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Abel Peña, UTPA mascot Buck the Bronc, entertains more than 4,000 fans during halftime in a game against Lamar last Monday.

Catch the spirit! Homecoming festivities begin next week

Alma Maldonado
Staff

Tuesday kicks off a chain of homecoming festivities with Spirit Day, when students are encouraged to dress in school colors.

"Wear anything that reflects school spirit," such as any UTPA paraphernalia, glasses, visors, t-shirts, etc., said Mary Carrizales, University Program Board president.

Organizations may support the event by wearing their club shirts.

On Wednesday, the intramural department "will set up the nets and frisbees to all students who want to participate in a game and hopefully form a team," said Esmeralda Chavez, intramural graduate assistant.

The intramural demonstration

will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Science Quad.

While intramural advertises their game schedule, DJ Looneytoonz will play music to advertise Spirit Week.

Students will also vote for the homecoming queen and king Tuesday and Wednesday. Polls will open at the UC and the Science Quad from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Evening students can vote in the LRC from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

On Feb. 10, Intrafraternity Recruitment Fair will take place from 10 a.m. to noon at the Science Quad. The rock band Axis will play from noon to 2 p.m.

On Feb. 11, the Caravan of Lights embarks at 6:30 p.m. from the parking lot of HPE I to tour the campus and demonstrate school spirit.

Participants are encouraged to decorate their vehicle with school colors and lights.

Before the parade, they must obtain a number from a UPB member to display on the door of the vehicle and participate in the event.

Everyone is invited to participate in the contest for the best decorated car.

The winner, to be announced during halftime at the homecoming game Feb. 12, will receive \$250.

"It is a good opportunity for homecoming candidates to promote their candidacy, since they are required to participate in the event," she said.

Cars will be judged on creativity and spirit, Carrizales said. Students are encouraged to participate in the event, even if they do not decorate their car, she said.

After the tour, students will park in Lot J for the Burning of the Letters, which will take place about 7:15 p.m. next to the physical plant, Carrizales said.

"It is an event similar to a bonfire, but instead of burning wood we burn the letters of our school made out of metal," she said.

During halftime of the homecoming game, the homecoming court will be presented. The royal couple will each win a \$400 scholarship.

A dance, with music by the Chris Rivera Band, will follow the game in front of HPE I, or in case of rain, in HPE II.

Homecoming was brought as an incentive to attract students to support the Bronc team, Carrizales said.

People involved in the athletic department said that bringing back homecoming is a good idea.

"It's nice to see someone took the initiative of bringing it back," said Charlie Caceres, director of the cheerleaders and Blazers dance team.

"Hopefully, we can make it a community project," he said.

Biology gets new doctorate

A new doctorate program in biology will soon be offered to graduate students from UTPA and Incarnate Word College of San Antonio without traveling far from home.

The new program, offered at UT Health Science Center-San Antonio, will be funded by a two-year \$302,000 grant from one of the National Institutes of General Medical Sciences, one of the National Institutes of Health.

UTPA will receive \$160,000 to pay students as research assistants, faculty salaries for research release and mentoring time, laboratory supplies and travel to scientific meetings.

Two UTPA students, Pedro Galván, who is working with Dr. Mohammed Farooqui, and Enrico

Garza working with Dr. Scott Gunn, will have an opportunity to participate in the program in its first year.

"This program is a true example of strength in numbers," UTPA president, Miguel Nevárez, said. "The partnership that is being forged by the South Texas Doctoral Bridge Program will allow our graduate students to build a strong academic base for doctoral study in biomedical sciences at the UT Health Science Center."

Two students from each institution will be eligible to participate each year.

They will spend one summer working in the laboratory of a UTHSC-San Antonio faculty member, with a research interest similar to that

of the students' thesis.

"This (the program) is a wonderful opportunity for our students to advance," Nevárez said.

The main objective of the program is three-fold—to facilitate admission for students from UTPA and Incarnate Word to the biomedical doctoral programs at UTHSC-San Antonio.

Also, to give faculty members at the two institutions the opportunity to develop cooperative research activities with UTHSCSA faculty, and to increase the number of minority students in UTHSCSA's doctoral programs.

New era dawns on engineering program

Francisco I. Rodríguez
Staff

It's a victory 30 years in the making.

When the Physical Science building was dedicated in 1962, Pan American College tentatively dubbed it "the Engineering Building." But an engineering program would not fully materialize until the 1990s.

The beginning of a new era began Friday, when UTPA officials celebrated the site dedication of the new Engineering Studies Building at parking lot B. The new building will house the engineering program, which has been scattered throughout the campus since its birth.

The program has grown in leaps and bounds since the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved mechanical, manufacturing and electrical engineering degrees in April 1992, with growth in enrollment matching the expanding program.

"It's the fulfillment of a dream," said Dr. Edwin LeMaster, interim chair of the Engineering Department. "For so long, so many kids in the area have wanted to go into technical fields, but it just wasn't accessible to them, for financial or other reasons."

For years, an alternative to leaving the area for a larger college was attending Texas A&I, but "commuting all those miles just isn't economical," LeMaster said.

The \$26 million engineering studies building at UTPA will be built to 21st century specifications, giving the program a jump start, and allowing it to join the ranks of other established engineering schools.

"Our objective is to graduate as good engineers as anywhere else from the first day," said Wayne Wells, assistant professor of engineering, and director of the Rio Grande Center for Manufacturing. "And from there we'll just get better."

Wells said expanding the engineering department is long overdue, because other communities with similar population already have more than one school to choose from.

The availability of a quality manufacturing engineering curriculum attracted Fabian Moreno, a junior, to stay at UTPA, rather

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Wayne Wells
Assistant professor

than transferring to another college.

"This is the only university with a manufacturing engineering program in the state," he said. "All the professors teaching these classes are Ph.D.s, many of them with practical experience."

Moreno, who is starting school after spending several years in the work force, said Wells' class served as an inspiration to pursue manufacturing engineering.

Wells has 30 years experience with Ford Motor Company.

While larger schools—many of them with crowded classes and professors more interested in doing research than teaching—concentrate on theory rather than applied work, UTPA's program gives the hands-on experience industry is looking for, he added.

"There's also a one-to-one approach with the professors," said Joaquin Castillo, a manufacturing engineering junior. "They're always there for us—they even give us their home telephone numbers in case we have questions."

LeMaster said that kind of student-faculty relation should continue, as the program offered will be dedicated only to undergraduate studies. That means less time would be spent by faculty on research.

Students who have returned to UTPA after taking courses elsewhere have been surprised by how fast the program has grown in the past couple of years, and they have been spreading the word, helping to attract more engineering majors to Edinburg.

Enrollment in UTPA's engineering program has increased from 82 students in the fall of 1989 to 454 students in the fall of 1993.

LeMaster said the program has the potential to grow to 1,600 enrolled students by the year 2002.

The school originally sought funding for the engineering studies building from private and public organizations. However, full funding was obtained when Gov. Ann Richards authorized \$352 million in tuition revenue bonds for colleges

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Incidental, tuition fees to increase

Students may pay more next fall as the UT System Board of Regents votes nay or yeah to proposed fee increases this month.

The Regents will review a summary of proposed incidental fees Feb. 10 to decide whether an increase will take effect in Fall 94.

"Generally they have gone up," Judy Vinson, dean of students, said. "Incidental fees are charged for specific services such as lab or transcripts."

However, there are some incidental fees that are charged to all students, such as the computer use fee, the dean said.

Student service fees, general/building use fees and residence hall costs are not incidental fees and will not be reviewed at the meeting, Vinson said.

"The Student Advisory Affairs Committee may recommend an

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Judge hopefuls promise to upgrade higher education

Trinidad Gonzales
Editor

Promises ranging from working closely with the campus, to ensuring a medical school is created in South Texas, were heard during a Democratic Hidalgo County Judge's debate last week.

"We will get a medical school in South Texas," Judge Edgar Ruiz said. "If the legislator does not do it, then Ann (Richards) and Bob Bullock will bring it down."

Fernando Ortegón said he would try to seek out grants and other

means of funding for the university, while Pat Townsend said the most important aspect of having the university was interaction between faculty and staff.

Today's debate will be between the candidates running for the Hidalgo County clerk position.

In their opening remarks for last week Ruiz stressed jobs was the first and foremost issues concerning the county and that is what he represented.

Townsend touted his experience as mayor of Mission from 1985-92 and his ability to mediate between differing parties.

Ortegón, who also served as a mayor of Mission, spoke about his experience as a business man and doctor, as well as specifying that the two major issues facing the county are economics and politics.

Concerning what they could bring to the position that their opponents could not, both challengers emphasized communication skills that would unite the commissioners court.

Ruiz responded by attacking both, pointing out that each supported Republican gubernatorial candidates in the past and therefore could not unite the Democratic Party or the

commissioners court.

In an interview by The Monitor, both denied any allegiance to the Republican Party.

When asked whether there is a need for more gender balance in county government, both Ortegón and Ruiz agreed that women are needed. But Townsend argued that gender should not be part of the criteria that determines who is qualified.

"The best person qualified for the position should get the job," Townsend said.

When it came to the issue of juvenile crime, all three candidates

stressed a need to get tougher on crime, but solutions varied.

Townsend pointed out a need to provide funding and the facilities for law enforcement agencies.

Ruiz and Ortegón both spoke of education but differed on the use of education.

Ruiz said a working relationship with local schools and that he has already helped create a boot camp for juvenile offenders.

But Ortegón stressed vocational education as a means for employment and a need to create more

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Squirrels, football, trails part of college

Traveling as a member on the women's cross country and track team at UTPA, I have had the opportunity to visit other college campuses, both in Texas and out of state.

Being the curious person that I am, I wanted to discover what it is like on other campuses across the nation, so I observed and compared. As a conclusion, I noticed a few things on other college campuses that UTPA is missing that makes campuses come "alive".

For example, where do the squirrels on this campus live? Squirrels would add so much more life to this campus. Every

other campus has an abundant amount of squirrels climbing trees, running around chasing each other, and entertaining students, but not on the UTPA campus. There is a family of four living on campus and probably in the same tree.

Those cute, bushy-tailed rodents make a college campus complete and lively. Can you think of anything better to do but sit around the circle all day and feed squirrels?

What do we have here on this campus? All we have are those stupid pigeons under the walkways. Have you ever wondered how many students have been unfortunate to be at the wrong place just at the right time?

Pigeons are not even cute animals. All

Look At It My Way Christine Diaz

they do is dirty up the walkways with their excrement and feathers and make dumb cooing noises.

Another thing: where is the football team at UTPA? Every school should have a football team that promotes school spirit and gives students something to do on Friday nights.

If we had a football team on campus, things would be very different. It would mean a school and fight song (that every-

one would know), a marching band, and a huge stadium filled with fans wearing green and orange.

Students who have attended a college football game know the feeling one can get while screaming as your own team rushes on the field while the band plays in the background. The experience is remarkable and every student on a college campus should have the opportunity to sit in their own college stadium and go crazy when their team scores a touchdown.

There is one thing the UTPA campus offers to its students: TRAILS!!! The only problem is that the maintenance employees try so hard to get rid of them. Hey

maintenance personnel, the trails are supposed to be on campus! Every campus across the nation has trails made by students.

The maintenance personnel do everything within their power to stop students from making trails. They put up picket fences, plant trees or plants, or they water the trails to a point where they look like swamps. Sorry, but this only encourages students to make new trails.

Maintenance personnel! Those trails make student life much easier, are a part of campus life. If we can't have squirrels, a football team, at least let us have our trails!

Editorial

Do you need service?

Financial aid office ready to assist students at fair

If you haven't noticed, the Financial Aid Office is gearing up for a slew of workshops this month to help students fill out their financial aid forms (see financial page on p. 9). Couple this with a financial aid fair on Thursday and creating a system to mail out disbursement; this department is working on overdrive to meet student needs.

Something other departments need to take note of including the administration.

The overriding goal of this department and what the name of the building it is housed in is student service.

Gee, that seems obvious, but it does not occur to all departments. Some departments get caught-up being annoyed that they have to service students.

The Financial Aid Department realizes that when students are annoyed is because of a reason.

That is why this department is better in student service: its willingness to create new methods of increasing speed and efficiency in their operation.

An example of this can be seen in their mail out system of disbursements in which long lines are almost being eliminated for students to stand in.

Other examples include the consent efforts to decrease the time it takes to process applications by using the latest technology available.

All these efforts to increase the efficiency of student service are allowed to flourish in the kind of atmosphere that Arnold Trejo, director of financial aid, has created.

An atmosphere where ideas are allowed to come from the bottom of his department as well as the top.

These efforts should be commended and studied.

Homecoming comes home

UTPA has a homecoming again! This is a chance for students to celebrate their school and show unity. A chance for a taste of the old "college spirit." It's also a chance to increase interest in the Bronc basketball team.

University Program Board should be applauded for giving life to this too-long-dormant tradition.

Students should make a point to participate in the events scheduled next week because this could be a sign of change for this university.

Many gripes have been expressed, in classrooms, in hallways and in the columns of this publication, that this school has no unity, and no entertainment to offer. We're a commuter school, and therefore we're apathetic. Don't plan a big event because no one will come.

Well, that doesn't have to be true.

UPB has planned a week designed to promote school spirit:

- Spirit Day allows students to wear paraphernalia that shows support for UTPA, including athletic and club T-shirts;
- Opportunities for Intramural sports and fraternities to promote themselves;

- A dance with music by the Chris Rivera Band;
- Caravan of Lights parade, where students can decorate their cars with lights and school colors and compete for a \$250 prize;
- Burning of the Letters, making a welcome comeback;
- Homecoming queen and king contest.

The Pan American lauds all of these ideas and encourages students and organizations to fully support all of them and the Broncs.

Let's take this first step to overthrow the "Pan Am" stereotypes. Participate in these events. Show your interest and enthusiasm.

Most of all, have fun.



News Briefs



World

INDIA - A bomb placed beneath a seat in a movie theater in downtown New Delhi exploded, wounding at least 18 people, police said.

The bomb was placed inside the Odeon Theatre in the capital's shopping center. There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but suspicion fell on militant Sikhs.

SOMALIA - Twenty-two United States Marines opened fire in self-defense, killing eight Somalis. The violence took place after their five-vehicle convoy, carrying two American diplomats, was shot at by two Somali snipers.

According to Somali witnesses, no one shot at the Americans. The Americans began firing because they thought hundreds of Somalis standing outside a food distribution center were trying to stop the convoy.

SPAIN - "El Gran Theatre," an opera house, was destroyed by a bomb explosion. The opera house had been standing for 146 years up until the bombing injuring one person. Plans for rebuilding have begun.



National

OREGON - Tanya Harding's ex-husband, Jeff Gillooly, entered a plea of guilty to racketeering charges concerning the assault on Nancy Kerrigan. This is after a plea bargain implicating Harding in the assault; however, Harding denies any wrongdoing.

Harding's attorneys are arguing that she should be allowed to skate in the Olympic Games until she is proven guilty. If, for any reason Harding is barred from the games before having a trial. Her attorney said he will go to the games board and present her case fairly.

NEW YORK - Several video tapes have been traced to those involved in the bombing of the World Trade Center.

The tapes, played during a court hearing, have been linked to the bombing suspects. The tapes revealed evidence on how to carry out suicides and simulated bombings. Also shown on the tapes were the ingredients needed to make a bomb and how to plant it so that no one will ever know where it is hidden. Who exactly found the tapes, and who created them, is still not known.



State

HOUSTON - The first of five gang members suspected in the rape and strangulation deaths of two teen-age girls last summer went on trial Monday on capital murder charges.

Testimony began in the trial of Peter Anthony Cantu, 18, gang leader, who is charged with capital murder and sexual assault in the June 24 deaths of Jennifer Ertman, 14, and Elizabeth Peña, 16.

If convicted, Cantu can receive the death penalty.

AUSTIN - A judge said no cameras will be allowed in the courtroom during U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's trial on ethics charges.

Dick DeGuerin, a lawyer, said allowing cameras "would only add to the sensational atmosphere" of the already high-profile case.

Hutchison, a Republican, denies any wrongdoing and alleges the charges stem from a Democratic effort to hurt her re-election campaign.

Information gathered from news reports.

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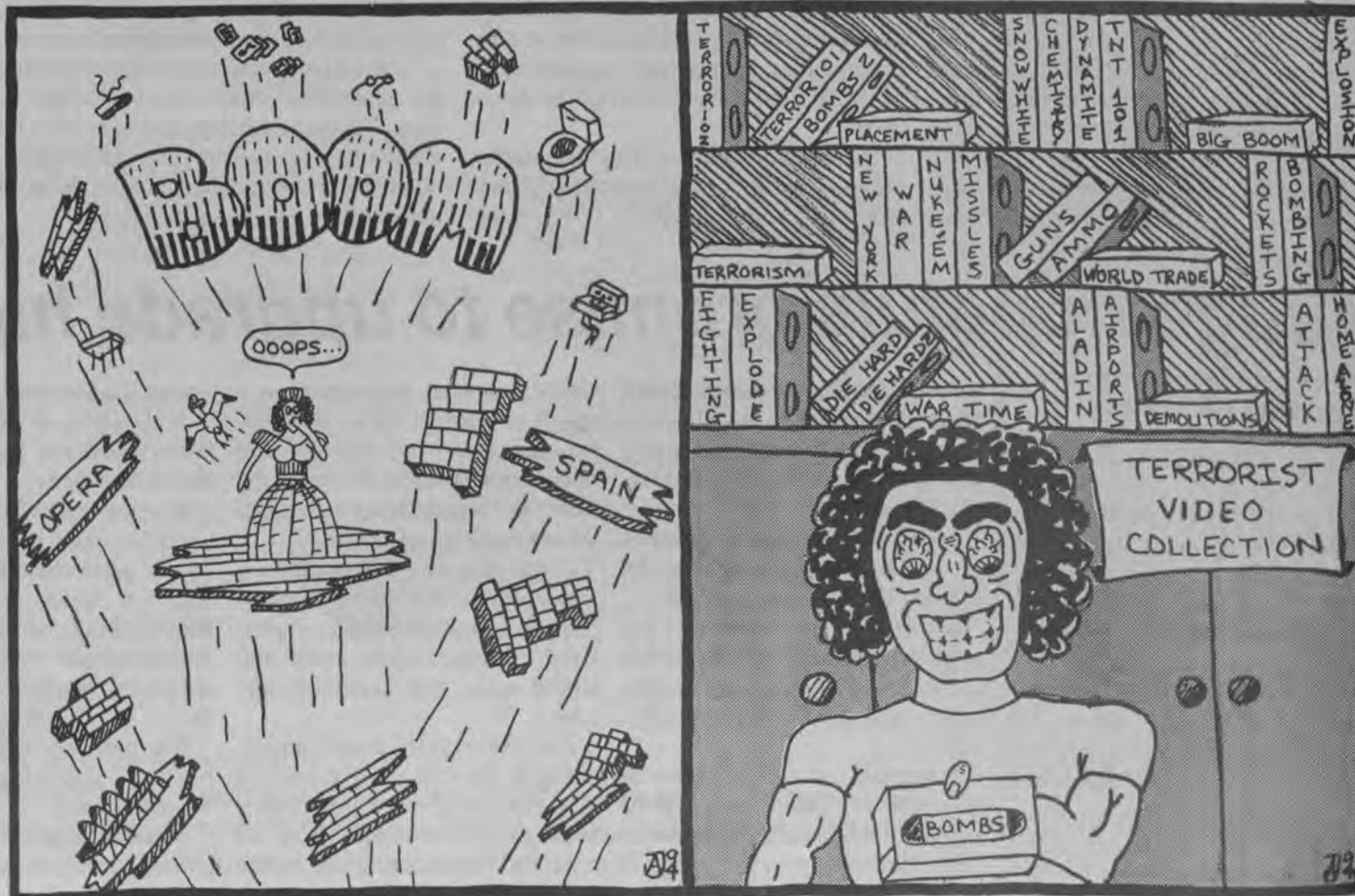
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ADAP SAYS *by Deborah Sullivan*

Young or old

Substance abuse never discriminates

Getting old. Whether it involves dealing with grandparents, parents, or ourselves, aging is a fact of life. The elderly are an often overlooked segment of our society and they bring with them a number of special needs, concerns, and problems. One of the problems often overlooked in the elderly is substance abuse. If not overlooked, this problem is often ignored or dismissed as "not that important".

According to the American Council for Drug Education, 83 percent of people over the age of 65 are taking prescription medication for one or more long-term illnesses. Combine these legally prescribed medications with alcohol or other drugs, and a deadly combination can emerge.

Many older people are prescribed a number of drugs that are psychoactive in nature, such as Valium, Librium and Phenobarbital.

Studies have shown that prescriptions increase as a person ages, with persons age 65-74 receiving 13.6 prescriptions per year, and persons age 75 and over receiving 16.9 prescriptions per year (Chemical

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recreational facilities. In their closing remarks Townsend urged voters to exam-

cally Dependent Older Adults, 1990). These drugs and others, when combined with alcohol, can bring on changes that family members may simply attribute to the person aging. (Drugs and Society, 2nd. ed.) Forgetfulness, drowsiness, depression, frequent falls, unexplained cuts, bruises etc., and a lack of care in appearance may occur.

Other health problems may be seen. For instance, excessive alcohol can cause incontinence, a problem often seen in the elderly. Alcohol abuse can lead to weight loss or gain and can lead to drops in blood sugar, causing dizziness and possibly fainting.

Many older people abuse alcohol for many of the same reasons that young people abuse alcohol: boredom, the need to relax, wanting to fit in, etc.

Alcohol-related problems caused 70 percent of elderly hospitalizations in 1991 and currently account for 50 percent of nursing home residents. Medicare paid more than \$233 million in 1989 for alcohol-related hospital stays (Hazeldon Foundation).

It is estimated that alcohol abuse or alcoholism occurs in up to 10 percent of the elderly, more in men than in women. It is clear that substance abuse among the elderly is a cause for concern, but many family members are hesitant to talk to an aged parent, grandparent etc. If you are dealing with this situation, the following are some tips that might help:

- Be direct. Remember this person is capable of making decisions. Avoid judgment and avoid a confrontational style. Don't talk to the person when he/she is drinking. Point out the damaging effects that the person may not be aware of and the effects that his/her problem has on the family.

- Educate yourself about alcohol/drug interactions and the effects on elderly people. Remember, if you need assistance, seek out qualified help. If you would like more information on substance abuse and the elderly, or if you are dealing with this situation and need to talk, please call 381-3676 or come by UC 303. We are here to help.

ine the candidates' public record while Ortegon attacked Ruiz for a lack of fiscal efficiency.

Ruiz shot back saying Ortegon left a deficit in Mission's budget while mayor.

¿Que Pasa?

February

3 Democratic Hidalgo County clerk candidates will debate at noon in LA 101.

- Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Roy Snipes at noon in the Campus Chapel.

- The Data Processing Management Association will meet during activity period in BA 113. Officers will be elected.

- The Honors Club will have a mandatory meeting during activity period in LA 111.

- The Gay & Lesbian Student Association meets every Thursday during activity period in UC 307.

4 String Ensemble meets from 12:45 to 1:35 p.m. in FAC 111.

5 Bilingual Education Student Organization meet at 10 a.m. at McDonald's in Weslaco. Membership is \$12 a year.

7 String Ensemble meets from 12:45 to 1:35 p.m. in FAC 111.

8 Greg Souquette, HEB vice president of store operations, will discuss marketing strategies during activity period in BA 116. Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity and the American Marketing Association will host the program.

9 String Ensemble meets from 12:45 to 1:35 in FAC 111.

10 The Gay & Lesbian Student Association meets every Thursday during activity period in UC 307.

Student health services to offer specials

Melissa Mata Staff

An executive panel health screening will be offered for all students, faculty and staff from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Student Health Services.

The panel will be available at a special price to students for \$20 or \$28 for faculty and staff. Anyone who is interested in taking the exam must fast 12 hours prior to the exam and must only drink water.

"We offer the special price for the panel on the first Monday and Tuesday of every month," Mary Ann Gordon, director of SHS, said. "The regular prices for the exams are \$35 for students and \$45 for faculty and staff."

Those who take advantage of the monthly special will be able to have their cholesterol level checked, their glucose levels tested for diabetes, and other hematology exams.

Results will be available 24 hours

after the exams have been administered and will be mailed out and evaluated by a doctor.

In addition to the special prices for the executive panel, SHS will also sponsor two AIDS awareness presentations, one on Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. and the second on Feb. 17, also at 12:30 p.m.

Both presentations will be made in the SHS waiting room.

Immediately following the Feb. 17 presentation at 1 p.m., HIV testing will be available until 4 p.m. Appointments for testing can be made by calling 1-800-333-7432.

The presentations will focus primarily on the modes of transmission, high risk activity, risk reduction, testing services, and the growing problem in the Valley.

"The number of people with the HIV virus or full blown AIDS is rapidly increasing," Renee Cantu, community educator, Valley AIDS Council, said. "Hopefully these presentations will educate them about the dangers of the virus."

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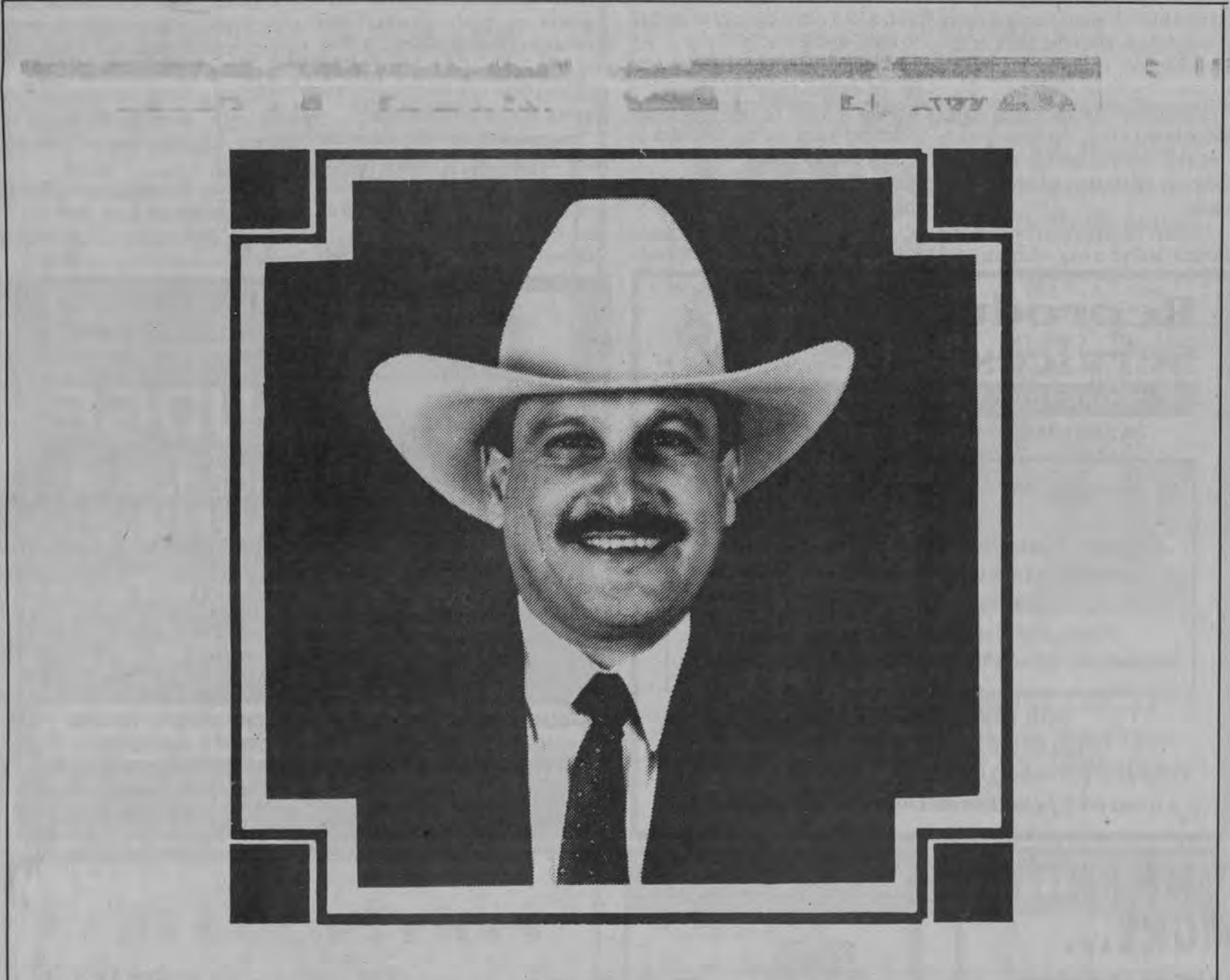
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Broncs soar over Cards 74-70, downed by Dolphins 68-67

David Hunter
Sports Editor

The basketball team kept its home win streak alive with a 74-70 win against Lamar on Monday, but Jacksonville kept the Broncs from taking the streak on the road defeating the Broncs in overtime, 87-86.

