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## Students show support for DACA



Protestors support DACA inside John Peace Library.

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By Joseph Torres  
Co-News Editor

Texas Rising at UTSA held a demonstration in support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA). DACA currently protects approximately 700,000 undocumented immigrant children, also known as Dreamers.

In 2017, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced their intention to repeal the program, allowing the program to continue operating while being reviewed. The Supreme Court facilitated arguments for the program's removal on Nov. 12.

"This is just the first step. In the future, we can mobilize and contact representatives whether that be city council or state reps," Isabella Briseño, senior English major, said. "Don't be afraid to reach out to city council. They're going to be the most accessible."

The demonstration marched through the Sombrilla Plaza, the John Peace Library and finished at the Rowdy statue on UTSA's Main Campus.

The demonstration concluded with students chanting, "What do we want? Justice. When do we want it? Now."

## The Paisano benefits from \$800,000 gift

By Diane Abdo  
Paisano Advisor

The Paisano Educational Trust, publisher of The Paisano newspaper and Paisano Plus magazine, has established the Phelan Family Scholarship endowment fund in the memory of James William Phelan and Agnes Cryer Phelan. The Phelans were long-time San Antonio residents dedicated to the support of higher education.

The endowment was made possible by a \$800,000 gift that Agnes Phelan bequeathed in March 2019 to The Paisano Educational Trust, a 501(c)3 IRS nonprofit entity. The Trust's mission is to provide scholarships for UTSA student journalists, as well as to provide hands-on experience for the next generation of professional writers and entrepreneurs.

The gift was announced at the Oct. 26 event, "Remembering the Past, Celebrating the Future," which also highlighted the accomplishments of Paisano alumni. The endowment will enable the Trust to continue financial support for UTSA students.

The Paisano is the only independent college newspaper in Texas and one of only a dozen in the nation. In 1981, the student newspaper published its first issue and established a bi-weekly publication schedule. In 1992, the newspaper matured into a

weekly publication distributed on UTSA's Main, Downtown and Institute of Texan Cultures campuses.

Today, The Paisano is published weekly in print and online. Its companion publication, The Paisano Plus magazine, is produced quarterly, and Paisano news is communicated through social media platforms as well. A student editorial board makes all editorial and operational decisions.

The Paisano Media Arts Center, a 3,000-square-foot complex across from UTSA's Main Campus, is the home base for the publication's operations. A two-year capital campaign produced the funding for the construction of this complex, which was completed in 2014. Funders included The Charlene and Red McCombs Family Foundation, The Mays Family Foundation, Roger Trevino and Twang Partner, Ltd. and members of the local community.

The Paisano has won numerous awards from Columbia Scholastic Press for journalism excellence and has been featured on national radio and in local publications, including Texas Monthly and the San Antonio Express-News. Paisano alumni have established careers in a variety of fields: journalism, law, human resources, technical writing, accounting, public relations, education and management.

## Student senators approve executive stipends

By Joseph Torres  
Co-News Editor

The Student Government Association (SGA) at UTSA approved the release of stipends to the executive branch for Fall 2019 during its general meeting on Nov. 14. Members of the executive branch took turns presenting their exceptional duties accomplished during the semester. The floor was called to a vote for each member following questions from the senate.

Executive stipends are disbursed between two semesters and must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the senate. These stipends make up 18% of SGA's total budget. Additionally, the

senate is able to decide if the stipend remains at the allocated amount or increases.

SGA Treasurer Joshua Rebel will receive a \$500 stipend with the approval of 24 votes in favor and one opposed. SGA Secretary Dylan Delgado will receive a \$500 stipend with the approval of 25 votes in favor. SGA Speaker of the Senate Claudeth Garcia's stipend was increased from \$500 to \$750 and was approved with 22 votes in favor and three opposed. SGA Vice President Carlo Garcia will receive a \$1,250 stipend with the approval of 22 votes in favor and one opposed. Finally, SGA President Jack Rust will receive a \$1,500 stipend with the approval of 20 votes in favor and two opposed.



Ribbon cutting ceremony for veteran's center.

Ethan Gullett/The Paisano

## Center for Military Affiliated Students grand opening

By Heather Montoya  
Co-News Editor

The Center for Military Affiliated Students held its grand opening on Nov. 14. This center provides veteran and military-affiliated students with services available in one office location. "Veteran and Military Affairs, what it is now, used to be four different offices," William Lansdon, Veteran and Military Affairs program coordinator, said. "It was us, Veteran Certification, Hazelwood and the Success on Campus, which is actually a VA component that is housed on campus."

According to Lansdon, the center not only combines the four offices into one location, but it also involves restructuring. The restructuring includes Veteran and Military Affairs working under the guidance of Air Force Colonel Lisa Carrington Firmin, associate vice president for Veteran and Military Affairs.

"We have been restructured since November of last year, but we didn't actually physically come together until May of this year," Lansdon said. "The reason

why is because we had to do so much construction in here."

The grand opening did not occur in May when the office was physically consolidated due to preparations for the fall semester.

"We did not want to have any event like that to impede veterans certifying for classes and getting enrolled in school," Lansdon said. "For instance, they can't do any certification right now because we're in here. This is all protected information, and we want to make sure that we're protecting the privacy of our students."

Veteran and Military Affairs works with freshman orientation and regularly sends emails to inform veterans and military-affiliated students of the services available to them.

The Center for Military Affiliated Students is located in the John Peace Library in room 1.01.14. For more information on the services provided to veterans and military-affiliated students, visit the Veteran and Military Affairs website at [www.utsa.edu/va](http://www.utsa.edu/va).

### SGA Senate Votes on Executive Stipends

	POSITION	STIPEND	FOR:AGAINST
JACK RUST	PRESIDENT	\$1500	20:2
CARLO GARCIA	VICE PRESIDENT	\$1250	22:1
CLAUDETH GARCIA	SPEAKER OF THE SENATE	\$750	22:3
DYLAN DELGADO	SECRETARY	\$500	25:0
JOSHUA REBEL	TREASURER	\$500	24:1

Graphic by Lindsey Thomas

## UTSA

The University of Texas System Board of Regents approved UTSA's tuition and fee proposal for the next two years. The vote for the approval of tuition and fees, which was originally set to be made in February 2020, took place on Nov. 14. This approval includes a 2.6% increase for tuition and fees for UTSA and the seven other UT system institutions. New UTSA students on the guaranteed rate plan, a plan allowing these students to pay a fixed tuition rate for four years, will pay a seven percent increase.

## Texas

A warrant for the arrest of State Representative Poncho Nevárez was issued on Nov. 14. The warrant cited footage of the representative in possession of cocaine in September while at the airport in Austin. Nevárez turned himself in to the authorities shortly after the warrant was issued. After turning himself in, Nevárez was released after a \$10,000 bond was posted. The Texas Department of Public Safety said that this investigation is still active.

