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## Prof to file lawsuit against university

By EDWIN AGUILAR  
Copy Editor

A lawsuit against the university will be filed within the next two weeks by business professor Dr. Daniel Lee. Lee is suing in hopes of settling contract disputes with the university.

"It's just a matter of the logistics of getting a lawyer down here," said Dr. James Aldridge, secretary of the Texas Faculty Association and an associate professor of psychology at Pan Am. Aldridge is representing Lee until a lawyer assigned by the Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA) arrives to handle the case.

Lee, who was hired during the summer of 1984, alleges he was promised the position of department chair of the management information systems department, which was then being formed.

Lee said he was going to build an MIS program here when the CIS and MIS departments separated into two separate entities. This division has not yet happened.

"If you ruin my future, no problem, I'm just one person," Lee said. "But there are thousands here in the Valley that stand to lose (if the program is not established)."

Lee also said he was promised research and teaching assistants, and summer fulltime pay. Aldridge said Lee has not received any of those items.

"I don't understand why the school won't give him these things if they gave him the big ticket items," Aldridge said. The big ticket items, Aldridge said, include being hired with tenure and the rank of full professor.

The Pan American Board of Regents voted Nov. 5 to uphold

the decision of a faculty grievance committee against Lee.

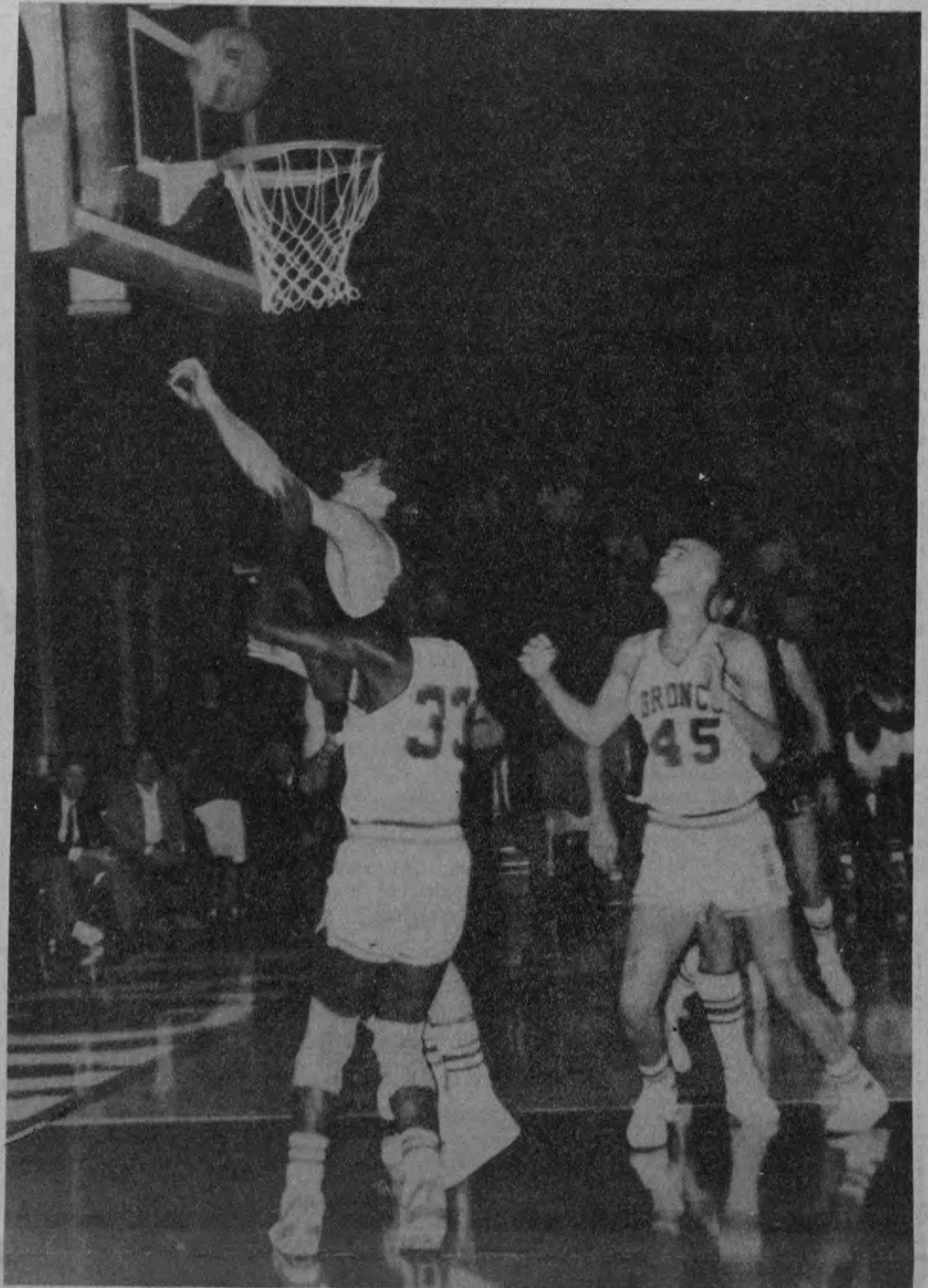
That vote in effect forced Lee into a lawsuit, because no other recourse was left for him within school channels.

"Dan would have been willing to settle," Aldridge said, regarding the outcome of the vote. "Now it's almost out of our hands."

Dr. Francis Brewerton, dean of the business school, could not be reached for comment on the developments. Brewerton twice vetoed the election of Lee to the position of computer information systems department chair.

Truman Dean, the attorney appointed to the case by the Texas Faculty Association, is expected to arrive in the Valley within the week.

Before being hired at PAU, Lee was the director of the MIS program at the University of Hartford.



Slavic Slam--6'11" center Lukenda Dragan scores one of Yugoslavia's few layups as he beats Pan Am's Steve Rainey (45) and Melvin Thomas (33). Pan Am won the historic first meeting between the two teams, 73-62. See story, p. 8. (Photo by Carlos Vasquez)

## Two new Regents join board

By PANFILO GARCIA  
CYNTHIA GONZALEZ  
Staff Writers

Two new regents have been sworn in and taken their places on the Pan American Board of Regents. The regents are Noe Fernandez and Shan Rankin.

Regent Noe Fernandez said he would like to get rid of the "Tamale Tech" image of the university. He feels this can be done "by turning out a good product...where the diploma means something."

Fernandez also said the university is going through some growing pains because of its rapid growth and improvements. He feels it will take some time for the university to reach its full potential.

Fernandez was 15 years old when he came to the United States from Cuba. He has spent



Noe Fernandez

most of his life in McAllen since then.

Fernandez graduated from McAllen High School and holds a B.A. in accounting from Pan Am.

He is president of McAllen United and is part owner of the Dos Rios and Rio Bravo fabric stores in McAllen.

Fernandez' term expires in 1993.

Although just appointed to the Board, Regent Shan Rankin has high aspirations.

"Generally, I want to make sure the students in the Valley can get a quality education," Rankin said.

See 'Regents' page 10

## 'Rio' wins press award

By CYNTHIA GONZALEZ  
Staff Writer

The Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) from the University of Minneapolis, Minn., has recently awarded "Rio" magazine a First Class honor rating with two Marks of Distinction for the fall and spring issues of the 1986-87 school year. This has been the first time "Rio" has been entered in the ACP competition.

Marks of Distinction are given for high scores and special achievement. "Rio" received the two marks in photography and art, and in writing and content. "Couldn't be better. Appropriate, well-planned, nicely

cropped, crisp focus. Outstanding!" were the judge's written comments on the photography.

"Jesse de Leon's photography in the spring issue drew praise as did Delcia Lopez's photography and cover shot in the fall issue," said Student Publications Advisor Joyce Prock. "Delcia, who has a fear of heights, couldn't resist the offer to go up in a balloon. The result was her cover shot, which speaks for itself."

The judge also emphasized that the magazine's writing and content contained a "good mix of moods and a wide range of subjects."

"I think it's great," said Tara Ellis, editor of the spring issue. "If you have a good staff, you can do a good job."

College newspapers and magazines entered in the ACP are judged by a single individual. Magazines are evaluated in five areas: graphic design and typography, layout and format, photography and art, content, writing and editing, and concept.

The judge may then offer recommendations for improvements in future issues.

"The editors and staff of both issues deserve to be recognized for their work," Prock said. "I am pleased that ACP also thinks 'Rio' is outstanding."

Staff members for the fall issue of "Rio" magazine were Elva Salazar, editor; Mary Lee Howard, assistant editor; Eloy Saenz, production manager; Sherry Vela, production assistant; and Delcia I. Lopez, head photographer.

Staff members for the spring issue were Tara Ellis, editor; Leonid Ellis, Salma Ghanem, and Randy Klutts, editorial staff; Jesse de Leon, head photographer; Salma Ghanem, Michael Huerta, and Delcia I. Lopez, photographers.

The final issue of "The Pan American" for the fall semester will be available Wednesday, Dec. 9.

## 712 to graduate Dec. 20

Seven hundred and twelve students will be eligible to participate in this semester's commencement exercises, which will take place Dec. 20 at 5 p.m. at the Physical Education Complex.

The graduation ceremony will include 305 students who completed degree requirements in August and 407 prospective December graduates.

## Democrats to debate on campus

All six Democratic candidates—Paul Simon, Richard Gephardt, Albert Gore, Michael Dukakis, Bruce Babbitt and front-runner the Rev. Jesse Jackson—will appear at the Fieldhouse Tuesday, Dec. 15.

The candidates will engage in a 90-minute debate sponsored by the Southwest Texas County Judges Association.

The debate will mark the first visit to the Valley by Simon and Gore. Both candidates are hoping the debate will help strengthen their sagging campaigns.

The idea for the debate was envisioned as early as Oct. 15, when Jackson's campaign chairman, Rep. Al Edwards of Houston, first announced that Jackson intended to use his front-runner status to bring a Democratic debate to the Valley.

Edwards told "The Pan American" Jackson had been moved by the plight of the poor in Hidalgo County.

"He (Jackson) feels that something needs to be done to address their problem and the best way to do that is to get the candidates down here," Edwards said.

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

The day of the graduation ceremony candidates must report to their designated school area and should assemble alphabetically around the covered walkway of the Physical Education Complex. All students are required to

be at the Gym by 4:15 p.m.

Students may purchase caps and gowns (and hoods for master degree candidates) at the university bookstore at a cost of \$25 for bachelor candidates and \$30 for master candidates. Selling of caps and gowns will continue through Dec. 18.

Blandina Cardenas Ramirez, a Senate appointee to the U.S. Commission on Human Civil Rights, will be the guest speaker.

### \*\* FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE \*\*

These examination schedules apply to the Edinburg campus only

#### FALL SEMESTER 1987-1988

##### Day Classes

##### Thursday, December 10

7:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. All TT English 1301 classes  
9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. All MWF English 1301 classes  
5:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. All evening English 1301 classes

##### Friday, December 11

7:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Math 1334 classes  
9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. All Math 1340 classes

##### Monday, December 14

7:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. MWF-1 classes (7:45 - 8:35)  
9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. MWF-5 classes (11:45 - 12:35)  
12:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. TT-2 classes (9:10 - 10:25)  
2:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. TT-5 classes (2:35 - 3:50)

##### Tuesday, December 15

7:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. TT-1 classes (7:45 - 9:00)  
9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. MWF-2 classes (8:45 - 9:35)  
12:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. MW-6 classes (12:45 - 2:00)  
2:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. TT-6 classes (4:00 - 5:15)

##### Wednesday, December 16

7:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. TT-3 classes (10:35 - 11:50)  
9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. MW-7 classes (2:10 - 3:25)  
12:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. MWF-4 classes (10:45 - 11:35)  
2:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. MW-8 classes (3:35 - 4:50)

##### Thursday, December 17

7:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. MWF-3 classes (9:45 - 10:35)  
9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. MW-9 classes (5:00 - 6:15)  
12:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. TT-4 classes (1:10 - 2:25)

Saturday classes: Examinations will be given at regular class time on December 12.

Evening classes: Final examinations will be given at regular class time beginning on Thursday, December 10, 1987, and ending on Wednesday, December 16, 1987. (Periods 11-14 are considered evening classes).

NOTE: Examinations should be given only at the time designated. If an examination needs to be shifted from the scheduled time, prior approval by the appropriate school dean is required. Examinations for double period classes should be given at the time scheduled for the first hour the class meets.



THE SPIRIT OF GIVING—Phi Kappa Sigma member Jim Brewster is shown donating blood Monday during the fraternity's blood drive. The Phi Sigs' drive netted 15 units of blood. (Photo by Carlos Vasquez)

# Program hosts third workshop

By C.M. POWELL  
Managing Editor

The university's Meadows Program for Teaching Excellence will host the third in a series of workshops for teachers of English, history and mathematics Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the CAS Building.

As in previous workshops, the Region I teachers of grades 6-12 will be divided into three groups by academic disciplines.

Dr. William J. Fleming, director of the Meadows Program, described the response he has received from teachers who have participated in previous workshops.

"Most (teachers) find them very interesting and rewarding," Fleming said. "It gives them a

deeper understanding of the material in their textbooks and they can teach it better."

Fleming said some teachers "find it very refreshing that we take them seriously as colleagues in their disciplines."

The history program will be conducted by Houston educator Linda Black, who will give a formal presentation between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. titled "Using Hands-On Activities in History to Develop Higher Level Thinking Skills."

Fleming said Black's workshop will focus on "generic" applications that may be used by all social studies and history teachers. The teachers are required to bring their textbooks to the session to work with activity

guides Black will present, Fleming said. At the end of the workshop, teachers are expected to have about two dozen guides for classroom applications, which may be scaled to fit the grade or program level of each teacher's students.

Black is currently teaching at Longham High School in the Cyprus-Fairbanks school district. She has been teaching for 16 years and has extensive experience with several grade levels of history. Black has a B.A. degree in history, a Master's degree in education, and is an active member of both the National and Texas Councils for Social Studies.

Dr. Donald Fritz of the English Department said the English teachers will discuss "the nature of fiction, ways of reading pro-

ductively and ways of teaching efficiently."

In the afternoon, teachers will practice reading short stories, "using elements of fiction to discover meaning," Fritz said, "also giving them tools they can use in the classroom to teach."

The mathematics teachers will work with developing and utilizing word problems in an instructional context.

The next workshop is scheduled for March 19, but the Meadows Program also will sponsor a teaching conference Feb. 13. The series of workshops began last January through a \$227,000 grant from the Meadows Foundation.

For more information or to register for one of the programs, teachers should call the Meadows Program office at 381-3554.

# Student Health hires new nurse

By MARY EDNA QUIROZ  
Staff Writer

Student Health Services has been busy this semester making changes to improve the service and one of the clinic's newest additions is Maragret Prater, R.N.

Prater is a registered nurse whose job includes initial screenings, blood pressure checks, blood work, and family planning and counseling.

Working at the clinic is quite different from working at a hospital with acutely ill patients and

older people with chronic diseases, Prater said.

"The (hospital) work is more intense and stressful," she added.

A native of Charlotte, N.C., Prater is a "transplanted Texan," who has lived in the Valley for the past six years. She vividly recalls her first view of what would be her future home.

"We came down here to visit the first year after the freeze, when all the plants were dead, and my first reaction was Yuck! This would not be my first choice to live, but I thought this was where we'd end up," Prater said.

Prater's husband found a job opportunity while visiting the



Margaret Prater

Valley and within three months they had sold their house in New Orleans and moved.

Everything fell together, Prater said, and the Valley seemed like the right place to live.

During the summertime Prater, an avid outdoorsperson, and her family like a change of scenery, so they pack their bags and head for the mountains.

"We spend our vacation time camping, fishing, backpacking and mountain climbing," she said.

Prater graduated from the Touro Infirmary School of Nursing in New Orleans and enlisted in the Navy, where she became a lieutenant in the Nurse Corps.

During her five years in the Navy, Prater worked at hospitals and clinics in Portsmouth, Va., and New Orleans, La.

Prater said the only disadvantages to being in the Navy was that "in the military you work when they say you work and you're off when they say you're off."

Before coming to work at the clinic in September, she was employed in the medical records department at Knapp Memorial Hospital.

To Prater working with people at the university health clinic is a welcome change from dealing with files.

"I wanted to get back to working with people," she said. "I like working with people."

Better working hours and no night shifts at the health clinic are also advantages Prater enjoys because they allow her to spend more time with her family.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT—Dr. Julian Castillo and his wife, Dora, were served a Thanksgiving dinner prepared by the dietetics class for the faculty and staff of the Health Related Professions Department last week.

# Campus Briefs

## Regents to meet Tuesday

The last regular meeting of the university of Board of Regents will take place on the Edinburg campus Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. in the Administration Board Room on the third floor.

The Regents will choose the architectural contractor that will begin work on the Edinburg campus' Master Plan.

The Master Plan is a set of instructions; the blueprint that plans the course all growth on the Edinburg campus will take for the next five years. The plan, which shows every cosmetic change the Regents want to make (i.e. construction of new buildings, etc.), must be updated every five years, and sent to the Coordinating Board in Austin for approval.

The Regents will also consider the recommendations that will be made by Chairperson Nat Lopez' Vision 2000 committee.

The committee, which has been maligned by a vocal minority of the student body since its inception, will present its report on what kind of relations Pan Am can expect to have the business community for the next 20 years.

It will also make recommendations for whatever changes the committee deems necessary to remain an active representative of the Rio Grande Valley.

Also to be considered are request by both PAU campuses, in Edinburg and Brownsville, for money to refurbish their computer centers, as well as improve their educational facilities.

## Finals, spring classes set

Final examinations for the fall semester will be Dec. 10-16 for night classes and Dec. 12-17 for day classes.

"Dead days" and limited departmental final exams will be held Dec. 10 and 11. The residence halls will close Dec. 18, and graduation exercises will be held Dec. 20 at 5 p.m. in the fieldhouse, followed by a reception for graduates and their families.

The spring semester class schedule will be distributed beginning Wednesday, Dec. 9 at the Admissions Office. The schedule will also be available in the Dec. 9 issue of "The Pan American."

Registration by appointment for spring classes will begin Jan. 13 for evening classes and continue Jan. 14 and 15 for day classes on the Edinburg campus, while Brownsville campus registration will be held Jan. 12. Classes will begin Jan. 18.

The deadline for submitting applications for financial aid for the spring semester was Oct. 1. Students may still submit applications, but may not receive funds in time for spring registration.

## Prof to discuss health care

Dr. Al Nelson, professor of sociology, will discuss health care in Nicaragua today in L.A. 101 during activity period.

The talk, sponsored by the Student Sociology Organization, was prompted by Nelson's recent visit to Nicaragua to attend a health conference.

Nelson paid for the trip out of his own pocket because he was denied university funds by Gov. Bill Clements after president Miguel Nevárez approved the trip.

Clements denied the trip for political considerations, saying travel to Nicaragua by an American citizen was too dangerous. Clements has approved similar trips to Guatemala and Costa Rica, countries with political conditions similar to Nicaragua. Nelson is suing the governor as a result of the action.

Nelson has a long-standing interest in lay health care and is involved in providing medical care to economically deprived areas in Reynosa.

## Jackson group to meet

Students for Jackson, an on-campus group which has organized to work with the Jesse Jackson presidential campaign, will have an organizational meeting Tuesday during activity period in LA 109.

J.R. Garza, one of the students involved in the group, said they are organizing because of "the great response that Jesse got when he visited here."

The group plans to organize students into campaign workers, hold campaign drives and promote awareness of the issues.

Garza said the group has been in touch with Jackson's campaign manager.

"They understand the value of college students as campaign workers," said Dr. Sam Freeman, one of the Jackson supporters.

Garza said that Jackson "was able to articulate the foreign policy issues, the Central America issues and the economic issues."

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# Chief may offer defensive driving

BY C.M. POWELL  
Managing Editor

Students, faculty and staff may have the opportunity to enroll in a defensive driving course on campus for as little as \$5 each.

Traffic and Security Chief Greg Salazar said he is willing to teach the course if enough interest is shown in the project. The course would be taught on campus during school hours and limited to students, faculty and staff. Individuals interested in participating should contact Salazar at 381-2737.

The course would consist of "eight classroom hours of instruction which involves lecture,

questions and answers, class participation, films and a workbook, review of some basic traffic laws," Salazar said. Individuals completing the course would receive a certificate.

"Our main goal is traffic crash prevention, how to avoid collisions by anticipating and thinking ahead," Salazar said of the course.

"It (the course) just elaborates on the good driving habits of people and points out bad driving habits," Salazar said. "It gives some additional pointers

on how to be a more observant driver, a more careful driver."

Salazar recently taught a defensive driving course to 35 staff members who drive university vehicles at one time or another. He said he has scheduled another defensive driving course for the same group in January.

Salazar also teaches defensive driving every other Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at Texas State Technical Institute (TSTI) in Harlingen. The charge for that class is \$20 per person.

