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■ NATIONAL

Obama: 'Si, se puede'

Thousands gather at rally, support Illinois senator

By **SANDRA GONZALEZ**
The Pan American

If the estimated 3,000 people at Barack Obama's Friday rally at The University of Texas-Pan American can attest to anything, it's that even so-called Clinton Country has a soft spot for the Illinois senator.

Numerous chants of "Si, se puede" broke out during Obama's nearly 50-minute speech, many of which he joined in on.

Crowds cheered loudest when Obama touched on issues ranked of high importance to local interests. In his now famous oration style, the Democratic candidate was quick to address those subjects.

"We can't wait to fix our schools. We can't wait to fix our health care system. We can't wait to bring an end to global warming. We can't wait to fix our immigration system. We can't wait to provide young people the opportunities they deserve. We can't wait to bring this war in Iraq to a close. We can not wait," he said to loud applause.

Even before the Obama campaign

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Onydia Garza/The Pan American

YES WE CAN - Presidential candidate Barack Obama spoke to nearly 3,000 people Friday at The University of Texas-Pan American to gain support for his campaign before the March 4 Texas primary. He and opponent Sen. Hillary Clinton are vying for votes in hopes of getting a piece of the state's 126 delegates.

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State rep. candidates debate on issues

Veteran health care, education among hot topics

By **ABBY MUNIZ**
The Pan American

Emotions continue to run high in the race for the District 36 seat in the Texas House with former educator Sandra Rodriguez challenging incumbent Ismael "Kino" Flores on several key issues.

District 36 includes parts or all of the cities of Granjeno, McAllen, Hidalgo, Mission, Palmview, Penitas and Pharr. The debate, sponsored by the Young Democrats Association, Political Science Association and Students for Peace, brought to light items of priority in each candidate's agenda.

During their debate at The University of Texas-Pan American Feb. 21, health care and the need for a veterans hospital took priority over other issues.

"We have thousands and thousands of veterans here in the Valley. The only

way changes are going to occur, and the only way that this hospital that is so much needed is going to happen, is if you make it a priority in your agenda," Rodriguez said. "And that will be a priority on my agenda."

Flores, a veteran himself, pointed out that veterans have always been a concern of his.

"We didn't have a veterans cemetery here in South Texas. Why did it take so long? Why did it take someone to step up in 1999 and pass a constitutional amendment to get it done," Flores said.

"We didn't have a veterans rest home, and it took another constitutional amendment by your state representative Kino Flores, to create the first ever veterans rest home here in South Texas."

He said a veterans hospital is and will continue to be one of his priorities.

"Absolutely, absolutely it will be one of my priorities to continue with the veterans hospital," Flores said.

Rodriguez said she lost her father, a veteran himself, to cancer.

The veterans hospital is something

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NEWS

★ GUIDE TO LOCAL POLITICS ★

With the Democrats battling it out with the Republicans in the presidential election, people must not forget the impact local politics has on their everyday lives. While some have decided to vote early this year, some choose to stay back and observe their candidates. Here are two of the more popular races that will be up for the vote in the upcoming election.

State Rep. District 41 Veronica Gonzales - D

Biography

Elected in November 2004, Rep. Gonzales represents Hidalgo County. She was the first female to be elected to serve district 41. She is the member of several committees and caucuses, including the Mexican-American Legislative Caucus and the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators.

Gonzales takes pride in her many accomplishments, including providing better lighting in colonias and higher education legislation that allowed college and technical school students to pay summer tuition in payments.

Raised in San Marcos, she was a first-generation college attendee at what was Southwest Texas State University. She earned undergraduate degrees in English and Spanish.

Answers

A: "He hasn't said what his platform is. When the media asked him previously, he said he would say after the primary. Well, you either know why you're running or you don't. I'm running because I want to continue to give opportunities to the regular person."

A: "I think the people that I've represented know that I work very hard, and I care very much. I think that they will continue to support me. I ask for people to look at all that I've done and then make their choice."

A: "The policy that is impacting you every single day is decided in large part locally. In other countries people are fighting and dying for that right... we wouldn't want people to not take advantage of such a wonderful privilege."



State Representative District 41



Gonzales Villalobos

The race for State Representative District 41 covers a chunk of Hidalgo County from Pharr to the outskirts of Edinburg. The position entails passing legislations that will help better the district and give it order. Legislations can range from helping school funding to providing better neighborhood living situations.

Questions for candidates

- Q: What helps separate you from your opponent?
- Q: Are you hopeful that people will vote for you this upcoming election?
- Q: Why is it imperative that young Texans vote not only in this presidential election but local elections as well?

State Rep. District 41 Javier Villalobos - R

Biography

Villalobos graduated from Southwest Texas State University with a bachelor's in business administration in accounting. Upon graduating, Villalobos worked as an auditor but before later going for a legal career.

Since then, Villalobos has opened his own law firm, which has offices in the McAllen, San Antonio and Houston area.

Growing up in a farm-worker family made him realize that was not what he wanted in life. His parents never went past junior high but still taught him the value of an education which he has carried with him through his life.

He currently resides in McAllen, Texas with his wife, two sons and daughters.

Answers

A: "What I'm trying to do is change the mentality of people in the area, I'm trying to make people be self responsible. We're trying to get people away from the sense of entitlement; I think a sense of entitlement kills the human spirit."

A: "We didn't just decide to jump in there. We looked at the numbers and analyzed the type of district that we have. District 41 is the most conservative area in the Valley. It's the only district where a Republican can win. This is the only district that Republicans have a chance."

A: "When you vote you wouldn't believe the influence. The state level is what's really going to drive a lot of the issues that affect you immediately or directly."

13th Court of Appeals Dori Contreras Garza - D

Biography

Born and raised in Pharr, Garza attended and graduated from PSJA High School in 1976 and went on to attend the University of Texas-Austin where she received a bachelors degree in accounting. She attended The University of Houston Law Center where she received her Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in 1990.

not even an area of law that we handle in our court. We handle every other type of law criminal and civil but not bankruptcy. The experience that I had even before joining the court sets me apart from her because I had practiced various areas of the law."

A: "I feel like I'm providing a good service to the district. I'm a good public servant and I want to continue serving in the position."

A: "All of those elected officials affect our lives in different ways. We need to make sure that we know who we're electing so that we're electing the right people for these positions."

Answers

A: "It's my understanding that as a lawyer, her (Bertuzzi) primary area of practice is bankruptcy, and that's



13th Court of Appeals



Garza Bertuzzi

The 13th court of appeals watches over 20 counties in South Texas and consists of six justices. Justices deal with both the criminal and civil cases brought up throughout the area.

13th Court of Appeals Caroline Bertuzzi - R

Biography

Bertuzzi, a Corpus Christi native, attended the University of Texas-Austin and received a bachelor's degree in petroleum land management. In 1989 she received her J.D. with honors from the University of Tulsa. Bertuzzi practices law and resides in her hometown with her husband of 25 years and two children.

record to look at, I think that I would bring a more conservative view to the court of appeals. As the race goes on, I will distinguish myself from her based on her record."

A: "I think change is the big theme of the election. I would want to get on the court and try to do the best of my legal ability as well as apply a strong work ethic and move cases through the court in the most efficient way possible."

A: "Every single vote will count. There will be a very high turnout, I believe, because the presidential election and 13th court of appeals is such an important court to South Texans."

Answers

A: "I think we're fairly similar in our background and experience...When you do have an incumbent there is a

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■ HEALTH

Nutritionist to give diet pointers

By **ANA VILLAURRUTIA**
The Pan American

There are a few similarities between the Democratic candidates and the latest speaker at The University of Texas-Pan American, Deanna Latson: they all become passionate when talking about the state of health in America.

Latson, a health educator and public speaker, has spoken in front of many corporations but said she comes to universities to make students “gasp” about their health habits and to look closely at the food they consume.

“My favorite audience is people that are forced to be there,” Latson said. “Students write me all the time saying, ‘you know, you’re still in my head.’”

Some of the shocking things she said students find out are that the drinks they often consume are used to clean golf clubs. Latson did disclose what soft drinks are used because she usually saves that for the shock value of her presentation.

Latson, a graduate of San Francisco State University, became interested in health when her parents were struck with multiple health problems.

“My father had low blood pressure, high cholesterol, he had three cancer symptoms in his esophagus, and my mom had breast cancer,” she said. “I made the decision to make everyone in my family healthy.”

Since then Latson earned her clinically certified nutritionist’s degree and a masters in health communication and is now working toward finishing her naturopathic doctor degree.

Some of the subjects she will talk about at UTPA include foods to eat while cramming and stressed, and how to avoid caffeine and still have energy.

