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## Academics

# Borderland research at risk

BY AARON MARTINEZ

The Prospector

As UTEP proclaims to be a vital and unique research university on the border, a new regulation passed by the University of Texas System is now requiring students and faculty to avoid traveling to Mexico for research purposes. The new policy has left students scrambling to find other ways to carry out their graduate thesis or dissertations.

"Since the violence started, UTEP has basically shut down all the research we have been able to do," said Alma Hernandez, graduate sociology student. "Now that this has been created, I have to rely on somebody else who lives in one of the communities to help conduct my interviews, because I can not do it myself. It creates a sort of disconnect since I am not actually there to conduct my research."

The regulation, passed down by the UT-System April 22, states institutional presidents are to "take certain precautionary measures with regard to university-sponsored international travel. These measures are necessary to ensure that the UT System minimizes risk and is in a position to assist faculty, staff or students on university-sponsored trips in the event of an emergency."

According to Benjamin Flores, interim dean of the graduate school, the new regulation is not meant to prevent students from doing international research, but is to help protect students and faculty from areas deemed dangerous.

"The rule is not that they (students, faculty and staff) can't do research in Mexico," Flores said. "My understanding is that travel to Mexico for academic

purposes by faculty, staff and students is very restricted, but there are always exceptions. The main concern is the safety of people doing research in areas of Mexico that are in conflict. In the southern states of Mexico that are not in conflict, the university will allow faculty and students to go there to do their research."

As students meet with their advisor to discuss their thesis or research projects, Josiah Heyman, chair of the sociology and anthropology department and advisor, said he strongly suggests students change their topic if it requires work in Juárez or other parts of Mexico.

"I tell them that at this moment we are not authorized to allow them to do research in Mexico. There are expectations and we do collaborate with other colleges in Mexico to help them gather the data they need," Heyman said. "Our graduate program is small in our department, but I have had a student that had to alter her thesis to abide by this rule. This rule is important and I am actually in agreement with this policy, it is very important to keep students' and faculty's safety in mind and it would be very unethical to set a program where they would be at risk."

Eva Moya's doctoral thesis project was in the early stages when the regulation from the UT System went into effect. Moya, now an assistant professor of social work, said she did had to alter the gathering methods for her research project, but was lucky enough to have reliable sources to help her complete her thesis.

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RAYMUNDO AGUIRRE / The Prospector

**A growing number** of students have been affected by the violence in Ciudad Juárez.

## Student life

# Juárez: A city in distress

BY DIANA ARRIETA

The Prospector

As if the stress associated with regular classes was not enough, hundreds of UTEP students who live or have family in Ciudad Juárez are dealing with the tension and anxiety provoked by the drug war in the border city.

"When I'm in Juárez, I don't even want to go out anywhere," said Marcela Aguirre, senior communication studies major. "I live with stress and fear that one day I may find myself to be in the middle of a shootout, it's horrible, you can't even go out to eat or the movies."

The violence that occurs in the neighboring city of Mexico has transcended all levels, ending with the lives of two UTEP undergraduate students, Manuel Acosta and Eder Diaz, as they drove home Nov. 2 after finishing a class on campus.

"What happened with the UTEP students is just petrifying," said Paulina Reyes, freshman linguistics major. "That is the fear that students crossing the

border live nowadays, every day, the fear of leaving your house in the morning and not being able to return safely."

According to university sources, the number of students suffering from stress and anxiety as a result of the violence affecting the border has increased in the past months.

"There has definitely been an increase in the number of students with concern about what is going on in Juárez and that have been mentioned as the reason for their stress and fear," said Sherri Terrell, director of the University Counseling Center. "Part of the overall picture of their anxiety is balancing the stress of Juárez with their school work and university life. Students are overwhelmed right now."

The tension experienced across the border is also vivid among the students of the University of Ciudad Juárez as Dario Alvarez, a 19-year-old sociology major, was shot by a police officer during a protest against the violence Oct. 29.

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Editorial

# Two more Miners lost to violence

The grisly violence from a brooding drug war hit closer to home last week.

More than 7,000 people have been killed less than 30 miles away from this university since 2008. That number only continues to steadily increase, and it's easy to spout off numbers – 30 dead this weekend, four dead this morning or 10 dead by next weekend.

Like everyone on the border, desensitization to drug violence is necessary to continue a productive everyday life.

As callous as it sounds, we know the murders or beheadings and mutilations are still taking place. We know someone, somewhere, is receiving news of a dead loved one – but the point is, numbers don't seem real. They don't have faces, or dreams that will never be realized, or mourning families.

Then, every once in awhile, the violence and rampant deaths sneak up on us, and we're confronted with the ugly nature of a war waging in Ciudad Juárez. That's when the tragedy and fear becomes very real.

This is exactly what happened when UTEP students received news last week of the slayings of two of our own. On Nov. 2, Manuel Acosta Villalobos, 22, and Eder Diaz Sotero, 23, were traveling in their vehicle, which had Texas license plates, when they were fatally shot at about 8 p.m. in colonia Rincones de Santa Rita.

Acosta, senior computer information systems major, was only a semester away from graduating.

Diaz, sophomore pre-business major, had just transferred to UTEP, a school that he insisted on going to over schools away from the city.

Both were enrolled in the College of Business Administration and were pursuing big dreams. Acosta had just received a job offer at an El Paso

firm. The two students, who were U.S. citizens, were the second and third enrolled UTEP students to be killed in the midst of narco-violence.

On May 25, Alejandro Ruiz Salazar, 19-year-old sophomore nursing major and Jorge Pedro Gonzalez, a former UTEP student, were killed as they drove back from Villa Ahumada.

These two most recent deaths have hit campus especially hard. Members of The Prospector staff were close friends to the two young men. Hundreds gathered in honor and memory of the two students at a UTEP ceremony held on Nov. 8. Perhaps what is most tragic about these two murders is the hard and unhappy truth that this may not be the last time this university loses students to the drug war.

Unfortunately, with the continual violence, these deaths may foreshadow more lives prematurely ended and hurt around the campus.

Thousands of UTEP's student body live and commute from Juárez to further their higher education. It's undeniable and worrisome that many of our classmates, team members and friends walk into a turf war between battling cartels when they go home.

The fact that Acosta and Diaz were just two ordinary students in the wrong place, at the wrong time is a little worrisome because it means the violence does not discriminate. You don't have to be a bad person, a criminal or a drug mule to become a victim.

To all friends and family members, The Prospector sends its condolences. It is always unfortunate when young lives end. We can only hope our coverage of these issues will bring student perspectives and remembrance of these individuals to light.

