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## Person-to-Person

School may be in session—but nothing beats Labor Day weekend for marking the end of summer langour and the true beginning of the fast-paced football season that leads into the big holiday season. Helotes will be celebrating this weekend with an art show—and art lovers will strike a bonanza from all areas this weekend. Among famed artists who will be showing in Leon Springs for the Cerebral Palsy Art Benefit will be famed South Texas artist Armando Hinojosa.

Paul Kime will also be holding open house here as will most of the local galleries.

The horses will be running in Boerne—for facts of which see other stories in this edition.

The Shelley Lee descendants will hold a Lee family reunion at 18746 Bandera Road—with Mrs. Irene Cepeda and her husband Rudy, as hosts along with Lee descendants Leo Simon and Robert Simon.

There will be over 100 there for the Sunday event with food served at 6 p.m. Sept. 5.

Among descendants unable to attend is Mrs. Robert (Elaine) Flores, as she and her husband and children have just moved to Harrowgate Road in Chester, Virginia. Robert recently received a change of duty from his previous station at Lawton, Oklahoma.

The Silver Belles with Mrs. Lucille Stemen as president are beginning the new season of regular meetings. Planning the first meeting of the season also is the Helotes Women's Club which will meet Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Scenic Loop Club Bldg. off Scenic Loop and Park Drive. Guest speakers will include Lynette and Lorraine Langlinais who will report on their summer nursing experiences in South America. All members and guests are invited to attend the organizational meeting as well, with officers as hostesses.

Receiving compliments for her fine catering at the recent Forester-Parrott wedding supper was Mrs. Jennie Tuccenardi—a former employee of Grey Moss Inn and resident of the Scenic Loop area for many years.

Congratulations to Irene and Ed Scharf on the birth in August of a baby boy.

## MAYOR FAUST GOES TO WASHINGTON

### Ancient Texans Camped In Present LBJ Park



The expanse of LBJ State Park frames UTSA archaeology students searching the area for prehistoric artifacts.

Photos By Gil Barrera

## UTSA Students Hunt Artifacts

A group of 21 students recently enjoyed six weeks of rustic living in the rugged Hill Country 75 miles northwest of San Antonio.

They were enrolled in the UTSA Archaeological Field School—a 12-week summer course for anthropology students.

The students camped out near the LBJ State Park where they conducted field research, uncovering artifacts of a prehistoric people who were in the area more than 10,000 years ago.

Another six weeks was devoted to analyzing and cataloging their finds in the University's Archaeology Laboratory.

According to Dr. Joel Gunn, UTSA assistant professor of anthropology and director of the field school, the course teaches archaeological techniques including excavation, screening, mapping and cataloging artifacts.

The LBJ site was excavated at the request of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, concerned that prehistoric artifacts may be displaced by soil erosion, Dr. Gunn related. He said many areas of the picturesque Hill Country have been laid bare by heavy rainfalls and denuding winds.

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## Help Asked To Lower Gas Rates

Grey Forest Mayor Edwin L. Faust, well-known Helotes businessman also, told a House subcommittee in Washington, Monday, that Texans pay much more for natural gas produced in their own State than do persons receiving it through interstate pipelines, according to a nationwide Associated Press report. Mayor Faust spoke before being questioned by the committee and answered questions posed by the investigatory subcommittee. He also discussed the danger he sees in deregulation of a basic product like natural gas with several congressmen, including Rep. Bob Krueger of this district.

About 20 top reporters of the Nation covered the event, and reported that Rep. John Moss of California, chairman of the oversight and investigations subcommittee, said the picture that unfolds in Texas is not a pretty one.

