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National Occupy Wall Street protest hits the Sun City

BY JASMINE AGUILERA
The Prospector

The Occupy Wall Street movement has spread nationally and is now taking effect on El Paso. On Oct. 7, a group of over 200 El Pasoans—including many UTEP students—gathered to discuss details of a protest that will take place Oct. 15 at the San Jacinto Plaza in Downtown El Paso during the annual Chalk the Block event. The Occupy El Paso protest is scheduled to start at 8 a.m.

“This is a non-violent demonstration,” said Joseph Flores, Occupy El Paso member. “We are a group of people who are a part of the 99 percent of Americans who are not wealthy. This is an outreach to all of the community.” The local movement began when Flores and his friend David Vandenburg realized that El Pasoans were not getting involved in the national movement. “We would like to let the world know that we will not be excluded,” Vandenburg said. “We are disturbed by the way things have been going on

in Washington and we have no voice if we don’t express our opinions.” According to Vandenburg, the group has only spent about \$15 to organize the event. The money was used to produce fliers, but most of the promotion for the movement was done through social media outlets such as Facebook and Twitter. “I heard about Occupy El Paso through Facebook. I felt it was important to participate in the protests because this movement responds to my personal beliefs about politics,” said Olac Fuentes, junior multimedia journalism major. “I think this movement has such a strong presence on

campus because students have observed that corporations have too much representation while they have none.” Due to a lack of funds, the group does not plan on camping out at San Jacinto Plaza, which the group has designated as the setting for all future protests. “Realistically, that would take a lot of resources,” Vandenburg said. “This entire movement only began about two weeks ago, so we have not been able to acquire sufficient funds.” The movement is expected to face some obstacles, one being that the

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Event

Chalk the Block draws its fourth year

BY ALEJANDRO ALBA
The Prospector

Bigger every year, Chalk the Block will feature more than just chalk art for its fourth time in El Paso. “We will have a gallery crawl, local musicians and a beer garden,” said Alejandra Carrillo, public art specialist for the Museums and Cultural Affairs Department of El Paso. “Those are just some of our few new additions to the event.” The free event will be taking place on a three-day weekend, Oct. 14-16, at the Arts Festival Plaza and the San Jacinto Plaza in Downtown El Paso. Carrillo said more than just the chalk art will be available for the public to admire. The major installations will consist of a swing set drum kit by Dave Ford, an interactive swing that will produce different drum beats to the different

pace of the swing, and a fire pagoda designed by Poetic Kinetics, a collaboration between skilled artists. The project will allow the public to safely enter a gazebo with an inverted ceiling of fire. During the event, Chinese artist Jay Yan will project original artwork onto Downtown buildings. Mary Lucking’s Bird Song Sing will allow festival goers to play with their casted shadows on the wall and to take on the identity of four twittering birds. “These major installations have been brought from out of town by well known artists,” Carrillo said. “We want the public to come and interact with something they don’t know is going on here.” Besides the major art installations mentioned by Carrillo, Marina Monsivais, co-founder of Chalk the

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This year’s fourth annual Chalk The Block will take place Oct. 14-16 at the Arts Festival Plaza and the San Jacinto Plaza in Downtown El Paso.

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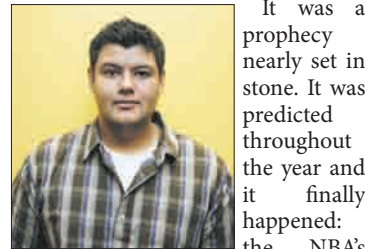
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Column

NFL greed overshadow the NBA lockout

BY WILLIAM VEGA
The Prospector



It was a prophecy nearly set in stone. It was predicted throughout the year and it finally happened: the NBA's first two weeks of the season have been cancelled. What is even worse to hear, than that news, is that many fans can give a rat's ass about it.

And what really frustrates me is the fact that I am hearing fans talking about NBA players' greed, while they continue to support the NFL. Now, I cannot go and tell the fans which sport they should prefer, but if they want to talk about greed, just look at the NFL and their recent lockout.

The NBA lockout, in day 105 on Oct. 13, is coming in the same year that the NFL locked its players out 136 days until they finally agreed on a collective bargaining agreement (CBA). Similarly, that is the same issue the NBA players and owners are fighting over. But some key differences separate the two lockouts.

The first notable difference I see between the two is the players' unions. On March 11, one day before the NFL officially locked out its players, the players' union decertified. They did this so players could file anti-trust lawsuits to avoid a lockout. At the same time, if the NFL had any reason to fine a player or coach (such as for talking to players during the lockout, which was forbidden), the union no longer had their back.

Instead, this was done to file those lawsuits, which were done so by the highest paid players, such as quarterbacks Peyton Manning of the Indianapolis Colts, Tom Brady of the New England Patriots and Drew Brees of the New Orleans Saints.

This is a clear example of the greed the NFL players showed in the lockout, as it was no longer a case of players working with each other, but a case of players fighting for themselves.

