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FILE PHOTO

Hundreds of people participated in an immigration reform march from Leech Grove to San Jacinto Plaza on April 10, 2011.

## DREAMERS GET A SECOND CHANCE

Part I / III

JASMINE AGUILERA

The Prospector

Some students may witness the results of President Barack Obama's new immigration policy first-hand.

On June 15, Obama announced an executive action that would grant some undocumented immigrants a work visa if they meet certain qualifications.

"It's definitely a positive step towards hopefully ridding some of the fears that undocumented immigrants have for participating in higher education," said Lusía Havens, executive director of admissions and recruitment. "Hopefully it will allow more

students—more people—to aspire to go to college."

According to Havens, there were an estimated 100-125 undocumented students attending the university in the fall 2011 semester.

"One of the things we see a lot of times is students in this situation fear (the university) will report their status," Havens said. "That is not the case, but the fear is there, so maybe this executive order would allow parents and students to alleviate that fear."

Some of the benefits undocumented immigrants may receive include

the right to work legally and obtain a driver's license and other documents.

In order to qualify for these benefits, the undocumented immigrant, or dreamer, must have come to the country before the age of 16, have lived in the U.S. for at least five years, be a high school graduate or military veteran in good standing, must be under 30 years old and have a clean criminal record.

With presidential elections five months away, there were those who publically stated they believed the president only introduced the policy

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### Politics

## Project promotes discussion about Mexican election season

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The Prospector

As Mexican elections loom nearer, a new project on campus is working to promote awareness of Mexican politics.

The 2012 Mexican Presidential Elections Project, founded by political science professors Tony Payan and Irasema Coronado, allows the professors and a small group of students to blog and post the most recent and relevant news associated with the elections.

On June 14 the project brought in guest lecturer Alberto Aziz Nassif, a professor and researcher at Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social in Mexico City. His lecture included an analysis of the outcomes of the election with a particular focus on democracy.

"I came to this lecture for an extra credit assignment," said Juan Manjarrez, sophomore kinesiology major. "I didn't know UTEP had a project but I'm glad that they are trying to show us these things because we live on the

border and it's important to know what's going on right next to us."

The project is made up of three components including a lecture series, hosted talks and televised debates and roundtables, and a web site and linked Twitter account that allows the professors and a small group of students to blog.

"It's important for people to stay engaged on both sides of the border," said Stephanie Correa, senior political science major. "This project is a really good thing because the media has portrayed Juárez as being violent and dangerous so the coverage has definitely been biased. We need to read more newspapers and have more sources of information so we can get a balanced view of what is going on because their future leader could have an effect on any kind of drug policy reform we have here."

According to the Mexican Federal Electoral Institute, 79,454,802 Mexicans are registered to vote and hold the proper documentation to partici-

pate in the July 1 presidential election that will determine who takes office beginning Dec. 1.

"The coverage of Mexico in the United States is slim and lopsided," Payan said. "I think the American public at large just gets the dangerous, bloody, violent, drug lords roaming the streets version. I think most of them don't even know about the election or how much it's going to impact the future of the relationship between Mexico and the U.S."

Payan said two of the major points that all the candidates agreed on was assessing the relationship with the U.S. and reducing the violence—not stopping the flow of drugs into the U.S.

"The candidate's priorities are Mexico and Mexicans and I think that's right and the way it should be," Payan said. "If the U.S. is not willing to address its drug consumption problem, then why should Mexico keep paying for a U.S. habit? They're not interested in fighting drugs in the U.S."



AARON MONTES / The Prospector

Political science instructor Tony Payan introduces a speaker at the June 14 lecture series on the Mexican elections.

Along with addressing the nations "drug problem," Payan believes U.S. citizens, especially UTEP students, should care about what is going on next-door. That is why he wanted to create the project in the first place.

"(As students) you can't do very much to change or help (Mexico),"

Payan said. "The best way to help is to stay informed and press your politicians to change the policies that affect these issues and have them consider a debate on legalizing drugs, gun control—without infringing on rights—and more ways of investigating mon-

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Column

Who has time for a rebate?

BY ALEJANDRO ALBA  
The Prospector



This summer UTEP has released a new program that urges students to enroll in summer classes in order to receive a rebate. This rebate program, however, only grants eligibility to those students that enroll in a minimum of nine credit hours. According to the masterminds behind the program, students are able to receive a rebate starting as low as \$104.

Sure, some may say “money is money.” Others may bring up your typical phrase, “hey, it’s something.” But students need to realize that by enrolling in that extra class they will be spending more money than what they will be receiving with their rebate come fall.

Another thing to keep in mind is that if a student has any sort of remaining balance in their accounts, the rebate will automatically go towards paying that off instead of their tuition.

