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Saturday proves Super for Broncs



—Ileana Garcia-Spitz

Broncs' center Matt Palmquist shoots a free throw as Lalo Rios looks on. The Broncs beat Denver University Saturday night 86-77 at The Fieldhouse. See story page 12.

Poli-Sci professors at Odds over Clinton trial

By GINA DERA
The Pan American

Perjury, obstruction of justice, and whether to impeach president Clinton were subjects of debate Thursday during activity period. Leading the discussion were political science professors Dr. Jerry Polinard and Dr. Mark Wrighton. They held opposing views as to whether Clinton should be impeached.

The seats of room 101 in the Social and Behavioral Sciences building were filled as students listened with tape recorders, note pads, and concerned expressions.

Dr. Polinard said Clinton should not be impeached, while Dr. Wrighton said he should. Both agree Clinton committed perjury, obstructed justice, and engaged in immoral, abominable behavior.

"Those who believe he Clinton should be removed are fighting history," said Polinard. Impeachment is not a simple process to be used at every partisan whim, but rather a "remedy designed to secure the safety of our nation." Polinard said Clinton should resign, but he should not be driven from office by a partisan witch hunt.

Dr. Wrighton sends a message that Americans will not tolerate immoral, deceitful, and above-the-law arrogance of our most highly revered and trusted leader. Wrighton believes that perjury and

obstruction of justice, fall into the category of high crimes and misdemeanors and that these violations can cause serious damage. Perjury "can lead to wrongful execution in a trial or set the guilty free," said Wrighton. Although Clinton remains popular in public opinion polls, Wrighton said, "just because the majority believes something, doesn't mean that they're right."

Students got their chance to aim questions at the professors at the end of the discussion. A voice from the crowd said, "is perjury okay for certain reasons?" Dr. Polinard responded with "perjury and obstruction of justice are not okay by any means, but impeachment is designed to remedy a problem."

James Alexander, a freshman and political science major who attended the discussion, said "I don't think anybody knows what to do — I agree with Polinard. It's wrong, but not impeachable."



Dr. Mark Wrighton

—Gina Dera



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Ethnicity does not always imply allegiance

By ALICIA ROCA
The Daily Bruin

Every once in while some ignoramus leads me to look in the mirror and ponder the inevitable questions every American person of color does throughout their lives, "Do I look American? Will I ever? Or does being American require the rare commodity of blond hair and blue eyes?"

It seems that no matter how old I get, or how long I spend in this country, I am perpetually reminded of the fact that I am an outsider looking in. And sadly, despite all my efforts, I will never be what people allude to when they speak of the "All American girl." Take, for example, an encounter I had while crawling along the 405 Freeway en route to the airport last week. As we weaved in and out of traffic, the middle-aged shuttle driver felt compelled to start small talk. On the other hand, I was content to read my enthralling textbook in the dimly-lit cabin.

But being the social butterfly that I am, I felt obliged to engage in conversation. Did he ask my age or my major? Did he inquire about my future career aspirations? No, of course he didn't; such neutral queries were out of the question. Predictably, as so many before him, he inquired about my ethnicity and then to further exasperate the situation he complimented me on my English proficiency. "You speak English so well. How long have you been here?" I resisted the urge to punch him, and responded, "Since birth," and left it at that.

It was the same feeling I get when people ask another one of my favorite ques-

tions, "Where are you from?" The simple answer - San Francisco - never seems to suffice. Most of the time the inquirer stares at me as if ellipses linger in the air, as if they expect me to site some exotic locale I was born in and describe my daring voyage to America. Occasionally, they'll compensate for my lack of detail with, "No, I mean where were you born?" or "No, I mean where are your parents from."

My ethnicity has been a topic of interest ever since I can remember. People are never quite able to pinpoint my origins. Most of the time people compensate for their confusion by lumping me into one of various categories - usually defining me as Mexican.

This is not surprising, being that we live in a society that revolves around the idea of lumping. We lump people into economic brackets. We lump people according to religion. We lump people according to political affiliation. In fact, we all began lumping in high school when we first identified the nerds, the cool kids and the rebels.

It almost seems logical to lump, being that categorizing is based on simplification, and through categorization we better understand the world around us. But the problem is that this phenomenon of lumping leads to stereotyping and generalizations. Soon, distinctions are so vividly drawn that it becomes a matter of us versus them.

Of even more immediate concern is the fact that lumping robs the individual of his or her identity. Take, for example, when people ask me, "Are you Mexican?" This infuriates me for two reasons. First, I

am Puerto Rican and Salvadoran, two cultures completely different from the Mexican one. To classify me in a category which I do not belong to robs me of my culture and identity.

Furthermore, if people really must ask about my ethnicity, why can't they ask about it directly without first making assumptions. Not every person with brown skin is Mexican. Moreover, the funny thing is that these assumptions vary regionally. Here everyone thinks I'm Mexican. When I visited Florida everyone thought I was Cuban. If I go to New York, maybe people will finally get it right.

My second problem with lumping people into ethnic categories is that it only seems to happen to people of color. I don't go up to every Caucasian I see and say "Are you Irish," and neither does anyone else. The thought doesn't cross our minds. Every Caucasian is American. Period. It is, however, acceptable to go up to every Latino and say, "Are you Mexican?" This serves as a constant reminder of the double standard within society.

It also serves as a constant reminder that I will always be viewed as an outsider no matter how American I may be. Take, for example, my friend, who was born in Poland and immigrated at the age of six. The irony is that because she has blond hair and blue eyes no one will ever ask her, "Where are you from?" On the other hand, I will constantly face questions such as these for the rest of my life - despite the fact that I was born here.

The epitome of this is the question, "What nationality are you?" Nationality is synonymous with citizenship.

My nationality, therefore, is American and my ethnicity is Puerto Rican and Salvadoran. Yet people stare in awe if I respond "American" to this question. Much like when asking if I'm Mexican robs me of my ethnic heritage, asking my nationality (and meaning ethnicity) robs me of my American identity. Is it that hard to believe that a person can dwell within two cultures? Moreover, is it truly a coincidence that people use the terms ethnicity and nationality interchangeably?

Throughout my life people have referred to me as exotic. This term abridges the perception many fellow Americans have of me. Exotic is defined by Webster's dictionary as "Belonging by nature or origin to another part of the world: foreign; strangely different and fascinating." A rug or a bird is exotic, but I'm about as domestic as you can get. More importantly, I'm a person. When people call me exotic it makes me feel like imported chattel.

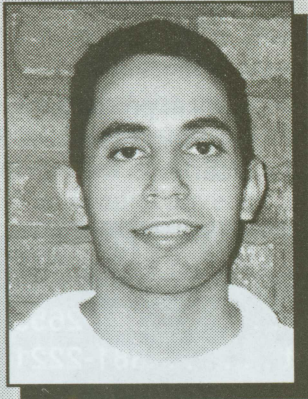
No person should be made to feel that way. I am not exotic. I am not a minority. I'm just as American as any of my fair-haired counterparts. Therein lies the cause of racial conflict in this country.

