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THE STUDENT NEWSPAPER

■ ENVIRONMENT

American colleges seek to go "green"

UTPA considers signing energy-efficiency pact

By **MANUEL TISCARENO**
The Pan American

As global warming concerns generate efforts to reduce carbon emissions nationwide, more and more college campuses are pledging to become "carbon neutral" by reducing unnecessary energy expenditures wherever possible.

Last March, 262 university presidents signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, promising to revamp institutions in order to reduce harmful carbon emissions by cutting of utilities and insulating buildings to reduce heat. Since the document was introduced, 347 signatories have joined.

Currently, the Student Government Association at The University of Texas-Pan American is creating two resolutions to be submitted Thursday in hopes of convincing UTPA President Blandina Cardenas to enter the agreement. If UTPA signs, the school would be the first university in the UT System to be associated with the project.

Deadline to sign the pledge is Sept. 15.

The first resolution requests that the school implement an Environmental Awareness Campus Life Committee. SGA expressed that UTPA lacks programs to promote conservation, curtail consumption, and promote environmental stewardship. The resolution also stated that the Environmental Health and Safety

Council (EHSC) has in recent years been inactive.

"[EHSC] has held zero meetings, despite the increase in student concern on the issue," according to the resolution text. And SGA members stressed that they are going to raise awareness.

"We have an obligation in my opinion to inform our students about this situation," said SGA President Tony Matamoros. "The administration doesn't really know how much this means to us."

Lynda Lopez, coordinator for special projects at the Office of the President, assures that university administrators are aware that eco-friendliness is a top SGA priority.

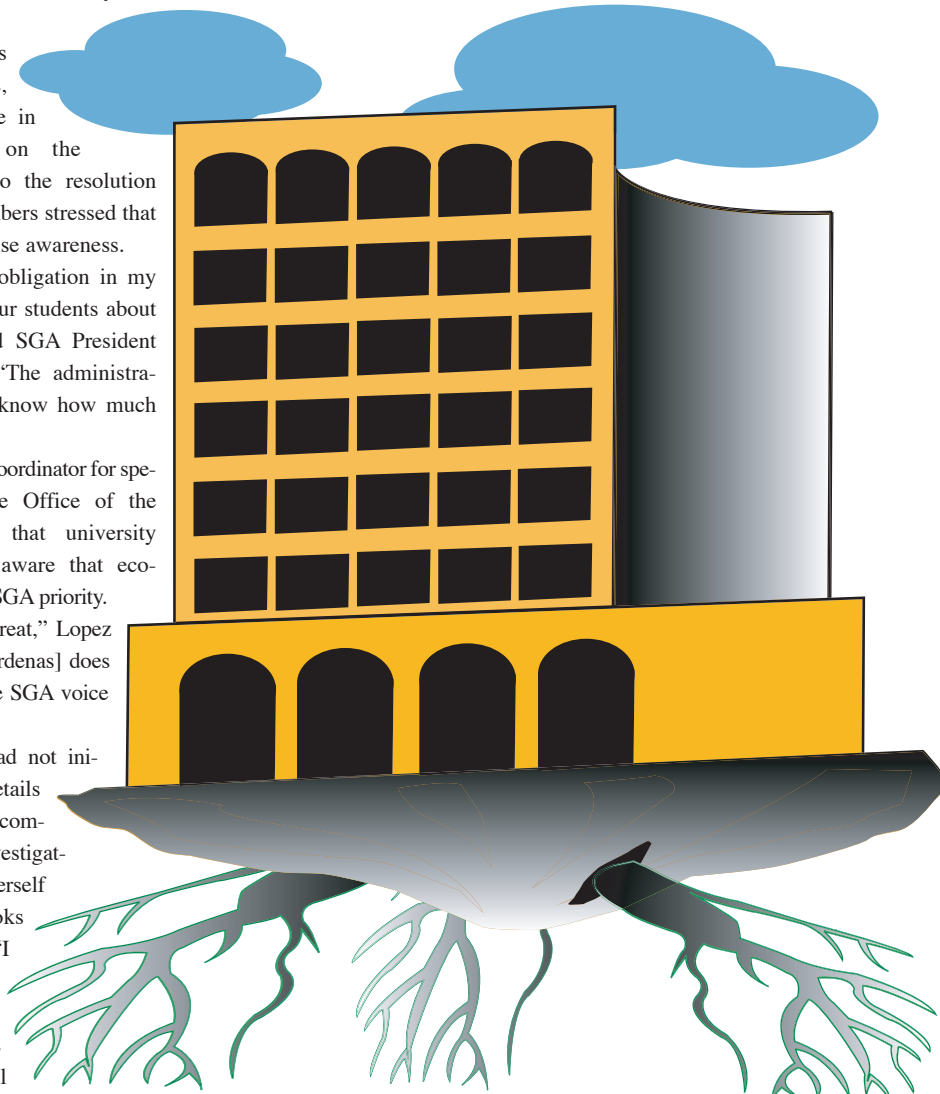
"I think it's great," Lopez said. "[President Cardenas] does feel strongly that the SGA voice is important."

Though she had not initially known the details about the climate commitment, Lopez investigated the agreement herself and thinks it looks promising, saying, "I understand it's not a financial commitment of any kind, its more of a verbal [agreement]."

Matamoros plans to expand existing projects and create new ones, to encourage recycling, and environmental stewardship, and he realizes this could cause a raising of student service fees.

An informal poll conducted by The

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Would you be willing to have student service fees raised to fund an energy-saving program on campus?

Yes 79.4% No 20.6%

a recycling program on campus?

Yes 88% No 12%

*150 students surveyed
** Results non-scientific

■ IMMIGRATION

Activists target Willacy detention center

By **ANA LEY**
The Pan American

Immigration issues are prevalent in the Rio Grande Valley, and in the past few years, discussions and debates on border policy have been ubiquitous.

One such discussion, held last Thursday by the Coalition Against Immigrant Repression at South Texas College, touched on sensitive topics such as alleged sexual abuse, beatings and poor living conditions of illegal immigrants held in Texas detention centers.

Speaker panelists included Jodi Goodman, an immigration lawyer from Harlingen; Juan Guerra, district attorney for Willacy County; and Rogelio Núñez, director of *Proyecto Libertad*.

Texas houses six immigration centers, located in El Paso, Port Isabel, Houston, Laredo, Taylor and Raymondville. The Willacy County Processing Center in Raymondville is run by Management and Training Corp., a privatized correctional facility that recently announced plans to expand the 2,000-bed facility by 1,000 beds.

On Aug. 20, the detention center was given an "acceptable" rating in an inspection by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, according to MTC's Web site. The review rating was presented to

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■ LOCAL

McAllen begins planning for River Walk-themed park

By **JULIET PEREZ**
The Pan American

The appeal of the San Antonio River Walk has inspired the City of McAllen to develop its own version. To the Rio Grande Valley, this might seem like a far-fetched task, but according to Larry Pressler, director of parks and recreation, the city has already considered a proposal from a private developer.

"The concept of McAllen's Central

Park is to use land owned by the city as an inducement for retail, commercial and residential development," Pressler said. "The park would provide desirable leisure-time facilities and activities for people who live and/or work in the surrounding development."

While currently an unnamed project, developers have adopted an unofficial nickname for the area—Central Park.

Mayor Richard Cortez is the primary elected official pushing for this

project to go further, according to Pressler.

Currently, there is no set date for the completion of the park because the project must be financially feasible for developers before the city will go ahead, Pressler said. At the moment the city is offering opportunities for development, he added.

McAllen estimates paying a little less than \$50 million to build a new reservoir in South McAllen, constructing a park with an amphitheater and

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for McAllen

canals, laying the infrastructure for the
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OPINION

■ SOCIAL COMMENTARY

Researchers to social networkers: 'You're right where we want you'

BY: SANDRA GONZALEZ

Newsweek, the figurative cork-board for all statistics flawed and subjective, ran an article not too long ago about social class gaps between MySpace and Facebook users.

My initial reaction was, admittedly, interest. Especially seeing as I have one of each.

Then, I read the biggest piece of grade-A horse crap I've ever seen in my life.

The article cited research that claimed jocks, athletes and other "good" kids who "come from families who emphasize education and going to college" are now getting profiles on Facebook and MySpace is still home for "kids whose parents didn't go to college, who are expected to get a job when they finish high school."

Yes, because you see, when I'm on MySpace, I decide I want to work instead of lugging my butt to The University of Texas-Pan American every day, but when I'm on Facebook, I get my priorities in order and stay on the straight and arrow.

