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'Politicos' woo PAU voters at PSA series

By John Speer
Copy Editor

Content ranged from mutual back-patting to personal attack, as Valley candidates for political office took advantage of campus campaign forums during the final week before May 3 elections.

A score of candidates for state representatives, judgeships, county clerk, district attorney and other positions flocked to rally for votes at the forums sponsored by Political Science Association and League of Women Voters.

Oscar McNnis took on incumbent District Attorney Rene Guerra in a debate format Thursday. He invoked Guerra's 1985 conviction rate for contested jury trials to support his allegation that Guerra should be voted out. He said that out of 33 contested cases, 16 ended in acquittal.

McNnis, who was DA for 12 years and assistant DA for nine, said he reviewed a consolidated report of the six district courts and found that no jury cases were tried in June, July or August. In January, April, September and December one case was tried each month, he claimed.

"You can't tell if justice has been done with statistics," Guerra rebutted. "The cases were lost to judges and juries. My opponent wants to win for the sake of winning, he loses sight of the purpose of the DA office."

Guerra said that during his tenure as DA the court system has expanded from four district court to six and from one county court to three.

"My opponent solicited the death of an individual," Guerra said. "He lied to a grand jury. Look at my opponent's deeds. He has taken the office from the highest esteem and lowered it to the level of a criminal at the county jail. I have spent four years trying to repair it."

"Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls," McNnis retorted, "my opponent has never learned the difference between an indictment and a conviction. Every indictment against me was dismissed."

McNnis said that since his removal from the DA position he has been reinstated to the state bar association.

Guerra said that in 1980 McNnis hired "the swiftest lawyer in the state to get him off the hook for lying under oath." He said that McNnis did not plead innocence, but "used the tactic that he was insane."

For the most part, other candidates took a more low-key approach, listing their qualifications resume-style. Often it was not until questions from the audience were fielded that substantive issues were addressed.

One questioner asked County Democratic Chair Joe Chapa Jr. and his opponent Joe Vera Jr. what the role of women should be in the party.

"Women are the grass-roots of the party," Chapa responded. "Without them the thrust, victories and successes of the party wouldn't be what they are today."

Vera said that women are "the best thing God ever gave men." He said that he wants more active women because "they have a right."

"If more women were involved we wouldn't have a Republican Party in there right now," Vera said.

State Rep. Alex Moreno, his opponent Rudy Delgado and Renato Cuellar, who is opposing State Rep. Tony Garcia all responded to questions about budget allocations and House Bill 72, the controversial education legislation.

Delgado said that he favors attrition of state employees and consolidation of duplicated services among state agencies. He also argued for pari-mutuel horse racing, a state lottery and a small raise in the sales tax.

Moreno said that some universities in the state should be phased out, including the UT-Permian Basin campus.

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RAT, TAT TAT--Melancholic sounds echoed throughout the campus Friday when the "Requiem" band made its debut at the University Circle before a large audience. The band was sponsored by the University Program Board. (Photo by Jesse DeLeon)

Sorority folds, one perseveres

By Mary Howard
Staff Writer

After surrendering their charter earlier this month, Kappa Delta Sorority's Delta Epsilon chapter is dormant, leaving only one social sorority, Delta Zeta, on campus.

Kappa Delta members, who unanimously decided after deliberations to ask the National Council to accept their surrender, will be placed on alumnae status, according to a letter sent to the council. Membership in a sorority is lifelong.

The letter cited decline in interest and participation and the transferring of members to other universities as the reason for low membership. The sorority had 14 members this year; Delta Zeta has 20.

KD President Aissa Cantu said there were several reasons for the decline in membership over the past two or three years.

"In the past, girls coming to Pan American concentrated more on

coming to school, school did not revolve around work, now it does," Cantu said.

Cantu also said that since Pan Am is a commuter campus, students do not get involved, "apathy is evident on campus."

Cantu said many students come to the university with the intention of transferring after the first two years.

Dean of Students Judy Vinson, adviser to the Panhellenic Council, the governing body of the sororities, said that Pan American has never supported sororities as much as other campuses of this size.

One reason Dean Vinson said was that, "many people don't have the time or the money, mostly the time . . . they work and have other obligations."

"For the most part, students at Pan Am are first generation college students and don't know what sororities and fraternities are and what they offer," said Vinson, who was a

member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority at Henderson State University in Arkansas.

Vinson said sororities offer members a sense of belonging and identity and also friendship.

This sense of belonging was something many students rejected. During their recruiting blitz, the KDs went to local high schools, worked registration and orientation and telephoned prospective students.

With seven members returning in the fall, Cantu, who has been a KD for four years, said the time had come to look at the situation "realistically even though the decision was really hard to make, we felt that it was in our best interest."

The National Kappa Delta Council requires that each charter member fill seven places on an executive council and that they have 16 appointed offices, said Cantu. Many of the members of Kappa Delta were "bogged down" as each one filled

several positions due to the lack of members.

In spite of these burdens, the sorority participated in several traditional philanthropic projects this year. Such projects included visiting the Rio Grande Valley Children's Home and distributing presents every Easter and Halloween; collecting canned goods for Mujeres Unidas; and, working with the national council to raise money for a crippled children's home and for the prevention of child abuse.

In addition to contributing to campus life through service and social activities, Vinson said, "historically (sorority and fraternity members) are the most active and generous alumnae."

Kappa Delta members will continue to work with the local alumnae association on various projects. Initiated on January 29, 1966, Kappa Delta was the first national sorority at Pan American.

State goof nets gain for fund

By Pam Lerma
Staff Writer

As a result of a recently released state auditor's report, the university will have to repay \$429,223 to the state general revenue fund.

"This overpayment to the university is the result of effective energy conservation measures we have taken," said Comptroller Bill Chess.

The additional funds were deposited into various banks, Chess said.

"The ironic part is that these funds drew a higher interest than if the state had retained them."

He said the university will simply withdraw the \$429,223 in excess money, plus \$57,500 in interest and repay the state general revenue fund.

The university's cash management system was criticized by the 1985 State Auditor's report.

The university's 64 separate accounts in two banks was considered excessive and time consuming, the state auditor's report said. We find the present system of cash management to be an uneconomical and inefficient use of university's resources.

The State Auditor recommended that the bank accounts be consolidated into four accounts, a recommendation that university officials said will be implemented "as soon as practicable."

The PAU audit manager was Catherine A. Hein, who is under the direction of state auditor Lawrence E. Alwin. Despite the two money handling problems, the state auditor's office found no "material" weaknesses in the university's financial management.

However, several changes were recommended in other areas and PAU officials agreed to work on those areas. They include:

- Requiring all checks over a certain dollar amount to be signed by two authorized check signers, thereby reducing chances of misappropriation or theft.

- PAU response: Agreed to require checks over \$10,000 to be signed by two administrators.

- The University policy retains enough fall semester tuition in local banks to cover the fiscal year's in-

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Student stress has creative solutions

By Elva Salazar and
Tara Ellis
Staff Writers

College students deserve degrees in problem solving; after all, they are experts in the field! Financial concerns, the burden of heavy course loads, and family responsibilities can

amount to an expensive bill called stress. And good health may pay the price!

"I think emotional problems are often underrated in college," said Health Center Psychologist Dr. Bruce Abel in an interview with a UT-Arlington reporter. "People think

it's always a wonderful, easy, fun time. The reality is that few students just go to school; most have jobs and other responsibilities."

So what is this six-letter word that people throw around so easily? According to pamphlets available from Student Health Services, stress is the

body's reaction to tension caused by exposure to new, unpleasant, threatening or even exciting situations.

Something new? College students face something new every semester: a new classroom, new professor, new assignments, new testing procedures.

Moreover, such unpleasant rituals as test-taking and sacrificing sleep are at the core of college existence. Horror stories are told in campuses across the nation about instances when a student went without sleep for days on end during final exams.

Let's face it: college can be a breeding ground for stress.

According to Raul Vara, clinical social worker at McAllen's Charter Palms, symptoms of stress are things most people ignore: tight throat, voice change, sweaty palms, headaches, fatigue, diarrhea, change in sleep patterns, weight loss or gain, and unusually high energy levels.

Channeled negatively, stress can lead to long-term illness. Vara said a relationship is suspected between stress and such conditions as high blood pressure, cancer and heart disease. He added that 80 percent of all hospitalized patients suffer from stress-related problems. College students may be equally affected.

"A little stress can be motivating," said Lupita Cantu Morse, coordinator of Counseling, Guidance and Academic Advising.

So don't despair! There are steps students can take to release stress in a positive manner: set aside private time away from school and friends,

exercise regularly, practice time management and make a point of thinking positive thoughts.

"Stress is a fact of life," Morse said. "You'll always have some form of stress, and the better you're able to deal with it, the better person you'll become."

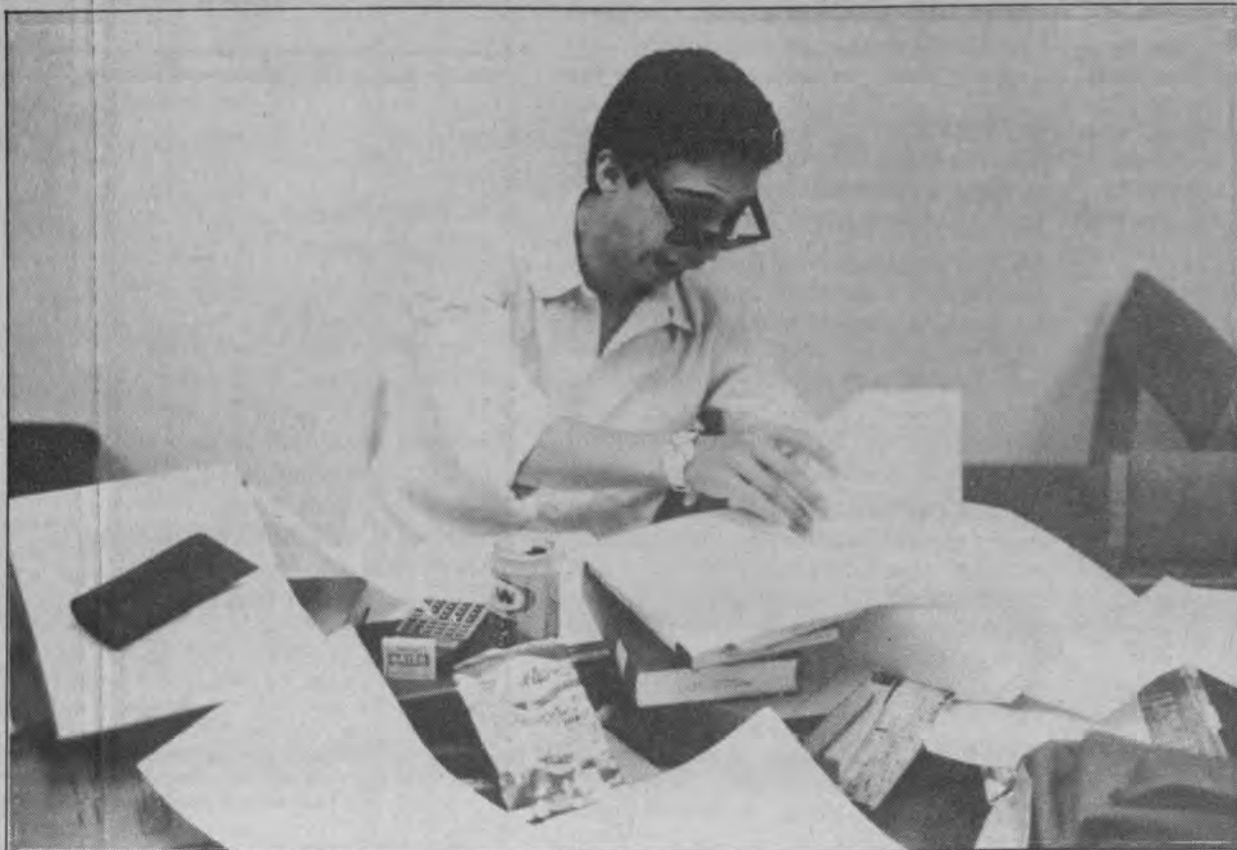
Other techniques can counteract test anxiety associated with final exams. Prior to an exam, students should put the following steps into action: first take a moment to relax, using such techniques as rhythmic breathing, and alternately tensing and relaxing various muscles; budget time during the exam, answering easy questions first; and finally, be optimistic.

"Take a deep breath and relax," advises developmental psychology lecturer Patty Randolph of San Diego State, "concentrate on how much you know about what you don't know. Be positive."

Furthermore, Randolph advises that keeping the brain stimulated during an exam is as important as keeping the rest of your body relaxed. She recommends jogging before a test to give the 'ole grey cells an oxygen boost. Also, drinking fruit juice during an exam will help maintain the brain's glucose level.

"It can mean the difference between a B+ and an A or a C+ and a B," Randolph said.

Perhaps most students won't be awarded a degree in problem solving, but if they learn to channel stress positively, their reward will be good health.



YIKES!--Like most college students, Sophomore Robert Cantu from Mercedes feels like there are not enough hours in a day to deal with all his responsibilities. Channeled positively, his reaction can increase his productivity. (Photo by Janie Cantu.)

Editorial

Hey regents: keep good profs with more \$\$

Despite budget crunches that are affecting colleges and universities nationwide, administrators salaries rose an average of 5.3 percent for 1985-86, a new survey reports.

Surprisingly, professor's salaries increased by a greater margin, with an average increase of 6.1 percent over last year, according to a nationwide study by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

The biggest percentage leap was for men's athletics directors whose salary increases averaged 18.6 percent.

Female and minority administrators pay, however, continued to trail the average pay for men and nonminorities in most administrative positions surveyed by the College and University Personnel Association (CUPA).

At Pan American the faculty received across the board raises last year, breaking with the tradition of merit based pay hikes.

Administrators also received hefty raises as usual. The Board of Regents will not decide on any salary raises until this summer, but we recommend to them that they give faculty raises before considering any more administrative raises.