In order to receive a worthy amount of money in your rebate, you would have to enroll in 15 credit hours, which results in five classes. Enrolling in this many classes would give a student enough money to earn a free class come fall. But just to get that one class covered, you had to pay for three.

Aside from the program not being worthy, it is also time consuming. Nowadays, every student leaves town for

internships and study abroad sessions. That leaves me thinking, who has time to complete more than 12 credit hours in a summer?

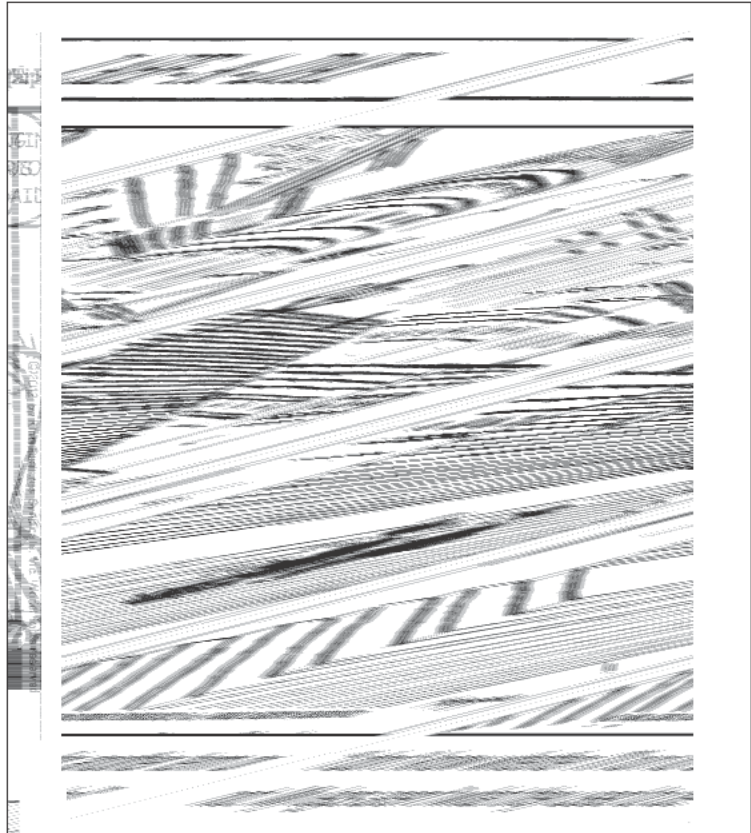
The website shows that in order to receive a \$1,844 rebate a student would have to enroll in 24 credit hours. That means eight classes that last three hours minimum. How is it possible or healthy to take eight classes overall per summer? I don’t think that is even possible due to the times in which these classes are set up, and the lack of classes available for any given major.

Another reason why this new summer rebate program won’t be as successful: the classes offered aren’t necessarily everyone’s favorites. I, for example, had a very hard time finding a class to register for. All the classes that I needed weren’t being offered, and the classes that gave me credit didn’t seem interesting, for example, how to teach kids theater.

I know I won’t be taking advantage of the program and I really haven’t heard of anyone doing so either. So I’ll just be happy with the \$68 I got in my rebate and come fall I hope I either save enough money to pay for those extra classes or get some sort of financial aid.

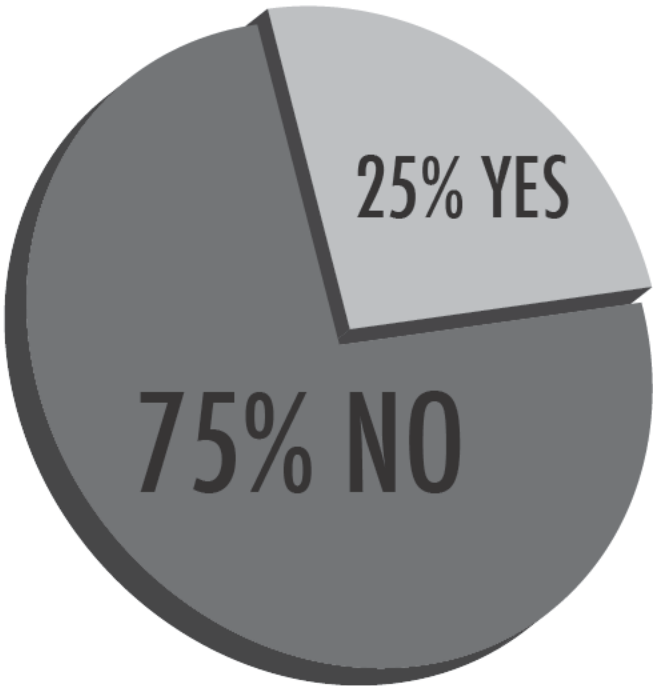
But for those who work, and even for those that don’t, it is hard to take advantage of such “innovative” program due to our schedules or lack of money. I really don’t see many people taking advantage of this program, unless their parents pay for their classes.

