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## Politics

# Crew readies students to work voting polls

BY GUERRERO GARCIA

The Prospector

On Election Day, students from the Border Poll Crew, will make their way to the voting polls to assist patrons at the different precincts poll stations across the city.

"The Border Poll Crew offers an opportunity for college students to get involved in the election process by serving as poll workers," said Jennifer Rodriguez, coordinator at the Center for Civic Engagement. "Traditionally, there are older individuals that are working the poll station, but with this program there will be younger faces in the poll sites as well as more bilingual speakers."

The BPC program is under the CCE at the university and was cultivated to encourage college students' involvement in the administration of elections. The CCE collaborated with the El Paso Elections Commissions Office to train the students to serve as poll workers.

The students will help the elderly with technology and will provide bilingual assistance for those individuals who do not speak English. Depending on the precinct judge, students can assist in many ways.

"In our community, the people who do vote tend to be older and we have a large community where English is not their first language, so sometimes using the technology or understanding the ballot may be a little difficult," said Lauren Pace, senior English and American literature major and the project coordinator for the BPC. "So what we wanted to do is bring in younger tech savvy, mostly bilingual students to sort of ease those different anxieties by those in the community."

According to Rodriguez, the program is in its third election year and it has been successful in attracting student participation.

"We've done the Border Poll Crew for the past two presidential election years and it has always been a huge success because UTEP students are eager to be part of the election process especially when the presidential race is so close," Rodriguez said.

Martin Dominguez, senior criminal justice major, is excited to partici-

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# Youth prepares for Election Day results

BY REBECCA GUERRERO

The Prospector

Today's election may be one of the tightest in all of United States' history and will decide the course this country will take for the next four years. National polling and data center Gallup released its final analysis on Nov. 5 at 6 p.m. and found that former Governor Mitt Romney is leading with 49 percent support from likely voters, while President Barack Obama follows close behind with 48 percent. With an election this close every vote counts, and the youth vote is one that is consistently fought for by each candidate.

"Young people were more excited in 2008 than they are now," said political science professor Kathleen Staudt. "While the economy has improved slowly, and the stimulus program and recovery of the U.S. auto industry have saved jobs, the change is not as dramatic as what young

people expected. I think young people lean toward Obama, but they are not all alike. They have different backgrounds, issue interests and ideologies."

According to a national poll surveying United States' millennials released by Harvard University's Institute of Politics, 55 percent of 18 to 29-year-old likely voters said they will vote for Obama, however those who favor Romney are more likely to "definitely vote" at 65 percent. At 48 percent, Obama leads among likely college voters with Romney at 38 percent. A Washington Post poll showed similar results, positioning Obama at the lead with 61 percent approval from likely voters among 18 to 29 year olds. The same poll positions Obama at 48.75 percent and Romney at 48.40 percent among all likely voters. In addition, Anglo-Americans poll at 40 percent for Obama and 57 percent for Romney, African-Americans at 95 percent

for Obama and 3 percent for Romney and Hispanics 66 percent for Obama and 31 percent for Romney.

Despite what the polls report about young voters favoring Obama, plenty of students are excited about voting for Romney.

"Mitt Romney is the best candidate for America," said Lorenzo Villa, senior multidisciplinary studies major and president of the College Republicans. "Romney's ability to steer the country into sounder economic waters far surpasses the economic leadership President Barack Obama and his team have shown. The more legal-oriented Obama is not equipped to deal with the rigors of the Great Recession, nor is he able to solve critical issues like unemployment or the nation's mounting debt problems. Many of my fellow Miners will be voting for Obama, it's a close race, but hopefully Romney wins it."

"I encourage everyone to become involved with the one thing that affects who they will be allowed to be tomorrow."

- Karen Bale,  
 junior psychology major

One organization that helped register students to vote was the Texas Freedom Network. By visiting classes during the day and holding a "voter registration rally" three times a week in open spaces such as Leech

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Why you should reelect President Obama

BY REBECCA GUERRERO

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Why do I think President Obama deserves to be re-elected to office today?

I rely on financial aid to come to school. If it wasn't for my Pell Grants it would be difficult to commit myself to my education because I come from a single parent home that simply would not be able to meet the ever rising costs of higher education. President Obama understands this because he's lived it and is perhaps one of the first presidents in the history of our nation who can truthfully say he can relate to the middle class.

During his first term he doubled funding for Pell Grants. On the contrary, former Governor Mitt Romney has endorsed an extensive budgetary plan created by Paul Ryan that would, in all likelihood, slash funding for Pell Grants just like it would slash funding for a number of other social services. That scares me.

President Obama is the first president to officially endorse marriage equality, addressing the fact that we still deny a huge number of our hard-working citizens basic civil rights. I'm really tired of hearing about traditional family values. If two people coming together in love and deciding to be committed to each other isn't traditional, I don't know what is. The Republican Party's views on marriage equality scare me, and I don't want a president who views so many citizen's rights in a lower regard to others.

I thought I knew all about Romney's views and policies until I watched the presidential debates and realized he was backtracking on an astonishing number of them. That's when I realized that he wants to be elected so badly that he's saying anything and everything that people want to hear, whether it's true or not.

If people expected all of their problems to evaporate in a magical cloud of glitter the moment Obama was sworn in, they were naïve. Let's face it, it's impossible for one man to change the entire running of a country as massive, powerful, and complex as the United States in four years. That being considered, he did an amazing job. He did

everything he said he would, including the reform of the healthcare system and ending the war in Iraq. No, the economy is not entirely fixed because it was on such a sharp decline before Obama came into office that a complete turnaround would be impossible. But because of his measures to save the auto industry we're not in another great depression.

I'm not completely naïve. I know that there are more powers at work than the man behind the desk. Some say that voting for the presidency is not worth it because of the people we don't see that run the show. But exercising our right to vote is letting the government know that we're paying attention to the policies that affect our lives. When we vote a president into office we're coming together as a nation and saying "this person represents what we want our country to stand for."

There's one more day to decide what is most important to you and vote for the candidate that best represents it. As for me, I've already cast my vote because I believe what President Obama said, "We've come too far to turn back now."

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Column

Romney has proven himself as better choice

BY AARON MONTES

The Prospector



Before the Republican National Convention, former Governor Mitt Romney's favorability among Americans was at 35 percent.

His secret comments about 47 percent of America could be found on a YouTube video with over three million views courtesy of MotherJonesVideo.

It seemed as though his campaign would falter as the GOP's candidates campaign did four years ago with Senator John McCain and former Governor Sarah Palin.

However, on Oct. 3, Romney gave a convincing performance against President Barack Obama on national television, which revived his campaign and his legitimacy as a candidate.

Romney showed that his style of politics and approach to governing the country would hold against Obama's proven charismatic approach to speaking to the public and dealing with economic crisis.

