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Career Students find work unrelated to majors

BY REBECCA GUERRERO

The Prospector

Every student has an ideal career in mind after they obtain their hard earned degree. But not every student is able to land that dream job right off the bat, in fact many end up working temporary jobs to make ends meet.

Because of a shortage in teaching jobs, it is often education graduates who have a difficult time finding work.

Such is the case of Erika Lara, who graduated last December with a degree in Spanish and secondary education.

“It was very stressful and depressing not to be able to do what you studied so hard for even though you had the degree.”

- Erika Lara, alumnus

CAREER EXPO OPENS DOORS

BY LORAIN WATTERS

The Prospector

The University Career Center kicks off another academic year with the Career Expo, which helps students of all classifications and majors network with prospective employers and gain insight into the job market for their particular degrees.

“It is a good chance for students to connect their degree plan with careers,” said Betsy Castro, associate director at the University Career Center. “Often, students might lack the information needed and don’t start looking for a job until they have a degree; it really takes nine months for a job to happen—in interviews, applications and hearing back from the employers.”

The Career Expo, which has been around for 30 years, will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 20 and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 21, at the Don Haskins Center.

According to an economic update by the El Paso Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, El Paso had a 9.4 percent unemployment rate as of April, making the job search difficult, especially for recent graduates.

By attending the Career Expo, students can meet with potential employers and job opportunities for their future.

According to a survey conducted by Adecco, a job placement firm, 71 percent of recent graduates (2006-2010) wished that they had done more to be better prepared for employment while they were still in school.

“I really enjoyed the entire experience, especially since it was the first time that I attended the Career Expo in September of last year,” said Moises Razo Madrid, sophomore civil engineering major. “I didn’t find any jobs or internships, but the experience helped me become more confident in myself.”

For freshmen, the Career Expo offers a different kind of career exploration inside and outside of their degree. It gives sophomores and juniors the opportunity to learn about internships, volunteer opportunities and co-ops. Seniors are given the prospect of finding employment through this experience, as well as the opportunity to network.

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Graduates

Now open for business



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On Sept. 5, Alan Altamira, David Coria and Richard Ornelas signed a contract buying The Percolator coffee shop.

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Campus life

Program offers job guidance

BY ROBERT BROWN

The Prospector

Thousands of university seniors across the United States are attending their last set of courses and are preparing to enter their chosen field of study. With their school days soon to be over, some are thinking about the issues that lie ahead—how to enter their career choices, where to apply, where to live if they move to another city, among others.

A new initiative between the Division of Student Affairs, Alumni Relations and the University Career Center seeks to assist graduating seniors with these issues. The Miner Mentor Program seeks to align graduating seniors with university alumni, who are already involved in their chosen career paths. Planning for the new initiative began three to four months ago.

“The program is officially kicked off now. We had our reception last week, where our mentees and our mentors met up for the first time,” said Louie Rodriguez, assistant to the vice president for student affairs.

“I am hoping to get some insight into the career... how he went through it and his experiences.”

- Antonio Rivera, senior bilingual education major

Student affairs officials made a request for students interested in participating in the program and later they started looking for mentors. For the pilot year, 21 pairs of mentors and mentees have been identified.

“They contacted me in May for this pilot program and they’ve assigned me a mentor that’s also an educator here in El Paso, where I want to work,” said Adrian Antonio Rivera, senior bilingual education major.

Career fields of the students participating in the program include

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“I applied to all three major districts in El Paso (El Paso Independent School District, Ysleta Independent School District and Socorro Independent School District) but these districts were not hiring and one of them even terminated 100 positions in their district,” Lara said. “It was very stressful and depressing not to be able to do what you studied so hard for even though you had the degree. I got to the point that I started to apply for jobs not having anything to do with my major such as Chipotle restaurant.”

In an analysis for the Associated Press conducted in April—which included an analysis of 2011 Current Population Survey data by Northeastern University researchers and supplemented with material from Paul Harrington, an economist at Drexel University and the Economic Policy Institute—showed that about 1.5 million, or 53.6 percent, of bachelor’s degree-holders under the age of 25 last year were jobless or underemployed.

Lara blames the national economic recession for the lack of jobs in her field.

“The economic downfall is hitting the education system in El Paso and the budget cuts are really limiting schools in order to be able to hire new teachers,” Lara said.

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Column

Remaining hopeful despite job prospects

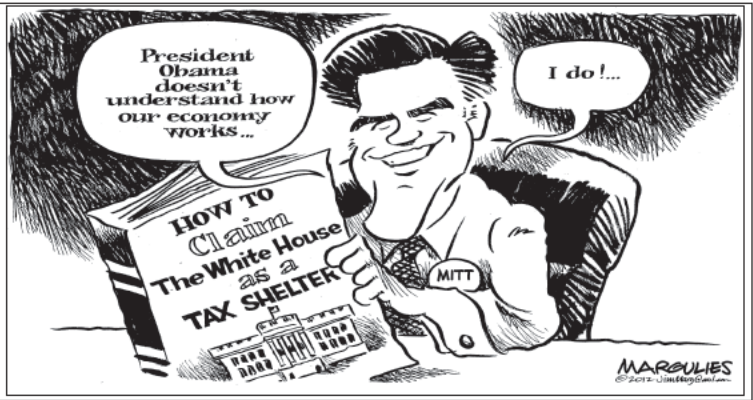
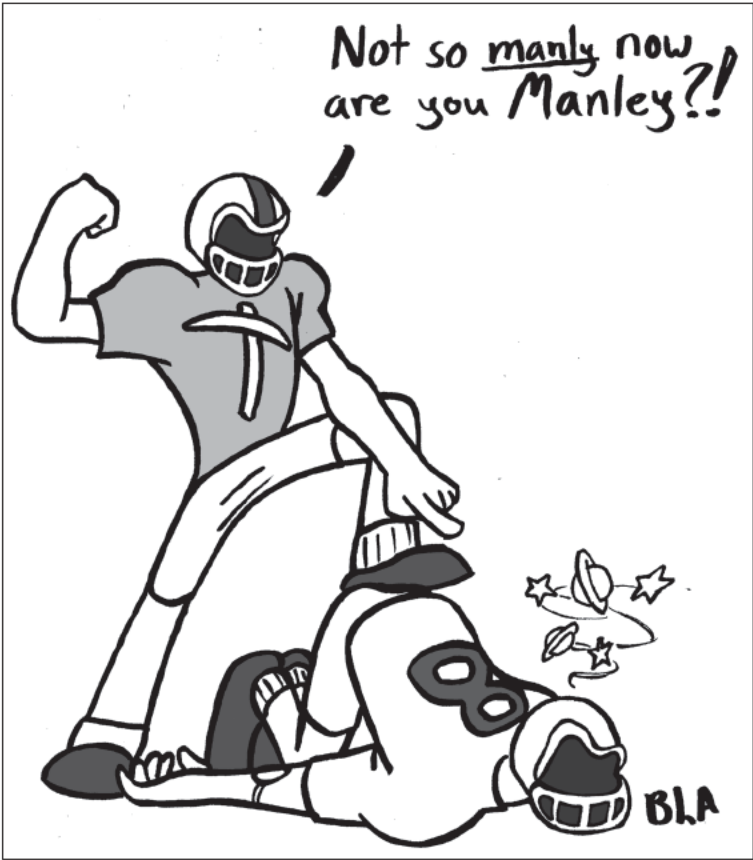
BY JASMINE AGUILERA
The Prospector