Until people begin to realize that skin tone does not necessitate allegiance or nationality, there will never be equality and we will never supersede the racial inequities this country was founded upon.

Q & A

Should Texas reinstate a practical driving exam?

— Aaron Baldwin



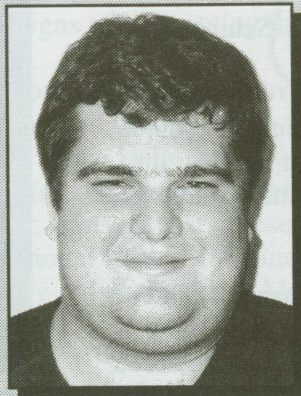
David Canales
Junior
Pre-pharmacy

Yes. Anyone can study a driver's manual and pass a written exam. However, this doesn't mean you are capable of making decisions in critical instances while driving.

Scott Crippen
Senior

Interdisciplinary Studies

Yes. Driving requires dexterity and coordination. If drivers are sent out after taking a multiple choice test, we have no assurance they know the mechanics of driving.



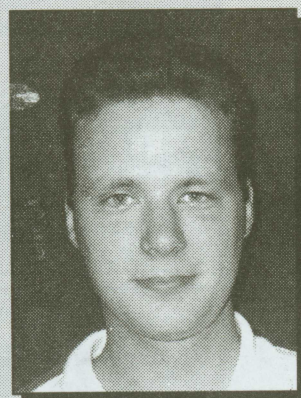
Jeanette Smith
Senior
Studio Art

Yes. The driving part of the exam is very important. The written exam doesn't deal with the actual mechanics of driving. The driving exam is a learning experience everyone should have.



Steven Davey
Junior
Computer Science

Yes. The driving test makes you more conscious of your bad driving. A license shouldn't be given to someone if the state isn't sure the person can handle a car.



Monika Garcia
Junior
Dietetics

Yes. I don't think that it is right for someone to just take the written exam and think that they automatically know how to drive. Requiring a driving test will show them the mechanics.



Campus Briefs

National Youth Sports Program Receives Meritorious Award

UTPA Information Office

The UTPA National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) recently received the Meritorious Award from the National Collegiate Athletic Association for an outstanding youth program.

NYSP is a federally funded program through the NCAA that focuses on assisting economically disadvantaged youth develop self-esteem and goals through athletics.

"Each year, this program is judged by how well the program is run," said Layne W. Jorgensen, PhD, chair of the Department of Health and Kinesiology at UTPA. "Out of 190

colleges and universities which receive this grant, UTPA was one of the 20 selected as being outstanding."

Approximately 400 children between the ages of 10 and 16 from across the Rio Grande Valley spend afternoons on campus for about five weeks each summer developing their self-esteem and future goals through educational courses and athletic sports, such as basketball, tennis and swimming.

"The goal of this program is to take these kids off the street and away from drugs and crime, while at the same time give them a chance to see what life is like on a university campus," Jorgensen said.

Occupational therapy, physician assistant Bachelor's degrees transferred to UTPA

UTPA Information Office

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board voted Friday to approve transferring administration of two cooperative bachelor's degrees in physician assistant studies and occupational therapy to UTPA.

The bachelor of science degree in occupational therapy is currently offered cooperatively with The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio as the degree-granting institution, and the bachelor of science in physician assistant studies is now being offered in collaboration with The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, with UTMB-Galveston as the institution awarding the degree. When the changes go into effect later this year, UTPA will award the degrees.

"Both of the cooperative programs have been very successful at UTPA, and we will continue to foster the

strong relationships we have had with UTMB and the UT Health Science Center in San Antonio," said Dr. Miguel A. Nevárez, president of UTPA.

"We will continue to work closely with the Medical Branch to train physician assistants for medically underserved and rural areas," Nevárez noted.

UTPA will now have the only physician assistant studies program in Texas that is not located at a medical school.

"This transition was planned all along from day one when we started this program," said Dr. Jack Runyan, UTPA project chair of the PA program. "The only appreciable difference that the students will notice is in the degrees they receive. They will be UT Pan American degrees instead of UTMB degrees. Other than that, everything will remain pretty much the same, especially through the first year."

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FEBRUARY

2 MEETING: The Society for Human Resource Management will be holding their regular club meeting at Noon in BA 223. All majors are welcome to attend.

2 MEETING: The Political Science Association will be holding their first meeting at Noon in SBS 109. There will be an election of officers and general planning of the club's agendas for the semester. Everyone is welcome to attend.

2 STYLE SHOW: The Placement Office will present "Dress for Success," a style show for men and women at Noon in the UC Ballroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

2 ACTIVITY: The Baptist Student Ministry will be sponsoring a free lunch at Noon in the Xochitl Room next to the Ballroom.

2 CONCERT: The Valley Symphony Orchestra will perform "Psalmus Hungaricus" by Zoltan Kodaly and "Brazilian Impressions" by Ottorino Respighi at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. For ticket information, call 630-5355.

4 ACTIVITY: The Philosophy Club will present "Environmentalists: Why You Should Hate Them" featuring Bud Frankenberger, Special Assistant

to the President Assistant Professor of English at Noon in SBS 101. Everyone is welcome.

9 ART EXHIBIT: New works by printmaker and painter Noel Palmenez, UT Brownsville faculty member will be on display at the Charles and Dorothy Clark Gallery in the Fine Arts Complex.

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11 BASKETBALL: Broncs vs. South Alabama at 7:30 p.m. in the Field House.

13-14 CONCERT: The Folkloric Dance Company and the Mariachi present *Alegria 98-99* concert of Mexican and Spanish music and dance at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. For ticket information, call 381-3471 or 381-2230.

15 BASKETBALL: Lady Broncs vs. Schreiner at 7 p.m. in the Field House.

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18 ACTIVITY: The 7th Annual Financial Aid Fair will be held from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.. The fair will provide assistance in the completion of the Free

Application for Federal Student Aid, 1998 Income Tax Forms from VITA volunteers, and university tours for high school students. For more information, call 381-2502.

19-21 CONCERT: The Folkloric Dance Company and the Mariachi present *Algeria 98-99* concert of Mexican and Spanish music and dance at 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the Fine Arts Auditorium. For ticket information, call 381-3471 or 381-2230.

21 RECITAL: The Music Department presents a Jr. Voice Recital featuring Rebecca Moczygamba at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

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Researchers track virus that causes AIDS

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

CHICAGO – In a finding that helps resolve the longstanding mystery of how the virus that causes AIDS made its way into humans, a team of researchers announced on Sunday that the major strain of the virus almost certainly came from a subspecies of African chimpanzees.

