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The Pan American

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EXPANDING

New engineering building strengthens program

*Holly Meisel
The Pan Americanist*

When the university merged with the UT-system in the fall of '89, the engineering program consisted of only one faculty member, about 50 students, and was located in the Physical Science building.

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Jimmy Garcia/The Pan American

The new \$23 million Engineering building.

UTPA Men's Basketball Update

University looks ahead after scandal's closure

David Waltz
Editor

The Bronc basketball scandal has come to a close with sanctions levied against men's basketball by an NCAA Infractions Committee that

places the university on four years probation, reduces scholarships for two years, bans institutional representatives from NCAA committees, denies scholarships for junior college transfer students for two years, and reduces expense paid visits.

With its third infraction in six years for athletics, including recruitment violations, improper recruiting inducements, violating NCAA cooperative principles and standards of ethical conduct and lack of institutional control, the university is looking

ahead to solve the problems associated with men's basketball.

"We have to learn from our mistakes and improve on these things to make us better," Neal

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UTSA shooting mars first day of classes

SAN ANTONIO (CPS)—A fatal double-shooting on campus marred the first day of classes at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

An employee at the university's John Peace Library, Stephen Sorensen, 54, was shot five times in a library office by Gregory Tidwell, 25, who then turned the gun on himself, police said.

Tidwell, who had no affiliation with the university, had been charged with breaking and entering in an earlier incident at Sorensen's house, said Bob Burdick, a university spokesperson.

The Aug. 26 shooting is believed to have happened in the afternoon hours, sometime after Tidwell walked into the library with a .357 Magnum pistol hidden in his backpack, Burdick said.

He apparently shot Sorensen twice in the head, twice in the heart and once in the ear, then sat down, put his legs over the body, and shot himself in the chest,

police believe.

"It was a very complicated crime scene to unravel," Burdick said.

The library was temporarily closed after the shooting so police could interview students and staff who were in the building at the time. However, none had witnessed the shooting. Campus life did not seem to be disrupted by the shooting, Burdick said.

"It was a isolated incident that involved these two individuals in an ongoing disagreement that they had," he said. "I think people understand that . . . there was no general threat to the university community."

Counseling center hours were extended for any students troubled by the incident.

Citadel cadets go through 'Hell Week'

CHARLESTON, S.C. (CPS)—It was 5:20 in the morning, when shouts of "Get up, knobs," and AC/DC's "Hell's Bells" blaring

from loudspeakers broke the the pre-dawn quiet.

At the 153-year-old Citadel, that wake-up call on Aug. 26 signaled the opening of an historic "Hell Week."

For the first time, four women joined hundreds of male cadets at the previously all-male military college for a week of intensive training.

The women—Petra Lovetinska, Nancy Mace, Jeanie Mentavlos and Kim Messer—wore standard navy T-shirts and received military-style haircuts similar to a man's crewcut.

The womens' haircuts are not quite as short as the men's is, according to a Citadel spokesman.

"The women seem to be doing fine, and so do the men," Brig. Gen. Clifton Poole, the acting preside of the military college, told reporters at a news briefing.

The Citadel opened its doors to women after the Supreme Court ruled this summer that the all-male policy at Virginia Military Institute was unconstitutional.

Baylor University outraged at co-ed in Playboy

WACO, Texas (CPS)—Baylor University officials are outraged that two of its students would pose nude for Playboy.

But since the women, Jennifer Feilke and Sherryl Keith, both graduated in May, "there's no disciplinary action that we'll take," said Keith Randall, a Baylor spokesperson.

Playboy magazine announced earlier in the year that it wanted women from the nation's largest Baptist university to pose nude in its October issue for the kickoff of the Big 12 Conference's football season.

The 151-year-old university has strict codes of conduct for its 12,000 students. Until January, even dancing was considered indecent and not allowed on campus.

But Playboy still found two students willing to become Miss Octobers.



The University of Texas Pan American Tuition and Fees Disclosure for Texas Residents 1996-1997 Academic Year

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Average Incidental Fees	*	*	*	
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* Averages are not given for college and course-related fee charges (laboratory, incidental, supplemental/individual instruction fees) since charges vary according to academic program and courses; actual fees are published in the institutional catalog and other publications. A summary of these fees and the optional student services fees may be found in the University's catalog.

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First physician assistants graduate

The first 19 students to complete the Physician Assistant Studies Program at the University of Texas Pan American graduated in August at ceremonies held in the University Ballroom.

The program is a cooperative venture between The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and UT Pan American. The first class, which started in the summer of 1994, have received bachelor of science degrees from the Galveston medical school.

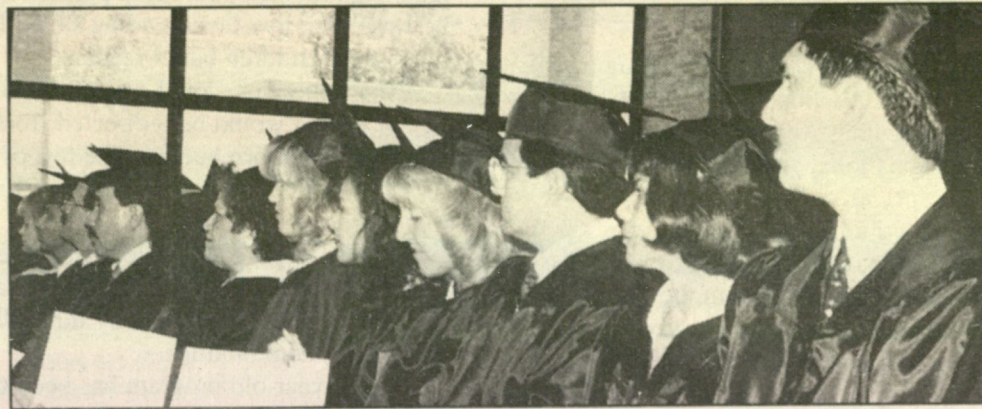
"The program has been a success from the very beginning, and I attribute that to the cooperation of both universities," said Frank Ambriz, director of the program at UTPA. "Both have gone out of their way to make sure the program succeeds."

The local physicians also have really helped us out tremendously with clinical rotations," he said. "We do want to thank them for all their support of the program and sharing their knowledge with the students."

Physician assistants work under the supervision of a physician. They can provide some primary care medicine, freeing the physician to take care of more complicated medical problems.

Students in the cooperative program register as UTMB-Galveston students but attend classes at UT Pan American. Some classes are taught by faculty on the UT Pan American campus, while others are taught at UTMB-Galveston, with UT Pan American students attending via interactive video.

"This program became sort of a model for schools across the country," Ambriz said. "Everyone was interested to see how a program outside a medical center would hold up."



New physician assistants attend graduation ceremonies.

University Relations

University Police hit the information highway

The University Police Department has become one of the first departments in the Rio Grande Valley to merge into the information super highway by offering information to students, faculty and staff with a new web site.

"We are very excited," Howard Miller, chief of the university police, said.

Crime statistics, parking and traffic information, crime prevention and the Student Right to Know Act are some of the information provided on the site.

"We feel we will make the information more accessible to people," Paula

Berkley, administrative assistant, said.

Chief Miller is active in working with other police departments in the Valley in utilizing the information super highway to provide information to local communities and the world.

"This is an ongoing effort for community involvement by sharing and exchanging information about what we do," Miller said.

To gain access on the VAX cluster, type CAMPOINFO at the user name prompt. No password is needed. The web address is-http://w3.panam.edu/~upd_edc.

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Americorps boosted by literacy campaign

College Press Service

WYANDOTTE, Mich.—During a campaign stop in Michigan, President Clinton proposed expanding AmeriCorps' mission by having its national service workers sign on as reading specialists to combat illiteracy.

"Today I am giving AmeriCorps a new charge: make reading central to your mission," said Clinton, speaking from the library steps in Wyandotte, Mich., a Detroit suburb.

The proposal to expand AmeriCorps is part of a larger literacy initiative unveiled by Clinton that is designed to get all children reading by the end of third grade.

Clinton's national literacy campaign, the latest in a pre-convention blitz, would offer 30,000 reading specialists and volunteer coordinators to select communities. This would be coupled by an effort to develop programs in

local communities that teach parents, especially those with low-level reading skills, how to make their children better readers.