While on MySpace, I forget how to use proper grammar and begin writing using single letters to represent linking verbs. Mah-space B the shiz, yo.

After the Roman scroll of sarcasm came to an end in my mind, I found myself not only insulted by the findings, but a little troubled.

It had to have been the 20th study I've read on MySpace and Facebook just this summer.

Headlines began running through my mind:

"Cyberbullying more common on MySpace"

"Facebook favored for professional networking"

"More snaggle-toothed teens on

MySpace than Facebook."

Then it struck me. I am a lab rat.

Initially enticed into the world of social networking by a combination of peer pressure and curiosity, I and about a hundred million other people have become the three-headed critters you see in PETA videos.

Even worse, we have not only placed ourselves in the cages, but we locked the door, gave the key to the hairy hand in a white coat and started dancing a jig.

It's a genius plan, really. A large group of diverse individuals bound together by a love

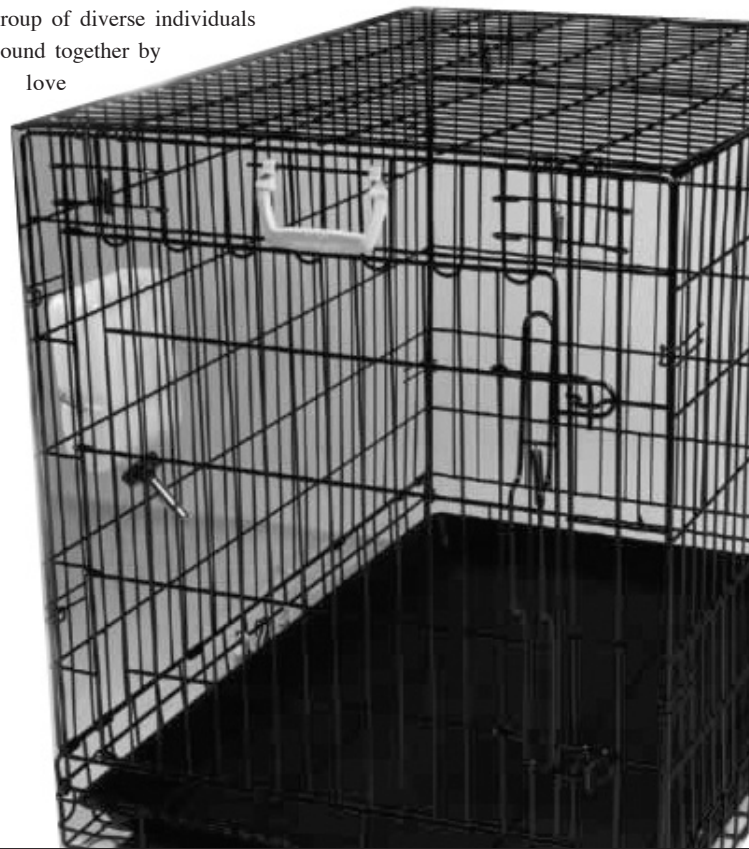
for self-promotion and a need for any kind of human contact is the perfect social cabbage patch for white coats to prod around in, groping and feeling for just the right ones to use in conducting the newest experiment.

I'm insulted, outraged and downright livid! And I'm going to tell everyone.

I'll start by posting a note on my Face....

I'll be damned.

Please don't stare at me too hard with your judging eyes as I shimmy.



■ Want to be my friend on Facebook? Too bad. But maybe I'll reply to your e-mail. Give it a shot. Send letters to: Sandra_panamerican@yahoo.com

■ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newspaper Web site revamped

BY: THE PAN AMERICAN

While summer was the ideal time for sun-soaking and relaxation for some, The Pan American -- and a hard-working group of IT personnel -- was busy dragging the newspaper into the 21st century.

After much blood, sweat, tears and caffeine, The Pan American will now be accessible online in a format unlike any other we've tried before starting this week at utpa.edu/dept/panamerican.

No more PDFs. The new Web site is more interactive and, frankly, better looking.

Bookmark it. Love it. Live it. Most importantly, enjoy it.

This was all done for the readers' convenience and to create a new way of reaching out to more people.

We hope this site acts as a new avenue for our readers -- that's you -- to connect to us.

As with our print edition, online edition of the newspaper will be available every Thursday.

The staff understands how much online media has become a part of the everyday lives of people. We realize the importance of keeping up with this ongoing integration and hope to continue making decisions that will further improve the quality and accessibility of the paper.

The site will be taking its Flintstone Vitamins and eating its Wheaties over next couple of months, growing and adding new features. Be sure to check back regularly to keep on up with all the new additions.

Also, don't be shy. Send in story ideas, comments, quips and helpful tips.

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■ Appointments

During the summer, Dr. Farzaneh Razzaghi was appointed the new director for the library at The University of Texas -- Pan American. Razzaghi officially took office July 10.

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■ CAMPUS

Border Patrol recognizes UTPA for recruiting help

By **LEZETTE VILLAREAL**
The Pan American

Growing up in Falfurrias made Miguel Garza realize that the type of career he wanted was beyond the small town he came from.

Garza, a criminal justice major at The University of Texas-Pan American, said he always knew that being a Border Patrol agent was the job that would broaden his horizons, and that graduating from UTPA would help him attain this career.

"I always knew what I wanted to do when I got older," he said. "After 9/11, the urge to become a Border Patrol

agent intensified."

Garza is one of many students to consider a career in the Border Patrol. In fact, so many agents have come out of UTPA that the university was recently recognized by the Rio Grande Valley Sector of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection for its recruitment efforts.

Departments recognized were the Office of Career Services, the Office of Information Technology and the Physical Plant staff.

Recruitment efforts at UTPA have helped increase the number of applicants to the Border Patrol, said Susie Chapa, assistant director of Career Services. More than 250 Border Patrol applicants regis-

tered online and almost 15 alumni of the university have been hired by the agency as recruiters since 1990, she added.

The agency is attempting to recruit more than 6,000 new agents by the end of 2008, according to the U.S. Customs & Border Protection official Web site.

"The new border security policy has made a need for more committed Border Patrol agents," said Garza. "I can't wait to graduate and become part of the team that helps secure our borders."

In the Valley, 52 prospective agents were sworn in at the 688th Border Patrol Academy Session in June. And there will surely be more in the future.

"Students aren't reluctant to apply

■ **"I always knew what I wanted to do when I got older. After 9/11, the urge to become a Border Patrol agent intensified."**

- Miguel Garza
criminal justice major

to the Border Patrol because they are more informed about the Border Patrol now than they have ever been," said David Ochoa, supervisory agent and recruitment coordinator of the Valley sector. "Students want to benefit from the many opportunities offered by the

Border Patrol."

Although applicants are not required to have a degree, a year of full-time work experience is necessary, said Roel Garza, BP recruiter and a UTPA grad.

"They just need to show us they can comply with the rules and regulations of the work force," said Garza. "Applicants are required to have either a year of work experience in any field or a bachelor's degree."

Oscar Saldana, supervisor for the public affairs office of the Valley sector, said that much like Garza's case, 9/11 increased both interest and need for
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■ CAMPUS

Zambrano appointed new Student Union director

By **BOBBY CERVANTES**
The Pan American

Eager to enhance student life at The University of Texas-Pan American, Valley native Edna Zambrano recently accepted the title of Student Union director, following the previous director's January departure.

Zambrano's position — which she assumed July 9 — places her in charge of the over 44,000-square-foot commons area and the various activities it hosts.

The Union's previous director, Samuel Smith, left the position to become the director of student services at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches. And Zambrano's predecessor assures that she will be a valuable asset to the Union.

"She cares a great deal about students and is wonderfully creative," Smith said. "She will take the Union to the next level."

First hired as an orientation coordinator at UTPA in July 2001, Zambrano worked with incoming freshmen and then became the advisor of the University Program Board, guiding UPB members in programming and entertainment coordination.

Zambrano graduated from Nikki Rowe High School in McAllen and left the Valley to attend Saint Mary's University in San Antonio, where she earned a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public administration. She says her return to the area was inevitable.

"I was very much interested in coming back down to the Valley," Zambrano said. "I feel I have a lot to contribute because I can see myself in the students."

A search committee chaired by Jeanette Broshears, assistant dean of students at UTPA, was initially created to find and review applicants for the position. The finalists whom the search committee deemed most qualified were then interviewed on campus by Jerry Price, the dean of students at UTPA. Price made the final decision after the interviews were conducted and selected Zambrano for the position. Price said her vast knowledge of the university and the community will prove to be assets.