The results, unveiled at the 6th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections being held at the Chicago Sheraton, may one day yield insight into why chimpanzees do not get ill from the simian form of the virus, while the human strains are deadly.

In addition, the findings should help scientists understand how HIV developed and continues to mutate in infected people. Such knowledge is a necessary step toward the elusive goal of fashioning vaccines for the ever-changing virus, experts said.

"If we know where we've been, we can tell where we're going," said Steven Wolinsky, an AIDS researcher at Northwestern University Medical School.

Although many scientists have suggested that the virus was passed to humans from animals, until now there was no convincing proof that chimpanzees were the source, according to Dr. Beatrice Hahn, a researcher at the University of Alabama at Birmingham who led the team.

"There was an alternate theory - that chimps were infected by a third, unidentified species," Hahn said. "We never knew for sure whether

(the source) was chimps or another species. Now we know it was the chimps."

Exactly how the virus jumped species remains a mystery, though Hahn proposes that humans originally were infected while hunting chimps for food.

Hahn's discovery of HIV's primate origins began with a chimp named Marilyn.

A research animal taken from an unknown location in Africa in 1959, Marilyn died in 1985 after giving birth to stillborn twins. She tested positive for the simian form of HIV - one of a handful of chimpanzees ever to show signs of contracting the virus naturally.

But laboratory techniques available at the time could not isolate Marilyn's virus, Hahn said. So parts of Marilyn's body were frozen and sent to Dr. Larry Arthur, a researcher at the National Cancer Institute Laboratory at Fort Detrick, Md.

"He stuffed it in his freezer and it sat there for 10 years," Hahn said. "Then one day he had to clean out his freezer, and he found this big bag of chimpanzee parts. He knew about my research, so he called me.

"On occasion you get lucky," she said.

Using polymerase chain reaction (PCR), a method of amplifying genetic material that became widespread only after 1985, Hahn's team was able to isolate Marilyn's virus and compare it with three other samples of SIVcpz, the HIV-like virus that infects chimpanzees.

The results, also published in this week's issue of the journal Nature, showed that Marilyn's virus was closely related to strains found in two primates belonging to the chimpanzee subspecies Pan

troglodytes troglodytes, which were taken from the Central African country of Gabon.

That strain was also similar to HIV-1, the major strain of the virus that afflicts humans. HIV-1 is thought to have originated among humans in the same region of Africa that forms the natural range of Marilyn's subspecies. The fourth infected chimp, which had a very dif-

ferent form of SIVcpz, belonged to a different chimpanzee subspecies native to East Africa.

Statistical tests indicated that Marilyn's form of the virus and the two samples taken from the Gabon chimps formed a single genetic lineage with HIV-1. Those strains of chimp virus are more similar to the human virus than they are to virus taken from the East African chimp subspecies.

Previous research by Hahn and others already had shown that the less common human strain of HIV-2

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Physician assistants work under the supervision of a physician. They can provide some primary care medicine, freeing the physician to take care of more complicated medical problems. Students enter the degree program after completing two years of prerequisites and general education requirements.

Prior to the initiation of the cooperative program, Rio Grande Valley students who wanted to pursue a physician assistant studies degree had to go to Houston, Galveston or Dallas for their educations, and tended to stay in those areas after graduation. The need for medical professionals in the Valley was one factor that prompted the agreement that brought the PA program to UTPA.

The cooperative occupational therapy program also was initiated with the expectation of making the transition into a freestanding UTPA program.

Judith Bowen, UTPA program coordinator for the cooperative occupational therapy program, says that students enrolled in the program also will notice little difference in the operation of the program from UTHSCSA administration to UTPA administration.

"It will be essentially the same program, the same faculty, and there should be no disruption whatsoever for the students," Bowen said.

"There will be purely mechanical things that will be different - students will apply through UT Pan American instead of the Health Science Center, and all of the services for the students will be here," she said.

Bowen said she expects the change to be effective fall 1999.

"Students who are currently enrolled will graduate from the Health Science Center, but the students coming in summer 1999 will be the first class to

graduate from UTPA," she said.

The first cohort of students in the program started in May 1996, and 13 of the students graduated in December 1998, with two more from the first group scheduled to graduate in spring 1999 after completion of their field work. Seventeen seniors and 19 juniors are currently enrolled in the program.

Twenty students will be accepted this spring, with the number increasing to 22 in the future. There are no plans to increase enrollment beyond the 22, Bowen noted.

The program involves two years of academic work, plus six months of fieldwork. On completion of these requirements, the students sit for a national registry examination.

"I have been so pleased with the students," she said. "The number of students (enrolled) from the Valley has increased with every class, and all of us are impressed with the quality of students who are coming into the program."

Bowen said the greatest advantages to having the occupational therapy program a freestanding UTPA program are "proximity and access."

"As a whole faculty, what we are trying to build into this program as time goes on are increasing numbers of connections to the issues of the border community, so that we anticipate that our fieldwork opportunities, for example, will help to develop new sites for occupational therapists that simply haven't existed before. It's a health career through which students who pass the registry exam can practice anywhere in the country, but they will be coming out of a program that has a strong cultural connection with the Valley," Bowen said.