A crowd of 4,045, the largest since 1990, and a Home Sports Network televised audience saw the Broncs edge away to the first victory against the Cardinals in seven meetings.

Despite the loss to Jacksonville, a concurrent loss by Southwestern Louisiana leaves the Broncs in first place in the Sun Belt.

The Broncs try to get hot on the road today as they take on Arkansas State in Jonesboro at 7:30 p.m.

Head coach Mark Adams cited the closed win and the loss in Jacksonville as due in part to the rigorous schedule that the Broncs have played.

"A lot of credit has to go to Lamar," Adams said. "We could not stop them in their first possessions."

Also, "we come out a little apprehensive because of the big crowd," he said. "We did not execute the offense at the beginning of the game."

He said the television cameras created a distraction at first, but "several minutes into the game, we began to feed off the crowd's excitement."

The Cardinals tore out to a seven-point lead and maintained a six-point lead the majority of the half.

Dolphins Quincy Dockins and Neville Dyson hurt the Broncs in the first half with 10 points each. Dockins ended with a team high 19 while Dyson ended with 16.

Lamar had to make a big adjustment for the game after losing seven-foot center B.J. McClendon hours before game time.

Lamar head coach Grey Giovaone praised the Broncs players.

"I didn't see them last year, but they've got a good team athletically and they play hard," Giovaone said.

The Broncs stayed in the game with strong first half play by Greg Guy and Bobby Allen who

This team is very complete and hard nosed. We like to call them a blue collar team. They're all hard workers

Mark Adams
Head Basketball Coach

combined for 19 points in the game. Toward the end of the first half, the Broncs increased the defensive tempo and closed the gap. Nelson Oliveira gave the Broncs the lead with seven minutes left in the half and the Broncs took a four-point lead in at halftime.

In the second half the Broncs opened with a strong offensive run to pull the lead out, but the Cardinals were able to bring the game within two points in the final seconds of the game. Guy made two free throw extending the Broncs lead to four. A tough defensive stand and missed three-pointers sealed the victory for the Broncs.

"We were able to rebound better in the second half," Adams said. "This team is very complete, and hard-nosed. We like to call them a blue collar team. They're all hard workers."

Adams cited Reggy Scott who had a team and career high 10 rebounds.

"Reggy Scott had a tremendous game," Adams said. "The last few weeks he has been hindered with a bad ankle injury. I think this was his best game of the year."

Allen was high scorer with 21 points. Guy, Williams and Scott were the other Broncs in double figures with 15, 15 and 14 respectively.

The Broncs did a good job on conference assist team leader Attim Browne, Giovaone said.

Guy, Williams and Allen combined for 79 points in Saturday's game against the Dolphins, but it was still not enough to keep Jacksonville from the razor edged victory.

With only 47 ticks left in overtime, the Dolphins grabbed the lead and the one point win. Allen was charged with a charging foul on the Broncs' last hope to steal the win back.



The Pan American/Meredith Markham
Jon Gaston glides to the hoop over Cardinal Quincy Dockins. The Broncs play Arkansas Little Rock in Jonesboro, Ark. today.

The Dolphins, without suspended starters Kip Stone and Terel Johnson, jumped back in to the thick of the conference race, upping their record to 6-4.

Though they lead by several points twice in the game, the Broncs were not able to hold off the tenacious Dolphin offense who kept coming back. Midway through the first half, the Broncs pulled away with an 11-0 run, but the Dolphins answered with a 19-1 run at the end of the half to lead, 41-38.

In the second half, the Dolphins pulled away for a short time, but the Broncs, spurred by two Guy three-pointers, went on an 18-0 run to snatch the lead back.

The Broncs shot 10 for 21 from the line. Only three points were contributed from the Broncs bench.

Hot Shots

Oliveira, Allen contribute to explosive team

David Hunter
Sports Editor

NAFTA - the North American Free Trade Agreement has created the largest free trade zone in the Western Hemisphere. The Basketball team is one step ahead of NAFTA with their own deal of the century that spans from Canada to Brazil.

Nelson Oliveira of Sao Paulo Brazil and Bobby Allen of Toronto, Ontario, Canada have helped the Broncs to increase their Market Value in the Sun Belt. Currently Pan Am is tops in the conference.

Head Coach Mark Adams said that both players were good investments.

"Both players were sight unseen. We never actually saw them play," Adams said. "Our expectation of both were high but both were not high risks because they are good people."

Allen is the only other senior on the team besides last year's NCAA scoring champion Greg Guy. In high school he was a two time member of the Toronto all-star team, chosen Most Valuable Player of the Canadian National Junior Basketball Championship and let his team to two district titles during his sophomore and junior years. He also lettered in volleyball, soccer and track. He earned National Junior College Athletic Association Division II Player of the Year Honors at Spoon River College, NJCAA Division II All-American in both 1989-90 and 90-91 and was the leading scorer in school history.

Adams felt that Allen would provide necessary senior leadership. "Bobby was probably the best recruiting decision that we made," Adams said.

Allen has been one of the team leaders in both scoring and rebounding since entering the team mid-semester. During last year's season all he did was think about playing and helping the team.

"I was watching the team last year," Allen said. "I couldn't wait till next year. I told Greg that I knew it was tough but I said 'just wait till next year.'"

Oliveira, on the other hand, first

looked to another sport to pursue.

"At first I wanted to play soccer," Oliveira said. "In Brazil soccer is number one. Everybody has a desire to be good in it because their is a lot of money to be offered in the sport if you are good. I was pretty good at it but then I started to grow and I kept on growing. Soon I was too tall so I had to change sports."

Oliveira first played basketball around the age of 10 with his brother but had no high school experience in the sport because his school did not offer the sport.

Despite this fact, Oliveira was a member of the Brazilian Junior National team in 1988-89 and played in the junior Pan American Games in 1989. He was also on a third place team from the under-21 World Championships in 1989.

"Nelson is a younger player that we can build with," Adams said. "Brazilian basketball is different than the type we play. In my past experience it took a year to make the transition."

"Nelson was very good in midnight madness (The first official practice of the season)," Adams continued. "Because of his size and strength he has excellent offensive skills. He has improved much faster than we expected him to and stepped right in. Nelson is going to be a big player in the conference."

Both Oliveira and Allen are looking to UTPA for a degree first. Allen is studying sociology and hopes to teach. Oliveira is a freshman business major who hopes to open his own business back in Brazil. For Oliveira, though, the chance to come to Pan Am was a double blessing.

"I always had a desire to come to the United States to study and also to play," Oliveira said. "In Brazil you either study in school or you play a sport, here you can do both which is something that I like. My first goal is education."

Adams said the two players, in addition to an explosive squad of players, has taken the pressure off of Guy.

Whatever happens in the future for the duo, right now they are a valuable commodity on the Broncs market.

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Track and field

Broncs set four records at Texas Tech

David Hunter
Sports Editor

The track team set four records last weekend at the Texas Tech Red Raider Invitational. Team members posted record setting performances in the throws, jumps and runs.

Several Broncs sit among the best in the Sun Belt Conference as the team prepares for a home meet tomorrow and Saturday against Texas A&M Kingsville and UT-San Antonio.

The dynamic duo in the high jump, Naomi Kramer and Kenneth McClain, who have already set indoor and outdoor high jump records for the Broncs, broke their own school records on Saturday.

McClain tied for second with a 6 foot 8 inch leap over the bar.

The height gave him a second place, and a second place ranking in conference.

Kramer soared 5-3 for sixth place in the first of three events that she excelled in. Kramer posted a sixth pace finish in the long jump and eighth place in the triple jump.

Delilah Johnson also garnered a second place in the shot put. Johnson, who leads the Sun Belt Conference, threw 47 1 1/2 inches for the runner up spot.

Several Broncs excelled in the 800-meter dash. Joe Vasquez took third with a time of two minutes, two seconds; Frank Lara placed fourth in 2:06.96, and Victor Olivares.

The men's distance medley relay of Frank Lara, Victor Olivares, Willie Carriaga and Michael Hernandez posted the first record for the Broncs with a fourth place finish in 11:50.9.

J.B Pruitt exploded in the 400 meter dash, finishing fourth and setting a new school record. Esteban Garza was close behind, finishing seventh in 49.92.

Jessica Garcia placed fourth in the 600 meter dash in one minute, 31.8 seconds, and Liz Ortega placed fifth in the 1600-meter dash. Gracie Salinas placed ninth in the 800.

The Ladies distance medley relay of Miller Phillipini, Amy Sanchez, Valerie Morales and Linda Moncivais took sixth.

The men's 1600-meter relay of Lamar Hunter, Lara, Pruitt and Garza took fifth in a time of three minutes, 26 seconds.

Chris Chow took fifth in the men's shot put. Peter Treviño was ninth in the 3000-meter and Robles also placed eighth in the 1600.



The Pan American/Adela Ayala

Forward Kim Stewart tries to keep the ball away from opponents ORU while teammate Kelly Garret (11) looks on. The Lady Broncs defeated the Lady Golden Eagles 49-48 at the UTPA Field House.

Lady Broncs shock ORU 49-48

UTPA snaps eight game losing streak

Melissa Vasquez
Assistant Sports Editor

The last time the Lady Broncs played Oral Roberts University they were defeated 70-68 by two free throws with seven seconds left in the game. This time around, the Lady Golden Eagles received a taste of their own medicine as UTPA downed them 49-48 with six seconds left in the fourth, and two free throws made by junior forward Kim Stewart.

By defeating ORU in this conference game Tuesday night, the Lady Broncs finally snapped their eight game losing streak.

"It's a win and I'm so excited to have a win," Tracie Garner, women's basketball coach said. "I thought the girls came out and played really good defensively. We hit the boards probably better than any game all year, and with a taller team."

In the first half the Lady Golden Eagles took control of the ball by scoring first. However, junior forward Kim Stewart was able to take the ball and drive it for a middle layup which tied the score 2-2 in the first quarter.

The first quarter had the women holding three tie possessions, first with UTPA, then with ORU.

"It was a close game and it was

very similar to the game that we played up there," she said. "I just think that the girls did a very good job of staying in the game. We did get down to four, but they fought back and did a very good job."

Beachler scored 17 points in the first half, which put the ladies in the lead 26-20.

The second half of the game proved to be the most challenging for the Lady Broncs as ORU took control of the game 37-39 in the fourth, with 9:57 left on the clock.

The Lady Golden Eagles led until the score was tied 44-44 with Beachler driving the ball in.

With 47 seconds left in the second half, the score was 45-48 for the Lady Golden Eagles. However, Beachler again was able to score, making the game 47-48, still in favor of ORU.

As the 14 second marker started on the clock, Kim Stewart was fouled by Melanie McNeal of ORU, costing the Lady Golden Eagles the loss, and allowing the Lady Broncs to shoot the free throws with six seconds on the clock.

"One of the keys to the game was Kim Stewart, not only because she made the free throws, but because she was all over the floor defensively and she was hitting the board," she said.

Beachler had a good night Tuesday as she went 12 for 24, scoring 31 points in the final.

"We just had some stretches where we couldn't put the ball in the hole. There was a lid on it," she said. "Dawn did a great job offensively, and she had a good night."

Coach Garner said if it was not for senior guard Betty Flores and freshman guard Bobbie Cole, the team would not have gotten this far.

"Had Betty not gotten that steal, Kim would have not have gotten the opportunity, so I give a lot of credit to Betty and also to Bobbie Cole—she's playing tonight and her grandfather died. She should've been on the road to Houston, but she chose to stay here, so our hearts are with her," she said.

On Saturday the ladies travel to Beaumont where they will meet up with Lamar University.

"I think the win tonight is going to help us when we go into Lamar," she said. "The crowd is going to be pumped and ready to go, and Lamar is going to be up because we played a good game here. We're going to have to go in and make sure we block out and hit the boards really hard, and then go down and execute on offense. That is going to be a big one for us, so we will see what happens."

Lady golfers make big bucks

Melissa Vasquez
Assistant Sports Editor

A benefit to raise money for scholarships, equipment and other expenses for the newly implemented Lady Bronc golf program was held recently at the McAllen Country Club.

The Lady Broncs raised \$20,000 in profit, Gary Gallup, athletic director, said.

"It was a tremendous success," he said. "It was one of the best fundraisers the departments ever had."

An 18-hole exhibition match was held in the cold, drizzly weather as four PGA golf professionals played in front of 600 spectators.

Those participating in the benefit were 1992 U.S. Open Champion Tom Kite, PGA touring professional Billy Ray Brown, 1988 Taiwan Open Champion Carlos Espinosa and Zach Padgett, resident PGA Golf

Professional at McAllen Country Club and a former teammate of Kite's at the University of Texas at Austin.

Also appearing was the 1965 LPGA Hall of Famer Women's U.S. Champion, Carol Mann, who assisted with the benefit and spoke at the reception held after the exhibition.

Gallup said this fundraiser will give the Lady Bronc golfers a solid start with their program.

"We plan to do this every year and right now we are trying to get Ben Crenshaw, also one of the top names in the golf tour," Gallup said.

The Lady Bronc golfers begin their season February 11 as they travel to Mobile, Ala. for the Lady Jaguar Mardi Gras Invitational.

There will be five women on the team, Cindi Padgett, women's golf coach said.

"They have been practicing really hard and we are ready to get started this spring," she said.

Bronc Sports Calendar

- *Feb. 4 Baseball vs Incarnate World College, 2 p.m.
- *Feb. 4 Track (Men/Women) UTPA Triangular, 2 p.m.
- *Feb. 5 Baseball vs Incarnate World College, 2 p.m.
- *Feb. 5 Men's Basketball vs South Alabama, 7:30 p.m.
- *Feb. 5 Track (Men/Women) UTPA Triangular, 11:30 a.m.
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Heating up the Night

Melissa Mata
Staff

With more than 2,000 tickets sold, John Michael Montgomery left thousands of Valley fans screaming for more at McAllen's Villa Real Entertainment and Convention Center, as he embarked on his 1994 tour.

Local band Sergio and Ropin' The Wind entertained the anxious audience with country music before the star of the evening took the stage.

With at least half of the place filled with tables, dance space was limited, and good viewing spots were not easy to come by.

The night started getting hot when Montgomery seized the stage, picking up his guitar and playing hits off his latest album, "Kickin' It Up", leaving the audience restless and wanting more.

Among the singles played throughout the night were the slow and romantic ballads, "I Love the Way You Love Me," "I Swear," and the ever popular "Beer and Bones" which drove the audience into a wild frenzy.

He played the classic tunes by other artists such as Waylon Jennings, driving the crowd wild with excitement. The more he sang, the more energy seemed to come from Montgomery and the band; and the more roses he received from ever-adoring fans, the more he talked to the audience.

Fans of all ages showed up for the night of hot country hits.

Cindy Garza, from Raymondville, said she enjoyed the show.

"I really love the way he sings," Garza said. "My favorite song is 'I Love the Way You Love Me,' because it is so nice and romantic."



The Pan American/Diana Rosa Ybañez

John Michael Montgomery heats up the stage

Another fan, Chris Maya, Garza's boyfriend, said that was why he brought Maya.

"One of the reasons I brought her was because she loves the song," Maya said. "I really like it because it's our song."

Selena Herrera, a TSTC student and new fan, went wild when she heard her favorite song, "Beer and Bones."

"I just love the way he sings," Herrera said. "That song, 'Beer and Bones' is so cool. How could you not like it?"

Arnaldo Ramirez Jr., president of Rio Concerts, commented on the

See Concert p.7

Arts Briefs

•The works of Joyce Kristoffy-Hewlett, titled "Clayworks" continues to be on display in the CAS Gallery until February 27.

•Wednesday The History Film Series will feature "Cabeza de Vaca" at 7 p.m. in Rm 101 in the Liberal Arts Building. For more information contact Professor. Michael Faubion at 381-3570.

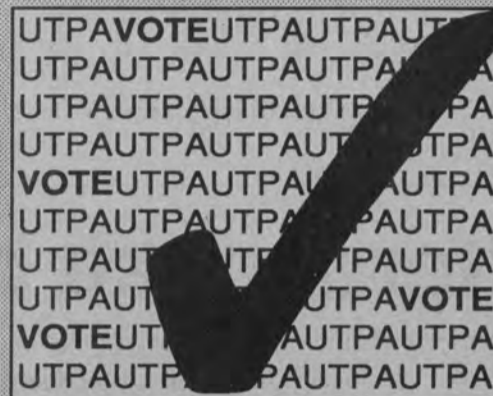
•The Center for International Studies presents a trio of Canadian photographic exhibitions - "Portraits of the Artist," "Pebbles to Computers" and "Between Friends/Entre Amis." The exhibi-

tions will be on display from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Fine Arts Gallery.

•Friday The Valley Symphony Orchestra and Chorale will perform "World of Opera" at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets are \$15, \$20, and \$25. Half price tickets are available to those under 18. A dollar discount is available for senior citizens. For further information call 630-5355.

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New York calls

Lydia Puente
Staff

A few students felt the pressure at the LRC television studio recently when auditions were held for principal minority parts for ABC soap operas.

Dr. Marion Monta, communications professor, who coordinated the auditions, said the opportunity came about when she was contacted by a friend of hers who works for ABC Television as a casting director.

She said ABC recognized that a number of soaps do not reflect the ethnic makeup of the country and wanted to cast more minority roles.

"The casting director at ABC, had pretty much seen all the actors that were available in New York and L.A. and she decided to go to other theater centers such as Chicago and Dallas," Monta said.

when Monta was contacted by her friend to help her search, she told her of the drama department here.

The director planned to come to the university but couldn't due to time constraints.

"She told me to go ahead and hold auditions and send the tapes up to her to view," she said.

Monta said UTPA is the only university in the country holding auditions for these roles.

"The only other places holding auditions are major theater associations," she said.

Gil Guevara, drama senior, said he thinks it's good that Hispanics have this opportunity.

"We have been kind of a silent majority for a while in the media," he said, "but now we have the chance to have more of a voice."

Monta said the actors were required to submit a resume, a head shot, and perform a two minute monologue of their choosing.

She said the actors in soap operas are usually physically attractive and thus they are looking for a certain type of person.

"Basically they are looking for very attractive people-hunks if they're men, and beauty queens that can act," she said.

Monta said they are looking for people with experience because the roles require skill.

"Acting in a soap is a lot harder than it looks," she said, "it requires a lot of preparation."

One of the students who auditioned, Cindy Ransom, drama senior, said she believes ABC is looking for young fresh talent.

Because ABC is going across the country and allowing UTPA to hold auditions, they are looking for new faces, she said but that they must be talented as well.

Brenda Vallejo, nursing junior who also auditioned, agreed with Ransom's view.

"It's about intensity and your delivery, and whether you can have that 'oomph' in those few couple of seconds on camera," she said.

Vallejo said she wanted to try out despite the fact that she is up against professionals from across the country.

"In spite of the odds I had to do it, and I gave it my best and that's all I can give," she said.

Ransom said even if no one gets picked from the university, the auditions will give good exposure to the department.

"It is the chance of a lifetime, because a variety of people will see our tapes and anything could happen," she said.

LOSER by Cayetano



Your fortune: Anger begins with folly and ends with regret... (too bad Mobe's ex-girlfriend didn't know that... then again, maybe he's not dead... stay tuned and find out!!) - 5

Our story till now: Calvin, Mobe's best friend, contemplates his loss at school...

Precious words

Noted scholar will talk gold on Tuesday

Juan Zuniga
Staff

In our society, gold is a symbol of great wealth, but what did it represent before the time of Christopher Columbus? That will be the subject of a lecture at 7:30 p.m. today in the LRC Media Theater.

Dr. Peter Furst, cultural anthropologist and research associate for the University of Pennsylvania Museum, will present slides of gold artifacts from archaeological sites in Mexico, Central and South America.

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Dr. Thomas Pozorski
Anthropology Professor

of Native American peoples throughout the Western Hemisphere," said Dr. Thomas Pozorski, professor of anthropology.

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Union team to review proposals

The student union approaches its final stages as the transition team meets at 3 p.m. Monday at UC 307.

Student union subcommittees will present final reports regarding budget, programming and space usage.

Each report is a tentative plan for the team to review and work with, according to subcommittee heads.

"We have put together as close an estimate as possible, based on numbers from the UC maintenance, personnel, costs and salaries," Elvie Davis, chair of the budget subcommittee, said. "It's really hard to figure out this early in the game to decide what we're going to need."

The programming subcommittee has compiled student union and programming board constitutions from various universities, which will be compared during the meeting, Sandy Rodriguez, team

member, said.

Also, this subcommittee will explain the difference between a student union and a programming board.

"A programming board is geared toward the entire campus and a student union is a lot more personal," Rodriguez said.

While a programming board might bring a concert on campus, a student union would accommodate a student's individual needs with TV rooms and social lounges, she said.

The space usage committee has developed a preliminary floor plan for a student union building, Tom Grabowski, faculty team member, said.

"We're (also) reallocating space in the UC based on a new (SU) building," he said. "If we get a student union, the second floor of the UC opens up."

Grabowski said the space

proposals were very preliminary.

Once all the information is in, the transition team will make suggestions for any changes needed.

"The team will be ready to begin

compiling recommendations to present to President Nevarez," Judy Vinson, dean of students, said.

The next step after Nevarez's approval would be to set a referendum date.

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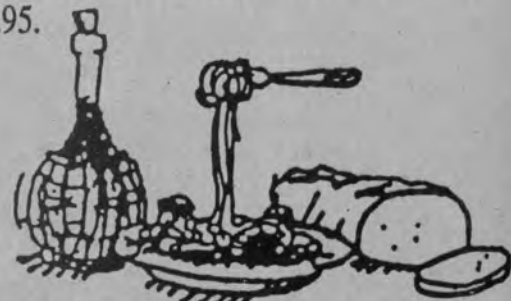
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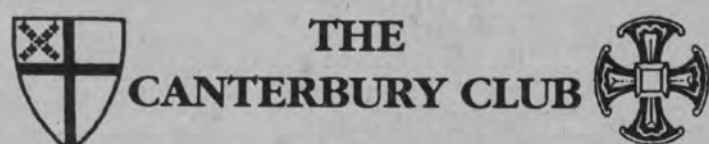
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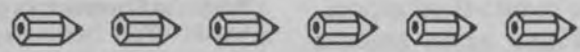


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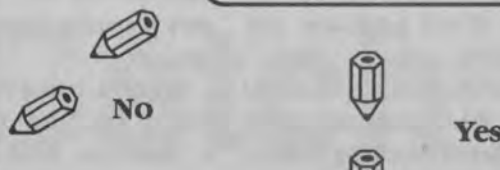
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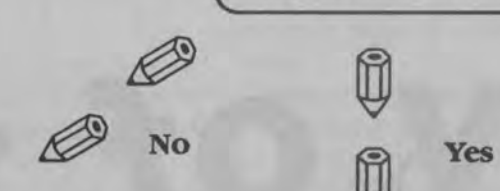
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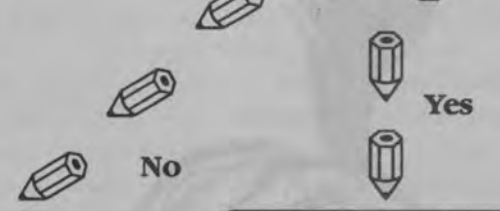
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April 1	27
8	June 3
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Financial Aid workshop continues this week

Fair slated in Ballroom Feb. 10, Hotline activates Feb. 12

Trinidad Gonzales
Editor

The suggested mailing date for financial aid applications or renewal applications is Feb. 28. Because the date is approaching quickly, the Financial Aid Office has prepared one-hour workshops and other activities to help students complete their packets.

Workshops started Tuesday and will continue at varying times during the week until Feb. 28, with three sessions on that day.

Today's session is scheduled for 5 p.m. (see graph on this page for times and dates).

Students must sign up at the FAO or call 381-2501 for an appointment to attend, said Nikkie Ricoy, assistant director for financial aid.

To fill out applications, students need a completed income tax return or, if being claimed as a dependent, parents' income forms (see tax help story on this page). Other necessary materials are social security benefit document 1099 and the Aid to Families with Dependent Children document.

The AFDC is sometimes mistaken as a record of what the family has received in food stamps for that year, but it is not, Ricoy said. The AFDC contains records of government benefits received during the year from the Department of Human Resources. Some students mistakenly think

they can't receive aid if they are not a full time student (12 hours), or if they were turned down before, Ricoy said.

But partial aid can be granted, depending on the number of hours they are enrolled, and students' financial standing may have changed from the last time they applied.

When changes in financial standing occur, such as a loss of income, death in the family, separation or divorce, or any other mitigating circumstances, a financial aid counselor may make a professional judgment.

This judgment may allow a student to become eligible for additional aid.

The second annual financial aid fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday in the Ballroom, and a statewide financial aid hot line will be available from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 12 and 13.

The fair is open to both students and parents who need assistance in completing their forms and will also be offering free food, door prizes, scholarships, music, and other goodies, Ricoy said.

The hotline number is 1-800-323-3961. Students who use this service will have the opportunity to participate in a drawing for two \$500 scholarships.

Sponsoring the program are the Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and Texas Commerce Bank, N.A.

Tax help available

Volunteers to lend hand with paperwork

Students and their spouses can get help filling out their tax return forms from 3 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday in BA 120 E.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program will be available at these hours from Tuesdays through Thursdays every week until April 14, Dennis Dillinger, coordinator for the program, said.

Students can fill out a tax return if their parents claim them, he said. (In last week's issue this article inadvertently stated that students who were claimed could not file a tax return. The Pan American is sorry for any inconvenience.)

Other individuals the program would like to target are persons with disabilities, non-English-speaking, and elderly taxpayers, Dillinger said. Interested persons should bring with them:

- last year's tax return,
- tax booklet they have received in the mail,
- copies of W-2,

- any copies of 1099s of interest earned if self-employed or as contract laborer,
- copies of dependents' social security numbers.

Students with children may qualify for earned income credit, a credit to offset increases in living expenses and social security taxes, if they earn less than \$23,050 and meet other criteria.

The credit is broken into three parts: basic credit, extra credit for a child born in 1993, and health insurance credit.

Types of forms that will be filled out are 1040 EZ, 1040 A, and some 1040s.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of this program so they can fill out their financial aid forms, Dillinger said.

The Accounting Society is sponsoring VITA.

Anyone with questions about the program may contact Dillinger at 381-3319.

Borrow with care payback may be a bear

Trinidad Gonzales
Editor

Failing to pay back a student loan after leaving school could endanger the loan program and the ability for future students to borrow funds for school, a Financial Aid officer said.

"Today's students should not jeopardize the student loan program for future UTPA students," said Arnoldo Trejo, director of financial aid.

Defaulting may leave a negative impact on the loan program in Washington, he warned.

Right now there is a desire to cut into programs that are contributing to the budget deficit, he said.

Borrowers are considered in default when 180 days pass without payment on their loan.

Contacting lenders before the 180 days pass may lead to a deferment, which would prevent falling into default and the lender from collecting the loan in full from the government, Trejo said.

But, he said, "once you default, it is too late to do anything."

Deferment types range from going back to school to unemployment. Packets on deferments and their requirements can be picked up at SS 186.

Other means to get out of default are to pay the loan back in full or to make six consecutive payments, Lynn Barnes, assistant director for financial aid, said.

Today's students should not jeopardize the student loan program for future UTPA students.

Arnoldo Trejo
Director of Financial Aid

Penalties for going into default, Trejo said, are:

- An inability to receive financial aid at other schools;
- Being reported to the credit bureau and having a bad credit rating for seven years;
- IRS will collect from tax refunds until the loan is paid;
- Wages will be garnished.

"That is quite embarrassing if you have to be told by your employer that your wages are going to be garnished because you have defaulted on your student loan," Trejo said.

One of the ways to avoid falling into default, he said, is to borrow responsibly and be realistic about present needs when attending school.

After graduation, students' priorities change, he continued. Such things like family, car, clothes, and house payments become a reality.