In the NBA, the union did not decertify and, as a matter of fact, some of their high-profile players have been at almost every meeting, supporting the union fully. To show their dedication, the only people for decertification are players' agents whose job it is to look out for one player and not a whole league. The players have fought against their agents not to do

so, some even threatening to leave them if the agents continue pushing for decertification.

The other key argument I have for NFL player greed is the whole "hold out after lockout" concept. Wide receiver DeSean Jackson of the Philadelphia Eagles, running back Frank Gore of the San Francisco 49ers and RB Chris Johnson of the Tennessee Titans did just that.

Now I understand that these three players are some of the best in the league, but after a lockout that did not allow you to practice organized football, wouldn't you want to get back in if you truly loved the game?

The greediest of the three, Johnson, held out the longest and has under-achieved this season, with only one touchdown and one 100-yard game so far. The argument I am constantly told is the fact that NFL players risk more injuries than NBA players, so they should be paid higher. That is true, but then why didn't Johnson, Jackson or Gore argue that?

During Johnson's holdout, he only said he wanted to be the highest paid running back and one of the highest paid in the league. He never mentioned anything about insurance, safety or health in his negotiations.

That brings me to my final point, if NFL players truly care about their safety, why do they complain for hits that are fined? Getting hit and hurt are part of the game, yet when the NFL fines a player for hits that could cause concussions or injuries, they bitch about it. As if it weren't enough that life and health insurance were already included, the NFL tries to avoid these hits by fining players. The players ask for safety, on top of their insurance money, but complain about the fines. So what do they want, safety or fines?

Greed is in every sport, I understand but what the NBA is fighting for goes much deeper than just player greed. Anyone that has read the news on the lockout knows it is the owners that are asking for the world. They want seven percent more of basketball's revenue, shorter contracts, a hard salary cap and cannot agree with each other on top of that. So owners are asking to take it out on the players, but they are saying no.

Bravo NBA players' union, do not let the owners control you so stick to your guns. I only hope that they do not let greed overpower them like NFL players. My greatest fear is that if they do not sell out, that may ultimately mean a year without an NBA season.

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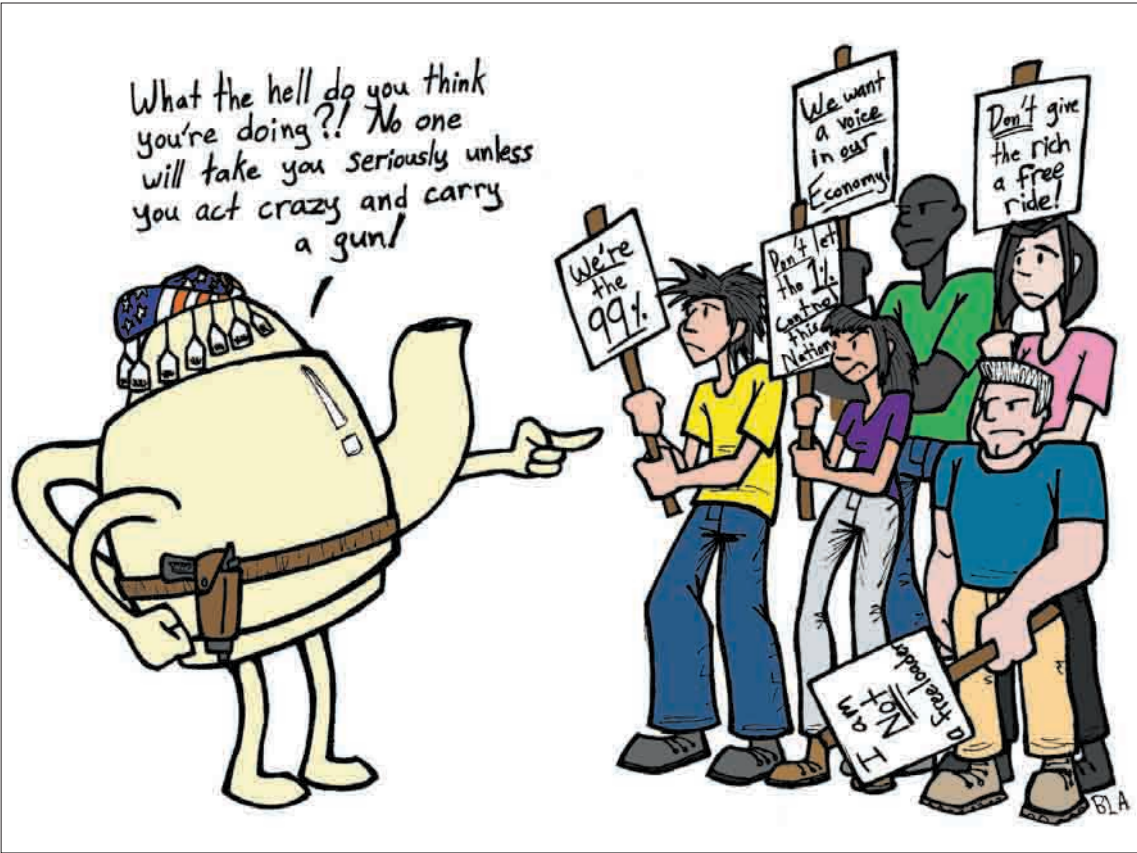
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National

Protesters occupy D.C.'s Freedom Plaza to oppose war, corporate greed



ARIANA STONE / Special to The Prospector

Demonstrators converged from D.C. and other parts of the country to rally in Freedom Plaza on Thursday to protest U.S. involvement in wars and corporate greed.

