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# The Pan American

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The University of Texas - Pan American

October 26, 1995

## News Shorts

### For Your Information

Today - FIRBA will have a panel discussion on "Different Nationalities' Perspective on the Effects of Membership in Common Markets and/or Trade Blocks" at noon in BA 110.

The Philosophy Club will have a guest speaker, Dr. Tom Pearson at noon in LA 111. The lecture is titled "Is Professional Ethics an Oxymoron?"

Saturday - The Catholic Campus Ministry will have a haunted house tonight and on Halloween from 8 p.m. to midnight at 1615 W. Kuhn St., located one block west of Emilia Schunior Ramirez Hall. Cost is \$2 per person.

Sunday - Phi Kappa Theta presents "Fright Night" at 8 p.m. at Hot Spots with \$1,000 in prizes, everyone 18 and over is welcome.



## State

According to a Harte-Hanks Texas Poll, retired Gen. Colin Powell will receive 52% of the vote if the election was held today. Clinton would only receive 28% of the vote. Powell is favored over leading Republican candidates Bob Dole and Phil Gramm.



## Nation

The pilot of the American commuter plane that crashed last Dec. 13 in North Carolina is determined at fault for the accident. Micheal Hillis assumed that an engine had failed, then failed to follow proper procedures for engine failure. All but five passengers died in the crash.



## World

A strong earthquake which measured 6.5 on the Richter scale rocked the Yunnan province in southwestern China Tuesday. At least 29 people died and an additional 100 were injured.

# Great Pumpkin scares up fun

*Bands, contests, and booths guarantee fun for all*

Omar Gonzalez  
Feature Editor

Ghouls and goblins will haunt Carnival of the Great Pumpkin from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday in the Field House.

The opening act for the Carnival will be the Dead Hippies with the entertainment of La Fuerza following close behind.

According to Garcia, UPB would like to get bands that will draw in the community and please them as well. There will also be a contest for best booth and best costume. Students will sign up at the door for the best costume.

Sponsored by the University Program Board, the annual event is a fund raiser for campus organizations. This year 28 booths will offer taste-tingling treats, pocketbook-tempting fun and games, cash prizes for outstanding booths and best costumes, and live entertainment.

The Dead Hippies will be the opening act for the carnival, followed by La Fuerza.

As an incentive, three special activities will be available to anyone purchasing food from four booths or playing games at three booths.

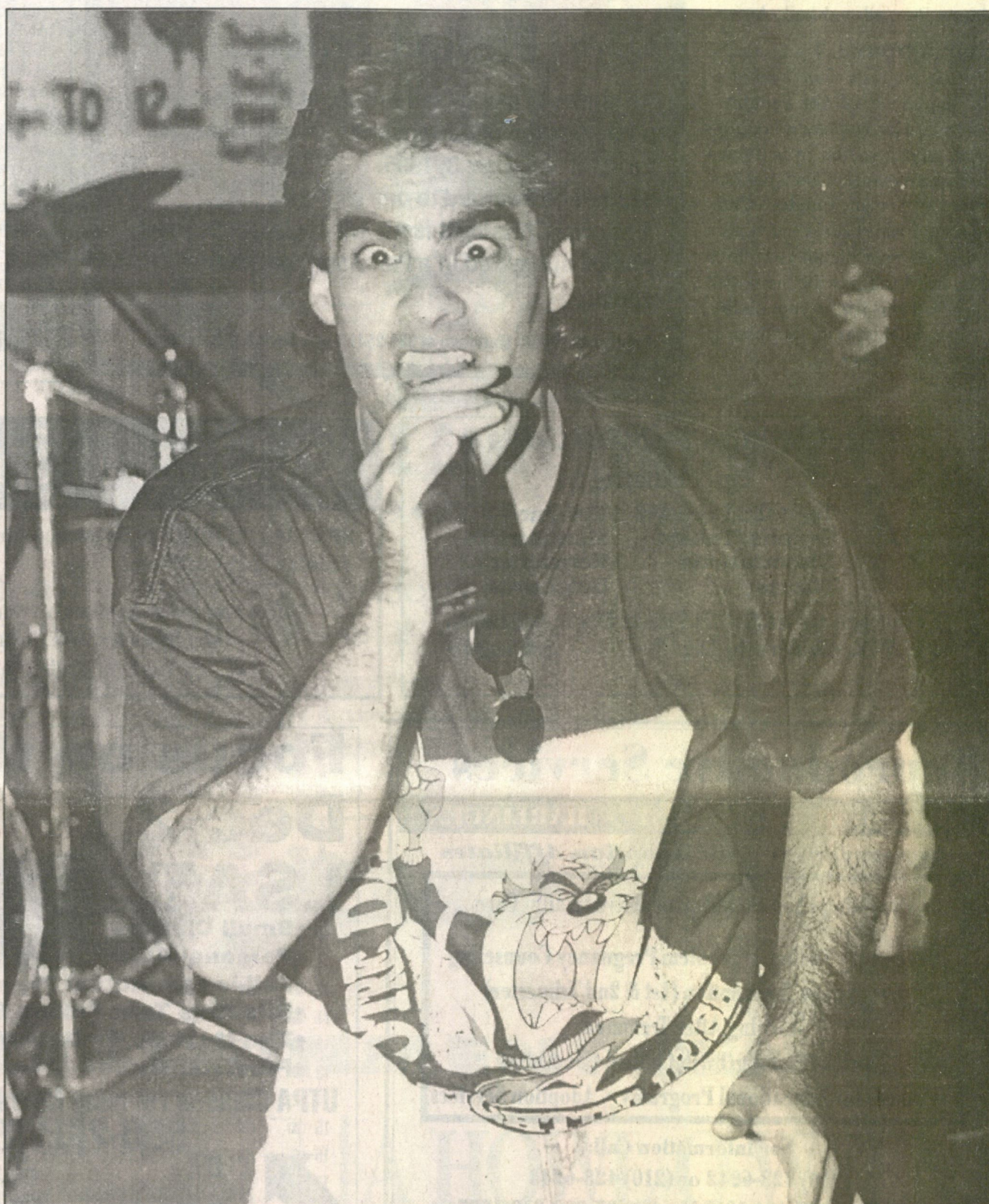
"The bouncing boxing, manlike and sumo wrestling will be free if people buy from four food booths or three game booths," UPB President Dalinda Garcia said. "This works as an incentive so that organizations can sell. The Great Pumpkin is a wonderful opportunity for organizations to gain financial capacity."

