertising Association.

Upon graduation in December, Sanchez will relocate to Austin where she is being considered for

employment by five different advertising agencies. Eventually she would like to own an ad agency in the Valley.

Sanchez is the first student to have an art exhibit in the CAS Gallery since it opened a year ago. Only faculty have had their work showcased there thus far, which has resulted in complaints from some students.

"Hopefully this will be a turning point and more students will be able to exhibit their work in the CAS Gallery," Sanchez said.

December events listed

December events at Pan American University will include concerts, basketball games and a play.

An Art Student/Faculty Christmas Exhibition in the Gallery of the Communication Arts and Sciences Building will continue through Dec. 26.

The University Theater will present the musical play, "Carnival," at 8 p.m. Dec. 4-6 in the Communication Arts and Sciences Building. Tickets may be obtained by calling the theater box office, 381-3581.

Also on the calendar:
5 Outdoor Fall track meet at the track, east side of the campus.

6 Valley Symphony Orchestra and Choral concert, 8 p.m., Mary Hoge Auditorium, Weslaco.

7 Valley Symphony Orchestra and Choral concert, 8 p.m., McAllen Civic Center.

9 Pan American University Choir Concert, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

19-20 Bronc basketball, Pan American Holiday Classic (Pan American, Nicholls State, University of Texas at Arlington, and Stephen F. Austin), Fieldhouse.

21 Commencement exercises, 5 p.m., Fieldhouse.

29-30 Lady Bronc basketball vs. Abilene Christian, Fieldhouse.

For more information on athletic events, call 381-2221; concerts, 381-3491, and plays, 381-3581.

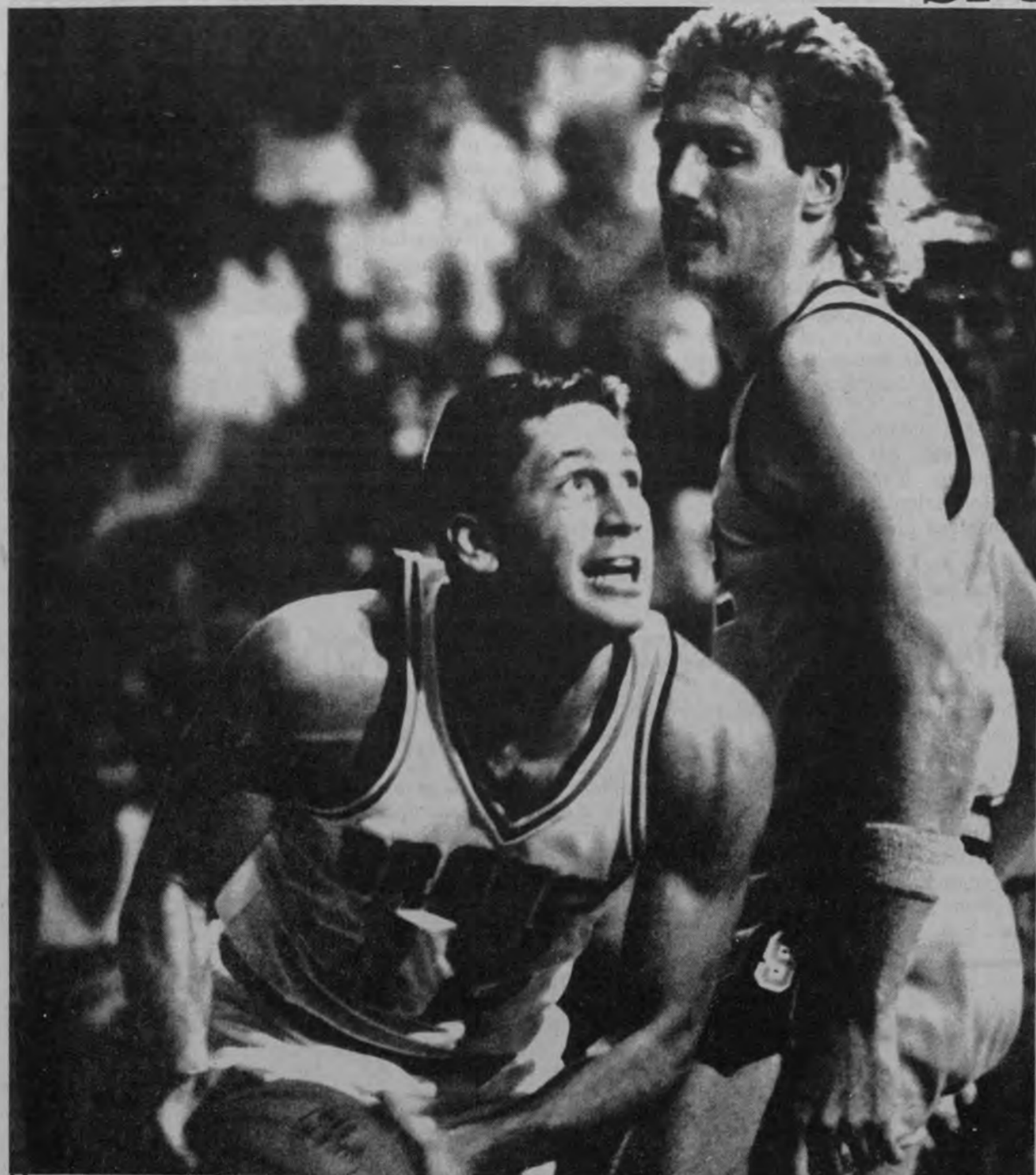
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Move on over -- G.I. Joe Johnson looks up at the basket before making the two points against Schreiner College. Johnson took Whataburger Player of the Week honors (see story on page 6) given by the media panel. (Photo by Delcia Itzel.)

Broncs top Schreiner in home opener

The men's basketball team won the first home game of the season on Tuesday night against Schreiner College, 100-62. The Broncs will play host to the PAU Holiday Classic on Dec. 19-20 at the Fieldhouse.

Schreiner's Mountaineers from Kerrville have suffered through a rough road start. They owned a 3-4 record before playing Tuesday's game.

The Broncs opened their season with a slow start after losing their exhibition game to the ever powerful Fort Hood Tankers on Nov. 19. The Fort Hood game however, did not count in college statistics or record standing.

"In the game against Fort Hood we were a bit too hurried and excited," Coach Kevin Wall said. "Overall we ran the floor hard and had good depth throughout the game which should carry us through some games this year."

Recently the Broncs returned from a brutal road trip that included a 13-hour travel day. The Broncs traveled to Fresno, California, to play in the Sun Met Classic on Nov. 28 and 29. The men took to the court with McNeese State and Cornell University.

The Broncs were defeated by McNeese 67-64. Joe Johnson scored the first two points for the Broncs after trailing McNeese by six points within the first 17 minutes of the game.

The Broncs were the dominant

force in the first half of the game. They led McNeese by six points by the end of the first half. McNeese then made a strong comeback to defeat the Broncs by a mere three points.

On Saturday, the Broncs made a strong comeback beating Cornell of New York, 89-75. Charles Ray, 6-9 senior, contributed 21 points to Saturday's first Bronc victory that evened the team's record at 1-1.

The Broncs led Cornell early, 15-2, and led by 19 points before the New Yorkers came back, 56-51 late in the second half.

Joe Johnson, 6-4 senior, earned All-Tournament honors for Pan American. He was the only Bronc honored in the prestigious, eighth annual Sun Met Classic.

Johnson scored 19 points against Cornell, despite playing with a black eye and a four-foul handicap.

Tournament observers noted that Friday's game against McNeese decided the championship. Pan Am and McNeese State both won decisively Saturday night after their close duel on Friday.

"Basically we're not going to make any major position adjustments, we're just going to concentrate on refining our playing," Wall said at practice Monday.

The Broncs will travel Thursday to play in the Tip Off Classic at the University of Texas at El Paso on Friday and Saturday.

SPORTS DIGEST

INDOOR TRACK

The men's and women's track teams start their season Saturday at the Lubbock Christian College Indoor Track Invitational.

UT-El Paso, Texas Tech, New Mexico, South Plains, and Angelo State are some of the teams that will compete.

The meet will run on a rolling time schedule. There will be no field events at this meet.

Events for the men and women are: 2-mile run, 60-yard dash, 880, 440, 220, 1000, 600, the mile and the mile relay.

The men will compete in the 60-yard high hurdles while the women compete in the 60-yard low hurdles.

McDaniel says top spot will go to Broncs

Lady Broncs basketball Coach Tony McDaniel said he is quite confident of taking first prize at the Texas A&I Classic in Kingsville this weekend.

"I think we're going to win it," McDaniel said.

The team goes into the three team tourney with a 0-2 record.

The Lady Broncs will play against Texas Southern University of Houston at 6 p.m. on Friday. On Saturday the team will play either host Texas A&I or Schreiner College of Kerrville.

If the Lady Broncs win Friday, they play at 8 p.m. Saturday. If they lose, they play at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Last weekend the Lady Broncs lost to a powerful McNeese State squad, 65-43, and losing to favored Texas Christian, 79-52.

