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## NEW RULES, NO FUN

BY AARON MARTINEZ

The Prospector

University officials announced new tailgating policies that went into effect for the Sept. 25 football game against Memphis. According to a press release from UTEP athletics, the changes were instituted to accommodate classes and official university business that is conducted on Saturdays.

The new regulations were initiated after more than 28 incidents were reported at the tailgates for the Sept. 18 home football game against New Mexico State University.

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**Thousands of students** packed the UTEP campus Sept. 18 (left) to tailgate, while hundreds stayed home Sept. 25 (above) when the new policies went into effect.

Boxing

## El Pasoans rumble, rock Coliseum

BY DAVID ACOSTA

The Prospector

A small, but raucous hometown crowd cheered on area professional boxers Sept. 24 at the El Paso County Coliseum. A crowd of about 300 came out to witness one mixed martial arts match and four boxing matches presented by Zeferino Entertainment at El Paso Super Fight 2. UTEP graduate Cesar Valenzuela put on a fierce show against a tough, if over-matched, opponent in Lorenzo Estrada (3-17-1, 1 KO), to remain undefeated at 5-0. While Estrada's record might not show it, his competitiveness in the ring showed why he is still able to lace up the gloves.

In the second round, the shorter Estrada was able to come inside on Valenzuela and land some strong body shots. However, following that round, Valenzuela took control of the remainder of the fight, making the adjustment and using his superior reach to outbox the smaller Estrada, winning by unanimous decision.

"I always try to give the other boxer a chance to

say, 'OK, I tried,'" Valenzuela said. "I know he's short so I let him in, to let him see that I could take his best. I took it and I still won, it's a fair fight."

In the co-main event, El Pasoan Abraham "Abie" Han improved his professional boxing record to 11-0 (9 KO) against Parma, Idaho's Hilario Lopez. The Korean-American Han entered the ring to a tremendous cheer from the crowd, wearing each country's flag on either half of his trunks.

Han took early control of the fight, moving inside and then backing out, landing quick three-punch combos in the meantime on the heavier, slower Lopez. In the fourth round, however, Lopez finally began to try to assert himself, stalking Han around the ring and attempting to establish the inside. Lopez was able to land several hard body shots and right hooks but Han absorbed Lopez's toughest blows and never really lost control of the round or the bout.

"We knew that Hilario Lopez was a tough customer, he's a guy that nobody knocks out," Han's trainer Louie Burke said. "So we wanted to box, to try to find a rhythm and then try to open up on him in the later rounds."

As the El Paso crowd chanted "Abie! Abie!", Han reasserted himself, out-boxed and simply out-classed Lopez's attempts to bring the fight to the center of the ring for a toe-to-toe brawl. Han won the fight by unanimous decision with all judges scoring the bout 60-54.

"Usually when I fight I get booed because I usually fight out of town," said Han. "So having the crowd cheer for me for once was very special."

The night's final fight, which featured super-middleweights David Medina (22-2, 2 KO) against Anthony "Showtime" Shuler (20-8, 14 KO) in an eight round bout, ended in a controversial split decision.

Medina, who is ranked 18 by the World Boxing Council, and Shuler, came in to this fight looking to make a statement. Medina, trying to break into the WBC top 15 and Shuler, who had lost his previous three matches, looked to prove he could still stand tall against contenders.

After six close rounds, Shuler put Medina on the canvas with a hard right to the chin. Medina landed hard, flat on his back but was able to get up and recover quickly.

"Until the doctor tells me I can't get up, I'll never give up, I'm Mexican, that's what we do," Medina said.

With the final bell approaching in the eighth and last round, both boxers, perhaps sensing the close decision that was at hand, attempted several times to end the fight with one shot.

However, in the end it was a split decision for Medina, scored 77-74 by two judges and 76-75 by the third. The visibly upset Shuler exited the ring in a hurry as the crowd booed the judges' decision.

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**Abraham Han pummels** Hilario Lopez in the fourth round during El Paso Super Fight 2 Sept. 24 at the El Paso County Coliseum.

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Column

# R.I.P. UTEP tailgating

BY HERMAN ROJAS  
The Prospector



Last week-end, loyal UTEP tailgaters were punished for the sins of a few troublemakers. After numerous crimes were committed at the first two tailgates of the season, UTEP officials announced dramatic changes to tailgating policies that left the campus spiritless before the Sept. 25 football game.

We understand that something must be done to prevent the reckless and irresponsible behavior that has plagued the university in the past. It is never acceptable to be in an environment where, at any point, people fear for the well-being of themselves and their families.

