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Column

The experience of studying abroad

BY ALEJANDRO ALBA



The Prospector

Less than a month ago I found myself in a Muslim dominated country in Asia named Indonesia. If you don't know where Indonesia is—that's okay, many didn't when I told them—I suggest you go to a map and find it, it's right next to Australia.

I had to let go of all stereotypes and allow myself to experience another culture firsthand, and not by the one-sided tales of others. Studying abroad was no ordinary experience, and therefore I had to open my mind to new things.

There were many people that used to tell me, "Go study abroad, you won't regret it. It will be one of the best things you ever did." I would respond by saying, "sure, if I had all the money in the world I would go."

Fortunately, UTEP made it easier for me to go study abroad. My experiences in Indonesia were grand, and with the help of UTEP, RARE and USAID, I was able to spend a whole month there along with 12 other students. I still don't know if a month was enough time. And by enough I mean that it might have been too short, or too long.

I'm glad that I went to Indonesia instead of a country like Spain, where everybody and their grandparents go. I wanted to go someplace where I would have to learn a new language, and an entire new culture. I'd be too familiar with Spain, beginning with its language.

Being away made me appreciate many things from home like my options in food,—because all we ate over there was rice for breakfast, lunch and dinner—clean water and a comfortable bed with no rats, bugs or geckos underneath.

Immersing in a different culture also gave me the chance to reflect upon the lifestyle I carry. Seeing the Muslim community so committed to their religion made me realize how much of a freelancer I am with mine.

Other experiences I had were life threatening, but I lived to tell it all. I would often find myself questioning my food, or looking for a western toilet, because all they had were toilets where you have to squat down to poop. I also found myself running away from a tribe of savages that wanted to cook me alive. No, I'm joking, that last one didn't happen. If people on the trip ran from anything it was a tarantula or a snake. Maybe even a crocodile.

There are pros and cons—more pros, I would say—to studying abroad. They all vary with different people. Since

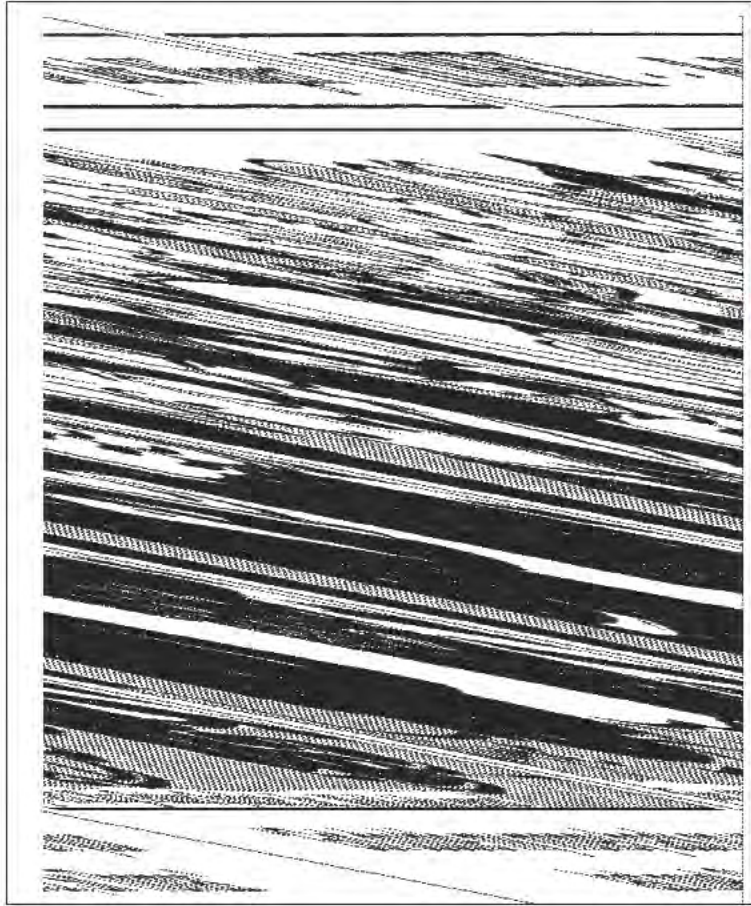
some students are not used to being away from home for long periods of time, they tend to get homesick, which then leads to being cranky.

You must be mentally and physically prepared for culture shock. If you have never left your house for a long period of time you need to know that not everything will be easy and available on demand. I would suggest to try to adapt quickly to the customs and food. It makes it easier on you and the rest of the group you're traveling with.

Going to Indonesia was an amazing experience that changed my perspective on life. It made me realize that we are very privileged in the United States, and that is everyone. I came back more humble appreciated simplicity.

Seems like I've joined the faction of people that brag about studying abroad because I'm about to tell everyone that traveling abroad is one of the best decisions you can make.

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Books

Students find alternatives to buying textbooks

REBECCA GUERRERO
The Prospector

Students now have more options when it comes to the sometimes stressful process of buying books for class.

The Follet Higher Education group, which manages the UTEP bookstore, is offering different alternatives such as the “rent a text” program, used books or digital books.

“The good thing about buying through the bookstore is that if you have a problem you just come directly to us, compared to having to wait on the phone or waiting for your books,” said Frank Morga, assistant store director. “Compared to ordering online, if you are on financial aid you can

swipe your gold card and use it here, but you can’t do that online.”

According to Follet, students can save 40 to 60 percent off the price of a new textbook using CafeScribe, a digital textbook platform.

CafeScribe users can read and study on Macs, PCs and most web-enabled devices like tablets and smart phones, anywhere and anytime.

A new digital option is Inkling digital textbooks, available at efollet.com, which include upgraded features such as videos, animation and music. They will also feature a program called “pick 3” which will allow students to purchase three chapters of a textbook for a fraction of the price of the full textbook.

Adrian Chavez, senior psychology major, said he likes the convenience of ebooks.

“I’ve used an ebook before and the thing I liked most about it was the fact that it was very accessible,” he said. “If you have a class on Monday Wednesday and Friday, but you have to do your homework on Tuesdays and Thursdays, you don’t have to carry that extra book around. I also think they’re helpful for those who can’t afford the actual book, though it can encourage you to be a little lazy to not bring books to class.”

Xena Quintana, junior mathematics major, sees the pros and cons to having an ebook rather than a regular textbook.

“I have never bought digital textbooks,” Quintana said. “Personally I don’t think I would like digital books because looking at a screen can get tiresome for my eyes, especially since I work on the computer at least six hours a day at work. However, I can see the benefit of buying digital books; such as not having to lug

around heavy textbooks. It also saves space to go digital and they are usually cheaper.”

According to the UTEP bookstore, the campus has the largest used textbook selection in the industry, resulting in huge savings for students when they sell their books back.

Another popular feature at the bookstore is “rent a text” which allows students to highlight and mark in their textbooks as they normally would and still be able to return them to the bookstore by the end of the semester at 50 percent or more off the regular price.

“I have rented a textbook once from the university bookstore,” said Quintana. “It was fast and saved me \$60. I guess convenience is the best thing about buying from the bookstore. It’s close and they have all of the books that you would need usually.”

Some students believe that renting textbooks can take off some of the pressure that comes with the uncertainty of ordering online.

“I used to buy them but I started to realize that renting them is better because you don’t have to worry about the hassle of reselling them or having them turn out to be the wrong edition,” said Haydee De Aquino, sophomore pre-occupational therapy major. “In my opinion I don’t like digital form and I can’t see myself learning that way; there is something about a real book that you can’t get from a digital. I guess I’m just old school.”

According to Follet, they are continuing to search for new ways to lower course material costs for students. A pilot program they are currently implementing at several top universities is the incluED program, which will allow schools to provide required course materials to students as part of tuition or fees. Though this program has not reached UTEP yet, if it is successful, it may someday be available to all universities under Follet’s management.

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Students at UTEP are finding ways to save money at the bookstore.



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Aug. 29: Border Beat Showcase

The Rubin Center will host an open house from 4-7 p.m., with stenciling activities and bands Calista, Bumpstreet Fonanza and Acid Pie. The event is free.

Aug. 31: Minerpalooza

The annual UTEP celebration will begin from 6 p.m. to midnight and will include a pep rally, food and live entertainment.

Sept. 6: "The Avengers"

Get Reel cinema will begin the semester by screening "The Avengers." Their lineup this fall will include classics like "Psycho" and "Dirty Dancing" and recent films and documentaries like "Ted," "The Social Network" and "Bully." Films will be shown twice a week at 7 p.m.

Sept. 9: GIGANT3S

Marc Anthony, Marco Antonio Solís and Chayanne will perform at 8 p.m. at the Don Haskins Center, one of the 14 performances they'll give in the U.S. Tickets start at \$43.75.

Sept. 15: Battle of I-10. UTEP vs. NMSU

The 90th annual battle of I-10 will take place at 6 p.m. at the Sun Bowl. UTEP will attempt their fourth consecutive victory against the New Mexico Aggies.

Sept. 17: "Bless Me, Ultima" premiere

The world premiere of the adapted novel by Rudolfo Anaya will be held at the Plaza Theatre. The director and cast members are expected to attend. Several El Paso theaters will begin showing the film Sep. 21.

Sept. 28: Jenni Rivera

The nortena singer will perform at 8 p.m. at the Don Haskins Center. Tickets start at \$40.

Oct. 12-28.: "Monty Python's Spamlot"

The UTEP Dinner Theatre will hold a musical production based on the comedy "Monty Python and the Holy Grail." Times vary.