Romney offers a legitimate alternative to what seems to be a failed administration the past four years. Obama has led the country into further debt and a worse situation in the Middle East.

On the 11th anniversary of Sept. 11, the United States embassy in Benghazi was bombed and led to the deaths of Ambassador Chris Stevens and Sean Smith a former U.S. navy seal and security personnel on duty at the time, along with two others.

The act of terrorism was blamed on a lack of communication by the Obama administration. The event highlighted a breakdown in an infamous foreign policy President Obama has had.

Obama promised to withdraw U.S. military presence in the Middle East before becoming elected and since has ordered more to the Afghanistan campaign. Romney offers a more concrete foreign policy in which a stronger military presence will instill the strength of the U.S. and bring greater national defense, the former governor's role will also play into supporting the U.S.'s ally Israel.

The stronger alliance will bring forth a more structured surveillance of nuclear activity from Iran and will provide a more alert intelligence on a terroristic threat.

Romney also offers a more experienced perspective on the economy, in which taxes will be cut in comparison to the heavy taxes Obamacare will bring about. Under Obamacare, citizens will be forced to use government subsidies for medication and taxes will skyrocket. Not to mention the debt has gone up since President Obama took office in 2008.

GDP growth continues to increase, but with a socialized market it is possible for private industry's gains to be limited because of heavy taxation from the government.

Romney's plan to increase the role of the free market with little or no government involved offers a better solution in which American industry can grow again. A stronger market will give the U.S. a firmer hold on the global market and it will cut the debts owed by it.

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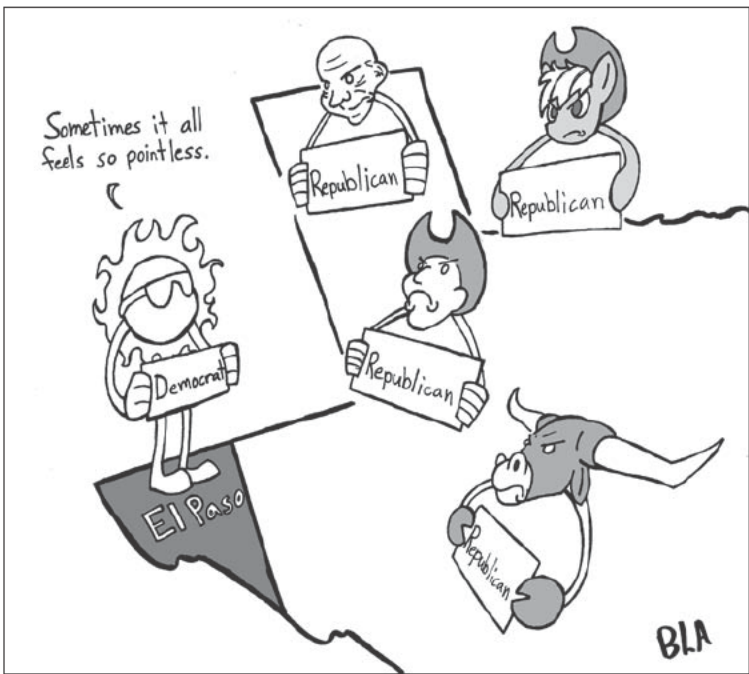
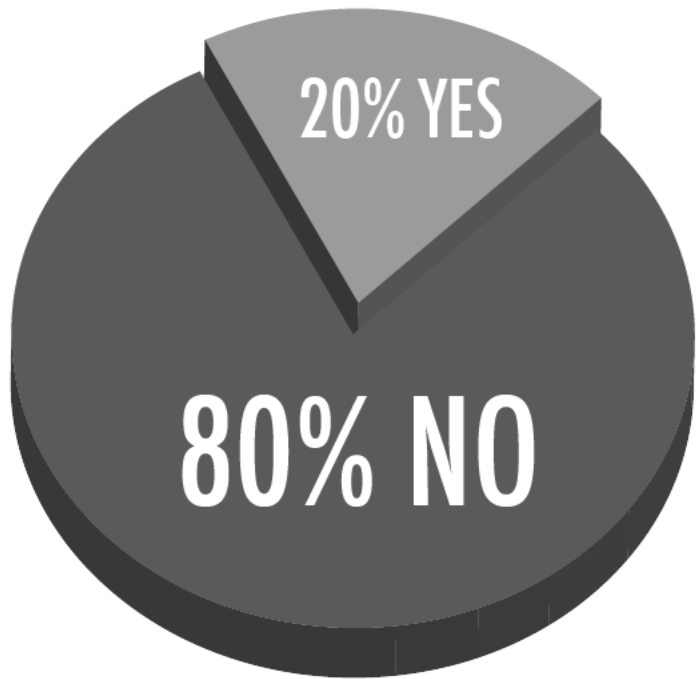
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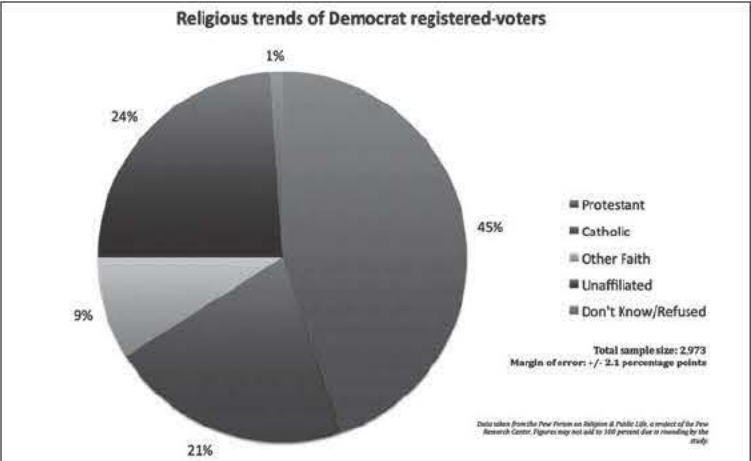
Shift in religious affiliation may sway votes in Presidential election

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA

Scripps Howard Foundation Wire

WASHINGTON—Religion may play a vital role in who Americans choose for president as they head into voting booths.

Recent reports from the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life and the Public Religion Research Institute have found the United States to be on a religious decline. To President Barack Obama's advantage, the religiously unaffiliated lean Democratic. This may not be an issue just for former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, but for the future of the GOP. Since 2007, the number of Protestants and Christians in the U.S. has declined by 5 percent. Catholics declined by 1 percent and the number of religiously unaffiliated voters in the U.S. increased by 4.3 percent.



up the socio-economic ladder, they tend to turn Republican, and second, they share opposition to abortion. But she said there is still a hefty proportion of Catholics, mainly lower income, who remain Democrats.

A poll taken in September by the Public Religion Research Institute found a statistical tie between Obama and Romney. Forty-nine percent of Catholics said they supported Obama, and 47 percent supported Romney. A total of 648 Catholics were surveyed, and the margin of error was plus or minus 4.4 percentage points.

