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Faculty nears accord with administration

By John Speer
Staff Writer

As this issue of *The Pan American* went to press, the Faculty Senate met to discuss a set of procedures to address faculty concerns negotiated and agreed upon by the university president and a senate committee.

Last week the newly-elected senate voted to "reinstate business as usual" with university administrators after President Miguel Nevarez addressed the entire faculty with a message aimed at reconciliation.

"Our problems are not structural. I will not initiate changes in the structure of existing administrative bodies."

--Pres. Nevarez

In September the senate ended discussion with the administration on all issues except improvement of communications until "marked progress" was observed.

The reaction of many senators and faculty members to the president's Wednesday speech are fairly characterized by the words of incoming senator Dr. A. J. Alamia of the psychology department.

He said the president's remarks were directed at issues that have been under deliberation and negotiation with the Faculty Senate.

"I think there were some legitimate concerns raised by the Faculty Senate," Alamia said, "and that President Nevarez has made a step in answering and perhaps resolving some of the issues."

Nevarez presented a timetable to the faculty outlining his plans to review his administrators during the spring semester. All administrators are expected to compose improvement plans.

Last semester 49 percent of the faculty completed evaluations of all administrators. Nevarez told the group that he "takes these evaluations seriously, both mine and theirs."

"The results of those evaluations," Nevarez said, "seem to indicate considerable dissatisfaction with academic administrators at the level of dean and above."

Dr. Ronald Applbaum, vice president of academic affairs, ranked lowest on the evaluations, drawing more positive than negative results on only eight of 49 items.

"If any individual in question does not improve during the spring semester," Nevarez continued, "I will reassign that administrator immediately, appoint an interim replacement and initiate a search for a permanent replacement."

The president said he will extend the evaluation period through November 1987 for administrators who "make observable progress toward improvement" and "accept criticism objectively."

Applbaum told the "McAllen Monitor" earlier this week that he is looking for ways to improve his job performance. He mentioned the possibility of going "back to faculty as a teacher."

The VPAA distinguished himself as a scholar by being named full professor in a California university at age 32. Communications is his field.

Faculty Senator David Alvarez said the president's evaluation policy is the most substantial change introduced by last week's speech.

"The deans and other administrators know they have to do something to improve communications and collegiality," Alvarez said.

Before the creation of the College of Arts and Sciences

"We need structural changes to give the faculty a voice. We need more of a partnership and less of a supervisor/subordinate relationship."

--Dr. Freeman

Alvarez was dean of social sciences.

Alvarez said he could speak for himself and a few other senators

by expressing a mood of "cautious optimism" that some things will begin to change.

New officers for the Faculty Senate include Vice Chair Lee Hamilton and Parliamentarian Alvarez. Kevin Morse and Sandy Sanchez remained in their positions as chair and secretary, respectively.

Nevarez has rejected at least four structural changes proposed by the Faculty Senate which were designed to improve communications and increase faculty input into decision making.

"Our problems are not structural," Nevarez said. "I will not initiate changes in the structure of existing administrative bodies."

Alvarez and others believe that structural problems do exist, but look forward to a period of reduced tension and cooperation between faculty and administrators.

Outgoing senator Samuel Freeman agreed that a period of calm will ensue, but said he anticipates no change in the major problems facing the university.

"We need structural changes," Freeman said, "to give the faculty a voice. We need more of a partnership and less of a supervisor/subordinate relationship."

Freeman cited the Carnegie Report on Higher Education. He said that study calls for a reintegration of faculty into university decision-making procedures.

Alvarez said that one alternative to the current policy-making structure would be a university council composed of students, administrator and faculty. He said the idea had been proposed here before and Applbaum expressed interest in investigating the possibility.

Freeman said the problem facing the university is two-fold. "The structural system denies decision-making authority to the faculty and the university is run by incompetents."

"The truth is," according to Nevarez, "we are all so busy looking at the obstacles immediately in front of our feet, that we fail to lift our vision to the horizon...I need individuals who can perhaps forget that they are either faculty or administrators, and instead see themselves as educators."

Building nearly finished

"Construction of the new Health, Physical Education and Recreation II Building has almost been completed," according to Dr. Charles J. Parkinson, head of the health and physical education department.

HPER II, under construction since the spring of 1986, now requires only additional inside painting and floor sanding.

The building is currently operating at partial occupancy. Equipment for the weight room and some faculty offices is expected to be moved in within the next two weeks.

The gross square footage of HPER II amounts to 60,301 square feet, of which 45,780 square feet will actually be used by students and faculty.

Construction cost of the building should total \$4,337,670. Movable equipment costs will come to \$550,000.

The new gym consists of two basketball courts, three volleyball courts, eight badminton courts, eight racquetball courts,

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Not through here--Bronc Tyrone Scott, 6-foot point guard, takes his defensive position at Tuesday night's game against the Cardinals of Lamar University. Scott is the so-called 'dime a dozen' type player. His responsibility as point guard is the invaluable job of running the ballclub, setting up the offense and hustling back on defense while the slower big guys plod downcourt. (Photo by Delcia Lopez)

Enrollment up 11% over '86

Enrollment is up 11 percent from last spring, according to preliminary figures released by the office of admissions and records.

As of Monday, 8,686 students have enrolled. Last spring's figure was 7,828 students.

Records indicate increases in all classification levels.

The rise in enrollment has been felt "across the board," according to Dr. Paul Mitchell, Associate Dean for curriculum and program development, College of Arts and Sciences.

Mitchell said that beginning freshman figures did not rise substantially since last spring. Beginning freshman enrollment increased 13.8 percent since spring 1986.

David Zuniga, director of admissions and records, stressed the current enrollment figures are only preliminary and are likely to change after late registration is over.

"I haven't had time for any kind of analysis (of the enrollment increase)," Zuniga said. He pointed out that an analysis would be premature at this point. According to

Zuniga, the enrollment figure will be made official Feb. 4.

So far the increases are as follows: regular freshman enrollment increased 13.8 percent; sophomore enrollment, 6.6 percent; junior enrollment, 13.4 percent; senior enrollment, 10.1 percent; special student enrollment, 11.5 percent; graduate student enrollment, 3.9 percent; special graduate enrollment, 2.5 percent; and special freshman (concurrently enrolled high school students) enrollment, 63.6 percent.

PAU Brownsville reported a slight decrease of 2.6 percent.

Questions cloud PAU future

As the Select Committee on Higher Education finalizes its report to the Texas Legislature, the university's financial and academic status remains in question.

In mid-December, the Select Committee approved its legislative recommendations which would make Pan American a comprehensive institution. This would allow the university to offer professional and doctoral degrees.

The proposal also called for Pan American to be placed in a university system with Texas Southern University in Houston; Lamar University, which has campuses in Beaumont, Orange and Part Arthur; and the University of Houston, which has campuses in Clear Lake, University Park, Victoria and downtown Houston.

The system would be one of five comprehensive university systems created across the state.

Others would be the University of Texas System, Texas A&M University System, a system including the Texas Tech University System, North Texas State and Texas Women's University in Denton and a system including the state's remaining universities.

Local leaders see the possible upgrading of the university's status as a boom to the Valley's economy. Already the largest employer in the Valley, upgrading the university would mean more faculty and students.

The Select Committee's proposal to make Pan American the only comprehensive university in South Texas was a major

change from a proposal by chairman Larry Temple. His proposal would have made Corpus Christi State University into a four-year, comprehensive university, with Texas A&I in Kingsville becoming a branch of CCSU.

Still another proposal, favored by university President Miguel Nevarez, is for two, second-tier comprehensive universities to be established in South Texas--one in Edinburg and the other in the Corpus Christi/Kingsville area.

If Pan American were to expand to a second-tier comprehensive university, doctoral programs would still be added, along with more master's degrees.

Officials in both the Valley and Corpus Christi credit Pan Am's success in being chosen by the Select Committee as the flagship in higher education for South Texas to the united front presented by Valley mayors.

The Mayors of Edinburg, Pharr, San Juan, Alamo, Mission, McAllen and Mercedes joined together in support of Pan American and committed to raising \$25 million if needed to upgrade the programs here.

Also a key factor in Pan Americans favor was Judge Reynaldo Garza's presence on the Select Committee panel. The U.S. Appeals Court judge from Brownsville strongly urged the committee to strengthen higher education in the Valley.