The initiatives would cost \$2.75 billion, but \$1 billion would be redirected from the current AmeriCorp budget. The rest of the money would be paid under a new Clinton plan to repeal 11 business subsidies.

AmeriCorps, often called the domestic equivalent of the Peace Corps, allows about 25,000 students to earn money for college by working in communities.

The 2-year-old program has been under much fire from Republicans in Congress, particularly since a General Accounting Office audit last fall criticized the program as too costly.

Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole has promised, if elected, to eliminate the program and use the savings to increase col-

lege-aid funds for Pell Grants and College Work-Study.

Clinton made his remarks while on a four-day train ride to the Democratic Convention in Chicago. AmeriCorps was highlighted during the convention's opening night Monday, when a Brown University sophomore spoke to delegates about her experiences with the national service program.

"I am living proof that anyone can succeed in America if someone gives her the opportunity," said Marilyn Concepcion, a former high school dropout who earned her equivalency diploma while a participant in City Year, a community service program after which AmeriCorps was based.

The 21-year-old thanked President Clinton "for all the young people like me who are getting a chance to serve their county and live their dreams because of AmeriCorps."

Conrad may be inspiration for Unabomber

College Press Service

WASHINGTON (CPS)—A Joseph Conrad novel about a mad professor who shuns academia and builds a bomb may have inspired Unabomber suspect Ted

Kaczynski, the Washington Post reported.

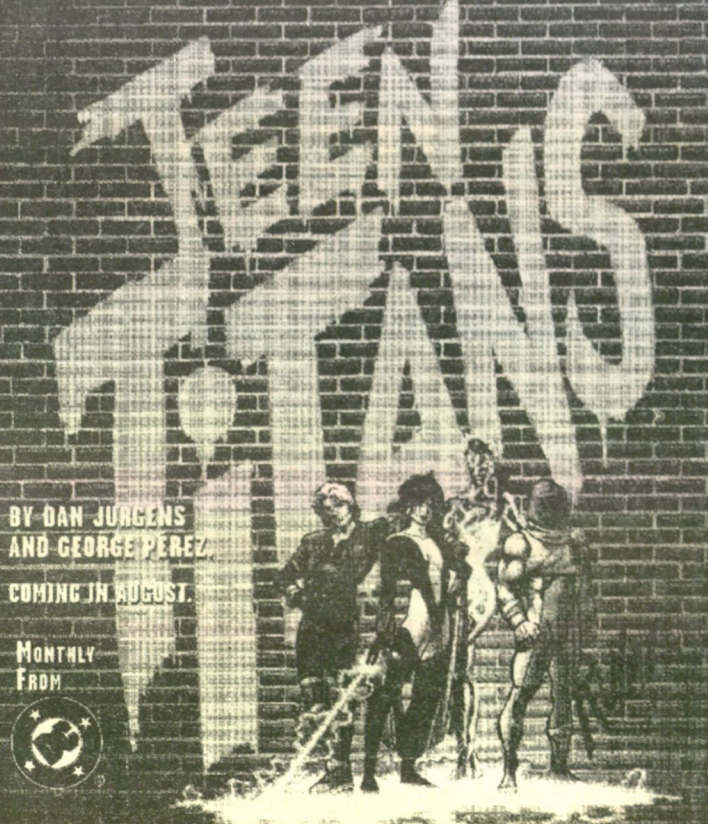
Kaczynski, a former math professor indicted in four Unabomber attacks, read Conrad's "The Secret Agent" about a dozen times, federal authorities and his family

members told the Post.

The novel, published in 1907, is about a mad professor who lives in a tiny room and fashions a bomb to destroy an observatory referred to as "that idol of science."

Kaczynski's primitive, one-room shack in the Montana hills was much like the protagonist's "hermitage," according to the Post.

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For more information/applications, contact the Special Programs Dept. at 381-2521 Emilia Schunior Ramirez Hall, Room 207. Deadline is September 10, 1996.

Nursing program attains re-accreditation

The Associate Degree in the Nursing Program has been re-accredited through the year 2004, according to Dr. Carolina Huerta, chair of the nursing department.

Huerta said the report from the National League for Nursing, which issues the accreditations, was "quite complimentary."

Graduates of the ADN Program are eligible to make application to the Texas State Board of Nurse Examiners to write the National Council Licensure Examination. After successfully completing the examination, the graduate is issued a license to practice as a registered nurse (RN) in the State of Texas.

Library schedules third annual benefit

Holly Meisel
The Pan American

The third annual benefit for the University Library, scheduled for Saturday, will feature folkloric dances, dancing horses and serve barbeque dinners at the Plaza Mexico Arena near Mission.

Friends of the Library—a membership support group consisting of about 300 members—will sponsor the "Horses and Heritage" program featuring Al Ragusin and his Dancing Horses and the Ballet Folklorico Internacional of Edinburg.

The barbeque dinner will be served from 7 to 8:30 p.m., followed by the show. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children under the ages of 12. The \$25 ticket for adults purchases a dinner and donates \$10; however, individuals choosing to view the show only may purchase tickets for \$5.

The Plaza Mexico Arena is located on North Bentsen Road between Two-Mile Line and Three-Mile Line (Buddy Owens Road).



Reina Martinez/The Pan American

Friends of the Library greet one of the dancing horses as they prepare for the annual benefit.

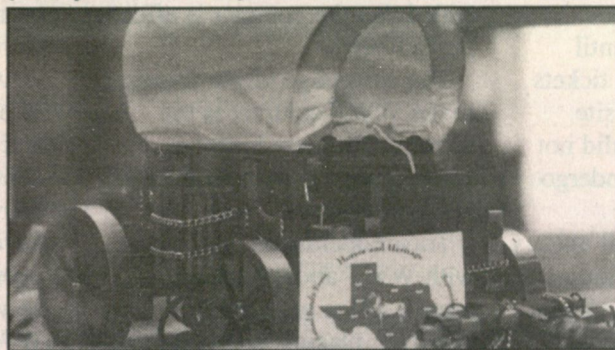
Dr. Elinor Folger Foster, library director started the benefit in May of '94.

"The state only provides money for books that support subjects that professors teach," she said. "The state doesn't provide money for books or items we would like to have in the library such as information about our local area, special materials about Texas and Mexico or very expensive artbooks,"

Foster says that many of the items requested by students fit in well with the curriculum, but they're just too expensive. "We were able to buy some artbooks that cost \$50 each, totaling to \$800," she said. "We could not have afforded these special materials if it hadn't have been for the Friends of the Library."

Foster says that each year, the library continues to capitalize on trying to add information about this area.

"We've set this pattern that seems successful," she said. "The other two were successes and we're hoping this one is too."

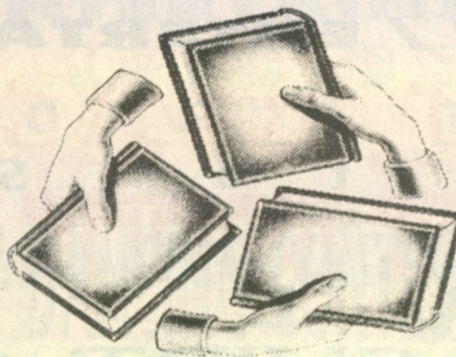


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Funds from benefits provide exhibits such as this covered wagon now on display at the library.

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Geologist claims no life on Mars

Tribune Media Services

WASHINGTON— Weeks after NASA scientists announced that they had discovered telltale signs of life on a meteorite from Mars, other scientists came to Washington to press their case for another—blander— explanation. They say the signs weren't of life, but of naturally occurring chemical reactions.

"I don't want to second-guess them," said Ralph Harvey, a planetary geologist at Case Western Reserve University at Cleveland.

"But I can't explain their work and they can't explain mine."

Harvey's group studied a sample from a meteorite, recovered from Antarctica, that the scientific community generally agrees came from Mars. The NASA group also studied a sample from the same rock, and early this month, said the circumstantial evidence pointed to signs of early Martian life.

Both groups found tiny particles built with carbon inside the meteorite. Carbon is an essential element to life as we know it on Earth, and to NASA, the particles were a sign that life had at one time existed on

Mars.

But Harvey theorizes that the carbonate material inside the rock was derived from the Martian atmosphere. It may have gotten there, he said, when the rock suffered an impact, driving tiny amounts of liquids saturated with carbon dioxide into it.