## U.S.

President Donald Trump issued two pardons on Nov. 15. The pardons were issued to two soldiers convicted of war crimes during operations in the Middle East. "You know, we teach them how to be great fighters, and then when they fight, sometimes they get, really, treated very unfairly," Trump said to reporters. The pardons were met with criticism against the U.S. military for violation of international law.

## World

Over 400 pages of international documents covering China's organization of the mass detention of Muslims have been leaked to The New York Times. What Chinese officials formerly described as efforts to curb extremism, now reflect the "organs of dictatorship" showing "absolutely no mercy," according to the leaked documents. The papers surfaced via a member of the Chinese political establishment who requested to remain anonymous. Hundreds of thousands of Uighur-Kazakhs and other Muslims have been detained in internment camps since 2017.

## Science

A team of researchers found that landfills are producing the most methane output, over dairy farms and the oil and gas industry, in California. The team used an airborne imaging spectrometer to measure the methane plumes. Results showed landfill methane emissions contributed 41% to the state's total emissions. The research and findings will be implemented in the mitigation of methane emissions by targeting the main sources and finding ways to lower those emissions.

# Researchers explore osteoporotic fracture solutions

By Christina Troy  
Staff Writer

A team of researchers from UTSA and investigators from other institutions have been working toward a solution for fractures resulting from osteoporosis, a pathological disorder characterized by low bone mass and bone tissue deterioration, for the past 20 years. Osteoporosis results in brittle bones that can easily be fractured from a fall or even a mild stress, such as bending over or coughing.

"We are studying the role of a group of proteins, proteoglycans, in sustaining the toughness of bone and its effect on age-related bone fragility fractures. We expect to develop a therapeutic treatment to prevent or deter the incidents [of fractures from osteoporosis]," Xiaodu Wang, professor in the UTSA Department of Mechanical Engineering and principal investigator of this project, said.

Osteoporosis typically affects the elderly since the process of bone renewal slows substantially after your early 20s, and peak bone

mass is typically reached by 30 years of age. Additionally, hormone production, which strengthens bones, decreases over time. Though most students are typically still renewing more bone mass than they're losing and usually don't have low hormone production, they may still be affected by this research as well.

Essentially, this research has the potential to not only reduce instances of fractures in those who have already been diagnosed with osteoporosis but also to prevent future fractures for young people who may be at risk of developing osteoporosis as they age.

Wang hopes that his research improves the ability to predict and prevent where bone fractures could occur in individuals with osteoporosis.

"Currently, bone mineral density-based T-score is used for diagnosis of osteoporosis, which is not accurate for predicting potential bone fractures," Wang said. "This study may provide additional biomarkers for improving the prognosis of bone fractures."

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This is a collaborative effort among the UTSA community

# Task group sends classroom civility proposals to provost

By Joseph Torres  
Co-News Editor

The 21st Century Learning Environments Task Group created a memorandum listing recommendations for healthy and inclusive learning environments in UTSA classrooms. The task group was established in Spring 2019 following an investigation into the classroom management of Dr. Anita Moss, former human anatomy and physiology instructor at UTSA. The recommendations will be presented to Dr. Kimberly Espy, provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs.

The task group was charged with examining what is required to foster a learning environment that promotes critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity while adapting to social and cultural changes of the 20th to 21st centuries. The task group initially met in Spring 2019, followed by

two additional meetings in September and October. Additionally, smaller groups met to review UTSA policies and guidelines for further background information.

The recommendations consist of three main sub-groups: Curricular Integration, Co-Curricular Integration, and Training and Process Creation and Improvement. Curricular Integration focuses on course development and course material resources. Some of the recommendations include reimagining the syllabus for Gen Z, requiring a teaching philosophy statement, changing "office hours" to "student hours" and communicating expectations to students.

Co-Curricular Integration focuses on education and classroom integration of faculty and staff. Recommendations include emphasizing protected and unprotected speech, counseling student organizations, faculty

engagement in and out of the classroom and humanizing faculty and students.

Training and Process Creation and Improvements focuses on tools and strategies for a successful 21st century learning environment. Recommendations include town halls and open forums for dialogue between faculty and students, offering ways outside of the classroom for students to understand faculty perspective and weekly engagements in public spaces for faculty and students to exchange ideas.

The 21st Century Learning Environments Task Group's recommendations "considered ways to use restorative dialogue, communication plan, inclusive teaching practices, standard syllabi language, ground rules for classroom discussion and management, training for faculty and students, implicit bias, etc."

# New center supports students with foster care background

By Josh Peck  
Assistant Managing Editor

UTSA recently opened the Fostering Education Success Center (FESC) in the Student Union (SU 2.01.05) for students with a history of foster care. The FESC was created in Fall 2019 by the Department of Social Work and the Division of Student Success to give students with foster care backgrounds a space where they can meet with the FESC associate director for assistance, community and the center's resources. Only 1.3% of students with foster care backgrounds graduate from college with a bachelor's degree by the age of 24 in Texas, and the FESC was formed in part as a response to this statistic.

Dr. Christopher Goldsberry, the associate director of the FESC, views the center as an important step to help those students succeed at UTSA.

"Not only are we a safe space for students, we are a place for students to actually come and receive campus coaching, a place for them to build their own community within UTSA," Goldsberry said. "We want to serve as a one-stop shop for students because it's very difficult for a student with a history of foster care to go from office to office to office to reshare their story. That can recreate trauma."

Senior kinesiology major Jacob Brown is a student with a history of being in the foster care system who was frustrated with the lack of support he felt he received when he first enrolled.

"My initial start to UTSA was not great. I had a lot of struggles. I was running around to different departments, I was being misadvised in different departments... It just seemed really messy," Brown said.

However, Brown said that Goldsberry's support and the new FESC have changed his perspective.

"Without [Goldsberry], I wouldn't be in college right now. I might not even be alive," Brown said. "[The FESC] is going

to be probably one of the most impactful centers on campus."

Junior psychology major Savannah Dill is another student with a history of foster care who believes the FESC is part of a trend showing that UTSA is moving in the right direction regarding students with foster care backgrounds.

"My experience at first [at UTSA] wasn't the best... they told me that my [tuition and fees] waiver wasn't valid, and they didn't really understand what it was," Dill said. "But I think now, since then, I've been reached

out to so many times, I've been offered help... and that's been really fantastic."

The FESC serves all students with a history of foster care on campus, but Goldsberry sees it as an opportunity to make an even greater impact across the community.

"Well, my personal goals are to see a growth in our foster care population [at UTSA]. That's one thing this center will do is to actually actively recruit," Goldsberry said. "I would always want students to know that it's not impossible and that... there's a safe place for them."



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# OPINION

## The commuter's dilemma

Editorial

For many students, the long commute to campus became even longer on Tuesday, Nov. 12, as a result of icy roads and vehicle accidents across the city, including at least 14 reported accidents along Loop 1604.

Early that morning, SAPD released a list of road closures, which included parts of Highway 151, IH-10 and Loop 410 bridges, as well as the westbound and eastbound lanes of Loop 1604 from NW Military to Kyle Seale Parkway. In spite of the chaos, UTSA posted a weather alert on social media, announcing that the university would operate on a regular schedule, leaving the decision to cancel classes up to professors and instructors.