"Our man-defense is very good but we have got to be more patient offensively, swing the ball around more and wait for a good shot," McDaniel said.

Senior forward Kay Dee Benavidez led the ladies in scoring, both games, with 11 and 12 points. Kelly Crouch scored nine against McNeese State and Bridgette Ivory totalled nine against TCU.

The next home game for the Lady Broncs will be Dec. 29 against Abilene Christian University in the Fieldhouse.

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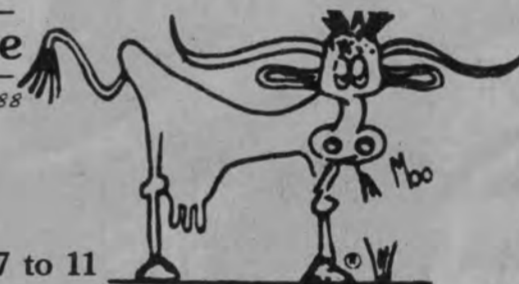
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Cheerleaders vital to team success, motivation

By Melinda Gonzales
Sports Writer

If you've ever attended a sports event you know that a motivated audience is an important factor to a team's performance. If you are a serious sports spectator you have probably at one time or another noticed a group of people leading a motivated audience. Yes, I'm talking about cheerleaders.

Cheerleaders spend long hard hours every day practicing and preparing for perhaps the next basketball or volleyball game.

This year the cheerleading squad consists of twelve members: six males and six females. The squad practices every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at the Field House.

Lucy Perez, sophomore, is the captain of the squad. The cheerleaders are coached and supervised by Linda Morales, sophomore.

According to Perez the squads' practices consist of a series of stretching exercises, cheers,

jumps, and pyramid and dance routines.

"Mainly what I try to accomplish during practice is to give the less experienced members, rookies, an opportunity to gain their confidence," Morales said. Morales, an accounting major, serves as a sponsor to the cheerleaders. She teaches them new cheers and dance routines.

"I've been a cheerleader since junior high," Morales said. Morales explained that she gets more satisfaction out of being a sponsor rather than an actual cheerleader.

"I get greater satisfaction seeing a successful cheer or pyramid being done," Morales said. "The main thing is just to have fun while performing."

We have to know how to perform for a crowd and how to motivate them she explained.

The six female cheerleaders are: Captain Lucy Perez, Edinburg; Barbara Silva, Edinburg; Lisa Lopez, San Isidro; Melissa Cortez, McAllen; Rachel Cantu, Mercedes; and Chris Cantu, Weslaco.

All of the female members of the

squad are sophomores with the exception of Silva who is a freshman.

Perez, Morales and Cortez were members of last years' cheerleading squad. All of the female cheerleaders were high school cheerleaders and have had either dancing or gymnastic lessons.

The male members of the squad are: Carlos Caceres, Alamo; Mike Farias, Edinburg; David Juarez, Weslaco; Raul Brocamontes, Pharr; and Charlie Saucedo, Edinburg.

Caceres and Juarez were both members of last years' squad. Juarez is the only male cheerleader with previous cheerleading experience. He was a cheerleader at Weslaco High School.

When asked what motivates these men to become cheerleaders, Caceres explained that when he first tried out for last year's squad it was sort of a joke.

"It started off as a dare and the more I thought about it the more serious I became about trying

out," Caceres said. "After I made the squad I just became more motivated and took it seriously."

Juarez explained that what motivated him to continue cheerleading at the collegiate level was the partner stands that are so characteristic of collegiate cheerleading.

"I also like being in front of spectators and motivating them," Juarez said.

Being a cheerleader requires a great deal of strength and endurance. It is for this reason that cheerleaders must keep themselves physically fit at all

times. An essential part of their conditioning requires that they watch the foods they eat and maintain a certain weight.

"I try to keep up with their fitness," Morales said. "They get weighed in every week. I can tell when they've been slacking off and not keeping as fit as possible."

Rachel Cantu agrees, and believes they must maintain their weight.

"We really have to watch our weight, it's important," Cantu said. "It's important because everyone is looking at us when

we are out on the court. "We have to give it our all and look as professional and sharp as possible," Cantu said.

All the cheerleaders agree that what they like the most about collegiate level cheerleading is that male cheerleaders play a more vital role in the sport.

"Male cheerleaders allow a squad to do more difficult cheers and pyramids because they're stronger," Cortez said.

"In high school we didn't have guys and they can make a big difference," R. Cantu said.

Kool Kats represent Pan Am at flag football championship

Intramural competition is still underway and new activities are being planned for the spring semester.

The flag football championship was played Nov. 21 between the Texas State Technical Institute intramural Flag Football team and the Pan American University team.

HPER club for the intramural volleyball championship.

Intramural games such as three on three basketball, badminton, slow pitch softball, a swim meet, a track meet, frisbee golf, a chess tournament and a bridge tournament are tentatively scheduled for next semester.

Whether these events will be held or not depends on interest and participation. Basketball and softball officials are needed for the games.

Anyone interested in participating should contact Santiago Villanueva, Director of Housing and Recreation at 381-6666 or stop by UC 102.



Follow the bouncing ball -- Dean F.J. Brewerton of the School of Business goes after the ball before Lady Broncs Kay Dee Benavidez and Bridgette Ivory get to it. The women defeated the male faculty team 56-43 for their annual fundraiser.

Intramural Activities

TSTI defeated the Kool Cats 60-14. The Kool Cats were selected from the other flag football teams from here because of their record.

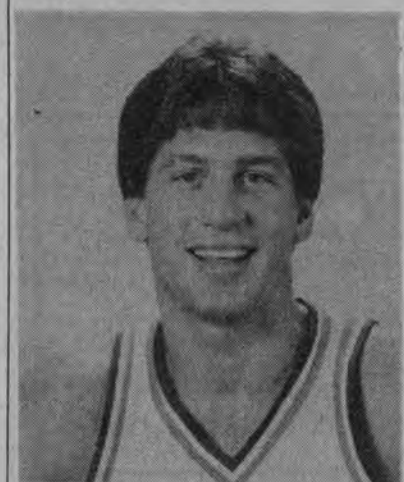
On Nov. 20 Los Hermanitos defeated the Rockoons 22-8. Los Hermanitos won the Nov. 25 game against the Avengers who forfeited.

In intramural volleyball, the Data Processing Management Association Hackers face the Campus Assistant Migrant Program team Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

The winner of this game will play the ROTC Lean Mean Spiking Machine. The winner of the second match will play the

Whataburger Player of the Week

Coming back home with all-tournament honors at the Sun Met Classic at Fresno, California, Joe Johnson, was honored as the first Whataburger Player of the Week recipient.



Joe Johnson

The 6-4 senior forward from Baton Rouge LA, scored 33 points, got 12 rebounds, nine

assists and one black eye to be voted the winner unanimously by a panel of valley news media.

Johnson was elbowed in the face Friday night against McNeese State. The players were going for the ball under the hoop when he was hit. No foul was called according to Sports Information Director Jim McKone.

The winner of the award only gets the honor, but Whataburger contributes \$100 toward two scholarships for valley players, one man and one woman.

Last year's winners were baseball player Neri Pena, second base and Basketball Guard Michael Anderson.

The media panel which will vote each week for the top Broncs are Pikey Rodriguez, McAllen Monitor; Jon Schill, KURV; Eloy Saenz, The Pan American; Jeff Koch, KGBT; McKone, Sports Information; and Ron Gomez, Whataburger.

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Cadet of the Week

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Cadet Captain Devin Shelby

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Serving as the Cadet Training Officer, Devin is responsible for the planning, preparation, and supervision of both field training exercises and lab instruction for 96 cadets.

Devin commented on his experience in ROTC: "Some people are constantly in search of challenges which really test their ability to extend themselves above and beyond the ordinary. It is that kind of people that make the Broncs Cadet Corps what it is."

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Hey, what a feeling!--Art Major Jamie Rodriguez demonstrates what his reaction will be once final exams are over. The exams are scheduled for Dec. 15-19. (Photo by Juana Maria Queta Cantu)

Dean meets with students

Education seniors get reprieve

By Nora Lopez
Senior Reporter

Texas Education Association Commissioner Dr. Bill Kirby will recommend to the Commission on Standards that the date of expiration for the 1983-84 school standards be moved to Sept. 1, 1989 allowing several education students here sufficient time to fulfill their degree requirements.

Earlier this week, about 100 senior education majors were worried they would have to prolong graduation for at least a year as a result of a state rule that requires them to successfully pass the Pre-Professional Skills Test (P-PST) before they can participate in student teaching.

The P-PST was last administered November 22, but for those students who fail, the spring semester will be their last chance to fulfill their student teaching requirements under the 1983-84 degree plan that expires Sept. 1987.

Although the P-PST will be administered again on March 7, 1987 and June 27, 1987, because

students cannot student teach in the summer, they will be unable to fulfill their degree plan requirements. Before a student can receive his teaching certification, he must fulfill the student teaching requirement.

The 1987-88 degree plan makes various changes to the education program and for most students it means an increase in the required number of courses necessary to be certified. Because of this, students may find they need to attend school for another year before they can graduate.

