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“We are an American family and we rise
and fall together as one nation.”

MOVING FORWARD

Students react to
President's re-election

Look for local election results on page 3

BY JASMINE AGUILERA AND LORAIN
WATERS

The Prospector

In one of the most competitive presidential races in history, President Barack Obama took the win once again with 303 electoral votes as students watched the results in the several locations on campus, holding viewing parties and sharing their views on the next four years Obama has in store.

“I’ve trusted Obama with the nation so far and I’m glad to know that within the next four years he’s still someone I can trust,” said Jesus Navarette, senior bio-chemistry major.

UTEP Picks hosted the Election Results Viewing Party at three locations on campus, the library’s atrium, Summit Hall at Miner Village and the Union Building East. All three locations saw a large turnout.

“I’m here with my organization, ONE. Although we didn’t pick a side as a group, both candidates support our causes as an organization,” Navarette said before the results were announced. “Since we are a national group, we have had petitions signed with the response of Obama. I voted for Obama and O’Rourke personally. They are working with issues that I am for, and I am pushing our other members to vote. I am just really happy and eager to see so many people here waiting for the announcement of our next president.”

Alfonso Gustave, senior Spanish major, was happy about Obama’s win.

“I feel that he is far more interested in doing the best for the American population than Romney,” he said. “In the grand scheme of things I don’t think that drastic changes will be put into place, progress tends to be a lot slower than I like it to be, but I do believe that Romney would have been a step in the wrong direction. Another thing that makes me breathe easier is that Obama may get to elect up to four Supreme Court justices.”

Matt Leahy, president of University Democrats, said Obama needs to focus on the economy, but also on immigration.

“First, he should continue with the economic recovery,” he said. “But if we are talking more politically based, he owes this election to the Latinos...he needs to focus on reforming immigration in a way that is just and fair.”

Tanya Maestas, senior biological sciences major and president of the Student Government Association, said she was happy with the voter turnout amongst students.

“Hopefully most students voted for who they could relate to the most,” she said. “I hope that everyone got informed and made the right decision when they cast their ballot.”

At approximately 11 p.m. (MST) on Election Day, former Governor Mitt Romney conceded the election to Obama and thanked everyone who helped him campaign. Romney finished with 206 votes electoral votes.

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Prospector staff reflect on first time voting experience

BY REBECCA GUERRERO

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I've been waiting to be old enough to vote since the election between President George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore. I remember sitting in front of the TV with my family, barely old enough to really understand what

was happening, but intrigued by how passionate it made everyone. I couldn't wait until I could make my own voice heard, and this year I got to do it for the first time. There are a few things that really make you feel like a grown up, and standing in line to cast a vote for president is definitely one of them. As a Democrat in Texas I knew that my vote might not ultimately make that much of a difference, but that did little to dampen my spirits. I still felt

like I was finally part of a system that runs the greatest country on earth, and I'm proud to think that I know enough about the policies that affect my life to make informed decisions. I put my little "I voted" sticker on my laptop and I still smile whenever I look at it.

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BY LORAIN WATTERS

The Prospector



I was never interested in the electoral process, much less anything having to do with politics. I scoffed at the

idea of voting and just kept my head in a book. However, having the resources available at UTEP with voter registration and feeling the stark reality that change can be in your hands, led me to vote early on campus. Seeing the energy emanate at the polls and follow on through to the very last hours of the election was

remarkable and definitely captivated me to continue voting in any election. Every vote truly does count and I am proud to have started exercising that right, especially as a female in a minority group.

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BY ANDRES RODRIGUEZ

The Prospector



I initially thought I wasn't registered to vote. My mother lectured me about how my voice would never be heard because I

hadn't registered on time. I tried to no avail to tell myself that the popular vote was only a small part of the bigger picture, but I still felt terrible about not registering and, after the polls positioned Romney closer and closer to the lead, the thought that I somehow would contribute to his success made me feel so guilty. So I was relieved when I found out I had registered to vote when I got my

license and had just forgotten. After voting, I felt good about having been a part of the process, especially now when issues that I hold dear like education and marriage equality are hotly contested. Although I'm skeptical about the country's political future, I'm glad I was somehow involved.

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BY JASMINE AGUILERA

The Prospector



Nov. 6 will be a day I'll remember for the rest of my life, that I am certain of. I almost didn't get a chance to cast my ballot, but had it not been for two amazing elderly ladies I had just met cursing out the poll workers for me, I would have had to wait another four years for my chance to

vote, so I will always be grateful for them. It's true that in Texas a person's vote doesn't exactly count for much, but finally being able to participate in a process that I have been following so closely for as long as I can remember is an experience I would never skip. I remember back in 2008 watching my mom struggle to become a naturalized citizen as fast as she could just so that she would be able to vote. I knew going in that I could never take

for granted the fact that I was born in the United States. I am so happy to have been able to voice my opinion in such a historical election, but I know that my job as an American citizen doesn't end at the voting booth. I urge everyone to continue to follow politics closely, and if you see something that bothers you, do something about it. Continue to practice your rights as a citizen everyday, not just Election Day.

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BY ALEJANDRO ALBA

The Prospector



It was my first time, I was nervous. As a first time voter I couldn't help it. I had no idea how the ballot would look so I feared that once I stood in front of the computer I would have an anxiety attack and vote for the wrong candidate.

I was also nervous about being rejected and walk away in shame since I couldn't remember if I had been registered to vote. Once in front of the computer, I swiped the card, which I was amazed by, and I held my breath. I was about to experience my first voting session. I knew I could have taken the easy way out and choose to vote for the whole ticket; instead, I chose to vote individually. Fifteen minutes later, I received a sticker that read "I Voted" and I wore it proudly as my forehead dripped sweat from the strain of hav-

ing to go through an entire list of candidates I was not familiar with. I took so long that I began to be concerned if I seemed suspicious. Regardless of how much time I took, I can say I voted and therefore I have met my civil duty.

