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Vice presidential debate expected to increase viewership

BY ALEJANDRO ALBA

The Prospector

After the scrutiny of the first presidential debate, the upcoming vice presidential debate is rigging up criticism even prior to its airdate.

On Oct. 11 running mates, Congressman Paul Ryan and Vice President Joe Biden—who are known for their blunt public speaking style—will go against each other in the debate at Centre College in Danville, Ky. The debate will be moderated by

ABC News foreign correspondent, Martha Raddatz.

The two candidates will be covering various issues focusing on foreign and domestic affairs.

The University Democrats and College Republicans are anticipating the

debate and looking forward to hear the candidates speak.

“He (Biden) has always been a guy who is not afraid of speaking his mind and that’s what we need right now,” said Matt Leahy, president of University Democrats. “In terms of the re-electing campaign we need

someone who is going to tell the truth.”

Louis Southard, former chairman of College Republicans on campus, believes that Ryan will be the stronger candidate.

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Campus

Student organizations host events to fight breast cancer

BY MARILYN ALEMAN

The Prospector

The Women’s Health Initiative and the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority will be hosting several events throughout the month of October to promote breast cancer awareness.

WHI and ZTA stand for promoting better health for students, faculty and members of the El Paso community.

“We believe that it is not only important to be aware of and educated on breast cancer, but to act on it,” said Cassandra Reyes, organizer of the WHI.

Some of the ZTA fundraisers include collecting Yoplait yogurt lids, for every lid collected, 10 cents will be donated to the cause. Bake sales from the ZTA will be located on different locations on campus including Leech Grove, the Geology Lawn and the student Union.

The ZTA advise students to stop by their information booth to pick up their pink ribbons, the “Think Pink” national trademark of which is also associated not only with the Susan G. Komen foundation but also the National Football League.

ZTA sorority members are excited for other events that are to come next week.

“At the end of the week we have a football tournament for the fraternities and we also have t-shirts to hand out; it’s going to be a lot of fun,” said Danielle Cortez, sophomore pre-pharmacy major and ZTA member. “Once you’re actually a part of it, it’s really heartwarming because I’ve met a lot of survivors and I’ve heard their stories.”

ZTA’s philanthropy is closely associated with the Susan G. Komen Foundation, and the UTEP chapter is

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(Left to Right) Isela Padilla, Brittany Gamez, Tiffany Seale and Edward Escobedo at a ZTA fundraiser.



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Column

Time to move on

BY DANIEL ORNELAS
The Prospector



The UTEP Miners hit an all-time low under head coach Mike Price in their loss to SMU on Oct. 6 at the Sun Bowl. Not only were they shut out, 17-0, a first under Price, but the 1-5 start is the worst under his tenure.

Price is in his ninth season at the helm and currently holds a 46-57 win-loss record, which ranks third all-time in wins at UTEP.

At the end of the 2011 season, Bob Stull, director of UTEP Athletics, addressed the media to announce Price's return to the team for the 2012 season and that his contract would be reevaluated at season's end.

I wouldn't be surprised if this is indeed Price's last season as head coach, whether he retires at age 66, or UTEP opts not to renew his contract.

When Price first arrived to El Paso, the Miners were the laughing stock in college football.

He quickly took a team that had won a total of four games from 2002-03 and made it a bowl contender, producing back-to-back eight-win seasons in 2004 and 2005 and a third bowl appearance in 2010.

It was then that Price cemented himself as one of the best coaches in program history.

That brings us 2012, a year that has featured the toughest non-conference schedule in UTEP history with teams like Oklahoma, Ole Miss and Wisconsin slated early.

The 1-3 start after that brutal schedule was understandable, but after losing back-to-back conference games, I think it's time for some significant changes.

If not now, then at the end of the 2012 season.

One could say that UTEP has never really had much of a football program and we should be used to the losing, but nobody likes a loser.