Though she knows students are busy and need food on the go, Latson believes that the real reason college students are not as healthy as they should be relates to their youth.

Laura Ruiz, freshman and computer engineering major said that she doesn’t really mind what she is digesting.

“I just eat whatever want. I’m young and I don’t have to worry about my health,” she said.

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■ FACULTY

Salary compression hot-button issue

By **BOBBY CERVANTES**
The Pan American

Salary compression is a growing problem for universities across the country, including The University of Texas-Pan American.

Since colleges are beginning to

hire faculty with stronger research credentials, universities must offer them a higher annual salary because of their experience. This creates a gap as tenured professors who for example, have been working at UTPA for 10 years - some doing research and others not - are being paid less or about the

same as new hires.

According to a study done by the University of Houston in 1999, salary compression is the narrowing of the pay differentials between people in the same job or between people in different (usually adjacent) jobs in an organizational hierarchy over time.

John Sargent, associate professor of management marketing and international business, said this salary inversion and compression advantage can cause disruptions in the workplace.

“The fact that salaries for untested, junior faculty are often comparable

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■ COMMERCE

New process to benefit business

Manufacturing center promises raise in product efficiency

By **LUPE A. FLORES**
The Pan American

Imagine a type of manufacturing with the ability to assemble desired products days faster than the usual time it takes to lay hands on a highly anticipated gadget set for the market in the next month or two.

This is the unprecedented goal John R. Lloyd, service professor of Rapid Response Manufacturing, and many other collaborators will bring to the North American manufacturing industry - and they are launching the center for their project here in the Rio

Grande Valley, directly through The University of Texas-Pan American.

Rapid Response Manufacturing promises the quick creation of customer-desired products, providing them in a timely manner to local businesses who order through an on-demand basis.

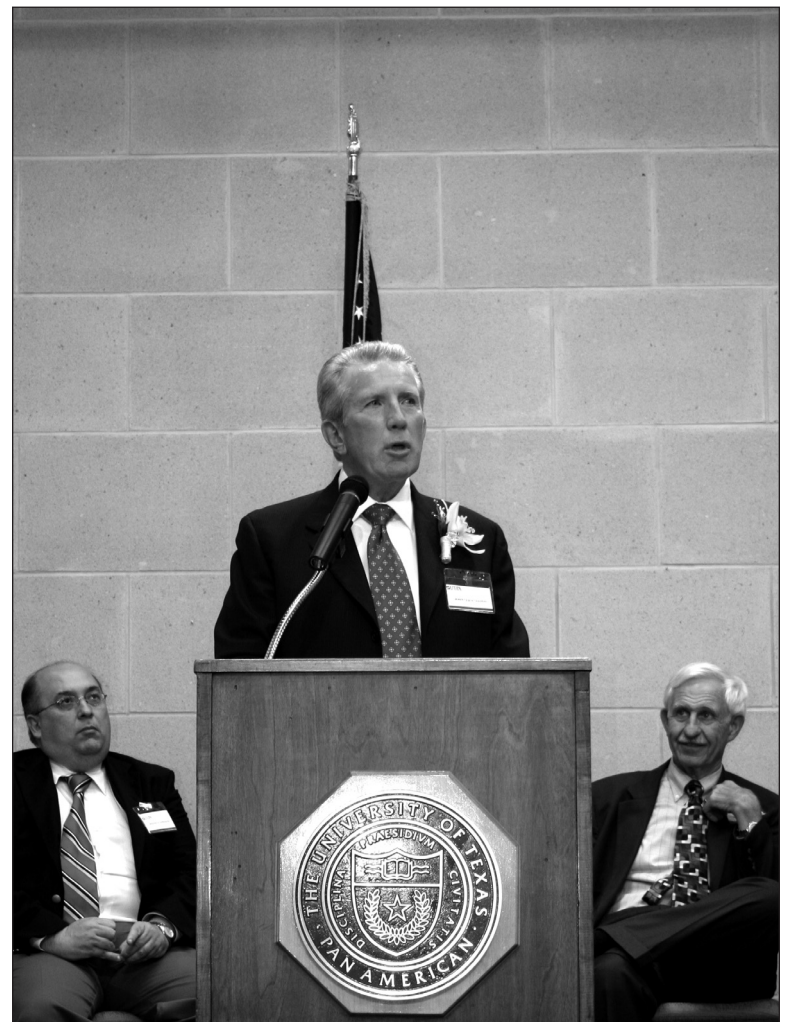
This is a concept imagined by Lloyd and Miguel Gonzalez, associate dean of the College of Sciences and Engineering, just six years ago.

But now, in association with various business officials and universities and colleges spanning from Laredo to Brownsville, it is a research project becoming a reality and making South Texas - especially the RGV - a forerunner in economic advancement.

Gonzalez said starting the project at UTPA gives them the “opportunity to make the region more competitive on a worldwide level.”

Sworn in as director of the RRM

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Isaac Barrientes/*The Pan American*

BEGINNINGS - John R. Lloyd speaks at the inaugural ceremony on Feb. 18, held to name him director of Rapid Response Manufacturing.

■ COMMUNITY

STC conference to discuss education

By **TERESA TORRES**
The Pan American

Education will take center stage at The National Association of Chicano and Chicana Studies Tejas Foco conference, Feb. 29 to March 1 at South Texas College’s Pecan Campus in McAllen.

Two of The University of Texas-Pan American’s faculty will make presentations regarding the important issue.

Peter Farruggio, assistant professor of curriculum and instruction at UTPA, will discuss the No Child Left Behind Act. While NCLB was implemented to improve the performance of elementary and secondary schools, many disapprove of its implementation.

“Nothing good can be said about No Child Left Behind,” said Farruggio, who asserts that the act fails to take into account minorities and lower-income families. One basis for this belief is that

many states are inconsistent in bilingual testing methods.

Some states like California, prohibit any official testing done in Spanish, while Texas, among others, allow Spanish-language testing for up to three years per school district discretion. To highlight these inconsistencies; Farruggio mentioned an event that showed people’s disagreement.

“Last week, Latino parents in Chicago began protesting because the

state was trying to impose English-only tests,” he explained.

Additionally, Farruggio feels that NCLB fails lower income and minority students because there is too much emphasis placed on standardized tests. He cites a little known fact about them.

“Standardized test publishers tell you, ‘do not use this test alone to make any important decisions about students,’” he claimed.

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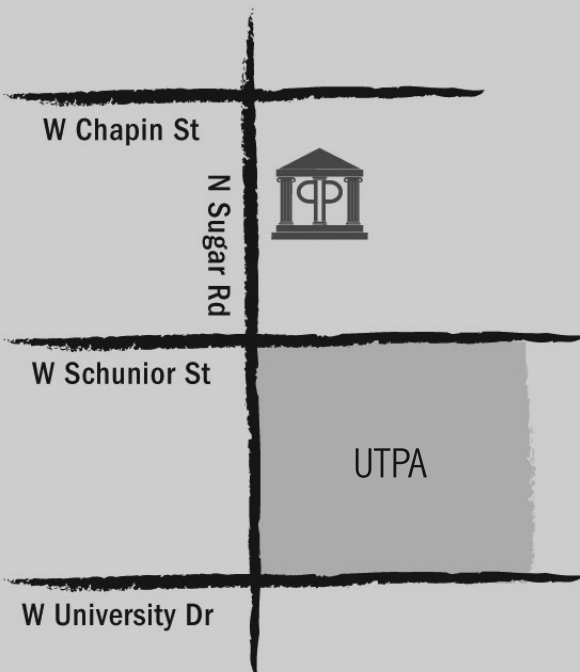


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■ SEEN AND CAPTURED



Nick Dodd/The Pan American

IN CELEBRATION - University of Texas-Pan American music professor emeritus Carl Seale debuted his production *Our Land: Timeless Valley* Sunday evening at the UTPA Fine Arts Auditorium. The Valley native's new performance work, which incorporated elements of a play, theatrical piece, movie and musical, celebrated the Valley's historical growth and development through the years.

■ ART SCENE

Local group finds new, creative use for ZipLock plastic bags

By LAURA GARCIA
The Pan American

In the past, Valley art seemed to be unimportant to an apathetic audience, but with the help of local organizations and galleries, the scene is growing steadily.

With a history of 70 years and counting, the Upper Valley Art League has played an imperative role in raising awareness in the world of aesthetics. The UVAL strives to educate both the young and the old on the importance of art.

"Art is just a three-letter word and it is everything that exists around us," said Luis Contreras, curator of the UVAL, an organization that has discovered a new approach to spark interest in the art scene in the form of a benefit.