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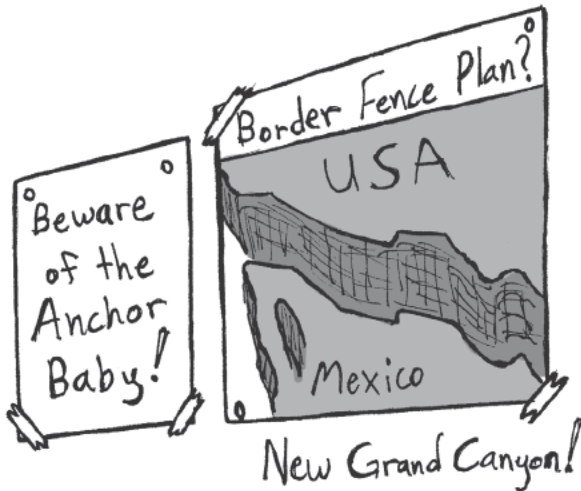


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Science

Solar energy group's collaboration brings opportunity to students

REBECCA GUERRERO  
The Prospector

The National Science Foundation awarded UTEP a \$3.3 million collaboration with the University of California, Santa Barbara to develop research projects involving solar energy.

With the new funding and collaboration, both UTEP and UCSB students have the opportunity to participate and collaborate in state-of-the-art solar energy research projects. The students involved will be able to spend time at the other institution to use specialized instrumentation that may not be available at their home university.

These opportunities come as a reward for the work of the Solar Group, which is a team of multidisciplinary professors headed by Luis Echegoyen, associate vice president professor of chemistry.

"Overall, my intention was to continue my research program and to initiate new directions with the resources generously provided by UTEP, especially in the area of organic solar cells," Echegoyen said. "My vision from the beginning was to perform the highest level science possible and to establish productive groups of investigators with common interests in solar energy."

According to Echegoyen, because many UTEP students are of Hispanic origin, the program is expected to have a major impact on this under-represented group in materials science. In total, 30 undergraduate and 20 Ph.D. students are expected to be impacted by the collaboration program over its five-year period.

"I became involved with the research group in the spring semester of 2011,"

said Jose Chavez, doctoral electronic and computer engineering student. "I think this program will offer UTEP students a chance to experience the level of research that takes place outside our region. I also think the networking that will result from this collaboration will be of great benefit for us. I believe the collaboration with UCSB and the resources it provides will allow me to focus in my coursework and produce quality research that results in highly efficient solar cells."

Chemistry professors Michael Irwin, Jose Nuñez and Juan Noverón, engineering professors David Zubia, and Chintalapalle Ramana, and physics professor Tunna Baruah are all members of the Solar Group and have used their own areas of expertise to contribute to the research of solar cells.

"I learned of Dr. Echegoyen's arrival and he learned I was an organic photovoltaic researcher, so we quickly became a strong team," Irwin said. "I believe the new funding we received to be an important step for UTEP's future, in that solar energy research can be a long-term major research area for the university. As the 'Sun City,' El Paso is an obvious place for solar energy research, and with the research funds for student salaries and supplies, and collaboration with some of the best solar energy researchers alive, the possibilities are endless. This project represents a strong path to Tier 1 and beyond."

Solar Group professors use their varied expertise to create more perfect semiconductor crystals, which are in turn used to make solar cells. The more perfect the crystals are, the more electricity the solar cell produces.



FILE PHOTO

The Solar Group was awarded a \$3.3 million collaboration by the National Science Foundation.

With the new funding, the professors will be able to recruit their own teams of graduate students to continue this work and create higher efficiency photovoltaic cells (the material solar panels are made of) using organic materials. This will result in lighter, more colorful and flexible photovoltaic cells that can be mass-produced.

Echegoyen said he hopes the discoveries made within the new program would place the university in a position to request even further funding and opportunities for more research in the future.

Currently, Echegoyen has submitted a proposal to a different program at the NSF, one called Partnership for International Research and Education (PIRE). This proposal is currently pending evaluation and includes scientific partners in Japan, China, Germany and Spain, as well as U.S. partners from Cornell, the University of Washington, UC-Davis and industrial setup Luna Nanowork. If funded, this venture would represent an intellectual expansion of the solar energy vision and would involve many more participants.

"At the end I want UTEP to become a world recognized center for solar energy research, a most appropriate possibility for a campus that receives so much solar energy," Echegoyen said. "I feel proud to be a part of this enterprise and hope to be able to do much more to help accomplish these goals in the shortest possible time."

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to win the Hispanic vote, however Irasema Coronado, political science professor, feels differently.

"The people who stand to benefit from this policy cannot vote," Coronado said. "The people who are interested in immigration reform can, but we'll just have to wait and see what the public opinion votes have to say about that."