Raises last year amounted to only 2.5 percent after inflation, but budget cuts and the hyperinflation of the seventies had actually left the average college professor able to buy less than he or she could in 1971.

Even after this year's raises, professors' earning power is only 86 percent of what it was in 1971, said Maryse Eymonerie, a consultant to the AAUP, which is the nation's third-largest college faculty union.

Nationwide, full professors now make an average of \$42,500 a year, the survey found.

Many administrators earlier in the school year predicted they'll need to keep raising tuition an average of seven percent a year through the rest of the decade in order to raise money to help pay faculty members more.

The AAUP and others in the academic community thank the school reform movement, a growing shortage of certain kinds of professors and the general improvement in the American economy for the raises.

Still, 6.1 percent is no big deal. For faculty salaries to even begin to turn around from their present trend a raise of at least nine or 10 percent is needed. Many feel that it will take much more than this to draw top-quality people to the profession.

As we reported last month, at least seven faculty members have left Pan American for more lucrative positions at other universities or in the private sector.

Professor James Aldridge said that it is no longer just a problem of faculty turnover. Faculty that the university cannot afford to replace easily are leaving.

While new faculty may be more economical for the university than the tenured faculty, there is the problem of replacing experienced professors with beginners or less qualified instructors. The ones that suffer in the end are the students.

The university cannot afford to lose more good people, whether they be faculty or administration, but we feel that faculty have been pushed aside for too long when it comes to raises and that they should be considered first this time.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Monday noon prior to publication. All letters should be accompanied by the writer's address and telephone number, for verification. No letter will be published without the writer's signature.

Although there is no word limit, we suggest that letters be limited to 250 words. Excessively long letters will be subject to editing for space.

Letters may be submitted in person or through the mail to Student Publications, Emilia Hall 100.

Commentary/ Valentin Waltschew

Foreign policy shift a sham

Following the collapse of the Marcos and Duvalier dictatorships, the media has sought to portray the Reagan administration's stand toward these events as examples of a modification in U.S. foreign policy. The fact that Reagan chose to help the dictators make a hasty exit, rather than the usual response of U.S. military power to try to prop-up the tottering regimes, has encouraged commentators and editorialists to applaud these actions as the abandonment of the so-called "Kirkpatrick Doctrine."

Jean Kirkpatrick argued that the U.S. should support "authoritarian" dictatorships on the right in order to prevent a "totalitarian" dictatorship on the left.

Reagan appeared to endorse such a departure from policy when on March 14 he announced that the U.S. was committed to supporting "democratic revolution" around the world. "The American people believe in hu-

man rights and oppose tyranny in whatever form, whether on the left or on the right."

Should we believe our beloved leader? As Bertolt Brecht put it, when the masters speak of "democratic revolution" the masses better prepare for war.

To interpret U.S. actions in Haiti and the Philippines as supporting revolution is nonsense. In both cases the U.S. supported the long-standing dictatorships to the end and only withdrew its support at the last second when it became apparent that mass opposition movements were going to overthrow the regimes by force. In both cases the actual U.S. policy has been to maintain the strength and unity of the Haitian and Philippine armed forces, and to aid regimes which are willing to accept continued U.S. presence while at the same time suppressing criticism from the left.

Furthermore, Reagan's speech made no mention of "democratic revolutions" in

Turkey, South Korea, South Africa, or any other U.S. supported dictatorship. Only recently the White House rebuked Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Chester Crocker for referring to the African National Congress as "freedom fighters."

The Reagan call for "democratic revolution" is clearly only a tactical device intended to build support at home for more covert military aid to "freedom fighters" opposing Soviet-backed regimes in Angola, Afghanistan, Cambodia and in particular Nicaragua.

The policy of dente and accommodation with the USSR, pursued by the Nixon administration in the 1970s was based on the assumption that the Soviets controlled third world revolutions and would do so if the U.S. agreed to arms control. This assumption was false because liberation movements like those in Iran, Angola and Nicaragua were independent and beyond Soviet control. So detente, arms con-

trol and SALT were repudiated by Reagan as having failed to pacify Soviet expansionism.

The assumption of Soviet control of third world revolutions remains. Reagan argues that in order to restrain the Soviets the U.S. must be in a position of superior military power with which to threaten them. Therefore, "Star Wars," and the abandoning of arms control. Also by linking the USSR with revolutions worldwide the U.S. is in a position to intervene anywhere it wishes in the name of containment.

The consequences for third world people of this assumption that the Soviets are behind any unrest or insurgency will be the same—"here come the Marines."

Reagan's apparent move to the center is no more than an attempt to pass off his policies of counterrevolution as a commitment to human rights, democracy and reform.



You'll love it/Rose Marie Herbert



Coup de grace

This is my last column, since last fall I have alternated in this space with Carla Moses and, more recently, Fred White.

When Brad hired me, he told me he wanted a humorous columnist, so I've left the more serious stuff to Messers Speer, Waltschew, and Colbert. I've used this space to concentrate on the really important issues - sex, rock and roll, and tortillas.

Hope I haven't offended anyone. Hope I've managed to make you smile once in a while. But, if not, I still get paid.

Without sounding like an Academy Award acceptance speech, I'd like to express my gratitude to a few people who have been helpful and supportive in this endeavor over that past nine months. Thank you, Brad, Porfirio, Eloy, Dr. Monta, Gilbert Tagle (Thank you, Mr. Tagle for your kind words of encouragement), and most of all, Mary and Amy Larrabee for being and unending source of material for this column and an unending source of pride to your mother.

I think it would be appropriate at this time to end this column the way it began last September. Let's bring back guest columnist Kitty "Astrologer to the Stars" Litter for a look at what's ahead this summer for PAU students. Kitty, who was recently paroled, is living in Encino, practicing her craft. However, at great personal expense, Editor Brad Nibert managed to get her off the street corner for a few moments to consult her charts for us:

ARIES-The stars indicate that lots of fresh air and sunshine is in store for you this summer. That could mean a trip to the Island or even the Caribbean. On the other hand it could also mean you'll be working in the melon field this year.

TAURUS-Be good to those around you. After all, we're all brothers and sisters. More importantly, you never know when you're gonna need to borrow money.

GEMINI-I see trouble-lots of trouble. I see family strife. I see feuding. I see money problems. I see intrigue. I'm watching "Dynasty".

CANCER-Try not to be so crabby. Get it? Okay. Okay. This June, on the beach, you will meet a tall, dark, sexy stranger. He will steal your wallet.

LEO-Your truck will be re-possessed in August. What the hell, you could use the exercise.

VIRGO-Yours is the sign of the virgin, it signifies purity. Boy, someone sure screwed up, hey?

LIBRA-Moon in Uranus indicates an addition to the family. If married, congratulations. If single, better hope it's a parakeet.

SCORPIO-Yours is a mysterious sign. You were born under the sign of sex and death. However, keep in mind that sex with the dead is illegal. Not to mention a bit chilly.

SAGITTARIUS-You may be discovered by a vacationing TV producer who spots you on the beach. You may be hired to replace Connie Chung on NBC's Nightly News. You may move to New York and sign a multi-million dollar contract. You may be featured on the covers of "Time", "Newsweek", "People", and "Rolling Stone". But I seriously doubt it.

CAPRICORN-Pluto in your sixth house indicates money will come your way sometime in July. In August, Saturn enters Venus in your tenth house of relationships, indicating many new friendships and a possible marriage. The stars smile upon you. (NOTE: There's no punch line here. My sister's a Capricorn and I thought she could use a little cheering up.)

AQUARIUS-Try to smile during the upcoming difficult times. It won't do you a bit of good, but the rest of us are tired of listening to you bitch.

PISCES-Major purchases are favored at this time. Wanna buy a '79 Nova?

May all 12-signs of the zodiac have a lovely summer. You'll love it!

Letters to the Editor

Thanks

To the Editor:
The Student Health Service staff would like to express a special thank you to the Pan American University Medical Technology students and their instructor Beverly Brown for their contribution to the success of the Health Fair on April 7, 1986. Thank you for not only providing anemia screening tests but also blood typing tests!

Dora Castillo
Coordinator

No Thanks

Mr. Colbert:
Your self-described "courageous castigation of the bellicose actions" of the United States in Libya was an exquisite showcase of your vernacular accomplishments. A most educated expression of your dissatisfaction with the administration's policy concerning terrorism. I am directing this letter towards you and others like you who possess a unique capacity to find fault in the actions of others and yet are not able to provide any solutions themselves.

Devin M. Shelby

You shredded Reagan's response to terrorism. You probably did much the same to Carter's long-suffering policies concerning terrorism in Iran. With your verbose axe in hand you are a critical force to be reckoned with. When it comes to solutions of your own you are sadly lacking. You simply complain and then gloat in your capacity to bitch in superfluous language.

Put your thoughts together—put yourself on the spot by offering us some of your solutions instead of just complaints. Then try not to be too upset when others express the same selfrighteous exuberance as you did when they "courageously" annihilate your ideas.

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fiscal year's interest and sinking fund requirements on outstanding bonds, causing the State to lose interest on the money.

PAU response: Officials agree to retain only enough tuition money to meet outstanding reserve requirements and the next scheduled tuition revenue bond payment.

• Failure to remit sales tax collections to the State Treasury within seven days of receipt.
PAU response: University officials said they will begin submitting them when scheduled.

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"We should close it down and make it a prison or something," Moreno said.

He said that he also favors horse racing, a lottery and a tax increase, but is opposed to across-the-board attrition of state employees. He said he supported HB72 and worked for changes that did not pass.

Cuellar said that elimination of state employees failed for Reagan in California, but that he has not studied the budget of Texas.

"House Bill 72 has demoralized and mistreated teachers," Cuellar said. "It was not the intent of the legislation; it was the intent of the system."

Cuellar said he supports a raise in the sales tax that would revert when the budget deficit disappears and supports betting on horse racing. He said he differs from Garcia because he opposes a state income tax and supports a constitutional amendment to prohibit such a tax.

Garcia said that the legislature has just been through a tax bill and another would be difficult to pass now.

"I would look into a state lottery with state referendum and local option," Garcia said. He said he hopes the state will not have to implement horse betting, but would consider the option.

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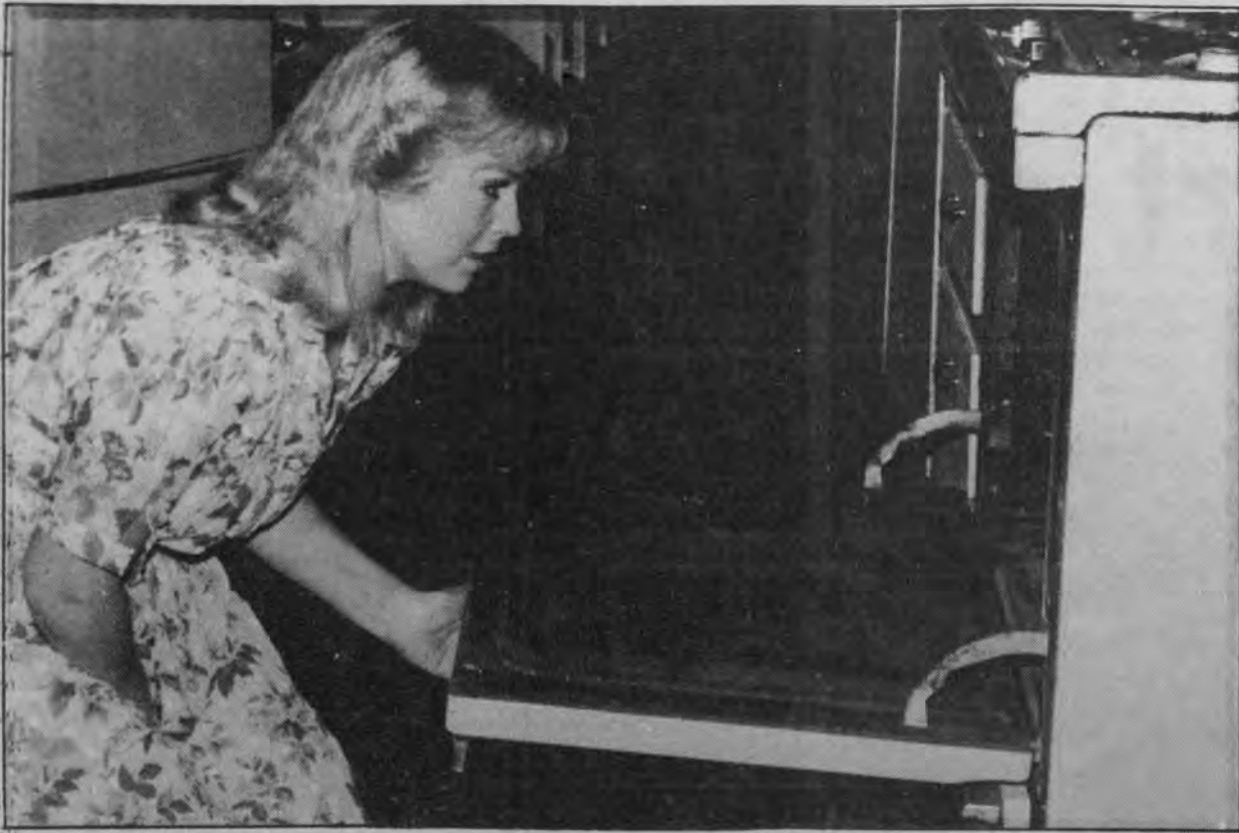
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Is anyone in there?—Susan Taylor prepares to attempt suicide in the University Theater's production of "Crimes of the Heart". Taylor portrays "Babe Botrelle" in the production which is being presented today through May 3 at 8 p.m. (Photo by Sam Castillo)

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'Crimes:' arresting performance

By Rose Marie Herbert
Staff Writer

Beth Henley's Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Crimes of the Heart" is being presented by the University Theater through Saturday.

