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Commencement ceremony awards 100,000th degree



NICOLE CHÁVEZ / The Prospector

UTEP president Diana Natalicio held a press conference March 1 to announce special plans for the spring 2011 commencement.

BY NICOLE CHÁVEZ

The Prospector

UTEP will roll out the red carpet as they hand out the 100,000th degree during the 2011 spring commencement ceremony May 14 at the Don Haskins Center.

“We are going to recognize the entire May 2011 class as collectively receiving the 100,000th degree at UTEP,” UTEP President Diana Natalicio said in a press conference.

All of the 2011 spring graduates will receive a commemorative t-shirt and a special medallion.

“We designed (the t-shirts and medallions) and they will be given to every single May 2011 graduate,” Natalicio said. “A special medallion that would serve as a lasting memory of both their individual achievement and their

participation in this collective institutional milestone.”

Over the next few months, graduates will be encouraged to share their stories, the importance of getting a degree from UTEP and what that represents on the path of their future through a short video interview.

As part of the 100,000 degrees commemoration, a new mace will be used for the ceremonies. Traditionally, the mace is carried by a distinguished faculty member and leads the procession to the Don Haskins Center.

The new mace has been designed by Beverley Penn, a 2010 Gold Nugget recipient and art professor at Texas State University in San Marcos. The design will reflect the El Paso region and will mark the award of UTEP’s 100,000 degrees.

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Crime

Drinking and driving: the sobering truth

BY JAZMIN SALINAS

The Prospector

As the community nears the celebratory events associated with Fat Tuesday—events that can take place anywhere from three days to one week prior to March 8—sobering statistics for the year 2010 illustrate the dangers of drinking and driving.

A total of 62 fatal traffic collisions, with 33 of the 62 collisions being alcohol related, combined with 10 fatalities in January 2011, prompted El Paso Police Department Chief Greg Allen to increase the Driving While Intoxicated Task Force.

“Chief Greg Allen initiated the supplemental task force in January,” said Daryl Petry, public information officer for EPPD.

“The El Paso Police Department always runs a unit called the DWI Task Force, but the January 2011 supplemented task force began because of 62 fatalities as a result of traffic collisions in 2010.”

Petry also provided staggering numbers during the task force’s first week in operation. On their first night in operation on Jan. 27, 10 people were arrested and charged with DWI and arrested three minors for possession/consumption of alcohol.

“They work Thursday, Friday and Saturday and they work 6 p.m. to 4 a.m.,” Petry said. “The effectiveness, if based just on the number of arrests and citations issues, looks good. The one thing that cannot be measured is how many alcohol related collisions have been prevented. That’s just impossible to measure.”

The brunt of having an alcohol-related offense on a record reaches deeper than just receiving a paper citation.

“I have a friend who got a DUI,” said Joseph DiMaggio, junior multi-disciplinary studies major. “Their life wasn’t effected that much. They only lost the trust of their family and their friends and also had to show up in court.”

Joining forces with EPPD’s DWI Task Force is the non-profit organization MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving).

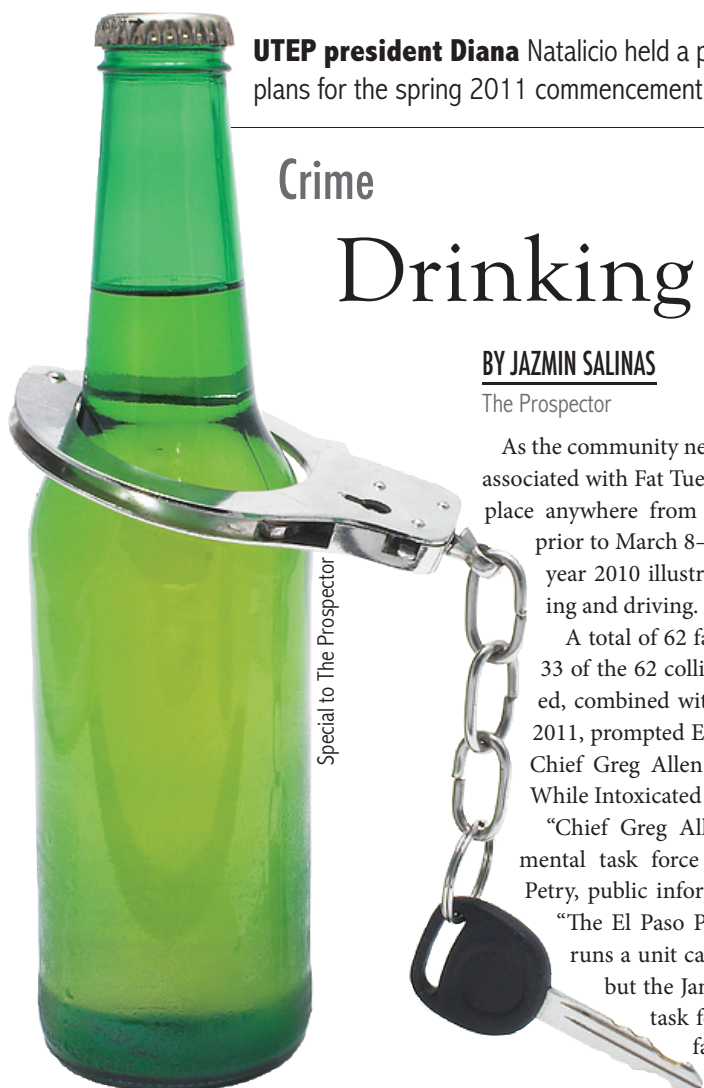
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El Paso Police DWI Task Force

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Column

It's still an uphill battle

BY VANESSA JUAREZ
The Prospector



I'm certainly not diminishing the struggles of early suffragists, but getting legislation passed, though it comes with its own challenges, is the

easy part.

