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One of the protesters at the “Walk for Choice” rally Sept. 10 holds a pro-choice sign at the start of the march at Houston Park.

Pro-choice rally

Abortion issues divide students

BY CELIA AGUILAR
The Prospector

As the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance held their first “Walk for Choice” rally Sept. 10 to raise awareness about reproductive issues and women’s rights, chants of “not the church, not the state, women should decide their fate” could be heard reverberating off downtown buildings. “We’re all walking to support reproductive freedom, having a reproductive choice,” said Abigail Delgado, senior kinesiology major. “The issue is basically in support for women’s rights over their own body and the choice of having an abortion.”

The event began at Houston Park, where a crowd of about 35 individuals, primarily members of FMLA, gathered before the march. They walked down Mesa Street and doubled back toward The Percolator, where the event continued with a live show featuring Jaime Hernandez and Our Friend the Mountain.

The show at The Percolator, which drew a full house, was also used as a fundraising event for a local clinic. “We have two goals,” said Alyssah Roth, vice president of FMLA and sophomore creative writing major. “Number one is to advocate for reproductive justice, reproductive health and reproductive rights, but our second is more of a local cause. We’re donating all the money we raise to Reproductive Services Clinic on Yandell.”

Since 2009, Planned Parenthoods ceased to operate in El Paso, which has placed a burden on the few facilities that provide services for women.

The controversy about abortion has been highlighted in a recent ruling by a federal judge blocking key provisions of the Sonogram Bill (House Bill 15), which was passed during the last legislative session and approved by Texas Governor Rick Perry. The bill requires women to undergo a sonogram 24 hours prior to having an abortion.

Speaking out against restrictive legislations was part of the reason why Delgado said she participated in the rally.

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Politics Perry’s bid for the GOP nomination creates buzz around campus

BY ADAM MARTÍNEZ
The Prospector

With less than 14 months until the 2012 national election, the campaign for the GOP presidential nomination is in full swing. More than 10 individuals are vying to go head-to-head with President Barack Obama.

Around campus, talk of politics and the candidates are bound to happen beyond political science classes, especially when one of the candidates is the 47th governor of Texas, Rick Perry.

Perry threw in his hat into the fight to be a candidate in late August and he is currently one of the front-runners for the GOP presidential nomination.

On Sept. 7, eight of the declared Republican nominees were invited to attend a GOP debate and Perry became the center of attention.

“After seeing all the candidates go after him and the moderators as well focusing on him, it’s pretty clear he is the front runner,” said José Villalobos, assistant professor of political science.

“But it’s still a little early to tell if he is going to be able to solidify and hold that position.”

There is considerable debate across campus regarding Perry’s candidacy. Touting himself as a true conservative, Perry seeks to reinvigorate Bush supporters and compel swing voters, people who are not affiliated with any political party, to vote for him. Among Perry’s supporters is Thomas Gabriel, senior political science major and president of the UTEP College Republicans.

“His presidential campaign bid is good for the Republican Party as a whole,” Gabriel said. “He was the first candidate to truly excite the GOP base, and he brings a lot of experience and charisma to the race that may not have been there before.”

Concerns about Perry’s history as governor of Texas has some students questioning Perry’s ability to run the country. Patrick Rabb, senior political science major, said he is not impressed with Perry’s record in Texas.

“Rick Perry has cut more money from public schools and universities, cut public health services, destroyed the ecology of Texas through corporate giveaways and regulatory failure,” Rabb said. “He has incarcerated more people and presided over and takes pride in having carried out more executions than George W. Bush during his tenure as governor.”

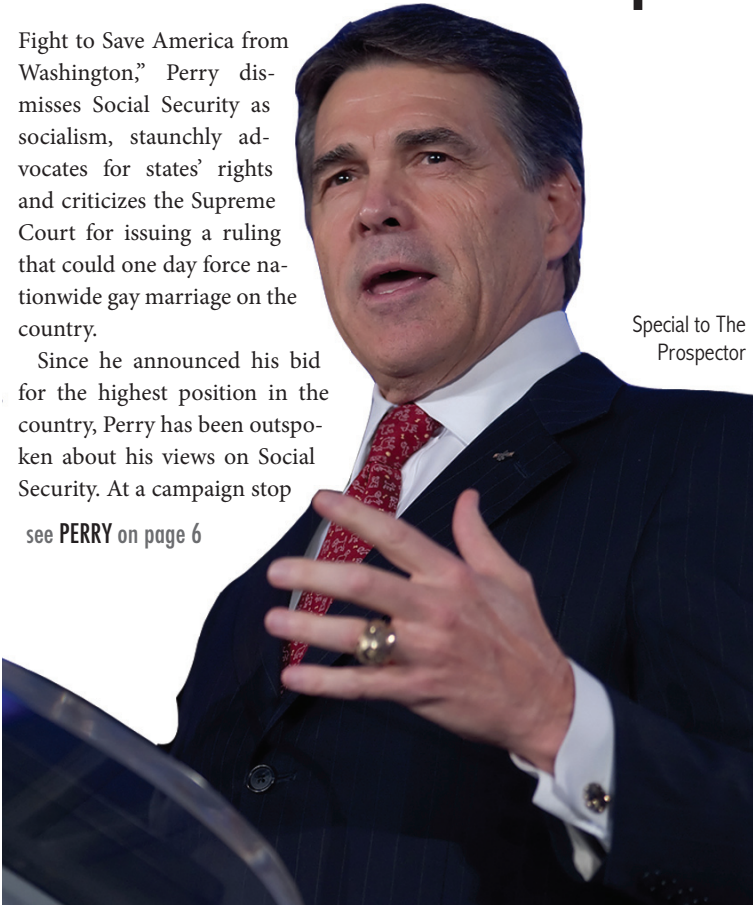
Perry’s three terms as governor of Texas is the longest in state history, and he is currently the longest-serving governor in the country. After serving as lieutenant governor for two years, he took over the governorship after George W. Bush resigned the office to become president in 2000. Perry has been active in politics for over two decades, previously serving in the Texas House of Representatives as a Democrat. He then switched parties in 1989 when he became agriculture commissioner.

