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SGA fuming over campus accounts

By John Strubelt
Collegian Editor

The Student Government Association is vowing to fight for a more efficient campus accounts process, even threatening to "step on some toes."

During the Nov. 1 meeting, SGA President Edward

Camarillo and Senator at Large Hugo Perez reported on the findings of the Campus Accounts Ad



Edward Camarillo

Hoc Committee. The committee has opened communication with other UT components regarding the methods their student organizations use in maintaining their own accounts.

Perez, who chairs the committee, said that one of the best methods is used by UT-Austin, which has a giant outside

account. The university itself runs the account in which organizations are allowed to deposit and withdraw money.

Camarillo had some harsh words for the Business Office and noted that UTB/TSC needs a similarly efficient means of

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Spring 2003 registration begins today

Office of News & Information

Telephone and Web registration for the Spring 2003 semester at UTB/TSC begins today.

High school graduates or returning students who have been out of school for more than a year should visit the Admissions Office located in Tandy Hall as soon as possible to complete the admissions process for registration.

"I recommend students register early so that they can have more choices of classes that are convenient," Registrar Al Barreda said.

Course schedules are available at the UTB/TSC Bookstore

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Relay for rights



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Marco Flores, a representative of the Diocese of Matamoros, passes the torch to Brownsville Mayor Blanca Vela at the Gateway International Bridge Wednesday night during the Carrera Antorcha Guadalupana, a torch run from Mexico City's Basilica de Guadalupe to New York City's St. Patrick's Cathedral. The event aims to focus attention on the plight of

undocumented immigrants and is organized by Asociación Tepeyac de New York, a nonprofit group sponsored by the Archdiocese of New York. The Catholic Campus Ministry hosted several of the runners overnight, said Hilda Escandón, the ministry's coordinator. The relay is expected to reach New York on Dec. 12, the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Bachelor of Applied Technology program takes wing

By Analiz Gonzalez
Staff Writer

A few years ago, Peter Gawenda, a professor of education, was flying home from Dallas on a plane with several computer company employees who had been at a conference.

"They were all computer specialists and several had associ-

ates of applied science in the computer field," Gawenda said. "They were complaining that they weren't going to be able to fulfill what their company wanted because they didn't have a bachelor's degree. When I returned home, I discussed the situation with [computer sciences assistant professor Domingo] Molina ... and

he was very familiar with this problem so we decided that we should do something about it."

So began the effort to start a Bachelor of Applied Technology degree program at UTB/TSC.

"It took us four years to get the BAT program developed and approved, but it was well worth it," Gawenda said.

"Students who have gone through occupational or technical or vocational [associate] degree programs can ... transfer them into the BAT. In the past, those vocational or technical programs were not transferable because the credits were not academic credits so

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By Leslie Robinson

Staff Reporter

The Criminal Justice Association and the Office of Student Activities are joining forces to help lift the spirits of needy children this Christmas.

They will sponsor a dance at 7 p.m. Nov. 20 in the Student Union's *Gran Salon*. Admission to the dance is a new, unwrapped toy. The toys collected will be given to the Toys for Tots organization which will distribute the toys to Brownsville children.

Titled "Locotoño," the autumn dance will feature ADN, a local band that plays international music.

In addition to the music, there will be a limbo contest and a "celebrity" auction of students, faculty and staff, who will spend their time at the dance with the person who bids the highest for them. Proceeds from the auction will be used for the purchase of toys.

"We are hoping to have a huge amount of toys so that we could benefit the needy youth of Brownsville," said Student Activities Director Vince Solis.

Solis praised the Criminal Justice Association's effort on behalf of needy children.

"I really like the idea," Solis said, referring to the charity dance.

Door prizes and other goodies will be given away at the dance.

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and the Office of Admissions & Registrar in Tandy Hall. The schedule is also available online at www.utb.edu.

For more information, call the Admissions Office at 544-8295 or New Student Relations at 544-8860. If you live outside of Brownsville, call toll free at 1-800-850-0160.

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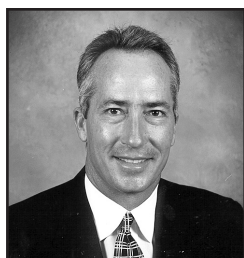
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Briefs

The **Student Government Association** invites all students to its first annual **SGA Rush** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Endowment Courtyard. At least 20 organizations will be participating. For more information, contact Michelle García, SGA vice president for Public Relations, at 554-8217, 592-0395 or e-mail her at M_garcia30@utb.edu.

The **UTB/TSC Chamber Ensembles** will perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the SET-B Lecture Hall. Admission is \$3.

Valley Baptist Medical Center's mobile mammography unit will conduct **breast cancer screening** on campus from 8:20 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. Call **Adelina Buentello**, Student Health Services secretary, at 544-8951 to make an appointment. The cost of the mammogram is \$65. Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance cards will be accepted.

The **UTB/TSC Wind Ensemble** will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Jacob Brown Auditorium. Admission is \$3.

Dinesh D'Souza, the Rishwain Research Scholar from the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, will discuss shaping and sharing the conservative agenda on the radio program **"Society Under Fire,"** which airs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday on KMBH-FM (88.9). D'Souza served as senior domestic policy analyst in the White House from 1987-1988, followed by positions at Policy Review and the American Enterprise Institute. He is the author of numerous books, including, "Illiberal Education," "The End of Racism," "The Virtue of Prosperity," "What's So Great About America," and most recently, "Letters to a Young Conservative." **David Pearson**, associate professor of sociology, hosts the program.

UTB/TSC students are invited to participate in the annual **Martin Luther King essay contest**. The topic for the essay is "How Does Institutionalized Racism Impact Hispanics in South Texas?" The essay should consist of two pages, typewritten and doubled spaced. The cover page should have your name, ID number and telephone number. The first three place winners will receive \$100, \$50 and \$25, respectively, and a plaque. Winners will read their essays on Jan. 15, 2003, during the Martin Luther King Jr. program, **"An Evening of Celebration."** Essays must be submitted to the Mathematics Department at SET-B 2.454 by noon Friday. For more information, call **Deloria Nanze-Davis**, department chairman, at 574-6643.

The **University Book Club** will meet at noon Friday at the UTB/TSC Bookstore to discuss **"Things Left Unfinished at the Time of Creation"** by John Philip Santos. This memoir explores the author's family history, including his attempt to solve the mystery of his grandfather's suicide in San Antonio in 1939. The work is a meditation on the nature of Mexican and Mexican-American identity and how the two are often in conflict.

Sigma Delta Pi seeks students who sing and recite poetry in Spanish, perform folkdance or play musical instruments to participate in its presentation of **"Noche Bohemia,"** scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday in the Endowment Courtyard. For more information, contact María del Carmen González at 544-8250.

The **Valley Symphony Orchestra** is scheduled to perform at 8 p.m. Friday at the Jacob Brown Auditorium. For ticket information, call 982-7945.

H-E-B's 11th annual **Feast of Sharing** will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Jacob Brown Auditorium. Volunteer Coordinator Bob Clark said volunteers are needed to decorate from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 19, and from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 20 to help prepare and serve meals. For more information or to sign up to volunteer, call the Office of Student Activities at 554-5138.

The **Financial Assistance Office** will be offering limited services Nov. 23 to Dec. 8 due to computer upgrades. For more information, call 544-8277.

Tickets are on sale for the **Holiday Social** for full-time staff and faculty. The dance will take place from 8 p.m. to midnight Dec. 12 at the Student Union's *Gran Salon* and will feature music provided by a disc jockey, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Attire is semiformal. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from the following: Ronnie Zamora, Gorgas Hall C100; Karen Fuss-Sommer, Life and Health Sciences Building 2.520; Norma Vera, SET-B 2.342; Pilar Saldivar, Gorgas Hall; Emilia Taylor, North Hall 109; Liza Salinas, Tandy Hall 107; Lucy Willis, South Hall 212; and Griselda Mendoza, Gorgas Hall.