In 1920, the passage of the 19th amendment granted women the right to vote, and while it was a monumental victory, the battle for women to be recognized as equally valuable and just as capable as men had just begun. In 1963, the Equal Pay Act made it illegal for women to be paid less than men, but nearly 50 years later, U.S. women still earn only 77 cents for every male dollar, according to the latest census statistics. In other words, changing the law books to reflect that women's voices and work are just as important as men's is easy compared to actually changing the hearts and minds of people.

I'm a proud feminist. A lot of people, including individuals I work and have class with on a daily basis, immediately cringe when I say that. I think that's because they instantly imagine a God-loathing, man-hating, radical, ugly, bra-burning bitch. Now, I'm none of the above (although I have fantasized about burning those annoying underwires) and I tell those individuals that they're a feminist too if they believe that both men and women, of all races and genders, are socially and intellectually equal. Men and women are different, of course, but those differences shouldn't translate into inferiority.

March is Women's History Month and any one who believes that women no longer have anything to fight for or that all the battles have been won are ignorant or just not paying attention. Gender roles, sexism and patriarchy are so deeply engrained in our psyches and society that sometimes its hard to imagine how and when women won't be seen in terms of their body, in terms of their connections to men or in terms

of how many children they have. For anyone who hasn't been listening, sexism is alive and well.

I want every woman reading this column right now to listen up. Patriarchy isn't a very nice thing, but we are often our very worst enemy. We don't need men to oppress or devalue us because we do it to each other and ourselves quite efficiently. I'm talking about the women who say they don't believe in feminism or fight for women's rights because we are already treated equally.

Arguably and in theory, the decade we're living in right now may be one of the best ever for women. More women are enrolling into colleges at a faster rate than men, there are more women in charge of Fortune 500 companies and seeing a woman in a position of authority is more common than ever.

But in reality, every woman who has had a sexist comment made towards her, every time her body has been objectified, every time she is paid less than her male counterparts, every time she has to choose between losing her job or taking care of her child, every time a young woman has been raped and blamed for it, every time a young woman is called "sweetie-pie" or "sugar" instead of by her real name, and every time she is subjected to another double standard proves that she still has something to fight for.

This Women's History Month, I urge every one to do at least one thing that educates about the struggles that women have gone through and still go through. A month isn't adequate time to narrate the struggles of half the world's population, but it is a start. In celebration of Women's History Month, the Women's Resource Center, in cooperation with other academic departments from across UTEP will host the first Women's History Month academic conference, entitled "The Naked Truth: Women's Struggles and Triumphs Exposed" on March 23. The hunger and passion many UTEP students have for women's studies is evident by the sheer amount of research papers and panel ideas that poured in once students and professors heard

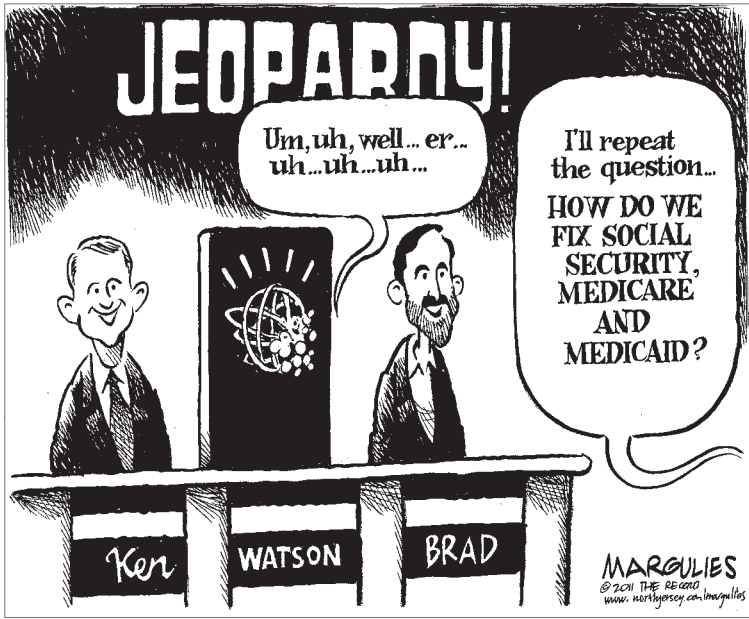
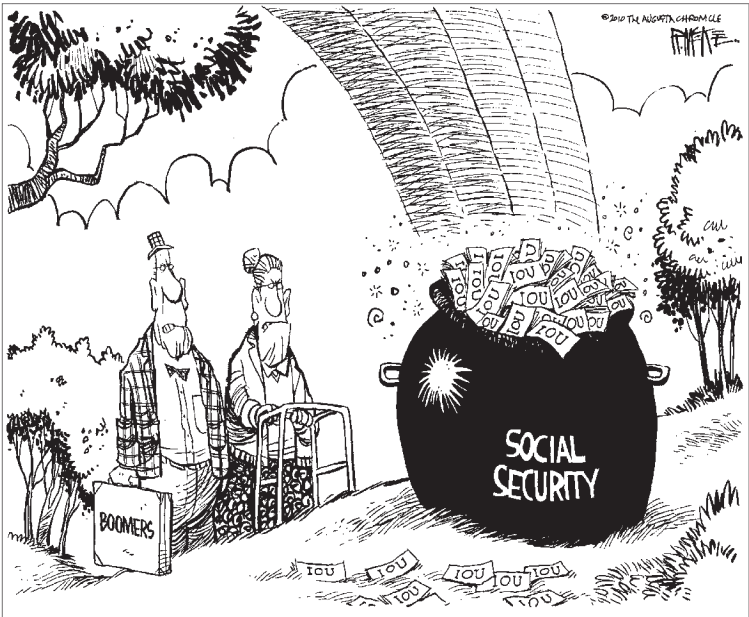
there was going to be an academic conference honoring Women's History Month. This all-day conference, located in Union Building East and West, is free to the public and a great start to leaving ignorance of women's struggles and triumphs in the past – where it belongs. Celebrate the diversity of all women by attending "Butch Ball," hosted by Queer Student Alliance and taking place at 8:30 p.m. March 10 at Lips Lounge.

