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BY SABRINA NUÑEZ

The Prospector

Recent national events have caused lawmakers in Washington, D.C. to look at gun laws, thus sparking debates and actions from groups on both sides.

Texas currently bans carrying a concealed weapon on college campuses. However, Sen. Brian Birdwell (R-Granbury) and several other senators have launched Senate Bill 182, or the “Campus Personal Protection Act.” This act would allow those with Concealed Handgun Licenses (CHLs) to carry a concealed handgun on public college campuses.

In a university statement, Ricardo Adauto, executive vice president of the president’s office, said UTEP has

worked diligently to make the campus safer through collaboration with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, as well as the utilization of emergency notification systems, active shooter exercises and other measures.

“We realize that the discussion of allowing concealed handguns on college campuses is one of many important decisions being considered during this busy legislative session. However, as has been articulated in the past by the chancellor of the UT System, we too have a concern that the presence of weapons, even if limited to licensed individuals age 21 and older, would lead to an increase in accidental shootings and self-inflicted wounds,” Adauto said.

Junior art history major, Angela Vaughn, agrees that guns on college campuses can lead to more unintentional problems.

“I definitely subscribe more to the thought that the more guns there are around you, the higher the odds are that you’re going to be a victim of gun violence and it doesn’t seem like a good idea,” Vaughn said. “There are so many people on campus and you really don’t know anything about anyone. Someone who is walking in the hall next to me could have some type of mental illness or they could be having a bad day or someone is super emotional about something and when you can’t tell these things about people, it’s just safer to not have the guns around.”

The Second Amendment’s guarantee to the right to bear arms has been used by advocacy groups, such as the National Rifle Association, to fight laws proposed to ban guns. Associate professor of sociology Ted Curry said the United States differs from other countries because of its ties to the Constitution.

“Much of the rest of the world is aghast at the frequency and severity of mass murders in the U.S. and cannot understand why we do nothing to limit access to such lethal arms as high caliber semiautomatic rifles and pistols,” Curry said. “England and Australia have both enacted firearm restrictions in response to mass murder events in their countries. The U.S., however, is beholden to legal rulings regarding the Second Amendment

which largely seems to support the NRA’s position.”

The shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut pushed President Barack Obama to declare a firmer stance on tighter gun control laws. Conversely, it also prompted those who support guns to fight the President’s proposals.

Part of what President Obama has proposed includes a resurrection of the 10-year ban on military-style assault weapons enacted in 1994, stricter universal criminal and mental health background checks on all gun sales, limiting ammunition in high-capacity magazines to 10 rounds, providing grants to states to help schools develop emergency response plans and increasing research on gun violence.

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Campus

Emergency vehicles access guaranteed during construction

EDITOR’S NOTE

This is part of a series regarding the new closed campus policy and the entrance gates to University Avenue.

BY MARILYN ALEMAN

The Prospector

With the campus transformation involving blocked entrances, due to the construction of the Centennial Plaza set to begin this spring, it is required by law that emergency vehicles have access onto campus even when construction is gated.

William Dethlefs, director of the Center for Accommodations and Support Services, is part of a committee at UTEP that deals with the transformation on campus. He said that with so many people on campus, enforcing safety is the highest of their concerns.

“With 23,000 people, 5,000 employees and about 2,000 visitors, making about 30,000 people, there is a possibility that somebody would be injured,” Dethlefs said. “And if they’re injured there may be a possibility for the person to need medical assistance and those vehicles will need easy access.”

Catherine McCorry-Andalis, associate vice president of student life and dean of students, said that even with

tight gates, there are no exceptions to disregarding proper access.

“Even when there was construction on Hawthorne street and it was blocked by gates, if there was ever an emergency they were still granted access,” McCorry-Andalis said. “Even if it was all narrow and tight, but look at it now, instead of two to three people walking on the sidewalks, now five people can walk together comfortably.”