BY ARIANA STONE

Scripps Howard Foundation Wire

WASHINGTON - They've occupied Wall Street. A few have occupied, and continue to occupy, part of K Street. And now, protesters allied against what they see as government and corporate corruption are occupying a park along Pennsylvania Avenue.

Helma Lanyi, 71, originally from Germany, is a member of St. Alban's Episcopal Parish in D.C. Specifically, she is affiliated with the Episcopal Peace Fellowship, a national organization that wants to stop violence and empower people to be peacemakers.

Lanyi said she is concerned by the disconnect between what Americans say they want, by voting and in polls, and what politicians do. She said she is also protesting against the wars and American militarism.

"Of course, we all had such hopes for President Obama, but we're just heartbroken," Lanyi said. "He's definitely not what we expected him to be."

The rally, "Human Needs, Not Corporate Greed!" aims to "denounce the systems and institutions that support endless war and unrestrained corporate greed," according to the group's website. Plans for the rally began in April.

The rally comes on the 10th anniversary of the declaration of war in Afghanistan.

A few hundred people converged on the plaza, some independent individuals and some affiliated with organizations.

Priscilla Lynch, 59, a D.C. social worker affiliated with Code Pink, said she opposes the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, which she says are unmerited and unprovoked.

"Iraq did not do anything to instigate our attack against them," she said. "Same with Afghanistan."

Lynch said Code Pink organizes people to be more involved in the political process and to encourage the government to "use our resources for good rather than for harm."

"We're just here doing our civic duty," Lynch said. "Somebody's got to say, 'no, stop now.'"

Protesters said they hope to create solidarity among activists with similar goals, such as peace and justice.

They also want to nonviolently influence the government to meet seven demands, as outlined on the action's website.

Opposition to the wars was a common theme in protesters' message.

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Corporate greed was another major focus of protesters' message. David Barrows, 64, of Washington, sang an original ditty, "Billionaires Are Coming Soon" to the tune of "Happy Days Are Here Again," Franklin D. Roosevelt's campaign song.

He said he opposes "selfish" corporate rule in the U.S.

"We have CEOs that are bandits, that don't want to pay taxes," he said. "They're bribing congresspeople to do their will for them so they can get re-elected. They sell their souls. That's not a democracy."

Barrows said the U.S. needs to get rid of the Electoral College to improve democracy.

"We need to have proportional representation instead of 51 percent deciding the fate of the 49 percent," Barrows said. "The Electoral College was set up to protect institutional slavery. We don't need it."



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first protest is scheduled to occur at the same time and location as the Chalk the Block event.

"I don't know if there is going to be an issue with holding the protest at Chalk the Block," said Darrel Petry, spokesman for the El Paso Police Department. "As long as they are respectful, everything should be okay. The police department is objective until an ordinance or law is violated. If they want to have a peaceful gathering, they need to make sure that they don't block the sidewalk, insult anyone or start pushing anyone. Those are examples of violations of the law and they can only be arrested if there is a violation."

Police officers who attended the Oct. 7 meeting told the group that they did need a permit to gather.

"That was an issue that we discussed after the meeting," Flores said. "We have put a legal committee together that is trying to stay on top of all of the legalities. The committee is going to put on a presentation later this week that will explain what it is exactly that we need to do. Getting that permit is the smartest thing to do, but we will have to see what is going to happen."

The group has run its meetings through a method called group speak. This method is commonly used among Occupy groups around the country.

"We want to stress a democratic process," said Anthony Jastrzemb-ski, political science graduate student and Occupy El Paso member. "This may take a long time, but it is a way to promote a leaderless movement that is unlike any other movement in history."

The rules of group speak are that one person can speak at a time and the group repeats whatever was just said by the speaker. This eliminates the need for a megaphone or anything of that sort.

"I believe this process might make things go slower," Fuentes said. "But the whole idea is to work efficiently, to eliminate outliers, create unity and come to a group consensus."

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Question of the week

Do you agree with Occupy Wall Street/Occupy El Paso protests?

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**PAUL McCAULY**

Senior biology major
"Yes. It is an absolute disgrace that the same people on Wall Street that crashed our very own economy, continue to make huge profits while teachers and first responders get laid off and our infrastructure crumbles around us."