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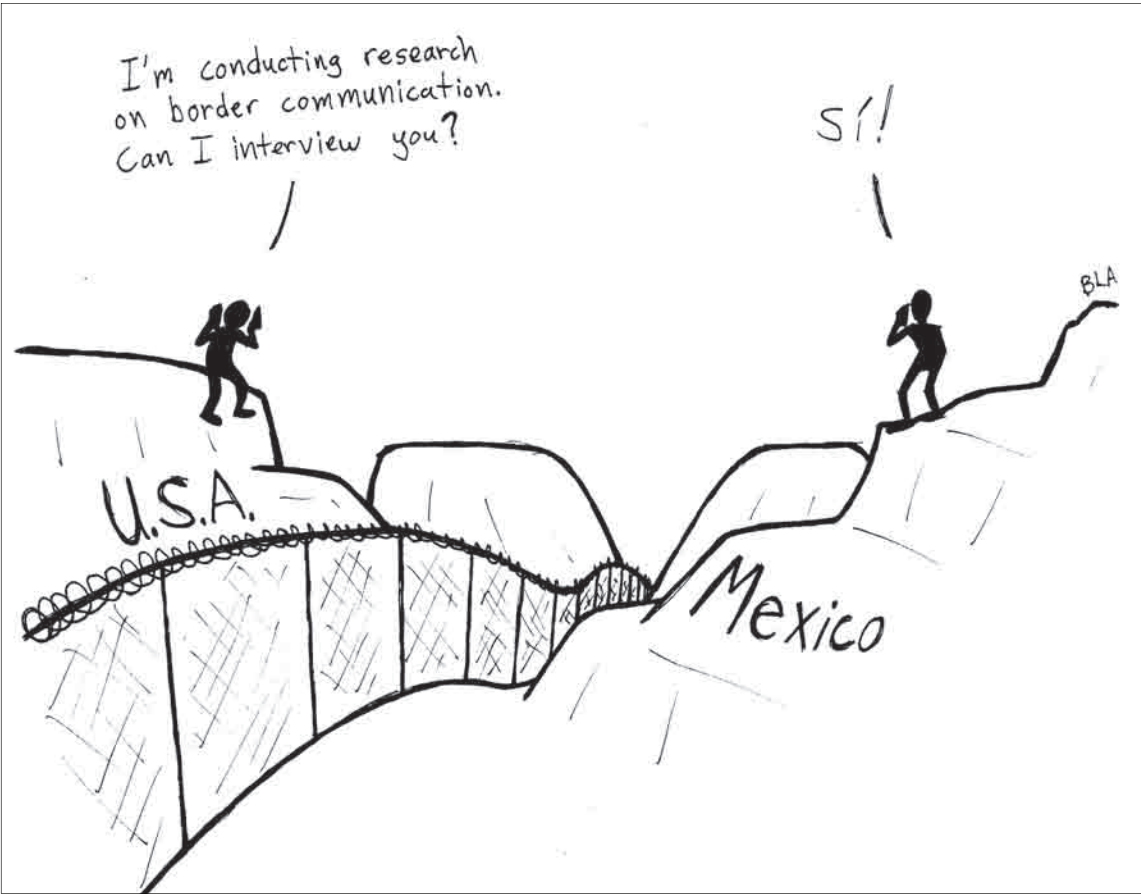
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"I was very fortunate, I had already consulted with my peers in Juárez and had already been approved by the university before the rule was in place. I already made contacts and had a team of trained professionals that were extremely instrumental in helping me gather my data," Moya said. "I think it is having a big effect on research because faculty and students aren't allowed to travel, so it is difficult to actually conduct the research without physically being there to collect the data."

In order for faculty and students to get approval for conducting research in areas deemed unsafe, they must take their proposal to the Institutional Review Board, which oversees any ethical and safety concerns regarding research projects, and the International Oversight Committee, which must approve any travel that the research will entail.

"We (UTEP) have created a review board (International Oversight Committee) that if they do need to do research in a high risk area, not just in Mexico, they would have to present their research to them, as well as the Institutional Review Board," said Athena Fester, administrator of the Institutional Review Board.

UTEP President Diana Natalicio established the International Oversight Committee after the UT System regulation was created. The committee's main purposes are "to advise whether or not to suspend university programs or study-abroad opportunities offered by the university in countries in which significant health or safety concern has been raised; and to recommend, on a case-by-case basis, whether or not to grant an exemption due to special circumstances to its decision to suspend opportunities in a given country."

"With the recent events in northern Mexico and other parts of the world, some of our faculty and students felt we need a more rigorous process to ensure people's safety," said Irasema Coronado, associate provost and board member of the International Oversight Committee.

According to Coronado, the regulation will not have a dramatic effect

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- Alma Hernandez, graduate sociology major

on research being done at UTEP, but is more to ensure the safety of the students and faculty by making them aware of the dangers they could face.

"This regulation isn't hurting UTEP's goal of reaching it (tier-one status)," Coronado said. "We are not the only university and the UT System schools are not the only ones dealing with this. Other universities across the nation are dealing with the affects on research due to the violence in Mexico and in other parts of the world. UTEP faculty and students are still conducting research, they are now just doing it within a more conscious and safe manner."

According to Samuel Brunk, doctoral advisor for the Department of History, the regulation has not had a dramatic effect on students and faculty yet.

"I haven't seen anyone that had to change their thesis or research projects yet, maybe just alter them a little," Brunk said. "I think the policy from Austin to scrutinize all travel to Mexico seems a little over done, but there are obviously safety concerns that are real, so we are hoping to see a balanced and sensible approach to it and that it will not affect research too much."

Moya said it is important for UTEP students and faculty to continue to perform vital research that examines the issues surrounding the border and they should not be deterred by the regulation.

"I think it (regulation) is unfortunate, but I think it is important for it to be respected," Moya said. "We are truly an international campus and it is vital that we keep doing research on issues that are affecting the border area."

