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## Board announces court date for MFC & Assoc. fraud suit

DANIEL GARZA  
Staff Writer

The Board of Regents announced Tuesday that a court date has been set for a suit filed in February against an Austin consulting company.

Paul Rich, special assistant to the Attorney General's Office, filed the action against Lee B. Polanco and the company he heads, MFC & Associates. Judge Raul Longoria set the date to hear the case for Nov. 13 in the 139th State District Court.

The suit brings five counts against MFC & Associates and Polanco. Included is a count of violating the Organized Crime Control Act of 1970.

The suit alleges that MFC & Associates broke the provisions of the act by conspiring with a party unnamed in the suit to commit mail fraud and wire fraud, both federal offenses.

Polanco acted as a consultant to the university by evaluating and recommending computer hardware and software purchases.

On Polanco's recommendation, the university purchased equipment from Information Associates (IA), which PAU has not been able to utilize to its full capacity.

At the time of the purchase, however, Polanco marketed the IA equipment throughout the state and received a commission

on the sale of the computer equipment.

The university was unaware of the arrangement between MFC & Associates and IA, and therefore charges it was a victim of fraud.

Money for the computer purchases came from the U.S. Department of Education Title III program that Polanco had originally helped secure for the university.

Polanco also recommended the university refinance long-term bonds with Masterson and Co. According to the suit, Polanco was also acting as a consultant to Masterson and Co. and received double compensation for the same services.

The suit claims MFC and Associate's failure to disclose its business arrangements with Masterson and Co. to the university also constitutes a breach of an implied duty of good faith, a breach of fiduciary owed to university and deceptive conduct.

Rich and university General Counsel Priscilla A. Lozano are making efforts to communicate with IA's counsel. The board expressed its desire to settle any claims with IA before things go any further with them.

Rich said PAU is seeking both actual and punitive damages, and that Polanco is also being sued personally.

"We (the Attorney General's Office) want to set an example

that if you're going to do business with the state, you better be truthful and above board," Rich said. "Otherwise the attorney general will be after you."

In other action:

The Board rescinded its action from the previous Board meeting and awarded the contract for construction of a Student Services Building Parking Addition to South Texas Utility Contractors of Mercedes.

The Board had previously awarded the project to Wright Way Construction, but the firm was unable to obtain a bond from a surety company holding a certificate from the U.S. Treasury.

Tenure for the following faculty members were approved: Hilda Medrano and Kevin Morse of the School of Education; Wayne Hooker of the Health Related Professions; and A.J. Alamia, Thomas Pozorski, Emil Bernard, Mohammed Farooqui, and Pearl Brazier, all of the department of Communications Arts and Sciences.

A new Apple Higher Education Purchase Plan II (HEPP II) was approved. This will allow students, faculty and staff to continue receiving discounts offered by The Apple Corporation.

An increase of \$205,197 was approved for faculty salaries needed for the increased enrollments during the summer sessions.



**YOU MUST BE KIDDING**—Veronica Noble, a junior nursing student says, during registration as she is unable to get the classes she wants.

(Photo by Joel Martinez)

## Abortion ruling to have little effect in Valley

All across the U.S., one American out of every 500 marched in support of abortion following the July 3 Supreme Court decision of Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services, which gives states the right to regulate abortions.

The ruling declared that states may require doctors to test the viability of a fetus during or after the 20th week of gestational age.

"I think the decision is a terrible disgrace even though the decision will have little or no

effect on the only abortion clinic (Reproductive Services) in the Rio Grande Valley," said Reproductive Services Clinic Administrator Susan Simmons. "It will be business as usual for us because our legal limit to perform an abortion is up to the 15.9 weeks of gestational age of the fetus."

According to the earlier Roe vs. Wade ruling, which still in effect, an abortion is legal up to the 24th week of gestation.

"The ruling will affect the women who want to have an

abortion from the 20th week of gestational age of the fetus and on up to the 24th week," Simmons said. "After the 24th week of gestational age of the fetus, a woman loses the right to have an abortion."

Houston is the nearest place the fetus viability test is offered because the Valley does not have or need the testing equipment to perform the test.

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### Supreme Court rules:

## States to decide abortion regulations

Following the Supreme Court decision last week, state legislatures now possess the power to determine restrictions under which abortions are performed.

The court decided 5-4 on the Missouri case of Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services case. The ruling allows states to

ban the use of tax money for encouraging or counseling women to have abortions not necessary to save the life of the mother, any public health-care provider to perform or assist an abortion, and the use of any public facility for performing abortions.

When possible, doctors are

required to determine whether the fetus is at least 20 weeks old and is capable of surviving outside the womb. This will be done by testing lung capacity of the fetus and conducting other tests.

Twenty-four states favor outlawing abortion and the issue is

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## Valley pro-life, pro-choice organizations seek support

LETICIA CAVAZOS  
Editor

Valley pro-life and pro-choice organizations are both actively seeking the support of residents and legislators.

Martha Carpenter, president of the Upper Valley Right to Life (UVRL) in Edinburg, felt the Supreme Court decision was a good start.

Carpenter said the important thing to realize that "the baby is a human being from the time of conception."

That is one thing UVRL wants to make clear to Valley legislators.

Carpenter believes a female has control over her body before a child is conceived.

"Responsibility before conception is what we stress," she said.

If right-to-life is your direction, write to Upper Valley Right to Life, Rt. 7 Box 37-B, McAllen, Tx., 78504.

UVRL has a hotline number, 1-800-622-7388, that offers counseling for women.

They collect baby clothes, offer housing when necessary and work with adoption agencies. Among other things, they offer post-abortion counseling for those who suffer emotional scars from the experience.