Money management now, he said, is the key to avoiding large debts and falling into default later.

Financial Aid Workshops Schedule

Feb. 3	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.	SS 186	Feb. 21	9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	UC 103
Feb. 7	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.	UC 103		5 p.m. - 6 p.m.	SS 186
Feb. 9	9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	UC 103	Feb. 22	9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	UC 103
Feb. 14	9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	UC 103		3 p.m. - 4 p.m.	UC 103
	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.	SS 186	Feb. 24	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.	SS 186
Feb. 15	9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	UC 103	Feb. 28	9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	UC 103
	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.	SS 186		2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	UC 103
Feb. 16	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.	UC 103		5 p.m. - 6 p.m.	SS 186
Feb. 17	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.	SS 186			

Note: Must sign up to attend

Numbers to know for answers

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381-2501
381-2502

U. S. Department of Education Information Center
1-800-433-3243

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1-800-730-8913

Status on application or copy of SAR

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and universities—among them, UTPA.

"The state bonds will be paid for by student tuition over a period of 30 years," LeMaster said, "although we expect we'll receive some additional funding from the state every now and then."

That has worked to the engineering students' advantage, as private industry is now contributing to the program directly by donating machines, computers and other equipment.

"Our lab assistant—who graduated from UT-Austin—said the equipment we have here is better than at his old school," said Ricardo Martinez, a mechanical engineering major from McAllen. "Our com-

puters are top of the line for drawing, CAD (computer-aided design) and other uses."

Industry has been more willing to part with top-notch equipment as corporations are downsizing and cutting equipment use. Contributors include Intel, Southwestern Bell, AT&T and Hughes Space & Communications.

The new equipment, the ergonomic design of the building and future recruitment programs, will ensure the continuing growth of the program, LeMaster said.

Construction on the 14-month project is expected to begin in February 1995, and the building will be open for some uses by fall 1996, according to Dr. Parker Lamb, di-

rector of the department.

"Now is the time when industries are looking to diversify," LeMaster said. "They're looking for women, blacks and Hispanics. We're along the border, close to Mexico, and industry will begin looking in this area."

And the resources are here to be tapped, said Martinez, who plans to graduate in the spring of 1995. He said he is proof that Rio Grande Valley high school graduates can achieve success.

"With NAFTA being approved, we stand to be a great source of talent for industries looking to relocate to either side of the border," he said.

The quality of the program has

shown in the last two years, according to Moreno, who said UTPA has not placed lower than third in competitions with other regional engineering schools.

Expectations for the program have had officials buzzing since its early stages, and all share Wayne's vision of a "world-class" school.

But, Wayne adds, students should not expect the availability, convenience and prestige of the new program to grant instant success.

"In 1994, being Hispanic will get you a job," he said. "To keep it...then you have to be good at what you do. That's why we need to produce the best students we can."

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Thursday, Feb. 10
Interfraternity Recruitment
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Delta Zeta Sorority, Intercollegiate Knights, Phi Sigma Kappa, and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternities will have recruitment booths at the UC Circle. UPB will sponsor a band from Noon - 1 p.m. DJ Looney Toonz will provide musical entertainment between 10 a.m. - Noon and 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

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Saturday, Feb. 12
Homecoming Game & Dance
7:30 p.m. - Midnight

Homecoming game against Louisiana Tech. Halftime presentation of Homecoming Court and winner of Caravan of Lights. After the game there will be a Homecoming Dance at the P.E. Complex I. In case of rain, the dance will be held in the P.E. Complex II. Music will be provided by the Chris Rivera Band. Also, entertainment by DJ Looney Toonz and DJ Little Turtle. Free food and games will be provided.

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Time for love and latex

Valentine countdown begins

Melissa Downey
Copy Editor

Once again, it is the season for roses and chocolates, champagne and poetry. Lovers across the globe (or at least in countries that recognize Valentine's Day) will be searching their hearts and local stores for "just the perfect gift"—or may possibly spend this weekend frantically searching for something, anything.

Procrastinators or late-blooming love interests need not fear, however, because local merchants are ready to help. In fact, one local grocery chain is planning to place its Valentine merchandise under a tent in the parking lot, and will create a special express lane checkout for Valentine gifts from Friday through Monday.

Florists are also generally prepared for latecomers.

Although it is best to order early, most florists order an extra supply of fresh flowers to accommodate last-minute shoppers, said Vivian Riojas of Roy's and Vivian's Flower Shop in Edinburg.

Still, if one is going to order flowers, it is best to do so as soon as possible.

"Last year we ordered lots of extra roses for those last minute customers," and the store sold almost all of them, she said.

Flowers have become almost synonymous with Valentine's Day, and roses are still "the most popular," she said.

Single roses run about \$3 at a florist's shop (this usually includes greenery and baby's breath, wrapped in paper), and

about \$1 at local supermarkets (which usually includes only the rose).

A dozen roses can run as high as \$50 at a florist's shop, or about \$15 at a supermarket. Also, floral arrangements range about \$5 and up at a florist's shop, while arrangements at supermarkets range from about \$2 to \$25.

This is a big difference, but florists are willing to make up for the gap by working with customers to find something they can afford, said Mary Salinas of Skinner's Flowers in Edinburg.

"It depends on what you have to spend," she said. "I'll have some little kids who come in and they want to get something for their mother, but they only have \$2. I always find something for them. I don't let them go away empty-handed."

Although flowers are traditional Valentine's Day gifts, there are other ideas that work just as well.

Florists and supermarkets offer combinations of mugs and baskets with balloons, stuffed animals and candy.

For instance, Mom's Party House in Edinburg specializes in such gifts. Their baskets range from stuffed animals and balloon bouquets to goody baskets with candy, beef jerky, chips, etc.

"You name it, we've got it," said Sharon Kramer, owner.

She recommends a "stuffed toy in a basket because they're so beautiful and us women like 'em. Flowers only last two days but stuffed animals are something you

See Valentine's p. 8

How safe is your sex?

With Valentine's Day and National Condom Week approaching, thoughts may turn to the amorous.

However, before purchasing a condom for that safe-sex venture, students should choose with care, because some brands—including the more popular names—could offer deadly consequences, according to researchers.

In a recent study, condoms were tested with a virus similar in size and shape to the AIDS and hepatitis viruses, to see if they would leak. The study, conducted by the Mariposa Foundation and Sequoia Associates in California, and Nelson Laboratories in Salt Lake City, revealed that many popular brands of latex condoms proved to be the least protective.

A total of 31 brands and more than 20,000 condoms were tested "after first being stressed for five minutes under physiological conditions on a coital stimulating instrument in order to place the condoms under circumstances as similar to those during actual sex as possible," according to a Mariposa Foundation news release.

"Each condom was tested with large quantities of virus placed inside the condom...The condoms were completely unrolled, then filled 5 1/2 to 6 inches with the viral suspension and tested for leakage," the release continues.

The study used freshly-manufactured

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Mariposa/UCLA/USC Condom Ranking

Rank	Score	Brand	Manufacturer
1@	98.9@	Mentor@	Mentor (Circle)@
2*	91.3	Ramsee Non-Lube*	Schmid*
3	91.3	Ramsee Sensitol	Schmid
4*	85.2	Gold Circle Coin*	Circle*
5	83.7	Gold Circle	Circle
6*	83.7	Sheik Elite*	Schmid*
7	81.7	Durex Nuform	Schmid (London)
8	80.2	Pleaser	Circle
9	78.7	Ramsee Extra	Schmid
10	77.3	Embrace Her	Circle
11	77.2	Hot Rubber	(Switzerland)
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25	64.1	Arouse	National Sanitary
26	62.7	Tahiti	Ansell
27	60.9	Life Styles Conture	Ansell
28	60.6	Life Styles Nuda	Ansell
29	57.7	Trojan Naturalube Ribbed	Carter Wallace
30	50.9	Trojan Ribbed	Carter Wallace
31	21.3	Contracept Plus	National Sanitary

@ Subsequent to this study, Mentor was bought out by Carter, which replaced the Circle condoms Mentor had been using, with its own condoms. As evident above, all tested Carter Wallace brands were in the lower half of the rankings—all Circle condoms in the top half. Thus, when the Consumers Union tested Mentor, they evaluated a very different condom from that used in the NIH work above. The top-ranked Mentor condom from the NIH study is no longer sold. The new Mentor now being sold is the form which was very low on the Consumer Reports ranking.

* This is one of three brands common to the top eight of both this list and that from Consumer Reports—March, 1989.



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THE BOYS ARE BACK— Bert Reyes (18) led the Broncos to a 8-3 victory against Incarnate Word during a non-conference game last Friday at Jody Ramsey Stadium.

Volunteers to help complete financial aid packets today

Trinidad Gonzales
Editor

Students and parents can find help with financial aid packets from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today in the ballroom.

Ten work stations and two Volunteer Income Tax Assistance booths will be available for one-on-one sessions in the adjacent old cafeteria, said Nikkie Ricoy, assistant director for financial aid.

"If students come in now, they will be able to get their financial aid forms off to Iowa on time to be able to pay for tuition and fees on time," Ricoy said.

The university will offer 10 drawings, each for a \$100 scholarship, while the Council of South Texas for Economic Progress will have four drawings, each for a \$250 U.S. Savings bond, she said.

The fair will also offer free food, door prizes, scholarships, music, and other goodies.

To fill out applications students need a completed income tax return, or materials to complete one, as well as Social Security benefit document 1099 and the Aid to Families with Dependent Children document.

The AFDC contains records of government benefits received during the year from the Department of Human Resources, and should not be mistaken for what the family has earned in food stamps, Ricoy said.

The following is a check list for materials needed to

If student come in now, they will be able to get their financial aid forms on time to Iowa...

Nikkie Ricoy
Financial aid asst. director

help complete 1040 EZ, 1040 A, and some 1040s:

- last year's tax return,
- tax booklet received in the mail,
- copies of W-2,
- any copies of 1099s of interest earned if self-employed or as contract laborer,
- copies of dependents' Social Security numbers.

Also from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, a hot line will be available to answer any questions students may have about financial aid. Students who call 1-800-323-3961 will have an opportunity to win one of two \$500 scholarships.

Other sponsors for the fair are Greater East Texas Service Corporation, Bank of America, Frost Bank, Texas Commerce Bank, Chase Educational Finances. They will be on hand to talk to students about loan opportunities.

SAAC seeks student input on funds; prepares to make recommendations

Arminda Muñoz
Managing Editor

Students will have the opportunity to express their opinions concerning several university accounts next week.

The Student Affairs Advisory Committee will conduct a survey which will ask students if certain departments or program accounts should be maintained, increased or decreased.

Classes will be selected at random for the surveys. Also, SGA members will help conduct the surveys.

"Most students are not aware of how their student service fees are spent," Ann Ramos, SGA senator, said. "I don't think students are fully aware of how much money there is in the funds or accounts. It's

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Ann Ramos
Survey co-coordinator

over \$3 million."

Through the survey, students will be given the opportunity to have a say so, she said.

Ramos, co-coordinator of the survey, contacted the university programs up for SAAC review for information on their accounts. However, not all programs responded. (See related story p.3)

"Each had to send a brief description of their department and justify why students should support the

student service fee on that particular program," she said.

Romeo Diaz, SAAC student member, said the survey information will be useful.

"This will give us an idea about what students want and don't want," he said.

Without this information, SAAC would resort to other sources.

"We'd go by what the departments tell us about what the students want," Diaz said.

The survey would provide the missing student input needed at SAAC meetings because students don't attend the meetings, he said.

Judy Vinson, dean of students, said the role of student SAAC members is to find student input.

"That's what the students in the committee are there for," she said. "I think the survey is great."

On-campus day care suffers setback

A child care facility on campus is not out of the picture, even though a national company may not build it, the dean of students said.

According to Kinder Care, the student and employee numbers are not sufficient for them to build here, Judy Vinson, dean of students said.

Kinder Care has child care facilities all over the U.S. and contracts with companies, colleges and universities.

"In some instances they have financed and built the facilities," Vinson said.

That is what the task force hoped for in a meeting with a

Kinder Care representative last month, the dean said.

However, that option was not the solution for the child care task force.

"We don't have a large enough student and faculty population to guarantee enough children for them to make that kind of investment," Vinson said. "A lot of students want day care but they're not consistent users. Often they can't afford it."

The child care fee would be competitive to the market in the area, the dean said. The charge would be \$60-\$70 a week.

The Kinder Care representative

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Carelessness enlightens writer to need for safety wares

As I try to recover from the most devastating period of my life, I realize that all of my anxiety could have been prevented with the simple use of a latex condom. Because of my carelessness, I saw my goals of a career and a family flutter helplessly away. I could have easily fallen victim to any number of sexually-transmitted diseases. Ironically, however, during my non-stop state of depression, a twist of fate happened.

Inevitably, my ordeal turned out to be the turning point of my life—a blessing in disguise, if you will. For example, I was

forced to swallow my pride and admit that I wasn't as responsible as I thought I was. For instance, I should have discussed the subject of protection beforehand. Consequently, not only did I put myself at risk of catching the HIV virus, but I exposed myself to other sexually transmitted diseases as well.

Since these are the 90's, it is important for couples to use condoms if they decide to have sex. Not just any condoms, however. It is advisable to use latex condoms because they are the only condoms that prevent the transmission of the HIV virus.

Although other condoms may be kinkier,

they are less effective because the HIV virus can still escape through the pores. Needless to say, it is important for people to learn how to use condoms properly.

On the other hand, perhaps couples could consider not having sex (abstinence). After all, it's the only sure way to avoid getting or giving the HIV Virus through sexual intercourse.

However, if couples do have sex, they

should always practice "safer sex."

This means not exposing themselves or their partner to semen, blood, or other bodily fluids, by using a condom. Moreover, people should not mix sex with alcohol or other drugs. That is because when they're drunk or high, they're more likely to have unsafe sex.

Thus, couples should talk with their partner and possibly devise ways to make safe sex "hot." For example, couples could cuddle, give a massage, or shower or bathe together.

In addition to the transmission of the HIV virus, there are other sexually trans-

mitted diseases that can be damaging as well (for instance: herpes, syphilis, or gonorrhea). They can cause sterility, blindness, cancer, not to mention discomfort.

Finally, I dare say that it's not just a coincidence that National Condom Week occurs during the week of Valentine's Day. With that in mind, people need to be aware of the risks out there. Remember, having unsafe sex just once is all it takes to get a sexually transmitted disease. So don't let one night potentially ruin the rest of your life. In other words, don't play Russian Roulette with your life—as I did, unfortunately.

Editorial

Movie recreates Holocaust, warning signal for future

Steven Spielberg's "Schindler's List" has finally arrived in our local theaters and with it, its portrayal of the Holocaust. An ugly event in history which some would say did not occur, despite the remains left behind by the Nazis.

These disputers, labeling themselves Holocaust Revisionists, claim the Holocaust never happened. The most worrisome aspect about this is that they might find an audience in the future unable to be analytical. Even worst would be a future where these Revisionists find an audience which simply will follow party lines without question because it hurts to think.

It is this laziness which leads to pat solutions or, in today's political terminology, one liners. Remember Ross. Though more importantly, remember Al's destruction of Ross.

Easy solutions and a laziness about thinking will make life less morally troublesome because its simple edict is to follow policy. What policy may be is of no consequence, though. As the Nazi's said, "We were just following orders."

It is this blind obedience to orders that "Schindler's List" portrays. From the beginning of the movie, the bureaucracy created to herd the Jews into the ghettos and then classify them into workers and non-workers, then into identifying each with a personnel number, was not done by a select few. It took everyday white collar human beings to run the machine. It also took blue collar workers to build the tracks and run the trains needed to transport the Jews to extermination.

The machine functioned well. Grid lock was nowhere to be found. And an ugly event unfolded.

Valentine's Day.... What's up with that?

What is St. Valentine's Day? A dozen red roses...red underwear with white hearts? How about a sneaky ploy devised by the flower industry to increase their sales? By the way, who is St. Valentine? Cupid? Who knows...who cares.

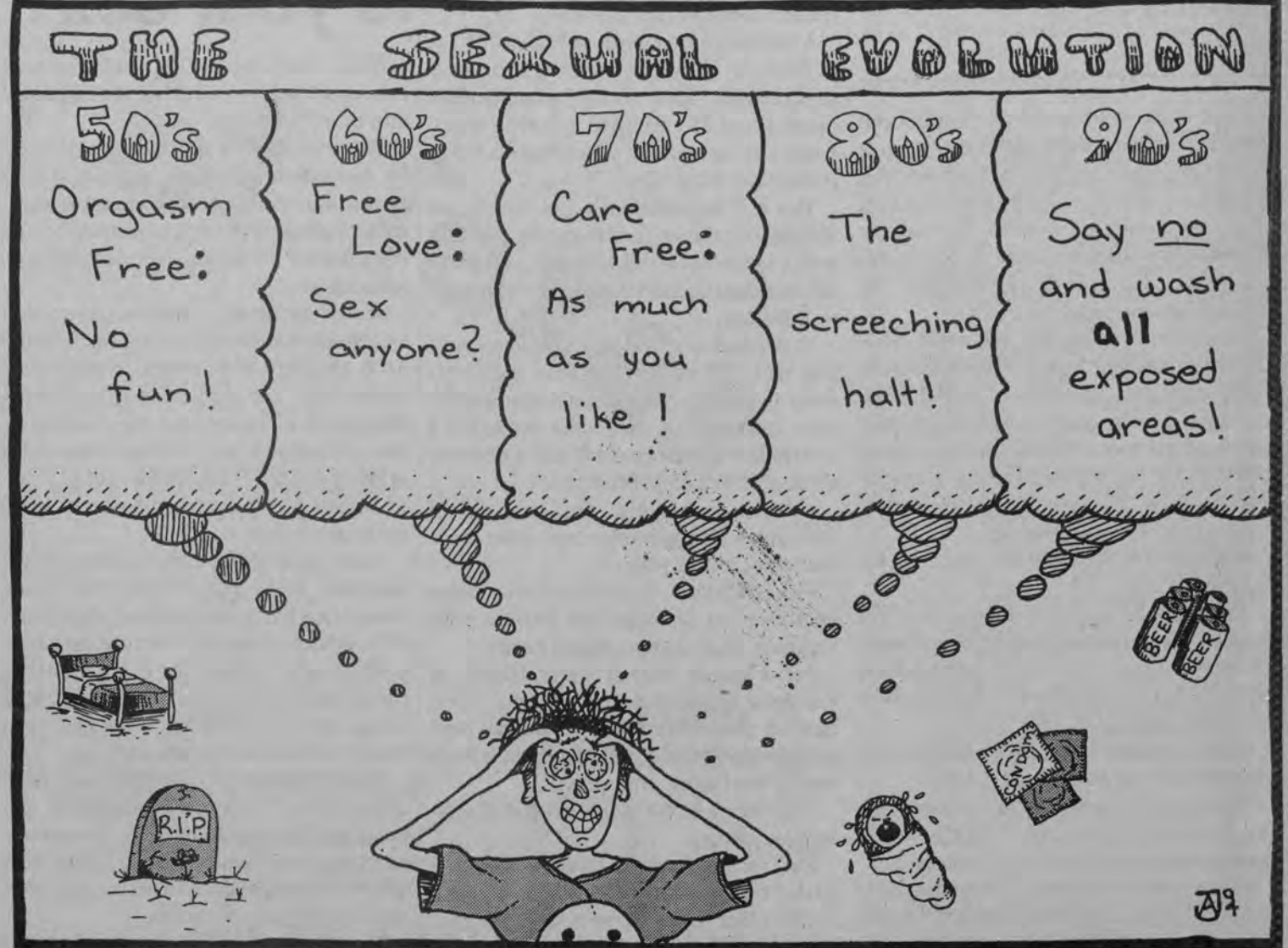
When Feb. 14 rolls around, lost souls head to the nearest flower shop or grocery store in an effort to buy "tokens" of affection for their significant others. And there is a wide variety of tokens to choose from. Cards, candy and flowers satisfy many, while more creative and more wealthy opt for gold jewelry and sexy underwear.

But what does it all mean? The more expensive or plentiful the gifts, the more love there is between a couple? Not at all.

Showing affection and appreciation for your mate should be a year long practice, not an activity exclusive to a 24-hour period. Of course, what should be and what is are two different things.

People feel compelled to go along with tradition. Who doesn't feel anxious when deciding what to buy for their sweetheart? Who doesn't feel sad when no Valentine's Day cards arrived in the mail box?

But what about those unfortunate ones who have no one to shop for? For the lonely, it would seem that Valentine's Day would only add salt to the wound. But maybe they're really the fortunate ones. They can dismiss all the hassle with a sigh of relief, knowing that they won't be joining the crowd at the Valentine's Day Blue Light Special.



News Briefs

World	National	State
<p>SARAJEVO, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA — Complete authorization on the air strikes that have been occurring in Sarajevo are still waiting for approval from NATO. Approximately 70 people have been killed and the attack is known to be the deadliest attack since the first shots were fired two years ago.</p> <p>Three cargo planes have been evacuating victims, including the wounded, to safety. An explosion from a mortar shell has wounded more than 200 people.</p> <p>The U.S. has sent a medical team and three C-130's to help the wounded for treatment in Germany or Italy. Red Cross has also sent a chartered Ukrainian jumbo jet.</p> <p>ANTANANARIVO, MADAGASCAR — Forty-three people were killed and more than 150,000 were left homeless after Typhoon Geralda struck the island nation.</p> <p>The worst damage was done in Toasmina, the country's second-largest city, where 80 percent of the homes were destroyed and 80,000 people were displaced. Relief supplies and personnel have been sent to the damaged areas relieving those who need assistance due to the typhoon.</p>	<p>CAPE CANAVERAL, FLORIDA — Ground controllers at NASA failed again to release a science satellite due to a malfunctioning guidance system from the space shuttle Discovery.</p> <p>The Wake Shield Facility was supposed to fly free of the shuttle for two days, allowing scientists to grow semiconductor films in the ultra-clean wake created by the saucer-shaped craft.</p> <p>VIETNAM — Four days after the U.S. lifted the 19-year-old trade embargo against Vietnam, Hanoi is still turning over remains of what are thought to be missing Americans who fought in the Vietnam war.</p> <p>The exact number of remains is still not known and will be announced after a ceremony at Noi Bai International Airport. A total of 35 sets of remains were turned over in 1992, and 67 in 1993.</p> <p>MALIBU, CALIFORNIA — After recovering from earthquakes and fires, Californians now have to deal with mudslides.</p> <p>The storm created waves at least eight feet high damaging at least 25 homes estimating losses of at least \$1.6 million.</p> <p><i>Information gathered from news reports.</i></p>	<p>FORT WORTH — U.S. Senator Phil Gramm said that people should have a choice in health care and pledged to defeat President Clinton's prescription to cure what ails the current system.</p> <p>Gramm wants to give people the option of keeping their current policy, joining an HMO or other health care arrangement, or establishing a medical savings account program.</p> <p>He also wants to reform programs like Medicaid and use the savings to help working people buy good, basic private health care.</p> <p>In addition to these ideas, Gramm also wants to change the current system to guarantee that people changing jobs can keep their health insurance for up to 18 months.</p> <p>AUSTIN — GOP leaders plan to use Kay Bailey Hutchison's prosecution as the centerpiece issue of the fall campaign if she is exonerated.</p> <p>They plan to campaign on a "throw the rascals out" platform.</p> <p>Analysts report that an acquittal would most likely lead to her re-election in November for a full six-year term.</p> <p>Hutchison's trial is expected to last at least a month.</p>

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¿Que Pasa?

- Today**
Democratic District Attorney debates will be held at noon in LA 101.
- Baptist Student Union will hold a tent revival, noon to 1 p.m., in the Science Quad.
 - The Gay and Lesbian Student Association will have its weekly meeting from noon to 1 p.m. in UC 307. All faculty, students and staff are welcome to join.
 - Peter Furst will speak on shamanism during activity period in LA 125 and gold treasures before Columbus at 7:30 p.m. in the LRC Media Theater.
- 11** String Ensemble will meet from 12:45 to 1:35 p.m. in FAC 111.
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15 The Political Science Association will meet today at noon in L.A.109.

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Responses by each department that receives student service fees

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Student Employment Service

The main purpose of the Student Employment Service is to help UTPA students find part-time jobs that will allow them to continue their university studies. A job developer visits the business community to obtain job announcements which he/she posts in the office and the "Career Opportunities Newsletter" for students to see. Every student enrolled at UTPA is eligible to participate.

University Center

The UC account funds the Office of Student Development, headed by the assistant dean of students. This central office oversees other offices and areas: the Office for Campus Activities, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (ADAP), SGA, UPB and CSO. Under the direction of the assistant dean of students, UC staff plan and coordinate a variety of programs for the campus, such as leadership training for students, entertainment, academic support activities, educational workshops and selected student services. The UC acts as the resource center for student organizations, with more intensive advisement and training for the three student "departments" mentioned above. The Office of Student Development also supervises use of the UC facilities by campus groups. It provides meeting rooms for student organizations and special function rooms for their activities. Other functions include advising students on university policies; assisting students with complaints, concerns and/or grievances; processing identification cards for the students, staff and

faculty; supervising the UC recreation room; formulating and enforcing advertising policy on campus; handling music and video copyright contracts with the university; and handling disciplinary cases, as delegated by the dean of students. In all its roles, the Office of Student Development deliberately seeks positive interaction with students, staff, faculty and members of the Valley community.

Student Identification

This account pays for the materials, labor and other expenses of producing student identification cards, as well as the validation stickers used every semester for enrolled students.

Student Activities

The Student Activities Department is housed within the Office of Student Development. It offers, along with various university departments and student organizations such as Student Health Services, ADAP, Counseling and Academic Center, Recruitment and Orientation, UPB, International Student Organization, etc., many programs that benefit the students, faculty and staff of UTPA. Especially with the help of UTPA, it is meant to provide a comprehensive educational, recreational, social and cultural set of programs and events for the university community. In unison it plans, presents, evaluates and coordinates valuable events that enhance both the quality and quantity of programs that the university receives, especially so that it provides a significant co-curricular learning experience for students during their enrollment at UTPA. Finally, it assists in the retention efforts of the university by contributing to an active, healthy social life for UTPA students. While providing programming to the university community, it uses this arena to train and educate students in valuable skills such as fiscal management, leadership, intrapersonal and communication skills. It also provides various educational sessions throughout the year in areas such as recruitment and retention, leadership styles, etc., to various groups on campus, such as student organizations and Educational Talent Search participants.

Cheerleader Dance

The cheerleading squad is a multifaceted organization. Its function is to act as ambassadors for the institution, support collegiate athletics, create spirit within the campus, and to act as a link to the area communities. It also provides students the opportunity to be an active

member of the university and to learn and develop leadership skills. Some of the activities the cheerleaders participate in include cheering at games, performances at "Say No to Drugs" rallies, appearances at the Dallas Cowboys basketball game benefit, performances at community pep rallies for the Dallas Cowboys, performances at fund raising events, performances at freshmen orientations and judging cheerleader tryouts throughout the community. They were also guests of honor at a city-wide cheerleading competition in Matamoros, Mexico. By promoting spirit at the university, the cheerleaders help raise the enthusiasm of the students. Individually, squad members develop self confidence and a better sense of self worth by contributing to the campus and surrounding community.

Intramural

The function of the Intramural department is to promote campus life by offering a large variety of recreational sports to university students. Activities include flag football, three-on-three basketball, free-throw and three point shot, badminton, table tennis, punt, pass and kick, and beach volleyball. Student benefits will vary. They may participate in intramurals for recreational, competitive, or social reasons.

Learning Assistance Center

The LAC helps to facilitate student adjustment to the university environment, to develop an understanding of academic expectations, to become familiar with campus services and activities, and to provide academic advisement for their first term at UTPA. Attendance at orientation is mandatory for all new students entering UTPA, including transfers and transients at the undergraduate level. A professional staff, along with peer tutors work with students individually and in groups, to help improve their comprehension of coursework material and develop the academic skills required for achievement at the university. These services assist students in comprehending course content, working to raise low grades and grade point averages. Tutoring is limited to certain freshman/sophomore level courses in English, math, biology, chemistry, physics and the social sciences. Evaluation of LAC services shows that approximately 5,000 students participate in tutorial services annually, are retained at a greater rate than non

participants; and that GPAs and academic progress are positively affected. **The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program** ADAP was established to meet the needs of students who have a substance abuse concern, or who may be dealing with a related concern. ADAP complies with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989. ADAP is committed to the overall wellness of students by providing an environment for education, exploration, and personal growth. ADAP fulfills its responsibility through services such as counseling, crisis intervention and consultations. ADAP is involved in campus activities such as Red Ribbon Week, Health Fairs, Leadership Retreats, etc. ADAP also houses a library available to faculty, staff, and students. The staff is trained and licensed in chemical dependency and related issues. Services are confidential and free.

