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GREEN SCREEN

TECH GOES SOLAR FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA

The Prospector

Engineering students and professors at UTEP are making strides to create new technologies that will benefit the environment. From developing new ways to power electrical devices such as computers, cell phones and cars, to building alternative fuel vehicles, they are ahead with the going green initiatives.

Miguel Mendoza, engineering graduate student, is one of the students involved in the development of finding newer alternative fuels.

"Like with trees and paper, we're going to run out of those materials if we keep consuming at this rate of use," Mendoza said. "So we should be concerned and try to be greener and make appropriate use of our materials that will affect the future."

Mendoza is the aiding assistant for professor Yirong Lin, who is leading the project to develop new ways to power

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Earth Week

Impactful changes for better living

BY REBECCA GUERRERO

The Prospector

Earth Week is a time not only to think about the impact people's daily lives have on the environment, but to make changes that could benefit the Earth. Many who have already committed to living greener lifestyles insist that even the smallest efforts can go a long way in ensuring the environment is better cared for.

"I hope that during Earth Week, students will take a close look at their environmental

footprint at earthday.org and think about how their daily choices affect all life on Earth," said Elizabeth Walsh, biological sciences professor. "It is important to start thinking about how status, including on university campuses, is tied with consumption like who has the latest smart phone, faster car or big screen TV, and how it impacts the environment."

According to thedailygreen.com, some of the biggest issues with wastefulness are things that could be fixed easily. For example, leaving the water running while you brush your teeth

wastes 1.3 gallons of water, and by reducing the time you spend in the shower by two minutes, you could stop 1,000 lbs. of CO₂ from being emitted into the air. Other steps include re-using scrap printer paper as homemade post-its and washing clothes in cold instead of warm water saves energy.

Another issue that affects the environment is eating habits.

"One activity that contributes to global climate change is our diet choices," Walsh said. "If students want to live a more environmen-

tally friendly lifestyle they should eat less meat or even become vegetarian or vegan. Animal agriculture comes at a tremendous cost to the environment in terms of land use, pollution and especially emissions of greenhouse gases, such as methane that are contributing to global climate change."

As UTEP is a commuter school, many students rely on cars to get to school, but the vehicles have a big impact on the environment. There are other alternatives for students to get to campus that are more Earth friendly.

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Column

E-waste adds to growing pollution problem

BY JASMINE AGUILERA
The Prospector



In honor of Earth Week, I would like to dedicate this column to a little known issue called electronic waste, or e-waste.

E-waste is basically what it sounds like, broken computers, phones, keyboards, anything electronic that ends up in landfills in the United States and other areas of the world, particularly in the impoverished areas of Africa, India and China. These electronics contain massive amounts of chemicals such as lead, cadmium, mercury and nickel that then seep into the land causing environmental damage that affects the health of people living around it.

In 2009, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency conducted research on the issue and found that TV's, computers, peripherals (including printers, scanners and fax machines), mice, keyboards and cell phones totaled about 2.37 million short tons of e-waste that was already in the waste stream.

The EPA also found that only about 25 percent of TV's, computer products and cell phones were collected for recycling. Cell phones were collected at a rate of approximately eight percent, which I find shocking considering how many people have cell phones and how many switch phones like they do T-shirts.

With the rate of new media being what it is (for example the recent unveiling of the iPhone 4S), more and more electronic devices are becoming obsolete, adding to the amount of electronic garbage that ends up polluting the environment.

Within the U.S. more has been done to manage the e-waste. Certain states such as California have implemented laws which make it illegal to throw away electronics in the hopes that people will recycle. Many companies like Dell, Best Buy, AT&T and Sony have created e-cycling programs where people can return their old products so that they can be disposed of properly.

Even with these programs in place, the public's lack of knowledge on the issue leads to large amounts of e-waste.

There is also an international law known as the Basil Convention, of which the U.S. is not a part of, that aims to control international waste exports. This convention has been around since 1989, which means that a lot of the current exports are illegal. A search conducted by Greenpeace International in 2005 found that 47 percent of the waste destined for export from 18 European seaports was illegal.

Once the e-waste is in land mines in foreign countries, the people who live in the area, which are often impoverished people, will take it upon themselves to strip and burn the metals to extract pieces of gold or any other valuables they can sell.

The chemicals from the burned scraps end up in the air, land and water. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, mercury affects the immune system, alters genetic and enzyme systems, and damages the nervous system.

High amounts of lead have been known to cause learning disorders, which is something we El Pasoans should be familiar with considering our history with the Asarco smelter.

According to a study done in 2002 by the EPA in El Paso, many residential areas near the Asarco smelter were contaminated by high levels of lead and arsenic and "children between the ages of two to six showed blood lead levels that were high enough to warrant immediate medical intervention."

Mercury also affects wildlife, particularly fish, which is another way it is exposed to the general public.

As technology continues to evolve and older technologies become obsolete more garbage starts to accumulate. It is not only the corporations' responsibility, but also the responsibility of the consumer to be wise about how to handle old electronics.

Take advantage of resources that allow consumers to recycle their old electronics. There is ecosquid.com, Earth 911, TIA E-Cycling Central, techsoup.org and Call2Recycle, all of which are organizations that will help you find a recycling location simply by typing in a zip code.

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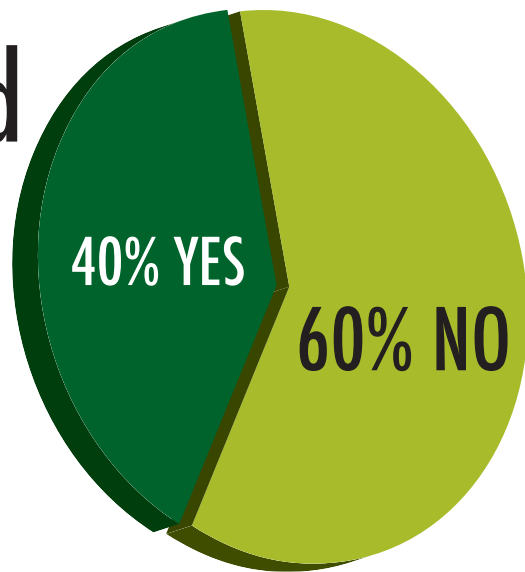
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Event

Second annual event promotes the environmentally friendly change to cloth diapers



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People offer up their cloth diapers as a symbol of them offering a more eco-friendly option.

BY LORAIN WATERS

The Prospector

The Great Cloth Diaper Change returns for its' second annual event to inform El Paso families about the environmentally friendly benefits of cloth diapers.

"Clothbottom.com is so excited to host the 2nd annual El Paso event," said Amy Laffan, owner of Cloth Bottom, an online retail store that sells cloth diapers.

The event begins at 9:30 a.m. April 21 at Jungle Jaks on N. Zaragoza.

"The event is open to the public and is free to adults and the participants' babies," Laffan said. "We will be giving away 50 free goody bags for the first 50 participants at the door and there will be over 25 door prizes given away."

The GCDC began in California with Judy Aagard of Tiny Tots. Aagard wanted to come up with an activity that would involve the family while celebrating Earth Day. So with

the help of the nonprofit organization, Real Diaper Association, the GCDC began in 2011, while striving for a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records.