"We don't believe in condemn-

ing women who've had abortions," Carpenter said.

Emma McClaine, executive director of Planned Parenthood of Hidalgo County, wants to assure Valley women that the court's decision has not changed anything yet.

"I don't expect to see any changes in this session," McClaine said.

Like many pro-choice advocates, McClaine fears that if restrictions are made in Texas, many women will resort to unsafe and illegal abortions here or in Mexico.

McClaine said she believes Valley legislators "are very aware of the possibility."

She said Planned Parenthood will still offer problem pregnancy counseling and will focus on pregnancy prevention.

"The best way to stop abortions is through better, more accessible contraceptive methods and sexuality education—not restrictive legislation," McClaine said.

Planned Parenthood is participating in a grassroots effort to organize similar groups into pro-choice coalitions to petition Valley legislators.

For more information, call 686-0585 or write to Planned Parenthood of Hidalgo County, 1017 Pecan, McAllen, Tx., 78504.

## The grand old flag—to burn or not to burn

The following are quotes from interviews conducted during registration. Those interviewed were not questioned on the subject initially, but many began to ventilate on the issue of the right to burn the American flag. In a 5-4 decision by the Supreme Court, desecrating a flag is a form of freedom of speech.

"I am PISSED OFF that we do not do something about degrading the flag that we have so much pride in. It symbolizes freedom and democracy and the United States. The people that burn American flags are showing disrespect to America and are showing that they don't appreciate what they have. I think they should be sent somewhere where they will begin to appreciate our country."—Freshman Roxanne Villarreal, physical therapy.

"In any other country that would not be acceptable. Those people respect the law and the Constitution only when it is convenient for them, when it will protect them. After that, they burn the flag and would even burn the Constitution. I don't think it's a free form of speech. It's pure treason—practically speaking, granting a right such as that is not beneficial to the country's welfare and that is also in the Constitution. I am not disputing the Pan American's right to express their view on the subject, but I would have liked to have seen the opposite perspective also. As a journal representing my university, I would hope that it would also sympathize or at least acknowledge my own views."—Name withheld by request, male nursing junior.

"I agree with the court's ruling. The country was founded on the ideology that it is the obligation of the people of any country to try and oppose tyranny in the government. Burning the flag is a symbolic, non-violent gesture of discontentment with the system. Instead of making emotional reactions to such actions, people should perhaps start intercepting the signals and start some constructive thinking. I am not personally compelled to burn the American flag, but I am content to know that if I ever felt so, the right would not be denied me."—Name withheld by request, music freshman.

## Faculty Senate accepts sexual harassment policy

BEATRIZ MOYA  
Managing Editor

A sexual harassment policy presented by President Miguel Nevarez' administrative assistant was accepted June 28 by the Faculty Senate executive committee and will appear before the Board of Regents in August.

The executive committee held a closed meeting last Wednesday to discuss the policy with Dr. Ronald Applbaum, vice president for academic affairs, and Carol Rausch, administrative assistant to Nevarez.

The controversial policy proposed by Rausch in April states that "in order to remove any possibility of improper conduct, it is the policy of Pan American University that supervisors and faculty shall not enter into any type of sexual (or romantic) relationship with staff under their supervision or with students enrolled in their courses."

Faculty senators felt such a policy would be offensive and unethical because it violated the rights of students, faculty and staff. Consequently, the senate drafted their own policy, making some changes in the policy proposed by Rausch.

The senate's proposal states that "in order to remove any appearance of improper conduct

it is the policy of PAU to discourage intimate relationships between faculty and students enrolled in the faculty member's classes as well as between supervisors and their staff."

After the meeting, Dr. David Alvarez, senate chairman, said Rausch had succeeded in getting her proposal through.

"The faculty senate executive committee preferred the way they have worded the sexual harassment policy, but decided not to oppose what Carol Rausch was proposing," Alvarez said.

Alvarez had no comment on what the reasons were for the executive committee not contesting the issue.

In a phone interview, Virginia Haynie, assistant professor, librarian and faculty senate executive committee member, said Rausch convinced her of the validity of her proposal during the meeting.

"I don't know that it's better," she said, "But I feel it will help protect the faculty and the university."

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## EDITORIAL

## Ruling offers women opportunity to make abortion views heard

Last week the Supreme Court decided 5-4 in favor of Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services—a decision to place the legality of abortion in the hands of the states.

The decision of the Missouri case gives states the right to restrict the use of public money, medical personnel or facilities for performing abortion procedures deemed unnecessary to save the mother's life.

Although the decision does not reverse Roe vs. Wade, the landmark 1973 decision to legalize abortion, it could, if Texas legislators decide to make abortion illegal, pose a serious setback to the rights and health of women who may be forced to seek abortions in Mexico or by unlicensed medical practitioners.

If the Texas chooses to outlaw abortions, women who choose to have one will have three options: (1) travel to a state where abortions are legal, (2) have illegal abortions in Texas and (3) have abortions in back-alley Mexican clinics where safety is minimal.

Despite the rhetoric of pro-life advocates, abortion is not a moral issue but a health issue. Abortions—legal or not—will be performed. Making abortion illegal will not end the trauma of an unwanted pregnancy but probably increase it ten-fold.

It is bad enough that life circumstances force the need for women to have abortions, but women should not have to face the risk of permanent physical damage or even death.

After years of fighting for equal rights—and winning few victories—women could well be at the mercy of state legislators, most of whom are men.

Even though the court's decision could prove to be a setback for women's rights, it also provides women with a unique opportunity to organize behind the issue of abortion and make their presence felt in the state legislature.

