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UNFORTUNATE STEP ENDS STELLAR CAREER



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Senior defensive back Braxton Amy returned a punt against Arkansas-Pine Bluff Sept. 4 at the Sun Bowl.

BY ALEX MORALES

The Prospecter

After the NCAA granted him a sixth year of eligibility for sustaining an injury in the 2009 campaign, defensive back Braxton Amy's career at UTEP came to an end Sept. 10 in Houston.

Amy, who has been battling injuries since high school, tore his Achilles tendon in the 54-24 loss to Houston. He will miss the remainder of the season after sustaining the injury.

"I really feel bad for Braxton Amy," head coach Mike Price said at the media luncheon Sept. 13. "With the injury he had, he popped an Achilles tendon. He will be out the whole year."

Amy finishes ninth all-time in interceptions for the Miners with 10 in his career. He was widely considered the best all-around athlete on the team with his size, strength and speed. But after two games, he was lost when he attempted to make a tackle late in the third quarter.

"It wasn't in a contact situation, it was just out in the middle of the field," Price said. "He was real emotional and probably still is. It's a tough pill to swallow for a young guy like that."

Injuries are something you cannot prepare for when playing football, they just happen. The coaching staff said they were taking every precaution necessary to try and keep Amy healthy the entire season.

Amy has sustained more than his fair share of injuries throughout his entire football career. Dating back to his senior year in high school, when he was committed to Wisconsin, he blew out his knee. Subsequently the Badgers repealed his scholarship after the injury.

UTEP stepped right in and Amy chose to play for the Miners, where he made an impact with his ball hawking ability and knack to make the big plays.

The Miners will now look to other players to fill the void that was left by Amy. One player who could fill his role is junior defensive back Travaun Nixon, who had a 68-yard interception return against the Cougars.

"We are looking at who will take over. We have a number of candidates. Brandon Miller, Winston Jeune and Richard Spencer are out backups at that position," Price said. "Travaun Nixon played really well. He didn't back up (on defense), he was going for it all the time. It's nice to have him back there, he'll help us."

The loss of Amy is a stunning blow for the Miners who lost star running back Donald Buckram days before facing Arkansas-Pine Bluff. Price said at the media luncheon his team is physically and mentally tough and can handle the challenges ahead.

"I think for the most part this team has good character," Price said.

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Campus

First weeks of school test customer service



DIANA AMARO / The Prospecter

Utep students at the University Bookstore, waiting in line to purchase their textbooks and other class material.

BY ANOUSHKA VALODYA

The Prospecter

The first week of school gave the term human traffic a new meaning as swarms of students filled UTEP's campus. The influx led departments to hire extra help, but that didn't necessarily make customers happy. Some students griped about customer service, while others said they were pleased.

One place on campus that received thousands of visitors was the University Bookstore.

"I've seen a bunch of employees walking around, telling people where things are. They're pretty helpful and informative," said Maximo Gonzales, freshman civil engineering major.

Gonzales was waiting in line to purchase a lab coat and goggles for his science class. He added that he was very content with having to wait only five minutes in line.

However, Magaly Segovia, sophomore clinical laboratory science ma-

jor, said she wasn't happy with the time it took to find her textbooks.

"They must have moved the sections of the inventory, because it took a long time to find my textbooks," Segovia said. "Usually it would take me 15 minutes, but this time I spent, by myself, like half an hour."

Segovia suggested that more employees should assist students on the upper floor. She added that the lines to purchase her items were well organized and move quickly.

Fernando Padula, manager of the University Bookstore, said that the set-up of inventory has been the same.

"Everything is in alphabetical order by the course name, and within the course, it moves from lowest to highest level," Padula said. "And during rush week, we had anywhere from four to eight people helping on the textbook sales floor."

As the cashiers serviced the students, one in particular talked about his customer service style.

"Personally, I like to strike up a conversation with customers because I'm sure they are not too happy about spending \$200 on a book, especially in the morning," said Luis Reyes, sophomore psychology major. "So I put myself in their shoes. I try to make them laugh, and it's my way of saying, 'I feel for you.'"

With each customer arriving at his cashier, Reyes followed his strategy by commenting and questioning, such as "I like your shirt; it's really cool," and "Did you find everything alright?"

Bill Boney, regional manager of Follett, said the company has a customer service policy to help make the process of buying books better for students.

It is required, Boney said, for Follett employees to watch a customer service training video and take an assessment test afterwards. He added that there's another aspect of customer service besides direct interaction.

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Prospector urges students to stay informed

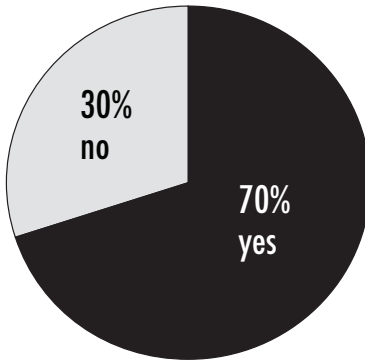
Some controversy arose about The Prospector's front page story on UTEP President Diana Natalicio's special meeting with the Student Government Association Sept. 2, which focused on the formation of the athletic task force.

The main complaint over the article "Natalicio urges agenda on SGA" was the actual purpose for the creation of the task force. Gary Edens, associate vice president of students affairs and SGA advisor, said the main goal of the task force was to gauge what options the university has now since the Campus Life and Athletic Enhancement Initiative failed to pass a student vote last semester.

While no actual numbers of what the fee may be were discussed in the meeting, the figures reported in the article were generated from last spring's referendum.