Price has done things for the Miners, no other coach in history had

ever done, he's coached and recruited some of the best players to ever put on a Miner uniform and all fans should be grateful for that.

Football and sports in general, especially those where large amounts of money is involved, are businesses of what-have-you-done-for-me lately.

Lately it hasn't been pretty for UTEP football. It's quite sad to see fans leave the stands at halftime because the team is getting shutout.

Or even worse, having Oklahoma, the preseason no.4 team in the nation, play in the Sun Bowl for the season opener and not have a sold out crowd.

Sure, Price can't force fans and students to attend, but he does have much to do with the success and failure of the team on the field.

2011 was the worst year of attendance under Price with an average of just over 26,000 in a stadium that fits well over 50,000.

The worst start under Price this season is simply the deal-breaker.

For the majority of Price's tenure, his football teams were well known for having very productive offenses that churned out the most 30, 40 and 50-point games.

This season the defensive unit led by long-time NFL assistant now defensive coordinator Andre Patterson, has kept the score within reach for the offense.

For example, holding Oklahoma to 10 points through the first three quarters of play.

The team has shown grit and resilience, but the offense led by senior quarterback Nick Lamaison has been anything but stellar, minus the NM State games

Changes will likely come as soon as Oct. 11 when the Miners take on the Golden Hurricane in Tulsa, Okla.

Price said he will use junior quarterback Carson Meger more in the rotation along with Lamaison and that may or may not spark the team to success, but it's all a little too late.

It's time to move on.

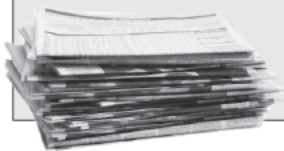
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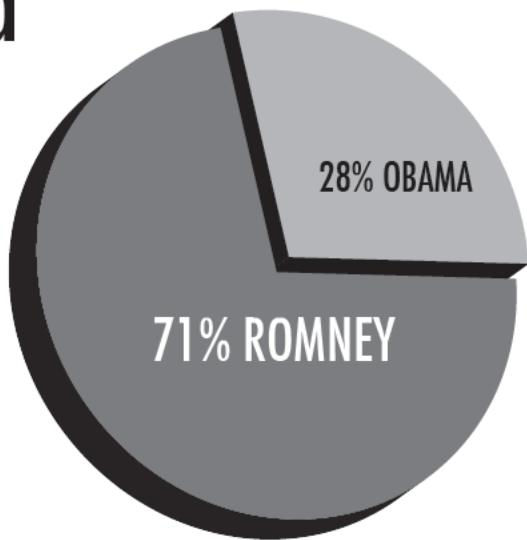
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one of the largest contributors to the research foundation nationally.

“This is going to be our contribution until we find a cure,” said Kathryn Tomaca, junior economics major. “All of this is warm to our hearts, and this is why I joined ZTA.”

From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 22 through Oct. 26, a Bra Line Project is going to be held in which students from both organizations will be able to display decorated bras along the Geology Lawn.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 24 students can participate in donating their hair to the Pantene Beautiful Lengths Hair Donation to help women affected with breast cancer receive real-hair wigs.

In order to participate in this particular event students must have their hair at least eight inches long, free of permanent colors, chemical treatments and also must be no more than five percent grey.

WHI and ZTA will also be hosting “Poppin’ Breast Cancer Away” where students who donate money will have the opportunity to win items from the balloon popping competition.

Both organizations will be promoting education for both women and men to know the importance of self-examinations. Throughout the month WHI and ZTA will be passing out shower-cards where they’ll display tips on how-to perform self-examinations.

The ZTA website also gives information on when, how and where to receive mammograms in the El Paso area for free.

“Breast cancer affects everyone regardless of race, social economic status or gender, because even men are susceptible to it,” Reyes said. “It is important for everyone to know about the symptoms and diagnosis of breast cancer due to the fact that if the disease is not caught on time it will progress to later stages that are harder to treat.”