### Iran-Contra affair:

## Does Ollie deserve to get off scot-free?

*Editor's note: Since "The Pan American" is a student publication, we decided students should have their own "editorial." These are reactions of students to the conviction and sentence of Oliver North. North drew a three-year suspended prison term and a \$150,000 fine for his role in the Iran-Contra affair. He was placed on two years' probation and was ordered to perform 1,200 hours of community service.*

"I think he should have gotten a steeper sentence because he committed a crime. He should be punished as such.

He destroyed government property and he lied. If any other citizen would have done that, they would have gone to prison."—Anita Cantu, nursing freshman.

"That was a lightweight fine for someone making \$25,000 per speech."—Judy Terrill, history sophomore.

"They should assassinate him."—Name withheld by request, psychology senior.

"I think he ought to run for President. He would surely win, and it would surely reveal the ignorance of the American public."—Name withheld by request, history junior.

"I don't think Oliver North should have gotten all of the blame. I think (John) Poindexter shouldn't have gotten off so easy."—Freshman Roxanne Villarreal, physical therapy.

"I think that basically he was just following orders and he's the one who gets the heat for it. Someone of his rank doesn't just decide to go off and do something like that."—Name withheld by request, communications freshman.

"He did wrong and nobody should get away with anything. It doesn't matter if it was for a good cause or not.

"I think he'll pay for that (his crime) through shame and guilt because everyone knows what he did. He's already paying for it, and he'll pay for it all his life because no one will forget."—Sandy Campos, business senior.

"He should have been sentenced the amount of time appropriated for anyone who destroys government property."—Tamioza Ortiz.



## Change is the key to growth

Most of us have complained at one time or another about the deplorable state of the world.

We find plenty of reasons to blame those in power and find it easy to make them scapegoats. Public individuals come and go, but the masses always condemn them for all the wrongs of the world.

In truth, what people fail to see is their own shortcomings and backwardness in dealing with existence and the changes that must take place to achieve the advancement of our race.

People's old-fashioned ways and beliefs, their set ideals, are eminently connected to the failures of mankind.

This conclusion came to me last weekend after I attended my grandfather's funeral. There I met with a barrage of criticism from most of my relatives because I arrived wearing make-up and because I had taken a shower, when everybody else was there sorely to mourn the death of my grandfather.

They accused me of feeling no grief at his departure, though I loved my grandfather greatly and miss him with all my heart.

At first I felt hurt and ashamed of my supposed lack of feeling. Upon closer examination of my feelings, however, I realized I was actually angry at my relatives. I could see that they were wallowing in a pit of ignorance that kept widening and swallowing up anyone who failed to resist it.

These are the people who condemn others when things don't go their way, when their expectations fall by the wayside.

This episode, and others like it, may or may not be the root of all evil in the world. Nevertheless, it made me think of the things people find it easy to criticize, most of them petty and insignificant compared to the serious problems of the world.

People's refusal to accept change, or their attempts to ignore it when they do not believe in it, gnawed at me until I came to understand who is to blame for the decay of our social structure: people who see everyone else's faults, according to their own book on ethics, but fail to see the great spar across their own eyes, which clouds their perception of the source of our troubles.

### Meat -N- Potatoes

By BEATRIZ MOYA  
Managing Editor

There is a great need for cooperation among the people of our societies. It may not solve all our problems, but it certainly can be a beginning.

Of course, nothing can be accomplished without a heartfelt desire and a great deal of effort.

We need to take time out and stop to think about our individual selves.

We need to stop wanting to change other people, their views and opinions, to agree with ours.

We need to concentrate on repairing our own faults instead of pointing our finger at the rest of the world.

Who knows? Perhaps after we're done cleaning up our own act, we'll be justified in putting the blame for the rest of our problems on our leaders.

## Abortion no cure for society's ills

To be elected in the 1990s a politician will be forced to take a stand on the issue of abortion.

Unfortunately, the practice of rating candidates solely on their position vis-a-vis the abortion issue is not conducive to obtaining qualified individuals. Federal, state and local positions may be filled with little regard to the candidate's expertise in other areas.

The Supreme Court's 5-4 decision to localize the regulation of abortion will inject the highly volatile, very complex and extremely personal issue into all levels of our political spectrum.

in previous wars the source of the problem is being ignored.

Society has been shirking its responsibilities for a long time. Killing the messenger that delivers bad news is a practice that is still alive in the U.S.

Elected officials who insist on addressing root problems are usually not reelected. We are not interested in putting forth the massive effort required to correct major faults in the system.

Whether one should or should not have an abortion to correct a situation that should not have occurred in the first place is another example of addressing the symptom instead of the source.

Socially transmitted diseases are rampant. AIDS has invaded the heterosexual community. We are paying dearly for the relaxed social mores that have been injected into the veins of our society.

Recent studies at a number of U.S. colleges indicated that two students per thousand tested positive for AIDS. Based on the same percentage, Pan American would have 25 cases of AIDS. Does anyone care who is giving what to whom?

Abortion should be an available option for those limited situations where valid reasons to terminate a pregnancy exist, but we cannot ignore the source of the problem.

To elect leaders based on their position on a symptom of a much more serious underlying problem is foolish. It is hoped when the messenger tells us that the "piper must be paid," we will listen carefully and not kill him.

### Candid Shots

By JOSEPH KERTESZ  
Reporter

However, the governing bodies of the United States are more prone to treat symptoms instead of root problems. In the past they have attacked social problems by throwing money at the symptoms. Thus we have endured the "war on poverty," "war on illiteracy" and "war on drugs."

Now the battle lines are being drawn over the abortion issue, but as

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LOOK OUT FOR FALLING GUATEMALANS!--Two Guatemalan English students frolic in front of the dorms. (Photo by Dan Garza)

## READER'S VOICE

### Apologies to Y.O.U.

To the editor:

I have read your newspaper and really enjoy it. I am writing to inform you about a mistake on the article on the Y.O.U. Program.