State-wide, minorities have not fared well in past P-PSTs. Additionally, students who do pass the P-PST are also required to pass the Examination for the Certification of Educators in Texas (ExCET) before the September deadline or else they too face the possibility of an additional year of studies.

The next ExCET exam will be administered Feb. 7, 1987.

But Tuesday evening, Dean of Education Dr. Ernest O'Neil told "The Pan American" he had been in contact with TEA officials who

appraised him of Kirby's recommendation.

Earlier this semester a group of students approached Dean of Education Dr. Ernest O'Neil about their predicament but O'Neil was unable to offer a solution at that time.

Because the requirements are state law, O'Neil said the university was not in a position to change any test dates. He told students only the Texas Education Agency could authorize any changes.

Prior to Tuesday's meeting with O'Neil, several students were hoping they could convince university officials to postpone the 1983-84 degree plan deadline until December 1987.

The students feel that by doing so, they would have the opportunity to pass the P-PST before the fall semester in time to do their student teaching.

"If we don't pass the ExCET and P-PST we automatically fall under the new degree plan," said Imelda Hernandez, a senior Bilingual Education major. "I'd

like an extension for just one more semester.

Many of us are really scared...we feel strapped (in)...we are taking too many classes because if we don't we will not be able to graduate by August."

Hernandez said that while she could live with having to attend school for another year, a lot of students could not.

Marcos Garcia, a senior elementary education major is one of those students. Garcia said, financially, he could not afford to attend school for another year.

"I'll probably quit school and go to work...probably do emergency teaching, but I can't afford to postpone graduation another year," he said. "I can't afford another year...we're tired of running on empty."

His sentiments were echoed by Emma Flores, another education major.

"I think I'll keep on going if I can financially hack it," she said. "I just wish they would extend the deadline, at least to Dec. 1987. We're not asking for the P-PST to be called off."

Faculty ranks president well above Applbaum

President Miguel Nevarez received a significantly higher rating than Dr. Ronald Applbaum, vice president of academic affairs, on the recently tabulated faculty evaluation.

Evaluation forms consisted of 49 questions; 137 faculty members responded to the president form and 136 evaluated the vice president of academic affairs (VPAA).

The president received ratings that were more positive than negative on 23 out of 49 items on the questionnaire and ratings more negative than positive on 25 items with one item producing identical results.

Applbaum received more negative than positive responses on 83.7 percent of the items on the questionnaire. Only eight items, or 16.3 percent, produced responses that were more positive than negative. Only 14 items received positive evaluation from more than 30 percent of those responding.

Nevarez was rated highest, in descending order, for: advocacy of financial needs, effective communication outside the university, participation in university activities and demonstration of sensitivity to students.

Applbaum was rated highest for: effective verbal communication, competence in professional achievement, effective written communication and encouragement of professional achievement.

The four areas in which the president received the lowest ratings were: seeks faculty input, proficiency in faculty recruitment and selection, effective delegation of authority and effective verbal communication.

The VPAA was rated lowest for: admission of errors, attention paid to faculty, utilization of faculty input and demonstration of sensitivity to faculty needs.

The areas in which the VPAA and the president most clearly differ are positive percentages.

Only 13.2 percent thought

Applbaum was sensitive to student needs, while 67.7 percent responded positively to Nevarez' sensitivity in this area.

In the area of admitting errors: 17.5 percent ranked Applbaum positively and 46.1 percent approved of the presidents record.

More than half, or 56.7 percent, said Nevarez subordinates personal goals to institutional goals, but only 17.7 percent said the same about the VPAA.

Only 22.2 percent of the respondents answered more positively than negatively regarding their trust and confidence in Applbaum while 68.1 percent gave negative responses.

Positive and negative results were identical concerning trust and confidence in Nevarez, with 27.2 percent marking the undecided category.

Results of the evaluations are available to the public at the personnel office in the administration building.

Temple to address grads

Larry Temple, chairman of the Governor's Select Committee on Higher Education, will be the guest speaker for the December graduation ceremony. It will be held at 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 21, at the PE Complex.

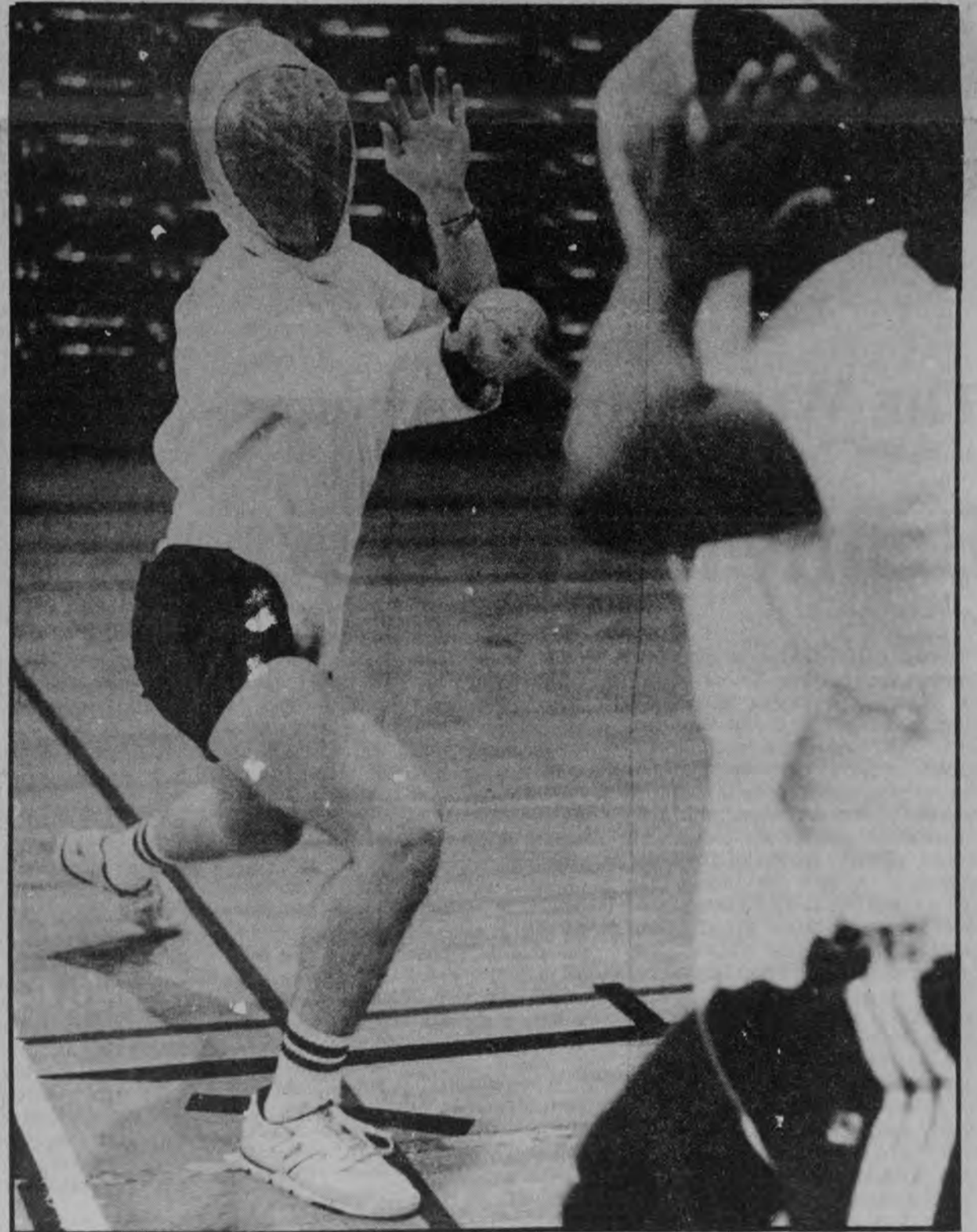
All candidates are asked to be at the complex by 4:15 p.m. They are also asked to pay close attention to all instructions given by class marshalls and members of the Office of Admissions and Records staff.

Temple, born in Plainview, Texas, now lives and works in Austin as a sole practitioner. He graduated from University of Texas at Austin with a law degree in 1959. The former UTA student served as Special Counsel to President Lyndon Johnson from 1967 to 1969. He was also Executive Assistant to Texas Governor John Connally from 1964 to 1967.

Temple's professional activities

include membership to the State Bar of Texas, American Bar Association, Travis County Bar Association and Texas Bar Foundation.

Besides being chair of the Select Committee on Higher Education, Temple is also the chair of Coordinating Board of Texas College and University System. He is the director of Texas Lawyers' Insurance Exchange and a former member of Texas Constitutional Revision Commission.



Touché!--Fencing students practice their parry and thrust in the PAU Fieldhouse. The newly-constructed HPEII complex, which opens this Spring, will have facilities for fencing, weighttraining and gymnastics. (Photo by Juana Maria Queta Cantu)

Uribe to introduce law school merger bill

By Porfirio Villarreal
Managing Editor

A bill that calls for the affiliation of the Reynaldo G. Garza School of Law with the university will be proposed to the legislature in January by Sen. Hector Uribe.