If UTSA was primarily a residential campus, rather than a commuter campus, the road closures would not be much of an issue for the majority of the student body. However, less than a quarter of undergraduate students live on campus.

According to UTSA's Common Data Set for 2018-2019, 82% of undergraduates live off campus or commute, leaving a mere 18% who live on campus. These students must drive in unsafe conditions as they travel from all San Antonio areas as well as from bordering areas such as Converse and Pleasanton.

Students shared their concerns about their safety with UTSA across social media, but the university held firm in its decision. While some classes ended up being canceled, others continued as normal and even held exams rather than push them to a later date.

According to UTSA Handbook of Operating Procedures (HOP) 9.15, "In the event of severe weather conditions or other emergency situations, the President, or his or her designee, may suspend normal operations

and classes." As a commuter campus, the university needs to consider the risks commuter students take to get to class in perilous weather conditions. The HOP needs to define "severe weather conditions" with commuter students in mind. Severe weather conditions are more severe and dangerous for students who have long commutes to campus. Students should not have to decide whether to risk their safety to attend class or to stay at home and risk a failing grade.

### "STAY SAFE OUT THERE."

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## Don't fret the end of semester scaries

Commentary



By Donald Escamilla  
Staff Writer

We are now in the final weeks of the Fall 2019 semester, and tensions are high for a lot of students. Teachers are dumping every assignment they have into these last weeks such as projects, homework and essays, not to mention finals are right around the corner. The pressure is on. Keep this in mind though: just because finals are almost here, that does not mean it's the end of the world. Just because you did not do well this semester, does not mean you will do horribly the rest of your college career.

Before finals arrive, take a moment to

look at what other assignments and regular exams are left. Talk to your professors about what you can do to improve your overall grade. Professors do care about students, especially those on the brink of failing. Professors are willing to work with you to help you pass, but you also have to put forth an effort to improve. That means not spending too much time watching YouTube, playing video games and catching up on new episodes of "My Hero Academia." I understand that you need to take study breaks, but do not let those breaks last more than an hour.

If you were not satisfied with how you finished this semester, learn from your mistakes and change your habits. The

spring semester is your chance to turn it around and become a better student than you were originally. For instance, if you were always confused about the material and tried to teach yourself but ended up failing, talk to your professor! As I stated before, talking to your professors shows them that you care and encourages them to work with you. Breaking old habits can help improve your grades and attitude. Five minutes on your phone can turn into 30 minutes if you are easily distracted. Set timers for when you are using your phone so you know to stop using it sooner rather than later. Utilize all the resources that are provided at UTSA, such as the library and tutoring services.

Rewarding yourself also helps you feel accomplished. Let's say you studied for a good three or four hours with a 10-minute break every hour; you can then buy yourself a treat as a reward.

With a few weeks left in the semester, there is still time to raise your grades. Do not feel discouraged because of one bad grade; let that motivate you to finish strong. Do not think about what you could have done differently in the past; worry about what you can do better now.

# May I be excused?

Commentary



By Jacqueline Cantu  
Staff Writer

As if school wasn't making you doubt yourself enough, annual family gatherings around the Thanksgiving table can make you even more anxious. Yes, I'm graduating soon, Auntie. No, I still don't know what I want to do for a living.

Family drama is no joke, and if Mom's feelings wouldn't get hurt (and her mashed potatoes weren't so delicious), I would skip out on the whole shindig. With the exception of a few cool relatives,

Thanksgiving Day is exhausting and a bit overrated. Before you ask, no, I'm not attacking the food.

What I am attacking is the odd small talk between you and the cousins you grew up with but drifted apart from; the competition between which cousin is doing better in life or school; the unnecessary comments from aunts and uncles regarding your love life or appearance; and, finally, the division between relatives who love talking politics and those who couldn't care less — awkward.

Most people would say that this holiday is only one day out of the entire year, and, therefore, we should be the bigger people and endure the family drama for a few hours. However, if you're hot-headed like me, it's hard to stay calm at Thanksgiving dinners. Don't be fooled — this isn't me encouraging you to clap back at every-

thing that upsets you this year. But, if you wanted to, what kind of friend would I be if I stopped you?

Don't let anybody push you around this year, but don't be rude when standing up for yourself. Remember, the civilized person is the one who always gets their point across. More importantly, you're entitled to have an opinion, and you're just as entitled to share it if you'd like to. It's not your job to keep everyone's comments in check, but if you want to, I salute you! It's inevitable: Aunts and uncles will ask you questions — invasive questions. They'll give backhanded compliments. Cousins will make their lives seem way better than yours. Ultimately, your family will effortlessly question your life choices and say something problematic at the table, and it's up to you if you'd like to respectfully call them out.

Personally, my parents warn me to control my temper if someone says something I don't like at the dinner table. Spoiler alert: I always end up saying something. However, I've been lucky enough to keep the peace between myself and others because I try to be respectful in my responses. Confrontation between relatives can be a sticky situation, but don't let them stop you from speaking your mind just because they're family.

Stand up for what you believe, by whichever means you feel most comfortable. If you want to do so by talking one-on-one with everyone at Thanksgiving dinner, more power to you. If you'd rather save it for a tweet after dinner, that's just as great. Speaking up can be done in many forms — don't let anyone tell you differently!

# Christmas doesn't belong before Thanksgiving

Commentary



By Lindsey Thomas  
Photo Editor

Too much of a good thing can become a bad thing. Christmas displays are stores' ways of getting your money; they get people into the holiday spirit. People are more inclined to purchase unnecessary

items when the trees and lights are set up. They are money draws for retail.

At home, I do not set up for Christmas until Black Friday because setting up early overrides the joy of Thanksgiving. This holiday is supposed to be about togetherness and giving thanks to those we love, but if green and red are everywhere, the feeling that turkeys and pumpkins give are diminished. I don't think setting up Christmas trees early is necessarily a bad thing, but it takes the excitement away from Thanksgiving because we've been seeing Christmas lights for a month prior.