Drivers may request using a defensive driving course as an

alternative to payment of traffic fines, Salazar said. When the driver shows a certificate of completion to the judge, the citation is no longer part of his driving record. This option is available only if the person has not used it in the last two years.

Individuals completing a defensive driving course may also qualify for a 10 percent discount on automobile insurance such as liability, collision and personal injury protection for three years following the course, Salazar said.

## Campus organizations:

# Students have choices

By BENG LEONG LIM  
Staff Writer

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the last part in a three-part series on campus organizations.

On campus there are currently 13 organizations are under the service and recreational categories.

Listed below are the names of these clubs and organizations, the adviser's name and phone number, and the stated goals and purposes of each group.

**Service Organizations**  
**Financial Management Association.** Adviser: Dr. Zewdineh Assefa. Adviser's office and phone: BA 216D; 381-3379. Objective: To bring together finance-majors; to provide career opportunities in finance.

**Council for Exceptional Children.** Adviser: Jo Ann Burns. Adviser's office and phone: ED 231; 381-3466. Objective: To promote professional standards of high quality among students and improve the preparation of all professionals dealing with exceptional children and youth.

**Student Government Association (SGA).** Adviser: Elvie Davis. Adviser's office and phone: UC 205; 381-2260. Objective: To provide an official and representative student organization through which student interests may be served.

**University Program Board (UPB).** Adviser: Sonia del Angel. Adviser's office and phone: UC 205; 381-2260. Objective: To provide diverse opportunities for students to program educational, informative and entertaining activities which will reflect the needs of students.

**United Methodist Campus Ministry.** Adviser: David Diaz. Adviser's office and phone: 1615 W. Kuhn; 383-0133. Objective: To plan and implement religious programs and activities for students, faculty and staff.

**Intercollegiate Knights.** Adviser: Andres Estrada. Adviser's office and phone: SB 229; 381-3372. Objective: To promote service, sacrifice and loyalty to our school and community.

**Border Association for Refugees from Central America (BARCA).** Adviser: Dr. Samuel Freeman. Adviser's office and phone: LA 208; 381-3341. Objective: To help refugees from Central America in humanitarian ways.

**Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC).** Adviser: Jessie Luna. Adviser's office and phone: SH 212; 381-3600. Objective: To prepare the cadet to enter active, reserve, or national guard duty as a second lieutenant; to develop basic understanding of leadership and management skills.

**Alpha Psi Omega.** Adviser: Dr. Marian Monta. Adviser's office and phone: CAS 160B; 381-3583. Objective: An honorary fraternity created in an effort to promote dramatic activities at colleges and universities through the USA.

**Alpha Phi Omega.** Adviser: Richard Trevino. Adviser's office and phone: SS 123; 381-2145. Objective: To develop leadership, friendship, and service to humanity, and to further the freedom that is our national, education, and intellectual heritage.

**National Student Speech, Language and Hearing Association.** Adviser: Luciano Valles, Jr. Adviser's office and phone: CAS 125; 381-3587. Objective: To have money-

# Regents to decide new alcohol policy

By BENG LEONG LIM  
Staff Writer

A proposal requiring student organizations to register and gain approval before serving alcohol at functions will be submitted to the Board of Regents Tuesday.

The proposal is a complete rewrite of the existing alcohol policy in the Student Handbook, said Elvie P. Davis, assistant dean for student development.

The changes are designed "not to limit drinking on campus but to promote responsible drinking," Davis said.

The general statement of the newly drafted policy will require all student organization officers and campus advisers to attend an alcohol awareness and informational workshop.

Organizations which do not attend will not be eligible to sponsor activities where alcohol will be served. Dates and times of the annual workshops each fall semester will be announced through the Office of Student Development.

"The basic purpose of the workshop is to educate them (students and advisers) about the risks and liability involved...so that when they make the decision they want, at least it's an informed decision," Davis said.

Although an agenda for the workshop has not been set, Davis said she plans to have speakers from the Alcohol Beverage Commission, Traffic and Security, and Student Health Services attend the workshop.

Davis said the change in the state's legal drinking age has made the present policy on use of alcoholic beverages on campus obsolete and a rewrite necessary.

The following are some of the other newly drafted proposals:

•Food service or any other officials designated by the university may refuse to serve alcohol to any person whose behavior, in the opinion of those officials, is improper, or who appears to be intoxicated.

•Food and non-alcoholic beverages, in addition to "mixers" for alcoholic drinks, must be featured as prominently and must be served at the same place as alcoholic beverages.

•"All you can drink" parties with an admission fee that includes all the alcohol one desires and any form of "drinking contest" is prohibited. Drinking must not be the sole or primary purpose of an event.

•At social functions where alcoholic beverages are provided by the sponsoring organization, direct access to the alcoholic beverages should be limited to persons designated as the servers.

•In any off-campus activity where alcoholic beverages are to be served, responsibility for compliance with the Texas Alcohol Beverage Code lies with the hosting student organizations. Any individual or organization is subject to disciplinary action if individual or group conduct is affected by the use of alcohol or if there is a violation of state laws regarding alcoholic beverages.

•It is the responsibility of the university organizations, organizational officers and advisers, and individuals to be aware of these policy requirements and their application to individual and organizational activities.

making activities; to raise money to go to state and national speech and hearing conventions; to buy therapy material for children that needed therapy.

## Recreational Organization

**Health, Physical Education, Recreation Club.**

Adviser's office and phone: PE Adviser: Dr. Mary Rabke. 119; 381-3501. Objective: To contribute to effective democratic living through dedication, objectives of physical fitness, self-realization, human relationship and civic responsibility.

# Crime Stoppers Crime of the Week

## Edinburg residence burglarized

The burglary of a residence at 1201 South Sugar Road is Edinburg Crime Stoppers' "Crime of the Week."

Between Nov. 20 at 10:40 a.m. and Nov. 21 at 11:07 p.m., unknown subjects forced open the burglar bars on the front patio door and entered the house.

Some of the items stolen include a 100-watt Pioneer Stereo Tuner, a Pioneer Pre-Amplifier, a 19" color television, a 13" television set, a Panasonic VHS-VCR, a G.E. dual cassette player, and a Phone-Mate answering machine.

Anyone with information about this burglary is asked to call the Edinburg Police Department or Crime Stoppers at 383-TIPS. Cash rewards of up to \$1,000 are paid for information leading to an arrest and indictment. All calls are kept strictly confidential.

# Crime Report Radar detector reported stolen

An Escort brand radar detector with an estimated value of \$240 was reported stolen between 10:25 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. Nov. 24 from a black 1984 Chrysler parked in Lot C.

The passenger door window of the car, which carries Texas license 222-QLN, was broken with a portion of a concrete block and the passenger door unlocked. The owner reported nothing else in the car had been disturbed.

Traffic and Security Chief Greg Salazar said he wants to remind students that the Traffic and Security office is open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays.

"I have heard comments 'I didn't know you were open,'" Salazar said, adding students can still get service outside those times.

"There's always security on duty, 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Salazar said. "At least one officer is always on duty after hours."

Campus crimes reported to Traffic and Security during the last two weeks include:

Nov. 4 - The United Blood Services reported the theft of a blood drive banner, 2 foot by 6 foot, white and black in color, with an estimated value of \$60. The theft occurred between 5 p.m. Nov. 4 and 8 a.m. Nov. 5 and was reported Nov. 19.

Nov. 11 - A parking permit was reported stolen between Nov. 11 and 12 from a beige 1988 Oldsmobile, Texas license NJU-423, parked in Lot B. The driver said the vehicle was locked.

Nov. 16 - A parking permit was reported lost or stolen between 7:45 a.m. Nov. 16 and 5:45 p.m. Nov. 17. The driver said the vehicle, a blue 1981 Buick, Texas license 542-QLQ, had been secured at all times.

Nov. 17 - A black vinyl wallet was reported lost between 4 and 8 p.m. in Lot F. The wallet contained personal identification and about \$24 cash.

Nov. 17 - A vehicle was burglarized between 4 and 5 p.m. in Lot F. Parking permit number C-80586, an Edinburg Bobcats football jersey, beige shorts and a pair of Nike tennis shoes, total value \$102, were taken from a dark blue 1966 Mustang, Texas license YPB-20. The vehicle was not secured due to a faulty vent window.

Nov. 20 - A parking permit was reported stolen between 8 a.m. and noon from a white and grey 1983 GMC Jimmy, Texas license 787-KLC.

Nov. 21 - A broken window was found in the second floor west wing of the Women's Residence Hall. The window had been taped and there was no sign of it having been broken by an object.

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Nov. 25 - A case of criminal mischief was reported in the Science Building in which soft drink machine was damaged.

Nov. 26 - Five plants with a total value of \$22.50 were stolen from the university grounds between Nov. 26 and Nov. 30. The five oak trees, each 4 to 5 foot tall, had been planted between the Business Administration and Education Buildings and north of the Liberal Arts Building.

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## 'Sins' out but not forgotten

BY C.M. POWELL  
Managing Editor

A one-act play by Director of Communications Services Steve Copold was eliminated in the final round of competition at the Inner City Cultural Center in Los Angeles, but the center's director has expressed an interest in professionally producing the play and two companion pieces.

Copold sent copies of "Sins of the Fathers," the play which participated in the competition, and two other one-acts, "In the Short Rows" and "Skeletons," to Jack Jackson, a playwright who also directs professionally at other theatres in the area for possible production in March.

"It's pretty exciting," Copold said. "This is more exciting than the competition."

"He liked it better than the shows that scored higher than us," said Dr. Marian Monta, the play's director of Jackson's response to Copold's play.

"Sins of the Fathers" completed the first three rounds of competition at the center, but was eliminated when the final eight plays were narrowed down to four for the final competition Nov. 21.

"We were the last remaining university theatre production," Copold said. "The remaining seven were professional."

The three one-act plays are part of a set titled "End of the Line." "Sins" and "Short Rows," a visual caving play in which the actors come down ropes from the ceiling, were produced at Pan American two years ago, but the 20-minute monologue "Skeletons" also has been done as acting and directing projects, Copold said.

"Sins of the Fathers" won the American College Theater Festival Award in January 1986. The 50-minute play was the na-

tional runner-up for new plays and was one of the top 10 college productions, selected for Copold's script and the production.

The PAU alumnus wrote the plays as a graduate student. "I've put a lot of sweat in these things," he said.

The competition was also rewarding for theatre graduate Valente "Billy" Rodriguez, who starred in the original production and recreated his role for the competition. Monta said Rodriguez, who currently works as an actor in Los Angeles, was mobbed by agents after the performances.

Two other theatre graduates recreated their "roles" for the competition. Greg Eldridge, the other actor in the original production, flew to Los Angeles from Oklahoma, and Los Angeles resident Peter Watson served again as the play's stage manager.



ROCKIN' ROCKOONS—The musical group Rockoons drew quite a crowd at the UC Circle during activity period Tuesday. (Photo by Carlos Vasquez)

## Course covers range of music

By PANFILO GARCIA  
Staff Writer

In one semester PAU students have the opportunity to learn about the music of Mozart and Madonna, Beethoven and Berry, and Stravinsky and Springsteen.

The course offering this range of musical exposure is Dr. Dean Canty's "Music Appreciation," which is designed for non-music majors and surveys music from its beginnings up to modern-day popular music.

Canty said the course begins with the pre-Baroque period and works through the various periods of music. Around mid-semester, the class surveys the music of the 20th century.

As Canty covers each musical period, he analyzes not only the music but the factors that influ-

enced or contributed to the changes in musical style.

"The main objective [of the course] is to have the students understand where and why different musical styles came about," Canty said.

Canty said he thinks that exposing students to various types of music and its evolution will help them better understand the popular music of the '80s as well as the music of the future.

He encourages students to offer their own input into what they know about popular music so they can practice using their own interpretations and analyses of music.

Canty's tests for the course challenge students to state their opinions and conclusions about a certain period of music.

A typical test question might be: "Why/how did [pop music] relate to youth? Why were adults against it? How did adults view rock-n-roll? What sociological problems came about?"

Canty said the course is popular with students. In the past, class enrollment has been more than 100 students. This semester enrollment in the class was limited to about 50.

Student feedback of the course has been positive.

Sandra Osomio, a sophomore physical science major said, "The class is very interesting [because] it exposes you to different types of music."

Gabriel Farias, a junior physical education major agreed, adding he would recommend the class to anyone interested in music.

## STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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# Schwarzenegger running on empty

By GILBERTO G. GARCIA

Dustin Hoffman doesn't pretend to be a bodybuilder. So why must Arnold Schwarzenegger pretend to be an actor? In his latest hit film, "The Running Man," Schwarzenegger continues to irritate.

"The Running Man" incorporates Hollywood's traditionally bleak vision of 21st century America. It merges the casual violence of "Rollerball" and "Death Race 2000" with the oppressive technology and glittery cityscapes of "Blade Runner."

Schwarzenegger plays Ben Richards, a former policeman wrongly imprisoned for a brutal massacre. He escapes from prison and then becomes an unwilling contestant on a popular television game show in which convicts are stalked and murdered by an exotic array of gladiators.

While the film tells us violence is wrong, its actions speak louder than words. The gleeful, sadistic manner in which Richards disposes of his adversaries demon-

strates he is just as warped as they are.

Director Paul Michael Glaser glamorizes the violence in the film. He asks us to laugh at the hokey one-liners that accompany each of Richards' killings and also portrays the film's violent confrontations as colorful, exciting spectacles with little sense of the real consequences of violence. Thus the film is just as cynical as the "evil" game show it depicts.

With the inspired casting of Richard Dawson as the ruthless game show host, "Running Man" showed much promise, but doesn't deliver on it. The talents of Yaphet Kotto and Maria-Conchita Alonso are also sorely underutilized.

"The Running Man" stumbles and falls short of success chiefly because Schwarzenegger is stiff and awkward when not involved in violent action sequences. This serves to contradict the story's condemnation of violence.

Ultimately, this futuristic tale, like its muscular star, is less than the sum of its considerable parts.



**NIGHT MOVES**—A student performs in the 'Evening of Dance' concert at the Fieldhouse Tuesday night. The annual concert is performed by students from the university PE dance courses. (Photo by Jay Lewis)

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## Arts & Entertainment Briefs

### Dancers to give concert

The university Folkloric Dance Company will present its annual Christmas Dance Concerts Dec. 12 at 8 p.m., Dec. 13 at 2:30 p.m., Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 20 at 2:30 p.m.

The concert will be comprised of traditional dances representing various states of Mexico. One segment of the program titled, "Danzas Prehispanicas," will focus on ritual and ceremonial Aztec dances dating back to the 16th century.

Gitano Band, a professional musical group based in the Valley, will provide live music. The group is under the direction of Francisco Alvarez-Munoz, Mary Garza-Munoz, artistic directors and Amilda Thomas, administrative director.

Tickets are on sale at the Chambers of Commerce in Edinburg, Mission, Pharr and Weslaco. Tickets can also be purchased at Texas State Bank-West on 23rd and Nolana in McAllen, and in HPER 11-110 at the university.

Admission for adults is \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door. PAU students and children will be admitted for \$2. The ticket office at the Fine Arts Auditorium will open at 7 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday.

For further information call 381-3501 or 381-2314.

### Choir sings in season

The University Choir, under the direction of Dr. Christopher Munn, will present a concert on Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

The concert will consist of three advent season pieces all titled "Magnificat," each by different composers. The first two, sung in Latin, are by 16th century Netherlands composer Lassus and 18th century Italian composer Vivaldi. The last one, sung in English, is by 20th century composer Vaughan Williams.

Soloists will be Alicia Contreras, JoAnn Garza, and Frances Marroquin. Pianist and organist will be Dahlia Guerra.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens.

### Student soloist to perform

PAU vocal student Deborah Veale will present her senior recital tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall. Admission is free.

Accompanying Veale will be pianist Dr. Morley Grossman and violinist Efraim Flores.

The program will include songs by Bach, Donaudy, Wolf, Ravel, Merikanto, Kagen and Bone and Fenton.

While at Harlingen High School, Veale was chosen twice for the All-Region Choir and once for the All-State Choir. During her tenure at PAU, Veale has performed as a soloist with the University Choir.

Veale is currently a student of PAU Associate Professor James A. Stover.

The recital is part of Veale's requirements for a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education.

### Art exhibit opens today

The art department's annual Christmas show and sale of faculty and student works will open today and continue through Dec. 22 in the CAS Building Gallery.

The exhibit will include watercolors, prints, drawings, graphic design, photographs, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry and oil and acrylic paintings, said Richard Hyslin, art department chair.

"Possibly some were on exhibit before, but some of it will be new work, too," Hyslin said.

All items in the exhibit will have titles and prices, he said, but the university cannot act as a sales agent.

"Prospective buyers will have to contact the artists by phone and work with them directly," Hyslin said.

### Yulefest concert tonight

The Valley Symphony Orchestra and Chorale will present its "Yulefest" concert, featuring an audience sing-along performance, tonight at 8 p.m. at the McAllen Civic Center.

The concert, under the direction of PAU professors Carl Seale and Christopher Munn, will open with the "Messiah Sing-Along"

during which the audience will be encouraged to join the Chorale in singing five pieces from Handel's "Messiah": "And the Glory," "Glory to God," "Behold the Lamb," "Halleluia," "Worthy is the Lamb," and Amen.

The concert will also include "Marche" and "Waltz of Flowers" from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" and "A Feast of Carols" by Randall Bass.

The works of Harlingen artist Dan McBain will be presented in the lobby. Also presented in the lobby will be a performance of the Bell Choir of the Calvary Baptist Church of McAllen under the direction of Joel Graves.

Advanced tickets are \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens, and \$5 for students and are available in McAllen at Melhart Music, Valley Keyboards, Jones & Jones, and Executive Travel as well as the Edinburg, Donna, Weslaco, and Harlingen chambers of commerce.

Tickets at the door are \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens, and \$6 for students.

### Theatre plans NY trip

Student prices for the University Theatre's annual New York City tour, March 5 through 12, range from \$589 to \$1353.

A deposit of \$300 must be paid by Dec. 15 to guarantee a space on the tour, and the entire price of the trip is due Jan. 30.

The eight-day, seven-night trip, planned to coincide with the university's spring break, will include four shows, escorted sightseeing tours of Lincoln Center, lower Manhattan and the theater district, and a meeting with a professional actor.

The group is scheduled to see "Phantom of the Opera," a new London import, and "Les Miserables," which was part of the tour last year. Dr. Marian Monta, communications professor and tour director, said the group is repeating the second show "by popular demand."

Tour members can stay either at the Milford Plaza or the Novotel in the theatre district. The prices for the trip, which do not include airfare or meals, depend upon the hotel and the number of occupants staying in each room.

Monta said the non-student rates are about \$100 higher. She said she expects the group to be comprised mostly of non-students, and the student price may decrease depending on the number of non-students who enroll.

### Live music visits Valley

Two rock'n'roll concerts, featuring bands from opposite musical poles, have been slated to appear on campus this month.

Alice Cooper will perform at the Fieldhouse Monday at 8 p.m. Cooper is known for his extravagant stage shows and ultra-macabre music. Opening for Cooper will be Guns & Roses and Faster Pussycat.

Tickets are \$15 and are available at the Sound Centers of McAllen and Benny's Dry Goods in Edinburg. The concert is sponsored by KRIX.

The second concert feature the Outfield at Jody Ramsey Stadium on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 4:30 p.m. The Outfield will play their Top-40 mix of pop music.

Tickets are \$11 and are available at any Medico store. The concert is sponsored by B-104, Medico, and Miller Lite beer.

### Play auditions continue

Open auditions for "The Foreigner," Pan American University Theatre's first production of the spring semester, will end today at 7:30 p.m.

Auditions, open to college students and members of the community, will be held in the CAS Building University Theatre. More information or scripts may be obtained by calling Dr. Marian Monta, the production's director, or Linda Donahue at 381-3583. Those auditioning may read from the script or use other material.

Rehearsals for "The Foreigner" begin after Jan. 15. The show will be performed at the University Theatre Feb. 25-29.

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# Phi Sigs win Bronc-Olympics

By MARY EDNA QUIROZ  
Staff Writer

The Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity walked away with first place in the Bronc-Olympics for the second consecutive year and vowed to win again next year.

"We won last year and wanted to defend our crown," Captair Pat Woodin said.

Seven teams competed in the annual event sponsored by the University Program Board (UPB). Second and third places were won, respectively, by the Recreation Room Trashers and the Residence Hall Association team.

"It was fun and UPB did a great job," Joe Flores, captain of the Student Government Association (SGA) team said.

Many of the teams agreed the Pogo Ball challenge was the most difficult event in the competition and it was the deciding

factor in eliminating many of the teams from prize-winning positions.