Another controversy with the Sept. 9 issue was the headline of the article. In our opinion, the university president holding a special meeting to discuss this issue does strongly leave an impression that she is "urging" the university's agenda on the SGA. With the presence of the highest-ranking official of UTEP at the meeting, it is hard to believe members of the SGA did not feel pressured to vote in favor of the athletic task force.

It was not editorializing the story, it was pointing out the fact that the president of the university held a special meeting with the SGA to encourage them to support an issue UTEP authorities want to be approved.



If the main idea of the task force is just to find out what students' attitudes are about the current state of UTEP athletics, it is hard to believe that the issue about the fee was not brought up during the meeting.

So if the task force's goal is not to get the fee passed, then what possible plans could they come up with to help raise support for UTEP athletics among students. The question remains, how could they talk about the task force's goal without mention of the failed initiative and any attempt to bring the idea of a fee for students to vote on?

In the upcoming weeks, there will be more talk about what the task force is going to be doing exactly and we are more than sure that, in the end, the outcome will be another attempt to get the initiative passed.

Since the article ran in The Prospector, we have had numerous students bring up the fact that they believe the task force's main goal is to get the SGA to pass a referendum in order to get it in front of the student body for a vote. Whether the real reason for the task force is to get the fee passed or is just an innocent attempt by the university to find a different way to raise support for UTEP athletics, the most important thing is for students to stay on top of this issue and make their voices heard.

Hopefully, this time they will get the issue out to students in a less-convoluted manner and with more time so students can make an educated decision, instead of the confusing and rushed approach taken last spring.

POLL RESULTS
Should UTEP President Diana Natalicio have received a ticket?

Letter to the editor Less money for athletics, more for academics

It's amazing to see the president of UTEP is so worried about pushing her agenda to help athletics when the education of the university is stagnant, even declining. According to the article in The Prospector, she appealed to the senators to have a "task force" to essentially convince students to vote yes on this tuition hike, the reason being that it will "enhance the image and the reputation of the university". How about instead of worrying how the football team is progressing, we worry about the students' education, research opportunities and job prospects after graduation? This would enhance the reputation and image of the university if we could say that we were ranked as a top college, we would be able to say more than "well at least we have a decent football team". It could be argued that the university has some colleges ranked in Hispanic magazine, yet on rankings which compare all schools, UTEP remains unsurprisingly unranked (i.e. US News and World Report).

Instead of sending funds to the athletic departments, major upgrades could be bought for all of the departments; such as archaic Bunsen burners being replaced in the Biology department or actually being able to have enough experiment materials for the chemistry department.

Unfortunately, the university would rather waste money on athletics; which the poll showed over half of students don't even believe will succeed. The really sad aspect of it all is that this proves that the university is more concerned with obtaining a better athletics department instead of properly preparing students for their future.

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Military Freshmen earn full-ride scholarships through ROTC

BY DIANA ARRIETA
The Prospector

Thirteen new UTEP freshmen were granted full-ride scholarships as members of the U.S. Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

Students competed nationally for the four-year scholarships and were ranked according to their academic performance, fitness condition and leadership skills.

"I am honored to receive this prestigious scholarship, as there were very few students selected nationwide and I was the only soldier in my division to receive a four-year scholarship," said Shane Mummert, freshman microbiology major.

In addition to the scholarships, each student entering the Army ROTC program will receive \$1,200 per year for textbooks and expenses, which will be distributed through monthly stipends.

"It really takes a lot of pressure off of me and my parents knowing we won't have to pay anything for school," said Zachary Ornelas, freshman criminal justice major.

The Army ROTC program at UTEP was established in 1948 and is geared to produce officers

trained in general military science, who upon graduation will serve in the Army.

"The purpose of the program is to develop strong, commissioned officers, who will be able to serve in the military, but also set an example in their communities," said Ruben Rivera, Sgt. 1st Class and instructor in the program.

While enrolled in the Army ROTC program at UTEP, students pursue a minor in military science and take several conditioning classes. Students also complete a five-week training session between their junior and senior years under the leader development and assessment course.

"This is really a great program that will help me grow and better myself for the future," Ornelas said.

While joining the Army ROTC program provides students the opportunity to earn full scholarships, it is also a way to acquire leadership skills.

"Joining the ROTC prepares students to be leaders in their country and wherever they are," Rivera said. "The foundation of this program is to enhance their ability to lead people in the community."



JESUS PEREZ / The Prospector

The ROTC members practice drills at 6 a.m. Sept. 10 in the parking lot of the Sun Bowl.

With a total enrollment of 47 freshmen, the ROTC program at UTEP has changed throughout time.

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Organizations

Miner XIV aims to unite students

BY BEATRIZ A. CASTAÑEDA

The Prospector

A new student spirit group called the Miner XIV focuses on uniting student participation during athletic games.

UTEP students will see some changes in the Miner Maniacs Student Rewards program this year.

“We want to foster old and new traditions and get more students involved,” said Clarissa Navado, member of Miner XIV and junior speech language pathology major. “We’re like the leaders of the Miner Maniacs, and we want our student section to grow.”

Miner XIV was started by a group of 14 students with the idea of generating team spirit. Its members are currently having committee meetings about getting the word out to fellow students to join the Miner Maniacs.

The Miner Maniacs Reward Program has a different approach this year aimed at getting greater student involvement. Unlike previous years, students have the option of signing up with a \$5 fee at any athletic event in various locations around campus or online at ourteamonline.com.