Oct. 14-20: Homecoming

The week-long celebration will begin with the SGA Royalty Pageant and continue with several award ceremonies, among other events. It all leads up to the Oct. 20 football game where the Miners will face Tulane.

Oct. 31-Nov. 4: 2012 Conference USA Championships

The Women's soccer championship tournament will be held at UTEP for the second time since 2007. The UTEP women's soccer team were runner-ups during last year's tournament.

Event

School begins with a campaign against drunk driving



BRANDY POSADA / The Prospecter

The Department of Public Safety held an event Aug. 27 at the Union to prevent drunk driving as part of its Drink. Drive. Go to Jail campaign.

“We’re traveling around the state to encourage students not to drink and drive especially during Labor Day weekend because it’s the most dangerous time of year on Texas Roads,” Campaign Coordinator Simone Benz said. “That’s the big message. There’s going to be law enforcement working overtime to stop and arrest drunk drivers. We also have an Instagram feed called ‘Drive Sober’ with photos of the students. We also tag UTEP and got their mug shots.”

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Students gather at the back to school frenzy

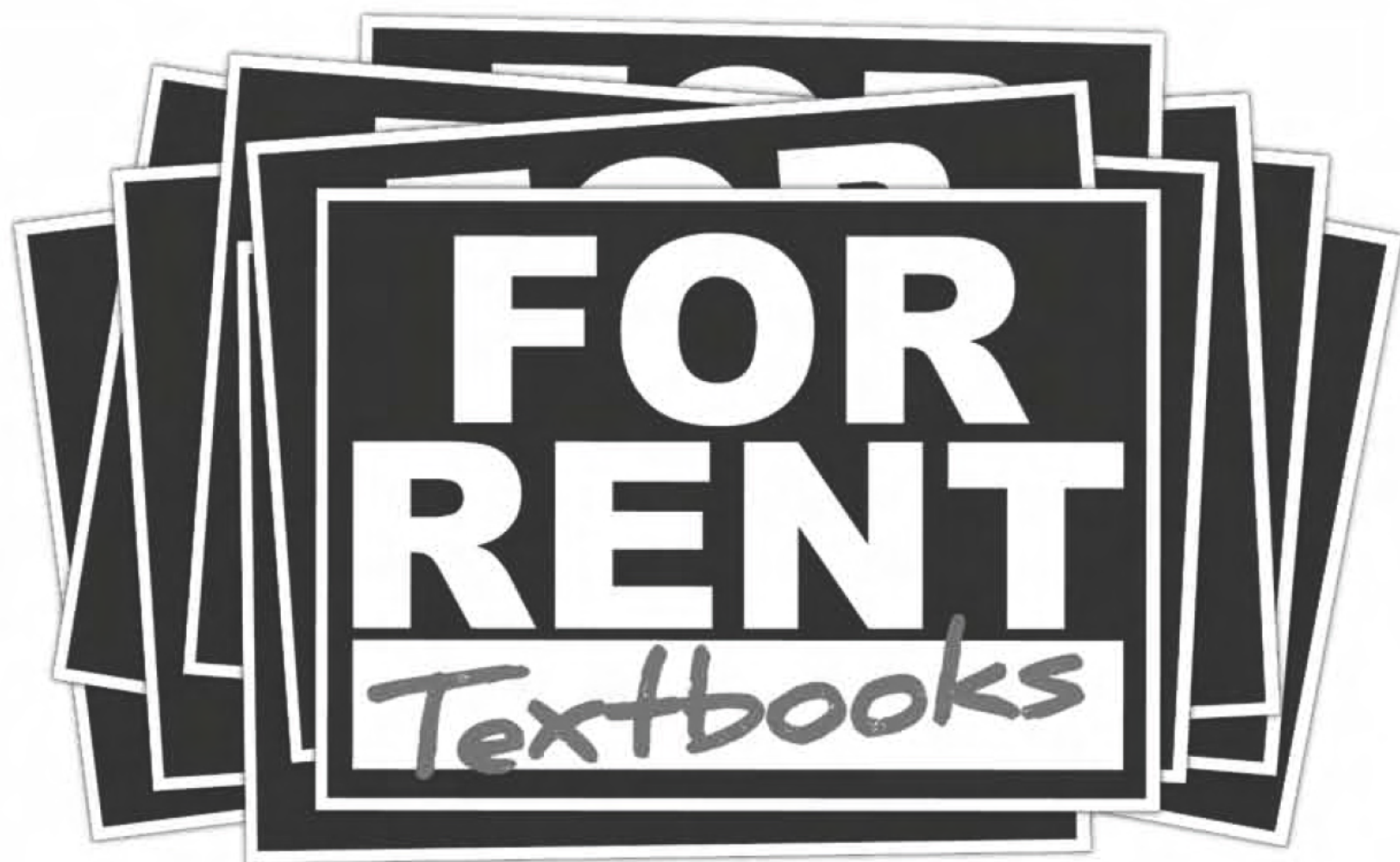


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Dozens of miners gathered around Leech Grove Aug. 27 to celebrate the first day back to school.

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Protest

Caravan's message calls for U.S. actions

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA
The Prospector

The Caravan for Peace with Justice and Dignity, lead by Mexican poet and writer Javier Sicilia, made a stop in El Paso Aug. 20 to bring awareness to the brutality of the ongoing drug war in Mexico and to push U.S. local, state and national authorities to include this topic in their political agendas.

The caravan was welcomed by dozens of El Paso activists and supporters in search of a solution to the drug war.

"We can't separate ourselves from Mexico," said Josiah Heyman, chair and professor of anthropology. "There's no question that there's a whole bunch of things that Mexico needs to do that are Mexico's responsibility in terms of their criminal justice system, their legal system, their political system, but there's a bunch of things the United States needs to do."

Mexico has a 98 percent rate of impunity, which means the odds of a criminal being caught or arrested would be two percent, according to the caravan coordinators.

Heyman volunteered to be part of the organizing committee for the Caravan as it travels through the U.S. He specifically worked on the five key resolutions on the U.S. side public policies such as the need to stop gun trafficking, the need to debate alternatives to drug prohibition, the need for better tools to combat money laundering, the need to promote bilateral cooperation in human rights and safety for migrants.

"We're by far the largest market for illegal drugs. We make cartel's profits," Heyman said. "It's not just

"We're by far the largest market for illegal drugs. We make cartel's profits."

- Josiah Heyman, chair and professor of anthropology.

a drug trade, it's also a gun trade and the guns go from the U.S. to Mexico. The stuff goes both directions."

Nubia Legarda, senior multidisciplinary studies major, said there's urgency for the public to be aware and conscious of what role the U.S. plays in Mexico's drug war.

"There's too much blood being shed and both countries have a role, or play a part in that," Legarda said. "So I feel like what (the Caravan for Peace is) doing right now is really important because we do need to stop the flow of guns south and drugs north."

According to statistics released by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, more than 68,000 firearms seized in Mexico from 2001 to 2007 originated from the United States.

"The money goes in both directions, and there's corruption in both countries," Heyman said. "The corruption plays itself out in very different ways, but there's lots of corrup

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The Caravan for Peace with Justice and Dignity, led by Mexican Poet and writer Javier Sicilia, made a stop in El Paso on Aug. 20. The caravan aims to spread a message about the U.S.'s role in the Mexican drug war, and calls for U.S. involvement with the solution.

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MARIANNA ORTIZ
Senior bio-chemistry major
"I took summer classes during the first summer session. Later during the summer, I went to the American Society of Virology conference in Madison, Wisconsin."



TALINA AVILA
Senior Kinesiology major
"I went to Houston. And there's a pier in Galveston which was the first pier I've ever been to."



RYAN ADAMS
Junior psychology major
"I went to Las Vegas, I went to Baltimore, and Virginia Beach. I spent a lot of time with family."



PALOMA MUNOZ
Junior bio-chemistry major
"I went on a medical school internship to the medical school in Galveston. It was a great experience. There were other UTEP students so we got to represent our school and it was a great opportunity."



EDDIE ORIEGA
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"I worked for security in Dallas. It's an on call sort of thing so I'm always working somewhere."

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"Aside from spending time with my friends and family I also went on trips to Schlitterbahn and Elephant Butte."



JOSE TRONCOSO
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"I went to Dallas for the first time with a couple of friends and I also went to Ruidoso with my girlfriend."



REENA BEGGS
Junior biology major
"I took a lot of summer school classes. I also went on the MPO bus trip to different medical schools around Texas."



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JOE MIRANDA
Sophomore psychology major
"I went to Ruidoso and mostly spent time with friends and family."



DAVID NUNEZ
Sophomore business administration major
"I spent my summer touring in other states with my band."



SERGIO SIERRA
Freshman computer science major
"I spent most of my summer hanging out with friends and family while I wasn't working"



MARQUIS ELY
Freshman bio-chemistry major
"The highlight of my summer was moving into town and prepping for the school year."

Anniversary

On the 'Glory Road' to the centennial



FILE PHOTO

The year 2014 will mark UTEP's 100th year in existence. Many events and activities are being planned to prepare.

BY NIDIA FLORES

The Prospector

The year 2014 will mark 100 years since the opening of the Texas State School of Mines and Metallurgy, now known as UTEP. In anticipation for the centennial, UTEP has established a plan called the Centennial Campaign, which will promote UTEP's rich past, its present and its promising future.

For the 2012-2013 school year, there are a number of events planned as a continuation of the Centennial Campaign, a plan that was presented and put into effect in 2010 by UTEP President Diana Natalicio.

According to a plan book from the 2014 Commission, the goal of the centennial events will be to foster pride in the university's accomplishments, bring all groups together to celebrate UTEP's rich history and reinvigorate traditions among other goals.