Uribe, however, expects a difficult time in passing the bill through the legislature because of the present status of the state economy.

"It is going to be difficult since the state is looking at a deficit," Uribe said. "The proposal for the project has a prize tag of \$10 to \$16 million.

According to Dr. Michael DeMoss, dean of the law school, the only way to ensure that the law school survives is to fund it with state money or a private endowment. He described monetary support for the law school from the Valley community as "disappointing."

"The Valley people will not support the law school financially," DeMoss said. "Unless it becomes a part of Pan American University and the legislature approves to finance the law school, it will not succeed."

Dr. Ronald Applbaum, vice president for academic affairs, said that at this time the university does not have the money to fund an adequate law school.

"It is important that we acquire other resources because the

resources we have right now are not sufficient to provide a quality law school," Applbaum said.

Both Uribe and DeMoss said that they did not know of any Valley legislator that would be opposed to the affiliation.

"I would suspect that they (Valley legislators) favor the proposal," Uribe said. "We all recognize that this is the only practical way to make sure that the law school survives."

According to DeMoss, a study

of the feasibility of the law school affiliating with the university recommends the merger.

"The report says there is a need for a law school in the Valley," DeMoss said. "The best place for it is Pan American University."

The study, which is being prepared by administrators and faculty from the university and the law school with the help an outside consultant, is only in the first draft. It will be presented to the Board of Regents early in

February.

The study was charged with finding answers to three questions: does the Valley need a law school? Is Pan American University the proper site for the law school? and are the resources available to create and sustain this law school.

Unlike Uribe, DeMoss said that it is too early to tell if the legislature will approve it. He added however that he has heard

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STUFF / GILBERT VELA

Don't toy with minds of children



What has happened to kids' toys today? At the risk of sounding like an old man, I am concerned with the number of destructive toys out on the market today. I recently walked into a toy shop and could find little else.

The advertising industry is training a whole group of consumers to be suckered in to any new fad no matter how destructive it might be.

What's wrong with that? Well, for one thing, this group of consumers is children.

Secondly, the choices of toys offered to children are becoming more and more limited. Which makes me wonder if violent toys will be the only kinds of toys available to children in the future.

What does this tell us about our country?

It tells us that we care more about making a quick, easy buck than about the welfare of our children.

Which came first? The program or the product? Most of these destructo toys

are marketed as both television programs and toys at the same time. This ensures both a constant audience and constant consumer interest.

Another effective marketing technique used is the creation of hundreds of useless items that our hero absolutely needs.

"Gee, Mom, Rambo needs a new M-60. If my Rambo doll doesn't have one, the guys are going to give me the business."

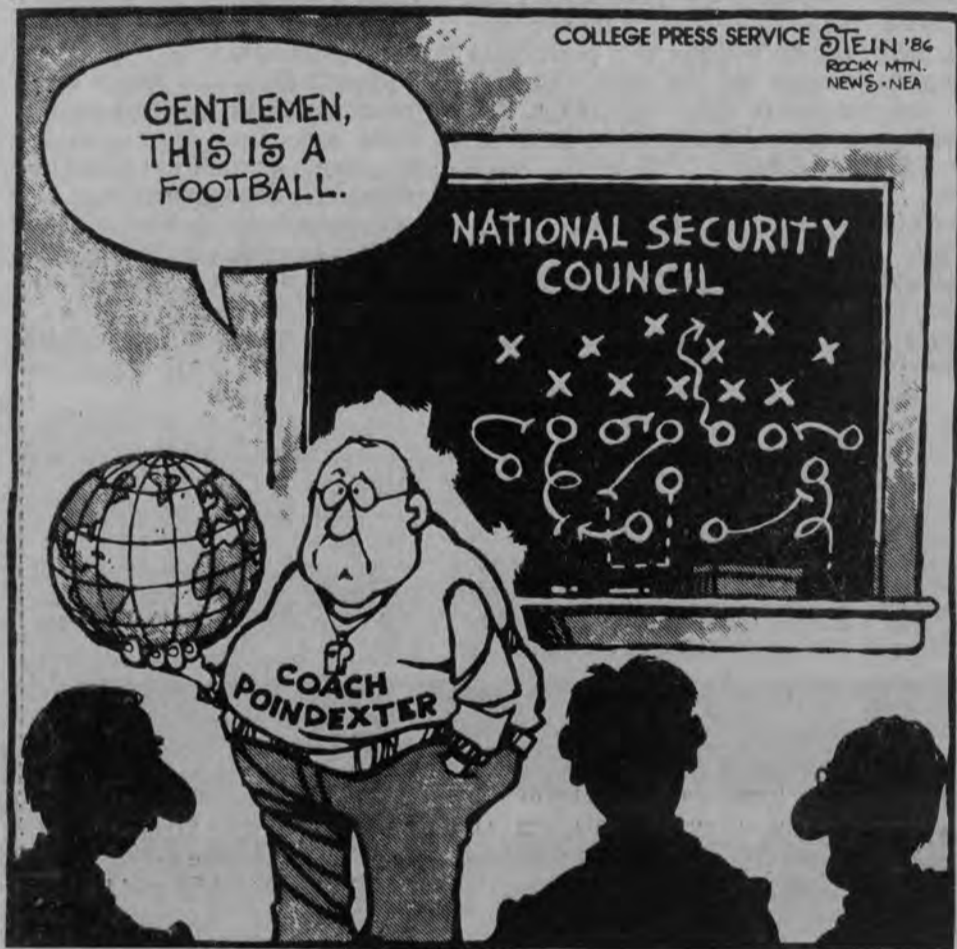
Rambo dolls, G.I. Joe and the like are telling children that violence is chic.

In retaliation to Rambo and G.I. Joe, a new line of toys has been introduced: Bible action figures. I can just picture an imaginative kid pitting John the Baptist and G.I. Joe against Skeletor and the Decepticons.

At the risk of sounding preachy, I want to know why can't we teach our children other things besides violence?



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THE WILD SIDE / FRED WHITE

Battlefront news

"Good evening, this is the 'CBS Evening News,' Dan Rather reporting...A major, decisive victory for athletics...such was the general pronouncement two weeks ago following the Pan American University Board of Regents' decision to raise the limit of the athletic program's share of the university's student service fees to 50 percent. Today, reports of continued fighting in the now two-month long civil war that has divided a campus and community, and pitted friend against friend, brother against brother...Tom Fenton reports live from Edinburg..."

"Dan, we are across the street from Pan Am in our hotel room at the University Inn. From our balcony, we have a view to the north of the palm-dotted campus and the fire that has been raging there for most of the day now. As you can hear, the war is still very much going on, and from what we've seen, there seems to be no sign of a cease-fire in sight."

"Tom, very briefly, could you give us some background on who, and what is involved in this confrontation?"

"Well, Dan, as you know, this war really began some two months ago when rebel students and student groups began to call for cuts in the amount of money the athletics program receives from the service fees charged to students at registration. The rebels charged that athletics' share of that money is too great, especially since it comes at the expense of other basic services, such as education and health care. The right-wing conservatives, however, those who support athletics, counter that a strong athletics program is not only necessary, but absolutely vital to maintaining the University's prestige in today's world. That debate quickly escalated into a major propaganda war with each side accusing the other of intimidation, distorting the

issue, misrepresentation of facts and statistics or outright lying, and making appeals to student's emotions. But the most intense fighting came last month at the most publicized hearing before the regents when a vociferous right-wing crowd won a major battle by shouting the rebels present. The rebels protested that the hearing was stacked with a disproportionately large number of anti-cuts speakers, but as you pointed out Dan, the regents soon after decided to raise the athletic program's share of the student service fees from 47 to 50 percent. And if past experience is any indication, that limitation will carry as much force as an Edinburg parking ticket."

"Tom, how much popular support can the rebels count on at this time?"

"Dan, like with every other aspect of this war, it is almost impossible to say how much, who, or even what about anything for that matter, with any degree of certainty, because, as I indicated, so much of what is involved here is subject to misrepresentation. For instance, each side claims popular support based on their own 'unbiased' polls and surveys. Also it should be pointed out that many on the right have tried to reduce the debate to one of athletics per se, while the rebels all along have clearly stated that they only oppose students being forced to subsidize the program...but getting back to your original question, it seems that at least a slight majority of students advocate a significant reduction of student service fees for athletics."

"What do you see are the chances that the rebels will be successful?"

"Dan, I can barely hear you right now..."

"From what you've seen, how likely is it that the rebels will achieve their goal of a significant cut?"

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Sacred cows are easily identified because even the mildest and most deserved criticisms elicit howls of protest from someone believing the sanctity of that particular cow renders it immune from even innocuous question or challenge. Given Rambo-Reaganism, it is not surprising that militarists see themselves as sacred cows, as evidenced by Colonel Shields ill-advised and misguided complaints about John Speer's recent editorial on irresponsibility within the ROTC program. If anything, Mr. Speer's criticisms of simulated "fire and maneuver" and other war gaming exercises being conducted on campus was too mild.