"This is going to take a period of years," Garza said, "but at least I want to get a commitment

that somewhere down the line the people of the Rio Grande Valley are going to have the educational opportunity that all the people of Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, Fort Worth, Lubbock and El Paso have."

The Edinburg law school named after Garza also stands to benefit if Pan American becomes a comprehensive university. The four-year-old school has sought to affiliate with the university so that it can proceed in seeking American Bar Association accreditation.

The merger is under study awaiting a report on the financial feasibility of the move. The Garza Law School is currently renting additional class space here and its law library is housed at the Learning Resource Center.

Another factor that will influence the university's future is the stand that newly-inaugurated Gov. Bill Clements will take on the matter. Temple said last month that Clements' support would be needed to make the recommendations law.

Also proposed by the committee is a plan to make Texas State Technical Institute which has campuses in Harlingen and McAllen a first-class entity for technical-vocational training. However, the school could no longer offer academic associate degrees.

The committee also recommended an in-depth study of medical education in the state. One consideration will be creating a health center in the Valley to help train physicians and to treat needy residents.



Rain during the Christmas holidays has delayed completion of the Sugar Road drainage improvement project by at least a month.

Edinburg Director of Public Works Sam Horne said last week that city crews should complete the underground phase of the project by early next week, creating two temporary lanes to serve traffic until final repaving is finished.

The drainage and repaving project, which includes a new left-turn only lane, was originally projected to require closure of the street until the beginning of the semester.

Frequent rainfall has delayed repaving until the third week of February, barring any additional wet weather.

Sugar Road is currently closed to traffic from the west entrance of Lot B north to the entrance of the Physical Plant.

In the meantime, Horne asks that students and residents watch out for crews and machinery when using the temporary lanes.

SPEER ATTIC / JOHN SPEER

Institution wins bout, idea talks of comeback



Set against the backdrop of university history in the 80s, last semester was remarkable for the challenges raised against the PAU administrative structure.

The Faculty Senate dared the administration to follow its own policies and to open channels for faculty input into decision making. The Senate severed relations with the administration and faculty members conducted evaluations of individual managers.

Students organized around the issue of athletic funding by student service fees. The athletics issue was of course bumped upstairs to the Bored of Regents. They spat on the students' petition to limit your contribution to the nearly one million dollar-per-year program by actually raising the allowable percentage of student service fees diverted to athletics.

Still, the challenge was remarkable. Now President Nevarez has elected to grapple with Faculty Senate grievances himself. Last week, for the first time since he took over the university in 1981, Nevarez called a meeting of the entire faculty. The campus buzzed with anticipation as faculty congregated from all corners of PAU toward the Media Theater.

In a prepared speech, Nevarez flatly rejected each substantive Faculty Senate demand: 1) that the FS chair be made a voting member of the Council of Deans; 2) that FS concerns be made a permanent agenda item at Bored of

Regents meetings; 3) for faculty representation on the Presidential Council; and 4) that a liaison with paid release time be established between the FS and the administration.

He argued that the senate sought to alter the structure of university bureaucracy, but that in his opinion no structural problem existed.

The faculty put some pressure on the administration last semester by blocking appointments to academic councils. Nevarez told his subordinates last Wednesday that he plans to take punitive action by bypassing their appointive privileges if the blockage is not lifted.

Faculty evaluations of administrators last semester demonstrated widespread discontent with Dr. Ronald Applbaum, vice president of academic affairs. The Faculty Senate tabled a motion to declare a lack of confidence with the VPAA. Nevarez responded by proposing a timetable for his own evaluation of his administrators.

The bottom line is that he will keep Applbaum until at least November 1987 if the VPAA "accepts criticism."

Now, the moment that followed the president's address was one of incomparable gentility and utmost social grace. Or, was it a timorous display of accomodating docility?

The faculty filled the Media Theater with applause. Not everyone was clapping. One boiling soul made an animated bolt for the door. But there sat the clappers: coaches, faculty senators, TAs, deans, department heads, conservatives, radicals—clapping.

To balance, perhaps the faculty was applauding the president's sometimes conciliatory tone, or the fact that Nevarez had reached procedural agreements with the Faculty Senate negotiating committee concerning administrative evaluations, communications and policy review.

Some faculty members are quite pleased with the administrative structure and probably approved of the president's desire to overcome internal tensions. Others are hopeful that Nevarez' evaluation of administrators will create changes in attitude at least.

From an administrator's perspective Nevarez' proposals may appear substantial.

But from a student's perspective, regardless of whether Faculty Senate demands for structural change were desirable, it appears that the faculty has settled for little more than token gestures on the part of Nevarez.

Many students watched faculty bargaining tactics last semester with great interest as they developed their own strategies. If the faculty had settled for even half a loaf, students might have found value in their example. But compared with what the senate was requesting, it seems they settled for crumbs.

After the meeting the Faculty Senate voted to resume business with the administration, as one observer eloquently stated, "faster than you can fart after a plate of beans." The senate has volumes of backed-up business as a result of recent battles with the administration and also looks forward to a period of reduced tension.

But tension is the engine of change. Last semester's organized efforts on the part of students and faculty proved that the administration cannot ignore legitimate demands. It can play havoc with them—but it will react.

The gauntlet is now returned to the students and faculty. Do we settle back into our old routine? Or should we attempt to exact some structural changes by creatively exercising the only power we have—our disruptive power. It's up to you.



Letters policy

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•All letters will be edited for libel.

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two fencing courts and three scoreboards.

Also included is a gymnastics area, a dance studio, a weight room and a classroom that will accommodate up to 70 students.

Other facilities are a human performance laboratory and a motor learning research and testing area. Four double office spaces are also included.

According to Parkinson, the new building is double the present capacity of the old gym.

The entrance of the building features a gallery-type entrance that includes skylights and walls of glass brick. A lounge area installed with vending machines has been set aside for students.

The main use of the building, according to Parkinson, "is that of an instructional facility, but it will also be used as a faculty and student recreational facility, also for intramurals and special events. Hopefully, the building will be available to both the students and faculty by next week for recreational purposes."

According to Amilda Thomas, former head of the physical education department, the HPER II building was constructed to meet the needs of the health and physical education department, as well as the student body.

The present gym is used during the afternoon and evening hours for practice by the volleyball team as well as the men's and women's basketball teams.

Planning of the construction of HPER II included staff members of the health and physical education department.

I Say, I Say, I Say/ Beng Leong Lim

Beauty and two-winged equatorial beasts



Poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge once remarked that beauty was a prevalent quality found only in things as a whole.

What he meant was this: for something, say, a painting, to be aesthetically pleasing to the eye, all aspects of it need to combine into a harmonious whole. For all the brush strokes on the canvas to be logical and meaningful in serving as a means to this end, there is no room for error.

If this is what a thing of beauty is all about, then there is little enough of it around. Given that humans err as often as it precipitates, it cannot be otherwise. Beauty is a rare thing. And if one ponders over the degree and magnitude of ugliness in our midst, it is rarer still.

You would think the above definition of beauty would be thought of as honest and be much sought after. After all, Coleridge himself advocated it. Honest? Yes. Sought after? No.

The highly disciplined criteria the poet set for a thing of beauty is not widespread enough. Coleridge had, no matter what fellow poet William Wordsworth preached to the contrary, set a standard too high for ordinary people to follow.

Looking at an abstract painting, what is the undisciplined viewer supposed to see?

In Coleridge's terms, the viewer needs to be knowledgeable. The viewer must have some background of abstract art to understand the intricacies of the object being looked at. Without such understanding, what is one to think of a piece of art? A puzzler? A masterpiece? What then becomes of a work by Picasso?

Coleridge and Wordsworth were products of Romanticism, a style of art and literature of the 19th century that emphasized imagination. It was no secret Coleridge and Wordsworth idolized Mother Nature. Quite naturally, most of their inspirational poems contain pantheistic overtones.

Wordsworth poeticized the beauty of the place he revisited in "Tintern Abbey." Coleridge paid homage to the unflinching and everlasting beauty of nature in "Kubla Khan."

These, however, were extremely noble sentiments on the part of both poets. Mother Nature sometimes fails. She does not always bear fruits of beauty. One charge critics heaped on Coleridge was his romanticizing of the English landscape.

But what about the mosquito-infested jungles of South America?