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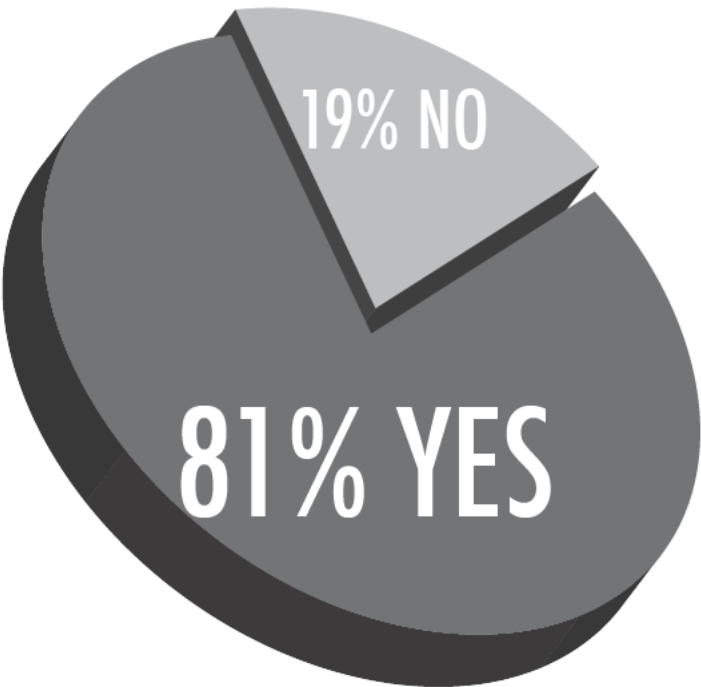
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FORWARD from page 1

"This generation is committed to change and that's what we need to keep moving forward."

- Matt Leahy, University Democrats president

Louis Southard, former chairman of the College Republicans and senior political science major, was not fond of Obama's reelection, but hopes that cooperation will result with his win.

"The important thing is to fix the United States," he said. "There are many things that would have been better under a Romney administration, but now we just need to focus on going forward."

According to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, 22-23 million young Americans between the ages of 18-29, or 49 percent, cast votes in the Nov. 6 election.

CIRCLE also found that if Romney had won the youth vote, or if young people had stayed home all together, he would have won in key battle ground states Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

"As an American, not a Republican, I hope (Obama) is a success," Southard said. "If he succeeds then we all succeed, but I don't know how his policies will work."

National polling and data center Gallup released its final analysis on Nov. 5 at 6 p.m. and found that Romney was leading with 49 percent support from likely voters, while Obama followed close behind with 48 per-



KARINA RODRIGUEZ / The Prospector

UTEP Picks held three election viewing parties on Nov. 6. Locations were at Union Building East, Summit Hall at Miner Village and the library atrium.

cent. The race left a lot of viewers anxious while they were watching.

"This was a real nail-bitter," said Irasema Coronado, political science professor. "Whether you were going for Obama or Romney, this was a very close race and it was very exciting."

Coronado believes there is a lot of work left for the President to do.

"In our democracy we know that a president has power, but without a Congress to support him or her it could be difficult to get anything accomplished," she said. "We still need to see how this works out with Congress and the House of Representatives."

Leahy believes that the Congress will actually help him on his second term.

"I'm very optimistic that congress will be more willing to work with

him," Leahy said. "Ever since 2010, they have tried to make sure he wasn't re-elected but they failed, now they will want to support his agenda and cooperate because the agenda is set on the country's needs."

With the result of young voters at 49 percent, Leahy said that the youth has been well involved with the election.

"The youth of today has a good head on their shoulders and we can recognize what is working and we know that change has to continue," he said. "This generation is committed to change and that's what we need to keep moving forward."

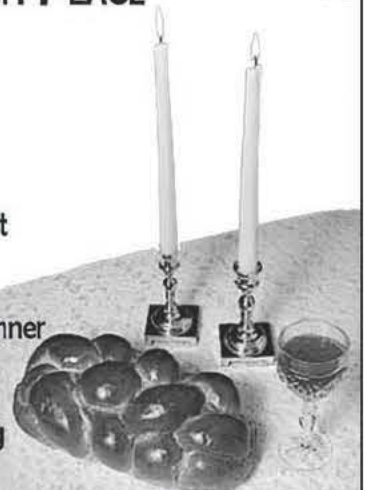
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O'Rourke wins congressional seat

BY REBECCA GUERRERO
AND LORAIN WATERS

The Prospector

On Nov. 6 Beto O'Rourke became El Paso's District 16 Congressional Representative, beating Republican candidate Barbara Carrasco. O'Rourke won 65.54 percent of El Paso's votes as compared to Carrasco's 32.82 percent, according to an election summary report released by epcounty.com. O'Rourke will be the newest Congressional Representative after Silvestre Reyes' 16 year run.

"Last night was great, we had a chance to celebrate over 14 months of hard work and enjoy spending time with friends, family, volunteers and supporters," O'Rourke said. "It feels like El Paso is moving in the right direction, that we've decided to be ambitious, to be bold and to do what's necessary to achieve these big goals. Next steps include going to Washington D.C. for an orientation meeting in the coming weeks and preparing to hit the ground running after we're sworn in on January third."

O'Rourke swept the election with 100,804 votes as compared to Carrasco's 50,478, an outcome that was expected by many.

"I'm not surprised at the El Paso vote, given its Democratic Party historic heritage here at the border," said political science professor Kath-

leen Staudt. "I think he will hit the ground running, given his effective experience in representation at the local level. He has a keen sense of El Paso's strengths. I love the way he celebrates our border region, our future probabilities of economic prosperity given border people's multilingual and multicultural assets and our all-around 'can-do' attitude, as has been recognized nationally."