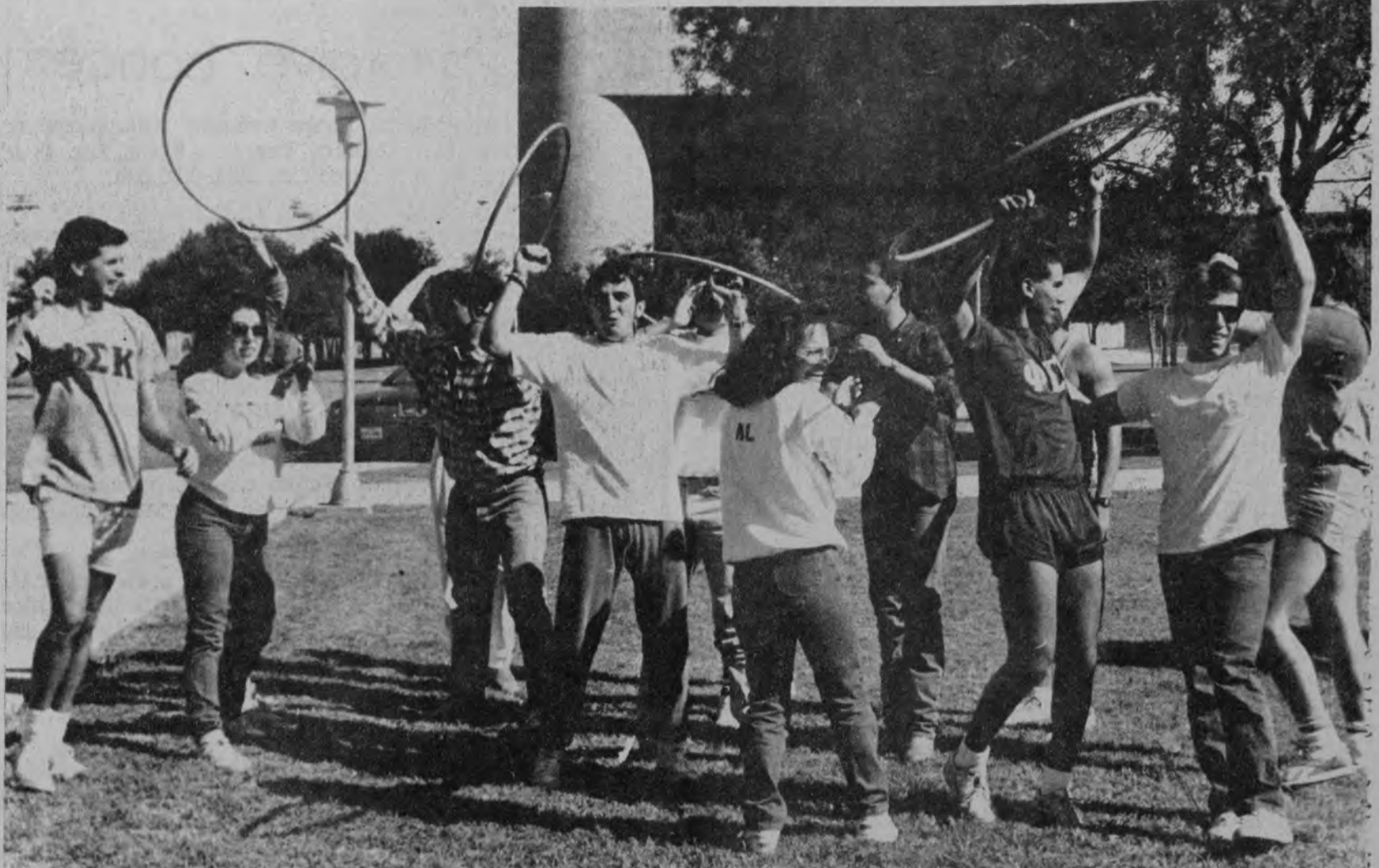
The Bronc-Olympics included other games such as the Hula Hoop Toss, Bicycle Obstacle course, Potato Drop, Ball Relay, Jar Top and Pass the Lifesaver.

Team spirit was an important factor in the Bronc-Olympics and helped motivate the teams.

"We're highly motivated and as long as we put the effort into anything we can accomplish it," ROTC Team Captain Gilbert Gonzalez said.

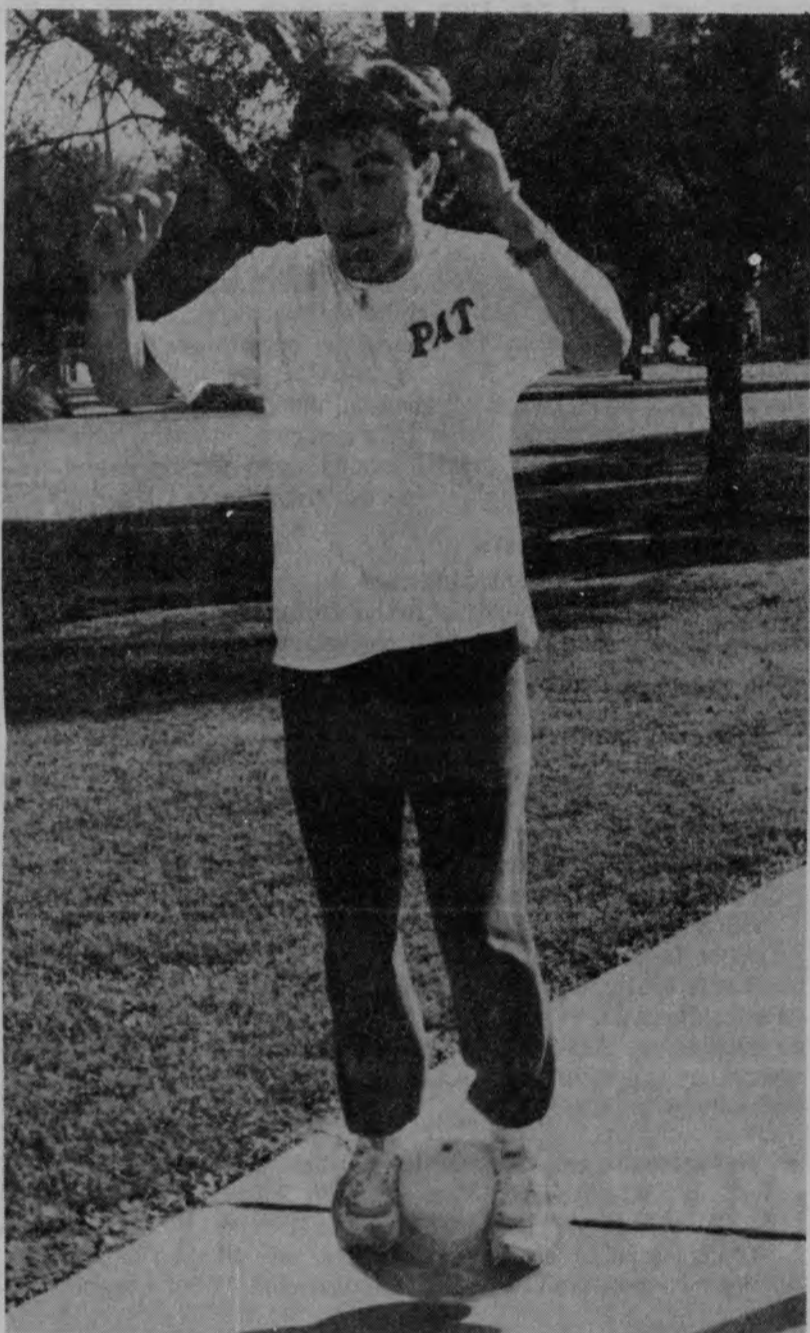
To gain two extra points, the UPB judges asked the teams to dance and yell to show who had the most spirit.

While some teams danced and formed human pyramids, a few members of the Residence Hall Association team decided to show their spirit by mooning the bewildered crowd.

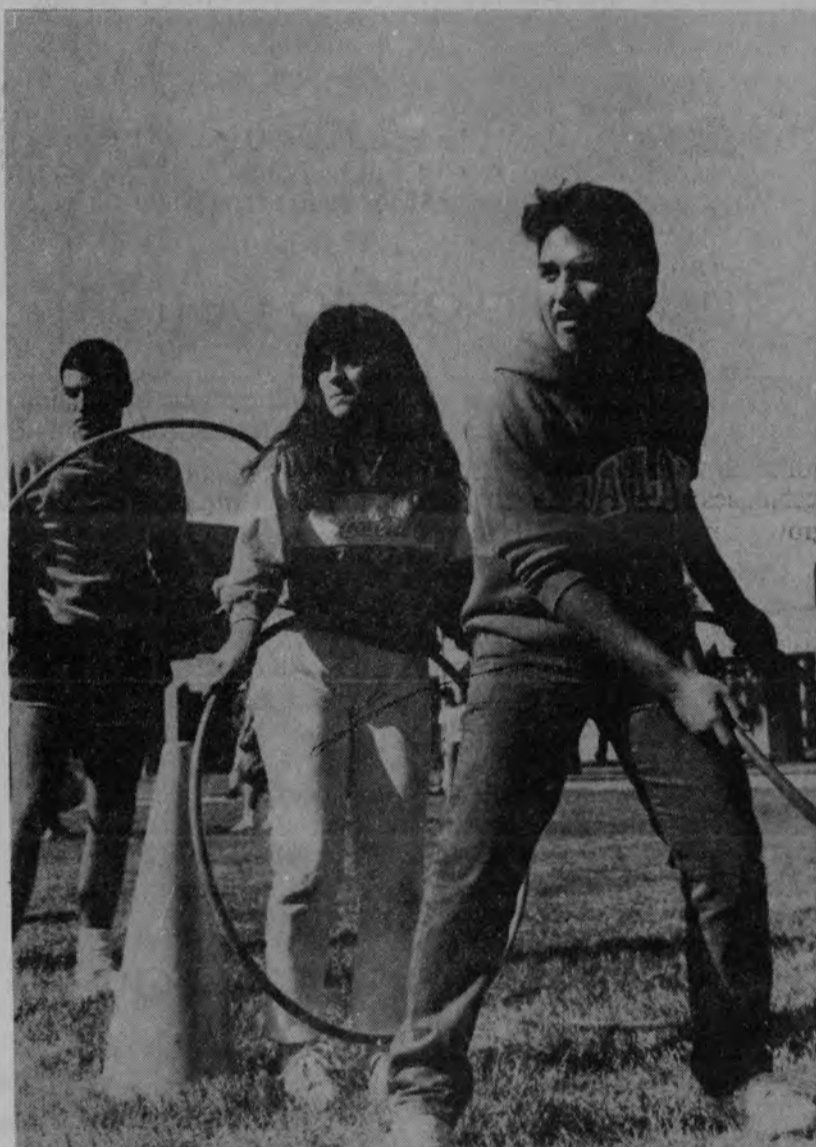


**Hooping It Up**--The Phi Kappa Sigma team shows some spirit before being announced the winners of the Bronc

Olympics. (Photo by Carlos Vasquez)



**Pogo Ball**--This game was the most challenging event of the Bronc Olympics as contestants tried to stay on the ball. (Photo by Carlos Vasquez)



**Concentration**--Participants in the Hula Hoop Toss get ready to throw their hoops at the target. (Photo by Jay Lewis)



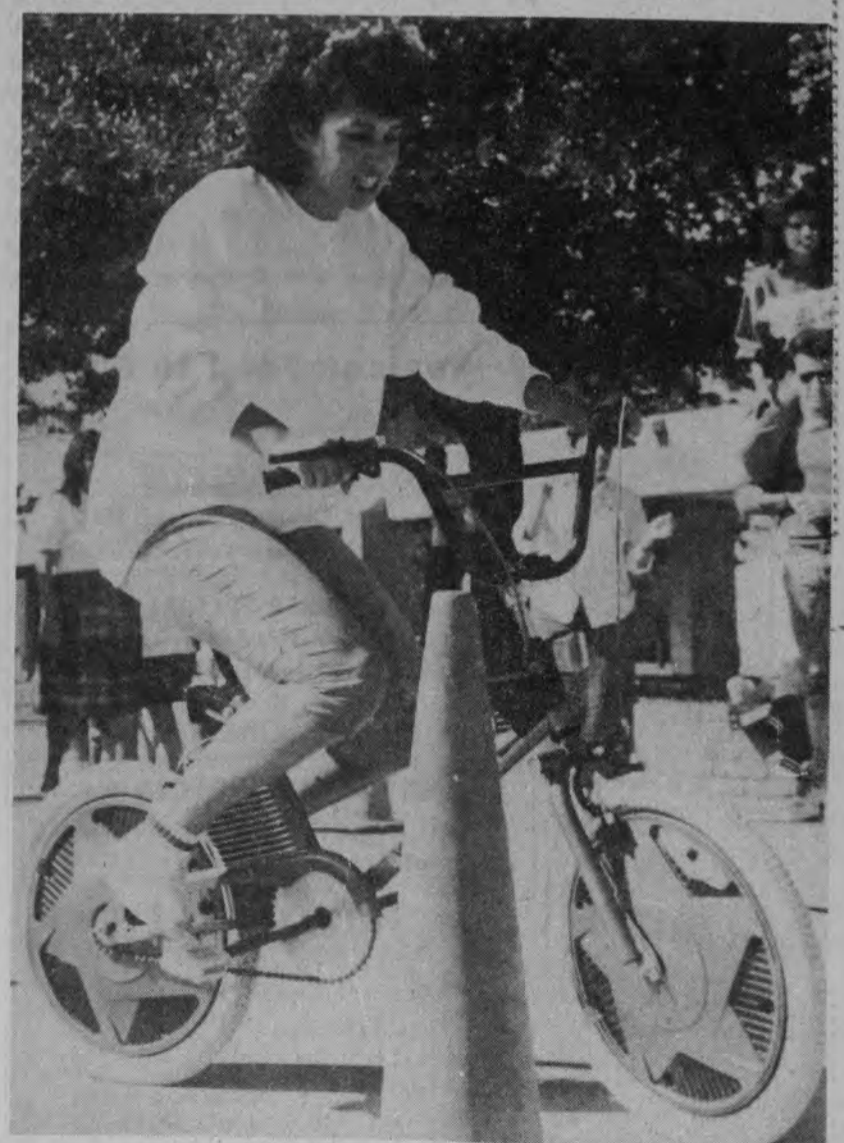
**Pyramid power**--Student Government Association team members have a good time at the Bronc Olympics. (Photo by Carlos Vasquez)



**Can she do it?**--The Intercollegiate Knights parade their "spirit booster" around during the games. (Photo by Carlos Vasquez)



**Look Closer**--Things aren't always what they seem and the Pass the Lifesaver game was one of those cases. Contestants had to pass a lifesaver candy back and forth using only a toothpick. (Photo by Carlos Vasquez)



**Watch those curves**--Weaving her way around the cones, this student races against time to score points for her team. (Photo by Jay Lewis)

# OPINION/EDITORIAL

## From Russia with glasnost

Two things evident from the NBC broadcast of "A Conversation with Mikhail Gorbachev" Monday night were (a) the United States and the Soviet Union are more alike than either country is willing to admit and (b) neither the U.S. nor the USSR can long afford the financial cost and potential nightmares of the nuclear arms race.

Interviewed by anchorman Tom Brokaw, Gorbachev talked candidly about everything from the upcoming nuclear arms summit to his taste in literature.

What was most surprising about the interview, however, was that the Soviet leader seemed remarkably accessible, completely without the Cold War sensibilities of our own leader, President Ronald Reagan. His broader insights into global problems made Reagan's America-is-the-center-of-the-universe worldview look as dated as dinosaur bones.

Gorbachev's comments on his commitment to peace should not, of course, be taken at face value. Experience tells us both superpowers will adhere to—or break—any rule they feel will give them even a short-term advantage. And this has been the major stumbling block in improving relations between the two countries.

Both countries, for instance, continually plead innocence whenever other countries accuse them of trying to expand their influence militarily.

Reagan claims the Administration's motives are purely humanitarian, though it's doubtful he is fooling anyone. The U.S. can't defend its military adventures in Central America any better than the USSR can defend its invasion into Afghanistan. Consequently, there is plenty of guilt to go around. And it's getting harder and harder for the rest of the world to decide which is the lesser of the two superpower evils.

The Soviet leader answered the arms race question in clear, pragmatic terms: The arms race is depleting the financial resources of both countries.

Neither the U.S. nor the USSR has enough dollars or rubles to pay for it and still solve their own internal social problems. It must also be noted that there is absolutely no safety in the numbers of nuclear arms on the planet, especially when 95 percent of them are in the hands of two superpowers. No two countries should have that much power over the rest of the world.

Deployment of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) is likewise unworkable. The cost of doing basic "Star Wars" research, not actual deployment, is incalculable. Moreover, simply relocating the arms race to the fringes of outer space is no solution. You've still got the same problems, though probably on an even greater scale.

Whether the summit next week represents a real and fundamental change in the relations between the U.S. and the USSR—or if it's just a chance for two publicity-conscious heads of state to look good—is debatable. Our need for change has never been more urgent, however, or the chance for peace more opportune.



## War under your X-mas tree?

By RANDY KLUTTS  
Editor

Just in time for Christmas—the season of peace and good will toward men—comes the word from sociologist Dr. William Gibson, who claims sales of war toys in the U.S. have escalated 600 percent during the past five years.

The reason for the increase, Gibson, a professor at Southern Methodist University, said, is the growth of a "paramilitary subculture," a creed of fascist beliefs and macho excess best typified by Sylvester Stallone's celluloid superpatriot, John Rambo.

America's guns-for-glory mania for war adventure is not just kid stuff, however. Not by any means. In addition to the billion-dollar toy industry, marketed via heavy saturation bombing techniques on the "G.I. Joe" and "Rambo" TV cartoon shows, a growing number of adults are also getting into the act.

But their toys are not plastic action figures and water-squirting cannons. Their toys are the real thing—grenades, rocket launchers and Uzi machine guns with live ammo. Worst yet, the paramilitary subculture is not limited to just a handful of hardcore true believers. Paramilitary is steadily going mainstream. Paramilitary conventions are popping up across the country and a lot of money is changing hands.

Like war itself, the adult war game industry is big business. Most suppliers can't keep up with the consumer demand for guns, ammo, camouflage fatigues and other accoutrements of war.

An extensive literature to exploit the paramilitary mindset is also available, ranging from the playfully insane "Soldier of Fortune" magazine to books describing in clinical detail efficient techniques of *wasting* other human beings.

## Between the Lines

Even bootcamp-style vacation retreats are becoming popular for paramilitary warriors who want to brush up on their battlefield skills.

The reason many adults get into paramilitary roleplaying, Gibson said, is the need for adventure. Participants tend to feel unchallenged by their jobs, alienated from politics and bored with their domestic lives.

Although many paramilitary warriors sincerely believe they are simply enriching their fantasy lives in a harmless way, Gibson said the danger they pose is not to themselves, but to their children.

He fears their children may grow up thinking war is just one big adventure, something acceptable and even desirable.

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## Reach out and con someone

By PANFILO GARCIA  
Staff Writer

Recently, Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker started a 900 telephone service in which people could call the number and hear a recorded message of Jim and Tammy talking about their trials and tribulations in trying to regain control of the PTL Club.

The caller is charged per minute for the call, with a percentage of the money going to the Bakkers. In light of this, the following list was compiled of possible 900 numbers, an explanation of their services and what percentage of the money received goes to the sender of the message.

**Dial-a-Rejected Supreme Court Nominee:** This service lets the caller hear a recording of Bork and Ginsberg telling how Congress and the media stole a Supreme Court bench seat from them. Other rejects may be added. For a dollar more, the caller can hear a recording of Reagan bad-mouthing Teddy Kennedy and Joe Biden. Fifty percent of the profits go toward the Reagan administration to finance in-depth nominee screening. Dial 1-900-NO-JUDGE.

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**Dial-Oral Roberts:** This service lets the caller hear a recording of Oral Roberts telling the listener that "God is going

to call me home" if he doesn't receive one hundred million calls in a month. One hundred percent of the profits go to Oral. Dial 1-900-EXPLOIT.

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## Slice of Life

**Dial-a-Hippie:** This service lets the caller hear a recording of a flower child on an acid trip talking about his experiences at Woodstock and Altamont and telling us to "tune in, turn on, drop out." Forty percent of the profits go toward LSD. Dial 1-900-B-MELLOW.

**Dial-a-Psycopath:** This service lets the caller hear a recording of psychopaths telling how the Devil, the Beatles, Jody Foster, etc. made them attempt murder. Fifty percent of the profits go toward psychiatric costs. Dial 1-900-I-AM-NUTS.

**Dial-an-Airline President:** This service lets the caller hear a recording of airline presidents detailing the quality of their airlines and their employees. The recording, however, is delayed four hours. Eight percent of the profits go toward detective fees for tracking down lost luggage. Dial 1-900-FLY-LATE.

## Reader's Voice

Reader's Voice/letters column

"The Pan American" welcomes reader input from students, faculty and university staff members in the "Reader's Voice" letters column.

"Reader's Voice" exists as a forum to freely express ideas, views, grievances and other matters readers may wish to share.

GUIDELINES:

•The deadline for submitting letters is noon the Monday prior to publication.