"There was a natural systematic way to build these carbonates up by driving carbon dioxide into the rock," Harvey said.

As for the differing scientific conclusions, he said, "There's something funny going on."

Sato ends university relationship

Joe Zambrano
News Editor

Sato Travel has decided to end its relationship with the university effective November 15 due to corporate down-sizing, according to Frances Rios, director of purchasing and central services.

"Sato is cutting all branches that are considered non-profitable," she added.

As a result, Sato agents located on campus will depart from Sato.

However, Sato will still remotely service the UTPA account through its toll free number, 800-248-4181, until November 15. All airline tickets will still be produced on-site.

"The decision by Sato did not allow us ample time to undergo the lengthy request of the proposal process for travel agency services and for the transition between agencies. At the same time, an opportunity presented itself to UTPA to participate in a contract between UT-Austin and

World Wide Travel, a national travel agency," said Rios. Rios added that the contract is effective September 1.

The advantage of participating in the WWT contract is the university's share in travel commissions generated from all university travel.

Travel operations discussed with WWT about opening a branch office on campus; however, placing agents on-site is currently not cost effective for WWT.

WWT will service university accounts through their Austin branch and still provide on-campus ticketing services.

"After considering the income to be received on our own travel and our desire to maintain on-site continuity of travel services and convenience to our travelers, we have decided to once again operate our own travel agency services in conjunction with WWT's remote service," said Frances.

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NCAA, from p. 1

Rieke, assistant to the president, said. "Even though we are used to being on probation. We feel everything is resolved, for better or worse."

According to the NCAA Public Infractions Report, the university has taken measures to correct the infractions, which includes entering into only a one year written contract for all head and assistant coaches, with clearly stated standards of conduct, drafting a compliance program and identifying all university staff and departments with responsibility for NCAA compliance, and not renewing former Assistant Men's Basketball Coach Kelly Green.

"We want a squeaky clean program that follows the rules," Rieke said. "We have established different levels of institutional control to ensure the violations are corrected."

The university is also considering switching conferences to be more competitive and to help with the pressures facing coaches and athletes, Reike said.

"We are displaced geographically. We have no area rivalries and a large travel budget. We have to come up with resolutions."

The NCAA Infractions Committee removed one violation of NCAA legislation in light that it was not a violation at all.

"The reporting of the violation was done verbally," Rieke said. "We admitted to it, but we discovered there wasn't a NCAA law that required us do that (Process funds from camps through a university account.)"

The university's failure to process income from Mark Adam's basketball camps through university accounts deletion reduced the count to five violations.

University responds to the 6 violations. — March 1996

University meets with NCAA Infractions Committee. — April 1996

Ruling on 6 violations handed down to university. — July 1996

1992 — Recruitment violations probationary period- one year of non-eligibility to participate in NCAA tournament with three consecutive years scholarship restrictions.

Sept. 1994 — Track coach Ried Harter sent a list of 35 alleged NCAA violations to UTPA President involving women's basketball, volleyball, tennis and golf.

Sept. 1995 — NCAA announces it found merit in 6 major violations of the original 35. Head men's basketball coach Mark Adams is reassigned as assistant to the athletic director.

Oct. 1995 — Mark Adams announces he took and passed a polygraph test, according to Sinecio Gutierrez, former FBI agent and polygraph expert, in an attempt to retain his coaching position. University officials said they would ignore the results.

Nov. 1995 — Mark Adams files a restraining order against the university which allows him to start the 95 season as coach.

Jan. 1996 — Judge Homer Salinas of the Hidalgo county courts, extends the restraining order indefinitely, ensuring Adams his coaching position for the full season.

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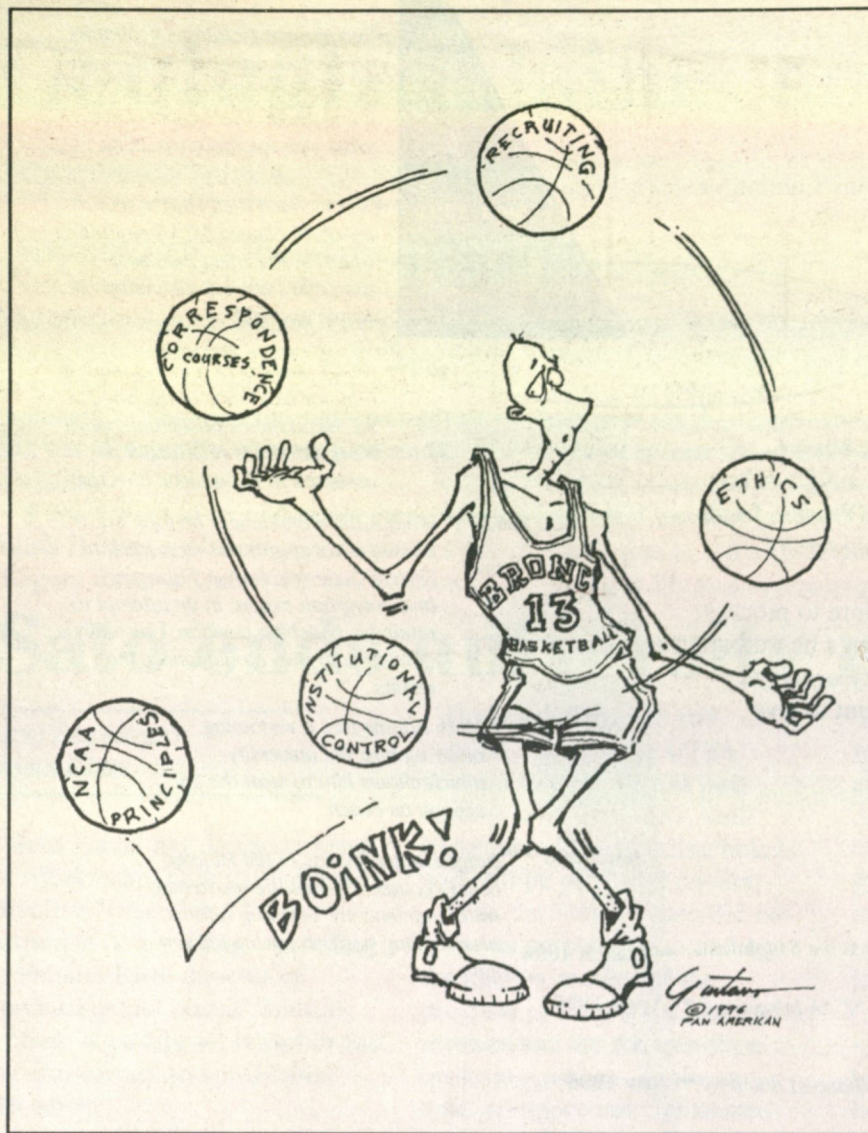
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Forum

Welcome UTPA students, faculty, and staff. The new year has finally begun, and I'm anxious for all of us to work together to make this year memorable. I would like to see some serious changes this year and plan to shake things up a bit with the help of the Student Government Association (SGA). I believe that it is time to change the status quo mentality of the University, and I hope to gain some support from you, the students, in making this campus work more for us.

The SGA consistently works for UTPA students. For instance, members of the SGA have fought increases in Student Services Fees collected from students. We feel that students pay the University enough and that fee increases are unwarranted. In addition, the SGA was instrumental in saving the Best Seller List in the library, when a few misdirected individuals wanted to do away with it last semester. Then there was the ever successful Adopt an Angel Project last Christmas that brought together the entire campus to help those needy children of UTPA students who otherwise would have had very little under their Christmas trees. I'm very proud of the work that SGA has done, and I hope to expand our list of accomplishments this academic year.

We plan to continue fighting unwarranted increases in fees and tuition; increase student voter turnout; create a web page on the Internet so that current and prospective students can contact the SGA to get information or to simply voice a concern; organize a forum to discuss whether we need a Student Union; organize a forum to discuss issues facing the Athletics department and to evaluate its funding from Student Service Fees; and making faculty evaluations more accessible to students. While some of these issues may be controversial, ignoring them would allow the status quo to continue and to impede on our freedom (or right to know) as students.

