

First in a series

Library 'not even close' to meeting needs

Editor's note: On Nov. 2, voters in the Southmost Union Junior College District will be asked to consider a \$68 million bond issue for capital improvements. Each week until the election, The Collegian will provide its readers with information on an item in the proposed bond issue. In today's article, The Collegian asked administrators, professors and students why the university needs to expand the library.

By **Sonia Mejia**
Collegian Editor

UTB/TSC's Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library is ranked "dead last" among 34 post-secondary institutions of higher learning and 54 community college libraries by the Texas Academic Library Statistics and the Academic Libraries Survey, which analyzes data on the collections, services, operating expenditures, and staff of each institution in Texas.

"You can compare how many volumes we have per students against other institutions and you can look at the amount of space we have per population," said Doug Ferrier, dean of Instructional Support. "Just to give you an idea, there are 34 institutions of higher learning and in almost any category that you look at we are dead last."

One of the proposed projects in the university's \$68 million bond issue, which voters in the Southmost Union Junior College District will be asked to consider Nov. 2, is the improve-



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Sophomore biology major America Cano searches for a book in the Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library Oct. 7. Shelves are at 85 percent capacity, library officials say.

ment of library facilities, which would cost \$14 million.

"A library is critical to any place that calls itself an institution of higher learning," said Bill Harris, associate master technical instructor for the English and Communications Department. "I have been on campus for 14 years; in that time I am not aware of a single time that we have come up for evaluation or outside audits where criticism of the library has not been part of the deal."

The library has a collection of 185,000 volumes, just over half of the necessary amount of 350,000, Ferrier said.

"Our library is very inefficient," said Daniel Nuñez, a junior art student, adding that a library with an extensive volume collection was crucial to his education. "I have to retake a class I failed and there aren't too many books on that subject."

Nuñez said the library does not carry the books he needs for research,

so he looks at the Brownsville Public Library or orders them at Waldenbooks or Barnes and Noble.

"If I want any current books, I have to go to the bookstore and order them, but they are very expensive."

As an alternative, Nuñez tries the Internet, but he says the overcrowded library is contributing to his inability to collect online research on campus and is forced to take his school proj-

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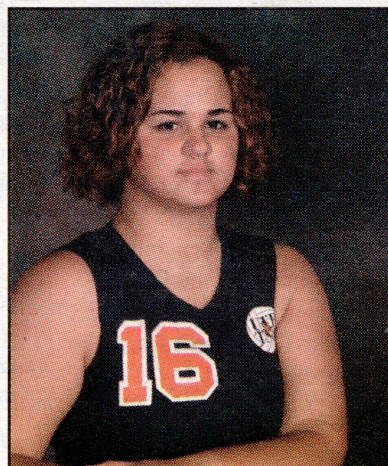
Laredo complaint keeps Mercado off court

By **Louie Vera**
Sports Editor

Team Sting is competing without one of its nationally ranked players, after a complaint questioning her eligibility was filed with NJCAA, UTB/TSC officials say.

Middle blocker Ana Mercado has not played since Sept. 23 and has missed three consecutive games, two of which the team has lost.

The complaint was filed Sept. 24 by Laredo Community College Athletic Director Troy Van Brunt, said UTB/TSC Head Volleyball



Ana Mercado

Coach Skippy Brown.

Brown said that Van Brunt confronted him about Mercado's eligibility at the Laredo Community College International Tournament Sept. 3, where he claimed that he had seen Mercado there the last four years.

"I have been to the tournament the last three years and she has not been there, because I would have recruited her then," Brown said.

Brown said he told Brunt that Mercado was eligible but Van Brunt still took action, sending a complaint to the National Junior College Athletic Association, which then sent

a letter to Brown stating that UTB/TSC must send an official high school transcript and a letter by the head volleyball coach at Monterrey Tech stating that she paid her way through when she participated with Tech at the Laredo Community College International Tournament in 2001 as a recruit, proving her eligibility, or UTB/TSC would forfeit every game she has played this season.

"It's a no-brainer, she is eligible," Brown said. "The letter states that she went there and played with

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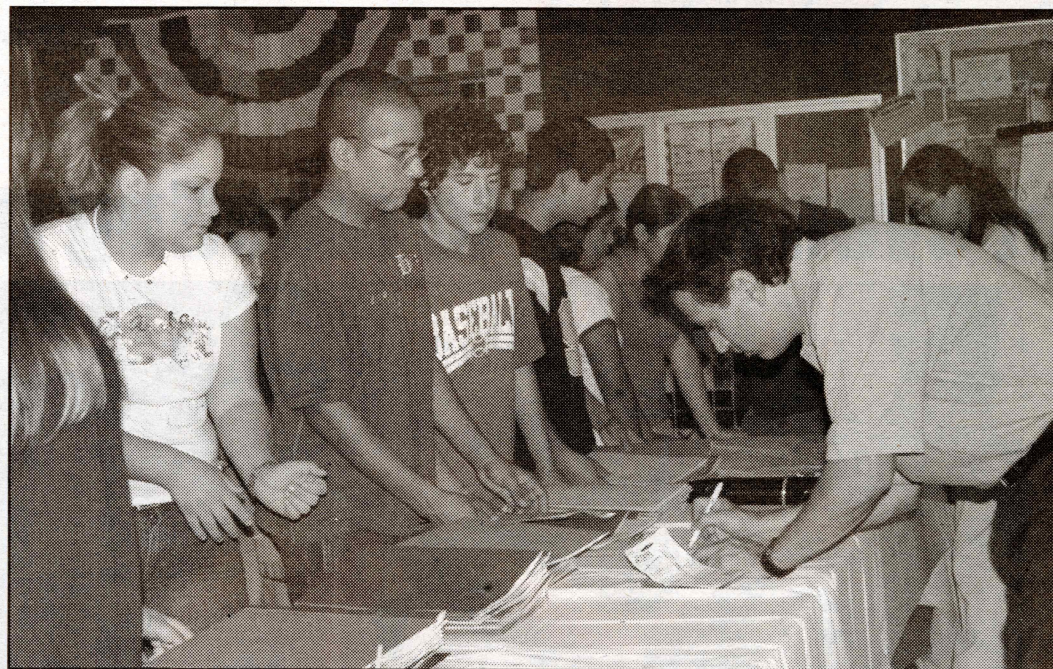
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Creating leaders



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Rene Sayas, assistant director for GEAR-UP, enlists middle school students at the Go Center HELP Academy training in the Camille Lightner Student Center Oct. 2. The training session focused on teaching 400 middle and high school students about leadership and how to prepare for college.

Briefs

Luis Rodríguez-Abad, associate professor in the Behavioral Sciences Department, will present a lecture titled **"The True Meaning of Columbus Day"** at 11 a.m. today in Tandy Hall 114 and 7:15 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union's Salon Gardenia.

Club Cultural Latinoamericano will sell tostadas and soft drinks at 4:30 p.m. every Monday through Thursday in the Endowment Courtyard.

Twenty students, staff and faculty will represent UTB/TSC in the Brownsville Parks and Recreation Department's **Men's Class C Softball competition**. The UTB/TSC team will play at 9 p.m. tonight and 8 p.m. Wednesday at Morningside Park, 1207 Central Ave.

The **International Student Organization** invites all UTB/TSC students to **free capoeira (Brazilian martial arts) classes** from 4:30 to 6 p.m. each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Student Union's Jacaranda room. For more information, send an e-mail to getintheact@hotmail.com.

The **ASPIRE Student Association** will sell nachos and soft drinks from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Endowment Courtyard.

A workshop titled **"Stress Management: What's Going on in My Life?"** will be conducted at noon Wednesday in Cortez conference room 204. The workshop is part of the personal enrichment series, **"Food for the Soul, Food for the Body,"** sponsored by Counseling Services. For more information, call **Ricardo Ayala III** at 544-8292.

Grupo Folklorico Tizatlán will sponsor **"Danzones Night"** as part of the **Latino Social Dance Series** from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Gym Annex. Admission is \$2.

The **Scorpion Billiards Club** will meet

at 3:45 p.m. Thursday in the Student Union's Gardenia Room.

The deadline to sign up for the **"Noche de Estrellas" talent show** is 5 p.m. today in the Dean of Students Office, Student Union Room 1.20. The show will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday in the SET-B Lecture Hall.

Wayne Allyn Root, star of Spike TV's "Wayne Allyn Root's WinningEDGE," will discuss his and Paul Pease's book, **"The Zen of Gambling: The Ultimate Guide to Risking It All and Winning at Life"** (Tarcher/Penguin, 2004), on **"Society Under Fire,"** which airs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 3:30 p.m. Sunday on KMBH-FM (88.9). **David Pearson**, professor of sociology in the Behavioral Sciences Department, hosts the program.

George K. Green, professor of Modern Languages, will conduct a lecture titled **"Valley Folktales"** at 10 a.m. Friday in the Student Union's Gardenia Room.

Club Cultural Latinoamericano will meet at noon Friday in the Student Union's Salon Gardenia. For more information, call **Aragelia Salazar-Figueroa** at 554-5113.

The **Student Government Association** will meet at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Student Union's Jacaranda room. For more information, call 554-5032.

Project GRAD is sponsoring **Walk for Success 2004**, which will take place from 8:30 a.m. to noon Oct. 23 at **Porter High School**. Teachers and volunteers will walk and visit students' homes, encouraging them to take advantage of the GRAD promise of \$4,000 to go to college. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call Porter High School at 554-2786 or the Project GRAD office at 548-8781 or 547-8722.