“This year, we’re changing directions because students will get rewards as they attend every game,” said Sara Navarro, committee chair of Miner XVI and senior interdisciplinary studies major. “This program is changing because we’re trying to get the UTEP community involved about athletics.”

The name Miner XIV came from the establishment of the university in 1914 as well the 14 students who have supported the Miners at almost every game. They would arrive hours earlier to get ready and cheer for the team.

According to the UTEP athletics’ website, participants will receive a point towards a reward at every event they attend when they sign in.

The first reward is a free Miner Maniac t-shirt. The first three points earn the copper level, which will award them the prize of a UTEP lanyard. For a bronze award, a student will win a baseball cap. Students are able to win up to 36 points, which will give them the chance to enter the grand-prize raffle, with the prize being a trip to Las Vegas for two people. For

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JESUS PEREZ / The Prospector

The Miner XIV participated in the parade during Minerpalooza Sept. 3.

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“We do a daily review on our inventory, so we can respond on time instead of reacting when supplies are out,” Boney said.

Liana Murphy, senior media advertising major, said that the bookstore needs to resolve another kind of inventory problem.

“They make you check your books into lockers (before entering the store) but there are not enough lockers,” Murphy said. “There should be at least double the amount of what they have

now. Waiting 20 minutes for a locker is ridiculous, especially when the students are the customers.”

There are 72 lockers outside of the bookstore. Murphy said that she had to leave her bag on the floor outside of the store. But she said that is not a good solution because the bags are left unattended.

She did, however, say that the line problem she encountered in previous semesters had improved.

“Before, they made you wait in incorrect lines, like for those that don’t

process loans. Now it’s better, and although I have to wait like 15 minutes, I understand there’s only one bookstore and a lot of students, so you can’t get too angry about that.”

Padula said that the lines are split between refunds and exchanges, which take place in the store’s front and general purchasing, including scholarships, loans and renting.

Boney said that special arrangements catered to the semester’s start, such as adding 10 cash registers, at least 10 new employees and extending

the store’s operating hours. On the first day of school, students helped themselves to free pizza and Pepsi products in the bookstore.

The second destination that was flooded with students was Parking and Transportation Services.

“I don’t like purchasing parking permits online. I would rather do it through someone face to face,” said Monica Garcia, freshman creative writing major.

She described the process to be like a tennis match.

“It’s frustrating. I received so many error messages on my account and I called the Help Desk like five times,” Garcia said. “There should be more visual icons on the website. It’s like reading hieroglyphics.”

Paul Stresow, director for Parking and Transportation Services, said the department’s change in service from in person to online actually helps customers.

“Our customer service policy is to provide what the customer needs. Students can purchase their permit, pay for citations and appeal citations through the web,” Stresow said. “This saves time for them and makes it more convenient, allowing them to use their laptop. They don’t have to wait in line.”

He added that his department hired extra employees during the first week to assist students.

Ron Saks, junior multidisciplinary studies major, commended the personnel in Parking and Transportation office. He went in person during the

first week of school to notify them that he didn’t receive his permit.

“They’re great. They take that extra step to help me out because I’m not computer savvy,” Saks said. “I give them respect, and they give me respect.”

Stresow said that some technical issues are beyond his department’s control; therefore students are referred to Information Technology. He also said that his department has had to deal with angry customers.

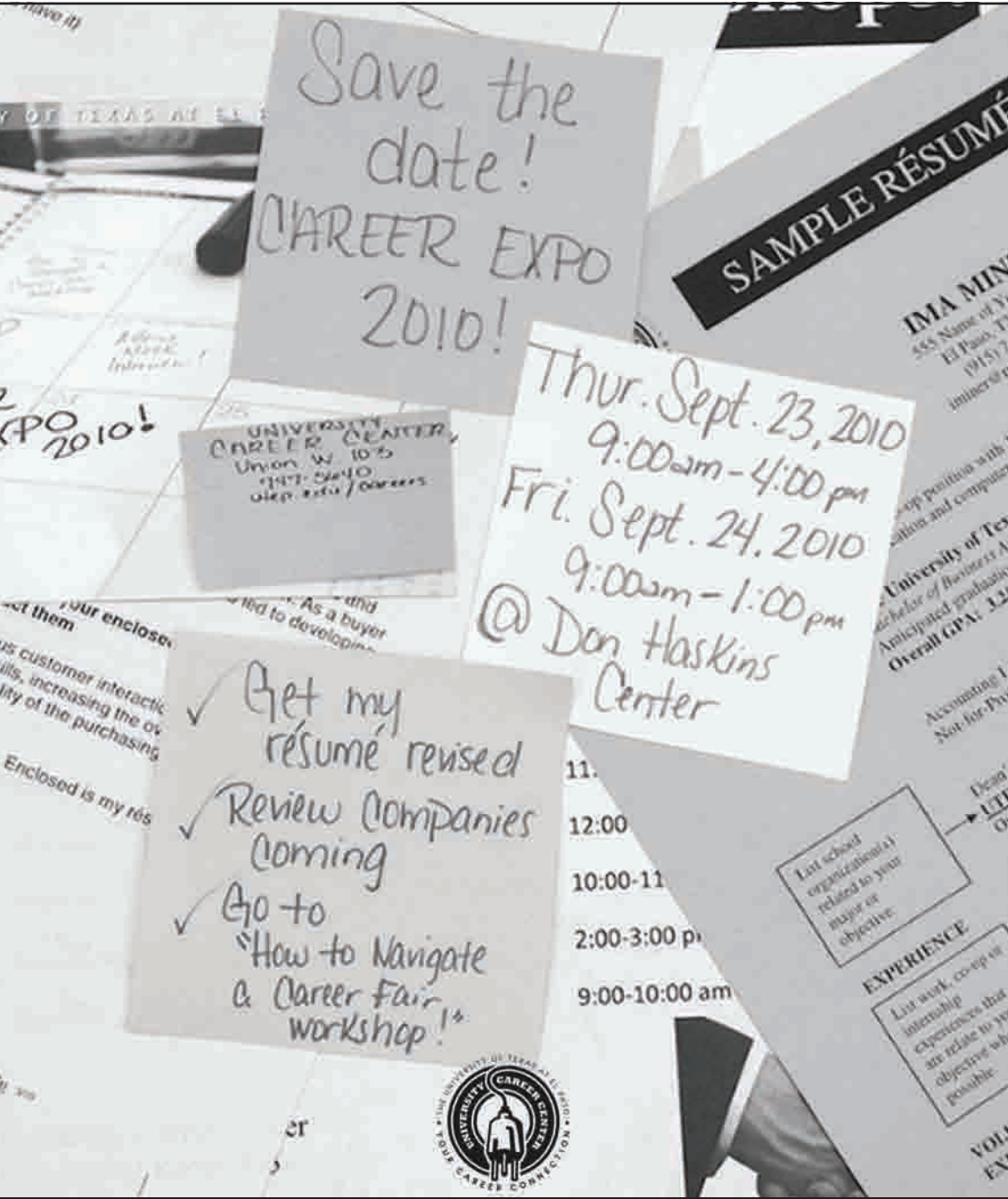
“There was a lot of procrastination of students, who failed to purchase a permit on time. Many bought them a week before and during the first week of school. That’s why we issued warning citations and temporary permits,” Stresow said.