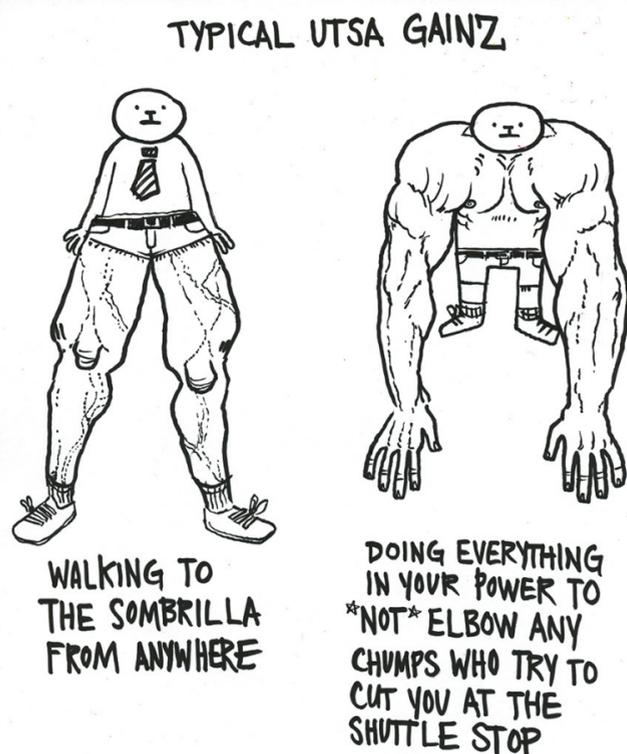
I understand the marketing schemes

behind setting up Christmas before Thanksgiving, but hearing Michael Bublé and Mariah Carey before Thanksgiving doesn't make sense. Christmas music is extremely joyful and puts smiles on people's faces, but that is for December, when Hallmark plays cheesy boy-gets-the-girl movies and everything works out.

Thanksgiving is a holiday that shouldn't be overshadowed by eager people wanting to celebrate Christmas; it should be treated with the same respect as other holidays are. Thanksgiving is about giving thanks and spreading kindness to those who you care about. People travel from all over to see relatives and spend quality time

together. The joy behind this shouldn't be overridden by Christmas eagerness.

By the time it's Christmas or near it, people get so burnt out. Listening to Christmas music for two months straight can be draining. If people stuck to the order of the holidays, there wouldn't be any argument. Celebrate holidays in the order they come. A month of Christmas music is enough. We don't start Valentine's decor before New Years, so why would we start Christmas before Thanksgiving? It just isn't rational.



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# ARTS & LIFE

## Breaking the glass ceiling... and the atmosphere

UTSA event highlights female achievement in astronomy

By Maha Qadri

Magazine Editor

UTSA's Friday Lights Celestial Lights hosted their final presentation of the semester called, "Female Trailblazers in Astronomy: From Past to Present" by Dr. Dina Drozdov. Dr. Drozdov covered notable women in astronomy, from Pickering's Women to the first all-female spacewalk.

Edward Pickering worked at Harvard as a lecturer in the late 1800s. To further his research, he hired approximately 80 women to work under him as "human computers." They became known as Pickering's Women. According to Dr. Drozdov, they would work for about six days a week at the Harvard Observatory for about 30 cents an hour. Their main task was to complete the Henry Draper Catalogue of stars. The majority of the women in this talk were part of Pickering's Women, including Williamina Fleming, Annie Jump Cannon, Henrietta Leavitt and Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin.

Originally Pickering's maid, Fleming's most notable contribution to astronomy was her star classification system based on hydrogen lines. At the beginning of her career, her work was credited to Pickering, but Fleming was granted her deserved recognition in 1906 when she became an honorary member of the Royal Astronomical Society of London. She has also discovered 59 nebulae, over 310 stars and 10 novae. Her most prominent discovery was the horsehead nebula.

Cannon refined Fleming's star classification system to a seven-letter sequence, which we continue to use today. Aside from her lasting contribution to astronomy, Cannon classified a quarter of a million stars throughout her career. She was the first woman to receive an honorary doctorate from Oxford and went on to collect other honors such as William C. Bond astronomer, the Henry Draper Medal, and officer of the American Astronomical Society.

Leavitt suffered from poor health, but that did not prevent her from making a name for herself in history. She studied stars that oscillated in brightness but had to step away from work after falling seriously ill. Over five years later, Leavitt returned and completed her paper, "1777 Variables in the Magellanic Cloud."

Payne-Gaposchkin was the final of Pickering's Women covered in the lecture. She contributed greatly to the educational tracks of astronomy. Not

only was she the first female to receive a doctorate from Harvard, but she also became their first female astronomy professor and female chair. During her research, she proposed that the sun contained hydrogen and helium gas. Her claims were viewed as impossible, and Payne-Gaposchkin began to doubt herself. In fact, she included a footnote in her thesis, stating that she was "probably wrong," but as we now

Johnson verified the computer's flight calculations. In 2015, President Obama awarded Johnson with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Vera Rubin studied the Doppler effect on over 60 galaxies. In her research, she proposed a theory that the universe itself was also spinning, a theory that physicists are still grappling with to this day. Rubin's legacy established one of the most important concepts in astronomy: dark matter. Rubin looked at the stars on the edges of galaxies, which acted in unexpected ways. She studied the rotation curves of stars, a graph depicting the qualities of a star's rotations, and they

spun faster than the laws of matter allowed. This surprising rotation established knowledge of the existence of dark matter.

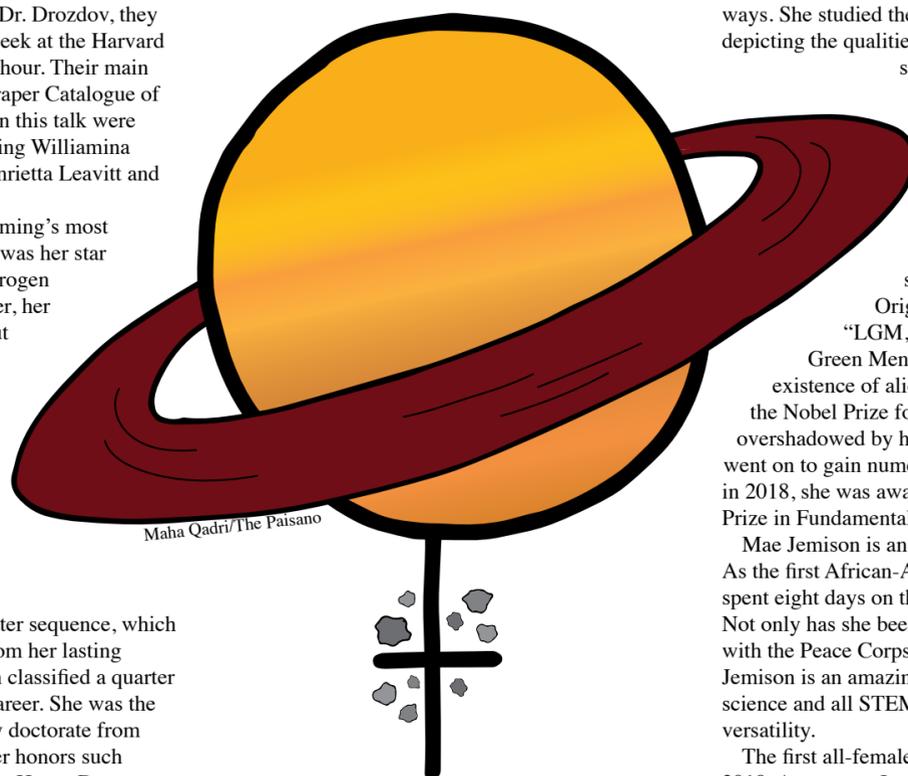
Jocelyn Bell Burnell is most acclaimed for discovering a pulsar, a special type of neutron star.