In her own research, Pally has noticed a shift in political ethics and activism priorities among evangelicals. Although a majority of white evangelicals remain Republicans because of a preference for self-responsibility and opposition to abortion, Pally said there is an increase in activism in poverty reduction, environmental protection and economic justice, which are associated with the Democratic

Party. She said in the next election or two, the shift should be noticeable.

Pally said views change when people are out of school, holding down jobs, have families and pay rent or mortgages. She said more than 65 percent of white evangelicals under the age of 30 to 35 prefer increased government aid.

"It poses problems for the Republican Party, which has allied itself pretty strongly with Christian conservatives," Wilcox said.

Although it may seem that religious affiliation in the U.S. is diminishing, Pally observes these changes from another angle.

"The unaffiliated in America do not mark a decrease in interest or commitment to safe religious ethics, religious practice and religious institutes," she said. "Rather disaffection with the scandals of the larger institutionalized religions."

Pally said the unaffiliated seem to be very happy with religion when it is aid-

ing the poor, building communities and involved in other proactive activities.

"I think what is ironically being revealed is a highly ethical and religious position such that people are turned off by church activities that are exactly what religions warn against with temptations, power and money," Pally said.

Americans of the millennial generation have been a large number of the unaffiliated because of social issues such as same-sex marriage and abortion. Roughly a third of the millennial generation, those who are ages 18 to 29, identify as unaffiliated.

"Young people have increasingly come to associate religion with the Christian right and with some anti-gay focus," Wilcox said. "So they think churches are homophobic."

Daniel Cox, research director at the Public Religion Research Institute, said another theory about the large

number of unaffiliated millennial voters is a delay in marriage. During the 1960s the median age for men and women to get married was in the early 20s and currently is in the late 20s, he said.

"You're really seeing a delay in marriage, which is significantly correlated with re-affiliation and religious identity in general," Cox said.

Although the process is still operative, it is occurring much later.

"So as Americans go through a life cycle, young people sort of drift away from their religion of their childhood. They go to college, they sort of start exploring and then to the process of getting married and raising their own children, they sort of come back to religion."

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pate because he feels it is a great idea to get involved in politics.

"I really like politics and I think it is important to get involved," Dominguez said. "Not just only by voting, but by actually being part of the process, understanding the process first hand."

Along with Dominguez, around 70 other students are part of this year's BPC, according to Pace.

"We recruited a group of students and provided training for them to work as poll workers during the elections," Pace said. "We will place them in different precincts, usually the one closest to them, and we ask them to commit to four hours of work on Election Day, they will be compensated by the city."

Pace was trained by Javier Chacon, El Paso election administrator, on the specific duties and procedures that need to be followed at the voting polls, she then trained those students participating in the BPC in two different sessions.

"They taught us about the technology, the logistics and the order of things that need to be done as well as certain regulations," Pace said. "But

not only that, we also learned the ethics about voting."

The students who will be helping in the polls on Election Day have to remain nonpartisan. They will be making sure that everyone casts the vote they want.

"We are here for the voter as a whole, to accommodate the voter and ensure that we make the process for them as smooth as possible," Pace said.

Valori Nava, junior multimedia journalism major and member of the BPC, is politically motivated and recalls her grandmother needing help when trying to cast her vote during a previous presidential election.

"My grandma needed someone to come to her car and bring her the ballot so she could place her vote," Nava said. "As an extension of my election participation I will be out in the polls assisting anyone who needs help, just like my grandma did."

In the recruitment process, the BPC set up tables on Leech Grove and the Union Breezeway to inform students about the opportunity to get involved in the election process. According to Pace, government classes were also targeted to motivate students to get engaged with voting.

"We've recruited a variety of students," Pace said. "We targeted students in the government and political science classes because it is a really good time for them to get hands on experience and learn out in the field."

Associate professor in the political science department Taeko Hiroi, offered the BPC Program as part of a course assignment because she believes that participation and involvement are an integral part of active learning.

"Reading in the books and discussing in class is one thing, but being actually involved in the election process is something else," Hiroi said. "This academic study and the practical experience complement each other to enhance students' learning."

According to Pace, students should get involved in opportunities like the one the BPC offers because the younger generation, a growing population and the future of this country needs to take responsibility of our community.

"We have to be the voice of our community, we've been given that opportunity and we have to take advantage of it," Pace said.

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Campus life

# Students participate in unconventional voting

BY MARILYN ALEMAN  
The Prospector

Voting can be a tedious process living away from the county of residence, but several UTEP students still manage to be a part of the elections despite being away from home.

Brandi Shepherd, senior pre-nursing major from Dallas, believes the mailing process of voting was not at all difficult to comprehend.

"Initially I attempted to find information about it online, but never could get a straight answer. So, I decided to call my county's voting center and get the necessary steps directly from them," Shepherd said. "It is very easy. Literally everything but making your election picks is done for you. You don't even have to write your return address."

The process of out of state and/or county has voters apply for a ballot by mail and send in their information to their county of residence Election's Department.

The application is then reviewed by the department to see if they are registered by the state, the ballot is then sent back to the perspective voter who must then send in their ballots back to the department and then the ballot is finally cast.

The process of mailing is unlike being behind the machine at registered polling places.

"It is a bit odd but I am happy to still be able to participate," Shepherd said. "I believe that this is an important election."

However, Simone Rehbein, junior psychology major from Williamson County, Texas, felt that she missed out on the personal experience of voting behind the polls.

"This is the first time that I am eligible to vote in a national election and knowledgeable enough to vote for a state/local one and it feels really disappointing not to be behind the polls," she said. "I feel cheated that I didn't have to wait in line with other

excited citizens as we bonded waiting to cast our vote."

Perspective voters have a certain deadline when it comes to casting votes through mail. According to the El Paso County website, voters have 60 days before Election Day and until the seventh day before the election to submit an application or letter.

Mailing back voted ballots must arrive to the Election Department of the desired county before 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Moises Blakenship, sophomore history major from Lancaster, Calif. decided that registering to vote in El Paso County would be a much easier process than having to mail in his vote as he has done in previous years.

"I've been a registered voter since 2010 but this is my first presidential election," Blakenship. "I went to register here in El Paso County in the downtown office and they gave me an application I had to sign. They said they would send me my card within 30 days."

"Being a woman of color, I am especially proud of those who fought for my right to vote and the least I can do to thank them is to exercise that right."

- Simone Rehbein,  
junior psychology major

According to the County of El Paso Elections Department, as of Nov. 2 a total of 5,736 applications were cast out and 2,631 were returned back to the Elections Department for El Paso County.

"Mail in and mail out ballots vary from year to year," said Javier Chacon, elections administrator for El Paso County. "This year is a pretty big amount considering past years, but of course it's always much more during presidential elections."