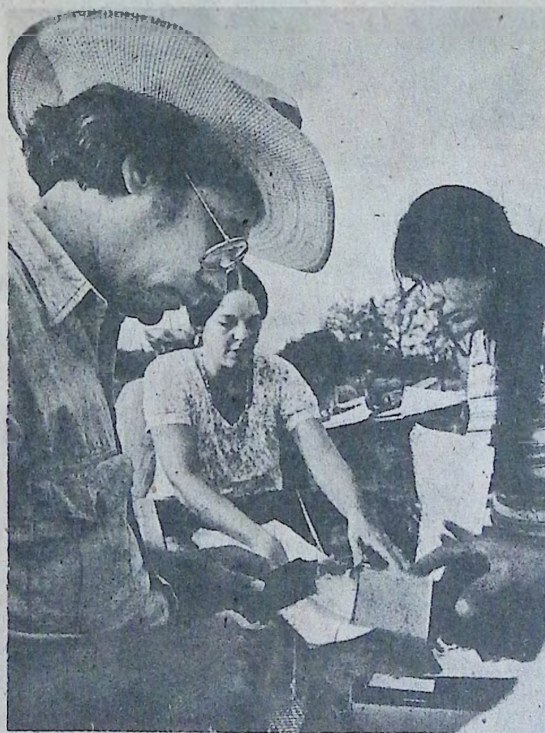
Accompanying Mayor Faust on the four-day trip was his wife, Joyce, and Grey Forest City Secretary Margaret Hopf. While meetings were being attended by Mayor Faust, Mrs. Faust and Mrs. Hopf were taken on sight-seeing tours including a visit to the White House.

Mayor Faust spoke as a natural gas consumer, both in his home and small business, and as Mayor of the City of Grey Forest, as well as Chairman of the Utility Committee for Bexar County Council of Mayors.

Grey Forest, with a population of 485, he said, has 12 percent of elderly people on fixed incomes. He reported Grey Forest Utilities provides gas service to approximately 1500 customers covering 75 square miles, mostly rural, of northwest Bexar County. These include 25 small business establishments, three schools, nine churches and also wholesale gas to the City of Boerne, Texas, which has a population of 2957 people," he said.

"In December of 1972 our Utility Company was paying \$.23 per MCF for natural gas," he said. "This price skyrocketed to \$2.06 per MCF in April of 1976, an increase of 900 percent. The retail consumer of natural gas from our Utility Co. was paying approximately \$1.13 per MCF in December of 1972, and today he is paying \$3.42. Only 30 percent of this increase is because of our

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Dr. Joel Gunn checks archaeological data on the excavation with Debbie Gunn (center) and Elizabeth Cantu.

Dr. Gunn is assistant professor of anthropology at UTSA and director of the archaeological field school.



## GAS RATES (from page 1)

local Utility rate increase.

"This tremendous increase came about when our gas supplier, the Lo Vaca Gathering Company, a subsidiary of Coastal States Gas Corp., sold off a substantial part of its natural gas reserves and had to search the open market to buy new gas to meet contracted obligations," Faust explained. "The Texas Railroad Commission subsequently allowed Lo Vaca to abort all existing contracts and add to the existing contract price of gas, the additional cost that was incurred in the purchase of new gas.... The effect of this 900 percent increase has been devastating on the consumer, both residential and business. Since January 1973 the Grey Forest

Utilities has paid to Lo Vaca Gathering Company a total of \$196,000.00 in charges for gas at contracted rates and we have paid \$412,000.00 in pass through or unregulated charges."

"The elderly with a fixed income find there is no alternative except use as little heat and electricity as possible. Consider for example the case of a family in our community with a take home pay of \$400.00 per month. On a recent monthly bill their combined cost for gas and electricity amounted to \$100.00 per month. Obviously, this family cannot make ends meet. They have had to swallow their pride and accept food stamps for the first time in their lives."

During the recent recession, he said, some small businesses went bankrupt because they could not

increase their prices fast enough to absorb the tremendous monthly increase in operating overhead due to increase in utility cost.

All kinds of conservation methods have been tried and many residents and businesses have successfully lowered their consumption... he told the committee. "However, the consumer is still angry and upset when the dollar amount of his utility bill continues to spiral, even when he has greatly reduced his volume consumption of both natural gas and electricity.

"Conservation has also played havoc with the Utility's economic well being. Since the Utility does not benefit from the pass-through charge and the consumer reduces his volume, the Utility receives less money for operation and

subsequently seeks to increase rates which further threaten the economic survival of the consumer and he conserves further, thus the rate increase cycle will continue," he said.

