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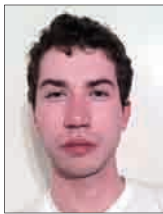
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Column

Harry Potter and the end of geekdom

BY MATTHEW MUNDEN

The Prospector



2010 has not been a kind year for geeks and the things they love.

This year has claimed the lives of the FOX series “24,” ABC’s “Lost”

and, for the strange geeks, FX’s “Nip/Tuck.” Some of these ended nicer than others (I’m still disappointed that Jack Bauer did not kill anyone in the “24” series finale). Now, with a heavy heart, the beginning of the end of another geek favorite opens world-wide Nov. 19. Yes, I’m talking about “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hal-lows: Part One.”

The first book, “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone,” came out when I was 7 years old, but I didn’t read it until I was 10. My fifth-grade teacher, Mrs. Wiederkehr, would read it to my class. At that time, the Sorcerer’s Stone had been sent away to be de-stroyed, and Albus Dumbledore ex-claimed, “Alas! Ear wax.” I was ready to continue my journey with Harry and his friends.

I am sort of ashamed to say I read the first four books 50 times. I wish I could say it was a joke, but no, I am a geek of extreme levels. I have to thank the Harry series for starting me down the path of geek fanaticism. Due to the series, in middle school, I did not just become a casual fan of random geeky things. Instead I would try to find out everything I could about something and make insanely geeky binders proclaiming my love for whatever geek property. I made one for “Yu-Gi-Oh,” which had sets of cards and printouts of episode synopsis in plastic protectors. Now I look back and shake my head at the ridiculous things I did. I also realize that “Yu-Gi-Oh” was perhaps the stupidest series ever.

But, the success of the Harry Potter series fascinates me because the series seems to be structured on Victorian literature tropes that seem archaic to most modern books. The idea of a young British orphan fighting against pure evil almost seems Dickensian when compared to other popular young adult series like “Twilight.”

Yet somehow, the series was able to catch on with fans across the globe, and something about this teen fight-ing to save his friends and the world at large makes him easy to relate to. Maybe it was his inability to relate to his family and those around him or the feeling of being an outsider that wants to belong, that helped make the series into the over a billion dol-lar franchise it now is.

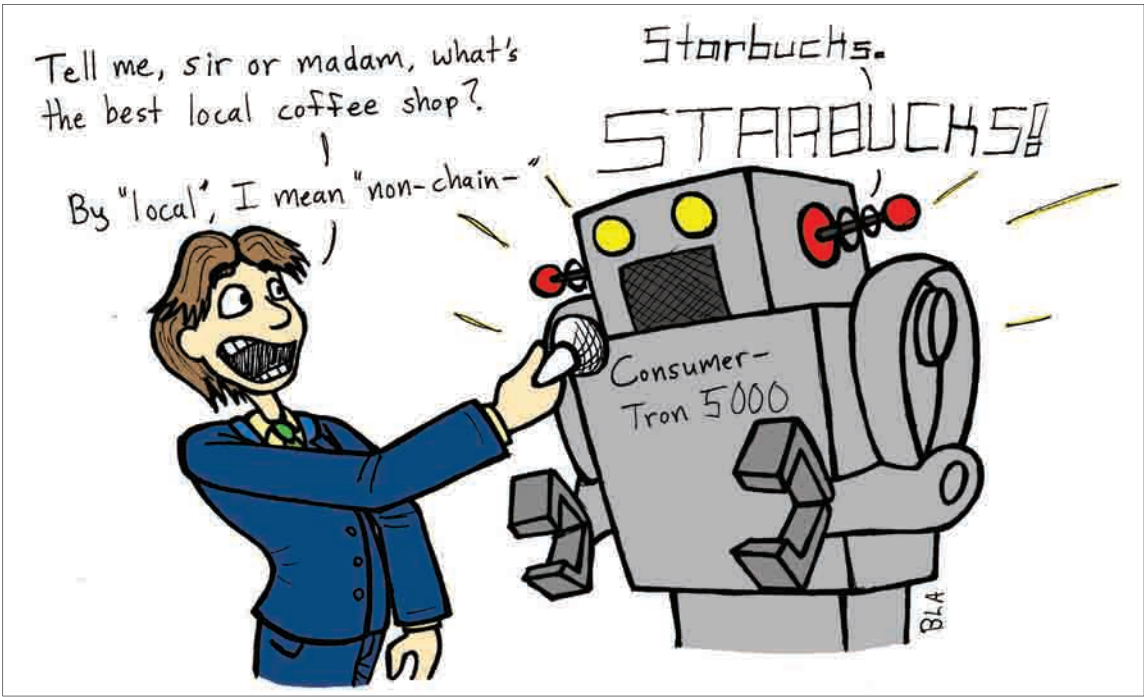
But now, it is the beginning of the final chapter of the film series. While the story has had its ending known for a little over three years now, I can’t help but feel anxious to see the film’s interpretation of Harry’s final adven-ture. This must be how the original Star Wars trilogy’s viewers felt when watching the text scroll up the screen when watching “Return of the Jedi” 17 years ago.

To be in a generation that has seen the start and end of so many geek properties, I feel both happy and sad. While it is great to be able to see a sto-ry completed, it also reminds me that my childhood is indeed coming to an end, and I have to actually become a working part of the outside world.

The final book came out the sum-mer after I graduated from high school and the final movie, “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part Two” will be released in the summer after I graduate from college.

“Harry Potter and the Deathly Hal-lows: Part One” really does mark the beginning of the end.

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Guest Column

Floyd asks for continued support

BY TIM FLOYD

Special to The Prospector



Friday, Nov. 12 was a very special day for the city of El Paso and for me personally. It was overwhelming, to say the least, the way the commu-

nity banded together to celebrate the start of the 2010-11 UTEP basketball season. The atmosphere in the Haskins Center for the Pacific game was abso-lutely electric, and YOU – the students – played such a pivotal role in creating the awesome environment. Thank you so much for coming out and cheering on your team!

While the game didn’t produce the outcome everyone hoped for, I

can promise you that we are working very hard and we WILL get better. So please stick with us! Your faith will be rewarded.

Please help us fill the student section for every home game. Your attendance makes all the difference! Thank you for doing your part in bringing “Min-er Magic” back to the Don Haskins Center.

Tim Floyd is UTEP’s men’s basketball coach.

Green Fund Committee needed for Spring 2011

BY LUCIA MURGUIA

Special to The Prospector



You wanted the change, you voted green, and the time to take part in that legacy is now.

Last spring, stu-dents voiced their stance by vot-ing for the Green

Fund, a referendum that would be the funding source for students to create projects that would directly promote environmental responsibil-ity at UTEP.

Throughout my time here at UTEP, I have discovered that as a university, we could unquestionably improve in our efforts to become a more environmentally responsible campus.