Emergency access routes are designated from design development drawings made at the Environmental Health and Safety offices at UTEP, where a team of engineers work out ways to make routes accessible with the transformation in effect.



AARON MONTES / The Prospector

Emergency vehicles will still have access to campus during construction as the closed campus policy comes into effect.

Robert Moss, assistant vice president of EHS, said he works with the engineers to discuss access ways for emergency vehicles. Moss said the

process is tedious, with revisions and commenting in a back and forth process, nonetheless the time

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Column

No more school shootings

BY ALEJANDRO ALBA
The Prospector



You would think that in times such as these, when there are massacres at elementary schools, malls and movie theaters, there would be no such thing as a bill to allow guns on higher education campuses. You would think our state legislature would be talking about gun control. If you thought that, you are wrong.

The Texas Senate Bill 182 filed on Jan. 17, 2013, aims to allow people to carry a concealed handgun on college campuses and certain other locations associated with institutions of higher education. The bill is currently in committee along with about 20 other bills regarding carrying concealed weapons.

Although the permission will only be granted for those of age with a license, I feel that allowing a concealed gun on campus would only cause problems. Many will say it's a form of defense, but a defense against what, a mob of zom-

bies? There is no reason to feel at risk if there are no guns in the first place.

To justify this, many have used the scenario that if a lunatic would begin a shooting on campus and if there were a person on campus with a gun, that person could bring the shooter down. Sure, that would be helpful, but what are the chances of that actually taking place. And if this were the case, how would the police or other enforcement members know which person is the lunatic or the good Samaritan?

Texas Governor Rick Perry has shown his full support of the bill since it's first attempt in 2009. Locally, not many people are in favor of the bill, especially not UTEP, which has aimed to have a more secure campus through active shooter exercises.

It would be nice if we could learn from other areas of the world such as the United Kingdom and Japan, where guns aren't usual—even their policemen don't carry guns—and their gun violence rates are lower than ours here in the United States.

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The media and violent video games are often blamed by the masses as the source of all shootings, but despite all the research and statistics, we can't be certain that some video game is what triggers a serial killer's spree. A person who seems perfectly sane may react irrationally to different situations and begin a shooting just as well.

In the end, it comes down to not knowing who people are and what goes on in their secluded minds. You never know what personal baggage your classmates are carrying and

how they will react to a specific issue, especially when they have a gun at hand.

The Second Amendment guarantees the right to keep and bear arms, but it can be dangerous to apply that right at an institution filled with young people who are barely discovering themselves and are emotionally vulnerable.

There have been previous shootings at UT schools, and whether guns are allowed or not, these events may still happen. But think about how much more likely that would be with

a larger percentage of the student population carrying a gun.

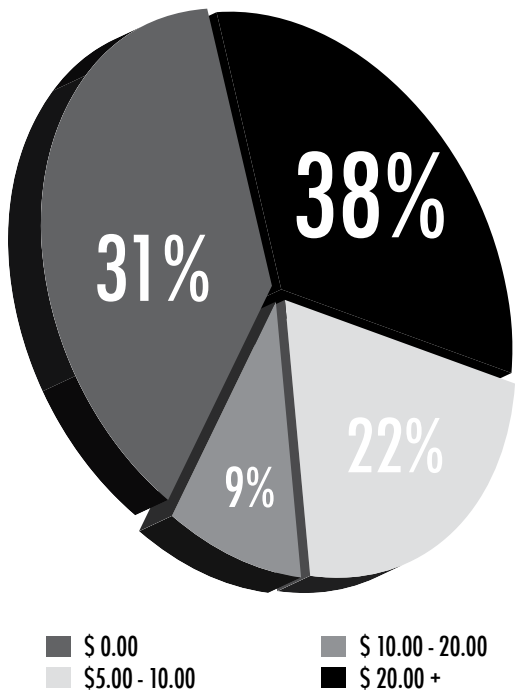
Tell your Texas Legislature representative and senator to not let another shooting/massacre event happen at Texas colleges—such as the one that happened in 1966 at UT Austin, and most recently, at Lone Star College in Houston.