A fiscal and social conservative, Perry has taken strong positions that are at times controversial. In his recently published book, “Fed Up! Our

Fight to Save America from Washington,” Perry dismisses Social Security as socialism, staunchly advocates for states’ rights and criticizes the Supreme Court for issuing a ruling that could one day force nationwide gay marriage on the country.

Since he announced his bid for the highest position in the country, Perry has been outspoken about his views on Social Security. At a campaign stop

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Three strikes for Perry

BY NICOLE CHÁVEZ
The Prospector



Rick Perry as the GOP presidential candidate.

While Perry is trying to dazzle voters with a campaign focused on employment and talking about how, under his leadership, Texas has become a miracle job-creating machine, the future seems very rough me.

What he doesn't say is that almost 10 percent of the Texans who are employed make minimum wage, compared with the 6 percent nationwide, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. And, according to the 2010 Census, Texas has a poverty rate of 17 percent, making Texas one of the 10 poorest states in the U.S.

Low-wage earning jobs won't be enough to pay for housing, health care and the expenses of the 25 million people living in Texas. In order to shine, people in the Lone Star state need to be educated to get better-paying jobs.

It felt like we were sliding backwards when Perry supported the almost \$5 billion budget cut to education for Texans. The consequences are just being realized this fall semester as the estimated 45,000 college stu-

dents, who rely entirely on the TEXAS (Towards Excellence, Access and Success) grant, struggle to pay their tuition and fees. Most of these students have decided to continue their education, trusting that they will receive this grant for at least four years. UTEP officials have said that we will experience a deficit of \$12 million per year until the next legislative session (2013).

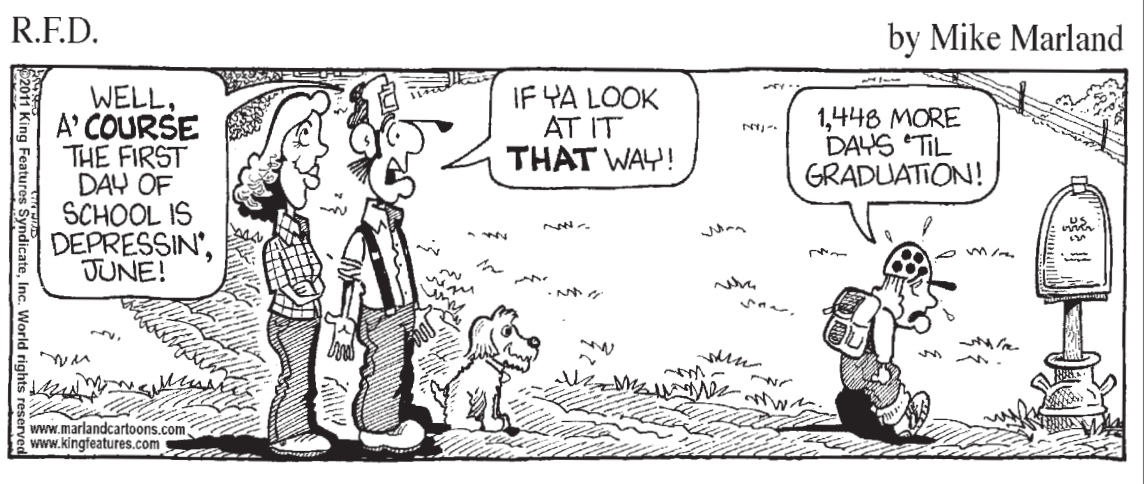
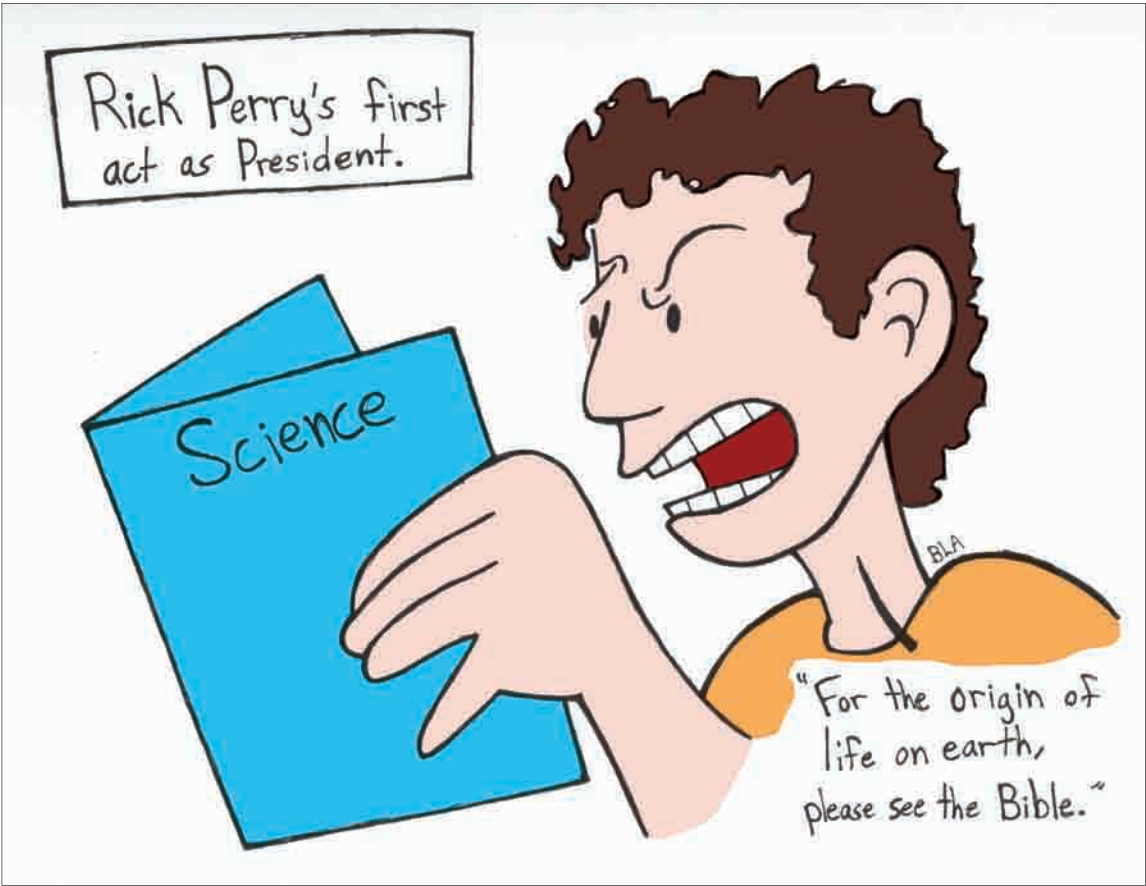
By taking a look back at Perry's 10 years as governor of Texas, you might get the feeling that he has been flipping on both sides of the immigration debate.