First place prize for the best booth will be \$75; second place, \$50 and third, \$25. The opening act for the Carnival will be the Dead Hippies with the entertainment of La Fuerza following close behind.

According to Garcia, UPB would like to get bands that will draw in the community and please them as well. There will also be a contest for best booth and best costume. Students will sign up at the door for the best costume. One \$50 prize will be awarded.

Each booth will give participants tickets which they can trade in for the special activities. It will be left to the discretion of the organizations as to how much food must be purchased or how much money must be spent in order to earn a ticket.

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Al Crixel, lead singer of Frontline, a student band, croons to the audience during their performance at the Monster Bash Tuesday night.

The Pan American/Liza Longoria

## Game Booths at The Great Pumpkin

Juventude Hispania	Marriage Booth
Accounting Society	Treasure Hunt
Psi Chi	Tarot Reading
Alpha Kappa Psi	Jail and Bail
American Advertising Federation	Hayride
Clinical Lab Science	Gross things in a box
Student Government Association	Sponge Toss
Bacchus/Gamma	Water Balloon Toss
Circle K International	Mini Golf
Anthropology Club	Bottle Fishing
BESO	Ring Toss
Student Council of Children	Pie Toss
Social Work Student Association	Photo Booth
American Society of Mech. Eng.	Darts
History Club	Bean Bag Toss

## UPB head learns to balance school and work

Kathy Clemente  
Staff Reporter

Being able to juggle home, work and school schedules can be extremely tiring. And for a single parent, the work-load can become even more tiring. As a single parent and UPB president, Dalinda Garcia, has found that although hard, the work is also very rewarding.

Garcia enjoys the motivation her fellow members have, and it keeps her motivated as well. She encourages students to participate and suggests ideas the organization could possibly consider.

"The UPB doors are always open for student volunteers and students with

ideas," Garcia said. "It is a lot of fun and provides good programming to the campus."

The board has conducted many events since the beginning of the fall semester, and have many events planned for the future.

"The organization has ideas for the campus that will add a diverse lifestyle to the university," Garcia, a psychology major, said.

"The board is involved with a lot of activities that add diversity to the school, but at the same time educate the students."

For example, the Monster Bash, planned as a pre-halloween party, offered free food and entertainment. Saturday the Carnival

of the Great Pumpkin will take place.

Garcia was elected president last April, but before becoming president she had served as vice president for general members, chair of special events and co-chair of diversions.

"I like to keep moving around and I'm very active with campus activities," she said.

Garcia is involved in extracurricular activities, such as playing on a co-ed softball team for a Pharr League and serving as parliamentarian at her daughters' Parent Teacher Association (PTA). An outdoor type, she also likes to go hunting, fishing, and camping.

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## International night '95 kicks off culture array

Jessy Coder  
Editor

Are you wild about Greek food, crazy about oom pah pah or just plain love a foreign country, then brush off you Lederhosen and shake out your sari because the International Students Association has a deal for you.

All students (not just international students), faculty and staff are invited to join the association in a celebration of international cultures, International Night 1995, at 7 p.m. Nov. 11, in the Media Theater.

You do not have to be an international student to participate. Participants can represent a their favorite country by either dancing, cooking or modeling a typical outfit.

To sign up contact Rina Roberts, head resident of the Women's Residence Hall, or Erica Mendez at the dorms 381-2591.

Unique dancing, beautiful singing, acting, and a service bar filled with foods from different countries around the world are the main attractions of this event.

"We encourage anybody who

wants to participate," Roberts said. "Anyone can sign in for dancing, singing, acting or cooking. We will greatly appreciate it, and so will everyone else."

According to Alejandro Galindo, a member of the International Students' Association, the purpose of this organization is to unite and promote the various cultures represented on campus.

The organization's second mission is to provide international students with the assistance to cope with their new homes.

"As international students, we have been through this tough road and have the knowledge and experience to make it easier for newcomers," said Galindo.

With the participation of the ISA members and the support of students and faculty, the event fosters a multicultural campus life for the benefit of the student body as a whole.

"Basically, we [ISA] have activities, and at the meetings we take turns presenting different

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# Et cetera

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Organizations with food booths are Juventude Hispana, tamales; Accounting Society, chalupas; Music Educators National Conference, popcorn; Alpha Kappa Psi, fajita tacos; American Advertising Federation, cotton candy; Circle K International, pizza; Bilingual Education Student Organization, nachos; Student Council of Exceptional Children, hot dogs; Social Work Student Association, candy apples; Resident Hall Association, corn in a cup; and History Club, Frito pie.

Game booths include Juventude Hispana, marriage booth; Accounting Society, treasure hunt, Psi Chi, tarot reading; Alpha Kappa Psi, jail and bail; Ameri-

## Garcia from p. 1

What interests Garcia most is the happiness of her daughter, Mariana. Her daughter is in eighth grade and involved in activities such as a member of National Junior Honor Society, Builder's Club, Honor's Band. Garcia's advice on being a single parent is to love your child and provide them with the best that is within your ability.

"My daughter is the sunshine of my life," Garcia said.

can Advertising Federation, hayride; Clinical Lab Science, neon necklaces and gross things in a box; SGA, sponge toss; Bacchus/Gamma, water balloon toss.

Also, students engaged in sociological studies, can crushing; Circle K International, mini golf; Anthropology Club, bottle fishing; BESO, ring toss; Student Council of Exceptional Children, pie toss; Social Work Student Association, photo booth; American Society of Mechanical Engineers, darts; and History Club, bean bag toss.

The carnival will be held in the

Field House because of unpredictable weather. In the past, the event had been rained out.

"The cash prizes are tentative," Judy Melchor, chair of diversions, said. "I'm looking into getting more money for the winners."