Medrano going to Austin for textbook vote

By Ildefonso Ortiz
Tiempo Nuevo Editor

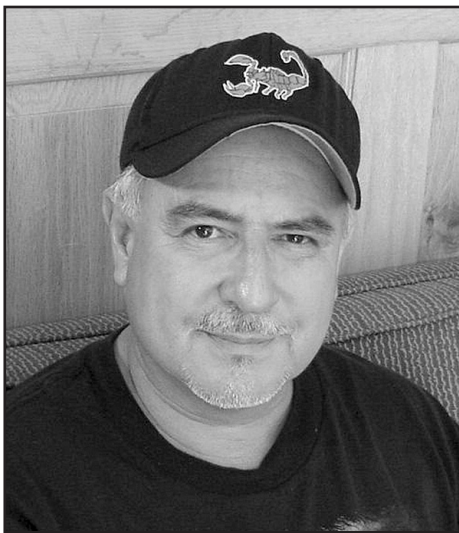
Social Sciences Professor Manuel Medrano will travel to Austin this week to witness the Texas State Board of Education's vote on textbooks school districts will use in the next academic year.

Earlier this year, Medrano and some of his students testified before the state board about the need for inclusion of more women and minorities in history and government textbooks for grades K-12.

"The [Texas] State Board of Education is going to decide on the proposed books of certain companies," he said. "Various school districts will select [books] from that pool that has already been approved by the board."

The professor said he hopes to take with him some of the students who took part in the textbook hearings.

"This is the fulfillment of a lot of work with the students and I certainly applaud their efforts ...because of their courage for going up there with me and presenting. ... [It] certainly had an impact not only on the book companies



Manuel Medrano

but the board of education as well," Medrano said.

The professor, students and other scholars testified before the board on three different occasions: July 17, Aug. 23 and Sept 11.

Some publishing companies are already taking steps toward adding more coverage of Hispanic historical figures.

"Because if they are not inclusive, the state board will reject the book, and you are talking about \$338 million a year--

that's the textbook industry in Texas," Medrano said. "When you are a large company ... and you have a large share of that market, and they reject your book, you are out of luck."

After the hearings, Medrano was hired as a consultant by Prentice Hall to review the first 32 pages of its proposed seventh-grade history textbook, "Lone Star: The Story of Texas," previous editions of which are used in Brownsville's middle schools. The section contains mini-biographies, including those of folklorist Américo Paredes, historian Carlos Castañeda and UTB/TSC President Juliet V. Garcia, all Brownsville natives. They are not traditional political personalities but have contributed to the history of Texas, he said.

Medrano also reviewed "America: Pathways to the Present," a high school history book.

The Texas State Board of Education's vote is scheduled for Friday. Medrano said that if the board vote favors the inclusion of minorities, other states will surely catch on.

"Texas and California are the largest textbook purchasers in the country, so it makes sense that other states that are more progressive will follow suit," Medrano said. "The battlefields are first in Texas and California--they are the most powerful boards [of education] in the country."

Medrano said that the real impact of the more inclusive books "is that children can identify with the people in them."

Campus Police Report

A hit and run, two burglar alarms and a student who became ill are among the incidents reported by Campus Police between Oct. 30 and Nov. 6.

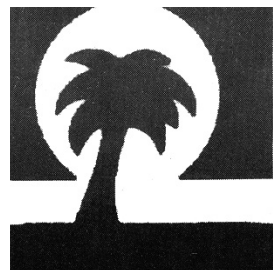
At 5 a.m. Oct. 30, Security International contacted Campus Police in regard to a burglar alarm that sounded at the Continuing Education Building Annex. Police reported no evidence of suspicious activity.

At 7:14 a.m. the same day, Argus Security contacted Campus Police in regard to a burglar alarm at the Enrollment Office. Police reported no evidence of suspicious activity.

At 12:13 p.m., Campus Police dispatched an officer to Duffey Plaza in reference to an ill student. The officer escorted the student to Student Health Services and back to Duffey Plaza.

At 10:05 p.m. Nov. 4, a student reported that the passenger door of his vehicle was dented while it was parked in the lot next to the Education Building.

--Compiled by Ildefonso Ortiz



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Bush's popularity, Democrats' weak message propelled GOP gains

By Steven Thomma

Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON--First, President Bush all but made sure that his party wouldn't lose much ground in Tuesday's congressional elections.

Then the Democrats all but made sure that their party would.

It took that one-two punch to stand history on its head and produce Republican gains in the House of Representatives and a takeover of the Senate on Tuesday.

Bush's wartime popularity insulated him against the midterm losses in Congress that have afflicted every other first-term president since Franklin Roosevelt in 1934. Then the refusal of the Democratic Party to offer a credible set of alternative policies allowed Bush and his Grand Old Party to gain control of Congress.

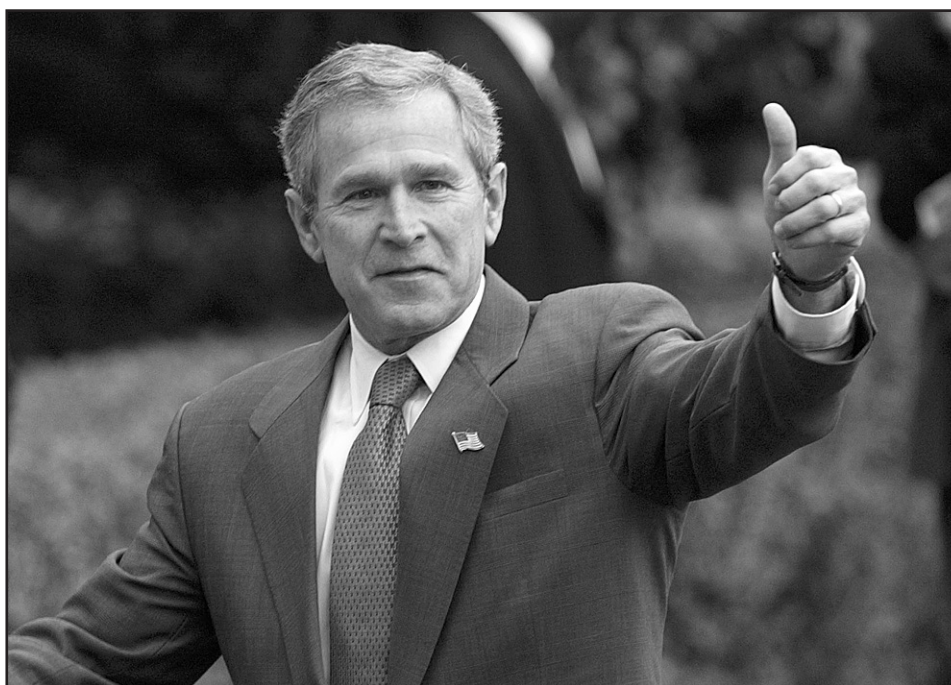
"The Democrats had no coherent message. They had no principled message. They had tactics and no strategy," said Dennis Goldford, a political scientist at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

Republicans gained two Senate seats and will rule there 51-48, with one independent, James Jeffords of Vermont, voting with Democrats. The Senate seat in Louisiana remains in doubt; incumbent Democrat Mary Landrieu faces Republican Suzanne Terrell in a Dec. 7 runoff.

Republicans also added to their House majority, winning at least 227 seats, a gain of four. Democrats had 203. There is one independent, Bernard Sanders of Vermont. Four seats remained undecided at press time; Republicans led in one race and Democrats in three.