"The Real Diaper Association is a non-profit organization that plays the role of the liaison between the host of each city's event and the Guinness Book of World Records," Laffan said. "The RDA also advocates for the use of reusable cloth diapers."

Last year, mothers all over the world, including El Paso, brought their babies to the GCDC event and changed 5,026 cloth diapers all at once. This year's target is to bring in more mothers with their babies and break the record.

"As of today, 16 different countries will be participating in the event in 305 locations all over the world," Laffan said. "Being a part of an official record helps drive the event because mothers are so excited to be in the record books forever."

The GCDC event also helps raise awareness about using cloth diapers over disposable diapers. Disposable diapers take hundreds of years to de-

compose in landfills, ultimately hurting the environment.

"My mom cloth diapered me 33 years ago, so I had looked into it; my husband is also very dedicated to conservation, green living and reducing his carbon footprint," said Christine Vander Dries, second year participant for the GCDC. "This is just another way we contribute. The event is fun,

and a great way to meet like-minded parents."

As well as breaking the record for most cloth diapers changed simultaneously, Cloth Bottom will be present to sponsor and promote how beneficial it can be to use cloth diapers. They can be part of another load in the wash, which makes the potential

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En vironmental conscience earn Green Awards

BY LORAIN WATTERS
The Prospector

The UTEP Green Awards were established during the 2010 Earth Week and since then, they have been used to promote green initiatives.

"The UTEP Green Awards focus on the UTEP community," said Julian Valdes, marketing coordinator for the Office of Special Events. "They are the recognition of a faculty, staff, student, department or organization that is doing something green to help out the environment."

From recycling to plumbing upgrades that have waterless or low fixtures, UTEP officials said the university is striving to become a university that is not only efficient, but sustainable in enforcing energy-saving solutions into the campus' future plans.

"The UTEP Green Awards acknowledge the people that are taking the steps to better the world," Valdes said. "As a campus, we are trying to go green in our buildings and energy consumption. We must also focus on the small tasks that we take."

Students may not always be near a recycling bin or may take one too many napkins at lunch, but part of saving the environment starts with the simplest of tasks. From turning off the television at a certain time or sending presentations electronically instead of printing can make a big difference.

"I could be a better environmentalist, but I make sure to recycle everything," said Maegan Ramirez, senior political science major. "I care about water conservation, especially. It bugs me when people brush their teeth and they leave the water on. It doesn't need to be on."

However small the tasks may be, changing the way in which they are completed cannot only benefit the environment, but can also make one's wallet a little greener.

"I became an environmentalist because I felt that we take things for granted on this planet at the expense of the survival of animals and plants," said Mariel Maese, mechanical engineering graduate student. "I recycle, minimize waste, purchase environmentally friendly products and car pool to school."

The awards ceremony will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 19 during the Earth Day celebration at the Geology Lawn.

"We are looking for someone who is taking care of the environment," Valdes said. "We want to acknowledge those using innovative methods in their workplace and daily life to better the environment – people who are saving energy and paper are saving the Earth in the end."

In recognizing these individuals, the UTEP Green Awards will allow Miners to see the changes being made around campus. Maese hopes this will

encourage students, who may be unaware of these eco-friendly additions to the campus, to join the movement towards being green.

"These awards will help spread the word about being environmentally friendly," Maese said. "Some people don't like to make a difference because they feel like it is just them and they can't do anything about it. Individually, we can make a difference and these awards will motivate people to change."

As well as establishing a recycling program on campus, UTEP has begun to design the placement of solar panels on the parking garage located on Sun Bowl Drive, thermal-photo-voltaic panels at the Swimming and Fitness Center and wind turbines to be placed at the new Chemistry and Computer Science Building. The Green Roof, located on top of the Biology Science Building, was also constructed to lower carbon emissions.

"I am a supporter of the cause. I do try to conserve energy when I leave my office, home, etcetera," Valdes said. "It is important to be aware since we are all living on the planet together. We must start locally in our daily lives in order to affect the entire world."

More information about UTEP's movement towards becoming a green university may be found at gogreen.utep.edu.

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National
Oil exports not cause of higher gas prices, experts say

BY JORDAIN CARNEY
Scripps Howard Foundation Wire

WASHINGTON – High gas prices may be leading people to search for the source of their pocketbook pain, but Alaskan oil exports aren't the cause.

No oil from Alaska is going to foreign markets, said Christina Holmgren, publication specialist for the Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Oil and Gas.

Except in rare instances, oil from Alaska has not been shipped to foreign markets since 2004.

"The biggest urban myth I run across is that all the Alaskan oil is being exported," said John Felmy, chief economist for the American Petroleum Institute.

While crude oil isn't being shipped from Alaska to other countries, finished petroleum products are.

Alaska's products have gone to 15 countries recently, including Australia and China.

In 2011, Alaska exported 4,429 barrels of finished gasoline to Canada, 120 barrels of finished reformulated gasoline to Japan and 869,330 barrels of heating oil to Malaysia.

Texas, South Carolina and New York also shipped finish products overseas.

Tancred Lidderdale, economic analyst for the Energy Information Administration, said the amount a country imports or exports is "determined

by the world's supply and demand market."

Disruption in supply or current events that could change production will also affect prices. Three countries – Yemen, South Sudan and Syria – have shut down their production in the last year.

"It's like the expectation of a hurricane leads to buying more water," Lidderdale said.

Part of the reason the United States is exporting gasoline is because "nationwide we are producing far more gasoline than we consume," Felmy said.

From March 31 to April 6, the U.S. produced 8.91 million barrels of gasoline per day. In the same week, gasoline consumption was 8.68 million barrels per day. In the same week, the U.S. exported 380,000 barrels per day.

Production and transportation costs also make it cheaper to sell overseas, Ed Hirs, economics professor at the University of Houston, said.

Hirs said the decrease in demand in the U.S. is because of higher prices and the 2008 recession.

Because there is already a surplus, a greater surplus would not lower prices, Felmy said.

If refineries were forced to stop exporting, they would have to sell the gasoline in the U.S. market, which has lower demand. Hypothetically, that could lead to more refineries shutting

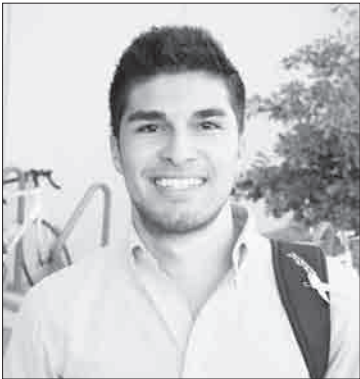
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Question of the week
What do you do to be more environmentally friendly?

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DANIELA RAMIREZ
Freshman kinesiology major
"I constantly annoy my siblings to turn off any lights that aren't being used at home."



GABRIEL FERNANDEZ
Junior music education major
"I like to carpool a lot. I despise littering, buy recycled products and I drive a GT Eclipse."



LAURA PROVENCIO
Sophomore mechanical engineering major
"I just collect any empty bottles throughout my day and I recycle at home, most of the time I try to reuse, also."