Both the ZTA and WHI are proposing that students wear pink throughout the month of October, not only to show support for the one in five women that are affected with breast cancer but also to make a difference in the UTEP and El Paso community.

“We definitely encourage students to volunteer at our events and to express their concerns and ideas to us,” Reyes said. “We want to hear what events and issues they would like for us to address and work on.”

For information call the Women’s Resource Center at 747-5291, or look onto the ZTA website, zetataualpha.org.

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“Paul Ryan is going to hit on the economy, but it depends on what the questions are going to be,” he said. “Congressman Ryan is a very smart man and he knows the budget probably better than almost anyone at Capitol Hill, Democrat or Republican, and with that knowledge it will be another decisive win for the Romney-Ryan ticket.”

The first presidential debate on Oct. 3 between President Barack Obama and former Governor Mitt Romney had a viewership of an estimated 67.2 million, according to Nielsen, a ratings company. For the vice presidential debate four years ago between Sarah Palin and Biden, Nielson reported a viewership of 69.9 million.

Richard Pineda, professor in the communication department who teaches a special topics communication course that focuses on the 2012 election, said he believes the viewership for the second debate will increase.

“A lot of people are interested because there is a certain novelty to it,” he said. “Paul Ryan is pretty good when it comes to policy and when it comes to detail, and people are concerned with what Biden might say that is off the cuff. So there is a lot of attention being paid to the debate because of that.”

Although the debate will focus on foreign and domestic issues, Pineda said he believes that students will be interested in border issues regarding immigration policy.

“For students from UTEP, they might be interested in what’s going on in the border,” he said. “Listening to how the vice presidential candidates talk about the future of immigration policy, I think those will be interesting because of the region.”

Pineda said that both candidates might have good arguments and will generate a good debate.

“I think in the case of the foreign policy issue, the advantage favor is the incumbent because they have dealt with those issues,” he said. “But then there is always the possibility to tap into people’s concerns that not enough has been done, which then you have the benefit to the challenger.”

Both Leahy and Southard said that it is important to watch the second debate despite the fact that the presidential candidates won’t be speaking.

“I would hope (students) tune in,” Southard said. “It is very important for us as young people to inform ourselves on who will lead this country... we need to watch all of our future leaders and listen to what they have to say.”

Leahy said he believes the vice presidential debate is just as important as the presidential.

“I hear a lot of people say ‘Oh, it’s just the vice president,’ but this is the guy who is just a heart beat away from the presidency,” Leahy said. “It’s important to hear what they have to contribute to the debate.”

Leahy said he believes the second debate will have a good percentage of interested viewers.

“I think every election is the most important election since the last one,” he said. “I think there will be more interest as a result of natural progression. I say this will be a highly watched debate.”

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Thousands of kids not counted as homeless by HUD

BY EMILY WILKENS

Scripps Howard Foundation Wire

WASHINGTON - When she was 5, Irene Saucedo and her mother, Yolanda, began house hopping after her parents divorced, living with friends and relatives in the San Antonio area.

They were often forced out when landlords found out that extra people were staying with their tenants or mother and daughter felt they had overstayed their welcome. One friend was evicted when the landlord discovered the Saucedos were living there.

By the time Saucedo, now 19, finished elementary school, she had transferred six times.

But according to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Saucedos weren't homeless. Only those in what is considered the direst situations—living in a shelter, under a bridge or in a campground for a sustained period qualify for permanent housing assistance.

It's all part of an ongoing debate about who should be eligible for federal housing programs. Should HUD—with a budget that was flat lined for the 2011 fiscal year—try to target only the most needy groups? Or should the pool of candidates increase to consider more people like Saucedo?

Homeless advocates are focusing on the second group of children through the Homeless Children and Youth Act. It would expand eligibility for services to 762,000 children, tripling the 350,049 children HUD served in 2010, the last year for which data is available. In the current fiscal year, 2012, HUD's budget for homeless housing and service program was \$1.9 billion.