"She worked at UTPA in two different capacities, and then worked for the City of McAllen," he said. "She had the advantage of growing up here and knowing the area. I knew she would be perfect."

Zambrano said she is eager to bring exciting changes to the student center. One of her main goals is to make the Union a second home for students — a comfortable place where students can relax after classes, but also take part in serious discussions.

"I always call the Union 'the living room,'" she said. "When you think about your living room in your house, there are a lot of things that happen there, very important conversations with your parents, or entertaining guests."

Zambrano also wants to create a Union that students can be proud of, and a place where they can see themselves,



Stella Benavides/*The Pan American*

PROMOTED - Edna Zambrano, recently appointed Student Union director, chats outside with the Ernesto Carzoza, a business and economics major and student manager for the Union.

literally.

"I think the main thing we are focusing on this year is the celebration

of our success. We don't want students

to walk in and see couches and candy

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■ TECHNOLOGY

University software curtails spam

By **BRENDA RODRIGUEZ**
The Pan American

E-mail users should beware of spam being sent to their inboxes because according to PC World, these past few months have made up the so-called Summer of Spam.

The outbreak — which the magazine estimates has seen a 17 percent daily spam increase — is caused by innovative spammers who have thought of new ways to get in your inboxes, said the site. Latest tricks include PDF spam and image spamming.

To tackle this growing epidemic, The University of Texas-Pan American has installed new anti-spam software to prevent offenders from taking over student and faculty accounts.

Mauro Scardigno, chief information security officer at UTPA, said spam is an unavoidable part of having an e-mail account. However, he said the Barracuda firewall, installed in March, works to prevent unwanted mail from taking over an account.

"It has proven to be very effective in preventing the delivery of spam to university e-mail accounts," Scardigno said.

The system provides failover functions — which automatically switch your inbox to a standby server in

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■ LOCAL SCENE

Protesters spread message through entertainment

By **JEANETTE PEREZ**
The Pan American

The Rio Grande Valley is home to many things—blended cultures, unique foliage and wildlife, an expanding community, and a budding economy. But there are plans for a new addition, a border wall between South Texas and Mexico, and the local activist group No Border Wall is determined to stop it.

This weekend group members utilized the uni-

fying power of entertainment to get their message across. On Saturday afternoon, this grassroots coalition held the latest in a series of rallies in support of their cause at Mission's La Lomita Park and chapel, inviting everyone in the community to get involved, especially families.

"It's really a family event, for people from all walks of life," said NBW member and attorney Mark Peña.

Kicking off at 5 p.m. with a gathered crowd composed mostly of families, the rally brought together speakers

with differing perspectives yet united in the anti-border wall

effort. Among the speakers were Father Roy Snipes of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Mission, State Rep. Aaron Peña, and Sue Sill, director of the North American Butterfly Association.

Following the speakers, a sign-holding procession led to the river where participants boarded the pontoon boat at the Riverside Club, a restaurant/club that bases its marketing and business on the river scenery—a business that would be lost with a border wall in its place.

For NABA's Sill, a major concern about the building of the border wall will be the loss of entertainment and enjoyment that many gain from

the Valley's nature and wildlife.

"There are so many years and many dollars that have gone into creating this wonderful wildlife corridor," she said. "This really has etched the fact that we have such a unique environment, flora and fauna and now we're just beginning to capitalize on that financially."

Sill said once destroyed, there is little hope for the vegetation.

"This wall if it's built as originally planned would totally destroy all of it," she claimed. "It would clear the land across the river. If that happens and then the wall comes down, we'd never get back to where we are now. It'd never be the same."

An environmentalist herself, NBW member and Weslaco resident Stefanie Herweck sees the necessity in alerting not just the Valley, but the nation.

"We want to show

people outside the Valley and out of the state that there are in fact people, culture and nature here," said the stay-at-home mom. "We want to show them that we have a culture with very deep roots, a wonderful ecosystem, growing economy...and cultivating agricultural areas."

After walking down Levee Road toward the restaurant, everyone settled into the outside dining area where free boat rides were offered. For kids, there was a "Wall piñata" to break. The music of Joe and Rosa Perez of Rumbo al Anacua ended the night.

Throughout the ensuing political season the NBW coalition will continue in its efforts to make the public and Washington aware of the cause by heading to Brownsville for another rally and finally ending in Boca Chica with a beach cleanup.

For more information on the upcoming events and rallies visit www.notexasborderwall.com or e-mail at: noborderwall@yahoo.com.



Sidney Meadows/ *The Pan American*

PROTECTING HISTORY- On Saturday a group of activists drew support for their message using various forms of entertainment.

■ COMMUNITY

Renovated theater becomes venue for local musicians

Monday night event gaining popularity

By **LAURA GARCIA**
The Pan American

With the recent explosion of local bands, an adequate venue was long overdue. However, the set-up for bands at Cine El Rey's Original Monday Night

Live is a far cry from a friend's garage, seeming more like a main stage with all the industry perks.

The Cine El Rey team came up with the idea after realizing that most regional bands had to perform cover songs in order to be given a chance to play at other venues. They wanted to give bands a place where they could break out with their original material, in turn helping them make their mark.

"We wanted it to be a place where bands who are not looking to just be a cover

band but a band looking to break out and become nationally known artists," said Bert Guerra, co-owner of the Cine El Rey.

Monday nights suited best since most bands aren't usually booked for then and it wouldn't interfere with their schedules. Outfits like Stillborn and Walk in Groves have had the opportunity to play at Cine El Rey during its Monday night event.

Matthew Rios of Stillborn said Cine offers a great atmosphere for both

the bands and the audience, along with a professional set-up.

"The lights and sound are top-notch," Rios reported. "It is a good place for local bands to get their feet wet, but they actually get drenched since the stage is big and everything is done on a professional level."

All types of music are welcome and so far Punk/Ska/Rock, Death Metal and Country Rock have been featured. The only requirement for a band is that they only play original

music.

Original Monday Night Live is a fairly new event that has come with the venue's renovation, and has already booked over 220 bands this year. The place's newly obtained liquor license has enabled it to remain open until 2 a.m., allowing audiences to listen to about four bands every Monday while also enjoying amenities at the bar.

More and more people are coming

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FALL EVENTS PREVIEW

Different departments at The University of Texas-Pan American -- including the University Program Board, theatre, art and music -- have a fall event line-up that is sure to appeal to people of diverse tastes. Here's a look at what the creative departments have in store this semester.

Story By: Leslie Estrada

MUSIC

The music department is preparing a semester full of fun for people of all ages. Many groups — like the Valley Symphony Orchestra (VSO), the UTPA Mariachi, the salsa band and the choir — will be offering shows for the entertainment of the university and Valley community members.

The VSO will open its 55th Season Oct. 4 with a concert at the UTPA Fine Arts Auditorium.

“The orchestra is comprised mainly by UTPA students and faculty and also music educators from the community,” said Pedro Martinez, chair of the department. “They work really hard and are really looking forward to perform for its public.”

The UTPA Mariachi is scheduled to perform Nov. 3, presenting traditional mariachi music, including *canciones rancheras* (mexican folk music songs) and *baladas romanticas* (romantic ballads).

“The UTPA mariachi has been one of the best known musical groups in the region since 1989,” Martinez said. “It was founded to promote Mexican folk music and the culture of Hispanic people for the benefit of the students and community of South Texas.”

Martinez also stated that although most of the groups performing are school-affiliated, not all the performers are students or faculty from the university.

“We rent the auditorium to other performers, but most of our shows are from groups from the university,” he said.

Martinez would like to invite everybody to come out and enjoy these performances.

“We have a wide variety of shows,” he continued. “People will surely have a great time as they enjoy the music and the performances from each group.”

theatre

The theatre department has four plays in the works for this semester, two main stage, one studio and one for children. They range from a witty comedy to an international tragedy, making stops in between the two.

The theatre will start its season Oct. 10 with "The House of Bernarda Alba," a play by Federico Garcia Lorca. This Spanish classic is a must see. After the death of her husband, Bernarda Alba imposes a period of deep mourning that stifles the lives of her daughters.

"Blithe Spirit," penned by Noel Coward, is another can't-miss. Following a strange séance by an eccentric medium, an English socialite husband and his second wife are visited by the spirit of his first wife, who died in a car wreck. The ghost is determined that her widowed husband won't find happiness with another woman. The play will be performed from Nov. 14-17.

Both Main stage plays will be presented in the Albert L.