Being something of an old hand at time spent in equatorial forests, such living conditions can be expressed in two words: living hell.

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News Briefs

PPST deadline approaches

Education students planning to take the Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) should mail their applications as soon as possible, according to Enedelia Kidd, testing officer at the Placement and Testing Office.

The applications, available

from the testing office in Room 153 of the Student Services Building, must be mailed to Berkeley, CA, by Feb. 6.

The test is scheduled March 7 at 8 a.m. in several classrooms in the Liberal Arts Building, Kidd said.

Concert features pianist Woolsey

The Music Department will continue its visiting artist series with a concert by pianist Timothy Woolsey, Monday, Jan. 26 at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Woolsey is Associate Professor of Piano at Southwest Texas State University. He graduated with honors from Trinity College in 1971. He then went on to receive his Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts at

the University of Texas in 1976.

He has received numerous awards including the Morris Music Award from Trinity and the Kohn Piano Award from the Hart School of Music.

He will perform the works of Scarlatti, Mozart, Chopin and Prokofiev.

Admission is \$3 for the general public, \$2 for students and senior citizens.

Book exchange continues

The PAUSA book exchange will continue buying and selling books until Wednesday. The books exchange is located in the University Center overflow next to the snack bar.

The exchange will be open today from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. It will be open tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Deadline for collecting money and unsold books is Friday, Feb. 6 at 12:30 p.m.

Thelma Ramos, PAUSA vice president, said student response to the exchange has increased since last fall. Ramos said part of the reason for the increase was greater freshman awareness of the exchange.

"Some students bring boxes (of books)," Ramos said.

Students receive money made from sales and set their own price on each book, regardless of its original value, Ramos said. Profits made from selling books can be substantial.

Reagan budget slashes aid

Approximately three million students will be pushed off federal financial aid programs next year if Congress passes the Reagan administration budget proposal for 1988.

The administration, which proposed similar cuts in 1981, 1982 and 1983, wants to abolish the College Work-Study program, diminish aid to black colleges and cut Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL) and Pell Grant funding.

Its aim, the White House said in a commentary published with the budget proposal, is to make students, not taxpayers, pay for college.

"Students are the principal beneficiaries of their investment in higher education," the statement said. "It is therefore rea-

sonable to expect them—not taxpayers—to shoulder most of the costs."

Specifically, the administration wants:

*A \$2.3 billion cut in total Education Department expenditures to \$14.7 billion

*A drop in college student aid funds to \$4.5 billion from \$8.2 billion, which would push some three million students off aid programs.

*To abolish the work/study program and vocational education funding.

*A funding cut of two-thirds to historically black colleges.

*Cuts in Guaranteed Student Loans, Pell Grants and a federal anti-drug program.

The proposal also calls for the

move of some students from the current GSL into an expanded Income Contingent Loan program, in which students repay their loans in amounts determined by how much money they make after graduation.

"If the budget is passed, millions of students across the nation would be unable to afford to go to college," said Susan Shackette, aid director at Eastern Washington University. "It would mean a 45 percent reduction in the amount of aid that is now available."

Some observers, however, doubt Congress will pass the budget.

"I don't think Congress takes the proposals seriously at all," said Julianne Still Thrift of the National Association of Inde-

pendent Colleges and Universities.

According to Robert Atwell, president of the American Council on Education, the proposals are "the worst we've ever seen, so you could argue that they're so outrageous no one will pay any attention to them. Maybe the good news is that it's so bad."

Drastic cuts in work programs and grants, other observers warn, would force students to graduate even more deeply in debt than they do now.

A congressional report early this month revealed the average four-year public college student graduates owing \$6,685 in loan repayments, while the average four-year private college student owes \$8,950.

College Press Service.

Financial aid releases disbursement dates

The Financial Aid Office will disburse all loan, grant and scholarship checks Feb. 11-12 in Room 115 of the Student Services Building.

Students with last names that begin with A through L may pick up their checks on Feb. 11 between 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon and between 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

All students may pick up checks on Feb. 12 between 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon and between 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Night students may pick up checks Feb. 12 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

To receive their checks, students must pick them up in person and present a university ID, driver's license or picture

ID. No one may pick up checks for them and no exceptions to this requirement are allowed.

Students who have presented the proper ID will then be given a check release slip, which must be presented to Paying and Collection cashiers before they will be issued their checks.

Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL) applications for the spring semester are due Jan. 30.

Deadline for applying for the Pell Grant is March 15. May 1 is the deadline turn in the completed application and the necessary financial documentation.

The deadline for applying for all campus-based scholarships for the fall semester is March 1.

'Royal Gambit' stars nine student players

The University Theater Department will present the play "Royal Gambit," written by Hermann Gressieker, as its first play for the 1987 spring semester. The play is scheduled for Feb. 10-14. It will be directed by Dr. Doug Cummins of the communications faculty.

The play centers around the life of King Henry VIII of England and his eight wives. It also deals with today's modern age and train of thought.

The cast for the play is composed entirely of students. Freshman Kerry Morse will portray King Henry VIII. His eight wives will be portrayed by Senior Sara Kidd as Katarina of

Aragon, Junior Sophia Martinec as Anne Boleyn, Freshman Laura Skipping as Jane Seymour, Freshman Sativa Perskin as Anna of Cleves, Junior Susan Taylor as Kathryn Howard and Wendy Morse-Caccres as Kate Parr.

Tickets will go on sale Feb. 9 at 1 p.m. in the University Theater box office. Prices are \$5 per ticket.

During the first two nights, Feb. 10-11, students with a validated ID will be admitted free of charge.

The remaining nights are for the general public and students will be admitted only after certain call as seating is available.

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Broncs roll over Lamar to 11-5 record

After facing a tough road schedule, the Broncs raised their record to 11-5 Tuesday night by outscoring Lamar University 74-69.

The Broncs played what has been described as their best home game of the season. Eight years ago, the Broncs led this old rivalry, 16-8. Since then Pan Am has lost 13 straight games to Lamar. The Broncs defeated Lamar in a home game back in 1979 by a score of 70-65.

Next season the Broncs will be playing "for keeps" in the new American South Athletic Conference, along with New Orleans, Louisiana Tech, Arkansas State, and Southwestern Louisiana. Lamar is ending 23 years in the Southland Conference this season.

The Pan Am Broncs began their holiday schedule hosting the PAU Holiday Classic on Dec. 19. Pan Am beat Nicholls State University 79-61. The Broncs then advanced to the Championship game against Stephen F. Austin, 81-78. Tyrone Scott was named Most Valuable Player.

The tough road schedule led the Broncs to play against Wichita State, the University of Houston, Sam Houston State University, Southwest Texas State University, St. Mary's University, Nicholls State University, and the University of Southwest Louisiana.

The Broncs were only able to play two home games throughout the holidays. They were victorious in both games. The Broncs defeated St. Mary's 64-59 in an overtime basketball thriller on Jan. 12.

Before the Broncs played Nicholls State in their first basketball rematch on Jan. 15. Coach Kevin Wall made one thing clear. His Broncs did defeat St. Mary's University in overtime.

St. Mary's claimed that they should have been given three points for a field goal Daryl Derryberry scored with two seconds remaining. The referees ruled it a two-pointer that sent the game into overtime, tied at 51.

"It was a definite two point shot," Wall said. "The film showed it without question. His foot was inside the three-point line."

After five road wins the Broncs started a Louisiana trip that tested their 9-4 record. A daring breakneck save by 6-foot, Tyrone Scott, inspired the Broncs to upset Southwestern

Louisiana 94-90 on Jan. 17. Scott bruised his knee but was not seriously injured.

Scott crashed into the press table but in midair flipped the ball to 6-foot-4 Joe Johnson. Johnson missed the layup but 6-foot-5 Tom Fiepke rebounded it in to put the Broncs ahead, 91-83, with 1:06 remaining.

"It was an incredible athletic play," Coach Wall said. "I thought he was going to rip his legs on the table."

"The ball was falling out of bounds and I heard Joe give a cry; I just dived and threw it down to the other end," Scott said. "I've done a lot of things, but I cannot tell a lie, I've never made a play like that before."

Five Broncs scored in double figures as they rallied after trailing by 10 points with 14:41 remaining.

Johnson ripped 18 points, Fiepke 17, Charles Ray 16, Anthony White and Kevin Johnson 13 a piece.