Environmental sustainability is part of our global economic and so-cial well-being. Unfortunately, the exploitation of natural resources such as forests, land, water and fish-eries, often by the powerful few, have

caused alarming changes in our nat-ural world in recent decades.

From man-made disasters such as the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, to the deforestation of palm oil plantations in Indonesia, these global disasters affect each and every one of us, even if we feel safe and sound in our des-ert region.

But we can no longer just sit and read about land encroachment, oil spills and tree cuttings. We have to do something about it.

So the power is in your hands. The Student Government Association’s Go Green Committee, along with the founders of the Green Fund, are looking for qualified applicants to become part of the Green Fund

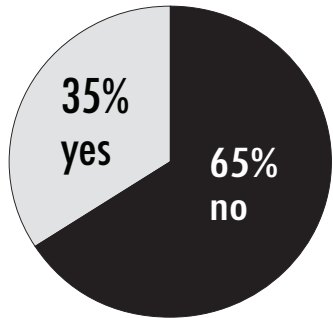
Committee, and the time to apply for it is now.

Students of all majors, undergrad-uate and graduate, are encouraged to apply to this five-student board committee. Members of the com-mittee will learn how to administer project ideas and become decision makers in UTEP’s move to become a more sustainable campus.

The deadline to apply is Nov. 29 and the application can be found at www.utep.edu/sga.

You voted green, now take part in that legacy. Make change happen at UTEP by acting locally and thinking globally.

Lucia Murguia is an SGA senator-at-large and senior multimedia journalism major



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Academics

NSF grant to help UTEP produce science teachers



John Michael Briceño, physics graduate student, teaches a physics class in the Physical Science Building.

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BY DIANA ARRIETA
The Prospector

To address the severe lack of science and math high school teachers affecting the country, UTEP was given a \$1.2 million grant from the National Science Foundation to help produce more science-related educators.

"The grant will really contribute to the community as it will provide for the tremendous need of science and math teachers that exists at the high school level," said Eric Hagedorn, associate professor of physics and head of the project. "UTEP has not graduated a physics high school teacher in the past 20 years."

The Robert Noyce Scholarship Grant will provide a \$10,000 scholarship per academic school year for the next five years for a selected number of juniors and seniors who plan to major in math or science with a minor in secondary education.

"A grant like this offers a good opportunity for juniors and seniors to continue to excel in their studies while taking away the stress of tuition," said Frances Serna, sophomore chemistry major. "It also works as an incentive for students to want to do well in school and look forward to it."

UTEP was in tough competition to receive the grant and was one of 37 universities in the country to be awarded, Hagedorn said.

While the grant is an opportunity to motivate students to major in math or science, it is also an incentive for students to improve their academic performance.

"I'm really glad the department received this grant," said Gustavo Hernandez, sophomore chemistry major.

"This will certainly push math and science students to get more involved in school, raise their GPAs and apply for the scholarship."

The program at UTEP plans to recruit 12 students per school year through an application process. Six juniors will be recruited in spring 2011.

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Economy

State, UTEP facing budget crisis

BY BEATRIZ A. CASTAÑEDA

The Prospector

Texas legislators will have to deal with a budget shortfall estimated at anywhere between \$11 to \$17 billion as they head into the 2011 legislative session in January, according to projections from economists and the state comptroller's office.

UTEP students, faculty and staff will certainly feel the impact of this shortfall when the legislature sets the university's budget for the next two years during this session.

The university has already implemented a 5 percent reduction (\$8 million) for the current fiscal year that was ordered by the state of Texas last spring.

Student Government Association President Diana Gloria said the budget reductions are a big worry for the SGA, whose concern is mainly for students.

"It's affecting everyone and I am concerned that we're going to have fewer resources," said Gloria, junior organization and corporate communication major. "We are becoming prepared for it, and I hope it doesn't affect our academic areas."

Gloria also said the SGA is concerned about students who work on campus. She said that some students have told her that they are afraid they will lose their jobs because of the budget cuts.

"I've been trying to find a job on campus through the job portal, but nothing opens up," said Gabriela Caro, junior communication studies major. "All positions are filled and perhaps this is why they're not hiring any students on campus."

This summer, Gov. Rick Perry (R-Texas) and other state legislators instructed state agencies, including higher education institutions, to submit plans for proposed budget cuts.

"Because of the economy and revenue shortfalls at the state level, lawmakers issued instructions to state agencies that we needed to return 5 percent of what was appropriated to us back to help pick up that shortfall," said Cynthia Vizcaino Villa, vice president for business affairs.

Lawmakers also instructed all state agencies to prepare for the forthcoming 2012-13 biennium by reducing their budgets by 5 and 10 percent.

A memo was sent from the UTEP President's Office to the members of the campus community to provide an update on the state's budget outlook and its impact on campus.



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According to the memo, for the forthcoming 2012-13 biennium years, UTEP would face an approximate reduction of \$7.7 million at the 5 percent level and \$15.4 million at the 10 percent level.

"We're trying to protect student services, the instruction function of the institution, to minimize direct services to students," Villa said.

According to Richard Padilla, vice president for student affairs, direct cuts have not occurred within student programs.

"We were able to absorb the 5 percent cut as a university because of some of the stimulus funding," Padilla said. "Because we budgeted very conservatively, we were able to absorb it with no direct immediate impact on any student programs that we offer."

Padilla said the current 5 percent reduction cut funding, but not directly toward programs within student service fee-funded areas and student services.

"A lot of the programs that serve students are funded by student service fees," Padilla said. "That money comes in because that's what students are paying so that doesn't get cut. What was cut was state funding so that's a huge factor."

Departments were given until mid-October to submit budget-reduction plans. Villa said that for now they are just plans, and it is better for the university to begin those processes and be prepared to deal with the reductions.

The memo also stated strategies about how the university planned to achieve the projected reductions while minimizing their impact on the university's core academic and research missions and on students, faculty and staff.

"We're working very hard to prepare and to be in a good position to react should these reductions come to pass," Villa said. "We want to be in a good position so it minimizes impact on campus, not just for students, but faculty and staff as well."

Ryan Holmes, assistant dean of students, said students should move forward with their academics despite the situation.

"Texas has been one of the most resilient states financially and fiscally and hopefully continues to be," Holmes said. "Until then, whatever comes, we need to make sure to keep our spirits up and get through things as we always do."

Villa said if instituted, the budget cuts would affect the university's quest to become a tier-one status university.

"We're very concerned because the university is picking up momentum, there's enthusiasm and excitement about moving forward and achieving our tier-one goal," Villa said. "I think the reduction in appropriations will decelerate the momentum we've picked up, but it will not stop us."

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Nobel laureate to speak at UTEP

Nobel laureate Douglas Osheroff will give a special public lecture at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 17, in the Undergraduate Learning Center, Room 106. The lecture is entitled "How Advances in Science are Made."