The play is set in a small southern town. It tells the story of the McGrath sisters, Lenny, Meg, and Babe. The sisters have returned to their childhood home to rally together in the face of some devastating personal problems.

The grandfather who raised them after their mother's suicide has suffered a stroke. Oldest sister Lenny has devoted herself to the care of the old man and finds herself, on her 30th birthday, with no life of her own. Middle sister Meg has returned from Hollywood in the face of her faltering singing career. Last, but not least, baby sister Rebecca

Prospective grad info issued

Over 400 students will be eligible to participate in the spring graduation ceremony according to the Office of Admissions and Records. The ceremony will be May 18 in the Physical Education Complex at 5 p.m.

Candidates, however are asked to be at the P.E. Complex by 4:15 that afternoon.

Letters with appropriate instructions have been mailed to all prospective graduates. The personnel from the office is asking all students who have not received a letter to contact them in order to verify that the correct address is on file.

The Office of Admissions and Records is stressing the importance of having the correct address on record since all diplomas will be mailed.

The Honorable Reynaldo G. Garza, United States Circuit Judge, will be the guest speaker.

Students needing more information on the graduation ceremony can call the Office of Admissions and Records at 381-2734. Those needing information on caps and gowns should contact the University Bookstore at 381-2251.

Aid applications due today for priority processing

Today is the priority deadline to apply for financial aid for the fall semester.

Applications for the Pell Grant, Texas Guaranteed Student Loan and the Pan American General Aid Application are available in SS 168.

Financial aid will continue to accept general aid applications through August 1. Students who apply by the filing deadline will be assured their application will be processed by registration day, and if eligible will have their financial aid awarded based on their stated preference.

Students who apply after the priority deadline will not have the assurance their application will be processed by registration day, but the application will be processed and those who qualify will have their financial assistance available during the fall semester.

Pell Student Aid Reports are due at the financial aid office on or before August 1 to assure students' Pell monies will be available for fall

registration. Student Aid Reports will continue to be accepted after this date, but the student will not be assured their grant will be available for fall registration.

Students planning to apply for a Guaranteed Student Loan may pick up their TGSL application at the Financial Aid Office on or after May 5.

Major changes in the TGSL application process include that now undergraduates must first apply for the Pell Grant before certification of eligibility for the TGSL is established.

Applicants for the Guaranteed Student Loan will also be required to verify their 1985 income, the number of persons in the household and the number of household members currently enrolled in postsecondary educational institutions.

Students applying for this loan will need to allow 15 working days for processing of their application at the Financial Aid Office before taking their application to their lender.

What, Where, & When

THU

Advertising Club will have a bake sale and fajita taco sale from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside the LRC.
Last day to officially drop or withdraw.

Deadline for submission of financial aid application for fall semester awards.

FRI

Music Department will sponsor the Valley Symphony Chorale conducted by Christopher Munn from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

TUE

Music Department will sponsor the University Choir conducted by Christopher Munn from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Pre-Law Society will sponsor Federal Judge Ricardo Hinojosa to speak about the "Legal Profession" at the First Annual Pre-Law Society Banquet from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Ballroom.

University Program Board will sponsor Lt. Col. Michael R. Shields to speak on the "Nuclear Arms Race" in a video lecture during Activity Period in LA 101.

WED

Criminal Justice will sponsor "Terrorism: Threat Assessment Seminar" with speaker James Davis, a national terrorism expert, on May 7 and 8 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 9 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Overflow Room. A \$100 registration fee is required.

SPRING SEMESTER 1985-1986

** FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE **

These examination schedules apply to the Edinburg campus only

Day Classes		
Thursday, May 8		
7:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	All TT English 1301 classes	
9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	All MWF English 1301 classes	
5:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	Evening English 1301 classes	
Friday, May 9		
7:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Math 1335 classes	
9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Math 1300 classes	
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2:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	TT-5 classes	(2:25 - 3:40)
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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.	MWF-6 classes	(12:45 - 1:35)
2:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	TT-7 classes	(5:15 - 6:30)
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9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	MW-7 classes	(1:45 - 3:00)
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	(3:10 - 4:25)
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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	(4:35 - 5:50)
12:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	TT-4 classes	(1:00 - 2:15)
2:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	TT-6 classes	(3:50 - 5:05)

Saturday classes: Examinations will be given at regular class time on May 4.

Evening classes: Final examinations will be given at regular class time beginning on Thursday, May 8, 1986, and ending on Wednesday, May 14, 1986. (Periods 11-14 are considered evening classes).

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"Babe" Botrelle has been charged with attempted murder in the shooting of her husband. She freely admits to doing it because, as she says, she "didn't like his looks".

The first act, which introduced the characters, is rather slow. But a hilarious second act and a touching finale, combined with some first rate performances make the play well worth seeing.

Valerie Bauer has what is probably the most difficult role of the play. Bauer is up to the challenge. As Lenny, the long-suffering oldest sister who everyone depends upon, Bauer laughs, cries, scolds, and finds the courage to overcome her feelings of jealousy towards her sister Meg and her own self pity to find a life of her own. It is a touching performance.

Susan Taylor is delightfully funny as the ditsy Babe — a dumb blonde if there ever was one. Watch for the scene in the second act where Babe tells Meg of her affair with a young neighbor boy - it's impossible not to laugh out loud. When Babe speaks to her overbearing husband who calls her from his hospital bed to threaten her, you can hear the fear in her voice.

Wendy Morse-Caceres is a familiar face to anyone who has seen a recent University Theater production. She plays the chain-smoking, pill-popping, bourbon-swilling Meg. Meg is so selfish she can leave her hurt lover in the middle of a storm and walk away unconcerned about the pain she causes.

Lilia Rosales and Mark Bullard also give fine performances in two smaller roles. Bullard is the young lawyer hired to defend Babe. He is able to portray the earnest sincerity and inexperience of the young man.

Rosales has fun, and so does the audience, with her bitchy role as the sisters' nosy cousin. Carl Estrada gives support in the small role of Doc Porter.

"Crimes of the Heart" was directed by Doug Cummins.

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RINNGGG, RINNGGG--At a moment's notice the sound of the firehouse alarm summons fire-fighters Jerry Clements, Jason Loreth and Jay Soliz, who must rapidly put on their bunker gear and rush off into the night to battle blazing flames.

OFF TO THE BATTLEFIELD--Jerry Clements races to the site of the inferno.



BOY AM I HUNGRY--Even firefighters Jason Loreth and Jerry Clements can appreciate some fire-the fire of a cooking stove-especially after a hard work day.

SWEET DREAMS--only last a moment for Jay Soliz as he and the other firefighters are on constant call-even at night.

Continuing a program that began nearly fifty years ago, some students have taken up the added challenges and responsibilities of being Edinburg Volunteer Firefighters.

At Fire Station No. 1, Fire Chief Johnny Economedes presides over about 50 firefighters, including a dozen who are PAU students. At least half of them reside in the fire station dormitory.

For all of them, duties include keeping the station and dorm areas neat, maintaining the fire engines, and, of course, answering calls to put out fires.

Sophomore Wes Lincoln has answered some of those calls during his three months as a fire fighter.

"I've helped with an accident," he said, "but so far all of the calls I've been on have been false alarms."

Lincoln, who in addition to his studies is on the university tennis team, finds that being a volunteer firefighter does not interfere with his studies.

"The policy here is that school comes first," Lincoln said. "I go to classes in the morning, practice in the afternoon, and I'm here (at the station) at night."

"I like the dorm life here. I like the guys. My grades have even picked up a little this semester."

Lincoln first heard of the program through a friend. "I said, 'I don't know about fighting fires', but I came over and talked to Johnny. Once I got here I wanted to go to a fire so that all of that anxiety would diminish."

"I think every little boy wants to be a fire fighter", he added.

Lincoln, who plans to teach and eventually go to graduate school, feels that firefighting is a positive experience for him.

"I'm getting an opportunity not everyone gets," he said. "It's more than just learning how to fight fires. It's learning safety procedures for just about any situation, first aid, CPR, and so on. It's a good experience for anybody."

Jay Soliz, a physical education major, has been a volunteer firefighter since September. In addition to the training sessions that all the firefighters go through every Monday night, Soliz had extensive training in the Navy.

"Training goes on here all the time", he said.

Soliz has been on a number of calls. "We can go for a couple of days with nothing and then we'll have stuff left and right."

In addition to what he calls "some hot fires", Soliz has been called on to give first aid at several car accidents.

"This experience has taught me a lot about safety and given me a lot

of experience for what to do if I was in an accident or fire," Soliz said. "I would know what to do."

Like Lincoln, volunteer fire fighter Tony Fink is also on the tennis team. He has been with the department for two months. "I like it a lot. It's exciting", he said.

For Fink, it also fulfilled a need of his.

"I was in a major economic crisis," Fink said. "I didn't have any money for rent. Wes told me about it and Johnny gave me a chance."

Fink finds no conflict as far as his studies. "Johnny told me that my first priority is school, second is tennis, and third is fire fighting."

So far Fink has been on four calls. "Three small grass fires and a backyard fire. Three cars caught fire and the owner had a stroke and died. It's kind of a shock."

Like all of the other fire fighters, Fink is constantly on call. "It's something you look forward to, hearing the alarm."

Economedes has been a fire fighter in Edinburg for some 33 years, the last ten as chief. A large man, his gruff manner can't hide a somewhat fatherly demeanor. The phone in his office rings constantly as the chief talks about the volunteer firefighting program.

"Chief Saunders started the program in the 40's," he said. "It benefits the city, saving tax dollars by handling smaller fires."

The twelve volunteers who are students are Fink, Jamie Saldana, Eddie Olivares, Roy Siegal, Soliz, Jerry Clements, Jeff Benfield, Jason Loreth, Danny Martinez, Lincoln, Alan Baur, and Gilbert Guzman.

Like the rest of the volunteers, the student fire fighters must follow certain rules.

"We try to help the students," Economedes said. "They have all of the privileges of a regular member except voting rights. They must go to all functions, must try to make as many fires as possible, and go to the drills every Monday. They have six months to learn to operate the trucks."

"They're trained like a regular volunteer. They have to go through the same misery."

Student volunteers must maintain at least a "C" average. "Their education is first", Economedes said.

Although he is strict with the students, the chief is also supportive in every possible way.

"For kids that can't afford dorms, we try to work with the university," he said. "We give them a chance, but if someone screws up they must leave."

The chief said that over the years only two student firefighters have been kicked out of the dorms. Activities such as being drunk while on duty, destroying property or "causing the Edinburg Fire Department to be disgraced in anyway" will result in immediate dismissal.

"If someone gets in trouble," the chief said, "I'll chew their ass out. . . I will give them the benefit of the doubt because I was young once too and I was no angel."

Fink may well have been speaking about the chief when he said of the Edinburg Fire Department, "There are guys here who have been here as volunteers for 25 years or more. That's a pretty stong statement. That's pretty admirable."

Curiosity drives weekend biology expeditions

By Elva Salazar
Staff Writer

While most students are sleeping off the aftermath of Friday night's bash, a group of biology enthusiasts drag themselves into a van packed with bottles, preservatives and nets and head for the salty shores of the Laguna Madre. All this in the name of science!

According to Dr. Terry Allison, one of four biology professors heading the project, it is curiosity that ignites their 7 o'clock-on-a-Saturday morning ventures to the South Padre Island area.

"Scientists are generally curious,"

Allison said. "Our group is curious about the relationships things in the water have with each other: where you'll find them, at what times of the year, under what conditions, what they're eating, how they're associating with one another."

The group, consisting of six undergraduates and three graduate students, is part of a project called RIMI, or Research Initiation at Minority Institutions and is funded by the National Science Foundation.

"We have an opportunity to bring students into ecological research," Allison said. "A lot of people are concerned that there are very few blacks or Latins involved in en-

vironmental science. There are a lot in medical-type science . . . but very few are involved in the teaching of environmental or natural science."

The three-year research project is looking specifically at two areas: the effects of man on South Padre Island, a study headed by Dr. Frank Judd and Dr. Robert Lonard, and the fish and decapod study, conducted by Dr. Robert Edwards and Allison.

According to Allison, the effects of man on the bay area and on the food chain are usually not for the good of the fish, nor for the longterm benefit of man.

"All of the shrimp that the shrimp-

ers catch have to go up in the bay before they go off shore, and that's one of the problems the shrimper's are having," Allison said. "The bays are slowly being modified by man, reducing their efficiency and usefulness as a nursery for shrimp, red fish, and speckled trout."

In order to carry out the ecological research and satisfy their scientific curiosity, the mixed group of students and faculty must get themselves knee-deep in mud, pull 25-foot nets and catch thousands of fish and crustaceans.

"You get to see fish you've never seen before in your entire life," said sophomore Janie Cantu, the only female in the group. "Seining is more fun because you actually have to go in there and get dirty and discover strange life forms in the process."

Two students pull a seine in the shallow water, along islands and the shorelines. A seine is a large fishing net with floats along the top edge and weights along the bottom. Everything that is caught in the net is tag-

ged and bottled for later measurement. But sometimes not everything fits into a bottle.

"One time we accidentally caught a very large flounder in the seine," said Allison with a curious smile. "It was too large to put into a bottle, so we had to turn it loose. The fishermen in the area really can't understand what we're doing."

The 16-foot scooter boat that the research team hauls to the Island every other Saturday is used not only for transportation, but to drag an ottertrawl. This net is pulled on the bay floor two to three minutes at a time to catch shrimp and other decapods as tiny as one-eighth of an inch or smaller.

"The bay is very rich from the stand point of the food chain," Allison said. "This bay is a very volatile bay, though, and it changes temperatures very rapidly."

The Laguna Madre, which is the largest bay in the world and is 18 inches deep on the average, may change from 65 degrees to below 45

degrees within a few hours during the winter. Allison says most bay subtropical life forms cannot survive well under these conditions. This is another ecological relationship that the group is studying.

For this group, a trip to the island is not exactly "fun in the sun."