UTPA Theatre, Drama

The University Theatre provides: a) opportunities for students to act, direct, and produce high quality theatre. b) opportunities for students to see high quality live theatre. A student who attends every University Theatre production in four years of college would see at least one play from every major period of drama. Our University Theatre does not charge students. Other schools charge anything from nominal amounts, such as \$2 per play with ID, to \$2 off the full ticket price. UTPA students come free to all performances; and for nearly half the performances, they get TWO free tickets per ID. Since the public pays \$8-\$10 per play, students get from \$64-\$200 in tickets free each year. No university in the country has such a generous policy. Last year (1992-93) 3,237 students, staff and faculty attended our plays, for a total of \$28,353 in free tickets. According to Jim McKone, sports information, UTPA is the NCAA school with more subscribers to theatre than to basketball, and more students attending plays than basketball games. Ex-Chancellor of the UT System Hans Mark was quoted in the paper as saying that UTPA's University Theatre was one of the three things in the entire UT System of which he was proudest.

Rio magazine

Rio is a general interest feature magazine. Published once a semester by a student staff, it has a press run of 3,500

copies. Rio, a forum of expression and a medium for creativity of students, is open to all students. Rio also provides a hands-on learning experience for the students who work on it. This is particularly important for students who plan to teach publications in high school. The quality of the magazine has drawn national attention to UTPA. In 1990 Rio was recognized as one of the top three general feature magazines in the nation. In 1986, it was one of the top six. Students hired under the wage category in this account also work for the student newspaper. The funds also cover part of the adviser's salary and benefits.

Student Publications

This is the account for The Pan American newspaper. The Pan American is the primary communications tool for reaching the university's 13,500 students and approximately 1,500 staff and faculty. The paper serves as a forum of expression primarily for students and the university community. It is also an outlet for students. A student staff produces the paper weekly during the regular school year and biweekly during the summer. The funds also cover salaries, wages, and allocated charges of three professional staff and about 17 students. The account exceeded its pledged revenue last year by 39%.

Student Foundation

This organization is responsible for the following: -Printing and distribution of Alcohol and Drug Abuse information to all enrolled students in compliance with the U.S. Drug Free Schools Act. -Printing and distribution of Student Guide. -Placing advertisement with information on law on hazing in compliance with State of Texas law. -Cost associated with annual awards and recognitions convocation. Approximately 150 students are recognized for their accomplishments—Who's Who, leadership awards, outstanding students in school, etc.

Special Events

Money from this account is made available to student organizations and academic departments for student travel to club and academic conferences, club events, bringing speakers on campus, and other student activities for which no other funds are available. Any student organization in good

standing or university department may apply. **Student Insurance** This account pays for the premiums for a small accident insurance policy which pays a maximum of \$3,000 for medical expenses related to injuries sustained on campus. All enrolled students are covered. **Folkloric Dance Company** The dance company has a single purpose: "to preserve and perform the heritage dance of Mexico and Spain." The company provides an extra-curricular activity which promotes the physical, social, and mental development of the student dancer. In addition, the company enhances the cultural development of the student and instills a sense of pride in the organization and the university. Through the dance performance, the company educates the audience in the area of Mexican and Spanish dance. The company also provides services, programs, cultural experiences, and expertise to the community-at-large, and addresses the special needs of the region in which the university is located. In addition, as the company travels throughout the Valley and state, it serves as a representative of the university, promoting its unique character. The folkloric dance company presents six public concerts, 10 school concerts, and between 20 and 30 performances per year. Throughout the academic year the dance company will perform for approximately 15,000 people. Pledged funds provided by student activity fees enable the Folkloric Dance Company to function, particularly at the beginning of the academic year when past year budgets are low in resources. Pledged funds provide salaries for directors, professional guest artists and consultants, production technicians, services for reproduction/printing, audio/media services, publicity, cleaning, meals, and travel. In addition, funds are used to purchase new costumes, repair and maintain old costumes, purchase props and production supplies, purchase technical elements such as light/sound equipment, backdrops, scenery, and stage sets. The assistance provided by student activity fees is a valuable asset in the attainment of the company's established goals, and directly contributes to its function as one of the Valley's, state's, and nation's most active and visible university folkloric dance groups.

Student Government Association SGA strives and works to meet the ideals expressed in the preamble of its constitution. It does so by promoting the rights of each student of the university, providing the official voice through which student opinion may be expressed, participating in the overall policy and decision-making process, and assailing the quality and scope of education. SGA members serve on various committees to improve the delivery of quality service, from financial aid to curriculum revisions, from beautifying the campus to improving the lighting in parking lots, etc. It is through this behind-the-scenes work that SGA fulfills its commitment by lobbying administrators and departments. This year: SGA has formed the President's Council for Students which calls for monthly meetings between student leaders and President Nevarez; the Student Rights Committee was re-activated; the Student Union Task Force is overseeing the plans for a new student union with all the amenities. **Proposal for Staffing Information Center in LRC** The University Police Department and Student Affairs propose a student information center/campus security center to be placed in the LRC Lobby. University Police will staff the center during the evening hours and provide security services such as escort services. Funds for this portion of the center will come from University Police. Student Affairs proposes to staff the center during peak hours of the day—30 hours per week. The staff can answer general questions, provide information about activities, and give directions, show educational and informational videos, etc.



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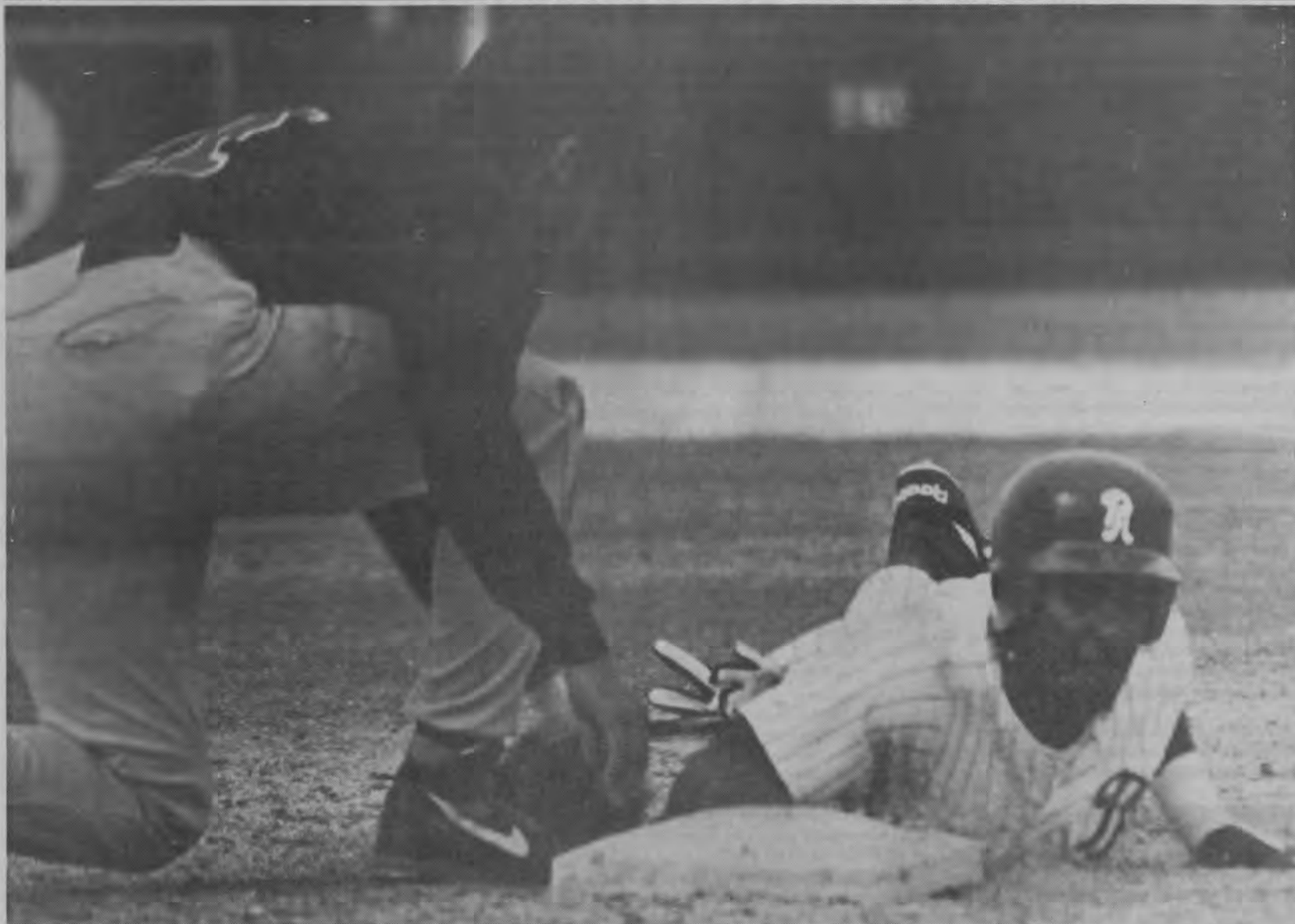
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Senior Michael Edwards slides into third base during last weekend's three game matchup against Incarnate Word College. The Broncos upset the Crusaders on Friday 8-6. On Saturday UTPA won the doubleheader, 9-1 in the first game and 6-4 in the second meeting.

Broncs start season with a smash

Melissa Vasquez
Assistant Sports Editor

The Bronco baseball team came face-to-face with Incarnate Word College this weekend for a three-game match-up that had the Crusaders running short as the Broncos began their season by defeating IWC in three straight games. Last season these two teams met up UTPA was short a game as the Crusaders came out the winners 2-1, but this time around the Broncos were in full force giving them a 3-0 start in the season.

Baseball coach Al Ogletree said the victories were due to the good hitting and pitching that was showcased by the players.

"They hit the ball well and the pitching was adequate and they stopped the other team," he said. "I was real happy with how things worked and they did a good job."

In the first game on Friday the Broncos defeated their opponents 8-3 with Bert Reyes pitching six innings

and center fielder Michael Edwards hitting a triple and an outfield assist. Also strutting their abilities were first baseman, Eddie Menchaca who hit a 380-foot double. Following Menchaca's smash, catcher Chuck Cox hit a two run single in the first inning. Bobby Scott and Brandon Benefield hit two slams a piece, allowing the Broncos to win and go on to their next meeting with IWC in the doubleheader on Saturday.

"The boys played real well, our defense was a little shaky there, but I think it was more anticipation of playing with butterflies and that sort of thing," Ogletree said. "Some errors could have been avoided. Some were the result of the ball being hit pretty hard; that is going to happen, but I was real pleased."

The Broncos triumphed over the Crusaders 9-1 in the first game of the doubleheader.

IWC led at the top of the third inning with a one run lead, however, the Broncos rebelled and brought in three runs at the bottom half for a 3-1 lead.

Southpaw pitcher Nick Kast, allowed four hits in five innings. Taylor Miller had a spotless record for two innings, not permitting any hits from the Crusaders.

In the second game of the day the Broncos again took control and defeated IWC 6-4.

Senior pitcher J. (Tex) Baldrige gave up two hits and four walks in two innings to give Crusaders a 4-1 lead.

In the fifth inning Edwards, Benefield and Scott loaded the bases; Edwards was able to bring in a run and make the score 4-2.

Junior shortstop Craig Strang gave the team the winning hit with bases loaded in the fifth doubling to put the Broncos ahead.

Ogletree said all the players did an excellent job in contributing to the teams wins so it was not a one man show.

"It's kind of hard to single anybody out, our pitching was pretty good and we didn't walk too many guys," he said. "We were in the hole a couple of times, but that was alright."

Last season the Broncos were 23-33, which made it their second losing season in the past 32 years putting them in fifth place in the Sun Belt Conference.

This year the ball club will consist of 14 lettermen and 23 newcomers to the team.

"It's fairly a young team in the fact that there is a lot of new faces even if they come from junior colleges or high schools," Ogletree said. "It is a big jump from that to the NCAA."

From what he saw this weekend Ogletree said the team's strengths are in their hitting and pitching.

On Saturday the Broncos travel to Texas A&M to play the Aggies in a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m.

Ogletree said the Aggies are a good team and playing against them will be good practice and a challenge for the Broncos before they start conference play.

"If we come back with one or two wins we will be in good check," he said.

Lady Broncs drop 0-8 in SunBelt Conference action

Melissa Vasquez
Assistant Sports Editor

Sun Belt conference's leading scorer, Dawn Beachler was limited to scoring six points on Saturday night as the Lady Broncs were crushed by Lamar University 66-47.

"We played a pretty good defensive game in the first half," women's basketball coach Tracie Garner said. "Any time that your top scorer just scores six points, we are not going to be in the ball game."

Beachler went 3 for 18 in shooting and 0-1 in three points. She also was fouled out of the game after 26 minutes left in the fourth quarter.

"They really did a good job on Dawn defensively, sometimes even double teaming her, and she just got six points," she said.

Senior forward Beachler came into the game averaging 23.3 points. Her season low in the first 17 games was 14 twice.

"Overall we didn't shoot a good high percentage shot, that is something that we've really been working on every day this week," she said.

The Lady Cardinals' defense held down UTPA in the first half 30-16.

Leading Lamar was center Travesa Gant who scored 23 points for the

entire game. Freshman Bobbie Cole had 5 for 8 in shooting, 1 of 3 in three points and 3 for 6 in free throws.

Senior Betty Flores and sophomore Brandy Lietz each totaled eight points for the Lady Broncs.

When these two teams met on January 18, Lamar again came out of the champion with the score of 68-56.

The Lady Broncs are now 3-15 overall and 0-8 in conference games.

On Friday the women will begin a three game road swing by traveling to Western Kentucky for a conference game. The game will begin at 7 p.m. in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Garner said WKU is a basketball team with a lot of tradition and good players.

"We played a pretty good defensive game the first half when they were down here, and then kind of slacked off," she said. "Our depth kind of hurt us against them. We didn't shoot a high percentage. We just have to go into the game hoping to really hit a lot of high percentage shots, and make sure we come down the floor and score at least every two to three possessions, and really keep them out of the boards."



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Feb. 11-12 -- Texas A&M University - College Station
Feb. 13 -- Sam Houston University - Huntsville
Feb. 18-20 -- University of Illinois, 2 p.m. - Home
Feb. 26-27 -- Southwest Texas State - San Marcos
Mar. 4-5 -- Louisiana Tech * 7 p.m. and 5 p.m. - Home
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Track team excels at home opener

David Hunter
Sports Editor

The track team garnered first places in field events, distances, sprints and relays over the weekend at the UTPA Triangular meet. The men's team made a clean sweep of their opponents, trampling UTSA 78-40, and clobbering Texas A&M Kingsville 67-48.

The women more than doubled the Lady Roadrunners score of 30 with 63 points for the win, but were held to a tie by the Lady Javelinas 57-57.

Head Coach Reid Harter was pleased with the results of the meet. "I was pleased from a lot of different perspectives," Harter said. "I like to do a good job of officiating and managing the meet. I also felt good about the team performances. I don't like to single out anybody but the results speak for themselves. There were a lot of people who stepped up and performed well at this meet."

Delilah Johnson swept the javelin, discus and shot put on Friday, giving the Lady Broncos the early lead in team scoring. Johnson's 168 feet 10 inch throw of the discus was enough to qualify her for the NCAA Division I Championships, but her mark could not be counted until March 1, due to

Everyone is looking really good. It's encouraging that everyone is looking well because our next meet is the indoor conference championships.

Brad Merriman
Assistant track coach

Division I rules. Johnson hurled the javelin 137 feet 6 inches and the shot put 43-11 for her other wins.

The Broncos took the men's 4x200 meter relay.

UTSA won the women's 800 meter relay along with the distance and sprint medley relays but it was not enough to give them the win.

Assistant Coach Brad Merriman cited the rivalry between UTPA and UTSA as fire for the team.

"It was kind of nice to beat them at home," Merriman said.

Kenneth McClain took both the triple and the high jump, edging out teammate Juan Farias who placed second. In the women's triple jump, Naomi Kramer and Veronica Vasquez swept.



Carlota Velasco/The Pan American

Delilah Johnson of UTPA hurled the javelin for first place.

Michael Cantu took the men's pole vault.

Shannon Crippen won the men's discus and teammate Chris Chow won the men's shot put.

Kenny Johnson took second in the javelin edged out by TAMUK's Jared Hausman.

The Broncos showed strength in the sprints. J.B. Pruitt took the men's 400 meter dash and set a new meet record. Nick Montanez won the men's 110 meter high hurdles. Lamar Hunter finished second in the 200 meter dash. Esteban Garza finished second in the 100 meter dash.

Men's Basketball Broncs end home win streak fall to South Alabama 95-78

David Hunter
Sports Editor

The Broncos 'Trail of Tears' finally followed them home last weekend with a 95-78 score loss to South Alabama, following a Thursday 87-76 road loss to Arkansas State University. The two consecutive losses drop the Broncos to an 11-6 record and a 6-4 record in the Sun Belt Conference, leaving them a sorrowing fifth place back in the race for the championship.

The home loss to South Alabama breaks a 9-0 home record for the Broncos.

John Blake had the hot hand on Saturday, leading all players with a career high 30 points and a team

high nine rebounds. Blake quickly lead the Jaguars out to a 10 point half time lead, with 18 first half points, including two dunks. The Broncos were out of their offense, scoring only three points in the final four minutes of the first half.

In the second half the Broncos seemed to come alive, coming within two points with eight minutes left in the game—but that was as close as it would get. South Alabama went on a 22-6 run, following the Broncos charge.

Bobby Allen led the Broncos with 25 points, Greg Guy had 18. Greg Black had 12 and a game high nine assists.

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Tennis Garza, Arnold shine in singles; DeLuna, Daughtry win doubles in opener

The Lady Bronc tennis team captured two singles and one double victory over the weekend, but suffered two team losses in the two season openers over the weekend.

On Saturday the women lost to Stephen F. Austin 9-2, and on Sunday fell to Centenary College 8-1.

Sylvia Garza came alive against Centenary's Heidi Zimmerman to score UTPA's only victory for the day.

After being beaten 6-0 in the first match, Garza rallied back, snatching the last two sets 6-1, 6-2.

On Saturday Natalie Arnold scored the only singles victory for the women. Arnold defeated Amy Parker in a split-set match 6-3, 6-7, 6-3.

Laura DeLuna and Faye Daughtry took the doubles match 6-4, 6-3.

Lady Broncs Claudia Gonzalez and Selma Hernandez were close to number two for doubles, but lost 6-3, 6-7, 6-2.

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Troubadour travels far for dream

Lydia Puente
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Leaving home can be difficult, even if you want to leave. New faces and a new environment, can be overwhelming at first. In the end, for musician Roger Gillen, it was the only decision he could make, and he doesn't regret it.

He will perform from noon to 1 pm Monday at the UC Snackbar for the UPB Valentine's Day party.

Gillen came to the U.S. about 10 years ago from Ireland, after winning a National talent search at 19.

He then left to study music at the University of Missouri.

Gillen said he left Ireland because of this opportunity, and he wanted to see America.

"At the time America had a much larger musical market than Ireland, and I felt I could succeed more there," he said.

Also, as a songwriter he wanted to experience the world, Gillen said.

"During that time, Ireland was somewhat insulated, and economically the country was suffering, so I felt I could learn more by leaving," he said.

At that time in 1980, the musical industry in Ireland wasn't as prosperous as it is now, he said.

"This was before U2 and Sinéad O'Connor became successful now, of course, things have changed a lot," Gillen said.

He said his first impression of America was different than he expected.

"On the television back home, I only got to see American programs that only dealt with the big cities, L.A. and New York, and you see that and develop a certain image," he said, "and I discovered isn't



Singer Roger Gillen performs in snack bar Monday.

what the country was like."

He said the image portrayed of America during that time was very sterile and generic.

"It was a bit of a shock really," he said, "seeing the country and the poverty here and realizing they have the same kinds of problem Ireland has."

After studying in Missouri, Gillen moved to New York, and proceeded to create a stir with his music.

During his studies, Gillen joined several different bands, including a gospel choir and he said his musical tastes are varied.

"I get my musical inspiration from a lot of places, including sources

outside of music so it's hard to limit to just one or two," he said.

Gillen said he believes artists are inspired by things that they know and that affect them.

"I may be impressed by other musicians' music, but I don't try and emulate their style," he said. "I try to express my own views and write about what I know."

Gillen's lyrics which range in subjects from love to social and political, are all personal in nature but he tries to incorporate universal ideals, he said.

"I don't write abstract lyrics, but I do try to express it in a way that

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Schinder's captures horror of Holocaust

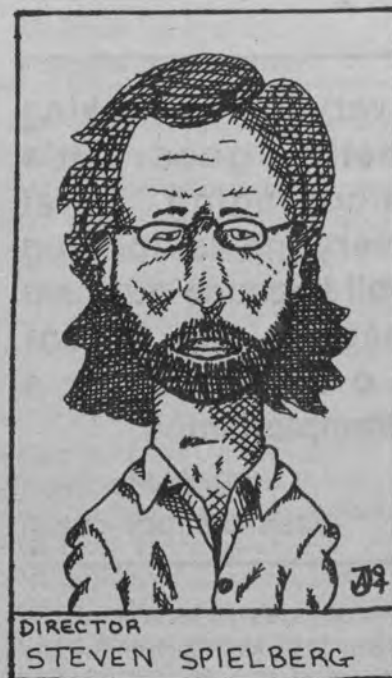
Trinidad Gonzalez
Editor

Schindler's List
Directed by Steven Spielberg
Starring Liam Neeson and Ray Fiennes
Rating ★★★★★ (out of four)

"Schindler's List" recreates one of the 20th century's bloodiest moments, without a strain of preachiness.

Steven Spielberg allows the characters to be more than just black and white. They blur into the ambiguous reality of WWII Poland where German policy dictated that Jews were not people, but vermin to exterminate. A reality captured by Liam Neeson's portrayal of Oskar Schindler.

Schindler, a self-centered wom-



DIRECTOR
STEVEN SPIELBERG

anizing German carpetbagger who takes advantage of displaced Polish Jews, ends up the hero. Caught on black and white film, he is transformed by Neeson into the ambiguity of being human while

thousands of people are being murdered around of him.

It is also the constant violence of the Holocaust that would cause some movie makers to become preachy. Spielberg avoids this by presenting violent murders as matter of fact, instead of dwelling on the incidents. This approach proves more chilling because it verges on documentary, instead of slow motion Hollywood gloss.

It is this avoidance of gloss, combined with black and white footage and actors who transform their roles into people that makes "Schindler's List" a superb movie. But its all too poignant message is what makes it a painful movie to watch: a message not directly pushed on the viewer, but shown to them by the intricate bureaucracy of genocide. A message that says we allowed this to happen

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did offer several suggestions to help students with small children.

There are things that can be done immediately by the Student Government, such as a referral system, Vinson said.

"Lists of care providers in the area could be made available as a referral to students," she said.

Such lists would include price, the age and number of children accepted for child care. Another suggestion was for the university to build its own child care facility.

"We could build a child care center or convert an existing building," Vinson said.

However, those options are

restricted by the lack of money and building space.

"We have not been able to identify the funds to build a child care facility," the dean said. "But our biggest obstacle is space."

The task force has not given up and will look into different types of federal and state grants that are available, the dean said

Correction

In an article last week entitled "Noted Scholar Will Talk Gold on Tuesday," both the article and the headline were incorrect. The article stated that the lecture would occur Feb. 3, and the headline indicated that it would occur Feb. 8. However, the correct date is Feb. 10. The Pan American regrets any inconvenience this error may have caused.

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Arts briefs

•The works of Joyce Kristoffy-Hewlett, titled "Clayworks," continues to be on display in the CAS Gallery until Feb. 27.

•Musician Roger Gillen will perform in concert from noon to 1 p.m. Monday in the UC Snackbar (see related story pg. 6).

•Comedian Rich Ames will perform from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday in the UC Atrium.

•Luce Garcia, music senior and Rick Lopez, music junior will be

performing in concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday in FA 103. For more information call 381-3471.

•The History Film Series will feature "Paths of Glory" at 7 p.m. Wednesday in LA 101. For more information, contact Dr. Michael Faubion at 381-3570.

•The Center for International Studies presents a trio of Canadian photographic exhibitions - "Portraits of the Artist," "Pebbles to Computers" and "Between Friends/Entre Amis." The exhibitions will

be on display from 2 to 4 p.m., in the Fine Arts Gallery until Monday.

•Works by artist Manuel Felguérez continue to be displayed in the Main Gallery of the McAllen International Museum through Feb. 27.

•Memorabilia dealing with Abraham Lincoln will be on display in the LRC until Monday. The collection, which commemorates the former president's birthday, was lent by George C. Cowgill of McAllen.

Gillen, from 6

people will understand while leaving room for their own interpretations," he said.

Currently Gillen is working with producer Kevin Killen, who has worked with Peter Gabriel, on some of his songs.

"I have a development deal with RCA/BMG Records, and hope to release something soon," he said. Gillen said he doesn't consider himself a part of the current Iris wave of new musicians.

"It's good that such bands as U2 and the Cranberries have been successful, but I've been in this environment (New York) and feel more of a part of it" he said.

"I don't deny where I've come from but I don't think I'm a part of that movement, I'm different," he said.

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Hersh shines, Green Day glows in new releases

Kristin Hersh
"Hips and Makers"
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The power of subtlety, some artists understand it, unfortunately many more don't. Many artists believe volume to be an essential key to good music. Kristin Hersh's new release "Hips and Makers" disputes that claim with haunting music and lyrics.

Kristin Hersh, of the Throwing Muses, departs with this new album which is totally acoustic but nonetheless powerful in scope.

Her voice, while not terribly powerful is euphonic nonetheless, whether expressing rage or despair. Unlike other female songwriters of this age, like P.J. Harvey, Hersh is softer and less raw in her approach but not any less affecting. Her lyrics are deceptively simple, but vivid.

Hersh doesn't need to spell the situation out for us in "Your Ghost," where she laments over the death of a friend. The ubiquitous Michael Stipe does backing vocals, providing excellent counterpoint to Hersh's lead.

On the poisonous "Teeth" Hersh bares hers and talks about a destructive relationship. On "Sundrops" against an urgent rhythm, and featuring cellist Jan Scarpantoni, Hersh continues on her soft rampage by waxing about a friend's depression, with "you can't get any more sunshine, you can't get any more broken down." On the vitriolic Velvet Days, Hersh's seemingly sweet vocals and melodies belie the bitter lyrics.

The album is not depressing by any means, as the mellow musical interlude "Sparky" proves. "Hips and Makers", while a solid Hersh



Kristin Hersh

effort, nonetheless makes one eager for the next Throwing Muses album. With this album Hersh proves less is more. - Lydia Puente

Green Day
"Dookie"
Reprise Records.

Creating a style of music which incorporates punk music and pop, Green Day, a group from Berkeley, California is gaining attention quickly.

The group, created by Billie Joe and Mike Dirnt started in 1987, but at that time they named themselves Sweet Children.

Two years later, the group changed their name to Green Day, which was one of the songs they sang. Also, drummer, Tre Cool joined the band to create their first record "35/Smooth."

Later the group went on to record "Kerplunk," both of which were recorded at Lookout Records. The

group also toured with Bad Religion when the album was released.

Some points to look for in the album is that there are no guitar solos in any of the 14 songs. Also, unlike most punk groups where the lyrics are incomprehensible, you can hear the words and understand what they are saying.

The songs on the album are about two and a half minutes long and mainly deal with problems some students deal with when they are coming out of high school.

One song that excentuates this point is "Welcome to Paradise," which is about a 17 year old who has left the house and is trying to make it on his own.


The best song on the album is "She." The song describes a girl who has had her whole life set out for her, but she is upset with the way things are turning out. So she decides that she needs to do something about it and takes back control of her own life.

Another song which is good is "Eminius Sleepus." This song deals with a guy who has not seen his friend for a long time, and then one day runs into him, however, they are both so tired of each other they cannot stand to be together.