Political science professor Kathleen Staudt shares the same enthusiasm for the policy, but questioned Obama's motives.

"I've been watching the news carefully and I know this policy was about a year in the making," she said. "So I think it's curious that it's taken one year to finally implement this and its convenient that it happened so close to election season, but I am still very happy that it finally happened."

Some students shared the same beliefs as Staudt, for example, senior psychology major Ally Hughes.

"I think that Obama just wants the votes," she said. "Now all of a sudden he's pro-gay marriage and pro-immigration reform, I think he just wants the attention."

Staudt's main concerns are about the implementation of the policy, rather than why it became an executive order in the first place.

"My main concerns are how proactive the Department of Homeland Security will be, if they will train their agents and how they'll inform people about this policy," she said. "Also if they'll try to bring back the people who they have already deported and if they'll release the people who are currently in a detention center."

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ey laundering. Politicians are the only ones that can change anything. We can just pressure them."

Silvia Garcia, the director of the Study for North American Integration at Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) will be visiting UTEP on June 25.

The project website, [Mexico-2012elections.com](http://Mexico-2012elections.com), is filled with information on the candidates and the issues surrounding the election. Payan and Coronado hope it will change UTEP's lack of interest in Mexico.

"I think UTEP has been very aloof overall to what is going on in Mexico," Payan said. "The violence has given the country a rough image and UTEP, just like the rest of El Paso, has simply disengaged itself. Now is the time to do the research and educate ourselves about what is happening and what the future holds for our relationship with Mexico. The website provides all this information and more."

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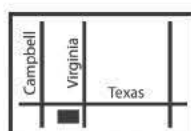
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Study Abroad

# International research programs take flight



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BY LORAIN WATTERS

The Prospector

As UTEP summer classes begin to unfold, so do the research initiatives and international collaborations with other universities—allowing some students to make those textbook examples a hands-on reality.

The UTEP Minority Health International Research Training Program will send out undergraduate and graduate students, majoring in a pre-professional science, health or human service discipline, to international sites for research in Hispanic health disparities on June 30.

According to Leticia Paez, assistant dean for community and international programs, in the past eight years UTEP has promoted exchange programs with three other universities – Universidad Central del Ecuador (Quito, Ecuador), Universidad de Costa Rica (San Jose, Costa Rica) and Universidad de Aconcagua (Santiago, Chile).

Students who participate in the program partake in a three month

long summer program that will provide them an education about Hispanic health disparities, issues and health research intricacies.

“I want to experience research that is different than the traditional sense. Instead of sitting in a classroom, I want to immerse myself in a different setting and this program allows that,” said Sergio Flores, senior biological sciences major.

Along with gaining hands-on experience in research, student participants will be living with an in-country family. All expenses—ranging from travel, passport and VISA fees, health insurance, books and home stay—are funded by the MHIRT program, and a monthly stipend is given during the participants’ involvement.

“I hope to get along with my host family since we have not met them yet. We aren’t allowed to go off by ourselves so I hope that integrating myself with them is easy,” Flores said.

Student participants will return on Aug. 12, and upon completing the program, they will be granted 10 credit hours, which can be applied

towards their degree program. They will also be required to give presentations about their research experience, one at their designated research site and one when they return to UTEP, providing practice in conferring a professional research presentation.

“This program will help me grow and engage in something bigger. I have always been one for helping others and I want to learn from everyone as well,” said Leah Diaz, a graduate social work major. “Of course, this experience will be a challenge. We take a lot of things here for granted, so it will be a culture shock, but in a positive way.”

Through these international collaborations, student participants are bestowed the prospect of reducing health disparities in minority populations by furthering health research, and ultimately furthering their own knowledge on a global level.

“It is a wonderful opportunity to help students learn about research and experience tremendous benefits of international travel,” Paez said. “They have an increased awareness

of the community through this program, as well as developing their personal growth.”

Students interested in participating in the MHIRT program may apply if their major is in a pre-professional science, health, or human service discipline, have a junior level standing, a minimum GPA of 3.0 and are from a health disparities group—African American, Hispanic American or Native American.

“As we move towards Tier One, it is important to grow our own researchers. This program gives the opportunity to assess in how they can be involved in research, exposing them to the academic world of research and their academic training here at UTEP,” Paez said.

More information about the MHIRT program, along with the application, can be found at [chs.utep.edu/mhirt/](http://chs.utep.edu/mhirt/).

Along with the MHIRT program, the Campus Office of Undergraduate Research Initiatives will supervise a 10 week research program at UTEP, involving 11 chemistry students from

around the world, including China, Columbia, Germany, Mexico and Poland. UTEP professors will mentor these international students, funding them through their own research grants.

These students will be given the chance to present their research experiences and findings through posters at the summer COURI symposium, which will take place at the Undergraduate Learning Center on July 27.

