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Universities ready their campuses for debate season

BY JORY HECKMAN

Scripps Howard Foundation Wire

WASHINGTON - At the University of Denver—the site of the Oct. 3 presidential debate between President Barack Obama and former Governor Mitt Romney—Chancellor Robert Coombe said the campus has been a flurry of activity, but is ready to go.

“It’s been an incredible ride,” Coombe said, outlining the difficult process of accommodating more than 500 media outlets—nearly half of which are foreign press.

Coombe said the global attention has been great for the private university’s international student body of more than 1,500 students. For them, he said the debate has been a learning opportunity.

“They get to see American democracy happen right in front of them,” Coombe said.

Coombe said the university’s selection for the debate likely reflects Colorado’s status as a swing state.

“This isn’t something that there is a great financial reward to,” Coombe said. “But it’s the sort of thing that a great university ought to do.”

For the vice presidential debate on Oct. 11, Michael Strynick, director of communications at Centre College in Danville, Ky., said the campus is looking forward to rehosting this event. In 2000, Centre, which has 1,340 students, hosted the vice presidential debate between Joseph Lieberman and Dick Cheney.

“The media interest on this debate is profound,” Strynick said, noting that news outlets from 20 countries will descend on the town of just over 16,000 residents. “We used to think of this as a big national event, but now it’s an international event,” Strynick said.

In preparing the auditorium, Strynick said one of the most formidable challenges has been providing technology to the press. He said Centre has created a new Internet network exclusively for the debate and has verified it as “crash-proof.” It held a “break the network” event when students were invited en masse to connect their laptops and smartphones to the network to test its stability.

According to a panel of journalists and media professionals who spoke Monday at the Newseum in Washington, Obama will risk more during his debates with Romney and should

Political groups respond to presidential debate

BY JASMINE AGUILERA
AND ALEJANDRO ALBA

The Prospector

The first debate of the campaign season briefly mentioned the issue of higher education, but both the University Democrats and the College Republicans weighed in on which candidate had the better argument.

On Oct. 3 President Barack Obama and Governor Mitt Romney took the

stage at the University of Denver in front of moderator Jim Lehrer, host of NewsHour on PBS, and spoke on issues about the economy and the role of government.

“I think Obama has been a strong advocate for students and the Stafford loan, for affordable education,” said Matt Leahy, president of the University Democrats. “Governor Romney won’t talk about his beliefs and as far as I know he’s more than willing to cut

student aid if it meant breaks for the rich.”

Lorenzo Villa, chairman of the College Republicans, had a different view.

“Honestly, Obama did go more in depth with his speech, but like Governor Romney said, education is something that we need to be successful as a nation,” he said. “Things won’t get solved right away, but (Romney) has a plan, he didn’t go to deep into the plan, but that’s something that people will just start researching.”

Both the Democrats and Republicans had differing opinions on who won the debate.

“I think Obama performed admirably,” Leahy said. “I think Romney was nervous throughout. What bothered me, and I’m sure most people, was that he had a lot of criticism but he wouldn’t offer his own platform because that would be open to criticism.”

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Campus

Art degrees deemed useless, students persevere

BY MARILYN ALEMAN

The Prospector

Victor Muheddine, a recent UTEP graduate, lived the life of a freelance artist but had to keep a steady job just to maintain a living.

“I think it’s hard to maintain a regular job with a BFA in painting,” Muheddine said. “The best thing that you can do is to do what you can to get by as an artist and apply to every opportunity you can get, I had to get a part-time job at EPCC as an art lab assistant.”

In April of 2012 Newsweek’s “The Daily Beast” ranked 13 majors that are considered to be the most useless. A degree in fine arts was ranked number one.

The research contains information collected by two years of investigation conducted by Georgetown University and from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. This research determined what the most popular majors are and what their perspective future incomes would be.

Graduates who hold a fine arts degree face an unemployment rate of 12.6 percent and if employed should expect an average income of \$30,000 a year. As for experienced graduates, the unemployment rate is 7.3 percent and if employed they earn approximately \$45,000.

Therese Bauer, art department advisor and drawing lecturer, does not

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Aaron Martinez, senior ceramics major, works on a ceramic project while in class.

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Soccer

Bad start in C-USA has UTEP playing catch up

BY AUDREY WESTCOTT
The Prospector

Four games into conference play and the Miners have experienced everything except a win.

With three players injured, the team that began the season with the strongest record (7-2), is now trailing in last place amongst its conference competitors, only one game over .500 at 7-6.