"Sassafras Roots" perhaps could have been done differently. The song describes a guy who just graduated from high school and now all he does is sit around the house wasting his time. But it needed more character to it.

Overall, the album is an exception to the punk industry. It does not carry itself out too much with the blaring heavy metal guitars, and at the same time, it does not relinquish itself with synthesized music found in pop. - Omar Gonzalez

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Valentine's from p. 1

can keep forever... Guys like stuffed animals, too."

Among the more novel gifts at Mom's Party House: stuffed devils, boudoir bears and "love hand-cuffs."

Other gifts available at local stores include socks, underwear and t-shirts with Valentine motifs, or red lingerie.

Meanwhile, some students already have their sweethearts taken care of.

A business management senior of Donna, who wished to withhold his name, will give his girlfriend "roses and a teddy bear" and wants "nothing more than gratitude—hugs and kisses—in return."

If you really care for a person, just one single rose will do if it's for true love.

Vivian Riojas
Flowershop owner

Also, Martha Hinojosa, elementary education senior of Weslaco, said she and her husband are planning a cooperative purchase of a big screen TV for Valentine's Day this year.

As far as receiving is concerned, Eunice Bocanegra, computer science freshman from McAllen, said jewelry is the ultimate gift, but roses are fine, too.

Riojas agreed.
"If you really care for a person, just one single rose will do if it's for

true love," she said. "It's not how much you spend, it's what you give out of your heart that counts."

Those who are short on cash, or who are simply tired of commercialism, might try these other gift ideas:

- Poetry book,
- Homemade cookies,
- Really long kiss—complete with red lipstick,
- Foot massage,
- Night of really romantic movie videos.

Condoms from p. 1

condoms and revealed that 18 of 70 condoms leaked the virus—that translates to a failure rate of over 25 percent.

"HIV leakage was detected at various percentages in several brands," the release states. In fact, "the leakage could be visibly seen happening during testing in seven of the 29 condoms."

Each of 100 condoms from Contracept Plus leaked and is "no longer on the market," according to the release.

Among the lowest scoring condoms were: Trojan Naturalube Ribbed and Trojan Ribbed, manufactured by Carter Wallace; and Lifestyles Conture, manufactured by Ansell.

Researchers recommended the following condoms: Ramses Non-Lube and Ramses Sensitol, manufactured by Schmid; and Gold Circle Coin and Gold Circle, manufactured by Circle.

Previously, Mentor, manufactured by Mentor (Circle), had been placed at the top of the list of recommended condoms. However, it is no longer sold and has been replaced with "the form which was very low on the Consumer Reports rating," the newsrelease states.

Researchers also warned that "some brands have changed their name, i.e.: 'Ramses' became 'Touch', and one manufacturer changed its name (Circle first became Safetex, then Aladan)."

Dr. Bruce Voeller, president of the Mariposa Foundation, emphasized the importance of condoms.

"Not all brands of condoms are equal," Voeller said. "At the same time, if you are going to engage in sex, almost any brand of condom is better than none."

Former president of American Public Health Association, Stanley Matek, said the tests on condoms should be ongoing.

"Because the public is at an unacceptable risk, frequent testing and comparative ranking of the brands of condoms sold in this country is needed," Matek said.

Broncs from p. 5

Against Arkansas State the Broncs were able to take the game into overtime, but the needed road wins stayed just out of reach. An 18-7 scoring difference sealed the fate of the Broncs as they dropped their second consecutive road loss.

The Indians forced 20 turnovers in the first half and left UTPA with a 17-point first half deficit.

Bobby Allen scored 21 points to lead the Broncs. Greg Guy was held to five first-half points, but came alive in the second half with three three-pointers.

Jeff Clifton led the Indians with 33 points.

University of Texas



**Today
Interfraternity
Recruitment
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

The Delta Zeta Sorority, Intercollegiate Knights, Phi Sigma Kappa, and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternities will have recruitment booths at the UC Circle. UPB will sponsor a band from Noon - 1 p.m. DJ Looney Toonz will provide musical entertainment between 10 a.m. - Noon and 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 11
Caravan of
Lights & Burn-
ing of the Letters
6:30 p.m. - Midnight**

At 6:30 p.m. all car entries who wish to participate in the Caravan of Lights will park their cars at the P.E. Parking Lot. Cars should be decorated with lights, or school spirit colors (green, orange, white) or both to be eligible to win the \$250 1st place prize. The burning of the letters will take place immediately following the caravan around the area of the physical plant.

**Saturday, Feb. 12
Homecoming
Game & Dance
7:30 p.m. - Midnight**

Homecoming game against Louisiana Tech. Halftime presentation of Homecoming Court and winner of Caravan of Lights. After the game there will be a Homecoming Dance at the P.E. Complex I. In case of rain, the dance will be held in the P.E. Complex II. Music will be provided by the Chris Rivera Band. Also, entertainment by DJ Looney Toonz and DJ Little Turtle. Free Food and games will be provided.

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Father Mark Matthews of Harlingen carries out the distribution of ashes to Junior Gracina H. Garcia, a Mercedes native, during Ash Wednesday service at noon. Rains threatened to put a damper on the services, but the clouds cleared in time to let more than 200 students participate.

Just in case

Student Health Center sponsors AIDS test today

Trinidad Gonzales
Editor

Free confidential HIV testing will be offered from 1 to 4 p.m. today at Student Health Services in Emilia Hall.

Students can call 1-800-333-SIDA at the Valley Aids Council this morning to make an appointment for today. Otherwise, an appointment can be made for Wednesday when the VAC will start testing from 1 to 4 p.m. every Wednesday until late March.

Also, walk-ins will be taken, or students can go to the Harlingen location to be tested.

"Students will call the VAC phone number and make an appointment with a case worker to maintain confidentiality," said Mary Ann Gordon, SHS coordinator.

The case worker assigned to conduct counseling and testing will bring a list of appointments and will be stationed in one of the examining rooms, Gordon said.

The health center staff does not want to make a distinction between students who are there for other purposes, so they will follow the usual procedure of calling out names in the lobby, she said.

"Students will have to just walk in and sit down like anybody else," Gordon said.

The VAC will offer pre- and post-counseling and will keep all test records. SHS

will not keep any records concerning the test, Gordon said.

The counselor will make arrangements for post-counseling after tests are administered.

"The Valley Aids Council is doing this for us because they are trying to increase their outreach program," Gordon said.

If test results are positive, VAC representatives will refer students to a physician for additional testing.

If the test turns out negative but the student is in a high risk category, he or she will be recommended to seek counseling for behavior modification, Gordon said.

The VAC will provide a list of resources for these patient, and counseling on campus is available, she said.

According to a memo, VAC currently serves an active caseload of over 195 patients and has a cumulative caseload of nearly 400. Of those in the active caseload, 75 patients, or 41 percent of the active caseload, were enrolled in services as of January 1, 1993.

Three percent of all cases are under the age of 12; six percent are under the age of 18; and 41 percent of all cases are under the age of 28. Twenty-eight percent of all cases are female and 49 percent of all cases are HIV positive or symptomatic or have full blown AIDS, the memo states.

HOSTS offers volunteer opportunity

With National Volunteer Day coming up this Sunday, students can experience the gift of giving by volunteering their time to a good cause. One opportunity is through the HOSTS program.

HOSTS (Helping One Student To Succeed) is a tutoring program in which community volunteers follow lesson plans, prepared by a reading specialist, to help school children with their individual reading needs in a

one-on-one situation.

"We're trying to build up reading enjoyment," Rogelio J. Peña, HOSTS director said. "The emphasis is on English reading."

A positive attitude and a fifth grade level reading ability is all that is required to volunteer, Peña said. Volunteers are briefed about HOSTS before they start working with the children.

The children in HOSTS range from 6 to 11 years and have

significant trouble in reading comprehension. Also, these children have scored very low in the Texas Assessment Academic Skills (TAAS) test, Peña said. They have scored below the 39 percent mark in a scale of 100.

"We've had kids scoring eight percent and 15 percent," he said.

Reading is important and affects other courses like social studies, science and math, Peña said. "Once these kids fall be-

hind they start to develop low self-esteem and may drop out of school later on," he said. Anyone interested can become a volunteer, Peña said.

Currently, there are 65 volunteers at Edinburg's HOSTS program. Volunteers include high school students, Winter Texans and police officers. Interested students can call Peña at 380-4456 for more information or contact their local school district.

Student union team to finalize ideas

Arminda Muñoz
Managing Editor

The student union transition team reviewed two subcommittee reports and will meet again at 3 p.m. Monday in UC 307 to finalize recommendations.

"The team should be able to make recommendations to the administration and decide whether or not they want to support a student union fee," Judy Vinson, dean of students, said.

The programming and budget subcommittees presented outlines in a meeting last week that addressed several options concerning the proposed student union.

The programming committee, chaired by Sandy Rodriguez, listed the differences between a campus-wide program board and the purpose of a student union.

This information was compiled after consulting several Texas universities and colleges with programming board and student union constitutions. According to the list, a programming board complements and sup-

Unless students have been to other campuses and have seen what student unions are about, it's real hard to describe what it does.

Elvie Davis
SU Team member

ports the educational experience and encourages educational, entertaining, social and recreational campus-wide programs.

A student union should be the home away from home for the university community, and it should create a deeper interest in and affection toward the university, the report stated.

Rodriguez said that explaining the differences between an SU and a programming board to the student body may be difficult.

Team member Elvie Davis agreed. "Unless students have been to other campuses

and have seen what student unions are about, it's real hard to describe what it does," Davis, said.

A SU would greatly contribute to campus life, Rodriguez said. "There are many programs I have turned away from this campus because I didn't have the proper facilities," she said.

The budget subcommittee presented budget proposals for the SU.

One proposed budget estimated salary, operating, repair and travel costs at \$175,000 for the fiscal year 1994 on the passage of a student union fee to be used in conjunction with current UC maintenance and utilities accounts.

Another budget proposal estimated the SU building bond payments over 20- and 30-year payments.

"We were very conservative with the numbers," Davis said.

The space usage committee chair, Tom Grabowski, did not attend the meeting, and his final report will be heard in the next SU meeting.

Disney comes to town next week

Ginger James
Staff

Keys to the Magic Kingdom—with pay. That is what Walt Disney World offers students who are chosen for its college program.

Representatives will interview prospective Disney employees at noon Feb. 24 in the LRC Media Theatre.

The program consists of a 10-week college seminar with a semester or summer internship at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

In this program, students are able to obtain valuable work experience for future

The college program is good for students such as business majors to obtain job experience for their resumes.

Michael Shannon
Office of Education Coordinator

reference, said Michael Shannon, coordinator of the Office of Education.

"The college program is good for students, such as business majors, to obtain job experience for their resumes," Shannon

said. "Many of the large businesses are familiar with the programs, so this will help them get started."

The program offers jobs such as attraction host/hostess, culinary assistant, custodial host/hostess, food & beverage host/hostess, fast food host/hostess, hospitality host/hostess, housekeeping host/hostess, and many others.

"They (Disney) are not offering positions as characters in this program," Shannon said. "However, if a communications major, or anyone else, would like to interview for a character, they may apply at Disney World while participating in the program."

Students accepted to the program will be paid from \$50 to \$70 a week, Shannon said.

"This job should be taken for the adventure of it. It doesn't pay a lot, but living quarters are provided for, students will have free access to EPCOT center and the Magic Kingdom, and there are plenty of organized activities.

Usually the students will work 20 to 40 hours a week, so they will have a lot of free time," Shannon said.

Any student wishing to interview for a job should attend the presentation, Shannon said.

After the presentation, 15-minute interviews will be scheduled Feb. 24 and 25.

For more information, call Shannon at 381-2781.

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Experience brings black awareness to forefront

Growing up in Houston's inner city, I was hardly ever exposed to white people. Although I am white, not being exposed to white people really didn't bother me because most of my friends were black.

I still remember coming home from elementary school one day and asking my mom, "Why is there a month for black people and not for white people, even though much of the population is black?"

Even before I entered kindergarten, I had a negative outlook toward black people. That was basically because it was considered commonplace in my family to make racial slurs. To tell the truth, the racial slurs didn't really bother me because I had been told that black families made racial slurs about white families. Furthermore, I was told that each

race only protected their own race. So, with those misconceptions, I set about getting acclimated to the world.

As a youngster, I remember dribbling my basketball up and down the street, hoping to find some white people who would let me play with them. While doing so, five black kids asked me if I wanted to play 3-on-3. Apprehensive at first, I soon realized that I'd better take them up on their offer because it was unlikely that I was going to find any white people to play with. We played until the sun went down.

Although my friends and I usually played basketball, sometimes we played football, too. We played touch in the street and tackle in the grass. To illustrate, once I remember catching a ball over the middle and getting blind-sided before I made it to the grass.

I thought to myself, "Did he tackle me in

Listen to Him
Peter Goal-eck

the street just because I'm white?"

Needless to say, that thought vanished a few plays later when a black teammate of mine was splattered on the concrete by an opposing black player.

When I entered junior high, I inevitably made some white friends. However, I quickly got rid of them because they hurt my feelings by rejecting me just because I had black friends.

During this time, we would battle each other at our neighborhood playground in basketball to check who had "game" and who didn't.

Many times we would skirmish (usually about the score), but one of us would

always prevent the pushing and shoving from getting out of hand. Although we all took pride in the mythical title, "king of the hood," this was nothing compared to the pride we took in one another when a rival neighborhood came into our neighborhood and challenged us to a game.

Before my first neighborhood game that I ever played in, I couldn't help but remember that my relatives said that blacks only protected their own race. Nevertheless, I had no choice but to put that out of my mind and play the game, anyway.

As usual, the game was physical, and as I went in for a lay-up, I was undercut. Immediately—and contrary to what I had been "taught"—my neighborhood rushed to my defense. Never again would I judge anyone solely by their skin color!

Sad to say, even after graduating from high school, I couldn't help but wonder

why there was actually a month dedicated to black people. With that in mind, I believe that racism continues to exist primarily from lack of education, not to mention society's gross insecurities.

On that note, after entering college and subsequently taking the required courses for history and political science, I slowly but surely became enlightened about the long, lonely, intense struggle of black Americans.

Now I understand why our nation has set aside a month to promote awareness of black American cultures.

However, the fact that we need to set aside a specific month to recognize so-called minority groups says that we still have far to go to understand and respect each other.

Editorial

Bonfire sparks hope; homecoming falls short

This weekend allowed a sentimental peek at what could be...if only school spirit had truly materialized.

It had all the elements: a week of special events, a warm, blazing bonfire, a parade of lights, a king and queen, a dance with a good band.

Unfortunately, Homecoming '94 was a bust; or at least a disappointment. It was not the fault of University Program Board. It was not the fault of the other organizations who worked hard to help make the events happen. It was the fault of the students.

An amazing number of students attended the bonfire Friday night—possibly about 200. However, all but about 50 of them seemed to be from organizations involved in the parade. Also, the number still was not proportionate to the population of the university.

Saturday night proved a worse affair. The game was packed to capacity as usual, and the introduction and crowning of homecoming royalty, decked in finest attire, went off with only minor glitches in the sound system.

But after the game, UPB had a dance set up with free food and a concert by the Chris Rivera Band. Any other time, students would have to pay a cover charge just to hear this popular group, and here they were playing for free—for us to dance.

More than 100 students milled around the courtyard, but, disappointingly, they were only in line for food. Once they got their plates, most of them were out the front gate, leaving only a handful to listen to the music. Again, most of those remaining were from organizations involved in the festivities, and none of them danced—maybe they were just too tired from all the hard work that weekend, having to make up for limited participation from the rest of the students.

The basketball players didn't even show, except to get food, but who could blame them? After all, if the students didn't care to support them, why should they care about mingling at a dead homecoming dance?

UPB did a great job this weekend. They had a lot of fabulous ideas and obviously labored long hours the past week or so.

However, things could be improved, as far as organization is concerned. For instance, next year they should begin their plans early in the fall so they can begin advertising earlier. Much was left to word-of-mouth and many students were not aware that homecoming was going to occur until it was only two weeks away.

UPB should also secure a parade permit so they can take the Caravan of Lights through the community—at least around the courthouse square and back. Parading through campus was pretty lame because there was no one around to watch—all those pretty lights for nothing.

Also, University Police should have controlled the parade better and should not have allowed cars to cut in on Sugar Road.

But for a first stab at Homecoming, it was a promising look to the future. One bright spot was that about 3,000 turned out to vote for homecoming candidates—outdoing most student government election numbers.

What students need to remember is that no matter how much money and planning goes into an event, the success or failure of it is up to the students.

This is our school. This is where our money goes. These are going to be the college years we look back on later in life.

Let's make them count.



News Briefs

 World	 National	 State
<p>SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Bosnia's U.N. commander told Bosnian Serbs, who control most of the artillery encircling Sarajevo, that any heavy guns in their possession must be given up this week.</p> <p>"The total exclusion zone for heavy weapons around Sarajevo will be implemented" by the end of this week, Michael Rose, Lt. Gen., said. "Any heavy weapons there will be either under U.N. control or subject of an air attack."</p> <p>The exclusion applies to both war parties, Rose added.</p>	<p>WASHINGTON - Trying to tighten U.S. Japanese trade tensions, the Clinton administration is expected to declare that Japan broke a 1989 agreement to let Motorola sell more cellular telephones in Tokyo.</p> <p>If Clinton imposes punitive tariffs, as expected, U.S. consumers could be forced to pay more for Japanese-made goods. If Japan retaliates with similar penalties against U.S.-made goods, a trade war damaging both economies could erupt.</p> <p>Fear of a trade war sent Japanese stock prices plunging Monday.</p>	<p>SAN ANTONIO - FBI agents listened in on David Koresh and his disciples discussing fuel and fire in relation to setting the Branch Davidian compound on fire, according to transcripts, prosecutors said.</p> <p>Jurors in the federal murder trial of 11 Branch Davidians were to hear excerpts from the conversations, recorded by FBI agents through electronic bugging devices.</p> <p>After listening to the recording, an unidentified man was heard saying "...start the fire?", shortly after an FBI agent began warning the Davidians to surrender.</p>
<p>GENEVA - A 31-nation meeting decided conditions in Vietnam are improving and boat people should no longer receive preferential treatment from host countries.</p> <p>Countries can now refuse entry to Vietnamese boat people or ship them back without UNHCR screening, as long as those countries abide by international standards.</p> <p>The new program will include finding homes for boat people who can prove they will suffer persecution in Vietnam, and giving funds to those sent home.</p>	<p>GAINESVILLE, Fla. - Residents for the first time will hear details of the grisly mutilation murders of five college students, that occurred more than three years ago, when an alleged career criminal goes on trial in the killings today.</p> <p>Danny Harold Rolling, a 39-year-old drifter from Shreveport, is charged with five counts of first-degree murder, three of sexual battery and three of armed burglary. The state is seeking the death penalty.</p> <p>The victims were found slain in campus-area apartments in late 1990.</p>	<p>AUSTIN - U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison will begin traveling across Texas to meet with her supporters and constituents after being acquitted from the charges brought against her.</p> <p>Hutchison will stop in Harlingen today as part of her tour, being the only stop in the Rio Grande Valley, although the time and place of destination is not yet known. She also plans to outline her legislative agenda.</p>

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Letters to the Editor

Writer stresses abstinence and love over present enjoyment

Your recent article, "Time for Love and Latex," may be somewhat informative if you want to rate the statistics of condoms; however, if you want to give your readers the real information on the prevention of sexually transmitted disease, tell them the truth: It's abstinence or AIDS.

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without sex, but it beats having it now and dying from it later. So let the people know that it's better to wait and enjoy a lifetime of a loving relationship, than to have some enjoyment now and not get a lifetime at all.

BJ Simpson
UTPA Staff

Students' time and effort appreciated by community

I would like to express my appreciation to the 17 Guidance/Counseling Graduate students who participated in establishing a community project at the La Posada Development Center during the past Fall Semester, 1993, and to those that will continue the process this Spring Semester,

1994. They have brought to the community a means of self empowerment through personal and family counseling.

I would also like to say thanks to the various Schools of Thought that have expressed interest in the community service we have established and are attempting to increase with their assistance, those being: Health Sciences; Social Work Program; Speech and Hearing; and last but not least, Kinesiology Department.

We like to bring up the fact that there is an apathetic and lackadaisical view of life by the University community and there is; however, we must not forget of the quiet ones that do not sit and talk about apathy, but take the initiative and do it.

Again thanks, for a job well done for those in blue

David Gonzalez
Alternative Certification Program

SAAC to conduct survey

Description of departments receiving student fees

Arminda Muñoz
Managing Editor

Following is the remaining list of university programs and departments whose accounts will be reviewed by SAAC, the dean of students, and President Miguel Nevarez for possible increases or decreases.

Also, SAAC will conduct a survey to find student interest in these programs and departments.

UTPA Mariachi
The UTPA Mariachi was founded in 1988 to promote music and traditions of the Hispanic culture. All of the performers in the Mariachi are students at the university where they are enrolled in a Mariachi course for which they receive college credit. All of the proceeds collected from performances are used as scholarship funds for the students.

The UTPA Mariachi performs for University and community events. The Mariachi has also represented UTPA in San Antonio at the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) conference and was invited to perform for the U.S. Surgeon General.

The UTPA Mariachi performs all styles of Mexican folk music from various regions of Mexico. They wear authentic "charro" costumes and play the traditional Mariachi instruments—guitaroon, vihuela, violin, trumpet and guitar.

This fiscal year, 1994, was the first year that the Mariachi has requested usage of the student service fees. With the money allotted we have bought new uniforms, refurbished old ones, bought sound equipment, paid for expenses for our annual

show, paid for an assistant to transcribe new music and for an assistant to set up the system for performances.

The UTPA Mariachi is an important representative, source of pride and ambassador of good will for the university. We are highly visible in our predominantly Hispanic community and play an extremely important role in the preservation of our Hispanic heritage. The Mariachi plays an important role in the lives of the student performers as well. The students are proud of their roots and heritage and spend many hours perfecting authentic renditions of Mexican folk music because they believe it is important to carry on traditions of their culture to future generations. Furthermore, the scholarships earned by the student Mariachis, through their performances, are a valuable aid in accomplishing their goals.

Student Orientation

New student orientation utilizes student service fees to integrate new students to the university community, aid in their transition, and expose them to the educational opportunities available at UTPA.

Purchases include student luncheons, T-shirts for staff and volunteers (next year-volunteers only), orientation videos, DJ fees, folders, door prizes, the High School Counselor's Workshop and high school senior days.

Athletics

UTPA's athletic department is a valued entity in the University's collegiate environment and curriculum. As an auxiliary enterprise, the athletic department annually generates revenue to help fund its activities.

The Broncos compete in 15 different sports in the Sun Belt Conference in the

NCAA Division 1 level. Actual monies invoiced and accounted for by the athletic department are generated from ticket sales, game guarantees, corporate sponsors, advertising, Bronc Athletic Club contributions, radio and television fees, NCAA and Sun Belt Conference distributions and UTPA student service monies.

Most student service fee monies go to the non-revenue sports, as they have no means of generating income for themselves. Men's basketball has the best opportunity to generate revenue for the athletic program and generates approximately 90 percent of all external revenues. Student service monies basically support the 14 other sports in the program. The money is used to provide student-athletic scholarships, travel, equipment and individual sport and department operating needs in order to be a member of the NCAA Division 1 and Sun Belt Conference.

Gallery

The Gallery student literary magazine is an important compliment to the other university publications made available through student service fees. Gallery is unique in that it provides a creative opportunity for publication of Prose, Artwork, Poetry and Photography.

The students who submit to Gallery compete for an opportunity to showcase their work, see it published and increase their pride. The students who publish Gallery experience firsthand the making of a magazine and the valuable lessons learned while working as a team.

The purchasers of Gallery buy a piece of history and many entertaining stories and poems to read and think about, as well as pictures and art to please the visual senses.

Benches searching for parents; organizations adopt with paint

Ginger James
Staff

An "Adopt-a-Bench" program allows student organizations and departments to advertise on benches around campus in exchange for their painting and upkeep, the chair of the University Activities Committee said.

"We're hoping that this will give organizations an opportunity to attract more members and hopefully promote more student involvement on campus," James C. Lozano, committee chair, said.

Participating groups are allowed up to two benches, and must submit both a written proposal and a drawing of their advertisement to Physical Plant supervisor Albert

We're basically looking for the benches to be painted in a neat way, without a lot of different colors.

Albert Ochoa
Plant Supervisor

Ochoa for approval, Lozano said. "We're basically looking for the benches to be painted in a neat way, without a lot of different colors," Ochoa said. "We want them to be pleasing to the eyes."

Student Government Association provides the benches, "and in re-

turn, each organization is responsible for all of the supplies to paint the benches," Lozano said.

Organizations must also maintain the benches by keeping them clean and repainting them when necessary.

"It shouldn't cost over twenty dollars a year, if that much," Ochoa said. "We'll take care of any graffiti if it occurs, but otherwise upkeep will be minimal."

If the benches are not kept well, then "the privilege will be taken away from the organization" Lozano said.

Any organization or department wishing to advertise on a bench should contact SGA at 381-2517, or Albert Ochoa at the Physical Plant at 381-2770.

¿Que Pasa?

February Today

Lenton Mass will be officiated by Rev. Juan Victor Heredia at noon in the chapel.

- Political Science Association will have a brown bag lunch sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the LA foyer.
- The Gay and Lesbian Student Association will hold its weekly meeting from noon to 1 p.m. in UC 307.
- The Data Processing Management Association will meet from noon to 1 p.m. in BA 113.
- Psi Chi will have a bake sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the LA foyer.
- The Rehab Club will have a bake sale from noon to 1 p.m. at the Science Building.
- 370th and 206th District judge Democratic debates will be held at noon in LA 101.

18 String Ensemble will meet at 12:45 p.m. in FAC 111.

19 MBA Toastmasters Club will meet from 10 a.m. to noon in BA 113.

20 Tau Kappa Epsilon will meet from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in UC 306 and 306A.

21 String Ensemble will meet at 12:45 p.m. in FAC 111.

22 Alpha Kappa Psi and American Marketing Association are sponsoring a professional program from noon to 1 p.m. in BA 116. The speaker will be Randy Davis of Magic Valley Electric Co. All business majors may attend.

• Student Government Association will hold a general meeting from noon to 1 p.m. in UC 307.

23 String Ensemble will meet at 12:45 p.m. in FAC 111.

• United Methodist Campus Ministry will have prayer and meditation from 10:30 to 11 a.m. in the campus chapel. Guest speaker will be David J. Moreno.

¿Que Pasa? is a weekly calendar of events available to campus organizations. Submissions can be

brought to UC 322. Deadline is 4 p.m. Monday.

Police Reports

January February

26 Clothing, boots, jeans, and a cassette recorder were taken from the mens locker room at HPE II.

• Hubcaps were taken from a vehicle in lot C.

28 A vehicle was damaged in lot F.

30 A radar detector was taken from a vehicle parked in lot G.

1 Two passenger side tires were slashed on a vehicle parked in lot C.

3 A book was stolen and recovered at the University Bookstore. The male subject was arrested on charges of theft.

8 The license plates to a motorcycle were taken at the LA service drive.

13 A vehicle was stolen from lot B, vehicle was recovered.

Math Workshops Sessions

These workshops will provide students comprehensive lists of problems based on the material covered on each course, and they will be assisted by professors and lab assistants. All students taking Math 1357, 1360, and 1370 are welcome to these sessions. In addition, tutorial sessions will be offered to all students taking Math 2342, 3347, and 3349.

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Broncs win homecoming match against La. Tech Fall to South Western Louisiana in close game

Mike Garza
Sports writer

We are going to have to do something that we haven't done all year; that's win on the road

Mark Adams
Head Basketball Coach

UTPA blew out the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs, 76-52, homecoming night to end a three game skid. However, the University of Southwestern Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns stopped the Broncs' momentum by escaping with a 57-53 victory, Monday at the Fieldhouse.

The victory over Tech gave the Broncs a sweep of the Bulldogs.

The loss leaves UTPA at 7-6 in conference play and well out of the top spot.

USL remains in first place with a 11-4 record.

The Broncs go on the road today to meet the South Alabama Jaguars trying to avenge

a loss to USA, Feb. 5 at the Fieldhouse.

"We are going to have to do something that we haven't done all year, that's win on the road," said UTPA coach Mark Adams after the narrow loss.

