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## Despite shooting students still celebrate at Cincinnati

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BY DIANA ARRIETA  
The Prospector

Despite the violent shooting that occurred in the Cincinnati Avenue Entertainment District Aug. 17, some UTEP students continue to spend their weekend nights at the bars of the 2700 block of North Mesa Street.

"I really don't feel like it's a dangerous area. To me it seemed more like it was a one-time unfortunate incident," said Sarah Borrego, senior communication studies major. "Actually, I went out on Cincinnati the weekend after the shooting and wouldn't mind going out again because I feel an incident like this could have happened anywhere so I'm not scared."

While the Cincinnati shooting resulted in the non-life threatening injuries of two men, Jose Merle, 33, and Jason Garced, 29, many believe the incident is not an indication of the general safety experienced in the city.

"The shooting was an anomaly, something that typically doesn't happen in that area," El Paso Police Detective Mike Baranyay said. "This

episode certainly does not reflect the safety conditions of El Paso, no further shootings have occurred since then. There is a reason why we are the safest city in the U.S."

For UTEP Police Chief Cliff Walsh taking precautions when partying at night is always helpful and beneficial for students.

"It is important that students know that when they are frequenting not only Cincinnati Street but any entertainment venue, they should be aware of their surroundings," Walsh said. "Go with a trusted friend, have a designated driver, enjoy themselves responsibly, and if they see that an uncomfortable situation is starting to develop, then leave."

Yet, additional safety measures have been implemented in the areas around Cincinnati and the UTEP campus to ensure the safety of students.

"We have been working not only with the city police but with other agencies to promote the safety of the area as well as the safety of the UTEP campus," Walsh said. "We do

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DANIEL ROSAS / The Prospector  
UTEP students are not worried about safety around the Cincinnati Avenue Entertainment District even after a shooting Aug. 17 in the area.

### Football

## Miners come back from 14 down, win season opener in overtime

BY DANIEL ORNELAS AND WILLIAM VEGA  
The Prospector

The UTEP Miners gave their fans a scare, needing to rally from 14 points down to take Division 1-AA Stony Brook into overtime en route to a 31-24 season-opening victory Sept. 3 at the Sun Bowl.

"Our offensive game plan wasn't brilliant on my part, thinking that we could run the ball against them," head coach Mike Price said. "They were just big and a pretty good team. We have to give them a lot of credit for traveling all the way here and playing as well as they did."

With the game tied at 24, UTEP tried to seal the game in regulation when they drove to the Seawolves' 44-yard line with three seconds left.

Junior Dakota Warren came onto the field to attempt a 61-yard field goal, four yards longer than his personal best. The attempt had the distance, but was wide left and the teams were headed to overtime.

Junior quarterback Nick Lamaison took little time to find the end zone, throwing a 25-yard pass to senior wide receiver Donovan Kemp on the first play of overtime. Kemp was relieved by the catch and was ready to seal the deal right away.

"Let's go home," Kemp said. "I had no doubt on my defense, so when that happened I was just thinking let's go home."



JUSTIN STENE / The Prospector

Freshman wide receiver Jordan Leslie runs past a tackler during the fourth quarter of the team's season opener against Stony Brook Sept. 3 at the Sun Bowl. The Miners won in overtime 31-24.

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**Scotch Mist played** for Wednesday Music Café at the Union Breezeway Aug. 31. The four member band is trying to spread their sounds to the El Paso community.

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Mostly noted for its George Orwell 1984-ish ad during the Super Bowl, the Motorola Xoom was intended to secure Android's lead over iOS in tablet devices. Launched in February 2011, Motorola Xoom was the first to support Android's Honeycomb, while offering a large 10.1-inch display and dual cameras.

With claims such as "it out-classes the iPad in many ways," by tech-blog Engadget, the Xoom received a heartfelt welcome by the tech industry. Despite versatile software and powerful hardware, Business Insider recently reported that only 100,000+ units have been sold so far.

In the upcoming months, Sony's launch of S1 and S2 tablets will propose a new threat to iPad's sales and validity. Running an optimized Honeycomb version, the S1 sports a stylish 9.4-inch display and the S2 consists of a dual-screen layout which allows it to fold for compact fitting.



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Ibarra said that she tries to show her support by attending all of their performances and recording them.

"I really like their music," Ibarra said. "And to really show my support, I have their songs on my iPod."

Alvarado said none of the members have spoken outwardly about their dreams of becoming rock stars. However, they really want to get their name known by playing various gigs at different locations.

"We have played at several places before," Vazquez said. "We have played at the Percolator, Sumatra Hookah Lounge and The Mix."

With previous performing experience, Alvarado said that at the moment they don't have the urgency of

becoming the next Radiohead; they simply just feel good when playing.

"I hadn't thought of it that way, but every time I play I get rid of all my stress," Alvarado said. "It feels good to get lost in the music when playing."

Vazquez said each time they play, they grow fonder of their songs and it lets them improve their performance.

Gamboa said that their future plans involve a four-track demo.

"We like playing right now because it's fun," Gamboa said. "Eventually we want to get somewhere and be different."