Voting ballots that are sent and returned to the El Paso County can be monitored by their numbers on the El Paso County website, epcounty.com, as well as the number of ballots cast for all polling places that are located city-wide.

Nonetheless, students that participated in this 2012 election, whether at the polls of El Paso County or by mail, still managed to find a way to contribute their voice.

"Being a woman of color, I am especially proud of those who fought for my right to vote and the least I can do to thank them is to exercise that right," Rehbein said. "Plus where it matters most, the local level, my vote really does count for a lot more."

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Union Breezeway, the organization was able to register 1,386 students this semester. They also collected 400 pledge cards which allowed them to contact students and remind them about early voting, polling stations and voting times to maximize turnout within the UTEP community.

"We saw a lot of students that were excited about registering to vote and voting for the first time," said Olac Fuentes, senior multimedia journalism major and outreach intern at the Texas Freedom Network. "We got involved in this voter registration campaign because we believe that having a high voter turnout, regardless of party affiliation, is a vital aspect of a healthy and functional democracy. It is with this in mind that we work to ensure all citizens—especially those who are underrepresented like young voters—exercise their right to vote."

For many UTEP students such as Karen Bale, junior psychology major, this year marked the first presidential election in which they were eligible to vote, which increased their interest in the election.

"This was my first time voting and I have to say it felt great. I'm not a fan of politics, but they are important because they are the foundation of our country, whether we like it or not," Bale said. "I am voting for Obama because I simply believe that he is the better choice. The issues that interest me the most are those dealing with women's rights, religion and the economy, and Obama has better propositions than Romney. It is important to be aware of everything that affects our lifestyle and our families. I encourage everyone to become involved with the one thing that affects who they will be allowed to be tomorrow."

Students will have a final chance to vote on Election Day, Nov. 6.

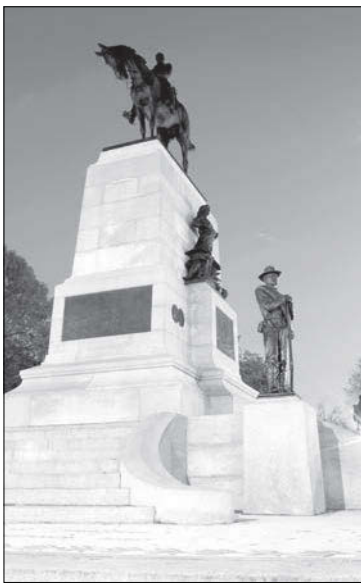
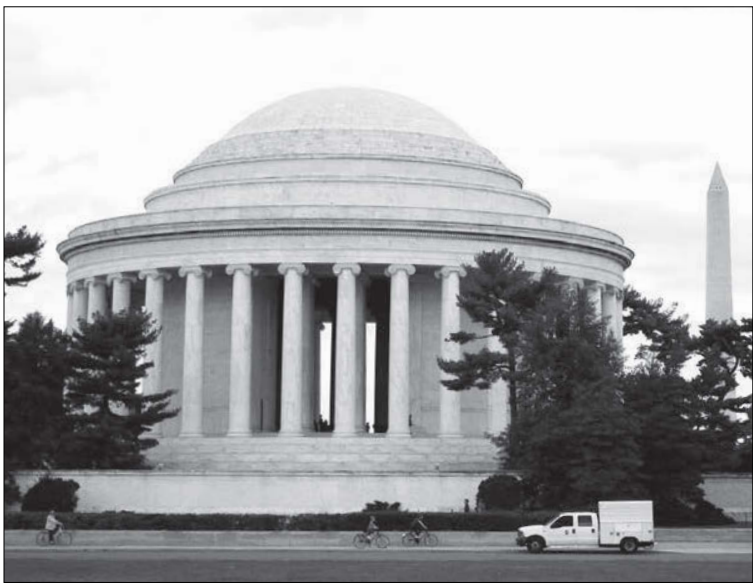
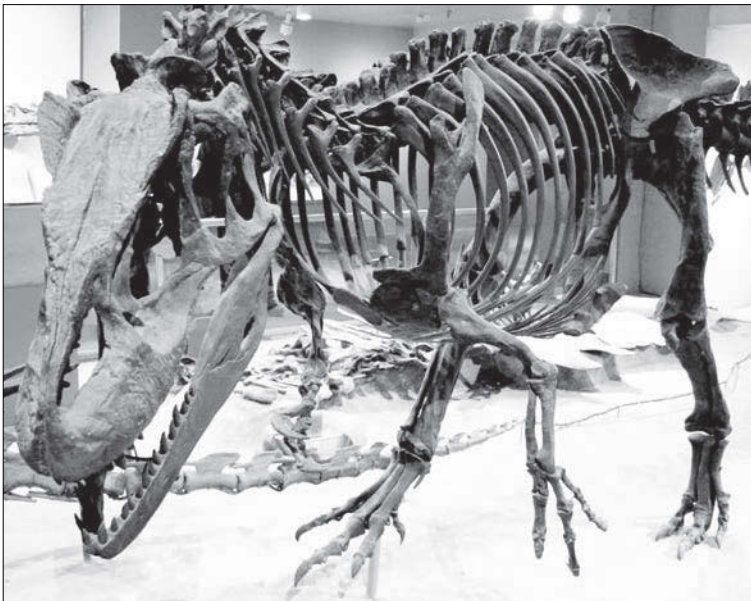
"If we have older individuals with an older mindset voting and calling all of the shots, then of course things won't change," Bale said. "We are the ones growing up in a different time, we are aware that there are people who are different and tolerance is advocated. It is our vote that will bring about change."

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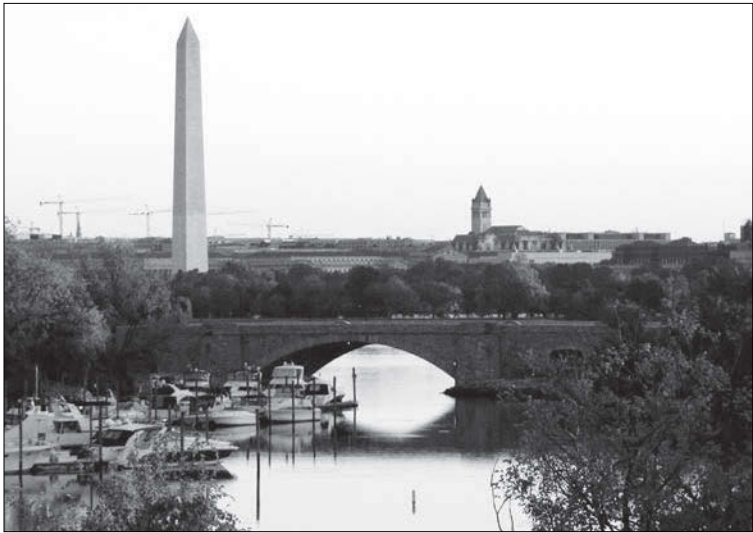
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# Lola Productions brings the Mystical Arts of Tibet to UTEP



Special to The Prospector  
**Lola Productions will** begin a series of music events at UTEP on Nov. 11.