**ARTURO LUGO**

Sophomore kinesiology major
"I do agree because it is very unfair that the people who caused the crash get bailed out when the middle class people are hardworking and trying to recuperate from the crash."

**FRANIA GUTIERREZ**

Sophomore education major
"I do agree with both because I believe it is very unfair that the wealthy people pay a lower percentage in taxes than the less fortunate."

**ADRIANA DOMINGUEZ**

Sophomore industrial engineering major
"I don't agree with the protesting. It's illogical to protest social inequality because not everyone works and gets paid the same."

**ADRIAN YANEZ**

Junior education major
"Well concerning social inequality, I can't really blame the rich because they also get taxed. But I don't think I know enough to give a full opinion; there's always going to be inequality, regardless."

**PHILIP GONZALEZ**

Freshman business administration major
"I think people need to learn about our nation's economy before tearing apart what makes us a global competitive market. When you put money into politics, there's always going to be conflict of interest. The only solution for inequality is social responsibility not socialist ideas."

**STEPHEN FLORES**

Junior psychology major
"I don't really know what's going on. I'm really not big on politics."

**VICTORIA SERVIN**

Senior linguistics major
"Yes, I agree with the protest. But at the same time, I believe that the one percent of the nation is the wealthiest and most involved in politics since they're more educated."

**CRISTIAN PAEZ**

Freshman biomedical concentration major
"I believe people are actually harming their cause by trying to tear down Wall Street but yeah, it's always been this way. The rich get richer and the poor get poorer. We're that 99 percent."

**NANCY ITO**

Freshman graphic design major
"I think it's okay for people to protest. This is, after all, a democracy and we have the power to express our troubles and concerns. In the end, we might actually make a change. Philosophically, it's best to take the action that benefits our nation the most."

**DIEGO DAVILA**

Junior digital media major
"It's alright to protest, but you shouldn't take action."

**LIZETTE SIDRANSKI**

Senior health promotion major
"I do. They have all the power. We are controlled by those people who have all the money. They control what we eat, how we dress, what we watch."

**HOLLY MATA**

Health science graduate student
"No I understand their frustration. They should take action. I don't think that what they are doing is effective."

**JAIME ARROYO**

Junior mechanical engineering major
"That's good that they care, but the fact that they're not working is not helping the economy."

**DANIELLE BLANCA**

Freshman special education major
"I think it's good if they're protesting against it, but it's wrong because it looks wrong to oppose our government."

**LYNDA ALVARADO**

Freshman business management major
"I don't know how to feel about it. It's our right to be informed in order to protest big business. It affects everything from small to big businesses."

**MARIA GONZALEZ**

Sophomore environmental science major
"It could be a good idea because a lot of people don't know about what's going on in Wall Street and why they're protesting. Having protesters here could help clear up what is going on."

**LAURA DIAZ**

Junior nursing major
"I feel it's going to affect small business."

**DANIELA O ATE**

Freshman biomedical sciences major
"I agree with Occupy Wall Street in El Paso because people do not have jobs and need a job because of the economy today."

**VANESSA DAVALOS**

Senior psychology major
"I agree with Occupy Wall Street/Occupy El Paso because many people in the U.S. don't have jobs and the major companies help the government move our economy."



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Activists come together to plan the Occupy El Paso protest



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A group of more than 200 El Pasoans—including many UTEP students—gathered to discuss details of the Occupy El Paso protest that will take place Oct. 15 at the San Jacinto Plaza in Downtown.



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Enrique Iglesias hits the borderland

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA
The Prospector

Multi-platinum selling artist, Enrique Iglesias, and his Euphoria Tour are coming to west Texas. Fans in El Paso are eager to attend the show at 7 p.m. Oct 15 at the Don Haskins Center.

The Euphoria Tour has sold out in cities across the nation and has made stops in Canada and cities across Europe and Australia.

Kathya Garcia, senior kinesiology major, adores Iglesias and said she is excited to see her favorite singer.

"I wouldn't want to miss this experience; I am waiting anxiously for the concert to arrive," Garcia said.

As part of the Euphoria Tour, Iglesias will have two special guests: Miami's Pitbull and Latin artist Prince Royce from New York City.

Together, the trio has caused much buzz around the borderland.

"I'm super excited, more for Pitbull of course. Although Enrique is headlining, I think Pitbull has a bigger following here in El Paso," said Diana Parra, junior electronic media major.

"I have been waiting for about six

months now and I am relieved that the waiting is over."

Jorge Vazquez, executive director of special events, said they have opened more sections for availability in the Don Haskins Center than they originally planned.

"Pitbull is one of the top artist right now...Enrique Iglesias is a major superstar. You put those two together and it's a great package," Vazquez said.

"On top of that is huge up-and-comer Prince Royce. It's a recipe for the best show."

In terms of the concert itself, Vazquez said it is a quality show, and he has heard nothing but great reviews from all aspects of it.

"The spectacle and theatrics of the show are great. We're going to have confetti cannons, giant balloons and things that I cannot say," Vazquez said.