To every man and woman who reads this article, the only way to gradually change the world is to stop accepting sexism as the norm in your own individual lives. Don't tolerate, make or laugh off jokes about women making sandwiches and belonging in the kitchen. Don't accept the idea that differences between men and women means that one is less significant than the other. Don't enforce or bow to double standards – call them out and let people know that they're wrong instead. Don't be sexist.

Many laws are in place that make women socially equal in theory. Let's make that the reality by changing our minds about the other 50 percent of the population. And hopefully, someday soon, feminism won't be considered another f-word.

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Campus

National media outlet visits UTEP

C-SPAN's "Washington Journal" traveling bus visited UTEP March 2 to give students a chance to participate in hands-on demonstrations that featured the C-SPAN video library and the network's social media offerings.



ESTEBAN MARQUEZ / The Prospector

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For Natalicio, reaching the amount of degrees awarded is another step toward Tier-one status.

"Reaching this major milestone is another indication of our progress in becoming the first national research university with a 21st century student demographic," Natalicio said.

According to the 2010 Economic Impact report by the UTEP Institute for Policy and Economic Development, UTEP graduates are expected to earn between \$423,000 and \$540,000 during their entire careers. Also, the report shows that UTEP adds a total of 7,050 local jobs and \$452 million in household income.

"Think about what these 100,000 graduates have collectively made to the economic development and quality of life in this Paso del Norte region," Natalicio said.

Some students said they are nervous about the end of their college education, but also feel prepared for their future endeavors.

"I never imagined I'd finish a master's degree, now I feel prepared to confront the real world with a master's degree in my hand," said Devon Johnson, industrial engineering graduate.

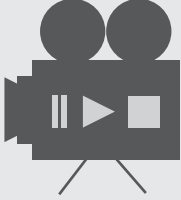
During the press conference, Natalicio recognized senior finance and accounting major Alex Muñoz, who is graduating this May after completing an internship last summer with the financial firm JP Morgan and Chase in New York City.

"It's something important not only for me, also for my family, especially my mother, who has supported me all the way," Muñoz said. "I'm grateful for the opportunities the university has given to me. Now, my duty as an alumni is to help other students to achieve their goals and be successful."

For Mary Helen Padilla, UTEP Alumni Association president, the fact that UTEP is awarding it 100,000th degree is a major accomplishment for students, graduates and also for alumni.

VIDEO

Visit The Prospector's online multimedia section to watch video of the press conference.



"This is important for an alumni, because it makes your degree more important. Stay connected even if you do graduate because those students who are coming behind you also need your support," Padilla said.

Upcoming graduates have a last chance to attend the Grad Fair March 3 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sev-

eral departments will be informing students about the process during the fair at the Peter and Margaret deWetter Center.

Students also have the opportunity to buy their cap, gown, commencement rings and UTEP alumni membership.

"We brought everything here to the alumni lounge, because this is what we want people to see as they move from student to alumni, we want them to see this as their home," said Richard Daniel, assistant vice president for alumni relations.

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National

Obama budget would cut utility assistance for the poor in half

BY MELVIN FELIX

Scripps Howard Foundation Wire

WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama's 2012 budget proposes to cut in half funding for home energy assistance to poor households in Texas and across the country.

The budget, released Feb. 14, would allocate \$2.57 billion to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance program, down from the \$5.1 billion it was allocated in 2010 and 2011. The program assists households that pay a high portion of income on heating and cooling bills.

The cuts would come at a time when a record number of households are expected to request LIHEAP funds, according to Mark Wolfe, executive director of the National Energy Assistance Directors' Association.

In Texas, for example, he expects 30,000 households to apply for help in 2011, a 17 percent increase from the year before.

Under the 2012 budget, Wolfe said Texas would receive \$49.7 million in 2012, less than half of what it received in 2010.

"That's an awful lot of money to take away for families in Texas," Wolfe said. "Cutting LIHEAP is asking for the poorest families to contribute significantly to cut the deficit, which doesn't really make sense."

In 2010, Texas was allocated a \$183.6 million LIHEAP block grant as well as \$27 million in contingency funds, released during extreme weather conditions or energy price increases.

The budget reflects a government that is tightening its belt and looking toward the future, Office of Management and Budget Director Jacob Lew said at a news conference the day the budget was released. He said the cuts to LIHEAP would bring funding for the program to 2008 levels - before "a huge spike in energy prices" led to doubled-up funding - because home energy price levels are now closer to what they were then.