**BY OSCAR GARZA**  
The Prospector

The first annual Signature Series, a collaboration between Lola Productions and UTEP, will bring a collection of events dedicated to dance, jazz and ballet, among others, to the Magoffin Auditorium starting Nov. 11 through April 2013.

The series will begin with a presentation of The Mystical Arts of Tibet “Sacred Music Sacred Dance” on Nov. 11 featuring the Tibetan Monks from the Drepung Loseling Monastery.

“We had hoped to one day package our programs as an annual series,” said Juanita Vasquez, from Lola Productions. “This year we worked hard to book the events early, giving us the opportunity to build a roster of very different artists for one venue through the collaboration Lola has with UTEP and the special events office.”

Vasquez said she hopes the event can become a staple of the performing arts in El Paso that offers quality entertainment to the city and the surrounding regions.

“I think that we always strive to bring acts that create beautiful art forms, but at the same time inform the human spirit,” Vasquez said. “The idea is for us to come together in celebration of that beauty which unites us as a community.”

One of the most expected shows is The Monks of Tibet, who have performed with artists ranging from Philip Glass to the Grateful Dead’s Mickey Hart. Their music has also

been featured in the Brad Pitt drama “Seven Years in Tibet.”

Other shows presented by Lola Productions include the Preservation Hall Jazz Band’s “Creole Christmas” on Dec. 22, “Meow Meow,” a cabaret-style show on Feb. 9 and an up-and-coming “2Cellos” band.

According to Vasquez, the presentations from the Signature Series are intended as the first in what will become an annual tradition that UTEP and Lola Productions will bring to campus.

Paulina Fuentes, sophomore organizational and corporate communication major, said that the wide variety of shows are interesting and helpful to the UTEP community.

“I like that UTEP is bringing these types of events that are very creative and can be enjoyed for all ages, I think anybody can learn something from all of these shows,” Fuentes said. “If they decorate the Magoffin (accordingly) with the theme of each show, it’ll be a perfect place.”

Fuentes said she thinks that the shows will provide for a diverse group of audiences.

“I think the Tibet one, personally, is the most interesting to me because it’s about a different culture that is miles away from us,” Fuentes said.

Jessica Casillas, senior organizational and corporate communication major, said she is interested to see and experience “Les Ballet Trockadero de Monte Carlo,” a parody-style ballet performed by professional male dancers.

“As students, one can definitely learn a lot from these shows, you can learn about tolerance towards other cultures and art education, which I think could benefit El Paso,” Casillas said. “These presentations for the students are great, however I do think that for the rest of the public the Magoffin might be too small.”

Alejandra Sandoval, junior industrial engineering major, who has had a passion for dance since she was a kid, said these shows are educational and offer the opportunity to learn about different cultures.

“The presentation on the Tibetan Monks or the ‘2Cellos’ performance would be the ones that I would like to see,” Sandoval said. “But I would love that maybe they could bring something leaning more towards the younger crowd, maybe something a little more modern. But I really think they should do this annually.”

Vasquez said she hopes that students will take a risk and experience something unforgettable.

“The artists in the series will open your mind to new worlds with entertainment of the highest artistic caliber.”

For tickets on the Signature Series, call 747-5234.

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## Concert

# Pearl Jam’s Eddie Vedder to visit El Paso

**BY ANDREA ACOSTA**  
The Prospector

Pearl Jam frontman, Eddie Vedder, will perform at the Plaza Theatre on Nov. 7 to promote his latest solo release, “Ukulele Songs.” His appearance in El Paso will mark the fifth stop out of 22 during his postponed solo tour, which opened Oct. 31 in Houston.

Vedder’s previous sold out show at the Plaza Theatre on April 17 was cancelled due to health complications. Vedder suffered damage in his right arm—resulting in a back injury—and postponed his spring solo tour.

Randy Iglesias, junior pre-pharmacy major, said that the rescheduling of the show demonstrates how much Vedder cares about his fans.

“I appreciate when artists reschedule shows, therefore it’s wonderful that Eddie Vedder decided to come

back to El Paso, not disappointing his fans,” Iglesias said. “Sometimes issues can come up last minute preventing them to continue with concerts but I love it when artists make an effort to come back and make up for a lost show.”

Iglesias said he has been familiarized with Vedder’s music since the age of 6, mostly from his contribution in Pearl Jam.

“His melodic singing mixed with grunge really made for some great music,” Iglesias said. “I still remember hearing them as a kid.”

Oscar Moreno, senior creative writing major, was 12 years old when he first heard Eddie Vedder singing “Behind Blue Eyes,” in a The Who concert.

“My dad always played Pearl Jam in his car which is why I got familiar with his music,” Moreno said. “He has a great voice, having a lot (of) range,

meaning that he can write some very simple songs where it’s just him and his guitar and in other instances he writes more complex songs involving more rhythms.”

Although approximately 50 tickets are still available for purchase, ranging from \$75-\$85, Carol McNeal, director of sales and marketing for the Plaza Theatre, said she is expecting to have a sellout concert.

“I do believe Eddie Vedder will have a full house,” Moreno said. “There is a large majority of students that have been talking about this event since the moment they knew Eddie Vedder would be coming to El Paso.”

“Ukulele Songs” was nominated for a Grammy for best folk album and will be a focus of the show, which will be opened by special guest, Academy

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Gaming

# An online world of fantasy and gamers

BY LEONARDO MONTAÑEZ

The Prospector

The series of online videogames, known as MMOs or MMORPGs (massive multiplayer online role-playing games), have created a virtual world for people all around the globe to connect to a fantasy world and disconnect from reality. With their rising popularity many became subscription-based, while others remain free. Here are some of the titles that have been on the top lists of online gaming.

**“MapleStory”** — A MMORPG published by Nexon that serves as a 2-D platform online videogame with chibi anime and cartoon graphics, MapleStory was initially released in South Korea in 2003 and in 2005 in North America. The game is a free-to-play MMO with one of the biggest MMO communities, reaching 70 million users. It features a high-fantasy world with a large map to explore, a variety of classes to choose from with an advanced job system, a large list of quests, exclusive premium items and equipment, and character customization.

Some of the jobs in the game are warriors, which use melee weapons, magicians, bowmen, thieves with daggers and ninja stars and pirates, which use guns and knuckles as weapons. At first glance the jobs don't seem very varied, but as the game progresses, more options become available and the class system expands, which may be seen as a flaw. The class system gets

so big that it is easy for novice players to mess up their skill point tree on their first attempt.