For more information on Scotch Mist visit their Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/scotchmist00?sk=info>

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What was the score?



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Football

# Price hopes to avoid costly errors for week two

BY WILLIAM VEGA  
The Prospector

Following a close call from Division 1-AA Stony Brook, head coach Mike Price is ready to stray away from unnecessary errors and make the proper adjustments in the coming week.

“Stony Brook had a good looking team. They were a lot better than we thought they were going to be and they played very well,” Price said during the media luncheon Sept. 5. “They came out in some formations we hadn’t seen before and got us off balance.”

Price said his initial game plan was lost in the weeks leading up to the game with the loss of three starting offensive linemen. That fall back might be fixed as soon as practice resumes Sept. 6. when he expects all three to return.

“That was our plan and we worked on it a lot in practice. Then (junior) James Robinson hurt his knee, (freshman) Jerel Watkins sprained an ankle and (junior) James Nelson went down with a high ankle sprain,” Price said. “All of a sudden, this great plan we had wasn’t looking very good because of the guys who were hurt on offense.”

The offensive line had trouble pushing back the unexpected physicality of Stony Brook’s defensive counterparts. The Miners were unable to create holes for their running backs, who were limited to just 36 yards on 23 attempts. Junior quarterback Nick Lamaison was seen escaping from the pocket to make a play numerous times.



JUSTIN STENE / The Prospector

**Head coach Mike** Price talks about his team’s game against Stony Brook Sept. 3 at the Sun Bowl and looks forward to the next game against SMU Sept. 10 at Gerald J. Ford Stadium.

On the defensive side, Price blamed miscommunication from the coaching staff to the leaders on the field that resulted in 17 points allowed. He said that, at times, coaches were giving the wrong calls to the middle linebacker.

Price went on to say that had it not been for a few small miscues, the game could have become a 21-point victory for UTEP. The first one came

in the third quarter when the Miners had a new guard in freshman Nick Martin protecting Lamaison.

The play was for him to pull in anticipation of a boot leg but Lamaison called for an audible as Martin let the Stony Brook defender, Jonathan Coats, right by him for the fumble recovery and score.

Price took the blame for UTEP’s first failed red zone possession in the fourth quarter when Lamaison threw an interception at the two-yard line on a fourth-and-goal.

“I chose that play and it didn’t work. For some reason we didn’t block it properly and they rushed two guys in,” Price said. “He had to hurry up and throw it. He threw it behind him.”

The last error he hopes to overcome came from a player’s standpoint when senior running back Vernon Frazier caught a pass near the 20-yard line and ran it in for the score. Frazier made the catch and fumbled near the end zone as he tried to extend his arms forward which resulted in a turnover.

Price knows that these mistakes cannot be made against their first Division-1 and Conference-USA opponent, SMU.

“We have to change some of our ideas on offense that we had going into this game and do some things differently,” Price said. “This is a completely different SMU but they’re also a very good SMU.”

Price still expects his offense to be the forte all year despite the nine veterans on defense.

“I like what we’re doing on defense. We’ll be ok,” Price said. “I don’t know if it’s ever going to be our strength to stop the run. We’re working on that all of the time.”

Price was happy about a few things that he hopes can continue throughout the season.

“We had no bad snaps. That’s something I was worried about going into this game,” Price said. “Every snap was perfect. We had no huddle problems. We made big plays when we had to.”

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Volleyball

# Team remains unbeaten, takes tournament crown



JUSTIN STENE / The Prospector

**Sophomore middle blocker** Jeane Horton jumps for the ball during the team’s game against UT-Arlington Aug. 27 at Memorial Gym. The Miners are now 8-0 after a four-game sweep of the Cornell Invitational Sept. 2-3 in Ithaca, New York.

BY KRYSTAL OBLINGER  
The Prospector

The UTEP Miners kept making strides in the 2011 season moving to 8-0 after taking the the Cornell Invitational title Sept. 2-3 in Ithaca, New York.

“We proved to ourselves this weekend what we are capable of when we are committed to outworking our opponents,” senior outside hitter Marie-Therese Joyce said. “I was proud of our team for not dwelling on previous matches, but learning from them and moving on.”

Junior outside hitter Bridget Logan racked up 10 kills during their last match of the invitational against Delaware State Sept. 3. Tournament MVP and sophomore middle blocker Xitali Herrera joined her on the all-tournament team. Sophomore setter Malia Patterson helped with 34 assists and five digs. UTEP totaled 44 kills, 31 digs, and hit. 370 overall for the match.

“Our team worked hard this weekend as a unit to accomplish our goals,” Logan said. “ I was surprised and honored to be selected to the all tournament team and I hope that I can continue to be an asset to our teams successes this season.”

Joyce managed two kills during the Delaware State match and eight kills in the American University match earlier that day. Junior middle blocker Cassandra Burrue! gained the second highest kills with nine in that game.

UTEP’s defense dominated with 31 digs, nine of which were accomplished by senior libero Stephanie Figueroa. Sophomore libero Victoria Valencia and Herrera followed with six digs each.

