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Students

Low retention rate leads to study

BY ROBERT BROWN AND
 LORAIN WATTERS

The Prospector

Twenty-year-old Martin Sandoval spends his days working as a sous-chef at El Cometa Restaurant, although he wishes he could be attending college.

Sandoval was studying music and education before he dropped out of school last year because of his family's financial struggles.

"I dropped out simply because of the turning economy," Sandoval said. "As the child of a single parent, I had to help my mom out with expenses and such. It was all just a series of unfortunate events that took place that had me take on this new responsibility."

Sandoval is one of the 27 percent of freshman students at UTEP that do not continue their education after their first year.

In the past five years, only 73 percent of freshmen at UTEP continue their education after their first year, while 62 percent of sophomores continued on to their junior year. According to Josefina Tinajero, dean of the College of Education, these low retention rates spurred the dean, faculty and students from the College of Education to initiate a two-year project that will look at the factors that cause freshmen and sophomores to leave UTEP.

"I was really shocked to see the retention or attrition rates of freshmen and sophomore students," Tinajero said.

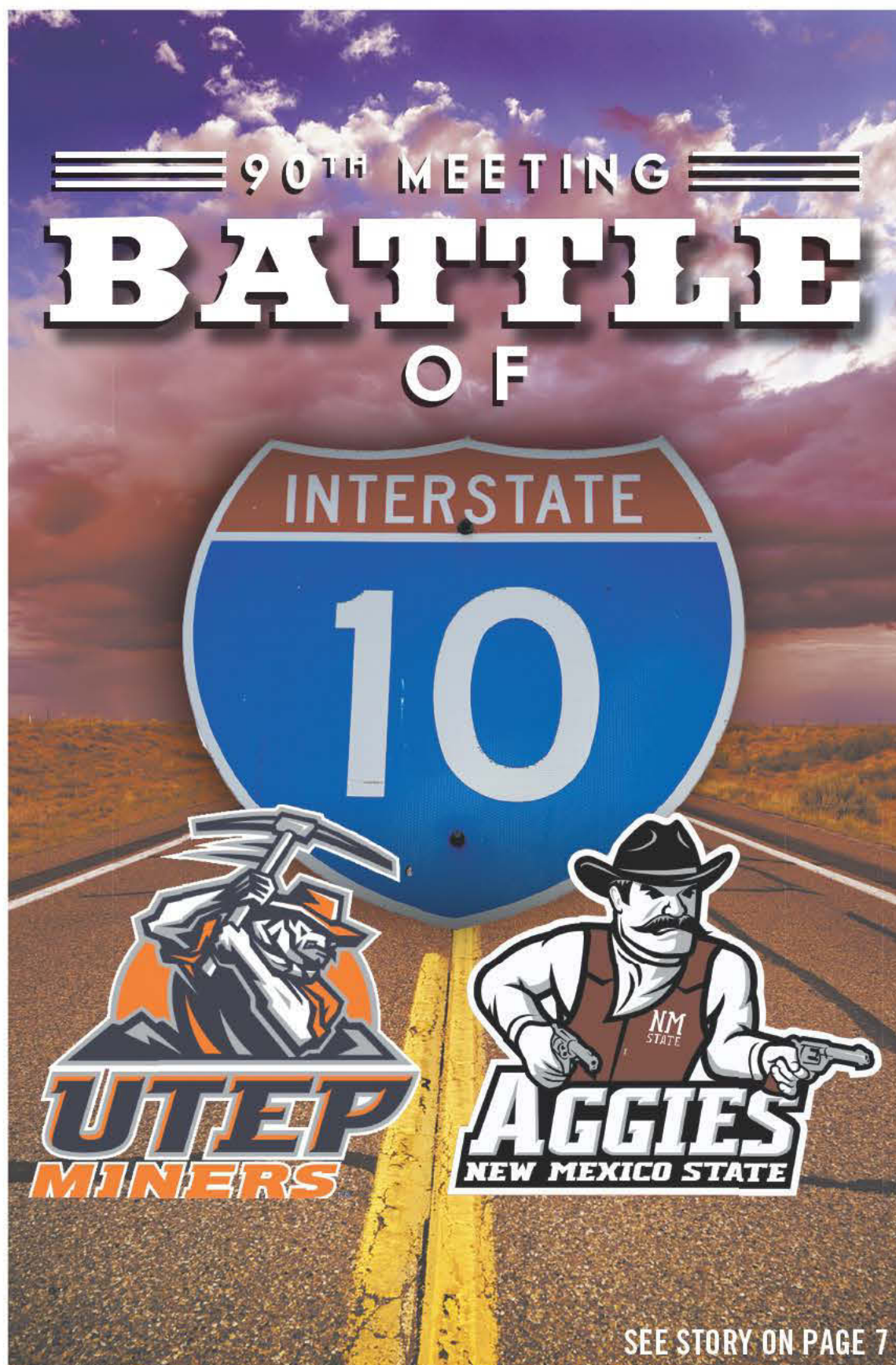
During their research, several key factors were identified that have impeded first-time, full-time freshmen and sophomore students. These factors included low grades, low rankings in high school and the fact that many of the students were also full-time workers. Another factor involved problems with transportation.