On July 28, three UTEP undergraduate chemistry majors—Karen Ventura, Gustavo Hernandez and Javier Graveda—will return home from their own research experiences conducted at Shantou University in China.

Students interested in this field of research, and the opportunities being held at UTEP or internationally, can find more information at [couri.utep.edu](http://couri.utep.edu).

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# Hollywood's summer blockbusters

BY OSCAR GARZA AND ALEJANDRO ALBA  
The Prospector

In May, "The Avengers" kicked off the 2012 summer movie season to successful praise and box office numbers, but there's still plenty of that summer movie magic hitting theaters these coming months. Whether it's the return of iconic superheroes, an animated princess story, an 80s style action film, or a scary science fiction film, there will be a movie to go and watch this summer.

With this said, we bring you Hollywood's top summer movies:



June started the lineup with, "Snow White and the Huntsman." Starring the girl with no expression, Kristen Stewart, that one guy who played Thor, Chris Hemsworth, and the incomparable Charlize Theron. Although many aren't fans of Stewart the film is promising due to the bold and dark take on the classic Grimm Fairytale.



The long awaited and buzzed about "Prometheus" opened in June as well. Directed by Sir Ridley Scott and starring Noomi Rapace, Michael Fassbender and Charlize Theron. The film is a return to science fiction for Scott who promised the film would share the same tone as his classic "Alien." But be reminded, it is not a prequel to "Alien."



Dig Channing Tatum, Matthew McConaughey or Matt Bomer? "Magic Mike," directed by acclaimed director Steven Soderbergh, has them three, in very little clothing. The movie is based on Tatum's own experiences as a male stripper. The film opens June 29.



"Brave" features Pixar's first female protagonist character, Merida the princess. Although early reviews place "Brave" among Pixar's lower accomplishments, audiences can expect Pixar's classic combination of adventure and humor with a good story. The film opens June 22.



Just in time to prepare for the end of the world in December, "Seeking a friend for the End of the World" with Steve Carell and Keira Knightley is expected to delight audiences with its blend of disaster movie tropes and a comedic edge. The film opens June 22.



On July 20 the wait is over for the summer's most awaited film, "The Dark Knight Rises." The third chapter in the successful franchise stars Christian Bale, Anne Hathaway, Tom Hardy, Gary Oldman and Joseph Gordon Levitt, who also appears in "Premium Rush" as he does high-speed bicycle scenes with Michael Shannon as the villain. "Premium Rush" premieres Aug. 24.



"Sparkle," the musical drama set in the 1960s stars Jordin Sparks and the late Whitney Houston. It opens Aug. 17 with a story about fame and family.



Jeremy Renner picks up the action mantle from Matt Damon as "The Bourne Legacy." Tony Gilroy, who wrote all three last Bourne films, now returns as writer/director. Expect to see Rachel Weisz, Edward Norton and Albert Finney. The film opens Aug. 3.



Opening Aug. 17, "The Expendables 2" looks to deliver on even more 80s action and more stars than the previous installment. Stars include Jean Claude Van Damme, Bruce Willis, Arnold Schwarzenegger and the man who can slam a revolving door, Chuck Norris.



Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone and Rhys Ifans star in Marc Webb's re-boot of the Spider Man. "The Amazing Spiderman" swings into theaters on July 3, sporting a new look, a new story and hopefully a new franchise.



The newest romantic comedy "To Rome With Love" is a story about a number of people in Italy (a handful of A-list actors), and the romances, adventures and predicaments they get into. The film opens June 22.



Events

Summer camps teach kids dance, theater

BY OSCAR GARZA  
The Prospector

UTEP is hosting its annual Theatre and Dance Camp for children this summer at the Fox Fine Arts Center. Participants will be able to take workshops that cover technical theater, dancing and acting.

Adriana Dominguez, director of audience development at UTEP's Department of Theatre and Dance, will be teaching the acting camp, where participants can learn a variety of acting methods like character development, projection, articulation, improv and stage fright.

"We use improv to help students discover their acting potential and also to help them learn how to deal with stage fright and mistakes that may happen on stage," Dominguez said.

For Clarissa Smith, Dominguez' assistant and theater education graduate, helping students interested in theater has been a rewarding experience.

"I really enjoy working with children who are interested in theater. I enjoy helping them to discover self-confidence on stage and helping them understand the theater process when it comes to putting a production," Smith said. "In the end they discover that theater is more than just reciting lines, they have to work collaboratively in order to produce a successful play."

Smith, who hopes to have a career in theater education, thinks her job as a teacher is challenging in a positive manner.

"I help her (Dominguez) by leading the students in vocal warm-ups and

directing/blocking the plays that the kids will be performing on the last day of camp," Smith said. "The kids pick up on techniques rather quickly, the challenge is helping them connect their vocal warm-ups and acting techniques to the rehearsal process."