“The team played very hard and got a lot of good work in this weekend,” head coach Ken Murphy said. “We made some nice improvements in our blocking, passing and were able to control matches for long periods of time.”

The Miners also took on American on Sept. 3 in a close 3-1 match. The first proved to be the tightest of the match as there were 15 ties and nine lead changes. The set went into extra serves where the Miners ultimately came on top 28-26. The Miners won two of the next three sets after falling in the third. The one loss in the match was UTEP’s only lost set of

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Volleyball

Freshman standout returns from season-ending injury



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**Sophomore outside hitter** Jacqueline Cason rises for a kill during a match last year in Memorial Gym.

BY FRANKIE RODRIGUEZ  
The Prospector

After sustaining an injury midway through last season, sophomore outside hitter Jacqueline Cason hopes to have a durable 2011 campaign.

As a freshman, Cason played in 17 of 33 matches before going down with a dislocated left shoulder. During those matches, she totaled 120 kills and averaged 2.18 per set, while hitting .306. She ranks fourth in school history, recording only 38 errors last season on 268 attempts. She had three double-digit kill performances, along with a career-best 13 kills against East Carolina last September.

Head coach Ken Murphy has noticed a cautious approach from Cason since the injury. He has also taken a precautionary measure with her as she has only played in three sets all year. In those three sets, she has been targeted six times, three of those resulting in kills.

"I think, like any of us, she doesn't want to reinjure it and put herself back in the same situation," Murphy said. "I think she wants to come back slow and get stronger the right way."

The lack of playing time may also be attributed to a deep rotation at outside hitter. Three of the top five scorers on the team play Cason's position and have played in at least 18 of the 19 possible sets all season.

Murphy also said he has noticed her progress and that she has shown a determination to recover after the injury.

"I think she is pretty competitive and I think anyone like her is going through some adversity because it is hard," Murphy said. "She wants to be contributing and helping our team be successful. Considering those things, she is doing really well getting back into shape, getting ready to help our team again."

Cason was disappointed after the injury because she felt as if she let her team down.

"All my teammates gathered around saying 'you're fine,' 'you're okay' and I was still a part of the team when I came back."

- Jacqueline Cason, Sophomore  
outside hitter

"All my teammates gathered around saying 'you're fine,' 'you're okay' and I was still a part of the team when I came back," Cason said.

Despite the setback, Cason has managed to stay optimistic, and said she thinks the injury has given her an advantage.

"In the spring, I got to focus on my strength more than volleyball," Cason said. "The good that came out of it is I got a lot more strength and power in me."

Her teammates felt the injury was unfortunate.

"Jacquie is just always someone who is emotionally involved with the team," Joyce said. "It hurts us to see any one of our teammates get hurt, but especially her because she does put in so much hard work and dedication to the program."

Her teammates said that regardless of her injury, she still manages to maintain a diligent attitude towards the program.

"Even though she has been injured I really believe she still gives all she has," Joyce said.

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the weekend and their second of the season.

"American was very good and challenged us to keep our composure," Murphy said. "There were points where we struggled with staying within our system but I was glad to see us regroup and get back into the things we do well."

Logan gained top kills with 16 followed by sophomore outside hitter Jeane Horton's 13. Patterson recorded in the double digits in assist with 46 and Figueroa once again managed high numbers in digs with 24. UTEP hit .290 for the match versus a close .248 delivered by American.

"Beating American was a great step for us as a program," Joyce said. "We influenced the outcome by respecting them, yet forcing them to play our style of volleyball and working each and every point."

On Sept. 2, the Miners faced off with Cornell University and Niagara University taking both matches 3-0. UTEP dominated Cornell in kills 43-25 and in digs 52-39. Logan managed 15 kills and four block assists against Cornell with Herrera adding seven kills, 14 digs and six block assists.

Herrera contributed again with her third double-digit kill performance of the season with 11 and nine digs against Niagara. Patterson added 32 of 37 assists and 12 digs while Figueroa scored 15. The team hit .265 to Niagara's .099 during the match and totaled 38 kills, 57 digs and nine team blocks.

UTEP will take on Baylor University, Lamar University and Mississippi State Sept. 9-10 in Beaumont, Texas.

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The Seawolves needed to match the Miners' touchdown to keep the game alive, but senior safety Travaun Nixon ended the game with an interception at the four-yard line on the first Stony Brook play in overtime. He made a diving catch near the sideline just in front of the receiver. The play was reviewed and upheld as the official confirmed that Nixon had at least one foot in-bounds.

"I thought they weren't going to call it because I was actually bobbling it. I knew I had my feet down," Nixon said. "I was still bobbling the ball. I was happy I got away with it."

Lamaison finished the day with 365 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions with his best performance coming in the fourth quarter and overtime. He went 14-for-21 with 216 yards in that span and 9-of-12 during the four touchdown drives of the game.

His play late in the game helped him overcome his performance during the first three periods as he saw his team go down 14 points. The last Seawolf touchdown came when senior defensive Jonathan Coats stripped the ball away from Lamaison and returned it 14 yards for a touchdown to go up 24-10.