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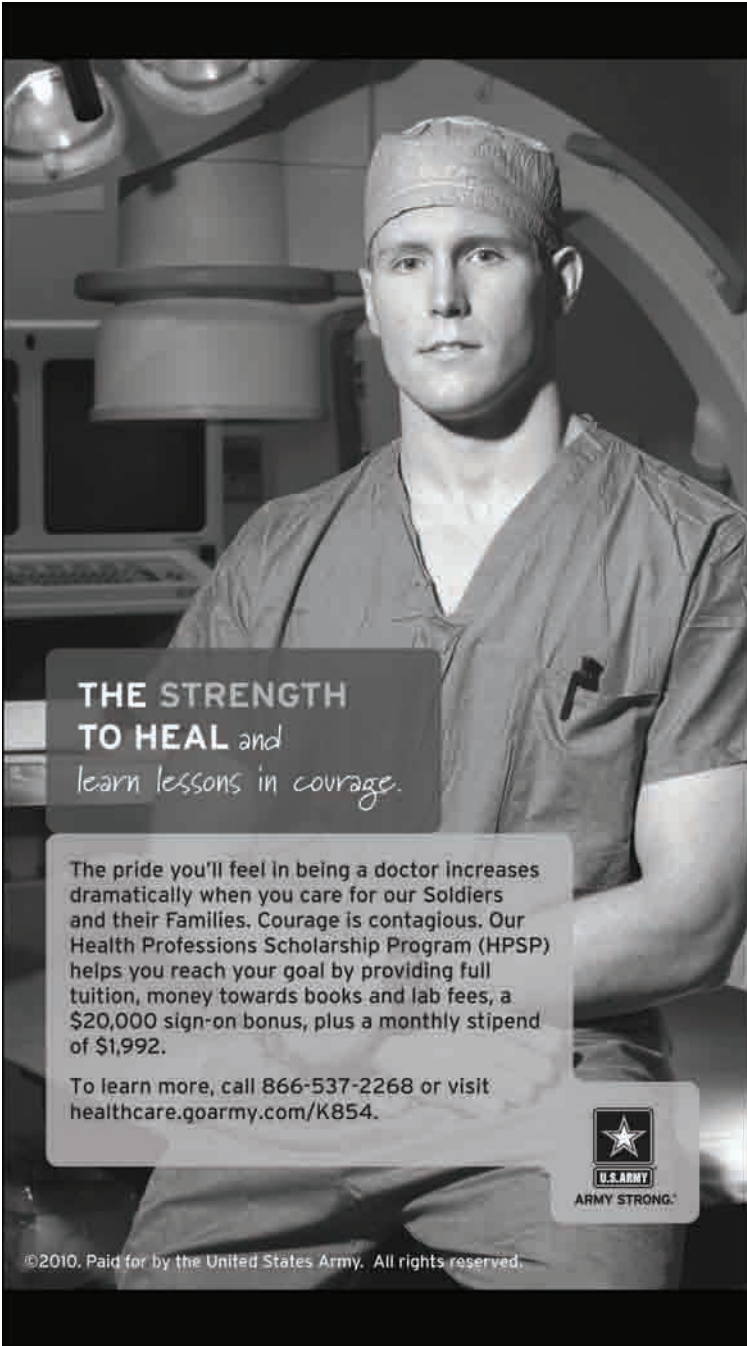
regular things that go on in my life; it's overwhelming."

While fear and worry may be affecting students, support and assistance are available.

"We are here to support our students who are feeling the impact of the insecurity in Juárez; we are currently forming a focus group to brainstorm more ideas about the kind of tips that students need, things that would be helpful in their lives at this point," Terrell said. "Some basic recommendations that we give students is to form a backup plan, an alternative safety plan with their families before there is an incident."

Terrell said students should have a response for some basic questions, such as, "Do I have family members in El Paso that I can run to in case there is an emergency?" and "Do I stay in El Paso if it's already dark and I don't want to go back to Juárez that late?"


"We recommend that students take classes early in the day so that they don't have to go out at night, especially if they are going back to Juárez that late," Terrell said. "Eating well and getting enough sleep are also important, not only to cope with the stress that they are facing right now, but also to be able to retain information and be more alert."



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The level of stress and fear that students experience continues to shadow their lives.

"I don't know what to do anymore, the violence that is occurring in Juárez keeps getting worse," said Ana Flores, senior media advertising major. "Even though I try not to be in the streets late and go from UTEP straight to my house, I'm still scared; my family and I will probably end up moving to El Paso."

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**Above: Selene Macias** was a close friend of Manuel Acosta.

**Below:** The father of Eder Diaz gives a speech in memory of his deceased son.

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Fallen classmates

Business student dreamed of changing politics, business

BY NICOLE CHÁVEZ  
The Prospect

Eder Andres Diaz Otero's family will never forget his welcoming smile and passion for helping others. The 21-year-old student, whose big dreams were extinguished too early, was shot and killed Nov. 2 in Ciudad Juárez.

"He dreamt of being an important investor, a politician," said Maria Elena Velazquez, a close friend of Diaz. "He also dreamed of living sometime in New York."

Diaz's athletic ability was one of many traits his family will also never forget. Since elementary school, he practiced soccer, baseball and basketball.

"He had skills, he had a good swing," said Armando Diaz, Eder's father.

He lived in Juárez with his family and crossed the border to come to school every single day. The sophomore pre-business major had just started his first semester at UTEP after transferring from El Paso Community College. Even though his brother and sister were studying at NMSU and San Antonio University, he refused to enroll in a university far away from home and insisted on attending UTEP.

"He told me he was happy here with his friends and living with us (his family)," Armando Diaz said.

Some of Diaz's closest friends said he was considering moving to San Antonio in the future, where his sister, Olympia, attends college.

"They were so close, as if they were twins, they were best friends," said Diana Carrillo, junior multimedia journalism major. "She (Olympia) is devastated and doesn't want to talk."

Diaz had just told his mother that he was planning to pursue a degree in business administration and international business.

"Eder told his mom he had a secret, it was that he planned to graduate with a double major," said Carolina Garcia, senior education major.

Diaz had a passion for politics and a few years ago he served every weekend at Todos Los Santos, a Catholic church in Juárez.

He also loved rap music. He had a group of friends who called themselves "the rappers" because they shared a passion for the musical style. Ignacio Galindez, who was part of the group, said Diaz constantly asked them about their dreams for the future.

Thinking of that, Galindez wrote a posthumous letter to his friend. "I promise you, I will achieve all my dreams and goals, those of which we talked about," he wrote.

Diaz lived by the phrase, "la vida es para disfrutarse" (life is to enjoy it). He dreamed of having a family with his girlfriend of six years, Adria Tarango.

"He told me, 'I just met the mother of my children. We are going to get married when we finish school,'" Armando Diaz said.

Students from the College of Business expressed their feelings over the loss of their fellow classmate on a message board.

"It's not the same not seeing you in class or in the hallways with your big smile," said Rachel Grantz, junior pre-business major.

"Just by being next to him you felt better. He always helped other people, an amazing dreamer, a future business man with vision and unique leadership," said Elias Ceballos, Diaz's best friend.

Ricardo Gonzalez, a long-time friend of Diaz and graduate public administration major, met him six years ago and described Diaz as one of the most special individuals he ever met.

"My friend never said 'no' to a trip, he was my best co-pilot," Gonzalez said. "I know he will always take care of me from where he is now."