"Except on rare days," said Allison. "you're either very hot and sweaty, cold and shivering, wet as a rule, normally muddy and tired and sore from sitting on your heels or pulling nets. We're continually telling ourselves that marine biology is fun!"

On days that most people would not even go outside their home, this biology group is doing research. Rough waters pound against the boat while those students pulling the seine get stabbed by crabs or stung by jellyfish.

But not all is work.

"There are those days when the weather is just beautiful; you really enjoy being out there, no matter what you're doing!"



A CURIOUS DISCOVERY--Dr. Terry Allison, along with four other biology professors and six students, is conducting ecological research on South Padre Island. He said getting up early on a Saturday morning to do research is worth the effort when they uncover some of the secrets of the Laguna Madre.

(Photo by David Kruger.)

Greek empire falling here

By Nora Lopez
Staff Writer

"If you're not Greek, you're a Geek" may be the prevailing attitude at most Ivy League universities, but at PAU it's the furthest thing from the truth.

The greek community at PAU is slowly dwindling and at least two former president's of Greek organizations predict it may be non-existent before too long.

"Two years ago we thought we were on our way up," said Kappa Delta Alumna Ann Shirah. "Sure the threat that they would close us if we didn't start showing some big

numbers was always there, but we thought we were surviving."

Still, when the threat did become a reality earlier this month, Shirah said she was not surprised.

"I knew it was coming," she said. "it takes alot to please National."

Shirah was president of the KD's two years ago, but acknowledges that the entire time she was an active member, the numbers of pledges kept dwindling.

"Oh, we would go all out in planning our rush . . . we would make posters, buttons everything . . . and then the night of the event, nobody would show up," she said. "At other universities, hundreds of girls would pledge at one time, while we would only have for four or five, you can imagine how we looked to our headquarters."

Shirah believes that one of the major reasons why sororities aren't big at PAU is because it is a commuter college.

"At other universities, sororities are successful because the students live on campus and don't have to work to go to school," she said. "Here, there aren't a lot of spoiled brats whose parents are putting them through school. Most students have a part-time job to help them make it through."

Also, when you have to work and go to school at the same time, students are left with very little time for outside activities, Shirah adds.

Money, said Shirah, was another obstacle they had to worry about.

"Most people think joining a sorority is very expensive," she said.

"It's not really, I think it's just a matter of setting your priorities."

Shirah said their dues are \$15 a month. But there were alot of meetings to attend, and sometimes there just isn't time.

Former Phi Kappa Tau president Gumecindo Ybarra, said money was a problem for them.

"It does cost a lot of money . . . at least in the beginning it does," he said. "In order to be initiated you have to pay \$130 plus \$45 to become an associate. After that it's \$15 a month."

The Phi Taus were also closed by their national headquarters last semester.

"We are supposed to be re-organizing," he said. "But no one is doing that."

Ybarra believes tht the reason why Greeks aren't big at PAU is because they are not catering to the PAU student.

"There is a certain stereotype of what a frat man is," he said. "You have to be a certain mode . . . just look at each of the frat's here, each one has a different kind of style. There is a mold set up, and that's the kind of individual you have to recruit."

But, Ybarra says that individual is not here.

"PAU students are different from most other students," he said. "Most work and most still have the same friends they had when they were in grade school. When they have that, they have no reason to join a fraternity."

Greeks try to formulate a family away from your family, here most students still live at home."

Learn to get jump on rape

A workshop on tackling rape will be presented by two community professionals Tuesday and Wednesday.

Isabel Caro, coordinator for Rape Crisis Center for Mujeres Unidas/Women Together will present the Tuesday phase of the workshop. It will be conducted in LA 101 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will include a film titled "Beyond Rape," "Myths and Realities of Sexual Assault," "Characteristics of Acquaintance Rapist" and "Rape Trauma Syndrome."

Wednesday's segment will be

represented by U.S. probation officer and Black Belt Karate instructor, Paul Brown. This part of the workshop will be at the Ballroom from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Basic self-defense motions through the use of hands, fist, elbow and fingers will be taught. Participants are recommended to wear shorts during this part of the workshop.

The workshop, which is free of charge to students, is being sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega, University Program Board and Mujeres Unidas/Women Together.

Bilingual research results studied

Ten researchers will be featured today and tomorrow in the Media Theater of the LRC at the Second Annual Bilingual Research Symposium.

"The researchers will present their research design, methodology, and results of their studies," said Dr. Ricardo J. Perez, associate professor of education University and Bilingual Education Program coordinator.

"They will also give practitioners recommendations for working with bilingual Hispanic students," Perez said.

"This research is particularly relevant to area educators," Perez said, "since several of the research studies were done here in the Valley public school system."

Sessions will begin on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. The researchers will include: Patricia Rydell, Texas A;M University, Dr. James Wood of Texas A;J University, Dr. George Green and Dr. Norman Binder, both of Pan

American University at Brownsville, and Dr. Ana Maria Rodriguez and Dr. George Smith of Pan American University at Edinburg.

According to Perez, their research topics will address language attitudes, Spanish language usage, Spanish/English reading processes, and relationships between academic achievement and social, cultural, linguistic, and economic variables of Mexican-American students.

The sessions on Friday will begin with addresses from two researchers from California universities.

Symposium participants may interact with Dr. Fillmore and Dr. Padilla during small discussion groups on Friday afternoon.

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Golfers nominated for honor

By Elisandro Garza
Sports Writer

Two members of the golf team, senior Lars Tamen and junior Bertil Marje, have been nominated for selection to the 1985-86 Academic All-American Golf Team. The selections are made by members of the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA).

The purpose of the awards is to recognize and honor student athletes who are outstanding in both academics and competitive golf at the collegiate level.

To be eligible for nomination, the student/athlete must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, be a junior or a senior, and be of high moral character and in good standing at the university making the nomination.

The nominee must also have played in 75 percent of the college's regularly scheduled competitive rounds during the year nominated, and have a stroke average under 78.0 for Division I schools. Also, the coach or school must be a member of GCAA.



Lars Tamen

Bertil Marje

Tamen and Marje were nominated by golf Coach Oton "Tony" Guerro, who is a member of GCAA. He described his charges as "very disciplined individuals who are conscientious in their studies and practice hard at golf."

Tamen, from Trelleborg, Sweden, is a 24-year old finance major currently maintaining a 3.81 GPA. He has been in the Honors Program the last two years, and is also a member of Beta Gamma Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi. He is set to graduate in December.

Tamen has competed in all of this year's golf tournaments and holds a 75.91 scoring average. He began playing golf at age 10, and in 1979 and 1981 was a member of the 3-man team that won the Swedish National Jr. team championship.

Marje hails from Malmo, Sweden, parent city to Trelleborg. He is a communications major, with emphasis on public relations and human relations. He sports a 3.15 GPA, and is also a member of the Honors Program. He plans to graduate next May.

Marje has also competed in all of this year's golf tournaments and holds a 76.95 scoring average.

Though he began playing golf at an early age, he says playing for Pan Am has "... improved my golf game and has made me learn to think on the golf course."

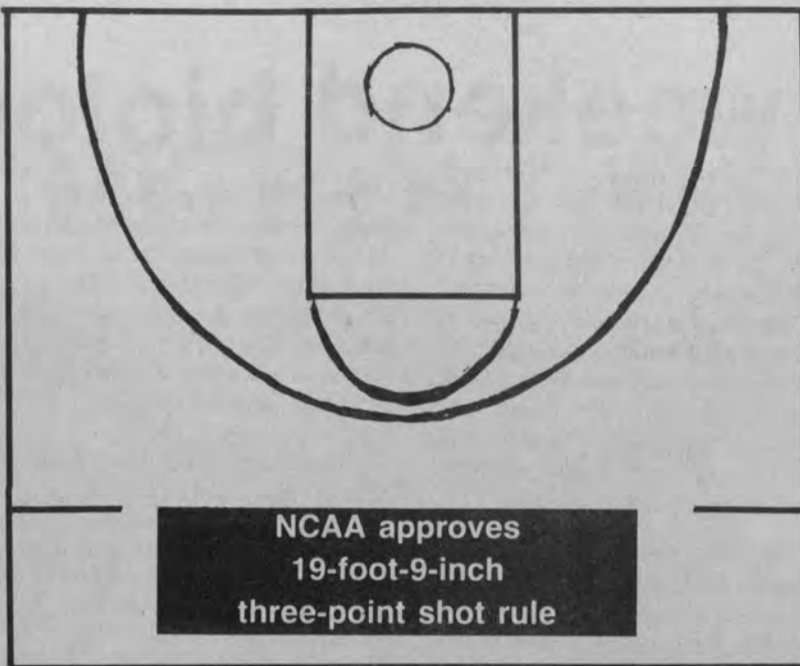
Both Marje and Tamen share other similarities. Both emphasize academics, spending 3-5 hours studying daily while also spending the same amount of time practicing golf.

Tamen says, "I try to stay ahead of the courses because when a tournament comes around I concentrate more on the golf. It's hard to concentrate on both at the same time."

They also did a stint in the Swedish army as officers prior to coming to Pan American. Tamen was a sergeant in Air Defense, while Marje served as a corporal in Communications.

"Their background is what makes them so disciplined," said Guerro. "They were in the army and their parents are professional people. I can teach them some golf, but I can't teach them good study habits. They had that when they came here."

Upon graduation, both Tamen and Marje would like to either turn pro



NCAA approves
19-foot-9-inch
three-point shot rule

Three cagers sign on

Three seasoned basketball players have signed national letters of intent to play for Pan American next season.

Lee Boddie and Greg Garrett achieved All-Jayhawk Conference honors while at Coffeyville Community College in Kansas, the school that last season gave the Broncs 6-foot-11 center Willie James.

Also joining the Bronc roster will be Rolando Garcia, an All-State player from Little Rock McClellan High in Arkansas.

Head Coach Kevin Wall signed Boddie and Garcia. Garrett signed last November.

Boddie, a 6-foot-2, 180 pound, point guard from Dayton, Ohio, averaged 13 points, eight assists and four rebounds for the Coffeyville Red Ravens.

He shoots 51 percent from the line; 83 percent from the foul line.

Assistant Coach Tim Hicks of Coffeyville coached Garrett, a 6-foot-5, 205 pound, "swing man" (forward or guard) from Chicago who scored an average 18 points per game for the Kansas junior college. A steady shooter, he shoots 55 percent from the floor; 80 percent from the line.

"Greg Garrett was probably the second best player in our conference," said Hicks, "and the best player was Harvey Grant, 6-foot-9, at Independ-

dence, who was the best player in the nation."

Garcia, a 6-foot-8, 180 pound, All-State player averaged 15 points, 10 rebounds and four blocked shots as a center.

According to his high school coach Tom McKinney, he has "unbelievable potential."

"His strength as a player is to be as big as he is and be able to run the floor," McKinney said. "He has tremendous soft hands. Along with his ability to run, he's a shooter from 15 feet."

NCAA oks rule change

The NCAA Rules Committee has approved a three-point goal for college basketball and the use of televised instant replays for next season.

After experimentation in 20 conferences over a five-year period, the three-point goal was adopted, said Dr. Edward S. Steitz, secretary-editor of the rule committee.

The goal line will be 19 feet 9 inches from the basket. During the test, the professional distance of 23 feet 9 inches was used but found undesirable, Steitz said.

Head Bronc basketball Coach Kevin Wall said that defensive strategy

will change but that 19 feet 9 inches is "too close nowadays for the college basketball player, it will encourage long-range jump shots..."

Wall also said that the professional length was too short and that something in between the two distances would be better.

It is not known if Pan Am will have any instant replays next season. In the early 1970's, the Broncs televised several home games but did not have instant replay capabilities.

Wall said that improving the quality of the officials would be more effective than the use of instant replay.

Mr. Pan Am named

Two Pan American undergraduates recently captured top awards at the Mr. Pan American Bodybuilding Championship in McAllen. The annual contest is sponsored by the Body Shop of McAllen and the Pan American Weightlifting Club.

Jesse Gonzalez, sophomore from San Juan, won the heavy weight division and the overall title. George Escobedo, freshman from Alamo, took the teenage division title.

Escobedo, who has been bodybuilding for three years, began after seeing the result the training had on his friend, Gonzalez.

"I said to myself," Escobedo said, "If he can do it, why not me?"

Bodybuilding isn't just a weekend hobby for Escobedo, it involves daily training and a strict diet. To prepare for competition he was in training twice a day.

The diet is the hardest part, according to Escobedo. A week before competition he began by just taking protein for four days. Then, for the rest of the week it was all carbohydrates and no liquids up until the contest.

Despite the sacrifices that must be made, Escobedo said he really enjoys the sport.

"I enjoy it. It's fun," said Escobedo. "I like the challenge of the competition."



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PAUSA gets TSSA spring convention

Student government won a bid earlier this month to host the next Texas State Student Association fall conference.

At the spring conference held in Lubbock at Texas Tech University, PAUSA challenged North Texas State's student government for the bid to host the convention.

The fall conference will be at South Padre Island October 35. A variety of seminars are now being planned for the student government representatives from across the state.

Seminars now in the planning include: "Student Service Fee Allocation Awareness," "Student's Rights," "Assertiveness," "Stress as Applied to Student Leaders," "Student Government and the Community" and "Time Management."

PAUSA has requested a total of \$8,000 to fund the conference. They expect to recover this expenditure through registration fees for the event.

Pete Medrano, PAUSA Vice-President, said that the main purpose of the conference is "to have as much communication and unity between the universities and junior colleges across the state, so that we can get ideas from each other and so that we can keep each other updated on what type of legislation will affect Texas students."

While at the spring conference, the student association attended several seminars with prominent state officials as guest speakers.

One speaker was Rep. Noloan J. "Buzz" Robnett, form District 82. Robnett informed students of present issues being considered for the upcoming legislature.

Another speaker was Elvin "El" Caraway an appointee as legislative aide for agricultural affairs by Sen. John Tower. Caraway presented several ideas on "Getting to Know Your Politicians" and how and what legislative representative contact on pressing issues affecting college students.