UTB/TSC students are invited to participate in the 2005 **Martin Luther King Jr.**

essay contest. Cash prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25 will be awarded for first-, second- and third-place winners. Essays should be two pages long, typed and double-spaced. Students can turn in essays in SET-B room 2.314 between 9 and 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. Essays are **due Nov. 11**. This year's essay theme is **"Make it a day on ... not a day off!"** The Martin Luther King Jr. celebration will be held **Jan. 19, 2005**, in the SET-B Lecture Hall. For more information, contact **Jeffrey Coleman** at 574-6668.

The **STEMS (South Texas Engineering, Math and Science) Mentor Club** will sponsor the **5 Kilometer Run/Walk and 1-Mile Run/Walk** beginning at 7:30 a.m. **Nov. 13** on the UTB/TSC campus. **Pre-registration** is \$8 for ages 14 and younger and \$10 for ages 15 and older. There will be first-, second- and third-place winners for different age divisions, as well as additional awards. For more information, call 554-5058.

UTB/TSC full-time undergraduate juniors and seniors during the Fall 2004 semester are invited to enter the **Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics 2005 essay contest**. Essays are **due Dec. 3**. Cash prizes of \$5,000, \$2,500 and \$1,500 will be awarded for first-, second- and third-place winners, as well as a \$500 for each honorable mention. For more information, visit www.eliewiesel.org.

If you would like your club, organization or department news published in the briefs section, call Briefs reporter Abraham Figueroa at 554-5143, or e-mail him at collegian@utb.edu. The deadline for the Oct. 18 issue is 5 p.m. today.

Campus drug task force in the works

By Jose Borjon
Staff Writer

UTB/TSC will form a task force to address marijuana and alcohol-related incidents on campus, officials say.

The task force will meet for the first time in November. The idea came about after a Sept. 28 teleconference titled "Marijuana on Campus" in the Student Union, where officials met to discuss possible tactics to prevent drug use on campus. The conference was conducted by Paper Clip Communications.

Dean of Students and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Mari Fuentes-Martin, Director of Counseling Services Debbie Huerta, Assistant Vice President for Student Development Vince Solis and several Campus Police officers took part in the teleconference, which was broadcast live to various universities throughout the United States.

Jessica Hinkson, manager of Information Services for the U.S. Department of Education's Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention, addressed the issues of drug abuse on campus.

"Marijuana is the most frequently used illicit substance in the United States, with one-third of all Americans having tried it at least once in their lifetime," Hinkson said. She said marijuana use among college stu-

dents is on the rise.

Hinkson explained community college students tend to drink less alcohol than students at four-year institutions, but use tobacco and marijuana more often.

"According to Harvard's College Alcohol study survey, students at large schools, commuter schools and co-education schools were more likely to use marijuana while students from historically black colleges and colleges in small or rural towns are less likely to use the drug," Hinkson said, adding that students in transition from high school to college are more likely to fall into drug use.

Genetics or a young adult's environment is another factor in whether he or she will use marijuana or another drug. Hinkson explained that less than 5 percent of those who have used other drugs have not used marijuana first. Consequences of marijuana may include poor academic performance, unprotected sex, vandalism and fighting.

The specific effects will vary, she said. The type of marijuana used, the way it's consumed and if used in conjunction with other drugs will have different results on different users.

Short-term effects of marijuana use may include dry mouth and throat, bloodshot eyes, rapid heartbeat, loss of coordination, loss of short-term memory and paranoia. Long-term effects may include decreased ability to concentrate, decreased ability to

learn and remember things, damage to the immune system and increased cancer rates.

"Studies do show that students who use marijuana spend more time at parties and socializing than the students who don't use, and there tends to be a decline in academic performance and class attendance," Hinkson said.

Reasons for using the drug vary among students.

"Studies indicate that students use marijuana to self-medicate and they believe they're relieving their symptoms by using, while other studies show that anxiety and depression results from marijuana use," she said.

Hinkson suggests coordination of student services on campus be well organized and include student health services, residential life, counseling services, judicial services, security services and academic advising in order to help prevent students from falling into any kind of drug abuse.

Some of the most popular strategies being implemented on U.S. campuses are extracurricular activities and student involvement in programs.

Faculty members are very influential on students, Hinkson said, because they are able to influence student beliefs in their everyday contact with them.

In a new method known as curriculum infusion, professors use their expertise to inform their students.

"For example, a social science professor can infuse their course with information about how drug use damages the community, or students in a business course can learn about productivity loss as a result of substance abuse," Hinkson said.

Ann Quinn-Zobeck, director of Impaired Driving Prevention Initiatives for the BACCHUS & GAMMA Peer Education Network, an international association of college and university programs focusing on student health issues, informed the audience on how students and parents view marijuana use. Many parents of current college students were in college in the 1970s, when marijuana use was popular, Quinn-Zobeck said.

"Depending on their experiences, they

may see marijuana as harmless--they may have used themselves--they may have watched others who've used. ... After they got out of college or before they got out of college they quit or their friends quit," Quinn-Zobeck said.

Some parents might view marijuana as no cause for concern. Many parents expect their sons or daughters to use marijuana upon entering college.

People across the country have debated whether marijuana should be legalized. For example, some propose that marijuana could be used as another crop for farmers to grow--in essence, a renewable resource.

"Marijuana may appear to be a safe alternative--retailers looking at sort of what's happening in the media have capitalized on some of this curiosity around marijuana; they are marketing hemp products--you'll see it in jewelry, you'll see it in bath and body products," she said.

Many students are now under the impression that they can't drink and drive, but that it's OK to drive after having used marijuana, Quinn-Zobeck said.

"It's also the effects [of marijuana] on their concentration and visual and psychomotor abilities that will affect their ability to drive," she said.

She also spoke of how to remedy campus drinking.

The way university officials treat alcohol-related problems should go hand in hand with how they are treating drug-related incidents, Quinn-Zobeck said, such as defining the grounds for expelling a student from both the university and the residence hall for drug- and alcohol-related incidents.

At the end of the conference, Campus Police Sgt. David Marquez suggested that the university should build a task force that can address the issue of marijuana on campus.

Fuentes-Martin said she is pleased that the university will have a drug and alcohol task force on campus.

"It's been the plan all along, but this, I think, is going to finally make us do it," she said.

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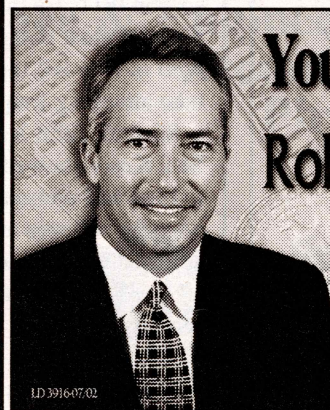
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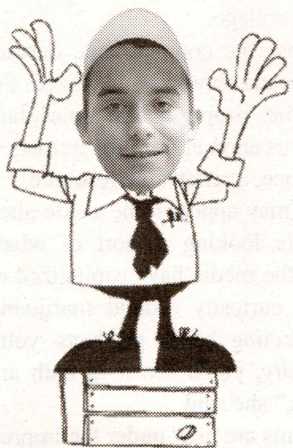
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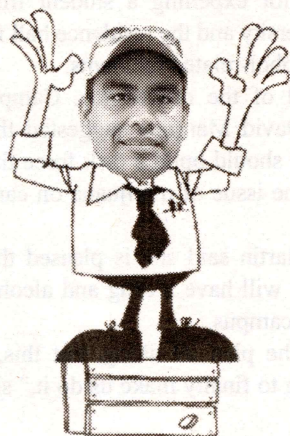
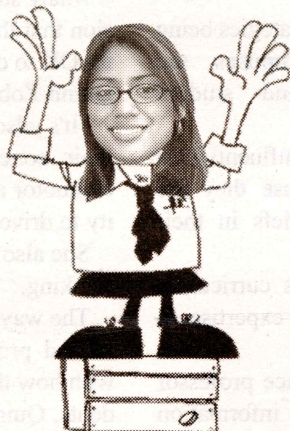
Student Soapbox

"Should we have shuttles on campus?"



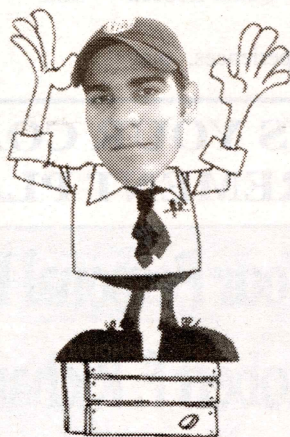
"Yes, because it would be easier to go to our classes."
Guillermo Cruz
Freshman nursing major

"Yes, I think it's good because sometimes we have classes very separated and [the shuttle] can take us to class and the parking spaces. Sometimes you park really far away and walk a lot and sometimes [are] late to class."
Norma Aguero
Freshman business management major



"Well, maybe, but I want to say no because we could all use the exercise."
Daniel Garza
Senior kinesiology major