•All letters must be signed and include the writer's address and telephone number for verification. Letters without the writer's signature will not be published. Names may be withheld upon request.

•Letters should be typed, double-spaced and not exceed 250 words (about a page) in length.

•All letters will run as is, without corrections by the editor. Letter writers must clean up their own spelling and grammatical errors. "The Pan American," however, reserves the right to edit letters for libelous statements.

•Letters may be submitted at the Student Publications Office, Emilia Hall 100.

## De Anda replies

To the Editor:

This is in response to Ms. Dahlia Guzman's letter published in "The Pan American" on Nov. 12. First, Ms. Guzman, I am surprised to learn that AIDS is not a gay disease. Probably, all of the gays who have died or are dying of AIDS will be surprised to learn this, as well.

To Sr. Gonzalez, I thank you for your scripture lesson. I firmly believe in letting God be

God. I have found that He is quite capable to handle things His way. I also believe that He does what He wants without my assistance, or yours, for that matter.

But, regardless of how much you or I wish to justify and forgive people, let us not forget that task belongs to God. Let us be mindful that it is also God's task to punish people, which He still does, just as He did in Sodom and Gomorrah, where sexual perversities ran rampant. The corruption in these two cities was so great that God chose to destroy them with brimstone and fire (Gen. 19:24).

God is very loving and merciful, but He demands obedience to his laws. Yes, He sent Jesus to save the sinners, but in order for the sinners to be saved, they had to repent of their sins to receive His grace. Our human love and forgiveness has nothing to do with it.

My point was, and still is, that Jesse Jackson, an ordained minister, should be true to the gospel he preaches. I see him as unfaithful to the scriptures as well as unable to keep his promises. I still say he's just another politician willing to say anything just to get elected. Don't let the deceiver deceive

you.  
Pedro De Anda, Jr.

I ♥ the Valley

To the Editor:

I found your article "How to relieve boredom in the Rio Grande Valley" alarmingly pessimistic. The solutions to your caption were not even worth the time to read or the paper it was written on.

Sure the Valley is not the avant garde capital of the

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# Broncs make mortals of 'Supermen'

By GILBERTO REYES, JR.  
Sports Editor

The Pan Am Broncs, paced by Kevin Johnson's 22 points and a running game that was at times overwhelming, defeated the No. 1 team from the Socialist nation of Yugoslavia, 73-62, in the first of three games they will play against European teams in the next three years.

In their first game this year, which will not count in their official standings, the Broncs showed a good running game and two problems that could plague them this year: poor free-throw shooting and lack of bench strength.

The Broncs showed their latter

weakness late in the game, when the subs came in and underwhelmed the Slavs, allowing them to make the game look closer than it really was.

The Broncs easily outran the tall, skinny Slavs, who did not turn out to be 'Supermen' after all. Time and again, the Broncs fast break after a rebound would catch the Slavs flat-footed. The only ones that could stop the fast break were the Broncs themselves, who often overran the court.

But the Slavs were physical, committing 30 personal fouls and losing two starters, 6'10 1/2" center Lukenda Dragan and 6'7" forward Masnic Ilijas.

As a result of the large number

of fouls, the Broncs went to the free throw line 38 times.

They only made 22 of them, for a 69 percent average, and presented yet another problem for Wall.

The Slavs, who never really challenged the Broncs, were led by the guard/forward combination of Frljak Hamdo and Karisik Jovo, who combined for 23 points.

The game against the Zeljen-car team from Yugoslavia was the first of three exhibition games the Broncs will play against European teams.

According to their contract with World-Wide Sports of Cin-

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# PAU struggles past Trinity

By GILBERTO REYES, JR.  
Sports Editor

The question is not whether the Pan Am Broncs looked sluggish during their 83-43 defeat to Trinity University Sunday night at the Fieldhouse, which began the Broncs season with a win. The question is why.

Why did the Broncs offense only score 38 points in the first half when they had scored 25 points 10 minutes into the game?

Many fans in the near-capacity audience were asking themselves much the same question as they patiently awaited the Broncs players to autograph the complimentary posters they had received that night. Was it lack of stamina? Was it inexperience? Was it altruism?

The answer is made harder to find once the game is reconsidered. The Broncs began the game with an absolutely torrid fast break that at times showed the Tiger players for what they are: *students* playing for a university that does not offer athletic scholarships.

Their fast break allowed the Broncs to have four of their players score in double figures, and rewarded its leaders, Kevin Johnson and Lee Boddie, by allowing them to share top scoring honors with 16 points.

Greg Garrett scored seven points and Reggie Holmes scored six to lead an early charge that staked the Broncs to an early 17-4 lead.

After a Trinity time-out, Coach Kevin Wall's team went to sleep. The Division III Tigers, while never outplaying Pan Am, at least kept pace with the Broncs, and were only outscored 14-12 between that time out and the Broncs time out 12 minutes later.

The Broncs, responding to Wall's "suggestion" that they play better, closed the half with six straight points.

"Sometimes it only takes two or three possessions to get yourself into a funk," Wall said, "But it might take 20 possessions to get back on the top of your game, and that's what happened to us."

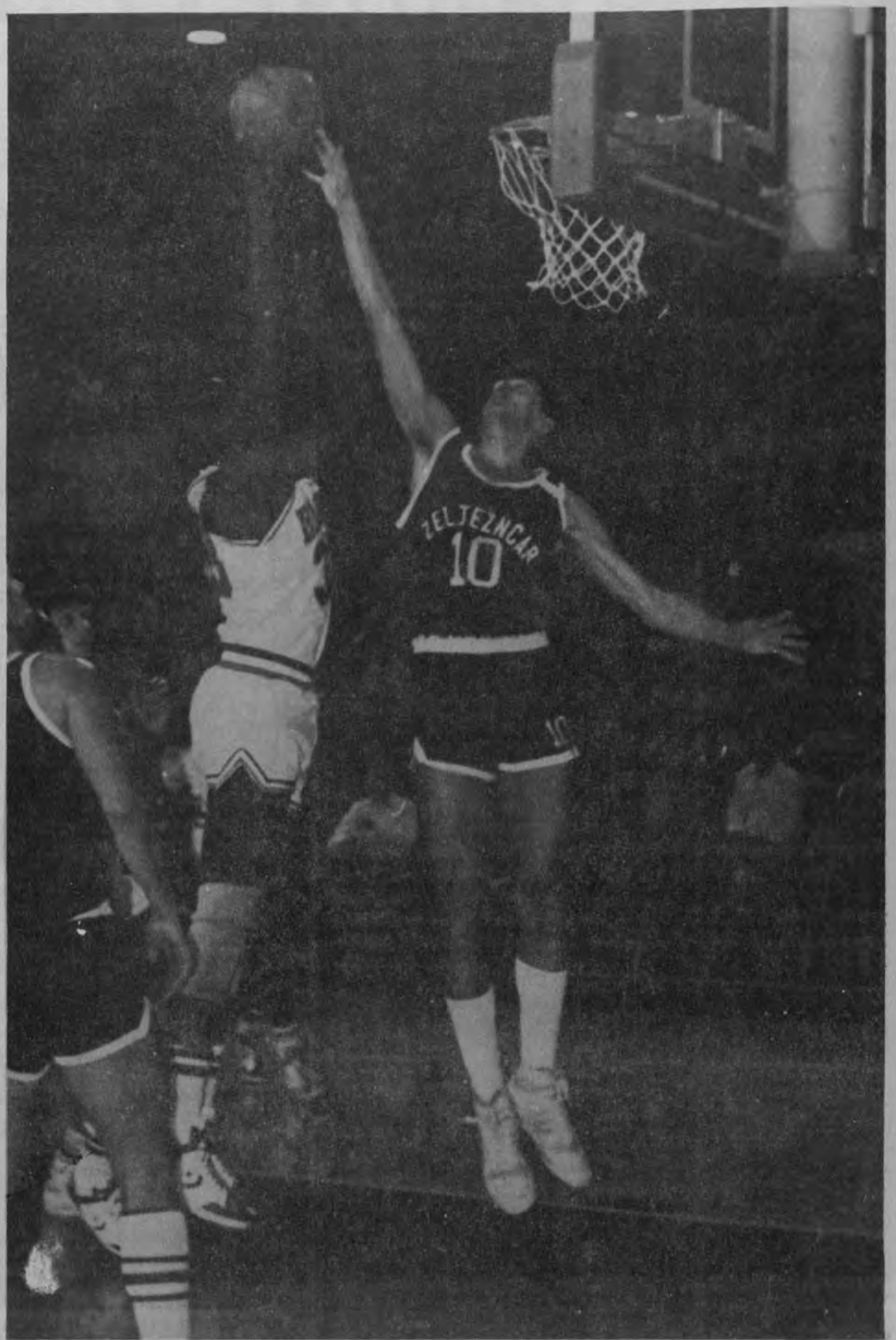
But it was the same story in the second half, though, as Trinity began to keep up with the Broncs again. This time, Wall did not use a time-out.

Shortly after the Broncs offense turned the ball over in Trinity's half of the court, Wall exploded off of the bench and verbally assaulted an official that passing the Broncs bench, who summarily served him his first technical foul as Pan Am's coach.

"We just began standing around and quit attacking," Wall said, "and we just had a little lapse there."

The play worked, but not for long. Wall had to use any measure he could to try to motivate his team, which included using all but one of his allotted five time-outs and running a full court press defense.

"Defensively, we were solid all night long and made it tougher than nails on them," Wall said.



Taming of the Supermen--Pan Am's Melvin Thomas outleaps Yugoslavia's Masnic Ilijas to score two of his 15 points Saturday night at the fieldhouse. The Broncs won the exhibition game, 73-62. (Photo by Carlos Vasquez)

The game was also a showcase for what could prove to be Pan Am's largest disadvantage this year—that is, lack of bench strength.

Late in the game, with less than six minutes left to play and the outcome no longer in doubt, Wall sent in his second team to

"mop-up."

Instead of reaching the 90-point plateau, the pace the regulars had set, the backup team went scoreless for a little more than three of those six minutes, showing Wall a potentially huge problem.

"That (the performance of the second-team) was probably the only thing I was disappointed in," Wall said. "Some of our key

people who are going to play key roles off of the bench just came in and tippy-toed around a bit instead of busting in there."

# Women cagers lose 1st two games

By GILBERTO REYES, JR.  
Sports Editor

The 1987-88 Lady Broncs had an inauspicious beginning this weekend as the team dropped its first two games of the season to Southwest Conference powers Texas Christian University, 121-53, and Texas A&M, 110-50.

Coach Becky de los Santos said the Lady Broncs largest problem in both games was their lack of Division I experience.

"This year, our only experience comes from one junior college transfer," she said. "The rest of our players are sophomores." Inexperience played a large

role in the loss to TCU because once the Lady Broncs fell behind, they were never able to catch up.

Against A&M Sunday night, the inexperience factor once again came into play. The Lady Broncs came out tough and got a couple of A&M's big people into foul trouble early, de los Santos said.

"We were only losing 50-32 at the half," she said, "and then the second half began."

A&M opened the second half with an enveloping full-court press that allowed them to score 10 straight points as well as force

"a lot of turnovers," de los Santos said.

"The press rattled our team," she said, "and as soon as we adjusted to it, we hit a dry spell."

Despite the two losses, de los Santos said they will have little or no effect on the team.

"The two losses didn't hurt because the mistakes that we made were not so much physical as they were mental," she said.

Almost everyone connected with the Lady Broncs, de los Santos included, has conceded that this year will be used to rebuild the team. Instead of scheduling easy teams, to arti-

cially prop up Pan Am's record, de los Santos scheduled teams like TCU, A&M, and Southern Methodist University, in the hopes they would gain the necessary experience to compete in the American South conference.

"In our conference, we have teams like the Louisiana Tech Lady Bulldogs, who have been perennial contenders for the national championship for the past few years," de los Santos said, "and to get ready for our conference schedule, we have to jump into it right away and see the what the rest of the world is doing."

# I-M season ends with challenge

By GILBERTO REYES, JR.  
Sports Editor

As the season's busy intramural season draws to a close, Housing and Recreation Director Santiago Villanueva has issued a challenge to all university club organizations.

"I challenge all campus student organizations to find their best free-throw shooter so that they may participate in our intramural free-throw tournament next semester," he said.

The tournament will begin Jan. 26, 1988, with the finals being

held during halftime of one of the final Pan American basketball games.

"Right now it will probably be the final home game, against (the University of) New Orleans," Villanueva said.

Both the intramural racquetball and volleyball tournaments are entering their final stages, with men's and women's finals already being planned.

"We have already completed the co-ed schedules in both sports," Villanueva said, "and will be starting the men's and

women's finals in HPE-II this week."

Intramural table tennis tournament is in full swing, Villanueva said, because of the unusually high turnout the competition had.

"We are very happy with the number of people who entered this year," Villanueva said.

The intramural flag football game for "the bragging rights for South Texas" was won by a team from Texas State Technical In-

stitute (TSTI), who defeated Air Express in a close game, 24-21.

Air Express, who earlier this semester defeated the Pan

American Marketing Association (PAMA) to win the intramural flag football title didn't win, but at least showed well, Villanueva said.

"This year's game was competitive," Villanueva said. "This time it wasn't a blowout."

## SPORTS CALENDAR

### AT HOME:

#### Dec. 5-Broncs hit the big time

At 7:35 p.m., the Broncs will host the University of Houston Cougars, who just four years ago were the *crème de la crème* of college basketball, in hopes of defeating the Coogs for the first time in six tries.

The glory days of Phi Slamma Jamma have long since passed with the graduation (and/or defection to the NBA) of such notables as Clyde Drexler, Larry Michaux, Michael Young and Akcem Abdul Olajowan. And the retirement of legendary, yet beleaguered coach Guy Lewis did little to return the Coogs to their former prominence.

The nucleus of a UH team that bowed out in the first round of the NCAA tournament last year is still there—a year older, wiser and farther removed from the ominous shadows still being cast by Phi Slamma Jamma.

### ON THE ROAD:

#### Dec. 4&5-Women look to get 'back on track'

The Lady Broncs will try to bounce back from a slow start this year in the Texas A&I University Tournament in Kingsville.

The year has started slowly for the Lady Broncs, who have lost their first two games to Texas Christian University and Texas A&M by a combined score of 231-103, and hope to recover in this tournament against Texas Southern, Texas Woman's University and Texas A&I.

#### Dec. 5-Thank you heat!

Indoor track season is nigh and Coach Reid Harter's Broncs will begin their season running indoors at now chilly Lubbock, TX, in the Lubbock Christian College Meet.

Led by Nancy Mireles, Thelma Morales, and Lalo Pereida, the Broncs will now have to show that their strong finish in the conference cross country meet (the Lady Broncs won their race and the men finished a close second) was no accident.

#### Dec. 9-Off to partytown!

After what should be a grueling game against Houston, the Broncs travel to San Marcos to play the Bobcats of Southwest Texas State.

Pan Am will be seeking its 11th win in 15 games against SWT, which gained national renown a few years ago by being ranked one of the top 10 'party schools' by "Playboy" magazine.

Meet the Broncs II:

# Forwards...into the breach

By GILBERTO REYES, JR.  
Sports Editor

*Editor's Note: This is the second of a three-part series on this year's Pan American Broncs men's basketball team.*

The position of forward is often the most important one on the court. Where it is the duty of the guards to control the pace of the game, and the centers to score, as well as deny, baskets, the purpose of the forward is three-fold. Not only is he called upon to score points, but he also has the responsibility of serving as middleman between the guards and centers, and provide a defensive support net for the center.

In Head Coach Kevin Wall's newly installed offense, the emphasis has been placed on "full-court speed," which simply means moving the ball from one end of the court to the other as fast as possible.

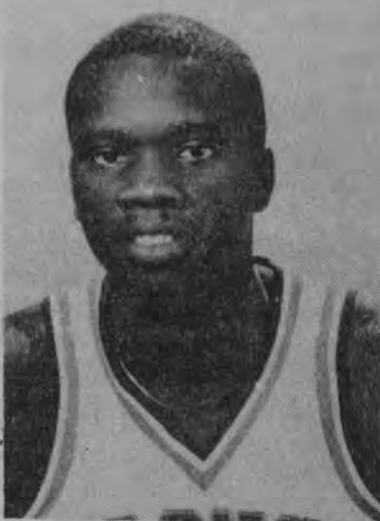
As witnessed in the first two games Pan Am played, it is the guard's task, usually Lee Boddie, to orchestrate Pan Am's break down the court. You will notice when the guard begins a break, either off a missed shot or a field goal, he is accompanied by forwards on either side, who then swoop down upon the basket to overwhelm the defenders and score.

This year, 6'7" sophomore MELVIN THOMAS has, at least from a scoring standpoint, led the way for the Broncs forwards by averaging 15 points a game.

Thomas has been a starting forward since the season began, despite his lack of college experience. Wall said that he expects "a lot out of" Thomas this year.

"He's going to play both forwards spots," Wall said, "because he spent last year lifting weights and getting stronger."

Thomas might be hurt this year by his lack of experience, but will be helped by the fact he already knows some of the players.



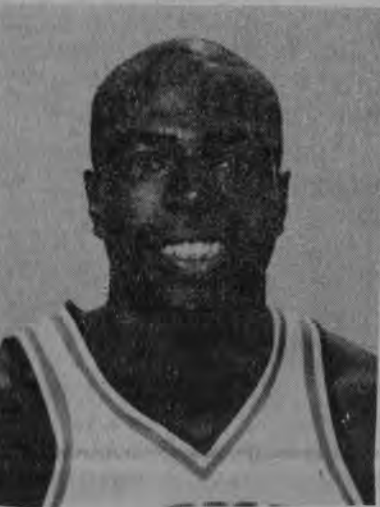
Melvin Thomas

Roy Swift, Pan Am's starting center this year, was Thomas' teammate at Southeastern High School in Detroit, Mich., and helped the team reach the city finals in 1984.

Thomas is also familiar with two other Broncs, Reggie Holmes and Jason Strawder, both of whom played high school ball in Detroit.

6'5" senior GREG GARRETT is the starting small forward for the Broncs this year, and according to Wall, a great student of the game.

"He's always got a positive



Greg Garrett

attitude," Wall said, "and he's a team player. He keeps his mouth shut and never complains, unlike some players from junior colleges."

Garrett has had a lot of time to contemplate his first starting role. Last year after a successful career at Coffeyville Junior College in Kansas, he found himself playing the role of sixth man on last year's 16-12 team.

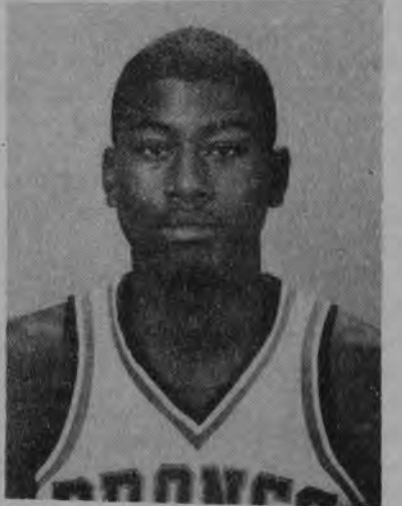
"It felt like I had been red-shirted, or something," said Garrett, "But I kept my head up and stuck it out all year."

Garrett's stats from last year, which showed him leading the team in shooting percentage, should help him fit into Wall's offensive scheme well this year.

JASON STRAWDER is a 6'8" "promising freshman," Wall said, "who could easily be 6'10" and 240 by his junior year."

Strawder is level-headed when he thinks about his personal goals in college, saying his primary goal is to get his degree.

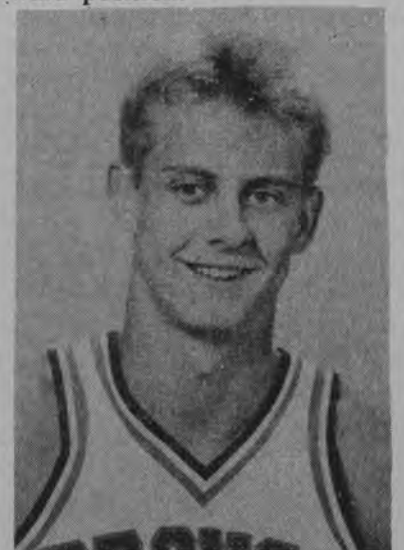
"My team goal is to get an NCAA championship," he said.



Jason Strawder

Strawder's role with the Broncs this year will be largely restricted to learning the system and gaining experience in how to handle Division I, although Wall hinted his role could be larger than that.

"He's a great rebounder for a freshman and can contribute this year as a rebounder," Wall said. "KENDALL CLEMENTS is a good kid," Wall said, "the type of post man out of high school who has to learn how to play a forward position."



Kendall Clements

Like Strawder and fellow freshman Gabriel Valdez of Weslaco, Clements doesn't expect to start "any games, anytime soon" said Sports Information Director Jim McKone, "yet all three have good potential."