The game, which Cajun coach Marty Fletcher described as a "typical conference game" was controlled early by USL as they went on a 17-4 run giving them a 27-16 lead with about four minutes left in the game.

The Broncs scored the last five points of the half, capped off by Greg Black's jumper in the lane with two seconds left in the half.

The Cajun's held UTPA scoring leader Greg Guy from scoring in the first half. Guy, who entered the game averaging 20.2 points, finished with 10 points.

Bronc coach Mark Adams said that the team had trouble scoring throughout most of the second half until UTPA scored seven straight points to cut the lead to 48-47 on senior Bobby Allen's drive to the basket with 4:49 left in the game.

After the Cajuns scored four straight points the Broncs scored four of their own with Guy's running jumper through traffic

tying the game at 51 with two minutes left in the game. However, USL connected on two free throws with 1 minute 27 seconds left and Allen's attempt to tie the game rattled in and out of the rim. The Cajuns went on to score four more unanswered points to ice the game.

Allen led UTPA with 18 points while Charles Williams led the team with 11 rebounds, including seven on the offensive end.

During the Homecoming win Saturday night, with four players in double figures, the Broncs cruised by the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs.

Greg Guy led UTPA with 22 points; Reggie Scott added 14; Bobby Allen, 13; and Nelson Oliveira, 10.

The Broncs raced to a 13-2 lead within the first five minutes of the game behind

seven points from Guy, who hit three three-pointers in the game.

Midway through the first half, he Bulldogs managed to cut the lead to five on forward Antonio Robinson's drive.

That would be the closest Tech would get as UTPA exploded on a 18-6 run to close the half.

Freshman center Nelson Oliveira capped the run, hitting a three-pointer at the end of the half to give the Broncs a 34-17 lead.

A important key to the blowout was UTPA's smothering defense, which forced Tech into 28 turnovers and also limited them to 42 percent shooting.

"Our defense was the key," Bronc coach Mark Adams said. "The press and traps continually forced them into turnover."

UTPA takes last at Monterrey Invite

At Monterrey, Mexico, Dean Larsson of Houston captured medalist honors by two strokes when the 22nd annual International Collegiate Golf Tournament ended Saturday and balanced Brigham Young University too the team title.

Larsson finished with a 70 for 211. He held off a strong challenge by South Alabama's Jason Brown, whose final 68 left him at 213.

BYU rode Brodie Bergs tied-for-third finish at 214 to the team trophy at 865.

Houston had 867, Baylor 871, California 874 and Tulsa 877. Next came North Texas 881 and Texas Tech 882.

The University of Texas - Pan American which originated this even and sponsored it for 20 years finished 18th and last at 954 strokes.

Rice University which took over as host last year came in ninth after an early challenge.

Steve Bazan and Patrick Tobin who tied at 72nd at 237.

The other Broncs scores were Inigo Del Val 239, Mike Perez 246 and Martin Karlsson 253.

Baylor's Jamie Schmitt who had a 68 Friday soared to a 76 and finished tied for 13th.

Women's Golf finish last at Mardi Gras Invite

The women's golf team finished last with a score of 1137 at the Jaguars Mardi Gras Invitational on Sunday. Host team South Alabama took the team title with a cumulative score of 1066 edging out the College of Charleston at three strokes.

The Lady Broncs next match will be at Solvang, Calif on Feb. 26-27.

Sun Belt Conference rivals Arkansas State, Arkansas-Little Rock and Western Kentucky finished 4th, 6th and 10th respectively.

The Lady Broncs were led by Gloria Arismendi with a 259.

Other Lady Bronc final scores were Rebecca Moreno 274, Zelina Yanez 304, Brittany Wills 307 and Shari Munson 311.

Johnson qualifies for Indoor Nationals Thrower hits provisional mark

David Hunter
Sports Editor

Delilah Johnson, senior throwing star for UTPA, reached the provisional national qualifying mark in the shot put with a toss of 47-8 Saturday at the Oklahoma Track Classic, sponsored by the University of Oklahoma.

Head coach Reid Harter was pleased with Johnson's performance.

"She threw well," Harter said. "She had some tosses in between the prelims and the finals that were over fifty. The automatic qualifying mark is around 51 feet."

Johnson was pleased with the effort.

"I felt good," Johnson said. "My form needs more work and I need to concentrate more. Hopefully I'll be able to get it out there at the indoor conference championships."

Johnson finished third behind Stephanie Wadsworth of TCU, winner at 52 feet and Tabitha Polk of Texas Tech at 49-1. They beat more than 50 shot putters from all over the country. Johnson was UTPA's only entrant.

At McNeese State earlier in the season Johnson threw over 49 feet but the throw didn't count because

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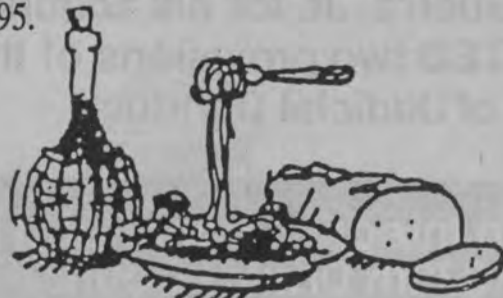
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Broncs swept by Texas A&M; Cruise by Sam Houston St.

Melissa Vasquez
Assistant Sports Editor

job," he said. "Every series we play we are going to get better and better."

They were intimidating and they had a large crowd. We had some backers there. Bless their hearts they played as well as they could.

Al Ogletree
Baseball coach

Ogletree said errors in the games and the Aggies home advantage were some factors in the players abilities to fizzle during the contest. "They were a little intimidating and they had a large crowd we had some backers there," Ogletree said. "Bless their hearts they played as well as they could."

In the first game on Friday during first six innings the score was 1-0 with the Aggies holding the run, yet after that Texas A&M dominated the entire game and massacred UTPA 0-17.

"We made some mistakes and some errors are going to happen," he said. "We need to play tough and we need to play smart. That is what we didn't do. We did a lot of things that got us into a jam."

For the doubleheader on Saturday the Broncs were annihilated 9-0 for their first game of the series, but managed to tie the score 7-7 in the

eighth inning of their second game on the twinning with senior Bobby Scott blasting a three-run homer that brought in a six run rally for UTPA.

That was not enough to keep A&M down in the ninth inning where they were able to come from behind and catch a win of 8-7.

The winning run for the Aggies came from freshman Chad Allen. A wild throw past third allowed Allen to score from first on a ground out. This was an eleventh error on behalf of the Broncs for this series.

"We need to play our defense because at the first two games in A&M we had two hits the first game and three hits the second and in the third game we out hit them, we had 11 hits and they had 10," he said. "The hitting was coming around and they (Broncs) have good pitching. Good pitching always tops good hitting, but I think we will be alright."

This weekend the Broncs will be playing host to the University of Illinois in a three game series. Illinois comes to the Valley to open their season.

He said these games will be a challenge for the Broncs again just as A&M was.

"They are ranked up in the top ten, so they will give us another test," he said. "We'll see if we can pass it."

Starting times for the games are 2 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Intramural dream team

Men's 3-on-3 basketball team wins regional title; prepares for Division tournament in March

Melissa Vasquez
Assistant Sports Editor

This year the Schick Super Hoops will crown their first ever national men's and women's champions. The Unified Team of the men's intramural 3-on-3 basketball champions hope to be the victors when it comes time. However, for them to accomplish that dream, they will have to win the Division tournament coming up in March at the Houston Summit.

The Unified Team and the women's team, the Tri Slamma Jamma, traveled to the Schick Super Hoops 1994 regional tournament held at Trinity University this past weekend.

Both the ladies and the men's teams participated with 11 other teams from colleges such as Incarnate Word College, Our Lady of the Lake, San Jacinto - Central College, and other schools from Texas.

There the Unified Team played five teams and managed to knock all their opponents out of the winner's bracket and declare a record of 5-0, making them the regional champions.

In their first game, the Unified's defeated North Harris 52-47. In the second match they overcame San Jacinto 47-36. In the third game they managed to slip by San Antonio College and beat them in a close game of 43-42, after that UTPA played IWC and defeated them 45-40.

For the final championship game in the men's division, the Unified Team went up against Trinity University and mangled them 56-47, allowing the UTPA intramural team to win and go on to the Divisional Tournament.

In the women's division, Tri Slamma Jamma went 1-3 overall during the tournament.

In their first game of the day, the ladies played San Jacinto, but lost to them 30-14. Then for a second time

Johnson from p. 4

"I always do good at the championship," Johnson said. "I get relaxed and pumped up. That's what it's all about."

Harter said that it is just a matter of time.

"I think for her it just a matter of waiting for things to happen," Harter said.



The Pan American/Jonathon McCurley

Marin Lopez of the Unified team tries to stop Xavi Rios of the Quad Squad from scoring during the championship game held at the HPE II Complex to determine the school champion last week.

around, they played TSTC and were again defeated 19-11. On the third match they lost to IWC 18-33, and for their final game, the Tri Slamma Jamma took control of the ball game and conquered San Antonio College 40-26. This, however, was not enough to permit the ladies to go on to the Division tournament.

The 3-on-3 basketball competition began on Jan. 31 with 15 men's teams and four women's teams participating. When the men travel to Houston there will only be six teams participating in single elimination games. The winner will represent the entire Southwest region of the nation in the first ever National Championship Schick Super Hoops tournament in April.

Lady Broncs still on downslide

The Lady Broncs are still in a rut as they played three road games in a row this weekend, but could not pull out of their continued losing streak.

Bad weather caused the game against Western Kentucky to be canceled on Friday, then UTPA went to Jonesboro and lost to Arkansas State 100-44 on Sunday then to Fayetteville where they were stomped by the Lady Razor Backs 94-59.

Arkansas State crushed the Lady Broncs with ASU sophomore Danielle Featherston shooting 31 points in 32 minutes of playing time.

Also racking up the points for the Lady Indians was Shyla Tucker who totaled 24 points making this ASU's third straight win and the sixth in their last seven outings.

Sun Belt's leading scorer Dawn Beachler was held down to 15 points, seven points below her season average.

Kim Stewart, Betty Flores, Kelly Garrett and Brandy Lietz fouled out of the game.

The Lady Broncs were left in the cold as the University of Arkansas controlled the ball game as five Arkansas ladies scored in the double figures. Yolanda Dickson was the

high producer with 15 points.

Beachler scored 30 points, hit 11 out of 24 shots and 7 of 10 free throws.

Arkansas led 43-25 in halftime and controlled rebounds, 50-30. Lietz led UTPA with 12 rebounds. Also scoring for the Lady Broncs was Garrett with nine points, Lietz with seven and Bobbie Cole with six points.

The Arkansas bench outscored UTPA's three substitutes, 43-9.

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Ethnic films and literature featured next week

UTPA faculty and staff will present their own works

Jason Gutierrez
Staff

Mexican and Chicano literature and films will receive focus next week when the Center for International Studies and the Chicano Studies Committee host a series of events.

On Feb. 24, the groups, along with the department of modern languages and literatures, will present a Mexican and Chicano Literary Encounter at the Health Science Auditorium (NE 1.114).

This conference will be organized in two separate sessions: one from noon to 1 p.m. and the other from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

This literary encounter will host four prominent guest authors from Monterrey which include Rogelio R. Reyes, Hugo Valdés Manríquez, David Toscano, and Eduardo Parra.

University staff, who are also writers, will include: Dr. Elvia García Ardalani, Dr. Sylvia Domínguez, Ramiro R. Rea, and Francisco Juárez-Torres.

Reyes is a prominent author and authority on classical Mexican movies.

Manríquez is a young author who has been dubbed as "the next Carlos Fuentes." He is the author of "Monterrey News" and is the winner of the Alfonso Reyes Literary Prize.

David Toscano is another popu-

lar author from northern Mexico and his novel is entitled "Las Bicicletas."

Eduardo Parra is recognized as an editor and a writer. He edits a prominent journal entitled "Coloquio."



Dr. Elvia García Ardalani is an accomplished poet and author of short stories. Garcia will read from one of her short stories entitled "La Mampara Amarilla Del Silencio." She will

also have a book of poems published in Mexico and has had stories published in magazines such as Eterno and Palabra Nueva.

Dr. Sylvia M. Domínguez currently has a novel in progress which is entitled "Sombras y Remembranzas." In 1973, Domínguez had a three-act play entitled "La Comadre María," that published from Artforms Corporations. This play was the first Spanish publication from this publishing firm.

Ramiro R. Rea is a writer of short stories and has had his works published in Mexico. He has a collection of 13 short stories that have been published in "Palabra Nueva," and currently has a short story

Hopefully these events will give students more exposure to Mexican-Chicano literature.

Dr. Elvia García-Ardalani
Spanish professor

entitled "Fernando Estrella," that has been published in "Español Escrito."

Francisco Juárez-Torres will be reading from one of his short stories entitled "Que Vamos Hacer Con Los Bolillos," and has published an anthology about a Mexican poet Raúl Mazin.

On Feb. 25, the department of modern languages and CIS will host the Mexican Movie Festival from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Health Science Building (NE 1.114). Two films will be featured.

"Doña Barbara," is directed by Fernando de Fuentes and based on a novel from Rómulo Gallego. The actors include María Félix, Julián Soler, and María Elena Marqués.

"Muñeca Reina," is directed by Sergio Olohuovich and is based on a short story by Carlos Fuentes. The actors include Enrique Rocha, Ofelia Medina, and Elena Rojo.

"Hopefully these events will give students at this university and the public at large exposure to Mexican-Chicano literature and films," said García.

Hollywood markets hope and lust

Lies and sex hit Valley theaters

"In the Name of the Father"
Starring Daniel Day Lewis, Emma Thompson, and Peter Postlethwaite
Directed by Jim Sheridan
Rated R



Peter Postlethwaite (left) and Daniel Day-Lewis star in "In the Name of the Father."

Injustice tears at us. It angers us and makes us grit our teeth. Whether it's the homophobia in "Philadelphia" or the the horror inflicted in "Shindler's List", we feel sympathy and compassion.

Maybe it's the current uneasy state of the world that has brought about this current stream of films that celebrate the wronged hero and his victory over the forces around him. Is the film industry peddling hope now along with sex and violence? Only the CEOs in Hollywood can answer that question.

"In the Name of the Father" is another tirade against life's injustices. The movie follows the true story of Gerry Conlon, an Irishman falsely accused and imprisoned for a bombing in Guilford, England in 1974.

Jim Sheridan, author of "My Left Foot," along with co-screenwriter Terry George, weave this seemingly simple story into a disturbing and affecting film.

Daniel Day-Lewis passionately portrays Gerry Conlon, a brash young man who is an antihero. Conlon is immature, he doesn't take his life or anything seriously until he is faced with this situation.

Following the Guilford bombing, the English police were under tremendous pressure to find the perpetrators. Conlon's father, Giuseppe, though circumstantial evidence, is imprisoned with Gerry. Giuseppe is subtly played by Peter Postlethwaite, a deceptively weak man who shows quiet strength through his ordeal.

Postlethwaite and Day-Lewis are a perfect match. Postlethwaite, a reserved man who continues to

fight for the truth, and Day-Lewis whose aversion to his father and justice almost ruin him.

"In the Name of the Father" is pro-Irish but not pro-IRA. Sheridan shows the evil of the IRA in coolly evil Joe McAndrew, the terrorist who thinks nothing of the lives he takes.

"In the Name of the Father" is more personal in nature than its current counterparts, like "Philadelphia."

It is a feel-good film yes, but the story it weaves of injustice, despair and victory is too haunting to forget. Maybe Hollywood has ulterior motives in marketing such films. If this film is indicative of their moves, let them continue to dupe us. ★★★★★ - Lydia Puente

"The Piano"
Starring Holly Hunter, Sam Neill and Harvey Keitel
Directed by Jane Campion
Rated R

"The Piano," voyages through silent passion, explosive sexuality and envelopes the viewer in its quiet tension.

New Zealand's green-and-bleak hued jungle and rainy weather brings out the dark mood of Holly Hunter's eyes, while the piano music brings them to life. Hunter's eyes tell the tale of a soul lost to the world. But it is through music that Hunter's character finds a connectedness to the world and sustains her will to live.

The movie revolves around Hunter, who plays Ada, a mute widow mother, and her relationships with Stewart (Sam Neill) and a neighbor, Baines (Harvey Keitel).

Ada, whose marriage to Stewart was arranged, ends up in a love triangle with Baines.

The slow seduction of Ada by Baines is offset by Stewart's pent up frustration, creating a lingering pace which evolves into an erotic picture.

Neill portrays Stewart with the slightest detail of nervously combing his hair and, later, his manic explosion.

Although the release of sexual passion and its importance in establishing a connectedness to the

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Literary awareness stressed in younger students

Lydia Puente
Arts & Entertainment Editor

In an effort to promote literary awareness and writing among young people, Organization for the Discussion of English Subjects will sponsor a fiction writing contest for junior high schools.

Rosie Lopez, English senior and ODES president, said the purpose of the contest is to get kids interested in writing at an early age while they are still impressionable.

"Some of them may already be interested in writing but either don't share it with others, or don't really try because they are afraid of being made fun of," she said.

Fellow member Susana Ramirez, psychology sophomore, agreed with Lopez.

"Creative writing isn't accepted as much around their peers and we would like to give them some place to show their works," she said.

While the dates for contest entries are pending,

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Arts briefs

✓ The works of Joyce Kristoffy-Hewlett, titled "Clayworks," continues to be on display in the CAS Gallery until Feb. 27.

✓ The Organization for the Discussion of English Subjects (ODES) will hold a meeting Friday at 7:00 p.m. near the Edinburg airport. For directions and further information contact Dr. Don Newman at 381-3421 or Rosie Lopez at 381-2538.

✓ The UTPA string ensemble meets every Monday Wednesday, and Friday from 12:45 p.m. to 1:35 p.m. in the Fine Arts building Rm 111. For further information contact Nancy Schechter in FB 127E or at 381-3476

✓ The History Film Series will feature "Black Robe" at 7 p.m. Wednesday in LA 101. For more information, contact Dr. Michael Weaver at 381-3570.

✓ Guest artists Chestnuts Brass will perform at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets will be \$2 for students and senior citizens and \$3 for general admission.

✓ Works by artist Manuel Felguérez continue to be displayed in the Main Gallery of the McAllen International Museum through Feb. 27.

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Lopez said they will be accepting prose, poetry, and short stories from students. The works will be judged on originality, creativity, grammar, spelling and content. Lopez said they plan to have a ceremony to name the winners. Promoting writing is vital to the community, she said. "Good writing is important, not just in school, but everywhere else," Lopez said. Ramirez said she hopes to encourage young students to continue in their craft.

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world has been done before, it was never done with Hunter's silent intensity or Keitel's gruff. "The Piano" reaches that creative pinnacle that taps into emotional chords within. ★★★★★ - Trinidad Gonzales

"This is a way they can get exposure and feedback on their work, and hopefully we can help them with their writing careers," she said. Lopez said she hopes the contest will be the start of something bigger. "We are starting off small so that we don't ruin it," she said. "Hopefully in the future we can open up the competition to local high schools as well." Those interested in helping with the contest or in ODES can call Dr. Don Newman at 381-3441 or Rosie Lopez at 381-2538.



Gleeful pop music on deck

The Other Two
"The Other Two & You"
Quest/Warner Bros. Records

New Order: great band, interesting melodies, catchy songs. But often in a band, everyone's ideas are not in the final product. Thus, the creation of The Other Two, made up of two members of the band, Gillian Gilbert, keyboardist and Stephen Morris, programmer and percussionist. The noticeable differences between this band and New Order are immediately recognizable beginning with Gilbert's voice. Gilbert's vocals, which are pure and light, are rarely used in New Order, so it's nice to hear her move to lead. Augmented by Morris' simple but infectious rhythms, The Other Two fashion pop music with a dance sensibility. This band isn't New Order with female vocals slapped



Pop duo, The Other Two shines with "You."

their album "Mine" often adding the right amount of tension or sadness while not sounding pretentious. On "The Blame", propelled by driving guitar, Loughman moans about a failed relationship, singing "I learned a lot here, more than I could stand." The band while pop in basic nature, takes influence from My Bloody Valentine, often layering their songs in a wash of guitar.

Other standouts include the mysterious, "Free to Believe," where Loughman's whispery vocals add a eerie air to this reflection on hope and life. The Glee Club is not content to stay with one style. Whether it is the simple pop melodies of "All the Promises," or the simple acoustic sounds "Need", the Glee Club runs the pup gamut. Despite the varied sound on "Mine", the album is a unified and coherent effort. With the recent success of Irish bands, one wonders if it is their talent that makes them successful or only their accent. This band has to the talent to succeed. Here hoping all the bandwagons see that. - Lydia Puentes

on though. Their music is definitely less serious than the heaviness of some New Order works. The album starts with "Tasty Fish", already a hit internationally. Despite the Gilbert's warning tone, Morris offsets the seriousness with happy dance rhythms. While that might sound lame in theory, it doesn't detract from the likability of their music. With another New Order release being readied, Morris and Gilbert will have to put The Other Two on hiatus for now. "The Other Two & You" is simple in nature and doesn't break any new musical ground. It is simple good pop music, and regardless of what music critics say sometimes that is all you need. - Lydia Puentes

The band weaves melancholic rhythms around Loughman's often bitter lyrics. Hugh O'Carroll as violinist plays a variety sounds on

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Homecoming Returns:

After 10 year hiatus, tradition rejuvenates

By: Meredith Markham and Melissa Downey

The night chilled with a sharp breeze as about 200 students waited for the lighting of the metal structure. The Caravan of Lights—with some impressively-lit cars—had just wound its way around campus to the Physical Plant parking lot for a rally to burn the UTPA letters for the first time. The last burning of the letters—PAU at that time—was Feb. 22, 1990, during the first year the university had merged with the UT System.

Friday night, while the students waited, the Blazers dance team and Bronc cheerleaders entertained with routines and cheers, and the basketball team strode in front of the crowd, as students whooped it up.

Soon it was time. Firefighters positioned themselves with hoses poised, ready to douse stray flames, while another group and one basketball player decked in fire-fighting duds took turns torching each letter.

For the first time, "UTPA" burst into flames, lighting up the night and driving away the chill for just a while. Buck, the Bronc mascot, paid homage to the ceremony, bowing reverently before the burning letters. Behind him, students chanted rather chaotically, but with passion "U-T-P-A!" Homecoming was back!

The University Program Board, Intramural/Recreational Sports, UTPA Cheerleaders, Blazers Dance Team, Delta Zeta, Intercollegiate Knights, Phi Sigma Kappa, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Alumni Association, and the Office of Student Activities sponsored the week's activities.

Other festivities included Spirit Day, volleyball,

interfraternity recruitment, and the homecoming game and dance.

- Many students donned their favorite UTPA t-shirts Tuesday to show school spirit and to support the Bronc basketball team.

- A Fraternity Recruiting Fair packed the UC Thursday and participants jammed to the sound of the band Axis.

The pace picked up Friday at 6:30 p.m. when the Caravan of Lights, 20 vehicles decorated in school colors and lights headed west on University Drive. Christmas trees on wheels might best describe the event.

The Gay and Lesbian Student Association won first place with their float—"Cloud Nine"—which featured a white pickup wrapped in foil paper and lights. Included was a member dressed as an guardian angel. Second place went to Phi Sigma Kappa, whose float featured the Bronc mascot. Third went to Delta Zeta, for a truck pulling a Volkswagen bug decorated like the DZ mascot, a turtle.

During half-time Saturday, the homecoming royalty was crowned. James Lozano, representing Student Government Association, was named king; Elizabeth Ortega, Residence Hall Association, queen; Jim Scribner, Tau Kappa Epsilon, prince; and Deynadia Medina, Bilingual Education Student Organization, princess.

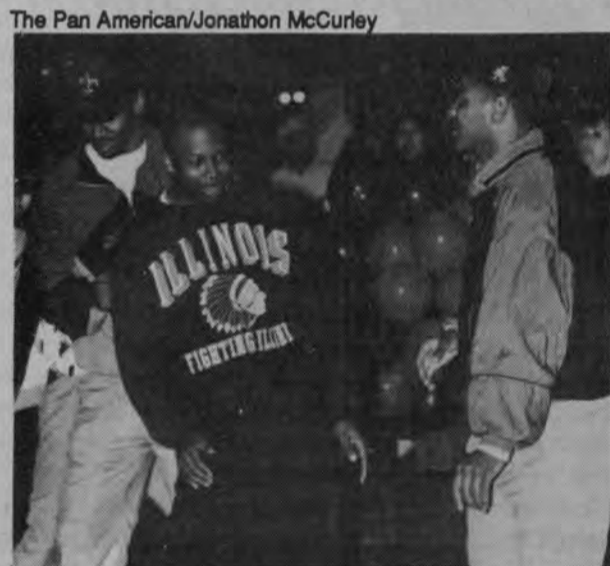
The Broncos downed Louisiana Tech 76-52. The Chris Rivera band played to only about 60 students who attended the dance that followed.



Honored to be crowned Homecoming King '94, James Lozano proudly accepts the title and the scholarship for \$400.



In her moment of glory, Elizabeth Ortega prides herself for being crowned Homecoming Queen '94. Ortega also received a scholarship for \$400.



Above: Charles Williams, Greg Guy, and Greg Black groove to the beat mixed by DJ Looney Toonz during festivities Friday.



Right: THE BRONC GETS PAGAN!! Buck the Bronc leads students in chanting, "U-T-P-A!" to the burning letters.



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CSO may live again

Backers seek support, attempt resuscitation

Advocates for the Council of Student Organizations are pondering how to revive the waning group.

Established in Fall 1991, CSO was an attempt to build a coalition of student groups to "solve common problems," according to Sandra Rosales, designate member.

Involvement was strong that year. However, the original president resigned in January, and the vice president is not enrolled in school this semester, she said.

No one stepped in as replacement, so CSO has not met and has become inactive, she said.

"There is a gap between officers which needs to be filled," said Mary Carrizales, reporter. This means that for CSO to get into action again, new officials need to be elected.

Within the last week, interest has flared again. Ross Villagran, treasurer, has called a meeting for March 10, in hopes to elect officials and get things off the ground.

"There is some interest out there, hopefully with the meeting we will know how much, Rosales said.

Lately, the executive committee has met and has been trying to resolve the problem.

One suggestion is to hold another recruitment fair during the spring semester. This idea has been dropped, Carrizales said, because the main freshmen population en-

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The Pan American/Adela Ayala

Maria Olivarez, Rio Grande City education junior, rumbas to the beat of Spanish-style music, during the Juerga Flamenca series. The Folkloric Dance Company presented a variety of dances Saturday and Sunday at the Fine Arts Auditorium.

The great debate

Local candidates for Congress, Senate square off today during activity period

Trinidad Gonzales
Editor

Candidates vying for representative districts 36 and 40, and senatorial district 27, will debate at noon today in LA 101.

District 36 incumbent Sergio Muñoz will face off against Katis Blakey, while district 40 incumbent Eddie de la Garza will face Hector Villarreal. In the senatorial district 27 debate, incumbent Eddie Lucio will face Miguel Wise.

"The main issues will probably be health care, crime, and education," Rosendo Villagran, Young Democrats president, said.

"Health care will be a main issue," he said, "because of a possible medical school being brought down here."

The planned construction of two prisons around Edinburg will highlight the issue of crime, while NAFTA's possible impact will highlight higher education, Villagran said.

Election day is March 8, so the Young Democrats have scheduled a county treasurer and district clerk debate for Tuesday, and a Democratic chair debate for Thursday, Villagran said.

Format for the debate will give each candidate three minutes for opening remarks, followed by a 30-minute panel discussion with a one-minute response time.

Three minutes will be allotted to each candidate for closing remarks.

If time remains in the hour forum, questions will be taken from the audience.

SGA positions open

Students must meet Monday deadline

Students seeking elected positions for Student Government Association have until 4 p.m. Monday to turn in their applications, the SGA advisor said in a meeting Tuesday.

Positions are available for SGA president, vice president, and senators of the four academic divisions, Sandra Rosales, advisor, said.

Senatorial hopefuls must be enrolled for at least one long semester, a minimum GPA of 2.0 throughout term of office and have no disciplinary probation, according to the SGA constitution.

They (except for those at-large) must be enrolled in the academic division they represent.

For president and vice president positions, students "must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA and not go below a cumulative GPA of 2.25 while in office, and must have earned at least 30 credit

hours," Rosales said.

If students do not meet the deadline, they can run as a write-in candidate, Rosales said. This deadline is Mar. 7 at 9 a.m.