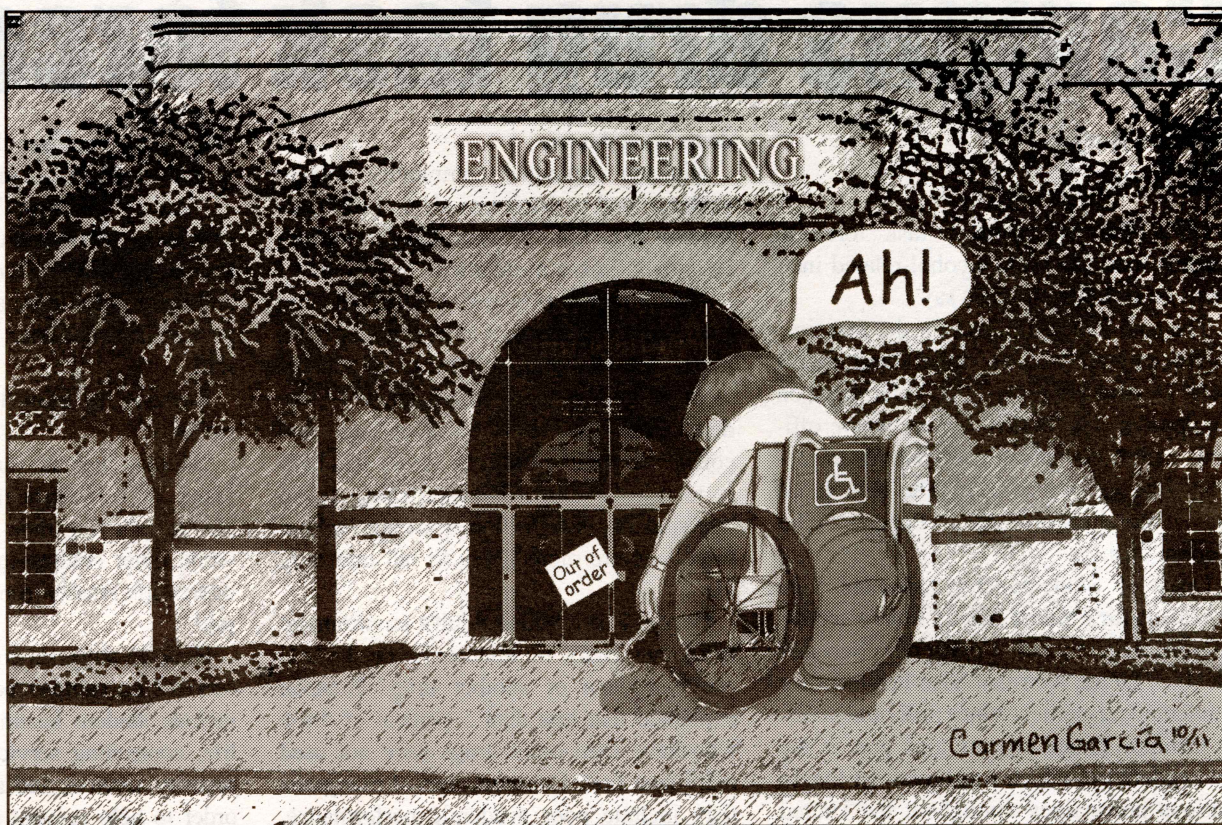
"Yes, definitely ... I have a class in Tandy and a class in SET-B so it's kind of time consuming to go from one place to another. I think it's a good idea to have shuttles to transport students from one place to another."
Carlos Montemayor
Freshman accounting major



--Compiled by Priscilla Garcia

Next week's Student Soapbox question is:

"What issues should the presidential candidates focus on?"



Letter to the editor

The first presidential debate has shown two things to the American people: First, President George W. Bush demonstrated repeatedly that he recognized that Osama Bin Laden was responsible for the attacks on American soil on 9/11. He then contradicted himself in saying that it was imperative to oust Saddam Hussein because he was the most dangerous threat to world peace. How can the American people continue to support a president who fails to tell the truth about Iraq and who fails to recognize that the situation is in chaos, that it was a mistake attacking Iraq?

Second, John Kerry has set out to demonstrate to the American people that the nation is ready for change. Sen. Kerry showed strength, conviction and steady command of the facts and left no doubt he can lead the fight to hunt and eliminate terrorist threats once and for all. The nation is ready for a president who stands firmly on what he believes and is not afraid to do what is necessary to create a stronger America, respected at home and admired worldwide.

This debate made it clear: Kerry is a leader we can trust to tell us the truth when it comes to our nation's security. Bush has had his chance; I'm ready for a new direction.

Alberto J. Perez
UTB/TSC Class of 2000
Dallas

Mascot is fed for a good cause

By Andrea Figueroa
Tiempo Nuevo Editor

The UTB/TSC Accounting Society built a 150-foot scorpion with aluminum cans at the Jacob Brown Auditorium parking lot to benefit a community organization.

Students, faculty, staff and members of the community showed their support by collecting empty soft drink cans to "Feed the Scorpion" on Oct. 1.

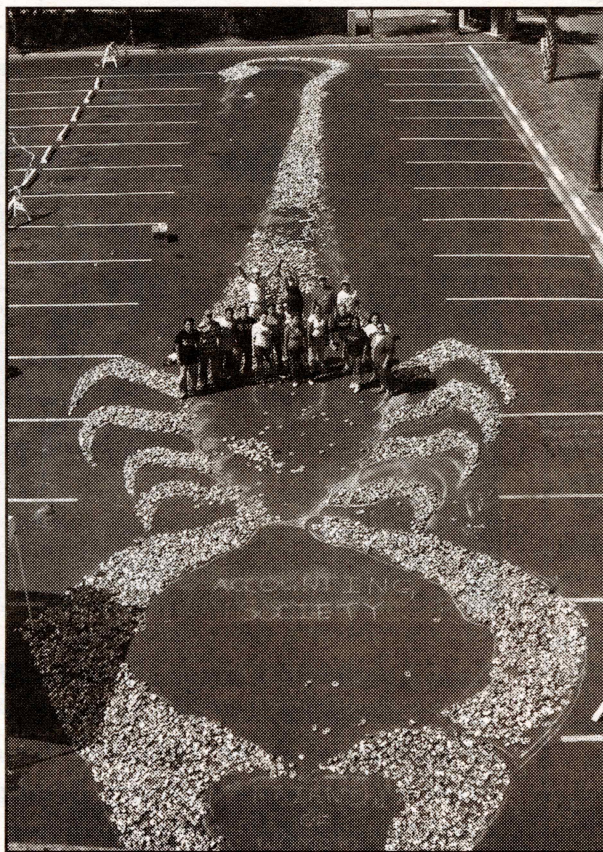
The \$228 collected from the cans will be donated to Friendship of Women, an organization for battered women, said Carlos Arevalo, a senior accounting major and president of the Accounting Society.

The club gathered 400 pounds of aluminum cans, Arevalo said.

July Espinoza, a senior accounting major and treasurer of the Accounting Society, said the club decided to do this activity because they wanted to get funds for the community.

Espinoza said they started planning the fund-raiser two months ago.

The event's purpose is to make students



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Accounting Society made a scorpion out of crushed aluminum cans outside the Jacob Brown Auditorium Oct. 1. Friendship of Women received the \$228 collected from the cans.

aware of the importance of recycling, she said.

Matthew Dominguez, a freshman art education major, designed and drew the university's mascot in the Jacob Brown Auditorium parking lot.

Dominguez said he prepared for two weeks to draw the scorpion.

"I spent the last two weeks designing it. ... I measured the area," Dominguez said.

Espinoza said the club will continue to have more events of this kind in the future.

Asked why the club conducted the project, Arevalo replied, "It benefits the university, the community and the other clubs," he said.

Faculty from the Accounting Department helped to spread the word among the students, Arevalo said.

"We [the Accounting Society] had the support of people from the university and from the community," he said.

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Incidents would be treated differently.

"If it's a housing incident, it would go through [Director of Residential Life and Housing] Jason Smith and Vince Solis--if it's the rest of the campus, it'll go through Campus Police and myself," Fuentes-Martin said.

However, marijuana is not the only drug that officials have encountered on campus. Campus Police has suggested making The Village a "dry building," where no resident or visitor is permitted to consume alcohol, Fuentes-Martin said.

"I do see the logic behind being a dry campus, so it's just the beginning of the conversation of what should our policy be," Fuentes-Martin said. "I would imagine by the end of [this coming] spring semester, we will determine something that we could implement that fall," she said.

Since The Village at Fort Brown opened in Spring 2003, Fuentes-Martin said she has received two referrals for marijuana violations.

On May 10 of this year, Campus Police pulled a marijuana plant from a garden near the entrance to the dorms. On Aug. 4, police discovered 2 pounds of marijuana on a bookshelf in the Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library. And on Aug. 27, marijuana residue was found in the men's locker room at the Garza Memorial Gym.

Fuentes-Martin said various campus department representatives would have to be part of the task force.

"Definitely Campus Police, myself as the judicial officer, the counseling center, the health center, student housing [and] a student representative," she said. "I'm just glad we did it--I think that we all had this discussion separately, but this [conference] allowed us to bring it all to the same table and now we're moving forward."

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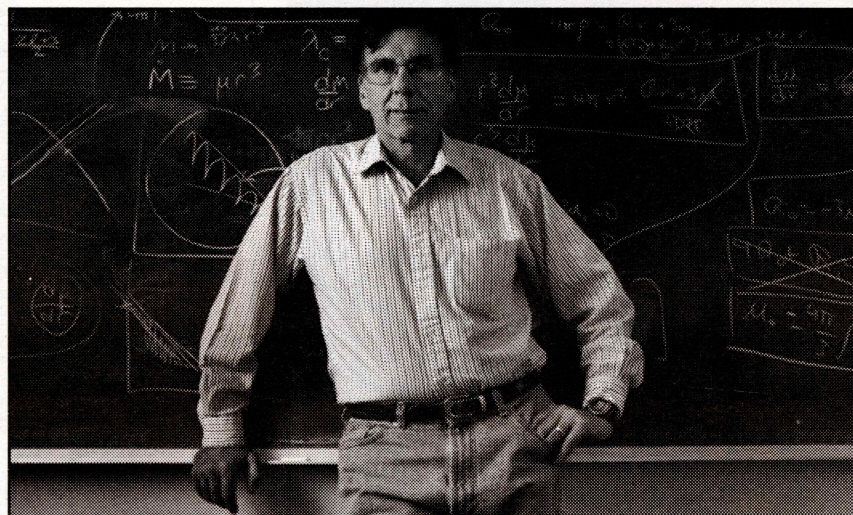
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Technical Training Center is dedicated

By Abraham Figueroa
Staff Writer

What once was a department store now serves to teach UTB/TSC's industrial technology students.