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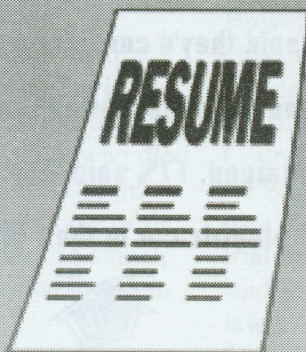
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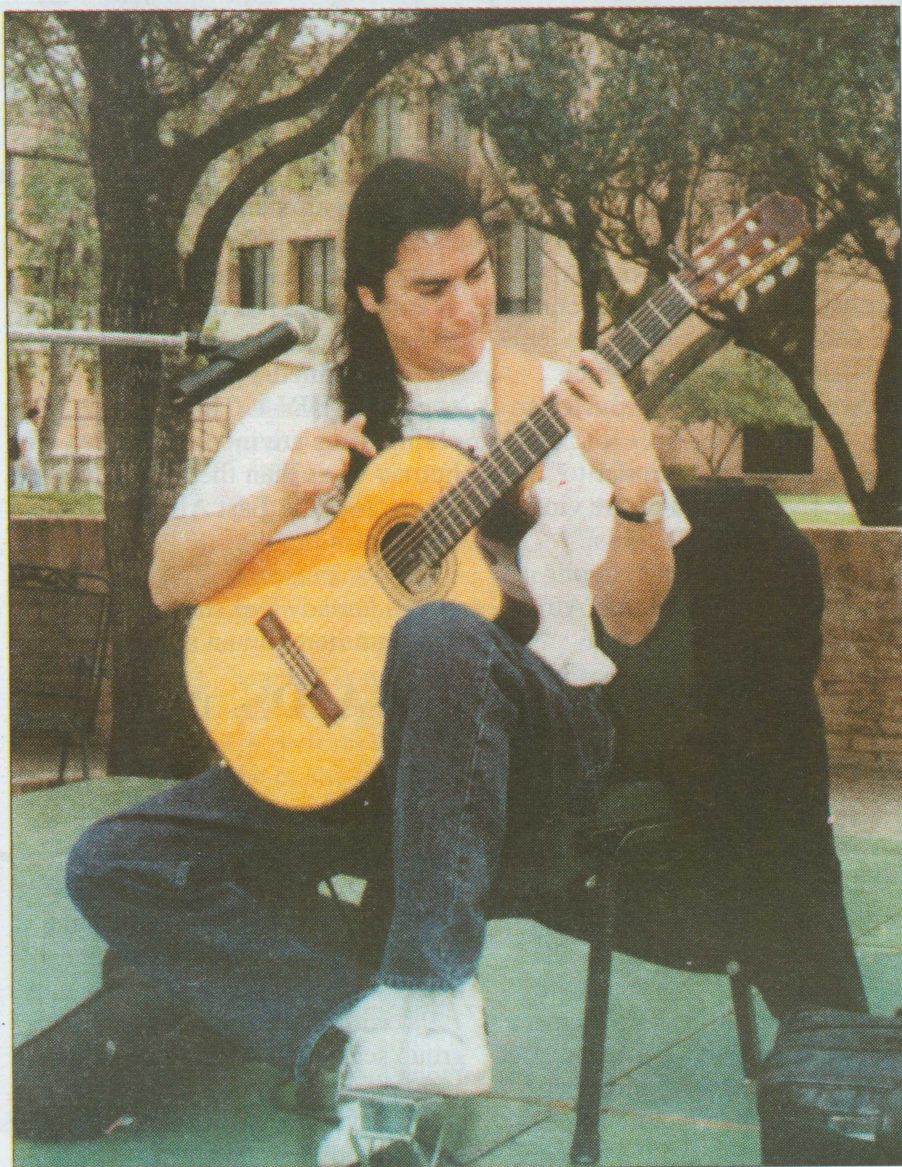
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-Shane James

Edgar Cruz practices before his performance. The Oklahoma native performed his solo act in the Ballroom Friday night.

Dustin Hoffman finds court experience enjoyable

LOS ANGELES (AP) – Dustin Hoffman not only had his day in court, he liked it.

"I don't want to flatter the judge because it looks like you're flattering the judge," the actor told a press conference Monday. "But the experience was very enjoyable."

A federal judge last week awarded Hoffman \$1.5 million in a non-jury trial of a lawsuit against *Los Angeles Magazine*, which published a computer-altered image of the actor in a designer evening gown and heels without his permission.

Hoffman, who played a man masquerading as a woman in the 1982 film *Tootsie*, was concerned about flattery because the case resumes on Thursday for a decision on how much the actor should receive in punitive damages.

Hoffman, himself, was praised by U.S. District Judge Dickran Tevrizian as "one of our country's greatest living treasures."

"I'd like to Xerox what he said and put it on each of my kids' pillows," Hoffman told reporters at

his lawyer's office.

Hoffman, who testified during the trial that he was turned into an unpaid fashion model, said he was concerned about how the movie industry perceived the photo.

"The industry knows that there's a certain plane, if you will, of actors who don't do commercials. ... It signals a decline in your career," he said.

The photo was published in a March 1997 issue that featured classic movie stills with actors in the latest fashions. Hoffman's suit claimed violation of publicity rights and named Fairchild Publications Inc., owner and publisher of the magazine, and its parent, Disney-owned Capital Cities/ABC Inc.

The magazine's attorney contended the publication was protected by the First Amendment and the picture portrayed Hoffman's *Tootsie* character rather than the actor himself.

'Hearts' ablaze with fine performances

By PETER DEBRUGE
Daily Texan

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas – Consider it a good sign if an independent film unites the quality of star talent found in Willard Carroll's *Playing by Heart*. Usually, when a handful of skilled actors are willing to sign on with a novice writer/director like Carroll, the film will offer strong characters backed by a fresh script.

Though not entirely original in style or concept, *Heart's* thoughtful patchwork of love stories proved strong enough to assemble an impressive cast. Reminiscent of Robert Altman's *Short Cuts*, the film offers glimpses into the love lives of a dozen people strewn across Los Angeles with a peculiar sense of optimism.

Most recognizable, Sean Connery and Gena Rowlands play Paul and Hannah, a married couple on the brink of celebrating their 40 years together. The two live in a state of bitter-sweet equilibrium, bickering with casual familiarity. When confronted with Paul's mortality, their focus changes surprisingly from what remains of their future to shadows in their past.

While the older couple straightens things out, others struggle with relationships of their own. Mildred (Ellen Burstyn) grows closer to her AIDS-stricken son (Jay Mohr) than she has ever felt comfortable with another human being. Meanwhile, sharp, self-reliant Meredith (Gillian Anderson) tries to convince herself that her life has no room for romance when the man of her dreams (Jon Stewart) literally knocks her flat on her ass.

Somewhere across town, Hugh (Dennis Quaid) cruises from bar to bar, curiously stretching pickup lines to a pathetic new level of hyperbole, while Gracie (Madeleine Stowe) enjoys a sex life with no commitments. On the rebound, loud-mouthed punkster Joan (Angelina Jolie) falls for a soft-spoken, blue-haired club regular named Keenan (Ryan Phillippe). The young pair sparks the film's most unique relationship.

These aren't characters who stutter helplessly when asked to describe their feelings. As the film progresses, each of the couples must find a way to transform their emotions and concerns into words, a challenge as daunting as

"dancing about architecture" (the film's original title). Thanks to a well-written script, the assortment of lovers handle the topic with disconcerting ease. Taken together, their distinctive philosophies provide a refreshing surface portrait of love itself.

The cast is essentially an assortment of disparate characters who gradually gravitate together. When handled correctly, as in Atom Egoyan's *Exotica*, Krzysztof Kieslowski's *Red* and Quentin Tarantino's *Pulp Fiction*, filmmakers reward their viewers with a sense of structure and purpose, reassuring us that no detail was wasted.

Playing by Heart falls somewhere between the two extremes. At the film's climax, Carroll reveals the shared quality that unifies the different stories. This connection offers an unnervingly convenient sense of closure.

The virtue of *Playing by Heart* lies in Carroll's determination not to inflate any of the vignettes to feature length. Instead, he weaves them together like a series of unrelated short films, united loosely to fit the unfortunate Hollywood pattern.