"Since Texas is one of the large producers of natural gas, we hear reports of capped wells waiting for Congress to deregulate natural gas. If this practice is widespread, it will certainly create a shortage of gas. In April 1976, I wrote to Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe requesting an investigation to see if the wellhead natural gas price was really justified. The only comments I've received were reasons why natural gas prices will remain high.

"Natural gas is a monopoly and should be regulated as all monopolies are regulated. What choice does the consumer have when natural gas is used as a boiler fuel for generating electricity and is piped to our homes for heating and cooking purposes? "Speculators," he said, "are just waiting for deregulation. Then we will probably have plenty of gas—at a price that none of us can afford. A definite decision needs to be made.

"Gentlemen, before you consider deregulation," he said, "I invite you to come to Grey Forest, New Braunfels, Austin, Corpus Christi, San Antonio and other South Texas cities, talk to the people and see the actual effects that deregulation has created."

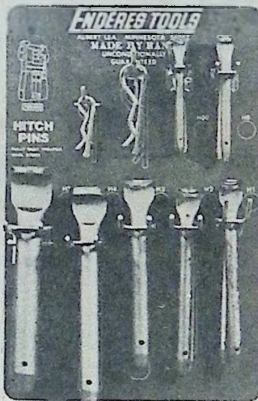
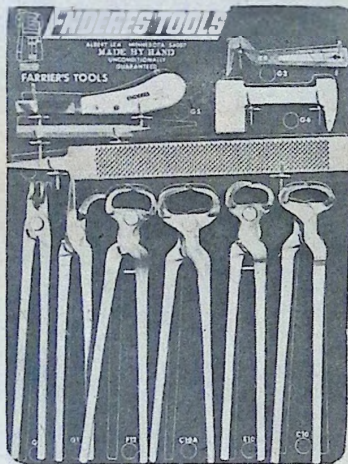
## Rainfall Goes Above Average

Two-thirds of the way through 1976, rainfall in Helotes has topped the annual average expected here, according to Henry Brauchle, local weather observer. Rainfall at his Poor Boy Ranch for August totalled 1.7 to bring the year's total so far to 30.2 inches. However, he reported that on August 31 some of his neighbors received two to two-and-a-half inches of rain on their places.

Rainfall on Sept. 2 was widespread but spotty throughout the Hill Country, auguring a chance of a wet September.

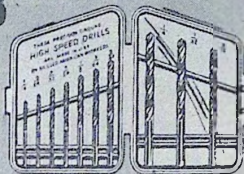
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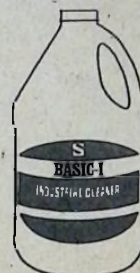
## Feed Store Has New Owner

Hill Country Feed & Supply, located in downtown Helotes, has a new owner, T.J. Yancy who took over the well-known store here on August 11. Yancy is experienced both as a rancher and supplier. He operates Texas Feed Store at 16910 San Pedro in San Antonio and is owner of the T.J. Yancy Ranch. He also owns Clever Jester, a gray thoroughbred stallion.

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The community welcomes the new owner who is well acquainted in Helotes.

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DALE KEITH and His Starlite Ramblers will play Saturday, Sept. 4, for the Labor Day weekend crowds at Floore Country Store—and they'll be back for the Fundraiser Dance sponsored by the Helotes Spring Festival Association on Friday, Sept. 24 also at Floore's.

Shown here is Dale, far right with fiddle in hand, and his C & W band—seated in foreground, Roy Laughlin, steel guitar; and also left to right standing, Larry Jackson, base; Milton Harborth, drum; and Larry Hokum, next to Dale.

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## Festival Assn. Plans Fundraiser Dance

Everyone is invited to attend the Fundraiser Dance to be held Friday, Sept. 24, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Floore Country Store, according to Bill Wilson who will take over his duties as president of the Helotes Spring Festival Association on Sept. 13, at the next regular meeting of the Association. Proceeds of the dance will go to stage the next Festival—Cornyval '77—which will be held next April 27 through May 1, it has been announced.