On Sept. 30, university officials dedicated the Prax Orive Jr. Technical Training Center during the grand opening of the International Technology, Education and Commerce Campus.

"We're good at converting. We took an old fort and turned it into a junior college, and then into a university," UTB/TSC President Juliet V. García said during the ceremony.

The Texas Southmost College board of trustees approved the purchase of Amigoland Mall in 2002 to turn it into the present ITECC: a 647,000-square foot

complex set on 48 acres, home to the university's technical training programs, international banking and business services, a police academy and a small business incubator.

The Technical Training Center, housed in the former Montgomery Ward's, is where 319 students in the vocational area of industrial technology are training in auto repair, air conditioning, heating repair and drafting.

"It's beautiful. We have more spaces, we can accommodate more students," said Jesus Galván, interim chair for the Industrial Technology Department. "We're glad to be here."

Classes moved to the Technical Training Center and began taking place there this semester.

"Economic development was one of the main issues that I ran and campaigned on,"



DÁMARIS GLORIA

Texas Southmost College trustees and Ventura Orive (second from right) view a portrait of her late husband, Praxedis Orive Jr., during the Sept. 30 dedication of the Technical Training Center named in his honor. From left are board secretary Eduardo Campirano, trustees Mary Rose Cardenas and Dolly Zimmerman and board chairman Chester Gonzalez.

Club Spotlight

Club Cultural Latinoamericano



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Members of Club Cultural Latinoamericano include (front row, from left) Luis F. Peña, vice president; Monica Padilla, treasurer; Justin Villanueva, president; Maria Durón, secretary and Dámaris Gloria, historian. Back row: Jenny Renteria, Ofelia Serrata, Silvia Reyes, Jose R. Mejia, Myrna Gonzalez and Roxanne L. Colby.

Brownsville City Mayor Eddie Treviño said during the dedication. "It is of critical importance ... to the future resources and economic development in our community so that those children, those young men and women, who are our future leaders, community and citizens have every opportunity they can to provide for their fami-

lies."

The Technical Training Center was named in honor of the late Praxedis Orive Jr., who was described as "a big man with a big heart." A Texas Southmost College trustee since 1986, Orive was re-elected in 1992 and 1998. He was a key figure in the partnering of UT-Brownsville with TSC,

and was also involved in the restoration of Fort Brown. Orive died in March 1999 at age 69.

On Feb. 20, 2003, the board of trustees approved a resolution to name the facility the Praxedis Orive Jr. Technical Training Center, board chairman Chester Gonzalez said.

During the dedication, a portrait of Orive, which is to be placed at the main entrance of ITECC, was unveiled by his wife, Ventura Orive, and other board members.

"This is truly a beautiful day, a wonderful day, and I'm so proud that all these wonderful facilities are going to be available for all our young people, for their growth and development ... for their future," Orive said, with tearful eyes and her daughters beside her. "He loved our community and the university."

Dressed for success



MARIA DURÓN/COLLEGIAN

Junior business technology major Patricia Hinojosa and freshman accounting technology major Griselda Reyes model professional wear at the Business Technology Student Orientation Sept. 29. in the SET-B Lecture Hall.

Purpose: To promote cultural awareness among UTB/TSC students, faculty and staff.

Established: 1991

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Events: The club participates in Boo at the Zoo, El Grito de Independencia

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For more information: call Salazar-Figueroa at 554-5113 or visit the club's Web site at <http://geocities.com/clubculturalatlinoamericano>.

--Compiled by Priscilla Garcia

SGA tops voter registration goal

By Hector Zamarripa
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association has surpassed its objective of registering 1,000 people to vote.

During a Scorpions Vote rally Oct. 4, the last day to register to vote for the Nov. 2 General Election, SGA President Michael C. Camarillo and other members registered about 30 people, surpassing their goal by 108 students.

The rally, held in the Free Speech Area, also was aimed at increasing awareness of the Texas Southmost College \$68 million bond issue for capital improvements, which voters will be asked to approve on Nov. 2.

Camarillo said the voter registration drive began in January.

"What we're trying to do with Scorpions Vote is engage all the students and let them know why it's important to get registered to vote ... to find out about elections ... to vote regularly and to find out who the candidates are," he said.

"Even if we had only one person [show up], that's great," Camarillo said about the rally.

As the SGA served cake and punch and a stereo played popular music, members answered questions about the presidential election between George W. Bush and John Kerry.

Junior Rene Rocha said the presidential campaign "is crazy" and that he "wasn't sure who to vote for yet."

In regard to the bond election, Rocha said he is in favor of its passage and appreciates what the SGA has done to inform people.

SGA Vice President for Public Relations Leo Castro used a microphone to encourage students to come by and get more information on the bond.

"This is my first time on the mike, I'm just trying to [improvise] whatever I can come up with," Castro said. "We [registered] some people who didn't even know that this was the last day to do it."

Sophomore nursing major Erica Hernandez was already registered to vote but she came by to learn more information about the November election.

"People need to come out and see what this is all about," she said.

Former Pakistan leader Bhutto to speak here

Office of News and Information

Tickets are on sale for the sixth annual UTB/TSC Distinguished Lecture Series that will feature former Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

Bhutto will deliver her lecture "A View Into the Muslim World" at 7 p.m. Friday in the SET-B Lecture Hall. Earlier in the day, she will continue a tradition of meeting with high school and college students in an inspiring lecture as well.

"We are delighted that Ms. Bhutto has accepted our invitation to be our speaker for our Distinguished Lecture Series," said Gerry Fleuriet, a member of the UTB Development Board and chairman of the Distinguished Lecture Series committee. "She is a living icon of the battle for democracy, and stands with only a handful of female executive leaders who have shaped the global events of the last century."

High school students have been invited to enter an essay competition, in which Bhutto will select the top three winners. The winners will be announced at the student lecture, scheduled for 10 a.m. in the


Jacob Brown Auditorium.

First elected prime minister at age 35, Bhutto became the youngest chief executive officer in the world and the first female prime minister in the Muslim world. After just 20 months in office, her government was unconstitutionally dismissed by a rival political party. Undeterred, she was re-elected in 1993.

No longer in office, she is chair of the Pakistan Peoples Party. In her speeches, she speaks of being a "Daughter of Destiny" and shares her dramatic journey as the youngest ever popularly elected woman in the Muslim world.

There is limited seating for the lecture. Individual sponsor tickets are \$250 per person and include a VIP reception with Bhutto before the lecture, preferred parking and seating and a gala reception afterward. General admission tickets are \$150 per person and include the gala reception. Funds raised from this event support a wide variety of special needs for students and faculty for which state funding is either inadequate or non-existent.

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UTB/TSC student Alejandro Troncoso is shown with the bicycle he won in a drawing sponsored by McDonald's. The contest was one of many activities held at the restaurant, located at 1104 International Blvd., during its grand re-opening celebration last month. Also shown are franchise owners Anna and Lonnie R. Oquin.

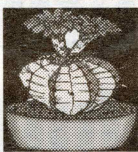


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Breast cancer awareness



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Nurse practitioner Esmeralda Rivera shows freshman education major Sandra Cisneros how to perform a breast self-exam Oct. 7 in the Endowment Courtyard. The event was sponsored by Student Health Services and Holistic Health Committee, which provided information and displays on breast and cervical cancer.

UTB/TSC Crimes Reported 2000-2003

The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, in compliance with the Federal Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act of 1990, publishes an annual Campus Crime Report. This report is designed to inform students and employees about campus security resources, policies, and crime statistics. Currently enrolled students as well as school employees can read the full report at

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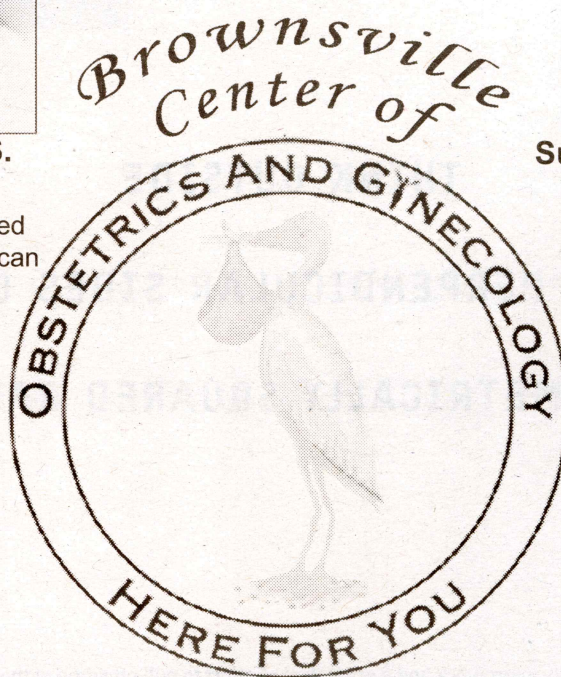
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Campus Police Reports

Following are incidents reported by Campus Police between Sept. 27 and Oct. 3.