Even Democrats said Bush deserved much of the credit for his party's historic triumph. Midway into his first four-year term, Bush approached the election with the formidable advantage of being the most popular president in at least 40 years.

After a disputed election and middling start, Bush soared in popularity for the way he responded to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Even 14 months later, he still enjoyed the approval of 63 percent of Americans in a Gallup poll. That was far higher than Ronald Reagan's 43 percent approval rating at the same point in his presidency, higher even than John F. Kennedy's 61 percent in the fall of 1962, just after his successful conclusion of the Cuban Missile Crisis.



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After a week of campaigning for fellow Republicans, President George W. Bush gives a thumbs up as he returns to the White House on Election Day, last Tuesday, from his Texas ranch.

Bush put his popularity on the line this fall by working feverishly to help his party. He raised a record amount of money, intervened to recruit candidates who later won in places such as Minnesota and barnstormed the country to rally Republican voters and workers.

That was all it took, Democrats said Wednesday.

"They had a wartime president with the highest sustained approval ratings in history, who made these elections his No. 1 domestic priority," said Terry McAuliffe, the chairman of the Democratic National Committee. "He clearly was an important factor in these elections, absolutely."

Yet Bush's popularity by itself was not enough. As White House aides knew, high approval ratings help a president's party in elections, but usually only by limiting the depth of losses.

Bush did more than that, however. He helped his party soften the harsh image it gained during the 1990s, when then-House Speaker New Gingrich of Georgia moved to close the Department of Education and slash Medicare. Bush pushed through an increase in federal spending on education and promised government help with the high cost of prescription drugs. GOP candidates around the country echoed him.

Even then, Bush's Republicans might not have been able to sweep the table in tossup races Tuesday had he faced a potent opposition party. But, to paraphrase the late comic Will Rogers, he

faced no organized opposition party--he faced the Democrats.

Throughout the year, Democratic leaders in Washington based their election strategy on the hope that voters would blame Bush for corporate scandals, sliding stocks and a weak economy. They refused to offer alternatives on budget or tax policy. And they dismissed the debate over war with Iraq--seen by many Democrats across the country as a crucial life-and-death issue--as a distraction best rushed out of the way.

"These elections were local," McAuliffe maintained Wednesday. "We did not have a national message."

"Democrats need to be crystal clear about their vision. ... They were unable to do that," said AFL-CIO President John Sweeney.

"Whatever message was out there was not as good as the message that the president was able to deliver," said Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb.

"The Democrats aren't functioning as a real political party now," Drake University's Goldford said. "There's no passion among the Democrats."

One crucial factor Tuesday was the percentage of registered voters who bothered to vote. Republicans did a better job of getting their supporters to vote than the Democrats did.

Democrats have long dominated in what insiders call the "ground game," with labor unions providing legions of people to make phone calls and knock on doors to make sure like-minded neighbors vote. Previously, Republicans had relied more on paid phone banks and TV ads to reach people, but they have found those contacts ineffective.

This year, House Republican vote-getter Tom DeLay of Texas, nicknamed The Hammer, devised a Republican plan called Strategic Task Force for Organizing and Mobilizing People, or STOMP. It dispatched aides from Republican House members in safe re-

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Texas Gov. Rick Perry speaks at a news conference in Austin last Wednesday.

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election campaigns to knock on doors and provide similar help in competitive districts.

Democrats, weakened by their lack of an inspiring message, had a disappointing turnout effort.

"There weren't enough other Democrats putting on their running shoes," said Steve Rosenthal, political director for the AFL-CIO. "The message for Democrats ... is that they really have to stand for something; they have to be bold."

Democratic leaders remained defiant Wednesday, even as they faced grow-

ing discontent within their party.

"Democrats are in good shape," McAuliffe said.

"There is considerable support for the Democratic message," said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., chairwoman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

Others urged the party to turn back to its liberal roots.

"Unless the Democratic Party and individual Democratic candidates begin to differentiate themselves from the mushy middle, they will be forced to walk in the wilderness for years to come," said Amy Isaacs, director of the liberal Americans for Democratic Action.

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Club Spotlight

Name: Criminal Justice Association at UTB/TSC

Purpose: To enhance interest and awareness about the importance of the criminal justice system and promote relations among the community, the university and criminal justice agencies.

Established: 1991

President: Frank Muñiz

Vice President: Dina Jane Huerta

Secretary: Lupita Molina

Treasurer: Jeannette Rosas

Historian: Erica Ureste

Sergeant at Arms: Ramiro Galvan

Recruiters: Steve Aguilar and Octavio Gonzalez

Adviser: Harry O. White Jr.

Meetings: At 6 p.m. every other Friday in the Gorgas Board Room

Events: Charro Days Parade and Wings Over the Valley Air Fiesta

Community Service: H-E-B Feast of Sharing, Angel Tree, Toys for Tots, annual candlelight vigil during Child Abuse Awareness Month and Adopt-A-Highway

For more information, call: Steve Aguilar at 793-4511 or Octavio Gonzalez at 341-1879.

--Compiled by Leslie Robinson



CHRIS AGUILAR/COLLEGIAN

Members of the Criminal Justice Association include (front row, from left) Jeannette Rosas, treasurer; Dina Huerta, vice president; Lupita Molina, secretary; and Erica Ureste, historian. Back row: Steve Aguilar, recruiter; Jorge Peña, auditor; Frank Muñiz, president; Ramiro Galvan, sergeant at arms; Octavio Gonzalez, recruiter; and Harry O. White Jr., adviser

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HALLOWEEN HAVOC 2002



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Chris Aguilar (left), a junior radiologic technology major, and Jean Clynes, a Business Office cashier, entertain the Halloween Havoc crowd with their impromptu dance. The event was held in the Student Union's Gran Salon.



JOSIE RUIZ/COLLEGIAN

Freshmen Bobby Beltran and Desiree Figueroa are all smiles in their Moulin Rouge outfits. The pair won second place in the costume contest.

Alex "El Alacrán" Salinas poses for the crowd in his low rider costume, which won first place. His prize was \$150.



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Claudia Martinez, a business administration junior, makes a candle, one of several activities at Halloween Havoc.

Votarán sobre libros de texto este viernes

Por Ildefonso Ortiz

Editor de Tiempo Nuevo

El profesor de Ciencias Sociales Manuel Medrano viajará esta semana a Austin, Texas para presenciar el voto que la Junta Estatal de Educación de Texas tomará respecto a los libros de texto que los distritos escolares usarán en el próximo año académico.

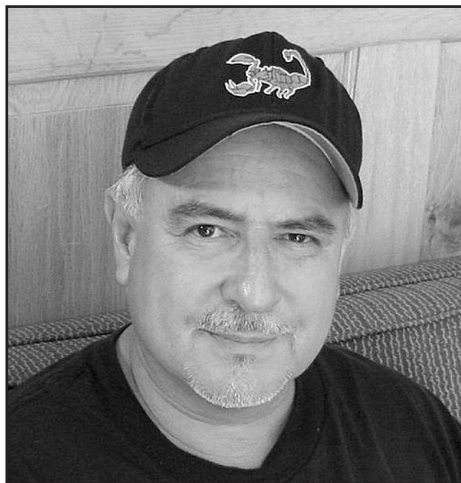
A principios de año, Medrano y algunos estudiantes testificaron frente a la junta estatal sobre la necesidad de incluir a las mujeres y minorías en libros de texto de historia y gobierno de primaria, secundaria y preparatoria.

"La Junta Estatal de Educación [de Texas] va a decidir en los libros propuestos por ciertas compañías", dijo Medrano. "Varios distritos escolares seleccionarán [libros] de un grupo que ya ha sido aprobado por la junta".

El profesor dijo que espera llevar con él algunos de los estudiantes que tomaron parte en las audiencias sobre los libros de texto.