Donation for the dance will be \$1.50 per adult with children under 12 admitted free. Playing will be Dale Keith and His Starlite Ramblers. Early dancers will be served free tamales and beer while the supply lasts, the dance committee reports.

Dick Hartmann, current Festival president, will turn over the gavel to Wilson at the meeting at Floore Store next week bringing to a close the Bicentennial Festival year.

Among recent visitors here were Hans and Jolie Barsuhn and baby boy Dana who spent two weeks visiting Mrs. Barsuhn's uncle Rudy Cepeda and Irene. They are teachers in Los Angeles and Hans is a native of Germany being very expert in health and physical science.



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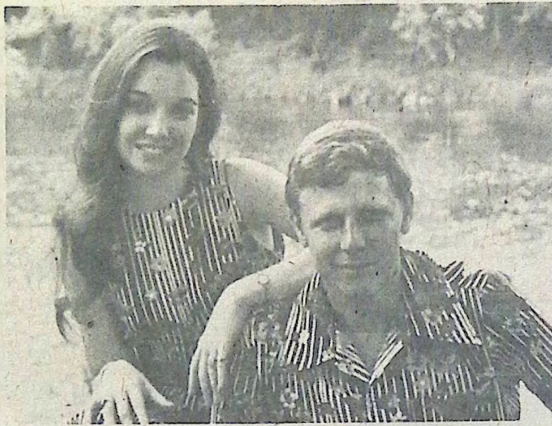
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## Death Claims Well Known Ranchman

Death claimed Paul M. Algueseva, Sr., of Pipe Creek, to bring relief from many months of suffering. On Tuesday, August 24, 1976, Mr. Algueseva died in the Methodist Hospital in San Antonio at the age of 66 years.

Paul M. Algueseva was born



The Country Nu Notes appearing at Floore Country Store tonight — as part of Labor Day weekend entertainment—feature Janet Lynn, left, and Johnny Lyon, right. Among their recordings are "Promise Me Anything". Others are "That's Where You're Wrong," "Kiss and Make Up," "Cause You Love Me Like You Do," "Not One Minute Longer," "I Wish I Could Be Like You," and "I Guess I'm Crazy." They have also recorded "Thanks To You, Love," "He's Walking in My Tracks," "Make Love to Me," and "Home Cooking." They will be on the Patio, weather permitting, for the Friday night dance fans here, Sept. 3.

January 15, 1910, in Boerne, Texas, the son of Jesus Algueseva and Dolores Menchaca. On July 22, 1933, he was happily married to Miss Mary Ruth Casas in Boerne. Their home was blessed with one son and two daughters.

Mr. Algueseva had resided in Banderita County for about 29 years. He was employed by the

Texas Highway Department for 16 years and retired from the Department in 1971. He was a ranchman and farmer and sheep shearer for about 30 years.

He was a member of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church.

Rosary was recited at Plummer Funeral Chapel Wednesday evening at 7:30 and Requiem Mass was celebrated on Thursday morning, August 26, 1976, at 10 o'clock at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, with Msgr. B.J. Hubertus, celebrant. He was laid to rest in the Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Plummer Funeral Home.

Casket carriers were Santos Lopez, Abraham Oranday, Clifford Flach, Coby Jurecki, Felipe Leal and Octavio Herrera.

Survivors include his sorrowing wife, Mrs. Mary Ruth Algueseva of Pipe Creek; two daughters, Elvira Cantu and Mrs. S. Joe Rodriguez of Banderita; one son, Paul Algueseva, Jr., of San Antonio; one sister, Linda Algueseva of San Antonio; one brother, Joe Algueseva of Helotes; six grandchildren and many other sorrowing relatives.

We extend sympathy to his loved ones at their loss.

Rev. Joseph Leyva also officiated at the Requiem Mass and paid beautiful tribute to the life of Mr. Algueseva. Some 400 persons attended the funeral services as token of the esteem felt for him. Married 43 years ago, Mr. Algueseva was a devoted husband, and by his request he was buried in his wedding suit.

Many of his close friends and relatives including his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Algueseva and their family of Helotes were in attendance during his final illness. Sympathy is especially extended to them at this time.