During his visit, Osheroff will present a second lecture to science majors and faculty at 11 a.m. Nov. 18 in the Bioscience Research Building, Room 2.154.

Osheroff is currently the J.G. Jackson and C.J. Wood Professor of Physics and the Gerhard Casper University Fellow in Undergraduate Education at Stanford University. In 1996, he was a co-recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physics.

Important dates

UTEP will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday Nov. 25 and 26. Classes will resume Nov. 29.

Dec. 2

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Dec. 3

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Dec. 6 – Dec. 10

Students will take their final exams for the fall semester.

Dec. 11

UTEP's 2010 Fall Commencement ceremony will take place in the Don Haskins Center.

Dec. 24 – Dec. 31

UTEP will be closed Friday, Dec. 24 through

Dec. 31

For the holiday season, certain university departments, including University Communications, will remain open Dec. 27-30 with a limited staff. Regular business hours will resume on Monday, Jan. 3, 2011.

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Ex-spy Valerie Plame and husband say movie about them has an important message

BY ADAM LIEBENDORFER
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When Valerie Plame and Joe Wilson wanted to take their relationship “to the next level,” Plame told him she needed to come clean about something – she was an international secret agent.

“My only question was, ‘Is your real name Valerie?’ And it was, so the rest is history,” Wilson said.

The CIA agent and the former ambassador married in 1998.

Their love, the Wilsons say, has gotten them through one of the biggest controversies of the Iraq War.

“Fair Game,” a movie based on Plame Wilson’s memoir of the same name, opened in some cities last weekend and will open nationwide Nov. 19. They are promoting the movie, they say, because they believe the story is important.

After 18 years as an operative for the CIA, Plame Wilson’s spy career effectively ended July 14, 2003, when The Washington Post published Robert Novak’s column detailing Wilson’s ties to the CIA, including Plame Wilson’s identity as a covert agent. The column followed Wilson’s outspoken opposition to the invasion of Iraq and

the leak of Plame Wilson’s identity by top-tier Bush administration officials.

With “Fair Game” making its debut, the couple answered questions about the leak, the trial of Vice President Dick Cheney’s top aide for perjury, the Wilsons’ lawsuit over the leak and memoir that followed.

“It’s strange to watch,” Plame Wilson said in a telephone interview. “Some of the scenes are still quite painful for us, frankly.”

The couple agreed that Naomi Watts and Sean Penn are “actors at the top of their game,” but they don’t see many similarities between the movie characters and themselves.

“He captures Joe’s intensity, and Naomi Watts did a beautiful job, I think, but you just don’t see yourself,” Plame Wilson said.

The couple’s 10-year-old twins, Trevor and Samantha, are also portrayed in “Fair Game.”

“They’ve seen the movie,” Wilson said. “They’re most concerned about how they’re portrayed, not surprisingly.”

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Valerie Plame Wilson, a former CIA agent, and her husband, former ambassador Joe Wilson, are promoting the movie about their lives, “Fair Game,” which opens nationwide Nov. 19.

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Career

Fair to help students land public sector jobs



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Alejandro Soto, junior civil engineering major, and Alonso Simental, senior accounting major, discuss the upcoming Government and Public Service Job Fair with Moisés Buenfil, coordinator for the University Career Center.

BY CANDICE MARLENE DURAN

The Prospector

Just as the job market remains competitive due to the recovering economy, the University Career Center encourages students to take advantage of the Government and Public Service Job Fair.

The UCC hopes to bring more job opportunities to students by holding the career fair Nov. 16 in Union Building East.

Moisés Buenfil, coordinator for the University Career Center, encourages students to take advantage of the career fair and hopes it will give them the initiative to work toward their career early in college.

"A lot of students may think that there's going to be an opportunity once they graduate, and that's necessarily not the case," Buenfil said. "This is the perfect time to start looking for jobs. That's why we're trying to promote the student programs that these agencies have."

Some of the agencies attending the career fair include the Department of Education, Census Bureau, the Bureau of Land Management and the Department of State. Buenfil said that the Department of State would be the most challenging agency at the career fair.

"It's very tough to get into," Buenfil said. "There's a process, like tests to pass, and I think that with the Department of State you have to really be knowledgeable of various subjects. The Department of State is headed by Hillary Clinton and the positions in that agency are very few."

With low-employment rates and the lack of available career positions, students may find it hard to find a job in their field within the city. UCC encourages students to be flexible and look outside of El Paso for more opportunities.

"These student programs that the federal government offers are usually outside of El Paso," Buenfil said. "That gives them an opportunity to see what it's like to live outside of El Paso."

Buenfil said that while entry-level salaries for federal employees may seem low, when you factor in the entire benefit packages and other factors such as the possibility of student loan repayment and doing work that makes a difference, it can add up to an excellent work environment.

UCC offers services to students to help guide them to programs that are available with all the agencies at the career fair. Student employment, The Experiential Learning Program, mock interviews and résumé referrals are programs also available at the UCC to assist students in their job search.

UCC has gained attention among freshmen by encouraging them to start early in their career.

"I want to go to graduate school," said Kimberly Rayner, freshman political science major. "I think it would be unwise for students not to want to see what careers are out there for them."

Timothy Wehrfritz, freshman political science major, suggested all students should take advantage of the services offered by the UCC and should not let the career fair pass them by.

"They're very helpful and the career fair is a great idea," Wehrfritz said. "A lot of people don't know what they want nor have an idea, and this will probably help them in figuring that out."

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A \$1.2 million grant from the National Science Foundation was recently awarded to UTEP in hopes that the university will produce more high school science and math teachers.

SCIENCE from page 3

"We try to recruit juniors, that way if they get selected they can stay in the program their senior year," Hagedorn said. "We want to place our students together in one of the school districts once they graduate so they can provide support to each other as new teachers. This is what makes us unique when compared to other universities competing for the grant."

With the high expectations this grant brings to the university, students be-

lieve this will motivate them to become math or science high school teachers and will give them confidence in finding a job once they graduate.

"I'm sure this grant will definitely pull students into the program," said Rosio De Leon, senior biology major. "A scholarship of this magnitude will surely help alleviate students' stress of tuition and other expenses while motivating them to pursue a career as high school science or math teachers."

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MOVIE from page 5

Despite the controversy, Plame Wilson said the family is "very blessed" that the twins are "happy and healthy and well."

"We periodically get e-mails from their teachers saying, 'Today in our civics class we discussed the federal government. I spoke for five minutes, and then your son jumped in and regaled us with inside Washington stories for five minutes,'" Wilson said. "By and large, it's safe to say over the past seven or eight years, dinner conversations at our home have been somewhat different from most homes around the country."