"Those in the housing world say it's lacking funding," said Barbara Duffield, policy director at the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth. "They're making the assumption families currently eligible are more in need than those who are not eligible."

The bill lost traction after being approved by a subcommittee in February. Some advocates say they will reintroduce the bill in the next Congressional session and spoke of it during a U.S. House caucus meet-



Rep. Don Manzullo, R-Ill., comforts Irene Saucedo, 19, after she tells the story of being homeless as a child during a briefing for the Congressional Children's Caucus.

ing earlier this month. Saucedo, now a sophomore studying anthropology and social work at Texas State University, spoke to several members of Congress about her experiences. Although Saucedo is in college, her mother is still trying to find housing and lives with Saucedo's older sister in San Antonio.

While the bill would not require that all children get funding, HUD would have to determine if they were more in need than those getting services under HUD's current definition. Recalling her experiences of moving around versus her time at shelters, Saucedo said the shelter was a more stable environment with resources and information to help them.

"People walking house to house don't know what's out there because they're busy trying to figure out where they're going to go next," she said.

Not everyone supports the bill. Expanding eligibility for a department that is unlikely to get increased fund-

ing with more people needing help is "thinning the soup to the point where there is no nutritional content," Dennis P. Culhane, Dana and Andrew Stone Chair in Social Policy at the University of Pennsylvania, said.

"We have 250,000 people who are sleeping on the street any given night," Culhane said, quoting a report that he co-wrote. "From a pure prioritization standpoint, and just a human needs stand point, I don't see why we should expand eligibility to those programs to people who are not literally homeless. We don't even have enough resources to provide basic emergency shelter."

But that logic assumes that those living in cars, on the street or in shelters are more in need of shelter than those crashing on a friend's couch or spare bedroom, Duffield said. Instead of assuming an individual in a shelter is worse off than a child who sleeps on the floor of a housing project, officials need to analyze all cases.

"They're trying to dictate that from Washington, D.C.," Duffield said. "What we're saying is you can let the people on the local level do the triage."

But more eligible people means additional time and staff to review cases. To have an efficient program, the groups with the neediest members—those with no roofs over their heads—should be targeted first, Ann Oliva, HUD acting deputy assistant secretary for special needs, said.

"We can focus what we want to do and what we want to accomplish more effectively," she said.

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Ability Awareness week takes place at UTEP

The fifth annual Ability Awareness week takes place from Oct. 8-12 at UTEP and will celebrate the accomplishments and efforts to enhance the opportunities for students with disabilities.

The Center for Accommodations and Support Services has created a series of events, free of charge, to help students, faculty and staff gain a greater understanding of the role of people with disabilities in society. For a complete list of the events scheduled, visit sa.utep.edu/cass.

Students and engineering department to receive award

At 11:30 a.m. Oct. 9 at the College of Engineering foyer, the civil engineering Senior Project class and professionally licensed engineers from the city will receive an award from the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying.

The award will be granted because of a project featuring a design for Fire Station 513, a 14,000-square-foot facility with seven parking bays located in central El Paso. The project, titled "Multidisciplinary SMART Design of Fire station 513" was a collaboration between the City of El Paso, students and support from UTEP's Engineering in Practice Program.

EPCC students receive transfer scholarships

Seventy EPCC students received \$6,000 scholarships to continue their education at UTEP. The Transfer Scholars will be recognized at a reception at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 9 at UTEP's Tomás Rivera Conference Center at Union Building East.

The scholarships were made possible in part by the San Angelo, Texas-based Wolslager Foundation.

Alumnus featured on cover of Sports Illustrated Magazine

UTEP alumnus Ed Hochuli was featured on the cover of this week's Sports Illustrated Magazine. Hochuli, an American football official for the National Football League since 1990, was a linebacker for UTEP and graduated in 1972.

He was interviewed for a story about the end of the referee strikes last month.