"I think students drop out for many reasons, obviously," Sandoval said. "Whether it be financial issues, family issues or maybe a simple not knowing what they want."

Using data from 2006-2011, Tinajero and her team applied for and received a grant to initiate Project SUCCESS (Striving for Undergraduate Coordinated and Comprehensive Enhanced Student Support). The project received \$182,000 from the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Public Grant Program.

The COE team also found that the retention figures for the college were even lower than those for UTEP. The numbers showed that approximately 69 percent of freshmen, who declared education as their principle major, continued on to their sophomore

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Campus life

Student organization crosses international boundaries

BY REBECCA GUERRERO

The Prospector

After noticing the issues international students face after graduation, pre-business majors Maria Fernandez Fiscal, junior, David Garcia, junior, and Rodolfo Vazquez, senior, created Visión México, a new campus organization.

"The idea came up because we as founders believe that there are many other students like us who want to go back to Mexico and succeed in the workforce," Fernandez said. "However, as the time passes, we sometimes lose connections back in our country while being here. So we thought, why not implement something new to the university that did not only encourage us to find the ideal job in the United States, but in Mexico too?"

Visión México is meant to address the issue of international students no longer having permission to reside in the U.S. once their student visa expires.

"Each year it seems as if there are fewer opportunities for international graduate students to obtain a work visa," said Paloma Pelayo, sophomore communication major and member of the organization. "Visión México supports, encourages and motivates Mexican students in their search for a job in Mexico."

The organization aims to become the liaison between UTEP international students and various companies, both local and international, operating in Mexico by implementing an internal job bank. The organization also hopes to provide information about programs that enable international students to legally work in the U.S. through post graduation programs such as Occupational Practical Training and Curricular Practical Training, which are specifically for international students.

"We can share the knowledge we are receiving with others who did not have the chance to study in the United States," Fernandez said. "There are many offices and workshops focusing primarily on helping the current UTEP students apply for an internship in the States, but there aren't any caring about those successful Mexican students who want to go back to their country, so we want to change that."

As the founders of Visión México have discovered, creating a new campus organization requires a fair amount of work.

"We didn't have a name to start with," Fernandez said. "We had the idea but it was missing structure and setting the main objectives wasn't easy."

Fernandez said plans for the organization began in early summer.

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Column

Failure to impress

BY ALEJANDRO ALBA
The Prospector



It's just longer and thinner—that's what she said...just kidding.

The new iPhone does not have much to impress the millions of fans Apple has. Sure, the phone has a 4" retina display and a faster wireless connection, but aside from that there are not any big original advancements.

I think they might have even copied Samsung with the photo sharing function the Galaxy SIII has. That left me thinking, who's copying who now? I'm sure Samsung won't hire a lawyer and sue them for that. Or maybe they will.

The slogan is a bit unoriginal as well, "The biggest thing to happen to iPhone since iPhone." It really doesn't say much. I was expecting something that was truly big and innovative. Maybe a phone that had a see through screen that created holograms just like the one in the fake video that was

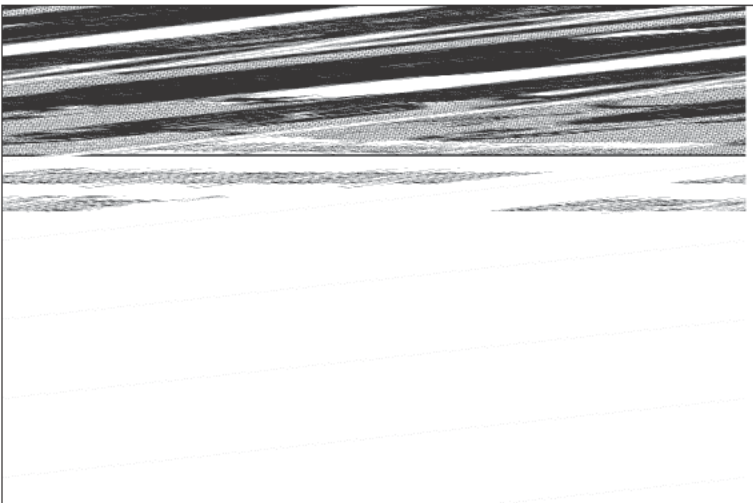
going around the web. Well, maybe that's a little extreme, but I did want to see some sort of huge leap in technology, not just a few upgrades.