"We plan on engaging the students by inviting them to a variety of events highlighting the centennial," said Elizabeth Thurmond, director of institutional advancement. "We are still working on teaser events building up to the kickoff of the centennial next year."

The first teaser will be through a set of official ringtones. The department of commercial music will be developing and producing 10 ringtones, which will be released throughout the next two years.

According to Thurmond, during Minerpalooza students will be able to start downloading the first two official ringtones of the centennial. They will also be receiving silicone bracelets as a reminder of the important events coming up, and will additionally be reminded of the centennial celebrations through their Facebook accounts.

Erika Mendoza, incoming freshman English major, said she is eager to begin the school year with pride and attending events like Minerpalooza.

"I am very excited for UTEP and its upcoming festivities. What better way to be introduced to Miner life than by celebrating their centennial," Mendoza said. "With 100 years of dedication and excellence toward its students' futures, I look forward to seeing what UTEP has in store for me."

"I'm very excited to see the outcome of all the plans. I'm sure it will look beautiful."

-Cindy Juarez, coordinator at Professional and Public Programs

Minerpalooza, however, is not the only event that UTEP will use to get students, faculty, staff and alumni involved in the festivities leading up to 2014.

"On September 21, we will commemorate the first day of class (which took place on September 23, 1914) by showing Glory Road on campus and releasing some new bracelets for the students," said Thurmond.

The centennial planning not only includes new events, but also new university landmarks.

During the month of July, the transformation phase was introduced with a taste of what the campus will look like once the renovation and construction is finished. The plans revealed a more inviting and pedestrian-friendly campus.

"I'm very excited to see the outcome of all the plans. I'm sure it will look beautiful," said Cindy Juarez, program coordinator at Professional and Public Programs. "I'm glad it (UTEP) will become a closed campus, but I will miss the inner campus parking, though."

Some of the major changes involve a Centennial Plaza right in the middle of campus between the Union, Geological Sciences and Psychology buildings that will connect the university and will require the removal of parking lots and streets in that area.

The Bhutan architecture at UTEP will be reinforced as well by the placement of a Lhakhang (temple) at the northwest edge of Centennial Plaza.

The Leech Grove area, which many students and student organizations use as a central point for events and activities, will see improvements as well.

Aside from construction projects and creating awareness events, the Centennial Lecture Series will continue during the fall and spring semesters to expose students and faculty to current issues in a wide range of topics regarding the university.

According to Thurmond, there are also a couple of events in the city of Austin that will possibly include UTEP students to commemorate the day the Texas Legislature made the announcement that community leaders could raise funding to open the college.

"This is an inclusive project, we would like anyone with good suggestions to let us know (of ideas)," Thurmond said. "And this includes students, faculty and staff."

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Jobs

Online program provides employment opportunities

BY JESSICA ALVAREZ

The Prospector

The University Career Center is making it easier for students to search for jobs through Job Mine, an online database that connects currently enrolled students to co-op internships, part/full time positions, volunteer opportunities and work-study positions.

The University Career Center Director, George Barton, said that the free service has been around for about 10 years and it has evolved into what it is now.

"Job mine offers job placement for a full time job, part time job, internship, co-op or even a volunteer opportunity," Barton said.

Career opportunities can be "on campus, off campus, in state, out of state and even international," said Craig Thompson, University Career Center's associate director and liaison to the Colleges of Education and Science.

Students can also use the database to upload resumes, writing samples and schedule interviews with potential employers.

"Employers go into the site electronically and post what they are looking for," Barton said. "Sometimes, students aren't even aware that we are working on their behalf, sending out their resumes and that kind of thing to employers. If they give us permission to do that, we'll get requests unbeknownst to the students and get their resumes out to those employers."

Other services offered are career events and expositions, including their biggest event this year, Career Expo, which will be held Sept. 21 and 22 at the Don Haskins Center.

"We'll have over 100 employers coming in looking for any and all majors throughout both days," Barton said. "It's important that the students know about it and that they come dressed up, ready to go and make a good impression."

As of August last year, Job Mine had 13,288 active registrants, 11,574 of which were undergrads, 1,282 graduate students and 432 alumni.

Students can also remain active for up to two semesters after graduating unless they become part of the alumni association.

Additionally, internships and work-study opportunities for all colleges are also posted on Job Mine.

Adrian Antonio Rivera, senior bilingual education major, has had an account with Job Mine since 2008 and acquired his current work-study position with the Engineering Department through Job Mine last month. He had previously landed another position in 2008 working for the El Paso Library's Main Downtown Branch the same way.

Although Job Mine has been a big help, he feels that the University Career Center and Job mine should all work together with the Financial Aid Department and Goldmine to make the process for students smoother.

"It was complicated this time around to get the work study situated since the departments are not work-

ing together," he said. "They need to communicate and it takes a while, to go through financial aid and the University Career Center."

Officials at the University Career Center said they are working on that specific topic.

"We are trying to get Job Mine on my.utep.edu. That was one of the recommendations we have gotten from the students," Thompson said.

Graduate instructional student Rasmiyeh Asam signed up for Job Mine in 2011 when she was still pursuing her BA in Interdisciplinary Studies and got a tutoring position through Job Mine.

"Job mine is user-friendly, I just think that the UTEP employers have to be more proactive in posting their positions on there," she said. "There's a lot of jobs you can find that are in the El Paso area but I think openings in the UTEP area lack."

In this respect, the University Career Center invites all employers and UTEP departments to post their openings on Job Mine to give the student a better idea of what jobs are available on campus.

UTEP graduate, Raymundo Mendoza, was still a student when he used Job Mine but was unable to find much.

"Job Mine is good but there should be openings in a wider variety of fields because if a student goes in there and doesn't find anything in their field they might never go in there again," he said. "It should be linked to my.utep.edu so that the information

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- Rasmiyeh Asam, Graduate instructional major

is always up to date and that would make it easier for the student."

Other services offered through the University Career Center are etiquette dinners, workshops, resume writing, employer information sessions and career events. As a member of Job Mine, students can also receive alerts to make their search more proactive.

It is a good idea to check periodically for workshops, information sessions and to visit the University Career Center for help with resumes.

"You have to pay a lot of money to get these kinds of services in the outside world and we have it all here," Barton said.

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tion. So the United States has a lot of things we can do that are in our own interest that will reduce harm to people that will reduce corruption, that will reduce criminality in the United States so it's in our interest."

According to a 2009 Justice Department report, \$39 billion of wholesale profit makes its way south annually.

According to the Caravan for Peace, over the past six years there have been 160,000 internal refugees in Mexico. Many others migrate to the U.S. looking for better economic opportunities, but now the main goal is escaping the nightmare.

Oscar Morales, sociology graduate student and secretary of Miners Without Borders, came to the U.S. with his family because of the dangerous conditions that exist in Juárez.

"(Being) a person affected by the violence directly makes him a very powerful third party person with this organization because, especially with the elections in Mexico, there's a possibility of change in the policies," Morales said. "So I think it's very important that they hold people accountable for their promise, especially in regards to security and basically change the tactics that the Mexican government has had, because not only does that affect the people that live in Mexico, but the families that live in the United States that have family in Mexico."

Since visiting El Paso, the Caravan has made stops in Laredo, San Antonio, Austin, Houston, New Orleans and is currently in Jacksonville, Miss.

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Student life

College of Liberal Arts creates honors program

BY MARILYN ALEMAN

The Prospector

The College of Liberal Arts is launching a newly developed Honors Program which will enable students to gain opportunities by engaging in rigorous courses. The Liberal Arts Honors Program recruited 17 members during the summer; and they will begin their courses during the fall semester.

The LAHP was organized by Michael Topp, associate dean of Liberal Arts and associate professor of the History Department. According to Topp the development of the program lasted approximately a year, but the thought process has been in effect for five or six years.

This program is different from the Honors House at the university specifically because of the central focus for liberal arts students.

"When Pat Witherspoon became Dean of Liberal Arts, she suggested that we try a college focused, college specific effort to build an honors program," Topp said.

Students that are currently involved in LAHP are ready for the upcoming challenge.

"I am glad that there is a program which focuses in academics while challenging students to step out of their comfort zones," said Ledy Snyder, senior criminal justice major.

Sharon Murillo, junior philosophy major, is also looking forward to the semester.

"Being a LAHP student is an honor and is going to be a challenge on my own personal level," she said. "It encourages me to become more involved in school while interacting with people that have similar goals than mine."

In order to partake in the LAHP, students need to obtain at least a 3.5 GPA, have completed 45 credit hours, at least 12 of which have to have been completed at UTEP, and have a strong academic history.

Students interested can obtain an online application on the LAHP developing website. The application includes information on the documentation needed such as a resume and a three-question essay, only two of which need to be answered, according to Topp.

The program contains 19 liaisons and all are from different programs or departments, ranging from art to women's studies.

"There's a bunch of really talented people who have been helping us work this program," Topp said.

Brad Cartwright, history professor, and Gina Nunez-Mchiri sociology and anthropology professor, are some of the professors that will be teaching upper level classes.

Curriculum for the LAHP includes a total of 18 credit hours, and of those, two are mandatory.

The first mandatory course is a co-taught/methodology in which students focus on how "knowledge gets produced in the ways of liberal arts," Topp said.

The second mandatory and tail end course is a cross-disciplinary honors seminar in which students "work on an Honors thesis or projects with mentors from their home departments," Topp said.

The remaining 12 hours, may be internships, study-abroad, major courses, minor courses and block-electives. "We want to help facilitate students getting through here efficiently as possible," Topp said.