Following the trial and a legal battle over what had to be redacted in

her memoir, Plame Wilson was approached by the movie industry for a film adaptation.

"The one thing that perhaps that doesn't come across as well as it might is how much in love we have been with each other since the very beginning," Wilson said.

Plame Wilson's next project: co-authoring a spy thriller.

"What I always wanted to do was portray a female CIA officer who relied on brains more than guns or physicality to be successful," she said.

Adam Liebendorfer, a journalism and Spanish major at Ohio University, is an intern at the Scripps Howard Foundation's Semester in Washington program. He may be reached at prospector@utep.edu.

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Question of the week

Should domestic partners have the same benefits as married partners?

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JOSE MARTINEZ
junior graphic design major
“I believe domestic partners should not have the same rights as married couples because it could be a gateway to younger immature relationships not wanting to carry on the full responsibility that individuals who get married take on. And therefore abuse the rights by simply splitting instead of going through an extensive divorce.”



PAUL ENRIQUEZ
junior business major
“You should have the same right as everyone. We can’t all be the same. People should be more accepting of other people’s preferences.”



MARIELA MORALES
freshman criminal justice major
“I think everyone should have the same rights no matter what they pursue. There is a lot of discrimination in this nation and this shouldn’t be one of them.”

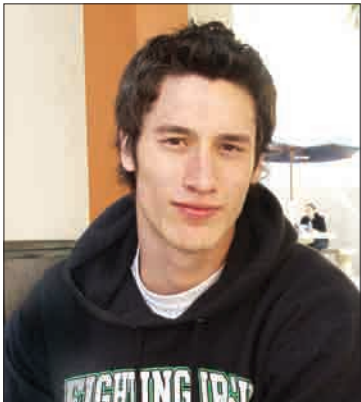
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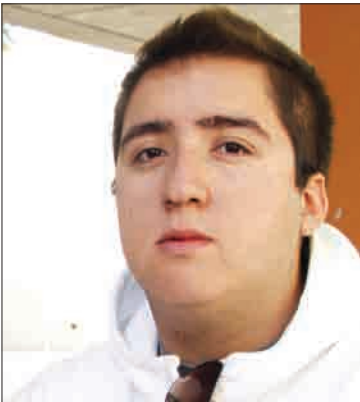
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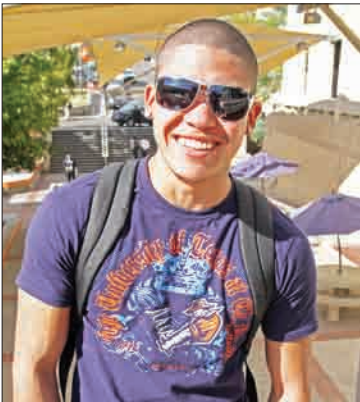
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sophomore kinesiology major
“No, they are two distinct types of lifestyles.”



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“No, because they could be living together just for the benefits.”



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Best of

Crème de la crème of local spots

Winners selected by students participating in The Prospector's 2010 Best of Issue



DIANA AMARO / The Prospector

Maria Chuchena combines traditional Mexican cuisine with the appeal and attraction of dishes found in high-end gourmet dining to win the Best Mexican Food category.

BY OMAR LOZANO

The Prospector

Students voted and now the crème of El Paso's business has been exposed. Although there was a lack of support for local business and a considerable amount of corporate allegiance, some victorious community-based establishments were able to secure students' votes to triumph over the stiff competition in The Prospector's 2010 Best of Issue survey.

Best Sports Bar

In the very competitive and lucrative demand for sports and alcohol-based fun in El Paso, 915 Sports Bar & Billiards on North Mesa has prevailed favorably, carrying the UTEP torch of approval.

"We are really honored (to have won Best Sports Bar)," said Jason Martin, owner of 915 Sports Bar and Billiards. "We have been hoping that someone would take notice, and we are thrilled that our neighbors (UTEP) down the street did."

With more LCD screens than can be counted on one hand, hosting a myriad of athletic events and daily specials on food and drinks, 915 comes off as a sports junkie's vision of heaven.

"We try to make everyone feel pretty much at home," Martin said. "We try to keep the atmosphere pretty high with energy and that's college kids for you, they bring a lot of energy to what they do."

The sports bar also provides a broad range of nightly events throughout the week such as karaoke, poker, beer pong tournaments and dance nights with DJs. Martin said the diversity of events has helped his business thrive.

"Near a university, and any business in general, you can't just be a one-trick pony," Martin said. "We are not just boxing matches, fights and ball games. We got a lot going on and it's every day."

Martin also takes pride in his business' involvement with supporting the UTEP community's endeavors.

"We are sponsoring two fraternities on their community projects that are coming up this month, and we have sponsored tailgates (for UTEP games)," Martin said. "We love everything about being hooked in with UTEP"

Thirsty college kids might want to check out Monday nights at 915, where a \$5 cover gets \$1 drink specials and free pool. They also have tight-packed Thursday nights with arguably the best \$2-you-call-it special in town.

Best Mexican Food

When an establishment wins Best Mexican Food in a town that has competition from hundreds of local businesses and everybody's abuelita, it has to be good.

Maria Chuchena, which is celebrating its first year in El Paso, combines traditional Mexican cuisine with the appeal and attraction of dishes found in high-end gourmet dining.

"We are trying to present a different type of Mexican food, going to the roots of Mexican gastronomy," said Oscar Herrera, co-owner of Maria Chuchena.

Herrera said his restaurant's calm and contemporary ambience aimed at avoiding the stereotype of Mexico that most local Mexican eateries embrace.

"Although it's a Mexican restaurant, we don't have any sombreros or jorongos," Herrera said. "We are very proud of sombreros and jorongos but we just wanted to show that Mexico is more than that."

Chuchena also prides itself in utilizing the freshest ingredients such as their customizable salsa made fresh in front of you in a stone bowl called a "molcajete."

"They ask you how hot you want it, do you want cilantro, onions and you can see how they make your salsa," Herrera said.

Maria Chuchena's current specialty is the Quatro Chichas, a beef tenderloin encrusted with four types of chiles on a bed of mashed cauliflower and creamy goat cheese.

Best Bar to End the Night

Students familiar with late nights might want to visit the hip watering hole on North Mesa, Hope and Anchor, which was chosen as the Best Bar to End the Night.

"It's an honor to be recognized by The Prospector and the students at UTEP," said Chris Lewes, co-owner of Hope and Anchor.

The bar's mood will make an indie-music fanatic feel right at home with concert posters covering the walls and the newest indie flavor pouring out of its speakers.

"I think it's a combination of atmosphere and service that allures people to the place," Lewes said.

With a large selection of quality micro-brewed beer, Hope and Anchor also provides fine liquor cocktails for its patrons, Lewes said.