I'm here to facilitate discussion on matters of concern to students, and I hope that you will join the SGA in demanding action and answers where they are lacking. With this in mind, I would like for everyone reading this column to ask himself/herself one question: "Is this University the best it can be?" if you answered "NO", then there is room for improvement, and you can be part of it. As a matter of fact, there are several positions available in the SGA, and we want you to play an active role in it. We're looking for individuals who are creative, energetic, and issue-conscious. You do not have to have previous student government experience. So call us at 381-2517, come by our office in UC 322, or e-mail us at sga@panam.edu. **Together we can make a difference!!**

Romeo J. Diaz
SGA President

Editors Call

We would like to take the opportunity to welcome everyone back to a new semester. As everyone can see, *The Pan American* is a new newspaper, with a different look and different style. We hope the changes are positive and students are happy with them.

In light of the NCAA ruling we can hope university athletics, specifically men's basketball, will learn from their mistakes and make changes also.

We don't know if they will, even though we have been assured by university officials. However, this is the third time in six years that the university has had sanctions leveled by the NCAA.

Has the university learned its lesson?

Maybe, maybe not. We can only judge by precedence set by the university.

Six years ago, in a similar ruling by the NCAA infractions committee, recruitment violations in women's basketball and lack of institutional control brought several severe penalties against the university and the program. Four years ago, men's basketball had several violations involving cash and transportation provided to student-athletes, out of season practices and a lack of institutional control.

The most recent ruling involved men's basketball, again, while on probation for the 1992 violations. They included recruitment violations, violating NCAA cooperative principles and standards of ethical conduct by Mark Adams, the head men's basketball coach, and other members of the coaching staff, and, of course, lack of institutional control.

Judging from the past, UTPA athletics didn't learn a thing from the first time, six years ago, or the second time, four years ago. Now, it's the third time, for essentially the same thing, LACK OF INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL!!

Hopefully, all the talk and scare about losing basketball to the death penalty will open the eyes of coaches and university officials and they will make a change, for the better, of course.

Follow the rules, people. You will only get slapped on the wrist a few times before it's eventually cut off.

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Free Richard Jewell from injustice

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Column

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For all we know Richard Jewell is still a hero, a man whose unselfish action saved countless lives in the moments preceding the explosion within Olympic Park - an act of terror that not only shattered the sanctity of the Olympics, but also destroyed the world of Richard Jewell. The sole target of the FBI, as well as the victim of reckless allegations created by the media, Jewell has become a miscalculation scapegoat for the tragedy in Atlanta. The challenge facing the FBI is quite simple, either charge Jewell in connection with the bombing, or clear his name so that his life may be restored to normal. This case, and the events unfolding against a American citizen, are a mockery of justice and a travesty to our sacred notions of liberty.

Jewell was transformed into the media's newest plaything. In the jaded spotlight he was showered with praise and adulation. This man represented the immediate reassurance and hope that America needed during this crisis.

Jewell was a freshly pressed saint who watched himself become an instamatic terrorist thanks to the FBI and his new friends within the media. It has been frightening to watch the destruction of one man's dignity and reputation all in the name of justice, no matter how misguided or vindictive that justice may be.

Now here we are weeks after the bombing, yet the memories and sadness of July 27 are

Pointing Fingers



Mark Milam

still haunting the soul of this nation. We have waited but still there are no answers for the victims nor is there proof that Jewell had any connection to the explosion. Instead the FBI continues to play cat and mouse games with the investigation of Jewell and his life. His home has been ransacked for evidence, while his family and friends have been grilled extensively, and still no charges... no proof, no case!

The FBI has never been hesitant to apprehend the guilty, nor do they flinch in the face of an inspired challenge. The fact that the agency has yet to file charges against Jewell is a glaring indication that there are serious problems with the investigation. Could it possibly be the huge error of fingering the wrong man? Perhaps the rush to judgment has proven nothing if not the innocence of Jewell. The notion of innocence until proven guilty, a principle most Americans take for granted, has taken a strange twist for Jewell.

His name is tainted and his immediate future

looks rather bleak. He has been unable to find employment and is flat broke, according to his attorney - an attorney who is working for free, and in the spirit of justice, a noble concept that the FBI has lost sight of.

Perhaps now is a good time for a refresher course in U.S. Government for the fabled G-Men of the FBI.

Then if they pass that subject maybe a class on ethics and morality would be helpful. The end result of this schooling might be that one day we could be reassured that honorable citizens would never be subjected to the abuse and violation of their humanity and citizenship. For this has clearly been the punishment forced upon Jewell, and he is not deserving of any measure of punishment... remember, innocent until proven!

What Jewell deserves is a sincere apology from the FBI and the media organizations. You should recognize that this man has been mistreated and make a conscientious effort to return his life to normal. It is time to let him be the man he was before the fateful evening in Olympic Park - night in which he was one of many witnesses to the terror and the evil that lies within all human societies.

That is the right thing to do, not only for Richard Jewell, but for all the spirit and humanity that is America.

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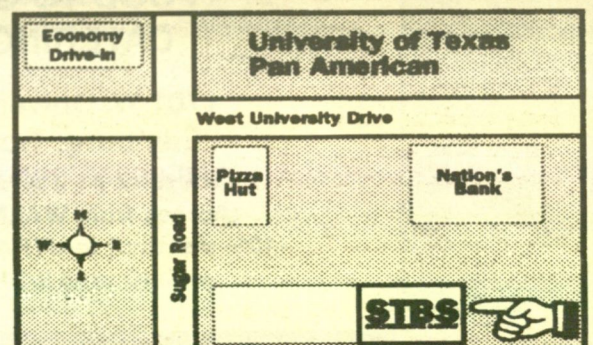
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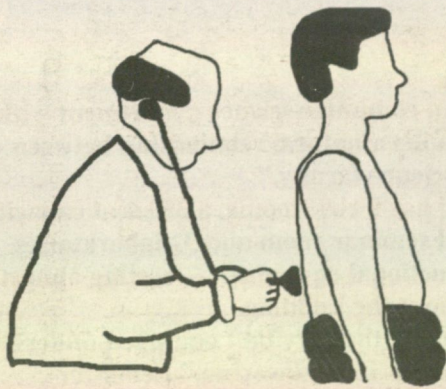
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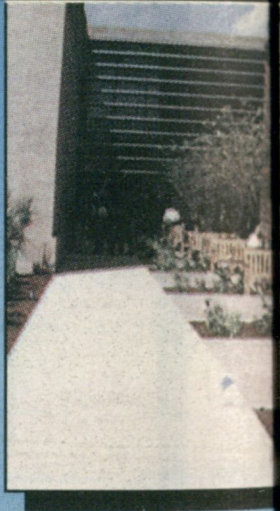
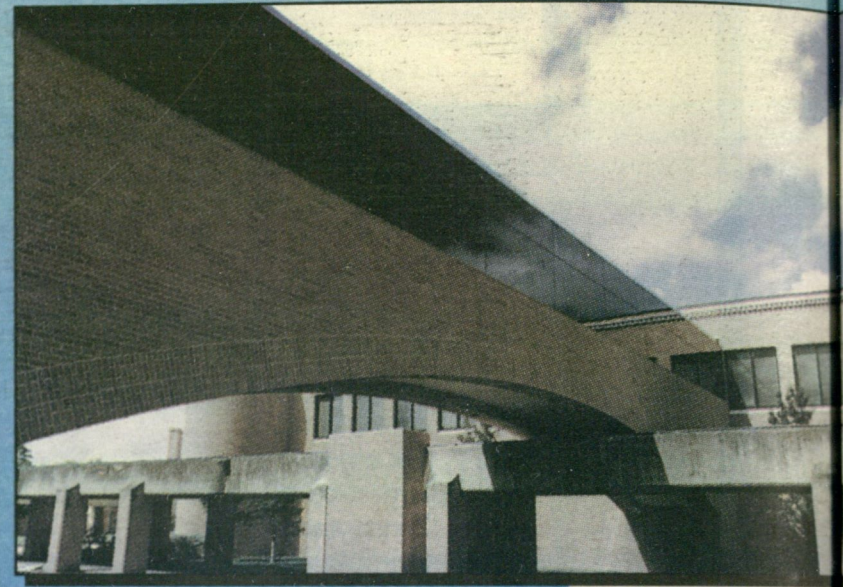
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Left: A reception for staff and faculty was held recently in the lobby.