Although the LAHP is opening this fall semester, advances in the program are in construction, including the making of an honors program minor.

Other assets of the LAHP include a joint membership with the 21st Century Scholars Program where LAHP students gain leadership skills. LAHP students are also invited to lectures, where they can personally meet with local speakers correlated to their pursued professions as well as intellectual speakers.

Overall, the newly established LAHP offers not only rigorous courses but also an insight into a

strong academic and mental challenge, all of which will prepare students for the future.

"It will certainly be a very interesting experience," Snyder said.

Reviews of applications for the next semester (Spring 2013) will begin on Sept. 15.

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This first and only Jamba Juice in El Paso was brought to UTEP because of the information students provided in focus groups to UTEP Food Services.

UTEP Food Services, along with UTEP, are dedicated to improving student life. There are now more open seating areas on the second floor of the Union Building East with brand new furniture designed to help the students enjoy their lunch while relaxing and hanging out with their friends.

ACF Sushi, Mein Bowl, a renovated Pizza Hut, World of Wings (WOW), Garden Gourmet, Chick-fil-A, The Grill and El Cazo will still be housed on the second floor of the Union Building East. Garden Gourmet will delight you with their fresh ingredients where you can choose a salad from the menu or make up your own. The Grill takes pride in their delicious cheese steak sandwiches and their famous Miner Burger, which everyone should try out. El Cazo offers a variety of breakfast and lunch burritos, but few people know that they serve menudo from Monday through Friday. This will surely become a favorite when the mornings start getting chilly!

For students, who are looking for some grub during the evenings, Jamba Juice's hours of operation are from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. WOW will remain open late as well and will offer Pizza Hut for those students who want to savor a pizza later in the day. In fact, all around campus, Jazzman's, Starbucks and Einstein Bros. Bagels will provide students with extended hours.

So remember, whether you are craving a fresh and fruity smoothie, a pick-me-up cup of coffee or even some hot wings...UTEP Food Services has you covered.

Go Miners!



Animals

Stray wildlife survives on campus, officials responding positively



FILE PHOTO
Skunks, cats, foxes and bats are among the animals seen around campus.

BY GUERRERO GARCIA
The Prospector

After a dry summer, students will pour through the UTEP campus this fall semester. At night the pace will slow down, but students will not be the only creatures roaming the campus.

"I was making my way out of the library one night when I crossed paths with a skunk," said Serenity Garcia, senior linguistics major. "It stopped and stared in my direction and then we both continued on our paths."

The UTEP campus sits on the foothills of the Franklin Mountains, which is native ground to different species of wildlife. There have been numerous reports of creatures wandering around the UTEP area.

"Typically there are a lot of calls regarding skunks and cats roaming on campus," said Emilio Rodriguez, director of the Environmental Health and Safety Department, who deals with the reports of wildlife on campus.

Reports are made by students and staff that encounter the animals. The

department responds to each call but usually leaves the wildlife alone unless it has become an issue or is posing a threat.

The creatures that are very well known in the UTEP campus are the feral cats.

When reports of cats start to become an issue the department follows a procedure. Collaborating with the El Paso Veterinary Medical Association, UTEP sets up cages to catch feral cats, which are then taken and spayed or neutered, then are released back in the area. Cats that have been spayed or neutered have their ear clipped.

"By spaying or neutering the cats, our goal is to stop the population from growing," Rodriguez said.

Christina Smith, a nursing student agrees with the approach UTEP takes regarding the feral cats.

"They live a harsh life, banned and struggling for survival, all feral cats should be neutered," she said.

This past spring the department of Environmental Health and Safety col-

"They live a harsh life, banned and struggling for survival, all feral cats should be neutered."

-Christina Smith, nursing major

laborated with facilities services to address a skunk issue.

"The skunks were burrowing between the wall and basement of the library building," Rodriguez said. "We put in a one way door in the hole so the skunks that had crawled in could come out but could not go back in."

The trap door was in place for about a week and once all the skunks were captured they were released back to the wild away from campus. Facilities services fixed the landscape around the area to prevent future burrowing.

Jose Leyva, junior anthropology major, believes the university took appropriate action and handled the situation accordingly. "They are wild animals but there is no need to exterminate them, placing them somewhere else away from the university was just fine."

Skunks rarely leave their den until the evening, which is why all sightings have been reported during the dark hours.

Barbara Bailey, part-time curator of the Chihuahuan Desert Gardens at the Centennial Museum spends most of her mornings out in the garden weeding, pruning or watering the plants, but some mornings she has to fill up holes that were dug up overnight.

"Skunks are notorious for digging holes in the garden. They are either looking for water, insects or trying to reach the roots," Bailey said.

The green living organisms at the garden seem to attract the wildlife. Bailey has also seen foxes around there.

"I saw it as it was making its way past the gardens. At first I thought it was a skinny cat with a long furry tail and a pointed nose," she said.

Arthur Harris, past director of the Laboratory of Environmental Biology and professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, said the hills west and north of campus as well as the arroyo are ideal for wildlife habitat primarily because of the undeveloped area.

"There are boulders that make great dens. During the spring, a pair of foxes had their litters in a pile of boulders around the Sun Bowl area," Harris said.

There have not been any reports on the foxes. Rodriguez said it must be because foxes typically do not go around people.

Other reports filed with the department have been concerning bats in the Memorial Gym and swarms of bees in the new Chemistry and Computer Science Buildings. In both of these incidents professionals were called to handle the issue.

"Wildlife is out there, occupying the same space we are," Rodriguez said. "If a student or staff member crosses paths with any wild animal, do not feed it or pet it, leave it alone and report it."



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Football

Heisman hopeful leads Sooners into the Sun Bowl

Miners open 2012 non-conference schedule against no.4 Oklahoma



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TEP Miners will have hands full, when they kick off their 2012 campaign against the nationally fourth ranked, Oklahoma Sooners at 8:30 p.m. Sept. 1, at the Sun Bowl. This will be the first time Miners host a team with national championship aspirations since facing the Texas Longhorns in 2008 in a game of 53,415 in attendance. With 14,000 tickets still available, head coach Mike Price is hoping to see a sell-out crowd at the Sun Bowl for the opener. "We definitely want to emphasize the concept of selling out the stadium, something really important to the athletic department, our

football team and university," Price said. "(It's) a chance to showcase our football team, our university and yet really, a chance to showcase El Paso and the fans." The Miners and Sooners have faced each other twice since 2000. Oklahoma came out on top in both occasions with a combined score of 123-14. Despite the lack of success, players and coaches seem optimistic about the challenge. "The team is really excited, and we are working really hard, we are still a long way from where we need to be, but we are way ahead of our schedule compared to other years," linebackers coach Robert Rodriguez said. "We have a good group of leaders, we have a good group of talent, we just have to make sure we execute." Last year, UTEP senior quarterback Nick Lamaison started nine games and threw for a total of 1,718 yards, 12 touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

"(It's) a chance to showcase our football team, our university and yet really, a chance to showcase El Paso and the fans."

- UTEP head coach Mike Price



OU ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS / Special to the prospector
Oklahoma senior QB Landry Jones needs four more victories to become the all-time leader in wins for the Sooners and surpass Steve Davis (32).

FILE PHOTO
LEFT: UTEP senior QB Nick Lamaison

QUICK FACTS

- This marks the 50th anniversary of UTEP playing at the Sun Bowl.
- The Sooners are 32-17-3 in season openers in El Paso.
- UTEP head coach Mike Price is 5-3 in season openers at UTEP.
- UTEP is 25-0 all-time when scoring 30 points or more in season-opening games.
- This marks the third meeting between Oklahoma and UTEP, OU leads 2-0 outscoring the Miners 123-14.
- The Miners are 4-47 all-time against schools listed in the Associated Press top-25 poll.

Senior Mike Edwards led the team receiving, with a total of 50 receptions for 657 yards and three touchdowns. For 2012, the weight of the passing offense will fall on the two returning wide receivers, Edwards and Jordan Leslie. On the other hand, the No. 4 ranked Sooners, bring Heisman Trophy hopeful, quarterback Landry Jones. Jones completed 339 of 537 attempts for a total of 4,463 yards, 29 touchdowns and 15 interceptions. Despite losing wide receiver Ryan Broyles to the NFL, the Sooners still count with Kenny Stills and running back Dominic Whaley to lead the offense. Sooners head coach Bob Stoops, hired his brother, Mike Stoops as a defensive coordinator to solidify their defense and avoid any surprises. "This is always the hardest week. Everybody is kind of anxious to get into game week and game preparation. We started a little bit earlier splitting the time up between getting good fundamental work with our of-

their campaign with a 5-7 record, one win shy of bowl eligibility. The Miners finished fifth in the Conference USA West Division, on top of Tulane. The Sooners, who were the pre-season favorites in 2011, lost their last two road games against Baylor and

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- 10/27 at Houston*
 - 11/10 vs. UCF*
 - 11/17 at Southern Miss*
 - 11/24 vs. Rice*
- *Denotes conference game



Football

Running ahead of the pack, Jeffery ready to lead



BY AUDREY WESTCOTT
The Prospector

As football fans await the 60 minutes of wholesome American competition, Miner players are looking to their upperclassmen to lead them into the game and into a successful season.

Making an exception to this tradition, UTEP chances for football victory rests in the hands of one of the teams' youngest, sophomore running back Nathan Jeffery.

Impressed with Jeffery's commitment to his team, head coach Mike Price, is putting him as the center of many plays, knowing that he will gain yards and set the tempo for touchdowns.