Originally, she labeled it as an "LGM," otherwise known as "Little Green Men," which was a jab at the existence of aliens. Her team was awarded the Nobel Prize for her work, but she was overshadowed by her male colleagues. However she went on to gain numerous awards in astronomy and, in 2018, she was awarded the Special Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics.

Mae Jemison is an astronaut, educator and doctor. As the first African-American woman in space, she spent eight days on the International Space Station. Not only has she been to space, she has also traveled with the Peace Corps to Sierra Leone and Liberia. Jemison is an amazing role model for women in science and all STEM concentrations due to her versatility.

The first all-female spacewalk occurred on Oct. 18, 2019. Astronauts Jessica Meir and Christina Koch were on the mission and completed it successfully. Pickering's Women left a legacy that Meir and Koch are reaping the benefits of. Without their sacrifices and hard work, the road to this all-female spacewalk might have been even longer.

Dr. Drozdov concluded her lecture by recommending a few books that feature women in astronomy and science: "Women in Science," "Reaching for the Moon" and "Hidden Figures."



know, she was right.

The first astronomer noted in the lecture outside of Pickering's Women was Katherine Johnson. Johnson is one of NASA's most notable "human computers." She began working during the Great Depression and was hired under NASA's new diversity policy. When actual computers were developed, people didn't trust them. In fact, astronaut John Glenn refused to board the rocket unless

## Poetry knows no borders

UTSA's Professor Cano, M.A. teaches Spanish through poetry

By Victoria Chaires

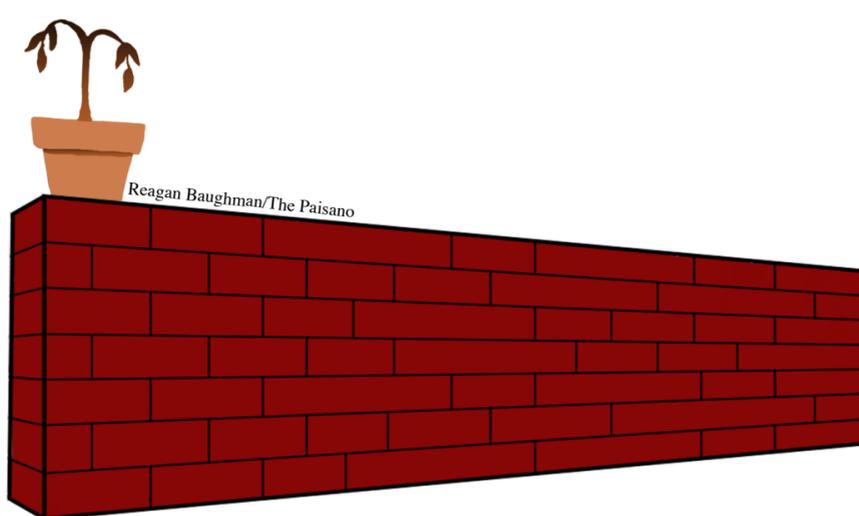
Contributing Writer

### Spanish

Eras mi padre,  
cuando tenía dos años,  
te amaba tanto.  
Entonces dijiste que tenías que irte,  
pero ¿cómo iba a saber?  
Que pasarían doce años  
antes de que llegaras a casa?  
Durante ese tiempo, crecí  
y crecí y crecí.  
Lo que se sentía como la mitad de un  
hogar  
pronto se convirtió en todo.  
Mamá y yo,  
contra todos los demás.  
Ahora estás de vuelta  
y se siente mal.  
Yo había estado enojada contigo  
durante tanto tiempo,  
pero tú eres mi padre  
y sólo siento la obligación del amor  
¿cómo hago que esta vieja casa  
se sienta entera?

### English Translation

You were my dad,  
when I was two,  
I loved you so much.  
Then you said you had to go  
but how was I supposed to know,  
The twelve years would pass  
before you came home?  
During that time, I grew  
and grew and grew.  
What felt like half a home  
Soon grew into whole.  
Mom and I,  
against everyone else.  
Now you're back  
and it feels wrong,  
I'd been mad at you for so long,  
but you're my dad  
and I only feel the obligation of love  
How do I make this old home  
feel whole?



# Putting San Antonio on new waves

Q&A chat with local up and coming artist DJ Papi Wave

By Kimiya Factory  
Staff Writer

**Q** • When did music become an important aspect of your life?

**A** • Music has been a big part of life from a very young age. My first real memories of music are from my mom. She'd always play music when we had to clean the house, and I never understood why. I used to hate it then because I didn't like cleaning up when I was younger. As I got older — eight years old or so — I followed in my Pop's footsteps, and he got me some DJ equipment that was super hard to use at the time for me as a beginner, so eventually I told him I didn't want to DJ. We moved to Atlanta, Georgia, from Germany around nine or 10, and I met my mentor who taught me how to make beats. From that point, I wanted to produce and then rap. That's when the music became important for me. I eventually stopped rapping around 20 years old, just from being uninspired to do so, and decided to go back to where I started, which was DJing. The second time around, picking up DJing was a lot easier because of the production background.

**Q** • What does the art and music scene in San Antonio mean to you?

**A** • It means the world to be a part of it. San Antonio wasn't necessarily the most well-known place as a music hub. Slowly but surely, we are making a mark. I can't wait to see what this city becomes, and it will be satisfying to know that I had a hand in that.

**Q** • Where can people come and catch a session of your mixes?

**A** • I DJ a lot currently on the St. Mary's Strip from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. and at El Ojo on Thursdays and Saturdays. On Sundays, I'm at Midnight Swim.

**Q** • What are some successful shows or mixers that you've been a part of?

**A** • Some of my most successful shows have been with the artist Trippie Redd and the Mala Luna Music Festival. I've done a lot of other things, but those would have to be some of my biggest moments.

**Q** • Are there any other artists on the rise that UTSA Students should look out for?

**A** • Most definitely Fritogang, Reek and Sage, West Dour, Mateo Sun, C Will, Queen Saucy, Tay Tay Made It, VenoTheBuilder, Southside Hoodlum, and I'm going to stop there because I like a lot of artists and don't want anyone to be upset with me.