The ZipLock-it benefit, which will take place Friday at 6 p.m. at the Kika De La Garza Fine Arts building in Mission, will feature all types of art that can fit inside an 8-by-11-inch plastic bag. The bags will then be displayed and suspended from fishing wire with clothespins in an auction.

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■ FOOD AND CULTURE

Tamales still reign as tradition in Valley lifestyle and history

By ANDRIELLE FIGUEROA
The Pan American

Tamales are a local staple for Christmas or any Mexican holiday, but the meaning and history of the traditional food is not as well known as their delicious taste. Melissa Guerra, a local chef and entrepreneur, shared the story behind the food in an instructional class last week.

In a cooking class at the Museum of South Texas History in Edinburg Feb. 21, Guerra explained that many people don't know that the *tamal* (tamales being the plural) dates back to nearly 5000 B.C. The Aztecs used corn husks as con-

tainers to cook their food.

The instructor of the class, Guerra, is a chef who also owns a store selling Spanish cultural products called Melissa Guerra, located in McAllen.

Guerra explained how today the food is used more for celebration in the Valley. Tamales can be found on Christmas, New Year's Eve and even Thanksgiving. Before, the *tamal* was more of a means of survival.

"2,000 years ago tamales were just survival from a cooking technique. People were hungry," Guerra said.

The corn husk was filled with food, folded and then steamed until properly cooked. Aside from just feeding the hun-

gry, Guerra believes that the *tamal* brings more to the table.

"Not all families play games, play baseball or hang out together. Tamales are what bring families together here in the Valley," she suggested.

University of Texas-Pan American student Danielle Garza, from McAllen, agreed on the idea.

"You get together with your grandmother, mother and aunts. It's an all-day thing, you work hard cooking and at the same time you are spending time with your family," said Garza, a management major. "This is the type of stuff that

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TAMALES NORTENOS
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RECIPE

12 oz dried corn shucks
(must be soaked in water 1 - 2 hours before use)

Meat:	Seasoning:
4 - 5 lbs pork shoulder	5 guajillo chilies
1 onion	8 ancho chilies
2 cloves garlic	½-cup pork broth
2 bay leaves	7 cloves garlic
salt to taste	½ lb pork lard
	½ tsp. whole pepper
Masa (dough):	½ tsp. whole comino
1 4.4 lb pkg masa	salt to taste
1 tbsp. baking powder	
2 tbsp. salt	
2 ½ lbs pork lard	
7 ½ cups pork broth	

See page 10 for cooking instructions

The tragedy of MACBETH



Sydney Meadows/*The Pan American*
MAN OF POWER - In the campus production of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, theatre major and senior Jonathan Dimas plays the transformational role of Macbeth, whose lust and greed takes him from the role of general (right) to Scottish King (left).

Macbeth's themes resonant today as they were back then

By **RUSSEN VELA**
The Pan American

Macbeth is among the best-known works of famed poet and playwright William Shakespeare, and is his shortest tragedy. It is frequently performed at both amateur and professional levels, and frequently adapted.

Though the show suffered from an often misunderstood dialect, Kent Smither, director of the UTPA-produced version of the classic play, said he was up to the difficulties of directing Shakespeare's work.

"There are so many challenges of re-making a play like this," said Smither, an English teacher at Edcouch-Elsa High School. "One is simply helping the actors interpret 400-year-old language. Another is to find ways to create visual images that reflect the images and themes in the language of the play. It is a challenge simply to manage 31 actors filling over 40 speaking parts."

Macbeth, will be performed this week at the Albert L. Jeffers Theatre, starting Wednesday.

Smither, a UTPA graduate, had taught Macbeth to seniors for more than 25 years, and always knew that it would be difficult to direct.

"I used to say to myself, I'm glad I'm not directing this. I have no idea how you would do it," Smither said. "The idea of directing Macbeth was pretty scary to me and I decided I should face my fears and give it a shot."

The characters are indeed what draws the audience into the story. Macbeth, a Scottish King, shows dramatic changes throughout the course of the play. He starts off as a valiant general in the Scottish army praised by King Duncan for his bravery, loyalty and heroism. As the show progresses however, he demonstrates more unethical characteristics, which eventually lead to his ultimate demise.

His wife Lady Macbeth, is an archetypal character who represents femininity and is the standard template for a wife goading her husband into bettering his position in life, if not her own.

Smither was excited about the different changes the characters go through in the play. One minute they are heroic and valiant and good-natured, and then they undergo a metamorphosis into greed, lust, and revenge. The themes of the play can parallel today's society.

"This play deals with the temptation to take a short cut to achieve your dream," explained Smither. "In Macbeth's case he wants to be king. His ambition leads him to murder. He becomes aware of his desires almost by accident and then his wife — who loves him intensely — drives him to live up to his dreams. The love story resonates with us."

The English faculty of UTPA also viewed the themes of Macbeth as resonant in modern times as they were in the past.

"Macbeth is a play about ambition gone wrong," said Melynda Nuss, professor of British romantic literature and drama. "Macbeth thinks that he deserves to be king of Scotland, and he's willing to do anything — even murder — to get there. It's a good lesson for anyone in this age of Enron and corporate scandal."

The Corpus Christi native also suggests that Macbeth and his wife start as ordinary but ambitious people, and by the end of the play they've both gone insane from paranoia and guilt.

English professor Barbara Vielma also agrees with Nuss's beliefs about the play and insists that "one could say that society has not changed much in 400 years."

"We are still immersed in greed, we are often superstitious and let fear of the unknown overwhelm us and there is a hunger for power at all cost," Vielma said.

Professor Frederick Von Ende, who teaches a Medieval English course, was excited and thrilled about the play being performed, and feels that students will get a kick out of it.

"I think students will enjoy Macbeth because it deals with the acquisition of power and position and the psychology of ambition," Von Ende said. "Of particular importance in the play is the role of Lady Macbeth in pushing her husband to seek greater power and position. Shakespeare is widely considered one of the greatest dramatists who ever lived and wrote; it is important for students to have an opportunity to see his plays produced and performed. I applaud the theatre department for including a Shakespeare play in their schedule of plays for this year."

With all the excitement and grandeur of performing such a play, one wonders if Smither and his cast and crew would update the play and set it in modern times.

Angie Matamoros, a senior psychology major, was hoping Macbeth would be set in a modern light but really didn't care which way the director went.

"It would have been cool to see Macbeth and his men be like secret service agents or something like that," the Edinburg native said playfully. "Like have them protecting the president, which would be in this case King Duncan of Scotland, and Macbeth be the head of his secret service, that would have been awesome."

Despite the feelings of some student perceptions on how the play should be updated, Smither believes Macbeth should stay in Medieval times.

"We are attempting to keep the play as close to 11th-century style as possible," Smither said. "I have tried to keep this as close to what I believe Shakespeare would have wanted as possible. And Shakespeare was a showman who wanted to sell tickets, so I expect to find that our audience will respond to the play."

Smither was honored and pleased at the opportunity when it came up to direct the infamous play of Macbeth.

"While I was acting in and choreographing *Once Upon a Mattress* last February, I found out Pan Am was doing it (Macbeth) and threw my hat in the ring to direct it," Smither said.

When all is done, the cast and crew of Macbeth along with its director will try their best at providing the audience with a pleasant take on a classic story.

"As a man of the theatre who aimed to sell tickets, I believe Shakespeare would have wanted plenty of blood in the show," said Smither, laughing. "We are trying to provide plenty of it ourselves. We have tried to make the play move as quickly and excitingly as possible and that has been both a challenge and a real pleasure. I can't wait to see how audiences respond to the production."

Macbeth will run until March 1 with each show beginning at 8 p.m. The play closes March 2 with a 2 p.m. matinee. All performances take place in the Albert L. Jeffers Theatre. Reservations and information are available by calling the box office, 381-3581 during regular university hours. The box office opens one hour prior to each performance.

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family time.”

Although cooking them is time-consuming, all one needs is time and practice. Guerra admitted that cooking the dish didn't come easy at first.

“There were stains, bad meat and flies but eventually my tamales got better,” she recalled. “You just need the

skill like when you ride a bike, once you figure it out, it is easy.”

As the years push on though, fewer families pass on the tradition, meaning more and more kids are not learning how to make tamales, let alone cook.

UTPA Spanish major Rosalba

Corona believes she will be a part of the group that refuses to let the tradition die.

“People who come from Mexico, bring their traditions and their culture to the Valley,” said Corona, who is from Pharr. “I will teach my kids how to make tamales, because it will keep the tradition going for generations to come.”