Organizations with booths can set up at 8 a.m., Saturday at the Field House.

"The Carnival of the Great Pumpkin is a great community event," Garcia said. "It brings in families. Being indoors, it provides more security for everyone."

## Night from p. 1

celebrations in different countries," Roberts said.

This event is already being organized by ISA, and the group would really appreciate the support and help of those who participate, Roberts said.

Those who are interested in participating in this fun-filled event can stop in on one of the meetings at 4:30 p.m. Thursdays on the third floor of the Womens' Residence Hall, or can call 381-2591 (Thursday from 4:30-5:30 p.m.) and ask for Roberts or Mendez, or an In-

ternational Students' Association representative.

"You have a lot to offer and a book cannot express what you have to tell us about your own country," Galindo said. "Come help us make International Night 1995 possible."

## First ever Pan American Photo Contest!

All students are invited to submit their best color photo portraying a Christmas theme. Deadline for entries is Dec. 3, 1995.

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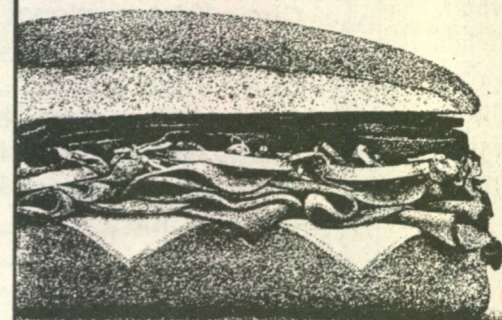
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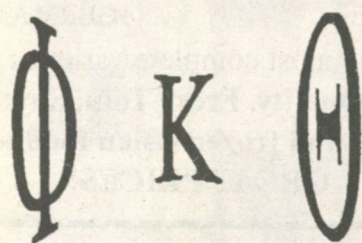
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## Spiritual statue reaches heavenly proportions

Ray Quiroga  
Staff Reporter

It took more than two years and countless hours of work, but this summer, Richard Hyslin, associate

professor of art, finally completed an monumental undertaking in the Midwest.

About three years ago, Ed and Pat Hynes asked Hyslin to construct a statue of La Virgen de Guadalupe. The structure was to be placed on their 55 acre religious retreat located in Windsor, Ohio, about 35 miles east of Cleveland.

At first, not even the Hyneses knew the immense proportions of the structure. Upon seeing the other statues in their proposed sanctuary, a man named Tony Zuniga, the Hyneses' friend and Valley native, told the Hyneses the story of the La Virgen de Guadalupe

"Tony told the Hyneses that the Virgin had to be big," Hyslin said. By that, the Hyneses thought Zuniga meant the figure would stand about seven feet tall. However, Zuniga meant the statue should be huge. In fact the statue is 50 feet tall, more than seven

times taller than the Hyneses imagined.

When Hyslin was approached to do this statue, he realized that it would be a great experience. However, there were some conflicts. To dedicate the attention the project would need, Hyslin gave up important committee seats at the art department. After a heart-to-heart discussion with his wife, he decided to take on this momentous task.

Hyslin began the project at his studio by constructing the steel skeleton of the Virgin.

"I spent approximately eight months on the steel rebar alone," Hyslin said.

He did the statue in small sections and then shipped it to Ohio. It took three large semis to haul this portion of the project.

Hyslin and his crew then went to Ohio to finish the project. Most of his crew who participated in helping Hyslin construct the mammoth figure consisted of former and current UTPA art majors Eloy Rodriguez, Juan Rodriguez, Brian Wedgworth and Luis Valderas.

"I was able to get the commission outside the University, so students were unable to receive class credit for their participation. But instead, they got more than that. They received the experience and the knowledge that comes from doing a project like this; something that will definitely look good on their resumes."

At first their were plans to construct the Virgin on a small island in the middle of a lake, but do to



Special to the Pan American/Richard Hyslin

**Above: The steel skelton of the statue towers over the students.**

logical problems, the statue was constructed on the main land. The other main difference from the original plans was the height of the figure. Zuniga wanted the figure to stand thirty-three, representing each year of Christ's life. But do to the proportion of the figure, Hyslin found it impossible to keep that height.

The structure was build from the inside-out . it is anchored twenty-two feet below the surface of the earth. Along with the difficulties

of building the statue itself, Hyslin and his crew had to deal with natural elements as well. Amount them were high winds and thunderstorms. When asked what was the best thing that came out of the project, Hyslin jokingly answered, "No one got killed."

By project's end, the structure weighed more than 80,000 pounds and is insured for more than 2,000,000 dollars. A popular art instructor, Hyslin has now returned to what he enjoys, teaching.



**Above: Professor Hyslin works on the angel's head. Left: After two long years of work, the sculpture is finished.**

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# La Fuerza to headline Great Pumpkin

Jason Guterrez  
Staff Reporter

La Fuerza debuted on the Tejano scene in August of 1993, winning first place in a contest entitled "Tejano Stars of the Future." Upon realizing their potential after the contest, La Fuerza has been received enthusiastically by audiences at festivities, benefits and social events. Students will get a chance to see the band perform at the Carnival of the Great Pumpkin on Oct. 28 at the Fieldhouse.

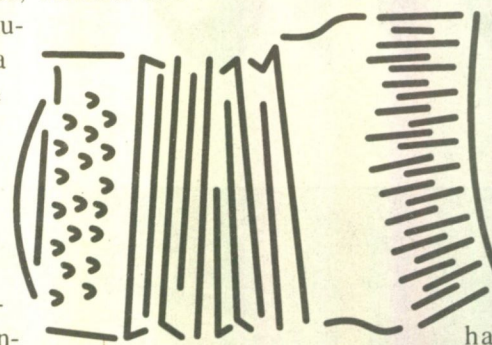
The nine members of the band include Joey Fuentist (Lead Vocalist), Joe Hernandez (Director/Guitarist/Backup vocals), Bernie Aguilar (Drums), Jacob Cortez (Bass/Guitar/Backup Vocals), Cris Perales (Keyboards), Lee Roy Caberra (Saxophone), Javier Franco (Keyboards), Joe Escalante (Accordion), and Martin Hernandez (Manager).