Three USL players scored in the 20's-Stephen Beane 25, Randel Smith 23 and Gregg Falcon 20. The Bronc bench outscored USL's bench 48-20.

"USL's upset was a hard-fought win for us," Wall said.

The game against USL marked Pan Am's first meeting with a member of the new American South Conference. The USL victory was only Pan Am's second in 10 games at USL.

Overall the Broncs spent 15 out of 18 days of 1987 on the road. They split a four-game, 10 day trip, then split a two-

game trip to Louisiana. The Broncs next game is Saturday against Trinity University at 7:30 p.m.

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Coach welcomes Lady Bronc streak

A defense that has allowed 17 percent shooting during the holiday vacation and an offense that has improved their shooting from 31 to 50 percent is how first year Head Coach Tony McDaniel explains the three game Lady Bronc winning streak.

The first win came against Abilene Christian on Dec. 29 at home when the Lady Broncs defeated Abilene 50-49. The following night Abilene came

back strong winning the game 60-50.

After a couple of losses to Southwest Texas State and St. Mary's the Lady Broncs entered the San Angelo Tournament with a 1-8 record. In the tournament the Lady Broncs outscored Texas Women's University 64-46.

The next two games were victories for the team. The Lady Broncs beat Incarnate

Word in San Antonio on Jan. 10 94-51. On Jan. 12, Angelo State lost to the Lady Broncs 51-47 at the fieldhouse making the Lady Bronc record stand at 4-10.

"I think it took those three games to get us started...to get the feeling of winning," said Senior Maribel Silva.

Having won three in a row, the Lady Broncs were to travel to Albuquerque, New Mexico to play the University of New

Mexico but because of snow in Dallas, the team could not continue their trip.

According to McDaniel, the game will be rescheduled when both schools find an open date.

The scores from yesterday's game against the University of Texas at San Antonio were not available as of press time. The women's next game is Saturday against Incarnate Word in the fieldhouse at 3 p.m.

Intramural roundball sign-up underway

Anyone interested in competing in intramural 3-on-3 basketball should attend a registration meeting tomorrow at 12 noon in UC 102.

Both women and co-ed 3 on 3 teams are needed.

Games are scheduled to begin Jan. 27 at the fieldhouse, either during activity period or in the afternoon, depending on the

number of teams participating. All teams participating will have the opportunity to attend a regional competition at Trinity Feb. 28.

Finalists of this game will play at the opening of the San Antonio Spurs-Denver Nuggets NBA game in San Antonio April 3.

A championship game with Texas State Technical Institute is set for Feb 18.



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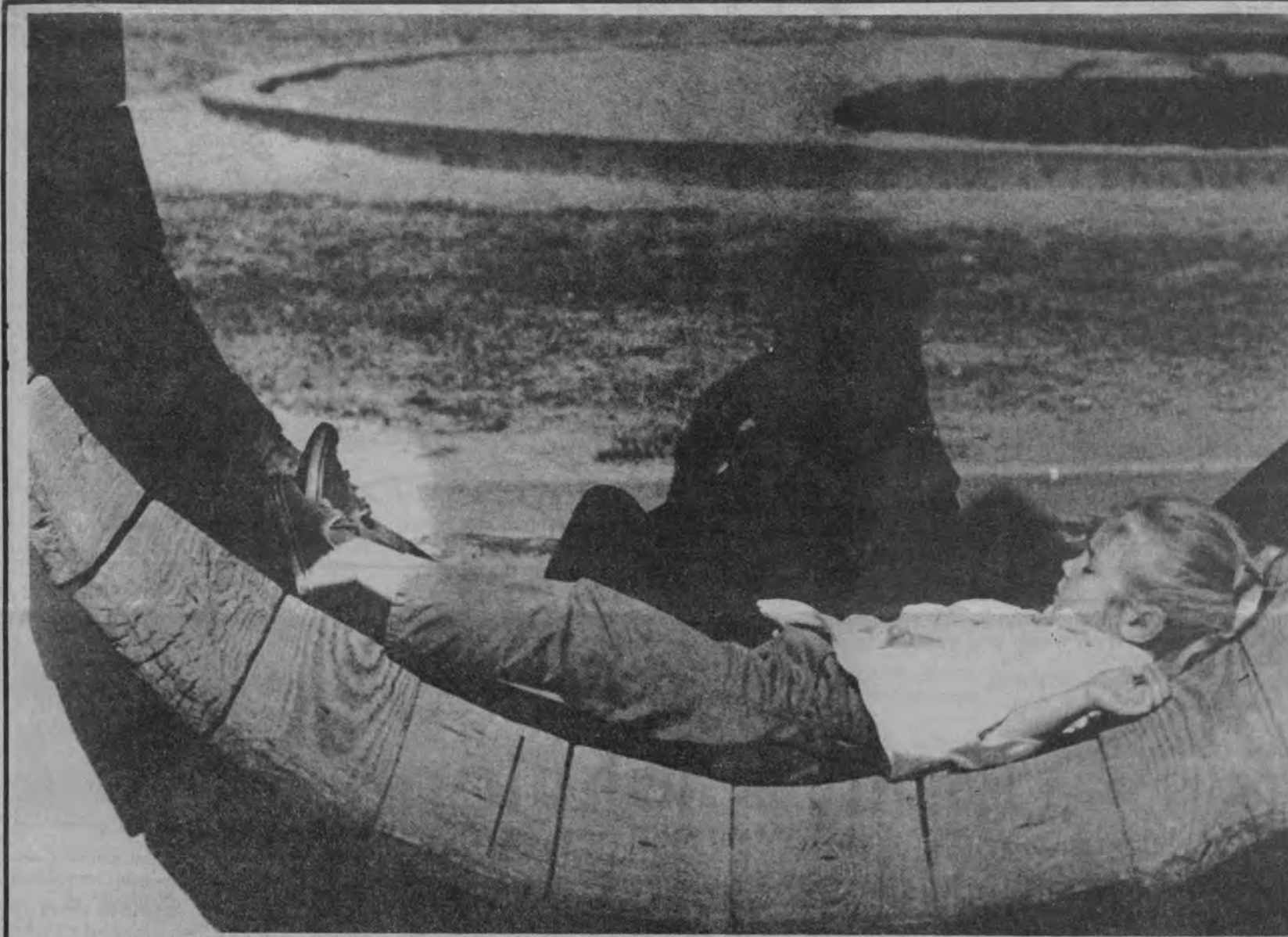
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Lazy Days--Two McAllen youngsters take advantage of unseasonably warm weather at a local park. Picnic weather should continue through today with partly cloudy skies and

highs in the 80's according to the National Weather Service at Brownsville. (Photo by Delcia I. Lopez)

Valley delegation legislation asks for higher status

By Brad Nibert
Staff Writer

Pan American could become "the" comprehensive university for South Texas if a bill introduced by two local legislators passes the Texas legislature.

At a joint news conference Thursday Sen. Hector Uribe, D-Brownsville and Rep. Alex Moreno, D-Edinburg, said that South Texas has been short-changed in the area of higher education. Uribe also vowed to take the fight for Pan American to the courts if the bill is not passed.

"The Select Committee on Higher Education has recognized the Valley is being short-changed," Uribe said. "In my opinion, that's excellent evidence in any court of law to establish a clear case of discrimination. Unless the Rio Grande Valley gets a comprehensive university, we are prepared to go to the courts to get our fair share."

Opposition to the plan is already mounting as Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, has announced he is filing a bill that will designate the South Texas University System (STUS) as comprehensive. Pan American is not a member of that system.

Truan's bill would also elevate Corpus Christi State University to a four-year school and authorize a study to be made of the education needs of South Texas especially in the areas served by the STUS.

STUS is made up of Laredo State University, Corpus Christi State and Texas A&I.

According to a Truan spokesman, the Coastal Bend delegation to the Texas legislature unanimously voted to support Truan's bill.

He also said that either Rep. Hugo Berlanga or Rep. Irma Rangel, both from the Corpus Christi area, will introduce the bill into the House.

Uribe and Moreno have also introduced a bill which would merge the Reynaldo Garza School of Law with the university, however, without the comprehensive status Pan American cannot offer a law degree.