Jorge Sanchez, Oscar Chavez, Ricardo Gonzalez and Javier Ruiz, some of his best friends, wrote a message to Diaz.

"A million words cannot get him back. We know it because we already tried it. Neither a million tears, we know it because we have cried until we cannot anymore. But what we know is that you are gonna take care of us from heaven. You will always be in our hearts bro!"

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ESTEBAN MARQUEZ / The Prospect

The UTEP community express their thoughts for their lost classmates on message boards. The doves will be given to the parents of Manuel Acosta and Eder Diaz.

Slain student was close to graduation

BY BEATRIZ A. CASTAÑEDA  
The Prospect

Manuel "Manny" Acosta Villalobos was one step away from fulfilling his dream of graduation. Still, the most important value in his life remained being there for his family.

"He was a family son, we had a strong family union and he was not doing anything wrong," said Guadalupe Villalobos, mother of Acosta. "We always tried to eat together as a family, everyday."

As students, faculty and staff gathered for a memorial Nov. 8 to commemorate the lives of Acosta and Eder Diaz, the two UTEP students who were shot and killed in Ciudad Juárez Nov. 2, many spoke positively about the impact Acosta had on those around him.

Selene Macias, senior media advertising major and a close friend of Acosta, expressed her grief over the loss of her best friend.

"He was always there, giving me hope and advice," Macias said. "If I called him while he was at work, he

would take the time to speak to me and remind me that he was my friend."

Acosta was majoring in computer information systems and spent most of his time studying in the Business Administration Building. He also worked at the Dean's Office. He was well known around the building and many envisioned him succeeding in life.

"We were going to graduate in May," said Raul Mendoza, senior finance major. "I saw him with a lot of potential and vision and I saw that he worked very hard towards his degree."

Acosta enjoyed watching soccer matches with friends and his favorite teams included America and Manchester United. He liked to play sports, stay fit and in his spare time, he practiced boxing.

"We always used to talk about soccer," Mendoza said. "I'm going to miss our conversations and especially, I'll miss walking in front of the office and not seeing him there."

A bulletin board with photographs of Acosta and Diaz stand in the Business Administration Building. On

white, dove-shaped pieces of paper, students wrote messages in honor of their fellow classmates.

"Manny, you were my first pal in business, God bless you. Thank you for all the times you made me laugh and the times you made the day better," said Victor Martinez, senior finance major.

Many other students expressed their condolences for Acosta and Diaz.

"I didn't know either of you gentlemen personally but this sad news definitely affected me and all UTEP students. May God rest your soul," said Karl Karam, senior marketing major.

Acosta's mother expressed her sorrow during her remarks at the memorial Nov. 8, but in the end, she remained hopeful despite the loss of her son.

"He was a good man, who was in the wrong place at the wrong time," Villalobos said. "God needed an angel and that's why He took him."

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Protestas

Estudiantes exigen alto a la violencia

POR NICOLE CHÁVEZ  
The Prospect

Estudiantes universitarios de Ciudad Juárez y de El Paso se unieron para protestar por los hechos en los que resultó herido un estudiante de sociología de la Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez, durante una marcha contra la militarización y la violencia.

José Darío Álvarez Orrotia, de 19 años de edad, fue herido de bala el 29 de octubre frente al campus de la UACJ. Un oficial de la policía federal alegó haber disparado porque el estudiante estaba encapuchado.

El 2 de noviembre, unas mil personas se reunieron en la mega-bandera en Cd. Juárez para iniciar una marcha de protesta por el incidente.

"Venimos para demostrar que Darío no esta sólo, los estudiantes estamos hartos de la violencia y no tenemos miedo", dijo Ramiro García, estudiante de sociología de la UACJ.

A las 6 p.m. estudiantes de varias universidades de Ciudad Juárez y El Paso partieron rumbo a las instalaciones del Instituto de Arquitectura, Diseño y Artes (IADA) mientras gritaban frases como "si le dan a uno, nos dan a todos" y sostenían mantas con mensajes en contra de las fuerzas federales.

En El Paso, estudiantes de UTEP y activistas se dieron cita el 3 de noviembre al mediodía frente al Consulado de México.

Mediante una vigilia silenciosa los asistentes mostraron su descontento por el ataque a estudiantes en Ciudad Juárez.

"Venimos a mostrar nuestra solidaridad con los estudiantes en Juárez. No esta bien que mucha gente que no tiene nada que ver (con el crimen organizado) esté siendo afectada", dijo Gabriel Holguin, estudiante de tercer año de ciencias políticas y miembro del Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlán, M.E.Ch.A.

Alrededor de 30 personas, encabezadas por Sella Chew-Smithart, estudiante de doctorado en Borderland History, sostuvieron pancartas que mostraban imágenes de palomas blancas y una mano roja que simbolizaba la sangre de Álvarez.

"Lo que esta pasando en Juárez no es cuestión solo de los juarenses, es cuestión de la comunidad del mundo", dijo Chew-Smithart.

El consúl de México en El Paso, Roberto Rodríguez Hernández recibió a un grupo de tres personas que entregaron una carta firmada por los asistentes donde pidieron un cese a la violencia.

Rodríguez Hernández exhortó a los asistentes a seguir tomando acciones para protestar contra la violencia en Ciudad Juárez.

"No les puedo dar una respuesta para un monstruo de mil cabezas, pero no podemos acostumbrarnos y hay que seguir protestando", dijo Rodríguez.

Willivaldo Delgadillo, estudiante de doctorado en retórica y composición, también se dirigió al consúl y contó que el asistió junto a sus hijos a la marcha en donde fue herido el estudiante de la UACJ.

"Tenemos que hacer eco y evitar que haya mas víctimas de este tipo de atentados", dijo Delgadillo.

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# Border Roots' social beats to stir UTEP

BY JACKIE DEVINE

The Prospector

Drug violence near home, impending immigration reform and other social issues fuel the music of Border Roots.

“Basically what we do is sort of like folk music, we address the important social issues like the legalization of marijuana,” bass player Manny Flores said.

Border Roots, a local Chicano reggae band, has entertained and informed audiences in the southwest since 1998 and will play UTEP’s Wednesday Music Café Nov. 10. Their quality sound and love for reggae music has captured national and international acclaim and is gaining them fans from all over the world.

Living in the borderland has inspired them to put their own twist on reggae music.

Mark Alvarado, lead singer and founder of the group, graduated from UTEP in 1997 with a degree in Chicano Studies. He sings about topics affecting the Chicano community. During the day, he works at City Hall as the Neighborhood Services Director in the Community and Human Development department.