Courses play HB72 catch-up

Special courses for teachers will be offered this summer to help them meet the curriculum and professional development requirements of recent education reforms.

Courses in the teaching of history, mathematics, English, and Spanish will be offered.

Teachers selected for some of the math and Spanish courses will receive free tuition and stipends for living expenses.

The first summer session begins June 2. Registration will be May 29 on the Brownsville campus and May 30 on the Edinburg campus. The second session begins July 7.

In the first session, Dr. Roberto Salmon, assistant professor of history, will present a course in teaching history in the junior high school. The class will concentrate on Texas, Southwest, and Borderland history and how to incorporate those topics in the classroom.

A seminar in topics in American history before 1865 will be taught by Dr. James Gormly, associate professor of history. The course will focus on the development of political parties in the United States from 1789 to 1850.

In the second Summer session, Dr. Rondel Davidson, professor of history, will teach a graduate course on the First World War. "Seminar and Problems in Modern European History."

Dr. Joseph Wiener, professor of mathematics, and Bella Wiener, assistant professor of mathematics, will be conducting the fourth in a series of math workshops for public school teachers during the first Summer session.

The classes are intended to help teachers improve their teaching methods.

The course for math teachers is not available through regular registration, but through the office of Dr. Peter Garcia, professor of education, for more information call 381-2136 or 381-2154. The workshop is funded by the Coordinating Board of Texas Colleges and Universities and is free to teachers.

Dr. Olga Ramirez, assistant professor of mathematics, will direct a

summer diagnostic and remediation clinic for elementary teachers. The teachers will learn to detect students' math weaknesses and formulate a treatment plan to remediate them.

Two special courses will be offered to upgrade the speaking proficiency of teachers of Spanish in the public schools.

The tuition and fees of the 15 working teachers selected for the special four-week course will be paid through a grant by the Texas Education Agency and all 15 will receive stipends for the four-week period from June 2-27.

Dr. Hugo Mejias, associate professor of foreign languages, said the courses also will familiarize teachers with proficiency issues related to curriculum development.

In the English department, courses will include 6318, teaching secondary school literature and 4318, an undergraduate course taught with the graduate course. Also included are 4328, (graduate course 6328) introduction to English as a second language 3318, introduction to descriptive linguistics and 4325, composition techniques.

About 40 education students will be allowed to enroll in student teaching courses this summer in the La Joya and Weslaco school districts. More information is available from Dr. Juan Solis, director of student teaching.

Revised summer schedules are available at the Office of Admissions and Records in the Student Services Building, 1. Classes will be held Monday through Thursday only, with no evening classes.

Alumni group earns award

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) presented its 1985 District IV Grand Award for best Alumni program to the Pan American University Alumni Association.

The award singles out the university's organization as having the best programs among colleges and universities in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico, Arizona and member organizations in Mexico. In Texas alone, there are 44 alumni organizations holding membership in CASE.

The presentation of this award at the CASE District IV Conference in Puebla, Mexico, on April 9 marked the third time in four years that the Alumni Association had been singled out for the Grand Award. In 1983 the alumni program was honored with the same award by CASE District IV. In 1982, the Alumni Association was selected over every member school in the United States

and Mexico to earn the CASE National Grand Award.

The organization was not forgotten by CASE in 1984 according to the Association Executive Director Thomas D. Segel.

"Even though it did not earn a Grand Award that year, PAU Alumni did capture the 1984 National Exceptional Achievement Award for its programs to assist handicapped students," Segel said. "It also earned the CASE District IV Award of Excellence for the establishment of a barrier free telephone center and work scholarships for handicapped students. Along with those honors were two Special Achievement Awards from CASE for honors scholarships to entering freshmen and the establishment of the Distinguished Performance and Lecture Series."

Association President Steve Burton said "the Pan American University Alumni have taken a non traditional

view of what should be done in support of the institution. Where many alumni groups are viewed only as huge social clubs or extra revenue sources for athletic teams, almost the reverse is true at Pan American. We are involved in areas where we see a need."

"Back in 1982 the Association saw a need for increased support to the University Honors Program. We started off by awarding two \$500 scholarships. Today we have more than \$150,000 in endowed honors scholarship funds and for the current academic year awarded 43 scholarships."

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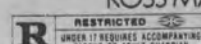


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Trackster arrested Four vandals disciplined

By Nora Lopez
Staff Writer

Four students have been directed to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action after they were caught writing on windows by a Traffic & Security officer last week.

According to Chief Greg Salazar there has been an increase in recent weeks of the amount of vandalism at the University. In retaliation, Chief Salazar has increased the student patrol of the University and several persons have been apprehended.

The names of the four students were not released by the Dean nor was the disciplinary action taken against them.

Salazar said that in the past some forms of disciplinary action have included washing the windows for a certain number of days.

The students were caught writing on windows in the Cafeteria, Ballroom bulletin board and CAS building with shoe shine polish.

Other areas on campus that have been vandalized recently include the Learning Resource Center. A spokesman for the LRC said last week there has been an excessive amount of damage done to the smoking lounges on the second and third floor.

Earlier last week, two juveniles were caught setting a fire in one of the LRC restrooms. The two were detained and turned over to the county juvenile authorities.

Still, Salazar believes that most of the vandalism cases can be prevented if students or staff bring it to the attention of the proper officials when the crime is taking place.

Other cases handled by Traffic & Security included the arrest of a student, Freshman Nancy Mireles was arraigned by Judge Appolonio Gutierrez of Edcouch on charges of assault, a class C misdemeanor. Mireles pleaded guilty to the charge filed by Alicia Veronica McKinnis and paid a \$28 fine.

Two thefts were also reported to the Traffic & Security office in the last two weeks.

A stereo cassette deck was taken from the sound booth at the University Theatre. Total loss is \$130.

Also reported stolen were four hubcaps valued at \$472. The hubcaps were taken from a vehicle parked in the Fieldhouse parking lot.

Another case of criminal mischief included the slashing of a track cover used to protect the cushions at the track field. The cover was valued at \$400.



Binocular Vision—Christopher Linskey, senior biology student, scans the sky for birds during a recent field trip to Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge. A profile of his ornithology professor appears on page 6. (Photo by Jesse De Leon)

Math requirement upgrade proposed

A proposal upgrading the mathematics requirements for students beginning school in Fall 1988 has been submitted to the faculty for a vote.

The proposal is a result of a mandate by the Coordinating Board of Texas Colleges and Universities which restricts the university from offering more than one remedial course per department.

Currently the mathematics department is offering MATH 1300 "Basic Mathematics" as a remedial course, but this class will be dropped and MATH 1335 "Basic Algebra" will be offered as the department's only remedial course.

The university will no longer give credit for MATH 1335 "to satisfy institutional degree requirements," if the proposal is approved. The Coordinating Board identifies MATH 1335 as "a precollegiate course."

"The university college requirements will stay the same," said William Morris, ex-officio member of the committee. "The general education requirements will not have a math requirements."

General Education requirements are those that must be met by all students seeking a bachelors degree. University College requirements were instituted recently and require 60 hours of basic courses in areas such as humanities and social sciences, in addition to the general education requirements.

The proposal states:

- Separate the University College and General Education (Graduation) requirements
- Retain Math 1335 or a higher level math course as the requirement for completing the University College requirements
- Delete the mathematics requirement from the General Education requirements
- Make Math 1340 or a higher level math course a University College requirement beginning in the Fall of 1990.

Under the proposal, all students will still be required to earn credit for at least one math course. However, students could still be required to complete more than one math course if they do not qualify for

MATH 1340 "College Algebra" upon enrolling in the university.

The current University Catalog lists the prerequisite for MATH 1335 as, "MATH 1300 with a grade of C or better or satisfactory grade on the ACT or Math Placement exam."

The prerequisite for MATH 1340 is completion of MATH 1335 with a grade of C or better or a satisfactory grade on the ACT or Math Placement Exam.

With the deletion of MATH 1300 from the university's course offerings MATH 1335 is now scheduled to be offered as a Freshman Studies Course.

The faculty has until May 20 to cast their vote and return the mail ballot to the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

An informational meeting concerning the proposal will be conducted Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the Business Building Auditorium. According to Morris, who anticipates that the proposal will pass, the meeting will take place in order to answer any questions the faculty might have about the proposal.

Judge chosen for graduation speaker

A prominent judge from the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit will deliver the address at commencement exercises on Sunday, May 18 at 5 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

Judge Reynaldo G. Garza, 70, is a native of Brownsville who graduated from Brownsville High School in 1933 and Brownsville Junior College in 1935. Garza pursued his interest in law while attending the University of Texas in 1939, receiving combined degrees of bachelor of arts and bachelor of law.

Garza served as an Air Force serviceman during World War II until the end of 1945. Before entering the service, Garza practiced law in Brownsville as sole practitioner and continued the practice in 1945 after the service.

Garza later joined the firm of Sharpe, Cunningham and Garza in 1950. He was appointed to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas by President Kennedy in March of 1961. Garza, however, remained with the firm.

Advancing to a higher position, Garza became the Chief Judge of the Southern District of Texas in December of 1974. He was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit where he is now presiding as senior judge.

During Garza's residency in Brownsville, he has had an active role in the field of education, religion and politics. Beginning with his service on the School Board of Brownsville, there have also been later appointments to the Texas Education Standards Committee by former Gov. Price Daniel and to the Committee of Twenty-Five on Education Beyond the High School. At present Garza is serving as a member of the Select Committee on Higher Education.

The Valley's only law school and a school in the McAllen school district are also named after Garza.

Garza said that his reason for being so involved with the field of education was due to his father's advice as he lay on his death bed.

"I am not leaving you much wealth, but I am leaving you what is worth more than \$1 million and that is education. This is something that no one will ever be able to take away from you," the senior Garza had said.

At other times, he also said, "I do not worry about an educated man in my court for he knows how to take care of himself. I do worry about the uneducated one who is the victim of unscrupulous people who are always trying to take advantage."

Garza is also involved in the Catholic Church. Garza has served as chairman of the Higher Catholic Education Committee and as District Deputy for the State Council of the Knights of Columbus, the highest state office in that organization. Pope Pius XII has twice decorated Garza for his work with the Knights of Columbus by naming him the recipient of the Medal Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice in 1953 and a Knight of the Order of St. Gregory the Great in May of 1954. That same year Garza was given the Oblate Madonna Award by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. He was also awarded the annual outstanding Catholic Layman Award by the Texas Catholic Conference.

Seeking political office twice, Garza was elected to the School Board of the Brownsville Independent School District, the governing board

for Brownsville Junior College, now Texas Southmost College in 1941. Garza was later elected as City Commissioner of the City of Brownsville in 1947.

Another area of interest to Garza is Latin-American relations. He served on the Latin-American Relations Committee of the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce and the Valley Chamber of Commerce. Appointed to the Texas Good Neighbor Commission by former Gov. Allan Shivers, he served until his resignation as he took his oath of office as a federal judge.

Garza has been deeply involved with Brownsville city organizations, serving as president of the Brownsville Rotary Club, twice as director of the United Fund of Brownsville, as treasurer of the Cameron County Child Welfare Board, and as a past member of the Board of Governors of St. Mary's University along with being a trustee of its law school. At this time, Garza is a member of the Advisory Board of the Rio Grande Council of the Boy Scouts of America and served as president of the council for two years, receiving the Silver Beaver award from the Boy Scouts.



Reynaldo G. Garza

Garza is married and has five children. Four of whom are graduates of Texas universities and one daughter currently attending PAU-B.

More than 400 students will be eligible to participate in the spring graduation ceremony according to the Office of Admissions and Records.

May graduation candidates planning to participate in the ceremony are to assemble alphabetically, by schools, in the area around the courtyard of the Physical Education Complex by 4:15 p.m.

There will be a sign indicating where the schools will gather. Students should go to that area immediately so that the class marshal may check off their name.

Graduates of each school will assemble in the following order: Health Related Professions, College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business Administration and School of Education.

Cap and gown (and hood for master's degree candidates) can be picked up at the University Bookstore.

Candidates who are unable to be present for the ceremony must make prior arrangements by contacting the Office of Admissions and Records.

There will be a presidential reception at the Fieldhouse Courtyard honoring all graduates immediately after the ceremony.

'Gallery' reception scheduled

The Gallery, a campus literary magazine written and composed by Pan American students, should be available by Wednesday. An autograph party and reception for contributors and students will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. outside the CAS Gallery.

Various student awards will be handed out for outstanding work in the area of photos, poems and stories.

This past year the Gallery won second place for its best literary magazine at Texas Intercollegiate Press Association in Hunstville.



Splendor in the grass—Finals don't put a damper on the passions

stirred by the summer heat for two Pan American undergraduates. (Photo by Janie Cantu.)

Dam risky plan

Building of two proposed channel dams by the Southmost Regional Water Authority could severely and permanently damage the Valley's "wildlife corridor," according to a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service report.

Surely there are ways, even if less economical, that the water authority could find to ease this area's water woes.

The proposal calls for the building of a new dam downstream from Brownsville and modifying the Retamal Dam near Donna. The dams would store storm waters which now flow into the Gulf, so the water could be used for cities and new development projects, such as a proposed resort at Boca Chica beach.

This proposal has already come under strong criticism from Valley environmental groups. The USFWS report backs up their contention that the channel dams could submerge and erode much of the plant life along the river bank. Brush along the river bank is used as cover by wildlife moving along the river, including rare ocelot and jaguarundi cats.

Another major concern has to do with the amount of water which flows into the Gulf of Mexico from the Rio Grande. The Report states that the dams could severely reduce the flow, especially during the droughts which occur in the Valley every five years or so.

Freshwater flows are critical to young shrimp and saltwater fish which use the river's mouth as a nursery ground, the report states.

Because of developments up river the flow of the Rio Grande has already been substantially reduced. The mouth of the river scarcely exists anymore. Saltwater threatens to push up the river because of the reduced flow, endangering vegetation and wildlife.