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Tea House Goes Green

Local Tippi Teas offers all xnatural drink alternatives

BY LEONARDO MONTAÑEZ
The Prospector

A new kind of tea house has opened in El Paso. Tippi Teas offers over 56 different, all-natural loose-leaf flavored teas as well as roasted café Oaxaca and a variety of organic food, from muffins to tarts.

José Murguia and Daniela Casavantes, husband and wife, said they decided to open Tippi Teas because they were tired of their 9 to 5 jobs and because they wanted to sell a product they both loved.

"We wanted to sell something we believed in, and we both love tea," Casavantes said.

According to Murguia, their variety of teas come from places all over the world, including South America, Taiwan, Sri Lanka and India.

"We make contacts when we travel," Murguia said. "And we just started getting more and more into it until we found more herbs."

With more than 50 kinds of tea flavors ranging from black, oolong and green tea, Murguia said they rotate their selection for more variety.

"When we go to other tea houses in other parts of the state, they have about 100 teas to choose from," Casavantes said. "We decided to rotate them better, that way you're not overwhelmed with so many options."

Many of the teas come with free infusions or refills, depending on the tea, and are all \$5 or less.

"Not every tea has free infusions, it depends on the tea," Murgia said. "With prices ranging from \$2 to \$5, two cups fits perfect for a nice chitchat."

Aside from introducing new tea flavors to El Paso, Casavantes said that Tippi Teas is also helping the environment.

"All our disposables are made of corn instead of plastic," Casavantes said. "If I'm going to be lecturing my daughter about recycling I need to back that up."

According to Casavantes, they also use the dry leaves as compost for their garden. But they're facing issues with the huge quantity of leaves and not having enough space to deposit them, Casavantes said.

"El Paso Master Gardeners doesn't have space for all these leaves," Casavantes said. "So I'm trying to look

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Tippi Teas offers 56 different kinds of tea, including loose-leaf flavored teas, and organic treats.
AARON MONTES / The Prospector

Music

The Black Keys expected to sell out the Pan American Center



KARINA RODRIGUEZ / The Prospector

The Black Keys will perform on Oct. 10 in Las Cruces.

BY OSCAR GARZA
The Prospector

Alternative band, The Black Keys, will perform on Oct. 10 at the Pan American Center in Las Cruces.

The Ohio band, debuted with their album "The Big Come Up" in 2002. Since, they have grown popular with multiple sold out concerts and awards, including three Grammy Awards and special performances on shows such as Saturday Night Live. The group consists of Dan Auerbach (vocals and guitar) and Patrick Carney on drums.

"I can tell you from having seen them before that their performances are really amazing," said Barbara Welch, employee at Pan American

Center booking and marketing. "So I hope that this is one of those shows that audience members look back on years later and think, 'wow that was one of the best concerts I ever attended.'"

The Pan American Center is expecting close to 7,000 attendees at least, Welch said. The maximum capacity at the center is 8,000. Welch said the concert might sell out or be close to being one.

According to Welch, the concert has a broad appeal, and anyone from students to grandparents can enjoy the music of The Black Keys.

Mariana Candelario, senior accounting major, who recently began listening to The Black Keys on Pandora, will be attending the concert.

"I honestly never imagined seeing them live because I never thought they would come all the way to these parts of the country," Candelario said. "But when I heard that they were going to be making an appearance I got really excited because even though I didn't know a lot about them, I liked them and their music enough to go to one of their concerts."

Isabel Aleman, senior anthropology major, will also be driving to Las Cruces to attend the concert. Aleman said she began listening to them two years ago when they released their album entitled "Brothers."

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"I like their sound, it's a refreshing type of vintage music with a classic rock and roll style," Aleman said. "(The album) had a different sound."

With much anticipation, Aleman said she couldn't wait to see them live and enjoy the overall experience of listening to them play with an audience.

"I am looking forward to live music, and they have a sound that I'm sure will electrify the venue and bring grooves to my soul," Aleman said. "Oh, and I really want to hear them play 'The Flame.'"