At 10:30 a.m. Sept. 27, a staff member reported files missing from the Guerra Early Childhood Center. The files contained telephone numbers, addresses and other personal information of staff members. Other files missing were student records, which contained personal identification numbers as well as Social Security numbers. The case remains under investigation.

At 10:53 a.m. the same day, a staff member reported a man being disruptive in the Business Office, located in Tandy Hall. He was given a criminal trespass warning and was informed not to return to campus until he met with the Dean of Students. The Dean of Students met with him, gave him a warning and allowed him back on campus.

At 11:24 a.m. the same day, a student reported that his 1995 Chevrolet Camaro was struck while it was parked in lot U. He stated that as he backed out of his driving space, another driver backed out at the same time and struck the driver's side door. The driver of the other vehicle gave the man her name and phone number.

At 1 p.m. the same day, a staff member from the Village at Fort Brown reported two suspicious letters in the dorm's mailbox. He said the letters were not addressed

to any residents of the dorms. Campus Police checked the letters and found nothing suspicious.

At 6 p.m. the same day, a student reported losing her purse in a classroom in the Life and Health Sciences building. The purse contained various identification cards, a cell phone, keys and \$40 in cash. As a courtesy, Campus Police booted her vehicle until she could replace the keys.

At 12:30 a.m. Sept. 28, a student reported accidentally starting a fire outside The Village at Fort Brown. The student said that after barbecuing, he threw the charcoal briquettes in a trashcan that melted with the hot ashes. An officer evacuated the pool area. No injuries were reported.

At 4:43 p.m. the same day, a student reported damage to his 2003 Chevrolet Cavalier while trying to park in lot U. He stated that he heard a cracking noise, stepped out of the vehicle and noticed a rod sticking out of a concrete barrier, which cracked his front plastic bumper.

At 6:41 p.m. the same day, a suspicious man was seen wandering in parking lot V. An officer made contact with the man who stated he was waiting for his wife to come out of class. Minutes later a woman called Campus Police and informed a dispatcher that her ex-husband had just crossed the Rio Grande, and might be on campus looking for her. The dispatcher notified the officers that were at the scene. The man

was given a criminal trespass warning. The U.S. Border Patrol was contacted and arrested the man.

At 9:30 p.m. the same day, a staff member reported a Delta disc sander and a Mikita hand grinder, valued at \$230, missing from the storage room inside Rustenberg 181. He stated that the sander and grinder could have been missing since the spring semester.

At 2:27 a.m. Sept. 30 an officer noticed a white Pontiac Grand Am on the corner of 14th and Madison streets driving against traffic. The vehicle was heading straight toward the officer's unit. The officer notified dispatch to alert the Brownsville Police Department. The man exited the vehicle and said that he had just come out of jail and that he didn't want to go back. The man was given a citation for having an expired license and driving against traffic. The officer noticed a strong smell of alcohol on the man and slurred speech. Brownsville Police contacted his father, who picked him up at the scene.

At 11 a.m. Sept. 30, a student reported being harassed by another student while at the Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library. An officer made contact with the student and notified him that charges would be filed if the harassment continued.

At 1:17 p.m. the same day, a student reported his black duffel bag missing from the men's locker room at the Garza Gym.

The bag contained a pair of jeans, a UTB/TSC shirt, a brown wallet and a silver key chain. The wallet contained various identifications cards, an ATM card, three credit cards and \$10 in cash.

At 2:20 p.m. the same day, a student reported being harassed by her ex-boyfriend. The ex-boyfriend was contacted and given a criminal trespass warning. The case remains under investigation.

At 12:30 a.m. Oct. 1, a staff member of The Village at Fort Brown reported finding alcohol in a dorm room. Eight bottles of wine coolers were confiscated. A minor, who is not a resident of the dorm, was issued a minor in possession of alcohol citation and a criminal trespass warning. He was escorted off campus.

At 10:40 a.m. the same day, a student reported accidentally striking a 2001 Plymouth Breeze with her 1996 Honda Civic while backing out of a parking space in lot C. No damages were reported to either vehicle.

At 6:50 p.m. Oct. 3, a man outside the Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library waved down an officer and reported that another man was harassing him. An officer identified the man and remembered arresting him for a previous incident at the International Technology, Education and Commerce Campus. The man was given a criminal trespass warning and was escorted off campus.

--Compiled by Jose Borjon

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A guiding light for freshmen

By Sonia Mejia
Collegian Editor

One hundred students will have an opportunity to be part of the Leadership and Mentorship Program, a federally funded program new to UTB/TSC which strives to enhance student learning and personal development.

"The program is designed to attract and retain students by offering a high quality of campus life, support for academic achievement and opportunities for leadership development, among other things," said Sergio Martinez, Student Development specialist in charge of the program. "We are going to help a total of 100 students in our program, from entering freshmen to transfer students, get acquainted with the services on campus."

Junior math major Nancy Robledo, one of 20 student mentors, said she signed on to the program for the experience.

"The reason I decided to apply was because I need money and I need work experience for when I graduate," Robledo said. "I had been working with Upward Bound Math and Science and I enjoyed helping students at the high school level and I thought it was time for me to leave them and go into the college level."

Each mentor will help five students with any problems, questions or issues they might have regarding academics or university resources.

Choosing the mentors was a challenging process because they will help increase

retention of students by providing incoming freshmen and new transfer students with help on becoming more academically successful, Martinez said.

"In the interview process, some people stand out," he said. "A mentor has to get in touch with each of the students."

"As our program grows we will become a resource for incoming students who do not know where to go or may not know about the resources on campus."

Members of the program, which is funded by a \$99,000 grant, will be asked to participate in five seminars each semester, the topics of which will range from leadership development and public speaking to time management.

"I recall that when I came into this campus as a freshman I had a tough time navigating and learning how the university worked," Martinez said. "I waited hours outside the Financial Aid Office when I didn't have to and it was a frustrating process."

"It is easier for a student to have someone guide them through the process, so I encourage any student to apply for the program."

He said 26 students have signed on to the program, so far, and that it is only a matter of time before the program is full.

"We will be recruiting through orientation, but we will be trying every avenue of information we can get our hands on," Martinez said.

For more information on LAMP, contact Martinez at 554-5043 or visit his office in Student Union room 2.16.

Students receive 'Gateways' to success

By Adrian Peña
Staff Writer

Driving about 23 miles to use a computer is not very appealing. Luckily for Fabian Herrera, a Gateway laptop has eliminated a 40-minute drive to UTB/TSC for computer access.

Herrera is one of 11 students who have received laptops as part of a program called First Generation, which provides

support services in easing the transition from high school to college for first-generation college students.

"It's exciting," the senior physical therapy major said. With the laptop, he doesn't have to travel to campus to use a computer, which is good news for Herrera, a resident of Port Isabel.

"[First Generation] is a program which

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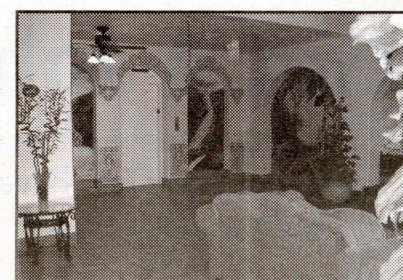
Students who received laptops from the First Generation program include (front row, from left) Sergio Avela, Iliana D. Cavazos, Dádiva Cavazos, Dania Tamez, Sarah Ceballos, Alejandra Rodriguez, Sheyla Garcia and Fabian Herrera. Back row: Todd Holland, industrial training coordinator for TSTC; John Rodriguez, UTB/TSC academic adviser; Linda Fossen, UTB/TSC associate vice president for Enrollment Planning; and First Generation mentors Jaime Ramos and Michael A. Barrón.

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ects home.

"I got the research for the class I failed online from home, because the computers are always taken," Nuñez said. "I went home to do my research, but there were so many distractions that I would have rather done it here at the library."

Asked if inadequate library resources are a disservice to university students, Ferrier replied, "The university sells you an education and you should expect to learn certain things while you are here. As part of that learning experience, you should have a classroom to be taught in, you should expect to have qualified personnel teaching the course and you should expect to have adequate resources to supplement the education such as a good library and labs to operate."

Despite the rejection of a \$97 million bond issue two years ago, which Ferrier believed would have helped the library, the university has managed to improve it by adding about 80,000 volumes, 90 computers and about 45,000 online and print periodicals in the last 10 years.

"Ten years ago we had two computer stations in the library. They were so busy we

had to put a 15-minute time limit per student," he said. "The lines were long and we had sign-up sheets, that's how busy we were. Today we have about 90 computers downstairs and you can also access the information from any lab on campus and from home."

But some professors say online resources cannot substitute for print volumes.

"We try to compensate on this campus by using electronic medium to sort of replace or supplement traditional print means, but frankly, it is not nearly enough," Harris said.

Asked if he believed the library is meeting the needs of students, Harris replied, "Not even close."

I don't mean that as a criticism of people in the library," he said. "They are doing the best they can do with a laughable budget and resources that aren't nearly what they ought to [be]."

Social Sciences Professor James Sullivan said he encourages his American history class to use the library, but believes it needs to be expanded.

"I encourage freshmen students to use the library both to read additional materials and to find a quiet place to study," Sullivan said.

"The library resources need expansion at all levels, but especially for graduate students

who require a broader range of the most up-to-date books and journals, which our library does not have immediately available."

Freshman early education major Irlanda Benavidez said she uses the library to study and to work on assignments.