For participants seeking a more technical theater education, there is the technical theater camp, overseen by Carolyn Cubit-Tsutsui, stage manager at the Department of Theatre and Dance.

"We pull from stock items and assemble a set, the props and the costumes," Tsutsui said. "We also light the show using a standard repertory plot for the thrust stage and some extra specials that the show calls for. Lastly we provide the sound elements."

Overall, Dominguez said that her goal is to show and have participants experience what the process of theater is like.

"I wanted to provide an opportunity for students to participate in the entire process of theater since many schools do not have full arts programs at their schools," Dominguez said. "The reason (why they should join) is to gain an amazing experience of the process of theater and make some friends from around the city."

The acting and dance camps are available in two age groups (7 to 12 and 13 to 18). The technical theater camp is available for 13 to 18-year-old participants. For more information call 747-6213, or visit theatredance.utep.edu.

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UTEP families attend Union Service's Movies on the Lawn showing of "Jumanji," June 14 at The Geology Lawn.

Movies on the Lawn doubles in attendance

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA  
The Prospector

On June 7, "The Lion King" kicked off the Union Services' second annual summer movie series, Movies on the Lawn, with a turn out that doubled last year's and surpassed the 100 expected.

"We had a huge attendance, that we even had to increase our concessions from one stand to three," said Erika Anchondo, event services coordinator at Union Services.

Students, staff members, families and couples also showed up early on June 14 for the screening of "Jumanji." Many brought their blankets, lawn chairs and coolers filled with snacks and drinks.

Misael Briones, senior civil engineering major brought his date to watch "Jumanji." "It was really cool, like family wise," Briones said. "It's something to do, and it's free, so that's a plus."

According to Anchondo, Movies on the Lawn was structured as a family event to allow students' family members to enjoy the campus and get to know the university.

"It is a community event, so we're glad to see a lot of community mem-

bers out there," Anchondo said. "There are families with little kids so it's really great for them to come onto campus and experience UTEP."

The movies shown are rated G, PG, or PG-13 to provide a family friendly environment.

"A lot of times, events that we do on campus are strictly for students, so students can't share the university with their families," Anchondo said. "So I think this is a wonderful opportunity, besides like Minerpalooza and stuff, to come onto campus and really enjoy the beautiful architecture that we have here and enjoy a fun, family event...for free."

So far, Anchondo believes that the community's support has brought the series to a successful start.

"Overall everybody was really nice, really cordial with one another. We didn't have any problems, it was a really great event," Anchondo said. "Campus police was out there monitoring, again, because we didn't anticipate such a large crowd, making sure everything went well."

Anchondo also mentioned that they want to reach out to kids through the event, to get them familiarized with UTEP.

"We want kids to start thinking about college, wanting to come to UTEP, and already build that sort of relationship that their families have with the university," Anchondo said.

Vincent Emery, junior psychology major, attended Movies on the Lawn for its opening night. "Last week they had "The Lion King," and there were a lot of kids and a lot of parents," Emery said. "I think a lot of the parent's sang along to the movie more than the kids did, I think the parents enjoyed it more and the kids were just running around playing."

Emery said the community is enjoying the event, and that many UTEP students bring their parents or kids.

Alcoholic beverages and smoking are not allowed on the premises during the event. Movies on the Lawn are shown at 8:30 p.m. Thursdays at the UTEP Geology Lawn. For prime seating, attendees are encouraged to arrive an hour prior to show time. The next showing, "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" will be screened June 21.

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30 Animation frame  
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**WBC middleweight champion** Julio César Chávez Jr. is raised above shoulders after his third title defense June 16 at the Sun Bowl.

# Boxing 13,467 in the Sun Bowl witness the blows without the hangover

**BY DANIEL ORNELAS**  
The Prospector

The words “Safest city in America” were repeated by the ring announcers prior to each of the nine boxing matches in front of 13,467 in attendance June 16 at the Sun Bowl.

One man who may have not felt safe was Andy Lee, who was defeated with a TKO at the 2:21 minute of the seventh round by WBC middleweight champion Julio César Chávez Jr.

Chávez complained about having leg cramps in the early rounds saying it prolonged the match longer than it should have.

“I could have knocked him out whenever I wanted to, but my legs were cramping that’s why I stood still. I wanted him to come to me because I knew I was hurting him,” Chávez said. “I had that problem as a kid, it had been three years since I suffered leg cramps. I don’t think I could have lasted all 12 rounds, that’s why when I had him (in the seventh round) I didn’t let him go.”

Heading into the seventh round, all three judges had Lee up 58-56 in the scorecard, but Chávez’ TKO was the ultimate deciding factor.

“I have no excuses, he’s a good fighter,” Lee said. “He’s heavy, it’s hard to move him with my shots...He’s a good

champion. I couldn’t hold him off, he’s too big and too strong.”