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Maid of honor was Miss Joyce Krueger, sister of the bride. Attending as bridesmaids were Judy Krcha and Janice Bendele as well as Pam Krcha of Austin and Sharon Zenner of Bryan, Texas.

Junior bridesmaid was Lorna Bendele, and flower girl was Melissa Langfeld. Serving as ringbearer was Waylon Bendele.

Boyd Krcha of Austin, cousin of the bridegroom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Jerry Rocha, Billy Birdwell, Jerry Gonzales and Chris Schuchart.

Junior groomsmen were Arlen Krueger, brother of the bride.

Ushers included Kerry Coggeshall, Tommy Yantis, Phil Galm, and Gary Harris who is from Jasper, Texas.

Following the candlelight ceremony, a reception was held at Braun Hall. The bridal couple were honored at a dinner and dance there also.

Out-of-town guests were here from many areas of Texas including the towns of Corsicana, Jasper, Mineola, Dallas, Port Lavaca, Duncanville, New Braunfels and Devine.

Following a wedding trip to the coast and Mexico, the bride and groom will reside in Leon Valley.

## Helotes To Have

### Mini Mall

Due to be open in downtown Helotes this month is a new business complex including a private club which is now under construction.

According to one of the new owners, Thomas Evans, the 3-acre property on Bandera Road formerly occupied by the Helotes Lumber Co. and also by the Grey Forest Utilities—which has recently relocated on Highway 16—will be developed by Crown Properties as a private health club and tennis club in addition to a Mini Mall with various shops such as a gift shop, beauty salon, and delicatessen.

Membership in the private men's semi-open club will be limited to 400 membership and will have tennis courts and a swimming club also, he said.

Evans, who operates an interior decorating organization known as Crown Interiors, is a native of Plains, Texas and was formerly an interior decorator of note in Seattle, Washington. He will continue in this profession from his Helotes office, specializing in decorating small shops.

He said that the projected club will have a 7-foot fence surrounding the area to enclose the tennis courts and swimming pools.

Some of the shops in the Mall will be leased to other persons, he said.

## Nurses Endorse Rep. Krueger

U.S. Rep. Bob Krueger of the 21st District was endorsed for reelection by N-CAP, the Nurses Coalition for Action in Politics, the political action arm of the American Nurses Association's 200,000 nurses. This marks the first time nurses have ever endorsed candidates for public office, and it is the result of their 1974 decision to form N-CAP and to become actively involved in the political process.

The nurses are optimistic that their endorsement of Rep. Krueger and a selected number of other candidates around the country will help the candidates in the fall election.

In the 94th Congress, Rep. Krueger has been an articulate spokesman for issues related to concerns and priorities of the American Nurses' Association as

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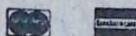
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Persons who are over 40, overweight, a blood relative of a known diabetic, or women who have had a baby over nine pounds should be tested. There should be a lapse of two hours between the last meal eaten and the test.

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### CARD OF THANKS

In behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Melicio Flores, we wish to thank each and every one for their participation in the Benefit Games Party on Sunday, August 15th.

Your presence there, the various donations, and the help to make the day the success that it was is greatly appreciated and will always be remembered.

Again, many, many thanks to all,

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## GECU Bldg. To Be Opened

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. Aug. 27, 1976—When the new Government Employees Credit Union Executive Building, at 6061 Northwest Expressway, is opened on Tuesday, September 7, in addition to the 77,000 member financial cooperative, there will be other firms occupying the structure, according to Jim Williams, president.

Williams points out that in planning and construction of the 116,000 square foot facility, adequate space was included to allow for credit union expansion.

The credit union will begin serving its members from the new facility, at 9 a.m. Tuesday, September 7. The main GECU office, currently at 406 West Durango Blvd., will remain operational through 5 p.m. Saturday, September 4.



Helotes Boy Scouts and Scoutmasters are shown at their summer campout at Philmont, New Mexico, where they received intensive training and many honors.