"I managed to get my hands up just in time, before he started to move his arm forward. I was able to knock the ball down, and once I saw it on the ground my natural instinct was to pick the ball up and run it in the end zone," said Coats. "Fortunately, it was a fumble and I was able to pick it up and score with it. We got a little momentum going our way, up two touchdowns at the time."

The advantage went in favor of the Seawolves during the solid performance from their running back tandem of senior Brock Jackolski and

junior Miguel Maysonet. The two combined for 179 rushing yards in the first half, 116 of them coming in the first quarter.

UTEP was able to get the ball in the red zone three times over the next 14 minutes, scoring once to cut the lead to 24-17.

On a fourth-and-goal from the two, Lamaison threw his second interception of the night on a fourth-down attempt to junior wide receiver Mike Edwards in the end zone. The pass was intercepted by Stony Brook's Donald Porter, who had two picks on the night.

Following an interception on a fourth-and-goal from the two and a fumble in the end zone, Lamaison found his composure, again. With 4:04 to go, he connected with Tomlinson for their second score of the night to tie the game at 24.

"If you throw a pick, whatever, you just have to come back and throw a touchdown the next series," Lamaison said. "You can't let that affect you."

The Miners had some help over the final 16 minutes of the game. Stony Brook had five-consecutive possessions that resulted in punts with all five of them lasting no more than one minute, 32 seconds.

"I would say that our game plan coming in here was to spread the field out a little bit and throw the ball and I thought we'd have some things open," Stony Brook head coach Chuck Priore said. "They made a couple of plays (in the fourth quarter). You never look back 10 minutes after the game and say what could I have done."

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Column

Food daydreams

BY BEATRIZ A. CASTAÑEDA  
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Picture yourself in class--the professor rambles on and all you hear is your stomach growling, telling you how hungry you are and that you can't wait for the class to end so you can go grab a bite to eat. That has been me since the semester began.

One of the smartest things a college student can do is pack their own lunch. By bringing your lunch to school, you may save a lot of money over time. Sometimes I bring my own lunch, which I must say is cheaper and convenient. Although at times, packing your own lunch can be a chore--you might be running late to school and not have enough time to actually prepare something you want for the day.

For the past few semesters, I made the decision to have back-to-back classes, simply because it has worked best with my daily schedule. This semester I've had a mix of days when I bring my own lunch and when I don't.

Fortunately, we have food options on campus. When I don't bring my lunch, I usually go to the Union to see what I crave at that time and then choose what to eat. Recently, to my surprise, a dream I thought would never come true has happened: sushi at school.

The UTEP Food Services have made this addition to our meal op-

tions by offering dishes from AFC Sushi, a franchise corporation.

Now, I love sushi. I truly do and when I saw that students had a new sushi bar, I couldn't help but be pleased that we have that as a new dining option. I was excited to try the sushi and when I did, I very much enjoyed it. Additionally, Sodexho also brought in Sandella's Flatbread Café to the College of Health Sciences and School of Nursing Building.

My friend and I were walking towards class along University Avenue, when I spotted a trailer on University and Wiggins Road called Pete's Eats and Drinks that featured Miner Meals on Wheels. Curious, I checked it out and it is indeed a grab-and-go little concession stand on wheels. It offers snacks for students as they find their way to classes. They have a dollar menu and offer drinks, water, popcorn, hot dogs, nachos, corn in a cup and more.

I witnessed many students buying from the trailer and then going to their next class. This is a cool concept that works for students such as me, who have no breaks in between classes and find no time to eat. One can just grab something real quick and head to class. So the next time you don't bring lunch, or have no time to eat between classes, you have the option to grab something instead of having to go to the Union to eat. And for those times when you do have time to eat after classes, you should try out the sushi. It's superb.