Filling: Boil the pork shoulder in a large stockpot with the onion, garlic, bay leaves and salt. When it is well cooked (about 1 hour), remove the meat from the broth. Reserve broth for later use. Remove meat from the bones.

With a meat grinder, grind the cooked pork. (If you don't have a meat grinder, mince the meat as finely as possible, or grind in a food processor.)

Seasoning: Boil the chilies together until tender, about 15 minutes. Remove and discard the stems, and add chilies in a blender. Add in a 1/2-cup pork broth and garlic, and puree well (add more broth if necessary to facili-

tate blending.) Strain puree through a wire strainer to extract seeds.

In a spice grinder or molcajete, grind pepper, garlic, and comino with some salt. Make sure the mixture is finely ground. Set aside.

In a skillet, heat a 1/2 lb lard. When melted, add the ground spice mixture, and sauté for 20 seconds. Add in chili puree, and sauté for 2 minutes. Add in ground pork, combining well. Adjust seasonings. Simmer for 10 minutes, then remove from heat. Set aside.

Masa: Pour the contents of the mas package into a very large bowl. Add in the baking powder and salt. Knead the lard in with your hands. Add in the broth one cup at a time. You may need a bit more or less broth. The masa is ready when the dough no longer sticks to your hands, and is smooth and delicate to the touch.

Assemble the tamales: Dry off some of the corn shucks, and place a few within reach. To make a proper

tamale, the corn shuck bottom edge should be around 8 inches wide. Discard those that are too narrow, and tear bits off of the ones that are too wide. Take a corn shuck, and spread on the bottom 2/3 of the leaf 3-4 tablespoons of masa. Leave a 1-1/2 inches wide area along one edge free of masa. Spread the masa thinly. Place line of about 2 tablespoons of the filling, following the direction of the corn shuck veins on the masa, towards the center of the prepared shuck. Fold the edge of the prepared shuck over the filling, then roll up towards the edge of the shuck with no masa. Fold down the top flap.

Continue until all the tamales have been formed. Place tamales in a large steamer basket. As a top layer, cover the tamales with extra corn shucks, then with a sheet of plastic wrap. Place the basket over the lower steamer. Steam the tamales for about 40 minutes, until the masa is firm.

Makes 16 dozen.

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“Our purpose was to show something in a way that it's never been shown before, it won't be your usual two-dimensional pieced framed and on a wall,” said Contreras. The pieces will be sold for \$20 on a first-come, first-served basis.

The organization wants to step away from repetition of the type of work that tends to grow monotonous, and move on to something that will grab people's attention.

Artists can donate anything from paintings, printmaking, sculpture, drawings, works on paper, photography and mixed media so long as the pieces fit into the ZipLock bag.

University of Texas Pan-American senior physics major Kris Ohlinger, a local artist, hopes to donate two pieces, both embossed aluminum works. Ohlinger, a Valley native who has studied the arts in Austin, enjoys the fact that art is one of the few times it may acceptable to fail and still end up with positive results.

“With art there is a more fluid sense of formalism that makes failure somewhat more illusory, providing a freedom that can fold in on itself to produce unexpected results,” Ohlinger said. “These results are the fuel of my artistic compulsion.”

Ohlinger, president of UTPA art

club Artists Unanimous, feels that with many endeavors he is doing his part in producing a “sustainable art scene.”

“I have had the opportunity to witness an expansive growth in the art scene in the Valley. This is a very exciting time,” he commented.

Both of Ohlinger's parents are artists, thus his interest from an early age. He looks forward to the benefit because it provides an opportunity for attendees to view a multitude of art from “struggling artists” and also make purchases as well due to the reasonably priced pieces.

Ohlinger praises the art league's involvement when it comes to growth and awareness.

“UVAL is an organization willing and ready to foster change and growth. So I would have to say amongst the players in the emerging RGV art scene the UVAL is significant,” he related.

However, the art league has one major disadvantage, that being financial standing because UVAL receives monies mostly from donations and grants of its members.

Additional funds are also received from corporations and grants. With the aid of the ZipLock It benefit, UVAL can continue to “enrich the community through visual arts,” as stated by the organization.



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rolled through the Valley, it was clear that a lot was on the line for him. Delegate-rich Texas (126 delegates) will be a deciding factor in the race for the Democratic nomination come March 4.

Monday's polls have him pulling dead even with his adversary, who'd led by double digits for the last six months before a recent stretch which saw the African-American senator win 10 straight primaries and caucuses.

Still, Obama's fundraising in the Valley has been almost nonexistent compared to that of his opponent Hillary Clinton, who had raised \$888,223 to Obama's \$7,450, according to figures released last week by the Federal Election Commission. Clinton has long been a favorite among the Latino population, polling at over 60 percent consis-

tently among this important Texas voting bloc.

Despite the disadvantage in local financial support, and palpably less support from local elected officials, Obama campaign faithful like Renea Henry, sophomore nursing major, could make the difference.

Henry, who attended the rally, believes that Obama can help America at this point in time.

"I'm voting for Obama because his ideals are what we (America) need now," she said. "He says he wants a change, I want to see if he can back it up."

Obama admitted that while he often speaks about hope and it is the central theme of his campaign, he takes no shame in his message, despite taking criticism for it.

"And so now I noticed that Senator Clinton and others say 'Oh, he talks about hope all the time. He's so naive. His head is in the clouds. We need to get real. He's a hope monger,'" he said, drawing laughs from the outdoor audience for this last comment. "But you know what? Hope is not being blindly optimistic. Hope is not ignoring the challenges standing between you and your dreams."

University of Texas-Brownsville biology major J.P. Llongueras, who left his native Brownsville at 5 a.m. to hear Obama speak, said the candidate's ability to bring people together sets him apart from Clinton.

"I just think she can't inspire," he said of the senator from New York. "When she was speaking, I couldn't feel what I felt in her New Hampshire debates."

Llongueras said in person, Obama is definitely the standout over Clinton, whom he feels did better in her televised speeches than at her rally at the McAllen Convention Center two weeks ago.

"She's letting us hear things we've already heard," he said. "I think the American people want change."

Obama is counting on the Valley as well as the rest of the state to see it the same way.

"Texas, this is our moment, and this is our time," he said Friday. "If you are willing to stand with me and vote for me and work for me, then I promise you we will not just win Texas, we will win this nomination. We will win the general election," he said. "And you and I together will change this country and change the world."

A recent New York Times/CBS poll had Obama leading Clinton by 16 points among Democratic primary voters nationwide.

Early voting began last week with polling places across the Valley, including the UTPA library.

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she says she holds "very close to my heart."

"So, I will make it a priority," she said.

Rodriguez said the most important issues in the Valley include health insurance, education and better-paying jobs. But she thinks the most significant one is healthcare for families and veterans.

"Those are issues that are important. Those are things that make strong families, that make secure families," she said.

Rodriguez's commitment to the Valley would encompass her working for the community and not "a few special interest groups."

"My commitment to you, when I get elected, is that I'm going to be a hard-working, full-time legislator," Rodriguez said.

Flores said his goals for his district remain clear as ever.

"I serve for three reasons: to bring money to South Texas, to bring a little bit more money to South Texas, to bring a lot more money to South Texas," Flores said.

The message each candidate had for UTPA students differed, with Flores asking for continual support, while Rodriguez sought a change.

"What I want to convey to the students is that you have a young Mexicano who has made it through this opportunity, who is delivering for our region, that we are going to continue to do more and to continue to support me," Flores said. "We are going to expect good things."

"This is a time for change, and this is the time to do it," Rodriguez said as she handed out campaign flyers saying: "*Con Kino, Ya No!*" (No more with Kino).

The next debate, scheduled for Feb. 28 in SBS room 101 during the activity period, will feature Aaron Pena and Eddie Saenz vying to represent District 40.



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RALLY TOGETHER - Sen. Barack Obama spoke for nearly 50 minutes to an estimated 3,000 supporters Friday at The University of Texas-Pan American.

Obama speaks with students on financial aid woes

By **SANDRA GONZALEZ**
The Pan American

There is no shortage of tuition and loan horror stories among the students at The University of Texas-Pan American. And when presidential candidate Barack Obama held a roundtable on Friday before his rally, he wanted to hear all about them.

Obama held the "informal discussion" with 25 students in the Visitor's Center about one hour before he took the stage on the chapel lawn. Nearly 20 local and national media outlets were present to cover the event.

The Illinois senator came ready to talk policy and specifics about his plan

to give a \$4,000 tuition credit to every student in exchange for 100 hours of community service.