In 2001, he signed a bill that allows the children of undocumented immigrants to pay in-state tuition. Some say Perry's bill inspired the DREAM Act, which offers a path of citizenship for undocumented students, but he has now declared himself against it.

When Arizona's SB 1070 passed, allowing police officers to question people about their immigration status based on their appearance, Perry expressed his concerns about a similar bill on Texas. Later on, he proposed a bill similar to Arizona's law during a Texas' special legislative session, once again changing his mind.

On top of that, Perry declared the city of El Paso as a battlefield. More than once, he attributed events that occurred in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, to El Paso. He said cars bombs had been detonated; hundreds of bullets have been found in this city, and Perry publicly made fun of President Barack Obama when he said, during his visit to El Paso, that this border is safer than it's ever been.

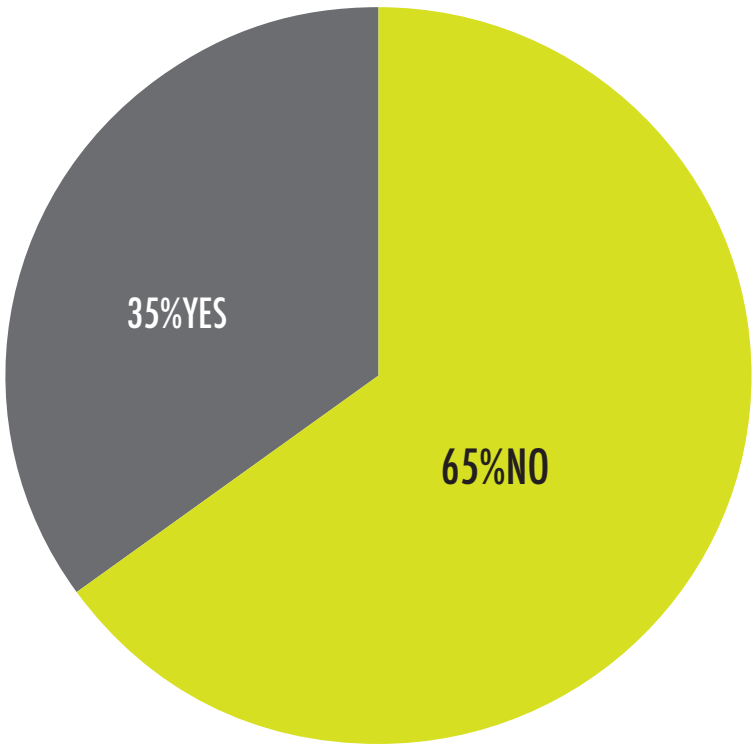
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Student life

UTEP, NMSU compete for United Blood Services



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University officials and United Blood Services announced the annual I-10 Coalition Blood Drive Sept. 7 at the Union Breezeway.

BY CHRISTIAN GUERRERO
The Prospector

While they are archrivals on the playing field, UTEP and NMSU have joined forces for a friendly competition that will take place from Sept. 12-16. UTEP's portion of the annual I-10 Coalition Blood Drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at three different locations around the campus. Students, alumni and staff are all encouraged to participate to reach the goal for this year.

Jessica Gomez, senior organizational and corporate communication major, said that the blood drive is a good way for students to give back to the community.



"I think this event is very important because it is for a good cause, not only to help someone in need, but also to set an example for all of UTEP students and the community to come lend a helping hand and save the lives of those in need," Gomez said.

United Blood Services will have buses parked outside the Undergraduate Learning Center, at the parking lot of Union Building West and will also be collecting donations inside Union Building East in the second-floor lounge. This year, the organization hopes to collect approximately 1,300 pints at both schools.

Richard Daniel, assistant vice president for Alumni Relations said the collaborative blood drive began in 2004.

"It was the first year that the two institutions decided that they would come together and be a part of it," Daniel said.