ROBERTO DOMINGUEZ
Freshman mechanical engineering major
"I recycle all plastics, cereal boxes, cans, paper, pretty much anything that can be dropped in the blue can."



IVONNE ESPINOSA
Freshman nursing major
"It's kind of hard to find a recycling bin outside of home and school, but I never litter and push my family to recycle more."



DANIEL GARCIA
Freshman multimedia journalism major
"I pick up any trash that I see on the ground and I try to reduce my water use at home."



MYRIAM SETRA
Senior biology major
"I use a Tumbler instead of a plastic bottle or styrofoam cup."



MICHAEL AVERY
Senior linguistics major
"I refill my water bottles and I'm conscious about not leaving trash anywhere. I never litter and I try to recycle."



ALLISSA FOSTER
Junior nursing major
"I recycle in the dorms and I don't use straws because they're not biodegradable. I also use a reusable water bottle."



ROBERT MELENDEZ
Senior psychology major
"I recycle any paper, cans and bottles I don't need at home and I'm conscious about not wasting any electricity at home."



LAUREN O'LEARY
Senior mathematics major
"In an attempt to be more environmentally friendly, I choose to use recyclable water bottles on a daily basis, and I'm also very committed to recycling at home and in the work place."



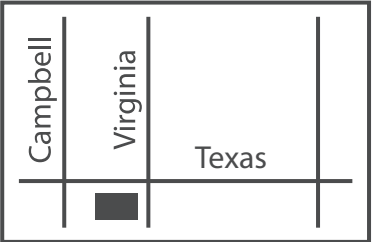
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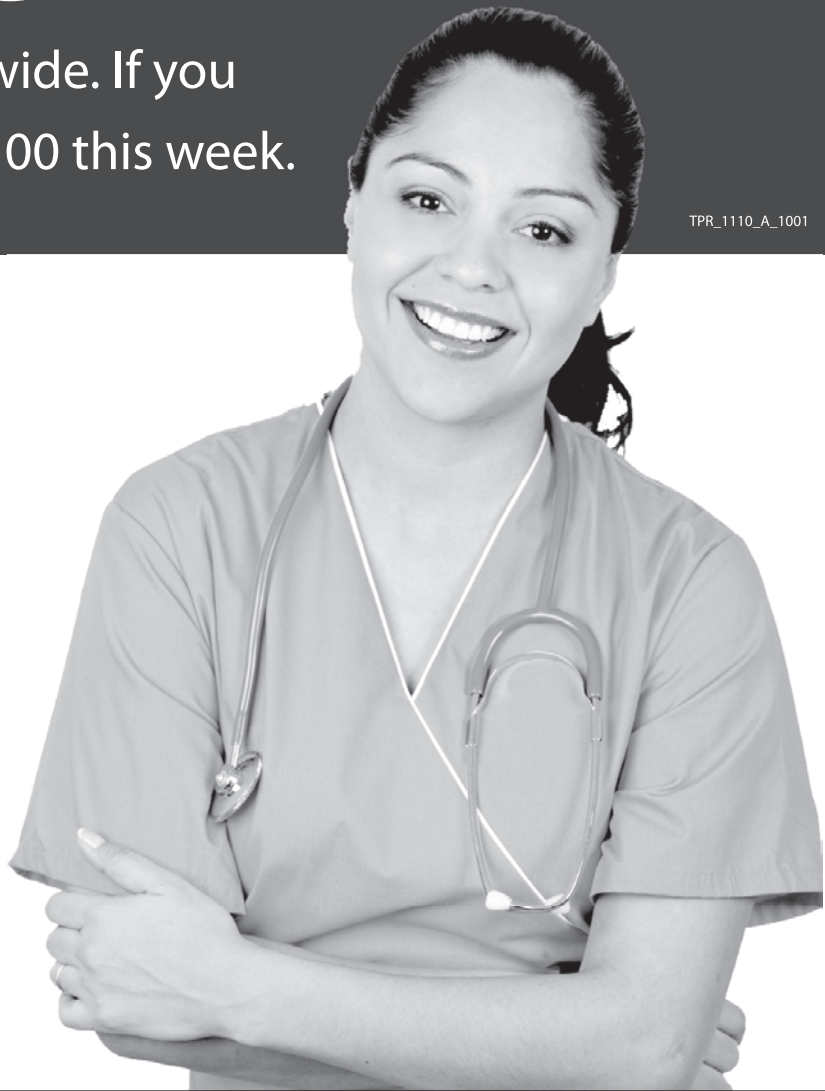
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Fashion

Don't toss that T-shirt

BY ANDRES RODRIGUEZ

The Prospector

For a China-made T-shirt to make its way into the U.S., it must first travel 10,359 miles, according to a study by Business for Social Responsibility. That mileage makes up one percent of the T-shirt's green house emissions. The rest of the green house emissions, from a T-shirt, whose average carbon footprint is 2.34 kg CO₂e, comes from its manufacturing, up-keeping and farming.

Megan Nicolay, author of "108 ways to transform a T-shirt" equates this energy, in the making of a standard 3-ounce T-shirt, as being able to power a standard light bulb for six days.

To keep all that energy in them from going to waste here are seven easy ways to repurpose old T-shirts.

Tote bag

First, cut off the T-shirt's sleeves (the holes will serve as handles). Then cut a deeper neckline along the collar. Turning the shirt inside out, sew the bottom above the hem. Turn shirt right side out and you've got a tote bag good for carrying books, groceries and just about anything else.

Pillow case

To make a pillowcase out of a T-shirt, turn T-shirt inside out and sew the sleeves shut along the hems. Also, stitch the collar together. Turn right side out, stuff through the bottom (leave unstitched to remove pillow for washing) and you've got a pillowcase. The shape of the pillowcase can be cut differently if desired.

Wall art

T-shirts with decorative graphics or nice patterns are perfect for decorative art pieces. First, the principal design of the shirt is cut and stretched above

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Before throwing away an old T-shirt, consider repurposing it as a laptop sleeve. Every piece of the shirt can be reused as make-shift pockets for extra accessories.

a frame or canvas. In the back of the frame, the shirt can either be glued or stapled. The piece makes great wall decoration, especially in pairs of contrasting colors and patterns.

Laptop bag

Much like making a pillowcase, cut out the shape and size of the laptop and sew from the inside edges of the three sides. Pockets can also be added for decoration.

Spaghetti scarf

To make a spaghetti scarf without the need of sewing, cut horizontally the top part of the shirt (just below the sleeves) to leave a square. Then, fold the shirt in half leaving about an inch of extra fabric in one side. Cut horizontal strips along the shirt (1 inch) without completing the cut all the way. Then stretch each of the strips to curl them.

Pocket Squares

Generation-t.com, Nicolay's website, suggests taking an old t-shirt and

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Internet privacy verses freedom of speech forum to take place at UTEP

The university will host a forum titled "What Should go on the Internet? Privacy, Freedom and Security online" from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 18 in room 203 of Quinn Hall.

The forum is open to the public and is part of a National Issues Forums Institute, a non-profit. Three video presentations will be given at the forum, which will show three different sides to the issue.