"Our priority is to put the culinary aspect back into drinks by making them with the freshest ingredients and being creative," Lewes said.

These drinks are customized by the bar staff with unique recipes incorporating the daily specials and happy hours, which highlight a different liquor every day.

Lewes said the bar also takes a keen interest in rallying support for UTEP events.

"We try to promote any UTEP event. We do a lot of BBQs before games and give out free food to try and cater to the UTEP sports crowd and UTEP crowd in general," Lewes said. "(UTEP students) are essential, definitely a big part of the bar, we try to promote and encourage students to come and have fun."

Other notable selections for the 2010 Prospector's Students' Choice Awards are as follows – Best Tattoos: House of Pain, Best Margaritas: Carlos & Mickey's, Best Burritos: Burritos Crisostomo and Best Bakery: The Bowie Bakery.

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DIANA AMARO / The Prospector

Hope and Anchor and 915 Sports Bar and Billiards are local establishments chosen by students in the survey.



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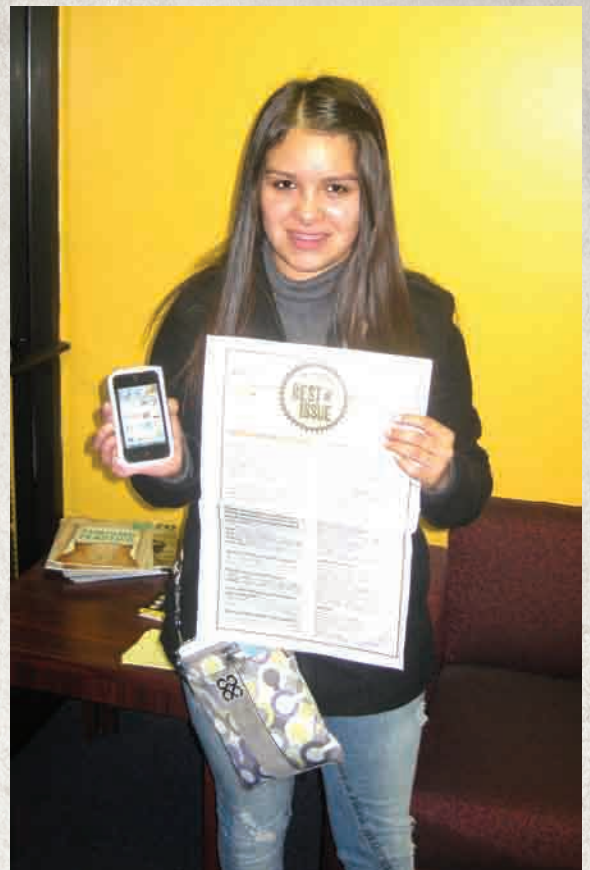
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Bowie Bakery for sweet treats

BY AUDREY RUSSELL
The Prospector

In the Bowie Bakery’s display cases, the tasty sights of pineapple empanadas, doughnuts, cookies, cakes, candies and, of course, famous pan dulce, are sure to tempt anyone into satisfying that nagging sweet tooth.

For five years running, the Best of the Border competition has named Bowie Bakery the best bakery in El Paso. Now, UTEP students have also named the bakery as a winner in The Prospector’s 2010 Best Of Issue survey.

Joshua Drewes, freshman pre-business major and aspiring chef, said he knows quality when he sees it.

“Bowie Bakery is a classic bakery that caters to our tastes and hearts, a true hometown favorite,” Drewes said. “Everything seems to be carefully prepared and they respect their guests through and through.”

The bakery is owned by the Marquez family, who bought it from the original owner in 1971. Marquez first moved to El Paso and worked in a bakery, where he met his wife, Maria Guadalupe Marquez.

They relocated to California for a while, but when they moved back to El Paso, they made sure they bought the little establishment. Since then they have continued to share their recipes and delicious treats with El Paso.

Bowie Bakery originally became famous for its traditional Mexi-

“I recommend everything, overall, this is the best bakery in town. You just can’t beat it.”
- Albert Salazar, regular customer

can sweets, but it has now grown to reach more than its usual 7th and Park Street residents and regulars. The good word about Bowie Bakery has spread to its new location on the Westside.

The bakery’s westside branch at 5000 Doniphan Drive is run by Marquez’s son, Juan Marquez, who decided to take on the family business after his father passed away. The traditional recipes, passed down from his father’s baking experience while growing up in Sombrerete, Zacatecas in Mexico, are now a local first choice.

Bowie Bakery has received national recognition for their pan dulce as well. In the little corner bakery on Park Street, a signed picture of former President George W. Bush hangs on the white walls of the bakery. The picture is accompanied by Bush’s letter of condolence for Mr. Marquez.

Bush and his family had visited the bakery when he was the governor of Texas.

Regular customer Albert Salazar has visited the bakery so much that he has tried every single item and pointed out one of his favorites, the almond cookie.

“I recommend everything, overall, this is the best bakery in town. You just can’t beat it,” Salazar said.

It doesn’t just stop at numerous types of sweets. The Westside bakery is now serving Seattle’s Best Coffee to provide the perfect beverage to wash down all the cookies and doughnuts.

Tamales, burritos and menudo are also offered at the bakery.

The bakery offers desserts that are perfect for family dinners, birthday parties and weddings. The cakes, topped with delicious strawberries and syrups, range in size and shape.

Rodolfo Madero, junior general studies major and Chuck E. Cheese employee, is around birthday parties and cakes all day and has tasted the authentic sweets from Bowie Bakery on different occasions.

“I’ve seen so many Bowie Bakery cakes and desserts brought here,” Madero said. “The pan dulce tastes like a bite of heaven. It’s the closest taste to authentic Mexican sweet bread.”

Bowie Bakery may be reached online at bowiebakery.com and on Facebook.

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The doors to Ruli’s International Kitchen first opened in March 2008 in Downtown El Paso. Chef Raul Gonzalez and his parents took on this venture to offer excellent gourmet food to El Pasoans. The Downtown location remained open until August of this year, when Chef Gonzalez decided to bring his distinct flavors closer to UTEP. Now located at 2900 North Mesa, Ste. K, Ruli’s is a great choice for lunch or dinner for all who work or study at UTEP. Ruli’s menu is made up of tapas, which are appetizers in Spanish cuisine, Italian Paninis and salads, among a variety of other tasty food choices. Seasonal Squash Soup, Caprese Salad, Cubano Panini and Coconut-crusted Shrimp just a few of the items featured on their menu. As a UTEP student, staff or faculty member with a valid UTEP ID, you can take advantage of the \$2 off their \$10 lunch special. The lunch special is offered Monday thru Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and it consists of your choice of the Italian Panini, Chicken Pesto Pasta, Veggie Panini, Garden Pasta or Turkey Croissant with a choice of coleslaw, kettle chips, sweet potato waffle fries, French fries or Caesar salad, plus iced tea, soda, water or coffee. Chef Gonzalez describes Ruli’s concept as a “gourmet dive,” and you can find out for yourself what he means when you walk through the restaurant’s doors. The locale is a small and cozy place, with a very casual setting and where you are sure to get top, personal treatment. There is no real specialty at Ruli’s because every item on their menu is very popular. Chef Gonzalez describes their approach to food as being done with respect. He describes their ingredients as good and simple food. “We respect the ingredients. They just work on themselves,” Chef Gonzalez said. And for your thirst, Ruli’s offers a growing list of beers and wines currently consisting of over 50 selections of each. Chef Gonzalez invites patrons to try out different wines and beers and not to see this as something out of the ordinary. In fact, Ruli’s will soon continue offering beer and wine classes as it did at its previous location. Chef Gonzalez says these classes are casual and offer an opportunity to try different