Shots! Your Information Hit...

Passing Gas

Think electric cars are the wave of the future? Think again. Only 24% of the students animalhouse.com polled say they would definitely own an electric car. 59% said they'd consider owning one, depending on how often it needs to be charged. 17% said there's no electric car in their future.



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—Shane James

Maria Alba Gonzalez, Studio Art Senior, works with a pottery wheel in her Advanced Ceramics course.

Witchcraft books cause disturbance in middle school

KANNAPOLIS, N.C. (AP) — Middle school officials here have told three girls not to bring their books on magic and witchcraft back to school after other students complained of being threatened with death curses.

Kannapolis Middle School administrators seized the books because students' fears were disrupting teaching, Kannapolis Schools Superintendent Ed Tyson said Friday. They were returned to them at the end of the day.

The girls would probably be suspended if they brought the books back to school, a school official said.

"It's not the books, it's the behavior of the children that we consider disruptive," Tyson said. "The books are not the issue."

School counselor Teresa Traurig said she talked with more than 20 concerned students.

"They said these girls

were putting spells on them, and death spells on them," Traurig said. "If you have students coming to a counselor upset, some crying, tears in their eyes, afraid, I think we would be very remiss in not addressing this."

The girls deny threatening or putting negative spells on other students.

"We never heard anybody say anything about us putting a hex on them before this," said Shanna Sawyer, 12, a seventh-grader.

"In a way, it's (about) freedom of speech," Shanna's friend, Meka Robinson, 12.

The girls said when their books were returned to them, Kinsey warned them they could be suspended if they brought them back to school.

One book is titled *Earth, Air, Fire & Water: More Techniques of Natural Magic*. Students have a First Amendment right to have their own lit-

erature at school, said Deborah Ross, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union in North Carolina. But if there is a disruption, the school can restrict speech and also books if they are part of the disruption.

Melinda Robinson, Meka's mother, said she believes the girls' fascination with witchcraft and spells will pass.

"I think it's a phase," she said. "Kids are going to be kids."

The girls are not trying to harm anyone, said Shanna's mother, Suzanne Sawyer. She said the girls watch television shows about witches, and their dabbling in spells and magic is innocent.

"When I was a little girl, I wanted to be Samantha on 'Bewitched,'" she said. "It didn't hurt me none. I'm still a Baptist."

Sony may begin selling music through internet

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's Sony Music Entertainment is studying a plan to allow Internet users to download music for a fee and record it onto mini-discs, a company spokesman said Friday.

Under the plan, customers would be charged according to the number of songs downloaded or the playing time of the music, the mass-

circulation *Asahi* newspaper reported.

The company is still conducting feasibility studies on the project and no decision has been made, said Sony Music Entertainment spokesman Kyouhei Akai. Potential problems include acquiring the rights to the music to be sold through the Internet, he said.

Sony Music Entertainment's parent company, Sony Corp., has been aggressively pursuing new recording technologies, including the mini-disk.

Sony's music division saw profits rise 22 percent in the October-December quarter last year as the Sony group's overall profits declined by 20 percent.

Trial date set for country singer Johnny Rodriguez

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Country singer Johnny Rodriguez and Carlos Tovar, a lifelong friend, will go on trial Sept. 13 on a charge of murder, a defense lawyer says.

Rodriguez and Tovar are charged with murder in the Aug. 29 shooting death of Israel Borrego, 26, who died of a single gunshot to his abdomen at the home of the singer's mother in Sabinal, about 60 miles west of San Antonio.

Rodriguez has said he was investigating what he

thought was an intruder in his mother's home and fired one shot in self-defense when he confronted a man in the dark house.

Defense lawyer Alan Brown said Tuesday that no change of venue request is planned to attempt to move the trial from Uvalde County.

"We're happy with the date and with having the trial in Uvalde County," said Brown, a San Antonio lawyer who represents the 46-year-old Rodriguez.

The next step for the

defense, Brown said, is to contact District Attorney Tony Hackebell to see what evidence the state has against his client.

A pretrial hearing is scheduled for Aug. 13.

Rodriguez and Tovar, who lives next to the country singer's home in Sabinal, were named in the same murder indictment returned Jan. 7 by a Uvalde County grand jury.

Both men are free on \$50,000 bond.

The K Chronicles
BY KEITH KNIGHT

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Psst...Need a condom?

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Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19) There's a way to solve that nagging feeling of not having done enough. Part of your problem is that you're not quite sure what you've already accomplished. Add it all up and give yourself due credit.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Your sweetheart needs a lot of your attention today. This could be your mate or a child, but either way your compassion and support is required. This person is getting pressed to perform above where he or she is used to playing, and that's causing stress.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) There's one hassle after another, and just when you're ready to give up, a new idea pops to mind. This could be a suggestion from another person. Somebody with a different point of view is more likely to spot the solution to the problem than you are.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today, you want everything to be perfect, and you're willing to go the extra mile to make sure that happens. Actually, this is your opportunity to get things just the way you want.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Looks like you could uncover another source of revenue that you might be able to access without going to a lot more work. It could be another way to sell something you make, for example, and if you're not in business for yourself, this would be a good day to find a skill and start to market it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Looks like something that happened at work is sending lots of attention your way. Don't be alarmed. You are your own worst critic. Although people are saying that you've done a great job, you can see everything that's not perfect.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You don't feel like talking to anybody today, and that's unusual for you. You make friends easily, and you enjoy explaining things to other people most of the time, but not today. If you decide to hide out in your cave for a little while, don't feel bad about it.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) You'll do well working with a team. That's your best role, as advisor. Today, people are interested, even asking you to tell them what to do. You really love it when that happens, so enjoy the people who will do it with you and ignore the ones who won't.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Looks like something you've learned recently will open doors for you. You're up for bigger things than you were before. Be watching for an opportunity to provide service for others.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You could have a technical breakthrough today, especially if you set out to do it on purpose. You're not stupid, although you might feel like that when you learn something new. You're in a position now to reach farther than you've ever gone before.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Money is a major theme today, and you'd be wise to take care of it. You have only enough to go around, no matter how much you have. The more pennies you can pinch, the longer you'll stay in business.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Toss the ball to your teammate today and let him or her run for the touchdown. Looks like the other person is in a better position to make the winning play.

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Junior Norma Adame practices the backstroke during Lifeguard Certification class.

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had its source in sooty mangabeys, a kind of monkey often kept as a pet in West Africa. Additional genetic tests convinced Hahn that humans living in Central Africa contracted HIV-1 from Marilyn's chimp subspecies.

"She filled in the blanks, the missing links," said Douglas Richman, a researcher at the University of California at San Diego and chair of the retrovirus conference where Hahn gave her paper Sunday.