"The idea would be that we invest in the young people of America and they invest back in America," he said. "Together, we move the country forward."

His plan, he said, was created with the goal of making student aid efficient and simple.

"One of the things we see is that student aid packages often times are so complicated, that a lot of students are discouraged from applying even if it is available because they don't know or it's too much of a hassle," he said.

Ellen Fagala, a senior, knows just

how messy the student aid web can get. She told Obama about the struggle she had paying for school after not qualifying for loans or grants because her parents claimed her on their income tax forms.

"Is there anything we can do for students under [24] who are independent, who are supporting themselves with their jobs to not have to report their parents' income when their parents aren't supporting them?" she asked him.

Several of the other students, who were chosen by drawing, spoke up and told Obama of similar situations.

"I think what's important is that if in fact you are independent, there should not be a presumption that you are," he said.

At a university where many students are non-traditional, Obama also made it a point to address his "lifelong learning model" that would help provide aid to students in all stages of life, adding that the "historical model" of a student is changing.

"You are going back to school and you're finding out that it's harder to get some of the financial aid packages that you need because the model is built around this idea [that college is] a bunch of co-eds running around an Ivy League campus, as opposed to the practical, educational experience that people have to go through during a lifetime," he said.

But no matter the kind of student, Obama said it is vital that universities

keep costs for books, tuition and fees low to help affordability of education.

"Books are a big scam. I will say something about books," he said. "I taught law at U of Chicago for ten years and one of the biggest scams is law professors write their own text books and assign them to their students. They make a mint. It's a huge racket."

But to keep costs down, Obama said students must realize a decrease in tuition will mean making sacrifices.

"In fairness, that means students also have to not have so many expectations of the university," he said. "Because if students say: 'We want the Student Center to have flat screen and video games'...you can't have it both ways."

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and/or higher than high performers that have made a career commitment to the institution is clearly inequitable," he said. "This creates animosity among colleagues and administrators, reduces the effectiveness of our incentive systems, and creates a very real and significant monetary incentive for outstanding associate and full professors to look for jobs at other universities."

However Sargent also mentioned that the gap between a newly hired person and a person on tenure is not necessarily the problem because gaps are needed to distinguish the low and high performers in any job.

The amount of difference in this gap is hard to figure because it changes depending on the job position. Although no public arguments have erupted over the compression, input on the matter will soon be provided.

A survey has been distributed among tenured and tenure-track faculty at UTPA asking for their input, suggestions and questions on the matter.

Cynthia Brown is interim vice-provost for graduate studies and academic centers, and co-chair of a salary compression taskforce.

She said the university has transformed from a primarily teaching college to an increased emphasis on research. And this transition has had

some complications.

"For faculty that have been here throughout all this transition, there was not an emphasis that they engage in research," she said. "As the university hires a different profile of faculty, it makes sense that the faculty that are more engaged in research demand a higher salary. All new hires have to be either strong in research areas or have to demonstrate their ability to do so when they get here."

Brown said the survey feedback will be taken to Paul Sale, vice president/provost for academic affairs and will be deliberated in the coming weeks.

Sargent was one faculty member to receive and complete the survey. He said that the university's increasing desire to hire more research-qualified faculty has led the university to become more competitive, but changes in the pay scale have not been studied as a result, until now.

"Over the last several years the university has made a greater commitment to becoming externally competitive with new hires," he said.

"As a result we have been able to hire many very bright, talented junior professors. We are still not doing enough in this area, but we are more competitive than we have been in the past."

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Center last week at the Student Union, Lloyd comes to UTPA with more than 35 years of experience and 15 prestigious awards in teaching and heat-transfer research under his name.

Before officially stepping onto the UTPA scene, Lloyd first taught at the University of Notre Dame in 1970 then at Michigan State University, where he served as chair of the department of mechanical engineering.

Lloyd has traveled a long way to become a significant figure in the field of heat transfer, ever since he was hired by Professor E.R.G. Eckert to conduct research as a freshman at the University of Minnesota, where he received his doctoral degree.

Eckert is the father of modern heat transfer, the process that controls the manufacturing rate of produced goods.

Lloyd hopes to bring new light to the field by realizing the concept he says started with endorsements with Gonzalez and other academic, business and area officials - a concept he says is the first of its kind.

"(RRM) is setting the stage for the new state-of-the-art advanced manufacturing," Lloyd said. And UTPA "is the only place in the world that has really formalized it."

Lloyd has served on numerous heat transfer committees, and founded

many academic engineering programs, all while making an effort to involve a range of international universities spanning from Monterrey to the Netherlands.

The International Networked Teams for Engineering (INTeND.) Education program, which Lloyd co-founded during his tenure at Michigan State, has now found a niche here in the Rio Grande Valley.

In 2007, the INTeND program received an AT&T Innovation in Technology Utilization Award, which now serves as a key education program in the RRM Center.

Through a class, student researchers along with their professional advisers conduct the research necessary to get the program up and running.

"Here at UTPA it's called the mass customization course," said Lloyd. "It's a distributive course where we team up students from Michigan State with students from UTPA, and right now we're even working with some from a Monterrey Tech Campus."

The goal is to expand on the concept of tampering with heat transfer, to speed the production of designed goods like gadgets such as cell phones and audio devices - a process that can eventually lead to a surge in the RGV economy.

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Obesity is also a concern of Latson's as she said students aren't getting any skinnier. "Obesity is still a problem. Studies have said that by 2015, one-third of North American children will be obese," Latson said.

Latson also visits local campus cafeterias to review the foods they provide. She then offers tips on how to improve nutritional quality.

"I make sure they have dark leafy greens instead of iceberg lettuce, which has no nutritional value, and I make sure they steam the vegetables," she recalled.

Latson said she has visited roughly 600 university cafeterias and has seen both healthy and unhealthy conditions and menus.

"If you don't want to stay healthy that's your choice, but I'm here to tell them that it might hit you when you're in your 30s and 40s," Latson said.

Fifteen years of presenting health concerns has convinced her that speeches are effective in reaching students. She considers herself a lecture entertainer as well as an educator.

Latson said her presentation would provide students with an E-book they can download for more tips on how to keep healthy for years to come. Doors will open at 4:30 in the Student Union Theater on Thursday.

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Luz A. Murillo, assistant professor of curriculum and instruction, will also be present NACCS Conference.

Murillo will discuss linguistic discrimination, an act that signifies a person has been discriminated against because of the way they speak, write or sign. She is a researcher of language, culture and indigenous communities, and was inspired to present this topic because of her students' experiences.

"Each semester I ask my students -future teachers-to write about their language and education histories. It is so overwhelming to learn how many of our students experienced discrimination," said Murillo.

She also stressed the importance of providing future educators with the proper knowledge to com-

bat linguistic discrimination, citing her colleague, Patrick Smith.

"Teachers today are trained to recognize racism, sexism, classism, and homophobia, but teacher training programs and school don't usually talk very much about the negative affects of language," she said, quoting Smith.

UTPA President Blandina Cardenas will be present at the conference and will participate in a roundtable discussion along with STC President Shirley Reed, and Julieta V. García, president at The University of Texas at Brownsville/Texas Southmost College.

Admission is free to students and community members and everyone is encouraged to attend. For more information visit Web site: www.naccs.org

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■ BASEBALL

Gawlik offers insight on duties

Scheduling an important key in season's success

By **PEDRO PEREZ IV**
The Pan American

Every year when spring comes around, people all over the nation prepare themselves for one of America's national pastimes: baseball. And with the 2008 season just around the corner, The University of Texas-Pan American baseball team's campaign is officially under way.

This season is no different from any other in the past few years. The team and the coaching staff have been preparing for what may not be the most difficult schedule they have faced, but a difficult one either way.

Coach Willie Gawlik is optimistic about a winning season for this year's unit.

"Every year the Broncs play a good schedule with a caliber of teams that are premier in conference play," he said.

In December, the Green and Orange released its schedule that featured 11 opponents who qualified for the 2007 playoffs. Though the quality may seem like the most important aspect of a schedule, preparing one for a NCAA Division I school can be difficult by an independent university.

The fact that UTPA is not in a conference can become tricky at times. If UTPA was part of a major conference the schedule would practically create itself because the Broncs would automatically have to play the other teams in the conference.

Gawlik is responsible for creating the schedule and the process is not an easy task. There are multiple variables that go into creating one for a Division I school. One of the variables is deciding what teams to play. If a team plays a mediocre schedule, two things might occur.

First, scouts don't go to mediocre games. A scout is only going to go see competitive contests featuring elite programs. Last year three players, Osiel Flores, Ray Silva, and Patrick Brooks, took full advantage of the difficult schedule because all three now play in the minor leagues.