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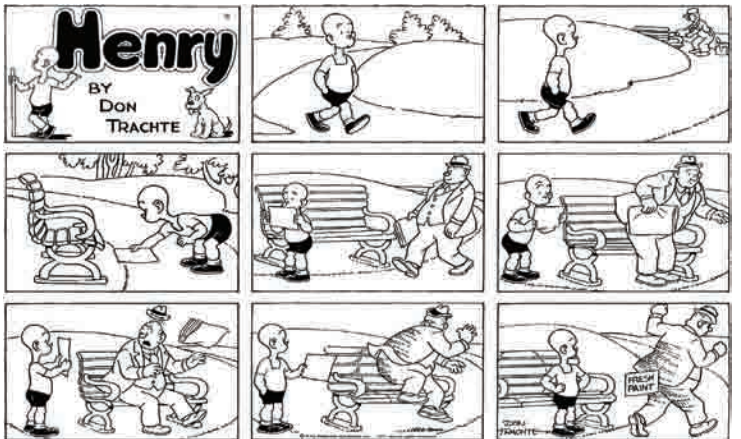
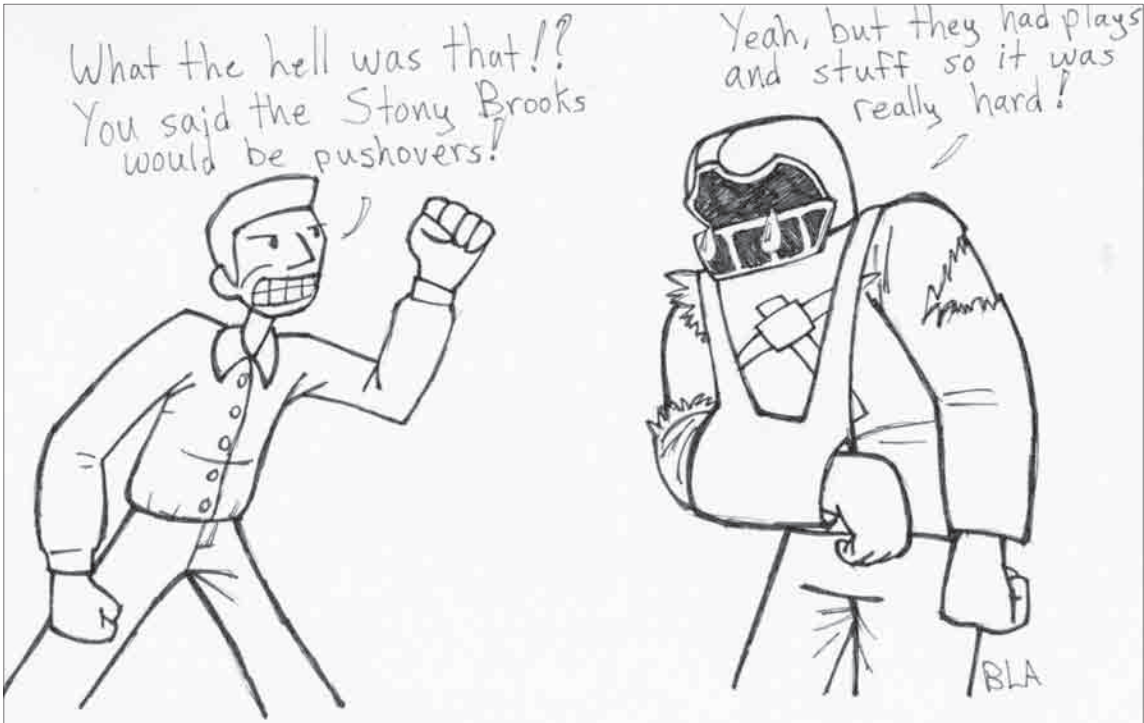
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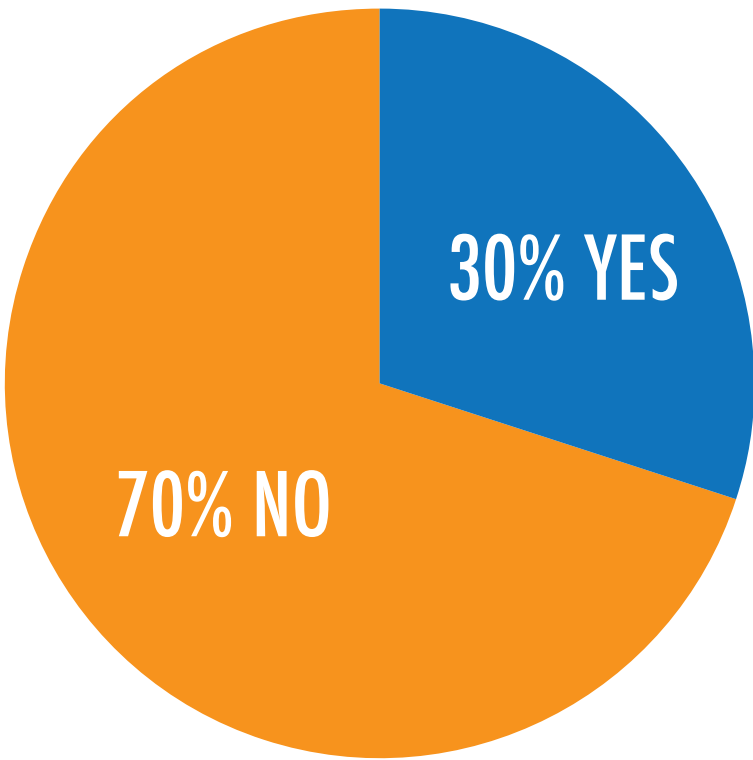
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Community

# UTEP alumni takes expedition south to help orphanage

BY DANIEL PEREZ  
The Prospector

Alex Chacon was at a crossroads last year after graduating from UTEP. Instead of starting a job hunt right out of college, he went on a journey to travel South America, but to also help the community.

After graduating with a degree in Biomedical Science, took to his Kawasaki motorcycle and drove throughout South America to help raise money for an orphanage in Ciudad Juárez, named “Los Ojos de Dios” (www.ojosdedios.org). Chacon traveled across 19 countries to raise awareness for this charity.

“Los Ojos de Dios” helps mentally disabled orphans, street kids and kids that have been orphaned because of the violence in Juárez,” Chacon said. “I studied many different diseases at UTEP, many of which are in other countries and not in the U.S. so this motivated me to travel.”