Jeffers Theatre Wednesday- Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Studio Theatre will present "The Night of the Living Dead" starting Oct. 25. The play by Lori Allen Ohm follows the main characters as they struggle to survive a horrific plague of flesh-eating ghouls.

Although plays performed at the main stage and the studio differ most obviously by location, Tom Grabowski, designer/technical director at the university theatre, said it is not the only difference.

"The studio season is the umbrella where plays that are a little more risque, a bit more controversial or where the subject matter might be offensive to some of our audience, can be done," Grabowski said. "It tends to be a place where the students can experiment with and learn the processes in production, here it does not refer to location, some of our studio shows have happened in the Jeffers Theatre."

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The University Program Board has many fun-filled and interesting events planned for the year, especially in the first two weeks of school.

"We have events year-round, but during the first two weeks of school we will be having events everyday to welcome students to our campus," said Cruz Rios, president of UPB.

Rios stated that the events are really fun and are mostly targeted to students.

"The Spirit-O-Rama week consists of events where students can feel how the university life is, especially freshmen," Rios said.

During the first day of class at various locations throughout the university, there will be what UPB calls "fresh start/ask me tables," where university community members will give away fruit and juices to students and help answer any questions they have about UTPA.

The school spirit rally will take place Aug. 30 in The Quad. This event is a rally for UTPA promoting school activities, departments, organizations and school spirit as a community effort.

"The goal of this event is to create a new sense of school

spirit among the students of the university," said Rios. "This event will require all athletic teams and squads within the athletic department to be present for recognition."

Another effort that will be fun for people will take place Aug. 31, where students will have the chance to enjoy "Pirates of the Caribbean 3" at the Wellness and Recreation Center leisure pool.

"Normally the movies are held at the Student Union Theatre but for our first movie we will team up with the Wellness and Recreation Center," said Rios. "It is a themed movie and the water will contribute a lot to the movie's theme. In addition we will also have people dressed up as pirates."

The Bucky's Block Party is another event that should be enjoyable, one meant to welcome students, faculty and staff members to another year at UTPA. Over 100 student organizations, university departments, community service agencies, local businesses and area restaurants are expected to participate, including obviously the Bronc mascot, Bucky.

"Bucky's Block Party will be a great way to kick off the school year," Rios said. "It is free and students are welcome to attend, we really look forward to seeing everybody there."

MOVIE REVIEW

'Superbad' outdoes teen comedy genre

By **FRANK CALVILLO**
The Pan American

August is usually not the most anticipated month of the summer movie season. As a large majority of younger moviegoers prepare their return to school, those few films released in the doldrums of late summer usually come and go without much notice.

However, the new comedy "Superbad" is set to break the mold and give adolescents a reason to head back into the theaters one more time before summer's end.

Produced by Judd Apatow, the man who brought us "Knocked Up" and "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," "Superbad" tells the story of two best friends, Evan (Michael Cera) and Seth (Jonah Hill,) who are

about to graduate from high school and go their separate ways to college.

After getting invited to a graduation party, and learning that their friend Fogel (talented new-comer Christopher Mintz-Passe) has acquired a fake I.D., the friends go on a quest to buy alcohol for the party in order to impress the girls of their dreams. What follows is a night full of mishaps, mistaken identities and confessions which culminate in one of the most touching endings captured on film so far this year.

To just describe this film as a mere "comedy" would be doing it a grave injustice. From the moment the opening credits fade, the laughs begin and never cease. Though there is plenty of slapstick to go around, the movie's biggest strength is the dialogue. Hill's rants in particular

are virtually non-stop and each one packs more hilarious commentaries on life the way young people see it today.

Co-written by Seth Rogen, the star of the surprise summer hit "Knocked Up," the script never panders to lowest common denominator, but rather tries to make its references more wide spread, making sure that the audience never once feels alienated.

Another vital ingredient of "Superbad" is the priceless chemistry of Hill and Cera. These two actors fit so well together that there is no one who doesn't doubt they could be best friends in real life. Although their approaches to comedy differ distinctly — Hill hilariously explodes in virtually all of his scenes, while Cera delivers his lines in an innocently dry and witty manner — the

two compliment each other in a way similar to that of Laurel and Hardy.

The two leads are not necessarily unknowns but are set to become household names with this perfect star-making vehicle.

What sets "Superbad" apart from any other teen movie that has come out in the last few years is its ability to take chances. The characters in this movie are real teens who use a slew of obscenities and discuss topics such as sex in such a frank manner that audience members are left in awe.

While most teen-oriented films offer up a romanticized and oftentimes nauseating version of teen life, Superbad succeeds in painting an uproarious and truly realistic portrait of what it's like to be 18.



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MUSIC REVIEWS

Summer music hits deliver as promised

By **FRANK CALVILLO**
The Pan American

For a while it seemed as if Maroon 5, the music phenomenon that swept the airwaves throughout 2003, would never make another album.

Four years later the rock/pop quintet are back with "It Won't Be Soon Before Long," an album has proven to be one of summer's fastest-selling records, cementing the band's staying power.

For the most part, the band stays true to the unique formula that made them famous. One of the reasons for the group's success was that their sound proved rather difficult to pinpoint. Were they pop? Were they rock? Listeners showed they could care less as they moved to the album's first single "Makes Me Wonder."

The diddy, chock full of dancing grooves and subtle guitar riffs, can easily be called the catchiest song of the year.

The follow-up single "Wake Up Call" ventures into Justin Timberlake-esque territory, but quickly avoids the same niche by blending hip-hop and rock

With each track comes a mood as

different as the last. "Goodnight Goodnight," will easily have listeners swaying, while "Can't Stop," will make hopeless romantics recall "the one who did me wrong." Likewise the blues-inspired "Back at Your Door," the delightfully lightweight "Little of Your Time" and the darkly-realistic "Nothing Lasts Forever" are all just as captivating.

Maroon 5's latest effort is an album of mainstream appeal that also has credibility. With its universal themes, the album features something for all listeners -- including the ones that might only go into a music store once a year -- "It Won't Be Soon Before Long" is truly an album for everyone.

Maroon 5
RATING | ★★★★★



Amazon.com

Without question, one of the most talked-about movies of the summer was the big-screen version of the hit Broadway musical "Hairspray." It has proven to be a hit with audiences grossing more than \$100 million at the box office. Just as successful, if not more so, is the film's soundtrack.

The album bears little resemblance to any Broadway score, but is instead a throwback to the tunes of the early sixties with sounds of Elvis-inspired rock such as Zac Efron's "Ladies' Choice," Motown-influenced R&B on "Big, Blonde and Beautiful" and bubble-gum pop as heard in the instantly-catchy "Without Love."

The story's messages are easily carried over to the soundtrack.

After one listen, the theme of self-acceptance shows as John Travolta pipes out lines such as: "if you don't like the way I look, well I just don't give a damn" on "You Can't Stop the Beat."

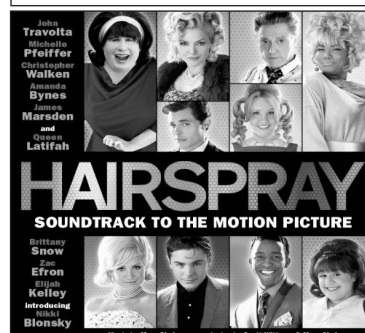
The film's racial messages can easily be spotted as well. In "The Nicest Kids in Town," when James Marsden, who plays a music-show host, belts out: "nice white kids who like to lead the way, and once a month we have our negro day," or when Michelle Pfeiffer asks: "would you swim in an integrated

pool?" during "The Legend of Miss Baltimore Crabs," any listener can get a taste of what the time period was like.

More powerful are the songs which deal with civil rights and tolerance, which are presented rather poetically in the upbeat "Run and Tell That" and the deeply moving Queen Latifah ballad "I Know Where I've Been."

For what it's worth, "Hairspray" — still the no. 2 selling album on Amazon.com — is a soundtrack for those who can appreciate the songs of yesteryear, but more so it is an album of substance with social messages and life lessons expressed in a catchy and entertaining way.

Hairspray (soundtrack)
RATING | ★★★★★



Amazon.com



What you're not watching

BY: **FRANK CALVILLO**
The Pan American

Last season on television, while everyone tuned in to find out what all they hype was on "Heroes," a show called "Brothers and Sisters" made its way into ABC's Sunday night lineup.

The show tells the story of five adult siblings who come together after their father's passing to carry on the family business. In the aftermath of the patriarch's death, secrets are unearthed, betrayals are revealed and the bonds of family will be tested.