In December of 2011, Newsweek's The Daily Beast released a list of the 20 most useless degrees and named journalism as number one. The list was compiled by looking at average income growth and projected change in the number of jobs from 2008 to 2018. About eight months later, the University of Georgia conducted a survey and found that the number of communication and journalism jobs has seen a moderate increase in the number of graduates who have found full-time employment within six to eight weeks of graduation. It's a small hope, but it is one I'm clinging to with all my might. As a journalist, risks are involved in almost every decision one makes, from deciding which story should run on the front page, to deciding whether or not to continue pursuing a degree many would deem useless. Obviously, I chose to take the risk and pursue the degree. I did not make that decision lightly, of course, and believe it or not, there is absolutely no doubt in my mind that I chose the right path. Journalism is the perfect career for me; it's the perfect blend of every ca-

reer I've ever wanted to pursue since my early childhood. It is a mixture of the writer I wanted to be in elementary school, the documentary filmmaker, the humanitarian aid worker, the next Anthony Bourdain on the Travel Channel and the anthropologist I wanted to be in high school. Based on the jobs I listed above, it's obvious that I never planned on making a lot of money, which is honestly fine by me. I may sound like a naïve college student, but I've never had a lot of money growing up, so being tight with cash the rest of my life is something I know I can learn to manage. Of course, that is always easier said than done when you're dealing with thousands of dollars worth of debt. I'll be honest, when I first read the stories that are being published in this Career Issue, I got a nervous feeling in my stomach. All of these questions started entering my mind. What if I'm wasting my time? What if all of the long hours, hard work and dedication I've put into this is for nothing? And the scariest questions of all: What if I'm ruining myself financially? What if, because of all of my debt, I won't ever be able to afford to have a child? And what if I never live up to my potential because I can't catch a break in the world? I thought of my family and how they all struggled throughout their

lives (even going to the extreme of immigrating to an entirely different country that did not want them) so that I could have a better chance at making it in the world. I thought of their lectures throughout my life about how I should go into medicine, that way I'd have a stable career and I won't have to scrape by the way they did. But then I thought about how they all worked long hours in jobs that they hated in order for me to be happy. What makes me happy is learning about people, learning about culture and society. Learning about politics and history, and about how everyone in the world is connected in a giant tangled web of both positive and negative current events. Most of all, learning about all of this and witnessing it first hand through this amazing job I have as a journalist is what I love more than anything. The long hours, the stress, the pressure is all worth it to me because I know I am exactly where I'm supposed to be. I'm doing exactly what I'm meant to be doing. Then I thought back about everything I've accomplished at my age and I realized that I actually do stand a fighting chance, and that's all the hope I need. Jasmine Aguilera may be reached at prospector@utep.edu.



Letter to the editor
Response to 'Retention rate' article

Regarding the article titled, "Low Retention Rate Leads to Study," it is sad that so many first and second year students leave UTEP. However, I think there is only so much that the university can do to keep them. As part of the Entering Student Program, I have observed that at UTEP there is indeed a vast, varied and accessible support network for first-year students which includes the course UNIV 1301: Introduction to University, as well as campus resources and fellow-students such as myself who act as mentors. So the support is

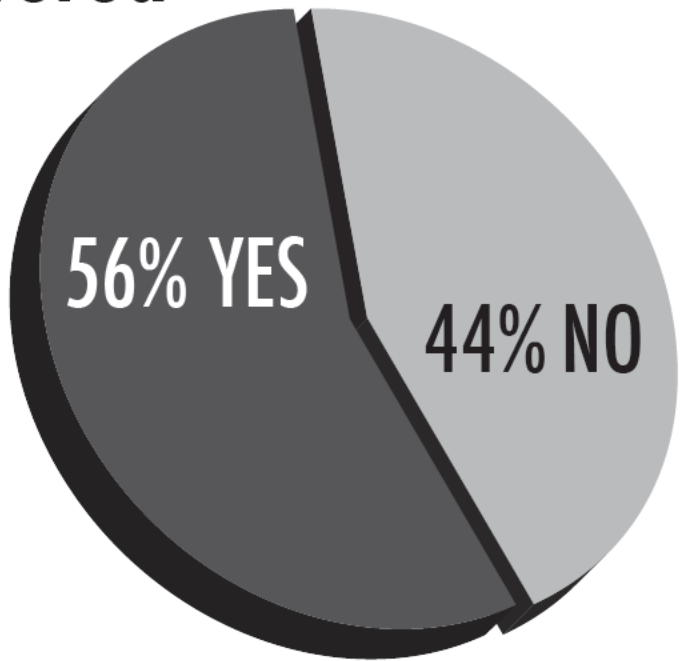
there. However, students have to find it within themselves to seek and take advantage of that support. Therefore, if I could give only one advice to first-year UTEP students in general, it would be this: Your education and your life will be much more satisfying if every time you have to make an effort, rather than thinking: "I am doing this for school," you think: "I am doing this for myself." -Jovan Abrego
Junior English major

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“Fortunately, the districts in San Antonio and even Dallas are already recovering from the budget cuts and are now hiring teachers all over the state. In the future, I plan to become a school administrator therefore I am working to earn my masters in order to have more opportunities and be able to compete. I really recommend for students looking for work to get a higher education and to be ready to look outside of El Paso.”