With that said, the new regulations also have an impact on campus tailgaters that celebrate within the rules and who do so without causing problems to others. They were the ones caught in the casted net that was designed to do away with inappropriate behavior.

The collegiate football atmosphere was the biggest casualty of the week-end. With the start of on-campus tailgating held back for two hours, the incentive to celebrate was significantly diminished. Lively music and highly attended parties were replaced with gated lawns and the occasional mur-

murs from groups who were considerably fewer and farther apart.

If Sept. 25 was any indication of what to expect for the remaining three home dates, then the rule changes will have done their job – at the expense of the game day experience. Reports of rowdy behavior will decrease with these changes, but they also bring the consequence of having significantly fewer people turning out.

Even with new regulations in place, you could still see areas where people continued to break the rules. Underage drinking was not eliminated – there were two cases compared to three the weekend before. Generators were still visible despite rules that banned them. If noise really is such a big problem, then something will have to be done about the amplifier rule to address music coming from cars.

A lot of these changes seem to be a reaction to the high number of incidents for the Sept. 18 game against New Mexico State. Games involving rivals and high-profile opponents will have an increase in unruly activity.

For the NMSU game, there were more than 28 incidents, which was a significant spike compared to the two other home games this season. There were 14 incidents during tailgate and game hours for the first contest Sept. 4 against Arkansas-Pine Bluff. There were 12 incidents for the Memphis game, the first under the new rules.

It seems that if there were more police personnel around campus monitoring activity and dealing with unruly behavior, then the rules wouldn't need to be changed in the



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Letter to the editor

## The filthy road to Tier One

The Office of Special Events decided to delay tailgating two hours, citing academic reasons. A mere glance at incident reports from the first two games reveals the true culprit: campus crime. For each game, more than ten incidents occurred, including thefts and a sexual assault. This does not even factor the copious amount of waste some tailgaters produce, as any student witnesses the following Sunday.

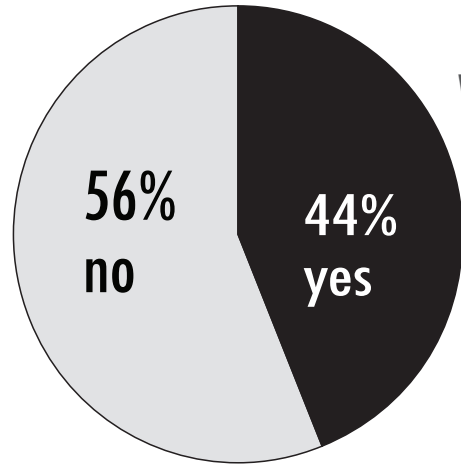
To begin with, it might be a good idea to distribute recycling bins along with the steel drums, at least as a beta test for the recycling program handled by Facilities Services. Maybe the blue bin itself can make tailgaters

more environmentally conscious, for example.

The waste issue notwithstanding, a two-hour difference seems negligible at best. More important, what kind of "university" seeks Tier-One status, most prominently, through an athletic fee that even conjures its own task force despite an oppositional student majority, while whitewashing its tailgating policy, a policy not addressing the issue in the first place?

Is this hazy road to Tier-One, poisoned with social and environmental crimes, all due to an athletics-centric ethos, a road worth taking?

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Academics

# New degree teaches global business

BY ANOUSHKA VALODYA

The Prospector

This semester, the College of Business Administration implemented a new graduate program that has a global focus.

The new International Master of Business Administration degree (IMBA) is a 22-month-long program that has students learning Spanish and Mandarin through courses taught at the Chase Tower Building in Downtown.

"Our goal is to create global opportunities for our students, so they can have as broad a world perspective as possible and be successful here in El Paso or Hong Kong," said Laura Uribarri, director of Master of Business Administration programs. "We want to create that global businessperson."

The program also includes international research opportunities like study abroad programs. The IMBA comes on the heels of the Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) program, which was



JESUS PEREZ / The Prospector

Laura Uribarri, director of MBA programs, speaks about new graduate programs in her office Sept. 16.

launched in spring 2010 and is an 18-month program that requires its students to have at least eight years of managerial experience.

"We've worked really hard the last few years to create different formats of the MBA program, that allow us to serve part-time, full-time students and

working professionals," Uribarri said. "Essentially we've taken one degree and have been offering it so it's accessible regardless of where you are in your professional trajectory, whether you just graduated from the undergraduate program or you've been working for 25 years."

