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**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
PAN AMERICAN**

*71st Annual Graduation*



*Sunday, May 15, 1994*



*The University of Texas  
Pan American*

*Alma Mater*

*Hail to thee, our Alma Mater!  
True and loyal, we will be.  
This our song,  
"Forever Onward!"*

*With our colors, green and white.  
May you be our inspiration,  
Lead us ever to the light.*

*To our dear old Alma Mater,  
To the name of UTPA  
This our song,  
"Forever Onward!"*

*With our colors, green and white.  
May you be our inspiration,  
Lead us ever to the light.*

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# May 15, 1994 - 2:00 P.M. CONVOCATION

*Candidates for Graduation from*

*The College of Arts & Sciences and The School of Health Sciences*

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## **PRELUDE**

Canzona Per Sonare

Giovanni Gabrielli

*The University of Texas-Pan American Brass Choir*

*Dr. Lorne William O'Neil, Director*

## **PROCESSIONAL**

Toccata from L'Orfeo

Claudio Monteverdi

## **INVOCATION**

Ms. Judy Vinson, Dean of Students

The University of Texas - Pan American

## **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Dr. Miguel A. Nevárez, President

The University of Texas-Pan American

## **INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER**

Nelda A. Montano, Top Graduate

College of Arts and Sciences

## **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

Ms. Norma V. Cantú, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

United States Department of Education

## **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

Dr. Miguel A. Nevárez

## **PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE, BACCALAUREATE AND MASTER'S DEGREES**

Dr. Ernest J. Baca, Jr., Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Judy Perkin, Dean, School of Health Sciences

## **CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE, BACCALAUREATE AND MASTER'S DEGREES**

Dr. Rudolph Gómez, Vice President for Academic Affairs

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## **PRESENTATION OF KEEPSAKE PALMS**

Alumni Affairs/Alumni Association

## **BENEDICTION**

Ms. Judy Vinson

## **RECESSIONAL**

Las Golondrinas

M.C. Meyerelles

(Audience is to remain seated during Recessional)

## **RECEPTION HONORING GRADUATES**

## **FIELDHOUSE COURTYARD**

*Music provided by The University of Texas-Pan American*

*Mariachi Group*

## FACULTY MARSHALS

*Grand Marshal:* Mr. Jose F. Alvarado

*Faculty Marshals:* Dr. Maria Carolina Huerta  
Dr. Paul Mitchell

*Class Marshals:* Dr. Bruce Wilson  
Dr. John Villarreal

## ANNOUNCING THE CANDIDATES

*Announcing the Candidates:* Dr. Sylvia Luján  
Mr. David R. Zuniga

*Interpreter:* Gloria Garcia

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## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

**Dr. Ernest J. Baca, Jr., Dean**

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Laura Irene Decanini

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Harvie Belshe		Perfecto Garza	
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## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

### Dr. Ernesto Bernal, Dean

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#### MASTER OF ARTS

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Jesus Cerda  
Ruben Cortez  
Judy Ann Cox  
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 Dalia Garcia  
 Graciela Garcia  
 Adriana Maria Garza  
 Gilbert Alonzo Garza  
 Mary Ann Garza  
 Mary Frances Cornwell Garza  
 Sylvia Anne Garza Gomez  
 Leticia Gonzalez  
 Robert Gracia  
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 Virginia Guajardo  
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 Raena Rae Jennings  
 Lois Mary Kertesz  
 Leonila Izaguirre Luera

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## HONOR SOCIETIES

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1. Lambda Alpha . . . . . Anthropology
2. Beta Gamma Sigma. . . . . Business
3. Mu Kappa Tau. . . . . Marketing
4. Phi Alpha Theta. . . . . History
5. Phi Kappa Phi. . . . . Scholarly Achievement
6. Psi Chi . . . . . Psychology
7. Sigma Delta Phi . . . . . Spanish

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## TITLES OF GRADUATE THESES

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***Laura Irene Decanini:***

"Aquatic Insect Communities and Water Quality in the Lower  
Rio Grande Valley"

*Major Advisor:*

Dr. Brad Henry  
Department of Biology

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## HONORS STUDIES

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To graduate in the Honors Studies framework, a student must maintain a high academic average, must take a specific number of honors classes at the freshman-sophomore level, must complete a program of independent study and research at the junior-senior level, and must demonstrate proficiency in a specialized area through a senior honors paper and through an oral examination before a faculty committee. The following students wrote an undergraduate thesis as part of their graduation requirements within the Honors Studies Program.

