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Getting away for the break

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Students avoid parties to hit the books

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BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA

The Prospector

Spring break is a college invention according to Ernesto Castañeda, assistant professor in sociology and anthropology.

"It plays a healthy function, like a pressure reliever from the stress of going to school, doing your homework, you need a break," Castañeda

said. "I think at some understanding the breaking of the rules for a little time is healthy actually in the long term."

According to TIME magazine, spring break began after Fort Lauderdale received hundreds of college town tourists during the spring of 1938, when the city hosted the first

College Coaches' Swim Forum at the Casino Pool.

Media outlets began to notice the hype and in 1986, MTV aired their first spring break special from Daytona Beach, Florida. Images of women in their bikinis and shirtless men partying on the beach introduced America to a new tradition.

But for some students at UTEP, spring break can take on a whole new meaning. Rather than breaking away for some time to party, it seems most students will continue to be occupied with school.

Norbert Avila, junior biological sciences major, is one of many students that are sacrificing his spring break.

"As you get older, it changes a little," Avila said. "Whatever your goals are, that's going to change the way you handle yourself during the break. There are some, of course, that will party but it also depends if you have money."

Those students who prioritize school may choose to use their extra

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Politics

Occupy Campus grabs students' attention

BY HENRY ARRAMBIDE

The Prospector

While attendance was sparse, organizers of the Occupy Colleges event said their efforts were worthwhile. Orlando Cordova, freshman digital media production major and participant, said that the events sparked productive dialogue with people passing by from all sides of the political spectrum.

"The ones who are really excited about joining have provided their telephone number, so that way we can give them phone calls to let them know when we're going to have our

next protest, which is coming up May 1 actually," Cordova said.

The Occupy Colleges, a joint effort by members of Occupy El Paso and Miners Without Borders, occurred Feb. 29 and March 1 at Leech Grove on the UTEP campus, and featured a used book sale, petition-signing events, lectures and multiple handouts and flyers.

Brian Barraza, sophomore biological sciences major, said that while the books lying on the ground were what initially got his attention, the group's messages about their stance on issues concerning higher education is what interested him.

"I haven't talked much with Occupy, but when I came by yesterday half of them were shouting out facts about tuition raises over the past 10 years and such," Barraza said.

David McKenney, a sociology graduate student and president of Miners Without Borders, said they had passed out more than 2,000 flyers and that they sold a lot of books.

"Books are a big symbol of the Occupy movement, you know," McKenney said. "They go hand in hand—knowledge is power."

In addition to using fliers to distribute information, a series of online petitions were set up for students to sign. Among those petitions were

asking the Food and Drug Administration to label genetically modified foods, asking Tide to remove carcinogens from their detergent and protecting the rights of Apple's factory workers in China.

"So far, we've got people signing petitions, we've got a sign up sheet where people are putting their e-mail address to get important updates," Cordova said.

The used-book sale raised about \$200, according to Cordova. The proceeds from the sales will go to Miners Without Borders, an organization with similar ideas to the Occupy movement. Cordova said the next event that Occupy has planned

is a protest for May 1 as part of an international holiday called May Day, which celebrates workers' rights.

"I think the student attention we're getting is good," McKenney said. "Based on other events we've done, such as the border fence demonstration against the violence in Juárez, I think we're getting a good reception here and it looks like there's a lot of support for what we're trying to do."

Also, as part of Occupy Colleges, members held a series of teach-ins about issues that the members felt were important. Other organizations, such as Amnesty International and

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Column

Take a lesson from famous vampires: avoid the sun

BY KRYSTAL OBLINGER

The Prospector



Spring break is so 1990s. Instead of jumping into a pair of swim shorts and thrashing out into the open waters of scandalously dressed woman, it's about time we hit the town and books instead.

The once party-filled time off has slowly mutated into something that no longer revolves around the party. Due to the drastic change in the economy, people are looking to keep from spending too much money and looking for cheaper alternatives to spend the days off.

If stuck in El Paso, it is not the end of the world. Local establishments have been trying to get customers to stick around for the break for years with concert series that feature bands playing in South by South West and large get-togethers, involving the tap and bar scene. Question is, what sounds appealing?

Along with the multiple St. Patrick's Day celebrations March 17, bands from across the United States are flocking through El Paso on their way to the over-crowded SXSW. Here in the city, they have a chance to relax and feel welcomed by a smaller crowd. It's like a "before they go to SXSW" performance and it helps loosen them up for that show. Many times, these can be unannounced and random, which makes them incredibly exclusive and exciting to discover.

Other events to look out for are beer tasting and parties that are gearing up for the big shows such as Neon Desert, Sun City Music Festival and more. These can sometimes have surprise concerts by well-known names in the DJ business plus local performers who are working to get some money behind them for tours.

Leaving the house may not be an option and if that is the case, a few considerations include some simple pleasures and academics.

About this time, many students have cluttered their DVRs with more TV series to count. This week off should be used to purge the poor little bastard of all the missed episodes of "The Walking Dead," "The Office," "30 Rock," "How I Met Your Mother," "Supernatural" and "Glee" before they return to television. This is that weird period where the shows are taking a mid-season break not necessarily for the audiences' benefit, but just to reorganize their budgets and film the rest of the season... turns out they don't have it all done at the beginning of sweeps week.

As strange as that sounds, this gives viewers a one-up on those corporate freaks and a chance to either catch up or revisit what they love to watch. (I have watched "30 Rock" all the way through at least four times. A fifth wouldn't hurt). That, or watch "Game of Thrones" season one reruns and prepare for...well winter is still a ways away, but for season two.

One cannot merely sit in front of a TV for nine days without loosing one's mind. Just because many students face midterms the week before doesn't mean school should completely fall out of the equation. Spring break allows for more study time and sometimes, we allow a pile up of assignments to grow until the night before the end of the class; countless hours are then spent attempting to finish projects. There is only so much coffee in the world and odds are that at three o' clock in the morning, none of it is available to drown in. This is just a suggestion, but maybe using the break to organize (if not finish) assignments is a good idea.

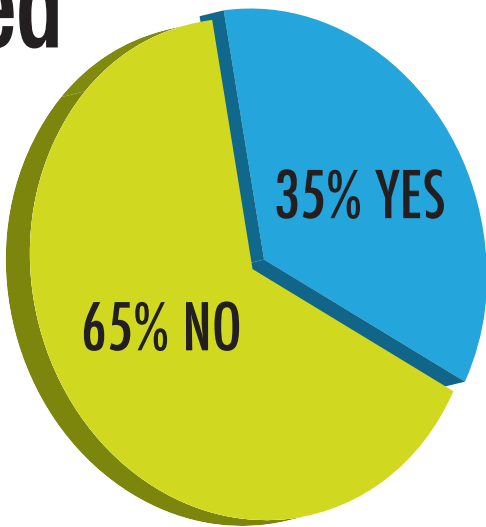
Assuming all else fails, lay in bed for the whole break like an unsociable hermit. There is nothing wrong with not seeing the light of day; it may not be the healthiest move, but who is going to say it's a bad idea? Nosferatu and Dracula would agree this is the optimal plan of action. The sun burns, the Internet and the blankets are the allies and the doorway is the ultimate enemy.