According to Paulina Lopez, president of the Political Science Honor Society, this election, along with the presidential election, generated excitement among UTEP students.

"This is something that gives students a great insight as to how political campaigns are carried out, and to grasp the extensive planning and strategy that are put into them," Lopez said. "I met many students who were excited to participate in this year's elections by signing up with the Border Poll Crew for UTEP's Center for Civic Engagement. I was personally a poll observer, and as a first time voter it was significant for me to witness this election comprehensively. I saw energy coming out of UTEP students especially in regards with registering people to vote and raising awareness that students are an important element in the electoral process."

O'Rourke has promised to address a few key issues including long international bridge wait times, benefits for veterans and the Mexican drug



FILE PHOTO

With 65.54 percent of El Paso's vote, Beto O'Rourke was elected El Paso's District 16 Congressional Representative Nov. 6. He will replace Silvestre Reyes after his 16 years as a Congressional Representative in January.

war. He has stated that El Paso's voice needs to be heard in Congress where border issues have been neglected, and he has a plan to speed commerce on the international bridges by hiring more staff.

According to the El Paso Times, O'Rourke claims that El Paso should be a leader in all things related to border security and believes he will find a helpful partner in President Barack Obama. He plans to convince Obama that an investment here on the U.S.-

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O'Rourke will take the congressional seat this January.

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TANNER MILROY

Freshman political science major
"Oh man, I'm happy! I'm not a huge Obama supporter because he failed to do some of the more important things he promised. However I disagree on Romney's views on foreign policy and his economic plans are questionable."



ARIEL LOPEZ

Freshman forensic science major
"Actually I'm kind of happy about Obama winning because he's already had one term and I agree with the way he's running things. What good would it do the country if someone else was elected?"



ALEXIS LEON

Junior digital media production
"Well Obama was in office for four years and didn't do much of anything so I was hoping that maybe a change would fix that. I was really hoping for something different. I was feeling he did nothing in his four years."



JAY YAÑEZ

Sophomore microbiology major
"I am fine the way the presidential election went. Obama was doing a good job in the first place. It seemed as if Romney wanted to give more power to the rich people."



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BY ANDREA ACOSTA
The Prospector

A year and a half after Bikini Joes opened on the East Side, owners John and Angela Geske decided to add Cabo Joes to their chain of classic Mexican-style street food restaurants, bringing the flavor of Baja closer to UTEP.

According to owner John Geske, they only had two months to organize, assemble and renovate the North Mesa location. Nonetheless, Cabo Joes opened on Oct. 30, with a great turnout, John Geske said.

"It has been going very smoothly since the opening," John Geske said. "Deciding the location was a very important factor on this process. I personally like the traffic that goes around on Mesa and the fact that it was so close to (the) Don Haskins (Center) was a plus."

Angela Geske, said parking was another priority when searching for the location.

"We were very fortunate to find a place that provided more parking space than most businesses on Mesa Street," Angela Geske said. "We hope to attract a younger crowd and a lot of students to our restaurant, thanks to our decent and fair prices, not to mention our happy hour and special offers."

Veronica Chaparro, sophomore art major, said she appreciates the affordable prices, especially for students, as well as the dishes.

"I personally love Bikini Joes, having a brand new location closer to campus is ideal."

- Veronica Chaparro,
sophomore art major

"I personally love Bikini Joes. Having a brand new location closer to campus is ideal," Chaparro said. "Bikini Joes has one of the friendliest employees and the atmosphere allows for relaxation, which I don't expect for Cabo Joes to be any different."

John and Angela Geske said they tried to maintain similarities between both restaurants, such as the two headed steer wall and the beach-like feel.

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Café

Jim Ward opens new European-style venue

BY LEONARDO MONTAÑEZ
The Prospector

A new venue has opened in El Paso where customers can have coffee in the morning and alcohol at night. The café/bar, Eloise, offers a great variety of drinks, from cocktails to imported beers and wines, and soon they'll include a food menu.

Eloise is owned by Jim Ward and three other partners. Ward, also a member of the bands Sparta and At the Drive-in, said they wanted to create a place to relax, talk and have a good time.

"Eloise is a neighborhood gathering spot," Ward said. "It's meant to be comfortable, it's meant to be a European-style café."

Ward said that they strive for quality when it comes to their establishment and product.

"Exceptional is my goal," Ward said. "Our coffee is the best coffee in El Paso, to me. This is not just Folgers; this coffee is roasted to our specification from a roaster in Las Cruces."

According to Ward, Eloise is different than the rest of his venues, Tricky Falls and Bowie Feathers, since the other two cater more towards music events.

"Downtown is specifically to have bands or events and Bowie Feathers upstairs, we wanted to make a darker, rock and roll place with good quality drinks," Ward said. "This is directed more to the café lifestyle, coffee and booze."

Ward said they offer a great variety of coffee and that they'll also make customized drinks.

"We offer a super wide range of coffee, our house coffee is French pressed," Ward said. "It is our own specific blend, so nobody in El Paso will have what we have, and then we have a full bar including infusion that would change and other non-alcoholic drinks."

Ward said he wanted a break from music after having toured all summer. Nonetheless, he said he is still working on music for At the Drive-In and Sparta.

"I still work with music, not as much as I would like, but I think I go into these cycles. Now that this place is open I can go work into music again," he said.

Eloise is a café that is inspired by traditional cafés, Ward said, where customers can easily converse.

"Nowadays people think that a restaurant is a café, which is not, a restaurant is a restaurant. That's why it is called a restaurant," Ward said. "You'll never come here and it's going to be so loud you never get to talk."

Some UTEP students have found the café/bar approach interesting.