Pan American, we (Y.O.U. students) do not do archery! We do get a lot of exercise by swimming, tennis, volleyball, basketball and weight lifting. We also have much recreation in the recreation room. Many of us are having fun and enjoy the stay here at Pan American University.

We also get an education here at Pan American by school teachers. All the Pan American faculty is great. We work in offices all over the campus. This is a great and fine experi-

ence for us to learn about the different types of jobs we may have in the future.

Everyone cares about the problems we have and many other things we do. Such people that care are our counselors, supervisors, teachers and director Laura Thatcher and her staff.

"The Pan American," I am glad your staff took the time and effort to write about the Y.O.U. program. Could you please write another article about us and interview some of us.

I am very sorry if I sound very rude. Thank you for taking your time to read my letter and hope you understand what I am trying to say.

Miguel Cantu  
Y.O.U. student

### Newspaper needs balance of views

To the editor:

Having recognized "The Pan American" as the university's paper, I've also accepted that most of the staff that has written and is writing for the paper is democrat. From Klutts and Powell to Garcia and now Cavazos, all editors have followed this ideology. But not all editors have been willing to voice equal sides to political issues and events. Often, the editors have chosen to avoid printing letters and dissenting opinions which do contradict those that are shared by the staff at "The Pan American." I don't think it is too difficult to find students who disagree with your staff's liberal views. All one must do is look around and ask and after all, isn't that what

good reporting is all about—searching and asking and reporting?

The example I'm getting at is your staff's opinionated views on the burning of the flag. Please try to offer a balance of view on political issues and events that are happening. It's quite evident how your paper's staff votes, but for the sake of students, who choose to believe your opinions or not, please try to offer a balance of opinion. Ask, the students might be surprised to find out that some of us share the same views and that these views are not the same as those printed in your paper.

Democracy may allow the burning of our flag, but it also allows us to combat that type of protest, too.

Sergio Loya  
Psychology

### Business with Texas is easy

LETICIA CAVAZOS  
Editor

Doing business with the state of Texas is easy, said speakers at a seminar Tuesday sponsored in part by the Small Business Development Center of Pan Am.

Hidalgo County Judge J. Edgar Ruiz said he found the interest in the seminar encouraging.

"This is one of the unique efforts we do to educate and prosper economically," he said.

Gerald Heath, program service manager with the State Purchasing and General Services Commission, reviewed filling a bid list application with the audience.

This application allows businesses to be placed in the government's mailing list for bid contracts.

"You don't get the contract if you don't meet specifications," Heath said "even if you have the lower bid."

Businesses that want their applications placed on the bid list should call (512) 463-3416 or write to Bid List Clerk, P.O. Box 13047, Austin, Texas., 78711.

Available at the seminar for question-and-answer sessions were the Texas Youth Commission, Texas Department of Commerce, Texas Employee Commission and the State of Texas Treasury Department.

### Committee applications available

Applications for positions on student-appointed committees are available from the Student Government Association (SGA) in UC 205.

All applications must be turned in by Sept. 10. For more information, call 381-2517.

Three positions are available on the Student Affairs Advisory Committee (SAAC), which advises the dean of students on matters regarding student life and makes recommendations on the allocation of student service fees.

Two positions are available on the Student Publications Committee, which reviews the policies contained in the Student Publications Handbook and appoints the editors of "The Pan American" newspaper and "Rio" magazine.

The Committee of Student Organizations has five positions

open. This committee reviews policies for the approval and supervision of student organizations and reviews requests by organizations for official recognition.

Three positions are open on the Student Financial Aid Committee, which reviews existing financial aid policies and establishes criteria for dispensing scholarship funds which have not yet established criteria.

The Food Committee, which is composed of two commuting

students, helps plan special functions for students who eat in the cafeteria and assist the service manager in bettering the food service.

The Student Rights Committee consists of three students, one of whom is an alternate, and three student court recommendations.

The purpose of this committee is to hear student grievances concerning alleged discrimination charges and to report its findings to all parties involved.

### Summer Library Hours

Monday-Thursday	7:30 a.m.-11 p.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	1-10 p.m.

Circulation desk closes 15 minutes prior to closing hours.

### Corrections

In the June 29 issue, in the corrections, Bill Morris was mentioned as assistant to James Langabeer, vice-president of business affairs. Morris is actually assistant to Ronald Applbaum, vice-president of academic affairs.

In that same issue, Nancy Cavazos was identified, in the page 5 picture, as a Y.O.U. student. She is really with the National Youth Sports Program.

"The Pan American" regrets any problems or inconveniences these errors may have caused.

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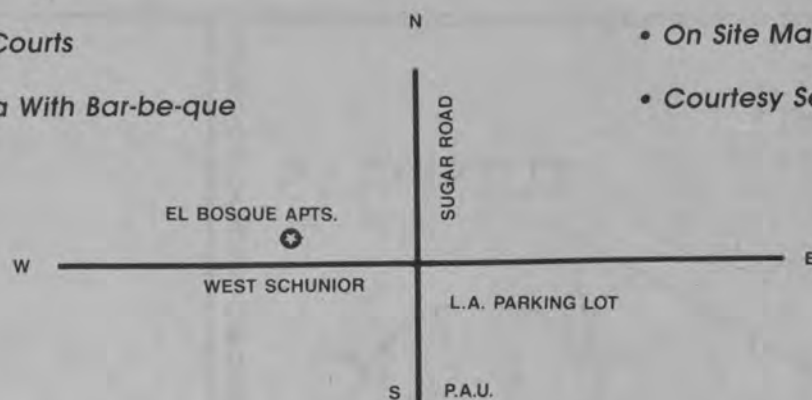
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## CRIME REPORT

# Clinking coins catch culprits

Coins spilling from bulging pockets led to the apprehension of two 16-year-olds who have admitted burglarizing coin-operated copy machines in the library.