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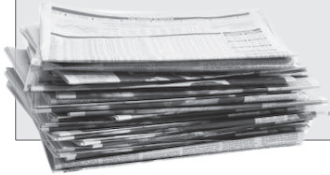


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UTEPIA promotes safe sex as students prepare for time off



FILE PHOTO

The 2012 UTEPIA event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 6 at the Geology Lawn.

BY HENRY ARRAMBIDE
The Prospector

UTEPIA, an annual event hosted by the Campus Activities Board (CAB), will be taking place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 6 at the Geology lawn.

The Candyland-themed event is intended to educate students about safe sex practices and provide them with tools for the upcoming spring break. "Over one million students go on spring break every year," said Sam Sosa-Rodriguez, CAB coordinator.

"The average spring breaker has 10 alcoholic drinks per day and is 50 percent more likely to have unprotected sex. While we're not in the business of deterring students from celebrating time off, we do want to encourage them to celebrate in a safe way."

CAB's concerns are valid. According to the American Medical Association, 83 percent of college females said in a poll that they participated in more drinking during spring break than on campus and that sexual activity increased greatly. CAB hopes to engage students about these issues in an entertaining way.

"With it being so close to spring break, we decided to put on a specific event," Sosa-Rodriguez said. "It's the Tuesday before spring break. With spring break comes a lot of risks, and so we wanted to make sure students would go out and celebrate, but we also want them to come back in one piece."

UTEPIA's Candyland theme was selected from a pool of possible ideas voted on by CAB members. There will be a variety of events and activities for students to participate in, such as a Zumba dance session, a competitive fashion show, music, inflatables, games, giveaways and a candy buffet. Multiple student organizations will be attending to recruit and fundraise, but the main focus of the event will


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Question of the week

What are your plans for spring break?

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NATALIE SAAVEDRA
Sophomore nursing major
"Going to South Padre. We're going to party on the beach and enjoy life without problems for a week with close friends."



BAGRIEL SALAZAR
Sophomore chemistry major
"Going to Cancun and enjoying the good view of good looking people. Releasing the stress I have from school."



DANIELA RAMIREZ
Freshman kinesiology major
"Going to Caballo Lake to go camping with my family."



ERIC RAMOS
Senior multidiciplinary studies major
"This spring break, I will be training for Olympic trials in track."



CYNTHIA PERALTO
Junior psychology major
"Will be staying in town and working over-time for my job."



FRANCISCO GUEVARA
Junior mechanical engineering major
"For spring break, I will be going home to Chihuahua and to Monterrey to visit my father."



TAYLOR LUNA
Freshman psychology major
"Going out of town to San Antonio to go to Six Flags and Sea World."




MARX LOPEZ
Senior creative writing major
"I will be working all spring break."



SHANNON MURPHY
Junior education major
"I'm going to spend some time with my friends. If my best friend doesn't come to El Paso, then I'm going to go see her in San Angelo."



ANDRES ENCERRADO
Sophomore mathematics and physics major
"I plan on spending as much time as possible with my girlfriend and go camping with her."



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LIZ SLEIGHEL
Junior public relations major
"I'm moving into my new apartment, so I expect I'll be unpacking, moving things around and fixing a couple of things around the place. Other than that, I hope to rest up and spend time with my friends."



CEDRIC HOWARD
Sophomore pre-nursing major
"My parents and I are going out of town, but we're still not quite sure where we're going. I plan to spend as much time with them during the break since I hardly ever have time because of school."



MARIBEL MIRANDA
Senior multidisciplinary studies major
"I'm going to be working all of spring break and taking care of my kids."



REUBEN NEGRON
INSS graduate student
"I'm going to go to Puerto Rico, and hang out on the beach with friends."



JASMINE NAVARRETE
Freshman history major
"I have no plans at all. As a mom, I cannot go out of town. As a college student, I have no money. So I'm going to take my child to the zoo and hang out around town."



RANDY ANAYA
Senior advertising major
"I am going to have a fun time building my backyard barbecue Grill."



JEFF GONZALEZ
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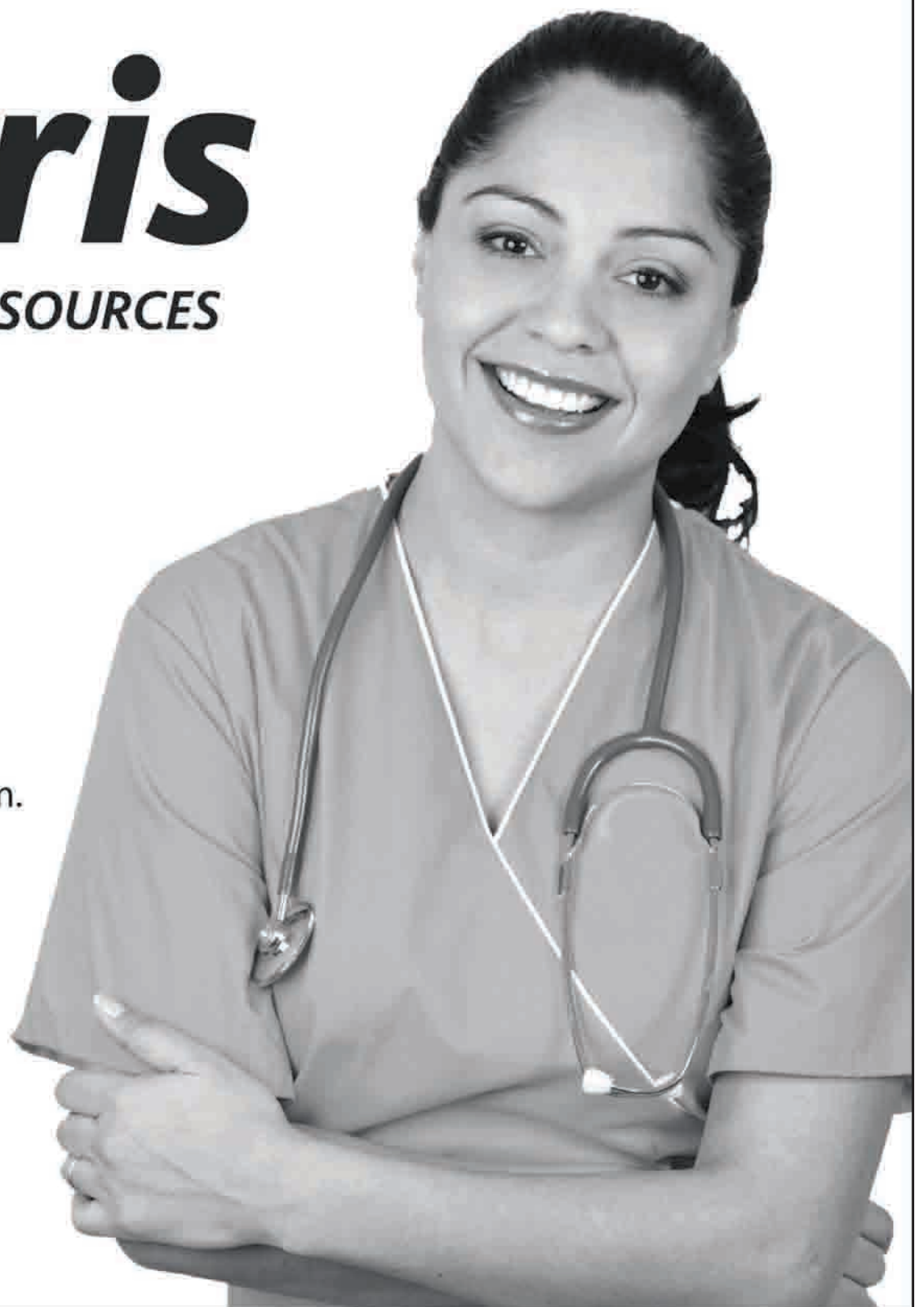
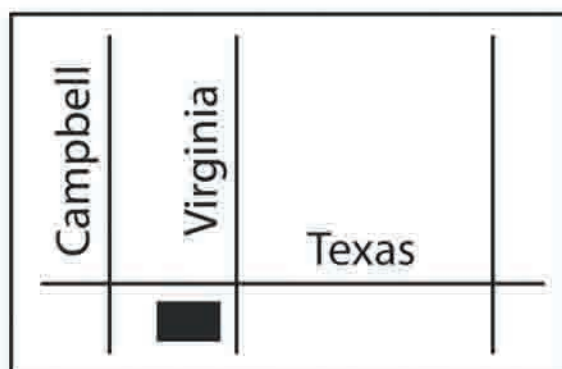
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Members of Occupy El Paso and Miners Without Borders held a Occupy Colleges event Feb. 29 and March 1 at Leech Grove.