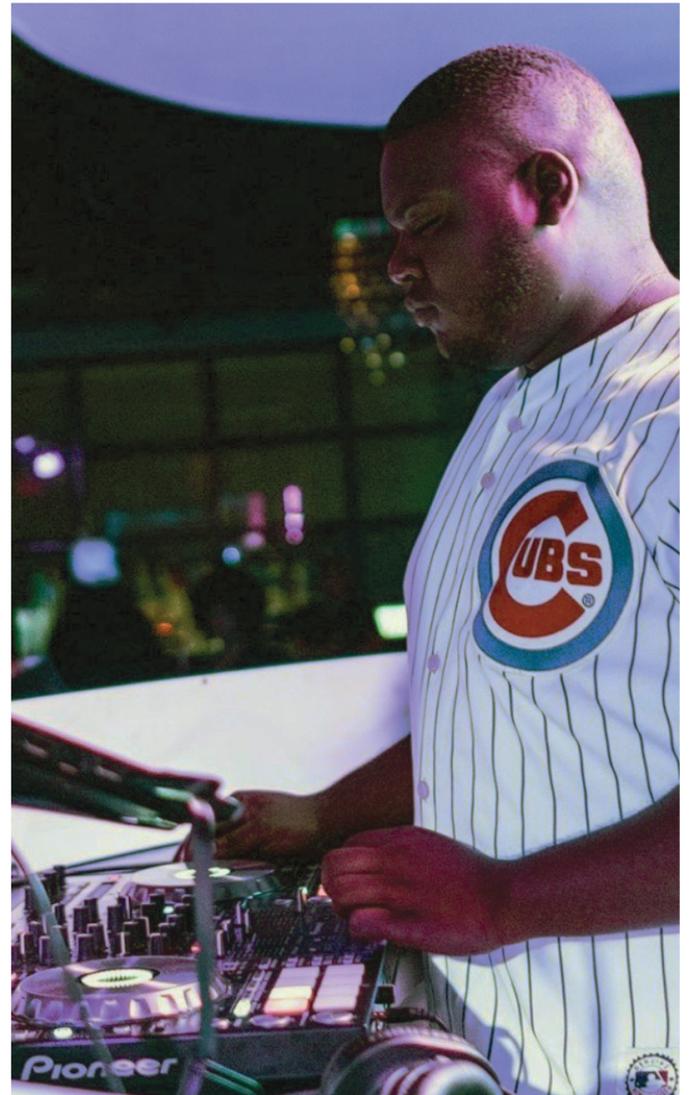


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## Texas courts don't commit murder

Public push stays Rodney Reed's executions

By Dawson Fagan  
Copyediting Coordinator

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has stayed Rodney Reed's execution, pending further court mediation. This decision came just five days before the scheduled execution date of Nov. 20. The Texas Supreme Court handed the case back to the trial courts of Bastrop, Texas, where it will be further adjudicated.

Stacey Stites was found dead at 19 years old, on April 23, 1996, in Bastrop, Texas. She was partially clothed, lying on her back, and her injuries indicated that she was strangled. She was engaged to a police officer named Jimmy Fennell.

Two years later, Rodney Reed was convicted and sentenced the death penalty for the rape and murder of Stites.

The facts of the case can be separated into two sections; new evidence suggests another suspect, and old evidence indicates a wrongful conviction of Reed.

New evidence indicates that Stites' fiancée at the time, Jimmy Fennell, is a valid suspect.

A former cellmate of Fennell, Arthur Snow Jr., states in a sworn affidavit that to gain credibility and protection from the Aryan Brotherhood, Fennell said, "I had to kill my n\*\*\*\*\* loving fiancée."

Fennell, in 2008, was convicted of two felonies: kidnapping and raping a woman in custody, while on duty. Reed's defense argues this is an indication of a predatory pattern.

There are inconsistencies in the proposed time of death, which State prosecutors claimed to be near 3:30 a.m. because Stites allegedly left her and Fennell's apartment at 3:00 a.m. Fennell provided this timeline.

The innocence project, seeking outside counsel, consulted medical expert Dr. Michael Baden, a pathologist at the FBI.

Dr. Baden states in his testimony, "The lividity demonstrates that Ms. Stites was dead before midnight on April 22 when she was alone with Mr. Fennell."

In a sworn affidavit, Travis county medical expert Dr. Roberto Bayardo, when recanting his testimony, stated that his estimated time of death was "only an estimate, and should not have been used at trial as an accurate statement of when Ms. Stites died."

Current and past evidence verifies that the only DNA evidence linking Reed to the murder was semen found in Stites' body, but this was from a pre-existing, consensual relationship.

Further, State prosecutors and the state AG never conducted DNA testing of the murder weapon, a braided belt. The Innocence Project contends that the State infringed on Reed's rights by withholding information from his defense lawyers.

There was no DNA evidence of Reed's being in the truck in which the crime supposedly happened. The only evidence was Fennell's fingerprints and Stites' decomposition liquid.

Reed's case will be deliberated in the coming months in the trial courts of Bastrop, Texas. The Texas trial court will evaluate whether Reed is innocent of a crime for which he was convicted and sentenced to death over 20 years ago.

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# TPR hosts ACES seminar

San Antonio's approach to becoming more trauma-informed

By Sofia Garcia

Assistant Arts & Life Editor

Hosted by Texas Public Radio, the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) seminar was "San Antonio's approach to becoming more trauma-informed." Colleen M. Bridger, MPH and PhD, explained that ACEs formed when a weight study showed those who were obese had a history of childhood trauma. With these results, the research team compiled a survey consisting of different questions about people's childhood:

Was a biological parent ever lost to you through divorce, abandonment or other reasons?

Did you often or very often feel that you didn't have enough to eat, had to wear dirty clothes or had no one to protect you? Or were your parents too drunk or high to take care of you or take you to the doctor if you needed it?

Was your mother or stepmother often or very often pushed, grabbed, slapped or had something thrown at her? Or sometimes, often or very often kicked, bitten, hit with a fist or hit with something hard? Or ever repeatedly hit over at least a few minutes or threatened with a gun or knife?

Each answer counts toward a quantitative result called an "ACE score," which helps gather data that will contribute to a better understanding of community needs and facilitate more awareness of ACEs. With the collection of this data, researchers concluded that everyone is bound to have different "trauma-informed" definitions.

Following the informational introduction, a representative from Salud America, an organization focused on improving the health of the Latino community, spoke about their goal of reducing childhood adversities using digital media.

Their website proudly offers opportunities to those looking to help provide Latinos with health equity by volunteering for the Salud America campaign.

The representative also spoke about the awareness their campaign brings by providing statistics about the different types of abuse Latinos endure.

With their data, they can push for those who are not Latino to understand that a traumatized child sees the world as a dangerous place, and when that child is a person of color, it can be even worse. Salud America is a progressive organization that aims to better the lives of those who have experienced childhood trauma.

Throughout the seminar, Dr. Nadine Burke Harris, a California surgeon general, provided insight via phone call about what we can learn from the scientific aspect of ACEs.

She explained that ACEs can lead to major health issues and even death because of the long-lasting effects of trauma.

Having an early understanding of trauma can allow people to understand it on a biological level, leading to a break in the intergenerational cycle of ACEs. Dr. Harris spoke about the

activism that needs to take place in order for that cycle to be halted; there are many opportunities to be a part of the solution.

To close out the seminar, Dr. Harris and Dr. Bridger gave their insight about how they can implement ACE awareness into their places of work as well as their home lives.

When asked a question about how schools can better encourage victims of trauma to come forward and receive help, Dr. Bridger said, "connecting schools with trauma services and providing safe spaces that children need to thrive will allow for the victims to feel accepted."

For the last question, an audience member asked about adults and their traumas.