2012 top 10 seniors announced April 13 at a banquet

The top ten seniors are Jacob Bard, philosophy and communication studies, Narges Kalantarian, biological sciences, Ana Martinez, political science and English and American literature, Pablo Padilla, microbiology, Diego Rico, finance and accounting, Kimberlin Schnittker, metallurgical & materials engineering and environmental science, Adam Sebastian, psychology, Patrick Shindo, metallurgical and materials engineering, Samantha Ungos, health promotion and Marcy Uwakwe, biological sciences.

Lecturer selected for international scholarship committee

Corrine Peschka, English lecturer, is now a panelist for the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Selection Committee.

The program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and offers grants for students to participate in study abroad. Panelists will chose winners from 2,600 applicants for the summer 2012 study abroad programs.

Congressmen Reyes receives Obama's endorsement

U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes received an endorsement April 16 from President Barack Obama.

In a statement, Obama said "Congressman Reyes is a tireless champion for all El Pasoans, and he works hard to create jobs, strengthen health care, and expand educational opportunities for his community..."

The Democratic Primary will take place May 29.

Women's basketball, rifle to gain state recognition

State representatives will honor the UTEP women's basketball and rifle team at 1:30 p.m. April 18 at the Foster Stevens Basketball Center.

The women's basketball team won a school-record 30 wins this season and made their second NCAA Tournament appearance.

The entire rifle team made the NCAA Championships, where they finished in fifth.

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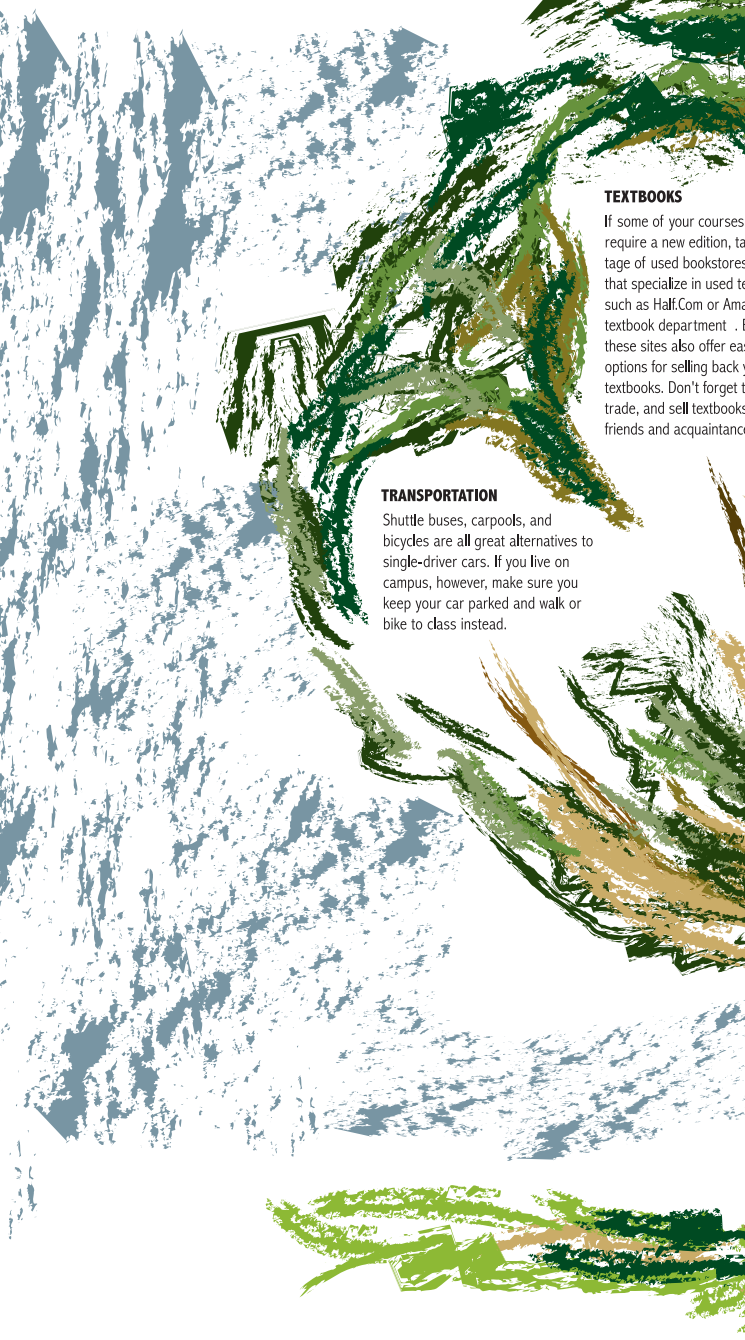


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"For transportation, students should consider public transportation, carpooling, walking or riding a bike to UTEP if possible," Walsh said. "We need better public transportation and bike/hike trails to make this more feasible for more students."

According to Walsh, a few other easy changes students can make include not buying things they don't need, bringing a water bottle to school instead of buying soft drinks in plastic bottles, unplugging electronics when they're finished with them, using the sleep mode on their computers and using the stairs instead of elevators.

"I always try to use the recycle bins around campus and I bring my own reusable water bottle to school in order to try and live a little 'greener' lifestyle," said Sara Montelongo, sophomore general studies major.

Many college campuses across the nation have started green initiatives to make it easier for their students to live an environmentally friendly lifestyle.

For example, UTEP pursues transportation alternatives through car-pooling initiatives, electric vehicle procurements and biodiesel shuttle operations.

"It has gotten a lot better since I came to UTEP," Walsh said. "But it still has a long, long way to go. For instance we can recycle paper and plastic in some buildings, but not in all. Recycling is not mandatory by university departments and many people even in the biology department don't even make the small effort needed to recycle paper. The food services now

have some vegetarian options, but not many and the use of energy for cooling is still excessive."

Stephanie Flores, senior education major, said she always tries to make the extra effort to try and recycle.

"Sometimes if I can't find a recycle bin around here I'll just keep it in my bag and throw it in the recycle bin when I get home," Flores said. "It's important because it makes a difference. If you have a choice and there's a regular trash can and a recycle bin right there, it's better to choose to recycle."

UTEP will be hosting a number of events for Earth Week April 16-20

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EARTH WEEK 2012: APRIL 16-20

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UTEP GREEN AWARDS

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Categories:

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Deadline for nominations is Wednesday, April, 18. Nominate your superstar for the "UTEP Green Awards" at admin.utep.edu/earthweek

The awards will be announced on Thursday, April 19, during the Earth Day Celebration on the Geology Lawn.

WATER DAY TUESDAY, APRIL 17

UTEP GREEN WALK/TENNIS SHOES CONTEST

11:50 AM
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12:00 PM
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AIR DAY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

SYMPOSIUM

10:00 AM
Union Plaza Stage
The purpose of this forum is to build awareness of UTEP's operations, research and instructional activities that are currently being accomplished on the UTEP campus.

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1:00 PM

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7:30 PM

EARTH DAY FRIDAY, APRIL 20

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10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
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down and worsen the trade deficit, he said.

By exporting and importing, refineries are doing what other industries do, Hirs said.