In the September issue of the nationwide Hispanic Business magazine, UTEP's College of Business Administration graduate program was named the number one "Best Business School of the Country" with a high Hispanic demographic during the 2009-2010 cohort.

"It's wonderfully rewarding knowing there's someone else saying, 'you're doing a great job out there,'" Uribarri said. "Our MBA students don't just belong to El Paso. They graduate and build successful careers all over the country and world. It's really rewarding to know that the efforts of our students, faculty and staff are being acknowledged."

According to the magazine, 107 UTEP students earned their MBA degrees, 78 of them being Hispanic in the 2009-2010 academic year. The percentage of Hispanics enrolled in the program was 88 percent. Currently, there are 410 graduate students enrolled this semester, said Bella Lim, MBA program outreach manager.

"Our graduate MBA program strives for the achievement of excellence and is now nationally ranked for three years running," said Robert Nachtmann, dean of the College of Business. "It's due to the hard work of our MBA staff, the dedication of our faculty to instructional excellence and to our student body's thirst for knowledge and professional advancement."

Amabel Peña, senior business management major, said cultural and social trends in the Hispanic community make UTEP being recognized even more significant.

"I can't speak for all Hispanics, but I do definitely see a trend of a lot of students being the first in their family to pursue higher education," Peña said. "A lot of Hispanic families are close-knit and many stay home to help the family rather than pursue their own personal interests."

Uribarri attributed a great part of the recognition to the program's faculty, 34 percent of which are Hispanic.

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“These faculty members, by their very presence, send a message to our students that they can be professors in business and they can reach the pinnacle in terms of academic careers,” Uribarri said. “They can give advice, and that’s not to say that only our Hispanic faculty members can do that. Obviously all of our faculty members work with our students, but the fact that we do have so many Hispanic faculty members, I think, really opens the possibilities in our students’ minds that anything is possible.”

According to Uribarri, being a university on the border with a high Hispanic student population doesn’t mean UTEP should automatically be ranked one of the best Hispanic business schools. Uribarri credits UTEP’s ranking based on the work being done by the faculty and the students that are taking advantage of it.

“The majority of our population is clearly Hispanic, but that doesn’t mean that we’re going to attract students into the program. It doesn’t mean that because they’re Hispanic, they’re going to graduate and be successful,” Uribarri said. “If we just sat back and said, ‘we have a bunch of Hispanics, so we should be recognized,’ then that wouldn’t do it. We’re always benchmarking, looking for ways to improve what we offer for our students.”

Adrian Enriquez, computer information systems graduate student, said he entered the MBA program because of its success and the rising prestige of UTEP.

“I know people who immediately got good jobs after UTEP’s graduate program,” Enriquez said. “We have really qualified faculty and staff, and my classes have given me the skills to succeed.”

Two years ago, he was working as an assistant in the College of Business Administration Student Center. Now he’s a supervisor there, and Enriquez said that the program has helped him.

“I apply what I learn in class to my job, by knowing how to treat co-workers, how to create synergy, and how to deal and solve problems. Basically, you have to have a positive work environment, and in addition, know computer technical skills,” Enriquez said.

Peña said that UTEP’s business program helped her to get into the Society for Human Resource Management and prepare for a fluctuating economy.

“They teach you how to maneuver through the economy, how to understand and be aware of your surroundings,” she said.

Enriquez and Peña also gave their suggestions for improving UTEP’s MBA program.

“In my first year as an undergrad business student, there was a Master of Information Technology (MIT) program that I was thinking of taking, but then it completely went to the College of Engineering,” Enriquez said. “I would like to see an MIT program, but with an emphasis on business, like e-commerce and databases.”

Peña talked about marketing the program more.

“They should encourage more students by announcing it more to juniors and seniors, explaining what it could offer and having more brochures everywhere that explain what graduate programs are available,” Peña said.

Peña added that she’s not sure if she’ll enroll in the MBA program at UTEP or UT’s College of Business in San Antonio.

“El Paso is typically very low-paying, and the job opportunities for my field are not here. And I’ve been looking,” Peña said. “Otherwise, it would be great to stay here.”

Uribarri said she estimated that 80 percent of MBA graduates stay in El Paso.

“Putting a lot of educated people into our community leads to smarter decisions and building the economy of our region,” Uribarri said.

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Changes to tailgating rules:

▶ Inner campus will open for tailgating at 2 p.m. (instead of noon) on game day, until the end of the first quarter. The change is in an effort to accommodate classes and official university business that is conducted on Saturdays.

▶ Tailgating in the outer lots of campus will remain unchanged. Cars can park as early as 8 a.m. on game day.