A break in the case came when two women in the library observed the youth with the bulging pockets and reported him to library clerk Lou Ann Buchner. Buchner stopped the youth as he tried to leave the library with \$65 in coins crammed in his pockets.

Although the youth gave a fictitious name, Buchner was able to identify him. On arrest, he implicated the other individual. The two admitted burglarizing the machine five times since they began participating in the Upward Bound program June 1.

Both youths have been referred to juvenile authorities and will be reported to the Upward Bound Director, Chief Greg Salazar said.

In an earlier case in which the thief was apprehended after a wild high-speed chase that started on campus and ended on Highway 281, a Hargill man has been ordered to serve the remainder of his 20-year sentence and an additional five years. The theft was committed while the man was on parole from a 20-year sentence on a drug-related crime. His record includes offenses for arson, burglary, drugs, vehicle theft, and aggravated assault.

Other cases include the following:

**June 26**—A young woman complained that her ex-boyfriend directed "foul and obscene" language at her in parking lot F next to the Fieldhouse. The man was taken to JP Court and received 6 months probation.

Also on June 26 a Parking Permit, C94945, was stolen from an orange '77 2-door Pontiac between 9:15 a.m. and 10 a.m. in Lot Jot next to the University Police Department. The owner said the vehicle was not locked.

Between 6:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. the same day. A parking permit, A9408, was stolen from a brown, 4-door, '85 Oldsmobile, Tag 478-FSZ, on the physical science service drive. The owner said he had not rolled up the windows because of the extreme heat.

**June 27**—Attempted burglary of a vehicle. Between 7 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. a culprit tampered with the right passenger door. The owner noticed scratches on the door and found a coat hanger on the ground. The car is a blue over white '86 2 door Ford, Texas 421-LQJ. It is thought that the perpetrator was scared off.

**June 28**—A female student complained her ex-husband obstructed her leaving the campus after school by preventing her from closing her car door. They were referred to the Dean of Students. Case will be handled as a civil matter.

Also on this date a key to the CEED office in the School of Business was reported to have been removed from a keyring between sometime between June 20 and 27. Cost of re-keying and new key is \$125.

**June 29**—Criminal mischief. Between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. the left front head lamp and shield of a Red '84 Lincoln, license 140-BFP was damaged in Lot F. Value \$90 plus labor.

**June 30**—Burglary of a vehicle. Between 8 p.m. and midnight a parking permit, B9074 was stolen from a '79 2-door Mercury, license 696-KLC. The passenger window rolled down.

**July 1**—Between 9:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. two towels valued at \$15 were removed from laundry left unattended in the clothes dryer at the men's residence hall.

**July 1**—Criminal mischief. Someone disconnected washing machine hoses between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the men's residence hall, flooding the laundry room. The water grounded the fire alarm and set off the alarm. Cost of damage had not been assessed at press time.

**July 3**—Two youths participating in the National Youth Sports Program became abusive with an adviser; one threatened her with a makeshift switchblade, crafted from a folding comb. Both boys were dismissed from the program.

**July 6**—Two boys participating in the National Youth Sports Program got into fight. The parents of one have filed a complaint. Both parents and both boys have been referred to the Justice of the Peace Court.

**July 10**—Between 1:30 p.m. July 8 and 7 a.m. July 10. Culprits cut the lock from the gate at the PE tennis court and damaged the lock on the storeroom. The storeroom was empty. Damage is estimated at \$75.

**July 11**—A license plate, TX 890-WJZ, was reported stolen from a '84 Chevette in Lot B by the University Center between 12:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m.

# Students air views on abortion

ROBERT RIGGIO

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Reporters

The abortion issue is one that affects all people. Valley people are even more so due to the nearness of Mexico, where many abortions will occur if abortion restrictions are made in Texas. The following are opinions expressed by Pan Am students during a poll conducted by "The Pan American."

"I think the decision makes evident the irresponsibility of this Supreme Court," "The effects of abortion restriction here may not be a problem because more children, to many families, means more income to one family as a whole."—Estevan Perez, psychology senior.

"The new system is detrimental to this society."—Dave Russel, chemistry senior.

"I haven't read the briefs. I came from a long line of religious pro-lifers, but how can anyone dictate to a woman whether or not she should have an abortion when it is affecting her life? I'm straddling the fence."—name withheld by request, history senior.

"If abortion is restricted then they'll go across the river. It will encourage women who have large families to have larger families."—Judy Terrill, history sophomore.

"I am personally against abortion; I feel that the ruling is going to put a lot of heat on the politicians and no matter what side they take, there will be a lot of opposition," said a "It's a really touchy subject."

"I think abortion is wrong but with some exceptions in cases like rape and incest....People will do it whether it is illegal or not. They will go across the bridge to Reynosa."—name withheld by request, male nursing junior.

"Abortion has been abused, but I believe it's up to the individual. I don't think it should be used as an easy way out in dealing with financial consequences or for fear of exposing sexual promiscuity to parents and peers."—name withheld by request, female nursing junior.

"The opportunity for life is something that should be denied to no one, in spite of the harshness of their prospective existence. How many great minds that have changed our world have developed from broken homes and families?" "The mother does not have the right to grant or deny the unborn life once it has been conceived."

"I'm not saying that abortion was a wasted medical development. It's appropriate for only cases in which the mother's life is at stake."—name withheld by request, music freshman.