"We have recently signed with Voltage Entertainment who have been pulling us away from the Valley. In addition, we have a sponsorship from Bud-Light," Martin

Hernandez, Manager of La Fuerza, said.

According to Hernandez, the band has been playing in several markets over the state and in Mexico.

"We have performed in Monterey and the crowd went crazy; it was standing room only," Hernandez said.



Hernandez mentioned how the market in Mexico has boomed while they have embraced the Tejano industry.

"It's amazing to see how the Tejano industry has grown and hopefully if we work hard enough, we will be a part of the business for years to come," he said.

Hernandez states that the group stands out musically with the talent of each musician bringing something special into the group.

"We have created and written a style that sounds and stands on its own, the sound of La Fuerza," he said.

Hernandez said that he is espe-

cially looking forward to the performance on campus because the band hasn't had the opportunity to play in the Valley since they have signed with Voltage Entertainment.

"Voltage has been booking us everywhere else but the Valley and we can never forget that the Valley is home for us," he said.

According to Hernandez, the band was formed out of Weslaco and since then the group has taken off but they do want to perform more in the Valley.

"The people of the Valley are the same people who have made the group, we wouldn't be at this stage in our career if it wasn't for their support," he said.

La Fuerza is currently working on their new album and they will film two videos for the new album.

"We have been blessed with talented musicians who are always striving to do their best whether its a live performance or recording," Hernandez said.

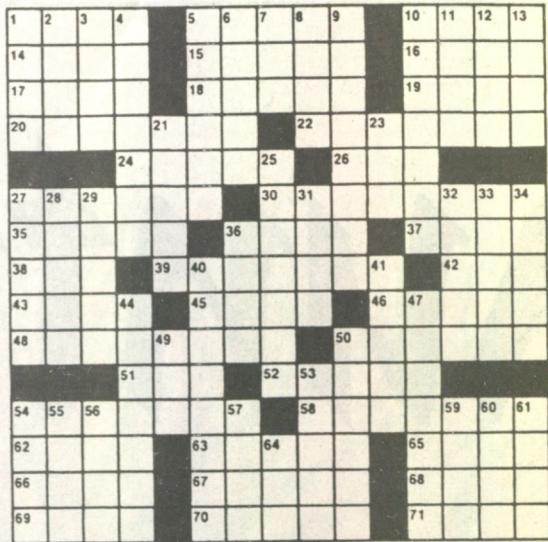
He also said that the group will continue to expand musically and they hope it will be to their audience's liking.

"No one knows if anything is for sure in this business but hopefully if we continue to work hard and grow musically we will be in this business for a while."

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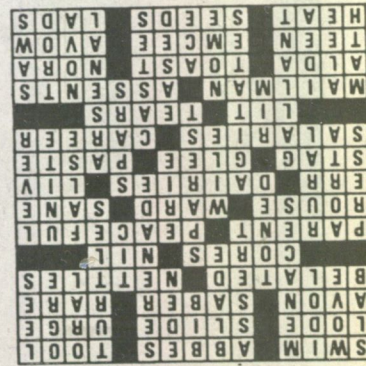
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# Diversions

# Haunting Holiday

Omar Gonzalez  
Features Editor

Many people across the Valley love to celebrate Halloween, and it has become one of the most popular holidays, next to Christmas. However, many people don't know how the holiday came to be.

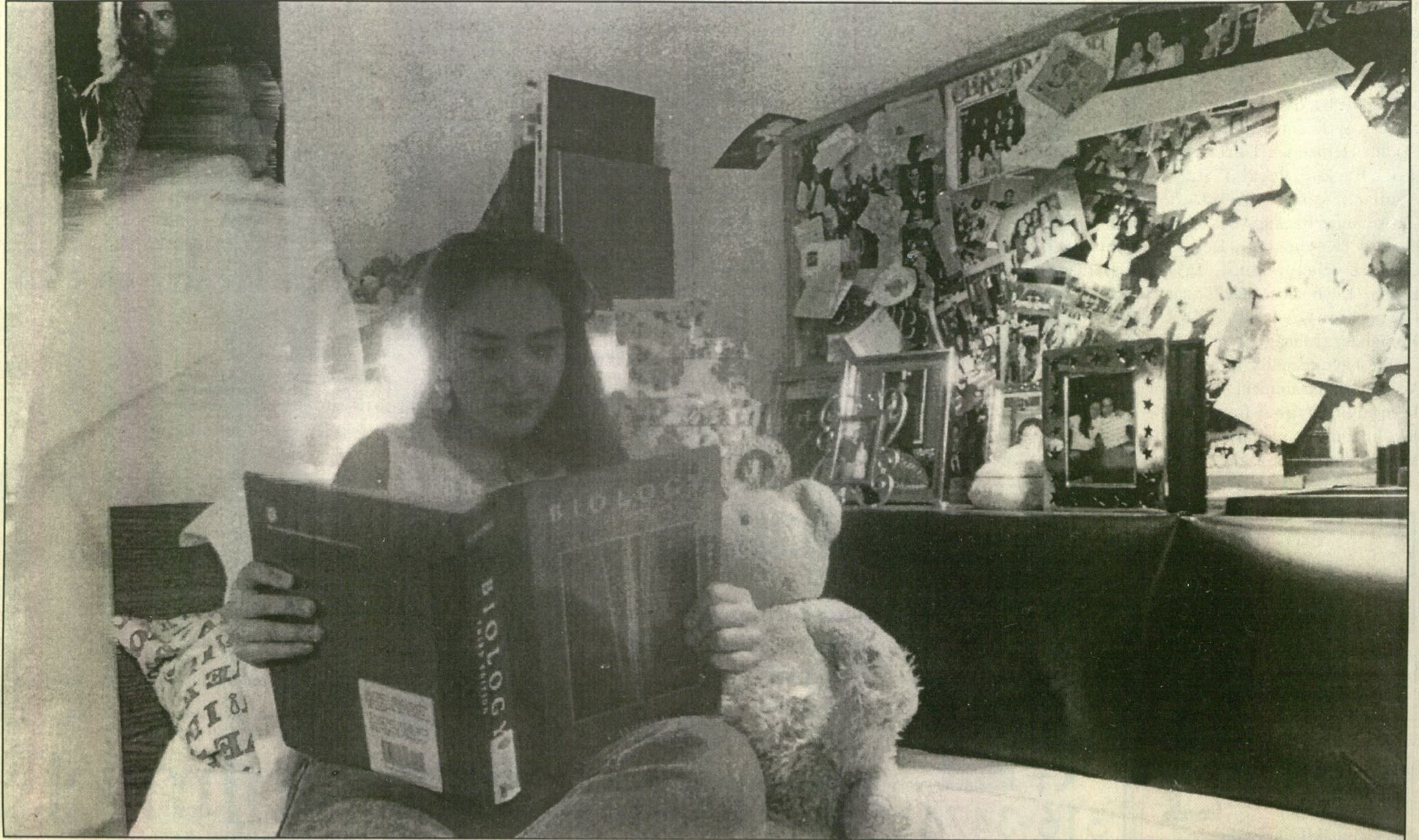
Halloween is believed to come from the Celtic festival of Samhain which was celebrated about 2,000 years ago. The Celts celebrated the beginning of the new year on Nov. 1. A festival began the previous evening to honor the Samhain, Celtic lord of death, and it also marked the beginning season of cold, darkness and decay.