**“Fly for Fun”** — A free-to-play MMORPG published by Gala La, FlyFF is a 3-D fantasy MMO with animated graphics. The game was released in 2004 and it now hosts 13 countries with a community of over 7 million users. Its main attraction is the flying method of transportation over the colorful fantasy world. It features a large map with several dungeons, boss fights, exclusive premium items and equipment, a free-for-all player vs. player arena, fixed duel systems and a variety of customization on weapons, equipment and pets.

The characters start as vagrants until they reach level 15, then they get to decide the job they will be taking. The game features four main classes (jobs)—mercenary, who uses a sword/axe and shield, assist, who wields a knuckle and shield or stick for buffs, magician, whose main weapons are staves and wands, and acrobats who specialize in bows and/or yo-yos. After the player reaches level 60, they are entitled to a second job. Each class has two options to choose from. They each get to pick a specialization for one of the weapons they were given, except for mercenaries, they choose between dual blade or two-handed weapons.

However, the game has its flaws. It is a grinding-based game where you must kill to gain experience points and there is not much to do but to

level up, making it a long MMO with a lot of content.

**“S4 League”** — This free-to-play futuristic environment game published by Ala Playa serves as a 3-D third-person shooter, and was released in North America in 2008. What makes this MMO shooter different from others is its parkour or “free-run” gameplay combined with futuristic guns, gadgets, and bizarre melee weapons such as bats, giant knuckles called counter swords, plasma swords and twin-blades. S4 League has a large variety of character customization options and futuristic techno music.

The game has different match modes, including Deathmatch, a two-team battle, Touchdown, a team game that resembles football and Chaser, a game in which a player selected randomly as the “chaser,” becomes overpowered and then tries to defeat all the other players while they are trying to bring him down. There is also Captain match mode, where everyone splits into two teams and a player is designated as the team captain. The objective then is to hunt the captain of the opposing team. There are also the traditional modes such as Arcade mode, where the player and his team are placed in a storyline facing their enemies. There is also Siege mode, in which players must maintain a zone under their color to get to a certain score, and Battle Royal, a free-for-all battle,

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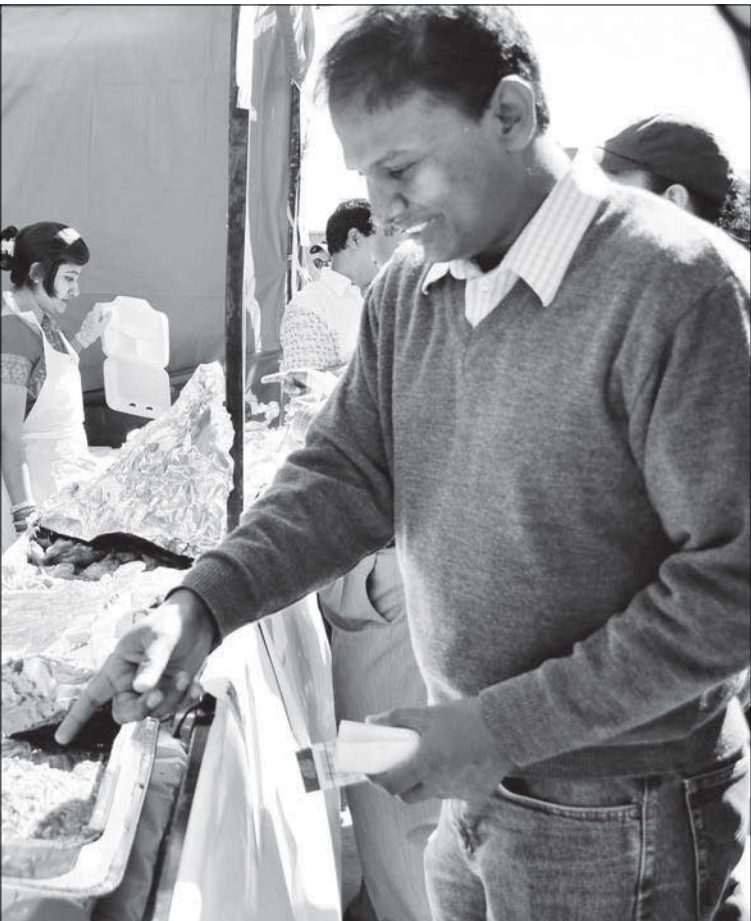
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Award-winning songwriter, Glen Hasard.

"I personally think that it's amazing to hear Eddie Vedder in a different type of genre, having his album fully concentrated on acoustics and the use of his ukelele, as opposed to his pounding rhythms in his Pearl Jam concerts and albums," Moreno said. "He may have some sad songs, but they are not hopeless at all. He finds the good side of everything without denying how bad things can turn out."

Having collaborated with artists such as Bruce Springsteen, Kings of Leon, Guns 'N Roses and even Johnny Depp, Vedder has been recognized among generations.

"Vedder has become an alternative rock icon among other artists," said Jose De La O, senior electrical engineering major. "I do expect for him to have a great hit with his latest album featuring a different approach with his acoustic and "Ukelele Songs," ultimately targeting a broader audience."

Vedder will continue his tour by stopping in San Antonio, Memphis, Jacksonville and ending with a final performance in Clearwater, Fla. on Dec. 4.

Tickets start at \$75, plus service charges. For more information, contact the Plaza Theatre box office at 231-1100 or visit ticketmaster.com.

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**"My dad always played Pearl Jam in his car, which is why I got familiar with his music."**

- Oscar Moreno,  
senior creative writing major

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where people have to score the most by defeating other players.

Each match in S4 League can hold up to 16 players per game, but many of the game modes are restricted to few stages to play. The gameplay, music, weapons and stylish futuristic graphics are well worth giving the game a chance.

"Dragon Nest" — Also developed by Nexon, this free-to-play 3-D action MMORPG came to North America in September 2011. Its most notable characteristics are its dungeon or raid-like scenarios, which can be undertaken alone or with a team, and its intense combat system that offers players a more interactive interface. In this game players need to approach their enemy and attack them just like in a console game and, because all of the attacks are mouse-based and the skills are on hotkeys, the combinations for each class are grand.

The only downfall for the game is its gender-lock when it comes to picking a class. Swordsmen and clerics are always male, while archers, sorceresses and tinkers/academics are female. Different from other MMORPGs, Dragon Nest randomizes dungeons to keep it fresh. The game has good graphics, great game mechanics, flowing skill animation and a storyline that can be completed in a team or alone.

"Mabinogi" — Nexon's Mabinogi is a 3-D fantasy MMORPG that is slightly based on Welsh mythology. The game was released in 2008 in North America. Mabinogi has cartoon-like graphics and distinct gameplay that sets it apart from other games. The game has a variety of quests and plenty of extras such as composing music, the option to befriend NPCs, designing clothing, part-time jobs, cooking and farming.