Fans like Alejandra Prieto, senior political major, are also excited to hear some of the band's famous songs. According to her, some of her favorite songs are "Lonely Boy," "I'm not the One" and "Tighten Up."

"I've been listening to them for like three years and thanks to a friend of mine I found out about them," Prieto said. "Ever since I heard their song 'Tighten Up' I loved them."

Prieto, who is willing to make an extra drive to Las Cruces, said this would be the first concert she travels to.

"It's actually a birthday present that my best friend gave me," Prieto

"So I hope that this is one of those shows that audience members look back on years later and think, 'Wow that was one of the best concerts I ever attended.'"

- Barbara Welch, Pan American Center booking and marketing.

said. "This is the first time that I go see them live and I'm very thrilled, they have become my favorite band so I hope it's a great success."

The Black Keys will have special guest Tegan and Sarah perform with them.

The Pan American Center is located at the New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

For ticket information call 800-745-3000.

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JUSTIN STENE / The Prospector

Owner Jose Murguia show's how the White Earl Grey is brewed using a Teaze and a five-minute timer.

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"We wanted to sell something we believed in, and we both love tea."

- Daniela Casavantes, co-owner of Tippi Teas.

for people who would want to have them."

The tea house also sells fresh home leaves. The packets come with 50 grams, which make about 16 cups of tea, Casavantes said.

Being fairly new, the venue has already attracted students from UTEP.

"It is (a) really nice place to relax and just let go of all the stressing things from college," said Jesus Fuentes, freshman commercial music major. "Not only that it is cheap, but you can get up to four infusions for free."

Tippi Teas is ideal for students since it provides a place to study and surf the web with their free Wi-Fi., Fuentes said.

Angel Otero, freshman music theory and composition major, said he also enjoys the environment of the new tea house.

"I'm just glad that there are some people willing to try something different for the community," Otero said. "Not only for the costumers but for the environment."

The tea house is also a space for local artists to exhibit and/or sell their works, with no commission.

"I think it's a wonderful and kind idea," said Otero. "It is a great opportunity for artist(s), besides, some portraits would fit perfect (with) those white halls."

Tippi Teas is located on 5034 Doniphan Drive and is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m Monday-Saturday.

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Soccer

Hall leading by example



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Senior midfielder Tess Hall (5) has helped the Miners to nine wins thus far in 2012 and currently lead the team in goals and assists.

BY AUDREY WESTCOTT

The Prospector

Storming onto the scene back in 2009, senior midfielder, Tess Hall has become a dominant force on the soccer field both at UTEP and in Conference USA.

A three-year letter winner, the California native is a dynamic player.

Since her time as a freshman, Hall has scored 18 goals and completed 24 career assists, while starting in 61 out of 64 career matches. She currently leads the team with seven scores and eight assists.

"My strengths as a player revolve around quick passes and how I set up the ball for my teammates," Hall said. "Almost like a quarterback, I focus

on getting everyone set up and read the plays that present themselves on the field."

Aside from prevailing on the field, Hall has also maintained a strong presence in the classroom as she boasts a 4.0 GPA, earning her the title of a Scholar-Athlete and a spot on the High Honor Roll every semester.

A decorated player, Hall has earned many honors such as All C-USA Third Team, C-USA Offensive Player of the Week, C-USA Co-Offensive Player of the Week and three consecutive C-USA Academic Medals Winner.

"She is like a 'lead by example' type person," head coach Kevin Cross said. "She does not say a whole lot but everything she does is first class. She came in as a starter and has developed into just a solid player. She is now a leader on this team and is definitely a difference maker."

Both of her parents being athletes, it was only a matter of time until Hall found her way to a sport. However, it was never expected for that sport to be soccer.

"Between both of my parents, they played every major sport except soccer and ice hockey, which turned out to be the two sports that I just love," Hall said. "It was quite funny actually. My parents were so confused as they knew nothing about soccer. I think it was a flyer at my preschool that was advertising a soccer league that brought my attention to the sport, and I just remember being really excited and really wanting to play. I guess you could say it was kind of instinctively in me."