This is not the only threat to Valley wildlife currently being fought. Another threat comes from Central Power and Light's attempts to build another major power line across the Laguna Madre, a major migratory route for birds.

Environmentalists are currently winning this battle, but CP&L is appealing the ruling, refusing to bury the power line under the bay.

Surely there are other ways to solve these problems without destroying the habitat we share with the rest of the animal kingdom. The water shortage problem could be helped by developing desalinization plants to make saltwater drinkable.

Water waste could be reduced in many ways, especially by educating the public in this area. Denver, Colorado, a city that faces continual water shortage problems, has developed a massive water conservation education program that has worked very well.

The university could do the Valley a great public service by leading the way with some feasible solutions to this areas water problems. After all, water shortages aren't just "their" problems its OUR problem.

Speer Attic/John Speer Recap and beyond

I've struggled with thoughts not acted upon, grappled with deeds unaccomplished. Despair, on these pages, reached near existential proportions. But I've clung, still cling, to some idealistic notion. Vacillating, perhaps, between childhood warmth-Christian warmth, that is, in the "best" sense-and the humanistic idealism of my professors, no less warm for that. Still I despair that my knowledge is rented, correct action forsaken for pompous books and decadent luncheons. Remembering the words of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. (Who is he? A Buddhist, contemporary.) "When you are completely filled with scholarship, borrowed knowledge, you are already dead." Ah! But the converse is hope. We are young in our studies, Just half-dead? Let's hope.

Marx I've quoted before and I'll quote him again. Not the prince of darkness. Not saviour. A man. Most overcited, but perennially true: "The philosophers have only interpreted the world, in various ways; the point, however, is to change it." But it was not Marx who taught me to act. It was the Christians I spoke of; they broke from their past. They rejected St. Augustine who begged, "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's." This because he claimed that governments are God-ordained. No government is loved by God which destroys His creation. They rejected, too, so they could act, the exhortation of Aquinas; "obey the powers that be." For the Christians I loved could not accept resignation and despair. The "powers that be" were proceeding to destroy all that was sacred. The people of Vietnam and Cambodia were sacred. 59,009 of my American brothers and sisters were sacred. Freedom, too, was God-beloved, but not the word, dragged through profane typewriters at the Ministries of Peace and Truth. At meetings in my parent's house, there too we learned to act. Some families were disdained in town, their skin, you see, was black. I remember well the wrath of those Nashville rednecks when we arranged a mixture in the suburbs.

Now severed from those heady times, in troubled times anew, I skip a meeting or an action more than not to read some pompous ass so in the morning I will pass a test of my short term memory. Now I know the profs mean no harm, they're well-intentioned, all. But they, along with us, forget the Athenian ideal: that he or she "who holds aloof from public life is not as quiet but as useless." So sang Pericles. Also; "acts are foredoomed to failure when undiscussed." I've made this gripe before today, it's likely one I'll make again. Philosophy won't save us, nor will science, math, hi-tech. Nor, alas, I fear will prayer. That's salvation in material terms, mind you; preaching is my father's job.

I guess by now the point is clear; the universities have failed. For all our knowledge and abhorrence at ideals unrealized, we're slow to act and quick to make excuses. The leading edge of knowledge has, of late, left action to the tyrants. Useless contemplation is our game.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Monday noon prior to publication. All letters should be accompanied by the writer's address and telephone number, for verification. No letter will be published without the writer's signature.

The Wild Side/Fred White Finals blues: The last lament

I'm losing the Will to Live. It is now 12:35 Sunday night. Or Monday morning, rather. I just finished my paper for history. What a way to spend a weekend. Reading and writing. I guess it's my own fault, but there are only so many hours in a week. And when you take into account sleeping, eating, driving to and from school, time spent in class, goofing off and partying, there's really no time left for schoolwork. This should be my last column of the school year. Please, hold your applause, thank you. I still don't know what I'm writing about. I'm not even sure I'm awake. I must be. I just saw something walking off with some of my Rice Krispies. I'm not looking forward to tomorrow. Today.

I know exactly what's going to happen. I'm going to pass out on my typewriter or in my cereal, and my mom is going to wake me up yelling in my ear that I overslept and forgot to take the garbage out. I'll take a ridiculously long shower trying to wake up, and eat an absurdly long breakfast and leave the house about ten minutes after I should have. That's when the real fun begins. I will try to bend the Time/Space Continuum by attempting to make it from my house in Harlingen to my English class in less than 35 minutes. I would succeed too, if it weren't for the two and one-half mile long procession of tractors, construction equipment, parades, school buses, and enumerable other students on Schunior at the same time.

Why do I even bother? Why don't I just wipe the Rice Krispies off my face and get into my nice comfy bed and sleep until the sun

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:
The realization hit me like a .45 Magnum slug smashing into my skull. My stomach did flip-flops and I had to race to the bathroom to avoid a major incident. You really didn't know did you? Well, allow me to try and simplify it for you. You mentioned in your article that you admire our acceptance but that you hate our clothes and music. Oh, and I forgot our sense of hopelessness (that you perceived). Allow me to quote you. "But what depressed me about the club was the sense of hopelessness I perceived. There was no fun, no joy in the partying. Everyone seemed to be living for the moment." What should we live for Herbert? A long and prosperous life? I think not.

I believe you have not viewed our generation closely enough. For starters the verse you use in your article (performed by the Pet Shop Boys) says: "... Sometimes you're better off dead. Because the gun in your hand is pointing to your head." We are taking part in what seems to be a type of predestiny, if you will, in which our damnation and corruption have already been laid out for us. Laid out by whom you might ask? Well, by you of course.

Your generation has planted the seeds of corruption. How can we be happy in this "Neon World" you have created for us. A world in which good men can cause terrible acts in pursuit of the political "American Dream." You tell us not to lie, steal or kill yet you teach us (through your actions) to lie, steal and kill. I don't think this world you have brought us into is really anything for you to be proud of. And remember you created it not us.

So maybe now you can start to understand why we are sort of depressed. Now allow me to ask you, do you really believe in "The American Dream" and if so, at what point does a dream become a nightmare?

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Respectfully,
Eloy Barrera Jr.

To the Editor:
Rose Marie Herbert, do you remember when in your generation the arrival of the Beatles and Elvis Presley; how they and their admirers were castigated because of their style? How ironic it is that you criticize my generation. Times change, babe, and people should accept and understand them. If society doesn't approve, the change will fail, and something else will materialize. Can you imagine when your daughters grow up? Poor things. Hey, it's all for fun. Can you imagine if Kadaffy, Reagan, Gorbachev and Thatcher saw the world in that way? As Jackie Gleason says, "How sweet it is!"

Crispin (C.J.) Quintanilla III

Ms. Herbert responds:
Thank you both for your letters. You have some valid points vis a vis the ability of one generation to accept another. However, I must take stong exception to two of your arguments. Mr. Barrera, I take no credit or blame for either creating the world you live in nor bringing you into it. I'm old but I ain't THAT old. If you want someone to blame for that I suggest you start with your parents and go from there. Mr. Quintanilla, in your letter you state, "... do you remember when in your generation the arrival of the Beatles and Elvis Presley ..." Sir, I was five when the Beatles arrived in this country and made their American

television debut on the Ed Sullivan Show. As for the King, let me say that the number one song the week I was born was "Hound Dog." I use this as a point of reference. The artists of my generation were people like Springsteen and Bob Seeger. May I add that they have been around for ten years or more and have in all likelihood affected the music of artists such as those now-infamous Pet Shop Boys and even Prince (whom Mr. Barrera seems to have a deep affinity 4). Boys, let's do lunch sometime REAL soon, okay?

To the Editor:
The article titled "Sorority Folds Other Perseveres" in the May 1, 1986 issue by Mary Howard was one that was very misleading. It stated that we were folding and that we had surrendered our charter.

The use of the word fold was a very poor choice because most people associate the word with being forced to go under. We weren't forced to go under, we voted to disban the Collegian Chapter of Kappa Delta here at Pan American University. The reason being that most of our sisters are transferring to other colleges to continue with their education. This would leave approximately 5 members to carry on the sisterhood of KD. It would involve a lot of time, money, no to mention the added pressures of holding down three or four elected and appointed officers. The only way the chapter would fold would be if the National Chapter in Denver Colorado put Delta Epsilon on probation and pull our charter at the end of the semester.

Another thing I'd like to mention concerns the supposed surrender of our charter. This, too, was voted on but we've not surrendered it yet. We are still active and will remain so until the end of the semester. A charter isn't surrendered until we turn it in to nationals at the end of June. If we wanted to we could make the motion fall and come back next fall.

One last thing that another sister and myself would like to mention is the paper's sudden interest in Kappa Delta. Our organization along with several other organizations have been ignored all year. Now we have a sudden front page interest. We feel that you have failed to investigate enough viewpoints to get your facts straight.

Two not interviewed sisters,
Sister Teresa DeWitt
Sister Yvonne Barbee

Miss Howard responds: The reason my article stated that Kappa Delta sorority surrendered its charter is because it did. I not only spoke to Aissa Cantu, KD president, but also to Dean of Students Judy Vinson. I paraphrased from a letter, which Yvonne Barbee signed (and I assume did not read) that was sent to "Fellow Greeks" on campus.

All three sources informed me that Kappa Delta had indeed surrendered its charter and would for all intents and purposes become dormant as it will no longer recruit members or participate in campus activities as a recognized organization. I was not told of the June date by any of my sources. In trying to "investigate enough viewpoints" I was told by Sonia Cantu, vicepresident, that the sorority's members had met and had decided not to talk to the press. This fact was confirmed when I spoke to KD member Gloria Zuniga.

Finally, The Pan American's interest in KD is not sudden. We have not ignored student organizations. In deciding what to cover in the paper, the editor must take into consideration the newsworthiness of the event. A surrender of a charter is newsworthy, and of interest to the majority of students, a bake sale is not.

goes down? Especially now, when I'm looking down the barrel of Finals. WHY? That's the question I ask myself every morning in that horrific instant when daylight—worse—morning daylight, stabs my eyes. And every morning I fail to satisfactorily answer it. I think there is only one logical explanation, though one that I can barely force myself to believe. I think it was because ... I like school.

I can't believe I said that. (Wrote it, whatever). If my old high school friends heard me say that they'd disown me. But why else would I go through all of that every weekday except Tuesday?

That's it. I go because I actually enjoy it. Don't get me wrong, there are many times when I'll be sitting in class wishing, praying that I were someplace else. Anyplace. But deep down in this twisted psyche of mine, I like English and biology and history and acting ... well, let's not push it. It's because school is where life is. Maybe not life really, but a better version of it.

How can I explain it? I can't. You have to live it. Go to the CAS building, first floor, north side. Find the tutorial room. Why it's called that I'll never know. I've seen anyone in there tutoring or even with an open book. What I have seen would make a crow blush. It's like everyone who goes in there checks their sanity at the door. But the thing is, most of the time they forget to pick it up on their way out. Let me put it this way, a typical message on the chalkboard in there would be something like: "Philip, I have herpes. Thought you might like to know.—Sally."

But the tutorial room isn't the only place where you can find this kind of thing. It's everywhere. All over campus.

That's why I like school. I'm 25 years old now. A quarter of a century, my so-called friends tease me. I should have finished school already, but instead I'm just starting. Seven years it's been since I finished high school and I have a hard time accounting for all that time. I must have had fun though, because it's gone by so quick. And it's strange, but sometimes I feel like I might croak any minute. Not that I'm that old, but you never can tell. I know that sounds morbid, but I don't see it that way at all. In fact, I believe it's that sense of my own mortality that gets me out of bed every morning. I think that's also what makes me so weird. I want to get up

and go out and do things. I want to raise hell with my friends, and harass my cat, and smell the damn grass, and listen to loud, obnoxious Rock 'n Roll and take risks and fall on my butt and act like an idiot and be a kid again. You see, I get to do a lot of that here at school. That's why I'm going to miss it a hell of a lot after next week.

And by the end of the day Wednesday I'll be driving home tired, with the sunset in my rearview mirror, listening to the radio, thinking of all kinds of stuff. Most likely a girl. And I'll get home, shower, get dressed and eat something phenomenally good that my mother made (but that she says I don't deserve) for dinner. And when I'm finished, I'll brush my teeth, jump into my car, turn up the radio all the way and blast off into the night in search of adventure and maybe that one certain girl. 'Til September ... Good Night.

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Summer plays offer opportunities

Stanley will begin casting during final exam week. He had originally planned to open the summer stock season with "Greater Tuna", but the authors revoked the rights since they plan to produce it themselves in the near future.

"Two Blind Mice" by Samuel Spewack will be presented on June 19 through 21. The former Broadway hit will be directed by Dr. James Hawley.

The final play of the season will be "Charley's Aunt", directed by Dr. Doug Cummins. It will be presented July 3 through 5.

According to Cummins, University Theater managing director, the rest of the plays will be cast on the first day of summer classes, June 2.

"There is also plenty to do for people who don't want to be in a play," Cummins said. "There are sets to be built, props, lighting, publicity and so on. The whole idea of PASS is for people interested in theater to get a start."

"It's busy, it's crazy, but it's fun," Cummins said. "If you work hard you get six credit hours of 'A' to help your GPA."

"In order to get our shows done we work all day, 9 a.m. until the show closes with no day off", he said. For this reason it is not recommended that students take any other classes or have an outside job while taking PASS.

In order to pass the course, students must work at least 180 clock hours. However, Cummins points out that while that may seem excessive, the nature of the class enables students to often exceed that amount.

"People get as many as 300", he said. He adds that the grades are judged by the faculty and are based on the quality of the students' work.

Unlike the rest of the classes offered this summer, PASS students will meet seven days a week.

The Pan American Summer Stock Theater will feature four comedies for its 1986 season. The plays will be presented in the University Theater.

PASS, which is offered on the freshman, senior, and graduate levels is worth six credit hours. Cummins said that it is an excellent opportunity for those interested in performing to get experience.