According to date published by the Energy Information Administration,

natural gas prices will go down by 2.1 percent this winter.

"Looking at our fiscal challenges, we can't just straight-line the program at \$5 billion," Lew said. "We have gone back to the level it was at when prices were roughly the same."

The home energy assistance program received the largest cut in Obama's budget proposal within the Administration for Children and Families. Other programs within this branch of the Department of Health and Human Services, such as Head Start, would receive millions in additional funding.

"We've been very clear that we need to create more opportunities to invest in education, in innovation and in building the infrastructure for the future," he said. "We've had tough tradeoffs."

Department of Health and Human Service Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said the cuts would not have been made in better fiscal times.

"Where we found waste, we cut it," Sebelius said Feb. 14 at the department's budget briefing. "We can't build a lasting prosperity over a mountain of debt."

In Texas, the home energy assistance program is administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Most of the money is allocated to the Comprehensive Energy Assistance program, which helps eligible households pay up to eight of their highest utility bills per year. The department sets aside 15 percent of the funds for the Weatherization Assistance Program, which helps low-income households control energy costs through weather-stripping, caulking, wall and ceiling insulation and heating system improvements.

To be eligible for LIHEAP assistance in Texas, a household's income must not exceed twice the poverty level, which is equal or less than 60 percent of the median income level.

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"From its humble beginnings 30 years ago, MADD has evolved into one of the most widely supported and well-liked non-profit organizations in America," said Virginia Gonzalez, executive director of MADD and representative of the West Texas Affiliate. "Locally, MADD has several initiatives including Victim Impact Panels, holiday campaigns and community events that are geared towards educating the public about drunk driving."

The MADD organization was founded due to the impact that drunk driving has had on society.

"Candy Lightner founded MADD in 1980 after her daughter Cari was killed by a repeat drunk-driving offender. Cindy Lamb-whose daughter, Laura, became the nation's youngest quadriplegic at the hands of a drunk driver—soon joined Candy in her crusade to save lives," Gonzalez said. "First-time offenders have driven drunk an average of 87 times before they are arrested and most likely have a serious problem with alcohol."

Chantal Diaz, sophomore psychology major, finds these numbers shocking.

"It only takes one of those times for someone to get into an accident," Diaz said. "Driving is a responsibility that many people take for granted

and by drinking and driving, not only are people risking their lives, but the lives of others as well."

DiMaggio believes that drinking and driving would not be a problem if harsher punishments were enforced for alcohol-related offenses.

"None of this, 'you lose your license for 180 days BS,' take away their license for three to five years," DiMaggio said.

The MADD organization agrees with this sentiment.

Gonzalez said MADD's legislative goals for the 2011 session are to mandate sobriety checkpoints, which traffic safety experts agree is the most effective deterrent against drunk driving. Ignition interlocks, which requires a driver to submit to a breathalyzer before the vehicle starts also help to decrease the occurrence of drunk driving. Gonzalez also said that according to a 2005 Gallup Survey, a majority of the public (65 percent) supports mandatory ignition interlock devices for all convicted DWI offenders."

The EPPD and MADD said that students can help their efforts by attending the 2011 Walk Like MADD event, being held at the El Paso Community College Valle Verde campus April 9. For more information, visit www.walklikemadd.org.

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Basketball

Seniors halt Thundering Herd

BY WILLIAM VEGA
The Prospector

On a night dedicated to the Miners' largest men's basketball senior class, the record-breaking group stepped up when they most needed to in an 82-74 win against Marshall March 2.

Five seniors finished in double figures, with two of them, guards Julyan Stone and Randy Culpepper, finishing in amazing fashion, as they have their entire careers. Culpepper led all scorers with 24 points and Stone nearly completed a triple double with 12 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists.

"I don't know what to say, I mean, I've been close before but I'm just glad to rack up the win. There are definitely things we need to improve on," Stone said. "A triple-double would have been great, but we were able to beat a really good team, so I can't dwell on it."

Rebounding may be the adjustment UTEP will have to fix. As they have all season, the Miners struggled on the glass, getting outrebounded 47-31, including 24-5 on the offensive side.

But what UTEP lacked from their frontcourt presence, they made up from the field, shooting 59.6 percent, while holding Marshall to 38.9 percent. Two of the top four C-USA three point defenses took the court with the Miners winning the defensive battle by shooting 41.7 percent, compared to the Thundering Herd's 25.

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BOB CORRAL / The Prospector

Senior forward Jeremy Williams attempts a layup against Marshall center Nigel Spikes. Williams posted a double-double against the Thundering Herd March 2 at the Don Haskins Center.

Basketball

Injuries take out vital players as tournament nears



DIANA AMARO / The Prospector

Assistant athletic trainer Brandon Burris hands junior guard Dietra Caldwell a cup of water Feb. 27 at the Don Haskins Center.

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA
The Prospector

The women's basketball team has suffered through a handful of injuries, greatly affecting the team.

With the Miners 6-9 in Conference USA, the injuries could not have come at a worse time. Three starters, senior guard Sviatlana Trukshanina, junior point guard Briana Green, sophomore forward Anete Steinberga and senior transfer guard Whitney Houston, who comes off the bench, have suffered injuries during this season.

"The pressure is always there to get them back on the court. It doesn't change how I do things no matter what our season is looking like," head coach Keitha Adams said. "I'm very aggressive in my approach, I always push them, I never let them sit back and just have a day off. We don't have time for that in collegiate athletics."