Clements had a great career in high school, highlighted by his free throw that clinched the state championship for Bishop Thomas K. Gorman High School in Tyler, Texas.

Although the freshman has a way to go before he becomes a starter, he already has the main ingredient to become a good basketball player: he has a winning philosophy.

"I want to win so bad that I'll do whatever it takes," he said. "I hate losing. When it comes down to clutch time, I want the ball. That's the way I was in high school and I guess that's the way I'll be in college, too."

## Final Chapter

# Joe's sun goes supernova

By GILBERTO REYES, JR.  
Sports Editor

Mary: I loved Joe. I was married to him for 37 years. Thirty-seven wonderful years. True, he did have his problems, but they were never so big that we could not solve them together. We were always a team. Well, sometimes I was more of the team than he was, because sometimes he wouldn't do anything to help himself...and us.

I mean, just look at his addiction to sports. He used to think that there was nothing more important in the world than sitting down in front of the television set for an entire day and watching a bunch of grown men in colored pantyhose chase around a dead animal for three and a half hours.

Nothing else mattered to him when there was sports on. Not me, not our son Joey, or the dog. Even if Mongols were invading the house, he would've done little more than offer them a Jax and tell me to clean off the extremely comfortable sofa sleeper.

He finally got over it, though. Just days before he stepped in front of the Yellow Cab on 43rd and Jackson, he had decided that his entire life had been a waste. We had a wonderful son, beautiful grandchildren and a decent house, but none of these things had been because of him. When his son was in his room, crying because the other kids teased him, Joe was at the track. The 1986 National League Championship series came before driving to Tacoma to see his grandson born.

## The Last Out

And when the bank wanted to repossess the house because Joe had gambled away half of his monthly paycheck on a "sure thing," it was Joey and I who had to sacrifice on essentials like school lunch money and food so we could make the payment.

I really think he had changed towards the end, though. The day he died, he wrote me a note and left it on my pillow. It said: "I din't do nothin' ta help ya all dese years hon, and for dat, I'm sorry. It's funny how I never saw how much I was neglectin' ya...and for wot? Guys like Mantle and Killebrew and Ryan never paid da rent or made me food or nuttin'. And t'ings like dat are what's important in life. You would do alla dose t'ings for me, but I still paid more attention ta dem den you. From now, I promise dat t'ings will be different. If I watch sports again, I promise dat it will be in da right way...I'll watch it as a game, and not as my life. I'm sorry, but I promise I'll make it up ta ya."

He signed the note "Love, Your Husband Joe." It'd been over 20 years since he'd called himself my husband. He had changed. He was on his way home from work when he died, and the police said that there were trampled roses all over the street. In a way, he's lucky. At least he never had to grow up.

# Prof proud of conference prediction

A professor of mathematics at Pan American University, Dr. Joseph Weiner, took special pride when the Lady Broncs won the first American South Conference ever decided, women's cross country.

"I'm very happy that something positive happened already," Weiner said after he heard the news from Lafayette, La.

Dr. Weiner had done a mathematical study of Pan American's chances at winning a conference title. The sports information office gave him the estimate that Pan American had a 60 percent chance to win women's cross country, 50 percent chance to win men's cross country, 30 percent to win baseball, an 10 percent (or less) chance to win in each of the other nine sports.

Using probability formulas, Dr. Weiner calculated that Pan American had an 86 percent

chance to win at least one conference title, 36 percent chance to win two, 9 percent chance to win three, and 14 percent to win zero.

The Broncs finished second in men's cross country, and last in women's volleyball, so now the

pressure is on to overcome the odds.

# CC runner recovers nicely

A cross country runner from the Broncs women's team is recovering from a broken collarbone sustained at the NCAA District VI Championships late last month.

The runner was Debra de los Santos, a junior from Harlingen, who earned All-Conference

honors this year by finishing 9th out of 41 runners in the conference meet.

"Debra was pushed from behind at about the two-mile mark, and fell down a hill, landing on her left shoulder and fracturing her collarbone," Coach Reid Harter said. "She couldn't finish

the race. We packed her shoulder in ice and took her to the emergency room."

Harter said that she is recovering quickly and will be able to run the two-mile (race) in our first indoor meet, Dec. 5 in Lubbock.

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## Regents

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Rankin graduated from Raymondville High School in 1968. She then attended Southern Methodist University and received a B.A. in political science in 1972 and a M.A. in business administration in 1982.



**Shan Rankin**

She is married to Davis Rankin, news director of KURV radio in Edinburg.

Rankin is a member of the board of directors of the Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation, the Texas Women's Alliance, the board of directors of the Valley Zoological Society and the Governor Commission for Women.

Rankin is self-employed consultant for political campaigns. She also helps in the family business of Pickard brand custom-made boots and shoes.

Rankin said the university needs to "turn out students with a good educational foundation so they can be successful [in their respective fields]."

Rankin's term on the board expires in 1993.

## Slav

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cinnati, Ohio, the Broncs will host one European team a year until 1989.

The contract also calls for the Broncs to travel abroad "some-time next year" to begin a barnstorming tour of Europe, Wall said.

## Reader's Voice

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world, but it does have its merits. Why didn't you offer some positive solutions to boredom instead of the ridiculous mumbo jumbo you wrote.

I have been in 38 states of our great nation and have lived in 5 different regions of Texas and I find the Valley a very nice place to live. The problem with the Valley is its population and those like you that love to criticize. The people of the Valley need to want to make it a more livelier area. I don't know how many new business ventures have started and failed because of lack of support that would have been excellent additions to our entertainment but I'm sure none of us could count them easily.

We as a population need to leave the Old Mexico influence behind and progress on. It accomplishes nothing to sit and complain. The university is an excellent place to start. The young students that will become the "backbone" of our community can start changing our culture if they want to. Changes like:

Take pride in PAU and support its functions.

Join student organizations and participate.

Students should try to develop traditions and functions that are fun and build loyalty to their alma mater and the community.

Students should try to do new things instead of going to the same old nightclubs and do the same old "mating" routines.

Road trips to other schools when our top ranked teams play them.

The list goes on—come on people. Do something positive instead of following the editor's line of thinking. If you don't like what you see, change it.

Bobby Bourlon

## Loan money overdue

To the Editor:

My decision to return to school for certification was based on much consideration. During the years in which I obtained my undergraduate degree I obtained several student loans. They were always secured within six weeks after submitting an application. With this in mind, I began the process in May '87 for the '87-'88 school year (I was informed that it was a substantial period of time). After four months, I started visiting the financial aid office at least every two weeks. At no time was anyone able to tell me the status of my application, give me any helpful information, or physically locate my fill.

After six months, this new efficient process Pan American University implemented had still neglected me the needed funds. Finally, last week, when my emergency loan based on receiving a student loan was due, I finally received the necessary papers to take to the bank. The bank informs me it will be 2-4 weeks.

The moral of this story—dividing tasks where people can only do what is right in front of them leads to incompetence and inefficiency. Students need to be aware of administrative problems at this university. Luckily, I live at home and do not have to worry about food and shelter unlike others.

Name withheld by request

## Campus Briefs

### UPB sponsors Meet the Prez

The University Program Board (UPB) will sponsor "Meet the President II" with Dr. Miguel Nevarez Wednesday, Dec. 9 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

Discussion will be limited to university budgets, academic affairs, and the Vision 60 committee.

"We want to get something accomplished here, and we're not going to be able to do that with people shouting out questions right and left and not getting them answered," UPB President Sandra Rodriguez said of the forum's limited focus.

Rodriguez, who will act as moderator for the question-and-answer session, said she will ask students to stand up and give their names before asking questions.

"Hopefully they will be more responsible with their name attached to the question," she said.

Rodriguez said a student had asked Nevarez during the first "Meet the President" forum if he would be willing to meet with students on a monthly basis.

"We're just acting as facilitators," Rodriguez said. "It's at the students' request that he's doing it."

### 'Huddle' offers BP check

Student Health Services welcomes all Pan Am staff and faculty members to get their blood pressure checked at the "Health Huddle" today from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the student lounge adjoining the CAS Gallery.

Medical personnel will be on hand to discuss any health problems faculty and staff members may have and dispense health information. Refreshments will be available.

### Morales to speak on rights

A Valley representative from Advocacy, Inc., a corporation to oversee and defend the rights of handicapped individuals in schools, will speak today at 7 p.m. in BA 231.

The speaker, Victoria Morales, works out of the Texas Migrant Council and is on the board of directors of MASH (Medical Assistance in Support of the Handicapped).

Morales is being sponsored by Rights for the Handicapped, an on-campus group organized to defend the civil rights of handicapped people.

Club President Rogelio Fonseca encourages students and members of the community to attend, particularly students majoring in social work, political science, sociology, and health-related professions, as well as Vocational ReHab students and disabled veterans.

For more information, or to leave a message, call the sociology department at 381-3321.

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## V-P Flores resigns

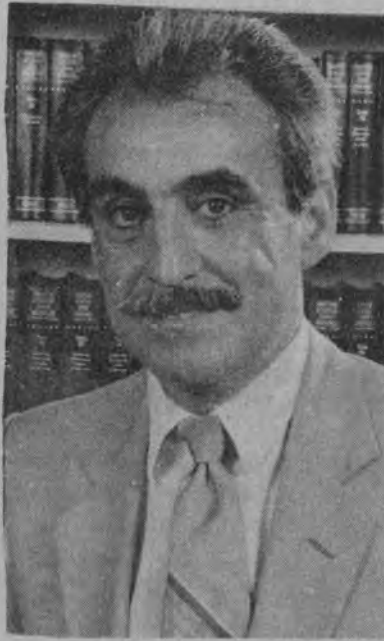
By EDWIN AGUILAR  
MARY EDNA QUIROZ  
Staff Writers

Vice President of Business Affairs Dr. Roy Flores announced his resignation Tuesday at the Board of Regents meeting. The resignation becomes effective at the end of the current fiscal year.

President Miguel Nevárez indicated he was a bit surprised by the move.

"Roy has been talking about it (resigning) for some time, but it's one thing to talk about it and another to actually do it," Nevárez said Tuesday at his residence.

Nevárez said Flores didn't point to any particular reason for the resignation aside from his desire to return to teaching. Flores was not available for comment on his move.



ROY FLORES

Flores, who holds a Ph.D. in economics from Iowa State University, will resume teaching economics in the School of Busi-

ness Administration after leaving his post. He will also conduct research on regional economic development.

Flores has been at Pan Am since 1973, when he began teaching economics courses. During the Carter administration, he served at the U.S. Dept. of State as an economic advisor.

During his tenure in office, the Division of Business Affairs drew national attention and was distinguished in the "Chronicle of Higher Education" for its faculty and staff travel services. The journal cited those departments which were able to reduce costs for faculty travel.

President Nevárez said he hopes to have the position filled by Jun. 1, 1988. He indicated that at the present moment, no candidates were under consideration.

## Student Senate plans meeting with Nevárez

By C.M. POWELL  
Managing Editor

The Student Senate voted Friday to meet with university President Miguel Nevárez to question changes made by Dean of Students Judy Vinson to the student government constitution.

Vinson recommended deleting a sentence from the constitution when it went before the Board of Regents for ratification June 2.

The sentence would have prohibited editors of "The Pan American" and "Rio" magazine on the Student Publications Committee from voting at committee meetings.

"I recommended that it be taken out because it gave the student constitution the authority to determine membership in campus life committees, and I thought that was beyond student government's authority," Vinson said.

Student Government Association (SGA) President Thelma Ramos said student government is concerned about similar actions in the future.

"It sets a precedent, that once they delete something, they will continue to do it," Ramos said Monday.

Ramos said because of the break in semesters and the SGA elections being contested, Vinson was unable to properly notify student government before the regents' meeting. The contested election meant there was no official SGA president or vice president and the senate did not

have adequate numbers to make a quorum.

Ramos said she had originally planned to go before the regents at their February meeting to debate the issue with student publications, but the senators decided Friday to focus on Vinson's action.

"I don't think we should even discuss the newspaper, that doesn't concern us here, what concerns us is her (Vinson)," said Senator J.R. Garza.

SGA faculty advisor Dr. Lee Hamilton of the English department seemed to agree.

"I think the issue was not who's right, you or publications, it's her action, and one way to get at this, since you're already going before the board, (is to) go there and tell them why you're there in the first place," Hamilton said. "We're here to have this talk because of what the dean has done, give them the background on it."

Garza urged the senators to continue trying to resolve the problem at the administrative level.

"Now we have to climb up the next step and go to President Nevárez, try to make a meeting with him to tell him this issue is very important, and if that doesn't work then we'll go to the Board of Regents," Garza said.

Nevárez said Monday he has a regular monthly meeting scheduled with Ramos and SGA Vice President Joe Flores Jr., but he does not know what they plan to discuss.

"I know they never did accept the board's decision on that," Nevárez said.

Ramos said at the meeting Friday that there is a discrepancy between the SGA constitution and the Student Publications Handbook.

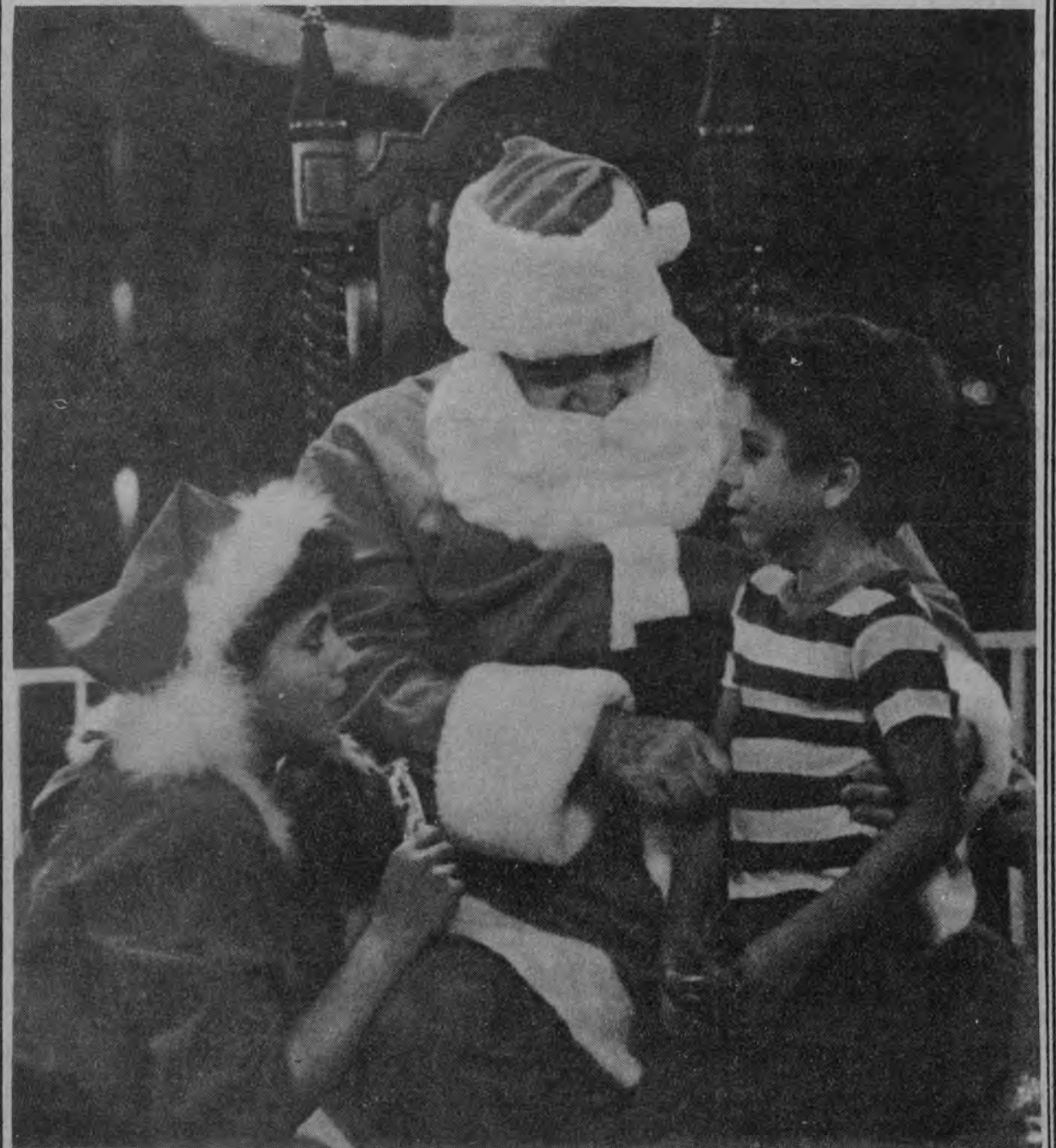
"It was because she (Vinson) said...they are supposed to be two separate entities and that student government should have no part in governing the paper, and our argument is that we're not going to be running the paper with those four positions, or two or whatever, that are on the committee....They say it's SGA representatives, (but) they're student representatives," Ramos said.

The handbook states that two student members of the committee are to be appointed by student government and two others by the Student Publications Association. The handbook also stipulates that the editors of "The Pan American" and "Rio" magazine shall be voting members except in selection of publications editors for the following year.

"The constitution says half the appointed student positions will be appointed by student government and half by Student Publications, and they (SGA) say it contradicts the student publications handbook," Vinson said.

"I think they (SGA) consider that an imbalance," she said, adding she believes SGA wants See 'Handbook' page 10

## Happy Holidays!



HO, HO HO!—A youngster at Archer Park in McAllen tells Santa Claus, otherwise known as McAllen State Bank Senior Vice President Frank Sluder, what he wants for Christmas. This is the 5th consecutive year Sluder has been Santa at the annual McAllen Christmas Candlelight Posada. (Photo by C.M. Powell)

## Faculty discuss salaries

By CYNTHIA GONZALEZ  
Staff Writer

The Faculty Senate met last week to introduce new faculty senators and to discuss the faculty salary adjustment proposals drawn up by the University Faculty Salary Committee. These proposals will be presented to President Miguel Nevárez for consideration at a later date.

The proposals on salary adjustments are a comprehensive plan to address the issues of inequity, and the retention and recruitment of quality faculty.

According to the written proposals, "the overall plan consists of six components:

- an adjustment to salaries based on national averages;
- an adjustment to salaries for faculty promoted since 1982

without remuneration for such promotion;

- an adjustment to the amount paid for overload/part-time teaching;

- an adjustment to the amount paid to teaching assistants;

- a counter-offer pool to retain faculty sought by other institutions;

- a 'special adjustments' pool for those who continue to feel 'slighted' by the previous adjustments."

The proposal also contains recommendations on summer salaries and chairperson remuneration.

The senate also decided to discuss the issue further in a meeting today before taking any action. The meeting will be at 3:10 p. m. in BA 116.

Hugh Miller of the history department also presented the results of an investigation on the accreditation and rationale of the School of Business.

Scheduled speaker State Representative, Juan Hinojosa was unable to attend the meeting but will meet with the Faculty Senate at a later date to discuss the possibility of PAU merging with UT at Austin.

The new members on the Faculty Senate include from the School of Communication, Arts and Sciences, David Alvarez, Don Fritz, Robert Lonard, Glynn Morgan and Ramiro Rea. Carl Carlan and John C. Nichols are new senators from the School of Education, and Emily McCormick from the School of Health Related Professions.

## Grad fellowships available

By BENG LEONG LIM  
Staff Writer

The university chapter of Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society is accepting applications from outstanding senior students for a Graduate Fellowship of up to \$6000 for first-year graduate or professional study.

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and today there are 245 chapters in universities and colleges throughout the nation.

## Nelson: Contras target care

By EDWIN AGUILAR  
Copy Editor

Health care in Nicaragua, rated by the World Health Organization as being one of the top five model health-care countries in the world, was discussed by Dr. Al Nelson Thursday in LA 101.

Nelson, a professor of sociology who has recently returned from a conference on health care in Nicaragua, said the Sandinistas have made health care a number-one priority.

During the 1981 Health Days, a national health campaign sponsored by the government, for example, 70-80 percent of the population was immunized against tuberculosis, malaria and polio.

Today most health care in

Nicaragua is being provided by Brigadistas de Salud, lay persons skilled in providing basic medical attention. The brigadistas distribute medical supplies and help to administer them.

Nelson said the brigadistas are frequently targeted by the U.S. backed contras, their medical facilities often destroyed by the rebels.

A report on health conditions, Nelson said, "of necessity must be a discussion of U.S. policy there too." Rebels have targeted health clinics in the north of Nicaragua, thus reducing health care there to a bare minimum.

"It is the practice of the contras to target health-care centers," Nelson said, quoting a Harvard study.

"If you consciously destroy the health-care centers, you know you are destroying the oral rehydration centers, and you know you are condemning to death children under five," Nelson said.

The purpose of the rehydration centers is to keep victims of crippling diarrhea from dying of dehydration.

Nelson said health conditions have greatly improved since the overthrow of the Somoza regime, but remain at a primitive stage of development.