"I think it is really cool and different, it's a unique concept to El Paso," said Eileen Lozano, organizational communications junior. "I like how they sell coffee in the day and in the night they sell alcohol."

Lozano said she is glad Ward is behind it.

"I love that he is behind it, he is giving El Paso an alternative to Cincinnati Street. I love how he is trying to revitalize El Paso, and he even hangs there, and you can talk to him, and ask for a picture," Lozano said. "He is very approachable, it's not like he is a snob."

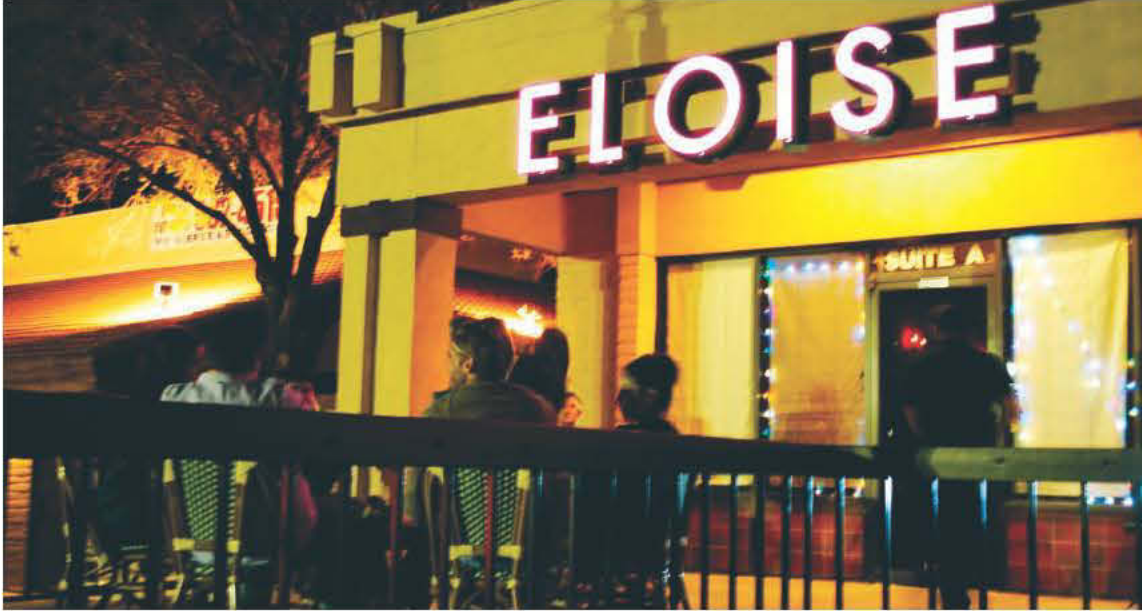
Although Eloise recently opened, Ward said they receive many people.

"During the day you'll see a lot of people coming after class, or maybe living within this area," Ward said. "It seems like this is the meeting place before people go out, or after they go out they come to catch their breath and talk."

Ward said that he is planning on opening another café downtown by the name of Hello Day Café, in the same building as Tricky Falls. Ward's partners include Kristine Ward, Yvonne Natividad and Chris Quiñones.

Eloise is located at 255 Shadow Mountain and is open from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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Jim Ward's third venue, Eloise, brings a European-style café atmosphere to El Paso.



Cabo Joes offers the same atmosphere and food as its sister restaurant, Bikini Joes. Cabo Joes is located near UTEP at 3233 N. Mesa Suite 103.

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“Although the location was a little dark and smaller, we tried to brighten it by implementing a lot of color, ultimately making it a fun atmosphere to eat in,” Angela Geske said. “We attempted to make Cabo Joes with a lot of character, but still keeping it consistent so that people would still feel familiar with the restaurant and its similarities with Bikini Joes.”

Irvin Faudoa, junior organization and corporate communication major, said that he enjoys the concept of Cabo Joes, but he thinks the place is too small considering the popularity of their East Side location.

“Cabo Joes will not only attract UTEP students but also people that live on the West Side, it might create an issue since it might get filled up really fast,” Faudoa said. “However, I hope there is a balance, because I do love the food and the cool concept of the restaurant.”

John Geske opened his first restaurant in 2002, Geo Geske (G2), after graduating from NMSU in 2000. He said he has come a long way after being the owner of Geske’s Fire Grill, Bikini Joes and co-owner of Commonwealth and The Garden.

“I’ve been on this business for about 12 years and one of the most challenging parts of managing differ-

ent businesses is the consistency of offering the same quality and product to our clients,” Geske said. “However, my job title has changed over the years to a quality control, rules and regulations type of job, making sure to maintain everything from burgers to margaritas staying the same and with great quality.”

Graduating from UTEP in 1999, with a bachelor’s in marketing management, Angela Geske said that they have learned a lot over the past few years, especially with the expansion of social media in regards to their business.

“Social media has become very necessary in all aspects, for example we didn’t use to have it in the employee guidelines, but now it is vital for businesses to include it,” Angela Geske said. “We have also learned a lot more about finance and marketing, hoping to attract (a) broad audience through the use of digital billboards and social networks such as Facebook, ultimately keeping up to date.”

Angela Geske said that Cabo Joes and Bikini Joes are ideal places to have lunch and watch a basketball or football game on their TVs.

“My husband says that this will be the best place to watch sports while eating a delicious Baja flavored dish with your friends, it is very sports oriented,” she said. “Personally I believe that Cabo Joes will include everyone’s tastes. By February, the weather will be beautiful and the space in the patio will be a nice place to relax and have some drinks.”

Cabo Joes offers everything from burgers, flautas, sandwiches and burritos, to fajitas shrimp, fish, brisket, steaks and lobster tacos. Prices range from \$6-\$15. According to Faudoa, trashcan nachos are the most popular dish on the menu; the dish is made up of a mound of tostadas with Joe’s famous chile con queso, beans, chopped jalapeños and sour cream, served with the choice of chicken, steak, BBW or shrimp.