The celebration quickly became associated with human death, earth for that one evening.

Afterwards, the Romans conquered the Celts and combined some of the Celtic beliefs with their own. The event became known as "Feralia" and was held in October to honor the dead.

During the 800s, the Roman Catholic Church established All Saints Day in which everyone was to honor the dead on the second day of November. Later, the holiday became known as All Souls Day.

The customs of Halloween, trick or treating and the costumes, developed among several groups of Celts in Ireland. Poor Celts paraded around town begging for food to honor Muck Olla, a god. The leader of the parade dressed in white robe and a mask made from the head of an animal. Scotland natives paraded around town



The Pan American/Photo Illustration by Liza Longoria

Ghost sightings and supernatural encounters may be rare occurrences, but some people have experienced them. Halloween is the time of the season when these happenings are at a peak.

carrying torches and lighting bonfires to drive off witches and other evil spirits.

The English had a different tradition all together. Families would gather around a fire and tell ghost stories while they ate apples and nuts. Beggars of England would

go from house to house *a-souling* (begging). They would receive soulcakes in exchange for their word to say a few prayers for the dead.

Today, Halloween is practiced by dressing up as a scary character, celebrity or fantasy character.

People, mainly children, go from house to house "trick or treating" for candy and other sugary items. Parties where adults dress up are also held during the late hours of the night. Also, jack-o'-lanterns are displayed for decorations giving a haunting effect.

## Tales from the crypt

Students tell of their own encounters with the supernatural

## Rising from the dead

Omar Gonzalez  
Features Editor

A while back, Halloween was not considered to be a very popular holiday. Many people didn't want to celebrate it because it symbolizes the devil.

But in a surprising turn of events, Halloween has now become one of the most popular events after Christmas. Retailers are showing a tremendous increase in Halloween paraphernalia this year than years before.

Why has the popularity of Halloween grown so much?

"People like to dress up as their favorite actor or idol," Yancey Quintanilla, broadcast journalism

senior, said. "They get to hide behind someone, and be someone they're not."

For others, it allows them to show a side that although they're made fun of, they magnify to the extreme.

"It's the only day that gives people the opportunity to look ugly and act stupid," Patty Cavazos, sociology junior, said.

But to others, the mystery of the holiday is what captures the attention for them.

"There is a certain mystic feel

around Halloween," Norma Hinojosa, education sophomore, said. "It's mysterious and scary."

Halloween does not only allow for the mystery, but for a person to divulge a side of themselves that is kept dormant for some time.

"Everybody has a dark, evil side to them and everybody wants to let it out," Guruka

Osorio, international business sophomore, said. "Halloween is the official holiday that lets people

do that. It is a tradition and it is controlled so that people don't go out killing everyone."

Halloween also allows for people to explore the state of death and what it feels like to be dead.

"It's about death," Gabriela Lorenzo, communications senior, said. "People are curious about death and what happens to them in the afterlife. They get to dress up and see what they would look like in hell."

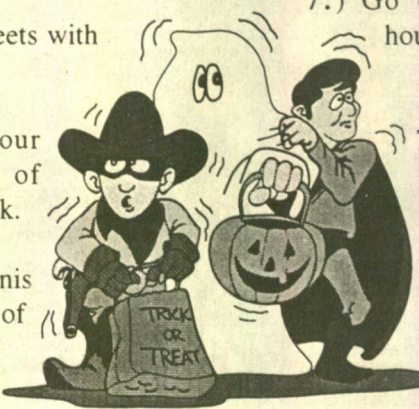
The growing popularity of Halloween could also be attributed to the increase of science fiction shows such as the X-Files, Forever Knight, and Star Trek. But, whatever the reason, Halloween's popularity is phenomenal.



## Halloween safety tips

Javier Rodriguez, Edinburg police officer, provides safety tips so that you, your children, or little brothers and sisters can have a safe Halloween.

- 1.) Inspect all candy before eating.
- 2.) Walk streets with a flashlight.
- 3.) Paint your face instead of wearing a mask.
- 4.) Wear tennis shoes instead of high heels.
- 5.) Look both ways before crossing streets.
- 6.) Wear light colored clothing.
- 7.) Go only to lighted houses.
- 8.) Trick-or-Treat with a buddy or with a group or an adult.
- 9.) Don't go with strangers.
- 10.) Stay in neighborhoods you are familiar with.



