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# Burglaries increase

## Vehicle thefts on campus climbs 75 percent

BY ANOUSHKA VALODYA

The Prospector

The percent of car burglaries on campus for the first quarter has gone up by 75 percent since 2009. Fourteen car burglaries took place in the first three months of the year compared to eight in 2009. Last year's figures tie with this year's number of incidents.

"The vast majority of those burglarized vehicles were unlocked or unsecured, the windows were rolled down, and valuables were in plain sight," said Clifton Walsh, UTEP chief of police.

According to the police department's crime log, most of the burglaries occurred from about 7 a.m. to around 8 p.m. throughout outer-campus parking lots, mostly in the north end's R-2 and south end's P-2 lots.

"All those cases [from this year] are still active, so we're still conducting an investigation," Walsh said. "They could involve one or more suspects. Keep in mind, a burglary of a vehicle doesn't take a long time. It only takes several seconds."

Stolen items include laptops, books, stereo equipment, a purse, cell phone, an iPod, wallet, a gym bag, backpack and parking permit.

Raul Renteria, freshman music theater major, said in order to prevent being burglarized he doesn't leave his valuables in his car.

"I also close my car windows all the way even though it's super hot when I go in,"

Renteria said. "I've seen people get in cars with a hanger and do crazy stuff."

Walsh said the best way to prevent car burglaries is not leaving any valuables in the car or to hide them from view.

"Personal responsibility is the key. Roll your windows up, even in the heat of the day, and conceal your valuables," he said. "Put them in the glove box, under the car seat, or place them in the trunk of the vehicle and secure your car."

Abby Wilder, freshman kinesiology major, said that she takes the necessary safety precautions.

"Sometimes I do leave my belongings in my car, but I place them under the dashboard so burglars won't see them and think, 'I want that,'" Wilder said.

Walsh said that some students are simply asking to be burglarized by visibly leaving their car keys inside the car.

"We've had situations where the car is left running with the windows rolled down, and we locate the students in class and they say, 'yeah, I left it that way,'" Walsh said.

However, Walsh said he acknowledges students for helping make UTEP a safe campus.

"We've had students tell us, 'this doesn't look quite right,' and so if something strikes you as odd, then it's going to be even more suspicious to us," Walsh said.

UTEP police officers patrol the campus 24/7 and are willing to escort students to their cars anytime through the Safety Escort program.

Paul Stresow, director of Parking and Transportation Services, said that overnight parking is not allowed on campus, but there is no parking curfew either.

While car burglaries are on the rise at UTEP, car burglaries are slightly declining citywide. El Paso police spokesman Darrel Petry said that there have been 615 car burglaries this year from January to April, compared to 659 during the same time last year.

"Car burglaries are down by seven percent, and 64 percent of them in West El Paso were through non-forced entry," Petry said. "Meaning the cars were unlocked and there were no broken windows."

Kristal Nevarez, junior microbiology major, said that the hot weather leads her to leave her car windows open by just a crack.

"But when I leave my belongings inside, I put them in the trunk where it's not visible," Nevarez said.

Petry said that car owners are taking a risk by leaving their car windows open just a little, because all it takes is for a finger to fit through and use burglary tools to get in.

"We just have to take the necessary steps to keep our property safe," Petry said. "The westside burglaries of this year could have been around 60 instead of 106 if people had just secured their car."

For more information on the Safety Escort program or to report suspicious activity on campus, call the UTEP Police Department at 747-5611.

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Special to The Prospector

**Car burglaries** at UTEP have seen an increase from eight in 2009 to 14 in the first three months of 2011.

## Government

# Low voter turnout for 2011 SGA elections

BY CELIA AGUILAR

The Prospector

In two days of online voting, just more than 10 percent of students voted in the 2011 Student Government Association elections showing a disconnect between UTEP students and campus life.

One of the main reasons why a small number of students participated in this year's election may have been due to the lack of promoting the candidates. A candidate debate for the president and vice president positions was held the day before the actual elections, while candidates were only allowed to hang posters around campus the week of the election.

"I think a lot of students didn't vote because they didn't know about the elections. I really didn't see much promotion and not everyone takes the time to find out what's going on at UTEP," said Adam Martinez, senior history major. "There should be more outreach on the part of the university."

Some students like Virginia Lopez, senior business major, didn't vote for a simple reason.

"I honestly didn't vote because I didn't care," Lopez said.

Besides the low voter turnout, proof that many students did not take the elections seriously were demonstrated in write-in votes for Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Ben Dover and

Paydirt Pete, among others, for the senators-at-large positions.

While several students may not see the elections as important, for Pablo Padilla, newly-elected SGA president, running for office meant making a difference on campus.

"I have been a member of SGA since my first year at UTEP and have always tried establishing programs and initiatives to propel this campus forward. I feel as president I can make that difference with my experience and the amazing leadership behind me," said Padilla, senior microbiology major.

As president, Padilla plans on working conjunctively with members

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**Pablo Padilla, newly-elected** SGA president, participates in the candidate debate April 20 at the Tomás Rivera Conference Center.

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Column

# Hide yo kids, take yo stuff and lock yo car cuz they robbin' everybody up in here

BY JESUS C. MARTINEZ  
The Prospector



It may be difficult to find parking on or around campus at times, but it's not so difficult for a robber to find a motive and a car.

Sure, it's not as though people are randomly breaking into cars and stealing items, but it is happening around campus. As a matter of fact, 14 car burglaries occurred in the first quarter alone, which is up by 75 percent since spring 2009.

Some students cry out in outrage at this news and I'm sure they blame the lack of security in parking lots. That's not the case. UTEP Police do patrol the parking lots from time to time, but obviously they cannot be around every car all the time.

What's the best way to prevent your car from being broken into? I have

three words for you: Lock, take, hide. Lock your car, take your keys and hide your belongings.

It may seem silly, but it wouldn't hurt to make sure that your doors are locked. My freshman year, I left my car doors unlocked only to come back to it with all my papers shuffled around. Luckily, I didn't have anything of value, and whoever went into my car found that out as well. Now, I'm extremely obsessive compulsive when it comes to making sure my doors are locked.

If you must keep valuables in the car while you head to class, hide them. Keep them in the glove compartment, trunk or under the seat, at least. So many times I have seen my friends leave their iPods or whatnot on the car seat, and I can't believe they've gotten away with it.

Those who feel that their cars are unsafe need not to worry. A robber is not going to break into a random car and hope to find something. Usually, they have to see something that

catches their eye or know that there is something of value in your car before they make the decision to break in. It would be a smart idea to keep anything valuable out of site because it might turn your car into a target.

Another tip is to keep in mind where you park your car. Make sure that it is in a well-lit area and that it is close to a busy area or street. If a burglar can easily be seen, they might be less likely to commit the crime.