"Our running game is looking fresh and sharp for this upcoming season and Jeffery is definitely a strong component of the offensive strategy," Price said. "I want him carrying the ball at least 20 times a game, because he is that good. He is that kind of running back."

Jeffery patiently waited his turn for playing time in 2011, rotating with a trio of seniors in Joe Banyard, Leilyon Myers and Vernon Frazier, who carried most of the load for the Miners.

Now Jeffery steps into the rotation as the player with the most in-game experience, leading the way for red-shirt sophomore Josh Bell, freshmen LaQuintus Dowell and Autrey Golden among others.

"To barely be entering my sophomore season and already considered a leader on this team is a huge honor and responsibility," Jeffery said. "I am a big step from where I was last year and I do not want to let my coaches, my team, or the fans down. I am trying to put in any extra effort that I have into learning all the plays and to being able to perform them against a defensive line."

Standing at 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighing in at 205 pounds, Jeffery solidified his spot as a playmaker with strong runs in his freshman season and throughout the offseason, carrying the ball 26 times, collecting a total of 166 yards with one touchdown.

With a 23.1 yard average per return, Jeffery is currently ranked seventh in league play, and is one of 52 candidates named to the Doak Walker Award Watch List.

The award is presented to the nation's top college running backs.

"I have been playing football since I was five years old, and never once did I think I would be where I am at today," Jeffery said. "UTEP has exposed me to a lot of opportunities, both in the classroom and on the field, and I am grateful for everything. Focus is key for me right now and I just want to keep improving my game, so I continue growing into the athlete I am anticipated to be."

With a clear passion for football, Jeffery is not only recognized for his athletic ability, but his combination

of sincere character and dedication to hard work.

"Jeffery is a 'do-it all player,' said special teams coordinator and running backs coach Jeff Banks. "Last year we had three seniors on the team, one who is currently in the NFL, and he worked just as hard as them as a freshman. It did not matter if we were in a game or at practice; he made sure he kept up. He is constantly working to improve and now that he is a starter, he is not only advancing his own skill, but he has taken on the task to teach his teammates. With the addition of two freshmen to our running backs, Jeffery is constantly making sure that everyone is playing at their best and as a team."

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"I want him carrying the ball at least 20 times a game, because he is that good. He is that kind of running back."

- head coach, Mike Price on

Nathan Jeffery

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Sophomore running back Nathan Jeffery enters 2012 as the featured back after rotating behind three seniors in 2011.

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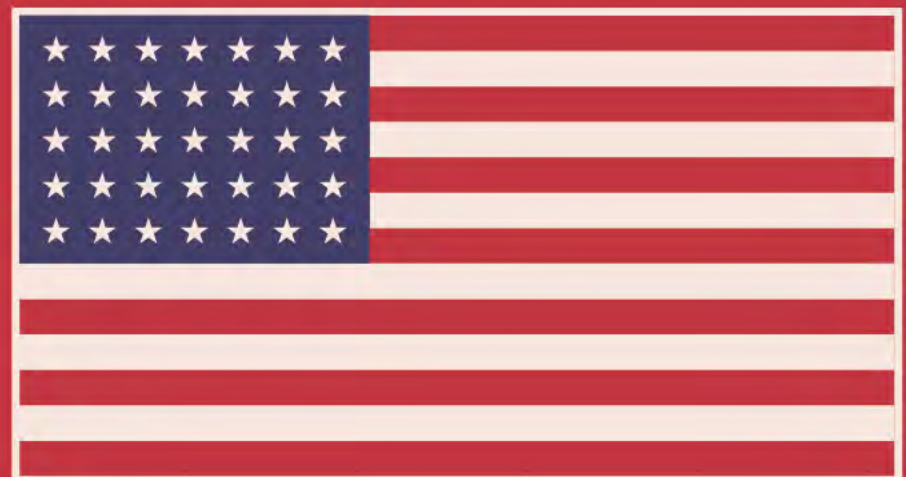
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Experience has Miners seeking a deep run in C-USA

The Prospector

With the 2012 Conference USA Championship to be played at UTEP University Field, the Miners are pulling out all the stops to prove they are a strong contender for the title.

Dominating the field with a pre-season record of 3-1, the women's soccer team is letting their footwork prove their worth.

The Miners, who are returning nine starters and 15 letter winners, will play in nine home games including the 13th Annual Border Shootout, where the Miners secured the first place title, beating out Texas State and Army.

UTEP will next compete in the UC Riverside Invitational held in Riv-

erside, Calif. and the Third-Annual Border Bash will be held at University Field. Conference USA play will begin Sept. 21, as the Miners take on East Carolina in Greenville, N.C.

"We are ready to pick back up where we left off last season," head coach Kevin Cross said. "We are returning experienced players who control the ball with an edge, and we are ready to read our competitors and adjust accordingly. We are going up against top teams, specifically Memphis and Central Florida, but we are a hungry team that is ready to play."

Up against a strong roster of teams this season, the Miners are looking to returning players to lead the team.

In her senior year, midfielder Tess Hall is one veteran to watch for on

the field. Hall, who was just named the Conference USA Women's Soccer Co-Offensive Player of the Week on Aug. 27, after her play in helping UTEP capture the Border Shootout Championship, assures that the team is ready to put their hard work to use and bring home the win.

"This season we are taking it to the next level," Hall said. "As a team we are playing with high energy and constantly pushing each other. Last season we did not have a strong finish, but we are ready to follow this season through. We will uphold our determination and character through every battle we encounter on the field."

Practicing six days a week, the Miners are physically and mentally prepared for a winning season, but to secure the top spot, UTEP is turning to their fans and their home support to give them that winning edge.

"Our home support is ultimately what is going to help us win a conference title," senior forward Brittney Kindzierzki said. "When we are at home we hardly ever lose, because our fans keep our heads in the game. Therefore, with nine home games this season, and the Conference USA Championship to be held here at UTEP, everything is just lining up for us. With our great team chemistry and our supportive fans I think this is going to be a promising season."

The Miners' next home game will be against the Weber State Wildcats for the first round of the Third-Annual Border Bash Sept. 7.

This will be the second time UTEP host to the conference tournament since 2007.

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Seniors Tess Hall (top no.5) and **Brittany Kindzierski** are two of the nine returning starters fixing to lead the soccer team to a C-USA championship in 2012.

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Oklahoma State and finished fourth in the Big 12 Conference.

This season is another opportunity for Oklahoma and the game against UTEP is special for the Sooners senior quarterback Jones.

Jones played high school football 200 miles away from El Paso in Artesia N.M. where he lead his team to consecutive 4-A state championships.

"It is just three hours southeast of us, so it is not too bad of a drive. I hope a lot of people get to come out to the game," Jones said. "I never thought I would go to El Paso to play a football game. That is exciting and fun to be able to do."

Jones did play in El Paso back in 2009 leading the Sooners past Stanford in the annual Sun Bowl game.

The Sooners are one of four non-conference opponents for the Miners in the 2012 season, in addition to rivals New Mexico State and road games against Ole Miss and Wisconsin.

Price expressed his satisfaction with the team's has performances in practices during the offseason and feels the team is healthy and ready to go.

"What's been impressive to me this year? No bad practices, every practice has been a good one," Price said. "It has something to do with the character and chemistry of our team...we have really good people leading our team."

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Head coach Mike Price is entering his ninth season at the helm in which he's gone 45-52, leading the Miners to three bowl appearances in the process. Price is also in the final year of his contract.

Football

Spencer ready for the spotlight

BY FRANKIE RODRIGUEZ
The Prospector

Oklahoma's top five passing game in the country will face a threat in the secondary with a fully recovered, big hit ability senior defensive back Richard Spencer.

"He delivered three really big hits with his shoulder within 40 snaps in last week's scrimmage," safeties coach Tom Williams said. "He has mastered what we are doing defensively. He knows exactly what to do and for a guy that hadn't gotten a full spring is pretty impressive. To me, he sure looks to be 100 percent. The next day he said he didn't feel any affects of it at all so I would say that he is as close to 100 percent as you can be in this game of football"

Spencer missed 10 practices in the spring with a shoulder injury, but is certain he is ready as ever to get the season underway.

"I am recovering from a shoulder surgery that I had in March, but everything is pretty much good right now. My bench press went up, I mean I am 100 percent. It is not bothering me at all," Spencer said. "This season I will do anything to help my team win.

I am looking for a conference championship and a bowl game."

Williams was uncertain whether Spencer would be football ready to start the season due to his shoulder injury.

"Coming back in the fall, the question I had was whether he would be in shape and would he be able to absorb contact with his shoulder. He has been able to do both," Williams said. "He is having a great camp"

The Miners secondary will face an assault through the air with the Sooners coming in as an offensive powerhouse in passing. With a returning senior quarterback Landry Jones, Oklahoma ranked fifth in the nation in passing.

"It is a great opportunity. There is nothing like playing in big games in college football. That's why you do it," Williams said. "We have an opportunity to play Oklahoma at home in the Sun Bowl and they are the number four ranked team in the country. It is a player's dream, as well as a coach's."

The secondary is looking forward to the challenge of playing against a top ranked passing offense and a quarterback in Sooners senior quar-

terback Jones who is a Heisman Trophy hopeful.

"I am very excited, but I am trying not to get ahead of myself and just take it day by day," Spencer said. "They are a good team. Ranked in the top five and I am looking forward to the challenge."

The Miners are no stranger to taking on prolific passing attacks, having faced fellow C-USA opponent Houston, who had been led by Case Keenum the previous five seasons. Those experiences have the Miners confident in their ability to play against the Sooners' offense.