He said Nicaragua has only one birthing hospital, one neurosurgeon, a short supply of medical supplies, and equipment that is broken or has fallen apart.

This is the final issue of 'The Pan American' this semester. Publication will resume Jan. 21.

## Debate tickets available

Two hundred and fifty free tickets for the Democratic debate on campus Tuesday will be made available to students Monday in UC 205 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dean of Students Judy Vinson said tickets will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis, and be limited to one ticket per student.

The debate, which will feature all six Democratic presidential candidates, including frontrunner the Rev. Jesse Jackson, will take place at the PAU Fieldhouse at 7-8:30 p.m.

## Crime Stoppers Crime of the Week

### Cameras stolen

The theft of camera equipment Nov. 17 from a residence at 509 West Champion is the Edinburg Crime Stoppers' "Crime of the Week."

Between 8 a.m. and 3:45 p.m., unknown subjects entered the house, possibly through a bedroom window on the northwest side which was later found to have been tampered with. The thieves removed Canon AE-1 and Minolta cameras, a Sony video camera, a 50 mm Canon lens, a 35 to 200 mm Minolta lens, a 134 mm Vivitar lens and other camera accessories.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Edinburg Police Department or Crime Stoppers at 383-TIPS. Cash rewards of up to \$1,000 are paid for information leading to an arrest and indictment. All calls are kept strictly confidential.

## Crime Report

### Student's car lifted, moved to lawn

A case of criminal mischief near the Men's Residence Hall Dec. 1 was reported to Traffic and Security.

Between 8 p.m. Dec. 1 and 8:15 a.m. Dec. 2, a blue 1986 Nissan Sentra was physically picked up and moved from the service drive to the lawn. The car had a flat tire and grass and mud on it.

Other campus crimes reported in the last week include:

**Nov. 19** - Books and a permit were reported stolen from a blue 1976 Datsun, Texas license 734-LAK, between Nov. 19 and Nov. 24. The total approximate value of the theft is \$52.

**Nov. 28** - A parking permit was reported stolen between Nov. 28 and Nov. 30 from a brown 1979 Ford Van.

**Nov. 29** - A parking permit, B-8141, was reported lost from a brown Lincoln, Texas license 274-NHA. The value of the permit is \$36.

**Nov. 30** - A case of simple assault was reported in which one female student struck another at 8:30 p.m. in the east covered walkway. The case has been referred to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action.

**Dec. 2** - A burglary of a vehicle was reported in which a parking permit was stolen between 8:30 a.m. and 4:35 p.m. from a beige 1981 Subaru, license number 542-KBQ, parked in Lot G.

**Dec. 5** - A case of harrasment by telephone was reported in the Women's Residence Hall. Between 4:10 and 4:50 a.m., a male from off-campus using vulgar language telephoned the main line at the dormitory.

## Spirit of giving already here



Sgt. Mike Garcia of Traffic and Security writes up yet another illegally parked car. The hand-held Ticketrak computers are still in use despite computer system problems, which are expected to be resolved by the end of the week. Security will not be sending out bills for outstanding violations at the end of this semester because of the new computer system, but bills will be printed at the end of the spring semester as usual. (Photo by Carlos Vasquez)

## Classes/Courses

### Auditions begin for course

Auditions begin today at 5 p.m. for roles in two productions that will make up the Children's Theatre class, COMM 4305.

"Tell Me A Story," directed by Tina Atkins, and "Come to the Wishing Place," directed by Lee Hibbetts, are the plays students in the class will take "on the road."

Dr. Marian Monta of the communications department said students who do not audition may still enroll for the class to fill technical positions.

"We will use the skills that people have," Monta said.

Actors in "Story" must be available to perform any weekdays in January. "Wishing Place" will rehearse during February and the actors must be able to perform throughout March except for spring break.

Monta said she will try to keep the course's tours at public schools from interrupting other class schedules.

Another communications course, Special Problems in Acting, or COMM 4419, will center on a full production of a TV movie. Monta said she will serve as director and Dr. Jack Stanley, who will teach the class, will be the executive producer, but the rest of the jobs, from acting to technical work, will be filled by students.

Unlike the Children's Theatre class, casting for Stanley's television course will be done after registration.

### Business to offer new class

The School of Business will offer AIS 3308, Office Systems Procedures, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:10-10:35 for the first time beginning this spring.

Required for all Administration Information System majors, the course will cover topics such as electronic information processing, telecommunications, and machine dictation and transcription.

Instructor Margaret Allison said the course will show students how to use the new electronic equipment now being used in offices.

The course was formerly known as General Business 2308, Secretarial Training.

### 3 to team-teach course

An experimental class in social science methodology will be offered this spring by the College of Arts and Science.

The interdisciplinary course will be listed in the spring schedule as History 4395, Political Science 3318 and Sociology 4383.

Dr. Christopher L. Miller, assistant professor of history, Dr. Manuel Lopez, department chair and professor of sociology, and Dr. Robert Wrinkle, professor of political science, will be co-instructors in the course.

The course will involve a case study approach and students will solve problems in research and analysis.

Enrollment will be limited and student admission will be by permission of the instructors only.

### Software to be taught

Administrative Information Systems (AIS) in the business administration department will be offering classes in computer keyboarding and typewriting during the spring semester.

The course, AIS 1301, will teach students how to use WordPerfect software to generate their own term papers, business letters and other documents.

Four sections of AIS 1301 will be offered with a maximum of 25 students per section.

Students will be able to return to the microcomputer lab in subsequent semesters to produce term papers and reports.

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# Campus Briefs

## National test dates listed

The Office of Placement and Testing has released a list of dates and registration deadlines for national tests available on campus during the spring semester.

The ACT (American College Testing) examination, required for registration at Pan American and many other colleges and universities, will be administered Feb. 27, April 16 and June 11. Registration deadlines are Jan. 29, March 8 and May 13.

The CLEP (College Level Exam Program) will be given Jan. 13, March 16, May 18 and June 15. Deadline to register for the Jan. 13 test is Dec. 16. Other CLEP deadlines are Feb. 17, March 16, April 20 and May 18.

The GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test) will be given March 19 and June 18 with registration deadlines Feb. 16 and May 16.

The GRE (Graduate Record Exam) will be administered Dec. 12, Feb. 6, April 9 and June 4. The registration for the Dec. 12 exam was Nov. 6, but the deadlines for the other test dates are Jan. 4, March 4 and May 2.

The LSAT (Law School Admission Test) is scheduled for Dec. 12 and Feb. 20 with deadlines Nov. 12 and Jan. 21.

Test dates for the P-PST (Pre-Professional Skills Test) are March 5 and June 25. Registration deadlines are Feb. 5 and March 27.

The GED (General Educational Development Test) is given every Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5:30 p.m. Individuals must report for this test at 8 a.m. or 1 p.m.

For more information on test dates, deadlines or fees call 381-2247 or stop by the testing office at Student Services Room 153.

## 'Meet the Prez' today

The University Program Board (UPB) will sponsor a second forum, "Meet the President II," with Dr. Miguel Nevárez today from 11:45 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. "I certainly didn't mean to make it an inconvenient thing," Nevárez said. He said he was out of town on coordinating board business last week, and the Board of Regents will meet Tuesday.

"Thursday is a dead day, and the students thought that was a bad idea," Nevárez added.

"My original attempt was to have it the 8th (Tuesday), which realistically speaking that's the only time students can meet, activity period," UPB President Sandra Rodriguez said. "As it is they (Nevárez' office) wanted to have it from 12 to 1, which would have cut into two class periods. We got him to change the time."

"They'll (students) only have to skip that one class period instead of two," Rodriguez said. "That was the best we could come up with."

Rodriguez will act as moderator for the question-and-answer session, which will be limited to discussion of university budgets, academic affairs and the Vision 60 committee.

## ExCET test forms due Jan. 2

Registration forms for the next ExCET test, scheduled for Feb. 20, 1988, need to be postmarked by Jan. 2, 1988 and be received by National Evaluation Systems in Massachusetts no more than six days after deadline.

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  6. they hold a current Texas one-year certificate issued by the Texas Education Agency;
- Registration forms can be obtained at the Certification office in the Education Building Room 149.



**TEACHING THE TEACHERS**—Houston educator and guest speaker Linda Black explains a classroom activity to other history teachers Saturday at a workshop sponsored by the university's Meadows Program for Teaching Excellence. The workshops, also known as the Model Teachers Project, are designed to help Region I teachers of grades 6-12 English, mathematics and history. The next workshop will be held in the CAS Building March 19. (Photo by C.M. Powell)

Rubes®

By Leigh Rubin



## Psychology course to study great apes

Psychology 4383, a special and field work. Course work topics course on the study of the great apes—chimpanzees, gorillas and orangutans—will be offered for the first time next semester, said Dr. Valerie James-Aldridge, associate professor and department chair.

Designed for juniors and seniors only, the course will consist of equal halves of course work

will include readings in books and journals, listening to lectures, and viewing films and tapes. Field work will consist of collecting data on a cooperative project at the Gladys Porter Zoo in Brownsville.

Aldridge has worked with chimpanzees, gorillas and

orangutans at the zoo for several years and believes students will find the course work interesting.

"We plan in mid or late April to have a field trip to the Science Park in Bastrop, Texas," Aldridge said. She said the park, part of the M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute at University of Texas System Cancer

Center, has about 120 chimpanzees.

For the first third of the course, classes will meet three days a week MWF from 10:45 to 11:35 a.m. The second third, classes will meet two days a week. For the remaining third of the course, classes will meet one day a week. Students will spend to remainder of the course collecting data on their own time.

Course work exams will consist of take-home exams, which will count toward one-half of the course grade. The other half will come from field work projects.

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# ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

## Art exhibit opens



**MODERN-DAY MEDUSA**—A bronze and granite sculpture by art department chairman Richard Hyslin titled "Girl with Plum" is just part of the department's annual faculty/student show and sale in the CAS Gallery. The exhibit, open Mondays through Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m., will continue through Dec. 22. (Photo by Carlos Vasquez)

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The world's longest chess match between Vladimir Lipovitch and Ivan Zundorfski was disqualified from The Guinness Book of World Records when both players were discovered to be deceased.

## Arts & Entertainment Briefs

### PAUT releases play schedule

Two major productions in the 1988-89 Pan American University Theater season will feature members of the communications department faculty in starring roles.

Dr. Doug Cummins will play the part of the priest in "Mass Appeal," scheduled to run Sept. 22-25, and Dr. Marian Monta will play the mother in "Night Mother" Jan. 26-29. Both shows will be directed by Theatre Manager Linda Donahue.

Monta will direct the American College Theater Festival entry "Man of Mode," scheduled for October and November. "Amadeus," directed by Cummins, will run two weekends, Feb. 23-26 and March 3-4.

The theme for Pan American Summer Stock (PASS) is "Life's a Beach." All three plays, "To Gillian on her 37th Birthday," "The Beach House" and the musical "The Boyfriend" are set at the beach.

The Family Theatre Show of children's plays is scheduled for April 27-30. The titles and director have not been selected.

### Cuellar to perform today

Oscar Cuellar will perform his Senior music recital on trumpet today at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall. Admission is free.

Cuellar, a student of Associate Professor of Music Dean Canty, will perform works by Purcell, Barat, Chailleux, Goedicke and Ropartz.

Cuellar co-founded "The Mariachi Del Valle" and has been a member of the group for 15 years. He also taught Mariachi music in the La Joya Independent School District for two and a half years.

The recital is part of Cuellar's requirements for a bachelor of arts degree in music education.

### Whalen to give recital

Mezzo-soprano Shirley Whalen will perform her senior recital Friday at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall. Admission is free.

Whalen will perform works by Handel, Mahler, Faure and Tchaikovsky as well as American folk ballads. She will be accompanied on piano by music professor Dr. John Raimo.

Whalen has been a soloist for the Pau Choir and the Valley Symphony Choir. She is also a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Alpha Chi, two national honor fraternities.

The recital fulfills part of Whalen's requirement for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Performance.

### Students to join Posadas

Students from freshman Spanish classes will participate in the fourth annual Las Posadas program at 7 p.m. Dec. 12 in downtown Edinburg.

Las Posadas (The Inns), the traditional story of the search by Joseph and Mary for shelter for the birth of the infant Jesus, has a social as well as a religious aspect, said foreign languages professor Sylvia Dominguez, producer and director of the event.

Miguel Angel Farias, Imelda Robledo and Jose Perez, all students in one of Dominguez' beginning Spanish classes for bilingual students, will play the parts of Joseph, Mary, and the Innkeeper.

Other students will be singers and dancers for the event, sponsored by the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce.

### Outfield concert set

Pop superstars The Outfield will bring their distinctive brand of Top 40 music to Jody Ramsey Field Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$11 and are available at any Medico store. The concert is sponsored by B-104, Medico, and Miller Lite beer.

### Foreigner casting delayed

Casting for "The Foreigner," the first Pan American University Theater production of the spring semester, has been delayed because two of the actors selected for roles have taken positions with a professional touring company.

Brian Warren, who was cast as David, and his wife Dana Warren, who was cast as Catherine, were offered parts in a New York touring production of "Funny Girl" within hours of the "Foreigner" casting, director Marian Monta said. The two students will rehearse in New York for two weeks starting Jan. 2 and then begin the tour.

The complete cast is Brad Stevens as Froggy, Jeff Marquis as Charlie, Cindy Ransom as Betty, Mara Lee Rowin as Ellard and Carter Robinson as Owen. Auditions for the two vacancies were held last night but the results were not available at press time.

"I was very impressed by the (original) auditions," Monta said. "I'm not really concerned about the recasting."

"The Foreigner" follows the adventures of a shy Englishman spending a few days at a Georgia hunting lodge. He avoids conversing with the other guests by pretending to speak no English.

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# VIEWS/REVIEWS

## Cooper rocks Valley



By PANFILO GARCIA  
Staff Writer

Monday night the Villa Real Convention Center in McAllen resembled a set from a horror movie, complete with gallows, a dungeon and assorted body parts. Yes, Alice Cooper had come to the Valley.

Cooper, the master of macabre shock rock, played an intensified concert to the delight of the audience. His elaborate stage set and theatrical antics made the concert a visual as well as auditory experience.

Cooper's concert, a little more than an hour long, was choreographed to a tee.

Special effects included Cooper beheading an 8-foot monster, the slashing a woman's throat and fending off assorted ghouls. During the show, Cooper brandished a large python, which he let slither around his neck. The concert culminated with Cooper being overpowered by a group of mechanics and taken up to the gallows. The noose was placed around Cooper's neck and *wham*, the trap door swung open, leaving Cooper hanging at the end of the noose.

Even with all the spectacle, the theatrics did not overpower the music, which was performed with flawless grace. The mixing was done so that no single instrument dominated the sound.

Cooper's vocals were excellent as he performed both new and old songs, including "No More Mister Nice Guy" and his encore rendition of "School's Out."

The opening act, Guns and Roses, left much to be desired. The band's motto seemed to be "the louder the better." The sound was so loud and distorted it was almost impossible to distinguish the different instruments.

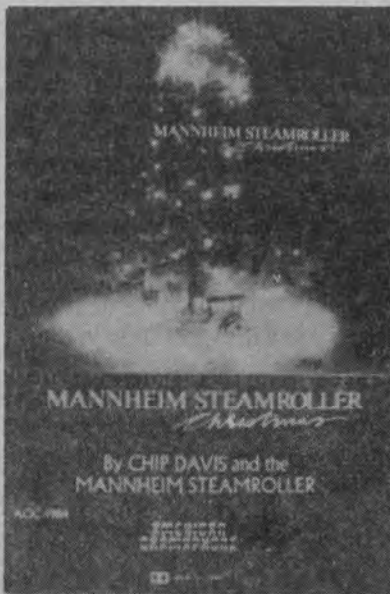
The vocals were virtually inaudible from the group's head-banger lead vocalist. The only song in which the vocals are distinguishable was their surprisingly good rendition of Bob Dylan's "Knocking On Heaven's Door."

Alice Cooper proved "dinosaurs" can still rock with the best of them. Cooper may have aged a bit, but his music and onstage actions are still young and vibrant.

## Yuletide melodies given new twist

By PANFILO GARCIA  
Staff Writer

Two albums released this Christmas season present a special musical interpretation of the holidays.



**Manheim Steamroller Christmas** (American Gramophone Records)—"Manheim Steamroller Christmas" does something many Christmas albums fail to do. It breathes new life into some old Christmas classics.

Manheim Steamroller, the band, uses a unique combination of various musical styles and instruments on the album.

Their version of the Christmas classic "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" starts off in the traditional fashion with harpsichord, strings and woodwinds. This flows into the second verse with its jazzy use of horns, synthesizer and drums. The song ends with a wonderful interplay between harpsichord and piano.

"Stille Nacht" (Silent Night) is performed with the same blend of old and new, adding Gregorian chant-like vocals and strings/synthesizer.

"We Three Kings," "Wassail, Wassail," and three other songs are performed to perfection in traditional form, with their excellent use of woodwinds, strings, and harpsichord.

Manheim Steamroller's jazzed-up versions of "Deck The Halls" and "Good King Wenceslas" add much depth to the album. Both use synthesizer and drums to revitalize the songs without changing the original melody.

"Manheim Steamroller Christmas" is a perfect Christmas album for someone who likes the traditional Christmas tunes but craves fresh, innovative renditions of the music.

**A Very Special Christmas** (Special Olympics Productions)—For those of you who want a rockin' Christmas, this is

it. "A Very Special Christmas" is a compilation album of pop superstars, such as Bruce Springsteen, Bryan Adams, Madonna, John Cougar Mellencamp, U2, Sting and many more.

Album proceeds go toward Special Olympics, so you're not just buying a good album, you're donating to a worthy cause.



"A Very Special Christmas" includes some memorable versions of the usual Christmas songs.

The best is The Eurythmics' distinctive version of "Winter Wonderland," which features Annie Lennox's powerful vocals backed by Dave Stewart's

mystical music. Bob Seger's "The Little Drummer Boy" is flawless, as is Alison Moyet's version of "The Coventry Carol," which stands out as the most dynamic vocal performance on the album.

Bryan Adams' "Run Rudolph Run" sounds very much like 50s Chuck Berry. Sting's "Gabriel's Message" rings through with power and conviction making you stop and listen to the song.

Run-D.M.C. present their "Christmas in Hollis," probably the first rapping Christmas song ever recorded.

John Cougar Mellencamp adds his fiddle and accordion rendition of "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" to give the album that down-home flavor, and Madonna gives the album a nostalgic feeling with her 40s-like musical rendition of "Santa Baby."

The only real disappointment of this album is Stevie Nicks' version of "Silent Night." I say "nix" to Nicks on this song. She has a good voice, but this song just does not facilitate it.

Overall, "A Very Special Christmas" is a good Christmas album for the young generation. This is a good album to crank up during holiday parties.

## 'Planes' flies high with adult comedy

By GILBERT GARCIA

Writer/producer/director John Hughes, the creative force behind such youth-oriented films as "Sixteen Candles" and "The Breakfast Club," has shifted his focus to the adult world.

Hughes, who has built his reputation by bringing thought-provoking material to film genres otherwise dominated by cheap exploitation, proves surprisingly adept at dealing with adult characters and scenarios in his latest film, "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles."

Hughes has always strived for a proper balance between comedy and drama. At times the mix has been an uneasy one.

In "The Breakfast Club," for instance, his pretensions sabotaged many promising comic moments and created an overwrought atmosphere.

With "Planes," however, Hughes employs a lighter touch and is much more successful.

"Planes" stars Steve Martin as Neal Page, a marketing executive who tries to get home for the Thanksgiving holidays. However, disaster strikes at every turn.

Along the way Neal meets Del Griffith, a crude curtain-ring salesman played by John Candy. Del's bumbling efforts to get them to Chicago meet with indignation from Neal.

During the course of their improbable odyssey, an odd kinship develops between the two men and the film ends on a note that seems appropriate for the holiday season.

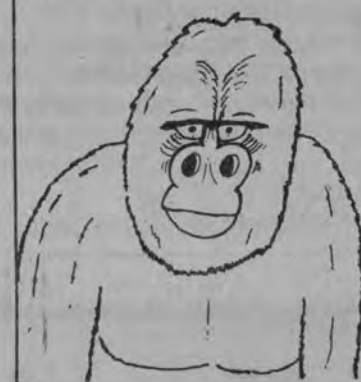
The man who has everything (Neal) learns from the man who has nothing (Del). Del causes Neal to reassess his own intolerant attitudes. When Neal says he has gained from the experience, we believe him.

Hughes wisely trusts the chemistry between the stars and his direction is unobtrusive. Martin has grown from a stand-up comic to a versatile film actor. His understated performance captures Neal's arrogance without losing the humanity beneath the surface.

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Candy. Given his best role since "Stripes," the former SCTV star pulls off the Chaplinesque trick of combining comedy with pathos. Despite his burly frame, he somehow manages to convey sensitivity and vulnerability.

"Planes, Trains, and Automobiles" is Hughes' most mature film. It is an insightful comedy that provides valuable lessons about human nature without being preachy.