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MECHA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán) participated in these as well.

“Yesterday (Feb. 29), we had a few really good teach-ins and interesting conversations on an individual basis,” said Babak Tavakoli-Nejad, freshman biological sciences major and a member of MEChA.

Tavakoli-Nejad said he was going to provide a teach-in about the MEChA organization, to discuss the history and activities of the student organization.

While attendance at the teach-ins ranged from eight to 12 people, McKenney said he believed they were worthwhile.

Stephanie Correa, senior political science major and president of Amnesty International, attended the events to talk about immigration and the privatization of detention centers. Correa believes the Occupy Colleges event was beneficial because it shows the movement is not fading away.

“Seeing people throw papers away or say, ‘don’t even give them to me I’m just going to toss it,’ that’s really disheartening,” Correa said. “But other than that, there’s been large pools of people or faculty and staff that I’ve seen cruise the books and such and I think that’s really powerful, because that says you’re supporting us and you’re standing in solidarity with us.”

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National

Voter ID law stopped in South Carolina, subject of debate elsewhere

BY ELIJAH HERINGTON

Scripps Howard Foundation Wire

WASHINGTON – South Carolina sticks out from the pack of 15 states now requiring, or seeking to require, voters to present photographic identification before casting their ballots.

As soon as South Carolina enacted a bill to require photo identification, the Justice Department and Attorney General Eric Holder rejected it.

J. David Woodard of Clemson University said this isn’t that surprising. In keeping with Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which outlaws voter discrimination, the Justice Department reviews legislation in states with a poor history of voter freedom. South Carolina is one such state.

Forcing potential voters to present identification at the polls, proponents of the new voter ID bills argue voter fraud could be cut from existence. Opponents cry discrimination.

“It’s really hard to make a case that it’s discriminatory on its face,” Woodard said. “If it was somebody else doing this, it would probably be okay, but it’s South Carolina and they lack a little bit of credibility.”

Still, many Carolinians are upset over the Justice Department’s actions, and South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson sued Holder.

In the meantime, the debate lingers over whether the new laws, in South Carolina or elsewhere, actually prevent fraud without promoting discrimination.

A National Press Club debate last week between the Heritage Foundation and the American Civil Liberties Union held this question as a central theme.

The idea behind these laws, said Hans von Spakovsky, manager of Heritage’s Civil Justice Reform Initiative, is to prevent fraudulent voting. He said these laws not only avert double voting and voting under a false

name, but they also keep dead people from reappearing come election time.

As an added advantage, he said it works to “prevent illegal aliens from registering and voting.”

“Under federal law, if you want to get a job you have to authenticate your identity,” Spakovsky said. “That is no different than what states want to do in the voting context.”

While proponents such as Spakovsky might label the issue cut-and-dried, his debate opponent argued the new laws take voter freedom back to the days of “poll taxes and literacy tests.”

Laura Murphy, director of the ACLU’s Washington legislative office, said there are few documented cases of voter fraud, and the new laws promote further class and racial discrimination.

“More than 21 million Americans of voting age lack documentation that would satisfy these photo ID laws,” Murphy said. “These Americans are disproportionately low income, racial and ethnic minorities, the elderly and disabled voters.”

Some states have already made these IDs available for free, but Murphy said, “Many of these Americans cannot afford to pay for the required documents needed to secure a government issued photo ID.” These other documents, such as birth certificates, can be costly and time consuming to reproduce. The greater the difficulty, the less likely it is voters will try.

Rather than focusing on minor amounts of voter fraud, Murphy said

attention ought to be placed on other election issues such as poll location and voting hours. It is hard for low-wage, hourly workers to take time off to vote, she said. This is where the true fraud happens.

Woodard said that “both sides seem to take it to the extreme.” Those on the left say they want to prevent any discrimination, while those on the

right argue their opponents want “illegal immigrants to vote,” he said.

“Any time you put up some requirements, you’re going to limit participation,” Woodard said. “Participation is so much a function of a dozen of different things, besides the law, that you can’t say it’s just the law that affects this.”

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As for whether the law will be reinstated for South Carolina's vote in

November, he said, "I don't think really think so. It's only going to affect election rhetoric as far as the election itself."

"I mean, let's face it – I think we all know how South Carolina is going to go in November," he said.

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"I know for a fact that UTEPIA is going to be fun," said Gabriel Romero, sophomore art major and president of the UTEP Queer Student Alliance (QSA). "I am hoping to get the word out on my organization and I'm sure we'll get some interested members. It's the type of event you know you'll have fun, while still fundraising and spreading word about your organization."