Several students have had to compromise or make sacrifices in order to get by. Such is the case with Melanie Urban, who graduated from UTEP in 2006 with a bachelor’s degree in art.

“I managed a Subway restaurant for almost three years, and before working there I was a co-manager for a Wendy’s right after graduation,” Urban said. “The main reason for working in the fast food industry is that art jobs are hard to find in today’s economy.”

Urban said she had previous experience in restaurant management and needed to find a way to pay bills. Like many she graduated with, she found a job that would accomplish those goals.

“Most of the time, artists will work a day job so that they can pay their bills and then have to rest of the day to create new pieces,” Urban said. “I also found myself doing the same thing, and then making art fell by the wayside when work became more demanding. I will hopefully find a way to set up a small studio for my ceramics equipment soon.”

George Barton, director of the University Career Center, explained some of the reasons why many students can’t find work in their field of study.

“First, it’s important to recognize that the job market is very competitive right now. Of course, the availability of employment does vary by major (i.e. some majors are in more demand than others) and location (i.e. students may have to look elsewhere for jobs in their majors),” he

said through an email. “It is also safe to say that the approach one takes to the job search may vary from one major to another. Some are more heavily recruited on college campuses. This does not mean that nothing is available for those other majors. Rather, employers may use different recruiting strategies for different majors.”

Blanca Abbud graduated in 2006 with a bachelor’s degree in biological sciences but has since found steady work in sales.

“I have been in sales all my life. Even while going to UTEP I kept a full-time job in different types of sales positions. When I graduated I started selling cars full-time,” Abbud said. “I think when it comes to biology a lot of people don’t realize that a bachelor’s degree is not enough. You need a masters to continue to medical school to make any money unless you want to work in a lab testing food for \$10 an hour.”

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Campus life

Older students pursuing higher education

BY REBECCA GUERRERO
The Prospector

Anette Leyva is a 37-year-old senior social work major and mother of four. She decided to return to school to set an example for her children ages 11 to 21.

“I am the biggest role model for my children and I feel that no matter how old you are, or what obstacles and challenges may come your way, there is always room for improvement and for knowledge,” she said.

Leyva is working on her first university degree, though she attended school before at Western Technical Institute and received a degree as a medical assistant. When she graduated,

however she found that many other students were getting the same quick and easy degree and therefore there was a lack of employment within the field. She thought it more convenient to obtain a university degree.

Like Leyva, senior social work major Irma Issasi is attending UTEP with growing children to look after at home.

“I’m at UTEP at this point because this is where I need to be to get my social work degree and I can’t think of a better place to get my education,” Issasi said. “I didn’t attend earlier because I have four kids and as a single mom raising them it was

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“For the most part, the event is very well organized and well run,” said Cris Martin, junior multidisciplinary studies major. “It is great for students and potential employers to seek each other out and bring job opportunities to the foreground so that students may see what is actually out there for their majors, and even be able to interview on site and secure a position with some of the employers directly.”

The Canopy Campaign, held on Sept. 6, helped the Career Center

further advertise the Career Expo by providing lists of employers who would be attending the expo in several locations throughout the campus.

“We will easily have more than 100 employers attending this event,” Castro said. “UTEP is a good source for employers to come.”

The Career Center also advertises the Career Expo through visits to student athletes, the labs across campus, the Honors House, Peer Advisors, SGA, Alumni Association, Outreach, UTEP Today, KTEP and

the marquees located off of I-10 and Mesa Street. Pamphlets are also hand delivered to the deans of the colleges, assuring that the students attain the necessary information.

“Ideally, we would love to go to every class and talk about resumes, helping to prepare the students,” Castro said. “As of late, however, we can only give the professors a list of what the Career Center can do and what services we provide, ultimately inviting them to have us in their classrooms to educate their students more thoroughly.”

Prior to the Career Expo, students can speak with a Peer Career Advisor at the Career Center, located at 103 Union West, in order to prepare mentally and physically for the event. They can help students polish a resume, conduct mock interviews and provide tips when speaking with prospective employers.

“If it’s graduation and you just started looking for a job, it is going to be a harsh reality. It’s a tough job market, and you may not be ready to interview,” Castro said. “You have to prepare for all different scenarios—references, interviews, resume, etc. You

have to prepare in advance, prepare your best self and practice.”

The Career Expo is funded by the Career Center, charging a fee to those employers participating. This money then goes directly to the Don Haskins Center; any donations made go to student organizations that help in this process.

More information about the Career Expo can be found at sa.utep.edu/careers/ along with the list of all employers that will be attending. The Career Center can also be found on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest.

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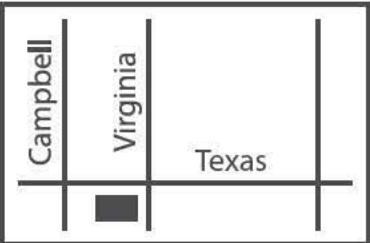
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pretty hard even though they're the loves of my life."

Issasi is part of the 7.6 percent of students over the age of 40 attending the university, according to Still others, like 54-year-old senior history major Joseph Gutierrez, are simply here to pursue a lifelong dream that they had not yet accomplished.

"This will be my first academic degree as upon high school graduation I went to work for the railroad as an electrician and later as a locomotive engineer," Gutierrez said. "Yes, in the '70s it was said that 'a rich man went to college and a poor man went to work.' A lifelong dream of attending law school has surfaced and I am one to pursue the acquisition of an education at any cost."

Then there are those, like 51-year-old education masters student Cameron Wilson, who decided to give education another shot after having had bad experiences working as an aircraft mechanic for about 30 years.

"The reason I went into aviation was due to my hatred of school; I am dyslexic and had a very hard time in primary and secondary school," Wilson said.

He said this is his second attempt at obtaining a masters degree, his first attempt was in the mid '80s.

"I failed horribly, running my GPA down to a 1.69. So I re-entered the university under option two where you start from scratch."

Older students decide to attend UTEP for many varied reasons, and some believe their college experience is more difficult than that of the average young student.

"The experience has been great but it's more difficult," Issasi said. "I have

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- Irma Issasi,
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to study two times harder than the average young student, especially when it comes to technical stuff. Also it is a lot more fun when you're really young to be in college and have no commitments besides school and maybe work. You can hang out and get involved in different activities; UTEP has so much to offer young adults."