Kristine Garza, professor of biological science, said Chacon was one of the hardest, most genuine students she had ever worked with in her department and was not surprised by his goal to help the orphanage.

“Alex always was very enthusiastic, he is the epitome of the drive, enthu-

siasm and sincerity,” she said. “He always brought new ideas to the table, and thought outside the box.”

Chacon started a blog, expedition-south.com, to document all his travels with pictures and personal stories which grew beyond his expectations. Many family, friends and complete strangers started following his adventure and helping get the word out about “Los Ojos de Dios.”

“I feel proud as a man to be able to talk to someone in Chile for an hour and have that person donates \$200 just because she was so moved” Chacon said.

Chacon said that on his journey he learned many valuable lesson. He advises students to follow in his step and try to donate time, money or whatever they can to help someone in need.

“I would say to understand yourself, and where you come from, and where you stand in the world was the biggest life lesson,” Chacon said.

Chacon said that many UTEP students make the trip across the border to come to school every day and many may be too busy with classwork, but he thinks every student should make the effort to donate their time.

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Alex Chacon, UTEP alumni, traveled South America to help raise money for “Los Ojos de Dios,” an orphanage in Ciudad Juárez.

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**Alex Chacon traveled** across 19 countries in order to raise awareness for this charity.

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“Volunteer your time to “Los Ojos de Dios”, and if you can’t, then donate on their website, or do something locally that you want to do to help someone,” Chacon said.

Yamil Al-Askar, junior marketing major, said the work Alex did was very selfless and required many sacrifices.

“I felt it was touching, because many kids need help and to take

a local charity to 19 countries is awesome and very inspirational,” Al-Askarsaid.

Margarita Ortega, junior business administration and finance major, said that hearing about this story makes her want to do more as an SGA member.

“I feel like all of us can make a difference in someone’s life,” Ortega said.

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Campus

# Edens’ vision of success as interim vice president for student affairs

BY CHRISTIAN GUERRERO  
The Prospector

Gary Edens has seen UTEP grow, not only as the university’s associate vice president and dean of students for the Division of Student Affairs, but as a student. After 21 years of service to the university, he has been named the interim vice president of student affairs.

He received his bachelor’s degree in business administration from UTEP in 1990 and due to his hard work as a student, including being a member of various student activities and organizations, he was offered a job at the university two days after he received his diploma.

“As the interim vice president of student affairs there are certain things I want to shepherd, one of them is obviously that we’re trying to become a national research institution, a tier-one university,” Edens said. “I want to raise the level of everything we do here at Student Affairs, so we can be seen as one of the top student affairs divisions in the United States.”

One of his priorities is to integrate student services with the entire university to give students an experience inside and outside the classroom. Edens believes that by partnering with the academic and research sides of the university, it will help students become better individuals, which will ultimately help them in the job market once they graduate.

Edens also said he wants to build up student life and traditions, to enhance



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**Gary Edens** was recently named interim vice president of student affairs after the retirement of Richard Padilla.

the campus climate and sees the new Student Recreation Center as one way to start achieving this goal.

“UTEP has been on the road to tier one for a while now. It will be exciting to see what new implementations the new VP has in mind for UTEP and for the alumni and UTEP community,” said Rene Gallardo, student assistant at the Office for Student Affairs.

Edens said one of his mentors and support for his ideas comes from UTEP President Diana Natalicio.

“Dr. Natalicio is a mentor for all of us. She’s an amazing leader with a very strong vision of what is possible at this university, and she, more so than anyone that I’ve ever known, is about serving students,” Edens said.

Edens was promoted to interim vice president of student affairs after the retirement of Richard Padilla, who served in the position since 1994. Edens said he has learned a lot serving under Padilla and hopes to continue to focus on enhancing student success.

He will retain his position as adviser for the Student Government Association for now, since this new phase in his professional life is still in transition. He said that although he doesn’t know exactly how everything will proceed in his new job, he doesn’t want to get too far removed from the students. He said that brainstorming is a must with his leadership team for the division to progress.

Margarita Ortega, SGA senator at large and junior economics and finance major, said she was very excited when she heard about Edens’ new

position and strongly believes he has the credentials suited for the job.

According to Ortega, Edens’ new job will have a positive affect because he’s always supported SGA in all their decisions.

“We went to the SGA retreat and he went with us, so we got to know him a little bit better,” Ortega said. (SGA) is kind of like a little golden star for him.”

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For many, this rise in security measures is an incentive to continue to party at Cincinnati.

“I’m really glad that both the UTEP and the El Paso police are working to secure the Cincinnati area around

campus,” said Mayra Sandoval, junior psychology major. “I really feel it’s a good area to go to and have fun and I don’t see why students should stop going out during the weekends to the bars or to the restaurants, especially if patrol strategies are being implemented.”

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Movie Review

# ‘Apollo 18’ fails to deliver on its horror hype



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‘Apollo 18’ directed by Gonzalo López Gallego, features what are said to be secret NASA films and its current movie gross is at \$8.7 million since its official release date Sept. 2.