Players get to choose an age, and upon reaching a certain age, when

a player's level is high, a rebirth option is given. The character then goes back to its original age, and so does its level.

There are no classes in this game, but there are races that have differences. There are three races—humans, who are average on their stats are good for beginner players, Elves work better in long range weapons and have low hit points, but make it up with their skills. Giants, work better in close combat, but don't do well with range weapons.

Something that also makes Mabinogi's stand out from other MMOs is that it is not a grinding MMO, all the activities in-game are also level up based, which keeps the game fresh and not repetitive, but dungeons tend to get monotonous. Regardless, Mabinogi is one of a kind with its class system and fighting dynamics.

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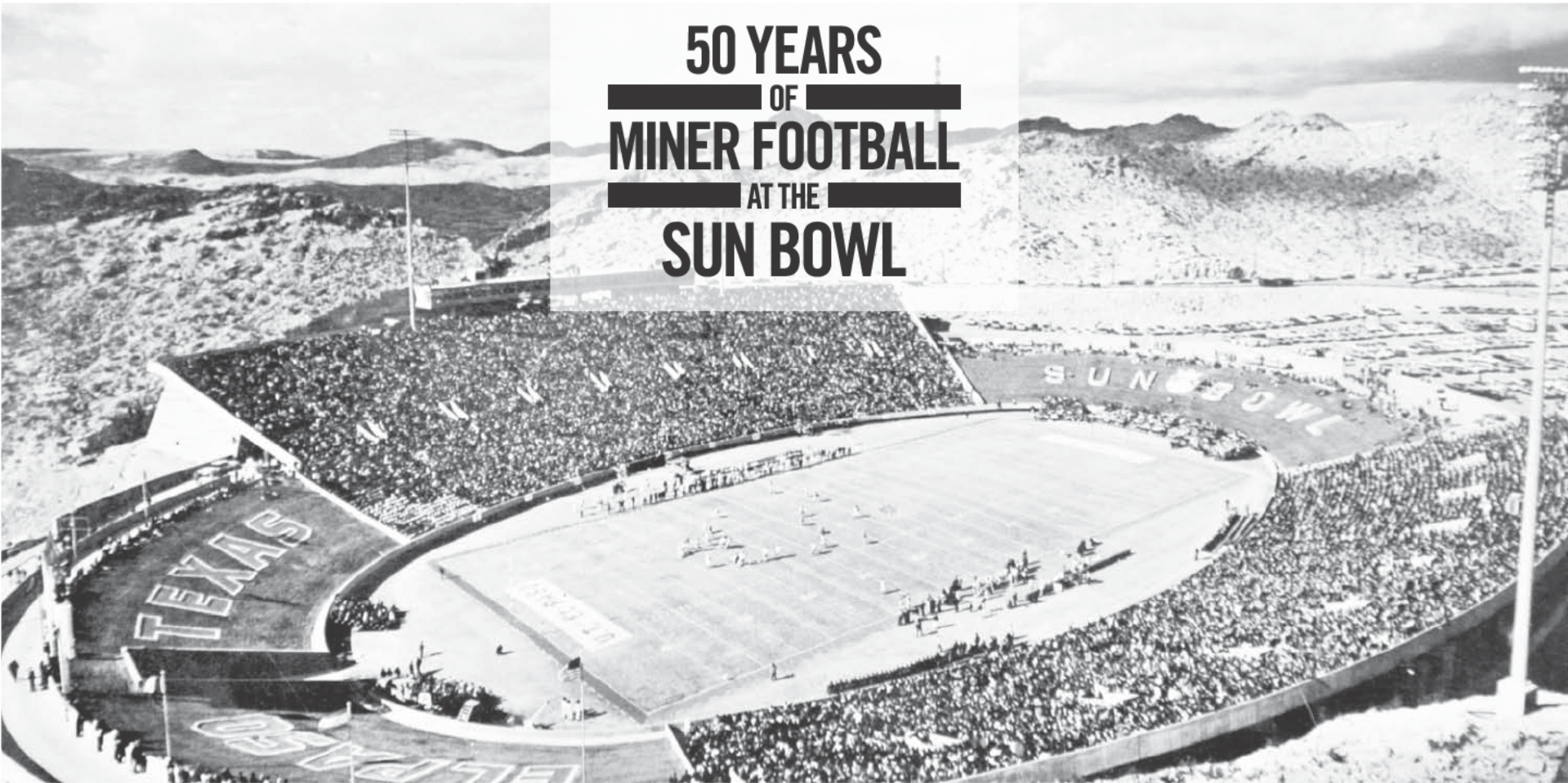
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**The Miners played** their first game at the Sun Bowl on Sept. 21, 1963 against North Texas beating the Mean Green Eagles 34-7. The photo above was taken during the 1966 season when the stadium's capacity was 30,000, since then renovations and expansions have increased its capacity to 51,500.

**BY EDWIN DELGADO**  
The Prospector

The 2012 season marks the 50th anniversary of the Sun Bowl stadium as the home for the UTEP Miners. On Sept. 21, 1963 the stadium opened its doors to witness the very first home game for UTEP against

North Texas, which the Miners were able to score on the very first play from scrimmage. Running back Larry Durham ran 54 yards for the first touchdown in the new stadium and lead the Miners to a 34-7 win over the Mean Green Eagles. "Being in the Sun Bowl is unlike any other stadium that I've ever

been in," linebackers coach Robert Rodriguez said. "I think it's a really unique stadium, when it's rocking it's really special." At first the stadium had a capacity of 30,000 people, but was later expanded in 1982, and currently seats 51,500 fans.

One of the veterans for the Miners senior safety DeShawn Greyson played his first game in the 2009 season opener. "The day of the game there was a sold out crowd against Buffalo, as we came out of the mine shaft I heard the noise, the fans and the fireworks, it was

an amazing experience," Greyson said. "I will always remember that day." Former Miners and now coaches Brian Natkin and Rodriguez played together during the 2000 season, when the Miners won the WAC championship. For both coaches it see **SUN BOWL** on page 12