Romero says the QSA is going to use UTEPIA to it's fullest to fundraise for future events for his organization such as their annual Queer Prom. They'll also have free condoms available to promote UTEPIA's overall message of students having a safe spring break.

"I think this event is good because, really, we're on our own," said Samantha Garcia, freshman psychology major. "Students are on their own when it comes to making their own decisions. So if there's somebody out there who actually cares about being

safe and being aware of how to be safe then that's good."

UTEPIA will be a free event for all students to come and explore.

"UTEPIA is like Minerpalooza on a smaller scale," Romero said. "Advertise your organization, interact with other students and organizations, and fundraise. Without even thinking about the music, the fashion show, just the overall ambience of the event, this will be upbeat and fun."

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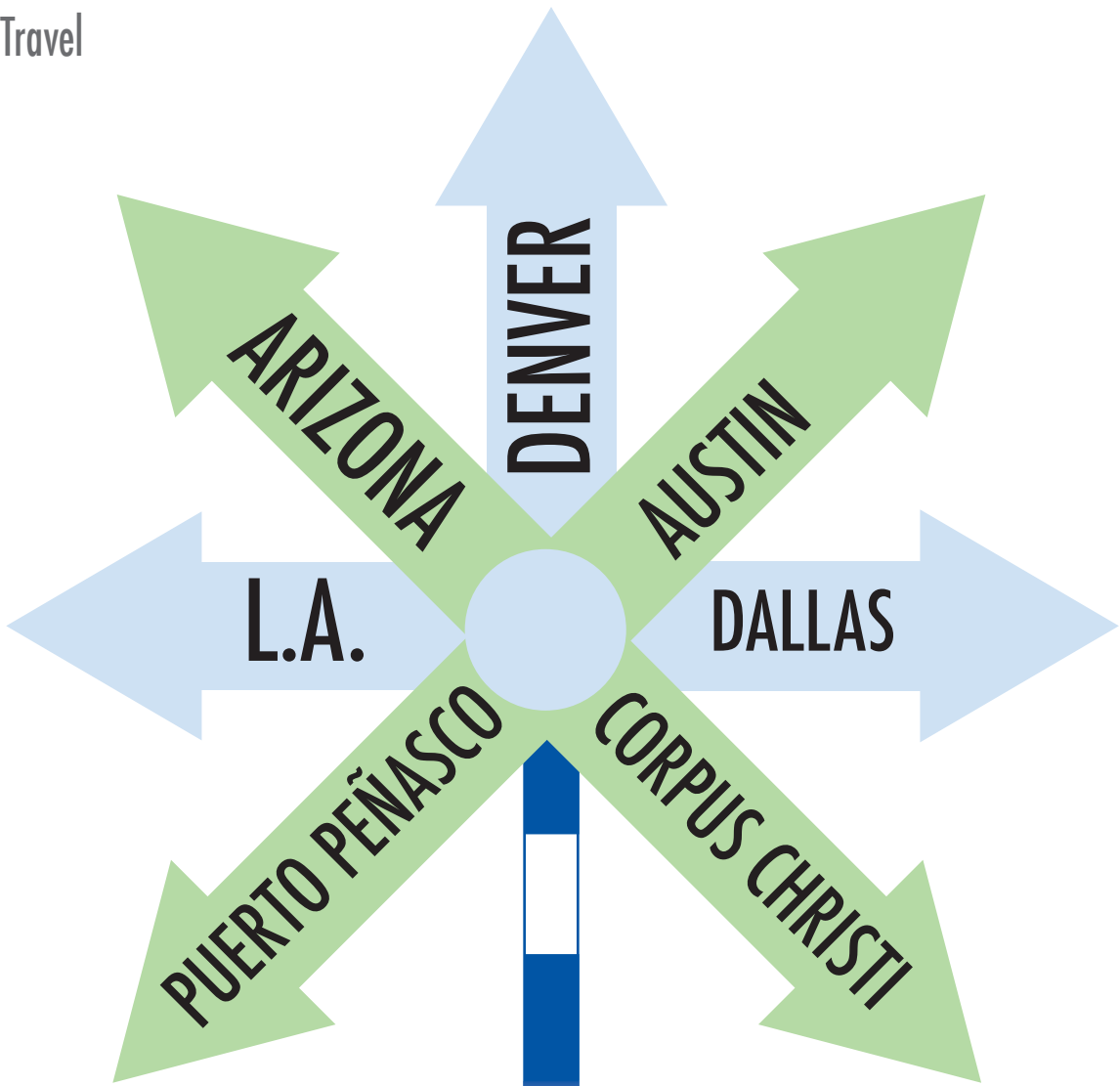


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Oh, the places you will go

FOR SPRING BREAK

2012

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA
The Prospector

Put on some sunscreen, slip into swimwear and bathe in the sun. Students like Bernardo Terres, junior cellular and molecular biochemistry major, are ready to venture somewhere different from El Paso.

“Anywhere that has a beach, probably like South Padre or around there,” Terres said. “We’ve been in winter for so long and it’s been so cold. People just want to change scenery, go out to the beach and have fun.”

Some students are migrating south this spring break. Alex Alvarez, senior marketing major, predicts most students will be heading towards the tides.

“I think everybody is trying to party on spring break,” Alvarez said. “Everybody that I know is going to South Padre for spring break.”

South Padre is an example of a city that capitalizes its revenue during this time.

“They get the whole economic benefit of tourists so they plan the infrastructure like places to stay and things like that for tourists,” said Robin Grambling, senior lecturer of marketing and management. “San Antonio

has had that push for years. South Padre Island and Corpus Christi have always been tourist destinations, particularly South Padre Island.”

Adam Sierra, sophomore biological sciences major, said he has friends out of town that he can visit.

“I might go to San Antonio with a couple of friends,” Sierra said. “I have a couple of friends in school there and a place to stay.”

Grambling said the culture in San Antonio feels comfortable for a lot of students.

“It’s a big city, it has a lot to do and something different to do,” Grambling said. “It also has a lot of college kids so you have that demographic that attracts that. It’s certainly not a beach town but they have a lot of activities. They have professional sports, that kind of thing that maybe draws them.”

San Antonio is approximately a five hour drive from South Padre Island and, if including Austin, creates a triangle between the three cities.

Austin is another popular destination. The South by Southwest festival will be fostering with music lovers from across the nation and the bar scene on Sixth Street adds to the swarm of people.

“Austin has the culture of a college town. It’s so different from El Paso so you’ll probably just go for the experience,” Grambling said.

South Padre, San Antonio and Austin are all cities that are top picks among students, but David Morales, junior business major, has another place in mind. Morales will be heading west for Major League Baseball action.