“It’s ironic that I play reggae music and work for the government, which both talk about social issues,” Alvarado said. “The music helped me be the voice of human justice.”

Alvarado said he’s been playing music professionally for 22 years but has always had a love for it, even since childhood.

“When I was eight years old, I was first attracted to the sound and beat. As I got older I started to learn what



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Border Roots has written and performed songs about social issues since 1998. The band performs at the Wednesday Music Café at noon Nov. 10 at the Union Plaza.

it was really about, and that’s equal rights and justice,” Alvarado said.

The sound Alvarado is talking about is the driving drum and bass foundation that is found in traditional reggae music. Mild keyboard grooves with rock and blues guitar licks fused with strong horn melodies characterize their reggae twist.

This blending of sounds gives it a fluent harmony, said Ernesto Tinajero, lead singer and rhythm guitarist for Radio La Chusma, who played bass with Border Roots 10 years ago.

“It uplifts the spirit and conscious. Reggae music was originally religious and the global language of the tribal people in Jamaica,” Tinajero said.

Tinajero also said there are many messages that come out of reggae music, one of them being the unity of humanity.

When it comes to their own music, Alvarado said it’s honestly more introverted and personal. They sing about things that affect them personally, but on a level that everyone can relate to.

Border Roots released its debut album “Barrio Reggae” in August of 2009. The album was recorded at La Fe Studio in south El Paso, which holds one of the highest quality production studios in the area.

Their first musical effort as a band was successful with sales recorded as far away as Japan, Germany and Brazil. Their recognition and reputation got them noticed by high-profile magazines, newspapers and Internet sites.

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# Art Artists gain exposure at long-standing exhibit

BY AUDREY RUSSELL

The Prospector

Vivid paintings, pastels, colored pencil and dark charcoal pieces from artists all around the country will be displayed this year in the southwest’s longest running art exhibit.

The Sun Bowl Art Exhibit, which originally began as the Sun Carnival Art Exhibit in 1949, will open Nov. 5 at the International Museum of Art. The exhibit is open to the public from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. every Thursday through Sunday until Dec. 30. The event is rich in history and has enabled El Paso-based artists to gain recognition.

“I’ve worked with three Sun Bowls, and it’s wonderful to see all of the different styles of art and meeting all of the different artists,” said Debbie Horn, manager of the International Museum of Art.

The International Museum of Art used to be the residence of El Paso couple Mr. and Mrs. Turney. The museum now holds collections by city, national and international artists.

Seventy-three pieces from artists around the country and El Paso artists will be featured at the exhibit.

“Artists enter from all over the country. We have art from Alaska, Maine, New York, Arizona, New Mexico and Montana,” Horn said. “We have been adding to our entries every year. It has gone up by 10 this year. I would definitely say that the community is getting more and more involved in the Sun Bowl. We have a lot of new artists, which is fantastic.”

A piece Horn was excited about was the Best of Show winner by artist Berenice Perea, who entered a life-like drawing of two lions entitled, “Love You Forever.”

“I’m very excited about winning,” Perea said.

The Best of Show winner was awarded \$1,500, the Earline Barnes Award of Excellence won \$1,000 and the winner of the Blue Ribbon Award received

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# Review ‘GoldenEye’ capable of remakes

BY MATTHEW MUNDEN

The Prospector

Straight-up remakes in the video-game medium are uncommon.

When it comes to most series, the slate is simply wiped clean, instead of trying to actually remake the game.

But with Sony starting to release HD versions of PS2 games and old Dreamcast games getting re-released in online distribution stores, a game that many nerds have been clamoring for is finally here – “GoldenEye 007” for Wii.

However, it’s in a form many did not expect. “GoldenEye” is now on the Wii, and Pierce Brosnan has been replaced with Daniel Craig, the brutish thug-like Bond that beats and kills just about everyone that says, “Hi,” to him.

Developed by Eurocom (who also put out the great “Dead Space: Extraction” for the Wii) and published by Activision, the Wii remake feels remarkably like “Call of Duty” (another series published by Activision).

When played with the classic controller pro, which comes packed in with the special edition, or the Gamecube controller, the game plays like every other first-person shooter, where you crouch behind cover, get blood in your eyes when shot, and pick up an assortment of automatic weapons.

While this might be a problem to those who are tired of on first-person shooters (or if the first-person shooter you really want is “Call of Duty: Black Ops,” which came out on the day this review was published), the single-player campaign remains fun and interesting enough. This is partly due to the fact that this could possibly be the last time anyone sees and hears Daniel Craig as James Bond for a long time, due to financial problems at MGM.

The amount of nostalgic moments will make fans of the 1997 Nintendo 64 original or the underappreciated 1995 film go insane with geeky giggle (just hearing Bond tell Xenia Onatopp that the color of the label of the alcohol was incorrect, which meant it was a forgery, caused me to smile like an idiot). On the single-player campaign alone, this would be a four star recommendation.

But I have not even spoken about the multiplayer (the reason this game gets five stars). The original N64 game became a classic not because of the single-player campaign or the fact that it was a great first-person shooter, but because it included four-person multiplayer. On a single television, four players could play as Bond and nearly any of his nemeses from the previous movies.

The multiplayer option made the trip for the Wii and got some extra awesome bonuses.

One of the bonuses is online matches, which means eight players can take part in some Bond-style death match carnage. The game also allows the players to customize their matches in insane ways.

For example, you can have a match where if anyone stops moving they

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A 2009 Playboy Magazine article featured the band's 2009 Music Under the Stars performance and described the band's presentation as a peaceful counterpoint to the current violence in Juárez. Of course, not everyone will think they promote a tranquil message.

"We had permission one time to play in the Union at UTEP," Alvarado said. "We were singing about police brutality and we were being monitored by the FBI and CSI, it was pretty intense."

Most recently, however, the band was asked to contribute to the soundtrack for the critically acclaimed independent film "Los Illegales," filmed in New Mexico. They were also contacted by the Australian Broadcast Company for an interview to discuss

how border issues influence musicians working in El Paso.

One of the band's main goals is to work with other musicians, mainly in California, and Chicano reggae bands to create a statement. They want to book a tour so the public can hear their message and continue recording and performing.

They would also like to make a world-class video, but fame isn't what they're looking for.

"I'm not in it for the money," Alvarado said. "When people ask me where our music is going, I say nowhere, I'm not trying to reach a certain level of success, just promoting the music."

Border Roots will perform at noon Nov. 10 in the Union Plaza.

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explode, only headshots work and everyone has paintball guns.

Sure, the Wii does not make the game look as pretty as people would probably like it, and people who are stuck with the Wii remote controller may not have a fun time, since the motion controllers are sort of iffy.