Most students feel that we have a safe campus overall, but that doesn't mean that you can be careless. Something my mother told me that I continue to live by is that you shouldn't keep anything in your car that you aren't afraid to lose.

Don't forget that you can always report any suspicious activity to the UTEP Police by reaching them at 747-5611.

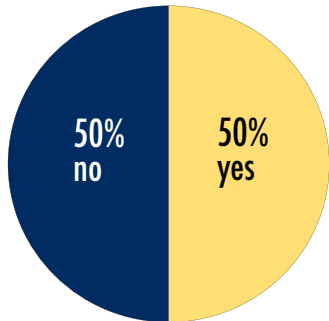
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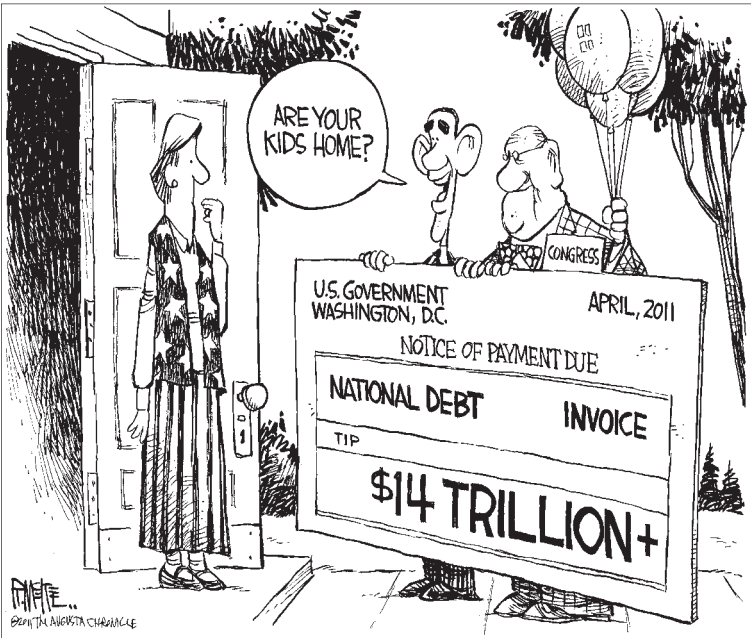


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National

# Gender stereotypes linger on majority-female campuses

BY SARA DORN

Scripps Howard Foundation Wire

Women are climbing the ladder in higher education faster than their male peers, but men tend to dominate campus culture from the classroom to dating.

More women are applying to college, and they are accepted at higher rates. Twenty-seven of 50 state universities in a study by the Scripps Howard Foundation Wire have been admitting majority female freshman classes since 2005.

The universities of Delaware, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and South Dakota have had at least 57 percent female first-time freshman applicants since 2005. These five schools have the highest proportion of female applicants.

SHFWire collected data about one public university in each state, the campus the state designated as its flagship, four-year school. For states without flagships, or for those with more than one, the SHFWire chose the public university with the largest enrollment.

Data was collected from the Department of Education's website, the "common data set" forms filled out by most universities, university websites, officials at campuses and other organizations that study higher education.

Experts say the trend toward higher female enrollment begins well before college. Barmak Nassirian, associate executive director of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, said many boys ruin their chances of making it to college because they are less likely to enroll in college-preparatory courses in high school, more likely to become dis-

tracted by sports or take other career paths, such as the military or a family business.

"When you compare high school course taking, they're not keeping up with girls, and girls outperform them when it comes to admissions," Nassirian said.

Only 10 schools have had majority male freshmen classes every year since 2005, including the University of Colorado. Bronson Hilliard, a CU spokesman, said the Boulder campus attracts men because of its business and engineering schools and the thriving outdoor sports scene.

Thirty-five of the 50 schools studied had more female than male applicants in fall 2010, and 42 accepted women at a higher rate.

Richard Whitmire, author of "Why Boys Fail," said this puts girls at a disadvantage.

"High school girls are forced to earn higher grades to compete for spots in selective colleges, and guys are allowed to get away with far inferior performance and still get into those same colleges," Whitmire said.

Even with more women on campuses, gender stereotypes remain. Marianne LaFrance, a Yale psychology professor who researches gender and social interaction, said gender gaps can accentuate primary differences between the sexes.

"The way our minds work is when a group is in the minority, they tend to stereotype the other group more. You don't notice differences between groups when there's equal numbers," LaFrance said.

Donna Bickford, University of North Carolina Women's Center director, said women at UNC frequently experience "chilly climate issues" in the classroom

and complain to her about them. Chilly climate is a widely used term describing classroom situations that make women feel inferior to men, such as being called on less often, interrupted when they talk or ignored by instructors.

UNC's fall 2010 freshman class was 60 percent female, and over the last five years, the school hasn't enrolled one freshman class less than 58 percent female. About 60 percent of applicants since 2005 have been female. The university accepts 30 to 35 percent of both male and female applicants.

"The chilly climate is produced by a society that's built on male power and privilege," Bickford said. "Often it's about stereotypes that people bring to the table. I think we're just used to listening to what men say and not what women say, so I think that factors into the classroom."

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	Marco Favela P.I.C. <sup>2</sup> 198 votes
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of all the parties to benefit the student body.  
“I plan to meet with both members and work on solutions that were being proposed by both parties. There were many good ideas like extending library and gym hours which are in the process,” Padilla said. “Some other ideas that I am trying to push forward will be the marketing of the Green Fund the PIC party established and a shadowing program our administration started this year.”  
The shadowing program is a part of one of the main goals established by the PIC<sup>2</sup> party. Other goals include the expansion of a mentorship program to all colleges, increasing the green projects on campus, increasing student involvement and creating

better connections between the SGA and the student body.  
“SGA needs to be the help all students’ needs on campus. We will be hosting monthly events to get to know students and hear issues,” Padilla said.  
The PIC<sup>2</sup> party won eight out of the 14 senator-at-large positions as well as the president, three collegiate senator placements and both vice president positions.  
Following close behind was the A.L.T.O., (Awesome Leadership Together as One) party which is composed of leaders involved in different organizations or departments at the university. The party secured 10 of the 25 available SGA positions.  
According to Alejandro Baca, junior biology major and one of the newly elected senators-at-large, a main goal of the A.L.T.O. party is to help UTEP achieve tier-one status.  
“We want our university to become a tier-one status school, but we need for our students to love their school, be proud of what UTEP does, and give back so that we can grow and reach the vision of becoming tier-one,” Baca said.  
Monica Chacon, sophomore history major, was one of the few students to take the election seriously making sure her vote was counted for the A.L.T.O. party.  
“I voted for them because I saw the people in the party working on campus in many different organizations. Even though I don’t know them personally, I saw them being proactive on campus,” Chacon said.