For the many older students that walk among the younger students on campus every day, feeling part of the college community can be a bit of a challenge. But, according to Wilson, their integration is key to their success.

"I have peer-led for 10 semesters now," Wilson said. "I truly feel that being involved in this program helped me connect with the university, strive for and achieve a high GPA and overcome the hurdles of being a student with a learning disability. I believe for nontraditional students the key to success is finding some way to be plugged into this university."

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College of Liberal
Arts receives
posthumous donation

Marian and Alina Komarnicki, World War II survivors, left more than half a million dollars to the College of Liberal Arts posthumously. The Komarnicki Scholarship Fund, established with the \$600,000 donation made by the couple, will provide scholarships for deserving students.

UTEP begins collaboration
with UC Santa Barbara

Faculty members from UC Santa Barbara visited the UTEP campus Aug. 31 beginning a scientific collaboration between the two universities. The UTEP-UCSB Partnerships for Research and Education in Materials was put into effect after a grant was awarded in May and aims to aid the attainment of degrees among minorities in materials science and engineering.

Graduate Education
Week kicks off next week

Graduate Education Week will begin Sept. 24 with the School of Nursing hosting an event at the College of Health Sciences Main Lobby from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The colleges of business, engineering, liberal arts, science, education and health sciences will each be holding their events throughout the week, where students may inquire about graduate programs and applications.

Othello to begin this week
at Wise Family Theatre

UTEP's Wise Family Theatre will present Shakespeare's "Othello" beginning Sept. 21 at 8 p.m. Guest artist and member of the L.A. Classical Theater Lab and of Ensemble Studio Theater, Will Badgett will play the title role. Performances will be given throughout the month of September.

First day of class to be
celebrated with film

As part of the Centennial celebration and in an effort to recognize the university's first day of class, there will be a showing of "Glory Road" at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 21 at Memorial Gym. The first day of class at The Texas State School of Mines and Metallurgy, now UTEP, was held Sept. 23, 1914.

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education, legal and medical professions and entrepreneurship as well as continuing on to graduate school. Students were matched with alumni who were either involved in or worked in those areas of expertise or have some sort of knowledge which can be helpful to the students.

"A lot of times it is career advice. What did you do to enter the field? What do you think I should do? Or advice as to how to put your resume together or to do an interview," said Craig Thompson, assistant director of the career center.

Miner Mentors is a nine-month program and it is hoped that the students and their mentors will keep in communication with each other and continue the mentoring relationship through the years.

"Our alumni have been very generous with their time and willingness to help our students. The challenging part was finding the best of several options to serve as mentors to our students," Rodriguez said.

The Alumni Relations office has networks with former students around the country. A recruiting strategy to get more mentors involved is under way, along with how to reach

out to students who will be seniors next year and are interested in the program.

Sylvia Adame, senior special education major, said she joined the program because getting a job in the teaching field is difficult.

"My mentor is Anna Montes, an English teacher with Fabens High School. She recently graduated and got her masters (in education)," Adame said. "I expect to get a lot of advice from her because she has a lot of experience. So that's why I'm so excited to have her as a mentor."

Through the career center's Job Mine database, students can search for a mentor who might assist them with several things, from entering their career field, assisting them with locating housing in a distant city to information about what to expect if hired by a company that the alumni already works for.

"I am hoping to get some insight into the career, some pointers as to what I should put into the resume, what other things I need to supplement with training, or workshops, pointers on interviews, how he went through it and his experiences," Rivera said.

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Graduates

Alumni take over the local Percolator

BY MARILYN ALEMAN

The Prospector

The Percolator café, known as a venue for local musicians and artists, has been bought by three recent UTEP graduate students, each of whom are ready to tweak up new opportunities for their coffee shop.

"I'm excited, nervous, anxious and all of the above at the same time," said Alan Altamira, one of the three business owners of The Percolator. "It's a lot to take in."

Besides Altamira, David Coria and Richard Ornelas are in the business venture together as colleagues and as friends. All three graduated with degrees in business.

Coria said he came about The Percolator in an advertisement in Craigslist, in which he found the price was convenient for investment. On Sept. 5, he and his partners signed a contract, but the full process will not be finished until the end of this month.

"I felt that once we would all come together, we could make this business successful," Coria said.

The Percolator has been known for being a small café and concert venue for local musicians and artists to perform their work. The new owners decided that keeping The Percolator to its formality is what they see as best for their customers.

Some students said that even if The Percolator is under new management, they would only go if it remains as a venue for local artists and sells good food.

"People get really into the shows and the people performing are awesome. I've wanted to go there again, because of the cool environment but I would only go if it remains the same," said Kevin Velez, freshman pre-pharmacy major.



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The Percolator, now under new management, promotes local artists like singer-songwriter Omar Cuellar.

Aaron Hernandez, sophomore art major, said he doesn't care about the new management.

"They had good bands playing there and I don't know what bands they will take now, but I don't care of the management," Hernandez said.

The new owners said that they will make some changes, such as hiring new staff, incorporating a lower priced menu and new business hours.

All changes to The Percolator will be updated on their social-networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Altamira said he plans to keep posting status more frequently and updating events that occur at their business and at the nearby area.

They also have plans to make The Percolator a better place to study between classes.

"It's right here in downtown and I know after 5 p.m. there's going to be

plenty of parking, so it's great opportunity to come down to have a great coffee and study," Ornelas said.

Liz Corral, sophomore mathematics major believes that supporting local businesses is gratifying even if there is slight change.

"I would go just to see how much the place has changed now with new management," Corral said.

Another addition to The Percolator is the possibility of displaying movies on certain days of the month.

"We want to utilize equipment that the previous owners didn't use before and incorporate movies," Coria said.

The Percolator opened under new management Sept. 14, but the owners are planning to have a grand opening, which will be announced on their social-networking sites.

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Melissa Maese, owner of The Pizza Joint graduated UTEP and opened a restaurant that offers pizza by the slice right next to her alma mater.

UTEP alumnus establishes her own business

Success after graduation
This is the first of a series of stories dedicated to thriving UTEP alumni.