"This library seems small to me," Benavidez said while she studied at a table close to the circulation desk and the entrance doors, which are constantly opening and closing. "I think it needs bigger and more private places to study."

If the bond issue passes, \$2 million would be used to renovate the current library and \$12 million would be used to construct two buildings for library space on the south side of campus, totaling 45,500 square feet, UTB/TSC President Juliet V. Garcia told the TSC board of trustees at its Aug. 26 meeting.

"We haven't completely finished the plan, but the preliminary thought is that we would ... convert the second floor to remote storage, which would allow us to keep the print material that is not used as often and just retrieve it whenever it is needed," Ferrier said. "The first floor would be converted mainly for archives and special collections."

Since the library is also a state and federal depository, which means it receives free federal publications, it must be open to the gen-

eral public.

"In many ways, the library is central to teaching and learning activities of the university community," said Social Sciences Professor Philip Kendall.

So how important is a library for a university?

"I believe that a library is the heart of a university and without a first-class library all elements suffer, especially the students and faculty," Sullivan said. "It is also a visible symbol of just how much we truly value higher education. Our buildings are often a clue to our deepest values."

If the bond issue fails, Ferrier said the university will try to continue to develop a better library.

"We are not going to quit trying to improve the library if the bond issue does not pass," he said. "We will continue what we are doing, just at a much slower rate; we won't make as much progress as we need to make."

In the meantime, students like sophomore nursing major Melissa Saldivar will try to cope with the limited resources they have.

"To me, the library is a resource to study and to find books and information, but I don't often find what I am looking for," Saldivar said. "We need more places to study and these rooms are too small."

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Crystal Baller: an afternoon with Team Sting

By Louie Vera
Sports Editor

I really didn't know what I was getting into when I decided to go through an entire practice with Team Sting, but for the most part I was excited about the opportunity.

Well, that was until the night before when my imagination made me nervous. I thought about one of my arms being maimed as I tried to dig one of Ana Mercado's powerful kills, or jumping for a block and coming down with eight fingers. All these thoughts and more protruded through my head even as I laced up my kicks just before practice began.

On the court, O'Tasha Williams would be my Jedi master and I, the young apprentice.

We first delved into serving, which I picked up fairly quickly, but then they placed Hula Hoops in designated areas on the floor that everyone would try to hit into or in my case, get into the vicinity. I actually hit a few Hoops, despite the fact I was initially aiming at others, but hey, it counts right?

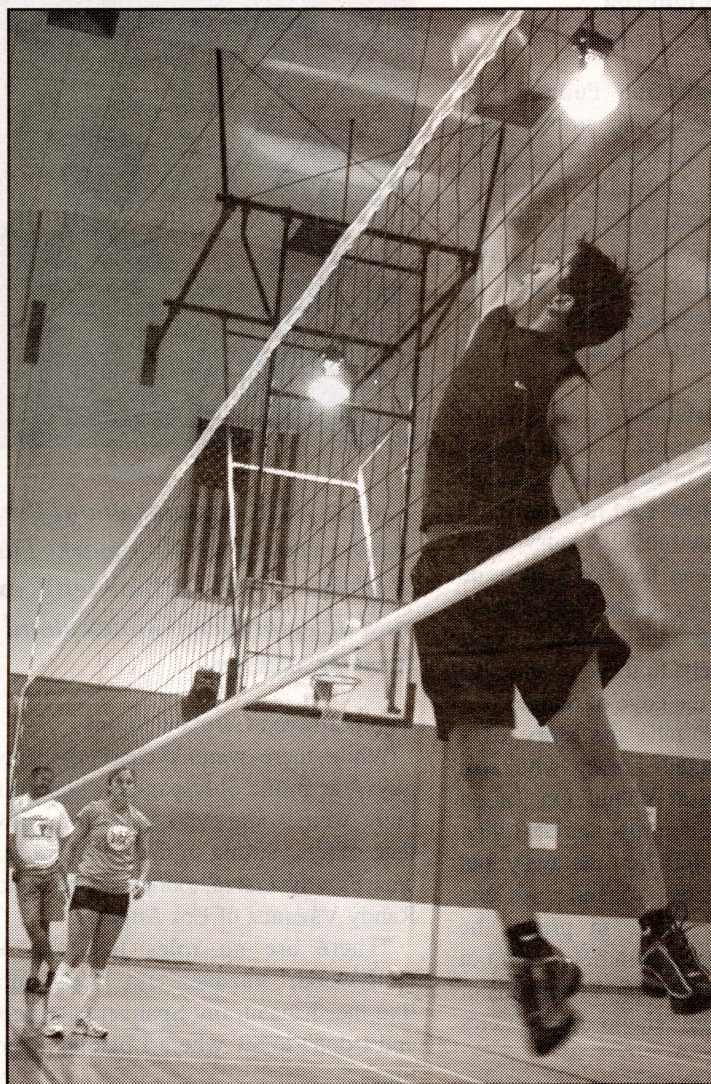
Next was hitting.

The drill was for a setter (which in this case was Mandy Garcia and Vanessa Mata) to set the ball for either the outside hitters or middle blockers. So, Taeko Inoue gave me a brief lesson on the steps leading into hitting the ball and then I was off. It took me some time but I eventually had some decent hits over the net. Can I get a cookie?

Then there was a water break, which I needed because my mouth was dry and my arm felt like Jell-O.

As I was walking back, they started to make teams for some sort of scrimmage drill and since Jenny Ashley, Kami Buettner, Joanna Knight and Ana were out, I had to play.

Great, now it was time to make a real fool of myself, or at least that was what I thought was going to happen. Well, it turned



JOSE BORJON/COLLEGIAN

Collegian Sports Editor Louie Vera spikes the ball during Tuesday's practice at the Garza Memorial Gym.

out that I didn't do half bad. I even made a few, OK, two good digs, that serendipitously bounced off my forearms to one of my teammates. And, yes, I did eat my Wheaties that morning.

Next, I shagged volleyballs for a while until it was time for me to block. Head

"Everything they have asked us for," Brown said about providing the documentation. "We have got everything ready to go; this would have never happened if they [Brunt] would have left me alone. All of the transcripts would have finally come in and everything would have been fine and smooth, but it's all because of one complaint, one athletic director in Laredo and as far as I am concerned it was jealousy on his part trying to recruit her, not getting her and not realizing she was eligible. So he thought I was using an ineligible player, which I think is an insult to me because I would never use an ineligible player and jeopardize my job and position."

Asked by The Collegian on Thursday what he stated in the complaint, Van Brunt replied by fax: "We asked the NJCAA to interpret Article V, Section 15E and Article V, Section 7.B of the NJCAA Handbook and Casebook."

Article V, Section 7.B states the number of seasons a student can participate:

Coach Skippy Brown gave me a quick lesson on blocking and then I was on my own.

I was in front of the net and the person on the other side was Jessica Vanek. I did not even come close to even tipping her shots; I just closed my eyes, stretched my arms and jumped as high as I could, but to no avail, on Jessica, Ashley or Melissa Benson. Then it was O'Tasha; I am not sure how it happened but on the second ball that she hit my way, I miraculously blocked it. I had to hold myself back from doing that little cheer that teams do after a point during a regular game; then again I would have been the only moron doing it.

I was on top of the world and practice was nearly over. I thought to myself, what a way to go out. But then the team went over to do plyometrics ... which I could have avoided but I said oh, well, I've gone this far, why not?

Before going into the room to start plyos, I thought about the exchange Skippy and I had about a week before practicing with the team.

Me: "So will I do the plyo drills with the

team, too?"

Skip: (He laughs) "Uhm, you can try but I think that might be a good way to end it."

Me: ...

I did hops, lunges and calf workouts, which I knew would be the end of me (keep reading and you'll see why). When it was all said and done, I was surprised that I went through with everything without passing out and also that I never made the team roll over on the floor and laugh.

Yes, there was the occasional running into the net and sometimes even a player (sorry, Mandy) and that brought about some felicitous laughs. And, a few times throughout practice O'Tasha effervescently would tell me not to quit my day job.

I am still scratching my head about how well I did, especially for someone who has never actually practiced or played volleyball before, and I think the team would validate that. Uhm, I think.

So everything went great, but that was until I woke up the morning after.

I remember my alarm going off at 8 a.m. and not being able to lift myself or even extend my arms to hit the snooze button, so when I eventually mustered enough strength to do it, I just unplugged it from the wall and went back to bed and slept through my morning classes.

I am sore from my neck to my calves and the worst part is that I will be in just as much pain tomorrow and the next day.

Despite the soreness, it was a great experience and I gained a better perspective of how hard our team works out and practices and why they are as good as they are.

It is really beyond me right now how I got out of bed that morning or for that matter, how I got to work to type this column and as crazy as it might sound, I wouldn't mind doing it again.

Volley

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Monterrey Tech on a recruiting trip. She was still in high school, and they were looking for her to play in that one tournament because that is their off-season. The fall, their real season, is in the spring, the opposite of us.

"[In] the NJCAA, we do the same thing they do, except we will let high school players play with us in the spring season to try out for the team and that is legal. So the NJCAA does the exact same thing Mexico does, except it's flip-flopped on the semesters. So there really isn't any logical reason why these people at the NJCAA office could possibly not allow her to play.

Brown sent Mercado's official transcript and signed letter from the Monterrey Tech head coach to the NJCAA overnight Wednesday and was awaiting a reply at press time Thursday.

"Participation in fraction of any regularly scheduled contest during the collegiate year shall constitute one (1) season of participation in that sport. Participation entry into an athletic contest and does not include dressing for such an event."