In its first game of the conference season, the Miners faced off against East Carolina in a cutthroat opener. With 18 out of 27 game infractions called on the Miners, tensions on the field were high.

“We played well as a team, and worked hard,” junior midfielder, Kenah Linger said. “We were really pumped about it being our first conference game. We just really needed to capitalize on the small things and each chance we had because in conference play you are not going to get as many chances as in non-conference play. The play is competitive, everyone is going hard and giving a hundred percent, so we just need to be that much more ready.”

The Miners ended the game with more attempted shots at the post, but East Carolina secured the win, beating out UTEP, 1-0.

Head coach Kevin Cross said he recognizes the team’s shortcomings, but does not underestimate what the Miners can put forth on the field with a few adjustments.

“Finishing our opportunities is what it is all boils down to,” Cross said. “We had more opportunities than East Carolina but we did not put ours away. You win games by scoring goals and we did not put away our chances. We have to finish strong, hold ourselves accountable, minimize our mistakes and just be on it.”

Eager to turn it around in their next game, UTEP was aggressive on the Marshall defense, but despite 15 attempts on goal, the Miners fell short for the second time.

Marshall locked in the win, 4-1, on their second C-USA match up of the season.

“The game was a struggle, we didn’t play our best soccer,” junior midfielder, Azia Nicholson said. “The effort was definitely there but the execution was not and going forward into the season, that is what we are concentrating on. We need to focus on getting the finish, being composed in the box and really putting teams away.”

Aside from the lack of finish, the Miners have been hit hard with the loss of freshman Aleah Davis and sophomores Mackenzie German and Lauren Katada, who are all sidelined indefinitely with injuries.

“Losing any player creates an absence,” Cross said. “But every season these things happen and a good team has to adapt to it.”

Adding two more loses to their seasonal record, against SMU and Tulsa, the Miners are looking for their first win in C-USA.



FILE PHOTO / The Prospector


Seniors Brittany Kindziersky (9) and Tess Hall (5) are two of the nine returning starters for the Miners looking to rebound after dropping the first four C-USA games of the season. At 7-6, UTEP has seven remaining games in the regular season before hosting the conference tournament Oct. 31 at University Field.

UTEP returns to El Paso for four consecutive home games beginning with the University of Alabama at Birmingham at 7 p.m. on Oct. 5 at University Field.

Despite UTEP’s depth being challenged, the Miners still have seven games in regular-season play to not only regain their focus but also challenge for the number one spot.

“I think we are really learning from these first few games,” senior midfielder, Tess Hall said. “We have not let our level drop. We are just as strong as we were in preseason but we are struggling to finish our opportunities. These first few games were kind of a wake up call for us, but we are ready to get back on track. Again we are going to refocus, regroup and come out playing UTEP soccer.”

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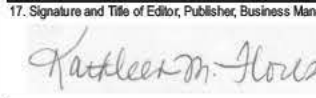
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Football

Banking on leadership



BRANDY POSADA / The Prospector

Running backs and punters/special teams coordinator Jeff Banks began his coaching career as a graduate assistant under head coach Mike Price at Washington State from 1999-00.

BY AUDREY WESTCOTT

The Prospector

Despite having only played a year of high school football, Jeff Banks built his reputation on the field as a punter and kicker for Washington State back in the late 1990s. Fifteen years later he's still making an impact, this time from the sidelines as coach at UTEP. "He is probably one of the best special teams coordinators and kicking coaches I've known," sophomore punter, Steven Valdez said. "Last year, I was not doing as well and he gave me corrections and pushed me to keep practicing and keep getting better and now I am a starter. He has players trust his word because he teaches us to just be ourselves and do what we can do."

In his ninth season at UTEP, Banks is currently the running backs and punters/special teams coordinator. Just this past season alone, Banks led the Miners to earn the top special teams unit in Conference USA of 2011, as they ranked first in the league and fourth in the nation in

punting average (40.5), second in kickoff returns (26.3) and third in kickoff coverage (44.4). Senior punter Ian Campbell finished 2011 as a Ray Guy award semi-finalist, the award given to the top punter in the nation. Banks said he's constantly pushing his players for a higher level of performance and revolves his coaching techniques around a strong foundation of hard work and respect between the players and himself. "I would say that I am a disciplinarian when it comes to coaching," Banks said. "I coach to get the most production out of our guys, keeping them disciplined on and off the field. But at the same time I want them to be themselves and try to let the players play within their abilities. So I am a disciplinarian in assignments but when they get on the field I let them play."

Aside from working to produce a game-winning team, Banks also uses his time as a coach to instill personal attributes that will benefit his players beyond their time on the field.