But if you have a Gamecube controller or pay extra for the special edition and do not care that people look a little blocky (in that way

the game is accurate since Daniel Craig looks a little blocky even in real life), "GoldenEye 007" on Wii is a remake of the same caliber as the remake of "Resident Evil" for Gamecube.

That's the highest praise I can give it.

5 out of 5.

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Artists from around the country are featured in the Sun Bowl Art Exhibit, which runs through Dec. 30 at the International Museum of Art.

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\$750. The works that won these awards are all to be purchased and showcased in the International Museum of Art.

"The museum's collection grows from these purchases. The artwork stays in the museum forever," Horn said.

Blue Ribbon Award Winner Julie Cruz entered the show for the first time this year with "Summer Fun," which was a seasonally-inspired piece.

"Years ago, I was visiting Kerrville, Texas and saw these boys playing with a radio controlled boat," Cruz said. "They were having such a great time. They didn't even notice when my friends and I drove up. It seemed

to us that this was the perfect activity for the boys on a lazy summer day."

Cruz said she will be entering the competition next year and feels accomplished to have her work appreciated by others. As a long-time lover of art, she has overcome adversity after being diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis at the age of 14.

"I have drawn since I was a little girl. I love to draw people, children and elderly people, since they have so much character and always give me a challenge," Cruz said. "I find that I like to draw happy or more uplifting subject matters than some artists. I want to be able to look at my work and feel good."

The International Museum of Art is home to many other exhibits and events all year long. Recently, the mu-

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Football  
Mustangs wrangled, UTEP gets sixth win



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The team ran onto the field Nov. 6 for the final time this season against SMU at the Sun Bowl. The Miners beat the Mustangs 28-14 to clinch bowl eligibility.

BY ALEX MORALES

The Prospector

The journey to becoming bowl eligible finally came to an end when UTEP defeated first-place SMU 28-14 on Nov. 6 in the Sun Bowl.

The Miners' (6-4, 3-4 Conference USA) first possession of the game was stopped short after three plays, but head coach Mike Price decided to take a chance and called a fake punt. Sophomore punter Ian Campbell ran for nine yards on fourth and five to give Miners a new set of downs. Price took a

chance, but in a do or die game for the Miners, he thought it was the right call.

"It was kind of a quick play, but it was kind of chancy I guess," Price said. "Usually you want to wait and make sure they're in the set up. We saw they were lined up the way we thought they were going to be, so we said, 'yeah lets go ahead and run it'."

UTEP's defense bent but did not break as they were able to hold the Mustangs (5-5, 4-2 C-USA) to only 14 points even after allowing them to rack up 359 yards of total offense. Senior defensive back and El Paso native Austin Contreras finished the game

tied for second in tackles with seven. He said in the post game interview he did not want to disappoint his family who attended the Sun Bowl for senior night.

"The defense knew how important the game was," Contreras said. "We have a few seniors on the defense and a lot of families came into town to watch this game. Ticket requests were really full for seniors and we really wanted to perform well in front of our families."

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Basketball  
Miners win big in last exhibition of preseason

BY DAVID ACOSTA

The Prospector

UTEP men's basketball defeated the Texas A&M- Kingsville Javelinas 75-48 in their final pre-season exhibition game on Nov. 5 at the Don Haskins Center.

"I think our execution was a little better this week but we have light years ahead of us to go, we have a whole lot more work to do," senior guard Christian Polk said. "I think it's a good stepping stone to build off of."

Head coach Tim Floyd continued to look at who his role players coming off the bench will be. Freshman Michael Perez once again got the start at the guard position, and freshman center John Bohannon also received significant court time, playing 21 minutes off the bench. Perez finished the game with six points and three rebounds, while Bohannon scored seven points, pulled down three rebounds and had two assists.

While the Javelinas kept it close in the game's opening minutes, the Miners came out looking much more cohesive and energized than they had in their first exhibition game against Eastern New Mexico. The Javelinas posed a different challenge than the smaller 3-point shooting ENM team they faced on Oct. 30, attempting to play a much slower tempo game. The Miners responded with strong interior defense, something Floyd has been preaching in practice.

After a 3-pointer by Javelinas junior guard Mark Stevenson tied the score at 11,

Polk hit a layup and drew a foul under the basket on the following possession to put the Miners up by three. The three-point conversion was followed by a steal by senior guard Randy Culpepper, who then sank split his free throws to put the Miners up 15-11 with 15 minutes to go in the half.

From there, UTEP never looked back, outscoring the Javelinas 29-9 and taking a 20-point lead into the locker room at the half.

"Coach Floyd told us at halftime, even though we were up by a large margin, don't even look at the clock, we just need to worry about ourselves and the areas we need to get better in and improve on," Culpepper said.

The Miners came out dominating once again in the second half, reeling off 10 straight points, capped by a Culpepper turnaround jumper from 10 feet that woke up the small crowd of 7,011 Miner faithful. Kingsville point guard Antwan Mullins finally stopped the run with a 3-point shot on the next possession, his first points of the game.

Kingsville shot a lowly 28.3 percent from the field, and turned the ball over 21 times. UTEP shot an even 50 percent from the field and had 15 turnovers for the game; nine of those came in the first half.

Tim Floyd continued to use the exhibition game to get a look at as many players as possible, using a total of 11 players in his rotation. Culpepper and Polk led the team with 17 and 12 points apiece.



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Senior guard Randy Culpepper attempts a dunk Nov. 5 at the Don Haskins Center.

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Column  
A little too late for Price

BY ALEX MORALES

The Prospector



The Miners finally became bowl eligible for the first time since 2005, but it was a little too late for them.

Yes, the seniors will be riding off into the sunset if they manage to win another game and clinch a bowl berth.

The only difference is when this class departs, they will be taking head coach Mike Price with them.

With poor performances in the previous three weeks against UAB, Tulane and Marshall, Price's fate is sealed. It is almost a certainty that he will not be back next year. The only way he will return is if they close out the rest of the season with two wins and win a bowl game.

Winning out sounds like a possibility, but when you look at their remaining schedule you know the chance of that happening is zero.

The Miners head to Fayetteville, Arkansas to take on the Razorbacks who have made a lot of noise this year in college football.

Arkansas, which is ranked 14 in the Associated Press rankings, has a shellacking in store for the Miners.

UTEP will once again show the nation that they are no match for a SEC team, let alone one that is going to be ranked. Last year, the Miners beat a ranked opponent for the first time in 12 years, but that team was from Conference USA and they played at home.

After the Nov. 13 game against Arkansas, the Miners will most likely be at 6-5 hoping to win their last game, which is on the road at Tulsa. UTEP has not had success against the Golden Hurricane away from the Sun Bowl.