“I’m going to Arizona to go watch some spring training,” Morales said. “We’re going to see about five or six games. I’ve been doing it since I was born.”

Even if financial obstacles spring up, students are committed to getting away for a while.

“Students have always been tight with their money. I think they’ve always been restricted on funds, but where there’s a will, there’s a way,” Grambling said. “I don’t think the economy necessarily has really changed. If you really want to go somewhere for spring break and take a break, I think you’ll sacrifice others things.”

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Vacationing: there's an app for that

The Prospector

In a time when budgeting is important for students, here are five apps that will help spring breakers get to their destination while keeping them entertained without breaking the bank.

Kayak

Cost: Free

One of the most popular travel apps, Kayak gets users off the ground when planning a trip. The app guides individuals through every step by helping them book a flight or search for a rental car. Also, by entering a destination and traveling dates the app will connect users with flight, hotel and car rental

suggestions that can be booked right from the app.

Although, websites like Expedia have also conveniently condensed travel bookings, Kayak has a clever interactive world map that lets travelers select destinations based on budget restraints. It also tracks flights, converts currency and looks up sightseeing opportunities.

Urbanspoon

Cost: Free

Exalted from the excitement of sightseeing, eating usually becomes an afterthought when traveling. The Urbanspoon app attempts to solve this problem by offering a wide array of dining options based on the part of town, food preferences and price.

Whether diners are looking for an eatery in their own city or one while

traveling, Urbanspoon provides directions, reviews and sometimes menu items. Best of all, just shake the device and it randomly selects places (depending on the parameters set by the user). Although it doesn't provide reservation placement options in all restaurants, like Open Table, it does provide information on more eateries around town.

MotionX GPS Drive

Cost: \$0.99

One of the least expensive navigation apps, MotionX GPS Drive provides enough turn-by-turn instructions to keep travelers from getting lost. It offers a clean and simple display that's easy to follow and a sharp voice navigation system. The app costs \$0.99 for the first 30 days, before having to pay extra. It isn't as keen as the more expensive navigation apps in providing extensive traffic information, but it can get anyone from point A to point B in an unknown city.

SnagFilms:

Cost: Free

For the documentary enthusiasts or for those seeking a road trip diversion, SnagFilms provides an extensive library of little-known documentaries for free streaming (with minimal commercial interruption).

Although Netflix also offers some great documentaries, SnagFilms' selections cover niche subjects like yoga, Islam and aliens, made mostly by independent filmmakers. Their selection is largely hit or miss and an internet connection is required, but the films are mostly very intriguing, especially if paying for other viewing services, like Netflix or Hulu-Plus, doesn't sound so good.

MetalStorm: Wingman

Cost: Free

MetalStorm: Wingman provides enough thrills as an aerial combat game to ease the thought that Cancun is still hours away. It is an addicting interactive game in which the player pilots a battle plane attempting to shoot down enemy battle ships on the water.

Its real catch is in the flying. The game is tilt based recreating the effect of a pilot steering the plane. The game offers decent graphics and good sound effects and, aside from the commercial hook to get players to upgrade the planes, it's a fun modern throwback to arcade combat classics that will keep the backseat drivers busy and quiet for a good while.

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Diamond

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Rectangle

In a rectangular body the hips, waist and bust are usually about the same size. The waist however is somewhat smaller than the hips and bust.



Triangle

Hips are the widest part of a triangle shaped body. The waist narrows and the bust is medium but is still not as wide as the hips.



Hourglass

The bust and hips carry the same weight and a waist is well defined in an hourglass shaped body type.



Rounded

A rounded figure has a wide waist and is similar to a diamond shape. However, the hips are usually narrow and the bust is well defined.



Inverted triangle

An inverted triangle figure has a large bust but a small waist and smaller hips. Usually, the shoulders are broad and defined.

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free time to prepare for upcoming exams or assignments. Others will use the time to focus more on their jobs.

Pablo Oñate, business graduate student, will keep things moderate throughout spring break. Oñate said he tries to be aware of reality before giving into the hype of spring break.

“I don’t want to party too much where you’re inefficient the next day,” Oñate said. “You have to be productive, you have to go to work or you have to do something with your life so you can’t party as hard you used to. But there’s still a party there, you just have to be aware of the next day. That’s called maturity.”

Castañeda said most students with families and first generation college students are more likely to stay in El Paso, while others with more capital will take to the road.

Spring break is still considered a way to relax, reflect and recuperate, but, much like Avila and Oñate, Shane Schinagel, senior geophysics major, said this break should be used for catching up on academics.

“For me, and at least with other students that I know who work really

hard, spring break is kind of more like a halfway marker. It’s an opportunity to catch up and get ahead rather than go party,” Schinagel said. “The more responsible students will probably have a little bit of play time, but they’re also going to try to become more stable so that when school starts again they have a good start.”

According to the students, everyone has their own reason for staying in town. Sometimes priorities just need to be taken care of before anything else.

“I would still go out of town if I had the chance,” Avila said. “But money is important. I’m going to be working here at school and there’s other stuff that are stopping me from going out.”

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Column

Shopping for swimsuits this season

BY EILEEN LOZANO
The Prospector



Spring has finally sprung and wrapping up spring break plans is at the top of the to-do list. Confirming reservations, starting a tan and

Not all females are content with their bodies and some are self-conscience about not having their dream flat stomach. The key is to find a swimsuit that is going to hide what are thought of as problem areas and enhance the parts that we love about ourselves. Here are some tips to keep in mind while shopping around for a perfect swimsuit.

Pear-shaped

A pear-shaped woman is one with a voluptuous bottom, hips and thighs. A one piece with a cutout will be the most flattering. The cutout can be plunging in the back so it can still be sexy without showing too much. There won’t be any bikini lines cutting into the bottom half, so the body will appear smooth and lean. This piece will elongate the legs, so pair the suit with wedges or espadrilles.

Boyish

For a female with a boyish figure, the biggest problem will be to look curvy. An easy way to achieve curves is to buy a two piece with bold prints

or ruffles to bring subtle attention to the bosom or bottom. The ruffles will add volume and the bold print will also make things appear curvier than they actually are. Pair the new feeling of confidence with a fun floppy sun hat and enjoy the beach.

Hourglass

Kim Kardashian is the perfect example of a woman with an hourglass shape: a small waist with enough top and bottom to feel comfortable in a bikini or a one piece. Both of these suits will make the waist look tiny. For those self-conscious about their tummy, a one piece will offer smooth lines that will have you walking confidently around the pool. Opting for a one piece is not only daring, but also a great way to go to show off natural curves. Either option can be paired with a sarong or light jacket to keep things youthful and fresh.

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Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

Hoppy Monk to put the green in green beer

BY OSCAR GARZA
The Prospector

Beto Longoria, co-owner of The Hoppy Monk, loved attending St. Patrick's Day celebrations at Bennigan's, but since its closure in 2008, he and his partner Joseph Valenzuela decided to recreate that party at The Hoppy Monk.