Northwestern's Wolinsky co-authored an article in the journal *Science* last year that used genetic clock techniques to conclude that HIV first entered the human population sometime between 1927 and 1942. It's possible that chimps passed on the virus during that window, though Wolinsky said the connection cannot yet be proven.

Because simian virus taken from the two chimp subspecies is so differ-

ent, Hahn thinks it may have been present in chimpanzees even before the groups diverged, several hundred thousand years ago.

Retroviruses are notoriously difficult to spread from one individual to another, casting some doubt upon the theory that humans got HIV by eating chimps. Yet however the virus was spread, Northwestern's Wolinsky said it's probably no coincidence that the rise of HIV and has occurred just as humans have increased trade through parts of Africa that are home to the chimpanzee.

That's dangerous for chimpanzees whose habitats are being destroyed, and for humans who may be exposed to new diseases.

"As contacts with animals in these areas become more common, these events might occur more often,"

Wolinsky said.

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From Wire Reports

MONDAY: Earthquake ravages Central Colombia

ARMENIA, Colombia - Thousands were left dead and thousands more homeless following a magnitude 6 earthquake that struck Colombia and flattened towns and cities Monday afternoon.

In Armenia, some 700 buildings were destroyed and 180,000 people lost their houses, according to Colombian Red Cross official Carlos Gilberto Giraldo.

Colombian President Andres Pastrana toured the disaster zone Monday, vowing more aid and urging his countrymen to aid in relief efforts.

TUESDAY: Pope visits the U.S., meets with President Clinton

ST. LOUIS - Pope John Paul II arrived in St. Louis for his fifth visit to the U.S. During his 30-hour visit, the pope spoke on many political issues and stressed the need to improve the social fabric of the nation, and also urged the youth of America to embrace a more spiritual way of life.

The pope also met with President Clinton and talked at length about political and social issues, but neither of them brought up the Monica Lewinsky scandal or the impeachment trial.

THURSDAY: Senate passes vote to allow witnesses

WASHINGTON - Republicans muscled a plan through the Senate to finish President Clinton's impeachment trial that includes the possible public airing of videotaped depositions of Monica Lewinsky and others. The Senate then adopted by another party-line vote that approved the videotaping. The plan sets the goal of holding a final vote on removing Clinton from office by Feb. 12. In a concession to Democrats, the plan permits the prosecutors to call more witnesses only if Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., agrees.

FRIDAY: Monica Lewinsky returns to Washington

WASHINGTON - Monica Lewinsky arrived back in Washington in preparation for deposition testimony in President Bill Clinton's impeachment trial.

Ms. Lewinsky's closed testimony is scheduled to be conducted Monday in the stately hotel, where she will be questioned by House prosecutors and White House lawyers, with two senators serving as referees.

The Senate would have to decide whether to release a videotape of her testimony or to call her as a live witness.

SATURDAY: U.S. Warplanes fire at Iraqi sites in "no-fly" zone

ANKARA, Turkey - In six separate incidents Saturday, U.S. warplanes patrolling the "no-fly" zone in northern Iraq fired on Iraqi air defense sites, U.S. officials said. It was the highest number of incidents in one day since confrontations between U.S. and British warplanes and Iraqi missile sites started up last month in the northern "no-fly" zone.

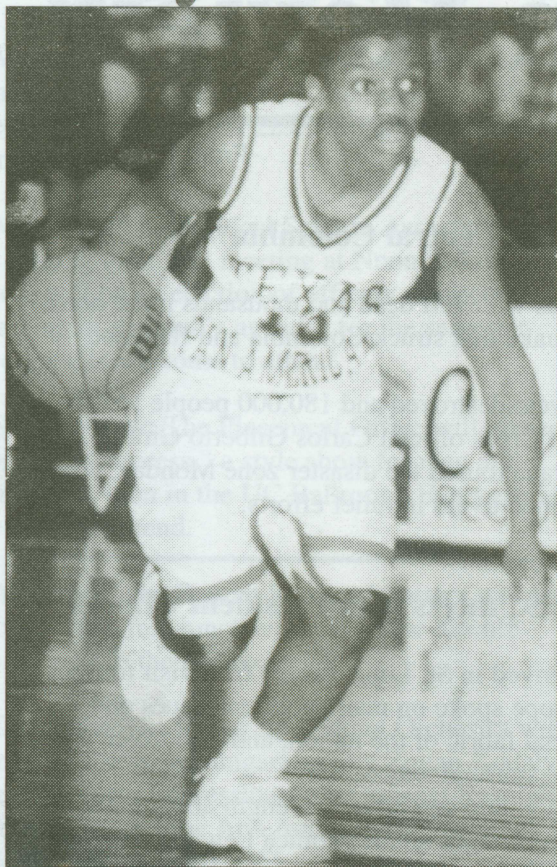
Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has vowed to fight allied planes entering Iraqi airspace, saying the "no-fly" zones violate international law.

SUNDAY: Both sides condemn reports of Starr's inquiry

WASHINGTON - Key congressional Republicans joined Democratic colleagues and the White House Sunday in condemning a report that independent counsel Kenneth Starr says he has the authority to seek a grand jury indictment of President Clinton.

Last week Starr intervened in behalf of House managers to obtain an order from a federal judge to compel Lewinsky to answer their preliminary questions before the Senate had voted on whether to seek any witnesses.

Lady Broncs end solid month on a sour note



-Bert Gonzalez

Guard Alexis Williams looks for someone to pass to.

By JOE LEAL
Sports Editor

The UTPA Lady Bronc winning streak ended at three with a 65-52 loss to the University of Denver Lady Pioneers Saturday at the Fieldhouse.

The loss ended what has been one of the best month's of Lady Bronc basketball in recent history.

Head coach Kathy Halligan felt her squad lacked the necessary intensity.

"They played like their parents were in the stands. They played trying not to make mistakes. Our defense was awful down the stretch and we got into foul trouble early," said Halligan.

The Lady Broncs finished with 19 personal fouls, 10 more than the Lady Pioneers.

UTPA led 29-24 at the half, but a jumper by Natalie Ryan at the 12:48 mark in the second half put Denver up 35-36. They would never trail again.

"I'm very disappointed with our

performance," said guard Cheveron Terry. "We played defense without any intensity. This was a team we should have beat."

Terry led the Lady Broncs with 15 points on 6-of-13 shooting hitting 3-of-5 three pointers.

After falling behind by as many as 11, a jumper by guard Cara Steed brought the Denver lead down to six at 42-48 with 7:10 remaining.

Senior Julie Shakin once again came off the bench with her fourth straight double-double scoring 10 points and ripping down 15 boards. She may have served herself better had she not picked up three quick fouls in the first half.

"Julie Shakin has done well for us off the bench, but she needed to play a little smarter in the first half. She can't be aggressive when she's in foul trouble," said Halligan.