Felmy agreed that people often forget oil and petroleum products are a global market product.

“We’re not a market that’s removed from the rest of the world,” Hirs said. “The Asian markets want it, the

European markets need it and we’re not consuming it.”

Jordin Carney, senior journalism, political science and English major at the University of Arkansas, is an intern at the Scripps Howard Foundation’s Semester in Washington program. He may be reached at prospector@utep.edu.

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Special to The Prospector

The second annual Great Cloth Diaper Change was hosted by Clothbottom.com. The group was excited to host due to the event bringing awareness to an eco-friendly alternative.

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factor of water conservation nonexistent. Some cloth diapers are also made with organic material, which may be safer for the child.

“My son has a very bad reaction to 99 percent of the commercially available disposable diapers,” Vander Dries said. “After I switched to cloth diapers, my son stopped having rashes and blisters. Plus, I saw how absolutely adorable his little bottom looked in his fire truck print diaper; I also realized that washing them was so easy.”

This year’s event has 60 registered mothers with their babies in El Paso alone. The increasing awareness has benefitted many families in making the switch, resting assured that their eco-friendly decisions can make a difference.

“Changing cloth diapers may sound silly, but by educating families about another option outside the world of disposable diapers, it really can make a difference one diaper at a time,” Laffan said.

Though many have made the change to cloth diapers, some feel

disposable diapers remain the best option.

“They seem cheap in the long run and they help the child by having them less likely to obtain a rash,” said Mayra Fernandez, junior nursing major. “I wouldn’t use cloth diapers though because they seem complicated. I would want something that I can get a hold of easily.”

With Laffan’s online retail store mothers from all over can view her tutorials on the website in order to better familiarize themselves with the products before making their purchase.

“Truthfully, modern cloth diapers are easy to use. They close with Velcro or snaps and go on just like a disposable diaper,” Laffan said. “With today’s modern cloth diapers, there is no need for a diaper service because you can wash them at home. Modern cloth diapers are better for the Earth, your babies’ health and your wallet.”

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NEON DESERT NEWS:

Splendid Sun Productions announced on their Facebook page the bands and DJs that will be battling for a festival spot April 28 at Tricky Falls.

April 17, 2012

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Review



UTEP Dinner Theatre brings 1930s New York flair to the stage

BY REBECCA GUERRERO

The Prospector

“Guys and Dolls,” by Frank Loesser, is a fast-talking, crap-shooting, zoot-suit filled New York story. From the get-go, it is a production meant to whisk the audience away to a time long passed and the UTEP Dinner Theatre rendition did not disappoint.

The moment the curtains open, the senses are almost overwhelmed by colorful, intricate backdrops and flamboyant costumes that capture the real essence of 1930s New York. They build on it until it’s an amplified, sugar-coated fantasy world of all the things people have come to associate with the legendary city.

More important than even the setting are the characters and the actors that bring them to life: the high rolling gambler Sky Masterson, played by Ricardo Parra, sheltered mission doll Sara Brown, played by Avery Segapeli, the founder of the roving crap-game Nathan Detroit, played by Ivan Cano and commitment hungry showgirl Miss Adelaide, played by Josey Mitchell.

The characters have been portrayed both on Broadway and on the movie screen by names as big as Frank Sinatra and Marlon Brando. UTEP’s cast stayed true to the most beloved traits of the characters and also put their own personal spin on them. The cast is clearly comfortable and have a good time.

The witty script of “Guys and Dolls” revolves around the dilemma of Nathan Detroit as he tries to come up with \$1,000 to pay for a place to hold his famous crap-game and hide it from his fiancée of 14 years Miss Adelaide. Nathan bets high-roller Sky Masterson the money that he can’t take virtuous missionary Sara Brown with him to Havana.

Sky uses his charm and appeal to try to persuade her, and when that does not work he resorts to what he does best: making a deal. He gives her his marker that if she comes with him to Havana he will provide one dozen genuine sinners for her struggling save-a-soul mission. What he doesn’t bet on is falling head over heels for the mission doll.

Hilarity ensues as the roving crap game moves all over the city. Running from the police, Sara Brown is served alcohol in Havana and loses her inhibitions and Miss Adelaide tries to convince Nathan to just marry her already. The story managed to produce big laughs from its captive audience from the moment the curtain opened to the moment it closed.

Adequately portraying these characters, and all the minor characters that surround them, is no small task. Not only does the acting need to be sound, but the singing has to be strong in order to pull off iconic songs such as “Luck Be a Lady.” Fortunately, all of the actors seemed trained to belt their voices in the bright-toned, classic showbiz style.

Segapeli’s soprano was sweet, Mitchell’s whiny-affected voice was entertaining and strong and

Parra’s voice delivered the big notes the audience was hoping for.

The cast of 25’s use of the small stage to bring to life elaborate choreography was impressive. The dancing was not always perfect, but the emotion was so captivating that hardly anyone noticed or cared.

Yet the star of the show, it quickly transpired, was Josey Mitchell as Miss Adelaide. She was captivating with her heavy accent, strong vocal cords and was much more humorous than any other character. Her interactions with Nathan Detroit were non-stop tongue-in-cheek hilarity.

Two other characters that got big laughs were Benny Southstreet (Luis Ramos) and Nicely-Nicely Johnson (William Gilbert) who performed a highly entertaining rendition of “Sit down, You’re Rockin’ the Boat.”

If UTEP Dinner Theatre’s “Guys and Dolls” left anything to be desired, it was the background music, which was clunky and odd at times and it was not always very clear whether this was being done on purpose or not. It was only a minor issue that hardly detracted from the overall quality of the performance.

Due to high demand, the show has been extended to play through May 12 and promises to be a fast-paced evening of fun for young and old alike.

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Visual

Recycling materials for art

BY OSCAR GARZA

The Prospector

Materials made from recyclable products and natural elements can be used to create something that helps the environment.

According to Willie Parrish, professor of sculpture in the fine arts department, Earth Day, which started in the 1970s, caused many artists to begin experimenting with environmentally friendly substitutes.

“I was building steel sculptures and painting them when I realized my process was toxic. It was in 1989, then I started experimenting with grafting trees. The by-product of that work is oxygen. What could be greener than that,” Parrish said.

Parrish, who created the tree sculpture in front of the Don Haskins Center, said he supports creating artwork that is not only about the environment, but is eco-friendly as well.

“I am a big fan of earth friendly art. Everything we do should be as Earth friendly as possible,” Parrish said. “Just being mindful of what is harmful and what is not is a beginning.”

Gabriel Alejandro Romero, junior communication and graphic design major, finds this type of art intriguing because the use of materials that many may see as mere trash.

“As an artist, I see many people not only using the traditional media, but recycled materials for certain pieces,” Romero said. “It is bringing a different kind of beauty to something that is otherwise going to go straight to a landfill to slowly decompose.”

While this type of art gives a new sensibility to artists, some people might ask: Does it really help the environment? And according to Romero it does.

“You can potentially reduce the amount of pollution that goes into landfills, you save some cash and also force yourself to use materials that are out of the norm,” Romero said. “It is really not too complicated to reuse and recycle. I’ve seen many things that would be considered ‘trash’ being turned into intricate pieces, or nice little trinkets around a Christmas tree.”