"In other words, their names will not be printed on the ballots," she said.

Applications may be picked up at UC 314 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

In other business, SGA announced the community service scholarship will be offered to anyone who is a UTPA student and not a relative of anyone from SGA.

Criteria is based on community service, campus leadership, and a GPA of 2.5. Deadline for the scholarship is Mar. 21.

Call 381-2517 for more information.

The world is a classroom with college credits

Two programs will allow students to view ancient Mexican pyramids or travel the Rhine, all for college credit, according to the new conference coordinator for the Office of Continuing Education and Off-Campus Instruction.

To be eligible for the "Summer in Mexico" program, which runs from May 22 to June 19, students must have taken one semester of Spanish. The trip costs \$1,470 per person, with registration and a \$150 deposit are due April 1, and full payment due April 15.

The "Romantic Rhine: A Medieval Experience" is open to the public. It runs from

May 15 to May 25, and costs \$3,045 per person. A \$350 deposit is due with enrollment March 1, and final payment is due March 15. For an additional \$154.44 students can earn three hours of college credit.

Participants in the Mexico program will study Spanish and have the option of learning about intercultural communication while living in Puebla, Mexico, at the Hotel Colonial or with a host family.

Students and instructors will speak Spanish everywhere they go, whether they are sightseeing, eating in restaurants or socializing, Dr. Francisco Juárez-Torres, Span-

ish lecturer, said.

This way, the students "will learn much faster," he said. "This is total immersion."

Some of the sightseeing will include art, history, architecture and archeological sites, including the Cholula pyramids, Juárez-Torres said.

Those who participate in the Germany program will study Roman and Medieval influences, Dr. Sarah Neitzel, history professor said, who will accompany the students. Neitzel holds a doctorate in European and German history, speaks fluent German, and has lived and traveled extensively in Germany.

Some of the sites will include "an old Roman settlement with walls around it, an amphitheater, streets and aqueducts which date to about 100 AD," Neitzel said.

Travelers will also see a reconstruction of a Medieval farming village, visit art museums, and visit the original Gutenberg press where they will see a Gutenberg Bible, the first book printed on the press, she said.

Students can earn three hours college credit in History 4395, which can transfer as an elective to other universities, Suzanne Johnson, coordinator said.

For more information, call the Office of Continuing Education at 381-2120.

Stricter entrance policy may come to campus

Arminda Muñoz
Managing Editor

A new admissions policy controlling the number of students entering the university may be adopted in a few years, according to the chairperson of the committee for admissions standards.

"We're working on a proposal which will be presented to President Nevarez," Dr. Lester Rydl, chairman, said.

The committee will present its proposal in about two weeks during the president's council meeting, he said.

If the proposal is approved by Nevarez, the new admissions policy could take effect in 1996-97, Dr. Rudolph Gomez, vice president for academic affairs, said.

"This will give everybody time to get ready," he said.

The proposal consists of a recommendation for an index admissions policy, Gomez said.

The numerical index would be derived from a student's ACT or SAT scores, high school GPA and college preparatory courses. The university would set an index level each academic year and admit students who meet the level or who are within range.

For example, if the university set the admissions index at 10, students who received a 10 or higher would be admitted automatically. Also, students who scored a nine would probably be admitted in a provisional status, Gomez said.

The admittance of students who do not meet the index level would depend on several factors, he said.

"It would be based on the number of students admitted to the university that year," Gomez said.

Also, these students would have to take specific courses and earn a "C" or better, he said.

The university wants to maintain a reasonable admissions policy, Gomez said.

"We want to keep flexibility if at all possible," he said.

Library offers guidance through PAC classes

For students who find using the library difficult, and for those who need help on their term papers, the Public Access Catalog (PAC) classes offered last fall will again be available.

Registration begins Monday at the reference desk in the LRC. At regular class times, beginning March 7-12, PAC classes will be available to students at LRC 205. Part I,

which will include instruction on using subject headings and the UTPA online catalog, will be held March 7. Part II, emphasizing periodical searching through indexes, will be offered March 9. Both classes will be offered again March 8 and 10. Five sessions covering parts I and II will be available from noon to 4 p.m. March 12. The sessions are "a good opportunity for

students to learn how to use the library, to do research, and access all resources available," Lily Torres, instructional services librarian, said.

In the past, professors took their students to the library to help them become acquainted with it. Now, PAC classes will facilitate the process for all students, she said. The size of the classes last semester

ranged from two to 14 students. Those attending need only bring their curiosity and questions, Torres said.

Torres said she sees the PAC classes and perhaps incorporating "computer assisted instruction in a lab so that students can easily learn how to conduct research."

Interested students can call Torres at 381-3301 or Diane Chladil 316-7075.

Students urged to be responsible

Prevention: best weapon against theft

Ginger James
Staff

With theft rates increasing on campus, students are encouraged to avoid theft of personal property by taking preventive measures, assistant chief of University Police, said.

Theft is not occurring every day, but it is occurring with enough frequency to require more action taken against it by the students and faculty, Mike Sullenger said.

"It is important and beneficial to all of the people on campus to increase their awareness with respect to where they leave their

As the old saying goes, 'a thief is only as good as the opportunity...'

Mike Sullenger
Assistant chief

property," Sullenger said.

Too many people leave their cars unlocked and their bookbags unattended, he said, which promotes the increase in theft.

"As the old saying goes, 'a thief is only as good as the opportunity that is given to him,'" Sullenger said. "If students will only keep their bookbags and purses with them,

or leave them with a friend if they need to run an errand, then the chance of theft could be greatly avoided."

Students and faculty also need to lock their vehicle doors, Sullenger said. The police department is doing the best it can to monitor the parking lots for suspicious activity, but it does not have enough personnel to watch every car during the process of the day, he said.

"We watch the parking lot very closely, but it is really easy for someone to steal something from an unlocked car," he said.

"It is important that the level of responsibility be raised to where students understand the importance of the security of their property."

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Males strive for remote control; fear of commitment drives change

Getting home after a long day of classes, I can't wait to relax in front of the TV and watch a good movie or a show. This is impossible if there is a male anywhere near the vicinity of the remote control.

She Said
Ginger James

Think about it. Just when a woman is really getting into a show or a movie, there goes her husband (or friend or boyfriend), switching the channel to monster truck races.

"OK," the woman thinks, "we'll watch this." But just as soon as she learns what the 'California Crusher' is, Lo and Behold! There he goes again: click, click, click.

Two seconds here, five seconds there, for the entirety of the night. They simply cannot make up their minds as to what they want to watch, even with the TV and movie guides as aids.

Men obviously do not know how to watch TV. Such indecisive creatures should not be allowed the

responsibility of the remote control. The fact that men feel they "have" to have the remote control to be able to switch channels at a rate of 40 per minute simply demonstrates their fear of commitment.

Any time a woman brings up the subject of commitment, the man will simply change the subject, and will do this several times.

Of course he will not admit that the reason he changes the subject is because he doesn't want to be committed, just as he says he does not change the channel because he is afraid of being committed.

If men had sole control of the remote control, TV would be a plethora of five-second, meaningless "flings" of no benefit to the mind or emotions of anyone.

Women: heed my warning. Take that remote control from him. Hold on to it with all of your might. It is the only chance at a normal TV viewing experience you've got.

Remote causes house fracas; female control leads to soaps

I know what people are going to think when they read this column. This may be a frivolous issue to a lot of people, but I know that when I am watching TV, I must have the remote control.

women watch television.

Another major factor of this issue is that women are envious of our control. This goes back to women always wanting equal rights in every aspect of life. I can understand equal pay or equal respect, but just don't take my remote control away.

Men should dictate the major decisions of the household and having control of the remote is a given.

If women had control, most cable channels would go out of business. The only stations that would exist would be Lifetime, the regular networks, especially ABC, because of The Oprah Winfrey Show. Forget about seeing ESPN, HBO or CNN, because the only shows that will be on will be One Life To Live or All My Children.

This is a warning to all men everywhere: Take that remote control or suffer the consequences. I don't care if it's your mother, wife, or girlfriend. Take the remote away!

There is no argument in this situation because men should have control of the remote. I know exactly what my female opponent will say . . . men are just on this

He Said
Jason Guterrez

power trip and they feel like it shows who controls the relationship. Nothing could be further from the truth!

Men are not on some power trip. We just feel that we control the remote better and faster. Besides, women just lock on to one boring soap opera or some other talk show that is talking about "women's issues."

Men can take full advantage of all the other channels within minutes, and if there happens to be a basketball game on, we'll stop and check out a few plays.

Why pay for 30 channels if you are just going to watch one channel? There is no logic in the way

Editorial

Awareness breaks walls

*"He will not go behind his father's saying,
And he likes having thought of it so well
He says again, 'Good fences make good neighbors.'"
Robert Frost "Mending Wall"*

February is Black Awareness Month. Celebrations of black Americans' cultural roots had been planned by Student Activities but, because of scheduling problems, these activities are postponed until a later date. Nevertheless, this is an opportunity to explore the dynamic and tragic history of Black Americans.

Narrow minded questions still linger about the validity of studying or becoming aware of the history and culture of black Americans and other ethnic groups. However, there should be no question.

The key concept is "awareness." Studying other people's experiences broadens our outlook on life and can help provide answers to problems such as why family bonds are very strong with some ethnic groups while others are witnessing disintegration.

Another thing which should be considered is how different people classify things like family, affection, love or even hate. With a greater understanding of how different people view and classify the society as a whole, we will be better equipped to deal with racial problems, particularly since there is a dynamic change in the workplace.

Still, to many people, the promotion of awareness poses a threat, causes fear and creates racial slurs and arguments. These perceived threats are stupid misconceptions and cause a single-mindedness that leads to a stagnant and violent society. We must remember that this society is presently growing in on itself at an alarming rate. We cannot afford to be stupid.

This is why Black Awareness is needed and why studying how other people live has to be a prerequisite for our society. Without neighbors being "aware" of each other, there is nothing left but what Robert Frost wrote in his poem, "Mending Wall".

'He Said, She Said' debuts

In this issue The Pan American debuts a column titled "He Said, She Said," which will seek to explore the proverbial battle of the sexes.

The monthly column will confront topics ranging from the tongue-in-cheek to hard-hitting issues that affect today's society.

Do you have any pet peeves? Are you curious about how the opposite sex views some of the issues today? Are there stereotypes that need to be cleared up between the genders? Let us know.

As with all opinions offered on this page, The Pan American welcomes responses to and suggestions for the column.

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News Briefs



World

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Peace keepers moved in Monday to control the remaining Serb guns around Sarajevo while diplomats turned up the heat for a political settlement.

NATO warplanes flew over Sarajevo to monitor Serb compliance; and if shelling were to continue, "immediate military response" would occur, warned Gen. Jean Cot, commander of UN forces in former Yugoslavia.

Leaders of Bosnia's Muslim-led government expressed optimism that the war could actually end.

TEHRAN, Iran - Iraqi exiles claim Saddam Hussein's regime recently slaughtered hundreds of prisoners at the infamous Radwaniyeh death camp, southwest of Baghdad, in one of the largest mass executions reported in Iraq.

Most were Shiite Muslims who were rounded up in southern Iraq for instigating an uprising after Saddam's defeat in the Gulf War.

Hundreds of bodies have been delivered to their families for burial recently. "Many died under torture or were executed en masse," a spokesperson Amnesty International said.



National

SALT SPRINGS, Fla. - Two men befriended, raped, and bound a woman to a tree and beat her brother to death.

The siblings were on a camping trip when they were abducted. The woman chewed through cords that held her and sought police help.

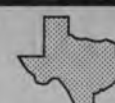
After returning to the scene with authorities, she discovered her 18-year-old brother had been beaten to death.

The two suspects befriended the siblings, both college students, when they arrived late Friday for a weekend camping trip, Joe Cobb, Marion County sheriff's department, said.

Reynosa - Working to smooth the flow of commerce, maquiladora and customs officials from Reynosa, McAllen and Hidalgo agreed Monday to coordinate truck traffic across the Hidalgo International Bridge.

A new staging area for trucks on a privately-owned road has been designated. Side road near U.S. Highway 281 and 23rd Street, owned by Calvin Bentsen and Duncan Spiller, will hold 150 to 170 trucks.

Information gathered from news reports.



State

AUSTIN - The company chosen to administer the new electronic welfare benefits system—which will use bank-style cards instead of paper food stamps—announced Monday its headquarters will be in Austin.

The new program is planned to begin in Chambers and Harris counties this fall and be phased into 2.7 million food stamp recipients statewide by 1996. The program still requires final approval from the US Departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services.

DALLAS - Pocket protectors and glasses were a thing of the past when thousands of computer nerds united at the first "Nerd Weekend" held by Computer Associates International Inc.

Nerds, who like to be called "technologically advantaged," insist being a nerd these days is chic.

The weekend ended with a "nerd power rally" and a farewell address and an official pocket protector for everyone from the event.

For entertainment on Saturday night, they tested Computer Associates business software and participated in JeopNerdy on Sunday night.

Letters to the Editor

Biology professor faults condom misinformation

I read with interest the comment on the pore size of latex condoms in the letter by UTPA staff member BJ Simpson in Feb. 17 1994 Pan American. According to the Consumer Reports article (March 1989) cited in your previous week's "Time for Love and Latex" story, even under a 30,000X magnification using an electron microscope, and even when stretched, latex condoms had no visible pores. In addition, molecules as small as the water molecule

(much smaller than the HIV or "AIDS" virus) did not pass through the latex. The same could not be said about natural-membrane condoms, although no responsible party advocates their use to minimize chances of AIDS contraction.

Other researchers have concurred with this finding. According to researchers Vinson and Epperly (American Family Physician, 1991, 43:2081), latex condoms not only protect against HIV, but also a whole host of other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), such as herpes simplex virus types 1 and 2, cytomegalovirus, hepatitis B virus, chlamydia trachomatis, and Neisseria gonorrhoeae.

Lytle et al. (Applied and Environmental Microbiology 58:3180-3182) tested both

latex and natural membrane condoms for penetrance by an extremely small virus (27 nanometers in diameter compared to approximately 105 nanometers in diameter for the HIV virus, and concluded that latex condoms are a "substantial barrier to viruses" and that their findings were in agreement with others on this point.

Rietmeijer et al. (Journal of the American Medical Association, 1988, 259:1851-1853) studied latex condoms used in conjunction with the spermicide nonoxonyl-9 and concluded that "intact latex condoms are impermeable to HIV and that condoms containing nonoxonyl-9 may inactivate HIV in case of condom slippage or breakage."

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The Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta reported recently in their publication Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (1993, 42:589-591) that recent laboratory studies indicate that "latex condoms are an effective mechanical barrier to fluid containing HIV-sized particles."

A relatively new female condom made of polyurethane film is now coming to the market (the Reality Vaginal Pouch).

A study by Voeller et al. (Journal of the American Medical Association, 1991, 266:2986-2987) conducted on this condom indicated that polyurethane film was effective in preventing leakage through the condom by viruses and that the polyurethane film "can provide a highly protective barrier for contraception and STD prevention."

Where did BJ Simpson gather information that the HIV virus is 20 times smaller than the pores in latex?

Not only is this information not true, but you do the university community no service by stating "false" facts on such an important subject to our students.

It is not as if the information on latex condoms is unavailable or difficult to locate.

As a UTPA staff member, I trust that you could have gone to our library and searched for accurate information.

All references that appear in this letter were found in our library. I suggest that BJ Simpson either "put up or shut up."

Dr. Robert J. Edwards
Department of Biology

El Sol questions writers forum

In the following letter, the word "we" refers to the members of El Sol Organization (Xicano Student Movement).

Recently, we found out about the Mexican and Chicano literary encounter, not via the normal channels, but by surprise, which means we found out through a flyer that was posted on some of the posters set up on campus.

At first we were excited about the whole thing, but then we realized that we, El Sol, were part of the Chicano Studies Committee and that we were not notified of such an event taking place.

To make things worse, and upsetting, we didn't know we had so many Chicano writers in the language department. The fact is that we have few Chicano writers on campus, the most noted being Genaro Gonzalez.

Who are these Chicano writers? Where did they come from? What Chicano publishing company has published them? We want to know! The sad fact is that they are not Chicano writers. So we asked ourselves, and now we ask you:

How did these authors/writers get selected? Why wasn't El Sol notified? Who made those decisions? Some of these authors/writers don't even consider themselves Chicano or like the term "Chicano" because they feel it's a derogatory term. We think they don't like it because it's too strong

of a word, too indigenous-sounding and not Euro-sounding, like the word "Hispanic."

Regardless, the fact is that procedures were not followed. Now you have a Chicano Organization inquiring. Why weren't these procedures followed? The fact is we have only met once, and that was to elect the chair and other members to the Chicano Studies Committee, and that was a semester and a half ago. The committee has not met since.

Are you serious about the Chicano Studies program? It seems to us that you are not, otherwise we would have been notified about the formulation of such an event as the Mexican and Chicano literary encounter. Maybe we need better qualified people in the committee. People that are serious about helping the Chicano students in this university.

People that know the difference between Chicano and Hispanic. We suggest you become more aware of your responsibilities and duties as chairman of the Chicano Studies program and work with Chicano student representatives. In order to achieve our ultimate goal, which is to have a strong Chicano Studies program that is long overdue in this university.

A concerned Chicano,
Amado Balderas
El Sol president

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Is there something annoying or bothering you about the campus? Well, send your gripe to Rio's BroncSass!



Deadline for both is Feb. 25 at UC 322 or call 381-2541 before 4:30.

Police Reports

February

14 A purse was taken from the BA building.

18 A vehicle was taken from lot J, then recovered by Edinburg police department north of UTPA.

16 A book was taken from the cafeteria, and later recovered.

21 A student was assaulted on Kuhn Street. Charges have not been filed.

17 A license plate was taken from a vehicle parked in lot C.

See related preventing theft story on p. 1.

¿Que Pasa?

February Today

REHAB Club will meet from noon till 1 p.m. in NB 2.110. Attendance for members is mandatory.

• Catholic Campus Ministry is sponsoring mass at noon in the campus chapel. The Celebrant will be Rev. Jerry Frank.

• Alpha Kappa Psi will meet from 8:30 to 10 p.m. in BA 120-G.

• Health and Kinesiology Club will hold a bake sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the LRC.

• Juventud Hispana will hold a lunch bag sale from 7:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the LRC.

• Apostolic Christian Truth Society will meet from noon to 1

p.m. at UC 307-A.

• Elliot Chemical Society will sponsor a presentation from noon to 12:30 p.m. on anticancer drug resistance. Dr. Ahmad will be the guest speaker.

• Young Democrats will sponsor a debate featuring local Democrat candidates for state representative and state senator from noon to 1 p.m. at LA 101.

• Data Processing Management Association will meet from noon to 1 p.m. in BA 113.

• Gay and Lesbian Student Association will meet from noon to 1 p.m. in UC 307.

• Joe Fletcher, CPA, and Quentin Anderson, president of the Texas Society of CPA-RGV chapter, will speak noon to 1 p.m. in BA 116. The Accounting Society, American Marketing Association and Alpha Kappa

Psi are sponsoring the event and will provide food and refreshments following the presentation.

25 String Ensemble will meet from 12:45 to 1:35 p.m. in FAC 111.

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• Alpha Kappa Psi pledge class will hold a bake sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the BA hall.

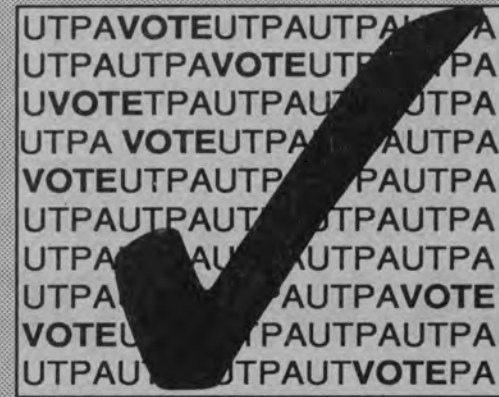
March

1 Association of Contemporary Artists will meet from noon to 1 p.m. in AA 107.

• Circle K International will meet noon to 1 p.m. in UC 306.

2 String Ensemble will meet from 12:45 to 1:35 p.m. in FAC 111.

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ELECTIONS

Tuesday & Wednesday • March 8 & 9

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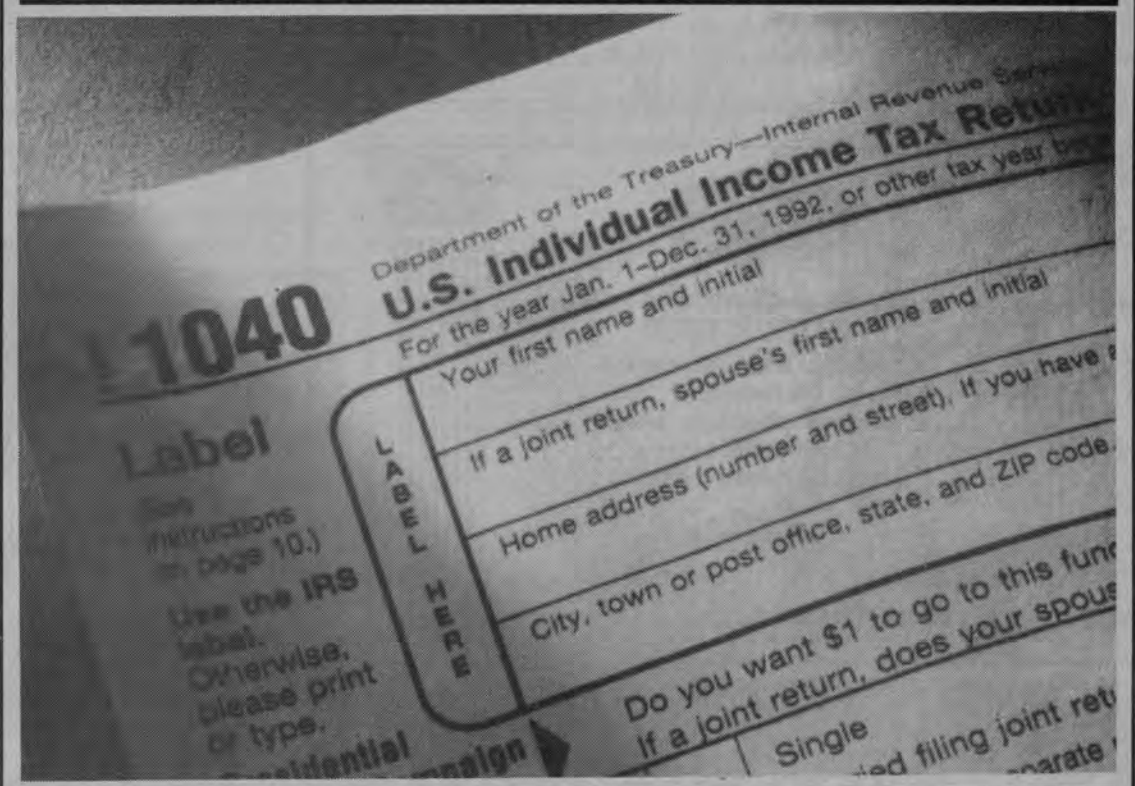
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Men's tennis defeats UTSA, drops NMSU 4-3

The Broncos lost 5-2 to the UT-San Antonio Saturday but rallied Sunday to defeat New Mexico State University 4-3 in San Antonio.

Head tennis coach Bill Hilley attributed the first loss to the fact that it was the team's first match of the season.

"We played a team that had already played several matches," Hilley said. "They were a little sharper than us. Both teams were pretty evenly matched, though."

Alain Fabry had the hot hand over the weekend, defeating all his opponents from both UTSA and NMSU.

"He was probably the team MVP for the weekend," Hilley said.

Against NMSU the Broncos edged out the victory when Gianni Von Nacher won the deciding match during a tie breaker in the third set to get the Broncos the fourth point and the win.

"Gianni played a gutsy game," Hilley said. "He had a lot of pressure in that he was the last match."

Von Nacher took the first match,

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Broncs end 'Trail of tears;'

UTPA tramples South Alabama 66-57 on road,
drop to Privateers 74-64, defeat Troy State 100-90

Mike Garza
Sportswriter

UTPA broke its three-game road losing streak beating the University of South Alabama, 66-57 in Mobile Thursday. However, the Broncos' bid to upset conference leader, New Orleans, fell short as they lost 74-64 on the road Saturday. UTPA had lost three straight road games overall and four in a row in conference play.

UTPA returned to the winning column with a 100-90 comeback victory at home Monday over non-conference foe Troy State.

Against South Alabama the Broncos jumped to a 25-9 lead with the help of eight points from senior Greg Guy, who came off the bench for the first time in the season.

UTPA allowed the Jaguars only seven of their 26 shot attempts and forced 12 turnovers.

USA closed the half with a 14-3 run to cut the lead to 28-23.

The Broncos held a substantial lead through most of the second half and when Nelson Oliveira hit a

three-pointer with 9:07 left UTPA led 50-40 lead.

The Jaguars went on a 12-2 run to tie the game with under four minutes left.

Reggie Scott answered with a shot from the baseline to break the tie with 3:23 left in the game. The 6-6 junior forward hit another basket a minute later to give the Broncos a four point lead.

USA would get no closer than three points as UTPA players Terrance Rone, Greg Guy and Nelson Oliveira hit two free throws each in the last minutes ice the game

Monday, Troy State held a close lead for most of the first half then went on a 15-1 run, for a 53-36 lead with under two minutes in the half. However, the Broncos scored seven unanswered points in the last minute to close the gap to 10.

"In the beginning we weren't as quick as we normally are," said head Basketball coach Mark Adams. "They had revenge on their mind after we beat them (earlier in the season)."

Greg Guy scored his 1000th point midway through the first half

becoming the 15th Bronc in UTPA history to do so. Terrance Rone and Nelson Oliveira kept the Broncos in the game with 10 points a piece in the first half.

UTPA had difficulty cutting Troy State's lead under double digits, but a 14-4 run midway through the second half finally tied the game. Senior forward Bobby Allen's jump shot at the 8:08 mark evened the score at 73. After Trojan forward Derrick Bristol hit a three-pointer giving Troy State a 76-73 lead, the Broncos' defense clamped down for another 14-4 run to ice the game.

"The key of the game was when we started denying the top of the key pass that kept them from reversing the ball for three-pointers," Adams said. "In the first half they were swinging the ball around for three-pointers."

Troy State hit five of 10 three-pointers in the first half compared to four of 17 in the second half.

Guy and Allen led the Broncs with 19 points each, while Oliveira and Reggie Scott each scored 18 points.

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The Pan American/ Meredith Markham

Greg Guy drives to the basket in Monday's game against Troy State, becoming the 15th Bronc to score 1,000 career points.

Broncs win one, drop two against Illinois

John Cannon
Sportswriter

The University of Texas-Pan American Broncos evened their record at 5-5, winning 1 of 3 outings against the University of Illinois-Fighting Illini. All-American candidate Forry Wells was a major contributor to the Fighting Illini's two-game victory by blasting 3 home runs and 4 R.B.I.'s.

On Friday, Forry Wells homered and was credited with three runs as Illinois defeated the Broncs 9-2.

Wells' home run down the left field line started the Illini off to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

The Broncs threatened to score in each of the first four innings but got caught in three double plays.

In the top of the fourth, Ken Crawford's two-run double against the left field fence

and Andy Kortkamp's R.B.I. single started a rally for the Illini. Wells' R.B.I. double in the fifth made the score 6-0. Later in the inning, Tom Sinak's single scored Wells and increased the Illini lead to 7-0.

The Broncs finally got on the board in the bottom of the fifth when Bobby Scott beat out a bunt single to score Michael Edwards.

Brett Laurvick's two-run single in the sixth brought the Illini's score to 9-1.

Bronc shortstop Jay Ramsey hit his first home run of the season in the ninth for the final margin.

Illinois junior Donnie Payne (1-0) had eight hits over seven innings to earn the victory. Payne struck out three and walked three.

UTPA senior Bert Reyes (1-2) allowed seven runs in 4 1/2 innings. Reyes struck out four.

On Saturday, the Broncs rallied in the bottom of the ninth to win 6-5.

Tom Sinak's two-run homer in the top of the first gave the Illini a 4-0 lead.

The Broncs got on the board when Craig Strang's pop out to right scored Travis Stolle.

The Broncs closed the gap to 4-2 when Stolle's R.B.I. single brought in Brandon Benefield.