The Tulsa game could be interesting, but the last time we played in Oklahoma, we gave up 75 points to the Golden Hurricane and that team was much better than the team we have now.

Do not get excited with the Miners' win against SMU on Nov. 6 because as history has showed, when UTEP has a season like they are having they always win a game they are not suppose to and lose the games they should win.

Change is needed for this team and it will come at the end of the season when Price is dismissed from his position. Miner fans want to feel proud of their team, not disappointed in it, which is all Price has delivered since 2005.

I do blame Miner fans for not showing support when the team had a winning record, but how do you get excited after years and years of an under achieving team?

The city has no faith in the program; they averaged around 25 thousand fans per game this year. Of course, if they do win a game and clinch a bowl berth every El Pasoan will jump on the wagon and catch orange fever like it never left.

What is good about being a fan of sports teams is that there is always next year and next year brings new hope for the city of El Paso. Just look what happened with the basketball team and Tim Floyd coming back home.

Until next year comes, we will remain clinging to false hopes of glory from our football team.

I know I sound like a Debbie downer, but I'm just keeping it real.

So Miner fans just ride out the season and let's see what happens. If we do make a bowl game that's great for the program and city. But even if we don't, finishing the season at 500 is better than nothing.

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Basketball

Perez finds niche on team as point guard

**BY DAVID ACOSTA**  
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As a freshman joining a basketball team full of seasoned vets and backcourt talent, guard Michael Perez knew he would have his work cut out for him.

Fortunately, hard work is something he has no aversion to. In fact, it's something he seems to welcome.

"It's just a transition. I knew it was going to happen being a freshman, but I just want to work hard and gain respect from everybody and play hard, go hard in practice and show the coaches I can play too," Perez said.

Although the 6-foot-3-inch shooting guard was one of Arizona's top prep players, he was not heavily recruited by any Division I programs. Playing for Pueblo High School in Tucson, Perez was a two-time first team All-State player.

It wasn't until he took that work ethic with him to summer tourna-

ments held by the Amateur Athletic Union following his senior year in high school, that college scouts took notice. College coaches frequently use the AAU showcases to find under the radar talent to fill out their rosters.

Up until those tournaments, Perez said, his only real offer had been to walk-on to the UTEP team. Following his AAU stint with the Compton Magic, however, he was offered a scholarship with St. John's University, located in New York City, playing in the Big East Conference. When junior guard Myron Strong's dismissal left a vacancy in UTEP's backcourt depth chart, head coach Tim Floyd was able to offer Perez a scholarship spot much closer to home, something Perez said was important to him and his family.

"I really like him," Floyd said. "He's not a mistake player, for a freshman, he's a guy that goes out and makes solid plays, doesn't turn it over. He's got to get better defensively but I feel like we can rely on him."

During his high school days, Perez was known as one of the most explosive players in the state, winning several dunk contests and averaging 29.9 points per game in his senior year. Perez also averaged a very solid 8.1 rebounds, 3.1 steals and three assists per game.

"He's really athletic, which people haven't really seen, but the kid can jump out the gym," senior guard Julian Stone said. "He's doing real good right now. It's a learning experience

for him coming from Tucson where he's the man. Now he can get a feel for the college game. He's improving a lot so we're looking forward to him and his development."

Part of Perez' preparation and education has come in UTEP's first two exhibition games against Eastern New Mexico and Texas A&M- Kingsville. Perez started the game against ENM and played over 20 minutes in both exhibitions. Perez scored 10 points and dished out three assists during the game.

"I feel really good. I feel like I fit into coach Floyd's system pretty well," Perez said. "I learned a lot and I learned his system a lot faster than I thought I would, and it helped me get a better feel for the game."

Perez said believes he and his teammates need to continue working on their defensive skills, something Floyd always emphasizes, in order to be successful in the season to come. He will continue to work hard, he said, and try to learn from the veteran backcourt of Stone, and fellow seniors Randy Culpepper and Christian Polk.

"He's like any freshman, it takes time. We hassle him and give him a hard time...but one thing, his mind has always been in the right place and he's a real hard worker, so he's going to be fine," Stone said. "The kid can play the game, it's just now about him experiencing and getting used to the next level."

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**Freshman guard Michael** Perez attempts a layup against the Texas A&M Kingsville's Pierce Brooks Nov. 5 at the Don Haskins Center.

Basketball

Newcomers add depth to the offense in exhibition

**BY SAL GUERRERO**  
The Prospector

The women's basketball team ended their exhibition preseason with a convincing bang, routing St. Mary's 67-37 Nov. 7 at the Don Haskins Center.

"We've been having some intense practices and these young ladies have been putting in a lot of the work," head coach Keitha Adams said. "They were excited and anxious to get in there and play an opponent."

The Miners came out lax in the first five minutes of play, committing two

turnovers and missing a layup to start the game.

Junior Briana Green got the Miners out of their slump with 17 minutes remaining in the first half when she stole the ball from St. Mary's guard Nicole James, setting up a layup for sophomore Kristine Vitola to tie the game and end the scoring drought.

UTEP traded baskets with the Rattlers up until the 15-minute mark when the Miners subbed in freshman forward and former Irvin High School standout Kayla Thornton.

Thornton provided a new mix for the Miners with her aggressive re-

bounding, pulling down three boards and four points in the first half. She finished the game with 10 points, seven rebounds and made all four of her free throws.

"I think it was a great experience to go out there and rebound," Thornton said. "(The college level) hasn't been a big adjustment, but the intensity and the level I need to play at has. I need to change my mentality from high school to college. Knowing it is a faster game,

I need to move on, I can't think of the little things."

Another newcomer making an immediate impact was junior transfer Gloria Brown, who contributed to the victory with 10 points, two blocks and three rebounds.

Adams said she was impressed with the new players on the team and how they hustled on every play.

"We're looking for (Brown and Thornton) to really help us in the rebound department," Adams said.

"Kayla and Gloria, we're expecting them to really hit the boards...these gals can be rebounding machines."

The Miners played strong defense throughout the first half, holding St.

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**Sophomore forward Anete** Steinberga gains control of the ball against St. Mary's Nov. 7 at the Don Haskins Center.

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18 Tramar contents  
19 Sequence  
20 MacDonald's place  
22 Ages and ages  
23 Hardy cabbage  
27 Help  
29 Penn pal  
31 Be a goldbrick  
34 Material for blue shoes  
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37 Likely  
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53 Open-mouthed  
54 Golfer's

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1 Evidence  
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5 Went  
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# Basketball

## Big role for freshman center this season

BY ALEX MORALES  
The Prospector

With the loss of Derrick Character and Arnett Moultrie, two contributors to last year's Conference USA championship team, the Miners were left thin when it came to experienced big men.