After the fight, Chávez’ attention turned to WBC Diamond middleweight champion Sergio Martinez, challenging him to determine who the “real” middleweight champion is.

The fight against Martinez was made official by Top Rank CEO Bob Arum set for Sept. 15 at the Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas. Julio César Chávez Sr. had some words for Martinez.

“I’ll say one thing, he’s talked so much shit. I hope he doesn’t run like a chicken the day of the fight,” Chávez Sr. said. “He wanted the fight, then he better fight.”

Arum said that unlike other potential fights, the talk between Chávez and Martinez means nothing because it will be decided in the ring.

He praised the city of El Paso for supporting the event despite the alcohol ban put in place by UT Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa.

“I thought the crowd was great, it showed the chancellor a thing or two,” Arum said. “This is a real fight town. Let’s be really obvious about one thing, the best fight fans in the world are Mexicans. It holds for Mexican nationals and it holds for Mexican-Americans in El Paso.”

That opened the possibility of Top Rank having more events in El Paso in the near future.

“We talked to one of the councilman, Steve Ortega, who said he wants to make an arrangement with city council where we would do four fight shows per year in the convention center, which would be great,” Arum said. “That’s what we’re working on, I love this place.”

Prior to the main event and following the Irish and Mexican national anthems, El Paso mayor John Cook gave his rendition of the U.S. national anthem. Cook was greeted by a mix

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# Basketball Brothers join forces on the court for the first time as Miners

**BY EDWIN DELGADO**  
The Prospector

Sophomore guard Julian Washburn will be playing along side his younger brother, freshman forward Chris Jr. for the first time as Miners in the upcoming men’s basketball season.

Julian and Chris are the sons of former North Carolina State player, Chris Washburn Sr. who was drafted third overall in 1986 by the Golden State Warriors. Chris Jr. committed to UTEP in January and said that his brother playing for the Miners was one of the biggest reasons he decided to come to El Paso, after graduating from South Grand Prairie High School.

“He is the best defender I know by far, he has great low post moves. He can come inside and take it out and score a jumper, he has crazy athleticism,” Chris said. “Every time I try to guard him, he has a counter move for it, he is great taking defenders, great all around player.”

Since they were young, Chris and Julian played against each other, having no clue of what the road would bring for them in the future. Now, both of them feel motivated to help each other to keep improving.

“It’s crazy because I never thought me and my brother would play to-

gether, so I’m very excited about next season,” Julian said. “I’m very happy with coach Floyd who gave him the opportunity to come play with me.”

On June 4, head coach Tim Floyd announced that the men’s basketball team will play the hardest schedule in school history. Both Chris and Julian feel thrilled with the challenge of their first season playing side-by-side.

“We’re playing games against great opposition and bringing them to the Don,” Julian said. “I feel El Paso should be very excited about the upcoming basketball season. I think they are going to see a lot of good games in the court.”

The Washburn brothers feel the team has improved from last season and said that their goals for the 2012-13 season are to win the Conference-USA Tournament, get to the NCAA Tournament to compete with the best and try to make a deep run.

Julian acknowledged that they have several key points they need to improve on in the next couple of months to be completely ready for the upcoming season, such as being able to win away from the Don Haskins Center. He also said they need to improve and learn how to close out games to avoid giving the other teams a chance for a comeback. The Miners finished with a 1-11 record in away games.

When it comes to improving himself, Julian said that he has to step up, score more and encourage his teammates to keep working hard. Also, he believes he has improved his free throw shooting, claiming he has been making 80 percent of his attempts in practice.

On the other hand Chris pointed out that last season the team only had a six-man rotation and said that the team needed more solutions coming off the bench. He added they need to take more risks to become a better team and also wants to learn as much as possible from his brother so he doesn’t make the same mistakes.

“Playing with him is a big motivation for me,” Chris said. “He’s always been more athletic than me, and I want to keep up with him.”

Next season will bring new challenges to a young team that has 11 of its 16 players as underclassmen. Even though the team will play most of the tougher opponents away from home, they will host teams like Memphis, UNLV, Oregon, NMSU, Marshall, UCF and Oral Roberts at the Don Haskins Center.

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**Sophomore guard Julian Washburn** (left) guards younger brother freshman forward Chris Washburn Jr. during a practice session.



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ture of cheers and boo's. In addition to that, UTEP head football coach Mike Price led the Chávez' team into the ring carrying an orange pick axe.

The crowd also gave loud cheers as El Pasoan middleweight Abie Han stepped into the ring. Han entered the bout with an undefeated record of 16-0.

In the third round, Han gained control of the fight knocking down his opponent, Joseph Gomez three times. Han wasted no time in the fourth round knocking down Gomez a fourth time at 1:39 into the round to win by TKO and remain undefeated.