"They can expect Pitbull with his amazing hits and Enrique Iglesias, as well. Very humble guys, both of them."

The Euphoria Tour is in support of Iglesias' ninth studio album, Euphoria. He will be performing recent, chart-topping hit songs like "I Like it" and "Tonight (I'm Lovin' You)." Aside



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Enrique Iglesias along with Pitbull and Prince Royce will perform at 7 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Don Haskins Center.

from songs off his new album, he will also perform other widely known songs from his career.

Tickets are scarce at the moment, but more seating will gradually become available until the week of the

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Fashion



Jennifer Serna has a passion for Native American style

BY NATALIA AGUILAR
The Prospector

Jennifer Serna, sophomore art history major, has a personal style that defines her obsession for the Native American culture. She is often seen around UTEP wearing hippie influenced designs or tribal patterns that represent her love for the Southwest. She also likes to show her love for music by wearing some of her favorite band t-shirts, such as Led Zeppelin and The Doors. Serna may be seen wearing something that represents

her mood for the day. The Prospector sat down with Serna to discuss her outfit and where one can find it.

Q: What kind of clothes do you like to wear to school?

A: I guess it depends on my mood really. Sometimes I'll just wear shorts and a t-shirt if it's a comfortable day if that's what I'm feeling. Like today, for example, I dressed it up a little. It just depends on how I'm feeling.

Q: Where did you find most of the items for your outfit today?

A: Pretty much 90 percent of what I'm wearing is from Forever 21 and it goes the same for my closet as well. I live there. Pretty much everything except my bag and shoes.

Q: Where are your shoes and bag from?

A: My boots are from Target and I got my bag at JC Penney.

Q: How much would you say you spent on your dress?

A: This was on clearance. I like to save, so I think this dress was like \$12.

Q: What about your boots?

A: I think those were like \$30 so sometimes I splurge a little.

Q: How would you describe your personal style?

A: I guess if I had to sum it up, it would be kind of like Southwestern hippie. That's just the way I see it. I always wear things that have a tribal sort of print, very Native. I really like the whole hippie scene and how they used to dress back then, so I kind of try to imitate that.

Q: What is one clothing item or accessory you can't be without?

A: Although I do change them, my feather earrings. The other day, I came to school without them and I felt naked all day. So that's the one thing that I have to have.

Q: How has your style evolved?

A: I guess just over the years it has matured. Before, I would dress more like a kid with my jeans and my t-shirt but now it's a little more dressed up.

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ing a video from Teresa Margolles entitled Irrigación (Irrigation). The video presents her perspective on the violence going on in Ciudad Juárez.

"The material was given to us to present and we are just supposed to host the exhibition," Lemus said. "Although, for some of us it's easy to relate, so we are excited to present it."

Reginald Armstrong, senior studio art painting major, who is taking part in the exhibition said he is excited about presenting the video and interacting with the general public.

The gallery crawl will be just one of the new additions to the artistic aspect of this year's event, but according to Monsivais, there will also be new features in to the musical side of the event.

"We will also have a rooftop concert on the sixth floor of the Mills Plaza parking garage with Mexicans at Night and Frontera Bugalú," Monsivais said. "Our growth has been tremendous, although we only have four years."

Monsivais said that their rapid growth only shows how Chalk the Block is something the community welcomes, and how there is yet more space for growth.

Monsivais also said Chalk the Block generated about \$675,000 last year in local spending for the whole event.

"It's great to be able to prove our theory of economic impact through the arts," Monsivais said.

She also said they were recognized by the Texas Downtown Association with "Best Promotional Event" and a merit award from the International Downtown Association.

Alcohol and sex: a dangerous cocktail

gotten to use a condom or even taken the pill after a night of drinking, you're not the only one. No means no, and yes while drunk, also means no.

According to a study done by the University Health Service at the University of Michigan, almost 50 percent of unplanned sex is under the influence of alcohol and 81 percent of students have had sex because they were drunk.

Alcohol lowers your inhibitions and interferes with decision making, which may make for some potentially dangerous sexual situations. Deciding to sleep with someone while under the influence may put you in an embarrassing predicament the morning after. At worst, it may even cause you to be the victim of a sexual assault or leave you with an STD.

The UTEP Student Health Center sees around 30 STD cases per month. It could happen to anyone, so be safe about what you engage in. The health center and the Women's Resource Center hosts HPV and STD awareness every year as well as sexual assault prevention events.

The study also said that 90 percent of all sexual assaults of college students involve alcohol. Students should avoid what they don't want. If you will be consuming alcohol, drink moderately, eat before, pace yourself, avoid shots, drink water in between and never leave your drink unattended.

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Miners set for evenly-matched Tulane

BY DANIEL ORNELAS
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The Miners will enter their sixth game of the season after a 16-day rest in search of their first Conference-USA win of 2011.

The Miners (2-3, 0-2 C-USA) will travel Oct. 15 to New Orleans to take on the 2-4 Tulane Green Wave, which will be searching for their first conference win at home.