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# McGovern visits Chinese educators



slowly beginning to "take hold," and in the U.S. it has been discovered that youngsters who have their natural signs modified do better in terms of reading and writing.

He said his group was able to freely exchange ideas with the Chinese at the conference.

"We sat many evenings talking with principals and teachers of the deaf about the things that were good in their dealings with the deaf and where they had problems," he said.

The group was able to give the Chinese official ways to get around or solve problems with deaf students because some of these problems had already been encountered in the U.S.

Members of the group were impressed with the great amount of activity taking place in the area of education for the deaf in China.

"They put a lot of effort into improving the schools and educational activities for the deaf and hearing impaired," McGovern said.

McGovern said he was pleased by the way all deaf school children in China receive not only basic skills to work but also develop aesthetic skills.

"We saw deaf children doing beautiful works of art...sculptures and paintings," McGovern said. "Having musical talents and playing instruments they could not hear, and they were dancing and acting. That is what we would consider the aesthetic aspect."

In the U.S. relatively little aesthetic development takes place in the schools because the emphasis is on academic skills, McGovern said.

"They have a fine appreciation of life and we are seeing an attempt (by the Chinese) at developing what we often say is a well-rounded student," he said.

The group of Americans was also impressed by the fact that in

China the deaf, blind and mentally retarded are given the opportunity to have jobs and an income, and thus learn to interact with society.

"In China there is no welfare, everybody works," McGovern said. "People feel they are contributing members of society because they have something to do."

One problem seen in the U.S. is that from the time people are discovered to be deaf, blind or mentally retarded, they begin to receive assistance from the government and become dependent, McGovern said.

"That's something we can learn from them," he said.

The population of deaf people in China is larger than in the U.S. and the general population figures of China indicate that the number of children born with hearing impaired problems or deaf is slightly larger, he said.

"By the year 2000, they're going to need a quarter of a million teachers and personnel for the deaf," McGovern said.

Chinese officials are working on the problem and part of the effort involves sending some of its brighter students in educating the deaf and hearing impaired to the U.S., where they can learn teaching techniques, then later return to China and put them into practice.

During his visit McGovern met with prospective students interested in deaf education, who were interested in coming to study in the U.S. One student he met during his previous trip to China in 1986 was Mr. Wang Guan Gxue, who is now studying Communication Disorders at Pan Am.

Besides exchanging educational ideas with the Chinese, McGovern also saw many changes taking place in China, noting the difference in the way in which the group was treated during his '86 and '87 trips.

# PAU group aids Mexican school

By CELIA N. DIAZ

Students at La Escuela Para Los Sordos, a school for the deaf in Jalisco, Mexico, will have more to be thankful for this holiday season because of the efforts of Communications Chairman Carl McGovern and members of the National Student Speech and Hearing Language Association (NSSHLA).

With the help of McGovern and NSSHLA club members, the students will be receiving various school supplies, such as crayons, writing tablets, rulers, pencils, markers, erasers, scissors, construction paper, as well as a pencil sharpener for the classroom.

The school is located in Jalisco, about 50 miles outside of Guadalajara. Both children and adults attend this school, with ages ranging from two to 26 years old.

McGovern was invited to the school to lecture on methods of dealing with the hearing impaired last May. The workshop was for its teachers, counselors, and administrators who work directly with the deaf and hearing impaired.

McGovern said the school depends upon funds from private

sources, primarily the United States and Canada.

NSSHLA members raised the money for the supplies by having bake sales. The supplies, with a retail value of \$115, were purchased in Pharr at O'Neills where they received a discount. The supplies will be sent to Mexico as soon as possible.

"It gives me a good, worthwhile feeling helping people who are deprived of these materials, when we have a surplus of materials ourselves," club member Connie Horta said.

"Sometimes clubs lose sight of what they are created for, by raising money for trips or parties, when the original purpose is to serve the community and others," said Melissa Pacheco, club treasurer. "We heard about this school through Mr. McGovern and decided to accomplish our purpose by helping those who are less fortunate."

There are currently 32 members in NSSHLA, which has been in existence since 1979. Officers include President Alicia Gonzalez, Vice President Sandy Gonzalez, Secretary Martina Villarreal and Treasurer Melissa Pacheco. Club advisor is Luciano Valles, who teaches graduate courses at PAU.

By MARY EDNA QUIROZ  
Staff Writer

Along with a group of six other people, Communications Chair Carl McGovern toured various cities in China at the request of the Chinese government this October to share ideas at a conference on teaching the hearing impaired.

The Shandong Provincial Ministry of Education invited McGovern to present his paper, "Rethinking Sign Language," at

the 100th Anniversary of Deaf Education in China.

McGovern's paper was a basic proposal that educators begin to train deaf students so that sign language matches the oral and written language.

"Much of the sign language used is developed from universal signs and these natural universal signs don't always fit the syntax of the language," McGovern said.

McGovern said his idea is

allowed to sell their goods at the marketplace after meeting their government quotas.

"It appears much more open than it once was," McGovern said.

While touring the cities in the Shandong Province, Providence,

McGovern noticed the Chinese were curious about the Americans and their style of life, often staring and looking at everything the group did wherever they went.

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"In '86 they (officials) were somewhat hesitant to allow us free access and tour activities," he said. "Everywhere we went, we had at least one interpreter who was a government official. This time we could go pretty much where we wanted to in terms of shopping."

McGovern also said he was somewhat surprised at the way the administrators and common people talked about the changes taking place in China.

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL

## AIDS funding prognosis poor

**Q:** How much is the health and welfare of you, your children and loved ones worth in the state of Texas?  
**A:** Nine cents per person.

That's the average amount, according to a survey done by the Texas Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Activities, the state will spend during 1987-88 on AIDS education and health-related services, compared to the national average of 53 cents per person.

The survey indicates that Texas, which has the fourth largest population of AIDS victims in the United States—trailing behind New York, California and Florida—is spending less than one-sixth as much as most states.

New Jersey, which ranks fifth in population of AIDS victims, spends \$1.31 per person. Only four other states, Ohio, Georgia, Pennsylvania and Iowa, spend less on AIDS programs than Texas.

Latest figures from the Texas Department of Health indicate no slowdown or decline in the reported cases of the virus. Between 1983 and August of this year 2,699 cases were diagnosed in Texas. The department now lists 3,260 cases.

The reason Texas isn't spending more money on AIDS programs is because the state Legislature has failed to provide adequate funding for the programs, and because the Texas Department of Health has sought out only a small percentage of the federal funding available.

For 1987-88 the Legislature, a law-making body legendary for its extreme stinginess in regard to health and human services, has approved only \$ 2.1 million for AIDS programs—which is a fraction of the kind of funding required to deal with the AIDS problem.

Sources of federal funds, moreover, have hardly been touched. Thus far the health department has applied for and received only 1.9 percent of the funding available, while the state's fair share, based on the number of AIDS cases, should be close to 6 percent of the available funding.

Until public support forces the Legislature and health department to make AIDS a top-priority issue, making available whatever funds or resources are required, the only realistic expectation is that the virus will continue to spread and reach even greater proportions.

Although little is really known or understood about the AIDS virus, one thing is indisputable: Disease and ignorance are an unbeatable combination.

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## It's the gift that counts

By EDWIN AGUILAR  
 Copy Editor

**Y**es, the Christmas season is upon us once again, though it can certainly be argued exactly what that means. Is Christmas a time of quiet reverence, when one can contemplate the birth of Christ, or a time when one can greedily await loads and loads of presents under the Christmas tree?

The answer is obvious: Christmas is about receiving gifts, that's all. There is no point debating the particulars of it; Christmas would be meaningless without presents.

I, like many other people, simply cannot wait to open all the pretty wrapped packages that await like hidden treasures under a sagging Douglas Fir. I hover around the tree early Christmas morning waiting for the rest of the family to make their sleepy entrance into the parlor. Once they enter the room, it's time to open those lovely little packages.

The sheer joy one experiences upon learning the biggest box has your name on it is incapacitating; even if it does mean your little brother cries for hours.

Gift-getting is a wonderful experience. It's an even better experience, though, if one didn't bother to buy anyone else a gift. When that happens, I always think to myself: What a bargain!

Occasionally, friends ask me why they didn't receive any gifts from me. Then I say that I wanted to get them eternal inner peace, but I couldn't find a box it would fit in, so they'll just have to wait until next year. I try to look as sincere as possible when I say it. It usually works.

It should be clarified, however, that inexpensive gifts are never quite as wonderful as expensive ones.

People also shouldn't be required to purchase gifts for others. That, after all, would be contrary to the true spirit of Christmas. Everyone has an equal right to be a damn cheapskate if they so desire, so go ahead and don't buy a gift. If a gift doesn't come from the heart, I don't want it. There is no point trying to convince

me otherwise and no point in feeling guilty about it. Go ahead, be a cheapo.

Can anyone really imagine a Christmas without gifts? Probably not. After all, if Christmas were really about something else, why would the malls decorate the day after Thanksgiving?

I was still burping up bits of gobbler when I saw my first seasonal display this year. (I was at the mall pointing out to friends what I considered to be this year's best gift choices.) I was in Nirvana the whole afternoon as I mentally wrapped up my favorites.

Every display spoke to me in the words of that old holiday favorite, "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, everywhere you go..."

Happy shopping, friends—and keep me in mind.

My favorite Christmas gifts are expensive ones. I like big-ticket items that break the wallets of both family and friends. Hi-tech equipment and precious metals are best.

## Column á la mode

When they buy those expensive tidbits I've whined months for, I know they care about me in a way I could never possibly reciprocate (the chumps). Remember, nothing says I love you like being told by friends they are in calamitous debt because of holiday gift purchases.

Occasionally, it's nice to receive an inexpensive gift, but one with some sentimental value to the giver. A pound of flesh from the area nearest to the heart, for instance, is an inexpensive gift that carries with it a truly special meaning. Perhaps people should consider wrapping up a favorite sibling as a gift for that special someone.

## Reader's Voice

### Articles criticized

To the Editor:

The 3 December issue of "The Pan American" was depressing. Three articles demonstrate that the University continues to lack leadership as well as an understanding of the nature of higher education.

The first article profiled newly appointed Regent Noe Fernandez who was quoted as stating that Pan American needs to be "turning out a good product." Regent Fernandez is confusing human beings with bolts of cloth. Anyone who confuses human beings with a "product" is unlikely to be very useful to institutions dedicated to the service of people.

While Regent Fernandez may genuinely want to improve the overall quality of Pan American University, he already has demonstrated a lack of understanding, an incorrect mindset and probably a lack of ability to be of any meaningful benefit to the University.

A major problem with our educational system is that we regard education in terms of business and industry. Thus, students are not human beings.

As the conveyor belt moves through the educational "factory," product units are temporarily deposited at stations where procedures are performed on them to give them specific attributes in terms of shape, size, weight, color and functional capabilities. At the end of the assembly line (graduation), the factory's logo is stamped on the "product."

Regent Fernandez suggests that the problem with Pan American University is that the Pan American logo (diploma) doesn't mean anything, or at least not enough. Therefore, we need to modify the assembly line, or the raw materials we process, or both, so that the logo "means something." We might ask "means what to whom?" But that answer is self-evident—"means something" to purveyors of bolts of cloth.

Unfortunately Regent Fernandez is not alone. This mentality permeates the Board of Regents, which should not be surprising given how Board members are selected. We might wonder at the reaction of medical doctors and lawyers if governing boards for their professions were presided over by lay personnel having no specific education, training or

experience in these professions.

We should question why universities must labor under the governance of persons whose sole qualifications for appointment are that they have made substantial monetary contributions to political campaigns, or have the "right" political connections, and who usually have amassed (or inherited or married someone who amassed) considerable wealth—not to mention of course having the "right" political ideology.

Nor should we only fault our Regents. Even President Nevarez has a penchant for referring to PAU students as "products"—one more manifestation of his general unsuitability to be President of this "university".

The second article concerned Dr. Nevarez' laudable agreement to meet with students monthly to improve overall relations between the student body and the administration. Unfortunately, as with many of Dr. Nevarez' actions, one step forward was coupled with two steps backwards.

First he scheduled the first such monthly meeting for 11:45 a.m., Wednesday, 9 December. This is a peak class time on the last day of classes.

Clearly nothing will be accomplished if students are raucous, but PAU student traditionally are so docile and subservient to authority that manifestations of frustration and righteous indignation apparently have been confused with insurrection. While there is no problem in wanting an agenda and an orderly meeting, there are problems with attempting to create an intimidating environment which inhibits students from expressing both their concerns and their frustrations.

If Dr. Nevarez cannot handle spirited questioning from a few disgruntled students, we must wonder how he would respond to a real student protest.

Finally, "The Pan American's" statement that the Vision 60 Committee "has been maligning by a vocal minority of the student body..." should be questioned. One question might be: "What is there to malign?" "Malign" means to "slander, defame."

One cannot help speculate that such scheduling was not accidental. Has the President been so busy that no earlier day, preferably a Tuesday or Thursday Activity Period, could not

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# Valiant Broncs fall to UH

By GILBERTO REYES, JR.  
Sports Editor

An inspired performance by the Broncs defense was not enough to overcome a game-high 24-point performance by University of Houston center Rolando Ferreira Saturday night as Pan Am lost 65-59, pushing their record against the Cougars to 0-6.

Pan Am's Kevin Johnson, whose 22 points and 10 rebounds led the charged-up Broncs, repeatedly kept them in the game by breaking scoring droughts that lasted up to four and a half minutes long.

The Cougars took control of the opening tip and proceeded to score the first eight points of the game, prompting Pan Am Coach Kevin Wall to call a time out to regroup his players.

"We wanted to go in and get them at the outset of the game and have a good start," Wall said, "but we had some early misses and because of that, we got tight."

After the time out, the Broncs outscored Houston 9-5 to pull to within 5 points of the Cougars.

The Cougars came back, and over the next three minutes outscored Pan Am 10-0 to take what seemed to be a commanding 14-point lead.

Pan Am made one final push with less than two minutes left to play, as Lee Boddie scored six of his 17 points with two 3-point goals. The Broncs were unable to get the quick fouls, the ones that would make Houston win the game from the free throw line, and time expired.

"We were a little nervous at the beginning of the game, but we always thought we were going to win," Swift said.

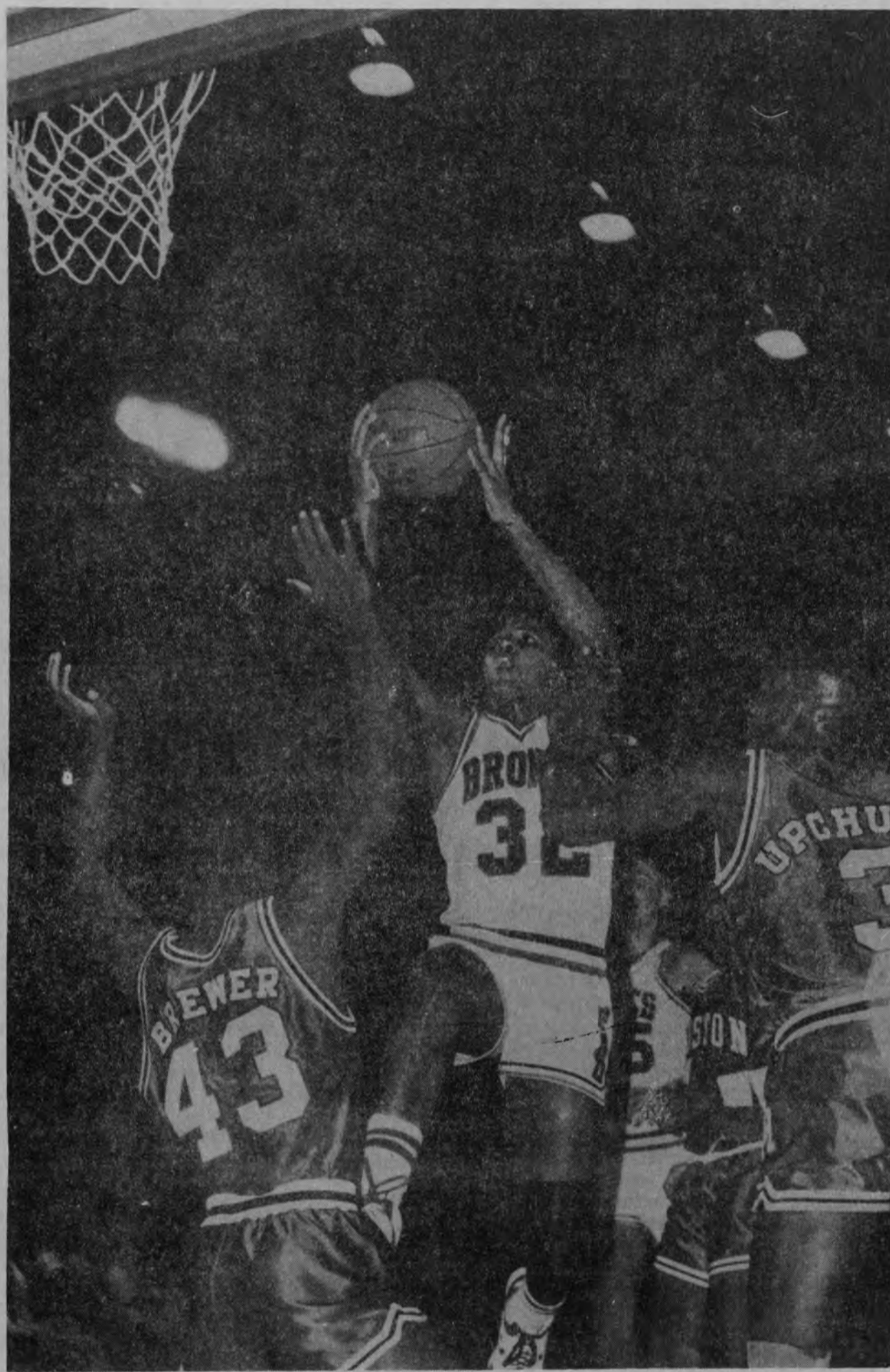
Wall gave the Cougars credit for improving offensively over the last year, singling out Ferreira, the 7-1 ringleader of Houston's three player Brazilian connection, as the most improved player on their team.

"They've done a great job in teaching him how to play with his back to the basket, and you always know that even if he doesn't score that someone else, either Hollis, Grant, or Upchurch will," he said.

Wall was pleased with his defense, as the Broncs stiffened in the second half to hold the Cougars to 12-29 from the field, and outrebounded Houston 40-39.

After the Broncs' win over the University of Texas at Arlington, Wall said the Broncs would have to work on cutting down their mental mistakes to beat Houston.

But fouls hurt the Broncs early. The third foul of the game for Broncs center Roy Swift, at the



Comin' thru--Lee Boddie charges towards the basket despite the attempts of Houston's Jerome Brewer (43) and Chris Upchurch (3) to stop him. The Broncs eventually lost to the Cougars, 65-59. (Photo by Jay Lewis)

11-minute mark of the first half, began a three-minute slide that saw the Broncs score only one bucket.

"Roy's getting in foul trouble hurt us offensively," Wall said, "because although he's not a big scorer, he's a team leader. Everybody looks to him."

Pan Am's greatest problem of the game was their shooting.

"It's hard to score when they're 6-6 and you're 6-4,"

Wall said. The Broncs shot a meager .361 from the field, making only 22 of 61.

They had opportunities throughout the game, as guards Lee Boddie and Eric Montgomery repeatedly split Houston's 3-2 zone, but were unable to finish off the play with a score.

"We must have missed six lay-ups," Wall said.

In the second half, Pan Am found the basket and began a 13-

8 run that brought them to within four points of the Cougars at 40-36.

The Broncs, 2-1 on the season, travel to San Marcos today to take on the Bobcats of Southwest Texas State, and then to Austin to play in the Longhorn Classic Friday and Saturday. They will meet either host Texas, Utah State, or Murray State of Kentucky in the first round.

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Broncs!**

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## Team impresses despite 'lack of scholarships'

By GILBERTO REYES, JR.  
Sports Editor

Pan Am's track team proved its strong showing during the cross country season this year was no fluke after taking six first place medals in the Lubbock Christian University Invitational last weekend.

Nancy Mireles, this year's American South Conference cross country champion, kept her exceptional season in high gear by winning the women's 3200 meter run with a time of 11:28.

Another star of Pan Am's conference champion women's team, Thelma Morales, helped the Broncs show well against NAIA indoor track champion Weylan Baptist and NCAA Div. II cross country champion Abilene Christian University by winning the 1600 meter run in 5:25.

The women rounded out their first place finishes as Diana

Garcia won the 1000 meter run in 3:18.

During this year's cross country season, the Broncs men's team was led by Lalo Pereira, who won the conference meet.

In this weekend's meet, however, Pereira's best finish was in the 3200 meter race, where he finished fourth.

Pan Am's reputation did not diminish in this tournament, as Robert Barron, David Garcia and Brad Merriman each won first place medals.