Sports takes a toll on the body, and when something goes wrong there is a consequence. Athletes competing at the collegiate level can expect intense contact, whether it is a hit from an opponent or a fall to the floor.

"Fighting an injury is never easy, but nonetheless some treatment could ease the pain," assistant athletic trainer Brandon Burris said. "But others require a serious change up."

It is a serious change indeed for Green, who will not be able to return this season. She will be receiving surgery to recover from her second knee injury and will be back for the next season.

"We've been working with Brandon, and he's going to get us right," Green said. "We've been starting from the basics and working our way up."

Houston, a senior guard who transferred from Colorado, injured her knee at the beginning of the season. During practices, instead of joining the team for drills, Burris has Houston working on exercises to help strengthen her lower body.

"As a trainer, (he) knows what he's talking about. He pushes us hard," Houston said. "On the days we're hurting we come in for treatment and days that we don't want to do stuff, we still know that we have to workout."

Even with a grueling workout routine Burris puts the players through,

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Softball

New face on the field learns quickly

Freshman utility Kayla

Black attempts a hit March 2 at th Helen of Troy Softball Complex.



BOB CORRAL/ The Prospector

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA
The Prospector

Freshman utility Kayla Rae Black is a new face on the field and comes to UTEP with some impressive titles under her belt.

Before her college career, Black was able to clinch the El Paso Times All-City selection three times as a pitcher and outfielder. She also played on club softball for the Texas Sluggers, where she was selected as an All-American USA and named the Texas State Tournament Most Valuable Player.

“The team here is like family, especially with mama and papa here, my parent’s and everybody else is like sisters here,” Black said.

Black has already developed a deep connection with her coaches and teammates.

Junior outfielder Courtney Ware said she was impressed with Black’s performance when they faced Northern Colorado in a double header Feb. 2.

“She’s doing really, really good. She’s come a long way, she’s gotten a lot more confident,” Ware said. “She’s the only freshman in the outfield with us, so she gets a lot of pointers and we encourage her.”

In the game against Northern Colorado, Black went up to bat on a pinch-hit and made her way to home plate, helping the Miners win 6-2.

“She’s doing some really exciting things, not only in pitching, but in hitting and fielding. She’s an all around utility player and there are not a lot of times you can say that,” softball co-head coach Kathleen Rodriguez said. “She has every single tool possible to be able to be an incredible ball player by the time it’s all said and done.”

Black seems to exceed her expectations as a freshman considering all the experience and achievements

she has reached. Although she is among the youngest of her teammates, her skill is improving as she enters the upcoming seasons.

“A lot of freshmen are really not aware of the pace of the game, but I think she’s come in and done a good job,” Rodriguez said. “She’s come to camp since she was 10 and understands and knows the way this program runs and the way we coach.”

Black, who had a .714 batting average in high school, has been involved in the game of softball since early childhood. Her family has roots that run deep into the sport. Black’s father coaches Texas Sluggers Travel Ball, her two older sisters Janelle and Angela coach softball at Clint High School and her sister Candace played softball at New Mexico State.

Rodriguez said she sees the potential Black can reach. Even though she may not see as much action on

the field, they clearly seem to be getting enough work done during practice.

“They have very high expectations, they expect us to beat out the seniors as freshman so they make us earn our spot,” said Black.

Black said her family has helped her to be successful not just in softball but in life.

“My parent’s morals and how hard they made us work helped me,” Black said. “Average was never good enough, they made me work to be the best at everything.”

UTEP’s current record this season is 9-6. The softball team will face play in the North Texas Courtyard Classic March 4-5 in Denton, Texas.

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Freshman utility Kayla Black was a three-time El Paso Times all-city selection in high school as a pitcher and outfielder.

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Basketball

Off the court

Q&A with Julyan Stone

Senior guard Julyan Stone has been a starter on the men's basketball team the minute he arrived as a freshman in 2007 from Goleta, California. In his four years as a Miner, Stone has become the all-time assist leader in Conference USA and UTEP basketball history, surpassing Miner-great Tim Hardaway. The Prospector sat down with Stone for a Q&A after practice. His answers were edited for length.

Born: Dec. 7, 1988
Classification: senior
Position: point guard
Height: 6-feet, 7-inches
Weight: 200 lbs.
High School: Dos Pueblos Senior High School

Favorite T.V. show?
"SportsCenter" and "Boon-docks"

Most played artist on your iPod?
J. Cole

Favorite movie?
"Boys in the Hood," "Above the Rim" and "Love and Basketball"

Who would be your dream date?
Alicia Keys

What was your first job?
Working as a referee at youth basketball games.

Favorite meal?
Steak, salmon and shrimp scampi

Favorite athlete to watch?
Lebron James

Who are your heroes?
My mother and brother

I would like to spend a day with...
Denzel Washington or Magic Johnson

What's your worst habit?
Walking around with no socks, my feet are terrible.

Dream job?
Play professional basketball or coaching Division 1 basketball.

Favorite place to visit?
Miami, Florida

Favorite hobby?
Writing poetry

Favorite restaurant?
Landry's Seafood

Favorite video game?
Anything from NBA 2K series

What car do you drive?
Right now, an '03 Chevy Impala, but my baby is my '85 Cadillac. I left it back home.



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Senior point guard Julyan Stone attempts a layup against Memphis Feb. 26 at the Don Haskins Center.