"There is no substitute for hard work, whether it's on the field or anything they are doing or going to do in life," Banks said. "I want my players to know that they are going to have to work extremely hard for anything they want because what makes you great is your work ethic."

Playing in his second season for UTEP, sophomore running back, Nathan Jeffery said Banks has played a vital part for the growth and success of the program. "He is just one of those guys who brings energy and excitement to the field," Jeffery said. "He knows a lot about the game and does a great job of passing it on to us players. He tells us what we are coming into and to always be ready to compete. He can be a little weird at times because he is so energetic but it pumps us up as a team and it creates a positive attitude on the field."

While Banks has impacted the Miners, he said that for him the most rewarding part is not the praise he gets

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Volleyball

Team first for Cason

BY HERMAN DELGADO

The Prospector

The UTEP Miners volleyball team is on a six-game win streak and junior outside hitter Jacqueline Cason is one of the big reasons the team sits at 4-1 in conference play. "I think she's physically very talented, she's a strong kid, plays high above the net, and has the ability to take over matches for portions at the net," head coach Ken Murphy said. "Her improvement has just come from understanding herself, and how to compete against the best teams, and do all the things she's capable of doing at a higher level than in the past."

The Miners currently hold a 10-7 record and Cason said teamwork and

a Conference USA title is something they've been targeting all along. "We just need to get better every day, and I feel that we can only get better," Cason said. "If we get on that track there is nothing that can stop us."

This is Cason's third year at UTEP, where she's majoring in mechanical engineering. "After my playing days at UTEP are over, I'm going to stay around for another year to finish my degree," Cason said. "I'm always going to be involved in the game. A teammate of mine and I coach a local team of 13-14 year-olds here in El Paso during the spring, so I stay pretty involved with the sport and the community."

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Junior outside hitter Jaqueline Cason currently ranks third on the team with 134 kills on 62 sets.

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Murphy said he's very pleased with his team's performance and Cason's contributions on the court.

He also said he believes his team is headed in the right direction and all his players are making a positive contribution to have a successful season. Cason is one of those players that is stepping up to the plate and meeting the challenge.

Senior middle blocker Cassandra Burrueel feels that Cason brings a lot to the table and makes a big impact on the court.

"She has a lot of energy on the court, she brings a lot of entertainment to the group, and it's nice knowing that I can rely on her to set up a block or allowing me to set her up to get a kill," Burrueel said. "It's fun and it's comforting knowing that I can rely on her and the person next to me."

The Miners are out of town for their next four games, their next home game will be against Houston at 7 p.m., Oct. 19 at Memorial Gym.

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JUSTIN STENE / The Prospector

Cason and the Miners are in search of the first 20-win season in the program's history. The team currently holds a 10-7 mark.



JUSTIN STENE / The Prospector

In his time with the Miners, Banks has tutored running backs like UTEP's all-time leading rusher Donald Buckram and 2011 Ray Guy semi-finalist punter Ian Campbell.

LEADERSHIP from page 11

"There is no substitute for hard work, whether it's on the field or anything they are doing or going to do in life. I want my players to know that they are going to have to work extremely hard for anything they want because what makes you great is your worth ethic."

- Jeff Banks,
RBs and punters/ST coord.

for being a coach, but rather the active role he gets to partake in helping his players reach their full potential.

"I love the impact that we as coaches can have on 18 to 22 year old young men, and in helping them to reach their goals," Banks said. "It is rewarding to watch them be successful and continue to be successful and plus being around all these young guys keeps me young, so my job is more fun than work."

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Tuesday, October 9

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Kimaiyo earns
third C-USA athlete
of the week award

Senior distance runner Risper Kimaiyo earned her third Conference USA Athlete of the Week honor this season as announced by the league on Oct. 2.

The All-American clocked in a season-best time of 17-minutes, 17.79 seconds at the Cowboy Jamboree in the women's 5K race. She took second place overall in a race that featured 127 competitors. She led the women's team to a seventh-place finish. This is Kimaiyo's 14th career C-USA Athlete of the Week honor as a Miner.

UTEP will have a week off to prepare for Pre-Nationals on Oct. 13 in Louisville, Ky.

Edwards named to
Biletnikoff Award
Watch List

UTEP football's senior Michael Edwards was named to the Biletnikoff Award Watch List on Oct. 2. The award is presented annually to the nation's outstanding college football receiver by the Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation, Inc.

