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Legislators plan to pursue merging of UT, Pan Am

EDINBURG (AP) — Two state legislators announced plans to pur-sue a shift of Pan American Univer- ulty Senate and address some of sity — the state's southernmost four- their concerns in the event of a year institution - into the University of Texas System.

State Reps. Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen, and Alex Moreno, D-Edinburg, said a bill they pre-filed Monday to effect the change is not specific about how the merger should take place.

Moreno said Pan American, whose main campus is located in his hometown, would emerge as a full partner in the UT System. The bill is a basic bill and does not resolve all of the issues that are still to be decided in the merger talks.

The Legislature last year ordered the Austin-based UT System and the College Station-based Texas A&M University System to look at shortcomings in higher education in South Texas and offer ways to im-

prove academic opportunities.
Since then, regents of Pan American and UT have agreed to discuss cooperative programs and possible

merger.
UT Chancellor Hans Mark said, "It is our best judgment that for the good of the UT System and for the good of Pan American University this merger should go on.

Mark was on the Pan American merger, including tenure and ad-

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missions policies.

He said UT stands to gain from South Texas' rapidly growing population and its economic potential from the growing "maquiladora" program of industrialization on the Mexican side of the border.

"We're going into this with a very clear view of self interest, and I hope we can persuade you that it's in your interest to do the same," Mark said to the faculty group. Pan American stands to gain new

academic programs through UT, he

Robert Shepard, a Pan American regent and member of the board's merger committee, said he had not seen the bill. Although he said, "We're definitely moving in that direction, and I hope we can come to

an agreement."

Moreno and Hinojosa said they pre-filed the bill Monday to give it a head start in the Legislative session beginning Jan. 10. They said the bill in its present form would allow Pan American University at Brownsville to continue as an institution within the UT System.

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Indian dance group to perform in MS

Cultural performances pre-sented at Texas A&M this semes-performances of such dange ter have featured art, music and dance from all over the world. MSC OPAS and the International Development Forum add yet another performance to the list as they present the Cellicion Dance Group from Zuni, New Mexico

on Thursday.

The shows will be at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. in 201 MSC. Tickets for the show are \$2.

The group is well known for its portrayal of American Indian native dances. Originating in Zuni, New Mexico, near the Arizona state line, the group has won sevperformances of such dances
"The White Buffalo Dance"
"The Hopi-Navajo Dance" a
also for the flute solos and Indi sign language they incorpo into their shows. The group participated in parades, powows and other events to pomote American Indian culture

In addition to the perf mance, Native American artwo will be displayed Wednesday a Thursday in the MSC Flag Roo The collection will feature pottery, handicrafts and ceremonic clothing of the American Indians

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Panelists to discuss drug problem

A panel discussion on drug de-criminalization will highlight a day-long seminar on "Drugs: A Modern Dilemma" Wednesday.

"Tune In, Turn On, Find Out" will be held in Rudder Forum at 8

Panelists will be Professor Ethan Nadelmann from Prince-ton University, Richard Cowan of the Drug Policy Foundation, Beverly Watts Davis of the Texans' War on Drugs and Sue Rusche of the National Drug Information Center. Dr. John Talmadge of Sandstone Psychiatry will moder-

Four other lectures will be presented:

• At 11 a.m., Dennis Reardo of the Texas A&M Center for Drug Prevention and Educatio will present "Drugs 101" in the MSC Flag Room. He will present "Drugs 102" in the same room

• Sheryl Baylor, Federal Drug Administration officer, will spea about "Accutane: Drug Approva and Testing" at 1 p.m. in 500

• John McDernott, U.S. C toms Department public relatio officer, will speak about "Fightin Drugs on the Border" at 3 p.m. 502 Rudder.

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"Accutane: Drug Approval and Testing" Sheryl Baylor, FDA Consumer Affairs Officer

3:00 PM

"Fighting Drugs on the Border" John McDernott, U.S. Customs Dept. Public Relations Officer

8:00 PM

Panel Discussion:

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Drug Decriminalization

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