BY ANDREA ACOSTA
The Prospector

Opening a pizza venue was always on top of Melissa Maese's dream list. "Back in college, I would always talk to my friends about having my own pizza place," said Maese, a UTEP graduate in marketing and owner of The Pizza Joint. "Especially one that would provide pizza by the slice, close late hours and be located near the university."

It wasn't until January 2011, when Maese stopped working at Marketing Werks as an activation manager for

Miller Coors, that she began to seriously consider the possibility of opening a new place in El Paso. "My business partner, Jeanette Turner, was the one who persuaded and helped me make this idea a reality," Maese said. "And since I love pizza, I decided to go forth with it and said, why not?"

Having less than a month to prepare, assemble and organize everything into place, Maese and her team were able to have everything finished by the day of the opening. "We worked very hard," Maese said. "I wanted to decorate The Pizza Joint in a way that would reflect the friendly and easy going atmosphere where anybody could hangout, have a good

time and enjoy a slice of pizza along with friends and family."

The atmosphere in the restaurant is given by creative decorations, which include murals by Sun City Tattoos, vintage wine barrel tables, a wall chalkboard and a stand full of board games that customers can use. "I really loved the barrel tables, I first saw them in Colorado, and I decided to implement them along with the board games," Maese said. "This place is filled with icebreakers, we often see people playing chess and drawing great masterpieces on the chalkboard everyday."

According to Maese, board games are not the only thing that sets them apart from other pizza venues.

"The recipe and the size of the pizza is another characteristic that makes Pizza Joint unique," Maese said. "Our pizzas are 20 inches and are cut into six slices, covering a well portion of the plate. Customers have compared our pizza style with the one from New York, which is a great compliment."

The Pizza Joint does not only offer a great experience, but according to Maese, with only \$4, costumers can take advantage of a slice topped with fresh ingredients and mozzarella cheese along with a drink.

Emmanuel Arzate, senior marketing major, said that he loved the pizza, the barrel tables and the price. "It was really good and very well made," Arzate said. "I went along with my mom and we were both

very pleased with the serving and the low price."

Being open for more than a year now, Maese said that she is overwhelmed with the great response that The Pizza Joint has received from the El Paso community. "Everything has been happening so fast and the process has been beautiful," Maese said. "The community has opened their arms to us and we couldn't be more happy, we really thank them."

Maese said, she and her employees have made the effort to build a relationship with their customers.

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Local Cinci bar re-opens as Corner Tavern and Grill

BY MARIO SIMENTAL
The Prospector

Local Cincinnati bar, The Den/The Room has changed its name and overall approach to student life. The newly renovated Corner Tavern and Grill opened its re-envisioned doors on Sept. 8.

The renaming of the establishment came after a sense of confusion from customers, said Anthony Duncan, owner of the Corner Tavern and Grill. The new name was later adopted as certain renovations took place to enhance what the Tavern could offer patrons.

"We decided to rename it Corner Tavern and Grill, and that's how we changed the den portion a bit," Duncan said. "But we did leave the room alone and the same out here (patio) and we added a full kitchen in there."

A big walk-in, hoods, grills and a number of other renovations were also made as part of the process, Duncan said.

Jonathan Torres, mechanical engineering junior, has re-acquainted himself with the new Corner Tavern and Grill, once the famed location of the O2 Lounge, which reopened

in December of 2011 as The Den/The Room.

"At first glance I thought it looked too small," Torres said. "But after I went in, I was attracted to the dark, chill environment. The selection of drinks was extensive."

Torres said the atmosphere made him feel relaxed. "It's really dark, but once you're outside there's lights, music and visuals," Torres said. "Two different settings to be in."

Ania Tchoshanova, English and American literature junior, described the venue as a comfortable option on Cincinnati Avenue.

"I think I like the way it's been rebuilt, from what it used to be it's a lot more spacious," Tchoshanova said. "The placement is comfortable, I think it's good for students and it's aimed at the younger demographic."

According to Duncan, the Tavern's menu may be extended to accommodate more UTEP customers and create a lounge open to everyone.

"We're trying to be kind of a nice college hangout," Duncan said. "Where the professors would like it, the students would like it and some of the professionals that work in the area would too. So hopefully it works out that way."

The Tavern's menu includes burgers, salads, sandwiches and fish tacos, to name a few. Duncan said they are trying to have comfort type foods at fair prices, like the hamburger at \$4.95.

Oscar Mendoza, political science junior, said he appreciates the new addition to the menu, which has built on what he felt was already satisfying. "It's a great addition and a great place to unwind and enjoy good food with a cold beer," Mendoza said. "Their amaretto sours are crazy delicious, best in Cincinnati."

Aside from the renovations, Duncan said that they are trying different things, such as deejays on Tuesday nights.

They will also have Sunday Funday, which will go through Oct. 16.

"We're trying to be kind of a nice college hangout."

- Anthony Duncan, owner of Corner Tavern and Grill.



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Cesar Chaparro, bar tender at the The Corner Tavern and Grill prepares a drink.

"I like the ambiance at night, I like any place that has an outside patio because I feel it gives you more freedom," Tchoshanova said. "I think it is student oriented, especially because of the location, it's very close to UTEP and it's in the Cincinnati district."

The Corner Tavern and Grill will host the Mike Price show every Wednesday at 7 p.m. during the month of September while it alternates between the Border City Ale House, which Duncan also owns.

"I hope that UTEP and the community embrace the place and like it and come in," Duncan said. "If there's something they'd like to see us do, I hope they're open to come in and tell us, 'like hey, you ought to try this,' or 'you're missing something around here' because we're open for anything like that."

The Corner Tavern and Grill is located on 2700 N. Mesa and serves food from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and closes at 2 a.m.

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“We have gotten to know our customers really well that every time someone comes through the doors we greet them by their personal name,” Maese said.

Monica Bustamante, fifth grade teacher at Rivera Elementary, said she has loved the pizza so much that she eats at The Pizza Joint once a week.

“I really like coming here since it opened, the pizza is really good,” Bustamante said. “It is something different and unique in El Paso. I have recommended it to friends and family and none of them have given me a bad review on this place.”

Maese hopes that in the next four years, she can expand The Pizza Joint and make new branches, especially by the East Side.

“We want to grow as a business,” Maese said. “Next stop might be delivery, I’m looking forward to that implementation.”

The venue also hosts an open mic every Wednesday at 8 p.m. According to Maese, open mic brings all kinds of talented people under the same roof.