The annual blood drive is held during the week before the Miners play against the NMSU Aggies. Both colleges are competing to see how many blood units each university can collect. After the dona-



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"We each get a plaque for the number of units that we raised, but in the end, it is really the region that's the winner because the blood is helping the residents of El Paso and New Mexico," Daniel said.

Crystal Valdez, senior electronic media major, said she has witnessed the importance of blood donations, because of that she is always willing to donate.

"Ever since I found out my mom got cancer this summer, I am more prone to giving now," Valdez said.

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UTEP remembers 9/11 victims

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last month in Iowa, he called the program an illegal Ponzi scheme. Villalobos believes this may become an issue that will make or break his chances at winning the Republican bid.

“Perry’s comments are geared toward the younger voters and their concern of whether Social Security will be around by the time they reach retirement,” Villalobos said. “People who are concerned about that kind of rhetoric are senior citizens, who are a reliable base of the electorate, and want to know if this talk is geared towards reforming Social Security or does he really want to do away with it.”

The economy was a topic frequently raised at the GOP debate and Perry repeatedly asserted the economic growth in Texas and his contribution to job creation. A hot-button issue among the candidates, students are also worried about whether the economy will experience growth. Louis Southard, senior political science major, believes the economy will be a deciding factor in favor of Perry come election time.

“Jobs, jobs, jobs, is the best way to say it and Texas has contributed to creating almost half the jobs as the rest of the country,” Southard said. “We’re all hoping for the economy to get better, but if it doesn’t, it is going to be a real uphill battle for President Obama to get re-elected.”

Students opposed to Perry’s campaign find his stand on education troubling, considering the impact it has had on students in Texas. In February, Perry called for the cutting of more than \$5 billion in state spending on public and higher education.

“I have experienced this budget cut tension in my work on campus

2012 GOP candidates



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and with my financial aid,” said Nubia Legarda, senior English and American literature major. “My goal is to go into the education system once I graduate, but these budget cuts are definitely a reason to be concerned about my given career choices, more so if Perry ends up winning the election.”

Villalobos thinks it is too early to tell what will happen in a year and believes another Republican candidate might usurp Perry’s lead in the coming months to take the GOP nomination. In the meantime, Gabriel urges voters to be active in politics and get to know the candidates.

“My one hope is that everybody would look at all the candidates, regardless of party affiliation and decide which candidate best represents their values,” Gabriel said.

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The Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance hosted the “Walk for Choice” rally Sept. 10, which began at Houston Park with a march down Mesa Street that doubled back toward The Percolator.

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“It’s always important to voice your opinion, especially when there are currently many politicians who are basically attacking women’s reproductive rights,” Delgado said. “We want to show our support for clinics that are currently being shut down because of the laws being passed by politicians.”

Walking down Mesa Street, the chanting pro-choice advocates encountered counterprotesters, who later showed up across the street from The Percolator to pray. Gabriela Federico, campaign director for 40 Days for Life, heard about the “Walk

for Choice” online and felt their presence was necessary.

“It’s important for us to reach out to others, to educate and to tell the truth about abortion, that it does hurt women, that women do regret it and it’s something no one talks about,” Federico said.

Those involved in the walk said the issue was not about abortion or death, but about safe access and control over one’s own body.

“Choice isn’t about celebrating or promoting abortion, but we want to make sure that abortion is a safe, accessible option for women,” said Athena Matyear, senior organizational and corporate communication major and member of FMLA. “People keep trying to paint our lives in black and white when there are many issues that have no easy answer, but we know some things are true: when abortion isn’t an option, women die from unsafe, illegal, back-alley abortions.”

Ariadne, a junior education major who asked for her last name to be withheld, said she believes that abortion is an irresponsible decision.

“So many times we just see the okay side about having an abortion.

We have to deal with people and show them the real side of what happens in abortion and also show the more responsible part of everything,” Ariadne said. “Letting abortion happen, letting assisted suicide happen, is more about not having to deal with people, not having to deal with things that happen.”

Members of the choice movement, however, said they place the issue of choice in the context of gender equality.

“The truth is we are still living in a very sexist society that will not readily be lenient. We use every excuse to keep women down, including pregnancy,” Matyear said. “Men will never have to go through this experience, which is why 77 percent of all anti-choice leaders are men.”

Both groups said they had women’s welfare in mind, but they differed on what that meant.

“It doesn’t matter if you’re pro-life, pro-choice. It’s not a matter of where you stand, it’s a matter of reaching out to those that are in pain,” Federico said.

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Event

EP Comic Con reels in sci-fi, comic fans



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Shanae Hubbard (left), and Jasmine Hawes dressed up in costumes for the second-annual Comic Con held Sept. 10- 11 at the El Paso Civic Center.

BY JERRY ALDAZ
The Prospector

Presenting cast members from cult classics such as Star Wars and Power Rangers, El Paso’s second-annual

Comic Con held Sept. 10-11 attracted sci-fi fans for two action-packed days of graphic novels, art, music and extravagant costumes. Roaming through the tightly-packed aisles, attendees could greet

and take photos alongside some of their favorite childhood stars. Walter Jones, original cast member of The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers, was among the special guests at the event.

“We had a pretty good turnout, the day is not over and my voice is already exhausted,” Jones said. “I think the city is enjoyable and the people here are very cool and friendly.”

Besides the guest line-up, another inviting asset proved to be the elaborate and creative costumes many flaunted at the gathering. Whether it was the outlandish blue body-paint of X-Men’s Mystique, the hilarity of a cowboy-Mario fusion or the intimidating realism from The Interloper, alien warrior comedian, the diverse crowd placed people’s corneas into visual-overdrive.