Christine Foerster, drawing and design professor, said that this approach to art should also be used to develop cities or transportation as well.

“More and more often, artists are being called on to collaborate and develop new ways to think about how we design our built environments and objects,” Foerster said. “‘Earth friendly art’ strategically asks its audience to reassess our interdependent relationship to the planet and acknowledge that we are in fact just one species that has the right to thrive on Earth.”

Taking the idea of applying this recyclable/green approach to an artistic creation is one of the things that motivate Sandy Perez, sophomore graphic design major, to create new pieces.

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“There are art supplies made from recycled material that artists can use to create their art. It works with materials like bottles or cans. Even Reese’s cup wrappers are good to use as I’ve seen one sculpture do,” Perez said.

According to Perez, there is a sort of satisfaction that comes with finding a way to incorporate eco-friendly products into art.

“One of my favorite aspects is how someone can take something so simple and somehow mold it into a beau-

tiful work of art. For example, look at (Sandhi Schimmel Gold’s) piece of art that uses old postcards, old menu items, business cards and other stuff to create a really awesome portrait of a woman,” Perez said. “There is no one true way to create art. Everybody has a different philosophy, so I can’t really pinpoint a way to do it. Just play around with what you have.”

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Sandhi Schimmel Gold’s art consists of multiple recycled elements such as old postcards.

7 Songs for the Earth conscious

- Thom Yorke – “The Eraser”
Devin Townsend – “Earth Day”
Johnny Cash – “Don’t Go Near the Water”
Wolves in the Throne Room – “I Will Lay Down My Bones”
The Roots & John Legend – “Wake Up Everybody”
Snoop Dogg – “That Tree”
Mos Def – “New World Water”



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Be careful about doing someone a favor when you don’t know the full story behind the request. Don’t rely on someone’s unsubstantiated assurances. Insist on all the facts before you act.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) That workplace problem still needs your attention before you finally can close the book on it. Meanwhile, a long-anticipated reunion gets closer to becoming a happy reality.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might be demanding more from others than they can give. Best advice: Have a long and frank talk to determine what the facts are. Tensions should abate as the week winds down.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Aspects are favorable throughout this week for making contacts that could be important to your career plans. Meanwhile, an old friend offers the advice you’re seeking.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It’s time to stop licking your wounds from past mistakes. Get up and get going toward your future. Loyal friends will be there to help the Lion get back into rip-roaring shape.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Take time out to go over what’s expected of you before you begin your new project. Otherwise, you run the risk of pushing yourself harder than you need to.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An unusual request could put you in an awkward position. Best advice: Deal with it immediately. The longer you delay, the more difficult it will be to get out of it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You should feel recharged and ready for whatever your workday world holds for you. The same positive energy spills over into your personal relationships.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A prospect might be less than it appears to be. Like the Archer in your sign, you always aim for the truth. And this is no time to settle for less than full disclosure.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Start doing some serious thinking about a career move that could entail more than just changing job sites. Some lifestyle changes also might be involved.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) With tensions easing at the workplace, a more positive environment once again encourages the free flow of ideas so typical of the always-innovative Aquarian.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Show some of that usually hidden steel-strong Piscean backbone, and stand up for yourself if you hope to make a case for that promotion you know you deserve.

BORN THIS WEEK: You enjoy doing new things and staying ahead of the crowd. You would make a fine sports coach or military leader.

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Football



BOB CORRAL / The Prospector

D-Line brings attitude, confidence to veteran defensive corp

BY DANIEL ORNELAS

The Prospector

If you talk the talk, then you better walk the walk. That’s exactly what defensive coordinator Andre Patterson expects from his defensive line unit that has given itself the nickname of “straight violence swag.”

The starting four made up by a trio of juniors, Germard Reed, Horace Miller and Marcus Bagley, and senior Greg Watkins, are approaching the 2012 season with a mentality that screams confidence, toughness and attitude.

“That’s their deal. All I tell them is when they come up with something, they better stand up to it,” Patterson said. “If you think you’re violence

swag, then you play like violence swag.”

Throughout most of the spring drills, the defensive line looked to have the upper hand when lined up against the offense, which had six offensive linemen injured. That showed during the Spring Game in which the defense forced three turnovers and pressured the quarterbacks consistently throughout the game.

Reed said it was time to give the unit a new name that better fit their style of play.

“At the beginning of spring, I asked coach (Patterson) what name we should come up with. He said, ‘why don’t you stick with boy dogs?’ I said, ‘I think we should come up with something for ourselves.’”

When asked when and why the nickname for the defense, Reed replied by saying that once he steps onto the field, he wants to be mean and feels that can rub off to the rest of his teammates.

“I used to walk around and say ‘straight violence’ and just try and take that onto the field,” Reed said. “One day, we got ready to break it out in the locker room and I said ‘straight violence on three’ and Horace (Miller) always says ‘swag.’”

Miller, on the other hand, has been carrying himself with that mindset for a long time and says that at times, people misinterpret the word swag as just a fad.

“I always say ‘swag.’ That’s a lifestyle for me. A lot of people don’t know

what swag is. They think it’s how you dress and walking around with your pants down and stuff like that,” Miller said. “I take swag as a demeanor of confidence and being secure about yourself, if you combine straight violence and swagger on the field, you’re just going to be a dominant force. Straight up.”

Bagley joked by saying that Miller’s first word growing up was swag.

While keeping it fun, the unit hopes to live up to their name, but they also hope the entire defense plays with the same confidence by the time the regular season starts.

“By the time the season comes the whole defense is going to be ‘straight violence swag,’” Bagley said. “Coach Patterson likes it.”

At the same time, they’re looking forward to it catching on with the rest of the UTEP student body and perhaps start a trend that will become as viral as Tebowing.

“It will be world wide. The defensive line will have shirts with ‘straight violence swag’ and our names across them,” Reed said.

Miller said embracing it is only part of it. Once they’re on the field, it’s simply about football.

“It’ll be a global force...you’re going to see people at UTEP, around campus wearing it,” Miller said. “We’re all embracing it. It’s fun, but when it’s on the field, we mean business.”

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Track and Field

Mother Nature strikes on Durham honoring, seniors’ final meet

BY DANIEL ORNELAS

The Prospector

On a day when seniors were supposed to enjoy their last home track meet at Kidd Field, Mother Nature struck with a dust storm that carried winds of up to 50 mph.

On that same day, April 14, UTEP honored former football player turned entrepreneur Larry K. Durham once again by dedicating the track in his name. Durham donated \$5 million in 2001 to UTEP to support the Larry K. Durham Sports Center that opened in 2002.

The event welcomed schools from all areas of the country. Athletes from Kansas, Kansas State, Nebraska, Boise State, Arkansas, New Mexico, New Mexico State and even University of Juárez (Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez).

A total of 12 seniors, including All-American Endurance Abinewa, competed for the Miners and although they would have loved a good weather day, they remained focused on simply competing.

“I remember I woke up this morning and I said, ‘this is my last home meet, I really want to go out big’ and the weather was just not agreeing with me,” senior sprinter Shane Hamm said. “It’s unfortunate, but we still try and make the best out of it.”