While the show has developed a loyal fan base, its ratings remain embarrassingly low due to lackluster promotion and the fact that it doesn't take place on a deserted island or feature any characters that have supernatural powers. With so many shows now relying on sensationalism or some kind of gimmick, the show is a simple character-driven drama that anyone with a family can relate to. "Brothers and Sisters" airs every Sunday night on ABC after "Desperate Housewives."

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back is the music of course, but the location as well.

"The time and effort that goes into the set-up is apparent and you don't feel like you're at your local rundown club", said Amanda Gonzales 20, a freshman psychology major.

Most of all, Cine El Rey would like for the public to take note of the local talent and to go out and support them. Much like the famous CBGB nightclub — the forum best known for being the birthplace of American punk and punk-influenced bands — Cine El Rey would like to give bands the full experience of performing live and for them to come back and say they played there first.

"The whole Myspace thing has helped bands a lot but performing live is still what separates a good band from a great band and the only way you get great is by performing live a lot," said Guerra. "You only get so far practicing in your garage or recording demos, sooner or later you to perform live and get the experience you need."

Bands and Solo artists looking to perform can contact Matthew at 956-212-0855 or call The Cine El Rey box office at 956-971-9829. You may also e-mail them at cineelrey@hotmail.com.

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Pan American found that of 150 students, a large majority would support the raising of student service fees to fund eco-friendly projects.

"We are challenged because we see that tuition and fees are going up dramatically," the SGA leader admitted. "You might say that 2 or 3 dollars is a lot but over a long run it does affect students."

However, support from the student body is very much present, said biology professor Robert Edwards, currently part of a committee creating a new environmental science major.

"There is more [environmental] awareness at this campus than there has ever been before," he said. "We're moving in the right direction, but way too slowly."

Projects such as the native garden outside the Student Services Building and organizations such as the Environmental Awareness Club and Biology Club are raising environmental consciousness, he added.

Langabeer said that UTPA administrators are also contemplating making

the new Starr County campus learning center a so-called certified green building, which by regulation must have energy-efficient lighting plus insulated walls, and must to some degree reduce emissions via materials and design.

Land has not yet been purchased for the project yet, but information will soon be released as to which architects and designs will be chosen to design the \$7.5 million building. The facility will serve as a center for upper level juniors, seniors and grad students.

To construct a green building and maintain its current budget, the university will have to make the building ten percent smaller than it is currently projected to be.

ZERO CARBON FEASIBLE?

While the idea of reducing carbon emissions is a popular one, the dollars and cents of such an undertaking is what inevitably decides whether plans become action.

The cost of curbing emissions may

be heavier for UTPA because main buildings were built before any environmental concern had reached mainstream university thinking, said James Langabeer, vice president for business affairs.

Last week, Langabeer met in Austin with representatives from Direct Energy, a company known for implementing "green" or eco-friendly energy projects.

Although the university has not disclosed how much it will invest toward green energy consumption, Langabeer says the company has promised to reduce energy expenditures at UTPA by providing sustainable light bulbs.

Direct Energy has yet to convince administrators that an investment will be cost effective and service UTPA in the form of motion-light switches and energy monitoring systems, said Langebeer.

"One of the reasons why I am really interested in this is because energy costs are the few things that if we reduce

them we actually save money," he said. "If we really cut some utilities we can save a million dollars a year... It makes sense environmentally and it also makes sense in your pocketbook."

RECENT ENERGY CHANGES

UT System universities recently signed a five-year contract with TXU Energy, which went into effect this March. Because it was a collective agreement, the energy company gave every institution a discount on their energy bill.

This means the university will save millions on electricity per year because buying wholesale electricity reduced energy costs from \$0.14 to \$0.084 per kilowatt hour. Last year, 57 million kilowatt-hours were consumed, resulting in a \$3.75- million light bill for UTPA.

According to David Ortega, cooling plant manager for the Physical Plant, this reduction in costs can give the university more freedom to invest in other

energy-efficient programs.

Ortega added that the chill plant also reduces wasted energy by monitoring the temperature of almost any room on campus.

The Pan American
****Energy poll****

What is the maximum amount you would be willing to have student service fees raised for an energy-saving program on campus?

\$1= 7 students
\$2= 19 students
\$5= 46 students
\$10= 41 students
Other= 6 students
***Out of 119 students**

a recycling program on campus?

\$1= 9 students
\$2= 21 students
\$5= 56 students
\$10= 41 students
Other= 5 students
***Out of 132 students**

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retail and residential development, and possibly building a new home for the International Museum of Art & Science, Wendy Smith-Sturgis told The Monitor.

"There are a number of different financing options available, and that will affect the cost to the city," Sturgis said.

The developing park has set its property at Boye Lake at the corner of U.S. Expressway 83 and South 23rd Street in McAllen. The site is planned to be approximately 65 acres while the park

itself will be 10 acres.

Previously, the area was used for Boye Lake's water supply, for domestic use. The reservoir occupies some of McAllen's most valuable real estate and has been targeted for closure for some time.

"The water supply reservoir in Boye Lake is too valuable to use to store water," said Pressler. "The land has higher and better uses."

One of those better uses could be

the role of job generator, according to Pressler.

"Creating retail, commercial, residential and recreational property out of government land will generate commerce, it will generate sales tax and property tax that is needed to support operations of the city," he added. "This will help keep McAllen a desirable place to visit, live and work in."

While the area doesn't have a river to run through the park, a man-made

concrete structure will allow lake water to run through it, simulating a natural flow of water.

"San Antonio's' River Walk was an influence to the project because city leaders have been there numerous times in their lives and recognize its attractiveness as a recreational value," said Pressler. "Additionally, city leaders observed that retail businesses thrive along the San Antonio River Walk because of the proximity to restaurants,

entertainment, multi-family housing, and supporting businesses."

Many students at The University of Texas-Pan American say they are eager to see the park built.

"It would attract a lot of tourists, especially people from Mexico, they would more than likely shop around that area," said Marisol Flores, a senior advertising/public relations major. "It would be great to see people from different states come to visit the Valley and its park."

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Warden Fred Barrera by Marc Moore, ICE's field office director for the Raymondville area.

But Goodman, who has entered the

detention center to tell immigrants their rights, said living conditions in the Raymondville facility are objectionable, nicknaming it "Ritmo" - an allusion to

Guantanamo Bay, or "Gitmo," which has come under major attack for its conditions.

An inspector general's report on the facility drew media attention early this year after it found inhumane and dangerous conditions for inmates - including limited access to clean underwear, the presence of vermin, and undercooked poultry. Goodman said center administrators have since then "put on a dog-and-pony show for the press," and she referred to the center's 10 detention tents as "circus tents."

"Raymondville is the most secretive detention center there is," she said. "Detainees can be held there for months, even years."

Goodman also said there is no clothing for cold weather and little food. Although ICE requires that detainees be allowed to talk to pro bono law offices, Goodman said phones seldom work.

According to the Washington Post, about 80 percent of Immigration and Customs Enforcement's beds are rented

at 300 local and state jails nationwide, concentrated in the South and Southwest, or at eight sites run by contractors such as MTC.

The U.S. Government of Accountability Office's Web site states that the number of incarcerated illegal aliens is mounting—150,000 were held in 2001; 160,000 in 2002; 170,000 in 2003; and 180,000 were incarcerated in 2004. Of these immigrants, 63 percent were from Mexico.

DOWN TO BUSINESS

Organizations present at the forum included the World Peace Alliance, the *Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán*, Veterans for Peace, *La Union del Pueblo Entero* and People for Peace and Justice.

Ramona Casas, a coordinator for the Las Milpas branch of A Resource In Serving Equality, urged the audience to push their congressmen to change living conditions in detention centers. ARISE, a woman's rights advocacy organization,

was one many activist groups there.

"*Den propuestas, hagan que piensen en las personas que no tienen una voz,*" she said, asking participants to write proposals giving detainees a voice.

Greg Rodriguez of Edinburg, an organizer for the World Peace Alliance, said that from the coalition's point of view, nobody should be called "illegal."

"We think that too many people that don't want detention centers to exist aren't being heard," he said. "There are more humane solutions to the immigration problem."

Rodriguez also said that the problem is rooted in poorly exercised government, and that people should be focusing their attention on "fixing government" instead of stopping illegal immigration.

"The problem is bigger than just people crossing borders," said the 21-year-old Edinburg resident. "If we are called radicals for wanting human rights, then I have no problem with it."