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The Miners trailed 11-10 early on, but rebutted with a 9-2 run that was capped off when Stone found junior forward Gabriel McCulley in transition for a dunk from the baseline. The Thundering Herd's forward Johnny Thomas hit a 3-pointer to cut the lead to 24-22, but UTEP finished the half strong leading 37-29. Culpepper led all scorers with 12 points and Stone was halfway to a triple-double by halftime with five points, five assists and seven rebounds.

The Miners continued their hot shooting in the second half, increasing their lead to 12 on two separate occasions. But Marshall freshman guard DeAndre Kane and senior forward Tirrell Baines caught fire during the first nine minutes of the second half. The two combined for 18 points as the Miner lead was cut to three.

Marshall thrived off second-chance points during the run, outscoring UTEP 8-2. Kane finished with 20 points and Baines completed a double-double with 22 points and 11 rebounds. The Thundering Herd's leading scorer, guard Damier Pitts, was held under his average, finishing with 12 points.

"I thought Randy did a great job on Pitts, which was a big part of their game," head coach Tim Floyd said. "He was also barking out signals, in terms of changing our defenses, which we haven't heard all season long. We just wanted to disrupt their rhythm as much as we could."

The UTEP seniors were honored 12 minutes prior to tip off, starting with three team managers. El Paso native Eric Muñoz was given his framed honorary jersey first, followed by Isaac Gordon, Wayne Portalatin,

Claude Britten, Jeremy Williams, Christian Polk, Stone and Culpepper.

"It's a bittersweet feeling for it to be our last game, but we had to play unconscious because Marshall is a good team," Stone said. "Senior Night would have meant nothing with a loss."

The second that the 11 seniors stepped on the court with their respective families and friends, the fans began piling into the Haskins Center and remained standing. The emotional scene left more than the fans speechless.

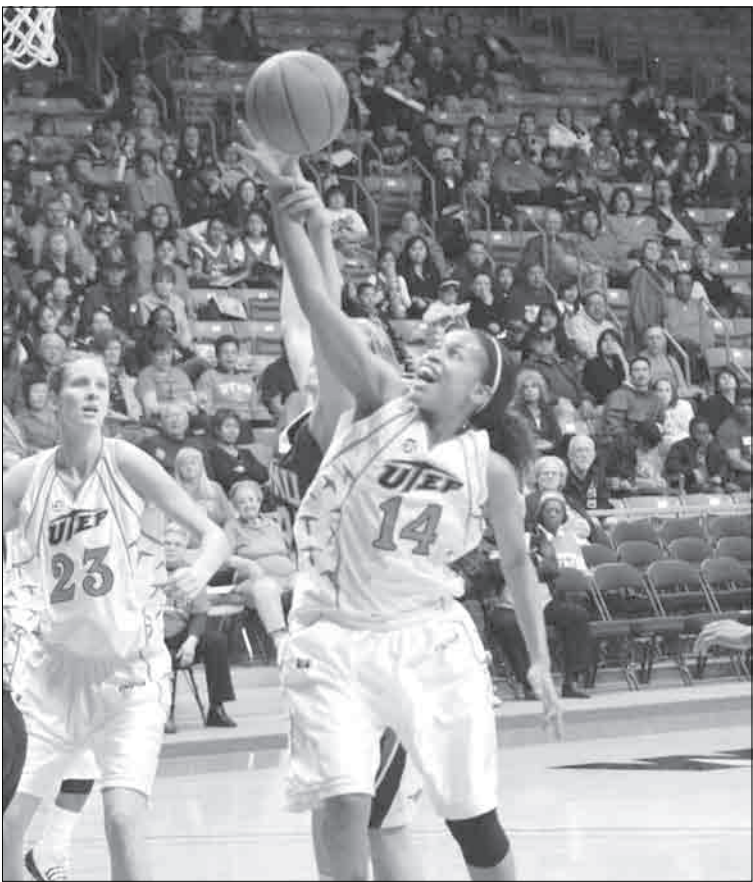
"My mom was emotional but that's how she is. That's how all moms are," Culpepper said. "Seeing her son on Senior Night, of course she's going to get sensitive. But because of the conference tournament being here we didn't look at it as Senior Night."

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Senior guard Randy Culpepper played the last regular-season game of his career against Marshall March 2 at the Don Haskins Center.



DIANA AMARO / The Prospector

Junior guard Dietra Caldwell has assumed leadership duties with three starters out due to injuries.

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making a full recovery is never a sure thing during the season.

"They'll never be back 100 percent during a season. Your off season is when you get back to 100 percent," Burris said. "They go on the court if they're 80 percent or better. It takes a couple weeks to get back, and towards the end of the season to get full go."

Adams said every team has to deal with players injured and UTEP is not an exception

"I feel very bad for any of our players when they get hurt. Unfortunately,

injuries are a part of sports but when they happen you have to accept them and keep moving forward," Adams said. "(Burris) is very knowledgeable with what he does, which has allowed me to focus on preparing my team for the next practice or game."

Houston has faith that the Miners can come back and put a dent in Conference USA.

"Injuries don't define us," Houston said.

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Students at 2010's UTEPIA got a week of activities that show them how to have fun responsibly before their Spring Break.

UTEPIA kicks off next week

BY BEATRIZ A. CASTAÑEDA

The Prospector

The Geology lawn will be the place to party just before classes let out for spring break from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 7.

UTEPIA, formerly known as Miner Fest, began about 11 years ago by the Campus Activities Board.