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### UTEP Senior Advertising Team heads to nationals



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National

# University retention rates hold steady as states balance access with success

BY DAVID ACOSTA  
Scripps Howard Foundation Wire

An average of 84 percent of college freshmen at state flagship universities return for their sophomore years. That number has remained steady since the 2005-2006 academic year. From 2005 to 2010, the school with the highest average retention rate was the University of Virginia, 97 percent. The University of Montana had the lowest, just under 72 percent.

The average for state flagship institutions is higher than the national retention rate of two-and-four year colleges and universities, according to figures released in January by ACT.

The nonprofit test and research group found that 67 percent of all first-year students at U.S. two- and four-year colleges returned for their second year in 2010. ACT's annual survey collects data from more than 2,500 schools.

"Retention rates haven't changed since even before we started collecting them in 1983," said Wes Habley, ACT's principal associate of educational services. "According to our data, literally one out of three students who enter school in the fall won't return a year later."

ACT concludes that this is partly because more students are going to college.

Experts say enrollments have risen because of the large baby-boom echo generation; higher population and people who want new skills to compete in the current economy.

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The balance between access and success can be a double-edged sword, Serge Herzog, director of the University of Nevada, Reno's Office of Institutional Analysis, said. State universities have a mission to give residents as much access as possible. These universities are faced with setting admission requirements that don't turn away too many students or admit those who are unqualified.

"We do get students that aren't prepared, and it doesn't matter how many resources you use on these students," Herzog said. "Chances are you are wasting resources trying to retain them. Some students are better off going to a two-year school and becoming prepared for a four-year."

Every school has its own solution to keep students enrolled. Herzog said that if schools can identify at-risk freshmen early, they are more likely to become sophomores.

He developed a system to generate "risk scores" for each freshman. Data

such as a student's high school course work, entrance exam scores, credit hours and socio-economic factors are better predictors than a counselor's subjective evaluation.

UNR's retention rate has increased from 75 percent in 2005 to 80 percent in 2009, then dropped to 79.4 percent in 2010

"It's easy to talk about retention, but it's hard to implement an intervention program that really helps target these students," Herzog said. "We get close to 2,500 new freshmen every fall. That's way too many for one individual to have a sense of what students to talk to."

Even schools with high retention rates, such as the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, find there is room for improvement. In the fall of 1998, UNC's freshman retention rate was 94 percent. The next year, UNC began efforts to "reinvigorate" its undergraduate programs, said Bobbi Owen, senior associate dean for undergraduate education.

Her job was created to deal with undergraduate issues such as retention. At such a high rate of retention, even the three percentage-point increase that UNC has made and sustained over the last five years is noteworthy, Owen said.

UNC is one of 17 public universities in the state system and can afford to be selective. It admitted about 32 percent of applicants in 2010. But in smaller states, flagship schools admit a greater percentage of applicants to fulfill the state's education mission.

The University of Wyoming is the state's only four-year public institution, and it has a 95 percent acceptance rate. UW's average retention rate since 2005 is 73 percent.

Many UW freshmen may not be as well prepared for college course

work as those at other institutions, Sara Axelson, UW's vice president of student affairs, said. There is a direct correlation between high school education and retention, she said.

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**RODOLFO ROMERO**  
sophomore biology major

"I hide all of my valuable things."



**JULIA SOSA**  
sophomore theater major

"I put a blanket over stuff in my car, or just take it with me."



**ASHLEY HAMILTON**  
sophomore biology major

"I hide my purse in my trunk and lock my doors."



**RENATO SOUSA**  
junior chemistry major

"I either put it in the trunk, glove compartment or out of view."



**DAVID NABHAN**  
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UTEP Food Services to make sure this process has a good sampling of the student population.

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It also factors into student leadership. UNC's Student Government Association president this year is a male student. Of the 31 schools that enrolled majority female freshmen classes last fall, 11 have female student body presidents.

Outside the classroom, men are taking advantage of the large selection of women to date. Five experts and three female students at majority-female schools (two from UGA and one from the University of Vermont) said the imbalance causes men and some women to be more promiscuous. Every UVM freshmen class since 2005 has been at least 54 percent female.

"Whatever sex is in the minority tends to have more power, because they have more alternatives," LaFrance said. "The majority group doesn't have that power and may have a reinstatement of

classic gender roles, and women may toe the line a little bit in terms of what's expected of them."

Emily Harper, 22, a senior history major at the UGA, said UGA men are guilty of these behaviors. Fifty-five percent of full-time undergraduates at UGA are women, and every year since 2005, except 2006, the freshmen classes have been more than 60 percent female. Half of fall 2006 freshmen were female.

"If guys screw something up, they can move on to someone else if they want," Harper said. "They definitely feel like they have plenty of girls to choose from. They don't have to be as polite or make you feel as welcome because they don't really feel the need or urgency."

Whitmire's research supports Harper's claim.

"For the women, many of whom are drawn into the dating competition, the

influence of the gaps can be demeaning, and they're trying things to attract and hold a guy that they wouldn't normally do," Whitmire said. "It's not healthy."

Even at schools with more men, however, women are going to extra lengths to attract men. West Virginia University hasn't enrolled a majority female freshmen class since before 2005.

Kasi Jackson, West Virginia University Women's Center assistant director said WVU attracts male applicants from out of state, many attracted to the school's football program, and that young women in the state often remain home to work in family businesses.

"My observation here is that there is increasing pressure on men and women to adopt stereotypical gender

roles, particularly when it comes to sexualization of appearance," Jackson said. "That's something my students do talk about. They feel pressure on their appearance. I think it's part of a larger cultural trend."

Sara Dorn is a junior journalism and English major from the University of Dayton. She recently completed the Scripps Howard Foundation's Semester in Washington Program.

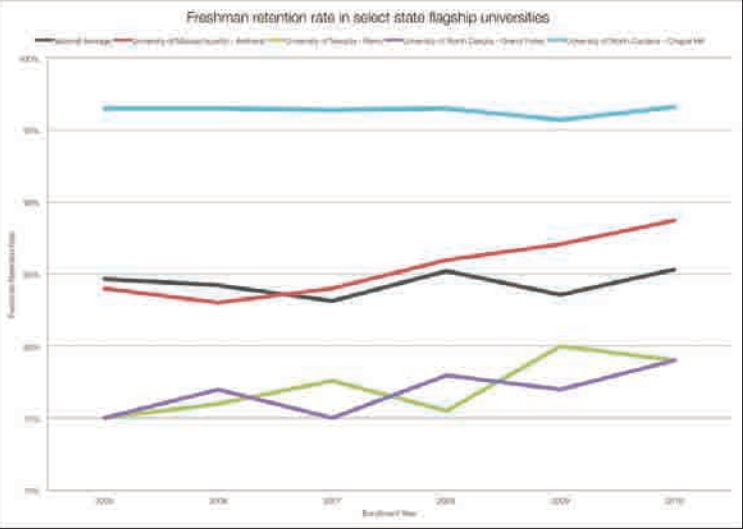
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The state is working to give school districts incentives to prepare students for college by creating a scholarship system based on high school grades and curriculum.