***Jorge Cavazos:***

"Uses and Design of Distributed Database Systems"

*Advisors/Professors:*

Mr. David Egle, Chair                      Dr. John Abraham  
Dr. Wendy Lawrence-Fowler      Dr. Raymond Welch, Director

***Errol Glazer:***

***(B.A. Degree awarded May 1993)***

"Freud, Culture and the Theban Saga"

*Advisors/Professors:*

Dr. Shelia Pozorski, Chair      Dr. Valerie James-Aldridge  
Dr. Michael Reed                  Dr. Raymond Welch, Director

***Lucrecia Littlejohn:***

"A Waterway in Transition: The Panama Canal Administration Issue"

*Advisors/Professors:*

Dr. Michael Faubion, Chair      Dr. Paul R. Henggeler  
Mr. William Turk                  Dr. Raymond Welch, Director

***Mercedes L. Lozano***

"The Foreign Bank Supervision Act of 1991: Its Impact on Foreign Banks and the U.S."

*Advisors/Professors:*

Dr. Edwin D. Maberly, Chair      Dr. Gouranga Ganguli  
Dr. Ercan Nasif                      Dr. Raymond Welch, Director

***Blanca Ramos:***

"An Investigation of Communication Programs for Students with Severe and Profound Disabilities in Public Schools in the Lower Rio Grande Valley"

*Advisors/Professors:*

Dr. JoAnn Burns                      Ms. Marjorie Anne Esteves  
Mr. Jose Omar Rivera              Dr. Raymond Welch, Director

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### MR. NORMAN A. BURANDT DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS AND GEOLOGY

Mr. Norman A. Burandt holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Southern Methodist University and a Master of Science Degree from Texas A&I University. He conducted his post-graduate work at both Texas A&M University and the University of Texas at Austin. He was hired by Pan American College in 1964 and taught all Engineering courses until the formation of the Engineering Department.

Mr. Burandt taught TAME summer courses for four years, as well as physics for the gifted and talented. He was the first to teach the Digital Electronics course at the University of Texas Pan American.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Mr. Burandt served as a department liaison for the remodeling of the Physical Science Building, and designed and supervised the remodeling of the Physics laboratories. Mr. Burandt also designed and installed the Macintosh II computer lab for CAD (Computer Aided Design).

Mr. Burandt is a member of A.A.P.T. and Sigma Pi Sigma.

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### DR. ROBERT W. RODGERS DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS AND GEOLOGY

Dr. Robert W. Rodgers came to Pan American College in 1961 to teach freshman geology. At that time, there were two courses in the geology program. Since that time the program has expanded to a full undergraduate curriculum offering a wide variety of courses, all of which have been taught by Professor Rodgers. Students from the program have been successful in numerous fields from teaching to the petroleum industry. More than twenty of his students have gone on to attend eleven different graduate schools of geology across the United States.

Professor Rodgers has served on numerous committees at the University including the Faculty Senate, and was a member of the State Committee that implemented the Earth Science curriculum in the public schools. He has also served as an officer in several state and national professional organizations and is currently an officer in the National Association of Geology Teachers.

While at the University, Professor Rodgers has been involved in numerous research projects including geopressured-geothermal energy, water resources, nuclear waste isolation, geotectonics, and the regional geology of Texas and Mexico. This has resulted in over thirty publications, including 5 guide books on the geology of

Mexico and Texas, several book chapters and single paper publications. This research has been sponsored by a number of agencies, including the U.S. Department of Energy, the Gas Research Institute, the United Nations and Instituto Nacional de Energia Nuclear, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the Office of National Waste Isolation, various agencies of the State of Texas, including the Water Development Board, the Governor's Energy Office, and the Higher Education Coordinating Board Advanced Research-Advanced Technology Program.

Professor Rodgers is a member of numerous professional organizations and societies, and holds national certification by the American Institute of Professional Geologists. He leaves the University after 33 years of service to begin the full-time practice of geology, primarily in the field of environmental geology.

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Department of Curriculum and Instruction

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Department of Mathematics and Computer Science

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# ABOUT THE SPEAKER

**Ms. Norma V. Cantú, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights**

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A native of Brownsville and a 1973 Summa Cum Laude graduate of Pan American University, Norma V. Cantú graduated from Harvard Law School in 1977 at the age of 22.

She was regional counsel in San Antonio for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) before being named to the U.S. Education Department post by President Bill Clinton last March. She was sworn in as assistant secretary on May 24, 1993.

As assistant secretary of civil rights, Ms. Cantú is responsible for the enforcement of four civil rights statutes and Title II of the American with Disabilities Act. These laws prohibit discrimination in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance from the department.

Ms. Cantú, a former public school English teacher in Brownsville and San Antonio, joined MALDEF in 1979 as staff attorney and in 1983 became national director of the organization's Carnegie-funded Education Litigation and Advocacy Project.

In 1985, she was named regional counsel for Texas, New Mexico and Colorado and was lead counsel in class action impact civil rights cases.

The oldest of six children, all of whom have college degrees, Ms. Cantú was barely 19 when she graduated fourth in her class of 400 at what was formerly Pan American University.

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