All the things mentioned above can be debatable, but the one thing that will be a real pain for everyone is the new connector they are calling "Lightning." A new phone just means a new case, but a new dock connector means new equipment, from chargers to stationary stereos.

The pricing for the highly anticipated device actually wasn't bad. I thought it would be an outrageous amount of money since it came from Apple. Surprisingly, with a contract renewal the most you will spend is \$399—cheap, right?—if you get the 64GB. Without a contract, well, you might as well chop-off your hand and sell it, because the price will be over \$600.

With that in mind, I honestly think it's better to just buy the 4S that is now \$99 or even free. You wont only save money, but you will also save yourself the trouble of buying an adapter in order to connect the phone to every Apple product you own.

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year and only 57 percent of sophomores returned for their junior year.

Within the COE, the team identified the fact that while many of the students interacted with faculty during new student orientations, those students had no further interaction until their junior year. Education students are routinely advised by counselors at the Academic Advising Center and do not get advised by COE faculty until their junior year.

Through the grant, the team is looking at methods to support freshmen and sophomores and to establish ways for COE to intervene in the lives of the students in a more positive and direct manner.

"We felt that our college and our staff and our faculty needed to be engaged in the lives of students that were at the freshmen and sophomore levels," Tinajero said.

The COE is striving to provide freshmen and sophomores with a more fulfilling experience during their first two years of college. The team is following up with students who participated in the new student orientation this summer and, with new intervention strategies in place, the COE is also reaching out to sophomores and seeking to help more students to stay in college.

The team plans to use mentoring workshops in order to support and help students as well as to acquire research data. The workshops are designed to teach students stress and time management skills as well as study skills.

Doctoral and master's students, whose research is centered on student success and retention of students, are collecting data about the strategies used as well as getting feedback from students who have dropped out of college.

"We had already been working here under another project for about a year, so Dr. (Judith) Munter (associate dean of the College of Education)

asked us if we'd like to be a part of the project. So we started working on the IRB Proposal this summer to see what we were going to do with this," said Diana Mendez, education graduate student.

Tinajero also said the project will feature graduate student mentors, who will guide and advise COE underclassmen. The major difficulty they have faced thus far is recruiting students and getting the word out. They have been sending emails and calling students to inform them about the support system that is being developed.

The COE is working with other departments at the university such as the UTEP Writing Center and the Women's Resource Center to help provide support for these students.