Edwards ranks 18th nationally in receiving yards (455), 27th in yards per game (91) and is tied for 66th in receptions per game (5.40 avg.). Edwards is coming off of his second straight 100-yard receiving game and his third in a UTEP uniform with 130 at East Carolina. He posted 151 yards at Wisconsin on Sept. 22. He currently has 27 receptions for 455 yards and three touchdowns.

The list will be narrowed to 10 on Nov. 12 and the winner will be announced on Dec. 6. For more information, visit biletnikoffaward.com.

Column

An aussie experience

BY AUDREY RUSSELL
The Prospector



I'll start this off by letting everyone know that not all Australians have pet kangaroos and the majority that I have met do not own knives...at least not in Melbourne. The Australians I've met so far all call each other "mates," they're pretty amazing at sports and have the best fish 'n chips I've ever tasted.

Stepping off the plane and entering a country known for its kangaroos, crocodiles, poisonous snakes, spiders and even plants, you don't really feel different at first. After getting over thinking "thank God that 15 hour plane flight is over and I'm alive," I realized I was going to experience an entirely different country for six months at a different university, different food and definitely a different culture from El Paso.

This realization didn't exactly all come at that moment, but came to surface at the strangest of moments. I don't know if it was the fact that I pushed past my gag reflexes when eating some sort of petrified sugar dumpling, or the fact that I realized I was considered foreign and instantly

thrown out of my element into a cultural melting pot.

Australia definitely caught me by surprise with the many different cultures and foods that made their way into the city, plants and trees that look like they came straight from a Dr. Suess book, and especially their famous "pies" which were definitely not from Village Inn.

The first time biting into a meat (and what I think was gravy) pie when you're expecting apple isn't the most pleasurable of experiences. Other than misconceptions when ordering food, traveling abroad has changed my life, and my stay here as a student, only in good ways.

As a student, I've become so much more outspoken in my classes, met so many great professors and people and gained so much independence and freedom. Not to brag or anything, but my cooking skills have gone from microwave experience and cereal bowls to baking from scratch. Trust me, I've burnt a lot of things along the way, but my food actually tastes good now.

Studying abroad provides different paths for everyone, but I'd definitely recommend this program in a heartbeat. You can never explain in words how much a different country will affect you, but traveling has broadened my horizons and made me more open to try and do anything in my grasp.

I know from being here for three months so far I've taken for granted many things in my country, state and city that have made me feel a sense of discovery and excitement.

The Study Abroad Office at UTEP has opened doors for UTEP students as well as other internationals to experience UTEP as well. Some of my new "mates" here loved El Paso so much they volunteered to show us "Americans" around Melbourne. I couldn't have asked for a better way to see Australia than through this exchange program.

I'm halfway through my experience here in this beautiful country, and so much about me has been changed already. I have three months of traveling and trying new things with new goals and new destinations. Not only has Australia turned my view of the world upside down, it's changed my opinions of myself completely. I have been so lucky to have this opportunity and I'm not about to let it or any others go to waste.

See some of Audrey's photos on page 3.

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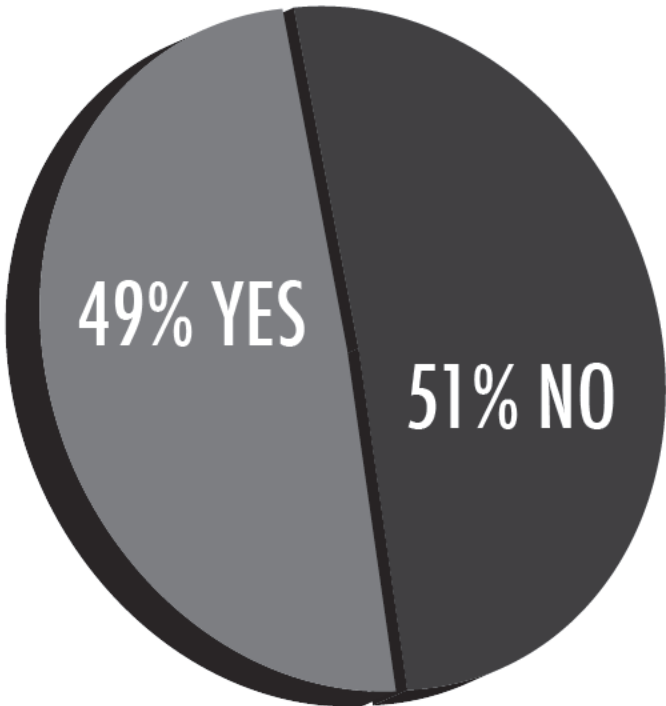
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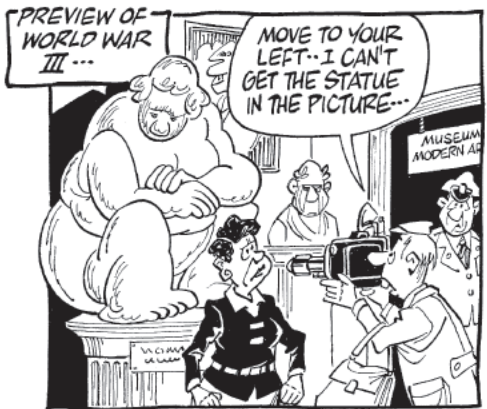
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AUDREY RUSSELL / The Prospector
Audrey Russell, a photographer at The Prospector, is currently participating in a student exchange program in Melbourne, Australia. (Top left) People participating in a boomerang toss at Healsville Sanctuary. (Top right) One Man Morning Tunes at the Sunday Street Market. (Middle left) Child checks out toys at the street market. (Middle right) Graffiti art adorns the streets of Melbourne. (Bottom left) People walk through an alley in the city. (Bottom right) Sign on the corner of a street in Melbourne that means "No stopping/ no standing."