"Esta es la culminación de mucho trabajo con los estudiantes y ciertamente aplaudo sus esfuerzos... porque debido a su valor de ir allá conmigo y presentar. ... definitivamente tuvo un impacto no sólo en las compañías de libros sino en la junta estatal también", dijo Medrano.

El profesor, los estudiantes y otros profesores testificaron ante la junta en



Manuel Medrano

tres diferentes ocasiones: 17 de julio, 23 de agosto y 11 de septiembre.

Algunas compañías editoriales ya están tomando la iniciativa para dar más cobertura de figuras hispanas históricas.

"Porque si ellos no son inclusivos, la junta estatal va a rechazar el libro, y esto representa cerca de \$338 millones al año—así es la industria de libros de texto en Texas", dijo Medrano. "Cuando eres una compañía grande... y tienes acciones de ese mercado, y te rechazan tu libro, ya no tienes suerte".

Después de las audiencias, Medrano fue contratado como consultor por Prentice Hall para revisar las primeras 32 páginas de su libro de texto de historia propuesto para el primer año de secundaria, "Lone Star: The Story of

Texas" (La Estrella Solitaria: La Historia de Texas), del cual ediciones previas son usadas en las escuelas secundarias de Brownsville. La sección contiene mini-biografías de personas, incluyendo al folklorista Américo Paredes, el historiador Carlos Castañeda y la rectora de UTB/TSC Juliet V. García, todos oriundos de Brownsville. Ellos no son personalidades tradicionales de la política pero han contribuido a la historia de Texas, dijo él.

Medrano también revisó "America: Pathways to the Present" (América: Caminos al Presente), un libro de historia de preparatoria.

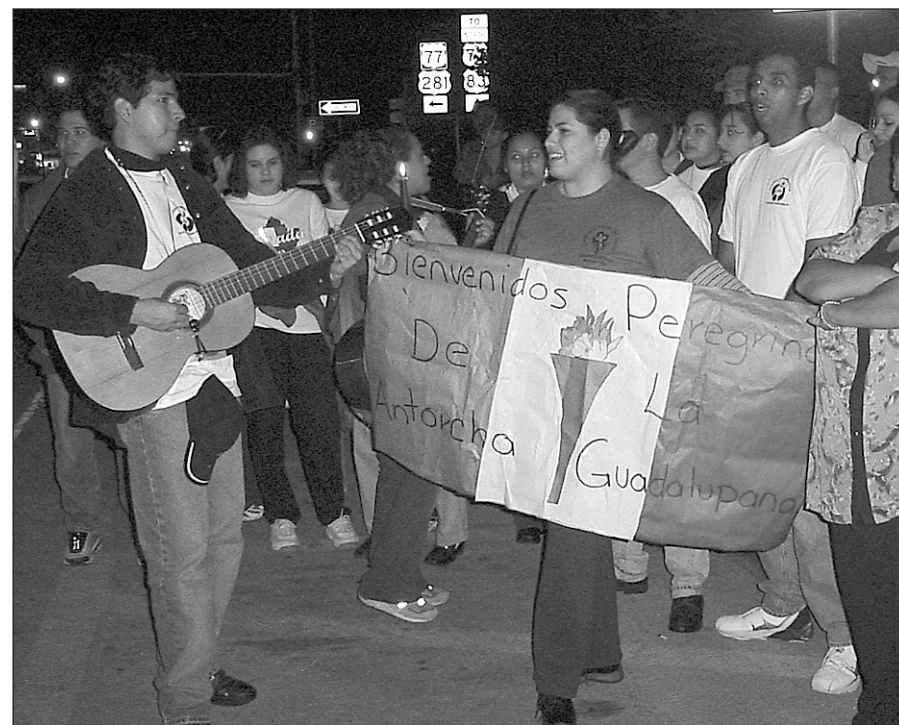
El voto de la Junta Estatal de

Educación de Texas está programado para el viernes. Medrano dijo que si la junta favorece la inclusión de minorías, otros estados lo harán también.

"Texas y California son los más grandes compradores de libros de texto en el país, así que tiene sentido si otros estados que son más progresivos seguirán los mismos pasos", dijo Medrano. "Los campos de batalla están primero que nada en Texas y California—ellos son las juntas [de educación] más poderosas en el país".

Medrano dijo que el impacto real de los libros más inclusivos "es que los niños se identifican con las personas en ellos".

Dando la bienvenida a la Carrera Antorcha Guadalupana



DAMARIS GLORIA/COLLEGIAN

Estudiantes de UTB/TSC Juan Carlos Sánchez (tocando la guitarra) y Melissa Villafranca (sosteniendo el estandarte) son vistos cerca del Puente Internacional Gateway la noche del miércoles ayudando a recibir a la Carrera Antorcha Guadalupana, una carrera desde la Basílica de Guadalupe de la Ciudad de México hasta la Catedral de San Patricio en Nueva York. La carrera internacional, organizada por la Asociación Tepeyac de Nueva York, está concentrando su atención en el apuro de los inmigrantes indocumentados y se espera que llegue a Nueva York el 12 de diciembre, la fiesta del día de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Varios de los corredores pasaron la noche en el campus como invitados del Ministerio Universitario Católico, Hilda Escandón, coordinadora del mismo, dijo.

Estudiante de Hoy

Por Lorena Cruz

Reportera

Nombre: José de Jesús Vásquez

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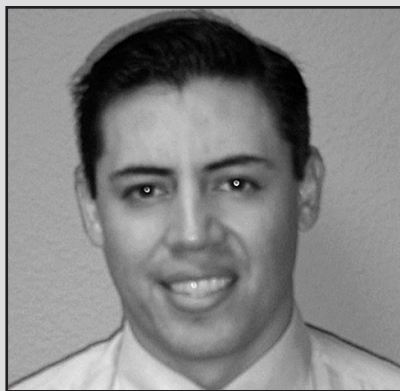
Especialidad: Biología, con segunda especialidad en inglés y química.

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"El haber regresado a la universidad, porque ya tenía una familia y responsabilidades".



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¿Qué has hecho en beneficio de la comunidad? "Me he ofrecido a hacer trabajo voluntario para la reforestación del programa Río, el programa que ofrece el zoológico en Halloween (Boo at the Zoo), en la Clínica Comunitaria de Brownsville y en el hospicio Sunshine Haven".

Breve

El Banquete de la Amistad de H-E-B en su undécimo año se celebrará de 11 a.m. a 3 p.m. el 20 de noviembre en el Auditorio Jacob Brown. Para ayudar como voluntario, llame a la oficina de Actividades Estudiantiles al 554-5138.

Team Sting's season finale ends on high note

By Alejandro Rivera
Sports Editor

Team Sting finished the volleyball season with a bang, winning its final two matches on Nov. 1 against Galveston College, 30-27, 30-19, 30-22, and on Nov. 2 against Alvin Community College, 30-12, 30-20, 30-26.

The two victories snapped a three-match losing streak that saw the Lady Scorpions fall out of playoff contention. UTB/TSC finished the season with a 5-11 overall record and a 4-8 conference record.

On Nov. 2, UTB/TSC played its final match of the season defeating Alvin in three games before a packed house at the Garza Gym. The crowd was loud and into the game and it reflected on the team's play.

The Lady Scorpions got off to a running start in Game 1 and never looked back, taking the first game 30-12. The 18-point victory was by far the best showing of the year for UTB/TSC.

Game 2 saw much of the same as UTB/TSC completely dominated Alvin offensively to win 30-20.

"I thought the players showed what they were made out of," head coach Skippy Brown said about the team's performance. "They proved that they were winners and they proved that they can dominate when they want to."

Game 3 was the closest as UTB/TSC looked a bit tired and a step slower than Alvin but still managed to come up with the decisive win as outside hitter Crystal Bosmans hit a spike off an Alvin defender for a side out and a 30-26 victory.