“I think the margaritas are delicious along with the trashcan nachos, which are my favorite,” Faudoa said. “The nachos are served in a trashcan lid, it has great quantity that you can share it with someone.”

Like Faudoa, Chaparro’s favorite menu item are also the trashcan nachos.

“I really enjoy the cheese that comes with the nachos and fries, it’s amazing,” Chaparro said. “The food is amazing and what I like most is that it can be catered to your liking.”

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FILMMAKERS
STUDENTS KEEP AT IT DESPITE LACK OF SUPPORT

BY OSCAR GARZA
The Prospector

Robert Towne, UTEP electronic media graduate, became fascinated with filmmaking during a high school summer camp at UTEP.

“For as long as I’ve been in school, I’ve always had an interest for dramatic storytelling,” Towne said.

Towne, who just finished filming the spaghetti western “Oro del Diablo,” said that his time at UTEP helped him prepare for the professional world.

“Six years ago, I was some punk running around with a consumer camcorder editing stuff on Windows Movie Maker. But that’s how it starts,” Towne said.

Towne said that during his time at UTEP he learned to connect with people with similar interests.

“When it comes to film, school is all about making connections. And those connections from my time at UTEP have made ‘Oro del Diablo’ possible,” he said.

Towne said he feels that although Austin has done a great job in terms of opportunities for film, New Mexico is offering a lot more. El Paso, he said, is a bit detached from the state, but the filmmaking landscape in the city is definitely growing.

“There’s no shortage of indie projects to get involved in,” Towne said. “New names keep appearing in the local film festivals, such as ‘The Good, The Bad and The Indie.’ And many of those new names are UTEP students and alumni.”

Rowdy Stovall, director of “Mexican Sunrise” who lives in Houston, grew up in a small rural town with the notion that becoming a filmmaker was something that was never discussed.

For Stovall, writing, storytelling and filmmaking is a kind of therapy, he said.

“If my students are any indicator of just the talent that’s in our state, then Texas is in very good shape.”

- Bobby Gutierrez, senior lecturer

“It’s the way to get the stories out in a healthy way and in a positive way and for it to have a positive influence and inspiration to people,” he said.

Stovall, who describes himself as a regional filmmaker, takes pride in being from Texas and being influenced by people around him and where he comes from.

“The landscape that I grew up in, the society and all that stuff has a very strong influence on my work right now,” Stovall said.

Stovall said he’s seen filmmaking in Texas progress.

“I’ve seen the landscape (in Texas) change dramatically in the last seven, eight years. The production models are changing, the distribution,” Stovall said. “A big reason why people will continue to come to Texas and specially Austin is one, we have an outstanding crew base and the other thing is people love to come to Texas and to come to Austin,” Stovall said.

Bobby Gutierrez, senior lecturer at the communication department, said he hopes to continue preparing students and future filmmakers, but

he acknowledges that the industry is driven as a business primarily.

“The filmmaking industry is a business first. Then it’s entertainment and because it’s a business, what determines where a film or an industry begins, is how well a state receives and helps that industry,” Gutierrez said.

Gutierrez said Texas has vibrant and different landscapes to shoot very different types of films, but he said that the Texas Film Commission should be more supportive.

“In one state we have so many different terrains and so many different places to shoot. We cultivate a lot of filmmakers and their ideas, and endeavors so the state should recognize that,” Gutierrez said.

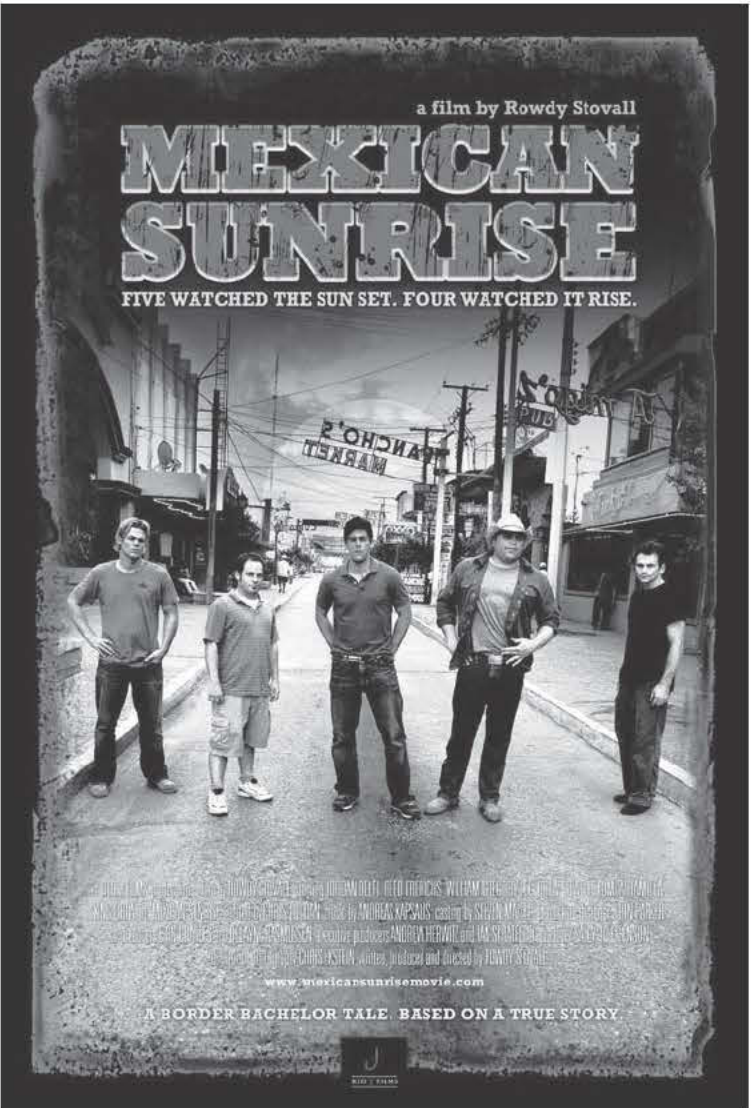
According to Gutierrez, one of the solutions is to gain support to shoot in Texas and make use of all the talent because the state has all the resources. He said it’s just a matter of letting them use what is at their disposal.