Last year the Coordinating Board, the governing body of state institutions of higher education, froze the granting of new doctoral programs. Moreno called their bill a "legislative decision saying, 'You shall'" to the coordinating board.

When questioned about how his bill would be received in Austin, Moreno said the legislature is still waiting to see what Gov. Bill Clements is going to propose.

Uribe said chances of passage will be good if the leadership of the legislature can be convinced to support the bill.

"I don't think the governor would veto a bill that has the endorsement of the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, the chairman of the Select Committee on Higher Education, and the chairman of higher education in the house," Uribe said.

Although the plan proposed by Uribe and Moreno was supported by the Select Committee on Higher Education, the chairman of the committee, Larry Temple, voted against it. He prefers Corpus Christi as a comprehensive university site.

The one point that all the legislators, the Select Committee and Chairman Temple seem to agree upon is that South Texas has been neglected in the area of higher education.

There are more than 30 doctoral programs in Dallas, in addition to an array of professional programs, while the only doctoral degree offered in South Texas is one in bilingual education at Texas A&I.

According to Judge Reynaldo Garza, a Select Committee member who supports the creation of a comprehensive university here, the South Texas region is unique.

"More than 75 percent of those graduating in the Lower Rio Grande Valley are Mexican-Americans," Garza said. "If we give them a college close to home where they can live at home and go to school, our Mexican-American students will make use of a college education."

Student Rights knowledge offers practical value

By John Speer
Copy Editor

Editor's note: Greg and Dr. East have been assigned fictitious names, but their story is based on real events.

It had been a difficult semester for Greg. Learning a foreign language did not come easily for him, but he studied diligently and attended class sessions regularly.

As a beginning freshman, Greg was unsure what he could legitimately expect from a professor. Still, when the end of the semester approached and Dr. East had not returned two major exams, he went to her office for an indication of his standing.

"You're doing fine, nothing to worry about," she responded.

Greg was excited when his first set of grades arrived in the mail the first week of January. But excitement turned to confusion and anger when he saw that he received a grade of "C" in Dr. East's class.

"Was this what she meant by 'doing fine?'"

Students have a right to expect professors to meet minimal obligations in their conduct of classes. Since 1984 university policies and procedures have included a student bill of rights, known officially as "faculty classroom responsibilities."

Faculty senators voted in May to revise the document (reproduced below) and the board of regents is expected to approve the revisions next week, according to General Counsel Gary Petok. (Clauses printed in bold type are new.)

CLASSROOM RESPONSIBILITIES

The faculty member shall issue a syllabus to student within the first two weeks of the semester which shall contain:

--faculty member's office number and office hours
--a complete list of required texts

--tentative course subject outline in chronological order

--grading system in course

--faculty member's policy in regard to absences

--faculty member's policy in regard to make-up work

The faculty member shall notify each class, at least one week in advance, of each major exam. The type of exam (essay, objective, etc.) and the subject matter tested shall be specified at that time.

The faculty member shall notify the class of any required research projects in the first month of the semester. The assignment shall include: subject, length, methodology, style, form, and due date, as appropriate.

Examination and essay grades shall be returned to students before the next exam or essay assignment is due, or within a time limit specified by the faculty member.

No more than twenty (20) percent of the course grade requirements shall be assigned during the last two weeks of the semester, that requirement does not preclude assigning a value to a paper/project earlier in the semester.

The faculty member shall notify the Library so that sufficient copies of any reserve reading shall be available to

students. Recommended readings shall be made reasonably accessible.

The student is responsible for raising any questions concerning the policies indicated in the course syllabus or the course assignments. The student is responsible for completing all assignments within the time period designated by the instructor; acceptance of late work is at the instructor's discretion.

Final grades may be posted at the end of a semester by the student's social security number if the student has given written permission to post the grade.

Dr. Jerry Polinard of the political science faculty introduced the idea of a student bill of rights to the university in the mid-70's.

Polinard was visiting Southwestern University in Georgetown when he saw a billboard detailing student rights prominently displayed on that campus.

The political scientist specializes in civil liberties, constitutional law and judicial process.

A document similar to the current policy was adopted around 1975 by the political science department, Polinard said.

He said he proposed to then-Vice President for Student Affairs Miguel Nevarez that the policy be implemented university-wide. Nevarez reportedly responded favorably.

But when the Faculty Senate first discussed the idea there was some conflict, Polinard said.

"I received letters from faculty members saying that we would put too much power in the

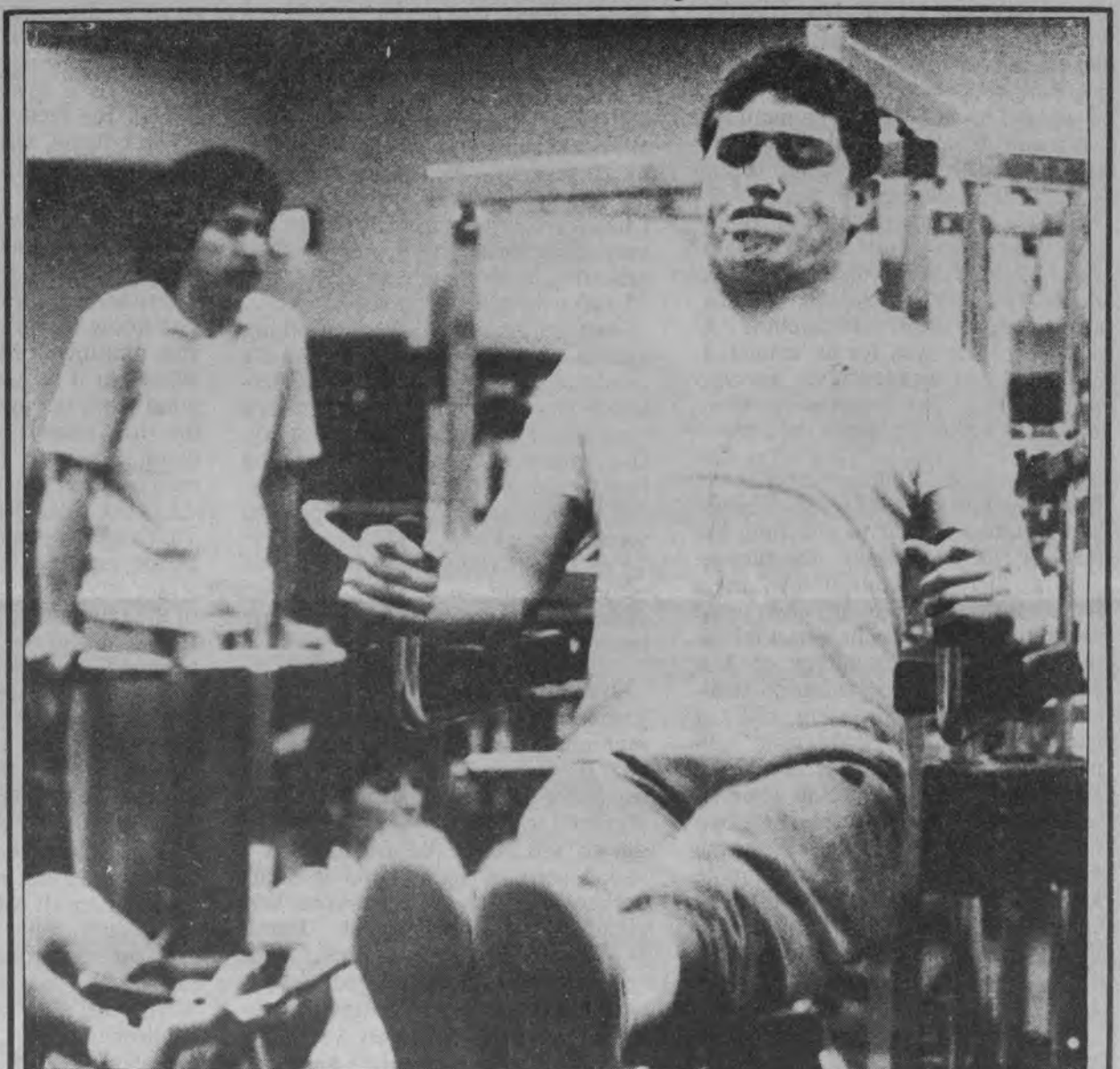
hands of students," he recalled.

Polinard has always contended, however, that when the document is followed both faculty and students benefit.