The University of North Dakota, another small-state school, has had an acceptance rate of more than 70

percent since 2005. UND increased its retention rate from 75 percent in 2007 to 79 percent in 2010, mainly through scholarships, student organizations and additional counseling.

David Acosta, senior print media major, recently completed his internship at the Scripps Howard Foundation's Semester in Washington Program.



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| • <b>Club Zero</b>                                                                          | • <b>AGC</b> (American General Contractors)                     |
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Technology

# Judgment day comes with a whimper

Sony's Playstation Network, Amazon's Elastic Cloud 2 came crashing down on April 21



Special to The Prospector

**The Playstation Network** and Amazon's Elastic Cloud 2 service crashed on April 21. EC2 went back online on April 23, while PSN is still down as of April 25.

BY MATTHEW MUNDEN

The Prospector

According to the mythology of the "The Terminator: Sarah Connor Chronicles," Skynet, part of Cyberdyne Systems Corporation, was said to go active April 19, 2011, become self-aware and attack mankind April 21. However, a different kind of attack happened in the non-Terminator universe.

On April 21, both Amazon's Elastic Cloud 2 service and Sony's Playstation Network, crashed. The downfall of Amazon's cloud left websites

such as Reddit, Quora, Giant Bomb and Screened, either barely running or not running at all. PSN's outages meant that users could not go online to play multiplayer games, download games or movies from the online marketplace. Services, like Netflix and Hulu Plus, worked for only portions of the user base (some people were still able to use Netflix and Hulu on their PS3 due to previously linking their accounts to the service, but others, who hadn't, could not use those services).

"These outages show that online services that many count on still have

a long way to go before they can be truly depended upon," said Michael Abbott, founder of BrainyGamer.net. "The PSN crash shows that Sony's security against outside intrusions wasn't where it should be and Amazon's outages might be blamed on that they just bit off too much than they could chew."

By 1 p.m. on April 23, Amazon's EC2 service came back online and most websites immediately were restored to working condition. However, during the nearly three days that the service was out, corporations that used the service were already starting

to make plans about what they should use Amazon's servers for and what they should keep inside their own internal servers. However, while Amazon's outages ended and conversations began on how to avoid another situation like this, PSN's woes hadn't ended.

On April 23, Patrick Seybold, senior director of Corporate Communications and Social Media at SCEA, said in a Playstation Blog post, "An external intrusion on our system has affected out Playstation and Qriocity services. Our efforts to resolve this matter involve re-building our system

to further strengthen our network infrastructure. Though this task is time-consuming, we decided it was worth the time necessary to provide the system with additional security."

This comes after the hacker, known as "Anonymous," posted a manifesto on April 5 denouncing Sony's lawsuit against a fellow hacker, George Hotz (a.k.a. "GeoHot"), who released the code necessary to "jail break" the Playstation 3 on the Internet, meaning that the system was opened up to piracy and modifications that it wasn't previously.

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Special to The Prospector  
**Ricky Martin comes** to El Paso's County Coliseum on April 28 as part of his 'M.A.S.' tour. Ticket prices start at \$28 and go to \$123.50.

## Concert

# Ricky Martin offers 'M.A.S.' live

BY ALEJANDRO ALBA

The Prospector

Latin pop superstar Ricky Martin will bring his "Música, Alma, Sexo" tour to El Paso's County Coliseum 7 p.m. April 28. "M.A.S." is his first tour after his Black and White tour more than three years ago. This will also be Martin's first concert since he publicly announced he is gay.

Martin sold out the Sun Bowl at the height of his popularity on his previous visit to El Paso. Fans have now prepared themselves for the ticket sale.

"I was not able to go last time because tickets ran out," said Kimberly Trejo, freshman creative writing major. "This time when I heard he was coming, I bought my tickets the day after they came out."

According to Ricky Martin's official website, "Música, Alma, Sexo" promises to be an enjoyable audio and visual event. Tickets begin at \$28 and go up to \$123.50. The event also has VIP packages in which fans will get the chance to meet,

"I still like his music, nothing has changed really. Besides, I always thought he was gay."

- Andrea Esnayra, junior interdisciplinary studies major

Ricky Martin, among other special services.

According to insidesocal.com, the Italian designer Giorgio Armani has returned to the "Vida Loca" with custom-designed Emporio Armani fashions for Ricky Martin, his band members, dancers and back up singers.

Armani said to the press that his clothing will reflect the concert's various theatrical themes. The show incorporates four different styles: 1980s punk inspired clothing, 1920s

jazz era-cabaret section, Mediterranean influenced section combined with masquerade ball attire, and the concert will conclude with an Afro-Brazilian theme.

"I am really hoping for it to be a good show," said Andrea Esnayra, junior interdisciplinary studies major. "I am looking forward to his old songs, not really the new ones."

Esnayra is one of the many Ricky Martin fans. She said she is really excited to finally see the Puerto Rican musician. Ricky Martin's recent sexual orientation revelation hasn't changed the way, Esnayra sees him.

"I still like his music, nothing has changed really," said Esnayra. "Besides, I always thought he was gay."

Trejo said she does see him differently, but she still enjoys his music and stage presence.

"I always had one of those celebrity crushes on him, you know?" Trejo said. "Now, I see him, and I feel disappointed."

Tickets for the concert are still on sale and can be purchased at Ticketmaster.

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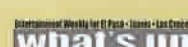
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Review

‘Portal 2’: Open your mind, think with portals



Special to The Prospector  
**Chell, the heroine** of the original ‘Portal,’ returns to ‘Portal 2.’

**BY MATTHEW MUNDEN**  
The Prospector

“Portal 2” is not only sure to be among the many top ten lists at the end of 2011, it will also be among the lists that name the best games of this current generation and perhaps of all-time. Valve’s latest uses the accepted gaming vocabulary to create a monumental triumph that every single person should get a chance to experience.

The sequel to 2007’s surprise hit, “Portal 2” opens with Chell, the hero that destroyed GlaDos, the evil computer in charge of Aperture Science, waking up in holding and being broken out by a robot named Wheatley, voiced by British comedian Stephen Merchant. Turns out that Wheatley was supposed to keep watch on those in holding and he sort of forgot to do that...for a really long time. Now he is trying to help you escape Aperture and their evil testing chambers filled with buttons, cubes, and the occasional turret. However, accidents occur and a

familiar nemesis returns, filled with ideas that include murdering you with toxic gas.