The Pan American wishes you a safe and Happy Halloween

## Halloween Top Ten:

Things that tick off Casper the Friendly Ghost

10. Singing career not materializing.
9. The way his girlfriend ghost calls him "Casper the Big-Flirt Ghost".
8. The bigger kids aren't buying his glow-in-the-dark action figures.
7. People who stare at the lining of his underwear.
6. Some punk guy flying a plane has to start racing him.
5. Idiots who ask him to pose for a snapshot.
4. When dry cleaner accidentally switches dress for Pillsbury doughboy costume.
3. Whimpy whiny voice always gets him carded at clubs.
2. Every birthday the same thing: gift certificate to JC Penny's White Sale.
1. Those damn Ghostbusters never give up!

Holly's Top 10  
Holly Meisel

### Name withheld upon request

One day in the late 1980s, a car full of teenagers was driving on Sam Houston Street between San Benito and Rio Hondo. They were speeding down the road and they lost control of their vehicle. They crashed into a tree across the street from the Mont Meta Cemetery. Now whenever you speed down the road by the Mont Meta Cemetery you can hear the dead teenagers yelling at you to slow down.

### Lena Rios, undeclared freshman

One night, as I looked forward to a good night's sleep, I closed my bedroom door, turned out the lights and made myself comfortable. I suddenly felt a warm wavelike sensation on my feet. Thinking it was my mother leaning to shut my window as she usually did, I dismissed the urge to look and tried to go to sleep. The warm sensation started traveling up through my calves up to my thighs. I realized this could not be my mom. But who could it be? She was the only one who got up during the night. Also, I had not heard any noise or the door open, so it couldn't be my clumsy brother trying to pull a prank on me. My imagination and subconscious went wild thinking it could be something supernatural. I decided not to move or open my eyes to find out what would happen next. The warm sensation traveled up until it stopped at the nape of my neck. Next I felt a hand slap me on the back of the head and I

heard a voice faintly calling my name. The second I felt the slap I opened my eyes and picked up my head. I felt nothing! I saw neither anyone nor anything, and the door was closed. I was very scared, so I got out of bed as fast as I could and opened the door and turned the light on. Nothing happened. I ran through the hall checking in my brother's and my parents' rooms, but they were all asleep. The only answer I could think of was that it had to have been a supernatural experience. The next morning I told my parents and my brother about what had happened during the night. My mother recommended praying every night to drive whatever spirit that was away from my room. Now I keep my bedroom door open at night so that if the spirit visits again, someone in the house can hear my struggle and come to help.

### Name withheld upon request

A ghost is said to haunt a house in La Joya where he wreaks havoc on a family. Bed sheets are pulled off of sleeping family members, footsteps are heard walking and running down the hallway. A shadow figure pulls people's hair while they are sleeping.

These events surround the legend of a man who stole gold from Indians and buried it on the property on which the house was built. He is said to be protecting his gold; however, the only people affected are women. They are the only ones the ghost haunts.



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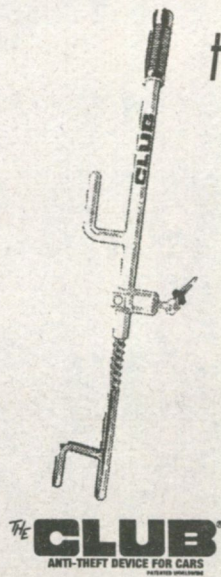
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# Sports

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GOLF

## Lady Broncs hope to eagle at tourney

Melissa Vasquez  
Sports Editor

Coming off an eighth place finish at the Brooks Medical Supply-Pepsi Tournament at Arkansas State last week the Lady Broncs Golf team is hoping to turn things around at the Lady Cardinal Invitational in Beaumont where they plan to place as one of the top teams in the tourney. Head women's golf coach Cindi Padgett said that the Pepsi tournament was one of the worst performances that the women have had since the beginning of the program. The Lady Broncs were picked to win the tournament.

"The girls did not like the golf course and there were some conditions that made it more difficult, but everybody played the same golf course, so we can't say it was the golf course it was really more our attitude about the golf course that hurt us," Padgett said.

This upcoming tournament will be very important as the Lady Broncs progress throughout the

season and with Lamar University hosting this showdown Padgett is looking for some major competition from the Lady Cardinals.

"Lamar has won our conference the last couple of years and maybe further back than that," she said. "That is always somebody we are looking to beat."

Other teams teeing off in Beaumont will be Arkansas State, Arkansas-Little Rock both of which did a number on the Lady Broncs last week.

Also this will be the first time in the season that face Baylor University, Kansas State, Tulane University, University of Oregon and Hardin-Simmons University.