Second, a winning season against average teams does not get the Broncs to the postseason. Therefore the schedules over the previous years have been made difficult in order to increase the team's chances of being invited to the postseason. Once a regular fixture in the NCAA playoffs from the 1950s through the 1970s, the Broncs haven't seen the postseason since 1986 when they defeated San Diego State 10-6, but were outstaged by Pepperdine, 11-0, and edged by perennial power University of Texas Longhorns, 9-5.

Another variable is the financial situation. Gawlik has raised more than \$400,000 over the six years he has coached here for different types of baseball needs. One of the needs is a "guarantee" that big schools must have to agree to travel to Edinburg to face the Broncs. Expenditures can't all go toward the schedule as Gawlik needs to maintain practice equipment and any other things the team may need.

"Basically it's like a checking account, you cash the check and plan for your needs," he said.

Gawlik is not the only one who is optimistic about this year's schedule. Four-year player Philip Rodriguez, one of two players on the roster with four years of experience, knows a thing or two about the schedule as he has experienced the difficulty of past ones.

"Our schedule compared to other seasons is lighter as far as playing bigger schools," he said. "How it looks on paper doesn't mean much. It may look easier but by no means is it going to be easy."

With five games under their belt so far this season, including two against No. 3 Texas, the Broncs look forward to the challenge opponents will bring them. Even though two Big XII schools were omitted due to scheduling conflicts, notable opponents are still on tap for the Green and Orange this year including Southern Illinois, Notre Dame, and New Mexico State.

Baseball Schedule

Feb. 29	Jackson State	Jackson, MS	3 p.m.
March 1	Jackson State (DH)	Jackson, MS	12 p.m.
Bearkat Classic			
March 6	Sam Houston State	Huntsville	6:30 p.m.
March 7	South Dakota State	Huntsville	1 p.m.
March 8	St. Louis University	Huntsville	2:30 p.m.
March 9	Sam Houston State	Huntsville	2:30 p.m.
March 10	Prairie View A&M	Prairie View	1 p.m.
Notre Dame Tournament San Antonio			
March 14	Southern Illinois	San Antonio	4 p.m.
March 15	Buffalo	San Antonio	4 p.m.
March 16	Notre Dame	San Antonio	12 p.m.
March 18	Texas-San Antonio (DH)	San Antonio	2 p.m.
March 20	Houston Baptist	Edinburg Baseball Stadium	6 p.m.
March 21	Houston Baptist	Edinburg Baseball Stadium	2 p.m.
March 25	Lamar University (DH)	Beaumont	3 p.m.
March 28	New Mexico State	Las Cruces, NM	6:05 p.m.
March 29	New Mexico State	Las Cruces, NM	6:05 p.m.
March 20	New Mexico State	Las Cruces, NM	1:05 p.m.
April 1	Texas-Arlington (DH)	Arlington	3 p.m.
April 4	New Orleans	Edinburg Baseball Stadium	6 p.m.
April 5	New Orleans	Edinburg Baseball Stadium	3 p.m.
April 6	New Orleans	Edinburg Baseball Stadium	1 p.m.
April 8	Texas A&M Corpus Christi (DH)	Corpus Christi	11 a.m.
April 11	Texas Southern	Houston	3 p.m.
April 12	Texas Southern	Houston	1 p.m.
April 13	Texas Southern	Houston	12 p.m.
April 15	Texas State	San Marcos	3 p.m.
April 16	Texas State	San Marcos	3 p.m.
April 19	Prairie View A&M	Edinburg Baseball Stadium	6 p.m.
April 20	Prairie View A&M	Edinburg Baseball Stadium	1 p.m.
April 22	Texas A&M Corpus Christi (DH)	Edinburg Baseball Stadium	3 p.m.
April 25	Arkansas - Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff, AR	7 p.m.
April 26	Arkansas - Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff, AR	4 p.m.
April 27	Arkansas - Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff, AR	1 p.m.
April 29	Stephen F. Austin (DH)	Nacogdoches	12 p.m.
May 2	Northern Colorado	Greeley, CO	2 p.m.
May 3	Northern Colorado	Greeley, CO	2 p.m.
May 4	Northern Colorado	Greeley, CO	1 p.m.
May 10	TCU	Forth Worth	6:30 p.m.
May 11	TCU	Forth Worth	1 p.m.
May 12	TCU	Forth Worth	6:30 p.m.

■ TENNIS

Teams experience mixed emotions, prepare for last homestand

By **PEDRO PEREZ IV**
The Pan American

After the weekend's matchups, the University of Texas-Pan American men's and women's tennis teams can tell you they're glad to be home as they traveled to Louisiana to square off against Nicholls State, Southern Louisiana and Southern University in three days.

On Friday, the Broncs defeated Nicholls State 5-2, giving them their first conference win of the season. The women were not as fortunate as they fell to the Colonels in a nail-biting 4-3 deci-

sion. Both squads suffered 6-1 setbacks against the Lions the following day but wrapped up the road trip with wins against Southern.

The men improved their overall record to 4-6 and 1-0 in Southland Conference play, while the women stand three games above .500 at 8-5, surpassing last year's win total already.

In doubles action against Southern, the senior-freshman duo of Ivan Avila and Andrew Irving came out the gate with an 8-5 decision over Marlon Gichie and Tyler Chin in the first flight. Austin High School alum Brett Berstein and India native Ashwin

Vijayaragavan breezed through Elvis Espinal and Lashwane Nelson 8-1 in the following flight.

Singles play saw University of New Orleans transfer Nirvick Mohinta defeat Onkabetse Matong 6-4, 6-3 in the third flight, while first-year player Marcus Dornauf defeated Chin 6-1, 6-4.

The Lady Broncs began doubles action with the Brazilian tag team of Giana Oliveira and Julia Cirne-Lima posting an 8-2 victory over Bethlehem Workeneh and Janelle Mosley in the first flight. Senior Silke Buksik and sophomore Megan Bedeau handily defeated their opponents in the second flight by

an 8-3 count.

In singles play, Canada native Stephanie Willerding was unchallenged by Workeneh, posting 6-1, 6-0 scores, while sophomore Luisa Cantu played flawlessly in the sixth flight against Sidney Lartigue, recording 6-0 shutouts.

Before its longest homestand of the season, the teams will resume action on March 8 when the women travel to the Gulf Coast for double-header action against Prairie View A&M and Rice University. The men head to Dallas the following day for a date with SMU.

March Home Games at the Orville Cox Tennis Center

Men's Tennis		
March 13	Fairleigh Dickinson	TBA
March 15	Oral Roberts	TBA
March 17	UMBC	TBA
March 22	UTA	TBA
March 29	Lamar	TBA
Women's Tennis		
March 14	UTEP	TBA
March 16	UTSA	TBA
March 18	Oral Roberts	TBA
March 21	TAMUCC	TBA
March 22	New Mexico State	TBA
March 27	Lamar	TBA
March 28	McNeese	TBA



Men's Basketball

Box Score



vs. Bakersfield

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02	Hawkins, Nathan.....	f	1-5	0-0	1-4	1	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	24
05	Burrell, Brian.....	f	3-12	0-6	2-2	1	6	7	4	8	2	3	0	1	33
32	Trader, Zach.....	c	7-12	0-0	3-4	1	5	6	2	17	2	2	0	0	34
04	Stoll, Paul.....	g	5-9	4-7	6-6	0	1	1	1	20	5	5	0	3	37
15	Shankle, Dexter.....	g	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	5	5	1	2	0	1	0	1	36
01	Puente, Danny.....		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	9
10	Jones, Emmanuel....		6-9	0-0	5-7	2	6	8	3	17	1	2	0	2	23
12	Weiermiller, Nick....		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4
TEAM.....						5	2	7							
Totals.....			23-50	4-13	17-23	10	25	35	17	67	10	14	0	7	200

RECORDS

UT-Pan Am 17-13
Bakersfield 8-19

TOTALS

	1st	2nd	Game
Total FG:	9-25	14-25	46.0%
3-Pt. FG:	1-7	3-6	30.8%
Free Throw:	5-7	12-16	73.9%