▶ Generators of any kind on university property are prohibited, except in the RV lot on Schuster Avenue.

▶ DJ’s or amplified sound systems are not permitted on university property.

▶ Radio station remotes and media vans must be cleared by the Office of Special Events prior to game day.



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“At this point, UTEP is acting like frustrated schoolteachers at the end of their wits by punishing the whole class just because of a couple of troublemakers,” said Gabriel Ortega, former UTEP student and avid tailgater. “I understand there needs to be changes due to all the crimes that happened, but UTEP should take more preventative measures to ensure safety instead of punishing the good, respectful tailgaters.”

On Sept. 18, seven-assault cases were reported to UTEP Police with three cases classified as Class A assaults. Eight public intoxication violations were reported and three separate incidents were investigated, which involved minors in possession of alcohol.

“Tailgating is a wonderful Texas tradition and the university welcomes and appreciates the support of the Miner Nation at our football games,” said UTEP officials in a press release. “In the spirit of Miner Pride, the university requests that all guests tailgate responsibly by helping us maintain a family-friendly atmosphere and by taking care of our beautiful campus, ensuring that all trash and charcoal generated is disposed of in the trash receptacles provided.”

The aftermath of the people tailgating also left the university campus littered with trash.

“Whether at the game or before, college football is all about atmosphere,” Ortega said. “UTEP has practically killed the pre-game atmosphere and I can see this bleeding through into the games.”

For UTEP alumna Cynthia Treviño, the experience of her first tailgate was ruined by the new changes.

“While I was a student here at UTER, I never really went to any of the tailgates or games,” Treviño said. “After hearing so much about them, I finally decided to come and the entire campus was dead. After the tailgate, none of the people we were with even wanted to go to the game, so I am sure these changes will affect attendance at the football games.”

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Theatre

Pulitzer Prize-winning play opens season

**BY AUDREY RUSSELL**  
The Prospecter

“Wit,” also spelled “W;t,” will make its debut in El Paso at the Wise Family Theatre in October.

The play, which won a Pulitzer Prize for drama, will commence the 2010-2011 UTEP Department of Theatre and Dance season.

Written by American playwright Margaret Edson, “W;t” tells the story of the devastating effects of cancer, with a touch of humor.

The play opened in 1995 and won the Pulitzer four years later.

UTEP Alumni and local actor Cindy Miles, who performs with El Paso’s Sol Repertory Theatre, plays professor Vivian Bearing. Bearing is at the height of her career as a professor of 17th century poetry, but quickly goes from studying poetry to analyzing her life when she is diagnosed with Stage IV ovarian cancer.

After discovering everything she thought she knew about mortality in poetry, Bearing ends up finding hope and peace in life through her battle with cancer.

Life becomes more than just her studies and career.

Miles said Bearing’s character demonstrates to the audience the strength and courage it takes to battle cancer.

“It’s an amazing, yet intimidating role,” Miles said. “It’s a serious and tender topic, so this role needs to be treated with care.”

“W;t” takes the audience on a journey of laughs and tears as Bearing, who was never married or had children, learns valuable lessons about the truly important things in life.

Miles said the role can help change the way people look at life.

“We must learn that work and the stress of everyday life can’t distract us from our relationships.”

“W;t” was especially acclaimed for its use of John Donne’s metaphysical poetry. Throughout the play and during the course of her treatment, Bearing evaluates her own life through the intricacies of the English language, often reciting Donne’s “Holy Sonnet X.”

Bearing is accompanied by a diverse cast of characters, including an unexpectedly blunt doctor, a kind nurse and several other people who witness Bearing’s transformation during the hard-struggle of her life.

Local actor  
Cindy Miles, UTEP alumna, plays Vivian Bearing in “W;t,” which opens Oct. 1 at the Wise Family Theatre.



Special to The Prospecter

Students master their crafts

While some students attended the 2010 Career Expo last week, art and music students in the Fox Fine Arts building practiced toward their artistic goals.





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Junior painting major Laura Mena (right), junior music major Janella Saad (top) and junior education major Jonathan Reyes (bottom) practice their respective arts at the Fox Fine Arts building.

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# Music

## La Chusma seeks hometown support

BY ALEJANDRO ALBA

The Prospector

With all the gigs Radio La Chusma has played in their eight-year history, their appearance at UTEP represents the support they have received from El Paso.

“We play here because this is our home, UTEP has been very supportive,” lead vocalist and guitarist Ernie Tinajero said.

Radio la Chusma, one of El Paso’s highest-profile original bands will play at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 29 at the Union Plaza stage.