Dr. Nadine summed up the purpose of the seminar by saying, "some adults don't know that they have endured adverse childhood experiences, and they should know that any age can receive help."

The educational ACEs seminar created a welcoming, safe space that opened audience members' minds and presented opportunities to better understand the effects that trauma have.



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# Between the lines

Essays One by Lydia Davis

By Paris Cantu

Staff Writer

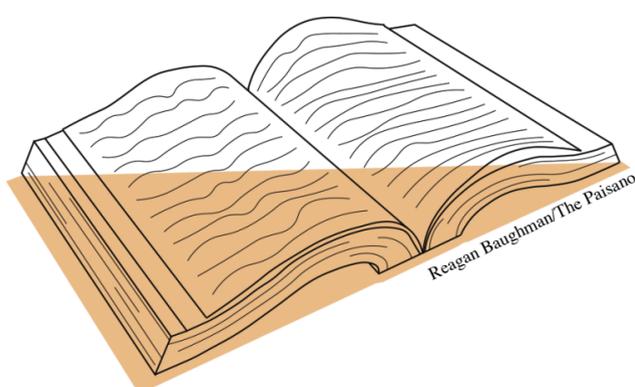
The first of a two-part series, "Essays One" by Lydia Davis is a dense volume of 502 pages. She pays close attention to the minute details of literature, language and art. The pieces date back to the 1970s, with the most recent one from 2017.

The essays range from a page and a half dedicated to a study of the word "gubernatorial" to picking the bones of Flaubert's "Madame Bovary." She writes with conviction, a quality that many modern essayists lack within their prose. Davis began her craft as a short story writer and has since published collections and novels.

She has also worked as a translator of French, Spanish, Dutch and German works. She has translated the works of Flaubert, Proust and Cervantes, and she has worked to restore the original musicality found in their mother tongues. She professes her ambition as a twelve-year-old girl when claiming *The New Yorker* as the future home for her words.

She describes the discovery of her literary influences in acute detail. In her twenties, she studied Kafka's diaries and gives credit to "the window they opened into Kafka's mind — his combination of fictional invention and more mundane daily preoccupations, particularly the way his fictions grew organically out of his daily life." These same organic attributes are present in her writing, connecting our often prosaic way of life to the words found on a page.

In Davis' new work, she brings fine fruition to the centuries-long canon of American literature. Her knowledge of literature and understanding of the writing process combined with her expertise in foreign languages creates an outcome that is now a staple in many American libraries.



# Big Sis: Not goodbye, see you later

By Kimiya Factory

Staff Writer



Lindsey Thomas/The Paisano

The time has come. Every laugh, every deadline at *The Paisano* I've had for the past two years has come to a bittersweet end. I reflect on my time at UTSA; the sunny days and rainy days. There were moments when I doubted myself as a person and a writer, only to recognize that my rainy days were valuable lessons before I took off into the real world.

I have learned about my existence that challenges the structures and systems of oppression that rape culture uphold. I have learned about the value of friends who love you when you forget to love yourself. I have discovered that thinking we know what tomorrow may bring is very naive, yet somehow necessary for our survival.

I think back to the day I wrote my first piece, #BlackGirlMagic. The excitement of expressing my experience never got lost in the years I've written for this newspaper and found so much truth in the columns I've written.

*The Paisano* is a place that I will never deny was once home. When I cross the stage on Dec. 15 I will be leaving a piece of myself behind, rooting for *The Paisano* from wherever I will be.

If I could whisper any advice in my ear moments before I cross the stage, it might be along the lines of something my first piece #BlackGirlMagic foreshadowed, "Be voluptuous. Be unapologetically black. Be poppin'. Be YOU."

For anybody who got to know this column, from the wise words of my mother,

Never say goodbye, only see you later.

Xoxo,  
Big Sis

## The Weekend

**NOVEMBER 20** - Life course origins of dementia for Black & White Americans 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.  
Monterey Building Room MNT 3.240

**NOVEMBER 26** - Fall 2019 Tech Symposium 6:00 p.m.  
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**DECEMBER 7** - River of Lights Illumination 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
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# SPORTS

## Looking forward to the Owls Roadrunners continue their fight for bowl eligibility



Linemen set up to hike the ball on the quarterbacks command.

Ethan Gullett/The Paisano

By Ryder Martin  
Staff Writer

Following a 36-17 loss last week to the Golden Eagles of Southern Mississippi (7-3) the UTSA Roadrunners saw their record fall to 4-6 on the year. They now turn their attention next week to the Florida Atlantic University (FAU) Owls (7-3) for their last home game of the season. This will be only the second meeting between the 'Runners and the Owls, with their only other match up in 2014, which ended in a 41-37 victory for the Owls.

FAU enters this game already assured of a bowl game, with seven wins this year. In addition, they find themselves in a battle with Marshall (7-3) in Conference USA East as they are tied atop the division with two games left to play. The Owls come into the Alamodome as winners of their last three, outscoring their opponents by a combined score of 113-34. The 'Runners enter the game needing to win their next two games to qualify for a bowl, but will face a tough task going against an FAU team looking to take another step to the C-USA championship.

The 'Runners entered last week's game against the Golden Eagles looking to throw the football and push the ball down the field, and Lowell Narcisse responded accordingly. Throwing for a career high 325 yards and two touchdowns, Narcisse has continued to show growth as a passer as the year

has gone on. Against an FAU secondary that is currently tied for 103rd in the nation, surrendering 254.6 yards per game through the air, Narcisse will be asked to put together a game similar to last week's performance. The 'Runners' defense competed hard against Southern Mississippi, but were consistently victimized by big plays, giving up four touchdowns on plays that went over 25 yards over the course of the game. Against an FAU offense which ranks 42nd in the nation, averaging 434.8 yards of total offense per game, the 'Runners' defense will look to tighten up against big plays down the field. The run defense that allowed the Golden Eagles' running game to consistently get into the 2nd level of the 'Runners' defense for over 200 yards on the ground, will seek to improve upon last week's performance. They face a stiff test against an Owls rushing attack averaging 151.6, tied for 80th in the nation. Facing such an explosive offense means the 'Runners will need to make every possession count. After a three-turnover performance against the Golden Eagles, the 'Runners are focused on cleaning up those mistakes. Turnovers have plagued the 'Runners at times this year, as they currently rank 96th in the nation in turnover margin, currently sitting at -4.

The 'Runners will play their final home game of the season at the Alamodome on Saturday, Nov. 23, at 5 p.m. The game will be broadcast on ESPN+.



Joshua Cephus runs the ball away from a Golden Eagle defensive player.

Ethan Gullett/The Paisano

## Volleyball set to begin C-USA Championship tournament



Jenna Patton hits the ball over the net.

Julia Maenius/The Paisano

By Ryan Garza  
Sports Editor

The UTSA Roadrunner volleyball team (15-12, 8-6 C-USA) lost their final two regular season matches with a home game against Rice University (24-2) and then lost a close game to the University of North Texas Mean Green (16-10).