Article V, Section 15 E states: "Participation on a designated collegiate club team in an NJCAA certified sport shall constitute one (1) season of participation."

Asked why he did not believe Coach Brown when he told him that the player was eligible, Van Brunt replied: "After being in this region since 1987, I have answered, assisted and interpreted many of the by-laws for my institution as well as other institutions, including UTB/TSC. We have never allowed players eligibility to be determined by someone's word. The NJCAA requires paper documentation of all student-athletes, including freshman and transfer students (Article V). Each institution within the NJCAA is required to submit their eligibility form and is required to send copies to each

Athletic Director within Region XIV."

The Collegian also contacted the NJCAA but was told by Mary Ellen Leight, associate executive director, that it is the NJCAA's policy not to discuss the eligibility of players "unless the college wants to provide the information."

The loss of Mercado for the games against Lee College and San Jacinto Oct. 1-2 was evident as the team was defeated in both, the first time it has lost back-to-back games this season.

"The person who got hurt from this is us," Brown said. "We were 21-2 and if we would have won last weekend with Ana we would have been ranked in the top 15 in the nation and as it stands, we are ranked way down there because we got beat last weekend."

Mercado is ranked third in the nation in aces per games, fifth in kills per game and 18th in blocks per game, according to the NJCAA.

Bachelorette of the Week

Maria Guadalupe Rodriguez



Age: 25

Zodiac Sign: Pisces

Major: Art

Classification: Sophomore

Favorite Color: Red

Have you ever been set up on a date by a friend? No

What do you look for in a guy? That he is a well-mannered gentleman.

What do you think is the sexiest part of the human body? The eyes

What is the shortest relationship you've ever had? A day

What is the longest? Five years

What's a good age to get married? 27

Have you ever given somebody a fake phone number? Probably, but a while ago.

What's the first thing you notice about a person you're attracted to? Their facial expressions and mannerisms

What is the lamest excuse somebody has given you to not go out? None

What's the lamest line you've ever used? "I'm going to be busy studying."

What do you wear to bed? Whatever I wore that day

Opening a door for a woman, still chivalrous or politically incorrect? Yes, good

Is it OK for men to cry? Yes

Do you believe in love at first sight? It has never happened to me, so I guess not.

What is your ideal man? Smart, witty, funny and nice

What is your idea of the worst thing that can happen on a date? Trip and fall, or spill my drink

Which have you been most often, the dumper or the dumpee? Dumper

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? As a sign-language interpreter

What is your favorite pet? A cat

Chocolate or vanilla? Chocolate

What is one thing you are happiest that your parents don't know about you? I think they pretty much know everything.

What is the weirdest thing that has ever happened to you? I foresee events and then they actually occur.

What is your favorite movie? "Untamed Heart"

What was the last CD you bought? "Mecano"

What is your favorite song? I love so many songs that I can't name just one in particular.

If you would like to be featured as a Bachelor or Bachelorette of the Week, call reporter Abraham Figueroa at 554-5143 or send him an e-mail at collegian@utb.edu.

Indie film premieres in Brownsville

By Abraham Figueroa
Staff Writer

The settings in the film "Puños Rosas" may have seemed familiar to the scores of people who attended its premiere Thursday at the Cinemark Theater in Sunrise Mall. Beto Gómez, who was the featured director at the 11th annual CineSol Latin Film Festival, shot his second film throughout various locations in Brownsville, Matamoros and Port Isabel.

"I grew up in Matamoros and I know [the area] here because I would always be on both sides, in Brownsville and in Matamoros," Gómez said in Spanish. "I have always wanted to tell a story about the border no matter if it has some, you could say, violence, so the viewer could reflect on. In the end, a lot of people know what happens to these people that are over there at the edge of danger."

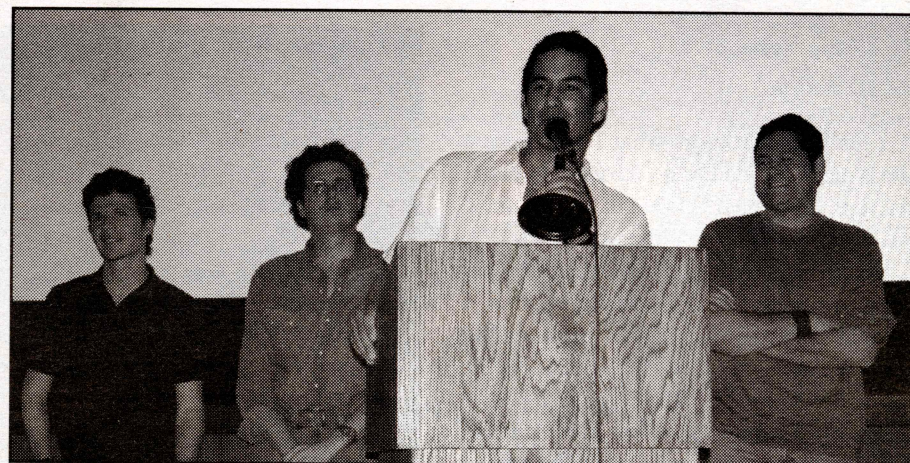
"Puños Rosas" tells the story of a young boxer named Jimmy who also works at a funeral home. One night Jimmy witnesses a murder and the killer, Germán Corona, lets him get away, but Jimmy is set up by crooked cops and lands in prison. While in prison, he meets Corona again, who helps him out so he can continue boxing. The results of the boxing match shape both men's future.

After the film was shown, the executive producer, the director and some of the actors were present for a question-and-answer session.

"I liked the story as soon as I read the script," Rodrigo Oviedo, who portrayed Jimmy, said in Spanish. "This is a well-structured script. The story is well told. The characters are much outlined."

Oviedo thought Gómez was a very interesting person and director. Since the day he met him, he said he wanted to work with him.

"I saw a movie directed by Beto titled 'El Sueño del Caimán,' (the Cayman's Dream), and I liked the work done in the movie; the opportunity to have a role like that and to work with Beto is why I did it," Jose Yenque said in Spanish,



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Randy Vázquez talks about the film "Puños Rosas," during the premiere Oct. 6 at Cinemark Theater in Sunrise Mall. Fellow actor Rodrigo Oviedo (from left), executive producer Avelino Rodríguez and director Beto Gómex stand behind him during the question-and-answer session.

who portrayed Germán Corona.

While there weren't clear-cut "good guys," as in the old Spaghetti Westerns, there were some who were less good than others. Sitting in the villain's chair was Freddy Garza, portrayed by actor Randy Vázquez of Los Angeles.

"There are no roles like this in Hollywood," Vázquez said. "He's much like me, I mean, my Spanish isn't good and I don't know where I belong sometimes."

Vázquez met Gómez while at the New York Latino Film Festival where 'El Sueño del Caimán' was shown. Gómez told Vázquez, "Read the script, look at Freddy," and Vázquez was convinced.

"There are a great variety of actors," Gómez said. "That is the case of Adal Ramones, of Omar Chaparro and all of them are well-known people in the TV world. Then there are actors that have been working in Mexico a long time, like Celia Suárez, who is from Tamaulipas and Jesus Ochoa and Isela Vega from Sonora. They also had the opportunity to work with people from the United States, like Jose Yenque, Randy Vázquez and Alejandro Flores, who is from Brownsville."

The film's violence was meant to

Todd Holland, coordinator for Industrial Training at TSTC.

"It's exciting for us, for the program and for the students," Rodriguez said. "It's always a good thing seeing students having different positive options that help them to continue in their studies."

Rodriguez is not alone in his efforts; he is joined by Michael Anthony Barron and Jaime Ramos, both mentors for the program.

"[My job is] seeing them through the [college] process and touching base with them every so often," Barron said. "I sit in with them when they're taking part in a class for the summer."

For Ramos, the best aspect of the job

make the viewer see and reflect on the violent events that take place in the northern region of Mexico, and how the individuals that live this lifestyle end up. However, not everything is clearly established for the viewer.

"The movie has a very open ending," Gómez said about the film's conclusion, referring to a few outcomes that are not explicitly stated but are rather left to the viewer's discretion. "The story invites the viewer to think. Whatever anyone wants to see is what it is."

Perhaps one of the most exciting things to see for local viewers was the familiar setting, rather than the usual L.A. or New York City scenery. Many of the questions for the director were if there were plans for the Valley to be the setting of another movie.

"Producer Avelino Rodríguez had not been here in Tamaulipas, and he liked the facilities a lot," Gómez said. "Personally, he has been looking for the possibility to film other movies in Matamoros and in the Valley area. ... Both governments supported us a lot, but especially the people--they help us a lot. ... We liked that experience of filming here."

is working one-on-one with students.

"I really enjoy working with the students; I think it's a great program," Ramos said.

One of the main benefits the laptops provide is convenience. Rodriguez explained that some students don't have the option of having a home computer or Internet service. As a result, "they can get their work done easier and quicker and in a more efficient way."

This is especially true for Herrera.

"It's been a big help," he said, adding that it has changed his study habits for the better.

Laptops

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involves Tech-Prep, the Texas Workforce Center, UT-Brownsville, UT-Pan American and [Texas State Technical College- Harlingen]," said John Rodriguez, personal college adviser for First Generation. "Most of these students ... recently graduated in May or June and now they're at different colleges, and we're working with the ones that chose to attend UTB/TSC."