Garcia said she had a difficult time purchasing her permit online and found out through the department that she had not entered her e-mail address during the registration process. Garcia said although the employee helped by updating Garcia’s account, the staff member was not friendly.

“Either she has been doing this for awhile and is a little annoyed or she woke up on the wrong side of the bed,” Garcia said. “Hopefully, now I’ll get it (the permit) this time; otherwise, I’ll scream.”

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POR NICOLE CHÁVEZ

The Prospector

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El Consulado de México en El Paso llevará a cabo el miércoles a partir de las 6 p.m., la celebración de El Grito de Dolores en la Plaza San Jacinto, ubicada en el 111 East Mills Ave.

El grupo radiofónico MegaRadio, que cada año organiza la fiesta “México Lindo y que Rico”, tomará el jueves el Coliseo de El Paso para llenarlo de banderas tricolores, música y entretenimiento para la gente de Juárez y El Paso.

“Ahora se está haciendo de este lado para que la gente este más tranquila, a gusto y que pueda disfrutar del ambiente mexicano al que están acostumbrados”, dijo Crisstyna Ovalle, directora de publicidad de Universal EP.

En UTEP, el grito estará a cargo del Centro de Estudios Interamericanos y Fronterizos (CIBS, por sus siglas en inglés) en conjunto con el Consulado de México en El Paso.

La celebración se realizará el viernes, en Union Plaza, con la presencia del Cónsul General de México en El Paso, Roberto Rodríguez Hernández.

“El grito se realiza porque tiene un gran impacto por la cantidad de estudiantes mexicanos en UTEP y nuestra cercanía con México”, dijo César Carmona, asistente de investigación de CIBS.

Para Carmona, UTEP no podía olvidar el festejo del grito.

“Esta es una forma simbólica de apoyar a nuestra ciudad hermana y mostrar solidaridad por un país bello y lleno de recursos”, dijo Carmona. “Tal vez el festejo de este año marque el principio de un mayor entendimiento y respeto por nuestros vecinos”.

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Photos by Diana Amaro and Diego Bedolla



ABRAHAM ZAVALA

Estudiante de cuarto año de ciencias políticas y francés

“Sí, es una de las pocas cosas positivas que nos quedan”.



MAURICIO BARBA

Estudiante de primer año de ingeniería eléctrica.

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DANIEL ARELLANO

Estudiante de cuarto año de ingeniería eléctrica

“Es un estímulo que nos hace sentir más mexicanos, aunque estemos fuera del país”.



ANA MARÍA BARRUETA

Estudiante de primer año de psicología.

“Es algo positivo para la comunidad, es una inspiración para seguir adelante”.



ASTRID CADENA

Estudiante de segundo año de enfermería

“No, estamos viviendo la misma guerra pero con diferentes personas”.



ABRIL RAMOS

Estudiante de tercer año de publicidad en medios

“No hay razón para celebrar después de todo lo que ha pasado en la ciudad”.



MAYRA ROSILLO

Estudiante de segundo años de negocios

“Claro que no, las cosas están muy mal en nuestro país”.



AMY FLORES

Estudiante de segundo año de trabajo social

“Como vamos a celebrar la independencia, si no hay libertad”.



JORGE MARTÍNEZ

Estudiante segundo año de negocios

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YUBHYA GARCIA

Estudiante de comunicación corporativa

“Claro, porque es celebrar nuestra historia y recordar a todos los héroes que hicieron posible la defensa de nuestro país”.



MARIA HERNANDEZ

Estudiante de comunicación corporativa

“Sí, porque al celebrar podrán recordar todo el esfuerzo que se tomo para que pudieran ser un país libre”.



FRANCISCO E. TORRES

Estudiante de mercadotecnia

“Desafortunadamente el país no está como para celebrar en la situación actual, pero es importante recordar la riqueza cultural que ofrece un país como México”.