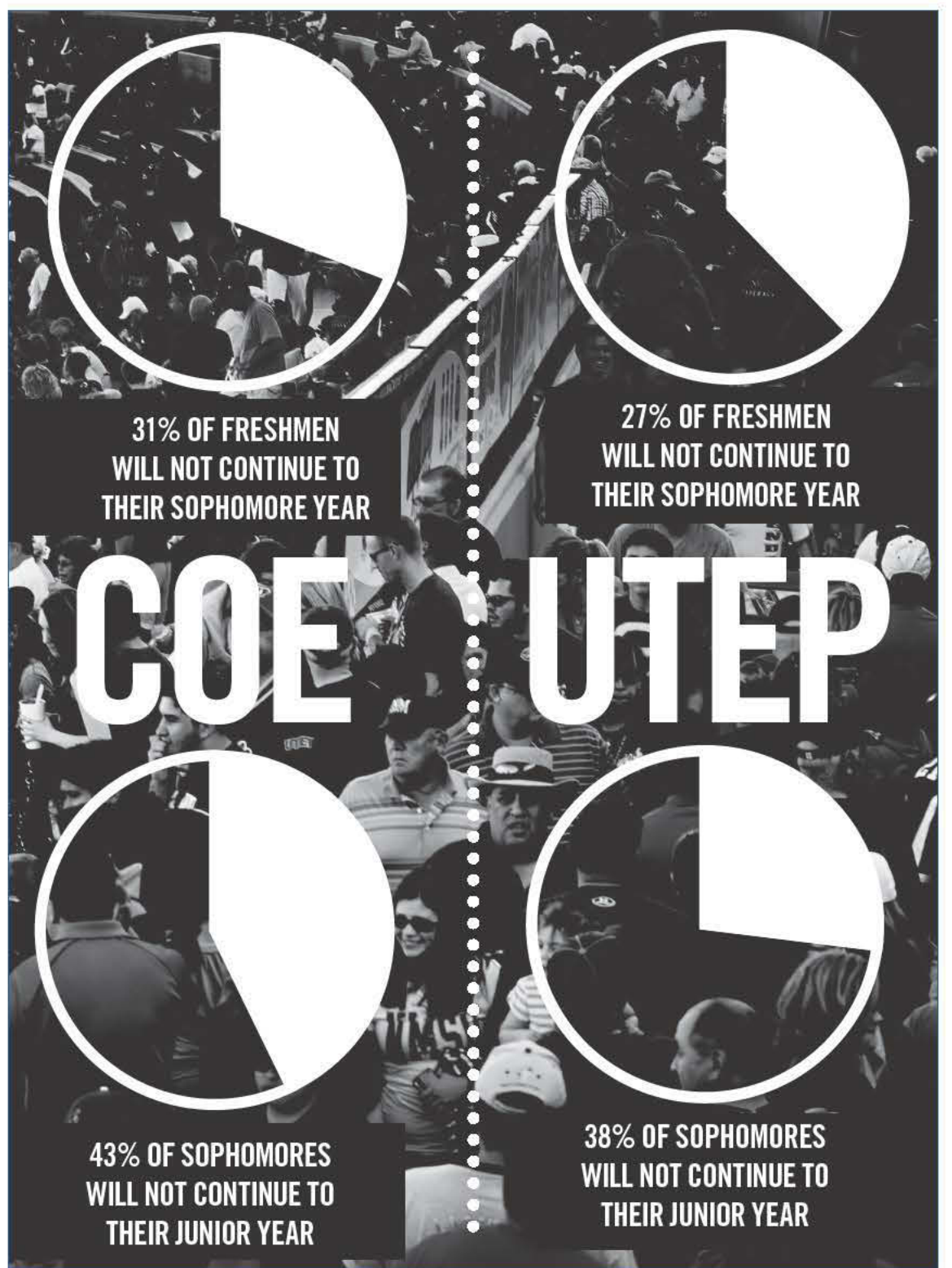
"Unfortunately, a lot of students don't know about the resources we have here at UTEP and we have a lot," Mendez said. "We want to increase our retention rates. Unfortunately some students don't feel the support that they should feel and so they tend to drop out. So we want to provide them with support."

Sandoval said he does want to return to school soon.

"If anything, having that time off and experiencing the world, as I have, has given me a much clearer view of what lies outside," he said. "It's been about a year since I've been out of school and things have gotten much better since and I am planning on going back with a stronger mind and a stronger attitude. I now know what I want to do and try."

Sandoval plans on focusing on computer and software programming when he returns to the university. He also wants to continue with his interest in music.

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David Garcia, president of Visión México, spoke at a launch event held Sept. 12 at the Templeton suite in Union Building East.

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The group met with political science professor Irasema Coronado who helped them organize their thoughts and put them in contact with people who might be interested in participating. The group has steadily increased from three to 14 active members and they are currently recruiting more members during Saturday meetings. Their goal now is promoting the organization and getting their message out.

According to Pelayo, the organization has already held a successful fundraiser. A launch event was also held on Sept. 12.

"We count on the support of UTEP President Diana Natalicio, the University Career Center, the Office of International Programs, and professors Dr. Contreras from the College of Engineering and Dr. Irasema Coronado from the Department of Political Science," Pelayo said.

According to the founders, they are excited about Visión México not only because they have been receiving so much positive feedback from students, who share the desire of going back to Mexico after graduation, but because they view it as their contribution to UTEP's centennial celebration.

"In this short period that Visión México was created we found a lot of altruistic, exceptional, entrepreneurial and passionate people," said Garcia, president of the organization. "I've always thought that the engine that keeps the world spinning is anything that makes people passionate about something, and that's when amazing things happen. Visión México is integrated by very passionate people. That is why I strongly believe that we can make a difference with this organization."

Fiscal also believes that Visión México is their opportunity to make a change within Mexico.