The rest could help the Miners as players have had a chance to recover from ailing injuries. They hope this will give them a fast start to the game.

"We'll probably air the ball a bit more," junior quarterback Nick Lamaison said. "I feel a lot better with my long balls. We should try and put a lot of points on the board early, come out fast and take care of the football the rest of the game."

The last time both teams faced each other, Tulane beat the Miners 34-24 at the Sun Bowl. It was a game where redshirt senior quarterback Ryan Griffin threw a pair of touchdowns, the final one with 5:30 left to play to seal the win for the Green Wave.

Both teams enter the game with an even 3-3 series record and are just as evenly matched on the field. The Miners are averaging 26 points per game and allowing 32.6, while Tulane is averaging 27.7 points on offense and allowing 34 per game.

Although the Miners lost 49-42 to Houston Sept. 29, they will look to build on that performance. The running game picked up after senior Joe Banyard rushed for 240 yards against Houston, while senior Leilyn My-



FILE PHOTO
Senior running back Joe Banyard runs past a Houston tackler en route to a 50-yard run Sept. 29 at the Sun Bowl.

ers has a team-high five rushing touchdowns.

"We just have to minimize mistakes, execute and take care of the football. There was a big play against Houston where we fumbled and they scored, then another play where I turned the ball over and they scored right after," Lamaison said. "We really have to take care of the football. I think that will make a big difference in the game."

Tulane brings an approach to their running game similar to that of the Miners, having three different players with 100 or more rushing yards led by sophomore Orleans Darkwa, who has scored six of their nine touchdowns.

Head coach Bob Toledo has found success against the Miners, winning three of the four meetings against Price's squad since 2007.

"Bob Toledo is an excellent coach. He's done a great job down there to take that program after (Hurricane) Katrina, to recruit to that university after Katrina, organize it and keep the spirit and keep the team up," Price said. "They're in every game that they've played; he's a real good offensive coach...They've only won two games, but you wouldn't know it by the way they play."

The last time the Miners traveled to New Orleans to take on the Green Wave, senior running back Donald Buckram, who graduated in May rushed for over 200 yards, but the team still fell short, losing in overtime 45-38.

"They've beat us twice down there and once here, so we're going to do everything we can to win this game."

ROTC Ten-Miler team finishes sixth in D.C.

BY FRANKIE RODRIGUEZ
The Prospector

Running 'Army Strong,' the UTEP ROTC Fighting Miners competed and finished sixth in the Army Ten-Miler race that was held Oct. 8 in Washington, D.C.

The Ten-Miler is held every October in D.C. and is sponsored by the U.S. Army Military District of Washington. The course starts on Route 110 and finishes in the Pentagon North parking lot. The course remains flat throughout the race and music was provided every two miles throughout the course to hear something other than feet pounding.

"This is only the second time that our ROTC team competed, so I think it definitely helped that we had a team go last year so we could adjust," said Andrew Kaaihue, cadet and freshman freshman undeclared major.

UTEP finished with an overall time of 4:20:14. The first-place winner, St. John's University, finished at 4:03:35. Despite this being only the second time that UTEP has competed at the Ten-Miler, they still managed to find themselves in the top 10 out of the 62 teams that competed.

"It was beautiful last year. You saw all the monuments and I believe there was over 30,000 people there last year," said Barry Butzloff, cadet and senior computer information systems

major. "Anyone from civilian, to retiree, to ROTC teams competed."

The training that the ROTC team underwent this year was slightly different from last year because they knew exactly what to expect this time around.

"The training we stuck to was a schedule where we did tempo runs. We ran around routes here around campus. For instance, we ran from the military science building to William Beaumont Hospital," Butzloff said. "This year, what was different is that we worked with track members that helped with our preparation. (Senior criminal justice major Marshall) Evans and myself competed last year, so we knew what to expect so we didn't get distracted by all the beautiful scenery. We also had to diet for this competition."

According to Butzloff, finishing sixth had much to do with the wounded warriors that competed in the Ten-Miler.

"I felt like we were very competitive. My adrenaline was pumping the whole hour and four minutes seeing the wounded warriors competing," Butzloff said. "They gave the wounded warriors a head start and it just got everyone's adrenaline pumping. You see guys with prosthetic limbs and they are still out there running."

Cross country UTEP heads to NCAA Pre-Nationals

BY FRANKIE RODRIGUEZ
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UTEP is heading Oct. 16 to Terre Haute, Ind. with the goal of improving from last year's performance at the NCAA Pre-Nationals. The women's squad will at least have the peace of mind of being led by last year's winner.

Junior All-American Risper Kimaiyo took the gold with a time of 20:03 at last year's Pre-Nationals, earning Conference-USA Athlete of the Week for that performance. Kimaiyo led the women's squad to a team finish of 26th out of the nation's top 38 teams. As a freshman, Kimaiyo finished fourth at Pre-Nationals with a time of 20:33. She continues to show improvement over the course of the years. Kimaiyo can only aspire to best her time from last season even though she took the first-place finish.