Intriguing events included a panel room for Q&A’s among prominent sci-fi and comic literary figures, moderated by UTEP’s English professor James-Bucky Carter. A Best Buy game room was also utilized to host videogame tournaments, kept general audiences charmingly entertained.

Other pleasant additions were an anime theater for the exhibition of various films, trading-card tournaments for both Pokemon and Yu-Gi-Oh players and intermittent performances ranging from live bands to belly dancers.

“There is plenty this convention has to offer,” said Deborah Hernandez, a history graduate student. “I’m glad to see all these individuals come together to express their interests and exchange ideas. Events like these greatly broaden the city’s cultural appeal.”

Aside from promoting established franchises, this social gathering provided aspiring artists the opportunity to demonstrate their talent.

“I brought all my work so people can see,” said Alejandra de la Cerda, a multi-medium Chihuahua-based artist. “I’ve had several people come up to me and tell me that my work is really cool. Some of them asked for my information so I can work with them on future projects.”

Words on a piece of paper failed to encompass what occurred at the El Paso Civic Center this September weekend. Although attendance figures could not be obtained, the genuine sense of enjoyment which emitted from the crowd could be an indication that this is the beginning of an epic journey for the city.

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Event

ABBA tribute band to dazzle Magoffin Auditorium

BY NATALIA AGUILAR
The Prospector

UTEP and Lola Productions will be presenting “ABBA The Concert”, a tribute in celebration of Sweden’s most notorious band.

“We’re really trying to bring varied and quality entertainment to Magoffin Auditorium,” said Jorge Vazquez, executive director for UTEP’s Special Events.

For over a decade, the 21st Century Artists Inc. has presented its ABBA tribute concert throughout North America to showcase the famous band’s popular classics and to recreate memories to those who were part of its epoch.

ABBA was formed in the early 1970s and became one of the most listened to bands of its time with popular hits such as “Mamma Mia,” “Dancing Queen,” “Chiquitita,” “Waterloo,” and many others. Apart from recording songs in English, they also recorded songs in Spanish that were

released in Spain and Latin America. All of these hits and more will be performed the night of the concert.

The four group members, Anni-Frid “Frida”, Lyngstad, Bjorn Ulvaeus, Benny Andersson, and Agnetha Faltskog sold over 375 million records worldwide. Although they are no longer together, they continue to sell over a million records each year.

Like the original band, the ABBA tribute band is also from Sweden.

“They have toured the U.S. several times, selling out performances throughout the U.S., including performances at the Hollywood Bowl and the Wolf Trapp in Vienna, Virginia,” said Juanita Vasquez, president of Lola Productions.

The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m Sept. 14-15 at the Magoffin Auditorium.

“This band has been all over the world and for those who truly like ABBA, it’s the time to truly enjoy those hits that ABBA played,” Vazquez said.

During this 90-minute show, the audience will also have the experience of reliving the hip 70’s look as the band will be wearing clothes from the period.

“This show is also attractive because it appeals to a broad audience,” Vasquez said. “It’s a family oriented show.”

Some students are probably not acquainted with ABBA as a band, but their parents grew up with their music.

“I don’t really know who they are but my parents want to go, so I think it would be cool to see what they used to listen to in their time,” said Eduardo Adame, senior civil engineering major. “I don’t know many songs but I know I have heard of a few popular titles,” he said.

Tickets are still available at UTEP’s University Ticket Center or www.ticketmaster.com. Ticket prices are \$35 and \$40 (plus applicable service charges).

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Technology

Chismiz ready to launch as a social network site

New website will allows users to blog, video chat , and make friends.

BY ALEJANDRO ALBA

The Prospector

Derived from the Spanish word 'chisme', a new social website called Chismiz.com will be launch Sept. 30.

"It is like all the other websites social networkers already use combined into one website," said Crystal Orquiz, sophomore pre-business major. "It's neat."

The idea behind Chismiz came after creating a website for a construction company, said Marcos Larranaga, president and founder of the site.

"I started working with my programmer to remodel my construction website," Larranaga said. "We ended up creating a social network."

Chismiz allows users to social network, blog, video chat and even enter an online marketplace, among 21 other activities, Larranaga said.

He confirmed that the website is in preface but will officially launch Sept. 30 with a new appearance and additional applications.

"So far we have more than 500 users, and that is worldwide," said Ray Villanueva, project manager. "We have set the server for one million users, hoping we can increase in numbers on launch date."

Larranaga said with only six months into the creation of this



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Chismiz, a local website has more than 500 registered users and have set the server for one million worldwide users.

new website, thousands of dollars have been invested.

"We have invested not only lots of money to this website, but a lot of time and effort," Larranaga said. "We really want it to have success."

The team behind the project also mentioned that they are not creating this to compete against the big names like Facebook or Twitter, instead, they are trying to start a

new website that grows along the already existing social networks.

In the meantime, there are only 10 programmers, including Villanueva, working for the website at a garage and Larranaga said that once launch occurs, he will be setting up an office in town.

"Once we have an office, we would also want to open job positions to local programmers," Lar-

anaga said. "Probably recent college graduates."

According to Villanueva, they also want to setup a foundation and give out scholarships in the future to local graduates.

"I don't only want to do this for personal gain," Villanueva said. "I want to help our locals, too. They are the ones who will make this site grow."

Venue

Barbed Wire gives students chance to showcase their work

BY KIMBERLY SILVA

The Prospector

For local musicians, writers and poets, opportunities to showcase and workshop new pieces can be few and far between. One local organization is providing a venue where all are welcome to bring their work and showcase it at an open mic event.