PASS will begin its fourteenth year with "Divorce, Anyone?" by John Patrick. The play, which will be directed by Dr. Jack Stanley, is a series of three short comedies examining the subject of divorce.

Dr. Marian Monta will direct "Answers" which was written by Ernest Thompson who also wrote "On Golden Pond". The play consists of three short comedies and will be presented June 26 through 28.

News Briefs

Chemistry major honored

A senior chemistry major has been selected as "an outstanding young chemist" by the Texas Institute of Chemists.

He is David Cortez of Mercedes. He was honored at a banquet recently at Rice University. He was presented to the institute by Andres Estrada, professor in the chemistry department.

Cortez and Estrada presented a paper recently at the 14th annual

Minority Biochemical Research Symposium sponsored by the National Institutes of Health in New Orleans on "The Synthesis and Study of the Retinal Analog 2,4,6,8,10-Dodecapentaenal."

Cortez, a graduate of Mercedes High School, is the son of Mrs. Consuelo Cortez of Mercedes. He is secretary of Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity and vice president of the Chemistry Club at Pan American.

Magazine distribution set

The Rio Magazine will be arriving this week and will be ready for distribution sometime next week.

Copies will be \$1 a piece and will be available at student publications at

Emilia Hall Room 100. Various booths will be set up next week at different buildings on campus for further distribution. For further information contact the Student Publications office at 381-2542.

Youth sports planned

The university will offer the 1986 National Youth Sports Program for 360 Edinburg area children June 2 through July 3.

Instruction will be available to children ages 10 to 16 from 2:30 to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon on Fridays at the Fieldhouse in the Physical Education Complex.

Activities will include swimming, basketball, softball, volleyball, dance, physical fitness, martial arts, tennis, soccer, and a cultural enrichment program, according to activities director Jeannean Ryman, physical education instructor.

The teachers will include university and high school coaches and athletes.

Applications may be obtained from the P.E. Complex Room 119 and should be returned by May 22, through July 3.

Each child will be given a free medical examination between 7 and 9 p.m. May 22 at the P.E. Complex on the east side of the campus. The medical examination must be completed before the child will be allowed to participate in the program.

There will be no cost to participants, and a meal will be provided each day by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Vans will pick up the children at 2 p.m. weekdays at designated areas and will return them about 6:15 p.m. On Fridays the vans will pick up at 8:30 a.m. and return between noon and 12:15 p.m.

Newest student health hazard: . . . backpacks?

(CPS) With Nautilus machines in the school gym, salad bars in the cafeteria and smoke-free areas in student lounges, it might seem college life has never been healthier.

But one enterprising professor has found a new health hazard on campus.

It's that book-laden backpack you've had over one shoulder all these years, said Ron Sendre, a Central Michigan University professor of sports medicine.

How can the innocent backpack, symbol of outdoor lifestyles, wreak such devastation on unsuspecting college students?

"A heavy backpack changes your center of gravity," said Sendre. "Your abdominal area is thrust forward, and your shoulders are brought posterior."

"Then a kid will carry that backpack for six, eight minutes across campus to his next class."

In other words, he's got lousy posture while carrying a mega-load of textbooks, and according to Sendre, "there are bound to be lots of repercussions."

Besides knock-down shoulder—a drooping shoulder caused by constantly wearing the pack slung over one shoulder—backpacks can cause swayback, shoulder tension, headaches, even nerve damage.

There is a simple remedy: "Lighten the load is the best advice I can give," the professor said.

But if one's credit load demands carting 30 pounds of Organic Chemistry texts, the Unabridged Works of Shakespeare and a jumbo box of Crayolas for Art 101, Sendre suggests wearing the pack the way it was designed to be worn.

"I've never seen a backpack with just one strap," he said. Yet that's the way most students wear them.

"Rather than taking the time to throw both straps on, they just throw on one."

But even a properly balanced pack can be a problem for the out-of-shape student.

So Sendre recommends a complete work-out program with weight machines, adding that exercises for flexibility are equally important.

But if all this seems like more health consciousness than one can handle, another study offers a rationale for at least one "bad habit."

Cigarette smoking may enhance students' ability to study, a group of British scientists said.

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Pan Am Christian Fellowship will have a prayer service during Activity Period in the Chapel.
Bronc Cadet Corps will have a "Pass In Review and a Commissioning Ceremony" from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the track.
Dead days are today and Friday.

FRI

The Music Department will sponsor a senior recital featuring Todd Monasmith on tuba, and Rosa Maria Ortiz on trombone at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

SAT

The Chapter of Business and Professional Women will have a charter meeting on Saturday, May 24 at 3 p.m. at the Edinburg Public Library.

SPRING SEMESTER 1985-1986

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

Day Classes		
Thursday, May 8		
7:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	All TT English 1301 classes	
9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	All MWF English 1301 classes	
5:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	Evening English 1301 classes	
Friday, May 9		
7:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Math 1335 classes	
9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Math 1300 classes	
12:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Math 1340 classes	
Monday, May 12		
7:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	MWF-1 classes	(7:45 - 8:35)
9:45 a.m. - 11:00 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	(2:25 - 3:40)
Tuesday, May 13		
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.	MWF-6 classes	(12:45 - 1:35)
2:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	TT-7 classes	(5:15 - 6:30)
Wednesday, May 14		
7:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	TT-3 classes	(11:35 - 12:50)
9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	MW-7 classes	(1:45 - 3:00)
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	(3:10 - 4:25)
Thursday, May 15		
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	(4:35 - 5:50)
12:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	TT-4 classes	(1:00 - 2:15)
2:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	TT-6 classes	(3:50 - 5:05)
Saturday classes: Examinations will be given at regular class time on May. 4.		
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Commitment pays off

Young tennis team comes alive

By Eloy Saenz
Sports Writer

After not participating in the sport for the past 20 years, the university's women's tennis team was awakened this year from its long hibernation to compete in NCAA Division I.

With a young but experienced team, Coach Dave Cross guided the women to a 6-5 winning season.

"We had a relatively young team this year which came together to form an extremely competitive team," Cross said.

Women on the tennis team this year were Seniors Cindy Davila from San Juan, and Zeldia Hinojosa from

Falfurrias. Most of the team was made up of sophomores that consisted of Rosie De La Fuente from Mercedes, Cassie Goodell from Brownsville, Jill Jackard from Lenexa, Kansas, Chris Reetz from West Germany and Monica Silenzi from Calgary, Canada.

All team members have planned on coming back for next year with the exception of Davila and Hinojosa who are seniors. An experienced group of sophomores will be back, said Cross.

"We achieved several goals this year," said Cross. "First of all, the girls made a strong commitment towards their academics and tennis. Secondly, a winning season was the end result of this commitment."

The most outstanding win for the team was defeating Schriener College 4-3 on March 7 in San Antonio.

Both teams had injuries on their squad but still played seven matches. Going into the final set three all, the doubles team of Silenzi and Goodell defeated Jennifer The and Tammy Lusinger 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 in the final match.

In the University of Texas at San Antonio Roadrunner Classic the women performed poorly losing all their singles matches and winning only one doubles match.

Afterwards the team put more ef-

fort and commitment into their matches. As a result, they fared better.

Coach Cross is in the process of recruiting tennis players primarily from Texas with an emphasis on the Rio Grande Valley.

For next year's team Cross is looking for commitment towards academics and tennis in his players.

The goal right now is to get a tougher schedule for next year's team.

"With the same improvement in attitude and commitment, we look forward to a successful 1986-87 season," Cross said.

Cross said that this team set the standard for all future teams.

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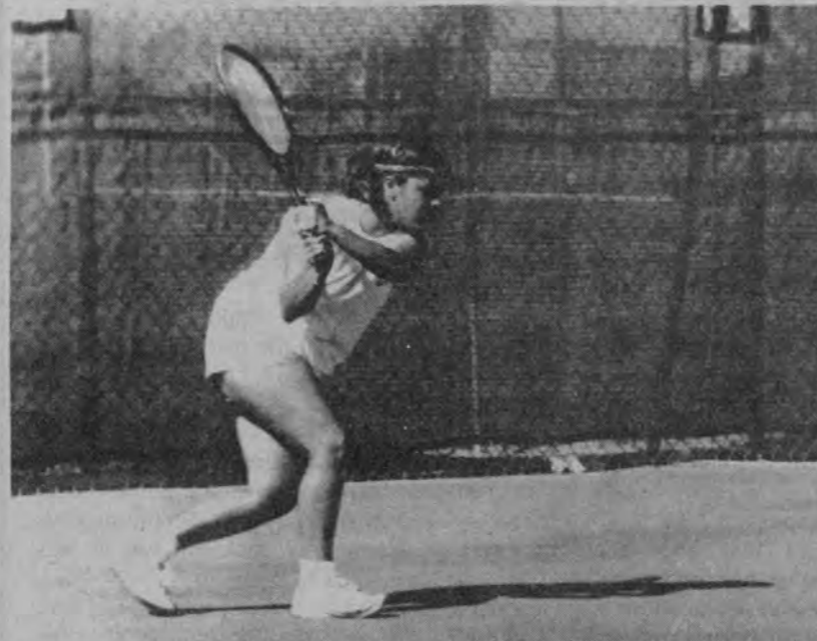
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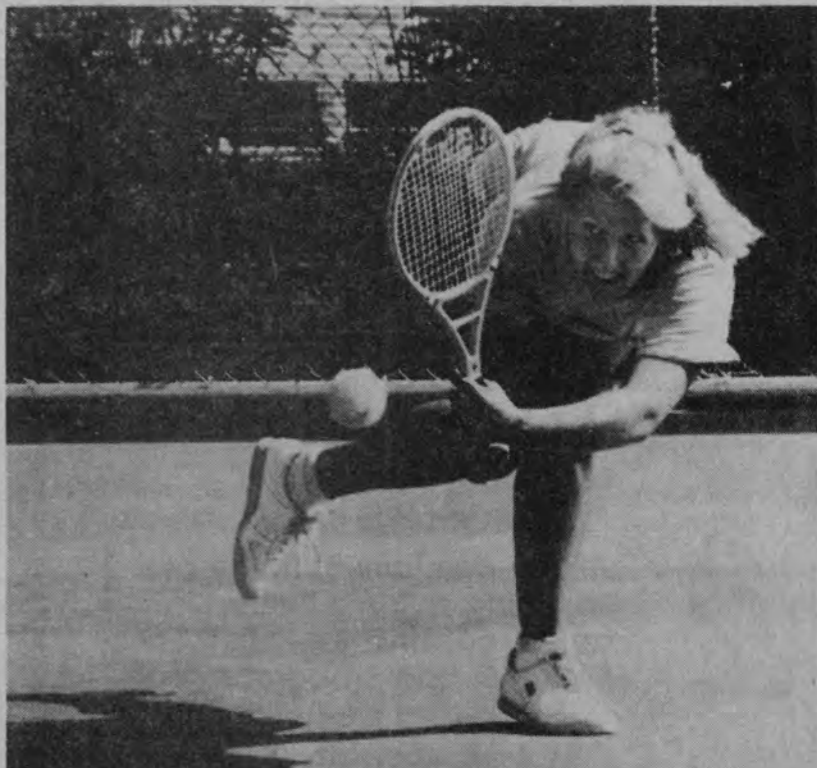
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Cassie Goodell from Brownsville follows through with her backhand. Goodell was one of the women tennis players that Coach David Cross said would set the example for all teams to come. (Photo by Janie Cantu)



UGGHHHH!!!—Canadian Monica Silenzi surprises her opponent by using her backhand to hit this difficult shot. Silenzi won the singles championship in the 11th Annual Club Campestre Tennis Tournament held in Torreon, Mexico earlier this year. (Photo by Janie Cantu)

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Tracksters rewrite record sheet



Former trackster Hernan Figueroa and current trackster Marten Westberg run laps around the track to keep in shape. The track team will host an Independence Day Scholarship run at 8 a.m. July 4. The 10K run will be around campus. Money raised from the event will go to the Alumni Association and Honors Program for scholarships for all eligible applicants with a 3.5 GPA or higher. For more information call Coach Reid Harter or Coach Robert Martinez at 381-2236. (Photo by Carmen Avendano)

After breaking five school records at the Longhorn Invitational in Austin, the men's and women's track teams will compete in the UT-Arlington Invitational Saturday in Arlington.

"The best athletes from Texas schools will be competing," said Coach Reid Harter. Southwest Conference universities, Baylor, SMU, UT and others will be competing.

Breaking school records at the Longhorn Invitational were: Oscar Rivas in the 3,000 meter steeple

chase with 9:12.5, he placed second; Toya Castillo, in the 800 meter run with 2:13.2 placed eighth; and, Doug Erickson in the 4,000 meter run with 14:34.83 placed fourth.

Nancy Mireles broke two school records. In the 1,500 meter run, she placed second with 4:38.8, breaking the previous record of 4:39.28. In the 3,000 meter run, she broke the previous record of 10:09.04 with 10:08.9 and placed tenth.

In the long jump, Anna Martinez captured second with a jump of 19 feet one inch.

Other tracksters had placed fifth, seventh and eighth in various heats and runs.

Coach Harter said that the trackster's placing in "large" meets and the breaking of several school records this season shows that "the philosophy of the program is heading in the right direction."

The philosophy's foundation stems from the desire to "build a middle distance and distance dynasty," said Harter, it involves workin out individual runners twice a day.

"The Valley is known for its middle distance and distance runners. It has some of the best in the state," Harter said.

The best is what Harter is hoping to recruit for next season's team. "We have looked for recruits all over; we have not left a rock unturned."

So far his search has found four women and eleven men for next season's team and he is looking for more. At press time the names of returning tracksters was unavailable.

Lady Broncs sign players for next season

The Lady Bronc basketball team has signed three players and will sign two more in a few weeks for next season's roster.

Patricia Chapa, a five-foot-six-inch point guard, played varsity basketball for McAllen High School for three years.

This season, Chapa earned second team All-District and second team All-Valley honors.

Signing her on April 10, John McDowell, head basketball coach said Chapa has, "quickness and an attitude to work hard."