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Villa said that both candidates had good arguments, but believed Romney won the debate.

"Overall Governor Romney was able to answer questions directly, not walk away from questions or answers," he said. "To me he felt more on point at answering the question than President Obama."

A poll conducted in September by the Pew Research Center, a leading research and data site, found that youth engagement in the elections has sharply decreased since 2008. According to Pew, 65 percent of young adults ages 18-29 put a lot of thought to the election. In 2012 that percentage is now 48, making it a 17 percent decrease.

Both the Democrats and Republicans felt students should become involved in politics.

"Obama wants education for the middle class to help the next generation," Leahy said.

Villa said he believes students must be informed about politics because they affect daily life.

"If you're the 50 percent that don't understand the politics or don't follow politics, then that's really going to affect (you) because you'll be blindsided by it," Villa said. "I think that this is something that students should be covering, especially if you're entry-level college, or are in college right now, this is going to affect you."

Only 63 percent of young adults plan to vote this year, according to Pew, which is a nine percent decrease from the 72 percent who voted in 2008.

"Seventy percent of students between 18-25 need to go out there, need to get informed and vote," Villa said. "We have a low participation of voting in our generation gap and we need to go out and vote. It doesn't matter who you vote for as long as you vote."

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(Top) Chairman of the College Republicans Lorenzo Villa speaks to the group at a meeting. (Bellow) Matt Leahy (left), president of the University Democrats watch the presidential debate live at the Union Building East.

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Briseida Ochoa, sophomore studio art major, works on one of her paintings.

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consider a degree in fine arts all that useless.

"Granted it's not like engineering," Bauer said. "Students go into an art degree with their eyes open and recognize that there are advantages and disadvantages to an art degree, but it's not as limited as people might think, it's about being creative thinkers."

Despite what the statistics say, some students pursuing a degree in art already know what to do with their degree.

Sharai Zamora, junior art major, is considering a double major by adding psychology to her degree plan. She believes that she can combine the two majors to help her study the effects of how people are attracted to advertisements through the use of art.

"You know, the whole input of psychology in advertising and it's interesting to me how the mind can be manipulated through art to do different things, like buying useless products and such," Zamora said. "This art [degree] can help me so that sometime later I can go into advertising."

Adrian Loera, senior sculpture major, plans to work for the city in land-

scaping artwork, however he feels the pressure of showcasing his artwork to broadcast himself as an artist.

"Thankfully UTEP provides a few venues for students to showcase their work, I plan on doing this sometime next semester," Loera said. "Personally, I haven't been really active yet, but this is the year for me to break out, I think my future is a little brighter."

According to Bauer, students who have pursued a degree in the art field from UTEP have been able to travel around the U.S.

"I would say that there's about a dozen to 15 UTEP alumni working in New York City doing graphic design," Bauer said. "One of them, I know personally, is working for Ralph Lauren doing layouts for their catalogs."

Pursuing an art major can lead to other professional work as a museum gallery director, museum curator, or in fields of education, art therapy, web design, animation, theater set-up and freelance.

"This is a field where you have to really love what you're doing and if you're not passionate about it then you're in the wrong field," Bauer said.

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expect less of a boost from a positive performance.

"The risk factor is so high, not losing is sometimes more important than winning—and for Obama this year in particular," Kathryn Olson, professor of communications at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, said.