The Barbed Wire Open Mic Series takes place on the last Saturday of each month at The Percolator, a coffee house located in downtown El Paso.

Four years ago, creative writing graduate students Veronica Guajardo and Trent Hudley saw the need to create an event that would allow El Paso's myriad of creative people to come and showcase their work. The event is now organized and hosted by Roberto Santos.

"Before she left, Veronica Guajardo wanted to find a way to merge street poets and musicians with academics who shared their enthusiasm," Santos said. "She was able to do that by allowing her to provide further help and act as an umbrella organization for the event."

It is not uncommon to attend one of The Barbed Wire Open Mic Series and see poets reading new work, a new band and even local dance troupes and theatre companies perform.

"Our mission is to provide performance space for the people in the El Paso/Juarez area," said their Facebook page.

Since its inception, Barbed Wire has been helped by BorderSenses, a local non-profit literary organization which also publishes its own magazine.

Santos said that both organizations have worked hard to produce a quality show that has played host to guests such as poet Griselda Liz Muñoz, better known as La Rana, The Smash and The Border Theatre.

For students on a budget, the monthly open mic night provides an evening of free entertainment at a venue that is known for its affordable coffee and food.

"This is something I enjoy and try to get to," said Brian Lee, senior education major. "El Paso has a lot of talent and we need to get out and support our local artists."

Other students such as Sandra Silva had never heard of the monthly event, but was told about it by fellow students.

"I am always impressed by the tremendous student and local talent of El Paso and Juarez," Silva said.

Santos said September's event promises to be quite exciting. In addition to featured group Echo Plex, Santos will share the stage with a new co-host, Little Brother



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The Barbed Wire Open Mic Series has featured poets such as Nicole "Poetic One" Nelson in July.

of Wisdom. There will be a Free-style Cypher at 5 p.m. followed by an open mic, at 7 p.m. during which aspiring rappers will be welcome to come out and perform. This part of the evening will feature the group The Heavy Heads.

"We would like to see a few more stand-up comics at the event, it is the perfect place to try new material," Santos said.

He stressed that this event is always open mic and is intended to be a welcome environment for all local artists, musicians, and writers.

"We want to encourage people to come out and network with other artists, to support one another," Santos said.

Students interested in performing their work can sign up on

the Barbed Wire website at www.barbedwire.bordersenses.com

The next Barbed Wire Open Mic night is scheduled at 7 p.m., Sept. 24 at The Percolator, located on 217 N. Stanton St. For more information about The Barbed Wire Open Mic Series, visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BWOMS.

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Adding injury to insult

Miners lose first game, starting QB

BY DANIEL ORNELAS
 The Prospector

UTEP opened up Conference-USA play with a tough 28-17 road loss against the SMU Mustangs Sept. 10 at Gerald R. Ford Stadium.

The game wasn't the only loss the Miners would suffer in Dallas, as injuries riddled the Miners forcing three starters out of the game.

Junior quarterback Nick Lamaison went down in the third quarter with a separated right throwing shoulder. The injury came on a second down play where Lamaison was sacked for the third time in the series.

"I would think he's going to take a couple of weeks to three weeks," head coach Mike Price said on the UTEP Athletics site. "It's on his right shoulder so that's not very good for a right handed quarterback."

Lamaison did not return to the game and will miss at least two weeks with a sprain.

"I tried to lift my arm and felt something pop," Lamaison said. "It shouldn't be too long, I'm positive about it. I'll be in the training room as much as I can be and just get back as fast as I can."

Redshirt freshman quarterback Jay Hall took over with the Miners trailing 21-10. He drove the Miners down the field after going 3-for-3 with 37 yards on the drive. He then set up senior Leilyon Meyers' second rushing TD of the day to trim the deficit to 21-17.

The Miners would have their fair chances to capitalize on the SMU

mistakes, forcing three turnovers and failing to produce any points. They went three-and-out on their next two possessions heading into the fourth quarter.

"In the first half we didn't play well on defense, we played decent on offense except for the fumble," head coach June Jones said on the SMU Athletics site. "We challenged the defense at half time and they really stepped up. I think they had six or seven sacks, and of course Ja'Gared made a huge play at the end of the game."

The closest UTEP came to the goal line occurred in the fourth quarter with 12:39 to go. Hall took UTEP to the SMU 23 but was intercepted off a tipped ball at the line of scrimmage by junior linebacker Ja'Gared Davis.

After both teams exchanged failed drives over the next six minutes, Davis made his presence felt again. At their one-yard line, Davis stripped the ball away from Hall and picked it up for a score to put the Mustangs up 28-17.

"(Jones) is going to count on us if the offense is struggling a little bit. We have to come out and make plays," Davis said on the SMU athletic site. "Big players make big plays in big situations...he challenged us to come up with a turnover."

The Mustang offense did not show much struggles in the first half. They opened the game with a four-play, 60-yard drive that was capped off by a one-yard touchdown run by junior running back Zach Line.



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Senior wide receiver Donovan Kemp makes a catch against Stony Brook Sept. 3 at the Sun Bowl. The Miners were unable to win their second game of the season as they fell to SMU 28-17 Sept. 10 at Gerald R. Ford Stadium.

The Miners would eventually jump to a 10-7 lead late in the first quarter but it would be the only time the Miners would lead in the game. The Mustangs would answer with two consecutive touchdowns to take a 21-10 halftime lead.

The game marked the second consecutive time the Miners would allow a 100-yard rusher. SMU's Line carried the ball 20 times for 114 yards and two scores.

The run defense took another big hit Sept. 10 after sophomore defensive tackle Germard Reed suffered a neck injury while throwing a block during the third quarter. Reed was taken off the field by ambulance and is pending an MRI. Price said he may be out a couple of weeks.