Nick Dodd/The Pan American

OBJECTION - Willacy County District Attorney Juan Guerra addresses an audience at a forum held by the Coalition Against Immigrant Repression last Thursday.

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case someone tries sending you a harmful e-mail — in addition to other added features that have significantly reduced administrative overhead required to maintain the filters, Scardigno said.

The program is also easier to use, and Information and Technology specialists don't need to work as hard to maintain various filters.

With Barracuda, messages are checked when they arrive and are either directed to a user's mailbox or are quarantined based on a score value. Users receive a daily spam quarantine summary e-mail that contains a list of all messages Barracuda has isolated for the day, allowing users to manage messages and take measures if legitimate e-mail has been corralled.

Scardigno said filters are the first line of defense against spam and phishing attempts. However, they do not have the technical capability of preventing all spam from reaching e-mail accounts.

Since Barracuda's inception, approximately 11.2 million messages were sent to UTPA account holders; out of those messages, 10.5 million were blocked as spam messages, Scardigno said.

Some UTPA students like Ricardo Gomez, a freshman psychology major from Weslaco, are concerned about the growing amount of spam they receive. Gomez said he was "suckered" into a spammer's trick.

"I saw this pop-up ad saying that I

won a free iPod, so I clicked it and registered all of my information," he said. "A few days later the e-mail I used when I registered was filled with spam. Every day I would get anywhere from 30 to 50 e-mails of crap."

Eventually, Gomez got rid of that account and said he is now much more careful with online tricks spammers are using.

But Jesse Garza, a senior business marketing major from Edinburg, said he does not have a problem with spam on his Yahoo or UTPA e-mail accounts.

"The main reason I don't have a problem with spam is because I reject and constantly delete my e-mails," Garza said. "I don't check my e-mail, read them and then leave them there forever. That causes a big [e-mail] storage problem."

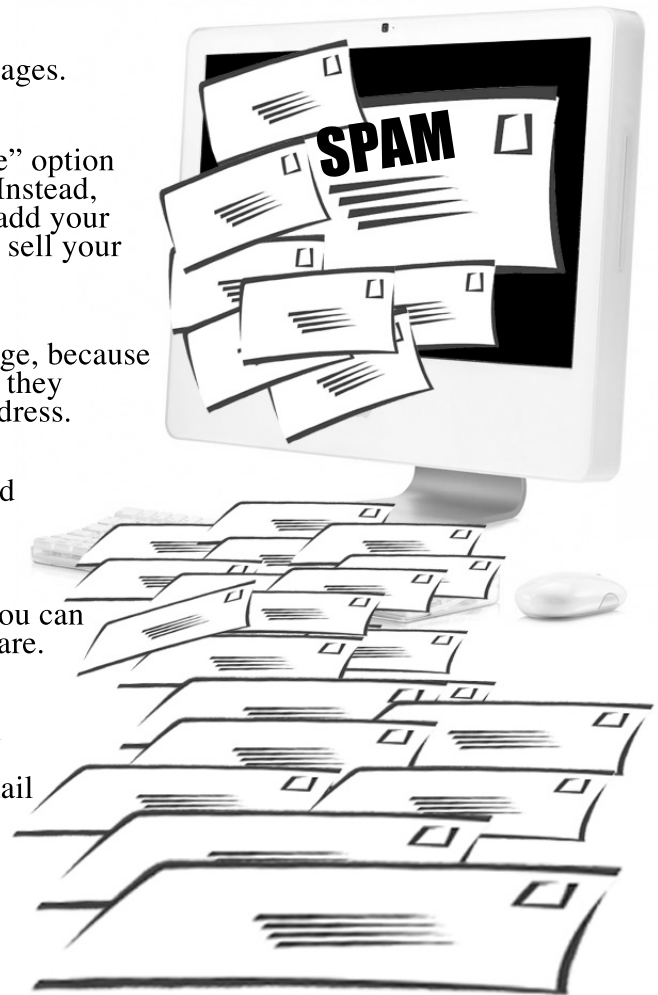
FIGHTING BACK

As Scardigno said, spammers come up with new tricks every day which increase the amount of unwanted mail exponentially. The current filters have proven to be very effective and responsive in catching and blocking a very large percentage of spam messages. However, it does not protect users completely.

Scardigno said there are several tips users can use to help manage unwanted e-mails. Those include not clicking the "unsubscribe" button in spam messages, and never replying to spam.

Tips for fighting spam from Mauro Scardigno, chief information security officer at UTPA:

- Ignore and delete spam messages.
- Avoid using the "unsubscribe" option included in spam messages. Instead, spammers will permanently add your e-mail address to their list or sell your address to other marketers.
- Never reply to a spam message, because replying will alert spammers they have found a valid e-mail address.
- Install anti-virus software and update virus signatures on a regular basis.
- Ask the IT Help Desk how you can get a copy of antivirus software.
- Avoid entering drawings and sweepstakes, as this is a sure way to disseminate your e-mail address to other marketers.



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machines," she said. "Instead, we want them to see TVs that say the accounting team won this or the mariachis accomplished that."

The new director said she wants to make the faculty feel at home as well, and she hopes professors will consider

using the Union for out-of-classroom lectures or class activities.

"We want to work with the faculty," she said. "For example, if there are two professors in the English department teaching the same poet, I want them to come to us to host a Saturday morning

round-table discussion or something similar."

Lou Rivera now fills the seat that Zambrano vacated as Student Union associate director. Zambrano is in the process of finalizing her choice for the new assistant director of the Union.

NEW TO THE UNION

* 5 new laptops available for students to check out while at the Union

* New digital announcement system featuring LCDs displaying information about campus events and announcements of UTPA student achievements

* The Game Room will begin a series of evening sports programming. Students will be asked for input on what sporting events they would like to have broadcast

* The information desk will have an updated magazine collection

* The Game Room will be accepting Bronc Bucks

* Sodexo will open Café Salsa Caliente in the Food Court

* In late fall, the Union will be renovated. The interior of the building will be repainted and all of the furniture will be refurbished

-Edna Zambrano
Student Union Director

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more agents.

"While we are actively recruiting all types of people, minorities and women Border Patrol prospects have increased because of the opportunities offered by the Border Patrol," Saldana said. "The benefits and salaries offered to these agents are also very rewarding."

The Border Patrol is trying to attract more women, who make up about 5.4 percent of the agency workforce, and minority groups such as Native Americans, Asian Americans, and African Americans. These groups currently make up all agents, said Saldana

EFFORTS ON CAMPUS

U.S. Customs and Border Protection has held events at UTPA in order to generate interest. One occurred in May, significantly raising student interest, said Chapa.

"This event allowed our students the opportunity to learn about the Border Patrol and also to apply and test directly with on-site recruiters," said Chapa. "It was a great opportunity for our students to get assistance with the application process and an opportunity to test sooner than under the normal process."

Chapa added that other recruitment efforts include classroom presentations, information sessions, workshops and table set-ups in respective colleges.

Phillip Ethridge, a criminal justice professor at UTPA, predicted that as the importance and effectiveness of agents increases, many students may become more excited about a future in the Border Patrol.

"The number of drug smugglers and illegal immigrants has increased and it appears that adequate security will increase as well," Ethridge said. "The addition of more agents will increase and more and more students will think of the Border Patrol as a possible good career."

Did You Know?

■ Women make up 5.4 percent of the Border Patrol workforce. Minorities such as Native Americans, Asian Americans and African Americans make up 2.5 percent.

-Oscar Saldana
Border Patrol Public Affairs

■ SOCCER

Club Soccer awaits Varsity green light

Squad continues winning ways into new season

By **GABRIEL SALDANA**
The Pan American

The Bronc Soccer Club team is in preparations to begin its third season after a successful campaign and a fifth place ranking at the region IV club soccer level.

The team is currently one of a series of club units in the Texas Collegiate Soccer League, within which collegiate soccer teams compete in two Texas soccer championships during each academic year.

The two winning teams from the fall semester championship are given the chance to represent Texas at the national level in the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association championship to be held this year in Tallahassee, Fla.

Last season the team ranked fourth in seven states as it advanced to the state regional semi finals and were invited to play in the national tournament.

The Bronc team has already met its first pre-regular season challenge, with

triumph in a 3-2 comeback victory against the Felinos of McAllen. The Felinos are ranked among the top teams in the McAllen Amateur Soccer Association. The Bronc club team will scrimmage MASA and other local league squads before going into the regular season which is slated to begin Sept. 8.

Team president Victor Gutierrez said he is very optimistic about the upcoming season.