BY ANDRES RODRIGUEZ  
The Prospector

After a rough and rescheduled road to theaters, “Apollo 18,” landed without scares, credible dialogue or a steady camera.

The premise is simple. Three astronauts go to the moon on a mission only to find themselves in the middle of a government conspiracy and a site full of unearthly beings.

The first English- language film by Spanish Director Gonzalo Lopez-Gallego wants us to believe that what we are seeing is real edited footage of a covert 1974 lunar mission. This is

plausible given the look of the film. The footage looks authentic. It is grainy and scratchy and the sets are highly believable. You almost get lost in space with the characters until one of them speaks.

The dialogue is trite. For a pseudo-documentary, they use too many feature-like quotes. In one instance during the film, Warren Christie exclaims, “I won’t leave without you.” The acting of Christie and Lloyd Owen is decent enough. They certainly look scared, but not enough for the audience to join them in their fear.

The film’s greatest weakness lies in its inability to scare the audience. The marketing promised suspenseful horror. Granted, we get the scares delivered in the trailer, but nothing more. The few jump-scares that we see are contrived, loud and forgettable.

Yes, a movie about space exploration leaves little to relate to as an audience, but isolation and the unknown are two great horror themes that are mismanaged if not largely untouched.

The answer to the question as to why “we’ve never gone back to the moon” is disappointing, especially because it’s the moon we’re talk-

ing about and expectations are high when a space monster comes into the picture.

To say the least, the extra-terrestrial beings are creepy yet unfulfilling. The suspense is done with snippets of static howls and frightening sounds, but ultimately reveal an undeveloped and sorry monster.

Panic ensues when the astronauts discover that they are part of a government conspiracy. This theory provides the movie with a much-needed lift that a government secrecy drama puts forth. Even though this is hinted at earlier, the full disclosure of the

conspiracy is revealed too late in the film to gain any real momentum.

As a whole, “Apollo 18” looks like the real found footage deal. However the editing and technical problems with the set overshadow this and deliver a pseudo-documentary thriller that fails to thrill or engage the audience.

One out of five picks.

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Band Profile

# Scotch Mist hits more than striking chords



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Jorge Gamboa (left) senior pre-business major and bassist of the band, plays with Jonathan Vazquez, vocalist.

BY ALEJANDRO ALBA  
The Prospector

A year into the formation of the alternative/experimental band Scotch Mist, have finally made their debut in the UTEP community Aug. 30 at the Wednesday Music Café in the Union Breezeway.

Scotch Mist, is a new four member band that is trying to spread their name in the El Paso community.

“At the moment, we are trying to improve our performing skills,” said Rafael Alvarado junior pre-business major and guitarist for the band. “Eventually we want to play at the Neon Desert Music Festival.”

The Neon Desert Music Festival is a local music festival that showcased 29 international musical acts last April.

According to Jorge Gamboa, senior pre-business major and bassist, the band got its name from a webcast from the famous band Radiohead and is something very personal.

“We decided to look further into the definition of Scotch Mist,” Gamboa said. “It means something that is hard to find and it comes from an old Great Britain saying.”

Believing in their uniqueness, vocalist Jonathan Vazquez said that all their lyrics come naturally from their music composition.

“I divide my lyric page into eight, and as I play, the lyrics begin to order themselves into the music,” Vazquez said.

The style in which lyrics are composed is shared by Alvarado, who said that he gathers words and phrases that intrigue him throughout the day, then he begins playing chords on his guitar and everything seems to fall together.

“There is really no idea behind my lyrics. Whatever my guitar says, goes,” Alvarado said. “I think that if lyrics are constrained, they sound pretentious.”

Supporter of the band, Diana Ibarra, sophomore pre-business major, said that their music and lyrics are very original and at times, complex.

“I think it is hard for them to find a place to play,” Ibarra said. “Mostly at shows, people are playing heavy rock or screamo.”

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Campus Life

# Campus extends a charitable hand



BOB CORRAL / The Prospector

The Kappa Sigma fraternity will hold their annual Run for the Heroes campaign Sept. 24 that will benefit soldiers who have been wounded in action.

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA

The Prospector

The Student Development Center has increased its efforts to entice students to broaden their horizons by trying previously unexplored experiences and opportunities.

Besides learning in the classroom, there are other initiatives students can take to strengthen any weak points in their portfolio of experience and acquire new skills.

"There are some classroom experiences that do lend to those kinds of skills being developed, but more often than not, students need to be able to find those external outlets outside of

class to help develop those skill sets," said Corey Bailey, director of the Student Development Center and Women's Resource Center. "So that's where the clubs and organizations come in, where the program development and attending leadership conferences comes in, etc."

The Campus Activities Board (CAB), which is part of SDC, has embraced the arrival of the semester with activities that complimented Welcome Back Week. In addition to setting up activities for students around campus, the staff has also began working on charity programs. For example, through Sept. 9, CAB has

been collecting shoes for the YWCA Transitional Living Center.

"Our mission is to revamp the Campus Activities Board as something that works hard in the community," said Stephanie Correa, senior political science major and CAB intern. "We want to make sure we are providing services to the students, but at the same time we're reaching out."