There was some concern as to how the heavy winds would affect events like the javelin throw and pole vault. No event was cancelled, but athletes did say that it could affect performances.

“The only thing that really affects the performances is just the wind,” senior mid-distance runner Kitria Stewart said. “The curves seem to be alright, it’s just coming down the home stretch, the wind tends to push you and it takes a lot from runners going against the wind.”

One athlete who took advantage of the wind was women’s sophomore sprinter Janice Jackson who recorded a personal-best time of 13.48-seconds in the 110-meter



DANIEL ORNELAS / The Prospector

Senior mid-distance runner Kitria Stewart (far-right) begins the 800-meter dash at her final home meet at the UTEP Invitational April 14 at Kidd Field.

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Track & Field

Abinuwa excells despite coaching-change frustrations



Special to The Prospector

All-American senior sprinter Endurance Abinuwa runs the 200-meter dash during a meet this outdoor season. Abinuwa has endured four coaching changes since she came to UTEP in 2008.

BY DANIEL ORNELAS

The Prospector

Inconsistency in an athlete's performance might be a coach's biggest pet peeve. Inconsistency in coaching might be the same for an athlete and that's what All-American senior sprinter Endurance Abinuwa had to

endure throughout her collegiate career with the Miners. In her four years at UTEP, Abinuwa went through four different sprinting coaches at her side, which has frustrated her because she's yet to find the comfort level desired. "It's had ups and downs. I don't like the situation. The first year I came here, I was coached by (former head

coach (Bob) Kitchens, the second year by coach Althea (Johnson), the third by coach (Kebba) Tolbert and now by coach (Scott) Roberts. Too much inconsistency," Abinuwa said. Roberts, who is in his first season at UTEP as an assistant, said that despite her discomfort with some of the races, she has the potential to excel in the events.

"Continuity is very important in our sport and I think because of the way staff has changed...it's kind of unfortunate for her."

- Mika Laaksonen,
Head coach

"During the indoor season, we had her running a lot of 400 (meter races) and things she's not real comfortable running," Roberts said. "I think it's a really good race for her. As we go into the outdoor season, we're spending more time on the short sprints. She's leading the conference in the 100-meters right now." Abinuwa said she's tried taking all the coaching with the right attitude and being patient with it, but it has become difficult when she's been told to do it differently every year.

"Everyone brings a different style. For instance, coach Tolbert would want me to run on my heels and come up to my toes. Coach Roberts doesn't want me running on my toes," Abinuwa said.

Head coach Mika Laaksonen acknowledged that the turnover with coaching has hurt her, but also said that Abinuwa has approached it the right way. Laaksonen was named head coach in April of 2010 after serving as an assistant under Kitchens.

"Continuity is very important in our sport and I think because of the way staff has changed here through the years, it's kind of unfortunate for her," he said. She's a trooper, she's handled it well despite all the stuff

going on around her. That's not ideal to have a coaching change every year."

Roberts added that it is hard to adjust to the personalities and styles of different coaches, but expects Abinuwa to feel more comfortable in the outdoor season and perform well.

Abinuwa received All-American honors during the 2011 indoor season for her time of 53.06 seconds in the 400-meter dash. It was during the outdoor season that she ran her personal-best time of 52.99.

"This year hasn't been as good. If I were to rate this year and last year, I would say last year was better because I went to nationals during indoor season," Abinuwa said. "I ran a 52.9, which was my personal best, but not this year. I'm just hoping and praying that things get better."

Roberts also said that the 400-meter dash would be a good race for her.

"As she goes on from UTEP, again, it's hard for her to buy into, but I think the 400 would be a good race for her as she's moving forward into the future," Roberts said.

Abinuwa said she has aspirations to compete in the Summer Olympic games in London for the Nigerian national team, but it will all depend on her performance during the outdoor season.

Laaksonen is also hopeful that she finishes her career as a Miner on a high note.

"I think she's had a great career at UTEP, she's done very well for us throughout the years," Laaksonen said. "What I hope for her as a senior is that she goes out with a bang, so she has a great finish to a great career."

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Soccer

2012 team tests out depth, new captains in spring match



FILE PHOTO

Senior midfielder Tess Hall delivers pass during their game against Rice Oct. 10 in the 2011 campaign. Hall was named one of two team captains for the 2012 season.

BY WILLIAM VEGA

The Prospector

The UTEP soccer team finished their second and final home game of the spring against the Arizona Wildcats in a 1-1 tie April 15 at University Field.

After a scoreless first half, both teams wasted no time getting on the board in the second frame. Just four minutes into the second, junior Jade Babcock took a pass from senior mid-

fielder Tess Hall to score from the top corner of the penalty box.

Babcock, who played defender most of last year, was happy that all spring she was able to get back into her original position of forward, which she said she was recruited as.

"It was my first goal of the spring so I was really excited," Babcock said. "I kind of know the position (forward) so it was a good change. I was excited because I'm glad to be back at forward."

But Arizona struck back immediately. Three minutes later, on a 2-on-2 attack, Susana Melendez made a cross in front of the goalie, which sophomore midfielder Shannon Hinzler scored easily. It was the Wildcats' first and only shot on goal of the game.

Both teams failed to score after that point but the effort did not indicate that the game was an exhibition. This was evident until the last seconds of the game when junior midfielder Azia Nicholson got in a scuffle with

an Arizona defender after fighting with the ball.

Hall said that proved the teams did not take this game as an exhibition and she applauded Nicholson's, as well as the rest of the team's, energy.

"There's some heart behind it, definitely, and we're working to improve for the fall so this isn't just a game where we want to come out and mess around," Hall said. "There's feistiness, intensity and a lot of heart shown by Azia."

The Miners controlled the majority of the possessions in the first half, including eight shots, four on goal and four corners. Arizona had three shots, none on goal and just one corner but both teams failed to find the net during the 35-minute half. UTEP outshot the Wildcats 14-7, including 8-1 on goal.

"I think the first half was pretty well flawless and the second half we had a couple of mistakes. It was a good performance against a good team," head coach Kevin Cross said. "We had the goal in the second half we needed in the first half but then they turned around and scored right after we scored."

As they do every year, the Miners played five regional teams in the spring to get their first look at next year's team. UTEP lost to Arizona State 2-1 Feb. 26 in Las Cruces, tied Texas Tech 0-0 March 31 in El Paso and defeated NMSU 2-0 April 1 in Las Cruces.

One of the major modifications in the spring was a change of guard in the team's captain. Last year, it was just midfielder Katie Dorman who took on the role and to succeed her, Cross named Hall and senior midfielder Britney Kindzierski as this year's captain.

"The title of captain is great but just to step on the field as a leader, and we

have a team of leaders, is great," Hall said. "Even going into senior year, I didn't expect to wear (the captain's armband). You can expect to put the armband on everybody and the level is not going to drop there."

Babcock said she was happy with the spring and it helped them take a step closer to achieving their ultimate goal of winning a C-USA title, which they came one game shy of last season when they lost to tournament-host Memphis. UTEP will host the 2012 C-USA Championships.