Having gone through an ROTC program and been commissioned in the Infantry, having attended Airborne and Ranger schools, and having served in combat in Viet Nam as an advisor to an infantry company of the ARVN Airborne Division, I take offense first at the overall conduct of the ROTC program at Pan American University and second at the jerk-kneed nature of



"That's the one million dollar question here right now. Athletics, especially the major men's programs, has the support of the ruling class. The regents have the final say on matters such as this, and as long as they oppose cutting funds to the program, it will be an uphill battle for the rebels."

"In addition, the rebels also face a major organizational problem. As we saw at last month's hearing, the conservatives can turn out a large and vocal number of people on relatively short notice, especially the athletes, who would be most affected by a cut. The rebels on the other hand, have to contend with student apathy. Because the burden of change is on the rebels, indifference can only help maintain the status quo. And a popular uprising of the type they're trying to generate by its nature cannot be successful without broad-based support."

"Thank you, Tom..."

"Dan, I'd like to add one more thing...This war has been a tremendous drain on everybody involved here at Pan Am, with one bloody confrontation following another, accusations and re-criminations flying back and forth, and little, if any tolerance or understanding of the other side's point of view. Students, instructors, everyone here seems to be sick and tired of the whole affair. Most people that we've spoken to on campus wish the matter would simply go away so they can get on with their lives. One young man said simply, 'We just want some peace.'"

"Thank you Tom...Tom Fenton reporting live from Edinburg...In a moment, reaction from the White House..."

P.S. Merry Christmas Everybody, and Have a Happy New Year!

Colonel Shields' recent letter to this paper.

The U.S. military, historically, has been based on the concept of citizen soldier. No aspect of that concept is more important than that of citizen officer. University ROTC programs, vital in staffing the military with citizen officers, should be encouraged and supported. That does not mean, however, that ROTC cadre should encourage or permit cadets to run willy-nilly over university campuses engaging in behavior which violates common sensibilities and opens both the University and ROTC to criticism.

Colonel Shields talks about leadership but apparently does not understand it very well. Among other things, a leader correctly differentiates between appropriate and inappropriate conduct, and conducts himself and leads his men in a manner that brings credit to and engenders respect for the organization they represent. Allowing overgrown adolescents to run around campus in camouflage fatigues with camouflaged faces pretending they are John Wayne storming the beaches of Iwo Jima discredits the program and disgraces the uniform.

The ROTC program I went through taught cadets to be disciplined, responsible leaders, to respect our uniform, and to conduct ourselves in a manner which earned the respect of others. This was important because we were at war. Most of my fellow cadets were commissioned in the combat arms and sent to Viet Nam. Many of us were wounded and some of us came home in boxes. We knew what was in store for

us and, as cadets, we conducted ourselves accordingly.

It was also important because the war was very unpopular and we often were ostracized by fellow students and members of the general community. Some people spat on us. Our cadre continuously impressed upon us that we were ambassadors of our nation and the military and that we must conduct ourselves appropriately if we were to overcome the animosity directed at military personnel because of our government's actions in Viet Nam.

My university was in downtown Atlanta, Georgia. We too were limited in places to conduct training exercises. Our cadre would never have permitted, much less conceived of allowing cadets to engage in such antics on campus. These actions by cadets and Colonel Shields' letter make it clear he understands neither the role and purpose of a university nor the role and purpose of the press in a free society. But we must understand that sacred cows and the militarist mentality are anathemas to both the pursuit of knowledge and free society.

To blame these off on the cadets by pleading "youthful exuberance" ignores a cardinal principle of the military: The commander is responsible for everything his unit does or fails to do. By attempting to excuse the inexcusable and by condoning and encouraging cadet irresponsibility, it is clear that it is not the cadet corps but the cadre which is at fault. The ROTC program, this University and the cadet corps deserve better leadership than this.

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Faculty performance rated

Students' perception of their instructors and courses is somewhere between good and excellent, according to the spring 1986 and fall 1985 student evaluations.

Although a comparison between the fall 1985 and spring 1986 evaluations would be invalid because different courses with different instructors are offered, ratings were higher on the spring 1986 evaluations.

On a scale of one to five, one being the highest, PAU was rated a 1.75 average overall in spring 1986. The scores are determined by assigning the numerical value of 1 to excellent, 2 to good, 3 to average, 4 to fair and 5 to poor.

In spring 1986, the two best rated areas were the instructors' interest and enthusiasm in the subject and the instructors' advance notice of major exams.

On the other hand, the areas rated lowest by students were the instructor's availability for help outside classroom hours and the instructors' acceptance of disagreements with students.

In fall 1985, PAU was rated a 1.74 average overall. Students again rated the instructors' interest and enthusiasm in the subject highly as well as the instructors' courtesy to students in the course.

Areas rated the worst in fall 1985 were the clarity of communications in the classroom and instructors' comments on tests,

assignments, and/or tasks.

A breakdown by school shows similar results.

The School of Education was rated the highest in fall 1985 with a 1.64 but came in second in the spring 1986 evaluations with a 1.77. In the fall 1985, the areas rated the best was the instructor's interest and enthusiasm in the subject taught and the professional level maintained by the instructors.

Areas rated the worst in fall 1985 were the instructors' availability for help outside classroom hours and the instructors' comments on tests, assignments and/or other tasks. These areas were also rated the worst in spring 1986.

The best rated areas in spring 1986 remained the same as in the previous semester. However, the School of Education also received high ratings in the instructors' advance notice of major exams, the instructors' encouragement of students to ask questions and to express their ideas.

The College of Arts and Sciences was rated the second highest in the fall 1985 with a 1.66. But even though the school's average decreased to a numerical 1.70 in spring 1986, it was the highest rating of all four schools.

In fall 1985 the areas rated the best for Arts and Sciences were instructors' advance notice of ma-

ior exams and the professional level maintained by instructors.

The areas rated worst in the fall were instructors' availability for help outside classroom hours, the instructors' acceptance of disagreements with students, the instructors' interest and enthusiasm in the subject and the instructors' comments on tests, assignments and/or tasks.

In the spring 1986, instructors were again rated highest in their professional level maintained in class. Also rated high was the instructors' interest and enthusiasm in the subject, an area rated low the previous semester. The worst-rated areas in the spring 1986 evaluations were the instructors' availability for help outside classroom hours and the instructors' acceptance of disagreements with students.

The Division of Health Related Professions received the third highest average both semesters. A 1.80 overall average in fall 1985 and a 1.81 overall average in spring 1986.

Areas rated the best in fall 1985 were advance notice of major exams and the professional level maintained by the instructor. Students in the Health Related Professions rated four areas as the worst: clarity or communications in the classroom, acceptance of disagreements with stu-

dents, the enthusiasm with which the student would recommend the instructors and the instructors' overall rating.

In spring 1986, the areas rated best in the Health Related Professions were the professional level maintained by the instructors and the instructors' interest and enthusiasm in the subject. The areas rated the worst were the instructors' availability for help outside classroom hours and instructors' acceptance of disagreements with students.

Overall, the School of Business received the lowest rating of all four schools with a 1.82 in fall 1985. The areas rated the best were advance notice of major exams and the professional level maintained by the instructor.

Three areas rated lowest were the instructors' availability for help outside classroom hours, the instructors' explanation of subject matter in the course and the enthusiasm with which the student would recommend a particular instructor to other students.

In spring 1986, the School of Business again received the lowest overall rating, a 1.90. The area rated the best was advance notice of major exams. Rated worst were availability for help

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Limited seating left for Iglesias show

by Laura B. Martinez
Staff Writer

Few tickets are still available for the upcoming live concert performance of internationally renowned recording star Julio Iglesias. The single performance is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 3 at 8 p.m. in the PAU Fieldhouse. It is being sponsored by "Let Us Entertain You" Productions.

Some of Iglesias' recordings include: "To All the Girls I've Loved Before," a duet with Willie Nelson; "All of You", another duet with Diana Ross; "Moonlight Lady"; and "Hey."

Tickets went on sale Saturday, Dec. 6 at 10 a.m. at the Villa Real

Entertainment and Convention Center in McAllen. By that evening, only four hundred were left out of the 3300 that had been ordered.

According to Sonia del Angel, coordinator of student activities, Pan Am received a limited quantity of 100 tickets to sell Monday morning. By 11:30 a.m. that morning only 35 tickets were left. Tickets were expected to be sold out by today.

A limited quantity of tickets were also sent to a Brownsville outlet due to numerous request for tickets in that area.

Ticket prices start at \$25 for general admission to \$100 for reserved seating.

Publication ceases for fall semester

This will be the last edition of *The Pan American* for the 1986 fall semester. It is being published one day earlier than regularly scheduled due to final

exams. Look for the next edition of *The Pan American* on Jan. 22, 1987. The staff wishes all students, staff, and administrators a safe and happy holiday season.

Senate to consider law school merger

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that there is a consensus among members of the Select Committee on Higher Education to make Pan American University a "comprehensive school" and that the legislature really has no choice but to follow the committee's recommendation. Thus the affiliation would be a step in the direction of making the university a comprehensive one.