“If we don’t nurture that, people find other places, other areas to go. Looking at SXSW and how big that’s become. If that’s not an indicator to the politicians that they need to support this industry then I think they’re pretty close minded.”

Gutierrez said the prospects aren’t bleak and sees the talent and passion in students that can bring more to the Texas filmmaking landscape.

“The filmmakers on my class are so impressive, they have a vision. I see them stepping up their game and making our program stronger,” Gutierrez said. “If my students are any indicator of just the talent that’s in our state, then Texas is in very good shape.”

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Venue

The Percolator in search for new talent

BY ANDREA ACOSTA

The Prospector

Since its beginnings, The Percolator has hosted and supported the talent of new up-and-coming bands, comedians, poets and artists. Striving to keep this mission alive, the new management continues to reach out to students and is currently searching for new talent.

"The Percolator always welcomes new talent," said Richard Ornelas, one of the new owners of the downtown venue. "We are also encouraging people that used to perform here in the past to come here again."

Ornelas said they have been passing out flyers and pinning them on bulletin boards at UTEP, inviting students to schedule a date to perform.

"We have gotten a lot of feedback and responses through our Facebook," Ornelas said. "However, we know there might be more students interested. We never turn anybody away, our stage is always available for them."

Ornelas also said that they have incorporated new events, such as comedy open mic, which will take place every Tuesday. There will also be shows that feature bands like Bogus, Bat/Caves and Blackie. Students are welcome to partake in any of them.

"We are trying to attract more theater students to perform, the Murder Mystery Night that we host-

ed was such a great event that we hope to bring (it) back again soon," Ornelas said. "I just loved that there was so much creativity in the room, it was contagious."

They have since re-launched the Murder Mystery Night, which took place Oct. 25.

Another event relatively new is Real Talk Workshop with Lori, which is an open mic opportunity for anybody that wants to speak their mind.

"This is a no judge event that takes place the first Thursday of each month," Ornelas said. "People can just talk about anything, I myself have participated in this workshop and the audience is always very open to hear the stories. It's like a 'Chicken Soup for the Soul' event, but with an El Paso feel."

Unlike other venues, The Percolator is very flexible with scheduling performing dates for artists, and it doesn't charge any extra fees to bands or performers, Ornelas said.

"We don't charge for the PA system or the use of the stage," Ornelas said. "In my opinion this helps the artists feel less compromised and willing to come and just share their talent with other supportive artists. We try to incorporate shows in a way that is beneficial to the audience, ultimately complimenting the artist."

Omar Cuellar, junior history major, said that he appreciates the encouragement and motivation coming

"We always encourage people to visit downtown more often, we always thank people for supporting The Percolator."

*- Richard Ornelas,
co-owner of The Percolator*

from the new management. Cuellar said that working with the previous owners began to become complicated.

"They started charging bands to play, raising prices and not paying winners in contests," Cuellar said. "Therefore I'm very glad that the new owners, are very supportive about this community. They are getting the shows rolling again, helping out touring bands as well as locals that just want a place to start and helping them out to have their voice heard."

Cuellar had his first performance at The Percolator two years ago for the Barbed Wire Series, and since then, he said, he continued to look for open mic events around town.

"It was the first time I ever played in public and it was completely packed," Cuellar said. "I personally think it's a great place for up-and-coming bands to perform in since the audience is always very engaging."

According to Cuellar, The Percolator gave him the confidence to start his own band, Our Friend the Mountain.

"The venue is the perfect launching pad for anyone that is trying to break into show business," Cuellar said. "We have had the opportunity to do awesome shows, opening up for great touring bands, even taking a tour up to Austin."

Our Friend the Mountain is now planning a full CD release and scheduling South by Southwest dates.

Ana Rodriguez, senior psychology major, said she has also enjoyed her performances at The Percolator stage.

"My first performance was at The Percolator," Rodriguez said. "Honestly, this is the perfect place to showcase your talent. The downtown coffee house also provides for a very mysterious and chill atmosphere."

The Percolator is also bringing in artists for humanitarian purposes.

"We are hosting an event on November 16 called Jive Turkey, where seven different bands will be playing,"

Ornelas said. "The money will go towards (the) Hurricane Sandy (relief fund), while the canned food items will be donated to a local charity in El Paso."

Ornelas said that there will be an entrance fee of \$3, \$1 if a canned food item is donated.

The Percolator's New Year resolution is to attract people to come downtown while informing them of the many opportunities it offers, Ornelas said.

"We always encourage people to visit downtown more often, we always thank people for supporting The Percolator," Ornelas said. "Especially people such as Amzi, from the Bogus band, that is always consistent on sending new and talented bands our way."

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Men's Basketball

Miners welcome Oral Roberts on '80s night



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Freshman forward Chris Washburn (32), younger brother of guard Julian Washburn, is one of six newcomers for the UTEP men's basketball team.

BY AUDREY WESTCOTT

The Prospector

Winning their only exhibition game of the season, Nov. 3, against Southeastern Oklahoma, 70-63, the Miners are ready to kick off the season.