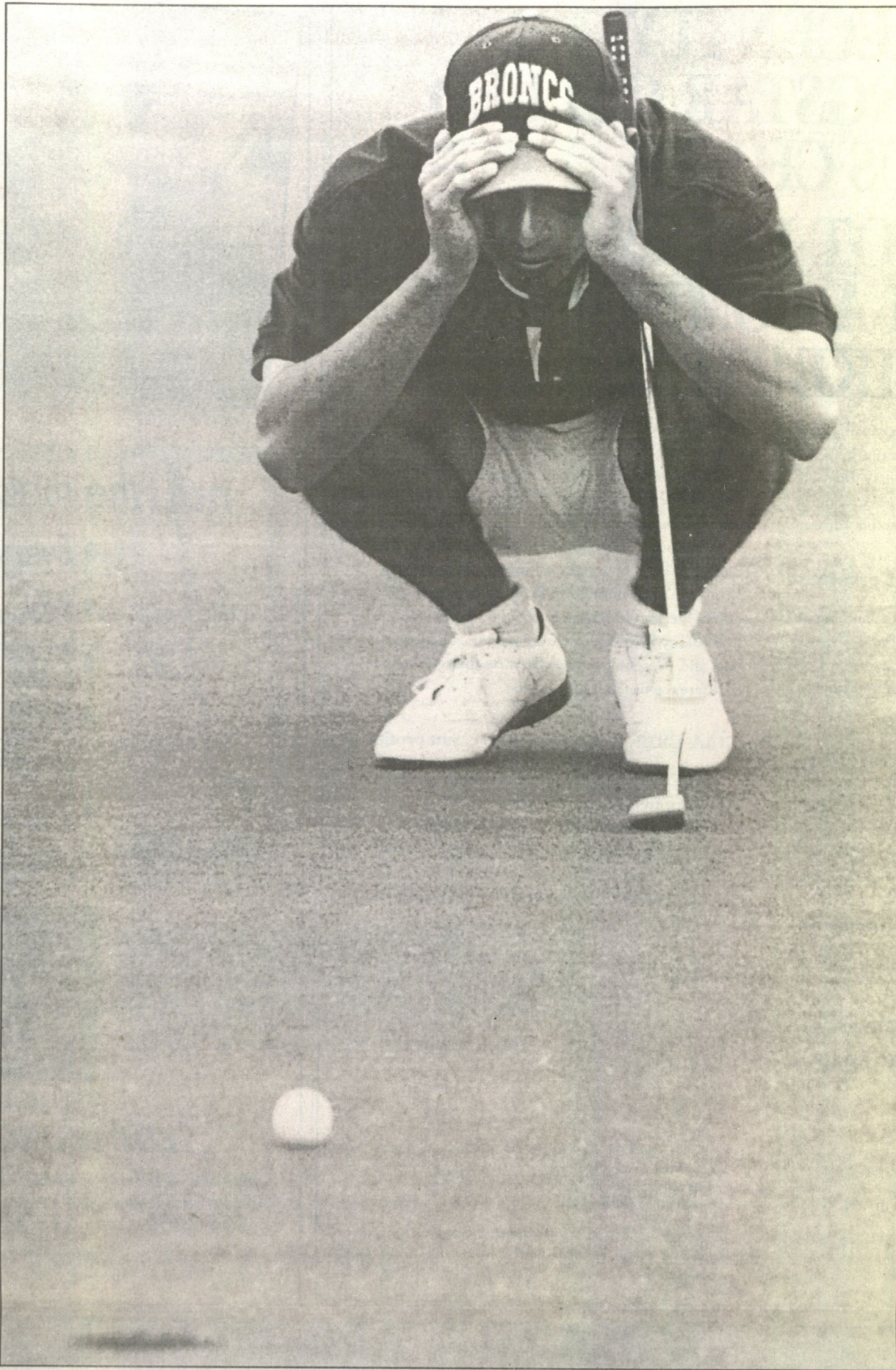
Going to the tournament will be Nancy Verastegui, Michelle Cabrera and Jennifer Merino so far, because the other players are still qualifying in practice rounds, according to Padgett.

The next tournament the women will participate in will be at Georgia State University in the Lady Panther Tournament on Nov. 6-7.

## TCU sweeps UTPA Men's Golf

TCU sophomore Grady Girard eagled the first hole Tuesday with a 35-foot putt, then shot a 69 to break the medalist record as the Horned Frogs swept the UTPA Golf Classic. Girard, who lives close to 2,500 miles away in Newport, Vermont, posted two 68 rounds Monday. His total of 205 strokes bested par by 11 strokes. He beat by one stroke the tournament record that Jeff Willis of Oklahoma City set in 1984. Brent Wolf of TCU took second at 211 as the Horned Frogs stampeded to four of the top five places in a 56-man field. Nathan Main of Texas-Arlington held third at 212, but TCU's Albert Ochoa saved fourth at 213 and J.J. Henry got fifth at 214.

TCU's 842 was 23 under par, three short of the team record set by Texas-Pan American in 1990. TCU beat runner-up Texas Arlington's 869 by 27 strokes. Abilene Christian took third at 877. UTPA was fourth at 883. Next came Wichita State 886, Lamar 900, Southern Illinois 938, Incarnate Word 941 and Texas Lutheran 947.



Golfer Mike Perez measures up for the final putt of a hole during the UTPA Intercollegiate Golf Classic at the Cimarron in Mission. UTPA's No. 1 team was ranked 4th while the No. 2 team was ranked 10th in the 10-team tournament.

The Pan American/Eddie Garza

## Runners face tough competition in Sun Belt

Melissa Vasquez  
Sports Editor

The men and women's cross country teams will compete Saturday in the Sun Belt Conference Championship in Bowling Green, Ky.

Head cross country coach Reid Harter is expecting both teams to place in the top three with the men placing third and the women second, he said.

"It looks like a good and tough meet right in the mix of things," Harter said. "On paper the favorite for the women is Arkansas-Little Rock; and in the men, it is Western Kentucky. If you rank us on paper, the men would be third and the women second, but we are hoping to improve on that."

Harter has not decided on whom he will take to the championship meet because it is a hard decision to make, especially since all his runners have the potential to compete in a meet of this caliber.

"Everybody is running so well; it is a tough decision to make and so I will probably make my decision at the last minute," he said.

Competitors include teams such as Jacksonville, South Alabama, Southwestern Louisiana, Louisiana Tech and others.

Last week they competed in the Southwest Texas State Meet. Both the men and the women placed second in their divisions. Elizabeth Ortega, who finished first with a time of 11:29, led the women, while Miguel Chuca, who took fourth place with a 14:58, led the men.

### The Seventh Annual UTPA Intercollegiate Golf Classic

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2. UT-Arlington 296-283-290-869
3. Abilene Christian U. 286-294-297-877
4. UT-Pan American No. 1 297-286-300-883
5. Wichita State 291-194-301-886
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#### UTPA Men's Individual Statistics

9. Culley Howard (UTPA #1) 75-70-73 -- 218
14. Mike Perez (UTPA #1) 71-74-75 -- 220
19. Inigo Del Val (UTPA #1) 76-73-75 -- 224
20. Joe Mitchell (UTPA #1) 75-73-77 -- 225
28. Ronnie Lopez (UTPA #2) 77-76-76 -- 229
29. Chris Trevino (UTPA #1) 81-70-78 -- 229
32. Bobby Salinas (UTPA #2) 79-77-74 -- 230
41. Rex Flores (UTPA #2) 86-72-78 -- 236
47. Toby Grubert (UTPA #1) 81-80-79 -- 240
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## Into the swing of things

### Men's tennis team competes in Rolex Region 6 Qualifying Tournament in Fort Worth

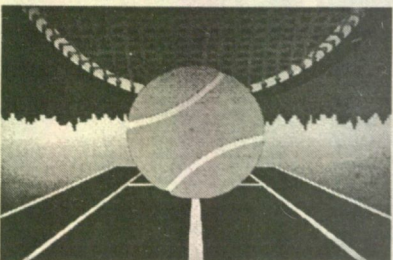
Carlos Ybanez  
Assistant Sports Editor

Having practiced many long hard hours, the men's and women's tennis teams are ready for action. This semester is a nontraditional season for tennis play, but head coach Greg Hilley has been preparing his team for the upcoming tournament.