"We just do the same thing. Coming out and practicing every day, doing what we are taught to do. All we have to do is do our job, that's all it comes down to is do your job and play to the best of your abilities," senior defensive back DeShawn Grayson said. "It is always good to play a tough team, a team that is not in our conference and a team that is just well known. It is a big game for us to help get our confidence up."

The two fellow safeties have a developed chemistry that dates back to their high school days in Moreno Valley, Calif.

"That is my brother man. We go way back from high school where we played together (Rancho Verde High)," Grayson said. "We both have been training really hard this off-sea-

son and focusing on helping this team win by taking it to another level."

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Richard Spencer #24

Classification: Senior

Position: Safety

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 205 lbs.

Hometown: Moreno Valley, Calif.

Named to the 2012 C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll

2011 Stats:

47 tackles (31 solo, 47 unassisted)

Two sacks

Once forced fumble

Football

Tight ends looking to have bigger impact in Price's offense

BY EDWIN DELGADO
The Prospector

With plenty of new faces in the offense this upcoming season, the Miners tight ends feel ready to take a leading role and help the team improve on their 5-7 record from 2011.

Junior tight end Kevin Perry led the group last season with 17 receptions for a total of 203 yards and one touchdown.

Sophomore Eric Tomlinson, had six receptions for 83 yards and one touchdown, while sophomore Craig Wenrick had only four receptions for a total of 105 yards and two touchdowns.

Former program coordinator Chad Raymond is back at UTEP, after Jeff Woodruff resigned in May.

Raymond spent the 2011 season with the New Mexico Highlands as the tight ends coach, and spent the spring with his alma mater Tarleton State, until May when head coach Mike Price decided to bring him back to El Paso.

Raymond was the program coordinator from 2008-2010 and was also in charge of the offensive line during those three seasons, but now, he is back as the tight ends coach and his personnel is quickly adapting to his style and philosophy.

"It's easy to adapt to him, because we have known him from when he was here before," Perry said. "He is a

cool guy, he is young and we can relate with him more."

However, this season they might be used a lot more in the offense, since the Miners will only get two wide receivers back from last season, senior Mike Edwards and sophomore Jordan Leslie.

"I'm really looking forward for the opportunity we all are going to have this year, we got more plays and more opportunities to have an impact," Wenrick said. "We have done stuff now that we have never done before, he is really trying to make us better all around players."

Last season, the Miners offense struggled, averaging only 226 yards per game, ranking 67th in the country and averaged 155 yards rushing ranking 61th in the nation.

Raymond has not given the passing game the priority for his men, and is trying to work on all the different aspects to prepare for stiff opposition early on the season.

"He is really helping us out with our blocking a lot more, to improve that part of our game. He is a great coach and I'm really looking forward to the start of the season," Tomlinson said. "We are a much more physical group and we have great chemistry, hopefully we can translate that into the field."



BRANDY POSADA / The Prospector

Sophomore tight end Eric Tomlinson (87) is one of four players at his position that stand 6 feet 4 inches or taller hoping to contribute in a bigger capacity in 2012.

The team believes they can turn things around this season. The most important players in the offense know each other well and are really aiming high for the 2012 season.

"I am really looking forward to winning a conference championship. I think we really got the tools and the depth to do it this year," Perry Said. "We just need to do our job to help the team win games."

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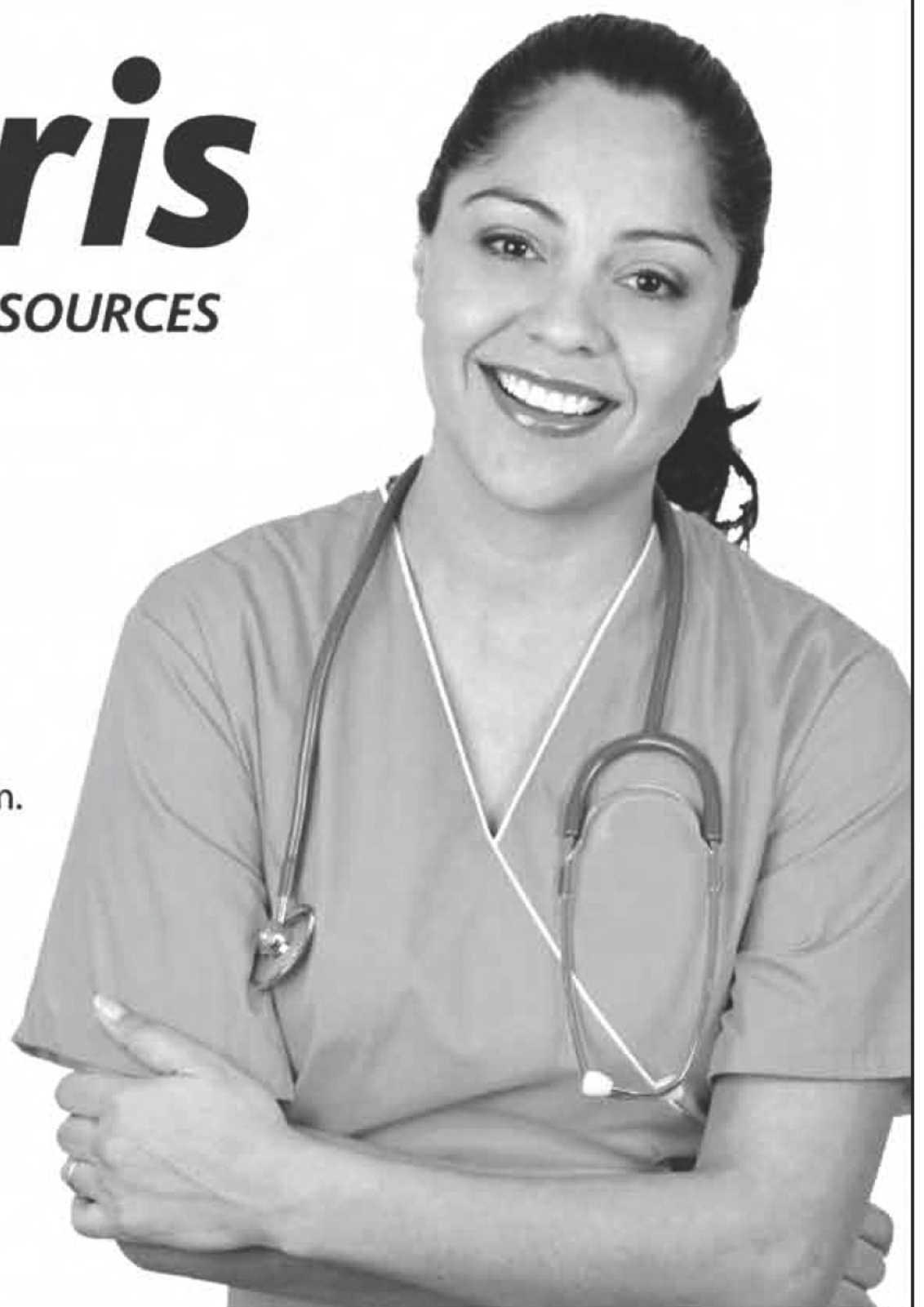
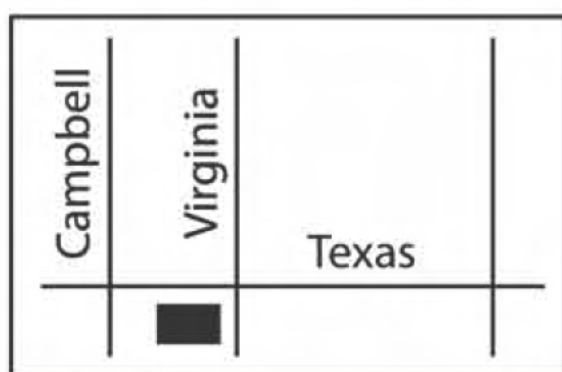
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Maira Montes dances

ANDREA ACOSTA
The Prospector

Junior dance major, Maira Montes, missed her best friend's wedding in order to make a nine hour drive to Austin and perform as a back-up dancer for Premios Texas.

That was one of the many sacrifices she made in order to achieve her dream of becoming a professional dancer, but she doesn't look back and aspires to perform again on the big stage.

"I first became aware of it (Premios Texas) through one of my friends, she sent me the flyer that was publicized on Facebook," Montes said. "I was

thrilled with the idea and decided to take a chance."

According to Montes, auditions for the annual people's choice award ceremony honoring the best in the Latin music industry were held the week of summer I finals, so she made some arrangements and without over thinking it, she drove to Austin.

"Being my first audition I was really nervous and I had no idea what to expect," Montes said. "When I finally got there, there were about 50 other dancers waiting in line to audition."

Out of the 50 dancers, judges would only choose two winners, a female and a male to perform as back-up dancers for Latin Artists. Auditions included learning a thirty-second

choreography followed by a one-minute freestyle of the participant's choice. Moreover, participants had to be between the ages of 18 and 28.

"It was nerve wrecking since we didn't have a lot of time to practice," Montes said. "Not to mention that we all had to perform in front of a camera, along with the director, producers and photographers of the show."

After the judges' decision, Montes was selected to be the female winner to be a part of the televised Univision show, the only participant coming from out of town.

"I was informed through email and I was really excited to hear the good news, I couldn't wait to drive back to

"It was such an amazing experience that helped me grow as a dancer."

- Maira Montes, dance major

Austin the following week and start rehearsals," Montes said.

According to Montes, rehearsals took place July 9-Aug. 1 at Austin, and all dancers practiced 27 hours in total for the month of July. As the date of

the performance drew near, dancers had to practice all day long in order to polish their dance routine.