“I have always enjoyed live entertainment,” Maese said. “We have heard singers, to comedians to the Vagina Monologues, it’s always really fun.”

Maese said The Pizza Joint also supports the community in different ways. One of them is donating cans to the Rescue Mission.

“I will continue helping the community in any way I can, ultimately giving back to El Paso,” Maese said.

Pizza Joint is located on 2900 N. Mesa, Suite F. For more information, call 533-4066 or visit facebook.com/PizzaJoint.

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Customers enjoy the atmosphere at The Pizza Joint.

Column

Google brings Star Trek-looking devices to life

BY ALEJANDRO ALBA
The Prospector



Leave it to Google to become my new savior in technology after the release of their most recent invention back in April, the Google Glass.

The futuristic gadget named Glass is basically your phone on your eye. The device is placed on a set of frames and consists of a touchpad and a small screen above your right eye. For a better description you can just see the picture provided by Google.

I wish I could be basing this column on a prototype that was sent to me by the company to review like David Pogue from The New York Times, but I’m not rich and famous like him or Sarah Jessica Parker—who also got a chance to try this cool gizmo—yet. So, I will be writing this column based on the demo video in the meantime.

A very cool and fake-looking demo video released shows a man navigating through the streets of New York while he looks at maps, sends text messages with voice command and video chats.

Honestly, I thought this technology would first be brought to us by Apple, but all they could give us was a slim phone with, well, I think that is all.

Although the project is at its early stages with the prototype, photos and videos shot with the integrated cam-

era have already been released and they look pretty clear.

The glasses are not yet for sale but they are being tested by celebrities and Google employees. According to press releases the Glass will be released in 2014.

Aside from taking pictures and recording video, the Glass can surf the web and place calls with voice command. It is just like the Bluetooth headset you already use, mixed with technology from Star Trek. I just can’t wait to get my hands on a pair of those tacky looking frames.

In their prototype stage, the Glass hooks up wirelessly to your android platform device. It has been reported by the creators that in future models the device will automatically hook up to the Internet without the need of your cellphone. It was also reported that future models will be in form of contact lenses. If that’s the case, the future we have seen in movies for the last 30 years is near. Of course that brings concern.

Just like any good thing that is introduced into humanity, there are always those who support it and those who oppose it. But I wouldn’t throw rocks at this pretty little thing that shines and calls my name from a near future. However, there will be concerns about the troubles these frames will bring. I’m pretty sure that using them while operating a motor vehicle will be one.

In the next two years, Google will continue to test their frames and sharpen every aspect of them, in-



Special to The Prospector

cluding the design. Even the models from this year’s Fashion Week in New York couldn’t pull them off, and we are talking about the most attractive people that roam the Earth.

While we anxiously wait for the next piece of revolutionary technology, we will have to deal with the mediocre devices Apple and Nintendo are selling, I guess.

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FOOTBALL: UTEP SENIOR QB NICK LAMAI SON EARNED CONFERENCE USA OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK AFTER HIS 300 YARD FOUR TOUCHDOWN PERFORMANCE AGAINST NM STATE.

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Football

Miners travel to Camp Randall

1-2 UTEP wraps up non-conference schedule against Big Ten’s Wisconsin

BY EDWIN DELGADO
The Prospector

The UTEP Miners will travel 14,000 miles for their final non-conference game of the season against the Big Ten conference defending champions Wisconsin Badgers, Sept. 22 at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison.

“They are fundamentally sound on defense and you are going to have to block them and knock them down,” UTEP head coach Mike Price said. “On their offense you know where they are going to run but you have to defeat that block from a blocker who is stronger and bigger than you and tackle their All-American running back (senior Montee Ball).”

The Badgers have a new signal caller in place, junior quarterback Danny O’Brian, who transferred from Maryland to replace now Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson.

Through three games, O’Brian has thrown three touchdowns and is averaging just over 150 yards per game.

Wisconsin escaped close games against Football Championship Sub-division Northern Iowa in their season opener 26-21. One week later, the Badgers fell 10-7 against Oregon State. After the game, Wisconsin head coach Bret Bielema fired his offensive line coach Mark Markuson.

The Badgers had another close game Sept. 15, edging Utah State 16-14 who missed a game winning-field goal in the dying seconds of the contest.

On the other hand, the Miners won a crucial game over rival NM State 41-28, their first of the season. That also gave UTEP seniors a 4-0 record against the Aggies.

“We haven’t focused on them (Wisconsin) yet; on Monday we should watch film on them,” junior linebacker A.J. Ropati said after the Sept. 15 win. “I heard they are a good team, we must respect their tradition and their history. This win (against the Aggies) is a huge confidence boost going into this game.”

At the start of the season, the Badgers were the 12th ranked team in the country in the Associated Press poll. The Badgers have dropped out of the top 25 in the AP poll and now only appear as the 24th ranked team in the Coaches/USA Today poll.

Despite losing their starting quarterback, the Badgers still have experienced playmakers on their offense, among them is last season’s Heisman trophy finalist Ball, who has 320 yards rushing and two touchdowns in his first three games, while junior wide receiver Jared Abbrederis has registered seven receptions for 118 yards.

After the win over the Aggies, Price mentioned he was proud of the toughness and willingness to play of his players.

He also said that sophomore running back Nathan Jeffery was ready to comeback against the Aggies, although he didn’t play much, but is expected to be 100 percent in the game against Wisconsin.

“Our defense is confident, they are getting well coached by (defensive coordinator) Andre Patterson and the other coaches obviously, putting the guys in the right position to make things happen, rotating a lot of people, a lot of guys are playing,” Price said. “Ropati, who I didn’t think would play, Drew Thomas (senior) cornerback who I didn’t think was going to play after he bruised his knee, those two guys sucked it up and played and we should be close to full strength against Wisconsin.”

Price said that the experience of their last road game against Ole Miss, where they played in front of 60,000, will be helpful when they play at Camp Randall Stadium in front of 80,000-plus fans.

The Miners are currently 0-16 on the road against BCS conference schools and will try to get a big landmark win to get to conference play full of confidence.

Kickoff is at 10 a.m. Mountain time and will air live on ESPN2.

“Wisconsin is a great team, and we have our hands full, but we need to go out there and practice like any other week,” sophomore wide receiver Jordan Leslie said. “It’s about us, that’s our motto, it’s about us. We just want to play hard and go out there and do what we can do.”