With the season beginning soon, new head coach Tim Floyd found a replacement and a commitment from a big-time recruit.

Freshman center John Bohannon was a highly prized standout playing at Lancaster High School in Lancaster, Texas. Leading his team to the state championship game in his senior year, he was tabbed as an All-State selection. He was pegged as a three-star prospect by Rivals.com and ranked 29th center in the country by ESPN. Bohannon chose UTEP over in-state rival schools like SMU and TCU.

His decision to come to UTEP was easy when he came and visited the city and saw the UTEP campus, Bohannon said.

"I just felt like El Paso was home," he said. "I was just comfortable with everything around here, the coaching staff and the community, so I just thought it was the right choice and place for me."

With the senior big men not playing extensive minutes in their careers, Floyd will be using a platoon at the center position, giving Bohannon some playing time.

"Bo [Bohannon] is a guy that, because of our two bigs, has never played extensive minutes and at this point of the season is capable of playing ex-

tensive minutes, we are going to have to rely on him," Floyd said. "He's got great length obviously, he's a guy that catches the ball fine. He needs to get a little stronger and we need to define his game."

Senior Claude Britton will be the starter when the season begins, but is also playing a huge role in the maturation process of Bohannon.

"He's got a lot to learn, he has to get a little stronger," Britton said. "He's going to be a nice player and we are just teaching him in practice. We go at each other to make him better and to make me better."

With senior back-up center Wayne Portalatin also in the mix, a bevy of competition is only going to give Bohannon the much-needed experience at the college level, especially when the two men in front of him are seniors. Britton has noticed the intensity of practice between the three of them under the new coaching style brought in by Floyd, which is making sure they do all the right things when the season begins.

"We have to all come in and rebound," Britton said. "There is going to be a lot of big teams so we need to all come in and rebound in the game, take care of what we have to do in the paint."

Even though Bohannon has a lot of talent as an incoming freshman, Floyd said he still has to put on a few extra pounds of muscle to deal with the size that he is going to face at the college level. Floyd has considered redshirting Bohannon, but with the lack of depth at the position, he doesn't think that is a realistic option.

"I just don't know if we are going to have the luxury of [redshirting Bohannon]," Floyd said. "I think at some point it would serve him well to put on 20 pounds and come back and notice the difference on how it impacts his ability to play."

Bohannon is also going to have to adjust to Floyd's new offense strategy. With the pro-style offense that UTEP is now running, an inside presence is key for it to be successful. Centers are now seeing a lot more looks than the old dribble and drive offense former head coach Tony Barbee ran during his tenure, but having Britton and Portalatin is helping Bohannon.

"They're always trying to give me tips and make sure I'm in the right spots," Bohannon said. "It's playing against them every day because they are almost 300 pound guys, so you get used to the banging and all that stuff that is different from high school."

With seniors in front of him, Bohannon knows that he isn't quite ready for the college level or limelight associated with being on the Miner basketball team. His goal for the season is to help the team in any way possible to win ball games and get better.

"I'm bringing anything that will help us win," Bohannon said. "Whatever keeps us from losing, anything like that rebounding, inside presence, anything that helps us win."

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**Freshman center John Bohannon attempts a layup against Texas A&M Kingsville Nov. 5 at the Don Haskins Center.**

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Mary's to just 27 percent from the field and nine percent from the three-point line allowing the Rattlers to score just 16 points.

The second half was no different for the Miners, scoring 41 points and shooting 57 percent from the field.

Brown started off the half for the Miners grabbing a rebound and scoring on the put-back. On the other end of the court, she added a block and strong defensive play giving the Miners a 30-18 lead two minutes into the second half.

Freshman guard Kelli Willingham played solid, stealing the ball with 13 minutes remaining, driving down the court and drawing the foul. She made both free throws giving UTEP a 41-21 lead.

Willingham finished the game with six steals, nine points and shot perfect from the field.

Adams said as of right now, Willingham and Green are her two point guards for the season.

"I thought Briana had a really good first half offensively, shot the ball well," Adams said. "Kelly did a nice job of passing the ball and had some really nice passes and did some good things."

Green finished the game with 10 points, two assists and shooting 50 percent from the field.

The Miners rotated 15 different players throughout the contest, Adams said, she was looking for the alternation that will best suit her team come the season opener.

"I needed to learn a lot about our newcomers...I think depth can be one of our strengths," Adams said. "I wanted to see how these young ladies were going to step up and perform under the real lights."

Next up for the Miners is the season opener against UC Irvine at 2:05 p.m. Nov. 13 at the Don Haskins Center.

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Senior quarterback Trevor Vittatoe was back on track completing 17 of 28 passes for 183 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions. During UTEP's three game losing streak Vittatoe threw six interceptions, but against SMU he made sure he took care of the ball to finally get over the hump and become bowl eligible.

"It feels real good. We haven't been able to get over that hump since I've been here," Vittatoe said. "I think everyone of us has been saying that we finally got it off our back and got over that hump and it feels so good."

Sophomore Marlon McClure finally made it into the end zone catching a

touchdown pass with 17 seconds before halftime to give the Miners a 21-7 lead.

McClure did not envision it taking this long for him to finally score his first career touchdown as a Miner.

"Yeah it was the longest," McClure said. "Every touchdown I got was called back, so I got a good touchdown tonight to get over that hump."

UTEP has a week to prepare for a trip to Fayetteville, Arkansas to take on the 18th ranked Arkansas Razorbacks who are coming off a 41-20 win over South Carolina. The Miners last win against a ranked opponent was last year versus Houston when they beat the 12th ranked Cougars 58-41.

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"We're viewing these two games as an opportunity to bring guys out of the game, talk to them, instruct, teach so that when they go back into the game they understand what we're looking for, what they did wrong, and try to improve it," Floyd said. "Its about... coaches trying to identify who can and who can't. Unless our conditioning is so poor, I don't anticipate having to do that (during the regular season)."

According to Floyd one area of concern was the play of his big men, Bohannon and senior center Claude Britten, who started the game. Britten scored 10 points and pulled down three rebounds in 13 minutes of playing time.

"I thought Bohannon did some positive things defensively for us," Floyd said. "But, we've got to get more rebounding out of our (centers), that was a really tiny team that we out-boarded by six."

UTEP will head back to its rigorous practice schedule to prepare for the regular season home opener on Nov. 12 against Pacific.

"We're not a fine-tuned machine at this point, but we've got another week to try to get us there," Floyd said.

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