Shakin's 15 rebounds give her 420 for her career. She needs 37 more to catch all-time leader Angela Casas.

On Wednesday, three Lady Broncs enjoyed double-digit scoring as they handled the Southern University

Lady Jaguars 85-80.

Shakin led the way coming off the bench. The senior center scored 18 points on 5-of-10 shooting and a nearly perfect 8-of-9 from the free throw line.

In a tightly contested game, Shakin put the Lady Broncs up for good at 67-66 with her second free throw at the 5:28 mark in the second half.

"We had to make some adjustments in the second half. We initially had some trouble with their match-up zone but we were able to adjust," said Halligan.

Lindsay Jacques sparked UTPA's second half with eight points going 6-of-8 from the free-throw line and chipping in with 3 steals.

The win was the Lady Broncs' third straight. The last time three consecutive wins were recorded by UTPA was in the 1995-96 season.

They finish January with a mark of 4-2—the best by far this season.

They face St. Mary's University tonight in San Antonio.

Elway, Broncos do it again

By CLARK JUDGE
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

MIAMI — John Elway is going, and the Atlanta Falcons are gone.

After shredding Atlanta for 336 yards passing, winning his first Super Bowl MVP trophy and leading Denver to a 34-19 blowout of the Falcons in Super Bowl XXXIII, Elway has nothing left to do but announce his retirement.

And that may be more difficult than it seems.

After throwing for one touchdown, running for another and leaving the field with a game ball, Elway declined to discuss the future - saying he would not face up to the end of his 16-year career until sometime in the off-season.

"I don't know if it's John's last game," said winning coach Mike Shanahan, "but I think there is a good chance it could be. And if you are going to go out, what a way to go out."

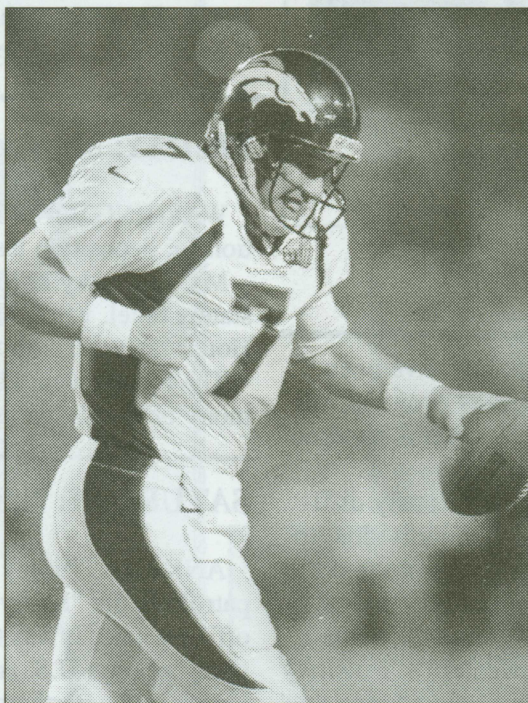
Falcons safety Eugene Robinson, who was arrested Saturday night for soliciting a prostitute, failed to produce on the most crucial play of the game - an 80-yard Elway-to-Rod Smith scoring pass that put Denver

comfortably ahead 17-6.

Elway never hesitated.

"That long pass is going to really haunt me," Robinson said. "I had to make a decision: Do I tackle him or do I try to play the ball? I tried to play the ball and get an interception. To John Elway's credit, he threw the ball long enough that once I tried to come underneath him, I had no shot."

The Falcons had their chances. Seven times they were within Denver's 30, but all they could do was score 16 points. Morten Andersen missed a 26-yard field-goal attempt. Quarterback Chris Chandler was intercepted three times. Once,



-CPX

John Elway celebrates his win against the Atlanta Falcons.

they blew a fourth-and-one.

"Great defense wins championships," Denver linebacker Bill Romanowski said.

Yeah, but there's nothing great about a defense that surrenders 357 yards and is ranked 26th against the pass. What was great about the Broncos was that they produced when it

mattered most.

Elway's 336 yards eclipsed his previous two Super Bowl totals combined, and it happened without one of his favorite receivers, tight end Shannon Sharpe.

Sharpe left in the first half with a sprained knee and never returned, forcing Elway to rely on his right arm and Terrell Davis, who rushed for 102 yards.

But that was a footnote compared to what Elway accomplished. On the last game of what should be his last season, he was marvelous. Not only was he 18 of 29, he never threw more than two straight incompletions, hitting 9 of 10 in one stretch.

When he left the game in the last minute, Elway raised both hands in triumph.

With the victory, Denver became the sixth NFL team to win Super Bowls in consecutive seasons and the second in the 1990s to do it. Dallas won in 1992 and 1993. But the Cowboys weren't about to lose their star quarterback and emotional leader.

"He's on top," Davis said of Elway, "so if he decides to walk away from this game, then the best to him. But I hope he comes back for one more year and then we can go ahead and get it three times."

For the moment, Elway is saying nothing. His game said it all.

Baseball season opens on high note

Bartosh continues solid play As Broncs finish series 2-1

UTPA SPORTS INFORMATION

T.J. Bartosh demolished the upset dreams of Texas Lutheran University by smashing two ringing home runs that enabled UTPA to win Sunday's slugfest, 11-8 here at Jody Ramsey Stadium.

Bartosh, a 6-foot-3 first baseman from Duncanville, Tex., lined a home run that managed to stay fair down the left-field foul pole to hand UTPA a 4-0 lead in the first inning.

Then TLU's Bulldogs roared back and threatened to win this opening three-game series, scoring seven runs in an explosive sixth inning to go ahead, 7-4.

Steve Marquardt, Johnny Briseño and Kevin Webster all smashed home runs off Bronc starting pitcher Jason Bottenfield, who was pitching a two-hit shutout up to then.

Down by three and after Dusty Hart walked, the Broncs rallied to a 7-6 score when Bartosh orbited another home run more than 400 feet to left, over the high screen.

That marked the end of Kelly Huck, the Bulldogs' gutty pitcher who had thrown 132 pitches with one out in the seventh until he was rocked by Bartosh.

Andy Wallace greeted TLU's third pitcher with a two-run single that put the Broncs ahead 9-7 and pinned the loss on Neil Lehmann (0-1).

Mike Cox (1-0) earned his first win of the season as the third UTPA pitcher, but he needed relief help from Joey Cole, who got his second save in two days to give the Broncs the series, 2-1.