wines and beers without getting too technical. The price of the classes will simply depend on they type of products available for tasting. For those interested in de-stressing after work, Ruli’s offers happy hour Tuesday thru Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. You can enjoy discount prices on beer and no cork fee on wines, which are at retail price. Try Ruli’s International Kitchen for yourself. They are open for lunch Monday thru Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and for dinner Tuesday thru Saturday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. They will remain open later on UTEP home basketball game nights. Catering is also available for you to enjoy at your events. **For more information, visit their website at <http://rulisik.com>.**

Dining

Fast meals on wheels drifts around UTEP, El Paso



ESTEBAN MARQUEZ / The Prospector

The Drifter, a new mobile eatery, typically opens from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays by the corner of Oregon Street and Robinson Avenue.

BY ALEJANDRO ALBA

The Prospector

A new flavor just came to town with The Drifter, a restaurant on wheels.

The owners of this lunchtime trailer are hoping to establish a fresh eating experience in El Paso.

“We really want to bring something new to this city,” co-owner Reide Hanson said.

Having only been in business for five months, co-owner Ian Atkins said the feedback they have received has been great. He also said many people relate to the experience of

eating outside a trailer from other cities around the country.

“The idea came from Austin,” Atkins said. “There are many trailers that sell different types of food.”

Austin has many cart food stands such as The Best Wurst, located on the ever-popular 6th Street.

Hanson and Atkins said the trailer had to be converted it to a kitchen when they started. The trailer contains four sinks, a large hood, a cook top, a fridge and everything a basic kitchen would have.

“(We) bought it and remodeled it,” Atkins said. “We also had to learn all the food codes in order to do it correctly.”

The new eatery’s style isn’t a surprise to everyone in town, Hanson said. When people step up to order they tell them they recognize this type of restaurant from other cities like Seattle and Austin.

Freshman Brenda Hernandez is one who can relate. During one visit to San Antonio, she ate at a similar restaurant. Hernandez said the food was unique and creative because it was all served inside a cone.

“Although the way they gave us the food was weird, it was really good,” Hernandez said.

The menu provided by The Drifter eatery was created after lots of experimenting and feedback from customers, Atkins said. He also said they asked chefs they knew for advice.

“We constantly asked people what they wanted in order to provide better quality food,” Atkins said.

Even with a wide variety in their menu, Hanson said, the most popular sandwich so far has been their Vietnamese sandwich, the Banh Mi.

The Drifter also offers a catering service. Hanson said there is a little more variety on the catering menu, which includes selections such as cupcakes and other desserts that aren’t on their regular menu.

Hanson said most of the products they use are from independent companies like Zapp’s Potato Chips and Hansen Natural sodas.

The Drifter’s menu is not just for meat lovers, Hanson said. There are also some veggie and tofu plates.

“Our vegetarian options are very healthy and fresh,” Atkins said. “All the food we prepare is fresh.”

The owners find themselves investing more time in preparing the food than in selling, Atkins said. Although The Drifter may be found on the Westside most of the time,

Atkins said they would travel to the Eastside if they were offered a gig.

“We really want to expand, but it will take some time,” Hanson said.

With a remodeled trailer, and Zeque Peña’s artistic designs adorning the eatery, Hanson and Atkins are mainly attracting UTEP students and professors and late-night bar creatures.

Atkins also said their prices are cheaper than other restaurants around the area.

“We are not pricey for UTEP students,” Atkins said.

The Drifter currently does not have a consistent schedule, so the best way to find out where the restaurant on wheels is located, is to keep up with them on Facebook or Twitter.

“We want to invite people to try a new taste,” Atkins said. “The weather in El Paso is really nice, it’s perfect for eating outside.”

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Coffee

Students choose Starbucks over Kinley's, Percolator

BY JACKIE DEVINE
The Prospector

UTEP students voted Starbucks Coffee, the largest coffeehouse company in the world, as the best coffee shop in El Paso.

The colossal franchise beat out Kinley's House of Coffee and Tea and The Percolator Café, local eateries that are both near the university.

"We won because Starbucks is very well known," said Louis Avalos, Starbucks store manager. "We put a lot of pride in our drinks."

For some, it's no surprise that Starbucks won the contest. Since 1971, Starbucks has dominated the coffeehouse world by offering a large variety of coffee, drinks and desserts. The company has also become known for donating some of its profits to organizations like Product Red, which supplies medicine to

people with AIDS in Africa. Since 2005, Starbucks has also sold Ethos water, which helps people in developing countries gain access to clean drinking water.

Starbucks has numerous locations throughout El Paso, but the storefront located at 2300 N. Mesa is the closest to UTEP and sits right across from Kinley's House.

"I think we won because of our management. They push us to our best," said Mario Sobal-Varro, Starbucks barista and freshman history major. "Starbucks is also reconstructing the community coffee shop so we're seeing a lot of regulars."

Despite Starbucks' well-known name, Kinley's House and The Percolator's reputations are rising high in El Paso. Unlike Starbucks, Kinley's House offers an extended menu with everything from smoothies and specialty teas to salads and sandwiches.

"I really love the lattes from Kinley's. It tastes way better. I get way better service and it's cheaper," said Erica Mendez, senior multimedia journalism major.

Kinley's also recently added text-message ordering, making it possible for customers to avoid long waits or lines.

The Percolator is a trendy hotspot in Downtown El Paso that is quickly becoming a new place for students to gather.

Known for its entertainment and hosting big-name artists like Beck and MGMT, The Percolator prides itself on supporting local art and culture, while adding their fair-trade coffee into the mix.

Aside from coffee, Starbucks sells a relaxing atmosphere, which may have contributed to UTEP students' decision to vote it as the best coffeehouse.

"It's a great place to go and chill out after class or to go study for a test and I also love their cinnamon rolls," said Marco Flores, junior microbiology major.

Starbucks is a company that is always looking for ways to reinvent itself. Just last year, they introduced new instant coffee packets called Starbucks VIA Ready Brew. This successful launch again put them ahead of other coffeehouses in the market.