Students can donate any kind of shoes, but they must be new. For every five donations made by students, they will be entered into a raffle to win a free pair of TOMS shoes.

Other student organizations such as Greek Life, are also staying busy with charitable programs.

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The Kappa Sigma Fraternity will be commencing their annual Run for the Heroes campaign Sept. 24, which will benefit soldiers who have been wounded in action. The fraternity is working with the Fisher House Foundation, which houses wounded active military soldiers and their families.

"This event consists of literally a run, as the name states. It's going to be a relay consisting of three schools," said Gilbert Lucero, senior American literature major and president of Kappa Sigma. "We're going to be running a football out of El Paso and relaying that to Alamogordo, New Mexico, where New Mexico State University is going to pick it up, then run it to Roswell, New Mexico, where Eastern New Mexico University will pick it up and run that into Portales, New Mexico."

The run will cover approximately 300 miles and companies or private individuals may donate a certain amount of money per mile by a participating member of the fraternity.

"Being so close to our base (Ft. Bliss) and the base being incorporated into our community, it means a lot to our chapter," Lucero said. "It's a reason why we always like to do this run along with New Mexico State University and Eastern New Mexico University."

The SDC has worked to offer opportunities and an environment that will help bridge students to these community service skills. Bailey said the vision of SDC is to create a more inclusive environment around campus.

"There are certain segments of our student population that feel very comfortable coming into our offices and participating in our events or the events that we support, but there's a larger population out there that for some reason is not connected to all that we do," Bailey said. "I've heard that enough from students, faculty and staff to know that this has to be a priority for us in this next academic year."

For more information about the TOMS shoe drive, contact Stephanie Correa at CAB4@utep.edu or for any other campus event information, call the SDC office at 747-5670.

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## Column

### Tablets: Escaping iPad's shadow

BY JERRY ALDAZ

The Prospector



A little over two months after its July 1st launch, HP's TouchPad is among the computer tablets that have failed to capture customers' imagination.

Permanently leaving the shelf for \$99, the technology industry continues its search for the highly mystified iPad killer.

Although criticized for various technological deficits, most notably the lack of flash support and true multi-tasking, Apple's iPad has set the standard for others to follow. With more than 28 million units sold worldwide, according to analyst Maynard Um, the iPad's unprecedented dominance is an unpleasant factor competitors consider when creating rivaling tablets.

The iPad, by any means, isn't perfect. It will not satisfy everyone's preferences and its productivity remains a questionable asset. Current and future college students will be pleased to know that as competition increases, prices are bound to drop and innovation increase.

In the past year, the world has witnessed three promising tablets by leading companies. Unfortunately, rushed deadlines and unfinished software terminated these devices' short-lived popularity.

Debuting with a 1.2 GHz processor, a comparable 9.7-inch touch display and a proprietary operating system (WebOS), HP's TouchPad showed vast potential. Sadly, negative elements such as a weak App database, in relation to Apple's and Android's App volume, led to its eventual demise.

Abysmal sales weakened third-party developer support and as a result, many popular applications never managed to port over. Mixed opinions from tech reviewers, often criticizing WebOS's hiccups and variable performance, also created a negative perception from the general public.

Similar to Blackberry's professionalism, RIM's 7-inch Playbook was originally marketed as a business tablet. Packing a 1GHz dual-core processor, native flash and HTML5 support and easy synchronization with Blackberry mobile phones (bridging), Playbook strived to be the multi-tasking tablet worthy of the corporate world.

As many gave mostly positive reviews to the on-board operating system, the biggest shocker upon its arrival was the Playbook's lack of a native email. Demoed to contain Blackberry's critically-acclaimed e-mail service, many consumers were disappointed to learn that this and other features would arrive through progressive software updates.

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BY BEATRIZ A. CASTAÑEDA  
The Prospector

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“**Rebirth**” a documentary by Jim Whitaker about the nearly 10-year transformation of five people whose lives were forever altered on September 11, 2001.

“**Singham**” directed by Rohit Shetty, is about Bajirao Singham (Ajay Devgn), a police sub-inspector who hails from a small town of Sawantwadi in Maharashtra. He fights against corruption.



**Sept. 13**  
“**Conan O’Brien Can’t Stop**” covers O’Brien’s live concert tour following his departure from The Tonight Show.



“**Thor**” spans the Marvel Universe from present day Earth to the realm of Asgard. At the center of the story is the mighty Thor (Chris Hemsworth, a powerful but arrogant warrior whose reckless actions reignite an ancient war.



“**Love Wedding Marriage**” starring Mandy Moore, centers on a newlywed marriage counselor who is thrown for a loop when she learns that her parents, whose marriage she’s always idealized, are headed for divorce. She sets out on a disastrous path to save their marriage at the expense of her own, manipulating loved ones to achieve her objectives.



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**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** You have a reputation for honesty and integrity, and that will help turn around a situation that was not only disappointing but also quite unfair. Good luck.  
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**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Your ruling planet, Pluto, helps you adjust to change. So, stop putting off that long-delayed move, and make it with the assurance that you’re doing the right thing.  
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