"Abortion should not be illegal because it's a way of controlling the population and man's existence on Earth. If abortion is illegal, a lot more mothers will be on welfare, and the government will fall in debt," "Abortion will save many people a lot of money, pain and

suffering both emotionally and physically."—John Villarreal, pre-law freshman.

"Fetuses are alive, they feel pain, they grow! For those women who are raped, that is no reason to deprive someone of a life. No one said life was going to be easy—rape is an unfortunate situation, but the productive child should get a fair chance," "And incest? Even children who might be retarded can feel love and enjoy life their own way; who knows? Some day that child may win the Special Olympics."

"Are we trying to create a perfect society? Are we digressing to the sick mentality of Adolf Hitler? And women do have a choice. The choice is before pregnancy. If she can't take responsibility for her actions, then she should pay the consequences."—Roxanne Villarreal, physical therapy freshman.

## Abortion cases awaiting Supreme Court decision

The Supreme Court will hear three abortion cases at the beginning of their new term on Oct. 2. The cases may overturn the 1973 decision of Roe vs. Wade which legalized abortions in the U.S. Two of the cases deal with teenage pregnancies and the other with state regulation of private abortion clinics.

**Ohio vs. Akron Center for Reproductive Health**—The case deals with the right of teenage girls to obtain abortions without involving their parents. A 1985 Ohio law requires that doctors notify at least one parent. The Cleveland Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit declared the law unconstitutional citing cases limiting states' discretion to place obstacles in the path of teenagers seeking abortions.

**Hodgson vs. Minnesota, Minnesota vs. Hodgson**—The twin appeals in these cases concern Minnesota requirement that both parents be notified before a teenage girl can receive an abortion. This includes notifying the parent who doesn't have legal custody in situations of divorce or parental desertion.

The Supreme Court appeals were filed by group of doctors and the state of Minnesota.

**Turnock vs. Ragsdale**—This case involves state regulation of private abortion clinics. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, in Chicago, barred enforcement of an Illinois law that requires clinics performing abortions in the first three months of pregnancy to meet standards similar to those required for operating rooms in full-care hospitals. The Seventh Circuit ruled that there was no medical need for such requirements; that the reasoning of Roe vs. Wade barred a state from imposing them and that there could not be separate licensing requirements for abortion clinics as distinct from any other medical facility.

## PAU-B offers alternative teaching

PAU Brownsville will hold a workshop for those interested in the Alternative Teaching Program Wednesday from 5:30-7 p.m. in Eidman Hall Room I.

The Alternative Teaching Program is a state-sponsored effort to attract individuals with varied professional experience into the classroom as teachers.

PAU-B has one of the largest alternative programs in the state and is the first university to offer one for special education.

Those interested in entering the Alternative Teaching Program should bring a copy of their transcript to the workshop.

Also, the Functional Academic Skills Test (FAST) will be held Saturday July 22 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Eidman Hall Room I. For more information, contact Abel Gonzalez at 541-0845.

## 'Virgin Cassanova' Auditions Today

Auditions for cast and crew member selections for the Pan American Summer Television (PAST) workshop's production of "The Virgin Cassanova" will be held today in the LRC Media Screening Room at 1 p.m.

Students enrolled in PAST cannot work or be enrolled in other classes.

Students will receive six hours of either upper or lower level credit or graduate credit depending on classification.

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## Track reloads

## Women's track inks 21

MARK MAY  
Sports Editor

Coaches Reid Harter and Doug Erickson have scrounged the recruiting trail and have come up with 21 ladies to reinforce an already formidable women's track program.

Ten of the 21 are from Valley high schools and 14 participated in high school state meets. Seven of the 14 won a state title in at least one event.

"We've got some versatile people," Erickson said.

The new recruits include Laura Vasquez and Laura Arteaga of Edinburg. Tanya Castillo, Billy Joe Castro and Yvette Portales are from McAllen High School. Tammi Rackley comes from Harlingen while Barbara Schulte went to St. Joseph Academy in Brownsville.

Gloria Casanova hails from La Joya, Sonia Rodriguez is from San Perlita (west of Raymondville) and Cindy Cantu comes to Pan Am from Weslaco.

After graduating from Edinburg in 1987, Vasquez transferred from South Plains Junior College. She won the state 5A 800-meter and 1,600-meter runs in '87. Vasquez qualified for the National Junior College meet in the same events at South Plains.

Arteaga, Castro, Portales and Rackley all ran in the 1988 state 5A Cross-Country championships.

Last fall, Schulte won the state Cross-Country title in the T.C.I.L. (private schools) Division.

Valedictorian Rodriguez twice won the 3,200-meter state title at the 1A level and won the 1,600-meter ribbon last spring.

The out-of-Valley recruits consist of Cheryl Adams and Michelle Carter, both transfers from Glendale (Arizona) Community College. Ella Williams and Kathy Boone are from Fort Worth Dunbar.

Regina Pearson comes from Houston Willowridge while Tammy Tabor is from Falfurrias.

Lovey Ortiz is from Medina (north of San Antonio), LuWanna Esquell comes from Harper (near San Antonio), Tonya Bailey is from Ennis High School (north of Dallas), Christie Ledbetter went to Ballinger High School north of Austin while Delilah Johnson hails from Mt. Pleasant (east of Fort Worth).

"Adams comes from one of the top NJCAA track and field programs in the country," Erickson said.

Adams was the NJCAA South Region Heptathlete champion last season.

Carter was 100-meter state champ in New Mexico during high school. Williams finished her high school career with the highest 100-meter dash time in Texas at any level.

Esquell's 100- and 200-meter dash times rank among the top five times in the state at any level. She was state champ in both divisions in 1A.

Ledbetter and Johnson were both state qualifiers in the discus throw.