Hall got her start at the early age of 3, when she joined an all boys team.

The only girl out on the field until the age of 12, Hall became very technically strong as she worked on developing her physical ability to match that of her male teammates.

"They were so fast and would not slow anything down or go easy on me just because I was a girl," Hall said. "Because of it I learned to be really tough in that manner and learned how to get my quick touches, and finish strong because I was not as fast or as strong as them so I had to make it up with ball skill."

Playing competitively all her life, Hall has experienced many moments on a soccer field, but said that the most memorable involves her UTEP family and the team's chance for the 2011 C-USA title.

"The conference tournament last year was definitely a huge moment for me," Hall said. "We came in as the underdog and then to win those first two games, make it to finals and go as far as we did against Memphis. No, we did not win but just to know that every single girl gave it their all, and battled, I could walk off that field knowing we left it all out there and I was very proud of all of us."

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Football

WEBFIRST

Miners off to worst start under Price

BY EDWIN DELGADO

The Prospector

The Miners' offensive woes continued as the Southern Methodist University Mustangs shutout UTEP, 17-0 on Oct. 6 at the Sun Bowl.

The 1-5 record is the worst start under head coach Mike Price. It is also the first time since 2002 that the Miners start with that mark.

Senior quarterback Nick Lamaison threw two more interceptions in the first half that aided the Mustangs in the win.

"I was particularly disappointed with the offense. We just didn't do the little things right in key situations," Price said. "You look at the tape and it's never as bad or as good as it seems, but we had some opportunities that we didn't take advantage of."

On a third-and-goal, near the end of the first quarter, SMU junior quarterback Garret Gilbert completed a pass to senior Darius Johnson, but it was caught out of bounds and the Mustangs had to settle for a 19-yard field goal for a 3-0 lead.

Early in the second quarter the Miners were threatening at the SMU 32-yard line. Lamaison forced a pass that was picked off by junior strong safety Daniel Roundtree.

"We weren't getting the right reads," Price said. "We need to evaluate and find out what is not working whether it is the executing or the play calling."

Two drives later, Gilbert found senior wide receiver Darius Johnson all alone and connected for a 40-yard touchdown pass to put the Mustangs up 10-0.

Near halftime, SMU tried to put the game out reach, but Gilbert threw a pass right into the hands of UTEP freshman strong safety Shane Huhn, who got his second interception of the season for the Miners.

"We love trying to get offenses off the field," senior cornerback Drew Thomas said. "We just need to improve as a team."

The momentum was short-lived as two plays later, Lamaison threw his second interception of the game, senior middle linebacker Ja'Gared Davis returned it 30 yards for the touchdown to put the game out of reach with 1:52 before the half at 17-0.

On the last play of the half SMU missed a 48-yard field goal and a chance to make the game 20-0.

In the second half the UTEP offense managed to move the ball all the way to the Mustangs 11-yard line.

UTEP finally made its way into the red zone, but SMU forced the Miners to a field goal attempt as sophomore kicker Stephen Valadez tried a 28-yard field goal that was blocked by senior Margus Hunt, who obtained his 17th career block and is now two shy of the NCAA record.



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SMU's junior quarterback Garrett Gilbert led the Mustangs to a 17-0 victory over the Miners on Oct. 6 at the Sun Bowl.

On the ensuing Miners possession, UTEP opted for a fake field goal to prevent Hunt from adding another block, but the pass from junior quarterback Carson Meger to sophomore tight end Eric Tomlinson was incomplete.

"I don't think it was a given, but we were anticipating it earlier in the game," Jones said. "They did what

they tried to do, they faked a couple on us a few years ago, so we were hopefully able to defend it and we did on that one."

The Mustangs would miss two more field goals through the remainder of the game, making the final score 17-0 for SMU.