## Law Enforcement Meet Planned

AUSTIN — Attorney General John Hill will host approximately 350 State and local law enforcement officials Sept. 8-10 at the 26th Annual Attorney General's Law Enforcement Conference.

The conference, co-sponsored by the District and County Attorneys Association, will be held at the Sheraton Crest Inn in Austin.

Among those expected to attend are district and county attorneys, county judges and sheriffs, police chiefs from the large metropolitan centers, and assistant attorneys general.

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## Second Loop 410 Segment Opens

The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation announced this week that the current improvements of the second section of Loop 410 are

complete. A distance of 4.4 miles has been widened to a six-lane freeway from San Pedro Avenue to just beyond Fredericksburg Road.

It is estimated that the added lanes will greatly increase traffic capacity. The new skid resistant surface should appreciably reduce accidents. Included in the project was the installation of a concrete median barrier with new energy saving vapor lamps. An exit ramp has been installed west of Blanco Road that leads into Castle Hills and Camp Bullis. Allan Construction Company of San Antonio was the contractor for the \$6.8 million project built under extremely heavy traffic.

Late in 1975 the first section of the widening of Loop 410 was completed, from Harry Wurzbach to San Pedro Avenue, a distance of four miles. Meeting the needs in a vast growing, commercial area, the eight miles of improved freeway will enable a more uniform and smoother flow for traffic.

Mr. T.J. Walthall was the Resident Engineer and R.H. Magers, project engineer for the Department.

## Northside Students May Travel

Northside Independent School District high school students are eligible to sign up for the "Bicentennial In-School Program" for a nine-day visit to the Country's east coast, departing San Antonio October 28.

Organized by the International Consortium of Education, the tour takes students to Williamsburg,

Virginia, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and New York City.

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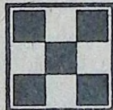
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## ARTIFACT HUNT (from page 1)

The students uncovered fire-cracked rock, cutting stones and sharpened points. There's also a quarry area, described by Dr. Gunn as an Indian goldmine—the source of rock for making stone tools.

The students also discovered a metate, or grinding stone, for grain.

"The early Indians took the seeds of edible plants and made mushes or bread cakes from the flour," Dr. Gunn stated. "To cook their food they filled woven baskets with water, heated stones and dumped the hot stones into the water. This caused the fire-cracked rocks, also called boiling stones."

Because of the quarry and an abundance of edible seed producing plants, the site, on a flood plain of the Pedernales River, was probably occupied over an extended period of time, he noted.

Dr. Gunn said students learn to collect data on prehistoric artifacts in the field to be immediately analyzable by computer.

"Rapid computer assisted analysis allows archaeologists to uncover very complex cultural meaning from the materials they dig up with relative ease," he explained.

Dr. Gunn continued, "There are a lot of artifacts in the area to be documented."

"The UTSA Archaeological Field School has grown every year

since it was begun three years ago," Dr. Gunn noted. "A measure of its success has been the number of students from other areas who have come to UTSA to participate in the program."

## UTSA Enrolls 6850 Students

Late registration closes today at UTSA.

Classes began Monday, August 30, at UTSA with about 6850 students registered for the fall semester.

Enrollment during the fall, 1975 semester was 4433. Increase is due partly to the admission of freshmen and sophomores, who attended the University for the first time in June. More than 1600 freshmen and 770 sophomores are enrolled this fall.

Dr. Tomás Rivera, UTSA Vice President for Administration, commented, "We, the staff, the

faculty and administration are very enthusiastic about the 70 percent increase in students. We now have a more balanced student body—freshmen through graduates."

UTSA is offering what he termed a quality education with more than 1100 courses in 50 subjects. Extra courses and sections were added this week to meet the large undergraduate enrollments in accounting, art, biology, business law, chemistry, computer science, English, German, health and physical education, history, management, mathematics, music, political science, psychology and Spanish.

Classes begin at 8 a.m. and continue through the evening. They are taught by about 230 full-time faculty, including 70 new faculty members. UTSA also employs some part-time faculty.

Richard L. Lewis, Director of Admissions and Registrar, said he expects heavy enrollments during late registration through Friday, Sept. 3.

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