As far as the recommendations made by Larry Temple, chair of the committee, DeMoss said the apathy from the Valley community was the main reason the committee did not include the university in the merger between Texas A&I University and Corpus Christi State University.

"I think in essence the reason the Select Committee on Higher Education treated Pan American University as if it does not exist is because the Valley acted as if it did not exist," DeMoss said.

"The only reason people are apathetic to the needs of the Valley is because people here do not stand up for their rights."

DeMoss said that President Miguel A. Nevarez is a vocal supporter of the law school. He explained that the reason the Hidalgo County Bar Association had recently endorsed the law school was due to Nevarez' request that the association make their feelings about the law school known.

According to Applbaum, it is too early to tell what would be involved in the process of affiliation, but right now the only sure thing is the need for additional library and classroom space.

Uribe could not say when the legislature would make the final decision but added that he would have the whole legislative session to lobby for the bill.



LBJ School of Public Service in Austin hosted these PAU students for a minority recruitment program Nov. 21-22. Students learned about the program and heard speakers Barbara Jordan and San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros. Front row, kneeling, are Leonel Gomez and Enrique Lerma. Standing are Carolina Martinez, Sheila Ferreri, Dr. Gary Mounce (sponsor), Willie Rosales and Carmen Avendano.

News Briefs

Ping Pong, pool aces to meet

Back by popular demand! UPB will hold a holiday pool and ping pong tournament on Dec. 11 in the UC Recreation Room from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Entry fee is \$1.50 for the table tennis tournament and \$5 for the pool tournament. Deadline for entering is Dec. 10.

First place winners of the pool tournament will receive \$50; second will be awarded \$30; and

third place gets \$15. Players will be ruled out by double elimination.

The table tennis tournament will be categorized into two groups (novice and expert). Winners will receive plaques.

Sonia del Angel, coordinator of student activities, said UPB expects a good turnout due to the many requests made by recreation room patrons.

Cummins slates 'Gambit' auditions

Auditions for the dramatic play "Royal Gambit" are scheduled for Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Director Doug Cummins has scripts available for anyone wishing to try out. He will also accept scenes from other plays or "cold readings." Auditions will be by appointment.

The play deals with King Henry VIII and his six wives, tracing the development of what he personified and relating it to present times.

Rehearsals for "Royal Gambit" will begin after the holidays with performances set for mid Feb.

What, Where, & When

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Pan American Marketing Association will present a professional program and recruitment session from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. in Student Service Bldg. 145. Topic: Opportunities within AT&T.

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Movie review

Trek IV escapes sequel pitfalls

By Randy Klutts
Staff Writer

Movie sequels seldom live up to the spirit, energy and creativity of the original.

Why? Because, for the most part, sequels are simply an attempt to cash in on what's already been successful.

Moviemakers yield to commercial pressures and the result is formula. Something that's been dissected and analyzed and, not surprisingly, killed in the process. A series of over-hyped, warmed-over corpses lumbering across a 40-foot screen like something straight out of George A. Romero's "Dawn of the Dead."

This, however, does not describe "Star Trek IV, The Voyage Home," which is the definitive "Star Trek" movie, the one hardcore Trekkies have always dreamed of.

"Star Trek IV" picks up where "III" left off, with a resurrected Spock, a destroyed Enterprise and the crew exiled (for disobeying orders) to Spock's home

planet, Vulcan, until they can find a way to redeem themselves.

Their chance for redemption comes when a gigantic black space probe sent by an unknown civilization begins tearing Earth apart in an effort to re-establish contact with an intelligent life form that has been extinct for more than 200 hundred years: the humpbacked whale.

Unable to communicate with the probe (the only common language is whale song), the crew of the Enterprise has no choice but to timewarp to the 20th Century, pick up a couple of humpbacks and hope they can return to the future in time to save the planet.

Despite the heavy-handed "Save the Whales" message (a collective groan from the audience is quite evident), "Trek IV" really works as a movie. This time everything--the action, drama, humor and special effects--is throttled up to Warp Factor 8.

Much of the credit for "Trek IV's" success obviously belongs to Leonard Nimoy. In addition to playing the half-human, half-Vulcan Spock, he also wrote (with producer Harve Bennett) the original story and directed. Nimoy also directed "Star Trek III, The

Search for Spock."

The witty and well-paced screenplay is by Bennett and Nicholas Meyer, writer-director of the science-fiction thriller "Time After Time."

In "Trek IV," more than any of its predecessors, humor is given free rein. Much of the laughs result from the crew's inept attempts to understand the culture of San Francisco, where most of the action takes place.

Spock and Kirk (William Shatner) pair off as a couple of intergalactic Hope and Crosbys, delightfully mangling contemporary American slang and trying, in vain, not to look strange in a city where strangeness means nothing.

Typical of the humor is a scene in which Spock and Kirk take a bus ride and an obnoxious teenage punk begins to annoy them with a blaring jam box. Spock subdues the punk with a Vulcan nerve pinch and receives a spirited round of applause from the other passengers.

You will also see more growth and development in Kirk's character. Since "Search for Spock," he has come to terms with getting older. And despite personal set-

backs (death of his son, loss of the Enterprise), he has not lost his sense of humor. The mature Kirk is less of a heroic figure, but more of a genuine human being.

And what about Spock? Spock the reborn. The man reincarnated in his own lifetime. Well, even though given a second chance at life, he is still much the same. He is still struggling (like most of us) to balance the logical and emotional sides of his character. Yet you can't help wanting to see him show more of his human side.

Of course all of the regular "Star Trek" cast--Scotty, McCoy, Uhura, Sulu and Chekov--are present (or past or future, whichever it is), naturally looking a bit older and heavier. But this time they emerge more as real individuals, with special talents and qualities, rather than just supporting characters.

"Trek IV" is by far the best and most satisfying of the "Star Trek" movies.

But it leaves you with one question. Good as it is, will they be able to equal or top it in "Star Trek V"?

"Star Trek IV, The Voyage Home" is now playing at the Plitt Twin Cinema in McAllen.



Back Home--William Shatner (Kirk) checks the progress of other member of the U.S.S. Enterprise crew as Leonard Nimoy (Spock) listens in "Star Trek IV."

Students assess professor abilities

Rankings, continued from page 3

outside classroom hours, acceptance of disagreements with students, the clarity of communications in the classroom and the instructors' comments on tests, assignments and/or tasks.

A breakdown from worst to best ratings of core course evaluations in the fall 1985 shows the following: English 1301, 1.83; English 1302, 1.80; History 2313, 1.85; History 2314, 1.89; Math 1335, 1.88; Political Science 2313, 1.72 and Political Science 2314, 1.67.

In spring 1986, core course evaluations were: English 1301, 1.77; English 1302, 1.83; History 2313, 2.12; History 2314, 1.75; Math 1335, 1.63; Political Science 2313, 1.60 and Political Science 2314, 1.58.

Student evaluations are administered every semester by full-time faculty members to two of their classes.

The evaluations serve two purposes: as a source of information for faculty members for improvement of teaching and as a source of information on teaching effectiveness for reappointment, tenure, promotion and merit purposes.

All tabulations of the students' evaluations of instruction are used as one element in assessing the quality of teaching effectiveness.

A survey conducted by the University Self-Study Committee indicates 53 percent of the faculty members always use the evaluations as a means of self-evaluation, 30 percent said they frequently used it, 14 percent said sometimes and only 3 percent said never.

Additionally, 69 percent agreed or strongly agreed with the statement, "Student evaluations of teaching effectiveness should be an important but not a major criteria in determining faculty tenure, promotions and merit." Twenty-four percent disagreed or disagreed strongly with the statement.

The survey found that some faculty members felt the student evaluations were given too much weight in evaluating teaching effectiveness because other means of measuring teaching effectiveness were either unagreed upon, unavailable or unused.

However, 72 percent of the students responding to the Student Opinion Survey indicated they were "satisfied with the role students have in the evaluation of instructors and courses at PAU." Only 10 percent of the respondents were not satisfied.