The laptops were awarded Sept. 29 and were purchased with funds from First Generation and were distributed by

Mascota alimentada para buena causa

Por Andrea Figueroa
 Editora de Tiempo Nuevo

La Sociedad de Contabilidad de UTB/TSC construyó un escorpión de 150 pies de largo con latas de aluminio en el estacionamiento del Auditorio Jacob Brown para beneficiar a una organización comunitaria.

Estudiantes, profesorado, personal docente y miembros de la comunidad mostraron su apoyo al juntar latas de refresco vacías para el evento "Alimenta al escorpión" el 1 de octubre.

Los \$228 recaudados de las latas serán donados a Amistad de Mujeres (Friendship of Women), una organización que ayuda a mujeres golpeadas, dijo Carlos Arévalo, un estudiante de contabilidad de último año y presidente de la Sociedad de Contabilidad.

El club reunió 400 libras en latas de aluminio, dijo Arévalo.

July Espinoza, una estudiante de contabilidad de último año y tesorera de la Sociedad de Contabilidad, dijo que el club decidió hacer ésta actividad porque querían recaudar fondos para la comunidad.

Espinoza dijo que empezaron a planear el evento hace dos meses.

El propósito del club es el concientizar a los estudiantes de la importancia del reciclaje, dijo ella.

Matthew Domínguez, un estudiante de educación de arte de primer año, diseñó y dibujó la mascota de la universidad en el estacionamiento del Auditorio Jacob Brown.

Domínguez dijo que se preparó por dos semanas para dibujar al escorpión.

"Me pasé las dos semanas pasadas diseñándolo. ... Medí el área", dijo Domínguez.



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Miembros de la Sociedad de Contabilidad pisan latas para rellenar al escorpión dibujado en el estacionamiento del Auditorio Jacob Brown, el 1 de octubre.

Espinoza dijo que el club continuará teniendo más eventos de este tipo.

"Estamos planeando más eventos como este", dijo ella.

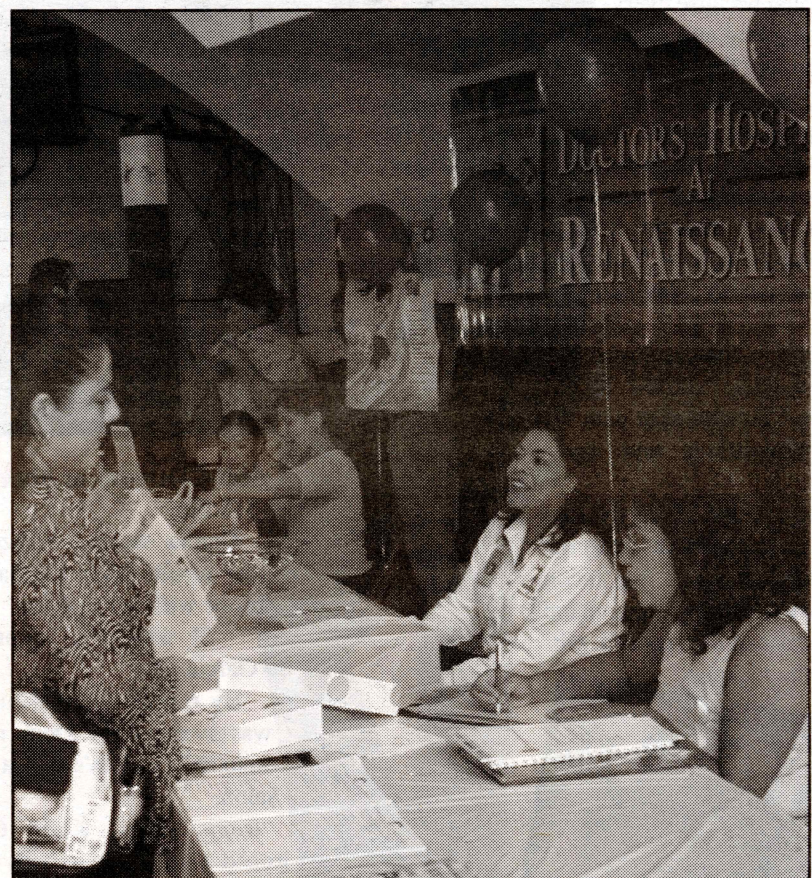
Arévalo dijo que el club decidió hacer ésta actividad para beneficiar a la universidad y a la comunidad.

"Beneficia a la universidad, a la comunidad y a los otros clubes", dijo él.

El profesorado del Departamento de Contabilidad ayudó a correr la voz entre los estudiantes, dijo Arévalo.

"Nosotros [la Sociedad de Contabilidad] tuvimos el apoyo de gente de la universidad y de la comunidad", dijo él.

Feria de carreras



JOSE BORJON/COLLEGIAN

Vangie Vasquez, una estudiante de enfermería de primer año, recibe información de la asistente de recursos humanos Elisa Chairez de Sunglo Home Health Services Inc. La feria de carreras en ciencias y Tecnología Ingenieril el pasado martes para estudiantes interesados en medicina. También aparecen la reclutadora del Hospital Renaissance Gracie G. Fosler, Gaby Zavala, Lani Garza, y Ana Delgado de Planned Parenthood.

Estudiante de Hoy

Por Hector Zamarripa

Reportero

Nombre: Carlos Héctor Luna

Edad: 33 años

Promedio: 3.5

Especialidad: Biología con especialidad en Química

Clasificación: Estudiante del último año

Reconocimientos: Miembro del grupo de Estudiantes Hacia la Excelencia en Medicina (Students Toward Excellence in Medicine)

Pasatiempos: Hacer ejercicio y andar en motocicleta

¿Cuál ha sido tu reto más grande?

"Regresar a la escuela para enriquecer mi mente después de haber terminado una licenciatura en música".

¿Cuales son tus metas a futuro?

"Convertirme en un ayudante médico".

Si pudieras cambiar algo de la universidad, ¿Qué harías? "Aumentaría el número de clases ofrecidas en la universidad".



Anécdota: "Cuando fui a comprar mi motocicleta, me fui en un autobús sin escalas a Iowa, no dormí durante todo el viaje, manéjé de regreso a Brownsville en mi motocicleta y fui a clases al día siguiente".

New look makes over attitude

By Andrea Figueroa
Tiempo Nuevo Editor

Carmen Garcia attends classes at UTB/TSC every day in jeans, a T-shirt and white sneakers. The senior applied technology major never wears makeup or gets her hair done.

One day Garcia, a page designer and cartoonist for The Collegian, was in the Student Union restroom looking in the mirror when two co-workers proposed that she get a makeover.

Dámaris Gloria, Collegian photographer, said Garcia could enhance her 5-foot, 6-inch slender frame with a makeover.

"If she put a little effort in herself, she would look better and feel a lot better at the same time," Gloria said.

So Garcia, accompanied by her co-workers, recently spent two-and-a-half hours at Sunrise Mall transforming her appearance.

Garcia said she was nervous when the whole procedure started.

"At the beginning, I was very excited because everybody was going and cheering me up, but then ... I got nervous," she said.

The process started at 5:05 p.m. in Dillard's, where cosmetologists from Clinique used makeup to give Garcia a natural look and bring out her eyes and lips.

Clinique cosmetologist Norma Cuellar started by preparing Carmen's skin with toner, moisturizer and lip balm.

Cuellar applied Perfectly Real makeup in shade 04 (\$14.50) outward and downward. She recommends using the fingertips to apply makeup instead of a sponge, which absorbs the makeup.



She applied eye shadow in Strawberry Fudge (\$17.50); a light pink color was swept on the entire area from lash line to brow; and a brown color was applied to the crease of the eyelid, to make the eye

look more expressive, Cuellar said.

Cuellar lined Garcia's eyes with Quickliner (\$14.50) in Smoky Brown. To make the eyes look bigger, she said, only the top should be lined.



With the help of a brow pencil--Brow Keeper (\$14.50), Cuellar emphasized Garcia's brows.

Cuellar applied a lash curling mascara (\$13.50) to finish the eyes.

Using a cotton ball, Cuellar applied blush in Chestnut (\$16.50).

Garcia's lips looked fuller with lip

\$12.95) to prevent damage.

For a subtle hold and shine, the stylist applied Stick



before

Wax and Silk Drops by Design Line (\$10.95 each).

Garcia said she is not used to having her hair styled.

"It felt very flat, so it looked like I had less hair," she said. Her colleagues, however, said the style gave her a chic look.

At 6:45 p.m. Garcia was out of Regis and on her way to Express, where she tried on three outfits selected by Rod Rodriguez, the clothing store's assistant manager.

The first outfit consisted of a pair of white pants (\$58), a pink silk camisole trimmed with lace (\$38) and a brown and pink bouclé jacket (\$158).

For the second outfit, Garcia tried on a beige silk halter top (\$48) and brown pants with tan stripes (\$78).

The last outfit was a pair of jeans with a washed-and-torn effect (\$68), a black camisole with sequin details (\$39.50) and a pink trench coat (\$148).

Rodriguez improved Garcia's look with chandelier earrings (\$48). Also a hair stylist he



after

went a step further by fixing Garcia's hair into an updo.

Garcia did not seem comfortable in the first two outfits, but the third outfit was the charm, making her look contemporary and confident.

"I liked the last outfit, I liked the jacket ... it was very comfortable," she said.

With the makeover done, everyone was pleased with the results and Garcia's attitude changed from shy to confident.

"I liked how I looked at the end," Garcia said, adding, however, that she would not change her wardrobe to the new style right away.

"I didn't feel like myself. I looked at the mirror and it was a totally different person," she said.

Garcia might consider changing her look in the future.

"I liked it because it was a good experience and I had never [gone through] this before," she said.



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