Women's Basketball

# Thornton keeps grounded despite accolades

**BY SABRINA NUÑEZ**  
The Prospector

Adding to the list of accomplishments for the Miners last season, junior Kayla Thornton was named to the Conference-USA All-Second team and C-USA All-Tournament team for the 2011-12 season. The 6-foot-1 forward and returning starter helped lead the Miners to one of their most successful seasons. Thornton played an average of 24.9 minutes per game last season and led the team with 9.8 points per game. Based on her past performance, Thornton was named to the All-CU-SA preseason team this year. "To me it's just a name. It's a new year so you really can't tell what people do and how teams perform," Thornton said. "You've just got to go out there, play your hardest everyday, and execute what your coaches have in plan for you." As a returner, Thornton is familiar with head coach Keitha Adams and her expectations. "Kayla's played a lot for us as a freshman and a sophomore. She had a really good sophomore season last year and she's got loads of potential," Adams said. "It starts with her really run-

ning the floor and playing transition, but being a great rebounder first." Aside from focusing on improving herself, one of Thornton's responsibilities is to be a leader for the freshmen and newcomers. "If we do what we're supposed to do, follow what coach wants us to do, then the (newcomers) look at us (and see) what they need to do," Thornton said. Adams said Thornton's athleticism and effort yield results for the Miners. "Kayla can be as good as (she) wants to be, depends on how she practices," Adams said. "She plays really well and has that blue-collar mentality of running the floor, going hard, rebounding and playing to her athleticism. One of the important things with Kayla is when she's a great rebounder her game flourishes." Last season, Thornton gathered an average of 7.3 rebounds per game, the highest of this year's returning players. "My number one strength is rebounding. Once I rebound, it starts the team up, it gets us all pumped, and after that, everything just falls into place," Thornton said. Despite the recognition the Miners received from their season last year

and the practice they have put in for this season, Thornton believes the outcomes of games haven't been set in stone. "I feel good coming off of last year and how we did. We don't really know what's going to happen but we take it one (game) at a time, practice trying to make our team better, and pray that we do repeat and go further than we did last year," Thornton said. To prepare herself for games, Thornton turns to her faith. "The only ritual I have and do all the time, (is that) I pray. I get in my little corner and I pray before every game," Thornton said. Having graduated from Irvin High School, Thornton is a native of El Paso and has a support system in place. She believes her connection to the El Paso region is impactful. "A lot of people don't graduate from high school and then play for their hometown, so it's a blessing to see my family, old friends and my coaches (come) to see me play. It brings excitement to the team and fans," Thornton said. Sabrina Nuñez may be reached at [prospector@utep.edu](mailto:prospector@utep.edu).



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**Junior forward Kayla** Thornton is one of five returning upperclassmen for the Miners, a team that graduated seven players from their 2011-12 season.



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“was one of their best memories of the Sun Bowl.

“I had a lot of great experiences both as a player and coach, obviously the 2000 season when we won the WAC championship was a fun year,” Natkin said. “As a player, the best game I remember was against Rice with a sold out crowd that stormed the field after the game, that was a nice memory.”

Being an El Paso native, the Sun Bowl was always a unique place for coach Rodriguez.

“I grew up coming to games to the Sun Bowl to watch the Miners my whole life,” Rodriguez said. “To play in the Sun Bowl was very special to me.”

Head coach Mike Price first visited the stadium in 2002, while in charge of Washington State and defeated Purdue 33-27 without knowing it would become his home in the future.

“My wife and I really fell in love with the stadium and the community when we played Purdue here. (Director of UTEP Athletics) Bob Stull was just planning the new Durham Center and showed us around,” Price said. “It’s kind of ironic that the job became

open when it did and I was able to get the job and feel real fortunate.”

In Price’s tenure (2004-present), there has been a number of highly attended games including a best-ever average of 47,899 per game in 2005.

“We’ve had a lot of memorable games and close games,” Price said. “The Texas Tech game when they kicked the field goal and it hit the crossbar and went in was another memorable game, but not a great memory because we didn’t win.”

On Sept. 6, 2008, despite losing to the Texas Longhorns 42-13, the Sun Bowl witnessed the largest crowd it has ever had with 53,415 spectators on hand.

The Miners have played more than 280 home games in the stadium and hold a 124-156-3 record.

“The Sun Bowl is like a second home to me man, I got too many memories, good and bad,” Rodriguez said. “But, every time I think of the Sun Bowl it has a special place in my heart.”

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**A new attendance** record of 53,415 was set during the game against the Texas Longhorns on Sept. 6, 2008 (above), breaking the previous record of 53,304 set on Nov. 11, 2000.

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## Soccer Miners spectators as UCF wins C-USA tourney

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A year after finishing as runner up, the Miners were on the outside looking in as UTEP hosted the 2012 Conference USA Tournament Oct. 31-Nov. 4.

Hosting the tournament for the second time, UTEP welcomed the current top eight teams in conference, for seven matches to decide the conference champion.

“UTEP and El Paso have been very friendly and welcoming,” junior Colorado College defender Sarah Haizlip said. “It is really nice to come here and get the treatment that any team would want. It is a beautiful place with the desert landscape, which is definitely something I know my team and I are not used to seeing. So with the scenery and really nice people, this city and UTEP cannot be beat when it comes to hospitality.”

The Miners didn’t qualify for the conference tournament this year after finishing the season with an overall

record of 10-10, including 3-8 in C-USA play. The team concentrated its efforts to behind the scene works.

“Our administration has done a phenomenal job in getting all the details ready for the tournament, everything has been covered,” head coach Kevin Cross said. “As a team we have been helping out with anything they have asked us to do. Players have been helping out with ball shagging, my assistant coaches have been selling t-shirts, and our team managers have videoed each game and taken statistics. As for me I have made sure that the referees had everything that they needed.”

The quarterfinals kicked off Oct. 31 with fans traveling from each university and many local area elementary schools, making it the largest crowd for the tournament games.

The first four games of the tournament pinned Houston vs. Colorado College, Tulsa vs. East Carolina, SMU vs. Rice and Memphis vs. UCF.

After eliminating half of the eight teams, the two semifinal games were

played Nov. 2, with SMU facing off against the University of Central Florida, and Tulsa matching up against top seed Colorado College.

UCF easily out played SMU, as it won that match 2-0, while Tulsa and Colorado College game went into double overtime.

With the score still tied 1-1, after a double overtime, the winner was determined by a shootout.

Missing the first of five team shots, Colorado College lost the match to Tulsa, who got all five goals to hit the back of the net.

“Every team puts in a lot of work during the season, but obviously the NCCA tournament is what we all work for,” Haizlip said. “It is definitely big and showcases how far a team can really get in a year. Even though we started off as the top seed, we unfortunately did not get the outcome we were looking for. We definitely put in a battle, but we have to give Tulsa credit where it is deserved. Both teams played really well, taking the game into penalty kicks, and that is where things did not go our way. It’s really disappointing, but it is what it is.”

The championship game that was broadcasted on CBS Sports Network came down between Tulsa and UCF.

For the entire 90 minutes of the match, both teams fought to control possession. In the end it was Central Florida’s efforts that would secure the title, as the Knights shut out the Golden Hurricane 2-0.

“When you go out on to the field, the win is going to go to whoever wants it the most, and today I think we proved how much (we) really wanted to win,” senior UCF forward, Tishia Jewell said. “Winning the tournament is just beyond awesome. This is the first time that UCF has won Conference USA, so I am really excited, not only for my team but for our coach. We all put in everything we possibly could, so it just makes the win that much more appreciated.”

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