Spoiling the twists and turns that the game takes would be crime, since the story in this game is the best written story ever put in a game. However, that saying (apart from sounding hyperbolic) probably doesn’t carry much weight, since, well, stories in games are usually mediocre and sort of convoluted at best. However, saying that “Portal 2” is the best piece of comedy this year should get the attention of those that believe games are just for kids. From lines of dialogue (“The next room involves turrets. You know what those are, right? They are the pale things full of bullets. Oh wait, that will be what you are in five minutes”) to hilarious visuals (having a sign that says “Daycare to the right and Neurotoxin Chamber to the left” followed by Wheatley saying “Go through the daycare, we can get to the neurotoxin faster through there”), “Portal 2” is the best example of what gaming is possible of.

The game play starts out the same as the original. Chell has a portal gun and shoots an orange portal on one wall and a blue portal on another and has to use physics to get her way to the exit door in each of the testing rooms. Cubes must be placed on buttons, lasers must be guided to generators, and turrets must be avoided. But the sequel adds “Tron” like bands of light that must be used to create bridges to navigate through the chambers, gels that make Chell jump higher, run faster or create portals on new walls. It uses the same gaming vocabulary that everyone has grown accustomed to (it basically looks like and controls like a first person shooter), but while most games are about destroying everything in front of you, “Portal 2” is focused on creating. After every puzzle is solved, not only are you treated to hilarious lines of dialogue as the story moves forward, but you feel like you just accomplished something.



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**The art featured** here is from the online comic available at thinkwithportals.com.

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Humor

Please don’t buy these

**BY MATTHEW MUNDEN**  
The Prospector

On this very special season finale, or possibly series finale (entirely up to the next entertainment editor), I should mention that literally nothing that most people would care about is being released on April 26. I mean, okay, we have:

**“South Park: Complete Fourteenth Season”**



MSRP: \$57.99

Apart from “The Simpsons,” can you think of a series that went on this long and sort of got worse after the tenth season? You probably can...I can’t though. But I’m also writing this at 2:17 a.m. in the dark creepy cave like thing I call my room. This season had the series all time low point, the “Inception” episode, that Trey Parker and Matt Stone copied a “Funny or Die” skit for their material. This season sort of suffered because of Parker and Stone being busy writing their Mormon Broadway musical.

Some other stuff is coming out on April 26. A blu-ray of “**Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas**” (remember when Terry Gilliam was still relevant), “**Sniper: Reloaded**” (which stars Billy Zane...so we know that is going to be an instant classic. Probably will be nominated for best picture at the straight to home video Oscars...I think the host is going to be Cuba Gooding Jr.), “**Machine Girl**” (Asian girl in school girl uniform holding a machine gun...either some type of porno or a movie about a school girl killing people...the title works for either premise), and “**The Dorm that Dripped Blood**” (also possibly a porno or a movie about a lot of murders in a dorm...again the title works for either premise).

The week of May 3 doesn’t look to be much better.

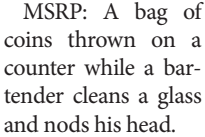
**“The Green Hornet”**



MSRP: Some amount of one currency or another

This came out this year, didn’t it? I think I watched it. I think I reviewed it. Completely indifferent to the thing: not awful, not good. Just a movie that has sporadically amusing moments, much like this column.

**“The Dilemma”**



MSRP: A bag of coins thrown on a counter while a bartender cleans a glass and nods his head.

The critic review on the bottom of the box art says “Hilarious.” I didn’t see it; had no desire to see it. So, without this nameless critic’s permission, I’ll repost his blurb here to fill space: “Hilarious.”

**“What Dreams May Come”**



MSRP: Show cashier the cuts on your arms. They’ll understand this movie was made for you.

Call it “The Lovely Bones: The Prelude” or “Suicidal Depression: Just let me die,” either description is apt. It looks like Robin Williams was trapped in a Thomas Kinkade painting from Hell while Cuba Gooding Jr. followed him. Oh and the twists make no logical sense: my son decided to look like Cuba Gooding Jr. and Cuba Gooding Jr. decided to look like Max Von Sydow...why? Just cause. If you love melodrama or just have the strong desire to watch something depressing before you off yourself, this is the film for you.

Now this DVD...I mean blu-ray column was rather anti-climatic. I was hoping for more of a climax...it just got so dry at the end here.

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“Your corrupt business practices are indicative of a corporate philosophy that would deny consumers the right to use products they have paid for and rightfully own, in the manner of their choosing,” said hacker alias Anonymous in his posting on anonnews.org. “Perhaps you should alert your customers to the fact that they are apparently only renting your products? In light of this assault on both rights and free expression, Anonymous, the notoriously handsome rulers of the Internet, would like to inform you that you have only been ‘renting’ your web domains. Having trodden upon Anonymous’ rights, you must now be trodden on.”

However, since the attacks on PSN on April 21, Anonymous has said that they are not his work. But the facts still are that PSN, in its current form, was deemed penetrable by hackers and was taken down by Sony.

“The monetary cost of something like this could be catastrophic to Sony, whose service not only supplies multiplayer functionality, games and movies to PS3 users, but games and movies to PSP users as well,” Abbott said. “While the service does not cost money for the user like Microsoft’s Xbox Live, 2 million of the users were also Playstation Plus users that pay for added features like cloud game saves and beta access and currently don’t have those features anymore.”

While Sony is bracing for a hit to their income, they also have to prepare for the backlash from the users.

“It sucks,” said Roger Isaac, senior education major. “I know that some people might not think it is a big deal, but when you are in the mood to play ‘Modern Warfare 2’ or ‘Killzone 3’ and the system itself isn’t allowing you to, it’s just frustrating.”

The PSN service is currently believed to be to be out for the rest of the week, as Sony technicians work on revamping their entire system, according to Gamasutra and Kotaku. Amazon’s Elastic Cloud 2 service is currently running at normal conditions, according to Amazon’s own site.

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# Salome's Stars

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** You're the first sign in the Zodiac and like to take the lead wherever you go. But this time, you'd be wise to follow someone who has much to teach you.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Your adversary hasn't given up trying to undermine you. Continue to stay cool -- someone in authority knows what's happening.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Spring brings a positive aspect for relationships. Paired Twins grow closer, while the single set finds new romance -- perhaps with a Leo or Libra.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Wavering aspects this week mean weighing your words carefully to avoid misunderstandings.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** You could soon be on a new career path in pursuit of those long-standing goals, but don't cut any current ties until you're sure you're ready to make the change.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** A former colleague wants to re-establish an old professional connection. It would be wise to make the contact, at least until you know what he or she is planning.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** A relationship that survived some rocky moments could be facing a new challenge. Deal with the problem openly, honestly and without delay. Good luck.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** A recent and much-appreciated change in the workplace inspires you to make some changes in your personal life as well. Start with a plan to travel more.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** A friend needs your kind and caring advice, but you need to know what he or she is hiding from you before you agree to get involved.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Your circle of friends continues to widen. Expect to hear from someone in your past who hopes to re-establish your once-close relationship.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Your aspects favor the arts. Indulge in whatever artistic expression you enjoy most. A workplace situation will, I'm pleased to say, continue to improve.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Warning! Your tendency to let things slide until the last minute could have a negative effect on a relationship that you hope can develop into something meaningful.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are both emotional and sensible. You enjoy being with people. Good career choices include teaching, performing and the clergy.