"We want to get the people together and hopefully give them the closest to a St. Patrick's Day festivity," Longoria said. "We want to educate the market and make them truly appreciate the quality of Irish-style beer."

Originating in Ireland, St. Patrick's Day was molded by Irish immigrants who came to the U.S. The day that originally falls on the day Saint Patrick died was turned into a celebration based on rejoicing for entry into heaven. This allowed for the Americanization of the holiday, which included the wearing of green clothes and attending pubs to drink beer. The only tradition that still holds true is the optional attendance of church for the saint's day.

The St. Patrick's Day Outdoor Festival will be a celebration of everything Irish, including drinks, food and music.

"What we want to do is make it an El Paso tradition," Longoria said. "We want The Hoppy Monk to be the place to be for this tradition. We plan to make it bigger next year that is why we're only charging \$10 and why we're having a lot of promotions for breweries."

Longoria said The Hoppy Monk interacts with their customers through

multiple platforms via Facebook and Twitter, in order to promote the event that will take place from 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. March 17.

"We use them to interact and promote our stuff," Longoria said. We put pictures of the commemorative glasses we are going to have, or any type of glasses. We interact with people a lot; we answer their comments and more."

Longoria hopes that by charging \$10, more people will be able to attend the celebration and with that expand the number of people each year. His plan is to make The Hoppy Monk the new destination for not only locals, but tourists as well.

"We want to get the people together and hopefully give them the closest to a St. Patrick's Day festivity."

- Beto Longoria, co-owner of The Hoppy Monk

Michael Avery, senior linguistics major, has attended The Hoppy Monk, but had not heard about the celebration.

"Well I don't think it could help the community," Avery said. "It definitely could help in a cultural way, present a new cultural perspective and fun."

Gustavo Gottfried, sophomore graphic design major, loves the idea of a big St. Patrick's Day celebration at any kind of bar.

"I think this event can bring people together in a unique way so they can have fun. Also, I think this could help develop interest or appreciation for a small part of Irish culture," Gottfried said.

Longoria said he hopes this event will reignite an old tradition and help people gain an appreciation for good beer.

"Our setting lends itself a lot more to a beer setting, because we are primarily a pub," Longoria said. "We want all kinds of people to join us, and in the process learn about good beer."

Students are not the only demographic that the owners of The Hoppy Monk are targeting for the festival.

"We want anyone from 21 to, heck, 60," Longoria said. "We're really trying to attract a large market, but also one that has a passion and taste for beer."

Longoria said he loves to drink beer the way someone loves to eat food or watch movies.

"You drink because you like it and not just to get drunk," Longoria said. "We want people to come with a purpose, to learn about beer and have a fine taste for beer."

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Monster trucks invade Sun Bowl



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Monster Jam took place 7p.m. March 3 and again 1p.m. March 4 at the Sun Bowl. These monstrous trucks raced and destroyed vehicles set up for the show.

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Women’s Basketball

Top-seeded Miners take on role as tournament favorites

BY WILLIAM VEGA
The Prospector

The Miners have not had much success in the Conference USA Tournament since their last regular season championship in 2008. With just two wins in the tournament since then, UTEP will have a chance to redeem themselves as the No. 1 seed in this year’s tournament when they will receive a bye, avoiding a first-round game March 7.

The Miners will head to Memphis March 6, but will be scouting their next opponent, which will either be No. 8 UCF or No. 9 Southern Miss at 4 p.m. that day. Still, head coach Keitha Adams has her players focusing and preparing for both teams.

“We worked on things for both UCF and Southern Miss and we’ll do that the next three days and then we’ll work on things that we feel we have to improve on,” Adams said after practice March 5. “Today, we practiced on things that applied to both those teams, so basically that’s how you have to approach it.”

UTEP played both teams this season, starting with a win against Southern Miss Jan. 26 on the road thanks to senior forward Gloria Brown’s 27 points and 19 rebounds. When the Miners defeated them that day, the Golden Eagles fell to 0-7 in conference. Since then, they won three of their last nine games.

UTEP beat UCF Jan. 29 at home in their second-most lopsided conference win of the season. During the 67-38 victory, the Golden Knights were held to 26 percent from the field but UCF is the reigning tournament champion, when they were a two seed last season.

The Miners will be stepping into similar shoes as a top seed, but UTEP is prepared for what each team may throw at them.

“We’re going to get the best out of everyone but we have to just go out there and compete with them,” Brown said. “I hope not, but whatever comes, we just have to go out and play hard.”

The Miners are trying to avoid what the 2007-08 NCAA Tournament and regular season champion team did by losing in the tournament final. They said they will take the mentality of being an underdog in every game and don’t feel the pressure as the No. 1 team, yet.

“The tournament is a whole new season so everybody has some different things they’re going to throw at us. We have a lot to bring forward to, also, so it’s going to be exciting,” sophomore forward Kayla Thornton said.

Part of UTEP’s success this season had much to do with their mentality of team first and not taking for granted their next opponent. When the Conference USA regular season champion Miners take the floor in Memphis, they are hoping to stick to that philosophy.

“Our players have talked about it and we understand tournament time. All you have to focus on is the 40 minutes in the game in front of you,” Adams said. “In the tournament, it’s 40 minutes and there’s nothing else to think about except for who you’re playing and the 40 minutes in front of you.”

C-USA honors

While the focus for UTEP has been on team-work and depth, they were honored with some major conference awards March 5.

“During the course of the year, we did not have a lot of player of the weeks and did not have a lot of those individual things going for us and that’s been okay because really, our team’s philosophy has been all about the team and all that individual stuff will come when it’s time,” Adams said.

After leading the Miners to a 26-3 record, including a 15-1 league mark, Adams was named the 2012 C-USA Coach of the Year.

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Men’s Basketball

Team prepares for Houston in difficult C-USA path

BY FRANKIE RODRIGUEZ
The Prospector

For the first time in four years, UTEP will not have a bye as they will be traveling through one of their toughest roads in the Conference USA Tournament, starting March 7 in Memphis.

The eighth-seeded Miners will begin by taking on the ninth-seeded Houston Cougars in the first round of the C-USA Championship at 5:30 p.m. March 7 at the FedExForum.

“I am excited because it is a great time of the year, March Madness, so I am ready to get out there to play again and hopefully relish this opportunity to continue to keep playing basketball,” sophomore guard Michael Perez said.

The two met twice in the regular season, both gaining the win at home. UTEP won the first meeting 70-50 Jan. 7 at the Don Haskins Center, while Houston overcame the Miners in overtime, 81-76, Jan. 28 at Hofheinz Pavillion.