Top: A bridge connects the computer and engineering buildings.

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In April 1992, when approval came from the coordinating board to begin offering bachelor degrees in engineering, there were three faculty members, the amount of students doubled, and new department offices were added above the media theatre in the library and in the portable buildings outside the Liberal Arts building. In the fall of 1993, the department received temporary housing for laboratories that were located next to the police department across Sugar Road.

Now, seven years since the merger in '89, the department has increased to 14 faculty members, 550 students, and a brand new \$23 million, 122,000 sq. ft. engineering building, located east of the Academic Services building.

"That's a 1,000 percent increase," said Dr. Edwin Lemaster, the first faculty member who now serves as the chair of the engineering department. "The new building will have a tremendous impact on our department because we will be teaching all of our labs, all of our classes, and house all of our faculty in one building."

Construction for the building began February 1, 1995, with a design for an enrollment of 1,600 students by the year 2002.

The computer science department will share the building with the engineering department for the first five years of operation.

"The engineering faculty are very involved with computers and many engineering departments at other universities have a computer

engineering or a computer science department within the college of engineering. So it's a natural relationship between our faculty and the computer science faculty."

The building has 9 classrooms, a 250 seat capacity auditorium, one large industrial seminar room and 31 laboratories. Brand new, state of the art instructional equipment— costing almost \$6 million— is spread throughout the building.

"We're probably the very best equipped undergraduate program in the state of Texas in engineering," Lemaster said. "We're producing students who are trained in the most innovative equipment so we think our students are going to promote economic development in this whole region."

LeMaster said the faculty in engineering participated from the very onset in the planning and design of the building to reflect the uniqueness of the mostly commuting student body and the engineering program itself.

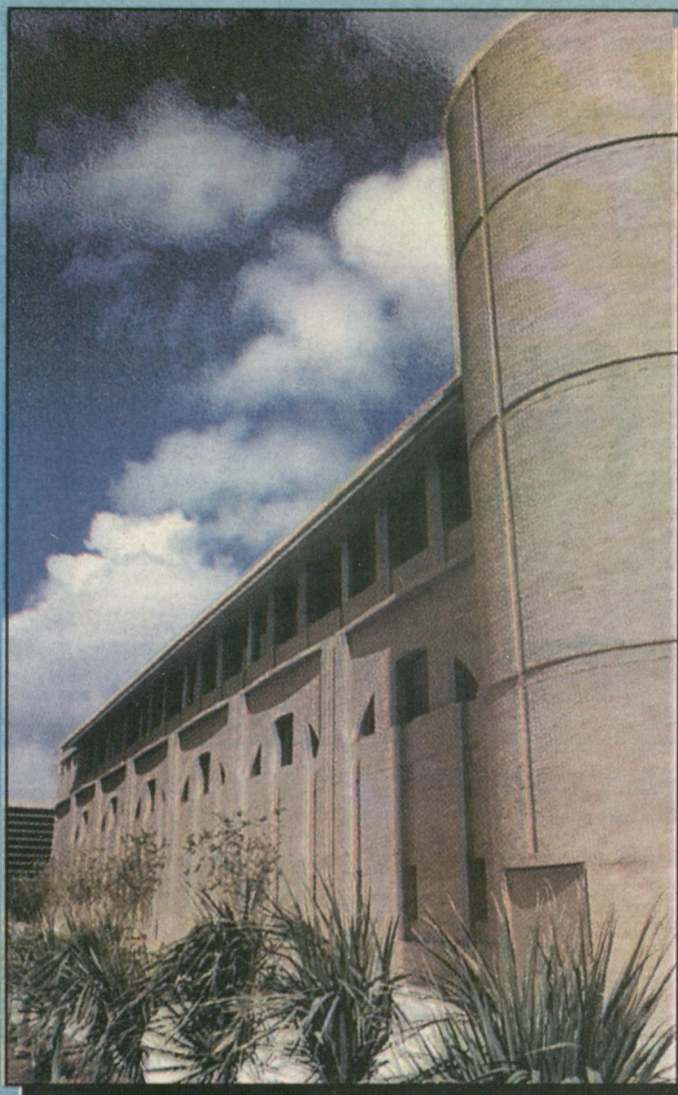
"We have a student lounge and two student study rooms where students can get together," he said. "They have individual lockers in those rooms so that they can put their armload of books, or projects or whatever they want to in their lockers. It may sound like junior high, but it turns out it is a very practical thing to do."

"The new building will have a tremendous impact on our department."

— Dr. E. Lemaster

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One of the advanced pieces of equipment in the building that can only be found at two other universities in the state—UT-Austin and Texas A&M—is the laser-centering system. This system allows an individual to take a 3-dimensional drawing and download it into the system. It will arrange a system of lasers and plastic powders to create a solid model. "It is a rapid-prototyping system," explained

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"It's going to get recognition for the university because the

engineering program has been so successful," he said. "Everybody is getting good jobs."

"It allows us to provide state of the art instructional facilities for undergraduate students, improving the quality of their engineering education," added Dr. Bill Diong, assistant professor of electrical engineering, who agrees this will result in students finding good jobs.

According to LeMaster, job placement for engineers is at 100 percent, with salaries between \$35,000 and \$45,000 a year.

"We've had top salaries of \$47,000. In the summer of '95, we placed 77 students in summer internships. That's an important benefit that students don't pay for—a value added that we give."

LeMaster also noted that these students who find jobs around the Valley promote economic development. "It keeps some of the best paying jobs here in the Valley for Valley citizens, instead of importing people from up north to take them. It raises income levels because engineers are amongst the highest paid college graduates."

The building, which the department expects to fill in five years, is giving the department a real visible presence on campus, he said.

"We expect to recruit more students into our program while moving into graduate programs—now that we have research areas," he said. "I think the building is going to affect the student morale and the faculty morale. It is a culmination of a lot of years of planning, hoping, and working very hard."




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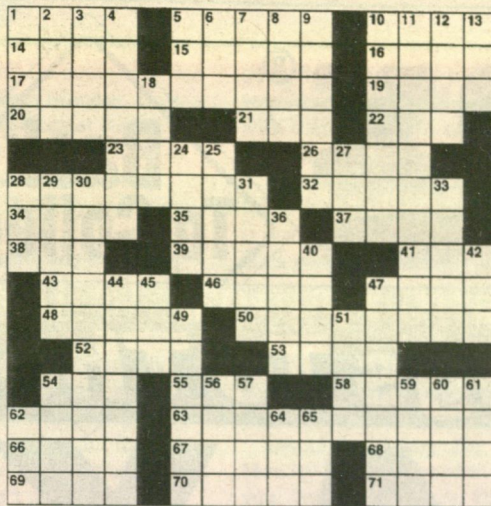
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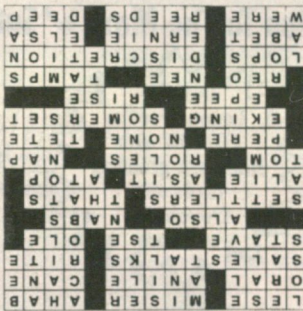
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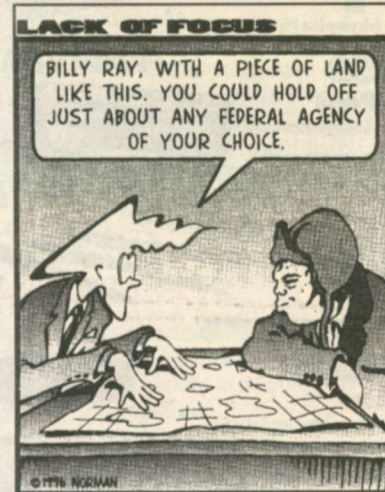
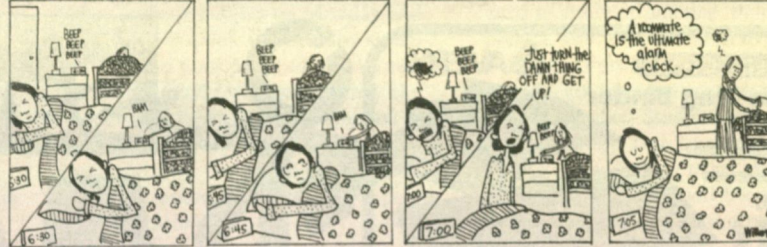