One of the panel members, Sander Vanocur, a former reporter for both ABC and NBC news, was one of the panelists who asked questions during the first presidential debate between John Kennedy and Richard Nixon in 1960. He is the last surviving participant from that debate.

While the other panelists blamed the candidates for avoiding substantial answers to questions, Vanocur said it's time to stop blaming politicians.

"Television tries to create the idea it's clean, and politics is not. Politics is what we need more of," Vanocur said, calling for civil discussion of the issues.

"Why should we tower ourselves above politicians? We've had enough of debasing of politics in this country. Let's end it," Vanocur said.

At Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., Aaron Calvin, an entertainment editor at the Hofstra Chronicle, the student newspaper, said student media have been busy covering political events—such as speeches delivered by former Florida Governor Jeb Bush and Cornel West, a prominent scholar of African American studies.

Calvin said outside media coverage has yet to make much of an impact on the campus, but security has been more wary.

"There hasn't been a lot of activity on campus so far, but the campus police have been more active," he said.

Calvin said the Chronicle staff will have credentials to be inside the David S. Mack Sports Complex, where the second presidential debate event will be staged, Oct. 16.

A Time to Debate

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Oct. 3

Location:

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Oct. 16

Location:

Hofstra University

Hempstead, New York

Presidential

Oct. 22

Location:

Lynn University

Boca Raton, Florida

For Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla., Joshua Glanzer, director of public relations, said the new performing arts center on campus was one of the most attractive aspects of its application to the Commission on Presidential Debates. Lynn University will host the last Presidential debate Oct. 22.

After hosting the 2010 congressional debate between Republican candidate Allen West and Democrat

Ron Klein, Glanzer said administrators sought more high-profile political events.

"They knew they wanted to repeat that as much as possible," Glanzer said, explaining the college's bid for this presidential race.

However, Glanzer said overhauling the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center has also been one of the most challenging tasks.

"You basically have to turn it from a theatrical stage to a television studio," Glanzer said.

The conversion process involves a change in stage lights, scaffolding to

accommodate the TV networks and removing seats for press pool cameras.

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Sophomore mechanical engineering major
"I would vote for Obama because I believe everything he has done, he's done it right."



TERRY PEOPLES
Senior business major
"I'm voting for (an) independent candidate because I don't believe in the platform for either party. With Mitt Romney, I don't trust him at all. And with Obama, his agenda is a little bit too liberal for me."



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JOSE AVILA
Freshman UT Cap major
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JOSUE LUGO
Senior kinesiology major
"I want to inform myself better but right now I lean more towards Romney."

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PLAYHOUSE GOES
BLACK AND WHITE

BY ANDREA ACOSTA
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The El Paso Playhouse, the longest running community theater in El Paso, will put on the black and white production, "Arsenic and Old Lace," for its fourth show of the 2012-2013 season.

Erika Moeller, director of the play and UTEP alumna, said she first saw the play presented at the Dallas Theatre in a black and white style.

"It looked very intriguing," Moeller said. "So as the new season approached and we were thinking of new show ideas, this production caught my eye, but I knew this was going to be an elaborate process."

Moeller mentioned that to produce this show the El Paso Playhouse had to turn to Kickstarter, a crowd funding website for creative projects, ranging from indie films to music and

stage shows. From Kickstarter they gathered 27 donors. The El Paso Playhouse was able to reach their goal in less than a month, Moeller said.

"Thanks to the pledges that were made we were able to raise \$2,033," Moeller said. "However, it was very hard to get people's attention towards this matter, since they didn't quite understand what we meant by a black and white production."

The money raised was used to cover the cost of the royalties, scripts, costumes, makeup and props, among other materials. According to Moeller, getting everything in black and white has been the toughest thing to do.

"Putting on a literal black and white show has been a tough but exciting challenge, having everything from sets and props," Moeller said. "It has been very time consuming, but I wanted to make it happen."

According to Moeller, stage lights will play a big part on this show, since they will help create a different shade of grey once the cast has already put on their makeup.

Anant Kassangee, assistant manager and UTEP alumnus, said that the fact that the show is in black and white will attract a wider audience.

"This is a new, innovational show (that) will surprise and shock the audience," Kassangee said. "It is such a well written play that I expect for the audience to be in disbelief."