"We weren't supposed to win that game [against Alvin]," Brown said. "We were supposed to lose and we won it in three and that was the biggest step that these girls could have [taken]."

Contributing to the win were outside hitters Jessica Vargas with 11 kills, 14 digs and two aces; Stephanie Maria added six aces and six digs; Crystal Bosmans had five digs, three kills and one block; and Liz Moreno had six digs and three aces. Middle blockers Xochitl Garza had eight kills and two blocks, while Keli Rae Loff led with three blocks. Setter Cathryn Hayslip put in 24 assists and 5 digs.

On Nov. 1, UTB/TSC faced Galveston College and swept all three games. Contributing in that game were Bosmans with 11 kills, two blocks and two aces; Loff with six kills; Monica



ALEJANDRO RIVERA/COLLEGIAN

Outside hitter Stephanie Maria hits a serve against Alvin Community College on Nov. 2 at the Garza Gym. The game, which drew the largest crowd of the year, was the season finale.

Garza with four kills; and Vargas with 11 digs. Xochitl Garza also helped with eight kills and four blocks. Libero Mignon Talk added 14 digs, defensive specialist Amanda Garcia had five digs and setter Hayslip had 29 assists.

"I think we played real hard all weekend, all week we've been practicing pretty hard getting ready for these two games because when we went over there we lost to them pretty bad so we really wanted to beat them this time," Moreno said about the team's performance over the weekend. "It was tough but we pulled through and we finished off the season on a good note."

Though the season is over for UTB/TSC, it has just begun for Brown, who now begins to recruit for next year. Brown needs to recruit heavily because he is losing Loff, Vargas, Garcia, Hayslip, Monica Garza, Axle Valle, Maria and Bosmans, whose two-year eligibility ends with the season. Brown called Hayslip his quarterback.

All the players were an integral part of the team but the biggest losses will be Vargas, who led the team each week; Maria, who played well each game; Bosmans, who was considered the heart of the team by Brown; and Hayslip, who controlled the offense.

Brown said there was something special about this group.

"I don't care if I have a team here that wins the whole national championship, there probably won't be another team that I like more than this team right here," Brown said. "[I've] never seen a

you're not supposed to beat."

Some of the players were also sad about the season ending and the prospect of not playing together anymore.

"It's hard because this is a really good bunch," Monica Garza said. "I mean we're a really good team, we worked really good together, and it's hard to say goodbye to a lot of the girls. But if it's meant to be, we should see each other later either playing against each other somewhere else or just around."

Vargas was also sad about saying goodbye to the other players.

"It's kind of sad, I was really happy that we won but it was not as satisfying because it was our last game," she said. "I wanted to cry a little bit."

Brown regards his first season as a success.

"I thought it was very successful," he said. "Once we started to get the feel for each other, I think we got the most out of every player on this team. We used everything we had to win, put everybody where they could do the best job and that's why it turned out the way it did toward the end ... winning six straight games in a row."

Scoreboard takes homecourt advantage



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The UTB/TSC Volleyball Team stands in front of the new scoreboard during its unveiling Nov. 1 in the Garza Gym. The scoreboard replaces one that was more than 20 years old, according to the Office of News & Information. Attorney Joe Valle and the Rio Grande Valley Coca-Cola Bottling Co. sponsored the new scoreboard. The scoreboard can also be used for intramural basketball games.

Men's Varsity Golf Team wins 3rd place at tourney

By Alejandro Rivera
Sports Editor

The UTB/TSC Men's Varsity Golf Team placed third at the Viking Invitational Tournament at Grayson Community College Oct. 27-29.

Unfortunately, the women's team and men's junior varsity were not as successful at the St. Mary's University Fall Classic in San Antonio at Woodlake Country Club, also held Oct. 27-29.

Leading the way for the men's varsity team at Grayson was Noe Martinez, who shot an overall score of 152 in the tournament. He shot a 74 in Round 1 and a 78 in the second, making him the team leader for the tournament.

"Noe Martinez is a lefty," golf coach Jesse Lucio said. "I've never had a southpaw on the team but he has been very consistent, he's made the three varsity tournaments and he's playing really solid. I'm happy with how he is coming along."

Trailing Martinez were co-captains Mauro Lerma, who shot a 74 in Round 1 and an 81 in Round 2, and Richard Abete who shot an 80 and a 76. Both shot 155 total for the tournament.

"Mauro Lerma is co-captain along with Richard Abete because they both show tremendous leadership qualities and they're very serious about what they're doing," Lucio said. "Mauro has been very solid. He is an outstanding golfer. He's only had one bad round in 12 rounds; he's been playing really strong. Richard brought his experience from last year. He's coming around really well and the kids look up to him because of his experience. I am really glad to have him back this year."

Also scoring a 155 total in the tournament was Danny Salinas. He shot a 78 in Rounds 1 and 2. David Mason rounded out the team, shooting a 156 total for the tournament. His two-round scores were 83 and 73.

Though the women turned in a disappointing last place, Lucio still believes they are making strides to turn it around.

"I feel [that] for the fall, we did well," he said. "Jeanette did very well, her average is about 86 per round. That's good; it's better than what I've ever had at UTB/TSC. [She] is the captain of my girls' team and she should make All-Conference before the year ends. She is that strong. I need Meagan Shepherd, Carling Feliwich and Adriana Gonzalez to get to the next level to help her out."

Hopefully, by the end of next semester, they can come around and be more of a team. We need to do a lot of work."

The men also had a good semester and are close to coming together as a team. They had excellent showings at Texas Lutheran, coming in fourth, and now a third-place finish in Grayson.

"My goal is to win a tournament," Lucio said. "We can do it, it's just a matter of getting four out of the five guys to play consistent. The talent is there but sometimes we are a little scared to do things and in golf you can't be scared. When you're playing you have to be super positive and very confident. We need to eliminate these little negatives."

The season will continue next semester, with UTB/TSC hosting the Inercollegiate Men's Golf Tournament at Rancho Viejo Feb. 7-9. He hopes to have 18 teams, which will consist of a university and a junior college division. The Women's Intercollegiate Golf Tournament will be held at the Jimmy Clay Golf Course in Austin Feb. 21-23.

"I hope this year we can win our own tournament because the last five years I've been coaching we haven't even placed," Lucio said. "I'm hoping at least we're in the top three teams this year in our division. I feel good about it but it depends how the guys jell at the time. I feel they can do it."

Athlete of the Week

By Alejandro Rivera
Sports Editor

Name: Jeanette Jordan

High School: Wimberley High School in Wimberley, Texas

Classification: Freshman

Major: Psychology

Height: 5'3½"

Hobbies: Playing golf and writing.

Favorite Food: Mashed potatoes

Favorite Team: The underdog

Favorite Athlete: Payne Stewart

Began playing golf: "When I was 13, about five years ago."

What do you like about playing golf? "It's a sport you can play forever. You can grow old with it. It's a gentleman sport but mainly because you can play it until you grow old."

Personal Goals: "I hope to do good in school and, hopefully, I'll be a psychologist and if not, then a professional golfer would be awesome."

Team Goals: "I hope that we do good. We've been struggling but I



believe that we can do it. We have the potential to win nationals."

Awards/Honors: Team captain for the UTB/TSC Women's Golf Team.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? "I see myself in a state up north helping people with their crazy problems."

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dealing with campus accounts.

"The Business Office does not raise one finger to help raise a single dollar ... that just tells me that they have no business and really no say as to student orgs' money," he said. "Now there is a process to receive that money and I understand that and we'll follow it, but it has to be quicker, it has to be more efficient."

Camarillo said the SGA will take on a prominent role in finding a more efficient campus accounts process.