"I am happy where we are right now," head coach Tim Floyd said. "We have gotten through the first weeks of practice and our exhibition

game pretty decently. Our guys seem to be gaining some retention of what we are doing offensively, and we seem to be deeper than we were last year so hopefully we will put up some wins."

Up first on UTEP's slate is Oral Roberts who finished last season 27-7, and was just picked to finish first in the Southland Conference by both the coaches and sports information directors.

The Golden Eagles also won both of their exhibition games, defeating Missouri Southern 83-66, and Oklahoma Wesleyan 92-69. Counting those two wins, Oral Roberts is coming to UTEP with 20 straight wins on the board.

Not having the success or the experience of Oral Roberts, the Miners know a win at home for the first game is going to be an ambitious task.

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Column

Back to the future

BY DANIEL ORNELAS

The Prospector



UTEP men's basketball is better known for its 1966 National Championship, but what many fail to realize is that no other era was as prolific for the Miners than the 1980s.

The 2012-13 men's basketball season will not only feature the toughest schedule in school history, but the theme of the year is known as "Bringing back the '80s."

Why is that important?

In the 1980s, led by the late Don "The Bear" Haskins, UTEP made six consecutive NCAA tournament appearances, spanning from 1983 to 1989—most on any given decade.

Those teams also garnered 227 wins, eight conference titles and 55 home sellouts.

The idea behind this is not only to try and recapture the winning ways of that era, but to see crowds of 12,000-plus, night in and night out, at the Don Haskins Center.

One thing that I've always believed is that home field or home court advantage is more effective in collegiate sports than it is in professional.

By the time most athletes get to the professional stage, they've experienced what it's like to play in front of large crowds and hostile environments.

From my experiences attending both, professional and collegiate sporting events, crowds are always much more animated in college events.

The demographic of it all makes a difference too. Crowds at professional stadiums and arenas tend to be an older more diverse group of people.

College crowds have some of that, but they also have a few thousand 18 to 24-year-old, loud students and, it makes for a better atmosphere.

Current head coach Tim Floyd was also part of the coaching staff in the '80s as an assistant under Haskins (1978-86).

Floyd currently holds a 358-207 career record, including 40-27 with UTEP and is also getting help from assistant coach and former Miner, Greg Foster.

Foster played in the '80s helping the Miners to consecutive Western Athletic Conference titles in the 1988-89 and 1989-90 seasons, along side future NBA All-Stars Tim Hardaway and Antonio Davis.

Combine all that with a young team that is being built through recruiting and you get a team that is geared to win for years to come.

The Miners' 2012-13 season won't be an easy one to swallow, as the team faces tough opponents like Oral Roberts in the season opener Nov. 9, then travels to Arizona on Nov. 15 and a week later faces off against Oklahoma and either Clemson or Gonzaga in the Old Spice Classic in Orlando, Fla.

Other games will include home contests against rival NM State, UNLV and Oregon before the Miners start C-USA play.

Despite the tough schedule, there are many things to be excited about for this team.

They added more length, size and athleticism to the roster. Floyd reeled in players like high school Parade All-

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Women's Basketball

Ladies to open season against Loyola Marymount

BY SABRINA NUÑEZ

The Prospector

Coming off their best season in program history, the UTEP women's basketball team will open the 2012-2013 season against the Loyola Marymount Lions at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 10 at the Don Haskins Center.

The Miners will not be counting on sophomore guard Jenzel Nash for the season as she suffered an ACL tear during the first half of the home exhibition game against St. Mary's (Texas) Nov. 3.

In preseason polls, the Miners are ranked second in C-USA, while the Lions are seventh in the West Coast Conference. By approaching the season game-by-game, the Miners are preparing themselves for accomplishments they would like to bring to the program.

"Obviously we want to hang banners in the Haskins Center. We'd like to get that NCAA tournament, that's what you're always shooting for. Right now, what we're trying to do is take pride in how we play the game of basketball everyday," UTEP head coach Keitha Adams said. "What's going to be key is that we get better throughout the season so by the time we get into February, March, we're ready for the playoffs."

Before playing the Lions, the Miners debuted their new team on Nov.

3 in an exhibition game against St. Mary's. The Miners narrowly defeated the Rattlers 69-60.

"(The first game) is really important but every game's huge. We want to get off to a good start. It will be exciting for us to get the real season going," Adams said.

After the game against the Rattlers, Adams said she was particularly disappointed with the effort the team displayed, despite the win. Pointing at the poor free-throw shooting percentage. UTEP missed 14 of 40 attempts on the night.

Because the Miners graduated seven players last season, there is opportunity for others to step into starting positions.

"Our returners are going to have to really step up big for us," Adams said. "Of our newcomers, Irene (Gari)'s going to be playing, Saidah (Zuberi Al-len) will see some action and Cameasha Turner. Those three newcomers right now are who I see (playing), along with our returners."

To prepare for upcoming games, the Miners watch film of their opponents and recall on past experiences playing against other teams, strategies that will be used in the upcoming game against Loyola Marymount.



FILE PHOTO

Senior center Kristine Vitola scored 11 points and grabbed nine rebounds during the 69-60 exhibition win over St. Mary's (Texas) Nov. 3 at the Don Haskins Center.

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Football

Quarterback scramble against the Knights



FILE PHOTO
Quarterbacks senior Nick Lamaison (7) and junior Carson Meger (13) have both seen playing time throughout the season. Head coach Mike Price played freshman Blaire Sullivan against Houston when the score was 45-7. Price is yet to designate a starter for the game against UCF Nov. 10 at the Sun Bowl.

BY EDWIN DELGADO
The Prospector

The Miners will try to take advantage of their week off when they host the Conference-USA East Division leaders, the Central Florida Knights Nov. 10 at the Sun Bowl.