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## Coming soon: Donore, Rush in concert, Cats

**April 27** - The Bilingual Creative Writing Student Organization will be holding a book fair in the lawn on the corner of University and Wiggins near the library.

**May 8** - Access France and EDEN Enterprises (Educational Enrichment through the Arts) presents French singer Pierre Donore in concert at 7:00 p.m. May 8 in the theater at the Chamizal National Memorial. Tickets are \$20 general admission and \$5 for full-time students with a valid ID. They can be purchased in advance through Access France, call 875-1696.

**June 6** - Cats are said to have 9 lives, which might explain why this musical, based on T.S. Eliot's "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats" and featuring music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, has not died yet. At 7:30 p.m. June 7, the musical will be performed at the Plaza Theatre. Tickets range from \$64 to \$455 and are available through Ticketmaster, Ticket Network Direct and TicketNow.

**June 14** - Watch Geddy Lee, Alex Lifeson and Neil Peart perform in concert, when Rush comes to the the Don Haskins Center. The show opens at 7:30 p.m. and tickets start at \$56 and are available through Ticketmaster.



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Special to The Prospector

**GlaDos, the evil** computer from 'Portal,' returns to make Chell test again in Valve's 'Portal 2.'

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As the game moves forward, you are introduced to the founder of Aperture Science Cave Johnston, voiced by the hilarious J.K. Simmons, and the story fills in just about all the questions you had from the original, while also creating more ties to Valve's "Half-Life" series. Those waiting for "Half-Life 2: Episode Three" will appreciate to know that Valve hasn't forgot about them.

On the Playstation 3, the game comes with the ability to connect to Steam, Valve's online marketplace and community. This ability will allow the PS3 to get user created content that previously only the PC/Mac players could get. Also, the PS3 version comes with the ability to unlock a copy of the game on PC and Mac through Steam. An online co-operative mode is also available and is a prequel of sorts to the events of the single-player campaign.

And yes, like "Portal," "Portal 2" has a very special song during the credits. Like the game, it is brilliant.

5 out of 5 picks.

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“The next room involves turrets. You know what those are, right? They are the pale things full of bullets. Oh wait, that is what you will be in five minutes.”

- GlaDos, the homicidal robot that is in charge of Aperture Science

### Previously on 'Portal'

Once upon a time, a test subject named Chell lived in a glass room and was told to go through a number of tests with a portal gun by a mysterious computer voice that promised her cake once she finished the tests.

Along the way, she met a cube with a pink heart on it, called a Companion Cube, and she used this cube to solve many tests by placing it on buttons to open doors and flying through orange and blue portals together.

They were very good friends, Chell and that cube, until the computer voice told her to put the cube in the incinerator. She did, and she went further through the tests, hoping for the cake.

However, turned out to be that the cake was a lie and the computer voice, known as GlaDos, wanted Chell to be incinerated. But Chell fought against GlaDos, using her portal gun to take down the thing and destroy the lab, known as Aperture Science, she was held in. Chell found herself lying outside of the laboratory and everything seemed good in the world.

Until the game was patched and ten seconds were added to the ending cinematic to show Chell being dragged back towards Aperture Science and, about 9 days later, "Portal 2" opens.

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## Football

# Battle for quarterback takes unexpected turn

BY SAL GUERRERO

The Prospector

Just when the quarterback battle seemed to narrow down from four to two prospects, all four candidates decided to air it out April 23 at the final UTEP football scrimmage in the Sun Bowl.

"They competed really well, it was a good offensive scrimmage," head coach Mike Price said. "Our offense made plays, running backs ran all over the place."

A week after being shut out by the defense, the offense made a complete turnaround, scoring 10 touchdowns, seven of those passing.

Junior transfer quarterback Carson Meger won the day statistically, completing 11-of-15 passes for 121 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

"I didn't come here to sit on the bench. I want to play as much as everyone else does," Meger said. "I would love to be the starter, I am just doing what I can everyday to win that job."

Senior transfer quarterback Tate Smith played a much more productive scrimmage compared to his last two outings, going 10-of-15 for 133 yards and two touchdowns. Junior quarterback Nick Lamaison threw for three touchdowns on the day completing 10-for-17 for 94 yards.

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**Redshirt freshman quarterback** Javia Hall runs the first team offense against the first team defense April 16 during a spring scrimmage at the Sun Bowl.



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**The Miners gave** up 13 total runs in their weekend series against East Carolina.

## Softball

## Miners swept in three-game series

BY WILLIAM VEGA

The Prospector

As if the bats weren't already quiet enough for UTEP, East Carolina swept the Miners in a three-game series April 22-23 at the Helen of Troy Softball Complex.

"The upper classmen really warned us about Toni Paisley and told us what she was like and it helped a lot. We were always concentrating," freshman right fielder Kayla Black said.

It took UTEP three games to finally rack up some runs on the board as they were set for a collision course with senior All-American Toni Paisley. Paisley, one of 25 finalists for the 2011 Collegiate Softball Player of the Year, tried to duplicate her season high 16-strikeout performance in game one but the Miners seemed to have found a consistent style in her pitching.

"We watched film before this game on Paisley on how we did (April 22) against her. She's the first pitcher I've ever faced that doesn't have a sequence of pitches," Black said. "She throws you everything. That's one thing we all pointed out from the first at bat. We had to just learn to hit all her pitches."

UTEP showed they had learned from day one when they picked up their first lead of the series in the bottom of the third. Black hit a double to right-center field scoring freshman shortstop Samantha Alvillar from first base. Black advanced to third on the throw to the infield but was unable to advance another 30 feet.

The Pirates were able to answer on their next plate appearance in the fourth, scoring three times off two errors, two hits and two walks. East Carolina continued their offensive explosion in the ensuing inning when they scored another three runs behind freshman shortstop Chelsea Kaluhiokalani-Glackin's contended triple.

Head coaches James and Kathleen Rodriguez came out to argue that Kaluhiokalani-Glackin was tagged out at third as freshman Camille Herrera was able to block the base but the runner was called safe. Tensions escalated the very next pitch when assistant coach Dana Lambert yelled from the dugout arguing senior Courtney Auger's called ball and was thrown out of the game. The Miners used the heated inning to move on from that point and get back to focusing on Paisley.