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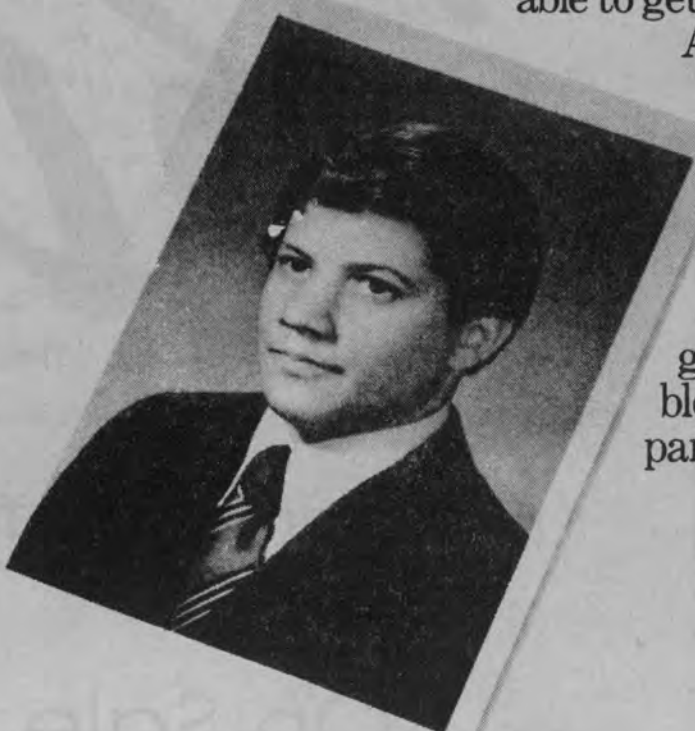
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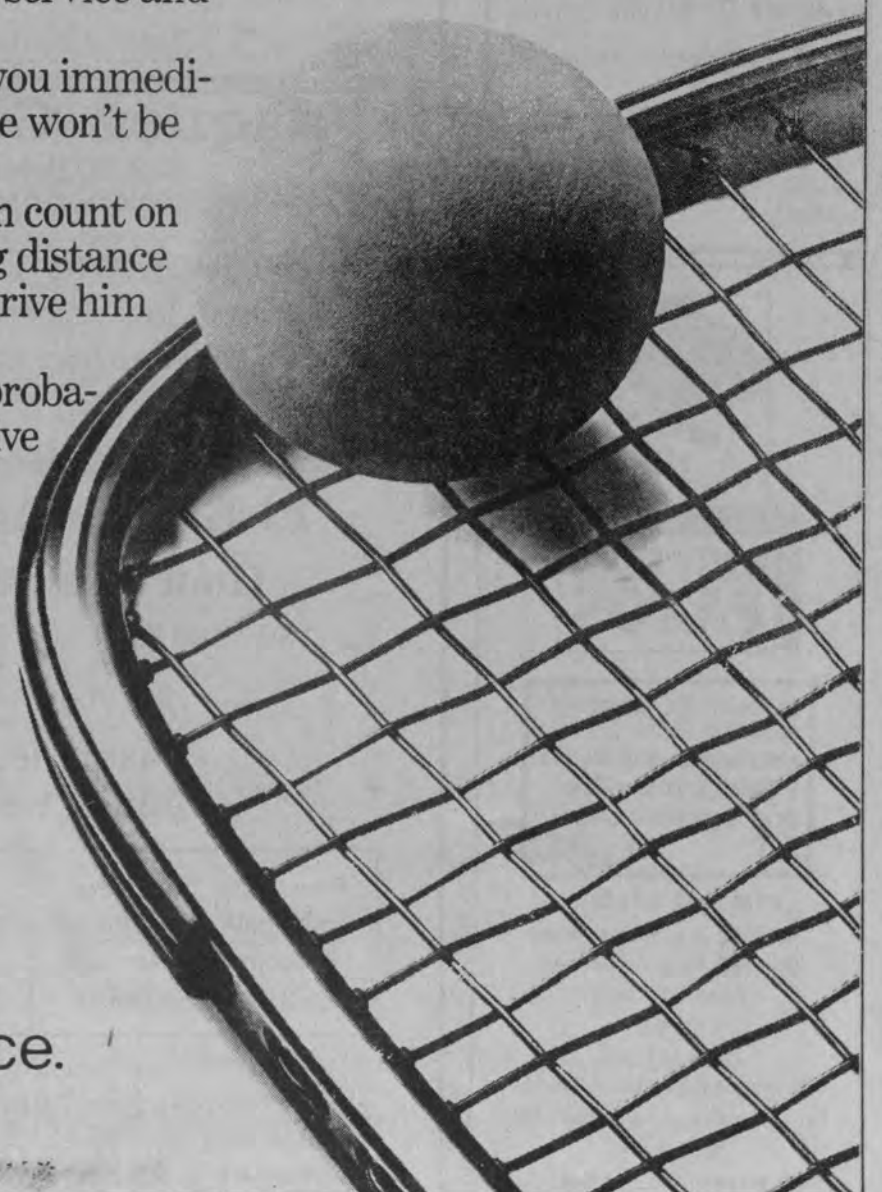
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The right choice.



Editors recall work experiences

By Rose Marie Herbert
Staff Writer

The editors of the two major campus publications will relinquish their positions at the end of the current semester.

After three semesters Brad Nibert is stepping down as editor of *The Pan American*.

"I'm just tired of it. It's a lot of work. I also think it's time to give someone else a chance," he said. His managing editor, Porfirio Villareal, will be taking over as editor next semester.

Nibert first became involved in student publications when he was a beginning freshman. He was the sports editor for "El Bronco", the now-defunct yearbook. The following year he was appointed editor of "El Bronco". After that he switched to the newspaper. Nibert was managing editor under Nora Lopez and Ella de los Santos. "In high school, my experience was more with newspaper and I've always enjoyed working with them," Nibert said.

As editor Nibert made several changes in *The Pan American*. "I'm most happy with the improvements in the editorial page. I think the editorial page is a very

important part of the paper that we had never really fully developed in the past. We've added columnists and tried to cover more issues. In this past year we've had more letters to the editor. I think that's important--keeping the students involved."

"The best thing has been the freedom that I've had in putting out the paper. I've had the freedom to do whatever I want..."

--Brad Nibert

Nibert feels that the job of editor has had both positive and negative sides to it. "The best thing has been the freedom that I've had in putting out the paper. I've had the freedom to do whatever I want and I don't think I'll ever have that again unless I own a paper. It's a lot of responsibility, but it's a great learning experience also."

However, Nibert feels that the job also has its drawbacks. "You get a lot of criticism but I think that's to be expected. I like to know that people read the paper and care enough to comment."

In addition, the demands of the job sometimes make it difficult to concentrate on his studies. "It's gotten to the point where I need to finish up my schooling and pass my classes. I need to make sure that I can graduate by May. (Being Editor) takes a lot of time and it makes it hard to fulfill my academic goals."

Nibert has also been active in other campus organizations including PAUSA, the UPB Executive Board, and College Republicans. "Being editor, if you're involved in other areas, people sometimes feel you're biased. I have a lot of interests--not just the paper--and that's sometimes been a problem."



Brad Nibert

Nibert plans to continue to be involved with *The Pan American* till he graduates. "I hope to

continue writing in the spring. I haven't had much chance to do much writing the past three semesters, just editorials, and I hope to do more now." In the past, Nibert has contributed to every publication on campus including "Gallery", the literary magazine; and *Rio* magazine.

Nibert's career plans include "something in the media, though not necessarily newspapers. I've considered that but I'm also open to magazines and public relations. I think I'll probably be happy doing anything in the print field."

Understandably, Nibert's final comments on the paper he has toiled on for much of his college career are tinged with both pride and sorrow. "This past semester we've been able to do our own production and so we've been able to do things like covering late-breaking stories. There's also a lot that can be done graphically. I would have liked to have done more. But I'm happy with the job I've done. By the time you learn the job you're less energetic and you tend to stick with a format. That's one reason why I think it's important for a student to be editor for not more than three semesters."

"At the moment I'm having a difficult time believing the semester is coming to an end and that I'm through with *Rio* and student publications. The first thing I did when *Rio* arrived was get a copy and carry it everywhere I went that day just to get used to the idea that it was here," said *Rio*, editor Elva Salazar.

Salazar, who will be graduating this month, has distinguished herself throughout her college career.

After graduating from Port Isabel High School as class salutatorian, Salazar attended Texas Women's University in Denton for a year. She transferred to PAU in 1983.

"Looking back at my freshman year, I don't think I ever imagined I would end up as editor of a magazine," Salazar said. "That was the furthest thing from my mind; I wanted to be a nurse and care for the sick."

"Now I'll be graduating with a B.A. degree in Communications. And now there are so many choices I have to make that sometimes I feel like turning time around and starting college all over again."

"But then I realize that this is really only the beginning of my education."

Salazar switched her concentration from speech therapy to speech communications in her senior year. She has continually



Elva Salazar

been involved in student publications since serving as Student Life Editor of *El Bronco* in

1984-85, on the Editorial Board of *Rio* for the Fall '85 issue, assistant editor of *Rio* for the Spring '86 issue and editor of the current issue.

In addition Salazar has contributed articles to *Rio* and served on the staff of *The Pan American* since the Fall of 1985. She feels that this experience has served her well.

In addition to the many publications she has been involved with, Salazar has also won several honors including being named to Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities and the National Dean's List.

However, she considers her editorship of *Rio* magazine to be one of the highlights of her years at PAU.

Rio began in the fall of 1985 and is published once a semester. *Rio* was recently nominated for a Crown Award for its Fall, '86 issue for which Salazar served as assistant editor.

As editor, Salazar has taken the current issue in new directions.

"I took a chance on a different style, hoping more students will be interested in *Rio* because the students are our focus."

--Elva Salazar

"It is a change from the previous issues," she said. "I took a chance on a different style, hoping more students will be interested in *Rio* because the students are our focus. They are our first readers--the faculty and community come second. There have been some complaints about the previous issues that there wasn't enough for students. So this year I tried to include a section for the various interest groups on campus--sports, fashion, single parents--stories about people who taken a chance and try to leave their mark."