"I think he's going to be just fine. He's got his feeling back, his strength back and he checked out just fine," Price said.

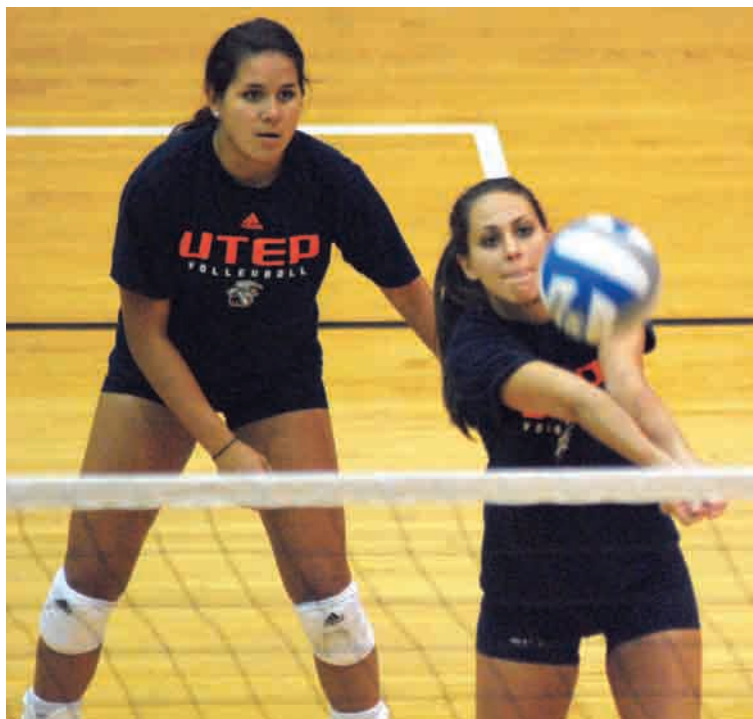
Senior long snapper and special teams captain Matt Camilli was the third injury sustained versus SMU. He has a third degree shoulder sprain and may have a possible fracture. He will be out a minimum of four to six weeks.

The Miners will look to rebound from the loss when they take on I-10 rival NMSU Sep. 17 in Las Cruces.

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Volleyball

Team looks to rebound from weekend setbacks at NMSU



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The UTEP volleyball team practices Sept. 12 at Memorial Gym, just one day before they continue their rivalry with NMSU in Las Cruces.

BY KRISTAL OBLINGER
 The Prospector

Following their first losses of the season to Baylor and Mississippi State at the MCM Elegante Invitational Sept. 9-10 in Beaumont, Texas, the UTEP Miners will take on the New Mexico State Aggies in the Battle of I-10 Sept. 13 at Las Cruces.

UTEP will head into the match 9-2 and leading Conference-USA. Similarly, the Aggies hold an 8-2 record and trail the WAC leader by half a game.

"We are just focusing on working our systems and making sure we are doing the right things as a team by talking to each other and working on what we need to get done," sophomore setter Malia Patterson said. "I'm not really worried about the game. If anything, we just have to do what we are capable of."

NMSU recorded double-digit kills during their match against Texas State Sept. 10 as freshman outside hitter Meredith Hays delivered 21

kills. Senior setter Jennah DeVries achieved 51 assists over the course of the match.

UTEP lost to NMSU in a two three-set matches last year, which dropped the Miners to 4-3 at the beginning of the season. The Aggies' frontcourt, whose hitting was at .500, was the toughest issue of the night, combining with UTEP's constant errors and strained offense.

The last time they were in Las Cruces Sept. 10, 2010, the Miners were coming off a 4-1 start to the season. They were unable to catch up in the first set, falling 25-15, and answered with fewer errors in the second, but lost 25-23. In the last set, the Miners could not regain the lead and failed to hold their composure, ending the set 25-13.

"I feel good about this upcoming game because we have practiced really hard and we've had strong tournaments," sophomore middle blocker Xitlali Herrera said. "We still have a lot to learn and practice but we're off to a good start."

This season, UTEP has proven that their team has changed. Against Baylor Sept. 9, UTEP dragged the game out to five sets after winning the first and third sets, but could not hold back the Bear's sudden burst, falling 3-2.

"The game against Baylor was really good and we could have won, but things didn't turn out right," Herrera said. "Baylor is a strong team and we played really well, but we just couldn't pull it off."

Herrera and senior outside hitter Marie-Therese Joyce reached career-high performances thanks to Herrera's 15 kills, 13 digs and four assists. Joyce had 11 kills and 16 digs.

UTEP logged 61 kills against Baylor's 60 and followed the Bears closely with 56 assists and 82 digs for the match.

UTEP did the same against Mississippi State Sept. 10, pushing the game to five sets after winning the first two 25-22 and 25-23. They lost the last

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Soccer

Keeper takes on responsibilities in first year

BY FRANKIE RODRIGUEZ

The Prospector

One would assume a true freshman would be uneasy when asked to fill in the shoes of a Division-1 goalkeeper, but Sarah Dilling has risen to the occasion.

She has taken over the spot from returning goalie and senior Chandra Morden who placed third in saves in Conference-USA last season.

Head coach Kevin Cross gave Dilling the start because Morden was not 100 percent healthy going into training camp.

“Chandra came in with a sports hernia and she was really hurting in training camp and Sarah was playing really well,” Cross said.

Dilling has played well this season, starting in all seven games and allowing only two goals out of 21 shots. At home, she has shutout all five opponents as the Miners have outscored them 14-0. Her save percentage is .905 while the opposing team goalkeeper’s average is .703.