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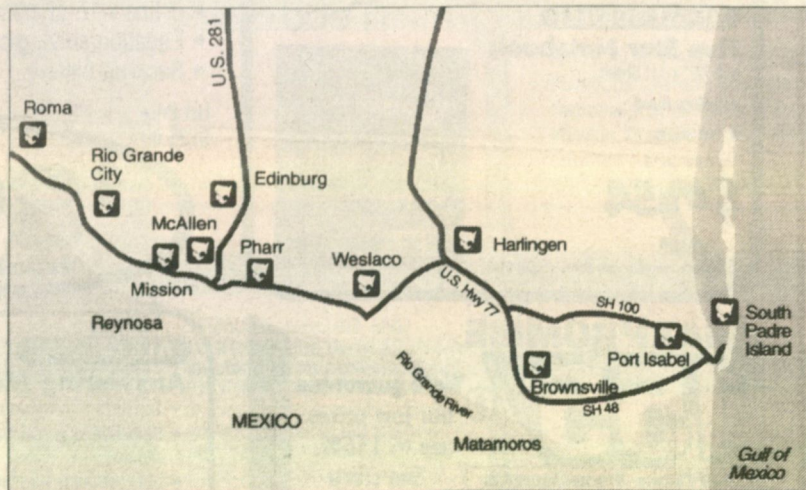
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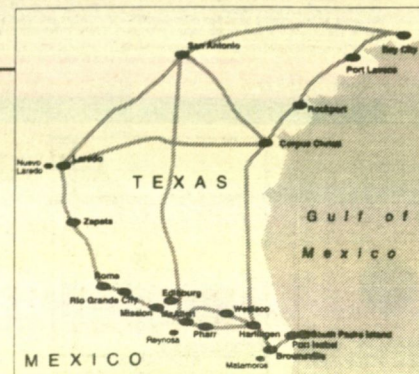


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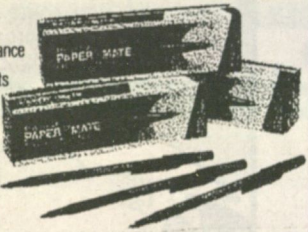
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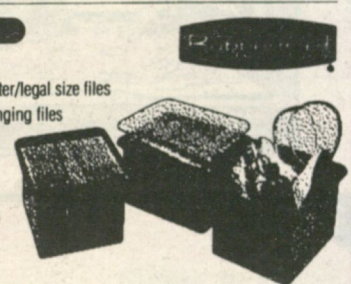
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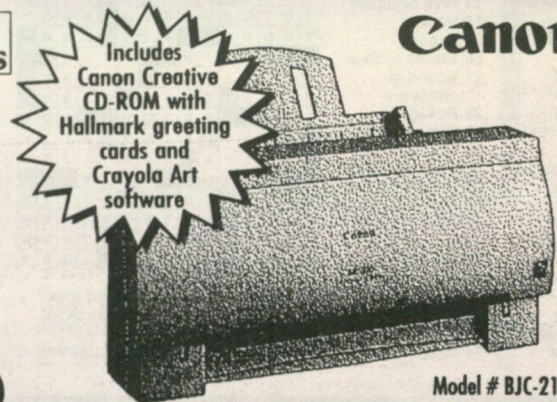
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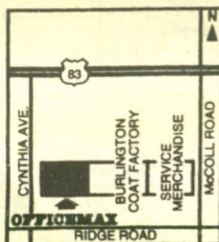
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Aries (March 21-April 19). You'll have to think and act quickly on Monday. Show you can obey an order instantly. Gather with friends on Tuesday and make decisions that affect you all. Wednesday's OK for social activities, but not for serious business. Get that done earlier or wait until next week. Don't take an unauthorized four-day weekend. Finish old chores Thursday and Friday instead. Fix something at home Saturday and Sunday.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Something you're learning comes in handy Monday. Pedantic professors will be practically impossible on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday and Friday are best for parties. If you have to do any work, you'll probably enjoy that, too. Save all tedious chores for Saturday and Sunday. You may feel guilty enough to enjoy doing them by then. If not, that's OK. You'll feel wonderful once they're done.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Pay bills on the first, big time. If there's any money left, you could shop for computer gadgets Tuesday. Don't buy anything Wednesday; it'll be prone to glitches. Older people will be almost incomprehen-

sible Thursday and Friday. Listen with your heart, not your ears. An excursion with friends over the weekend is fun, but don't plunge into debt.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). An old friend can help you out of a jam Monday, if you'll say you're sorry. Private negotiations go better starting Tuesday. Don't believe everything you hear on Wednesday. The Fourth is a great day to play on the water. Travel's good on the fifth, but work's involved if you go with a date. A bossy older person may try to dominate your time this weekend.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Work hard Monday so you can spend more time with your favorite partner on Tuesday and Wednesday. You don't agree on everything, but you sure learn a lot from each other. Don't spend too much on fun Thursday or you'll be in a pinch on Friday for necessities. This weekend is great for travel, sports and outdoor activities. Demolish old limits.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Reaffirm your bond with a close friend on Monday. Concentrate on a tough technical problem Tuesday and Wednesday. A friend's crazy idea could be lots of fun Thursday. Intervene on Friday if things are getting out of hand. You'll be tempted to spend more than you have over the weekend, but do so only if the investment will pay for itself over time.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A roommate's tantrum pushes you to take action Monday. Things will have settled down

by Tuesday. Plans made Wednesday will amount to nothing, so stay flexible. The party Thursday could also involve work for you. Tackle another project Friday so you can play with wild and crazy friends all weekend. Remember to be nice to an older person, too.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Study a higher division subject on Monday and you'll learn it quickly. Domestic squabbles mess up your peace of mind Tuesday and Wednesday. Don't worry, they'll amount to nothing. You're dominant and lucky Thursday and Friday, so be bold. Be careful over the weekend. A person with a hot temper could go off for practically no reason at all.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Restrain yourself from spending much on Monday. Read the manual on Tuesday and Wednesday and discover new possibilities. Throw the barbecue on Thursday night at your place. You're the perfect host on Friday, too. Save your private rendezvous for over the weekend. You and your sweetheart will be in the mood for a game of one-on-one.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're strong Monday, which is good. The competition's fierce. Investigate a pending purchase carefully on Tuesday and Wednesday, then wait until Monday to buy. A neighbor's good advice is just what you need on Thursday. A sibling can help you sidestep a problem Friday. Fix up your place over the weekend, even if it means major changes.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're under pressure from an older person Monday. Don't argue, just do the work. You'll have more time for your own agenda on Tuesday and Wednesday. Buying gifts for others could deplete your reserves on Thursday. Work already done brings in more cash on Friday. If you need to study or practice, this weekend's perfect. Get a feisty friend to help.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). An old friend's advice can save you a lot of trouble on Monday. Study a difficult assignment Tuesday. Don't worry Wednesday, your fears will come to naught. Spend the Fourth with a very good friend and have a great time. Your festivities may last clear through the fifth. Watch out for a tendency to overspend this weekend, even for a good reason.