SCORES

	1st	2nd	Final
UT-Pan Am	24	43	67
Bakersfield	25	35	60

Women's Basketball

Box Score



vs. Bakersfield

##	Player Name	f	ITOT-FGI I-- 3-PT-I			I--REBOUNDS--I							MIN		
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO		BLK	S
23	Winfrey, Teshay.....	f	6-11	3-4	2-2	2	2	4	2	17	1	1	0	0	24
31	Schneider, Taylor.....	f	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	3	0	2	0	0	2	32
24	Garrett, Robin.....	c	1-3	0-0	3-4	1	3	4	5	5	0	7	0	1	15
03	Wilson, Tiona.....	g	1-5	1-3	1-2	1	2	3	2	4	3	3	0	0	29
10	Gray, LeKeisha.....	g	6-17	1-5	3-4	2	4	6	1	16	1	3	0	3	36
05	Sessions, Janita.....		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
13	Walker, Jessica.....		2-5	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	5	2	0	0	0	11
25	Jean, Rose Esther...		3-4	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	3	7	0	3	1	1	15
32	Erlingsdottir, Maria...		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	6
33	Ramirez, Cinthia.....		0-2	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	0	0	1	2	0	2	18
52	Grigsby, Aleeya.....		2-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	4	4	0	2	0	0	12
TEAM.....						2	3	5							
Totals.....			21-51	6-15	10-14	11	20	31	23	58	10	23	1	9	200

RECORDS

UT-Pan Am 10-16
Bakersfield 11-14

TOTALS

	1st	2nd	Game
Total FG:	10-28	11-23	41.2%
3-Pt. FG:	5-11	1-4	40.0%
Free Throw:	2-4	8-10	71.4%

SCORES

	1st	2nd	Final
UT-Pan Am	27	31	58
Bakersfield	39	30	69

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- Mon., Mar 3 Career Services: Student/Employer Networking Social
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- Sundays on Monday
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- Tue., Mar 4 Poker Tournament
From 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the SU Game Room
- 35th Annual Career Fair
From 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Fieldhouse
- UPB Coffee House. Monoradio
Starting at 7:00 p.m. at the SU Cafe
- Wed., Mar 5 How to Series: Eating Healthy
From 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Sage Room
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■ MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Green and Orange run past Roadrunners on West Coast

Lady Broncs edged by CSB in second half

By **RAMIRO PAEZ**
The Pan American

For University of Texas-Pan American men's basketball coach Tom Schuberth, the number 20 has been on his mind the entire 2007-2008 campaign.

At the beginning of the season, the Illinois native challenged his ballclub to achieve a 20-win year, given the team's its senior leadership and incoming talent. The Broncs hit a couple of bumps along the way, including a five-game losing streak, and though the objective will not be met, the Green and Orange clinched the best record among Division

I Independents for its 67-60 road victory Friday against the Cal State-Bakersfield Roadrunners.

"I'm so proud of these guys," Schuberth said. "17-13 sounds pretty darn good considering the adversity we went through all year...These guys worked hard and deserve all the credit. To come from where we were two years ago, six wins, two Division I wins, to go to 17 wins and kind of establish ourselves as the best independent, they deserve the credit."

Utah Valley State trails UTPA by two games in the Independent standings, with only one game remaining for both squads. The Broncs treated Friday's West Coast tilt as their last, as speculation is that Thursday's scheduled road finale against Savannah State University might not come off, due to some bureaucratic holdups by the Tigers' program.

Despite the rumor, the men kept the road warrior mentality against Bakersfield. The Roadrunners entered homecoming fresh off a ghastly memory of an 18-point romp by the Broncs at the Field House Feb. 12 and were determined to turn things around for the home faithful. And they did for about a period and a half. Both teams shot 36 percent in the first half with the home team holding a 25-24 lead at halftime.

Alex Johnson's 3-point jumper at the 7:45 mark of the second half helped pull the Roadrunners to within 47-45, but the Broncs sparked a 12-4 run in the following three minutes to take a commanding 10-point lead.

"We started (second half), got off to a great start, then we're the type of team who kind of chips away, gets that lead up and once we get to eight or ten we got great free-throw shooters,"

Schuberth said. "I thought our guys did great down the stretch."

Three Broncs scored in double figures with Paul Stoll leading the pack at 20 points and five assists on 5-of-9 shooting, including 4 of 7 from behind the arc and 6 for 6 from the charity stripe. Emmanuel Jones recorded 17 points and collected six boards, while senior forward Zach Trader added 17 points and six rebounds.

LADY BRONCS

While the men recorded their third straight victory Friday, the women saw their third consecutive game slip away Saturday against the Lady Roadrunners.

The Lady Broncs rallied from a 14-point second-half deficit, but could not continue the late charge as Cal State-Bakersfield walked away with a 69-58 victory.

UTPA dropped to 10-16 and looked to celebrate Saturday's senior night exhibition game against Houston Baptist, which starts at 2:05 p.m., with a win before hosting the highly anticipated three-day National Independent Tournament beginning March 6.

The Lady Roadrunners trailed only once in the first half and took a 12-point halftime lead. Kelly Tarver's 3-pointer early in the second period increased the lead to 14, but the home team saw UTPA go on an 18-7 run to pull within 50-47. But the streak was not enough as Bakersfield outscored the Green and Orange 19-11 the rest of the game.

Senior guards Teshay Winfrey and LeKeisha Gray scored in double figures with Winfrey recording a team-high 17 points and four rebounds. Gray added 16 points and nabbed six rebounds.

■ INTRAMURAL

Wellness Center adds international sport to offerings

Students ready to liven new twist on soccer

By **SAVANNAH S. MARTINEZ**
The Pan American

There was an unfamiliar intramural sport being played at the University of Texas-Pan American Monday. It was the first-ever season of indoor soccer, as the

indoor version of the world's most popular sport is the latest addition to the UTPA intramural leagues, with 24 teams participating this year.

Competition is under way as 12 matchups took place Feb. 18 and Feb. 20 and the top six of each night advanced to a single elimination tournament that will begin April 28.

"This is indoor soccer and this is the first time we are having it since we built the wellness complex," said Intramural Assistant Art Cabrera. "We

wanted to have it last year but there were still some issues with them finishing the building."

As one would imagine, there are some differences compared to outdoor soccer. First, a total of 12 players, instead of 22, take the field, and there are two goalkeepers. The rules are also changed, due to the venue.

"It differs from outdoor soccer because you are inside a building and you can play off the walls," Cabrera said. "The field is shorter, the goal is

shorter, and here it is six on six and in outdoor soccer its 11 on 11."

Despite the differences, many players are confident that their team is prepared to advance to the elimination tournament.

"I am prepared for this," said Raul Trevino, junior electrical engineer major. "I'm always in shape because I play in the McAllen Association Soccer League and for the UTPA Bronc Soccer Club."

Teammate Luis Nanez, senior accounting major, also feels good about his team.

"Since we are the champions of the intramural outdoor soccer last year, we plan to win the first game...All of our team members are committed and we are going to do our best in every game to try to not only go to the single elimination tournament but to win the tournament," Nanez said.

Others feel that team chemistry will help them compete in the tournament.

"We are going to win the elimination tournament because we have an all-around strong team," said Arturo Leon, junior mechanical engineer. "We work well together, we have great chemistry and that is going to win us the tournament."

Since the sport is still in first couple of weeks, there has not been a chance for teams to face challengers from other universities. In other intramural sports, regional tournaments are a regular occurrence, and chances are, indoor soccer will follow that format eventually.

"We have not competed against other universities yet," Cabrera said. "That is something that we hope we can do eventually but our government body NIRSA (National Intramural

Recreational Sports Association) is looking to add on to those sports as for holding regional competitions against other universities. And then hopefully we can send a team to play on and beyond our intramural game."

Though the indoor program has not been fully evaluated, Cabrera says the sport will continue.

"We will continue to have intramural indoor soccer," he said. "I offer outdoor and indoor soccer so it will alternate. In the fall we will have outdoor soccer and in the spring we will have indoor soccer."

Indoor Soccer Rules

The Field - Regulation size for a hockey rink, smaller than an outdoor soccer field.

The Team - Six players at a time, including the goalie.

Boundaries - The ball can hit one or more walls with no penalty or stoppage, unless the ball goes over the walls or hits the roof.

Contact Rules - No charging with hands, elbows or from behind.

Substituting - Allowed while game is in progress.

Cards - Extra card added, blue card, which is the first warning before a yellow card.

Multi-point Scoring - If a goal is shot from a greater distance, some leagues count it as two or three points.

The Ball - Bouncier and harder to control.



Roxy Solis/The Pan American

THE GREAT INDOORS - Team Coyotes FC (dark jerseys) is one of the top teams participating in the brand new season of indoor soccer. The Wellness Recreation and Sports Center added the sport to its list of intramurals this spring.

■ BASEBALL

Broncs trip outside of gate

By **ALVARO BALDERAS**
The Pan American

It was the start they hoped for but not the streak they wanted.