“We are looking to go into the tournament and make a run. They won the one in Houston and we won the one here so I guess it is going to be one of those games where we are going to have to go in there and battle with those guys,” senior forward Gabriel McCulley said. “They are a tough team with some tough players, but hopefully we get past that first round and see Memphis in the second round.”

The Cougars are relying on junior forward Jonathan Simmons’ play, averaging a team-high 14.9 points per game. In the last meeting, Simmons scored 25 points, 18 of those coming in the second half to erase a 15-point deficit against the Miners. Houston has three other players averaging double figures per game in sophomore forward

Alandise Harris with 12.9, freshman guard Joseph Young’s 11.4 and freshman forward TaShawn Thomas’ 10.6.

“Simmons is one of the premiere players in our league with first team All-Conference talent. He didn’t make the first team but he is a guy that has averaged 18 points and 10 rebounds coming down the stretch and scored 25 against us last time,” head coach Tim Floyd said. “They are a team that has gotten better with time and better since we last met them.”

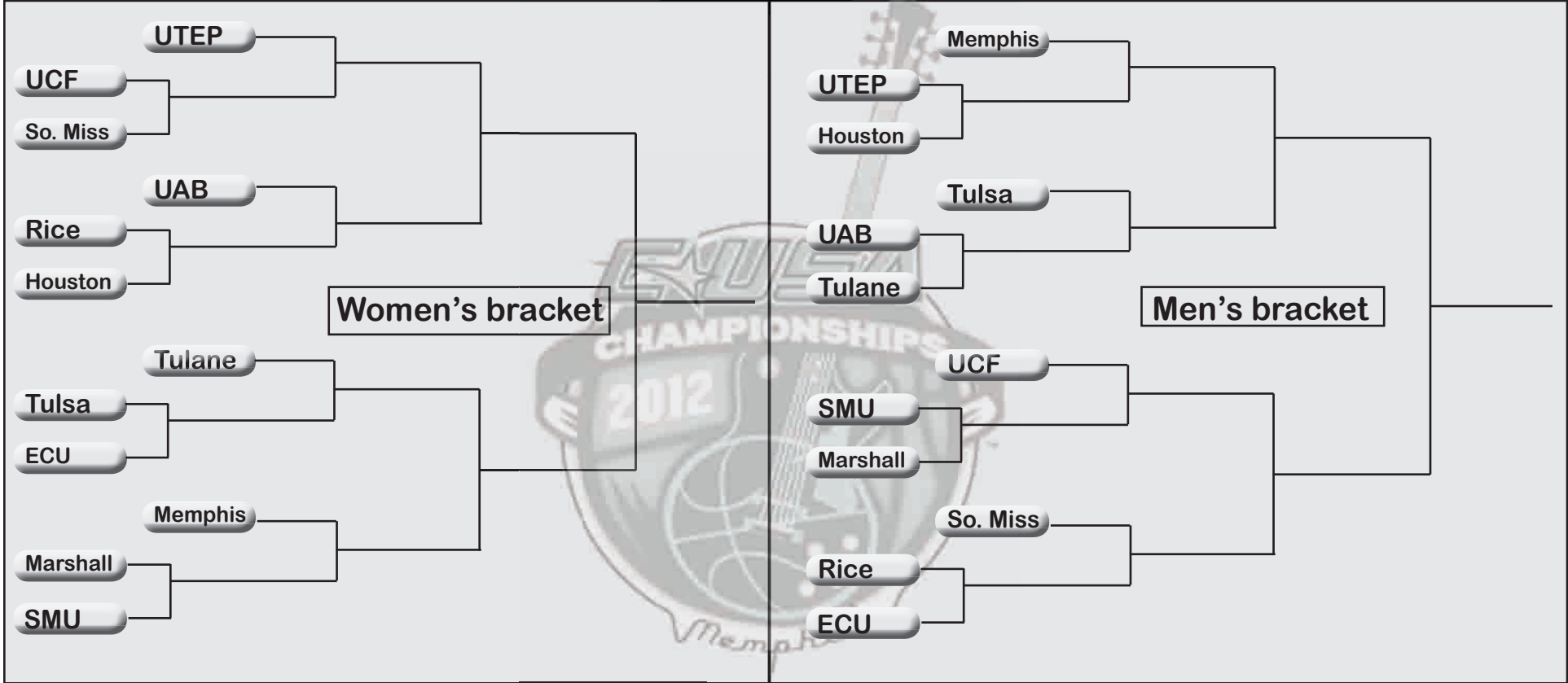
UTEP is going into this tournament on a skid of three consecutive losses after a four-game winning streak over the top three teams in the league. Houston, on the other hand, has won four of the last five games coming into this tournament including a victory against No. 2 Southern Miss.

“I am excited to go over there and I hope the players are. It will be at a great venue with great crowds. We will be playing a team that beat us in the last meeting at Houston,” Floyd said. “They have won their last three and are playing really well and coming off a win against Rice who beat us on our floor (March 3).”

The losses have come off of the Miners’ poor offensive play, averaging just 63.6 points per game. Over the last eight games, they have averaged 58.5 points and have only one player in double-digit scoring in three of those eight games.

“We had a couple of tough games this year but it is going to take a lot of defensive effort. We haven’t been making shots lately but we feel like we are getting good looks,” Perez said. “We just have to get better each and every day and keep practicing for our game preparation for Houston.”

The Miners have had to increase play on the defensive end with their offense on a slump. They have held seven opponents under 40 percent shooting, including the top-four seeds in the tournament: Memphis, Southern Miss, Tulsa and UCF.



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Football

UTEP gets earlier start on spring drills



BY DANIEL ORNELAS
The Prospector

Spring football at UTEP usually comes after spring break, but not in 2012. Head Coach Mike Price began spring drills Feb. 28, three weeks prior to its usual starting time.

"I think it does a lot of things. One, when spring ball's over, there's still school left to where they can still get back with our strength coach, run and lift to get stronger," defensive coordinator Andre Patterson said. "Two, they get several weeks before finals week happens, we've been ending when finals start...And lastly, it helps us to be able to get prepared to get out on the road for spring recruiting."

He said the idea is to be ahead of the curve in preparation, evaluation of incoming players and get a head start with spring recruiting.

The early start has players anxious and excited to be back on the field, regardless if it's an inexperienced freshman or a veteran like junior defensive end Horace Miller.

"You can clearly see what this is like. Everybody's practicing with major intensity. We're all having fun," Miller said. "More than anything, just keep up the fun and the intensity. It's going to be a great season."

Miller added that having a veteran group on both the offensive and defensive lines will make for great practices.

"From square one, the offensive line, they're coming off and being way more physical and they're hungry," Miller said. "They're looking vicious... It's going to be great."

Patterson doesn't recall having a veteran group like he does this year on the defensive line since his time coaching in the NFL.