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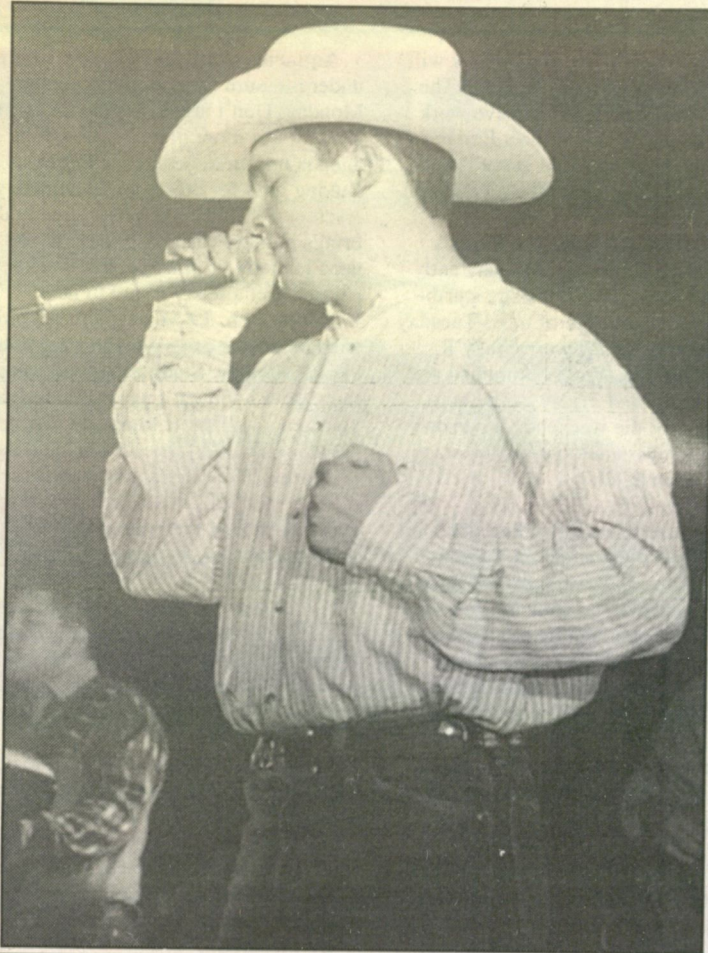
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Bobby Pulido performs at the round up.



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Veronica Pena and Ariel Salinas try to burst a balloon with their behinds.

Reviews

LEADING THE NEXT GENERATION OF PUNK - SCHLEPROCK

Mark Milam
Lifestyle Editor

Punk Rock is trying to rise up from the dead ashes of its golden age. Not that hardcore music has ever disappear entirely, punk rock's influence and lingering atmosphere is overwhelming in alternative music, just ask the Smashing Pumpkins, Hole, or Rage Against the Machine. The popularity of these bands have made it possible for others to stake a claim at musical glory, while remaining true to the roots of hardcore.

Schleprock is a five man gang who has remained dedicated to punk traditions, while refusing to wallow in the residue of years gone by. The debut album, '(america's) dirty little secret' is a testament to the music and messengers of the new generation of hardcore. High-gear, low voltage music that is tight and clean, and brief on production and preaching is the core of this twelve song set. The band has seized on the energy and tones of punk rock, while adding a smooth style that is completely original and dynamic, which makes this debut a true chunk of musical diversity.

Reviewers may label this group as 'alternative,' but it is far removed from the over hyped, formulated bands that fill the racks and college radio with stale music for the MTV nation. This is straight out hardcore music my listening friends, and an excellent CD in the sea of boring, blah music and bands.

Oscar Gonzalez
The Pan American

The first ever Round Up Day by Recruitment and New Student Orientation was recently held in the Fieldhouse. Freshmen and transfer students were invited to attend a day of food, fun, and campus orientation.

Round Up Day was a twist from the usual orientation that everyone else who entered the university goes through, as the usual monotone orientation was given a little more zip.

Students gathered in the Fine Arts auditorium for greetings and ice breakers to get them in touch with their fellow students. Soon after they were divided into groups, assigned a mentor for the day and treated to a BBQ chicken lunch in the Fieldhouse.

After lunch, students were given the opportunity to learn more about UTPA departments. Department representatives handed out pamphlets, and answered any questions or concerns of the students.

"It's fun for the people coming in," said Weslaco participant Neftali

Guajardo. "It gives us an idea about school."

Orientation mentor Jerry Johnson said it was a good experience for the new students. He emphasized aspects of university life that take time to learn, but these students were given a head start.

"These students learn in two days what took me two years," said Johnson.

Later, students were led into the Business building, where they sat in on lectures concerning survival skills. They were provided a simple "yes or no" test to point out any rough edges in study habits and were given tips on how to curb distractions, taking notes, test taking, and studying.

Participating students appreciated the lengths that the Recruitment and New Student Orientation office went to help them ease into campus life.

However, the student round up was not all business.

The "New Bronc Olympics" were

held in the gym. The competition was composed of a limbo contest, tug-of-war, soccer dribble, and other events.

The second day was a copy of the first, except, local celebrities were on hand to conclude the first annual roundup.

State Senator Eddie Lucio, flanked by County Clerk Eloy Pulido, musician Roberto Pulido, and KIIWW D.J. "Rock and Roll James," were present to help kick off the evening's ceremony.

The highlight came when Tejano musician Bobby Pulido took the stage. Pulido took turns playing Tejano cumbias and singing a few country selections.

The New Bronc Roundup Days are expected to continue at least every August. The university hopes that one day it can boast of an orientation program that lasts for days, an event that is comparable to other major universities across the nation.

5 Auditions at 7 p.m. tonight for University Theatre play, *Death of a Salesman*, which runs October 14-20. All UTPA students are welcome to try out.

15 through October 15 -- Notable Valley Hispanics exhibit in the UTPA library lobby.

18 Twelfth day of class. Last day to receive refund for dropped classes.

9 Dance auditions for the UTPA Dance Ensemble 6:30 - 10 p.m. HPE Bldg II, Room 133. For information: 381-3501 or 381-2315

16 Bronc men's golf hosts UTPA Intercollegiate Golf Classis 8 a.m. at Cimarron Club in Mission.

19 Trade Show, Quad, 11 a.m - 1 p.m. Valley businesses offer free give-aways and discount coupons.

10 The U.S. Customs Service will conduct interview by appointment. Contact office of placement, testing and cooperative education.

16 Open Houses of departments on campus. Meet the staff, and see what is available.

21 Fall Fiesta '96, UC Parking Lot, 8 p.m. - midnight. Dance and party with us, Joel Nava & Gary Hobbs. Have a howling good time!!

10 Meet the artists 7 to 9 p.m. Reception in Room 135 of Fine Arts complex for UTPA art faculty displaying works in Clark Gallery.

16 Deadline for filing Applications for Degree form with the Office of Admissions and Records for May 1977 graduation.

26 Talent Showcase. Open mike at Noon in the UC Ballroom.

14 Bronc men and women's cross country track host the Adrian Martinez Invitational Meet at 8 a.m. Course to be announced.

17 Student Services Fair, Quad, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Learn what student services are available.

If your organization has an upcoming campus event that is free to UTPA students, *The Pan American* would like to post it here, send it to CAS 170. Deadline Noon Friday.

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SOCCER SEASON KICKS OFF

Second year coach hopes to bring team back from the dead and into the championship

Melissa Vasquez
Sports Editor

When Jimmy Johnson became head coach of the Miami Dolphins, it was said for him to have as many successful seasons as he did with the Dallas Cowboys, it would take at least three to five years before he can get his football team to become championship material. Rebuilding is the key to success for many coaches and according to head soccer coach, Miguel Paredes, he expects his soccer program to soar in three to five years as well because the Broncs are still a very young and inexperienced team.

"I really think we need three to five years to start producing a good team, but in the meantime I don't propose that we are going to be a losing team anymore because we are doing the best with what we have," Paredes said.

Paredes took over the

Bronc reigns last season with little notice and preparation, and he managed to record an overall record of 4-10 for his first season as Bronc soccer coach.

Ten players return to improve the squads record and maybe bring home a championship title. Those returning are junior defender Luis Cardenas; goalkeepers Marcelo Paredes and Roger Cantu; Miguel Espinosa Jr., McAllen; Daniel Ausucua, Tampico and Danny Cortez of San Antonio are just a few of the veteran players who will be starting.

Some new additions to the team include Gabriel Seda, San Antonio; Adrian Ausucua, Tampico; Brian Cunningham, Waco; Olegario Garcia, Donna; Albert Vasquez, Brownsville; Jorge Diaz; Mesquite and Juan Zambrano from San Juan are some of the new players.

"When I got here, we did not change anybody and there



Liza Longoria/ The Pan American

Bronc player Hector Lopez (left) tries to keep ball away from defending player Cesar Ordaz of the Excel Youth soccer team during a 6-on-6 tournament held at the UTPA soccer field in August.

was no recruitment to talk about because we had to play with an improvised team and this year I can say we have tried our best to organize a team," he said. "I can not say that we have organized a powerful team, but we have tried our very best

to get the best we could and we worked pretty aggressively to achieve that."

Tomorrow the squad will be in Lexington, Kentucky where they will play at 5 p.m. against the University of Kentucky.