SERGIO DOMINGUEZ

Estudiante de mercadotecnia

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every six-point increment after 30 points, students will receive additional entries for the grand-prize drawing.

"Students have the benefit of participating in games and they will receive awards for supporting our team," said Aaron Villalobos, assistant marketing director for UTEP athletics. "Our primary goal is to build the excitement that is behind UTEP and give rewards to students who express that passion."

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"Students need to have fun and support our team, it's a fun way to meet people and students you wouldn't normally meet in a class setting or on campus," Navarro said.

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"Five years ago, we had an average of 10 to 12 students per class, now we have over 40, some of them from different parts of the state including San Antonio and Fort Hood, Texas," Rivera said. "We have also seen a 35 percent increase in women enrolling in the program."


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Student Profile

Miner of the moment

HAIRDRESSING FOR THE SOUL

BY JUSTIN ANTHONY MONAREZ
The Prospector

Cosmetologist Rebeca Martinez understands hair. She also understands that even after switching majors from social work to business management her job at the salon still requires her to listen and give advice from time to time.

"The salon is where you just let it all out," Martinez said. "There is just so much to talk about, having three hours just doing hair."

Martinez, a junior, said she enjoys the profession. She just has to remember to wear comfy shoes.

Although often forgotten, a hairstylist undergoes professional schooling, training and licensing, which is sometimes different from common college side jobs.

However, she was not trained to deal with her clients' emotions, situations or troubles. Those, she learned from patience and experience.

"I guess that's a part of getting to know my client," Martinez said. "If they want to tell me, then I'm listening," Martinez said.

Martinez started learning to cut hair mid-way through high school. Her alma mater offered technical classes, which after completion allowed her to earn a license. About 50 girls took the courses and she was one of the handfuls to get her license.

"I know she liked it a lot because she's the only one [of our friends] that finished," said Cristina Monclova, who sits still while Martinez weaves hair extensions into her dark brunette tress.

Alfredo Retana, owner of Vivid Colors Hair and Nail salon, said he remembers nearly three years ago when Martinez peeked over the counter to ask, in a little voice, whether he was hiring. Although he wasn't at the moment, he called her back a day later after a hairdresser quit.

"Ever since she's been here, and she's been awesome," Retana said.

She has worked her way up at Vivid Colors. Martinez was first hired as an assistant, where she helped and washed customer's hair, before reaching hairdresser status.

"She told us she was ready, and we saw her work," Retana said. "She was applying color and cutting hair, so we knew she was ready."

Retana said she is great to have around the salon, and she gets along with her clients and fellow employees.

"She's very nice, very spontaneous. People like that quality, so then you can retain clients," Retana said. "She's a very ambitious girl."

Martinez said she has warmed up to the idea of styling hair for a living. She plans on opening up her own salon after graduating from UTEP.

Martinez said although she is confident in her ability to perform, dealing with customers often adds to her stress-level.

"Sometimes I find myself with two or three clients because either one client was late or one client decided she wanted a haircut when she just came in for highlights," Martinez said.

It can also be difficult to juggle work and school, on top of other obligations. She has had to learn how to balance her class schedule and homework load with her everyday appointments.

"I push myself more because I know in the end it's just going to end up paying off," Martinez said.

Besides her frequent changes in hair color, Martinez, who currently fashions a mid-length near-tangerine tress, said she is not immediately recognized as a hairdresser at school.

"I guess they underestimate my ability, just because I'm small," Martinez said.

At school, she uses her business lessons to promote herself. She carries small, glossy business cards with the picture of a woman's modern pink-streaked Mohawk on the corner to pass out. The card displays her specialties in color, up dos, extensions, wax and make up as well.

"I love to do colors, like pink and the bright, bright colors," Martinez said.

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Rebeca Martinez, junior business management major, styles senior microbiology major Jaclynn Uribe's hair at Vivid Hair Salon.

Movie Review

'Resident Evil Afterlife 3D' is mind-blowing in its stupidity

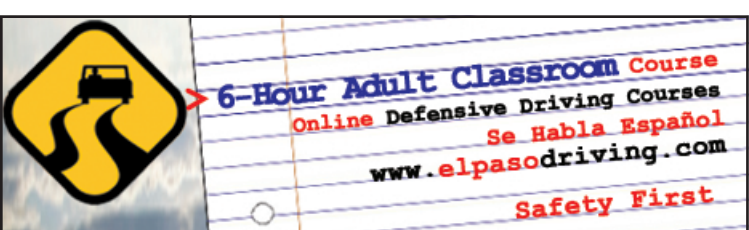
BY MATTHEW MUNDEN
The Prospector

that has turned most of the world into zombies.

Alice was once an employee at the Umbrella Corporation and was infected with a variant of the T-Virus. This variant caused her to turn superhuman and gain psychic abilities. At some point, the Umbrella Corporation created clones of her. In the last film, "Resident Evil: Extinction," she freed her clones at the end and vowed to destroy Umbrella (she also vowed to do this in the two films before that, but apparently she never found the time... or just forgot).

The first 10 minutes of the film portray multiple Jovoviches killing many

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Cooking

UTEP students re-imagine society, one plate at a time

BY OMAR LOZANO
The Prospector

Even as we live in a society where true kindness is scarce and violence and apathy are considered the norm, the words of early anthropologist Margaret Mead still resonate: “never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.”

And that is what a group of UTEP students and local volunteers are aiming for. Earlier this year they started an El Paso chapter of Food Not Bombs, in order to raise awareness about poverty and homelessness in the area and beyond.