"It's definitely the most veteran group I've had since I've been here. I told the players, for me, it's almost like being back in the NFL where you see your same guys for a bunch of years," Patterson said. "You don't have them for two or three years. They keep coming back so they know what you're going to say before you say it,

so that's kind of what I feel like with this group."

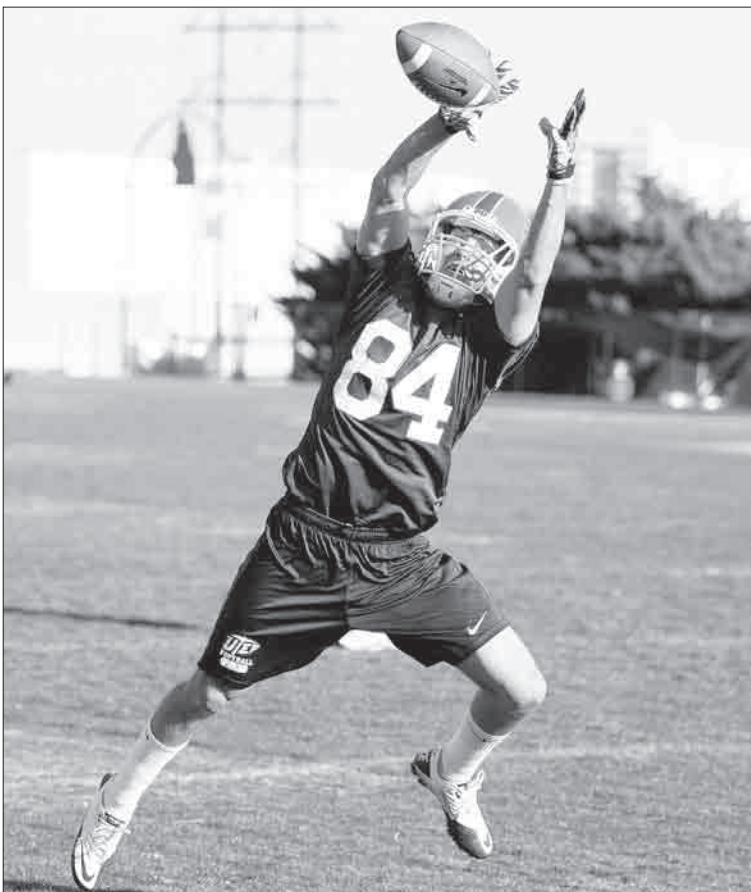
Patterson spent 10 years as an assistant in the NFL from 1998-08 before returning to the collegiate ranks for two seasons at UNLV, then arriving at UTEP in 2010.

Even for a two-sport athlete like junior tight end Kevin Perry, who's been playing basketball with the Miners, getting in rhythm for football is an entire new task. Perry will practice or attend a game for basketball five days out of the week and still manages to make football practice even on the same days he has basketball practice.

"It was good. It felt good to be back out here and get back in rhythm with the team and get a little chemistry with some of the new guys," Perry said.

With a total of 30 freshmen on the spring roster, 14 of which are high school incoming players, the early start of practices is vital to their development.

El Pasoan and freshman wide receiver Cole Freytag was a grayshirt



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Sophomore OL Jerel Watkins (left) and grayshirt freshman Cole Freytag (above) participate during the second practice of the spring March 1 at Glory Field.

during the fall, which forced him to sit out during the football season and has not been on the field in over a year.

"It was the first time in my life where I wasn't playing football and I didn't really know what to do," Freytag said. "I was pretty bored and I just couldn't wait to get back on the field and now that I am, it feels so good."

UTEP practiced in full pads for the first time March 3 and will be practicing every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday (with the exception of just a Tuesday practice during spring break) until the Spring Game April 6 at the Sun Bowl.

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Track and Field

Finishing the season Wright

BY RUSTY BURNS
The Prospector

Junior sprinter Anthony Wright had the best performance of his career Feb. 26 at the Conference USA Championships. He placed first in the 60-meter dash, clocked in a personal best time of 6.74, but as the 42nd best time in the nation he did not qualify for the NCAA Tournament March 9-10. Since the indoor track season has ended, Wright now has his sights set on the outdoor half of the season. Last year, competing in outdoor, Wright received a gold medal at the conference championships in the 4x100m relay and earned an USTFCCA All-American honorable mention. The Prospector caught up with Wright to discuss his reactions to not qualifying, his goals for outdoor season and his motivation for success.



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Q: How much would it have meant to you if you had qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships?

A: I didn't qualify, but I don't really care. Outdoor is more prestigious.

Q: Let's discuss outdoor then. What are your expectations this year?

A: I hope to do well in nationals. I'd like to help my team out as much as possible.

Q: Is there any meet that you're looking forward to specifically?

A: The second meet here at UTEP, the UTEP Invitational (March 24).

Q: Is there a reason for that? Did something happen last year that really motivated you?

A: No, my mom and my sister will be watching.

Q: How will you be preparing this year for outdoor?

A: Same thing I do for indoor. It's all about consistency. You don't want to change your working formula. If you're prepared, you're prepared and if you're not, you're not.

Q: Do you have any other interests outside of track that keeps you going?

A: I like going to church, I follow Jesus Christ. Church keeps me grounded, reading the word and praying.

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"It has just been tough for us. I don't know what the issue is but I think we will be fine, as long as we can go in and make a run in this tournament after the first round," McCulley said. "It is just that we are not knocking down shots right now and it affects us on the defensive end."

UTEP has never been seeded eighth in the C-USA Tournament, a seed that has not fared well in the tournament. A team seeded No. 8 has never won the tournament and has a record of 8-16 overall.

"I tell the young guys that it is a fun time because everyone is 0-0 right

now. There are three parts of the season: first, middle and the post-season. Everyone is looking to do something big in this tournament," McCulley said. "I am just taking it day by day and I am grateful to just be able to play another game. When it ends, it ends."

If UTEP were to win the first round, they would face the No. 1 seed in Memphis in the second round.

"It would be great to play Memphis at Memphis in the next round with their great crowd but first we have to take care of business with Houston," Perez said.

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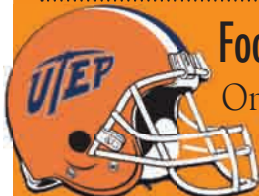
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UTEP's regular season trophy sits with the cut-down net during the Miners' last home game of the season Feb. 26 at the Don Haskins Center.

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"It's a positive reflection of our players and my coaching staff, a lot of hard work out of everybody's part and it's quite an honor, especially when it comes from your colleagues and the coaches in your conference that you have a great deal of respect for," Adams said.

In addition, Brown won the Sixth Player of the Year award for the second-consecutive season, was named to the eight-player All-C-USA first team and made the All-Defensive team. Thornton made the second team.

"It's pretty cool. I've just been working hard on practice and just talking with my teammates, just being a team player," Brown said.

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