"Going back is not a failure, on the contrary it means being brave enough to confront the situation that Mexico is living in now, and being brave enough to do a little for our country and not complain about the negative things but try to change them," Fernandez said.

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ANDREA ACOSTA

The Prospector

Coming back for its third year, EpCon 2012 will be held at the El Paso Convention Center on Sept. 14-16, bringing the El Paso and Ciudad Juárez region a high level of entertainment with superheroes and famous comic icons.

Julian Lawler, one of the owners of EpCon and a UTEP graduate, said that he and his team have been working very hard to make this year's EpCon bigger and better. He said they have made new implementations that will attract a broader audience and surpass last year's attendance of 6,000 people.

"EpCon has radically improved over the years," Lawler said. "We had an attendance of 1,200 people in 2010 at the Wyndham Hotel, but this year we are expecting a lot more people to come."

Lawler said that this year, EpCon has teamed up with Qello Network in order to televise the event and share it with people who can't make it.

"We are very excited about this new implementation to EpCon," Lawler said. "Qello will make a two hour video and sell it for only \$1.99 on iTunes, for anyone that is interested in purchasing it."

Another addition to EpCon 2012 is the recent collaboration with FEA Merchandising.

"We were able to sign a deal with FEA Merchandising, who handles some of the best known artist such as Nirvana and Foo Fighters,"

Lawler said. "They will be distributing all our brand shirts to markets such as Wal-Mart and Hot Topic."

Denisse Nuñez, co-owner of EpCon, said that they have been organizing the event since last year.

"It is a very tiring but exhilarating process," Nuñez said. "We literally started working on this year's EpCon from the moment EpCon 2011 ended, we have been very busy."

About 30 volunteers will be helping with EpCon. One of the groups will be in charge of filming the event, from the moment of set-up at 9 a.m. Sept.14 at Basset Place to the last bit of activity on Sept. 16.

Anilu Dominguez, freshman graphic design major will help videotape the event.

"This will be my first year attending EpCon, so I'm really excited," Dominguez said. "Although I won't have time to fully interact during the con, mostly because I will help cover the event, I'm really looking forward to the concerts."

Luis Muñiz, junior creative writing major will also be filming over 100 hours of footage. He said that although his job takes a lot of responsibility, he likes that he is in charge of it.

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Film

'Bless Me, Ultima' to premiere in the Sun City

BY MARIO SIMENTAL

The Prospector

With the collaboration between the El Paso Community Foundation and Arenas Entertainment of Los Angeles, the premiere of "Bless Me, Ultima" will take place Sept. 17 in El Paso's Plaza Theatre.

"Bless Me, Ultima" is an adaptation of the Chicano novel written by New Mexico native Rudolfo Anaya. The story is set in World War II and follows a boy and a curandera (medicine woman) as they attempt to make sense of the battle between good and evil in their village.

According to Julie Talwater, EPCF program officer, El Paso was selected as the premiere city based on its market size, the Plaza Theatre as a venue and the cities affinity for the novel.

"I enjoyed Anaya's ability to describe place, people and culture in a vivid manner. It is a lovely story of growing up, faith and family," Talwater said. "(Premiering the film here) brings attention to the fact that El Paso is recognized for its support of arts and culture and that our histor-

"I think the novel retains elements that are very realistic and capable of being enacted."

- Sergio Ramos,
senior music education major

ic Plaza Theatre is a source of great things for the region."

The Plaza Theatre's recent rank of 31 on Pollstar's list of performing arts facilities, along with the success of the Plaza Classic Film Festival, had an impact in encouraging the film's producer's to premiere the film in El Paso, according to Talwater.

Jacqueline Aleman, senior art education major, was captivated by the

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(Left) The still from the film shows Ultima, a curandera, and Antonio, a young kid trying to contend with the battle between good and evil in his village.



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(Right) The Plaza Theater will be hosting the premiere of "Bless Me, Ultima" on Sept. 17.

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BY EDWIN DELGADO

The Prospector

The Sun Bowl will be hosting the 90th edition of the Battle of I-10 between the UTEP Miners and the New Mexico State Aggies on Sept. 15.

"It's a big game, no question, it's important for pride between these two schools, alumni, fans and communities. Whether you're an alumni or fan, you want to beat the Aggies," head coach Mike Price said. "It's important for our players to know so they understand the history of the spade and the spittoon. Is that going to help us block (defensive end) Donte Savage or catch up to their receiver Austin Franklin, who is blazing fast? I don't know. But we definitely know the importance of this game."