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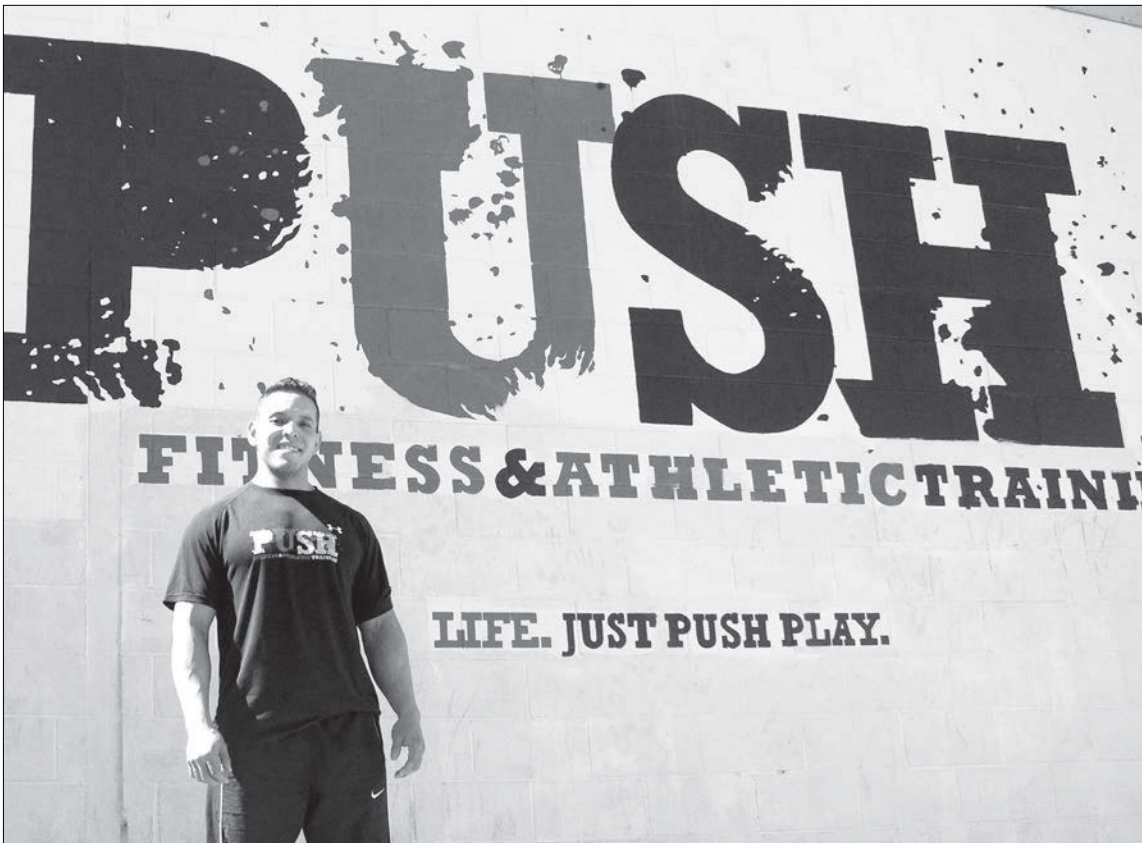


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Senior quarterback Nick Lamaison leads the Miners into their last non-conference game against Wisconsin Sept. 22. Lamaison threw for 300 yards and four touchdowns in UTEP’s 41-28 win over NM State Sept. 15.

Fitness

Alumni pushing others to better bodies



DANIEL ORNELAS / The Prospector

UTEP alumnus, Daniel Alvarado, is the founder and owner of PUSH fitness and athletic training.

BY DANIEL ORNELAS
The Prospector

When it comes to fitness, it doesn’t take a world-class athlete to achieve positive results and that’s what PUSH fitness is hoping to relay to its customers.

UTEP alumni, Daniel Alvarado and Justin Kaufman have put to work their experiences in exercise and fitness to create a business that can appeal to the “average Joe” or an athlete training for a triathlon.

“We’re a gym that non-gym goers, go to,” Alvarado said. “I established a program called ‘push play’ and that incorporates anything from crossfit to kettle bell training to sports specific and strength and conditioning. It allows you to adapt to your progress.”

In a Men’s Fitness 2012 study on the fattest cities in America, El Paso ranked seventh, with Houston earning the number one spot.

PUSH is helping their members reach their fitness goals weather it be to improve cardiovascular conditioning or simply lose weight. The gym takes in a variety of clients, big or small, old or young.

“It’s for anyone, we’re the gym that will take a 400-pound person and not feel intimidated at our gym, or even the best athlete can come in and have an intense workout,” Alvarado said. “It’s the environment that we create for the individual.”

Alvarado, now 30, has been a personal trainer since the age of 24. He graduated from UTEP in 2008 with a degree in exercise science. After working for a chiropractor, he built his clientele and that’s what sparked the idea for PUSH fitness.

On the other hand, co-owner Kaufman who’s a criminal justice major, has a background in gymnastics. Kaufman practiced the sport during his time at Texas Tech before finishing his undergraduate degree at UTEP.

“I’m a little business savvy, we’re just trying to find a good concept with what I know with my business partner (Alvarado),” Kaufman said. “We just kind of put our idea together and wanted to offer everything we could, anyone can go in there and we’ll modify our workouts to suit their needs.”

The business has gained attention from current UTEP students as well.



AARON MONTES / The Prospector

Left: Yanelle Olmos junior nursing student discusses workouts with PUSH trainer Mike Contreras. **Right: Gym member Priscilla Sano** goes through a crossfit circuit training.

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Yanelle Olmos, junior nursing student said the gym has provided her a convenient way to stay in shape and she would advice anyone looking to improve their fitness to give it a try.

“I would say try it. There’s nothing you can lose and it’s a fast workout,” Olmos said. “Being in the nursing program, I hardly have time to work out. So I come and workout for 20 or 30 minutes. You burn as many calories as you would in an hour or two at the gym.”

Crossfit incorporates multiple ways of training that includes cardio, plyometrics and weights. For people used to the more traditional bodybuilding style of training, the idea of crossfit may come across as unfit for their needs.