The men's tennis team will play in the Rolex Region 6 Qualifying Tournament at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. The team will be sending six of their top nine players. Coach Hilley has yet to determine the ranks of the players.

"We are in the process of playing challenge rounds," Hilley said. "Our four top players are Jesus Garcia, Brian Smith, Rafael Gonzalez, and Gianni Von Nacher, but all other players will be able to move up in the round robin tournament."

It is possible for Alex Rasera,



Horacio Gutierrez, Greg Lawrie and newcomers Iulius Minco and Ulf Kuschke to move up. Coach Hilley is matching the team's players against each other. The results of these matches will determine who will compete in the tournament.

"We are very anxious to start playing," Hilley said. "We want to get back into the swing of things and build up to the season in January."

The team has been concentrating on playing a lot of points and not missing any shots in their upcoming tournament.

"We are working on developing points and choice of shots," Hilley said.

Last weekend the Lady Broncs tennis team came up short in their first tournament of the season. At the UTSA Tennis Tournament, Karen Bowley lost two close duels in three days. Sandwiched between her losses was a 6-2, 6-0 victory over Susan Finkelstein of St. Edwards.

Bowley reached the second round in consolation singles where she lost to D'Anne Eilers of UTSA 6-1, 6-7, 6-4. Bowley and doubles partner Jessica Garcia lost to Angela Green and Britney Mikesa of Southwest Texas 6-1, 6-4. All four Lady Broncs lost in the first round of Friday's singles.

Bowley dropped a close match to Jennifer Hilton of Lamar 5-7, 6-1, 6-3. Cristel Escalona lost to Jennifer Schaffer of St. Edward's 6-0, 6-4; Jessica Sanchez lost to Cindy Wimpess of host Texas San Antonio 6-1, 6-4; and Erica Sanchez lost to Eilers, UTSA, by default.

### Sports Column

## Loss of teams may bring loss of fans

In the world of professional sports, where size and money have become dominant elements, it appears that the City of Houston does not make the final cut. First it was the Houston Oilers who were packing their bags, led by their outrageous owner, Bud Adams, for a journey to Nashville. Yet, before the shock disappeared, sports fans in Houston received a second sucker-punch in the gut.

It has been widely reported that the city's baseball team, the Houston Astros, are unhappy with their current financial situation

and a dwindling fan base over the past season. Now the team's owner, Drayton McLane Jr., has revealed that he is considering selling the team to Virginia businessman Bill Collins. The deal would mean that the Astros would move to Washington, D.C., and become the Virginia Fury, while McLane would remain behind counting the \$160 million Collins will dish out for the team. In response to the uproar, McLane has announced that he will not discuss the possible deal until after the World Series.

What this means to the citizens of Houston is that after this season they could be left with only one sports team. After all the packing and half-hearted good-byes, the basketball team, the Houston Rockets, will be all that is left for the true sports fan. Fortunately, it is the only organization that has brought pride and glory to Houston in recent years. The town that was nicknamed 'Choke City' became 'Clutch City' only after the Rockets dominated the NBA the last two seasons. It was a team to be proud of; and after dismal results from a football team and sloppy attitudes from a baseball organization, the city and its fans had every reason to celebrate. Now they have every reason to be mad as hell!

Oilers owner Adams is unhappy about where he plays and the revenue he returns to his fat wallet. On the other hand, Astros owner McLane loves the City of Houston, but the fans obviously do not reciprocate those feelings. The bottom line is that the fans are not coming to the games; they are not filling the seats; and the money is not pouring in. McLane has claimed he has lost \$20 million this season and that he cannot run a team in today's

modern professional world with such a deficit. One can give McLane a nice round of applause for his efforts. While Adams is busy concerning himself with relocating to Nashville and their greener-cash pastures, McLane has been out pounding the drum of support for his team. Despite his efforts, it is very clear that without

extensive corporate support and a vital renewal in local interest, the Astros cannot and will not remain in Houston... which is terrible for many; but that is the way the ball bounces

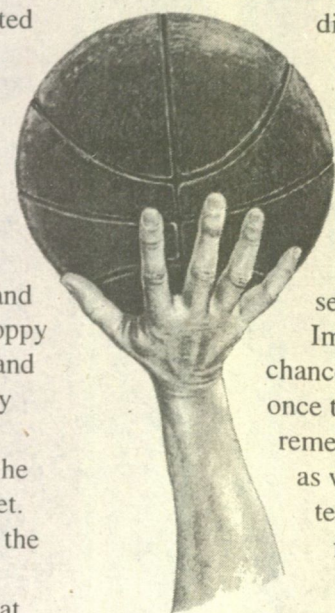
on today's turf. My next question becomes what will they do with the Astrodome?

I guess the sports fans of Houston can go see all the rodeos and monster truck shows that one could possibly stand—as if that would make up for the loss of two major sports teams, not even hardly. Also, as far as the Houston Rockets, how long will it be before they get a better offer and are out the door?

What started as a great idea, the relocating of teams to new venues, has become a disease in the year 1995.

Houston only has to look to L.A. for a horrible example of the disease. That town, which lost both its football teams in one season, is facing the awful prospect of not having a NFL team for several seasons to come.

Imagine what Houston's chances will be for a new team once they lose the Oilers; then remember the loss of the Astros as well. The notion of relocating teams could prove to be the final injustice to all the sports fans who have any sense of respect or regard left for professional sports—if there is any of them left at all in this shrinking world of sports and spectators; or am I the only one left in the stadium when they turn off the lights!



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