"One of the things that SGA is not going to stand for is the same old rhetoric that is being tossed out by Business Office directors to student orgs," he said. "No, we're going to try to do things differently, and so SGA's role is going to be to meet with administration and continue to work effectively with our dean of students, with our VP and other VPs. That's going to take work, that's going to take time, but SGA's going to do it. And we're not going to be satisfied with saying, 'OK, it can't be done because you're always saying that it can't be done.' No, it's not going to work like that any more, and [through] all of our voices and the student organizations' voices we're going to be able to get what we

want. We might have to step on some toes; we'll step on them, but SGA's going to do it."

In other business, the SGA passed a resolution to amend the amount of funds allotted to its upcoming conference at St. Mary's University in San Antonio.

In a resolution passed at its Oct. 18 meeting, the SGA set aside \$400 for the conference. Sergio Martinez, vice president for Finance, reported that the amount actually needed for the conference would be \$700.

Martinez also reported that the members who will attend the conference are he, Camarillo and Senator at Large Carlos Garza Jr.

The SGA also passed a resolution making several amendments to its budget for the 2002-2003 academic year.

The SGA's total budget is \$12,000, \$1,000 of which has already been encumbered for the SGA Rush and the retreat SGA members attended on Oct. 11-12. Funds have been allocated as follows: \$300 for shirts for the SGA executive board; \$400 for shirts for SGA senators; \$200 for nametags; \$100 for business cards; \$700 for the conference in San Antonio; \$400 for office supplies and \$2,000 for the Conference of Student Government Associations.

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they could not be counted, but now, with the BAT degree, they are."

The BAT, which began this semester, offers opportunities for people who have applied, or technical, hours of work in the following eight fields:

- computer information systems/science technology
- drafting/computer drafting and design
- digital imaging technology
- network information management technology
- engineering technology (manufacturing/electronics/mechanical)
- nursing (general/practical)
- diagnostic imaging
- respiratory therapy

"Through the BAT, students with occupational technical degrees will be able to finish faster because their applied hours will count as credit," Gawenda said. "The BAT was developed to help students advance in their occupations through promotions, [it was also developed for] high school teachers that teach technology sub-

jects and for people from [military] services that want to use their training as part of a college education."

In order to receive a bachelor of applied technology degree, students already just have a two-year associate in applied science degree (AAS) or certificate, Gawenda said. They should then complete 48 hours of general education requirements, and take one of the four BAT tracks or concentrations: Workforce Leadership/Supervision, Technology Application/Training, Computer Information Systems Technology and Health Services Technology.

"Many [students] are now in the pipeline completing their general education core requirements and will soon be declared into the BAT degree as they begin to take the courses in one of the four tracks," said Eli Pena, director of the Academic Advising Center.

Gawenda said at least 60 students--from Texas State Technical College and current and former UTB/TSC students--are en route to the BAT program.

"UTB/TSC has a memorandum of

Dinosaur expert to speak here Tuesday and Wednesday

Office of News & Information

World-renowned paleontologist John "Jack" Horner will take listeners on a hunt for dinosaur secrets when he visits the campus Tuesday and Wednesday as the speaker in UTB/TSC's Distinguished Lecture Series.

This will be Horner's first visit to South Texas.

The first to discover dinosaur eggs in the Western Hemisphere, Horner is credited with establishing evidence of dinosaur colonial nesting and parental care-evidence that significantly changed the way we view these awesome creatures of the distant past.

Horner's research covers a wide range of topics about dinosaurs including the belief that Tyrannosaurus rex or T. rex, the ultimate predator, was not a hunter at all but a scavenger.

"We are going to talk about T. rex, from a different perspective. It doesn't matter to me whether people believe my theories but I do want them to think about them and I want them to think about how we do science," Horner said.

Horner has loved dinosaurs ever since he was a young boy growing up in Montana. In his office, he still has the first dinosaur bone he collected when he was 8 years old.

"When I was young, I'd like discovering things. I liked going out and discovering my own new things, finding treasures and digging up things and I guess that was my way of getting around my bad grades. I had a learning disability, so I had to learn things differently."

Now curator of paleontology at the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, Mont., Horner attended the

University of Montana, majoring in geology and zoology. Although he does not hold a formal college degree, he was awarded an honorary doctorate of science from the University of Montana in 1986. Also in 1986, he was awarded a prestigious MacArthur Fellowship.

Dinosaurs are Horner's main subject, and his research ranges over their behavior, physiology, ecology and evolution. He is the author of numerous professional papers and articles, as well as both popular and technical books. His work has been the inspiration for several magazine and television features.

Horner is also perhaps best known as the technical adviser to Steven Spielberg for his movies "Jurassic Park" and its sequel "The Lost World."

Funds raised from this event support a variety of special needs for students and faculty for which state funding is either inadequate or non-existent.

Tuesday's lecture is scheduled at 7 p.m. in the Student Union's Gran Salon. Tickets for this lecture are \$250 per person and include a VIP reception at 5:30 p.m. with Horner before the lecture, preferred parking and seating and a reception afterward. General admission tickets are \$150 per person and include the post-lecture reception. To purchase tickets, call the Office of Development at 983-7359.

At 1 p.m. Wednesday, Horner will speak to middle, high school and college students at the Jacob Brown Auditorium. This lecture is free, with 200 tickets available for UTB/TSC students with a valid ID. The tickets must be picked up at the Office of Student Activities, located in Student Union Room 2.28.

personal homes or offices," Gawenda said. "In about a year and a half we wish to make it possible for people to take all BAT courses in their homes. This would provide a great opportunity for mothers, people who travel a lot, shift workers, and the handicapped. If students can't go to education, we must bring education to students."

understanding with TSTC and is in the process of getting one with South Texas Community College concerning the transfer of their students into the BAT program," Gawenda said.

Many of the BAT courses are offered through Distance Education, officials said.

"This means that people can take these courses from computers in their

Students should stay aware of world events, Powell says

By Robert Lopez

Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON--Staying out of other people's business may have been an attractive foreign policy option before Sept. 11, especially to young people, but when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center last year they were forced to care whether they wanted to or not, Secretary of State Colin Powell said Wednesday.

"We don't live in an island anymore," he said. "[The United States] may have two oceans, but it is not disconnected from any other place in the world. And our security rests on the overall security situation in the world."

As the Cold War ended in the early 1990s, many Americans, especially college students, lost interest in world events. Powell spoke about the apathy during an exclusive interview in his State Department office as the Bush administration was trying to draft a resolution on weapons inspectors in Iraq.

"I had seen in my first 17 years of life eight years of war," Powell said. "We read a lot in those days, followed current events. But again, that was in the old days when everyone was worried about getting drafted."

Student apathy, not only about foreign affairs but also about domestic issues, has been an issue almost since 18-year-olds were granted the right to vote in 1971. A recent poll conducted by the Center for Democracy and Citizenship found that less than 21 percent of voters between the ages of 18 and 24 cast ballots in the 1998 elections. Less than 50 percent voted in the 2000 presidential elections.

Though such numbers persist, Powell believes that Sept. 11 and the recent debate on a possible war with Iraq have had a profound effect.

"Along comes Sept. 11 and they realize, 'My heavens, there is an enemy,' " he said. "There is something out there. It isn't called communism, it isn't called



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Secretary of State Colin Powell answers reporters questions on Wednesday in Washington, D.C. At left is State Department spokesman Richard Boucher.

fascism, it's called terrorism. For the first time since 1812, the United States was attacked on its own shores by a foreign enemy. This was sobering and it was visual. Everyone could see those towers fall and the Pentagon get hit and the plane crash in Pennsylvania, over and over and over.

"Suddenly we saw there was an enemy, who had a name, a face and was determined. How do you go after this enemy? Do you build a coalition? And for the past 14 months it has come back into our consciousness."