Kaufman acknowledges that there are differences between both training

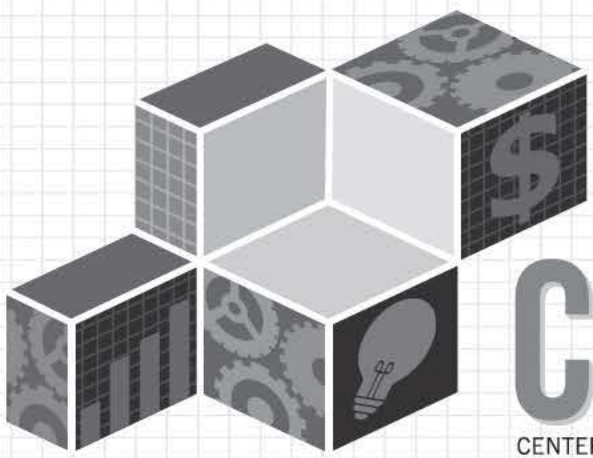
styles, but still believes that his gym is good for anyone.

“It’s hard to change people’s minds. I used to be that guy too. It’s just a complete different level, in bodybuilding, you’re molding your body for a specific look,” Kaufman said. “Crossfit and what we do, you’re just in the best shape of your life and look great. I try to frame it that way, you can still look amazing and achieve more.”

PUSH has been open for two and a half years with two locations in El Paso, central at 6440 Gateway East and on the West Side at 7410 Remcon Circle. According to Kaufman, they’re planning on opening a third location on the East Side and perhaps branch out to Austin and San Antonio.

Prices range from \$50 per session or \$25 per person, with no more than two people per hour. For more information visit, push4fitness.com.

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Soccer

The quest for C-USA begins

BY AUDREY WESTCOTT

The Prospector

Ending their preseason with another win, the 7-2 Miners are proving to be a top contender heading into Conference USA play.

In their last game before conference, the Miners dominated in Aggie territory, beating out NM State 2-1 for the third consecutive time in the annual Battle of the I-10 rivalry Sept. 12 in Las Cruces.

"We are really excited to start our season," head coach Kevin Cross said. "We have been playing good soccer and that is what we work for. Pre-season is like a second season for us so we wanted to make sure that our last non-conference games were the best soccer that we have played. Take care of all the little details and finish our non-conference play strong."

Last season, the Miners secured a spot in the 2011 C-USA championship game after defeating second-seed Colorado College in the quarterfinals and top contender Rice, in the finals.

UTEP faced off against the undefeated Memphis Tigers in the title match. Despite a close game and a double overtime, the Tigers were victorious over the Miners, ending the game 2-1.

"We had a really good run last year so we know what we are capable of," sophomore midfielder Lauren Katada

said. "We came really close last year, so we are ready to win this season the whole way through. We just need to continue to push and come ready to every game."

Conference ready, UTEP is looking to its experienced players to set up the Miner game on the field, but the true key to this season's success is the foundation of talent and hard work maintained by all players.

"The team is starting to peak at their best soccer, and we just need to continue to play at our best," senior midfielder Tess Hall. "We returned a lot of starters from last season so having that experience on the field has been beneficial. But I think what makes us a truly strong competitor is that our depth on the bench is huge. Being able to switch out players and not let our level drop is a great advantage. It allows us to always bring in that extra burst of energy for each game."

With the 2012 C-USA championship being held at UTEP, the Miners want nothing more than to defend their home field and play in that final game for the title, but they understand that every game will be a battle and that focus as a team is key.

UTEP took a small game break after their win against the Aggies Sept. 12 and the Miners have been concentrating on their daily practices.

They will resume play when they face off against East Carolina on Sept.

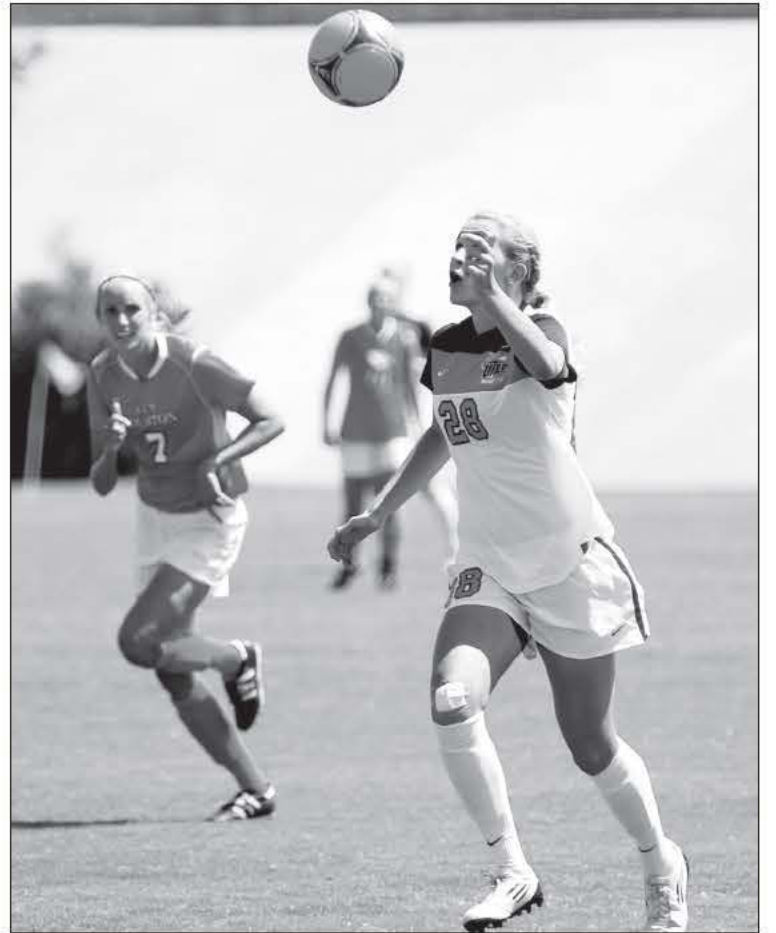
21. The match will be their first of four back-to-back away games.

"It all depends on how we play, any one can beat anyone," Cross said. "The conference is tough so if we play average we are going to lose but if we play our best then we stand a chance of winning. We have to take it one game at a time and just really be mentality tough, have our minds in the game and be really focused."

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Freshman midfielder Taylor Kidd controls the ball as she dribbles through the Sam Houston defense during the Third-Annual Border Bash Sept. 9 at University Field.

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