Denise Swanberg, senior music education major, Sean Conroy, senior philosophy major, and Natalie Monticone, sophomore sociology major, are the three UTEP students actively involved in El Paso’s Food Not Bombs movement.

Swanberg said one of the organization’s credo is “Food is a right not a privilege.”

Food Not Bombs is a largely international, collective of loosely tied autonomous groups. Each of the groups act independently and non-violently with the common goal of providing food for their communities’ hungry population free of cost.

Operating on larger political platforms, FNB collectives aim to bring awareness to government fiscal concerns grounded primarily in funding war, rather than addressing social issues such as poverty or hunger.

“The government spends trillions of dollars in creating the war machine and people are starving in the streets. [Our] culture has severely misplaced priorities,” Conroy said.

Each of the FNB collectives operates on a decentralized model, meaning



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El Paso Food not Bombs feeds migrant workers at the corner of 9th Avenue and Oregon Street.

that there are no leaders. All of their decisions are based democratically and actively.

“This way it’s really empowering for anybody that participates in it because it allows people to realize that they have real tangible political power that extends beyond hitting a name on a ballot,” Conroy said. “You’re actually able to see tangible results. You’re able to look and [see] that you just made these 40 people less hungry because of direct action.”

The El Paso collective meets on the corner of 9th Avenue and Oregon Street, at Segundo Barrio’s Center for Agricultural Migrant Workers (Centro de los Trabajadores Agrícolas Fronterizos) every Saturday. They serve up everything from pasta, beans

why you will always find them chatting with regulars and engaging newcomers.

“It’s interesting conversing with the people,” Swanberg said. “You learn about so many of the world’s facets of life.”

Monticone said that a simple task of taking up a plate and being involved socially and actively with the community members makes a strong statement.

“I think it is more on a personal level. We are one of them, and we are not treating them like some kind of (detached) charity,” Monticone said. “We are able to know what they want because we are all people at the end



and stir-fry to hot soup in healthy vegan or vegetarian dishes free to anyone in the community who is hungry.

El Paso’s FNB serves up between 30 to 50 empty stomachs a week, of mostly migrant farm workers who typically work in the fields.

The sense of community is a theme that resonates with FNB, which is

of the day and we are not better than them and we are not going to treat them like (we are).”

The organization, like all others involved, takes full charge in collecting the food from the community. FNB members often engage in everything from scouting out local, non-corporate grocery stores and restaurants

willing to donate food they can no longer sell, to locating fresh edible food that has been recently bagged and discarded. They often buy food out of their own pockets on hard weeks with low donations.

On top of gathering heaps of donations, the El Paso FNB cooks and prepares the community feast mostly out of their kitchens.

“It’s an important community building exercise. When we get together, cook together, and we all serve together, we are all doing something we can feel is important and rewarding,” Conroy said. “It builds a sense of community. It builds this identity that we are actually talking to each other in meaningful ways.”

The El Paso FNB plans to have its campaign focus on increasing accessibility and awareness in the city. As the organization grows and participation increases, they also plan to expand the number of food serving days, and even have multiple serving areas on different areas of town.

“We have high hopes for the future,” Conroy said. “(It is the) tip of the iceberg. We are trying to create a world that (we) would like to see. I would like to see a world where nobody pays for food, housing or medical. We can provide each other with these things if we just organized our societies differently.”

The chapter holds weekly meetings at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Percolator.

Interested individuals and strong appetites are welcomed to eat and lend a hand. Cooking starts at 2 p.m. and serving starts at 5:30 p.m.

For more information visit El Paso Food Not Bombs on Facebook.

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Football

Cougars maul Miners on the road

Malaise in Houston leads to a 54-24 defeat of UTEP on national television

BY ALEX MORALES

The Prospector

The much-anticipated rematch did not live up to its hype, as UTEP’s defense was no match for the Houston Cougar offense.

The Cougars (2-0, 1-0 C-USA) defeated UTEP 54-24 Sept. 10 at Robertson Stadium.

“Obviously we played very poorly and we are embarrassed, to say the least,” head coach Mike Price said. “I really believed that we could win that game going in. I thought we were every bit as good as they were.”

The Miners (1-1, 0-1 C-USA) did not have a strategy for the Cougar offense. Houston scored 54 points and had a total of 649 yards on offense.

Houston was led by running back Bryce Beall who had 19 carries for 195 yards and three touchdowns. Quarterback Case Keenum threw for 288 yards on 16 of 25 with no touchdowns. Keenum did throw an interception on a play that knocked him out of the game with a little over four minutes in the third quarter.

“I was surprised and shocked by our performance. Their offense kept us off balance because they didn’t do what they normally do,” Price said. “We were expecting them to screen and throw the ball outside and throw it short, and we practiced that all week, and they just kept running the ball at us.”



HOUSTON ATHLETICS / Special to The Prospector

Houston running back Bryce Beall rushed for 195 yards on 19 attempts including three touchdowns on Sept. 10 at Robertson Stadium.

UTEP started the game off well by scoring first when senior quarterback Trevor Vittatoe connected to tight end Pierce Hunter for a touchdown.

After that, it was downhill for UTEP who gave up the lead after their first score and never saw the upper hand again in the contest.

Vittatoe had a good game statistically completing 31 of 54 passes for

341 yards and three touchdowns. Senior wide receiver Kris Adams was his main target as he caught seven balls for 114 yards and one touchdown.

Senior running back Donald Buckram did not play as he sat out for the second consecutive week with a bruised knee. He was seen suited

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Soccer

UTEP blanks North Dakota at 11th-Annual Border Bash



DIANA AMARO / The Prospector

Junior defender Jessie Pettit attempts to clear the ball against North Dakota Sept. 10 at University Field.