NM State is looking to sophomore quarterback Andrew Manley to keep finding success in the passing game.

Against the Ohio Bobcats, Manley completed 12 of 24 attempts, for a total of 132 yards, one touchdown and one interception Sept. 8 in Athens, Ohio. Junior running back Germi Morrison obtained 39 yards in only seven carries.

"We did what we had to do to prepare ourselves for the game against UTEP," Aggies head coach DeWayne Walker said. "Mike Price has a great team this year, they are very competitive, it's going to be a very challenging game, and we are going to have our hands full."

The rivalry dates back to 1914. UTEP is trying to avoid its first 0-3 start since 2008, also the last time they fell to the Aggies.

"Whether you're an alumni or fan, you want to beat the Aggies,"

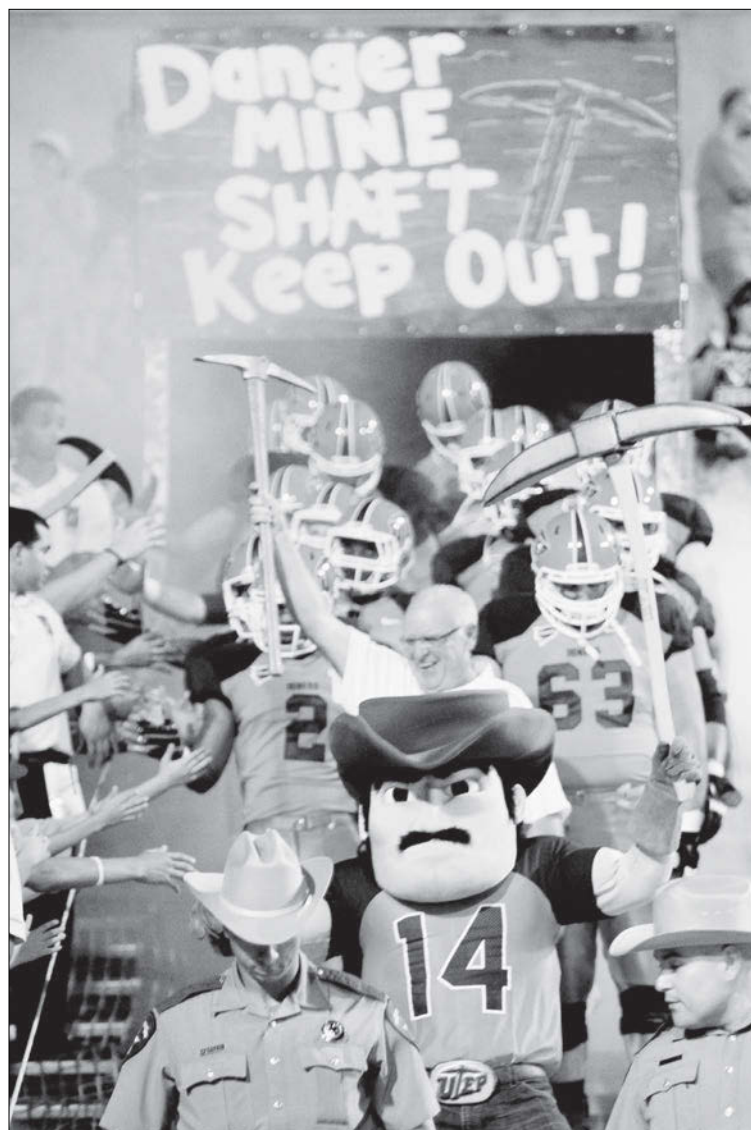
- Mike Price, UTEP head coach.

The Aggies (1-1) are seeking their first win against another FBS program. They defeated FCS Sacramento State 49-19 in Las Cruces and were defeated by the Bobcats 51-24.

UTEP's offense has struggled in the first two weeks of the season, only scoring 10 points in each game.

The Miners opened the season against then fourth ranked Oklahoma and lost 24-7, before collecting their

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JUSTIN STENE AND AARON MONTES / The Prospector

NM State sophomore quarterback Andrew Manley (top left) will attempt to lead the Aggies to their first victory over the Miners since 2008. UTEP head coach Mike Price (above) leads the Miners out of the tunnel with his customary pick axe.

Football

Dealing with the invisible crippler

BY AUDREY WESTCOTT

The Prospector

Every football season, players gamble with their health and increase their chances of injury every time they step out onto the field. Among the most serious injuries they can encounter are concussions, which at first may only produce short-term symptoms such as headaches and a few minutes of amnesia and later produce excessive brain trauma.