"I have been doing some long runs, walkouts, eel walks," Kimaiyo said. "I just want to do my best. I have been trying to do everything I can. I am doing whatever I can to defend my title because I won last year at Pre-Nationals."

The advantage for Kimaiyo is that she knows what to expect from the terrain and that makes preparation significantly easier for her.

"The course is a mixed course because it first starts uphill, downhill then it goes flat," Kimaiyo said. "What is good about it is that it is just one way, and there are no loops in the course."

Head coach Paul Ereng believes that Kimaiyo will remain humble under the pressure from defending her title. There is quite a bit at stake, but he believes she will not let that or anyone get in her head at Pre-Nationals. That also includes the course terrain and weather because they can never know what to expect.

"People who are very competitive become very intense during competitions, but Risper knows how to maintain her cool under pressure," Ereng said. "Every race is different. It depends on the conditions and if the runners are completely healthy. I think Risper will do better because she has shown she has matured."

Ereng remembers the weather from last year, and hopes it will be exactly the same.

"The weather was very good last year, but sometimes it might be cold or there will be a lot of rain. It then causes the course to become sloppy," Ereng said. "The course itself is very challenging because it goes up and down, but there are no loops."

This event will consist of high-level competition and a large amount of runners from different teams.

"There will be a group of 60 teams competing there, so this event will be very challenging," Ereng said. "There are about 300 girls total competing in the race."

Last year, the C-USA Male Athlete of the Year and junior Elkana Rotich

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was the top finisher on the UTEP men's side, placing 37th with a time of 24:19. He led the men's team to a 17th-place finish. Rotich decreased his time by 32 seconds compared to Pre-Nationals his freshman year, a 33-place finish difference as well. Junior Justice Chirchir did not have his best performance at Pre-Nationals, clocking in at 24:56 last year, and has not shown much improvement at the event. Still, he is one of the best runners on the men's squad and expects to top his best time.

The event is hosted by Indiana State University.

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Football

Second-half adjustments have defined season

BY DANIEL ORNELAS
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UTEP came into the 2011 season with veteran players on defense. The experience is showing for that side of the ball, most notably with their adjustments in the second half.

Through their first five games, the Miners have given up 163 total points, 28 of them came from fumbles and interceptions returned for touchdowns. The defensive unit has given up 135 points to opponents, but only 52 in the second half. That is an average of 10.4 points per game in the

second half compared to 16.6 in the first half.

Prior to their previous game against Houston, UTEP's defense had only given up 24 second half points, an average of six each game.

In the season opener against Stony Brook, the Miners defense yielded only seven points in the second half with the other score coming on a fumble recovery.

"The first game against Stony Brook was hard because they had never shown the multiple shifting, lining up in a formation and shifting four or five guys. Because we hadn't seen that, it was tougher," defensive coordinator Andre Patterson said. "I had to put us in a defense where a lot of us wouldn't have to move so they can shift and do whatever they want to do and we just sit and wait for it to finish out. The kids did a great job with it."

Against SMU, the defense allowed no points in the second half and the Mustangs' only score that half came off a fumble recovery.

In road games against NMSU and South Florida, the Miners defense allowed a combined 17 points in the second half. But in a game against Houston where the score was tied at half time, it seemed to work against UTEP, allowing 28 of the 52 points in the second half of a 49-42 loss.

The Miners have trailed at the half in all but the Houston game.

"The Houston game was probably a disadvantage. They were waiting for me to give them a golden nugget at halftime. So I had to tell them, there is no golden nugget for me to give you," Patterson said. "We had breakdowns. The big plays were happening, not because they gave us something they hadn't seen or they ran over us, it was because the guys didn't do their job."

Players have responded to changes and adjustments, but the coaching staff may not think it's too much



FILE PHOTO

Senior defensive lineman Bernard Obi (46) and sophomore DL James Davidson combine to tackle a Houston running back Sept. 29 at the Sun Bowl.

about adjusting as it is players just settling into the game plan.

"We're talking about the things we're seeing and some things we're not seeing, and that always helps," senior linebacker Royzell Smith said. "We're making quick adjustments."

Safeties coach Al Simmons is up in the press box during games, talking to Patterson on the field for feedback on defensive alignments and strategies. Head coach Mike Price credits the two of them for the large adjustments at halftime, although Simmons thinks otherwise.

"They're really not bigger adjustments; I think our guys are just settling down a little bit," Simmons said. "Don't get me wrong, we do have some adjustments. I don't know if they're big adjustments at half time, but we also have some adjustments during the course of the game."

Patterson is coaching a defensive unit that has only been together for 18 games and knows that it will take more time playing together for the team to fully gel.

"If you watch Alabama or LSU, those guys have played together for a long time. They trust one another and just do their job and expect the plays to happen because I'm doing my job," Patterson said. "They're not out there trying to create big plays. When you do that, you create big plays for the offense."