"Frustration for us wasn't there. I think in the beginning it was just trying to get hits off Toni," James Rodriguez said. "We've faced her a few times here. Our concentration was trying to put the ball in play."

The Miners weren't able to rebound from those fielding collapses falling 6-2 in game three to extend their C-USA losing streak to 16 games and their overall skid to 13. Auger pitched some of her best games in games one and three allowing a total of four runs in both games. Auger struck out eight batters and gave up six hits each outing while knocking her ERA down from 5.01 to 4.67.

"I was very happy compared to the last couple of times I've been out. It was just a completely different game," Auger said. "Mainly with my technique, my mechanics have been off and I worked really hard this week to make sure I got back and it paid off."

Game one was a pitching battle between Paisley and Auger with both seniors going the entire game. Paisley gave up just three hits and carried her team to a 1-0 victory as she tied a season high with 16 strikeouts. Sophomore catcher Kayleigh Walts, who took the place of junior catcher

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Football

Banyard looks to take over No. 1 running back spot

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA  
The Prospector

Other than an unclear choice in starting quarterback, there is also a pending decision in the running back line-up. There were many solid choices at the scrimmage April 23 and each running back showed great athleticism as they ran past defenders and fended off a few broken plays.

"We come out every day and basically come out with the intent to get better," said junior offensive lineman Eloy Atkinson. "You got to learn to do what you got to do because this is what is going to carry into the fall. This is the basis because once you go to summer camp you have to know everything."

Senior running back Joe Banyard, who is among the talent in the back field, will enter his final season with the football team this fall. He has a solid frame, standing at 5-foot-11, and weighing in at approximately 205 lbs. Last year he led the backfield with 623 yards on 109 attempts and accumulated eight touchdowns. Now he

begins from where he left off but with more motivation, as his teammates try to match up to his performance.

"The depth this year is ridiculous, we have six running backs and we're all good, still learning but we're all ready to work."

Banyard acknowledged an outstanding play by teammate Nathan Jeffery in practice, but views everything from an optimistic position.

"Nate Jeffery, that long run he had at the end, that was ridiculous, but it was nice," Banyard said. "If you don't compete like that then you never know where your game can go, so when they do that, it makes you want to step your game up completely."

Freshman running back Jeffery accumulated 83 rushing yards April 23 and a large portion collected from a broken play he improvised on.

Banyard, the Sweetwater, Texas native keeps his sight on the team. According to running backs coach Jeff Banks, just by looking at him, you can tell he is a hard working player.

"He's a leader on and off the field, hardest worker in the program, num-

ber one guy in the weight room," Banks said. "He's really gained a lot of experience off last season's play. He was kind of a young junior last year because he hadn't been in this offense but for a year, and now he's a veteran."

Banyard had 48 rushing yards and two touchdowns during the last scrimmage of spring, which is about the same number of yards he averaged during the season (47). However

his yards per game are not his best attribute, according to his teammates.

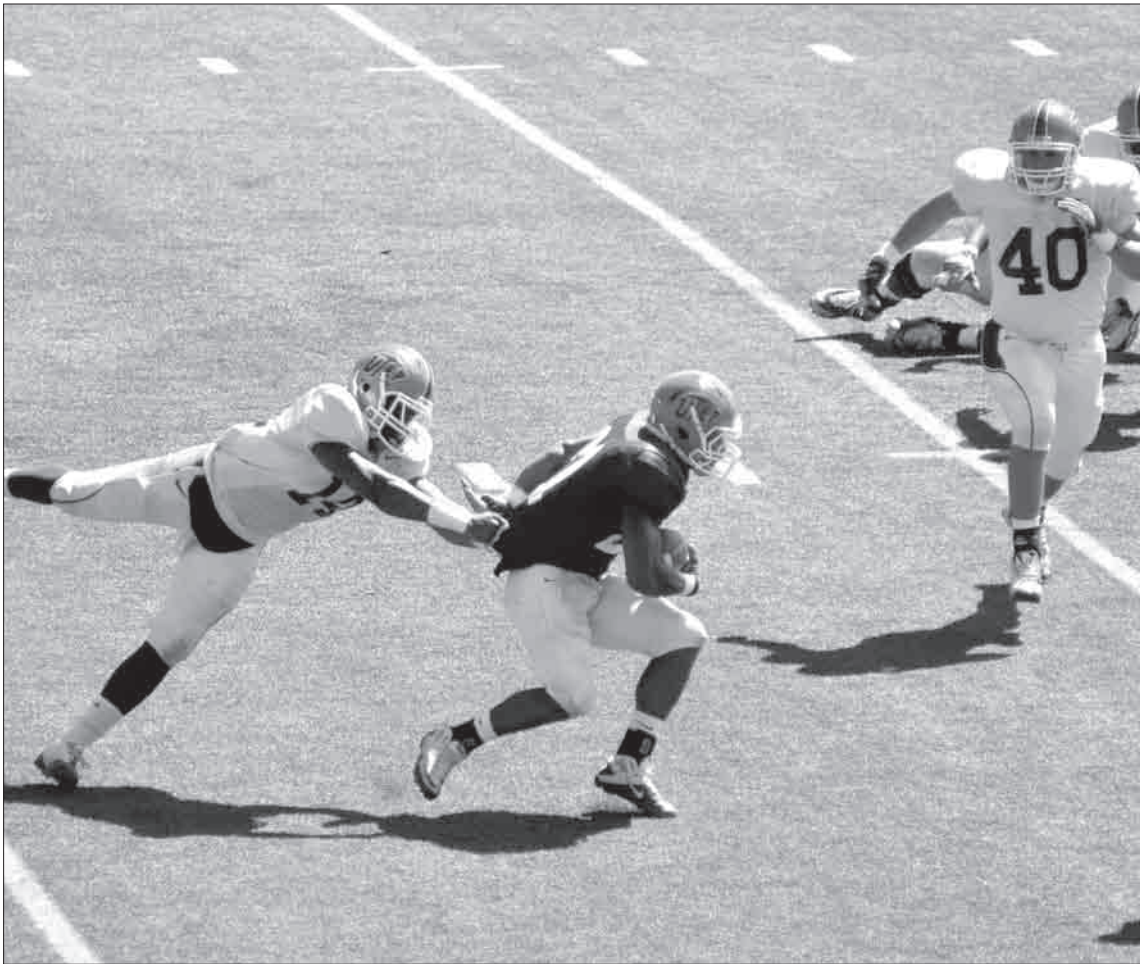
"He's playing awesome, he knows how to play football, he understands football," said Atkinson. "He's a really hard worker, he'll have your back and get into the end zone no matter what. So it was amazing having him back there."

Banyard has the experience to lead the way along with other veterans on the team. Although the fall is still four

months away, to Banyard, the season started this spring. In fact, the whole team looks excited to see how new changes on the team will turn out.