“The Felinos are one of the top teams in the MASA league,” said Gutierrez. “It was actually a very good game for us. We came back from 2-0 in the first half and ended up winning 3-2.”

Though the three-year-old club team is funded and regulated by the university, UTPA soccer has yet to receive the green light to become an NCAA sanctioned varsity team. The school had a winning program for decades before disbanding in the late 1990s.

According to Gutierrez, the long-term goal for the current team is expansion into NCAA status, where they will be able to play on a more competitive level. Currently, the club competes at the intramural/recreational level against other collegiate teams in the same skill bracket.

Gutierrez said larger schools that also compete at the club level use the

league as a developmental tool for varsity play for their respective NCAA teams. Club teams act as the junior varsity does in high school for the varsity. But the competition is pretty tough, nonetheless.

“Right now in our bracket we are looking at Rice, Baylor, UTSA and Sam

Houston State,” said Gutierrez.

Because the team is conducted at the club level, it has a committee and a sponsor as opposed to having a university-sanctioned coaching staff. Though only a selected number of members can suit up and travel with the team — as it

is considered by the university to be a club — it can take on as many members as are willing to join. Participation as a traveling team member for fall was determined in a tryout process in July.

To ensure that only UTPA students participate in the club, guidelines stipulate that a prospective participant must be registered for at least nine hours of class at the university.

The only trouble with the league, according to Gutierrez, is lack of community participation. Gutierrez says that he would like to see more spectators at the games and interest from the community.

In order to help raise funds for and raise awareness of the team, Gutierrez has planned for a beach cleanup that is being sanctioned by the mayor of South Padre Island; the effort is in the process of recruiting local sponsorship.

The women’s soccer team is currently training to begin the new season and spirits are high per recent victories in pre-regular season scrimmages.

With a 90 percent returning player rate, coach Oscar Coronado is optimistic about success in the ensuing campaign.

“Last season we were building up talent and, especially with the new additions, we should be very competitive this year,” said Coronado.



Onydia Garza/*The Pan American*

FIELD OF GREEN - Victor Gutierrez, a senior criminal justice major, led the soccer club to a victory in its first match of the year recently.



Sidney Meadows/*The Pan American*

STRAIGHT TO THE TOP - Zack Soto, a senior philosophy major, tries out the new Wellness and Recreational Sports Complex’s 34-foot climbing wall during the opening held Saturday for students, faculty and staff.

■ EXTRACURRICULAR

WRSC has soft opening

New fitness complex opens its doors today

By **ERICK QUINTERO**
The Pan American

Located on the corner of Sugar and Schunior roads, the Wellness and Recreational Sports Complex held a sneak preview of its numerous amenities for the university community Saturday from noon until 7 p.m., in anticipation of opening its doors today.

The 156,000-square foot facility houses more than 10,000 square feet of free weights and cardio equipment, an elevated 1/10-mile track, a 34-foot

climbing wall, an aerobic studio, plus numerous outdoor/indoor basketball and tennis courts.

Several Bronc Village residents were on hand to test out the new facility, but the “soft” opening welcomed staff and faculty as well.

A no-cost open house will be conducted during the first week of school for faculty and staff. After Sept. 2, all faculty and staff who would like to use the complex will be required to pay a membership fee. Students are not required to pay a fee; they need only bring a valid school identification card.

Normal hours of operation for the facility are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday. Weekends will house slightly different hours of operation; 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturdays, and noon to 7 p.m. on Sundays.

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The Union Chill
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Quad

Tues. Aug 28 Ask Me Tables/Fresh Start
7:00 am to 12 noon at Various locations

UPB Coffee house: Vital Brass Tones
7:00 pm at the UC Circle

Wed. Aug 29 UPB/Student Union: X-Box/PS2 Domination
3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. at the SU Commons

Thurs. Aug 30 Freshmen Convocation
12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the SU Theater
UPB Pep Rally 6:00 pm at the Quad

Fri. Aug 31 UPB Movie
8:45 pm at the pool-WRSC

Tues. Sept. 4 Ice Cream Social with Athletics
11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Quad

Wed. Sept. 5 UPB Comedian: Jessie Campbell
7:00 pm at the SU Theater

Thurs. Sept. 6 Bucky's Block Party
11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Quad

Fri. Sept. 7 Student Union: Bronc Poker Tournament
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at SU Commons

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 ___ Bed pillows (2)
 ___ Pillow protectors (2)
 ___ Mattress pad (1)
 ___ Fiberbed/featherbed (1)
 ___ Inflatable Aerobed (1)
 ___ Window/door panels
 ___ Area rug (1)
 ___ Decorative pillows
 ___ Floor cushions
 ___ Throw (1)

Pull an All Nighter
 ___ Desk lamp (1)
 ___ Floor lamp (1)
 ___ Bed rest (1)
 ___ Lap desk (1)

Munchie Makers
 ___ Bowls, plates, mugs (4)
 ___ Forks, knives, spoons (4)
 ___ Glassware set (1)

Cookware set (1)
 ___ Set kitchen utensils (1)
 ___ Bottle/can opener (1)
 ___ Water filtration pitcher (1)
 ___ Replacement filters
 ___ Chip clips/magnetic clips (5)
 ___ Dorm-size microwave (1)
 ___ Dorm-size refrigerator (1)
 ___ Blender (1)
 ___ Toaster oven (1)
 ___ Coffeemaker (1)
 ___ George Foreman grill (1)
 ___ Snack table (1)
 ___ Dish rack
 ___ Travel mugs

Neat n Tidy
 ___ Hand or stick vacuum (1)
 ___ Dish cloths & towels (6)
 ___ Cylinder hamper (1)
 ___ Compact iron (1)
 ___ Drying rack (1)
 ___ Laundry bags (2)
 ___ Lint roller

Dorm Pre-Reg's
 ___ Clock radio (1)
 ___ Night light
 ___ Fan (1)
 ___ Storage boxes (2)
 ___ Extension cords (2)
 ___ Squid multi outlets (2)
 ___ Surge protector
 ___ Batteries
 ___ Door mirror (1)
 ___ Wall hooks
 ___ Frames
 ___ Storage ottoman
 ___ Trash can

Chaos Control
 ___ Storage trunk or tote (1)
 ___ Under the bed containers (3)
 ___ CD or DVD storage (1)
 ___ Set of 4 bed risers (1)
 ___ Over the door storage (1)
 ___ Shoe rack (1)
 ___ 24 hangers (1 Pkg.)
 ___ Mesh cubes
 ___ Bubble crates
 ___ Modular storage shelves
 ___ Drawer organizers (4)
 ___ Storage set (1)
 ___ Duffel bag (1)
 ___ Space bags

Student Body Needs
 ___ Towel sets (6)
 ___ Towel bar (1)
 ___ bath towel tower (1)
 ___ Tub mat (1)
 ___ Bath rug (1)
 ___ Shower curtain (1)
 ___ Shower liner (1)
 ___ Shower ring set (1)
 ___ Shower caddy (1)
 ___ Soap holder (1)
 ___ Bath brush and pouf
 ___ Electric toothbrush (1)
 ___ Replacement heads
 ___ Over the door hook (1)
 ___ Magnifying mirror (1)
 ___ Blow dryer (1)
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■ GOLF

Men's head golf coach leaves UTPA

Tredway gets nod at Mercer University

By **ERICK QUINTERO**
The Pan American

The summer that included various coaching changes at the University of Texas-Pan American has come and gone, but not before one final departure.

Last week, second-year men's head golf Coach Andrew Tredway announced he will make the move to Macon, Georgia, to take over the head coaching duties at Atlantic Sun Conference member Mercer University, a squad he described as "an up-and-coming program."

Numerous attempts to reach Tredway, who as a player helped the University of Oregon's golf squad to a couple of NCAA championship appearances, were unsuccessful. However, in a statement released by UTPA's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Tredway lamented his departure from the Green and Orange but did not give a reason for his exit.

"I believe that there is a lot of potential to do great things there," he said. "On the other hand, I'm leaving behind a tremendous team full of talent and all-around great, young men."

Given the Green and Orange's recent success the move comes as a surprise, just a month after the 2007-08 schedule was released.

Under Tredway's command, the

Broncs captured back-to-back PGA National Minority College Golf Championships during the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 campaigns. The titles played



an influential role in lifting the squad from the depths of independent anonymity when the program was rewarded with a spot in the newly-formed America Sky Golf Conference during the summer.