## 23 join men's track

MARK MAY  
Sports Editor

The men's track program has significantly boosted its numbers by signing 23 runners to next year's team.

Four of the runners are actually red-shirt freshmen from last year. Thirteen of the 23 are Valley natives.

Nine runners have competed at the state level in high school with three taking first place honors.

Manuel Jimenez and Robert Salazar are from Brownsville Porter. Other Valley signees include Martin Arteaga of Edinburg, Ruben Ortega and Kimber Walker of McAllen High School, David Garcia and Eddie Gonzalez of Mercedes, Tony Perez and Valentin Trevino of Mission, Pedro Alvarez of Roma, Felix Zavala of Donna, Osiel De La Cruz of Brownsville Hanna and Guadalupe Enriquez Jr. of Sharyland.

Jimenez and Salazar each ran at the 1988 state 5A cross-country meet. Enriquez Jr. participated in the same event at the 3A level.

A red-shirt last year, De La Cruz is "a very strong cross-country runner" Assistant Coach Doug Erickson said.

Erickson added that Arteaga is one of the top cross-country and middle distance runners in the state (5A). Perez (Mission) made it to cross-country regionals throughout high school.

Trevino made the all-state listing (top 20 runners) for the 800 and 1,600-meter races at Mission.

Three new high-jumpers are Walker of McAllen, Alvarez of Roma and Zavala of Donna. Zavala has recorded the highest jump of the three (six feet, six inches).

Garcia (Mercedes) took part in the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles at the regional level

throughout his high school career.

Newcomers from up-state are Pedro Suarez, a transfer from Texas—El Paso; Roderick Russell, a red-shirt from Fort Worth Dunbar; Robert Thomas of Fairfield (north of Dallas); Eddie Calderon of Kingsville; Alfred Gonzalez of West Oso (Corpus Christi); Roger Gonzalez of Corpus Christi Carroll; Javier Rodriguez, a red-shirt from Crystal City; Orlando Bustamante, a red-shirt from Zapata; Derreck Sanders of Wharton and Robert Nation, a transfer from the School of the Ozarks in Missouri.

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## Volleyball signs 4 Texas girls

Four young ladies from across Texas have signed national letters of intent to play volleyball under coach Becky De Los Santos next fall. Tanja Thomas is a five foot, ten inch All-State performer from Schulenburg (southeast of Austin). She was also All-State in basketball.

Also signing was 5-10 Carla Williams of Waxahachie (south of Dallas).

"She is in Europe this summer playing in a junior (league)," De Los Santos said.

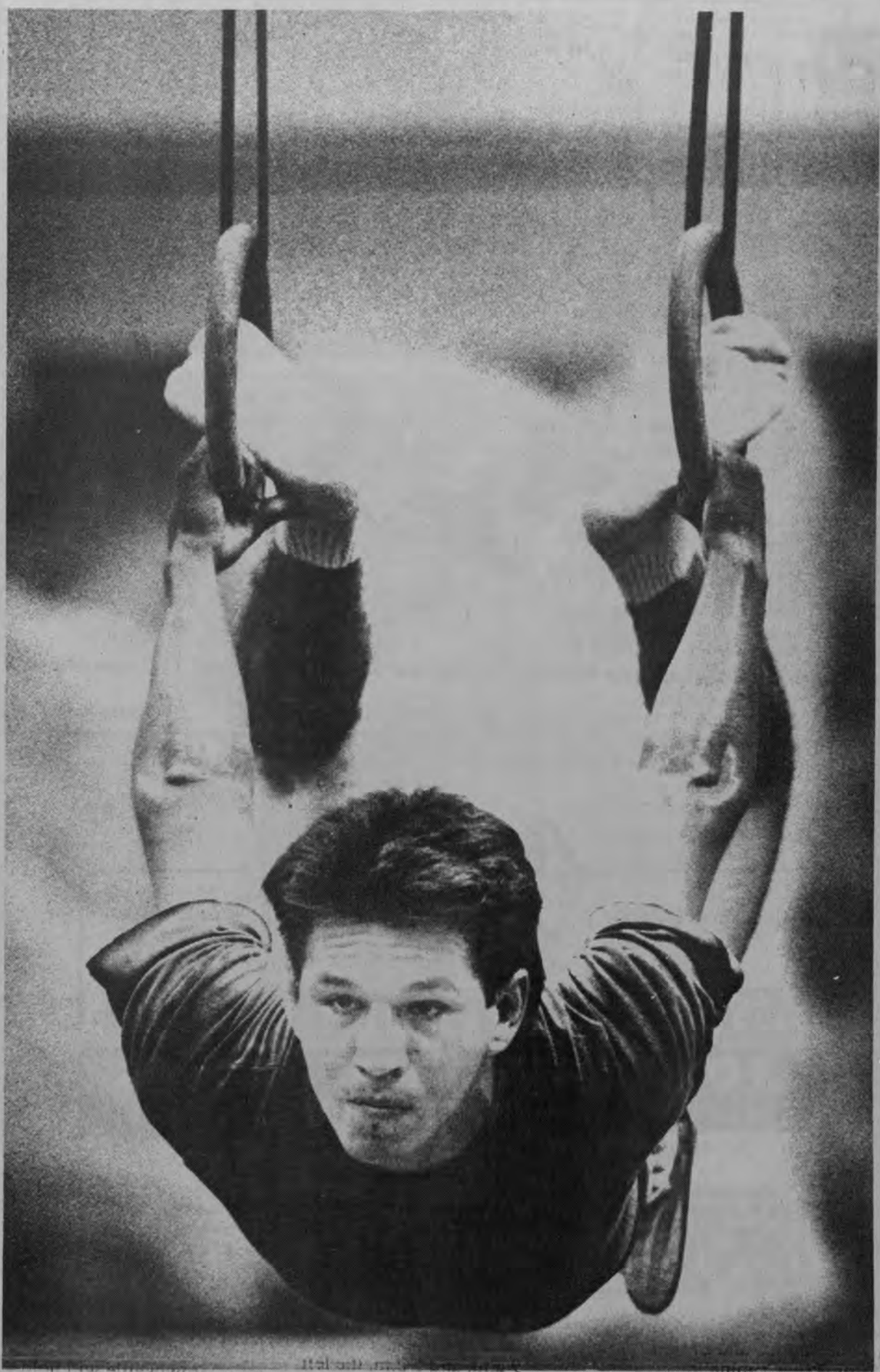
In addition, De Los Santos inked 6-0 Lucy Hooper of Eagle Pass and 5-9 Lori Suter of Rosenberg (south of Houston). Hooper led her team to the regionals last season.