Instead of focusing on one geographic area, Powell said students should keep an eye on the world as a whole.

"You can't turn your back on the rest of the world," he said. "It's hard to separate out and say watch this or watch that. College students, regardless of where they're headed in life, have an obligation to keep themselves informed

on all major issues. They should read broadly and read deeply. But they shouldn't become so concerned with one area that they don't see how it connects to other countries or other issues."

The secretary believes that students who have any doubt about the repercussions of taking an isolationist stance should see the implications of terrorism, whether they're in a Moscow theater or a Bali nightclub.

"Suddenly those things are real," he said. "It makes people say if it happens there, it can happen here."

Though he is often seen as a moderate in the conservative Bush administration, Powell said the clash of ideas and beliefs is the path to building a consensus.

"Out of that clash of ideas and personalities and egos and people comes compromise," he said. "We had an election [Tuesday] with strongly held views from all parts of the country. Negative ads, positive ads, screaming, shouting, noise, the polls, when do they announce them. It goes on and it's suddenly an election. People speak and they're conveying the American consensus."

Recent campus protests against a war in Iraq underscore the fear many students have that American foreign policy, and the war on terrorism in particular, are being used as little more than devices to flex the nation's military

might.

But America cannot detach itself from the world, Powell said.

"It is in our interests to help nations of the world move toward a democratic path and put in place a solid economic system, so they can be our friends and not our adversaries," he said. "We have no designs on anyone's people. We have no designs on anyone's country. We don't want to steal resources. We don't want to occupy. People trust us to solve their problems. They all come to the U.S. to help solve their problems."

Powell, the son of Jamaican immigrants, also cites a moral obligation in America's status as a nation of nations.

"What is the American majority these days?" he said. "In 20 or 30 years it might not be white males or white males and females. It's going to be people of color, and of color, I mean Asians and African Americans and Hispanic Americans. And what does the majority mean? It's beautiful. It's wonderful. There's no place on Earth like this. You can understand how what happens in the world affects us in every imaginable way. You can have Miami be a Hispanic city or find Laotian communities in the Midwest or go to Providence, R.I., and find more Cape Verdeans living there than in Cape Verde. And somehow we don't fight each other. We have our problems, but there is no place in the world like this."

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The beauty of failed exit polls

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Two years ago, the exit polling system that normally allows television networks to project winners of political races gave us the biggest blunder in television history. The networks first declared Al Gore the winner, then switched to George W. Bush, and finally had to retreat in full, and humiliating, disarray.

The networks had hoped to have their exit polling system in tip-top shape for Tuesday night's election, but the fear of another failure and some unresolved glitches knocked the usual projections for a loop. In a welcome return to sanity, the networks generally held back on reporting results until they had ... some results.

That was a refreshing throwback. In 1960, before exit polling allowed networks to project election winners, the presidential race between Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy went to the wire. TV coverage dripped with suspense. Most Americans went to bed with no idea who had won. (The myth is that Mayor Richard J. Daley manufactured enough Chicago votes to swing the election; the prosaic reality is that Kennedy didn't need Illinois' electoral votes.)

In 1964, though, NBC experimented with asking questions of voters in a California primary; in 1967, CBS tried the new methodology in three off-year elections. Ever since, early projections have bled much of the drama from election nights. Most of the time those projections were correct--until, that is, the Y2K debacle, in which networks projected every outcome but the real one: their own devastating loss of credibility.

The networks' general reluctance to make early calls Tuesday night was a superb development. It's just possible that voters everywhere ended up with the reassuring notion that their votes actually mattered: For once, the networks were waiting for real counts, not leaping to conclusions based on shaky statistical models.

CNN viewers witnessed a marvelous sight: pundits James Carville and Robert Novak yammering aimlessly about Senate races in which they had no idea what the early results meant, because they had no idea which precincts had reported. (Not that the candor was absolute: As night became morning, we were still waiting to hear a TV talking head answer even one question with the heretical "I don't know.")

The upshot was the kind of election night that makes a voter wish the exit polling system never, ever gets fixed. A diminished footrace among the networks to declare winners early cost the electorate nothing other than the disappointing sense that the night was over before it began.

The slower pace was a reminder that the framers structured this country so that nothing would happen too fast. And on Tuesday night, for a change, nothing happened too fast. Two years from now, as the networks boast that their exit polling system is ready for the 2004 election, the lot of us should fervently ask: What's the hurry?



Student Soapbox

What are you doing to save up for the holidays?

"I work at Buffalo Wild Wings on the weekends and I put money in the bank every weekend."

Kimberly Lavine
Sophomore English major

"Conserve, not spend too much, just pick my spots on when to spend money. Have a plan to save."

Aaron De Luna
Junior

"I'm working, but I'm not much of a spender so I don't have to worry about that."

Edward Perez
Freshman architecture major

"I'm still owing money for my

tuition so I don't really have anything to save up."

Robert Rodriguez
Freshman engineering major

"I'm cutting down on my spending. When I go out, I just keep in a narrow margin what I spend."

Chris Cortez
Junior business finance and math major

"I'm trying to spend less, keeping my necessities to a low."

Calina Guerra
Freshman marketing major

--Compiled by Leslie Robinson

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Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): So, your competitiveness and determination hasn't landed you the job of your dreams yet. Just remember that it won't be long until you find that dream job that won't require you to say, "Would you like fries with that?"

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 22): Your mouth is a powerful object and can be used for many things, but you tend to get carried away with talking gibberish.

Capricorn (Dec. 23-Jan. 19): You know, there are far better things to worry about than whose sister is sleeping with whose brother's cousin. Try paying closer attention to your own partner.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): You're independent, strong and incredibly perceptive, but you never know when you'll be stuck in the john and need someone to bring you toilet paper. A piece of advice: Be nice to everyone.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20): What is going on with you this week? Quit being so sensitive; it's not like you lost your favorite teddy!

Aries (March 21-April 20): Your aggressiveness is a little intimidating

to those around you. Maybe you should try reverting to a timid little kitten instead of the ferocious lion. It worked for Tony the Tiger!

Taurus (April 21-May 21): You need to stop living the dream that you are ridiculously rich. Before you know it, your bank account will vanish as fast as your friends will.

Gemini (May 22-June 22): You're an adventurer and that's good but you really need to make the right decision, especially when it comes to choosing between \$1 million and a hot model.

Cancer (June 23-July 23): Don't be so sensitive; your mom was just joking, when she told you that you were an accident.

Leo (July 24-Aug. 22): Though you always want to be at the front of the line you should reconsider that when it comes to riding on the banana boat.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23): First it was the computer, and now you're taking out your personal problems on trees! Is there nothing that can get by you?

Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 22): You really like this generic brand of cereal, but the other one is more expensive and has a beautiful box. So what do you do? Buy the expensive one; stop that!



Top 5 credit cards with the lowest APR (annual percentage rate)

The Collegian recently looked into the lowest available APR for credit cards based on online applications. (However, please note that interest rates may vary according to prior credit history). They are as follows:

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-APR for purchases: 7.74 percent

-APR for cash advances: 19.99 percent variable

Cash\$In Platinum Visa from First USA, www.creditcardfile.com

-APR for purchases: a 0.0 percent fixed APR for the first 6 billing cycles following the opening of your account. Thereafter, 11.74 percent variable.