Their partnership with Apple and its iTunes Store has also increased Starbucks' popularity. In 2006, Apple added a Starbucks Entertainment area to its iTunes Store, selling music similar to what is played in the coffeehouses.

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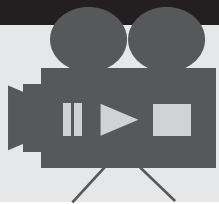
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Basketball

Redemption fuels I-10 rivalry for Miners

BY SAL GUERRERO

The Prospector

With a bit of revenge on their minds and the bitter taste from last year's two losses still lingering around, the women's basketball team is set to take on rival New Mexico State.

The Miners face I-10 rival NMSU at 7:05 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Don Haskins Center.

"It's an important game, it is always a fun game and they have a good team," head coach Keitha Adams said. "Last year we had two dogfights and they came out on the winning side. They had a great year last year."

Last season, the Miners dropped two games against the Aggies. The first was a 67-55 rout of UTEP in Las Cruces Dec. 15 and the second at home Dec. 28, with the Miners losing in a close game, 63-56.

"It's always a fun match up, no question. I think it's great for the two cities and the programs," Adams said. "I just want to encourage fans to get in their car and come down to the Haskins Center and watch the game."

UTEP (1-0) is coming off an impressive win Nov. 13 against UC Irvine, where the Miners routed the Anteaters 72-57.

But NMSU is no UC Irvine, the Aggies are a talented group of players, who put together an 18-14 sea-



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Junior guard Briana Green attempts to dribble past a UC Irvine defender Nov. 13 at the Haskins Center.

son last season, finishing fifth in the Western Athletic Conference.

The Aggies return one of their top scorers from a year ago in junior guard Jasmine Lowe, who averaged 14 points per game last season, shooting 40 percent from the field and tallying 71 steals.

"They are really athletic, so we have to get after it," Adams said. "There is no question that this team is really talented. Their guards are really good, they can get to the basket and shoot the three."

Adams said the returners on her team remember the two losses last

season, but her main concern this year is working on improving her team as a whole.

The Battle of I-10 is a rivalry that can get personal for some Miners. As one newcomer on the team found out this year, the rivalry

knows no boundaries when it comes to friendship.

"I am pretty excited about the game. One of my AAU teammates plays for NMSU," junior transfer forward Erika Warren said. "She has already been talking, so I am pretty excited about playing."

The player Warren was eluding to is none other than NMSU junior forward Kelsie Rozendaal, who played AAU basketball with the Texas Express 90 alongside Warren.

"(Rozendaal) said they were going to kill us like they did last year," Warren said. "It's going to be different this year. It makes me want to play hard to get a win for the school and so I can call her and talk to her about it."

Another newcomer to the rivalry is junior forward Gloria Brown, who in her debut recorded her first double-double as a Miner, scoring 22 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

"I am feeling real good about the game. I just want to get this win and keep working hard," Brown said. "I just have to keep it going and working on my game."

For her performance against UCI, Brown was named Conference USA Player of the Week. She recorded the third highest point total of any UTEP player in their debut, behind forward Anete Steinberga last season and Holly Russ in 1990.

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Football

UTEP throttled by no. 13 Razorbacks



AARON MARTINEZ / The Prospector

Senior quarterback Trevor Vittatoe drops back for a pass Nov. 6 against SMU at the Sun Bowl. The Miners won that game 28-14.

BY ALEX MORALES

The Prospector

The Miners exchanged the lead with no. 14 Arkansas throughout the first quarter Nov. 13, but ultimately fell to the Razorbacks 58-21.

UTEP (6-5, 3-4 Conference USA) scored quickly on their first possession when junior running back Leilyon Myers broke loose on a 51-yard touchdown run. Arkansas (8-2, 4-2 SEC) answered right back when junior quarterback Ryan Mallet scored on a 14-yard scramble to knot the game up at 7-7.

Sophomore Marlon McClure took the ensuing kickoff 100 yards to put the Miners up 14-7, but again the Razorbacks were able to answer right back. Running back Knile Davis took the first play of their drive 70 yards on a fake reverse to tie the game.

That was the last time UTEP had the lead. Mallet and the Arkansas offense scored 42 unanswered points to put the game out of reach.

Mallet set a school record with five passing touchdowns. He finished the game completing 19 of 26 passes for 215 yards. He had a total of six touchdowns in a game tying a record previously set in 1995 by Madre Hill against South Carolina.

Davis finished with a career-high of 182 yards rushing on 11 carries. Arkansas' leading receiver was senior tight end D.J. Williams, who caught five passes for 58 yards with two touchdown receptions. Re-

ceiver Chris Gragg had four receptions for 44 yards and one touchdown.

Myers was the leading rusher for UTEP, finishing with 72 yards on six carries. Senior quarterback Trevor Vittatoe completed 13 of 21 passes for 152 yards with no touchdowns and one interception before a sprained ankle sidelined him the entire fourth quarter. Senior James Thomas finished the night 4-of-5 passing for 77 yards with one touchdown.

Senior receiver Kris Adams extended his streak with consecutive games with a catch for 35 yards. He finished the night hauling in five catches for 148 yards with one touchdown. Junior running back Joe Banyard led the team in receptions with seven catches for 30 yards.

UTEP's kicking game had problems all night as both field goal attempts failed. The first attempt was blocked, while the second one was botched on the hold, closing out the first half.

The Miners' defense allowed 577 yards to the Razorbacks, while racking up 355 yards on offense. The only difference was UTEP turned the ball over three times.

Next up for the Miners is the University of Tulsa, who defeated Houston at Houston 28-25. The game is the final game of the season and with a win, the Miners will almost be guaranteed a bowl with seven wins on the season.

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Basketball

UC Irvine no match for the Miners in opener

BY SAL GUERRERO
The Prospector

The women's basketball team dismantled UC Irvine, 72-57, in their season opener Nov. 13 at the Don Haskins Center.

The Miners (1-0) got off to a slow start against the Anteaters (0-1), but it was the play of a junior forward that ignited the team and catapulted them to victory.

Gloria Brown, a transfer forward from Trinity Valley Community College, came into the game with 16:30 remaining in the first half and the Miners trailing 6-2. Within a minute of entering the contest, Brown pulled down three rebounds and scored two

points, helping UTEP retake the lead from the Anteaters 9-8. The Miners never looked back the rest of the way.

"I was just playing hard. We just rebounded and worked hard at it," Brown said. "Practice and practice, over and over again, when you don't put the (ball) on the floor, good things happen."

Good things sure did follow for the junior forward and the Miners. Brown finished the game with 22 points and 10 rebounds, going 10-for-15 from the floor in just 17 minutes of play. Her debut was the second best by any Miner in terms of points scored.