## Local girl joins tennis

Coach David Cross has recruited an Edinburg High School girl to play women's tennis next fall.

Gigi Estacio will be the only recruit, at least until January. Edinburg was ranked seventh in the state last year. The Bobcats won the 31-5A District as they advanced to regionals. Estacio's doubles team finished second in the district.

"We've got everyone back (from last year's American South Conference championship team) except Chris Reetz and Kim Butler," Cross said.



HIGH-FLYING ACT—Mario Salazar, a junior from Mercedes, holds steady on the rings. Mario trains in gymnastic class and is also a boxer.

(Photo by Delcia Lopez)

## Asst. basketball coach resigns

Jim Schuster, assistant men's basketball coach, resigned June 30 "The Monitor" reported Tuesday.

Athletic Director Sam Odstrcil announced Schuster's decision Monday.

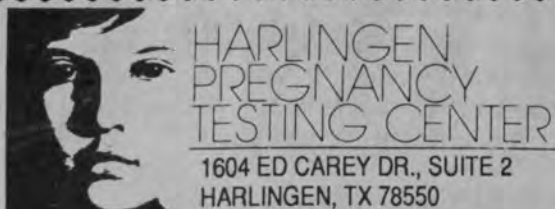
Schuster, 31, has assisted Head Coach Kevin Wall the last two years. Prior to coming to Pan Am he was the head coach at Pratt (Kansas) Community College for five seasons.

Sports Information Director Jim McKone said he was leaving basketball to forge a different career.

Wall will be allowed to present his top three candidates to President Miguel Nevarez who will choose Schuster's replacement the "Monitor" said.



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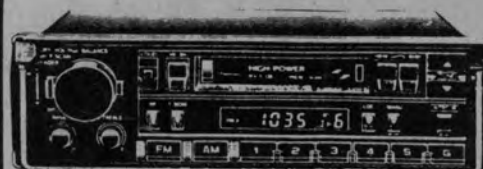
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## Abortion

expected to play a central part in legislative campaigns next year. Representative Alex Moreno of Edinburg said voters should voice their concerns now about the future of abortion in Texas, before any changes in the state regulations are made.

"We might see some illegal abortions in the Valley and in Mexico under unsanitary conditions," Moreno said.

Voting to give restrictive power to states were Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, Anthony M. Kennedy, Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia and Byron R. White. Those opposed were Justices Harry A. Blackmun, William J. Brennan Jr., Thurgood Marshall and John Paul Stevens.

The court will hear three new abortion cases in September, cases which may threaten the Roe vs. Wade decision. The 1973 ruling legalizing abortion states that the woman's decision to have an abortion is up to her and her doctor during the first three months of her pregnancy.

## Senate

Rausch refused to comment on her reasons for not considering the senate's recommendations for the policy, but said she will present her policy, with minor changes, before the regents' last meeting in August.

## Tests

Gov. Bill Clements indicated that if there was a second session of the house, abortion will be a topic of discussion.

"The best way to let our our congressmen know how we feel about abortion is to right to them, then they will feel the pressure and vote for what the people want," Simmons said.

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## Track

An All-Conference selection in the Western Athletic Conference, Suarez has leaped 7-0 in the high jump.

Red-shirted last year, Russell has exciting credentials.

"He's from one of the strongest sprint districts (FW Dunbar) for high school in the country," Erickson remarked.

Thomas was 3A state champ in the 200-meter dash and qualified for state at 100-meters. Calderon was fourth in Texas at 800-meters last year.

State qualifiers for cross-country were Gonzalez (West Oso), Rodriguez, Bustamante and Gonzalez (CC Carroll).

## BRIEFS

### Hidalgo County seeks volunteers

The Hidalgo County Juvenile Court Conference Committee Program is seeking volunteers to help first time juvenile offenders and their families.

The program is under the direction of the Board of Judges and coordinated by Nick Molina.

Those who are accepted into this program must undergo twelve hours of comprehensive training before being allowed certification by a district judge. Following this procedure, the trainees will serve for three to seven hours a month on a committee which is conducted in the evenings.

Not only is the activity beneficial towards one's education, but it is also an enriching social experience and a valuable service to society as a whole.

"This is a good chance for criminal justice and social work students to get field experience," said Mark Kent, assistant coordinator of the committee.

For more information, contact Kent at the Juvenile Detention Facility at 381-8600 or 262-2141.

### NEA offers film, video grants

Grants for filmmakers and videomakers of up to \$5000 are available from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Mid-America Arts Alliance.

The Independent Production Fund (IPF) for 1989 consists of more than \$45,000 in funds to be awarded on a competitive basis to candidates in Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, three other states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Since 1980, more than \$400,000 has been granted to media artists by the Southwest Alternate Media Project in Houston, Texas.

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