Written in the 1940s by American playwright, Joseph Kesselring, "Arsenic and Old Lace" can be similar to a farcical black comedy. It revolves around Mortimer Brewster, a drama critic, who happens to live with his two crazy and homicidal aunts in Brooklyn, NY, who murder lonely old men by poisoning them with a glass of wine laced with arsenic. The



KARINA RODRIGUEZ AND JUSTIN STENE / The Prospector
(Left) Mortimer Brewster, played by Christian Rodriguez, passionately kisses his lover Elaine Harper, who was played by Eurydice Saucedo. (Right) Jonathan Brewster, played by Christian Medina, chokes police officer O'Hara, played by Tony.

plot develops in a way that Mortimer is forced to decide whether to go through with the marriage to his loved one, Elaine Harper, the daughter of the pastor and apparently the only sane character in the whole play.

"It has been a blast playing Elaine, the love interest of Mortimer," said Eurydice Saucedo, UTEP alumna. "'Arsenic and Old Lace' is a very funny play, it is a story that never gets old. The ending always seems to shock me, no matter how many times we rehearse it."

Mortimer, who will be played by KTEP employee, Christian Rodriguez, said that it has been very entertaining to be part of the production.

"Insanity runs through this play, it practically gallops," Rodriguez said.

According to Saucedo, having a total of 11 members—half of them either UTEP students or alumni—has been a really nice experience.

"The cast is hilarious," Saucedo said. "We all have comedy experience, which can only make it fun, and not to mention, easier to act and feed of each other."

Moeller, who has been involved with the El Paso Playhouse since 2006 as an actress, a stage manager and a seamstress for previous shows, said that she is very excited about opening night.

"I'm hoping it is well received," Moeller said. "Apart from Dallas, no other theater has done it and we are very fortunate that we were able to make this possible."

"Arsenic and Old Lace" will open Oct. 12 and will run through Nov. 3. General admission is \$10, seniors \$8 and student and military \$7.

For more information, contact the El Paso Playhouse at 532-1317.

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Kinley opens tea house

BY MARIO SIMENTAL
The Prospector

A partnership between GECU and Kinley's is leading to a new venue that will cater primarily to a tea oriented crowd and those looking for financial guidance. The Tea House will be located next to Kinley's House of Coffee and Tea and is scheduled to open sometime in the fall, said Kinley Pon, owner of Kinley's and co-owner of The Tea House.

"It spawns from one individual to many individuals, so for GECU and for myself to collectively combine forces like this is unreal, totally unreal," Pon said. "It's not going to be a competition."

The Tea House will provide the usual commodities such as Wi-Fi, lounge areas and a mezzanine with an open balcony. It will offer a wide selection of tea and, on the side, a specialized coffee of the week.

"I believe there is a crowd of people, and I include myself, who prefer tea over coffee," said Leslie Yapor, junior commercial music major. "It's soothing (tea), there are so many different flavors, and I know coffee has different flavors too, but tea is different. There's a different warmth to the heart. Tea is a bit closer to Mother Nature."

Asides from serving tea, The Tea House will be educating customers in financial literacy, according to Pon. GECU will be specifically providing those resources, and they will be hosting seminars, conferences and symposiums from time to time.

"Basically together we found there is a need in regards to educating young future entrepreneurs or business people, or those who will be in the market," Pon said. "Students can be educated in

regards (to) say, (how to) use and handle money along with its value."

Pon said he envisioned the new addition as a concept that will accommodate the clientele from Kinley's House but with an emphasis on the tranquility created by its ambiance.

"There's going to be atmosphere, water in the background, a patio that is going to have a two-tier terrace patio on the side facing the university," Pon said. "I always call it a safe haven to come to a coffee house and now you're having another safe haven to go to."

Although the new house will be devoted to tea, Pon said there is going to be feature specialty coffees as a secondary focus, so it will interest coffee lovers for its uniqueness and exclusivity.

"We're going to brew the coffee individually, customizing the drink to each individual's needs," Pon said. "Everyone has an opportunity to come into The Tea House and if they don't wish to have tea, they can have a specialty coffee. It's not the same product; the quality in how it's handled and served will be different from both locations."

The two locations, despite being so close to each other will not compete with one another, according to Pon. They are two separate concepts that are similar in execution but distinct in their ultimate purpose, he said.

"I'm not going to carry the same thing at all, there's not going to be any sandwiches there or yogurt. I'm not going to have any crepes either," Pon said. "I'm going to keep it simple. A tea house is simple; it's very tranquil and soothing because of its quiet atmosphere."

Miriam Vazquez, UTEP philosophy graduate, said she is excited for the prospect of a new alternative to the coffee houses near campus.

"I believe there is a crowd of people, and I include myself, who prefer tea over coffee."

- Leslie Yapor, junior commercial music major.