Lady Broncs see success in their future



Reina Martinez/ The Pan American

Cita Jimenez throws a miniature volleyball to the crowd at the team introduction in the Fieldhouse during Media Day August 25.

Oscar Gonzales
The Pan American

The UTPA women's volleyball team heads into the 1996-97 season knowing they made history last year as they obtained 18 record breaking wins out of 32. They also finished among the top 20 teams nationwide in service aces, peaking at the fifth position before ending the season ranked 11th. This coming volleyball season they hope to possibly surpass last year's record, but before it all begins, the volleyball team has a few goals in mind to lead them into another successful season. Their goals will be put to a test Saturday when they compete in their first tournament of the season at the Northwestern State Tournament in Natchitoches, La..

"Focusing on having a winning season is a priority," said head coach Oscar Segovia.

Segovia believes this is the first step to success. But success isn't limited to merely a winning percentage. Despite a successful season, the women's volleyball team failed to make the NCAA tournament last year because the team finished in a tie for seventh when only the top six advanced. But focusing and steering clear of any serious injuries, Segovia said, are the keys to a prosperous year.

"We want to maintain a healthy environment," he said, "those are our two main focuses." But it will

be difficult to avoid injuries with such a hectic schedule planned this season.

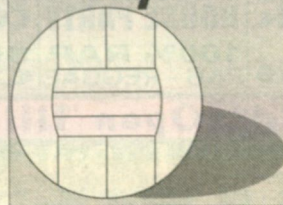
Segovia structured a rigorous away schedule to ready the team for Sun Belt Conference play. For six weeks this season, out-of-town tournaments are on schedule prior to conference games in order to ready the team for Sun Belt games. This type of scheduling is new to the players, but Segovia hopes that it will prepare his team physically and mentally, since the non-Sun Belt conference opponents selected have similar styles of play as some Sun Belt teams.

The team will go into the season with the experience of five returning starters. However, not returning to the squad will be Nikol Gerlach, who led the team last season with 296 kills, averaging 2.85 per game. She will still be part of the team as an assistant to head coach Oscar Segovia.

Last year's starters, such as Christine Alvarez who was ranked sixth last year in service aces, have the experience to take the team further than the record-breaking 95-96 season. The team will be looking to Christine Phillips, a Long Beach City College transfer, to fill in the gap left by Gerlach. Phillips is one of two new recruits to the program.

Junior college and first team All-American transfer Vivian Montemayor is also expected to make a big impact on the program as well as freshman Belinda Lara, a local prospect from Pharr.

Volleyball



Harter submits resignation after five titles

Athletic department names Scott Richardson as acting head track coach

UTPA Sports Information

Reid Harter, who coached UTPA to five of its six conference championships in the past nine years, has resigned as head track and cross country coach. He submitted his resignation to Gary Gallup, director of athletics, on August 16.



Harter

Harter plans to go into private business in the Pacific Northwest. His veteran assistant coach, Keith Hutson, resigned earlier this year to go into private business in Louisiana. "I've been thinking about leaving the coaching profession for a long time," Harter said. "I've wanted to leave on a high note, after our Lady Broncs won Texas-Pan American's first Sun Belt Conference championship (in cross country) this past season."

Harter's Lady Bronc cross country runners won four conference titles in the old American South Conference, then won a first-ever crown in the Sun Belt Conference cross country in 1995. The only other team title that UTPA has won in an NCAA Division I conference has been in women's tennis, coached by David Cross, in the American South.

"I want to thank the current student-athletes, former student-athletes, current coaches,

past coaches, and all my friends on the faculty and staff for 11 great years that helped make Texas-Pan American and the Valley my home," Harter said in a farewell statement.

"I think of all the things I'm proud of—how my student-athletes have done well in academic work, their athletic accomplishments, my work in compliance and my work as a teacher," he added.

Many of his athletes have won individual-event conference championships—thrower Delilah Johnson won 14 championships, runner Nancy Mireles 11. Both earned Outstanding Performer honors at conference meets, as did Elizabeth Ortega, who led the Lady Bronc cross country team to its 1995 Sun Belt trophy.

Four of his athletes advanced to the NCAA Division I national championships—Johnson three times, runner Rene Guillen twice, Ortega and jumper Monica Wesley once each.

His teams also posted 11 second-place finishes in conference meets, including cross country, indoor and outdoor track.

"I'm young enough to have a second career and I have a chance to do that," Harter said.

Replacing Reid Harter as acting head coach for cross country and track will be Scott Richardson, who helped Eastern Kentucky University win four conference titles in two years. He was appointed by Gallup on

Tuesday, August 20.

Richardson will coach six of UTPA's 15 intercollegiate sports—men's and women's cross country, indoor and outdoor track—while a national search is held to fill the position. Harter chaired the search committee that selected Richardson over 30 other applicants to be the full-time assistant coach for cross country and track. When Richardson drove to the Valley from his home in Hobart, Ind., he found himself the acting head coach instead of the top assistant.

His first job will be to select assistant coaches to help him through the transitional period.

"I accepted the assistant's position here because of who I was going to be working for—the university as well as Reid Harter," Richardson said. "I heard a lot of good things about Texas-Pan American this summer."

The past two years, Richardson served as assistant to Rick Erdmann, a track and cross country coaching legend at ECU.

Eastern Kentucky has won 14 straight Ohio Valley Conference championships in women's cross country. Besides the two conference titles in women's cross country, ECU also won two other team crowns when he coached.



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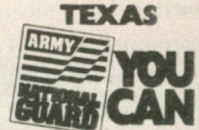
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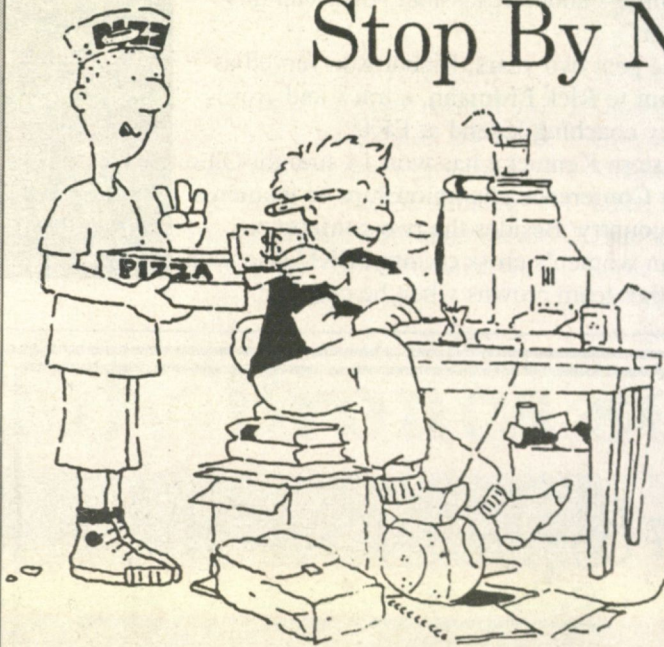
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University officials practice fire safety

Holly Meisel
The Pan American

School administrators attended a fire safety class at the physical plant to review the methods of fire safety and how to successfully use a fire extinguisher. The class was conducted by Gerald Bonham, owner and general manager of Pro-Tec Fire.

Bonham's lecture included tips on how to eliminate campus fires and how to control a possible fire by correctly using a fire extinguisher.

"We use fire for cooking, heating our homes, making glass or molding metals—but to control it is the hardest, especially when it gets out of hand," Bonham said.

Mike Metzker, a part-time staff member of the safety office, encourages faculty members to participate by attending this class free of charge at their scheduled times.

"We've got most of the staff trained this summer," Metzker said. "Now we're getting ready to do the faculty during the first week of October."

Metzker says many accidents occur when an individual isn't aware of the proper safety measures to take or the potential a fire has once it gets started.

"People have to understand that safety has got to be primary," Metzker said. "If people don't take safety seriously, one of these days they're going to wish they did."

For more information on campus fire safety or to register for classes, please call the safety office at 381-3690.



Jimmy Garcia/The Pan American

Judy Vinson, vp for student affairs, puts out a fire during faculty fire extinguisher training as spectators and trainer Gerald Bonham look on. Others members who participated in the training (from left to right) Neal Rieke, assistant to the president, Rudolph Gomez, vp for academic affairs, and Edward Mercer, vp for institutional advancement.



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