BY SAL GUERRERO

The Prospector

The UTEP soccer team was relentless in their 3-0 victory against North Dakota on Sept. 11.

There was a moment of silence before the game to honor the victims of the 9/11 attacks on the United States but not soon after, the Vuvuzela’s made their presence felt as the Miners (5-1) beat a winless Fighting Sioux team at University Field.

“I am glad that we got a win today,” head coach Kevin Cross said. “We thought we played pretty good in the second half...we had a great crowd and it was a beautiful night. That gave us some extra energy.”

It was a beautiful night for the Miners who managed to score within the first nine minutes of the contest off a header by sophomore midfielder Tess Hall. Sophomore Brittany Kindziarski set up the pass as she managed to get off a cross from right corner that led to the easy score.

“It nice to get a goal,” Hall said. “It took me a while to get a goal.

The game was a team effort and Gina (Soto), a freshman, just torching the defenders out wide and getting Skye (Schultz) the ball for the finish, that’s UTEP soccer.”

The freshman on the squad made headway during the contest. Besides Soto, midfielder Maggie Schaffer had significant playing time and attempted three shots of her own.

“The (freshmen) made a difference and they showed why we brought them here,” Cross said. “Maggie was a spark the whole game, everyone noticed. Gina was sick all week long...I didn’t even know if she could go today but that showed a lot about her character.”

The Miners played collectively all night long holding off the aggressive offense of the Fighting Sioux.

Starting goalkeeper Chandra Morden was out of the game due to illness. Taking her place was junior goalkeeper Sara Kaltwasser who managed 10 saves on her first start of the year.

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“I always tell people. I guess it’s through word of mouth,” Andrade said.

Senior microbiology major Jaclynn Uribe has been a customer for about a year, and she has referred her mother, sister and friend, Amanda Andrade, senior microbiology major as well.

“She makes it a point to make you comfortable, and she’s welcoming,” Uribe said.

Uribe and Andrade both agree they like Martinez doing their hair, because she is young and can relate to them and current trends.

“We can talk about different things and find things in common,” Uribe said.

Andrade said trust is important in a good haircut.

“I like her just cause if I want my hair in a certain way, she does it exactly how I say,” Andrade said.

Martinez said the classes paid off. She not only enjoys the job but feels comfortable knowing she has work in or out of school because people will always grow hair.

“The more and more clients start coming back, I just get used to what they like,” Martinez said.

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Japanese people and fighting Wesker, played by Shawn Roberts, who apparently learned to act from Robot School, the evil head of Umbrella.

Stupid plot twists happen, extreme slow motion is used constantly (it is amazing that anything gets done in this universe since it always seems to be in slow motion), people are killed and Japan gets nuked...then the movie’s plot starts.

In the end of the last film, the group of people that Alice was protecting left to Alaska to find Arcadia, the last zombie-free part of the world. Alice goes there on a plane, which apparently was kept

in the wintry mountains of Japan with unlimited fuel and finds no one except Claire Redfield, played by Ali Larter of “Heroes.”

Claire happens to have some beetle thing on her chest that mind-wiped her clean (because the easiest way to mind-wipe someone is to go through their heart). They both jump on the plane with unlimited fuel and travel down to Los Angeles. There they find every stereotype that one could hope to find in a zombie movie that takes place in Los Angeles.

The athlete, the film producer, the wannabe actress/cook/swimmer (three in one!), the pervert, the cop, the Asian

and the Latino are all there in one convenient building, which happens to be a jail that appears to be in the center of the city.

The convenient twists do not stop coming when they get to the jail. The cop, Chris Redfield, is Claire’s brother. You mean the character that never said anything about having a brother in the last film has a brother? Oh man, that is convenient! Wait, the cop is awesome at shooting things! That is a plus. Wait, the cop knows where the jail keeps an insane armory of weapons that cops probably should not have? That’s great! But, for some reason, it’s underwater. Well, that is why we have a great swimmer. Wait, apparently the cop and Alice also swim well!

The movie also jumps around a lot in the plot. During one sequence the characters are in the sewers and in another they are in a boat. Where did they get the boat from? Maybe the same place the magic plane came from! The zombies happen to be amazingly, stealthy zombies because they literally just appear behind people in scenes.

This is a stupidly terrible film...with good 3D, but it is wasted on this waste of time and money.

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Tennis

New coach spent last four years preparing for reign

BY DAVID ACOSTA
The Prospector

After four seasons as UTEP tennis' assistant coach, Victor Aguilar-replaces former head coach Jamie Campbell.

"I had a good mentor in coach Campbell," Aguilar said. "She schooled me on what to do for four years and the transition has been real easy."

As Campbell's assistant head coach, Aguilar helped mentor the

UTEP tennis team, which has had all-league honorees each of the last three seasons. Aguilar, who is a UTEP graduate, is also credited with helping to develop and recruit local El Paso talent and improving attendance at the team's home matches through his local connections.

Campbell was UTEP's most successful tennis coach since the program started in 1983. In seven seasons she coached the Miners to three Conference USA quarterfinals and was the fastest UTEP coach to 40, 50 and 60 victories. Her 2009 team is also tied for most wins ever at UTEP. Campbell, who left to pursue a position that was closer to her family, currently coaches both men's and women's tennis teams at Randolph College in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Before he began coaching at UTEP, Aguilar was El Paso's top ranked local player in his age group for 22 years and taught at the El Paso Tennis Club for 12 years.