However, in the top of the sixth, Andy Thompson's one-run homer gave the Illini a 5-2 lead.

In the bottom of the sixth, Michael Edwards single brought in two runs and Travis Stolle's R.B.I. single to left brought the Broncs back and tied the score at five.

The Broncs sealed the victory in the bottom of the ninth when Kris Slivocka's hit over third base brought in Bobby Scott and earned Slivocka an R.B.I.

UTPA senior Jeff Myers (2-0) allowed no hits in the last three innings to cinch the victory. Illinois junior Shawn Herzog (0-1) lost in relief.

Sunday, Forry Wells homered twice as the Illini defeated the Broncs 7-4.

Wells' one-run homer in the top of the

first gave Illinois a 1-0 lead.

UTPA tied when Craig Strang walked with the bases loaded to score Travis Stolle.

In the top of the third, Wells' double to right and Andy Thompson's pop out scored Dave Wohlwend and Brian McClure to make it 3-1 Illinois.

Wells' second home run of the day came in the top of the sixth increasing the Illini score to 4-1.

Andy Kortkamp's two-run homer in the seventh brought the Illini lead to 7-1.

The Broncs rallied in the bottom of the seventh to close the gap to 6-4.

Edward Menchaca's double off the left field wall brought in Bobby Scott and Travis Stolle. Pinch hitter Mark Reeves drilled a double off the right-centerfield wall to score Edward Menchaca.

Illinois took the game in the eighth when Brian Schullian hit an R.B.I. single down the third base line to score Brett Laurvick and give the Illini a 7-4 victory.

Illinois junior Sean Williams (1-0) allowed

eight hits in 6-plus innings to earn the victory. Williams walked three and struck out three. UTPA senior Taylor Miller (0-1) allowed eight hits in 6 2/3 innings. Miller walked one and struck out two.

UTPA closed the series with a record of 5-5 while Illinois increased their winning record to 2-1. Coach Al Ogletree was pleased with the series.

"Illinois has a good ball club and played a great series," Ogletree said. "We left twelve men on base in one game and I feel that we need to work on that. Overall, we played a good series."

One of the major highlights of the Broncs performance in the series was their first baseman, freshman Matthew Siskowski who made several outstanding defensive plays to prevent several hits for the Illini. The Broncs will travel to Southwest Texas State for a three game series this weekend. The first match will be a doubleheader on at 2 p.m. Saturday Sunday, they play the third game starting at 2 p.m.



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Lady Broncs end losing streak; Defeat South Alabama 65-61, lose to Central Arkansas 85-57

Melissa Vasquez
Assistant Sports Editor

Before their loss to the University of Central Arkansas on Tuesday the Lady Broncs defeated South Alabama 65-61 in a conference game on Saturday at the Field House.

After their conference win against South Alabama the Lady Broncs were defeated by the University of Central Arkansas, a non-conference team, in a disappointing 85-57 game on Tuesday night at the Field House.

Both teams came into the game with identical records of 3-17, however, the Lady Broncs lead in the first half 39-32 with Dawn Beachler shooting five out of 20 and forward Kim Stewart four for eight.

With the win, the Lady Broncs avoid a number eight seed in the conference and should enter the tournament if they do not lose to the Lady Jaguars who they play again on Mar. 5.

The opening possession in the game went to the Lady Jaguars, but Stewart made two field goals to open the first half.

Beachler totaled 26 points and two out of nine three point shots.

Center Brandy Lietz added nine points in the final while guard Bobbie Cole brought in eight.

UTPA hit 26 of 72 shots and USA had 23 of 59.

Monday's game proved to be a tough game for UTPA as the Lady Sugar Bears controlled the ball game in the first half with a lead of 39-22.

Leading sunbelt scorer, Beachler, went two for 11 in shooting in the first and center Brandy Lietz hit four out of five shots with three for four on free throws.

The Lady Sugar Bears outbid the Lady Broncs with 17 total shots while UTPA succumbed to only eight.

"They came in and shot the lights out. They did not miss and we could not hit the first half so it took



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Dawn Beachler shoots during the game against Central Arkansas. Beachler was named Sun Belt Player-of-the-Week

us forever to get warmed up," head woman's basketball coach Tracie Garner said.

In the second half Beachler went 11 for 29 allowing her to score 26 points for the entire game while teammate Lietz went five for eight.

"It took her (Beachler) a long time to warm up, but she got into the game," Garner said. "Another positive thing about tonight was Brandy Lietz, she really played a

great game, she hit the boards really well and she just played really good. She really put the ball in the hole and I was very pleased."

The Lady Broncs now hold an overall record of 4-18.

UTPA will be hosting No. 3 Arkansas State at 7:30 p.m. in the Field House on Saturday.

The Lady Indians will come into the game with an overall record of 17-7 and a conference record, 8-4.

Beachler named Player-of-Week Lady Bronc earns honor for second time in season

Melissa Vasquez
Assistant Sports Editor

On Monday Lady Bronc player Dawn Beachler was named Sahara Sportswear/ Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week for a second time this season.

She was selected by the Sun Belt communications staff for averaging 28 points and 7.5 rebounds for the Lady Broncs games against Arkansas and the University of South Alabama.

During the fall semester she gained the title as "Performer of the Week" for December as she was named the Most Valuable Player in the South Florida Classic in Tampa tournament where the Lady Broncs finished third.

Beachler has proved to be a major asset to the team according to head women's basketball coach, Tracie Garner.

"The pressures on her because she has to score big game in and game out," Garner said. "Now she is number ten in the country in scoring, she is leading in the Sun Belt in scoring and has been named

"Player of the Week" two times so she is a valuable asset to this program. Sometimes it is kind of hard to say how important she is to this basketball team."

Beachler not only leads in scoring, but she is also ranked No. 1 in three-point shots averaging two shots per game.

"She has really done a good job because the team has been so young, she has raised her level of play this year from last," she said. "She really worked hard and she has raised that level. It doesn't matter if we are playing No. 14 in the country or we're playing non-ranked teams she is going to come and play as hard as she can. She is going to come in and get her points and I think she has really helped our ball club."

She scored 26 points in the Lady Broncs' first Sun belt win of the season over South Alabama 65-61 and she scored 30 points in the Lady Broncs' game against the University of Arkansas where they were defeated 94-59. This was her fifth 30 point attempt.

Beachler said she was notified of her honor during their game against the University of Central Arkansas on Tuesday.

"I guess I was happy, but it was no big deal," Beachler said.

Beachler said the biggest honor she could get would be to earn All-Conference honors.

"What makes me try harder is that I want to make All-Conference player and it is hard to do that especially when your team is not in the top four, I want to be an All-Conference player."

In her junior year she led the Lady Broncs with 176 field goals 46 three pointers and 16 blocked shots. She was second in three point shooting for SBC and named "Performer of the Week" in February of 1993 as she led the Lady Broncs to a 58-54 triumph over Lamar.

Beachler is a native of Moore, Oklahoma before coming to Edinburg she attended the University of Oklahoma and Seminole Junior College.

She loves the game of basketball because of the competition factor. She says everything is a challenge on the court and in the classroom.

"It makes you work hard not only on the court, but off the court also," she said. "Without basketball some of us would not be able to go to school so we've got to work hard in the class as well as on the court."

Rec-sports break ground for new Volleyball pit

Melissa Vasquez
Assistant Sports Editor

People looking to soak up the sun and dig their feet into sand this spring can do so by participating in a new beach volleyball program sponsored by the intramural and recreational department.

Groundbreaking took place Monday morning for a volleyball sand pit to be built when between the baseball field and the Field House.

It will be about 70x40 feet, and

about 12 inches deep.

Assistant dean of students, Santiago Villanueva, said he sees a growing interest in beach volleyball in the Valley, especially in local clubs and sports channels such as ESPN.

"This is a sport that has been a long time coming," Villanueva said. "Because of the weather and the type of climate we obviously have here, it plays right into our setting of UTPA, being down in South Texas and being so close to the beach."

The volleyball pit is funded by

student service fees which make up the budget intramurals.

"Hopefully in the future we will be able to get some tournaments going where we can bring some other universities in," he said, "and, in a sense, also help pay for this, not only for development of another court, but also for maintaining the courts."

The sand pit will primarily be used by students involved in intramural and recreational sport

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Track team heads for Sun Belt Conference Indoor Championships

Womens' Track

Luck is defined as being the chance happening of fortunate or adverse effects. The women's track team has had a 'Friday the Thirteenth' type week as the Sun Belt Indoor Conference draws close.

The team leaves for the championships on Friday to compete Saturday and Sunday.

Three of the team's top athletes, Elizabeth Ortega, Naomi Kramer

and Laurie Garcia have experienced almost curse-like problems.

Ortega might have a stress fracture that appeared suddenly; Kramer broke her finger over the weekend and Garcia was attacked by a friends dog.

Last Thursday Outdoor 800 meter run champion Elizabeth Ortega began experience pains. Two days later she was off the track. Now it is

questionable as to whether or not she will compete at the championships.

"She was experiencing a lot of pain and we needed to see if she had a stress fracture," head trainer Jim Lancaster said.

Ortega showed frustration at the timing of the injury.

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Men's Track

Coming off a successful time trial last week the men's track team is ready to head to the Sun Belt Conference Indoor Championships on Saturday and Sunday.

The Broncs are picked to take last but head coach Reid Harter says that rankings don't always mean anything.

Several men are currently ranked in the conference standings.

J. B. Pruitt and Esteban Garza are both ranked in the 400 meter dash. Pruitt is ranked fourth and Garza is ranked seventh.

Indoor and outdoor school high jump record holder Kenneth McClain is ranked third in the high jump.

Chris Chow is ranked fifth in the men's shot put.

Harter said that the men's team

has a chance to do a few good things.

Depth is still a problem for the Broncs who have an average of one man in each event and some events are not even filled.

Also the youthfulness of the team will create certain difficulties.

"The thing that hurts us the most is the fact that we have an inexperienced team," Harter said.

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Savor the sounds

Latin music spices airwaves

Jason Gutierrez
Staff

The explosion of the international Spanish pop scene is setting new trends in clubs and in radio programming in the Valley.

"This type of music has always been popular, but it is now reaching the border towns, clubs, and radio stations, thus giving it more exposure, and a lot more people are turning on," Billy Santiago, program director for KBFBM-104 said.

The music has several other labels such as Spanish rock, Latin pop and international pop.

The growing popularity of Spanish pop led to B-104 promoting international night live from Klub X.

"Promoting international night is something different, and you have to realize that Tejano has always been popular, so it was just a matter of time before the Spanish pop scene would become successful," Santiago said.

The success of international night at Klub X has caused increasing sales for certain artists and groups like Mana, Luis Miguel, Azucar Moreno, Ricky Martin and Magneto.

"We started international night last year in October, and during the holidays it was the best night of the week. There was a waiting line that lasted for about 45 minutes," said Juan Gutierrez, owner of Klub X.

International night is attracting different crowds which include college students from Mexico and the Valley, as well as students from upstate.

"It's becoming a very popular night, and I think this music will continue to evolve," said Humberto Gonzalez, assistant manager of Klub X.

The Klub X forum is providing more exposure for Spanish pop, thus giving students an opportunity to enjoy this type of music regularly.

"This night is so cool and I love it, and it's the ambiance, people and music that make this night so special," said Delilah Degollado, English junior.

Other students agreed that this



The Pan American/Meredith Markham
Spanish music fans dance the night away at Klub X during the ever popular International Night. Owner Juan Gutierrez said during the holidays, International Night was the most popular among his patrons.

particular night should be promoted by more clubs because of the popularity of the music.

"The difference between this music and Tejano is that you can

"...I think this music will continue to evolve."

Humberto Gonzalez
Assistant Manager of Klub X

dance to Spanish pop like you would dance to top 40 music," said Edith Carrillio, interdisciplinary studies freshman.

Location and the popularity of tejano are leading listeners to Spanish pop.

"We are so close to the border, so this location is perfect to promote Latin pop," said Veronica Olivarez, physical therapy freshman.

Other students from Reynosa and Monterrey said they knew this music would get more exposure due to MTV Internacional.

"This is the most popular type of music in Mexico and I'm glad that American audiences are starting to enjoy it," said Rodrigo Rodriguez, a student from Reynosa.

He also said he feels college students from Mexico are paving the way for Spanish pop to become more popular in the American markets.

Renate Canejo, also from Reynosa, agreed with his view.

"It was just a matter of time that the Spanish pop scene would have its own market," he said.

The growing market has also led popular music retail stores to do more promotions.

"We have displays every week to promote the Spanish pop scene, and the word is out about this type of music because not everyone in the Valley likes tejano, and this gives our buyers more of a variety," said Marla Garza, associate manager of a local music store.

She said artists like Gloria Estefan and Jon Secada paved the way for this type of music, simply because they crossed over into the American market.

Other retail stores are seeing a steady growth in sales.

"This type of music is migrating north to cities like San Antonio and Dallas and we have asked our main headquarters in Ohio to give us some leeway to promote this music because of our location," said Roy Gonzales, associate manager of another local music store.

Gonzales, who is a business senior, said that "Latin pop is constantly breaking new barriers because there are so many countries that export this type of music to American audiences."

Manuel Rivera, manager of another local music store, said there is a wide spectrum of people buying Spanish pop.

"Currently I have eight out of 10 displays that promote different types of Mexican music and this will definitely give international pop a steady growth," Rivera said.

Movie maker anticipates large audience

Excitement builds as film premiere draws near

Lydia Puento
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The moment has arrived. After months of preparation, "Angel's Revenge," a film produced by the Pan American Summer Television Workshop, is ready for its world premiere.

The showing is set for 7 p.m. Saturday at the Cinema Twin on North 10th Street in McAllen. A reception will follow at the Cimarron Country Club in Mission.

The film was supposed to be shown in January, but problems were discovered in the soundtrack, said director Dr. Jack Stanley.

"I sent the picture off to be mixed during Christmas break and during that time we discovered there were problems with the sound that had to be fixed," he said.

As a result, several of the scenes in the film had to be looped, meaning the sound had to be corrected or done again, which took some time.

Stanley said he was in Austin working on the film as late as two weeks ago, trying to finish the film.

The post production process of film making is the most difficult, he said.

Stanley said he feels he will be able to bypass such situations in the future.

"I haven't worked on film extensively before, but

I've been working on the rewrite of the film for this summer for the last two weeks, but I can't really move on until this project is finished.

Dr. Jack Stanley
Director of Angel's Revenge

hopefully with this experience I will be able to divert these kinds of problems from the onset," he said.

Stanley said he is a bit nervous about the premiere on Saturday.

"I have yet to see the movie completely on film," he said, "and I won't know if there are any problems with it until I see it."

Stanley said he is anxious to get this film finished. "I've been working on the rewrite of the film that PAST will shoot this summer for the last two weeks, but I can't really move on until this project is finished," he said.

Tickets for the premiere cost \$25, are tax deductible, and proceeds will go to PAST. Tickets are available at the communication department office and at the Edinburg and McAllen chambers of commerce. For more information call 381-3583.

Tracy Lawrence mesmerizes country fans with hits

Melissa Mata
Staff

As the night progressed, the audience became restless with excitement when Atlantic recording artist, Tracy Lawrence appeared on stage Saturday night at McAllen's La Villa Real Convention Center.

Local band, Sergio and Ropin' the Wind, started off the evening with a variety of hits

from George Strait to Chris Le Doux, paving the way for the anxious fans as they waited for the star of the evening to hit the stage.

The night started sizzling when Lawrence began singing an array of his hits from his first two albums, "Sticks and Stones" and "Alibis" including top notch hits such as "Sticks and Stones", "Running Behind", and the popular love ballad, "Alibis".

Lawrence enthralled the audience by playing some old time classic tunes such as John Anderson's "Swingin'" which made

the audience scream with enthusiasm waving their hands in the air.

Fans of all ages showed up to hear Lawrence and his band "Little Elvis", play his long string of hits for an anxious audience.

Christine Diaz, print journalism major, said she really enjoyed the show sitting just two tables away from the stage.

"When he came up on stage it felt as if he knew us personally and everyone knew who he was," Diaz said.

Another UTPA student, Eddie Gonzalez, HRP major, said he was surprised with the show started.

"This was the first country concert that I have ever been to," Gonzalez said. "I was expecting it to be boring, but instead I enjoyed it and watched everyone really get into the music enjoying themselves."

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Arts Briefs

✓ The works of Joyce Kristoffy-Hewlett, titled "Clayworks," continues to be on display in the CAS Gallery until Feb. 27.

✓ Today the Center for International Studies will be "A Mexican and Chicano Literary Encounter at the Health Science Auditorium (NE 1.114) This conference will be in two separate sessions: one from noon to 1 p.m. and again from 3:30 p.m. from 5 p.m. The conference will feature guest authors as well as UTPA faculty. For more information call 381-3572.

✓ Friday, the Department of Modern Languages will host the Mexican Movie Festival from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the Health Science Building (NE 1.114) "Doña Barbara" is directed by Fernando de Fuentes and "Muñeca Reina," directed by Sergio Olohuovich, will be shown. For more information call 381-3441.



Guitarist Dr. James Bogle will perform Sunday 2 p.m.

✓ Saturday Angel's Revenge, the summer film produced by the Pan American Summer Television Workshop will be making its world premiere at 7 p.m. at Cinema Twin in McAllen. Tickets

are \$25 and can be purchased at the communications office. For more information call 381-2583.

✓ Sunday guitarist-composer Dr. James Bogle, will perform in concert at 2 pm at the McAllen International Museum. Bogle is the director of the guitar program at Texas Tech University. Tickets will be \$5 and can be purchased at the museum. Monday he will be conducting a master class at 3 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Fine Arts Building. For information call 381-2471.

✓ Tuesday the UTPA Music Faculty will perform in a chamber music recital at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets will be \$2 for students and senior citizens and \$3 general admission.

✓ Wednesday the History Film Series will feature "The Agony and the Ecstasy" at 7 p.m. in LA 207. For information call Michael Faubion at 381-3570.

"On the Verge" journeys to theater next week

The University Theatre will present Eric Overmyer's irresistible kaleidoscopic adventure, "On the Verge—or the Geography of Yearning," beginning next week.

There will be seven performances, including 8 p.m. shows on Feb. 28-March 5. A 2 p.m. matinee is scheduled for March 6.

The shows on Feb. 28 through March 1 have been designated as "Pan Am Nights," when two people can attend the show with one student ID.

"On the Verge" is Overmyer's optimistic and exhilarating tale of three female explorers who journey on a mirthful safari, from 1888 into the unknown—climbing mountains, fording rivers, trekking across deserts and jungles before ending up in the American Midwest of 1955.

Along the way, the women encounter artifacts and phrases of the future—concepts like no-fault insurance, tax shelters, soul music

and mud wrestling, or objects like eggbeaters, "I Like Ike" buttons, Burma Shave and Cool Whip.

The feckless lady adventurers, always dressed in Victorian garb and the obligatory pith helmet, seem to pierce some membrane of reality and heartily embrace the vision of their future, while commenting on the state of the human race. Overmyer celebrates the act of exploring, which, after all, is what theatre is all about.

In the course of the ladies' journey, they also discover that their language is changing and breaking down—that phrases, the words of which they know, don't make sense when they are put together. The play becomes not only an adventure, but a lexicological labyrinth.

"I think of the play as a long poem," Overmyer said. Indeed, the script is a delight to the ear because its language is a funny, musically conceived torrent of Victorian language and modern slang, over-

flowing with amusing puns and delicious alliteration. The author himself is an ecologist of language and a shrewd observer of our quest to control our environment—and the environment of others. "I have the future, and it is slang," retorts one of the ladies.

The cast consists of the three intrepid women travelers, played by Lois Day, Mara Lee Rowin and Lisa Touchard and single male, played by Erren Seale. The male role evolves into eight different characters that the women encounter on their journey—everyone from Mr. Coffee to the Abominable Snowman, to a Gorge Troll. Hence, the male becomes, in a sense, "everyman."

"This play is definitely one of the most challenging projects I've encountered," director Linda Donahue said. "All of the best aspects of theatre are here—four wildly talented actors, performing in a marvelously creative and challenging script, which will result in a exciting evening of what theatre is all about. We choreographed the women, doing the Bunny Hop to a guitar version of Peter Gunn. When you get to be that creative, theatre becomes loads of fun."

The set, designed by James A. Hawley, is a versatile space that allows the women to trek worldwide. Slides are used to enhance the meaning, with live guitar music by Tony Martinez, to provide accent and atmosphere. Lighting, designing by Tom Grabowski, contributes to the many moods of the 20-plus scenes.

Tickets for "On the Verge," priced at \$8, are available by calling the University Theatre is located in the CAS, with parking in the lot on the corner of Highway 107 and Sugar Rd. Latecomers and children under third grade are not admitted.

LOSER by Cayetano



Your fortune: "Our hopes and dreams are what makes us great." Poor Calvin... stay tuned!

Bites of humor; Nolte bombs

"Reality Bites" Starring Winona Ryder, Ethan Hawke, Janeane Garofalo, and Steve Zahn. Directed by Ben Stiller. Rated PG-13



Ethan Hawke (left) and Winona Ryder star in the romantic comedy "Reality Bites."

If you are twenty-something, unemployed, educated, horny as hell, and know the art of "time suckage," you will probably enjoy "Reality Bites." This new twenty-something romantic comedy explores the trials and traumas of young adult lives in the 90s.

Ben Stiller directs and has a supporting role as a yuppie named Michael. Winona Ryder is the film's central character, Lelaina Pierce, who happens to be the valedictorian of her university and is an aspiring filmmaker. Her other free-loading roommates include Ethan Hawke, Janeane Garofalo, and Steve Zahn.

Hawke plays a modern day poet-philosopher who would rather die for his art than get a real paycheck.

Ryder's gal pal, Janeane Garofalo, is climbing the career ladder at The Gap and enjoys disco music and sex.

Steve Zahn plays an in-the-closet homosexual who watches reruns and gets stoned with the rest of the group.

Helen Childress, the 23 year-old screenwriter, offers scenes full of witty dialogue and snappy comebacks. Despite the excellent writing and the ease with which the actors deliver their lines, this movie is still missing a sense of reality.

Most of the scenes hit home, but there is still an element of MTV's "The Real World."

For the most part Reality Bites is entertaining, and you might find yourself squirming in your seat from some of the scenes. Espe-

cially if you have worked in a fast food restaurant, have been in college, or have been involved in a love triangle. ★★★ - Jason Gutierrez

"Blue Chips" Starring Nick Nolte, Shaquille O'Neal. Directed by Fred Friedkin. Rated PG

For all of those basketball fans that enjoy N.B.A. or have a favorite college basketball team, I wouldn't suggest seeing this movie- Blue Chips.

This "air ball" of a film attempts to capture real life college basketball at its most corruptible. The movie was directed by Fred Friedkin and it seems that the direction was missing an element of suspense, but at least Shaq O' Neal gets to slam dunk in a couple of scenes. Nick Nolte plays an impressionable college basketball coach

named Pete Bell who is hell bent on following all rules. The only problem is coach Bell is in a losing streak and he needs the best drafts to make a comeback in the next season. Enter Shaq O' Neal a seven foot four ex-marine from Louisiana who doesn't even have the S.A.T.'s to get into a major university. Enter Mary McDonald who is Bell's ex-wife and agrees to tutor O' Neal for the benefit of the team.

Two of the other draft picks have more of a financial pre-requisite before they agree to sign letters of intent to play at Western University and for coach Bell. Bell soon realizes that he must comply with their offers or face another losing season.

Nolte definitely carries this film and there are cameo appearances by Larry Bird and Bobby Knight, coach of the Indiana Hoosiers.

I would recommend basketball fans to stick to the final four and the N.B.A. it's more entertaining than this movie. ★ - Jason Gutierrez

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CSO from, p. 1

-ters in the fall, not in the spring. Another suggestion is to hold a senior day so high school students can preview the organizations before attending the university in the fall.

Last semester the peak interest shown by organizations was the recruitment fair in October. The fair provided a means for clubs to represent themselves to students, and each organization had its own booth.

Out of 70 clubs on campus, about 30 were represented at the recruitment fair.

Since CSO's inception, interest has been high in the fall because of the recruitment fair, but since there are not any special events in the spring, interest diminishes, Rosales said.

tennis from, p. 4

Von Nacher took the first match, 6-2, but then lost to New Mexico State player Bobby Bull in the second set.

"The other player had the momentum going into the final match but Gianni came through and won," Hilley said.

Von Nacher fought back and won the final two matches, 7-6, 7-4, giving UTPA the win.

Mike Morse also won against NMSU, sweeping Lay Bullock 6-3, 6-2.

"Morse was our new player for the semester," Hilley said. "He has already been on the team but he didn't play in the fall. He is a good addition, especially in number two doubles."

Fabry and Morse combined to win in doubles, 8-3, and Rudy

Hilpert and Von Nacher also took doubles, winning the doubles point 9-8 in a pro set under new scoring rules.

Number one singles player Hilpert lost a tie breaker in both his singles matches. Brad Tidwell also lost a tie breaker in singles and teamed with Win Ohn to lose a pro set in doubles against UTSA.

Hilley said the team looked good overall and that there was a possibility for a good record.

"The competition for our schedule will be competitive," Hilley said. "Every match will be one that we can win or lose, depending on effort and good breaks."

This weekend the men head back to San Antonio for the UTSA Roadrunner Invitational on Saturday and Sunday.

Track from, p. 5

"I am in really good shape right now," Ortega said. "I've already missed five days but if I can run I'll take some Motrin and run with the pain."

If she suffers from a stress fracture Ortega could be out for as much as six weeks.

Head coach Reid Harter also seemed upset at the timeliness of the injury.

"It's a shame," Harter said. "She was looking really good and she had a chance to be a double medalist in the 800 and the mile."

Ortega was sent for test on Tuesday and results were not ready at press time.

Kramer who is ranked in conference standings in the high jump, pit from, p. 5

activities, but if interest is positive, it will be opened for the entire student body, Villanueva said.

"There is a demand of some sort that people are wanting to do these kind of things, so we just want to be able to offer that service," he said.

The finished date for the pit is Feb. 28, but construction is wait-

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Reid Harter
Track Coach

long jump and triple jump and who has already set school records in the indoor and outdoor high jump broke her finger in a freak accident.

"Naomi is questionable for the meet," Harter said.

Kramer said that she hopes to get a special cast before conference so she can still compete.

Garcia, a senior who specializes

in the 400 meter dash, was bitten by a friend's Chow and is out of the meet.

The women's team has been chosen to finish last at the conference but Harter says that rankings don't mean that much.

Harter also went on to say that the rest of the team was looking good and that the only real training injury was that of Ortega.

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Broncs from p. 4

Prior to the win, New Orleans beat UTPA behind 33 points from Tony Madison who hit seven of his 14 three-point attempts.

Guy led the Broncs with 20 points, and Oliveira, with 17.

UTPA held UNO to 40 percent shooting grabbing a 38-33 lead at the half but the Privateers broke out of their shooting slump in the second half tying game in the last five minutes of regulation.

The victory over Troy State puts the Broncs at 14-9 for the season.

The Broncs played Arkansas State yesterday. Results were not available at press time.

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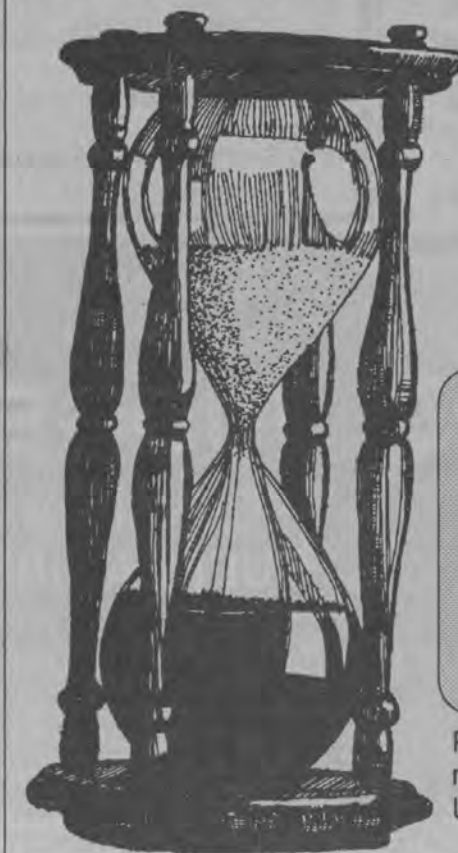
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