A concussion is the result of an impact that rapidly accelerates one's head, causing the brain to strike the inner skull multiple times. The severity of concussions are rated on a three-level grading scale, with effects ranging from post traumatic amnesia with no loss of conscious to loss of consciousness for more than five minutes, and amnesia for more than 24 hours.

Identifying the underestimated severity of concussions, the National Collegiate Athletic Association passed a set of guidelines in April of 2010.

The guidelines presented college sports team with a concussion management plan, which included that all athletes must be informed of concussion symptoms at the start of each season, sign a statement agreeing to report concussion-related symptoms to the medical staff and that athletes cannot return to play until a team of doctors clears them to participate once the symptoms have been resolved.

With the new guidelines in place, 42 league concussions were reported during the 2010-2011 season compared to the 23 concussions reported in the previous season.

"Thankfully, I have never experienced a concussion, but I have seen a couple of players, who have," senior center Eloy Atkinson said. "Their reactions are usually dizziness and awkward movements. You can just tell they are not all there."

According to the Center for Disease Control, all football players have a 75 percent chance to obtain a concussion because of an estimated 900 to 1,500 blows to the head they will receive during a season.

Junior defensive lineman Germard Reed said he's had to sit out two games due to a concussion.

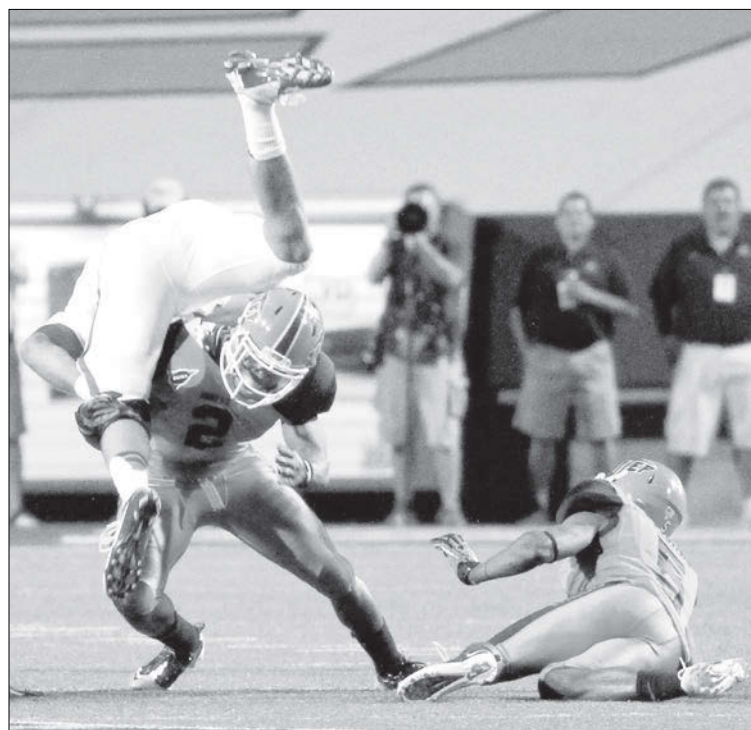
"At the time of each concussion I could not really remember a lot and had many headaches," Reed said. "I was scared because it is really alarming how you can bang your head, and lose memory like that. Concussions can really hurt someone mentally and physically but I love the game so I take my chances and continue to play."

Understanding the seriousness of concussions, UTEP gives all players a test before the start of every season.

"I think it is everyone's job to look out for concussions, the players, the coaches and the doctors," head coach Mike Price said. A concussion is such a serious problem, there are so many symptoms that they have and you can usually tell, so we have to go that extra step to ensure the safety of our players."

At UTEP, when players are diagnosed with a concussion they must complete a week long screening, constructed with memory tests. The im

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AARON MONTES / The Prospector

Senior safety DeShawn Grayson (2) upends an Oklahoma ball carrier during the season opener Sept. 1 at the Sun Bowl. Treating concussions have become a focal point for the sport of football at every level, amateur or professional.

Tailgating

A new game day experience



JUSTIN STENE / The Prospector

UTEP students engage in the pregame festivities of tailgating in and around the university prior to the season opener against Oklahoma Sept. 1.