The event originated as the spring version of Minerpalooza and is now in its third successful year.

“This year’s event will be a little different from last year,” said Sam Rodriguez, registered student organizations intern and senior organizational and corporate communication major.

“We’re having different student organizations participate and there will be

many activities. One of our biggest is the fashion show.”

Rodriguez said the purpose of the event is to teach students how to have fun in a responsible way just before they set off for their spring break vacations.

This year’s theme is futuristic, featuring various attractions such as a fashion show, music by DJ Ottomatic, games, giveaways, a Mardi Gras mask-making run by the Future Leaders in Public Relations, a health fair, inflatables, an involvement fair to help student organizations recruit and fundraise and lastly, food will also be provided.

“It’s nice to have an event that will be entertaining for students just before spring break because some of us are stressing out with classes,” said Lupe Delacerda, junior criminal justice major.

In collaboration with the Women’s Resource Center, UTEPIA will celebrate National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

Shannon Osborne, coordinator at the Women’s Resource Center, said one of the big differences this year is that UTEPIA will feature a health fair.

“We’re going to have various agencies that will promote health awareness towards HIV and AIDS,” Osborne said. “Part of this event is for students to be prepared for wherever they decide to go and we want to defer some of that by having a fun environment with some educational resources.”

Some student organizations will also be there to recruit.

The UTEPIA committee is encouraging students to attend and is expect-

ing about 3,000 people throughout the event.

For some students, their attendance to the event will depend on their schedule availability.

“For me, it depends what my work schedule looks like that day,” said Francisco Castañeda, sophomore political science major.

CAB meetings are open to all UTEP students and lunch is provided. CAB also encourages students that are interested in volunteering and participating.

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Column

The life (and probably death) of Charlie Sheen

BY MATTHEW MUNDEN

The Prospector



Celebrities going nuclear are not an uncommon thing to hear about.

In just the last couple of years, we’ve had Russell Crowe

throwing phones, Christian Bale yelling at a crewmember of “Terminator Salvation,” and Mel Gibson being an anti-Semitic, sexist, violent asshole on a number of occasions. However, the recent Charlie Sheen meltdown is beyond what most would ever expect from television’s highest paid star.

Drug-addled Charlie Sheen is perversely eloquent like no human being should be. Just to catch you up, in case you’ve been living under a rock for the past two weeks, Charlie Sheen has completely imploded. He went on “The Alex Jones Show” and went off on a massively gigantic tangent about, among other things, how much he hates Chuck Lorre, the creator of “Two and Half Men,” (whom he repeatedly called Chaim Levine because Chuck Lorre is a fake name...thanks, Carlos Esteves to criticize people on stage names), how much Thomas Jefferson was a “pussy,” and how he has an F-18 and is ready to drop ordinance on anyone. Basically, he was the Internet meme “Courage Wolf.”

He followed up this insane man act by going on two morning shows (neither of which has anything to do with CBS because they wouldn’t touch him with a 20-foot-cocaine-addled clown pole) and then he went on TMZ talked absolute nonsense for half an hour in his backyard. This is Mike Tyson-type insanity about eating people’s children and fading into oblivion.

This is real, right? This isn’t some elaborate “I’m Still Here” type bull featuring Charlie Sheen wearing a beard and making a documentary with Casey Affleck? He has literally spent his money on nothing but hookers and blow...the joke has become real.

What should be noticed is the huge double standard, if this was a woman doing this type of shit, everyone would think that she was a deplorable human being and few would find this amusing, i.e. look at the career (or lack of one) of Lyndsey Lohan. However, people are defending Sheen because he is “just one of the boys” and is “living his life.”

You see a lot of meltdowns and few (apart from the Gibson ones) have much staying power. But for Sheen, I doubt there is any recovery from this. Even though he has passed his drug test and assures his “fans” that he is fine, Sheen has destroyed “Two and Half Men” (which was the comedy equivalent to herpes [if you’ve been playing the herpes drinking game, take a shot], so bravo on that Sheen!).

But, what can I say? Let’s laugh it up for as long as we can, because Sheen will probably be dead in a month anyway. He already looks a skeleton crossed with Beaker from “The Muppets.”

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Video game

‘Marvel vs. Capcom 3’ fate seems to be a good one

BY JESUS C. MARTINEZ

The Prospector

The destiny of the Marvel and Capcom worlds lies in the hands of 36 strong individuals, who take part in an intergalactic battle for justice and the fate of two worlds.

Well, at least that’s the token story Capcom had to come up with, but at the end of the day, nobody cares about the main story in a fighting game.

With updated graphics, a new roster and a dramatic art style change that mimics that of “Street Fighter IV,” “Marvel vs. Capcom 3” finally emerged a decade after its last installment. Capcom states that they took into consideration what the fans asked for, but even with competing impressions, the final product exceeded expectations.

Veteran characters like Spiderman, Iron Man, Wolverine, Ryu and Morrigan return with a new coat of paint and are joined by new faces like Albert Wesker and Deadpool in a battle of the ages. The game ships with 36 total characters and four unlockable characters, which is significantly less than the 56 in its predecessor. Capcom reassures fans that there will be downloadable characters in the future; however, that will come at a price.



Special to The Prospector

X-23 fights Chun Li in “Marvel Vs. Capcom 3,” currently available on the Xbox 360 and PS3.