"Five times when I was department head students approached me with grievances," Polinard said. "Each time the bill of rights protected the faculty member involved."

Students may appeal departmental decisions through administrative channels, namely: the dean of the school, the vice president for academic affairs, the president and the board of regents.

Further appeals may be brought before the Student Rights Committee, made up of students, faculty members and administrators.



No pain, No gain--A student enjoys the new weight facilities while doing leg raises in the new HPER II Building. (Photo by Michael Huerta)

Grad applications due

Graduating students have until Monday to file applications for both bachelor's and master's degrees.

An approved degree plan is a prerequisite for applying for a degree.

Students are advised to review the graduation requirements listed in the university catalog under which they are graduating to ensure they will complete their degrees as specified.

Besides completing the application form, students must pay a \$15 graduation fee to the Paying and Collections Office Administration Building 137.

Students who do not complete all requirements by the graduation date indicated will be required to pay a \$5 fee to transfer their application to a later date.

Completed applications must be returned to the Office of Admissions and Records.

After applications have been approved by the department dean and the vice president for academic affairs, students will receive a copy of the completed application.

Students should verify all requirements. If unable to complete the requirements by the specified date, they should notify the Office of Admissions and Records.

Reagan aid budget off target

Everyone seems to like President Reagan and the things he seems to stand for. His shoot-from-the-hip cowboy style. The way he's able to disarm political adversaries with a single pithy phrase. No one even seems to mind much if he invades a country or two.

All of this might be well and good—unless of course you're on the receiving end.

But that's exactly the situation most students at Pan Am may find themselves in if Congress allows the Reagan Administration's planned financial aid cuts for 1988 to go into effect.

Planned are financial aid cuts of up to 46 percent.

This includes the abolishment of College Work Study, cuts to the Pell Grant and Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL) programs, with the result being that about three million students will be booted out of financial aid programs.

For a university as heavily subsidized by all of the above programs as Pan Am is, the effect of this belt-tightening measure will be devastating to both students and the university as a whole.

No matter what end of the political spectrum you may find yourself in, this is one area where the president and his advisers are obviously way off target.

Reagan's intent, supposedly, is to make students pay for their own education rather than the taxpayers.

The logic behind this plan, however, is awfully weak.

Most students are already paying for their education—with their time, energy, part-time jobs and every bit of spare change they can scrape up.

Reagan also seems to think that college graduates don't pay taxes. Or don't pay off their student loans either. Neither of which is true. Financial aid is no free ride. It's an investment.

Most graduates aren't exactly thrilled with the prospect of having to repay their student loans—often for several years—but they do pay up. There aren't as many deadbeat alumni as Reagan would like to believe.

Another angle to consider is that those who can't afford to go to school (or graduate) probably won't be able to get into the kinds of lucrative job markets that will allow them to pay their fair share of taxes.

Part of most student's motivation in attending a college or university is the chance of bettering oneself. But how are students supposed to better themselves if they're not given the chance?

The message from Washington is clear.

What Reagan is telling us that he really doesn't believe in us. He doesn't

believe our contributions to society are valuable enough to warrant financial support.

In a sense this is may be true. Because if we aren't willing to take a stand and fight for the chance to better ourselves, then we probably don't deserve it.

Most of us, however, wouldn't be in school if we didn't believe we were worth it, that we had an important contribution to make.

The potentially ruinous consequences of Reagan's plan are already being resisted by some students.

Members of the United States Student Association (student government) are sponsoring a national campaign to write or call their members of congress in opposition to the proposed cuts.

They also plan to go to Washington, D.C. in March and meet directly with legislators to lobby against Reagan's budget plan.

Students have to make their opinions known. We have to make sure Washington knows, under no uncertain terms, that we're concerned about Reagan's radical aid cuts.

Sure, there's plenty of resistance to the cuts across the country. But none of us can afford to sit around and wait for someone else to do something about it or, worse yet, wait for the ax to fall.



STUFF / GILBERT VELA

Casa Oscar Romero: positive solution

When Central American refugees arrive in the Rio Grande Valley, they are faced with the most basic questions of survival.

Where will we stay?

How will I feed my family?

Casa Oscar Romero tries to answer these questions by providing them with the shelter they need.

Local residents, however, have questions and concerns of their own.

Many are worried that refugees might cause problems in their neighborhoods. But what they need to bear in mind is that no criminal charges have ever been brought against any of Casa's refugees.

Although motivated by the desire to keep their neighborhoods safe, the recent actions taken by citizens of San Benito and Brownsville against Casa Romero have actually been self-defeating.

What they have not considered is that if the casa is forced to close, many refugees will have to seek shelter in community homes.

Therefore, Casa Romero is helping to fulfill the wishes of the Valley

community by sheltering refugees who might otherwise seek shelter from house to house.

To calm fears and ease tensions on both sides, citizens should visit Casa Romero to get a better understanding of the refugees' predicament.

Where will we stay?

Besides Casa Romero, there are only two places in the Valley where Central American refugees are being housed: the INS (the United States government Immigration and Naturalization Service) detention center, and the Refugio del Rio Grande sanctuary house.

Because the INS detention center is a U.S. government center for the detention of illegal aliens and political refugees, it makes no sense for a Central American political refugee to allow himself to be detained there.

The detention center can only hold several hundred people. When the center is filled beyond capacity, Casa Romero helps by providing another place for refugees to stay.

Some refugees have no recourse but to turn to Casa Romero because of

financial reasons. The Refugio del Rio Grande sanctuary house accepts only legal clients of Proyecto Libertad, a legal counsel group for Central American refugees.

Casa provides for those refugees who do not wish to stay at INS or cannot pay for the legal counsel that would enable them to stay at Refugio.

According to new INS rules, a political refugee from Central America must pay a bond of \$1,000 in order to leave the valley (for other parts of the United States) legally, whether he or she is staying at INS or at the Casa.

Many of the refugees I spoke to recently at Casa Romero said they had relatives in different parts of the United States who are trying to raise the \$1,000 bond.

Political or Economic Refugees?

The war-torn countries of Central America have suffered great economic peril. This is especially true in Nicaragua.

As *Monitor* reporter Scott Lind has pointed out, opinions vary as to the reasons behind Nicaragua's many

economic shortages: some Nicaraguans blame the Sandinista government, while others blame pressures from the United States (Scott Lind, "Second and Third Opinions are Plentiful," *The Monitor*, 12 October 1986, p. 9.).

The Nicaraguans I spoke to were in agreement with one another that the main cause of Nicaragua's economic problems is the Sandinista government. One man, who jokingly called himself "Mr. Smith," said those who did not follow the Sandinista government were not allowed to buy food.

However, here was also a consensus that the U.S. backed Contra rebels are not the solution to Nicaragua's problems. In fact, they said the Contras are the lesser of two evils.

"Mr. Smith" said Nicaraguans do not want their country to be fought over by the United States and the Soviet Union. Instead, he said Nicaraguans want Nicaragua "para Nicaraguenses (for Nicaraguans)."

Regardless of where the blame for Nicaragua's economic problems falls, it is apparent the country's economics are greatly influenced by political factors. Since that is the case, it would be absurd to question whether the Nicaraguans are economic or

political refugees.

Secondly, it would go against American tradition to disallow economic refugees into the country. Many of the immigrants who have come to this country have sought economic improvement.

The Citizens--San Benito

A few months ago, the citizens of San Benito began to complain about the increasing numbers of political refugees being housed at Casa Romero. They asked the City of San Benito to do something about what was, to their eyes, a problem.

The City complied by enforcing an

occupancy ordinance that forced Casa Romero to lower its numbers from approximately 580 people to about 75 people. The city then imposed a \$100-a-day fine on the casa until they vacate the premises.

Determined, the diocese has kept the casa open and paid the City of San Benito \$2,600 for the month of December.

It is interesting to note the refugees of Casa Romero have never been involved in criminal activity, thereby not threatening the welfare of the City of San Benito.

Brownsville

Meanwhile, the Diocese of Brownsville has found a new site for the casa on the outskirts of town near the airport.

But the diocese has met opposition from owners of mobile home parks in the area who have obtained a temporary injunction to disallow the relocation of the casa in Brownsville.

Again, the citizens must note the fact that there have been no criminal charges brought against any refugees from Casa Romero.

What is the main force motivating the actions of the citizens of San Benito and Brownsville?