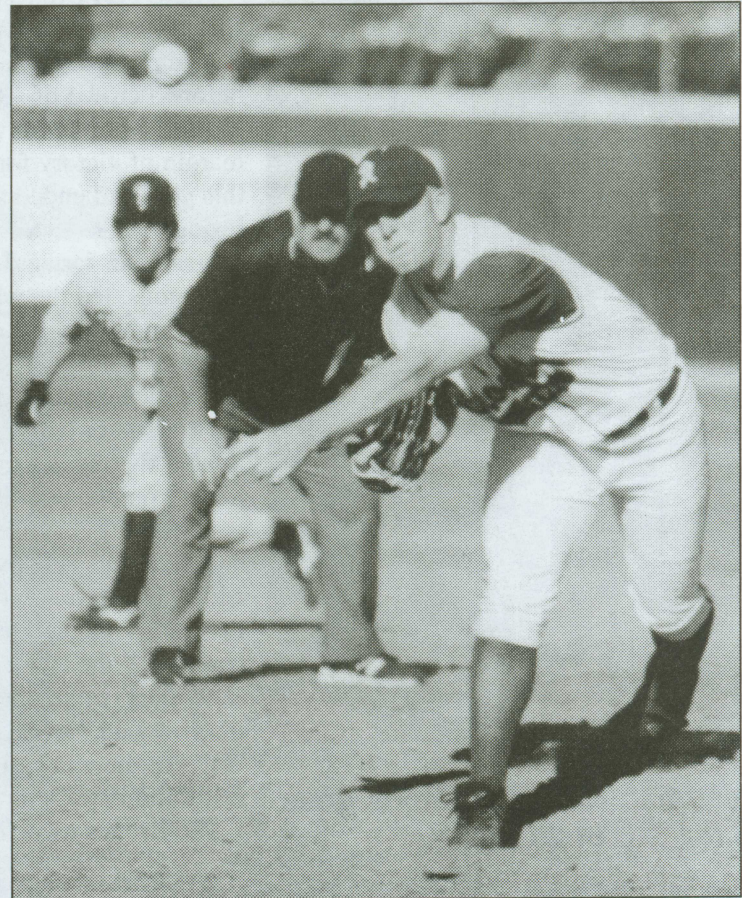
TLU took the opener Saturday, 22-7, but UTPA came back to win Saturday night, 4-2.

Hart came up with an insurance run homering off the top of the right-field fence.

The ball bounced off the scoreboard putting the Broncs up 10-7.

Bartosh walked and stole second and Andy Ness scored him on a sacrifice fly.

Shortstop Hart and second baseman Gabe De La Garza preserved the UTPA win with four defensive gems, two each.



—Bert Gonzalez

Reliever Mike Cox gave the Broncs a shot to win the series with solid pitching in game three of the series.

Bulldog bats too much in home opener

By **JOHN CANNON**
The Pan American

The Broncs got off to a shaky start on opening day Saturday with a 22-7 loss to the Texas Lutheran Bulldogs in game one of a doubleheader at Jody Ramsey Stadium.

The Bulldogs pounded out 18 hits against the Broncs.

The Bulldogs took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning when Bronc third baseman Andy Ness mishandled a throw from left fielder Anthony Arteaga.

However, the Broncs would tie it up with DH Joey Cole collecting 2 RBI in the bottom of the 1st.

"We didn't throw enough strikes," said Broncs head

coach Reggie Tredaway. "It's a learning experience for this team. I think a lot of the junior college players got nervous. But, we can't be nervous; we have 52 games to go."

The momentum quickly changed when Bulldogs left fielder Mike Eckert hit a 2 run blast into left field to make it 4-2.

A two-run single by T.J. Bartosh scored Dusty Hart and Andy Wallace tying the game at 4-4 in the bottom of the third.

The Bulldog lead would be seven after a 5-run fifth inning putting Texas Lutheran up 11-4.

Relief pitcher Jason Thompson was rocked for 11 runs on 10 hits in four innings

of work.

The Broncs scored the remainder of their runs in the bottom of the seventh, when shortstop Dusty Hart's single scored Arteaga. A single by Bartosh and a sacrifice fly by Cole scored two more runs leaving the Bulldogs with a 13-7 advantage.

"The guys were nervous and we had mediocre pitching," said co-captain Gabe de la Garza "We had 11 hits and swung the bat well, but we need to work on our defense."

Overall, the Bulldogs collected seven hits for extra bases. Collectively, they had two home runs, three doubles, and two triples. Their biggest inning came in the ninth when they scored nine runs.

Ortiz wins first game of the season

By **Christina Garza**
The Pan American

Behind the pitching of junior Omar Ortiz, the UTPA Broncs pulled off a 4-2 victory over the Texas Lutheran Bulldogs in the second game of a doubleheader Saturday at Jody Ramsey Stadium.

Ortiz did not disappoint major-league scouts on hand, giving up just two hits in six innings of work.

"The way we came back after the first game shows the character of the players," said newcomer first baseman T.J. Bartosh.

In the bottom of the fourth, junior transfer T.J. Bartosh put himself in scoring position with a single and a steal. Third baseman Andy Ness put the Broncs up 3-1 with his first home run of the season.

With the bases loaded in the bottom of the sixth, Bartosh scored again after Bulldog pitcher Justin Steen hit right-fielder Steve Garza putting the Broncs up 4-1.

Reliever Joey Cole struck out two and walked two in his first appearance of the season.

Lemmons, Broncs send Pioneers packing 86-77



-Bert Gonzalez

Freshman Kirby Lemmons goes up for two of 25 points.

By ELADIO JAIMEZ
The Pan American

The UTPA Broncs rolled past the University of Denver, 86-77, Saturday night at the Fieldhouse before a crowd of 4,058.

The 19-point win was the largest margin of victory for the Broncs this year and ended a four game losing streak.

Freshman forward Kirby Lemmons, led the way with his third double-double of the year. He tied a career high in points with 25 and pulled down 14 boards.

Three other Broncs scored in double figures. Brian Merriweather had 19 points, well below his average of 25 PPG. Senior Lalo Rios had 12 points and John Braxton added 11. Merriweather and Lemmons came into the game combating the flu.

"We just came out here and gave it all we had," said Lemmons. "We got the win and now we can rest tomorrow."

The Broncs came into the

Fieldhouse ready to play.

Braxton hit two consecutive three pointers to start the game and the Broncs never looked back. The Broncs shot 47.2 percent from the floor on 34-72 shooting.

"We played exceptionally well," said coach Brooks. "We got off to a great start and that enabled us to win the way we did."

The Broncs also played some very good defense.

They held the Pioneers' leading scorer, Arthur Ireland, to only 12 points.

With 14:14 left in the game, Ireland scored on a layup to bring the Pioneers within 10 points, but that's as close as they would get all night. The victory gives the Broncs four wins for the year, one more than all of last year.

"This win helped boost our confidence. Maybe we can get on a little win streak and end the year on a positive note," said Merriweather.

Next up for the Broncs is a home date with South Alabama.



-Bert Gonzalez

Matt Palmquist takes it to the rack with some authority.

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