BY FRANKIE RODRIGUEZ
The Prospector

In hopes of creating a better game day experience and in an attempt to restore the decreased fan attendance since the tailgating changes made after 2010, UTEP modified their rules for the highly anticipated matchup against ranked opponent Oklahoma Sept. 1 and beyond.

"The experience tailgating this year was a lot of fun. My friends and I were just hanging out by the Magoffin Auditorium, drinking and then we went to the game," said Ivy Herrera, junior health promotion major. "This tailgate was kind of a big deal because we were playing Oklahoma and of course it was the first game of the season. You could tell everyone was pumped and excited for it. After I went to the Cincinnati block party, but there were a lot of Oklahoma fans."

With an addition of the Game Day Zone located at the center of campus, fans have something to look forward to that was not a part of the tailgating experience from last year.

The set up includes games for children, live music and other forms of entertainment for students, alumni and the casual fan.

With some of the leniency restored for tailgaters, most fans agreed that tailgating seems to be headed in the direction of what it once used to be.

For seniors Jerry Rodriguez and Bryan Mata, both lower division me-

chanical engineering majors, the new rules add excitement to the game day experience.

"I agree that they needed to do something to bring back tailgating on campus. Especially since tailgating is part of the game to us football fans," Rodriguez said. "I remember the game against the Longhorns a few years back. Now that was the best tailgating inside the campus anyone has ever seen. That was tailgating."

The tailgate seemed to be a success with all the fans in attendance on the inside of campus. Some of these tailgaters were even generous enough to offer some chicken.

"I am having a great time here," Mata said. "All my friends are here along with some beer and food. There is nothing better than tailgating like this waiting for the season opener."

Some of the tailgaters were giving their predictions to the final score of the game for the opening game against the Sooners Sept. 1.

"Everyone here doesn't seem to think we even stand a chance against Oklahoma. I'm not sure if I do either, but I don't want to hear that," Rodriguez said prior to the game against Oklahoma. "I'm hoping that home field advantage will play a big part in this game and that we can hang in there with a ranked Oklahoma team."

The Miners came close, keeping the score within three points to begin the fourth quarter, until the Sooners pulled away to eventually win 24-7.

Nonetheless, students enjoyed the return of tailgating to the UTEP campus, taking advantage of the new rules.

"It was a lot of fun. We actually did a tailgate before the game and after the game so we just hung out with family and friends. We cooked steak and burgers and some of my family members drank, I am not old enough to drink," said Vivian Mora, freshman forensic science major. "It was very peaceful, we were right in outside of the Sun Bowl. Right after the game my family was a little buzzed so we came out and grilled some more and we hung out there probably until one in the morning."

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"I agree that they needed to do something to bring back tailgating on campus. Especially since tailgating is part of the game to us football fans."

- Jerry Rodriguez, senior lower div. mechanical engineering major

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second loss of the season in Oxford, Miss. against the Ole Miss Rebels 28-10 a week later.

Against Oklahoma the Miners were able to run the football for more than 200 yards, but only had 48 passing.

Sophomore running back Nathan Jeffery was sidelined due to a groin injury and his absence was felt as the Miners only carried the ball for 37 yards on 30 attempts against Ole Miss.

The good news for UTEP is that the passing game was much better, the Miners completed 27 of their 40 attempts for 274 yards, one touchdown and one interception, and are now hoping Jeffery can recover on time for this week's game.

UTEP currently holds a three-game win streak over the Aggies, but the last time the rivals from Las Cru-

ces defeated the Miners was in 2008 in El Paso.

The home team has won 11 of the past 15 meetings and both teams seem eager to collect the Silver Spade and the Brass Spittoon trophies awarded to the winner.

"Our strategy is to just go out and play the game. Go hard get physical and make sure it's a good game," junior defensive lineman Gernard Reed said. "This rivalry means a lot. We are really close to each other, maybe 30 minutes apart. I want to win by all means. Whatever it takes I want to win and hopefully we go out play fast, put up a good game and win."

The Aggies will officially abandon the Western Athletic Conference and will play as a football independent in 2013.

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pact tests focus on a player's remembrance of specific sequences.

All players must successfully pass the screening before they are cleared to play again. Failure to pass will result in another week exempt from play.

"Concussions are a serious injury in collision football and everyone has to address it as so," Price said. "Every concussion is severe. There is no such thing as a slight concussion so we're constantly watching out for symptoms. Concussions usually last one week, but can last as long as two weeks, so they can keep a player out of the game for a good amount of time, and some players might lie about their state because they want to play so we need be observant of everyone."

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