FEAR. Fear of the unknown.

This fear is understandable but it should be conquered. In order to alleviate fears and gain a better understanding of the Central American refugees at Casa Romero, I urge anyone to go to the casa and talk to them. One will find they are ordinary people with real problems of survival.

It has been said that in order to understand a man, one must step inside his shoes and walk around in them.

If a greater understanding between refugees and citizens is achieved, I suspect the tensions felt on both sides will soon dissipate.

THE WILD SIDE / FRED WHITE

Witness to doomsday

It was like a nightmare come true...

...Arthur, one of my best friends, was walking through the gates of Hell and there was nothing I could do to stop him.

I wanted to yell out, say something that would break the spell, bring him back to his senses, to keep him from doing what he was bent on doing.

But what? What would I say? What great Words of Truth and Wisdom could I bring forth to undo the Black Magic that had taken hold of his unsuspecting soul? Catching a glimpse of his eyes for an instant, I saw that look—that far away, vacant, til-death-do-us-part look and realized, sadly, that it was too late to save him.

For about the eightieth time, I sat back down on the hard wooden bench and resigned myself to watching the rest of the ceremony in silence. Sitting there, uncomfortable in a rented tux, I thought of how, little more than a year ago, he was a fellow member in good standing of Los Guys, a five man organization dedicated to drinking, carousing, and just generally having a good time. In particular, I recalled a certain night at a certain McAllen nightclub when he unequivocally stated to me and two other members, "I ain't ever gonna get married." Now I watch in mute horror as he stepped from the blissful, carefree world of bachelorhood into the wretched realm of Eternal Misery.

We tried to save him. Two weeks ago Los Guys staged a daring conumando raid on his house, abducting him in the middle of the night, and spiriting him off to Austin for a weekend of relentless debauchery. We had beer. We had women. We

had Mexican food. Nothing worked. He was determined to ruin his life.

Finally, it was all over with and Los Guys, tight-lipped and somber, began to file out of the small church behind the rest of the wedding party. After all, our membership had just dropped by 20 percent. As we emerged into the waning rays of daylight, I thought I heard the other guys muttering the very same words that I was just then muttering under my breath.

"I ain't ever gonna get married..."

Don't get me wrong. I have nothing against marriage per se. I'm sure it's great for some people. And I certainly have nothing against Arthur's new bride. Bright, beautiful, witty, and employed, she's everything that a man could possibly want in a wife. But it's different when it happens to someone you know.

I've always thought of marriage as something for older people. Not young hell-raisers like me and my friends.

Over the holidays, my High School graduating class had a 7 1/2 year reunion to raise money for the ten year reunion in 1989. I went, against my better judgment, and immediately regretted it. Sure, I got plastered and got to see some old friends that I hadn't seen in ages. And it didn't bother me at all that everyone was either fat, bald or married. But it depressed the hell out of me to see how little people had changed, and yet at the same time how strange they seemed after seven short years. I know that sounds like a major contradiction, but you'll see what I mean when it comes time for your reunion, if it hasn't come already.

Like I said, almost everybody seemed the same. Except older. Most had degrees and were gainfully employed. About half were married, and quite a few already had kids. Except for Fred. He's still screwin' off in college, writing for the school paper, or some BS like that. Fred the Fuck-up.

I don't know what it is that makes people decide that they're ready to get married. Maybe it's a biological thing where some hormone kicks in and lets you know that it's time to be fruitful and multiply. Maybe it's intuitive. Whatever it is, I just hope I have the good sense to pay attention to it when the time comes. But I don't give a damn how old I am, I might get married, but I'll never settle down.

I'm not just talking about partying. That's only a small part of it. Some of the most settled people are those who party the most. The worst part of the reunion was seeing people—old friends, who've given up, who've resigned themselves to a quiet suburban life making bucks and killing time. A wife and kids and money is great, but there's gotta be more to life than that.

Fortunately, I'm not going to be ready for any of that for a long time. In fact, I think that's one reason why I've dragged out my education for so long. After all, who wants to marry a poor man?

In the meantime, I'm just going to do my best not to grow up. In the words of the great John Cougar Mellencamp:

Growin' up leads to growin' old, and then to dyin'
Oooo an' dyin', to me, don't sound like all that much fun...



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News Briefs

Installment payments due

Students currently on the four-payment installment plan for tuition have an installment due Thursday, Feb. 5.

Payments should be made from 8 a.m. till noon and from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. in Rm. 115 of the Student Services Building.

"A \$5 late fee will be added Feb. 6," said Hortencia Robledo of the paying and collections office.

Anyone who does not pay before Feb. 11 will have to pay a \$25 reinstatement fee. Anybody failing to pay before 4:30

p.m. Feb. 16 will be withdrawn from the university, Robledo said.

To be reinstated, a student will have to pay the balance of the tuition in full plus the \$25 reinstatement fee.

The remaining due dates for those on the four-payment plan are March 5 and April 2.

For students attending the university on the two-payment plan, the due date for the second payment will be March 5.

Shakespeare auditions set

Auditions for William Shakespeare's play Measure for Measure will take place Sunday February 8 and Monday February 9 at 2:30 p.m. in CAS 107.

All interested people are urged to try out. The tryouts are not

limited to only communication majors.

Anyone wanting to audition should prepare a reading from any of Shakespeare's play or can read cold at the auditions.

The play is scheduled to run from April 9-11.

Comedy show scheduled

Where will the life of the party will be Feb. 27? At the snackbar of course!

Stand-up comic Alex Cole will give a free performance at 12:15 p.m. in the snackbar.

Well-known as the concert opening act of the Talking

Heads and Manhattan Transfer, Cole has been nominated for two 1986 Campus Entertainment Awards for Comedy and Entertainer of the Year.

The performance will be sponsored by the University Program Board (UPB).

Correction

Application deadline for the Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) was not correct as printed in the Jan. 22 issue of *The Pan American*.

The applications, available from the Testing and Placement Office, SS 153, must be received in Berkeley, CA, by

Feb. 6.

Testing Officer Eneledia Kidd said applications must be in by this deadline to ensure processing before the March 7 test date.

The Pan American regrets any inconvenience caused by this error.

Big Apple jaunt spots still open

Vacancies for 25 people are open for the annual Spring Break trip to New York sponsored by the University Theater. Although designed for drama majors, the trip is open to students of any major as well as faculty members. The group will fly to New

York City March 14 and spend seven nights and eight days touring the sights, seeing the latest Broadway shows, and watching television shows being produced.

Trip sponsor Dr. Marian Monta said the cost of the trip per person is about \$1,000.

This includes hotel accommodations, ground transportation, play tickets and some tours.

Individuals can make their own plane reservations or have them made as part of the tour.

"A particularly large number of students have expressed interest in this year's trip," Monta said.

"Students will have a choice of hotels, one of which is tourist class and somewhat less expensive, and one of which is first class and more luxurious."

Anyone interested in the trip can pick up a brochure from the communications department office or call Monta at 381-3583.

Movie review

'The Mission' revives epic film style

By Randy Klutts
Managing Editor

Director Roland Joffe's latest film, "The Mission," is an ambitious attempt to revive the epic film.

It's a feature created on the same larger-than-life scale as "Doctor Zhivago" or "Lawrence of Arabia," films that captivated audiences with lush historical backdrops, slick production values and sheer visual beauty.

"The Mission" contains all of these elements but comes dangerously close to failure by simply trying to do too much.

Set in the jungles of South America during the mid-1700s, "The Mission" is the true story of two men pitted against social and political forces beyond their control.

One is a Jesuit priest named Gabriel (Jeremy Irons) who sets out to build a refuge mission for Indian natives being enslaved by Spanish and Portuguese settlers.

The other is a slave trader and mercenary named Mendoza (Robert De Niro) who exploits the same natives Gabriel is trying to save. Mendoza's life

and moral values undergo a profound change, however, when he kills his brother in a jealous rage. He then turns to the Jesuits to help him overcome his guilt and is eventually accepted into the order.

Together Gabriel and Mendoza build the San Carlos mission and live and work among the Indians in a virtual paradise.

But peace and contentment is short-lived as greedy Spanish and Portuguese landowners—using the authority of the church as leverage—conspire to destroy San Carlos, enslave the Indians and steal the lands they've cultivated.