"I think that's excellent, part of the attraction of either Kinley's or Starbucks in a sense is it's not the library, or the regular campus where you go to study," Vazquez said. "Sometimes you need a break but when it's very crowded it's not conducive to productive work and so if you have a tea house with a more relaxed ambiance it's even better."

According to Pon, The Tea House is the completion of a vision that started back in 2004 when Kinley's House of Coffee and Tea first opened. Pon, a UTEP alumnus, said he believes that the ability to touch as many lives as he can defines his legacy in the community.

"The coffee house has been great, (it) has been awesome. I've had kids that are first, second, third year medical students and they've graduated and they're doctors now from the coffee house itself," Pon said. "As long as I'm alive here, I hope that the coffee and tea house can touch people's lives and make an impact of some sort."

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Kinley's House of Coffee & Tea will be expanding with a new building devoted to tea.

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Football

Miners pony up for the Mustangs

Pair of one-win teams looking for first conference victory



BRANDY POSADA / The Prospector

Senior wide receiver Michael Edwards currently leads the Miners with 455 receiving yards for 18th-best in the nation. He was named to the Biletnikoff Award Watch List on Oct. 2 an award given to the nation's best WR.

BY EDWIN DELGADO
The Prospector

After falling to 1-4 on the season and losing their Conference USA opener 28-18 at East Carolina, the Miners return home to face a familiar foe in the Southern Methodist Mustangs, at 6 p.m. on Oct. 6 at the Sun Bowl.

"We're looking forward to playing at home. It's going to be an advantage for us. SMU has played a hell of a schedule too. They played Texas A&M, Baylor and they played very

well against TCU," UTEP head coach Mike Price said. "They love to compete against us, we love to compete against them, and we're glad they're coming here."

SMU currently leads the series 11-8, but UTEP has a 6-4 edge when playing in El Paso.

The Miners have won six out of the last seven home games against the Mustangs.

UTEP will attempt to get their second win of the season to prevent them from posting their worst starting record since 2002.

The Mustangs are a dangerous team both through the air and on the ground.

Junior quarterback Garrett Gilbert had 24 appearances, including 14 starts with the Texas Longhorns between 2009-2011, however he suffered a shoulder injury in his second game of the season and received a medical redshirt; he then transferred to SMU for the 2012 season.

"They've got one of the best quarterbacks ever to play high school football in the state of Texas. Garrett Gilbert has as strong of an arm as any-

body playing the game of football," Price said. "He has played in a lot of stadiums and he knows what he's doing and June Jones is one of the best quarterback coaches in the country."

So far Gilbert has completed 91 of his 184 attempts for 884 yards, four touchdowns and nine interceptions, five of them in the last game against Texas Christian University.

In the game against the Horned Frogs, Gilbert only completed 15 of 40 passes, many on missed opportunities by the wide receivers.

"There were a lot of dropped balls," SMU head coach June Jones said. "That's probably another 250-300 yards of offense because you're converting first downs and you're getting more plays. It's frustrating, but you just have to get better."

Despite only averaging 88 yards per game rushing, senior running back Zach Line is a big threat in their offense.

He's accumulated 343 yards and three touchdowns on 75 carries thus far.

"He (Line) is a big, low running back and they give it to him on traps and draw plays," Price said. "He has blended the run in there while Gilbert is catching up with his philosophy and getting better with throwing the ball every game."

One of the biggest concerns for the Miners this season has been the kicking game.

Sophomore Steven Valadez has connected four out of six field goals and nine out of 11 in PATs, but this time he will be facing senior defensive end Margus Hunt. At 6-feet, 8-inches tall and 280 pounds, the Estonia na-

tive has the NCAA record of blocked kicks with 14, including one against UTEP in 2011.

Jones said this is a crucial game for both schools and lauded the work UTEP has done this season.

"Defensively they're not even the same team at all. They're believing in what they're doing, in their system. They're playing hard and they've got good schemes on both sides of the ball," Jones said. "We've got to win one so we can win two. We've got to get one conference win this week and one next week on the road."

The Miners have posted a 16-12 home record since joining C-USA in 2004 and have a 6-1 mark in home conference openers.

Their only loss came last season against the Houston Cougars 49-42.

"They've got those bookends and three senior linebackers who are awesome," Price said. "Ja'Gared Davis is all over the field. He's one of the best players in our conference. Their five guys up front are really good. We've got to block them. It's going to be a challenge for us to move the ball against this solid defense."

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REMAINING GAMES IN 2012 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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- 11/17 at Southern Miss
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