The hunt for a successor is already under way as Athletic Director Scott Street is charged with the task of finding a replacement before the men begin their season Sept. 17-18 at the Texas Cup

Invitational in Austin.

REVOLVING DOOR

The coaching change is the most recent of several at UTPA.

In July Ricky Vaughn stepped down as head coach of the men's and women's track and field team to accept a position as assistant athletic director for academic support and student services. In addition, Hugo Cervantes, a one-time Bronc track and field standout, hopped on as an assistant and will oversee the progress of UTPA's long-distance crew.

On Aug. 8, Ofelia Lopez became the third head coach of the women's golf program, after Barb Odale resigned for personal reasons, namely to spend more time with her family.

■ **"...I'm leaving behind a tremendous team full of talent and all-around great, young men."**

- Andrew Tredway

Exiting men's head golf coach

Willie Gawlik, UTPA's head baseball coach, looked to the Texas coast for some help in the dugout. He brought along former Texas A&M-Corpus Christi interim head coach Gene Salazar as an assistant Aug. 14.

Not to be outdone, the women's volleyball club features an entirely new and youthful staff, led by 25-year-old head coach Angela Hubbard.

■ TRACK & FIELD

Former Olympian to fill head coach vacancy

Darling takes spot following Vaughn's move

By **ORLANDO BUENTELLO**
The Pan American

The University of Texas-Pan American track and field program underwent a major adjustment when Ricky Vaughn resigned as head track and field/cross country coach in July.

As Vaughn acquainted himself with his new title as assistant athletic director for academic support and student services, assistant coach Dennis Darling began his ascension up the UTPA ladder by being named new head coach of UTPA track and field.

"I couldn't be in a better position. It's not like I'm coming into a program where I got to fix the track team," said Darling. "Coach Vaughn did a great job. He left the team in a good state. It's up to me to keep it that way or make it even better."

A three-time Olympian in his own right, Darling is no stranger to high-level competition.

He participated in the 1995 International Association of Athletics Federation World Championships in Sweden. In 1996, he received the lofty honor of competing in the Olympics as a freshman at the University of Houston, joining Carl Lewis as the second athlete to ever do so. During the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Darling's natural leadership qualities became apparent when he was selected as team captain for the Bahamas team.

"I know what I had to do to become the type of athlete I was in college and I know what it takes to be an All-American," the former Olympian said. "[The athletes] kind of respect what I've

brought to the sport already. They listen to me very well."

In Darling's first season, one key bright spot is the return of All-American Will Littleton. The senior high-jumper

enters the indoor season fresh off a fifth-place finish at the 2007 NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships. He looks to build upon his stellar resume with the help of

Darling and Vaughn.

"He and Coach Vaughn have something going that I wouldn't interrupt right now," Darling said. "He jumped pretty high last year and is excited to come back. He wants to be an NCAA champion."

With the fast-paced training schedule looming on the horizon, the UTPA team collectively welcomes its fate. Long hours and endless skill-training will once again become the norm before the team starts their season in spring 2008.

"There's no such thing as off-season training," Darling commented. "For three to four months, we'll be working on endurance, getting strong, speed and all the technical stuff. I believe in working out hard, and the athletes I had last year can attest to that."

Every track and field coach is faced with the common challenge of contributing to the overall popularity of the sport. Obviously, it is difficult to promote a sport that lacks the thrill of a game-winning dunk or a late inning home-run. However, purists argue the sport can match every ounce of drama and excitement that any other sport can. If this is true, UTPA is long overdue for an awakening.

"We need better support as a whole," Darling said. "I'm trying to come up with some ideas. I'll try to host a meet this year to bring out some fans and parents, but there really isn't a fan-base."

Returning are long-distance runners and local Valley standouts Luis Nava, a junior from La Joya; J.J. Hernandez, a sophomore from San Juan who used to run for PSJA North; and All-American Littleton.



Onydia Garza/The Pan American

RACING TO THE TOP - Former Olympian Dennis Darling is now the new head coach for the track and field team. He brings to the job a decade of professional experience and knowledge of competing on the world level.

HIDALGO FOOTBALL FIELD DONS UNIQUE TURF



By **RAMIRO PAEZ**
The Pan American

Hard hitting and tackling, rivalries rekindled, and bright stadium lights will soon fill the entire Rio Grande Valley and the nation as the 2007 football season is right around the corner.

AROUND THE STATE

Texas football is seeking a big year in 2007.

The Cowboys are looking to come back strong and contend for a championship, erasing the unfortunate memory of quarterback Tony Romo's placement bungle that cost the team a National Football League playoff win last year.

Farther south, the Texans hope to sport the first winning record in their six-year franchise history as they hand over the reins of quarterback from David Carr to former Atlanta Falcon Matt Schaub.

On the collegiate level, The Longhorns are expected to be an elite team in college football and also contend for their second national title in three years. The Aggies, as well, look legitimate to compete in the Big 12 conference and hopefully ruin the

dreams of their nemesis from Austin — as they did last year.

BACK AT HOME

Locally, Valley high school football is back. The season will officially begin with Week 0 Friday night. All 42 high schools have begun their usual two-a-day practices and scrimmages. Players have had to endure long, grueling workouts under the scorching heat. But football for the Hidalgo Pirates will have high expectations and a different look to it this year.

"We have high expectations for this team because we have a senior ball club with a lot of leadership," said Jorge Pena, head coach. "I have six or seven kids that will play 48 minutes. When you have six or seven kids without taking a play off, it puts a lot of pressure on the other team."

One of the Pirates' biggest assets is their leadership, Pena added, as well as their senior class, which produces about six or seven leaders yearly.

In addition to having high expectations, the field the Pirates will play on this year will not be the same as in years past. The new field will sport a new blue synthetic turf at Bill Pate Stadium,

which no other team in the entire nation has other than the Broncos from Boise State University.

"It (the turf) says that the city has a lot of pride," said Pena. "Navy is the color of the school and they have so much pride with it that we just can't get enough of it."

Hidalgo school board members, administrators, city officials and students broke ground on the \$1 million synthetic turf March 19 and completed it in July. Hidalgo is the sixth school district to install artificial turf.

Other districts in the Valley that have already implemented turf are McAllen, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, Sharyland, Weslaco, and San Benito. Edinburg is close to finishing its own version.

At first, though, Hidalgo's Pena did not like the idea of a blue turf.

"I am a traditional guy," said Pena. "Grass is green. I like to be traditional in those areas. But when they sent us to Boise, Idaho and they opened the stadium for us, it blew me away. The turf looked magnificent in person and totally different than it does on television."

The turf installed at Bill Pate Stadium was constructed with top-of-

the-line material that contains fibers that will preserve its quality for 10 to 12 years. The field will have a natural feel to it and will drop the normal temperature 10 to 15 degrees because of a crystallized sand infill.

In addition, 2 to 4 inches of melted rubber were also added beneath the surface to help prevent injuries.

The Hidalgo football team will certainly start the 2007 season with a bang and many more schools in the Valley are opting to add synthetic turf to their stadiums.

Players from the Pirate football team are anxious to get the season under way and also to reveal the brand-new look to Bill Pate Stadium, which they say will not give them that extra motivation to perform better.

"The motivation comes within, especially for us seniors, because it's our last year and we got to give it all out," said Luis Peraza, a senior, two-way starter at left tackle and defensive end.

Peraza maintained that, "it's really great to have an opportunity to play on a turf."

"It is awesome the way it looks," he said.

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Number of runs scored by the Texas Rangers during their 30-3 rout of the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday night

.652

Former Edinburg High School football coach Robert Vela's winning percentage. Vela passed away on August 18

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Number of Texas teams ranked in The Associated Press Top 25 College Football pre-season poll

ShortSports

■ VOLLEYBALL

The University of Texas-Pan American women's volleyball team got off to a healthy .500 start on Friday afternoon at the Sun Bowl Invitational hosted by the University of Texas-El Paso.

North Dakota State downed the Lady Broncs in three straight games, but the women rebounded in their second match of the day with a convincing 3-0 victory over Texas Southern, thus giving UTPA's Angela Hubbard her first victory in the college ranks as a head coach.

Against the Bison, Chelsea Blakely led the Green and Orange with 21 assists, while Kellie Phillips recorded 10 kills and 10 digs for her first double-double of the campaign.

The Green and Orange's sweep of the Tigers was led by Blakely's match-high 33 assists, five kills and .500 hitting percentage.

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FEELING BLUE - This year, the Hidalgo Pirates will play on blue synthetic turf at Bill Pate Stadium.

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Tredway Steps Down