Garcia and Barron represented Pan Am well in both of the 1600 meter runs by each winning first place medals.

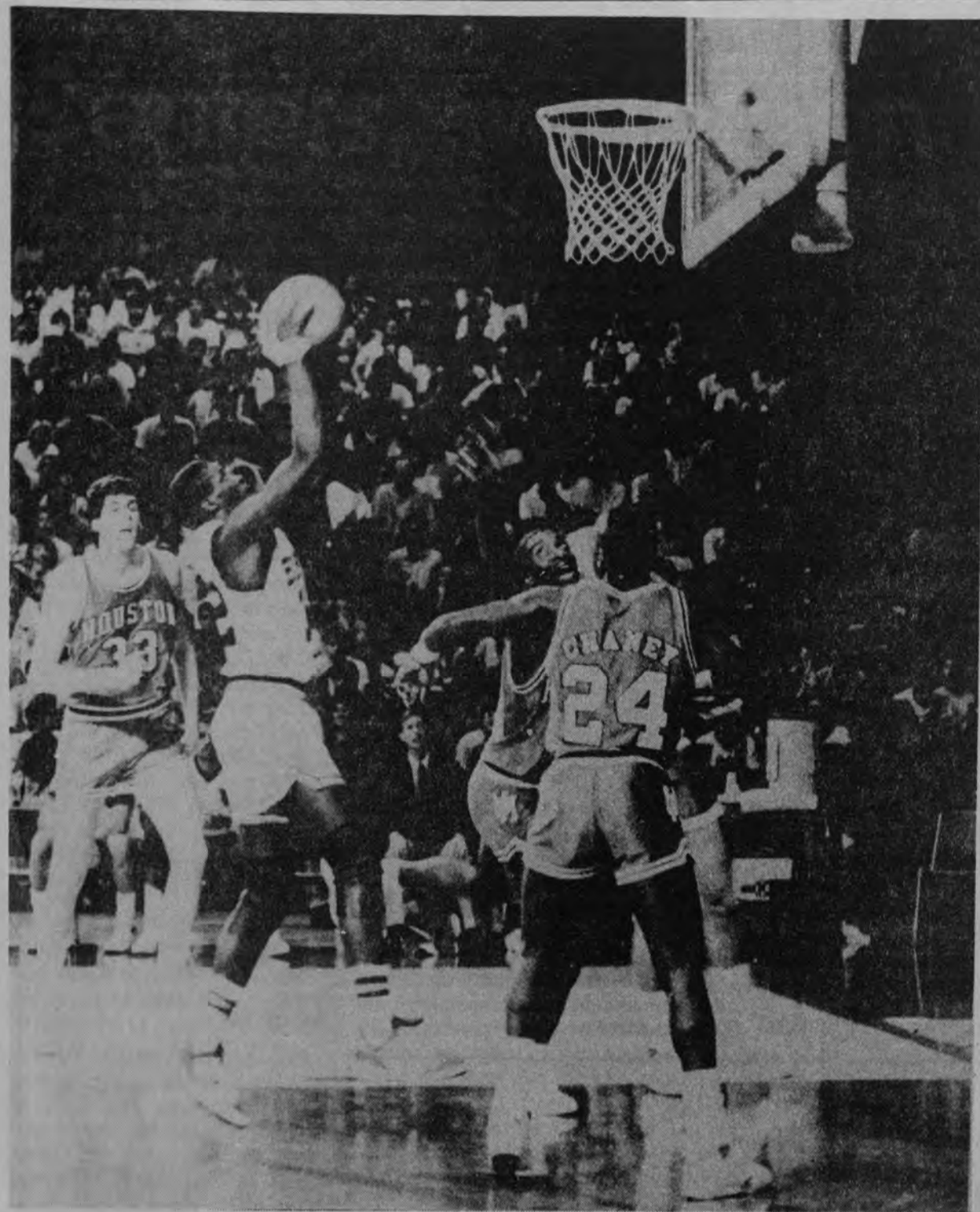
Although no team medals were awarded, Broncs Coach Reid Harter said this performance "was probably one of our best as a team."

Harter said if team medals had been awarded, Pan Am would not have fared well.

"At every meet, there are 22 track and field events that are contested," Harter said, "and right now, the only ones that we can compete in are those involving middle- and long-distance runs."

Harter said because Pan Am does not offer enough track scholarships to high school and college prospects, they are seriously lacking in more than eight field events. These events include the javelin throw, the shot put, the discus throw and the 100- and 200-meter sprints.

"Our women have a chance to compete for the conference title," Harter said, "but we just don't have enough field athletes to make us fully competitive."



Familiar Scene--Eric Montgomery knives past Houston's Rolando Ferreira (33) and Horace Chaney (24) through a seam in their defense to attempt one of Pan Am's many short layup opportunities. (Photo by C.M. Powell)

# Broncs upend UTA

By GILBERTO REYES, JR.  
Sports Editor

The Broncs were down by two at 50-48 with a little over four minutes to go when Johnson took control, scoring six of his team high 15 points to seal the victory.

Forward Greg Garrett and point guard Lee Boddie each scored 11 points, while swingman Reggie Holmes scored nine.

"We shot poorly because our offense didn't play well and Arlington played a great pressure defense," Wall said.

Together this "fearsome foursome" scored 46 of Pan Am's 58 points, ripping down a total of 12 rebounds.

Head Coach Kevin Wall said the game was "a great victory" for the Broncs because it was the team's first road win of the year.

"Anytime you win a road game in Division 1, it's a great victory," he said.

Besides his last-minute heroics, Johnson also led a strong team rebounding performance

by snatching seven rebounds.

Pan Am's biggest problem in the game was field goal percentage, as the Broncs were only able to hit 41 percent of their shots. UTA also had the same problem, shooting only 37 percent from the floor.

Pan American overcame a stingy University of Texas-Arlington defense when forward Kevin Johnson scored two 3-point goals late in the game and led a four-player scoring barrage as the Broncs came from behind to win 58-54 last Tuesday.

## Johnson garners exposure

Don't look now, but Kevin Johnson of Pan American University is in the January issue of Playboy Magazine, near the centerfold. Only his name—not his photo—is featured.

The 6-4 senior from Morgan City La. is mentioned on the first page of "Playboy's College Basketball Preview." The Playboy analysis of the American South concludes by saying, "Pan American will try to build its offense around guard Kevin Johnson."

This statement—probably the first time a Pan American athlete ever has been named in Playboy—proved accurate Saturday.



KEVIN JOHNSON

Johnson was nominated for player of the week after he

scored 22 points and grabbed a game-high ten rebounds during the Broncs loss to the University of Houston, 65-59.

Johnson now leads the Broncs in scoring (17.7), rebounding (6.7), shooting percentage (.594), 3-point goals (six) and free throws (9-10).

The Broncs visit Southwest Texas State on Wednesday night, then meet Bob Weltlich's University of Texas Longhorns to open the Longhorn Classic Tournament Friday night in Austin.

## Harter hosts CC congress

Coach Reid Harter and Pan American University will host a Level 1 National Education Program for track coaches, which is being sponsored by The Athletics Congress USA Dec. 12-13.

Three other coaches, who like Harter are certified by the governing body of U.S. Track and Field competitions as Level 1 instructors, will join him as instructors. They are John Bryan of Clear Lake High, Glen Sefcik of Stephen F. Austin University and Steve Thomas of Northwestern University.

"The Athletics Congress has committed \$1,000 for this program, which allows us to bring in nationally known coaches like Bryan, Sefcik and Thomas," Harter said. "I hope that coaches throughout the Valley and South Texas will take advantage of this event."

The 18-hour clinic costs \$60 in advance or \$70 at the door, and there have already been registrants from as far away as Oklahoma.

"One of the main goals of the

Athletic Congress is to have a national sports philosophy for track and field in America—a basic level of information that becomes basic foundation for all coaches, so they will all be speaking the same language," he said.

Pan American was selected as one of 13 sites throughout the nation for this type of coaching program. The program will cover all track and field events and will also foster a broad perspective toward track and field, Harter said.

## Player honored despite losses

Cheryl Boyle, 6-0 junior from McAllen, earned all-tournament honors for Pan American University when she averaged 17.5 points during the Texas A&I Women's Basketball Tournament.

Boyle scored 14 points and had 10 rebounds on Friday night when the Lady Broncs lost to Texas A&I 93-49.

Then, on Saturday night,

Boyle hit 21 points and had four rebounds, but the Lady Broncs fell to Texas Women's University, 71-51.

Texas Southern defeated Texas A&I in the championship game, 74-58.

Other Lady Broncs who scored in double figures in the tournament were Patricia Pines, with 11 points, and Kelly Crouch with 10. Both performances were

against Texas Women's University.

The Lady Broncs take an 0-4 record into the Southern Methodist University Tournament in Dallas on Thursday.

The other teams in the tournament are Kansas State, Stephen F. Austin and Southern Methodist University.

# Centers, swingmen hold Broncs future

By GILBERTO REYES, JR.  
Sports Editor

Editor's Note: This is the last of a three-part series on this year's Broncs men's basketball team.

According to former Marquette Coach Al Maguire, one basic truth in basketball is that quickness, speed and size are essential to having a successful team.

Quickness and speed are not synonymous. Quickness is the ability to transform thought into motion quickly, while speed is simply the physical ability to run fast. And these are two elements that are in large quantity among this year's Pan Am Broncs. With one exception, the only part of Maguire's triad that is missing this year is size.

Quickness and speed are two big assets for 6-2 junior communications major ERIC MONTGOMERY. But those are not his only two assets, said Pan Am



ERIC MONTGOMERY

Coach Kevin Wall. "He's a positive, emotional player, the type of player who makes your practices better, and never lets your team down," Wall said. "He makes the players around him better."

Montgomery, a transfer from Pratt Junior College in Kansas, said part of the reason Wall looks so highly upon him is his attitude about this year's Broncs.

Montgomery is a selfless player who believes there are other things a player can do besides score that can help the team just as much as a basket can.

"What you do that doesn't show up in the statistics is important," Montgomery said, because "taking the charge, making a man change his shot, not letting him get the ball" is important. Montgomery sums it up with one word: "defense."

REGGIE HOLMES, a 6-5 sophomore business administration major, not only has speed and quickness, but a third variable, versatility, that has already pushed him into the spot of sometime starter.

"Reggie Holmes becomes a big man for us," Wall said, "because he can play three position for us, big guard, and either forward spot (power forward or small forward)."

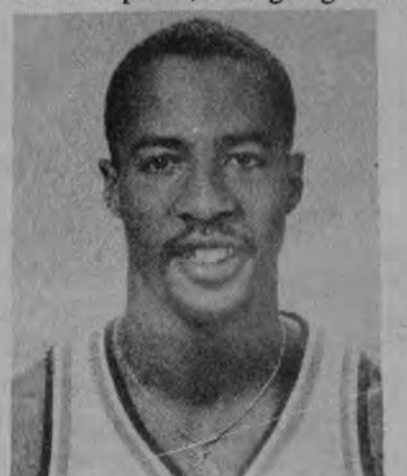
Last year, as a freshman transfer from Drake who was still learning the system, Holmes played in 14 games, averaging 4.4 points and shooting a whopping 57.8 percent from the field.

Holmes said his versatility allows him to do many things on the court.

"I feel I can (play all of the positions)," Holmes said, "In high school, I played in the one, two, three and four spots, and I think I could play the five." (Holmes is referring to the positions of point guard, shooting guard, small forward and power forward, respectively.)

Despite Wall's praise, he does have one problem with Holmes' talent.

"Reggie has so much natural ability, he has the tendency to slide by on ability alone sometimes," he said, "but if he continues to improve, he is going to be



REGGIE HOLMES

a great player."

Speed, not so much size, is the greatest asset for this year's starting center, 6-7 senior ROY SWIFT has had an interesting career at Pan Am.

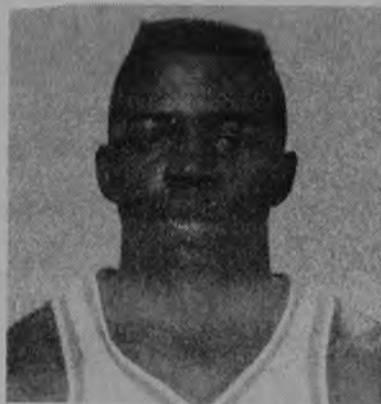
In his freshman and sophomore years, he was a starter for Coach Lon Krueger's teams that went 12-16 and 20-8.

During his junior season, Swift fell upon hard times as a center when he was replaced in the starting line-up by a mountain of muscle named Charles (Junior) Ray.

Ray's arrival meant a major role, and position, change for Swift. First, he was no longer a regular starter. Second, he was no longer a center. Instead, he was switched to the forward position.

"When I got here, I was recruited to play power forward," Swift said, "and when I got here and had to play small forward, it meant a drastic change for me."

This year Swift will be back at the center position and could



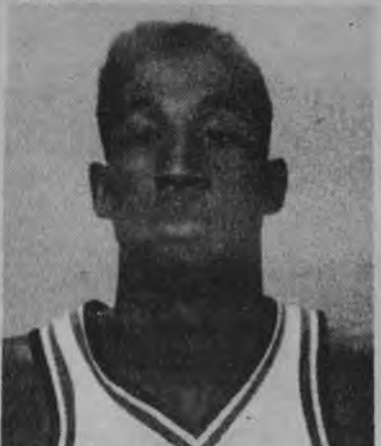
ROY SWIFT

possibly the smallest starting center in the new American South conference.

"I'll be playing against bigger, stronger men," he said, "and that could hurt. It might also help, though, because I might be quicker than a lot of these guys."

Quickness is the key to the court success of 6-9 junior Communications major KEITH THOMAS.

Thomas is, like so many other Broncs, a junior college transfer, beginning his college career at Butler County Junior College in Kansas.



KEITH THOMAS

On this year's team, Thomas' main role is to back up starting center Roy Swift.

Although Thomas is lanky (he

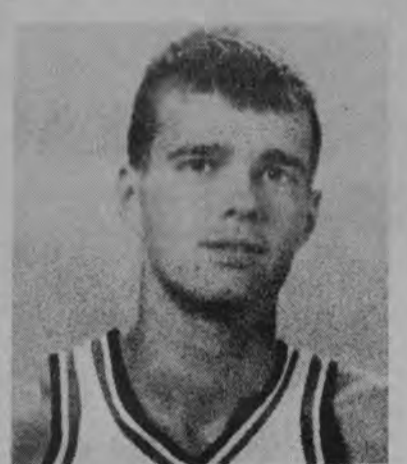
only weighs 190 pounds), his defensive skills have impressed the Broncs coaching staff.

"He runs the floor very well, and has pretty good quickness for his size," said Assistant Coach Jim Schuster, "and he can block shots."

Like anyone in a new situation, it has taken time for Thomas to get used to his surroundings.

"I'm having a little trouble getting used to the system here," Thomas admitted, "and my impression of the Valley is that it's slow, but the people are friendly."

Rounding out this year's Broncs is Pan Am's first 7-0 tall player, sophomore accounting major STEVE RAINEY. On the surface, Rainey's biggest advantage over other players seems to be the most obvious one: his



STEVE RAINEY

height. But that is not all he has going for him.

"My height helps a lot (because) it makes up for my lack of jumping ability," Rainey said, "but my biggest asset is my mind, I try to out-think other people."

Rainey came to Pan Am last year when Laredo Junior College dropped their basketball program. He was redshirted last year because the Broncs had an overabundance of tall, seasoned seniors.

"I'm glad I redshirted. I got a lot of experience playing against big guys every day," Rainey said.

Rainey's role this year will be to serve as the second center for the Broncs, backing up starter Swift, but he is happy with the role.

"My goal this year is to give the team as much as I can, to contribute as much as possible, and to keep my grades up," said Rainey.

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have been selected so that more students might be able to attend?

Second, given that some students at this forum asked questions which he had difficulty answering or answering correctly, our sapient President has been quoted as wanting some pre-conditions. In steps supposed student representative Sandra Rodriguez with statements to the effect that "we have to protect President Nevarez from the slings and arrows of irate students." We should ask just who she represents.

To insist on answers to legitimate questions such as why were the University's two nationally recognized demographers left off the subcommittee on demography, what processes were used to select faculty membership, or why were student and Hispanics so severely under-represented, hardly constitutes being maligned.

Further, answers to these questions, as well as light member attendance at Vision 60 committee meetings and the accomplishments thereof suggest the whole process essentially was an ill-con-

ceived, meaningless exercise. This does not constitute "malignment."

It should be noted that many faculty, including the Faculty Senate, have expressed serious concern regarding the composition, purpose, and activities of the Committee and have questioned devoting (squandering?) scarce University resources devoted on it.

"The Pan American" might properly question the administration about the cost of this committee as well as its utility. It might question whether the recent "Self Study" did not have a very similar purpose, as well as what has come of similar relatively recent studies on the goals and direction of PAU.

The general incompetency of Regents and administrators, of course, is nothing new; neither is the general apathy of our students and their willingness to play their assigned subordinate roles in the authoritarian processes of this "university". Still it is sad to see students willingly fall into the authoritarian trap, to see faculty stand by in silence, and to be confronted daily with administrative incompetence, lack of vision and understanding, and lack of leadership.

Samuel Freeman

## Nichols amused

To the Editor:

Looks like the humor of Randy Klutts' piece on relieving boredom in the Rio Grande Valley escaped some folks, but not me.

The point is, I think, that satire is still alive and reasonably well. Klutts is one student who is not bored, at least when he's writing.

More power to the pen. May be we can learn some day to laugh at ourselves, and, as Mr. Bennett said, furnish sport for our neighbors in turn.

After all, Benchley, Thurber, Clemens, Mencken, Nash, and even old Voltaire himself had to start somewhere. Could it be they got their start in the old college paper?

Keep writing, Klutts. Someone will be listening. Someone will be laughing.

Marty Nichols

## Nevarez knocked

To the editor:

Just when I thought Dr. Nevarez was finally going to make some progress in promoting a good student body-administration relationship, he

stops dead in his tracks. Of course, he agrees to meet monthly with students, but oh how convenient it is that the only time he can meet is at 11:35 on Wednesday when a good number of students are in class! What could he possibly be afraid of? Perhaps another successful turn-out?

Of course, there probably won't be many students attending this so-called meeting, and Dr. Nevarez can tell us, once again, that he tried to promote a good administration-student body relationship, "but remember the student body at Pan American University is apathetic." If President Nevarez really wanted to be an effective leader he would have made himself just a wee bit more accessible to a larger number of students, but, here again, who wants effective leadership?

Gina Maria Villegas

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an equal number of appointments from student government and student publications.

"I don't consider editors to appointed members," Vinson said. "According to the publications handbook, the editors are automatically members, they are not appointed by anybody. You

could say it's part of their job. They are there by virtue of their jobs as editors."

Faculty and administrative members of the committee are selected by the Faculty Senate and Nevarez respectively, but both are selected from nomination lists supplied by the publications committee.

"I think student government feels that's a bit too self-perpetuating," Vinson said.

She said she thought student government was going to propose some kind of revision to student publications.

"They were going to draw up a draft," Vinson said. "To my knowledge it hasn't been done yet."

In other business, the senators set 2:10 p.m. every other Monday as the tentative time for spring semester meetings. They will also meet whenever special meetings are called.

"You will work your schedules around it," Flores said. "We're going to try to get early registration...Fridays are very inconvenient for everybody, I believe."

The senators voted to fund a tip by Region I Texas State Student Association (TSSA) Director Marissa Marmolejo to attend a board meeting in Austin Dec. 5. Marmolejo said she did not know how much to request for expenses but estimated the amount would be less than \$100.

Davis told Marmolejo to keep a record of expenses to be reimbursed on her return. In the future, the senators decided, she must provide an itemized statement of cost for such funding.

Ramos also requested a written report detailing what Marmolejo has done this semester and her plans for the spring "so we'll know how we're benefiting from having a TSSA representative."

The senators also interviewed and selected Ester Gomez for the position of Associate Justice. Gomez, a freshman pre-accounting major from Edcouch, said she has no prior student government experience.

Student government also will supply a \$25 box of paper to Laura Hall for publicity purposes. Hall is one of the leaders of the General Assembly taking issue with the Vision 60 committee makeups.

Davis cautioned the senators that assisting the General Assembly may set a precedent to supply similar help to any student organization requesting it.

## China

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"People seem to be the same the world over," he said. "They're friendly, make you feel welcome and are curious about Americans."

One of McGovern's fondest memories of his recent trip to China was how the Chinese would often get the names and faces of the group members mixed up and would tell them, "you all (Americans) look alike."

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## Lumpkin to speak

Bureau Chief of the Southwest Associated Press John Lumpkin will speak today at 10:45 a.m. in CAS 351 (journalism laboratory).

Lumpkin will speak about the Associated Press wire service, job opportunities and internships.

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Students who are interested in applying may set up an appointment for an interview with Lumpkin after his presentation.

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