"I take myself as a leader already, I like that pressure, I work well under pressure," said Banyard. "I want to help these young guys out so it could be the future of UTEP."

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**Senior running back** Joe Banyard avoids a tackle April 16 at the Sun Bowl. In the last scrimmage, he compiled 48 yards on 10 for two touchdowns.



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Softball

# Pitching woes torment Miners season

BY WILLIAM VEGA  
The Prospector

Pitching can make or break a season for any softball team, but for a UTEP team limping towards the finish line, that is not the only problem the group has to deal with.

“We just have to battle through some injuries and some situations any team would struggle with,” co-head coach Kathleen Rodriguez said. “I think everyone expects us to be down and out because of everything that’s been going on but that’s not how we coach.”

Pitching is the greatest downfall for the Miners with an overall team ERA of 6.15 and a 7.92 in conference games. After witnessing four great seasons of Stacie Townsend from the circle, pitching has slumped this season mainly due to a lack of experience. Only senior Courtney Auger and sophomore Joanna Krienitz have pitched for UTEP prior to this season, combining for just 15 starts in 2010.

Two freshmen, Laura Ramos and Megan Atchison, have entered the rotation but in different portions of the season depending on their productivity. Most recently, Ramos has been getting the nod for the Miners assisting Auger in the rotation.

“Towards the beginning of the season I was still a little nervous with it being my first year in pitching,” Ramos said. “As I’ve kept going I’ve kind of grown. My confidence has really grown. We just need to be a little more consistent.”

Ever since conference play has commenced, hitting has also begun to decline. UTEP led C-USA prior to league play in batting average, home runs, doubles, hits and runs and even placed in the top-10 in the nation in doubles. Now, with the third best batting average, UTEP has lost their edge in all categories other than runs scored. Injuries can take partial credit for that statistic as three of the top batters on the team have gone down this season.

The Miners were injury prone from the start. The 2011 C-USA Preseason Player of the Year, senior catcher and first baseman Camilla Carrera, went out with a back injury after only suiting up for 12 games. Carrera will be red-shirted this season giving her a fifth year of eligibility in 2012.

A pair of promising freshmen have also missed time on the diamond. Shortstop Samantha Alvillar missed 10 games due to a leg injury but has started every game since she made her return against Memphis March 26. Fellow infielder Camille Herrera injured her wrist prior to their trip to UAB April 2, which resulted in surgery. She made her return to the lineup against East Carolina April 22-23 when she pinch hit in game one then started at shortstop and



File Photo

**Junior catcher Chelsea** Troupe attempts to catch a pitch April 9 at the Helen of Troy Softball Complex.

third base in games two and three, respectively.

If any injury has hurt the team most, it was when junior catcher Troupe went down with another injury. Troupe was leading the team in RBIs, homeruns, hits, slugging percentage and batting average before her injuries and even broke the single season home run mark this season. The Miners combined for just four hits the first two games she missed.


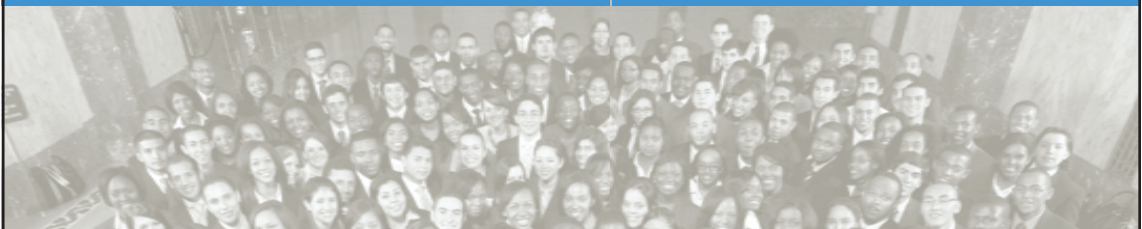
After missing most of the 2010 season with a shoulder injury, Troupe tried to play through a broken nose at UAB April 3 but ended up sitting out the Jacksonville State game April 5. Troupe made her return the following weekend against Houston but sustained a head injury during a play at the plate in game two April 9 and has not returned since. She is expected to miss at least another week.

If anything should be expected from the rest of the season, it’s relieving injuries and building experience for a stronger season in 2012. Three pitchers and seven of the nine batters in the starting lineup will be returning including their top two hitters in Troupe and Carrera. The outfield will be a place of emphasis leading into next season with the departure of seniors Becky Smith and Kia Moore, which will mean leaving a mark of improvement for seasons to come.


“From now on I’m just trying to go out with a bang with the last games and postseason,” Moore said. “We’re hoping to change things around and start a winning streak. We’re ok though, just focusing on the next game.”

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“I think every (quarterback) is in the picture,” Price said. “We look and see how it goes, the quarterbacks are definitely competing for the job that’s for sure. It was good to have the offense get some confidence.”

The most intriguing quarterback of the day was redshirt freshman Javia Hall. He came out of the blocks sprinting and didn’t look back.

On one play in the redzone, Hall dropped backed but the defensive line disrupted the play forcing him to get creative with his pass. He ultimately scrambled his way to the right side of the field and completed a 9-yard touchdown pass in the back of the end zone to Kyle Morin.

“I made some big plays so it was pretty good,” Hall said. “I felt the rush from the play-side defensive end so I just put a move on him and

saw the receiver in the back of the end zone and knifed it in there.”

If rated before the scrimmage April 23, Hall would have been at the bottom of the depth chart compared statistically to the other three quarterbacks. Hall may have played his way back into the quarterback race with his performance.

“We came out more focused, we have been getting prepared but it was more focused because we had more practices,” Hall said. “We got more repetitions so it helped us a lot.”

On the ground, the Miners running backs ran stoutly compiling almost 200 yards on the day. Senior running back Joe Banyard was the highlight running back of the day scoring on a 21-yard run and on another 4-yard run. He finished the day on 10 carries on 55 yards. Red-shirt freshman Nathan Jeffery also had 10 carries during the scrimmage but finished with a team-high of 83 yards. His longest play came off a 59-yard scamper.

“When you recruit guys like Nathan Jeffery that’s the kind of plays he makes. We’ll be seeing a lot more of him in the next for years,” Price said. “It was good to have the offense get some confidence, that’s what we wanted.”

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**Junior Chelsea Troupe** catches a ball in the outfield April 9 at the Helen of Troy Softball Complex.

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Chelsea Troupe since she went out with a head injury April 10, closed the first three innings when she caught a runner stealing in the first and second then picked off another in the third.

Sophomore Joanna Krienitz took the circle in the second game, giving up five earned runs en route to a 6-0 East Carolina victory. The Miners displayed their hitting woes against junior pitcher Faith Sutton stranding at least one runner on base the first four innings and striking out eight times.

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