Patterson thinks the issue is grander than simply making adjustments at halftime or throughout a game, but changing the mentality of today's athletes is a task on its own.

"I'm dealing with a societal problem because these kids grew up in an age much different than what I grew up in. If you play Madden or watch an NFL game and see a running back rush for 200 yards, they don't say a word about the offensive line. It's all about the guy running the ball," Patterson said. "That's not real; in football it's about 11 guys doing their job. I have to change something in their mentality when they've grown all their lives thinking differently."

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Volleyball

Team prepares for pivotal weekend



FILE PHOTO

Sophomore defensive specialist Victoria Valencia dives for a dig against Memphis Oct. 8 at Memorial Gym.

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The Miners, winners of five matches in a row, have moved themselves up to a tie for third in Conference-USA standings with Houston and Rice. UTEP will take on the Cougars Oct. 14 then face the Owls two days later in a crucial C-USA weekend.

"We are definitely expecting a tough match," junior middle blocker Cassandra Burrue said. "Its going to be a long match and we are going to have to play hard the whole way through but we are excited to show other teams we are doing well this year. We are also excited to keep upping our record and taking teams out as we go."

UTEP took on Memphis twice Oct. 7-8 and won both matches. According to the players, the Miners struggled to find their bearings offensively allowing the Tigers to play off of many of their mistakes.

"We need to get our distribution back and fix our offense," head coach Ken Murphy said. "We will be working to get our right side working again and work to get our outside hitters smoother. I think those are the things we need to work on before we face Houston and Rice."

The Owls and Cougars faced each other with Houston winning the match 3-0.

Despite a perfect-hitting average of 1.00 and 59 digs from sophomore outside hitter Tyler Jenkins, Rice could not hold off the 47 kills. The Owls' attack errors also contributed to their woes with 18 versus the Cougars' 12.

Rice may have lost to Houston, but they share a win with UTEP against SMU. The difference, however, is that the Owls won the match 3-1 and the

Miners dragged it out to 3-2. Rice played off of the Mustangs 20 attack errors and scored 73 kills, 21 of which came from junior middle blocker Nancy Cole.

"We are going to be looking at their biggest hitters," Burrue said. "We need to see what we are going to need to do defensively, like if they hit in certain areas and watching their blocking techniques."

Last year, the Miners lost to the Cougars 3-0 and Rice 3-1 at the beginning of the season. Against Houston, UTEP slammed out 30 kills but failed to keep together, committing attack errors and giving the Cougars the lead in the first set. Houston won the first set in a close 25-22 thanks to a final attack error by sophomore outside hitter Taylor Nix. An attack error by sophomore outside hitter Melissa Toth lost the second set 25-18 and a final kill by Houston's junior middle blocker Chandace Tryon ended the third 25-15.

The Miners fought against Rice in a four set match. The first set was closed on a back-to-back kill streak from graduated senior Ashleigh McCord and sophomore middle blocker/outside hitter Megan Shepard. Nix won the second set for the Miners after a back-and-forth play of a series of kills from both sides. With one win in the bag, UTEP returned in the third but could not keep their organization together, losing off of a service error. The Miners were unable to find their balance and lost the fourth set 25-19 off another service error.

UTEP has cleaned up their play and systems since then and are not rotating the newer players in order to use their abilities.

Sophomore libero Victoria Valencia played more during the Memphis game than in recent games. She said that they will be taking each match one team at a time and focus on them before they look to the future.

"As a team, I think we need to have our mind set and I feel like every game we have had that," Valencia said. "We all want to win, but we don't look at each other to blame each other because of errors. We take it as a team and I think we'll be ready for this weekend."

The last time UTEP was this close to the top of the conference standings this late was in 1996 when they led the WAC under head coach Norm Brandl. They went into the tournament championship with a program-best conference record of 12-3.

UTEP, Houston and Rice trail conference-leading UAB by two games with 13 games left for each team. The regular season champion takes the NCAA tournament automatic bid for C-USA as there is no tournament for the second season in a row.

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The ROTC team was happy with their finish and felt that it shows they can compete for the first-place finish.

"Everybody was pleased with their times. I was pleased with my time because I cut down one-minute 15-seconds from last year," Butzloff said. "Regardless of the results, we are still content, but things will be a lot different next year with preparation."

The UTEP team felt a bit uneasy about the St. Johns finish at first due to a particular reason.

"The team that got first place had track members on their ROTC team," Butzloff said. "I felt it was a little unfair because the first-place team had a track member."

Butzloff will be next year's head coach in the Ten-Miler and he knows exactly how he wants preparation to be. He said there will be major changes and intensive training.

"After having participated two years in the Ten-Miler, as next year's head coach I know where to make improvements in our training to get where we need to be. I took notes of how things went this time around and we're looking to (be first) place next year," Butzloff said. "Tryouts will be competitive and training will be tougher. This is one of the most rewarding experiences as a cadet and I want to raise enough money next year to add an additional team member on the team."

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