During the Nov. 14 game against Rice, the Owls were able to sweep UTSA in three sets to spoil the home finale for the 'Runners. The Owls hit .367 on the night and were able to obtain 10 point leads in each of the three sets and only trailed once during the whole match.

For the 'Runners, Brianna McCulloch led the team with nine kills and was able to bring her career total to 934 kills. Hannah Lopez followed close behind with eight kills. Courtney Walters led the way with 18 assists as well as three kills.

On Nov. 16, the 'Runners traveled to Denton, Texas, to take part in their final regular game of the season in which they lost a close game that would end up going all the way to the fifth set.

The first two sets were dominated by the Mean Green as they looked to sweep the 'Runners in three sets. The 'Runners went on a run and claimed the next two sets to tie things up at two apiece, but the Mean Green

would go on to close out the game by winning the fifth and final set, 15-8.

During the game against UNT, McCulloch had 17 kills in the season finale and tallied two blocks as well. Lopez would add 13 kills, two aces and one block in the match as well to anchor down the 'Runners' offensive attack.

Emily Ramirez had quite the season finale by putting up career-high five service aces to pair with six assists and 15 digs. Lopez also stuffed the stat sheet plenty by having her eighth double-double of the season with 13 kills and 13 digs.

The 'Runners closed out the season with a winning record of 7-4 at home this season while going 8-8 in away, neutral site games.

UTSA would finish the season with the sixth best record (8-6) in Conference USA, which makes the 'Runners eligible for the single-elimination championship tournament in Houston, Texas.

The 'Runners will take part in their first match on Nov. 22, against the Mean Green in what will be their second meeting of the season. If the 'Runners are to advance, they will play the winner of Rice vs the University of Texas at El Paso in the second round of the tournament. All games from the C-USA tournament can be streamed on ESPN+ Nov. 22-Nov. 24.

# Athlete of the Week: Byron Frohnen

By Julia Maenius  
Assistant Sports Editor

Senior forward Byron Frohnen has been an integral player for the UTSA men's basketball team since his arrival in 2016. Coming from Las Vegas, Nevada, Frohnen has been playing basketball since he was young.

"I have been playing for as long as I can remember," Frohnen said. "Basketball was the most fun. Other sports growing up were only in season, and I could play basketball year-round."

As a mechanical engineering major, Frohnen has balanced his schoolwork with athletics, but he looks to the future with two semesters left before he graduates.

"I am hoping to get an internship this upcoming summer now that I will be done with basketball, so hopefully I can get an internship and figure out what type of engineering I'm into," Frohnen said. "I'm planning on getting an internship in San Antonio or Dallas. I want to stay in Texas."

In his junior season, Frohnen led the team in rebounds and started in all 32 games of the season. He has played the ninth most minutes of any player in college basketball entering the 2019-2020 season.

"I like the city of San Antonio," Frohnen said. "I love it here. The coaching staff is great; they are very friendly. They know what they are doing, and when I visited the school, I really liked it."

After signing with UTSA, Frohnen has recorded over 100 starts in his career as a Roadrunner.

"UTSA was my only offer," Frohnen said. "They were the only ones recruiting me super hard, and I enjoyed it. I liked and respected them, so I went with it."

Averaging 27 minutes this season, Frohnen focuses on his game while finding pastimes that keep him relaxed on and off the court.

"I like to be relaxed," Frohnen said. "I don't like to focus on the game too much, so I try to keep my mind on other stuff. When it's game time, I'll lock in, but I like to be loose."

Frohnen made history with the 'Runners in 2017, and he plans on continuing this trend with his goals for this season.

"My ultimate goal has always been to go to March Madness, and we haven't been able to do that yet, so I'm hoping this is the year," Frohnen said. "Going to the conference tournament, especially my sophomore year, at the tournament we upset a team, and beating Western Kentucky was pretty fun. It was actually the first time UTSA won a game at the conference tournament."

Frohnen's favorite part about competing for UTSA is the relationships he has



Byron Frohnen practices defensive plays.

Julia Maenius/The Paisano

made with his teammates; he values the team's cohesiveness and the bonds he builds with his team.

With only two seniors suiting up for the 'Runners, Frohnen is looked to as a leader this season.

"I am a senior now, and with guys like Nick Allen gone, they expect me to step up vocally and on the court, so I have to go out there and give it 100% each and every play," Frohnen said. "I like to lead

more by example, not as much as with my voice."

Concluding his final season, Frohnen reflects on the lessons he has learned from playing basketball and the takeaways of his career as a 'Runner.

"Playing basketball and being able to travel the world, I wouldn't trade it for anything," Frohnen said. "It's a ton of fun, and it gives you great experiences. It has shaped me into who I am now."

## A tribute to Tony Parker



Graphic by Emma Reeves

Commentary



By Dalton Hartmann  
Staff Writer

On Nov. 11, the final member of the Spurs' Big Three, William Anthony Parker Jr., better known as Tony Parker, had his number nine jersey hung in the Spurs' rafters. Parker's retirement took place at the AT&T Center, where coach Gregg Popovich and teammates Tim Duncan, Manu Ginobili and David Robinson reminisced about what it was like to play with Parker, which brought many Spurs fans to tears.

Parker's career was one for the ages. He earned four NBA Championship rings, six All-Star appearances, a Finals MVP and multiple All-NBA Second

Team selections, just for his domestic career. Parker played in the EuroBasket league, and he medaled four times and won the European player of the year on two different occasions. Parker's international and domestic success makes him a potential hall of famer with a 93.86% chance that he will be inaugurated.

Parker earned four rings in his 17-year career with the Spurs, which is impressive because the elite Spurs organization, has only won five championships. During Parker's career with the Spurs, he had so much playoff success playing with the Big Three that he, Duncan and Ginobili have the highest total amount of playoff wins between three players. Parker was not just along for the ride, either. During the 2007 NBA Finals against the Cleve-

land Cavaliers, he won the NBA finals MVP after averaging 24.5 points, five rebounds and 3.3 assists, leading his team in scoring and powering them to a clean 4-0 sweep over the Cavs.

Parker was a dynamic player in all areas of his game, he used his speed to blow past defenders and get easy transition points. Parker had excellent court vision, which allowed him to obtain the 17th most assists in the league. However, it would be a crime to not mention his patented move, the teardrop, which is his reedition of a modern-day floater. This move, coupled with his speed, is what made Kyrie Irving say that at one time, Parker was the toughest player he has had to guard. Parker's career was not all highlights and championships, but with

the help of Popovich's supportive conversation, he would eventually become a household name that many players dreamed playing against.

During Parker's later years on the team, he played a more supportive role by coming off the bench, and he also helped with coaching the future Spurs, especially the Spurs' current starting point guard, Dejounte Murray. Parker is involved in four charities that give back to the San Antonio community he considers his second home. The Spurs organization was lucky to have such an amazing player like Parker, and his legacy will live on through the banners he has given us and his number nine jersey in the rafters.



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