"It was such an amazing experience that helped me grow as a dancer," Montes said.

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Special to The Prospector

SCMF expects high attendance

BY NIDIA FLORES
The Prospector

With the Sun City Music Festival just a couple of days away, the anticipation to see one of the biggest music events of the year is increasing. This year, the festival will include big names like David Guetta among others and local talent. The second annual festival will be held at Ascarate Park Sept. 1-2.

"I already have my tickets and my hotel reservations, I have been waiting for this all year, especially after it was announced that David Guetta would be performing," said psychology major Natalie Hernandez.

Evan Bailey, marketing coordinator for Disco Donnie Presents said they expect more than 10,000 people in attendance each day.

"The expectations have increased significantly due to the fact that David Guetta will be headlining the event," Bailey said. "During the first year of the festival, it had about 30 artists in the lineup, and this year we increased it to 36, so we are definitely excited to keep growing."

The majority of the artists performing at the festival are from all over the world, but organizers also made sure to showcase local talent.

The organizers set up a regional talent competition through the Sun City Music Festival Facebook page to allow one local deejay/producer the opportunity to perform during the festival for the first time. "It's a great way to interact with the fans and give locals a chance to perform in a stage like this," Bailey said.

The winner of the competition would be determined by two rounds of voting. The first round determined the 20 finalists and the second round, which is still open to Facebook users, will determine who will be in the talent lineup for the event.

DJ Statik Jumpen, a local deejay who performs in places like Phoenix participated in the first round of the competition.

"It doesn't really matter who wins, obviously everybody that is competing wants to win, but what is important is that local artists get exposure and they can be heard," Jumpen said. "A lot of the local deejays do it solely for the purpose of the music, not for show or fame, so it's really cool that at least one of us will get to share our passion."

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BY OSCAR GARZA
The Prospector

Summer movies season has come to an end and the time to turn to fall TV has begun. Over the years TV shows have become a prime staple of pop culture due to their inventive and sophisticated storytelling. While there are several shows on many networks, here are some of the most anticipated for this season.

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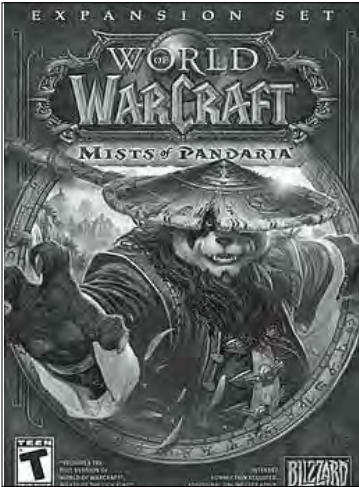
RETURNING SHOWS:



“American Horror Story”— The strange and horror phenomenon that enthralled audiences last season returns with an all new storyline titled “Asylum.” So expect the same bizarre and horrific sensibilities that Ryan Murphy embraced for the freshman season. This season will center on a whole new setting and characters, but it will include several returning stars such as Jessica Lange and Zachary Quinto. Season two premieres in Oct. on FX.



“Community”— The offbeat critically acclaimed cult sitcom returns for a fourth year at Greendale. The original cast of the Greendale Seven returns along with Jim Rash (Dean Pelton) and new guest stars such as Malcolm McDowell. Viewers can expect the same use of pop culture references and brilliant use of meta humor that “Community” has become distinctive for. Greendale returns on Oct. 19 to NBC.



“The Walking Dead”— The popular horror drama that set records for viewership returns for its third season with a new setting that includes a prison and new characters including fan favorites Michonne and The Governor. With new show-runner Glen Mazzara at the helm, the season promises more action, more suspense and more zombie rampage. The zombie apocalypse continues on AMC Oct. 14.



“Fringe”— The last season of the cult sci-fi show that started as a new type of “The X-Files,” but later morphed into embracing its own mythology and ambitious storylines, returns for the beginning of the end. The final season will feature the arrival of the Observers, which were teased last season. Anna Torv, Joshua Jackson, John Noble, Jasika Nicole and Blair Brown are all set to return. The final season will return to Fox on Sept. 28.



“Doctor Who”— If you haven’t heard about this cult British TV Show—that has existed for nearly 50 years—about an alien time traveler and his trusty companions, now is the time to catch up. Returning for its seventh season reboot run, the long awaited return of the Doctor (Matt Smith) features the last hurrah for companions Amy (Karen Gillan) and Rory (Arthur Darvill). Season premieres Sept. 1 on BBC America.

NEW SHOWS:



“Elementary”— With the success of the hit BBC Sherlock in full swing, CBS will attempt to do their own version of the character in modern times. Starring Johnny Lee Miller as Holmes and Lucy Liu as Dr. Joan Watson, the show changes location from London to New York. The case begins Sept. 27 on CBS.



“Last Resort”— From Shawn Ryan, the creator of such acclaimed shows as “The Shield” and “Terriers,” comes this naval drama about a rogue submarine crew ready to challenge their superiors. An exciting cast that includes Andre Braugher, Scott Speedman, Autumn Reeser, Robert Patrick and Dichen Lachman star in this upcoming ABC drama. Premieres on Sept. 27.



“Nashville”— The musical drama set in the country music world, starring Connie Britton as a legend in country music and Hayden Panettiere as the rising star, is one of the new shows of the season with the most anticipation. The show also stars Powers Boothe, Charles Esten and Eric Close. The new country sensation premieres Oct. 10 on ABC.



“Revolution”— From producer J.J. Abrams and creator Eric Kripke, the dystopian survival show centers around a family that might know what happened to the world after all power went astray. It will star Billy Burke, Anna Lise Phillips, Giancarlo Esposito and Elizabeth Mitchell. The pilot was directed by Jon Favreau, director of “Iron Man”. The post-apocalyptic drama premieres on NBC Sept. 17.



“The Following”—Kevin Williamson, writer of “Scream” created this drama that centers on an FBI special agent assigned to capture a dangerous serial killer. It stars Kevin Bacon, James Purefoy, Maggie Grace, Natalie Zea and Shawn Ashmore. Premier date is still pending.

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FALL MOVIE LINEUPS



- Sept.14: “The Manchurian Candidate”
Sept. 21: “Ides of March”
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- Oct. 26: “Game Change”
Nov. 2: “Man of the Year”

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Rubin Center exhibits art and music



The Stanlee and Gerald Center for the Visual and Contemporary Art hosts the work of many local artist's work in its gallery area. Interim Director Kerry Doyle stands proud before the building.

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ANDREA ACOSTA

The Prospector

As UTEP prepares to celebrate its 100th year anniversary, the Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts is also getting ready to celebrate its 10 years in 2014, marking a decade of a deep appreciation of visual and contemporary art.

The Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center, a \$2.1 million project, has not only displayed the artistic work of students and faculty members over the years, it has also gained an international reputation by showcasing well-known artists from around the world, such as Andy Warhol.

Kerry A. Doyle, recently promoted to be interim director for the center, said it is important to inform college students of the events that will happen throughout the year.

"A monthly calendar will be put up in our website starting Sept. 1. We feel that by promoting our events through social media such as Facebook, more students will be aware of the Gerald Rubin Center," Doyle said.

Students are encouraged to "Like" the Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center's Facebook page in order to be up to date with the events that the center will be hosting, one of them being the Border Beat Showcase, to be held on Aug. 29 from 4-7 p.m. The event will

feature a live concert along with a stencil workshop, which everyone is invited to attend.

"This will also serve as great opportunity for kids, students, faculty and staff to check out El Flow, Mark Bradford and Sean Caulfield's exhibitions before they are taken down on Aug. 31," Doyle said.

Doyle, along with her team, has worked for months in order to make The Border Beat Showcase a success. They used Facebook to promote the event, letting students express their opinion by voting for their favorite band to perform at the showcase.

"I've been up to date with the Rubin Center's Facebook page," said Adriana Dominguez, junior industrial engineering major. "I was able to vote for my favorite bands thanks to the poll provided on the page."

Featured local bands included Electric Social, The D.A., Batallones Femeninos and Birth Defects, among others.

The winning poll bands scheduled to perform on Aug. 29 will be Calista, Bumpstreet Fonanza and favorite band expressed by voters, Acid Pie.

"We hope to see a lot of students attending this fun event," Doyle said.

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Anticipated E3 game releases

BY OSCAR GARZA

The Prospector

The annual E3 convention always showcases the upcoming videogames from the industry, and this year was no different.

This year, the convention announced several titles that will create lots of anticipation within the gaming community. Some include additional chapters to a franchise while others are fresh new titles to the market. Here are some of most anticipated games to be released in the fall.

Tekken 2: Tag Tournament— The latest installment to the franchise will include new features like several stages in which players can set their own music to. There will also be new downloadable content that gives players a more complex combat mode, and even a Snoop Dog level. The game will be released on Sept. 11.

World of Warcraft: Mists of Pandaria— The latest expansion pack for one of the largest online games has arrived. Mists of Pandaria has promised to deliver a complete new experience to gamers by exploring a new continent with new kingdoms and a completely new class, the monk. The beta is set to begin on Sept. 25.

Resident Evil 6— Survival zombie horror was taken to another level when the Resident Evil franchise be-

gan. The atmospheric horror game is one of the most anticipated of the season. The game will allow players to select between three different scenarios that are all connected through the same storyline, plus fan favorites Leon S. Kennedy and Chris Redfield will return. The sequel will hit stores on Oct. 2.