"We saw some good things, but at the same time we got opportunities to

get better and fight through it," Jones said. "Hopefully we just keep getting better and better."

This is the first shutout for UTEP since they lost 34-0 in 2003 against San Diego State and it marked the second time in 354 games that a team coached by Price was held shutout. The first was in 1984, when Price's

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Head coach Mike Price is in his ninth season at UTEP, the Miners are 1-5 for the time since 2002. The 17-0 loss to SMU on Oct. 6 was the first shutout under Price.

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Weber State squad dropped a 48-0 game at home to Montana State.

The Miners will be playing Oct. 11 in Tulsa, Okla., against a 5-1 Golden Hurricane.

Price is currently on his last year under contract with UTEP and will have his contract re-evaluated at the end of the season. Price currently holds a 46-57 record with the Miners. He's asked for fans to be patient despite many of them leaving the

Sun Bowl after halftime of the game against SMU.

"Just hang in there with us. I have nothing but good will towards our fans. I think we have great fans here,"

Price said. "I didn't notice them leaving at halftime. I think our fans are incredible and we always have the best fans of any place I've ever been."

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Student Life

Revamped Rec Center in full swing

BY AUDREY WESTCOTT

The Prospect

After a long year of student anticipation and missed deadlines, the Swimming and Fitness Center at the Student Recreational Center finally opened on Aug. 27.

The Swimming and Fitness Center was closed in the fall of 2011 for renovations.

It was originally set to re-open in the spring semester of 2012, but a change of contractors caused a slight delay in production.

"All throughout last year and this summer students were constantly calling to see if the pool was opened and when it was going to open," said student worker, Marbeth Ruiz. "So it is safe to say that students were pleased when the pools finally opened. Since the pools' opening at the beginning of the semester, we have definitely seen an increase in student traffic here at the SRC. The pool is never empty, there is always a good number of students using the pool during its operation hours."

Decorated with new sitting furniture, the area has two pools. The smaller one measures 25 yards by 15 yards, with a depth ranging from 0 to 4 feet, and holds 141,000 gallons of water.

Sporting a beach entrance and a constant water temperature of 85 degrees, this pool is mainly used for group activities such as water aerobics, water basketball and water volleyball.

The larger pool, which is 25 feet deep, has a more competitive design, as it offers 10 lanes and a 1-meter and 3-meter springboard. Used more for lap swimming, the pool holds 381,000 gallons of water, with a depth increasing from 3.5 to 13 feet.

The pool area is open for three daily blocked times from 5:30-9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.



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The Swimming and Fitness Center opened Aug. 27 which marked the completion of the renovation to the area that had been closed since the fall semester of 2011.

Center officials said that about 300 students use the pool daily. Among those students is sophomore multimedia advertising major, Lilliana Acosta.

"I had really never come to the student recreational center, but now that the pool is open I am here every morning for a swim," Acosta said. "The operation hours are very convenient for my schedule and the pool is always clean so I am really happy that the pool is finally opened."

The pool area renovations were the second phase of a \$32 million project for a new recreation center that was prompted by a student vote to raise recreational fees to fund an upgrade to the 16-year-old university's Swimming and Fitness Center.

Among the renovations of the pool area were the addition of new digital pace clocks, interior lighting, new plaster and a coat of paint.

The pool locker rooms also received an upgrade as they were completely

refurbished with new lockers, sink areas and showers.

While many upgrades have been completed, there is still more to be done. The SRC is still planning on opening three new racquetball courts during the spring semester of 2013 and there are also plans to upgrade the multipurpose field.

To use the pool, one must present a current student I.D., membership, or pay a daily fee of \$10. Both students and members are allowed to bring in one guest for free.

"Being able to bring a guest is definitely a plus," said junior nursing major, Marissa Portillo. "I baby sit my niece three times a week so I am always bringing her to the pool. It is very family friendly, with at least two life guards on duty, so while my niece plays I'm able to squeeze in a workout."

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