“Individually, I feel I have been pretty consistent,” Dilling said. “I know I have really improved a lot on my communication, but I think I have been pretty consistent in my goal-keeping saves and distribution.”

She clearly remembers how worried she was when she was announced the starter for the opening game of the season.

“When I first found out I was starting the first game, I was taken aback



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Freshman goalkeeper Sarah Dilling watches her defense during the team’s match against Northern Colorado Sept. 11 at University Field.

because I wasn’t expecting to get the start as a freshman with Chandra being a senior and a solid keeper,” Dilling said. “I was really happy but also nervous.”

Cross mentioned that as the season has progressed, he has noticed an improvement from Dilling. She does not seem to be as tense as she once used to be, cross said. However, he still believes she must work on certain things.

“We want her to be more of a leader. Her goals are high and the keeper needs to be the biggest leader so we want her to be even more vocal and demanding of her team,” Cross said.

“I think the more games you get under your belt, the more confidence you have. It is just like a quarterback in football.”

Dilling feels there is always room for improvement whether it is as a team or an individual.

“I think we have a long ways to go, but I think we are really coming together. We are working more on our attack and defending really well as a team,” Dilling said. “A big thing we need to improve on is communication because there are points in the game where no one is talking and it is just quiet on our side.”

Morden is very humble about the whole situation and does not hold anything against Dilling getting the start due to her injury. Morden can see what Dilling brings to this team and believes that they are in fact helping each another become better players.

“She brings maturity as an incoming freshman and she works hard. She is a really good keeper,” Morden said. “She brings the fight out of me and we help each other by pushing one another. I try to help her out when I can.

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Soccer

Miners stay undefeated at home

BY WILLIAM VEGA
The Prospector

UTEP continued their dominance at home after a 2-0 victory against the Northern Colorado Bears Sept. 11 at University Field.

After taking an early 1-0 lead, the Miners were unable to get a shot on goal until they added an insurance score late in the game.

“It was a little nerve-wrecking. We started off slow, which I’m not proud of by any means; we have to fix that,” junior midfielder Tess Hall said. “But as shown by the score, we came back and we were able to get a goal. Our defense played very well this afternoon.”

Sophomore midfielder Tori Martyn found freshman midfielder Mackenzie German streaking to the goal, threading the needle between two Bears defenders. German, who separated her shoulder in warm-ups prior to the game, was left wide open and scored on a breakaway in the right corner.

The shot was the one of four to connect with the goalie in the second half as the Miners had nine shots in the period. UTEP finished with a total of 17 shots and seven on goal.

“We need to score more. I think we all saw we could have scored five goals if we were really sharp on it,” Cross said. “I think sometimes its just by inches and it’s not that they’re playing bad. We’ll just keep working on it...we went from getting shut out on the road to scoring two goals in both games.”

After a close encounter by Northern Colorado that nearly resulted in a goal, the Miners were able to get on the board nearly as quick.

Senior midfielder Katie Dorman took a cross from junior forward Brittany Kindzierski in the sixth min-



JUSTIN STENE / The Prospector

Freshman forward Amanda Pak battles a Northern Colorado defender during their match Sept. 11 at University Field. The Miners are now 5-0 at home defeating their opponents 14-0.

ute scoring the lone goal of the first half. Kindzierski’s pass was actually intercepted by the Bears’ freshman defender Megan Speed in front of the goal. Dorman was then able to take it from her quickly and knock it into the goal.

“(Kindzierski) is so good about going (one-on-one) against players so she just took her on, beat her down her side on the right,” Dorman said. “I got an excellent cross but she did all the work. I tapped it in thanks to her.”

It was Dorman’s first goal of the season, just one year after she led the team with 11.

The rest of the half was controlled by UTEP as they got eight shots off with only two of them on goal. Northern Colorado finished with three shots in the half with two of them saved by freshman goalkeeper Sarah Dilling.

The only shot that did not connect with the goalie came 35 seconds into the game when the Bears’ first shot near the left sideline bounced and hit the crossbar.

The Miners are now 5-0 at home and have outscored their opponents 14-0 at University Field.

UTEP opened play at home following a 2-0 win against Arkansas-Little Rock. German scored her second goal of the year that day and is now tied with freshman forward Amanda Pak with three goals to lead the team. Pak had her third goal against Arkansas-Little Rock on a breakaway.

“I think we played well. We really improved this week on having more of a will to win and finishing the ball,” Hall said. “I think that showed tonight so I’m confident going into the road games this weekend.”

The Miners will now hit the road when they take on Sam Houston State Sept. 16 in Huntsville, Texas and Sept. 18 against the University of Texas-San Antonio .

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three despite 51 assists from Patterson throughout the match.

“We are not too happy about the outcome but we worked hard and proved we can hang with these teams that are high caliber,” Patterson said. “We just need to minimize our mistakes and finish the game so that we can learn how to be a better team.”

The Miners were able to pick up one win over the weekend in a straight-set victory Sep. 10 against Lamar Sept. 10. Senior libero Stephanie Figueroa was named to the all-tournament team despite UTEP going 1-2 over the weekend. Figueroa was also named the C-USA Player of the Week for the second time this year and the fourth time in her career.

This is also the third time the Miners have placed a player on an all-tournament team. Junior outside hitter Bridget Logan was named to the Cornell Invitational All-Tournament team Sept. 2-3 in Ithaca, New York with Herrera as the tournament MVP.

At the El Paso Sports Commission Invitational Aug. 26-27, Figueroa took home the tournament MVP en route to her first C-USA player of the week. Herrera and sophomore middle blocker Jeane Horton were named to the All-Tournament squad.

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