“I think the big thing is you need to get their minds right, the proper state of mind,” UCF head coach George O’Leary said. “That’s where they need to be, especially with only three games left. Each and every one is really important to dictate what we get done ourselves.”

Head coach Mike Price has had time to study their rivals with an extra week to prepare.

“They’re the best team in Conference USA. They are a tremendous football team. They’ve got a really good running back in Latavius Murray, he ran for 228 yards last year against us,” Price said. “He’s an Eric Dickerson, Adrian Peterson style back. He could be a first round NFL running back.”

So far this season Murray has rushed for 693 yards, averaging 7.2 yards per carry and scored 10 touchdowns, their sophomore quarterback Blake Bortles has 1985 yards passing and 16 touchdowns for the Knights. However UCF also has weapons in their defense. Senior defensive end

Troy Davis currently leads Conference USA in sacks with a total of five for the 2012 season.

Despite UTEP’s 2-7 record, the Knights said they take caution in not getting too confident and are taking it one game at a time.

“We play 12, one-game seasons and this is the next one-game season,” senior Rob Calabrese said. “We had a good week last week, made the corrections, moved on and now we’re ready for UTEP.”

The Miners are coming off a 45-35 loss to the Houston Cougars on Oct. 27 at Robertson Stadium. Quarterbacks senior Nick Lamaison and junior Carson Meger combined for six turnovers, which forced Price to call in freshman Blaire Sullivan with the score at 45-7 in favor of Houston. Sullivan led UTEP to 28-second half points closing the gap by 10, but it was too-little-too late.

“I don’t like the combination of quarterbacks, but that might happen,” Price said. “That’s something we have not seen in college football and not from my team. What’s really neat about this is you can find out the answer on Saturday (Nov. 10) at 5 p.m. in the Sun Bowl.”

Sullivan completed 6 out of 8 passes for 106 yards and rushed for 58 more, as he led the Miners to score 28 unanswered points, which has opened

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- Mike Price, UTEP head coach

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“They had a pretty good team last year, so I’m excited (because) it should be a pretty good game,” junior point guard Kelli Willingham said. “We usually watch film on (other teams) and try to get a good idea of what they do so we’ll know what to expect. We make sure we play our game and do what we’re supposed to do out there.”

As part of the preparation for the matchup against the Lions, Adams said the Miners will use every skill at their disposal.

“We really need to value every possession and get great shots. It’s going to be important that we’re a good rebounding team, playing great defense (and) taking care of the basketball. We need to limit turnovers and

get more shots,” Adams said. “It’s basic, basic fundamental things that we need to be good at to put ourselves in a position to have a good chance.”

Along with analyzing their own performance, Adams and the Miners have taken note of what their opponents have to offer.

“Right now, we’re just so focused on us figuring us out and what we’re needing to do, that we really don’t spend any time thinking about what other people are thinking,” Adams said. “We understand that we’re going to have to be ready to play every game out. Our conference is going to be better. Teams are going to be improved this year.”

Junior forward Kayla Thornton believes that as the home opener, the game against Loyola Marymount will help show the Miners

how their practice translates into actual game time.

“(The first game) is going to be different because we have a whole different team,” Thornton said. “If you prepare good, work hard, then everything you did in practice should show out in the game. If we do what coach wants us to do, there should be no problem.”

Despite their 29-4 record last year, the Miners said they are leaving last season in the past and looking to the future.

“I’m very proud of last season. But that’s the past, now it’s a new team, it’s a new season, so we’ve just got to forget about that and focus on the next team each game. Our record is 0-0,” Willingham said.

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“We think Oral Roberts is one of the toughest opponents anyone will play this year in the country because of how well they did last year.”

- Tim Floyd, UTEP head coach

“As everyone knows we are still a young group so we are just anxious to get on the court and start playing in some games,” senior guard Jacques Streeter said. “Being so young we are not as disciplined with our concentration on a defensive level, and knowing how hard and how long we need to play, but our strength going

into this game and every other game for that matter is our depth. We are young with a lot of energy and great legs, so we have the endurance to run up and down the floor.”

The matchup for Nov. 9 will be both teams’ opening game of the regular season.

The Miners will also kick off their tribute to the 1980s with an ‘80s night where the players will play in retro ‘80s uniforms, hoping to recapture the success of a decade in which they posted 227 victories, won eight conference titles and advanced to six NCAA Tournaments.

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Volleyball to wrap up season before C-USA tourney

The UTEP volleyball team will close its regular season this weekend as it challenges East Carolina at 5 p.m. on Nov. 9 and Marshall at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11. The Miners (15-11, 9-5 C-USA) will be hitting the road for their final two matches before competing in the 2012 Conference USA tournament set to begin in Tulsa, Okla., on Nov. 16.

The Miners earned a bid to the C-USA tournament after defeating No. 1 Tulsa, 3-2 Nov. 4. Junior Jeane Horton concluded the weekend’s action with a total of 34 kills and 11 blocks (1s/10a).

Junior setter Malia Patterson tallied 99 assists and 20 digs helping UTEP earn its third straight victory. Senior Cassandra Burrue posted 17 total blocks, including a season-high 11 versus the Golden Hurricane as the Miners out blocked Tulsa 17 to eight. UTEP concluded its conference home schedule with a 7-1 record.

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American guard, Twymond Howard, who stands at 6 feet 6 inches tall and 6-foot-8 forward Chris Washburn, younger brother of sophomore guard Julian Washburn.

They are only a couple of the additions to the team that I believe will compete for C-USA title and NCAA tournament bids for years to come.

With the tough slate ahead for the new season it’s hard to imagine the team will do better than their 15-17 record of last season, but there’s plenty of reason to believe this team can push for 20 or more wins.

I challenge each and every fellow student to pack the Don every home game and show El Paso and the rest of college basketball that UTEP indeed has one of the best home-court advantages in the nation.

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