Like all epic stories, "The Mission" is demanding. But few audiences may be prepared for the film's slow pace, sparse dialogue and lack of a personal angle to clarify what's going on.

Thematically, the film is hardly cut and dried. In just over two hours running time—brisk by epic standards—it attacks such themes as love, honor, duty, sin and redemption, the conflict between the spiritual and material worlds, church versus state, man versus both church and

state, and the right of individuals to determine their own destinies.

Not surprisingly, there is little room for character development. We are given only the barest clues as to who Gabriel and Mendoza really are. We know nothing of their past lives. We can only guess their motives.

Moreover, both Irons and De Niro deliver strangely stiff and unemotional performances. They don't seem like characters so much as cogs in a mechanized morality play. Except the gears never emotionally mesh.

In fact, the only characters allowed to show human emotion are the Indians, who are not actors, but real South American natives.

This cool, objective distance from the characters seems at first unnecessary. But as the story progresses, and the real human consequences behind the action slowly begin to emerge, the film becomes mesmerizing.

And anyone willing to stick it out to the end will be rewarded with two insights: the message of the film—well worth the wait—and the realization that "The

Mission" couldn't have been done any other way and been anywhere near as effective.

In addition to Joffe's skillful direction ("The Killing Fields"), "The Mission" features stunning photography by Chris Menges. Many of the scenes look like 18th century paintings come to life.


The film also has a hypnotic soundtrack by Ennio Morricone ("Once Upon a Time in America," "The Thing" remake) that effectively blends European religious music and native drums. Morricone is perhaps best known for his quirky scores of spaghetti westerns.

(Although being marketed as a religious film (it's jam-packed with icons, crucifixes and sacred paraphernalia), "The Mission" is neither a top-heavy God flick nor a Cecil B. DeMille miracle extravaganza.)

It's a carefully wrought commentary on the past with a strong contemporary slant.

"The Mission" is now playing at the Pliit Twin Cinema in McAllen.

VIEWER'S GUIDE: Rated PG; war violence, bloodshed and nudity.

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The University golf team will compete in five tournaments in the Spring semester.

The Broncos will participate in the PAU International Golf Tourney at Monterrey, Mexico, Feb. 17-21.

They will then go to Laredo for the Border Olympics, March 6-8.

The third tournament is the Baylor Intercollegiate at Waco, March 19-21.

The UTSA Intercollegiate Invitational at San Antonio will be the next event March 23-25.

The final tournament the Broncos will play is the McNeese Intercollegiate Invitational at Lake Charles, Los Angeles, California, April 8-10.

INTRAMURALS

Men's intramural 3-on-3 basketball starts off this weekend. The four games of Round One will be played Saturday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the new HPER II building.

Round Two will be played Sunday in the Fieldhouse also from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Rounds Three and Four are scheduled to be played in the old gym Feb. 3 and 4, respectively.

This game will be played here Feb. 19. Women's and co-ed 3-on-3 teams are still forming.

Registration for intramural tennis and badminton is currently open. Registration ends Feb. 12 with games starting the following week.

Those interested in participating should contact either Coach Walter Williams for tennis or Dr. Mary Babke for badminton at the PE complex or Santiago Villanueva at UC 102.

Record stands 13-5
Trinity, Lutheran fall to Bronco home court magic machine

Despite all their travels, the Broncos were finally able to play in their home court. The Broncos now own a 13-5 record after facing the Trinity Tigers, 67-56 and the Lutheran Stags, 98-76. The Broncos have 10 games left in their season—six home and four road.

Two Broncos, both of whom have started every game so far this season, were unable to play in Saturday's game against Trinity.

Senior forward Joe Johnson had dental surgery to remove two wisdom teeth. Johnson was able to return in Monday night's game against Lutheran.

Junior guard Kevin Johnson was out with a hyperextended foot in both home games. He suffered this injury in practice last week. X-rays showed no fracture and he is expected to play on Saturday at Arkansas State.

As a result of these injuries, three Broncos started in Saturday's game for the first time all season.

The new lineup included regular starters 6-foot Tyrone Scott and 6-foot-7 forward Roy Swift. The new season starters are 6-foot-5 forward Greg Garrett, 6-foot-5 guard Tom Fiepke and 6-foot-11 center Willie James.

The high-scoring Stags entered Monday's game with a 9-10 record. The Stags were last defeated by Southeastern Louisiana, 88-76.

"Concordia is a hard team to play against," Wall said. "They

force a team into that uptempo style but I thought we did a good job of running our offense and getting the ball inside. They are a dangerous team."

With five players scoring in double figures and 10 players totaling double-figure minutes in playtime, the Broncos controlled the game from the beginning.

The Broncos padded the lead to 69-49 with a layup by Joe Johnson, with 13:10 to play but Concordia's Gerald Johnson then fired up the crowd by scoring three straight baskets.

The Broncos took only nine shots from outside the court key in the first half. They connected 23 of 42 attempted shots for a 50-37 halftime lead.

Tom Fiepke led the way with 19 points, with center Charles Ray adding 17 and Garrett 14. Anthony White chipped in 11 points and a game-high 17 rebounds, while Joe Johnson contributed 10 points.

The Fieldhouse crowd of 2,500 saw 5-foot-8 Stag guard Johnson score a game-high 26 points. He led the Stags with nine rebounds, eight assists and four steals.

But not even the fired-up G. Johnson—a top candidate for the 1986-87 Spud Webb "Man of the Year Award"—could overcome the Broncos' height advantage.

"Johnson is a fierce little competitor," Coach Kevin Wall said. "He's very quick and

determined. He gave us some problems driving the dribble at us on the transition game."

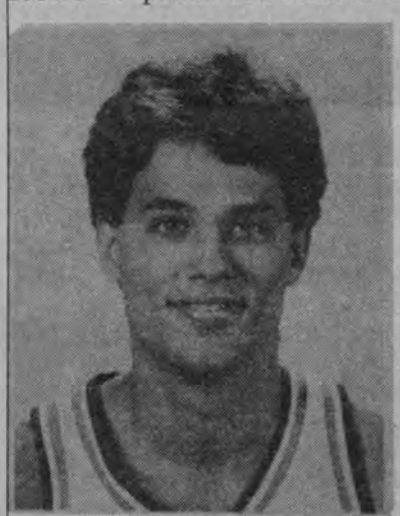
The Stags were able to pull with nine points at 72-63 with 9:40 left, but Garrett brought a halt to the Stags' attempt to comeback with a three-point shot.

The Broncos will face Arkansas State in Jonesboro Saturday before taking on the Southwest Texas State Bobcats on Wednesday.

Whataburger Player of the Week

Senior Guard Tom Fiepke, who ranks eighth nationally in three-point field goals with a 56.1 percentage, has earned the Whataburger Player of the Week award.

The 6-5 senior from Elizabethtown, Kentucky hit five of nine three-point plays, scored 27 points and collected



Tom Fiepke

Lady Broncos look for wins against TWU

The Lady Broncos will play host to Texas Women's University this weekend after losing to the University of Texas at San Antonio on Wednesday and beating Incarnate Word College Saturday. Both games were played at the Fieldhouse.

Two games have been scheduled with TWU, one on Saturday at 6 p.m. and the other game on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

After this four game home series, the Lady Broncos have only one more home game left. They will play on Feb. 12

against Schreiner College. The team lost a tough game to Schreiner at the Texas A&I Classic in early December.

The Lady Broncos, who own a 6-11 record will play a TWU squad they have already beaten. The Lady Broncos defeated TWU 64-46 in the San Angelo Tournament early this month.

The team lost to UTSA 66-41 but came back strong defeating Incarnate Word 64-53.

The Lady Bronco loss to the Lady Roadrunners resulted from 29 turnovers to UTSA's 14. UTSA made 20 steals while PAU only had nine. Coach Tony McDaniel said that increased passing and patience in the ladies' half-court offense has helped them a great deal.

"We've also done a good job rebounding on both ends (of the courts)," McDaniel said.

Tracksters to compete in Louisiana

The Pan American University men's and women's indoor track team will travel to the Cowboy Invitational at Lake Charles, La., Saturday.

Coach Reid Harter said he thinks the team is well prepared for Saturday's meet, after conditioning and training during the holiday break.

The next indoor meet for PAU will be the Dallas Times-Herald Invitational Feb. 7-8.

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