Assassin's Creed III— This was not only one of the biggest showcases at E3, but it also looks like it might be an ambitious step in the franchise. Instead of being set in Rome or Jerusalem, the series shifts towards North America and specifically, the Revolutionary War. Players will be able to not only control the new assassin via the third player mode, but also have massive battles at sea in which the character will be able to control its own ship. Assassin's Creed III will be available in stores Oct. 30.

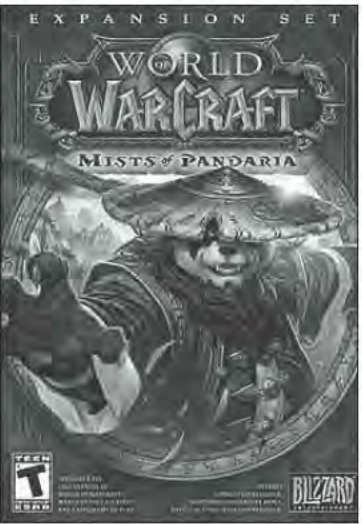
Halo 4— One of the most anticipated sequels to one of the most successful gaming franchise in history will bring back the character of Master Chief and his trusty A.I. companion. This will be the first game in the series that wasn't developed by Bungie Studios, but rather 343 Industries. The game takes place four years after the events of Halo 3 and it is set on a new planet with a new story mode called "Spartan Ops." Halo 4 will be released Nov. 6.

Call of Duty: Black Ops II— The sequel to the bestselling game of all time will be set in the future and will incorporate the use of futuristic weapons and technology. The game will feature "Strike Force" missions, which affect the entire game storyline. And to all wondering if the Zombie mode will return, yes, it will. The game will be available Nov. 13.

Hitman: Absolution— This will be the fifth chapter in the saga of Agent 47's gaming history and the first one to be released in six years. The game will take Agent 47 through a journey of self-discovery and uncover a wide conspiracy and a hidden truth. The game will retain its stealth mechanics that have made it iconic over the years. The game will be available in stores Nov. 20.

Far Cry 3— This first person shooter chapter of the "Far Cry" series, again pits the player against the crazy people from the islands, from which he must escape. A tourist, who gets marooned on the island, will be the protagonist of the game and must survive the ordeal. The game includes a co-op campaign that was actually announced at the popular expo. The game will be released later this year on Dec. 4.

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Local café at the heart of El Paso

BY MARIO SIMENTAL
The Prospector

At the heart of Five Points in Central El Paso resides Joe, Vinny & Bronson, a coffee house built with a different perspective— it sells coffee, wine and beer.

Joe Vinny & Bronson takes its approach from big city coffee houses that accommodate for the urban patron looking for a little bit of everything wherever they go, said owner Christina Muñoz-Estrada.

As a native and current local of Central El Paso, Estrada, said she always dreamed of doing something for her community that would be welcomed by people that are known for their tradition and part of El Paso history.

“We think that Five Points is really a treasure that has a lot of potential. It used to be a focus, a center of town that had a lot of great people, I don’t know if at one time there used to be wealth here,” Estrada said. “I know that people have a lot of memories (here), there’s a lot of rooted families here in town (and) I think it’s just been neglected. I think that it has the potential of being something new. It’s a mid-point of the city which nobody’s really given thought to.”

The coffee house takes its name from a play on words. Joe refers to a Cup o’ Joe, Vinny as in vino and Bronson can be linked to brewdog’s, a term for beer in the U.K. after the BrewDogs brewery that specializes in craft beer.

Graduate student Rachel Zobeck, guidance and counseling/MED, meets with friends at the coffee shop and already plans on using the place throughout the semester as a quiet place of study.

“I love it, I feel like it’s kind of a hidden place that gets overlooked, but there’s a lot here that makes you want to sit and talk to someone or sit and think about something important or just write or study,” Zobeck said. “I like that it’s down to earth but still artsy in its own way. It feels less corporate, less manufactured and more creative.”

The coffee house is built on the idea that it’s offering a more home-grown feel with some of its coffee selections, said Estrada, who started her bachelor’s in Marketing at UTEP

and finished it at the University of North Texas.

“We serve coffee, wine and beer. I think our signature, to our coffee shop at least, is our ‘Café de Olla’ and ‘Café con Leche’ and the reason for that is because of the mixed demographic here,” Estrada said. “The beer, initially we thought it would be an introduction to central as far as craft is concerned but it was just the opposite, you know we dove into it after we realized that people were totally on it, so we’re wanting to build and build on that menu selection to bring the best of what we can for the craft.”

Senior organization and corporation communication major Athena Matyear is a local of Central El Paso that appreciates Joe, Vinny & Bronson’s not only as a coffee house but as

a venue for local talents and its support for the community. Matyear said she has seen that support firsthand after having organized a screening of short films by UTEP students from the digital media department at the coffee shop.

“It’s open for everybody for the fact that it’s a café and it’s got that comfortable environment so if you need to do homework you’d be sitting down all the time. You’re not going to get uncomfortable or if you’re sitting around with friends, it’s got that environment too,” Matyear said.

According to Matyear, the venue plays good music, and the fact that they even serve alcohol, makes it better. Additionally, he said the atmo

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Bailey added that they expect the festival to keep growing and improving each year, but it will mostly depend on the type of response they receive from attendees.

“We have already increased the number of performers, the next improvements would be the overall production and sound and lighting. So far we have seen an increase in ticket sales from areas about 10 hours away,

meaning that more and more people are going to come in from cities farther away from El Paso,” Bailey said.

The city of El Paso has been very supportive of the event, Bailey said. Events like this bring money into hotels, gas stations, airports and more, so there is a positive impact on the local economy.

“Sun City has the potential to grow and we can only expect benefits for the area,” Bailey said.

Tickets are still available for purchase at suncitymusicfestival.com.

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sphere makes a good hangout place for those who drink and those that don't as well.

“It's not like going to a bar where there's only drinking,” Matyear said. “The location, there's nothing like it in central.”

The coffee shop has a good set up for the student-oriented patrons who are looking for a different location to study or do homework. Estrada said she has foreseen certain aspects to ensure the proper accommodations to the student crowd.

“We have free Wi-Fi first of all, that targets the student group a lot. It's a very inviting atmosphere it's comfortable it's not crazy it's very lounge-like. We cater to that kind of group that wants to study, doing work,” Estrada said. “As far as students go, we'd like to work with that especially during finals. Our hours are open till late, but we would totally be open to open a 24 hours thing as another option to the library.”

Joe, Vinny & Bronson's Bohemian Cafe is located at 824 N. Piedras. For more information, call 564-1899.

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MICHELLE FRANCO / The Prospector

The Stanlee and Rubin Center hosts art exhibits year round for students and faculty to see.

“Something that we want to express to the students is that art is not only for art students, but for everyone that feels a deep appreciation towards it, or the want to experience art in different ways.”

According to Victoria Aviles, administrative assistant of the Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center, Doyle has done a very effective job in promoting awareness of the center to UTEP students.

“Doyle has a lot of plans in store for this upcoming year, one of them being the Border Beat welcome back event for students, scheduled for the first week of school, our contribution on this year's International Symposium on Electronic Art (ISEA), which explores the intersection of art, science and technology, and the other being the implementation of creating more programming,” Aviles said.

The Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center exhibitions for this semester include recent videos from the Middle East, exploring zones of recent con-

flict like the Israel-Palestine border and Afghanistan. A second exhibition will feature Ivan Puig and Andres Padilla Domene, who share their journey through abandoned railroad tracks in Mexico using photography, video, audio and text.

“The Gerald Rubin Center is a visual arts center rather than a museum,” Doyle said. “We want to engage the audience in different ways such as video, audio, sculptures rather than just pictures. Our focus is where excellence meets access.”

The exhibitions will open to the public starting Sept. 13 and will be open through Dec. 21. The exhibitions are free admission.

For more information visit rubincenter.utep.edu or the Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center's Facebook page at facebook.com/rubincenter.

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“I had the opportunity to meet and dance with Latin artists such as Dulce Maria, Elvis Crespo, Eight Seconds and Pedro.”

Montes said that the three-minute costume changes along with back-to-back presentations contributed to the adrenaline of her performances.

“Backstage was so hectic that dancers, including myself, needed help from other dancers in order to change costumes and make it on time to the stage,” Montes said. “There was one time that I thought that I was not going to change fast enough.”

After her experience, Montes said she hopes for more opportunities like this to come her way.

“As a result of performing at Premios Texas this year, I couldn't be more happy with the invitation I was given to come back next year and perform for it again, without having to audition,” Montes said.

Meanwhile, Montes will continue to be a dance instructor at Shundo Ballroom, giving hip-hop and punk/jazz classes every Wednesday at 5 p.m. She will also continue to be part of Jago Sazu, which translates to “wild him, sassy her,” a dance team she has performed with for almost two years.

“Maira is a very dedicated and a very passionate person with a very humble personality,” said Mikel Mar-

tinez, choreographer and creator of Jago Sazu. “Her strong work ethic and her reliability as a dance performer and friend are just one of her qualities.”

Prior to her premature success as a dancer, Montes had been dancing for almost 14 years, but not academically.

“My previous major was a Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations, but after taking ballet as an elective my first semester, I completely loved it and decided to switch majors,” Montes said. “I figured it could broaden my dancing skills and I could be part of the close relationships that are formed with other dance majors.”

Montes, who according to Martinez was the first one in line for the open auditions on Sept. 2010, said she will continue the life of a dancer with passion and commitment.

“I've always put myself out there and I try not to let anyone differ on the choices I make,” Montes said. “My passion for dancing keeps me motivated, which is the reason why I can't picture myself doing anything else but dance.”

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