"We're going to try to win a conference championship and this spring, we're really working on stuff to be ready for the fall," Babcock said.

What made this year different was that UTEP did not need their seniors for depth purposes. The Miners returned nine starters from last year's team, played two off the bench and played just one senior from last year, defender Jessie Pettit, despite missing three due to injuries.

"Jessie's a hard one to replace, but I believe with the upcoming freshmen and the people we have now, we should be really good next year," Babcock said.

Sophomore forward Jasmine Schultz sat recovering from a hamstring injury and sophomore midfielder Lauren Katada missed the last match due to a knee injury. Forward Skye Schultz, Jasmine's sister, also missed while recovering from her season-long injury last year, but will return as a junior after redshirting the 2011 campaign.

The Miners have one game remaining against 2011 NCAA Tournament participant April 28 in Albuquerque.

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36 Bring to a halt
37 Bold
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Softball

Miners swept on road, put postseason chances in jeopardy

BY WILLIAM VEGA

The Prospector

After being swept by UCF April 6-7, co-head coach James Rodriguez felt that it would come down to the Miners' lone showdown of the season against Memphis April 14-15 to determine who would get left out of the Conference USA Tournament.

"The way they're playing and the way we're playing, it might be all that we need. We still have a lot to play for," Rodriguez said.

The Tigers answered that question in a three-game sweep of the Miners, almost guaranteeing that UTEP will end in last place and miss the C-USA Championships for the second consecutive year.

Memphis was one game ahead of UTEP heading into the series, but expanded that lead to four, leaving the Miners two games away from now eighth-place Southern Miss. Only eight teams make the postseason tournament, which UTEP missed last year for the first time since joining C-USA in 2005.

The Miners were able to get just three runs across in the entire series, as compared to the Tigers' combined

16, but kept each game close until the final innings.

Trailing 2-1 after two innings, the UTEP bats went silent as sophomore pitcher Ellen Roberts retired the next six batters. The Miners threatened in the fifth when they put runners on the corners. Junior second baseman Ashley Collazo was caught stealing home in an attempted squeeze play, leaving just freshman outfielder Tahla Wade on second.

In the same inning, UTEP's top-two hitters, seniors Camilla Carrera and Chelsea Troupe, were walked and hit by a pitch, respectively, to load the bases. Sophomore outfielder Kayla Black was unable to get any runs across when she flew out to center, missing on their best opportunity to potentially tie or take the lead. The Miners fell in game one 5-1.

The Tigers turned the game over to freshman pitcher Jordan Richwood in game two, where she struck out six, allowed four hits and allowed no runs in four innings. Memphis breezed through game two with a 4-0 victory to win the series.

After taking a 2-0 lead after the second inning in game three, the Tigers

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hurdles taking first place. The time also became the second-fastest in school history.

The men's 4-x-100-meter relay team of junior Anthony Wright, senior Curtis Kock, and pair of freshmen Kristian Dillard and Abiola Onakoya also finished first edging out Kansas State in a photo finish.

Head coach Mika Laaksonen said it was unfortunate to have such bad weather for the event, but he was

pleased in the way the athletes competed despite the circumstances.

"My hat goes off to them. They competed hard," Laaksonen said. "They did well despite the conditions. Obviously, with this kind of weather, we didn't expect spectacular marks, but we got a couple of (personal records), so I'm happy with that."

Stewart said that the team was just trying to have fun with it and not stress over something they

couldn't control. The weather didn't make anyone happy, but they still enjoyed it.

"Because of the weather, it's just all fun, no stress. It's like a practice almost, the last home meet of my career. Other than that, it's no worries...the weather sucks, though," Stewart said.

Hamm added that he tried not to think about it being his last home track meet as it would add stress and distraction from just enjoying the event as he already had his eyes set on the Conference USA Championships May 11-14 in New Orleans.

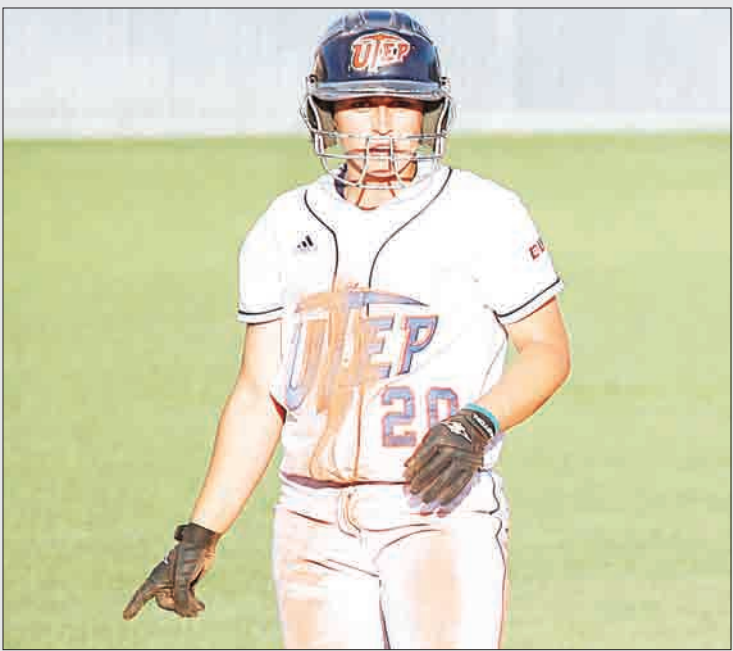
"The best thing about this meet is, it may not be good weather, we may not have good times, but you can still have fun and enjoy each other. That's what it's really all about," Hamm said. "I'm looking back at all the fun I had here and how much I've enjoyed being part of the UTEP track team."

The Miners will compete in the Mt. SAC and Drake Relays April 19-21 and 26-28 respectively before the C-USA Championships. The event will determine qualifiers for the NCAA Preliminary Round set for May 24-26.

Hamm said he still has no idea what his future plans are after leaving UTEP, but hopes that running remains a part of his life.

"I honestly don't know. I know running somehow will always be involved in my life. It's taken seed and I can't help it, it's just a part of me," Hamm said.

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Sophomore outfielder Kayla Black holds on base during a game against UCF April 7 at the Helen of Troy Softball Complex.


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reeled off seven-straight runs to take the easy 7-2 win and finish the series sweep.

The Miners went into the series with a bit of confidence after defeating the Nevada Wolfpack in game one April 12 at the Helen of Troy Softball Complex.

"It gives us a little bit of a boost heading into the weekend, especially with the losing streak we had. That was a nice little pick-me-up for us," Carrera said.


The win, which snapped a 13-game losing streak, was short lived as Nevada bounced back to take a 9-2 win in the second game.

"I think it's definitely a blow but right after (the loss), Cami (Carrera) came up to us and said, 'We're going to Memphis and taking all three of these games,' sophomore pitcher Colleen Hohman said. "She said exactly what she needed to say."

Carrera had two home runs in the loss to expand her NCAA-best home run mark to 27.


UTEP has two series remaining against the current two best teams in C-USA. They begin with the second-place team, UAB, April 21-22 at home then head to first-place Tulsa for their league season finale April 28-29.

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