"We are already noticing the changes (between coaches Campbell and Aguilar), our practices have been stronger, we are working harder," sophomore Martina Triewerler said. "I think we can win some matches at conference this year. We have three good new recruits and our team is growing up."

This season the Miners lost four players, one of them senior Marina DeLuca. Returning are six players, see **COACH** on page 11



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Senior Alexandra Glebova, seen attempting a forehand, has taken on new leadership roles as a senior on the team.

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led by seniors Ximena Fuentes, Alexandra Glebova and Triewerler, who after recording 15 wins as a freshman and getting off to a 3-1 start in singles play as well as five wins in doubles, sat out most of the winter season due to a knee injury. The team also added three freshmen, Gabriela Vazquez from Puerto Rico, Canadian Marie LeBlond and Rebecca Calvillo from Durango, Mexico.

"Of course every coach wants to have a winning season but we want to improve off of last years season," Aguilar said. "Most importantly I want the girls to gel as a team and stay healthy because we always manage to have injuries. We are trying to get in top condition, their strokes are sound, conditioning is getting there and the most important thing is staying healthy."

In order to prepare for the season ahead, Aguilar has changed the pre-season workouts and taken the team on several team-building excursions including trips to the Wyler Ariel Tramway at the Franklin Mountain State Park and a hike up Scenic Drive. He has shifted the focus in training from weight lifting to "sport-specific" on-court workouts.

"We are looking forward to the season. We have a lot of team chemistry, even with the freshmen," Fuentes said. "My older teammates that were here before helped me a lot so I feel I now have to help my new teammates that are here."

Aguilar's squad will take on its first opponents of the fall season at the New Mexico State Aggie Invitational from Sept. 17-19 in Las Cruces. Aguilar plans to use the opening tournament as a gauge for the young team. Currently he is ranking his players in order of classification, but after the tournament he hopes to have a better idea for how they will line up and who will pair together for doubles play.

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up on the sideline but never saw action in the contest.

"I don't know if he's going to play this week or not. We'll see," Price said. "He worked out this weekend in the swimming pool, but I didn't see him today. He's getting better. It's just a slow process."

Senior safety Braxton Amy left in the third quarter after tearing his Achilles tendon. This ends his season and career as a Miner. This is a set back that has become a trend for him the last four years.

Next up for UTEP is the Battle of I-10. They take on New Mexico State (0-1) who lost to San Diego State 41-21. The Miners won last years contest. They look to get back in the win column Saturday night at the Sun Bowl.

"I think athletically they look a lot faster than I anticipated them looking," Price said. "They're not huge and lumbesome like they have been in the past. They have a thinner team and a fast team."

The game against I-10 rival NMSU will take place at 7:05 p.m. on Sept. 18 at the Sun Bowl.

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"We were controlling things but we weren't finishing our opportunities, they had three chances to score," Cross said. "Sarah made big saves on those plays."

UTEP came out of the half dominating the match throughout the rest of the game.

Freshman midfielder Tori Martyn got off to a great start scoring in the 60th minute of the contest. The goal was set up off a corner kick from Hall that somehow made its way off the head of UTEP defender Jessie Pettit and then off the face of Martyn for the goal.

"It was a great ball in by Tess first...Jessie just got up there and she was huge in the air," Martyn said. "I guess I was just in the right place at the right time because it smoked off my face into the net. I had no reaction time so I guess it was good."

Sophomore Skye Schults scored UTEP's third and final goal in the 82nd minute of play off a pass from Soto ending the chances for a North Dakota comeback.

The Miners wrap up their non-conference play this weekend at the Border Bash. taking on Lamar University at 7 p.m. on Sept. 17 at University field.

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Sophomore Skye Schults dribbles the ball past defenders, Sept. 11 at University Field.

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ACROSS

1 Existed
4 Brooks or Gibson
7 Goodyear craft
12 "Hail"
13 Dander
14 More commonplace
15 Perch
16 Christmas treat
18 Vanna's cohort
19 Oriental
20 Uppity one
22 Conclusion
23 Nitwit
29 Sterne's Tristram
31 Massenet opera
56 Check word
57 Toss in
58 "Family Guy" daughter
59 contents
37 Plant bristle
38 Pinnacle
39 Recede
41 Without help
45 Skating competition
47 "Wham!"
48 New Jersey peninsula
52 Mid-afternoon hour
53 "... bombs bursting —"
54 Clavell's

DOWN

1 Nasty stingers
2 Birdlike
3 Squabble
4 Isinglass
5 Off the board
6 Rind Square
7 — Mawr
8 Varnish
32 Big name in Dadism

alternative
11 Grand — N.S.
17 Mid-June honorees
21 NYC borough
23 Wedding announcement
24 Lennon's lady
25 Peculiar
26 "See ya"
28 Monrover
30 Herm's partner
31 Biz deg
32 Big name in Dadism

33 Dundee denial
36 "Why not?"
37 Overseas
40 Flora and fauna
42 Poppy derivative
43 France's longest river
44 Due (to)
45 Combustible heap
46 Pallet
48 Try the tea
49 Literary collection
50 Unfavorable vote
51 Conk out

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7	6	3	9	1	8	4	5	2
4	9	2	7	5	6	1	8	3
8	1	5	4	2	3	9	7	6
1	2	6	8	7	9	5	3	4
3	8	7	5	4	2	6	1	9
9	5	4	6	3	1	7	2	8
6	7	9	3	8	5	2	4	1
5	3	1	2	6	4	8	9	7
2	4	8	1	9	7	3	6	5

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