"I hope this style is a step in the right direction and that the students enjoy it because it was created with them in mind."

Salazar has some thoughts on the direction she hopes *Rio* will take in the future.

"I hope to see the day when students will be anxious to see each semester's issue of *Rio*, that people will recognize the name," she said, "but mostly I hope that *Rio* will continue to be written for the students."

Salazar is equally hopeful about her own future.

"I want to learn by seeing and doing," she said. "I want to see the rice fields in Japan and the Louvre in France for myself and then I want to write so that I can help others experience it too."

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Whataburger Player of the Week



Tyrone Scott

Senior Point Guard Tyrone Scott won the Whataburger Player of the Week Award, after scoring the most points scored in any Bronc game.

In the Tip-Off Classic in El Paso, Scott scored 23 points in the championship game against UTEP. UTEP defeated the Broncs 74-69. (See story on this page)

Scott had 29 points, 16 assists and 20 rebounds in the three games played this week.

Four votes from the media panel went to Scott while one went to last week's winner Joe Johnson and one to Tom Fiepkke.

UT El Paso tournament improves Bronc record

The basketball team has improved its season record to 3-2 after traveling to the Metro Mobile Tournament at the University of Texas at El Paso.

"Overall we were real pleased with the performance of the team," Assistant Coach Dave Brown said.

Both Appalachian State and Pan American entered the tournament with victories. Coach Kevin Wall used the same lineup through the three games. Besides Ray, 6-9, at center with his fifteen points and eight point rebounds average, the Broncs begin with 6-4 Joe Johnson (17.7 points) and 6-9 Anthony White (11.3) as forwards, 6-4 Kevin Johnson (9.3) and 6-0 Tyrone Scott (7.3) at guards.

Senior Tom Fiepkke has connected on 10 of 17 three-point goals and is averaging 13.3 points to spark a strong bench.

The Broncs defeated the Appalachian Mountaineers 71-51 on Friday night. At the half the Broncs trailed the Mountaineers by nine points, 28-37. After halftime the Broncs came back on to the court for a strong second half taking 43 points to the Mountaineers' 14.

"In the first half of the Appalachian game we just didn't play to our potential, but the second half we did," Coach Brown said.

"Appalachian State is a well coached team and they came out and played hard."

The Broncs were defeated by the UTEP Miners 74-69. UTEP has won four straight Western Athletic Conference titles. A year ago UTEP cooled off Pan American in the finals of this tournament, 64-50.

Kevin Johnson made the first two points for the Broncs with an 18-foot jump shot within the first fifteen minutes of the game. The Broncs led the Miners by nineteen points in the first half, 26-45.

"We just failed to make the shots in the second half against UTEP," Brown said. "We only shot 23 percent from the floor."

Coach Brown added that the Broncs only went to the free-throw line three times while UTEP went to the line 17 times.

"We didn't have our shots and our rebounds and that's what really hurt us," Brown said.

The Broncs will visit U.S. International University in San Diego, Calif., before coming home for their own tournament on Dec. 19-20.

"I think they've been in Division I for eight years and last year they led the nation in scoring," Coach Brown said. "They averaged 94 points a game last year."

Tracksters underway

Four races go to Bronc runners

By Eloy Saenz
Sports Director

The Broncs and Lady Broncs ran into their season this past Saturday at the Lubbock Christian College Invitational in Lubbock where they won four out of 20 races.

"This is a good start for us," said Coach Reid Harter who is in his second year as head coach for both the cross-country and track team. Bobby Martinez is the assistant coach.

The women won three events that included the 1000 yard run, the 880 and the one mile run.

Susana Ibarra sophomore from Eagle Pass took the 1000 with a time of 2:48, Thelma Morales, a Mercedes freshman won the 880 with a time of 2:24. Nancy Mireles sophomore from Ingle-side, Tx. won the mile in 5:18.

Two other Lady Broncs finished in the top five of their event. Senior Veronica Guerra from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, finished right behind Mireles with a time of 5:25 in the mile run, Shanna Hale freshman from Stanton, Tex. placed fourth in the two mile run with a time of 12:11.

According to Harter, the events that the Broncs and Lady Broncs are strong in are the 1000 to the 2 mile. The weakest event for both the men's and women's team are the 600 and 800.

Andy Johnson junior from Tempe, Arizona, was the only Bronc to win a division.

Johnson took the 1000 with a time of 2:20.

Senior Richard Yracheta of Edinburg came in second, 4:24 in the mile, Ramon Garza sophomore from Hebronville placed third, 2:25, in the 1000. Roy Alaniz, junior from Alamo, placed third in the 600, 1:17.6.

"For both teams we emphasize in middle distance," Harter said. "From the 600 up to the two mile run."

Asked how he thought the team will do against other NCAA Division I schools, Harter commented that they should do well just like they did in the cross-country program. The cross-country team outran some of their toughest opponents.

'I'm pretty demanding, so I expect a lot out of them.'

--Reid Harter

At the University of Texas Invitational, the men cross-country placed third out of 19 teams. The University of Texas took their own invitational while South Plain College finished second. UT was ranked third in NCAA Division I schools while South Plain College was ranked number one in junior colleges.

The women finished fourth out of 19 teams with UT first, the University of Texas at San Antonio second and Rice third.

"I'm pretty demanding, so I expect a lot out of them," Harter said.

Lucy Ramirez, freshman from El Paso.

The other Broncs on the team are: Frank Arriola, freshman, El Paso; Robert Barron, sophomore, Corpus Christi; Jesse Castro, freshman, Lockney, Tex.; Dallas Childers, freshman, Oklahoma City; Manuel Garza, junior, Brownsville; Fortino Gonzales, senior, Alice; Luis Guevara, freshman, Dallas; Thomas King, freshman, Houston; Daniel Lopez, junior, El Paso; Rudy Lopez, freshman, Cameron, Tex.

Jan. 17	McNeese Invitational	Lake Charles, La.
Jan. 31	Cowboy Invitational	Lake Charles, La.
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Harter explained that schools like UT, A&M, Baylor and TCU are tough competition within the state but said that "within our particular area, we can run with

During cross-country season there were 12 women and 14 men competing while in track there will be 14 women and 20 men. Harter said that the cross-country team also competes in track.

The team runs four miles at 6:30 in the morning and then they take on one to two and a half hours in the afternoon depending what needs to be done that afternoon.

Other women on the team are: Amy Clark, freshman, Dallas; Debra De Los Santos, sophomore, Harlingen; Leticia Gomez, freshman, El Paso; Julie Kilburn, freshman, Pittsburg, Tex.; Aracelia Maldonado, sophomore, Eagle Pass; Norma Salazar, sophomore, Edinburg; Diana Garcia, freshman, Brownsville; Venessa Moreno, freshman, Hebronville; and

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During the vacation, the runners from this area will have "some light workouts" according to Harter.

The next invitational the Broncs and Lady Broncs will compete in will be the McNeese State University Invitational on Jan. 17 in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Intramurals break for holiday season

Intramural competition has come to a halt for the holidays but will continue in the spring under the leadership of Santiago Villanueva, coordinator of housing and recreation.

Flag football and volleyball were the only two activities this semester, but according to Villanueva more are planned for the spring.

Although many of the games were rained out, they were rescheduled after the regular season. Flag football will finish for the semester with playoffs because of a first place three-way tie.

The Starrs, Cool Kats and Los Hermanitos finished with a 5-1 record to finish all on top. A semi-final game between the Cool Kats and Los Hermanitos was played yesterday (scores were not available at press time).

According to Villanueva, because of more points scored, the Starrs were selected to play in the championship game today at 4:15 p.m. against the winner of the first game.

In Intramural Volleyball, the Data Processing Management Association lost to CAMP on Saturday, 15-1, 15-2.

The Volleyball Championship between CAMP and HPER is scheduled for today at 4 p.m. Villanueva said that the place of the game is still undetermined.

The volleyball games are played in the Fieldhouse but because the Lady Bronc Basketball Team usually have practice at that time the volleyball match site will need to be changed.

On Jan. 27, the Shick Super Hoop 3 on 3 Tournament will be-

gin with registration starting Jan 19-23.

The local winner will play in the regional tournament in San Antonio. The winner of the game

will play during halftime at a San Antonio Spurs NBA game. According to Villanueva, travel shaving kits will be given to the first 50 persons who register.

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Jan 5	University of Houston
Jan 8	Sam Houston State University
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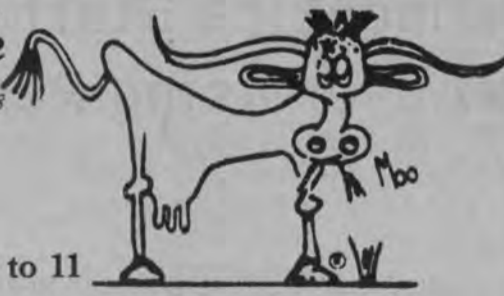
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