Both fighters had to deal with plenty of sunlight during the match. Despite enduring the 90-degree weather, Han was able to overcome it and walk out with his 17th victory.

"I could feel it. It was (a factor) it didn't degrade me because I know he was going through the same challenge as well, but I could feel it," Han said. "In the middle of the first round, my legs felt a little heavy... but after the second round I got my legs back."

This was the first time in 14 years that the Sun Bowl had hosted a boxing event since Oscar De La Hoya defeated Patrick Charpentier in front of more than 45,000 people on June 13, 1998.

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**TOP LEFT:** El Pasoan middleweight Abie Han strikes Joseph Gomez with a right shot during his fourth-round TKO victory. **BOTTOM LEFT:** UTEP football head coach Mike Price led Chavez' team into the ring raising his customary orange pick axe. **RIGHT:** WBC middleweight champion Julio César Chávez Jr. celebrates after defeating Andy Lee by TKO in the seventh round June 16 at the Sun Bowl.



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Facilities

# Renovated Swimming and Fitness Center set to open this fall semester

BY DANIEL ORNELAS

The Prospector

For the better part of a year now the pride and joy of UTEP has been the new Student Recreation Center facility that offers a number of exercise activities for students. At the same time, there's one area of the facility that has yet to be opened—the Swimming and Fitness Center, which is still under construction and is set to open Sept. 1 2012.

"The pools themself have already gone through renovation...but, because the locker rooms are not available, the pools stay closed," said Greg McNicol associate vice president for business affairs and facilities management. "As it stand right now it's supposed to be ready for the fall semester."

Originally, the Swimming and Fitness Center was set to re-open for the spring semester of 2012. It had been under construction since the opening of the new recreation center Aug. 29, 2011 by then contractors, VCC.

Students have enjoyed the facility even without the pool area being available, but have expressed some concern that perhaps their tuition money is not being used properly.

"I think it's unfair because a lot of us don't just use the gym, we also like to swim," said Jiselle Del Cid, junior biological sciences major. "It's very disappointing that they still haven't opened it. It makes it harder for us because we have to use public swimming pools and we have to pay for that, when our tuition covers the swimming pool."

McNicol said that due to issues with VCC, a national contractor based out of Phoenix, UTEP had to part ways with the contractor. The university has now contracted with Vaughn Construction, based out of Houston, to finalize the project. The company is familiar with the UTEP campus and has worked on several projects such as the Chemistry and Computer Science, College of Health Sciences and School of Nursing and Biological Sciences buildings.

"We went to a company that's done a lot of work here at UTEP and has finished projects on time," McNicol said. "Part of it, I don't think VCC was as familiar with the sub-contracting community here. That can create some issues sometimes."

According to McNicol, the additional construction will be completed in December.

"What's left is the renovation of the older building, there's an addition of

some racquetball courts to that section," McNicol said. "And if we have enough money, we're going to also try to either renovate or rehab the old multipurpose field or build a new field."

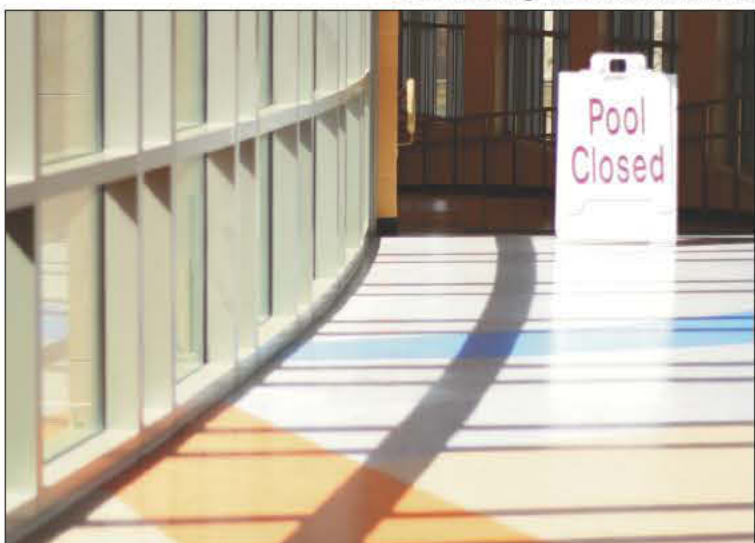
In addition to that, planning and construction manager Robert Meredith said the pools have been re-

plastered and will have a new deck to go along with the remodeling of the locker rooms. Meredith confirmed the opening dates of Sept. 1 and additional construction to be done by Dec. 12. He also added that there will be three group-exercise rooms.

Senior music education major, Cesar Perez-Banuet shared Del Cid's concern.

"I was a little upset about the pool, because I know they're still charging us a fee in our tuition and it's still not open," Perez-Banuet said.

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The student Swimming and Fitness Center will remain close throughout the summer and is set to open Sept. 1.

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