Tinajero said Radio La Chusma has had the chance to perform for many crowds over the years. Recently they embarked on a tour through Texas and two tours through California.

“We had around 16,000 people show up for one of the concerts,” vocalist Selina Nevarez said. “It was amazing, we had a lot of support from the people.”

The local band was also recently invited to play for the second time alongside the well known Spanish band, Jaguares. Radio la Chusma opened the concert Sept. 25 at the El Paso County Coliseum.



RYAN RAMOS / Special to The Prospector

**Radio La Chusma** performs at the Wednesday Music Café at 11:30 p.m. Sept. 29 at the Union Plaza stage.

“It was nice being on stage,” Tinajero said. “We felt like celebrities in front of a really big crowd.”

Radio La Chusma has been up to more than opening for Jaguares lately. The band also had three songs featured in the recent border-based movie “Illegales,” directed by Ric Dupont.

Nevarez said their songs were used in the movie because they reflect life on the border town. The band’s songs feature many themes and concepts regarding the borderland. The songs are also about kindness, spirituality and most importantly, love, Nevarez said. “Our songs, as well as our beats, are very diverse,” Tinajero said. “We try to constantly change and evolve.”

Nevarez said the sound of a song can not be determined beforehand. Instead, the melody is something that just comes naturally.

Monica Chacon, sophomore Chicanos studies major and fan of the local band, said she listens to Radio La Chusma’s music because she relates to the material and because she can dance to their cool beats.

“I love how culturally relevant the messages in their songs are,” Chacon

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# sports

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## Football

# Last minute field goal lifts Miners past Memphis 16-13

BY ALEX MORALES

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UTEP’s winless streak against Memphis came to an end after a game-winning field goal by sophomore kicker Dakota Warren capped off a victory against the Tigers 16-13 as time expired.

“I’m pretty speechless right now, I lost my voice,” Warren said. “There is more pressure, the game is on the line. It’s a short field goal, so you’re supposed to make it.”

The Miners (3-1, 1-1 Conference USA) were pinned inside their own five-yard line with the score tied and 3:13 left to play in the game. UTEP surmounted a 12-play 95-yard drive to set up the winning field goal with 1.9 seconds left in the game.

Warren, who made two dutch field goals from 57 and 50 yards, was set up for a chip shot from 18 yards away. He split the up rights and the crowd erupted as the Miners celebrated in the middle of the field.

Memphis (1-3, 0-2 C-USA) came out of the gates in the first quarter and put the first points on the board with a 13-play, 58-yard drive that resulted in a 38-yard field goal by Memphis kicker Paulo Henriques.

Sophomore wide receiver Marlon McClure had a leading performance for the Miners, with four receptions for 48 yards. He also made an impact on special teams returning a punt in

the third quarter, 53 yards to the Tigers’ 23-yard line with UTEP being down 10-3 at the time. This set up a six-yard touchdown run by Joe Banyard to tie the game 10-10.

“I expected a shootout, but turns out it was a smash mouth football game,” McClure said. “We just kept it going on and on and in the second half, until finally we got something going in the last drive and we got the field goal by Dakota.”

UTEP’s defense was solid once again as they held their opponent to under 300 yards of total offense for the third time this season. All three of those games were played at the Sun Bowl. The Miners intercepted and sacked Tiger’s quarterback Ryan Williams two times in the contest. Jamie Irving led the Miners with a total of 10 tackles with one interception.

“Everybody was just running around and making plays,” Irving said. “We kind of got into a battle in the beginning and letting them do things, but once we got it going we just kept at it.”

Senior running back Donald Buckram made his season debut for UTEP and carried the ball 13 times for 63 yards, leading the Miners in rushing yards. Joe Banyard finished with nine carries for 49 yards.

Trevor Vittatoe did not have an efficient night, but made plays when he had to. He finished the game com-



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**Linebacker Jamie Irving** tackles Memphis wide receiver Deimon Robinson Sept. 25 at the Sun Bowl.

pleting 16 of 33 passes for 171 yards, no touchdowns and one interception.

Both offenses finished the game with 288 yards of offense. The lone difference is the Miners made one more field goal than the Tigers.

“It was really a lot of fun and exciting,” head coach Mike Price said. “It was a tough game, we felt like they were tough, but we got mentally tougher as the game went on. The more adversity we had, the better we did.”

Up next for the Miners is a road test against University of New Mexico at 4 p.m. Oct. 2 at University Stadium. The Lobos are winless on the year and lost Sept. 25 to UNLV 45-10.

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