Chapa's coach at McAllen High, Teresa Casso, said, "she is a very unselfish ballplayer, an excellent defensive specialist and ballhandler."

Kelly Crouch, who also plays for McAllen High, is a fivefoot-ten-inch forward-center.

Her senior and junior years, Crouch earned All-Valley, AllRegion and All-District honors—making her the first woman player in the Valley to receive such honors both years.

Said Coach Casso, "Kelly has a very fierce competitive nature; she's a go-getter, a loyal and dedicated worker who gives 100 percent."

Playing a post position, Crouch averaged 3.9 assists and 3.4 steals.

In addition to her other honors, Crouch was also an All-Star for the TABC South Team and most valu-

able player in All-District this season.

This season McAllen High finished with a 27-7 record.

The Lady bronc roster this season included two seniors, Becki Dube and Sofia de Alva, both of whom graduated from McAllen High.

Jackie Ortiz of Rio Hondo also signed with the Ladies April 10.

A five-foot-ten-inch forward, Ortiz received All-District and All-State honors this season, said Coach McDowell.

"She is a very strong inside shooter," he said.

Cheryl Boyle, who played for McClennon Community College in Waco this season and Tonya Smith of Brazoswood High in West Columbia, Texas, have been asked to sign with the Broncs but at press time had not.

Boyle, a five-foot-eleven-inch player, graduated from McAllen High in

1985, the same year she earned first team All-District and All-Valley honors.

Coach Casso said, "she is a good outside shooter and very quick for her size."

Coach McDowell said he wants to sign Boyle because she can play all positions on the court. "she is a well-rounded player."

Smith is a five-foot-five-inch guard whom Coach McDowell said is,

"very quick and an academic high achiever."

Returning Lady Broncs are: Kaydee Benavides, Bridgette Ivory, Rachel Juarez, Melba Muniz, Maribel Silva and Gina Vegas.

The Ladies have another tough schedule ahead of them for next season, said Coach McDowell. Opponents will include teams such as St. Mary's and Southwest Texas State University.

Playoff bid uncertain

By Elisandro Garza
Sports Writer

"The waiting is the hardest part," wails rocker Tom Petty, lyrics that can be aptly applied to the Bronc baseball team, who now must 'wait' and see if they are invited to the NCAA post season playoffs.

The first selection were to be announced late Tuesday and were not available at presstime. Further announcements came out May 12, and the last hope for all college teams is May 19. Regional tournaments are set to begin May 22.

The Broncs finished the regular season with a 41-17 record, for a .707 percentage. Seven other teams across the country have won 40 or more games, with 13 others who have good chances of also winning 40. Winning 40 games is significant because teams are limited to only 60 games by a new NCAA rule.

Overall, 40 teams will make the post season playoff. Of those, 25 will receive an automatic bid by winning their conference. That means only 15 "at large" spots are actually chosen by the NCAA selection committee.

For Pan American, those 15 "at large" spots are further reduced because some conferences will have more than one representative. Texas A&M and Texas both tied for the

Southwest Conference championship and will more than likely be in the playoffs. Also, Baylor and Arkansas from that same conference are possibilities.

"You take it on faith, you take it to the heart..." continues Petty. The Broncs' faith is in their performance this season.

After being decimated by the loss of 24 lettermen from last year's squad, Coach Al Ogletree put together a team that won 41 games, won two out of the three tournaments held at Jody Ramsey Stadium in March, and in the process tangled with several 1985 conference champions.

The Broncs record against Division I schools is 29-14. They swept three games from Texas A&M in College Station by scores of 5-2, 7-6 and 4-2. A&M led the Southwest Conference most of the season.

Defending Big 10 champion Minnesota also fell to the Broncs, 7-6, 3-2 and 5-2. The Broncs took two out of three from defending Big East champion St. Johns, including a 2-1 victory in extra innings for the Jody Ramsey Tournament championship.

The Broncs also split a four game series with 1985 NAIA World Series runner-up Dallas Baptist. Dallas Baptist had earlier split a four game

series with Texas in Austin. The Broncs also won two of three from Big State champion St. Mary's.

Both Dallas Baptist and St. Mary's are in the NAIA playoffs this year.

The Broncs also have to hope the NCAA selection committee looks favorably on Miami of Florida's performance in last years College World Series. As an independent they upset favored Texas to win the national championship.

If the Broncs are selected, a possibility exists that Jody Ramsey Stadium may also be selected as the site for a regional tournament. The Broncs last hosted a regional in 1976, and have not made the playoffs since 1983.

NCAA changes academic requirements

(CPS) College coaches and athletic directors predict the NCAA's new academic requirements for freshman athletes will create "whiter" football and basketball teams and give larger schools a sharper recruiting edge over smaller schools.

Members of the National Collegiate Athletic Association recently voted 206-94 to adopt a controversial plan to require freshman athletes to earn certain minimum scores on college entrance exams, and have a 2.0 grade-point average in 11 specified high school courses.

At the NCAA convention in New Orleans, black educators objected that the standardized test score measure effectively will keep minority students off teams and out of college.

Educators have long argued standardized test questions tend to be "culturally biased," dwelling on experiences and concepts associated with middle-class upbringings.

"The NCAA had good intentions and a lousy product," says Timothy Walter, supervisor of the student-athlete academic support program at the University of Michigan.

"There's definitely going to be a whitening of major schools," Walter said. "You might see other schools breaking off and a movement of minority kids to a few schools."

The requirement, which will affect NCAA Division I and IA schools, eventually will require freshman athletes to score at least 700 on the combined Scholastic Aptitude (SAT) or 15 on the American College Testing (ACT) exam, and earn a 2.0 grade-point average in 11 high school academic courses.

The requirements will be phased in over three years to allow freshman athletes to offset low test scores with high grades or vice versa.

In 1986-87, freshmen must have high school GPAs of 1.8, SAT scores of 740 or ACT scores of 17 to be eligible to play or even practice on NCAA varsity teams.

A freshman scoring only 660 on the SAT or 13 on the ACT must have a 2.2 high school GPA to qualify.

Then in 1987-88, a freshman with a 1.9 high school GPA must score 720 on the SAT or 16 on the ACT, or have a 2.2 GPA with scores of 680 or 14 on his or her entrance exam to be eligible.

Freshman athletes not meeting minimum standards must sit out both practice and play until their sophomore year.

"Smaller schools will be more upset by this," says Nelson Townsend, athletic director at Delaware State College, which has 22,000 students.

Coach Karen Langeland of Michigan State University favors the new academic requirements.

"I may have an ideal perspective, but I don't think it will have an effect except in a positive way," she says of the new freshman requirements.



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Prof works to protect diminishing species

By Tara Ellis
Staff Writer

If you think field trips are for the birds, Dr. Pauline James, professor emerita of ornithology, would agree with you wholeheartedly. After all, it's to study birds, as well as other wildlife, that she visits Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge regularly.

Every weekend, James puts in hours of research time at the refuge, working to help insure the success of diminishing species.

In addition, eight or more times a semester, James and her ornithology class make excursions to Santa Ana and other wildlife refuges, hiking the foot paths or piling into her buff-colored mini-van to follow the automobile trails.

Standard equipment in the van includes binoculars and seven or eight paperback field guides. Also handy is a box of tissues—decorated with illustrations of birds, of course.

Field trips allow the class to see first-hand the variety of birds that frequent the various refuges. (Or perhaps it's the other way around; on

the last trip to Santa Ana, an Eastern Wood Pewee studied the students almost as intently as they studied it.) This time of year at Santa Ana, the group can watch primitive diving birds such as Coots or Gallinules perform without inhibition their courtship rituals: a low, skimming flight over still waters punctuated with intermittent splashes.

James' sense of humor highlights the excursions.

Once, while taking a group to the beach, she impishly pointed at an airplane flying overhead and identified it as a gas hawk. One woman, who took her seriously, didn't appreciate the joke.

"When she found out, she was furious, just furious," James said wondrously.

James' background is impressive. She earned her doctorate at Cornell University at a time when the school was the center of ornithological study, revolutionizing the field with such breakthroughs as the invention of the first portable sound recorder.

Though semi-retired after 32 years of service to the university, James re-

mains as active as ever, dividing her time between her ornithology class, various environmental groups, and wildlife projects. She holds places on the boards of directors of both the Frontera Audubon Society and the Valley Nature Center and is a member of the Native Plant Project and the Sierra Club. Her wildlife projects consist of field research with Least Grebes and Elf Owls.

James studies the nesting ecology of Least Grebes, primitive water birds which nest on ponds in Santa Ana. This has included taking 24-hour temperature checks of their water-borne nests and providing them with dry sticks when nesting materials are scarce.

And what aspect of Elf Owl life does she research?

"Elf Owls, period," she said. James' work with wildlife and environmental organizations springs from her strong concern for local species, native or migratory, and their vanishing natural habitat.

"Everything down here is endangered; the environment is being destroyed," she said. "We've lost practically all the brush, and most of

the wetlands have been drained."

According to James, the loss is especially poignant because the Valley is a unique locale for field biology, ornithology in particular. Situated on the edges of desert, tropical, and coastal regions, as well as where two major migratory flyways converge, the Valley boasts an unusually large variety of birds at different times of the year.

"We are in an ideal location to offer studies in field biology," James said, alluding to the Valley's proximity

to these habitats.

The university's biology program, she asserted, does not use this to full advantage.

"The sad thing about the biology department is that we don't offer courses that take advantage of our unique location: there's not another university that can do the things we can do," she said wryly. "I have nothing against pre-med, but you don't have to be sitting on the edge of the tropics to have a good pre-med program."

The Valley's locale has benefited the university's collection of some 2,000 bird specimens. Though incompletely catalogued, the university's collection is coveted by other institutions, because of its variety, James said. She and an assistant she pays out of her own pocket are endeavoring to finish cataloguing the collection.

In light of all her environmental service, one could say that Pauline James is, well, a feather in the community's cap.



Is it a bird or a plane?—Dr. Pauline James and her ornithology class visit Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge several times a semester to view birds and other wildlife in a natural setting. James herself works at the refuge, doing research and helping to insure the success of endangered species. (Photo by Jesse De Leon)

From peddler to systems analyst:

'Computers are future'

By Michael Uhrbrock
Staff Writer

Dr. Daniel Lee has a message for the young people in the Valley in their struggle for a better future. "Poverty is not the problem; the problem is how to find out a way out of the poverty. For example, the 1980's is the era of information revolution. Why not try to get into this high tech and high pay area? It will offer you a guaranteed job and a secure career."

This forward-looking attitude has advanced Lee, professor and director of management information systems (MIS), from a small poverty-stricken boy growing up in a remote area of China to a widely respected and internationally known scholar and MIS expert.

It has been a long journey for Lee. Three decades ago he was a peddler in China, until he joined the Army and graduated from the Army Military Academy (equivalent to West Point Military Academy) where he majored in military science and engineering. After a few years of service at various levels of command (retiring at the rank of Major), he entered National Defense Language Institute, majoring in English language and diplomacy.

In 1969, he earned another bachelor degree from Tamkang University in the Republic of China in Taiwan, this time a bachelor of business administration with a major in accounting and quantitative analysis. In 1970, he came to the United States and majored in marketing at University of Florida. After earning MBA in 1972, he was hired as assistant director of purchasing for a large company in Miami.

Later, he went on to receive his doctorate in MIS at University of Florida.

Lee regrets that he changed careers so many times, but he never gave up. He always cites General Douglas MacArthur's saying as his motto: "You never lose if you don't have confidence in yourself."

Though he has not been in his academic career long, he has established quite a reputation. He has published more than 50 papers during the past six years on MIS and DSS (decision support systems) in prestigious academic journals.

He has also been invited as a consultant for numerous industries on their computer systems, including United Technologies, Softime Company, Southern Gas Company, and several others. In 1982, he was invited by the Chinese Academy of Science, the highest academic organization in China, for lecturing on database design for decision support systems.

The U.S. Department of State invited him for consulting on technological transfer to developing countries and on China policy. Since he is one of few scholars in this country who has direct experience with the communist system, the free Chinese system, and the American system as well, he was recommended to join the Reagan Administration. He declined this opportunity because of the conflict with his academic career.

The System Analysis Society in the Republic of China in Taiwan invited him in January as the keynote speaker at its annual conference on computer decision support systems and followed up with a seminar on computer DSS. Dr. Lee was invited as the key lecturer to an audience of top experts in the country. He has also been invited by the Oxford Survey in Information Technology in London as guest editor as well as invited by the International Journal on Policy and Information as guest editor. He has also been invited to chair many academic conferences such as National Computer Conference.



Dr. Daniel Lee

Since joining PAU in 1984, he has remodeled the undergraduate CIS program in the School of Business Administration and built an MIS concentration in the MBA program. His contributions are vital to maintaining accreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business for both undergraduate and graduate programs. Lee is planning to build a master of MIS. This will give the MIS programs a good reputation and will attract high tech industries into the Valley.

Lee feels the Valley needs jobs and this is a great opportunity for the university to lead the way and train young people.

"Financing is not a big problem," Lee added. "What is needed at the present time is vision and guts. Many large corporations are seeking just the type of graduates we produce in MIS and CIS. They will help us financially if we are serious in building up a strong MIS program."

Lee cited statistics from the survey released from the U.S. Labor Department that seven of the 10 fastest growing professions in the next 10 years are computer-related. The job prospect of many traditional professions will go down whereas the computer-related jobs will go up, not by 10 percent or 20 percent, but by an average of 100 percent.

"The future is in computers," Lee said. "Computers will be as far-reaching as televisions, despite apprehensions among those unfamiliar with the rapidly advancing technology."

Lee foresees that the computer revolution has just begun.

"It will change the way of life of many people," Lee said. "Whether you like the computer or not the

computer will have an effect on you."

Lee is never satisfied with his achievements. In addition to his dream of building a strong MIS program he has a series of blueprints in his mind which can be used for upgrading PAU to an unprecedented level.

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