The game feels just as cartoony as its predecessor, but its deep combat system nullifies that fact. Basic, chain, air and hyper combos make their triumphant return and are just as easy to execute as they were in the past. Characters develop an attack gauge that increases with every blow, and once it reaches a certain level, hyper combos may be executed. If connected, these attacks prove to be devastating.

What separates “Marvel vs. Capcom” from its competitors is its three-on-three tag-team style gameplay. Players may choose three characters to

fight with and each has their own assist attack. Assists may pair up with basic and hyper combos to inflict a significant amount of damage to their foes.

Assists play a strong role in the new moves introduced in the game. Aerial combos have a single character knock their foe in the air, perform combos, change characters and continue the combo. If executed properly, the string of attacks eat away at their opponents life gauge. These attacks can be countered with the proper button combination.

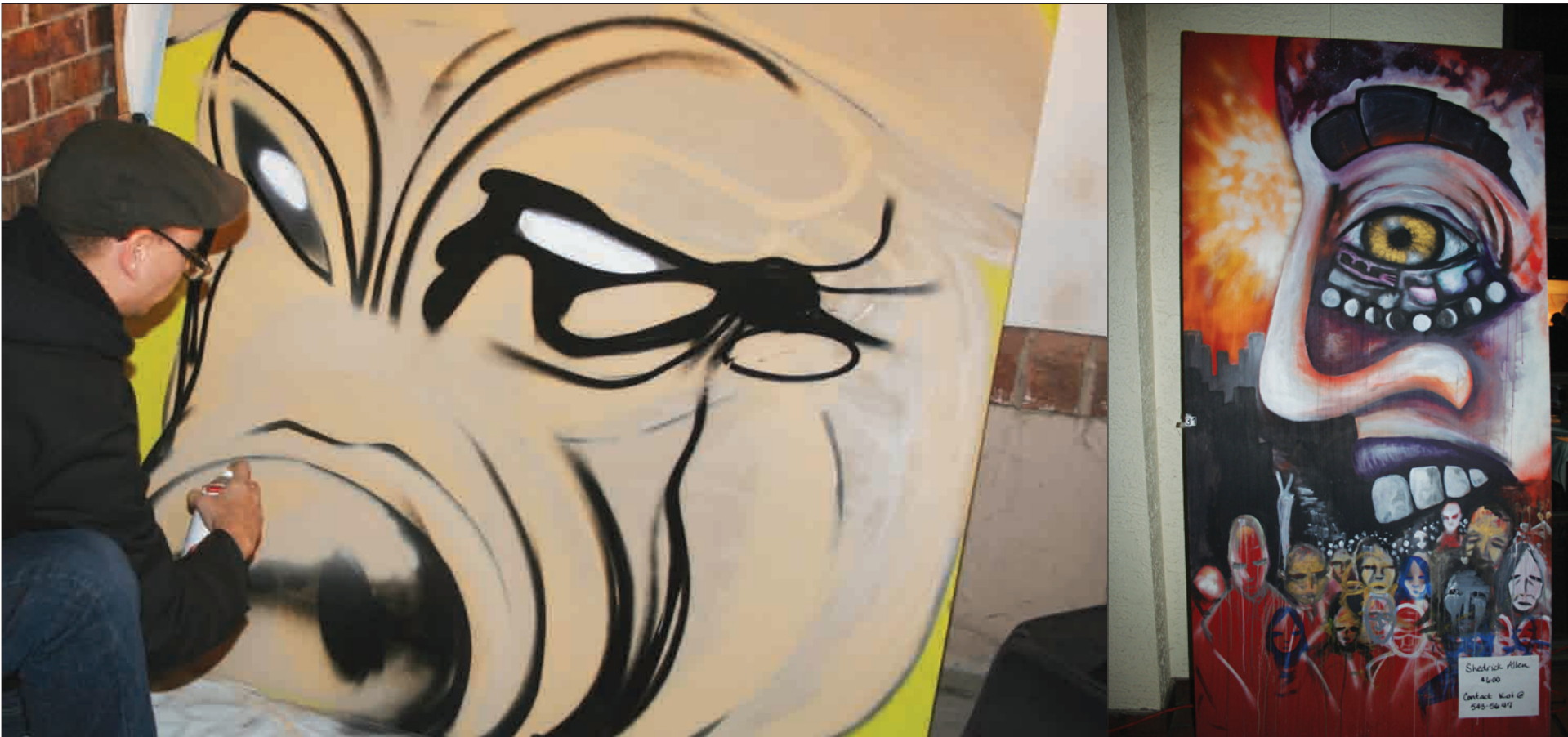
The most debated new feature that has had fans rage and praise is a feature that potentially changes the fate of every fight at the last second. When X-Factor is activated, the player regenerate’s health and their strength and mobility are temporarily boosted. This allows a losing character to turn the tides of any and every battle. This feature may only be used once in a fight.

In online matches, network code appears strong, so far, with very little lag in most online games. A nice feature in the training mode allows players to simulate a low internet connection, which can be helpful to prepare for online battles with high latency.

Although the sequel 10 years in the making may not have the impressive roster its second installment had, it stands strong on its own and provides a fighting game with layers of depth. There are more than a few ways to win a match, and new features like aerial combos and X-factor add a fresh flavor to the mix. This will prove to be, in time, the fighting game of the decade.

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Above: Paintings are often on sale at La Parada. **Middle:** La Parada is also a social meeting place for artists and art lovers. **Below:** A crowd looks on as artists work. The next event is scheduled for March 4.

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