The University of Texas-Pan American's baseball team kicked off the 2008 season with a punishing win over Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, but has since posted four straight losses, including back to back against No. 4 Texas, en route to a 1-4 record.

UT-AUSTIN

In yesterday's matchup against the Longhorns, the Broncs were held to only three hits by three Austin newcomers as the home team posted a 5-0 shutout over the Green and Orange.

Senior Roly Gonzalez garnered two of the three hits for UTPA, while Shane Janecka (0-1) was credited with his first loss of the season.

The Broncs gave the Longhorns a scare as they held a 2-1 advantage in the top of the fifth in Tuesday's game, but a five-run bottom inning by Texas hammered the potential upset.

Bronc pitcher Doug Roth (0-1)

received the loss.

SAM HOUSTON

Heading into the final game of the three-day Al Olgetree Classic, UTPA could not have asked to be in a better situation to win during Sunday night's 6-5 loss against Sam Houston State as the Broncs loaded the bases in the bottom of the ninth. But they fell just short.

Down 6-3 in the final inning, the Green and Orange rallied to come within one run of the Bearkats but UTPA's offense could not come up with a pivotal hit to obtain the victory. Even though the Broncs out-hit their opponents by four, 11-7, five errors proved to be a main contributor in their defeat.

"You can't make so many errors and expect to beat a good team like them," Bronc coach Willie Gawlik. "Four of the six runs we gave them were due to costly errors."

Catcher Nick Spears played a solid, all-around game with two hits and one run in two at-bats.

"We were one hit away from busting the game open and winning," the Austin native said. "Unfortunately, that's

how it goes some games."

Sophomore outfielder Nick Bourn also had an excellent outing, claiming two hits, an RBI and a run. Junior pitcher Shane Cox pitched 4 1/3 innings, allowing six hits and three earned runs.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

The 9-3 defeat against Stephen F. Austin during the second game of Saturday's doubleheader is the one that will serve as a learning experience for the team. Superb hitting by the Lumberjacks and poor pitching by the Broncs resulted in a sure recipe for defeat as the visiting team compiled 15 hits compared to four for UTPA.

SFA scored six of nine runs in the first four innings; in a three-inning stint, freshman starter Arnold Franco of Corpus Christi struck out three while giving seven hits and five earned runs in his Bronc debut.

"I was a little nervous with this being my first college start," Franco said. "I just need to keep my head up and get ready for my next start."

With men in scoring position in the first five innings, the Broncs offense

could not buy a clutch hit off of struggling Lumberjack pitchers, who came up with big outs at crucial times.

"We had our chances to score but we couldn't come up with the big hit," Gawlik said. "We just didn't pitch well giving up early runs."

First baseman Billy Donaho had one hit and one run in three at-bats. Rodriguez pitched 4 1/3 innings, striking out four and gave up seven hits with three earned runs.

Designated-hitter Kevin Croft had an outstanding night for the Lumberjacks, posting a home run, three hits and four RBI.

TEXAS A&M-CC

UTPA opened the season by putting away the Islanders early in a 9-3 victory. The game was determined during the third and fourth innings where the Broncs demonstrated their offensive power by posting eight runs.

Senior Cody Cisper pitched a solid 5 2/3 innings and struck out a game-high six batters with six hits and no earned runs. Donaho contributed three runs and Spears posted two.

StatsAtAGlance

9

The place UTPA All-American Will Littleton finished at the 2008 USA Indoor Championships

13

The number of games the Houston Rockets have won consecutively

218

Number of assists Paul Stoll has. The senior guard leads the nation in that category with only one game remaining

ShortSports

■ GOLF

After capturing the Jack Brown Memorial crown to begin the spring season, the University of Texas-Pan American women's golf entered the Islander Spring Classic optimistically. But the trip to the Gulf Coast defied the team's hopes as the Lady Broncs finished ninth behind a competitive field.

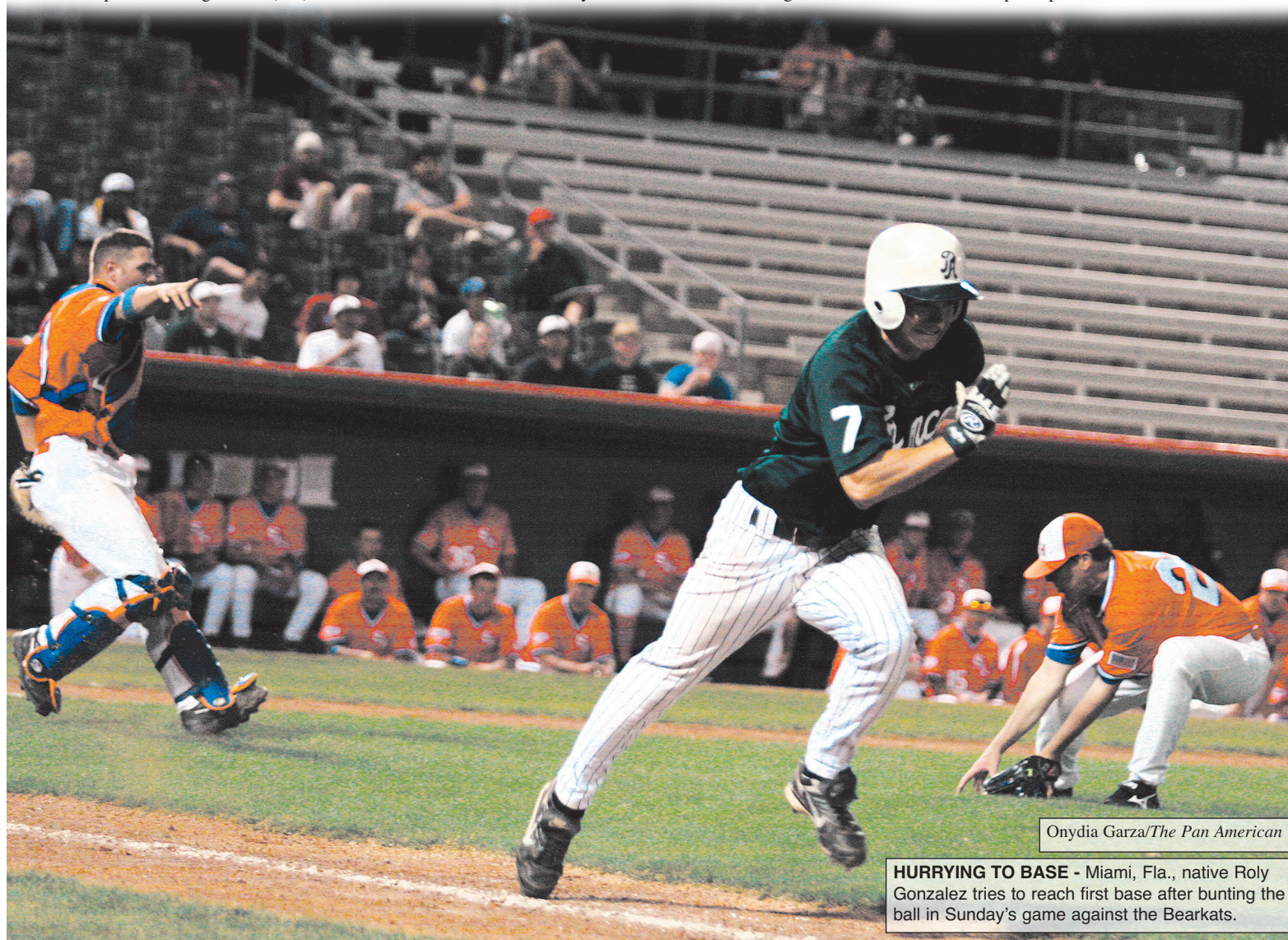
UTPA recorded a team score of 950, however it was Lamar University who received the tournament championship with the score of 934.

With a 54-hole score of 236 (77-77-82), senior Elizabeth Rodriguez was the women's top golfer for a 16th-place finish. University of New Orleans transfer Mariale Camey collected a 25th-place finish with a score of 241 (81-76-84).

Canada native Bronwyn Sandberg followed at 39th, while freshman Haley Hocott tied for 44th.

Mission's Rebecca De Leon, freshman Sara Garcia and El Paso native Jennifer Marks rounded out the Green and Orange with 51st, 52nd and 55th place finishes, respectively.

The Lady Broncs will travel to the Florida March 13 for the Gainseville Shootout III, while the men look to follow their JBM championship at the Braveheart Classic in Beaumont, Calif.



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HURRYING TO BASE - Miami, Fla., native Roly Gonzalez tries to reach first base after bunting the ball in Sunday's game against the Bearkats.