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--Compiled by Jamie Standeford

Video game reviews: 'Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers' and more

By Billy O'Keefe
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

"Lord of the Rings: the Two Towers"
For: PlayStation 2
From: EA Games

A small handful of very different "Lord of the Rings" games have appeared from all sides in no time at all, confusing gamers about which is the game to own. If you want a role-playing game based on the book, you're barking up the wrong tree with "The Two Towers." But if you want senseless, furious action with the film as the backdrop, this is it. "Towers" is an unapologetic twitch game that delivers wave after wave of enemies for your busy thumbs to destroy. Sounds repetitive, and it is. It's also way too short. But "Towers" is fun, thanks to a slick battle system, many unlockable special moves and the ability to play as three pivotal characters from the film. Actual

snippets from the upcoming film (as well as half of "Fellowship of the Ring") introduce each sequence, and the amount of aesthetic detail and activity in each level should make players happy. "Towers" is no substitute for the movie--much less the book--but it sure is fun to step inside the heroes' shoes and save the day yourself, even if the adventure ends too soon.

"NBA 2K3"

For: PlayStation 2, GameCube and Xbox

From: Sega Sports

Electronic Arts' "NBA Live" has gone arcade, leaving "NBA 2K3" to run pretty much uncontested in the basketball SIM department. The choice is a breeze either way: "2K3" replicates the NBA game to an astonishing degree and is perhaps the only game to place defense on the same scale of importance as offense. Blindly driving to the

hoop will get you burned time and again. You'll need to be selfless with the ball and milk the game's tremendous controls for all they're worth. The game's look and sound are equally impressive: The new "sweat engine" as a fatigue gauge is a bit overrated, but it's hard to deny how awesome the players look and move. The game's presentation is gold as well, thanks to the new ESPN-centric look, the always-dependable commentary, and some sobering court banter to give it a unique squeeze of character. "2K3's" franchise mode is the best of any basketball game--a far cry from "2K2"--and the street ball mode and cache of extras are as welcome as ever. Fans of the fast break and non-stop offense may feel a bit lost in "2K3," but students of the game will be shocked at how smart and deep it is. For basketball fans, this one's pretty much a no-brainer.



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Jimmy Kimmel bringing live TV back to Hollywood

By Rick Porter

Zap2it

LOS ANGELES--Jimmy Kimmel doesn't just have ABC's late-night hopes riding on his shoulders. The "Man Show" host also is apparently a key cog in the revitalization of the Hollywood area.

"Every tourist in L.A. is going to want to stop here and see the show," Los Angeles City Councilman Eric Garcetti said Nov. 4 during a news conference announcing that Kimmel's show, "Jimmy Kimmel Live," will originate from Hollywood when it premieres after the Super Bowl on Jan. 26.

Kimmel, for his part, said he would be happy if that happens, but deadpanned that "I'm really in this for myself."

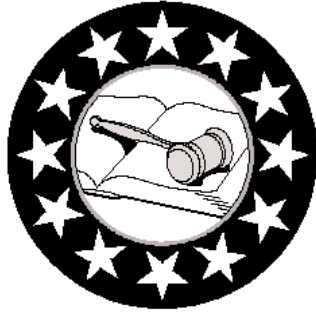
"If we were standing in Van Nuys right now, I'd be on board with whoever the council member is for that district," Kimmel says.

As the name of the show indicates, it will air live from Hollywood's El Capitan Entertainment Center at 12:05 a.m. for the eastern half of the country; the West Coast will see the same show on tape delay. Kimmel will have a different co-host each week, and he hopes to use the colorful neighborhood around him the way David Letterman uses midtown Manhattan for his CBS show.

"We're actually talking to [former Letterman regulars] Mujibur and Sirajul about moving out here and opening a souvenir shop," he says. "They haven't been getting much camera time lately."

Kimmel, who has co-hosted "The Man Show" on Comedy Central for four seasons and before that was Ben Stein's sidekick on "Win Ben Stein's Money," says the post-Super Bowl debut for "Live" is a little "intimidating."

"It's really nice that ABC is letting me come in under the radar," Kimmel jokes. "I've never done a talk show before, and I'm on right after the Super Bowl. ... I know ABC is counting on this show, but I'm not guaranteeing anything."



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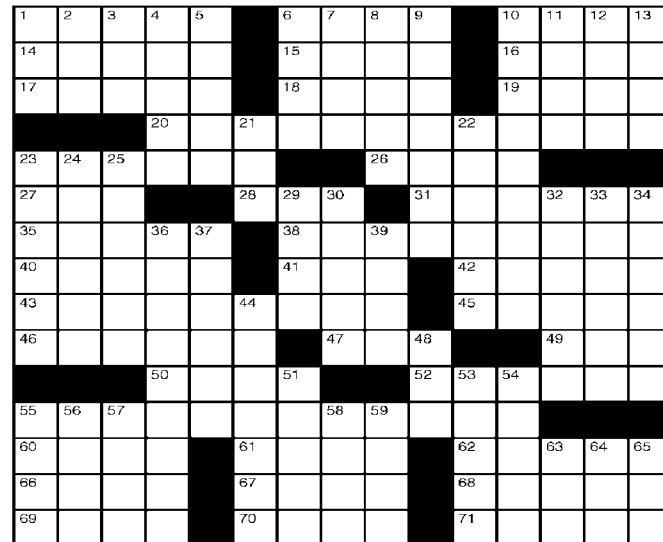
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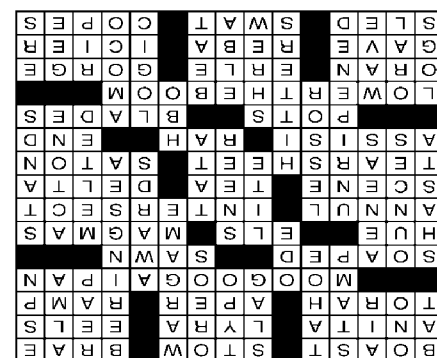
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Students to portray barbarians at Medieval Fair

By Helen Craules
Staff Writer

Nine UTB/TSC students will portray barbarian founders of the Middle Ages during the Medieval Fair Nov. 23 at the Hidalgo County Historical Museum in Edinburg.

"The idea is to give information about the Middle Ages and to provide a yearly focus for people who want to go back and step into the Middle Ages, to an extent," said

Milo Kearney, a Social Sciences professor.

The fair will feature medieval arts and crafts, books, presentations on medieval ballad singing, duels and other lectures about the Middle Ages. A food court will have medieval dishes, including the famous turkey legs.

Taking part are members of Alliance Francaise, a community and campus club, the Edelweiss and Phi Alpha Theta clubs. Some of the students are presently in Kearney's Ancient History class.

Roman Perez, president of Phi Alpha Theta and Edelweiss, will represent Alaric, the Visigoth king and conqueror

of Rome, and his brother, Ataulf, also a Visigoth king.

"It is friendly, informative, and people are interested in what you say," Perez explained about the fair.

Perez, a senior history major, said the fair grows bigger each year, attracting more people and events.

Justin Lawrence, a history major, will represent Hengist, a barbarian conqueror of England.

"We are going to be giving speeches on the barbarian founders, the Germanic barbarians who founded dynasties in the Middle Ages," Lawrence said.

Other students participating are Michael Benavides as Gaiseric, king of the Vandals; Tomas Gomez as Attila the Hun; Joey Fonseca as Clovis, king of the Salian Franks; Emily Vasquez as Theodoric the Great, king of the Ostrogoths; Kevin Garcia as Cerdic, a Saxon king; Esther Leal as Brunnhilde, a Visigothic princess from Spain who became a queen of the Franks; and Lupita Ramirez as Brunnhilde's daughter, Ingunde, who married into the Visigothic royal family of Spain.

The fair begins at 10 a.m. and ends at



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Participating in the upcoming Medieval Fair are Emily R. Vasquez (clockwise, from bottom left), Justin Lawrence, Roman Perez, Kevin Garcia, Michael Benavides, Joey Fonseca, professor Milo Kearney and Lupita Ramirez.

4 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1.50 for seniors, \$1 for students and 50 cents for children 12 and younger. The Hidalgo County Historical Museum is located at 121 E. McIntyre St. The fair is sponsored in part by the Society for Creative Anachronisms.

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