UTEP played solid basketball, taking advantage of second chance

points (16) and dominating in the paint, outscoring the Anteaters 30-16.

"I am really proud of our young ladies," said head coach Keitha Adams. "UC Irvine did some things defensively with the 2-2-1...I thought we handled it. We dominated on the boards and we came out on the winning side."

The Miners crashed the boards all game long, pulling down 54 total rebounds (33 defensive, 21 offensive) and allowed the Anteaters to grab just 28.

Junior guard Dietra Caldwell had a dominating performance in her third season-opener as a Miner. The Missouri City, Texas native showed off her elusiveness on the court when she stole the ball from UCI's Kiara Belen and drove it down the court for the easy layup, putting UTEP up 29-19 with six minutes remaining in the opening half.

Caldwell finished the game with 17 points, eight rebounds and six assists.

Running the offense for the Miners was freshman point guard Kelli Willingham, who had four points and seven assists in the game.

Willingham played 34 minutes in the contest and credited her teammates in helping her debut go smoothly.

"(Briana Green) helped out a lot, (Caldwell) handled the ball and the bigs helped out with rebounding, everybody made it easier for me," Willingham said. "At first the (pace) started out fast but once we got into



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Junior guard Dietra Caldwell drives the ball past half-court Nov. 13 against UC Irvine.

the game and got a rhythm, it kind of slowed down."

Willingham's guard play helped the Miners deal with UC Irvine's full-court press. Adams said she decided to start two point guards, the other being Green, in order to overcome the aggressive defense of the Anteaters.

"One of the things we did was put Kelli and Briana on the floor at the same time," Adams said. "We had a feeling that UC Irvine was going to half-court trap...we've done it in the

past, have to two points on the floor. (Willingham) did some nice things."

Green, who normally runs point, struggled at the two position, shooting just 3-of-12 from the field, finishing with seven points.

Defense was the key for the Miners as they held UCI to just 32 percent shooting from the field and 21 percent from behind the arc.

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Basketball

Men's basketball bounces back versus Mercer

BY DAVID ACOSTA
The Prospector

The men's basketball team defeated the Mercer Bears, 87-74, in the opening round of the Legends Classic, Nov. 14 at the Don Haskins Center. The Miners evened their season record to 1-1.

There were a few differences between the team's home opener on Nov. 12 and their second game. Absent was the loud sellout crowd of students and fans, although 2,152 Miner faithful were present. But, more importantly, also absent, for the most part, were the second-half mistakes and quick shots that sank the Miners two nights before.

"Even though we didn't play great, I thought we had stretches for maybe the first 28 minutes," head coach Tim Floyd said after the Mercer game. "The last 12 minutes were really sloppy, we started turning the ball over."

The Miners used a balanced attack to run away with the game in the second half. Four of their five starters, senior guards Randy Culpepper, Julian

Stone and Christian Polk, and senior forward Jeremy Williams, scored double digits. Starter Claude Britten chipped in eight points and freshman John Bohannon added another nine as Floyd continued to platoon the center position. Culpepper bounced back from a rough second half in the opener to lead all scorers with 24 points.

UTEP began pulling midway through the first half. After a missed jumper by Culpepper led to a 3-pointer that took the lead by Mercer guard Jeff Smith, UTEP went on a 23-8 run over the next six minutes and never looked back. Smith led his team offensively, scoring 22 points for the Bears.

The Miners took a 12-point lead into the half, however, with fans still smarting over the loss to Pacific after leading by 11 midway through, nothing was certain.

"Coach Floyd brought that up and said it's the same situation," Culpepper said. "We have to come out and punch them in the mouth and not let what happened against Pacific happen again today."

UTEP did a much better job on the boards, albeit against a much smaller team, outrebounding the Bears 39-32. Stone, who played well in both games, once again led the Miners with eight rebounds.

The Miners also shot a blazing 54.2 percent in the second half, 51 percent for the game, and held Mercer to just 40.7 percent from the field.

After leading by as much as 25 points in the second half, UTEP lapsed, committing turnovers on offense and fouling at the other end of the court. This allowed the Bears to creep back down to 12 with 3:15 to play.

"We don't understand the value of what a foul on the other end means in terms of the other team scoring with the clock not moving and then coming down and turning it over," Floyd said. "We're not a real disciplined group right now - bad shots, sloppy passes - but we haven't talked a lot about these things."

The Miners hope to keep moving forward and improving as the Legends Classic continues, with the team facing the Western Carolina Catamounts on Saturday Nov. 20 at the Don. Western Carolina is currently 0-1 and will face DePaul on Nov. 16, before it squares off against UTEP.

The Catamounts have had two-straight winning seasons and are coming off their best year since becoming a Division 1 program in 1977. The team was 22-12 en route to its first post-season appearance for the first time in 14 years in the CollegeInsider.com Tournament.

The Catamounts, however, lost five seniors coming into the 2010 season, including a pair of 1,000-point scorers. They are led by senior forward



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Senior guard Randy Culpepper attempts a jump shot near the baseline.

Richie Gordon (8.5 ppg) and redshirt junior guard Harouna Mutombo (9.4 ppg). Mutombo was named to the 2009-10 All-Southern Conference team.

"We need to keep executing and doing what coach says, sustain execution and sustain defense and I think we'll be alright," Polk said. "We have a good team we're playing against, but we have a full week to prepare and we're going to get out there in practice and get another win."

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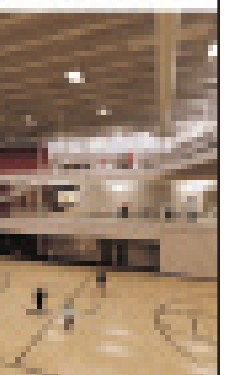
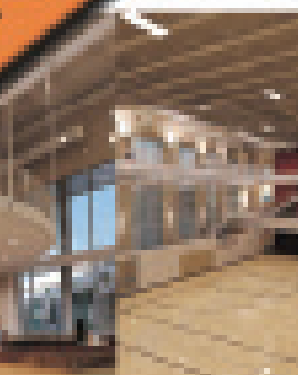
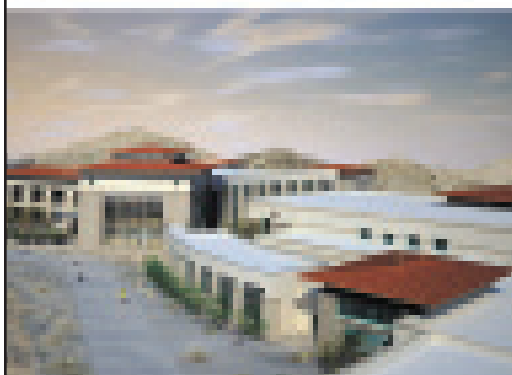
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