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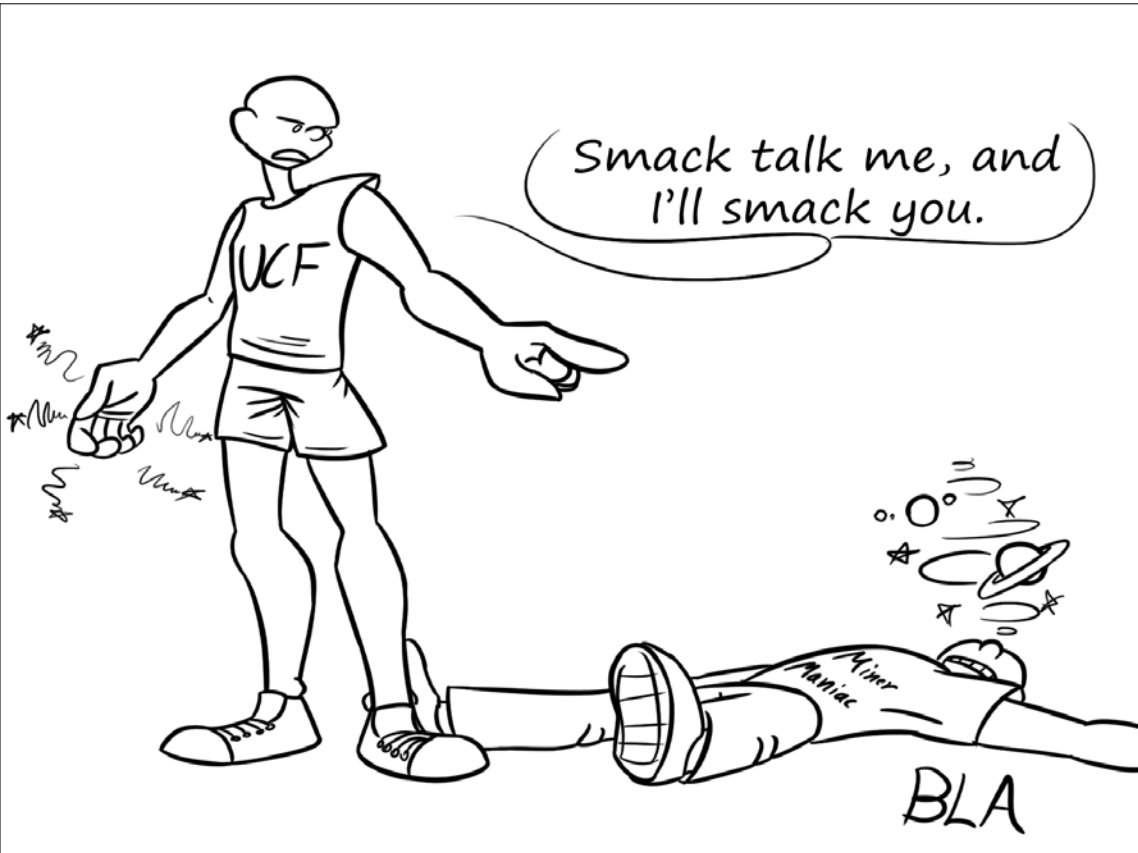


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Feature

A fraternity's philanthropy to battle breast cancer

BY SABRINA NUÑEZ
The Prospector

The pink and white t-shirts adorned with ribbons have become synonymous with breast cancer awareness. The shirts were worn by participants in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, an event that took place Feb. 17 at Cohen Stadium and was organized by the Komen organization and the Zeta Tau Alpha fraternity on campus.

Zeta Tau Alpha's main philanthropy is breast cancer awareness and education, which includes partnerships with Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Yoplait and the NFL. The partnership with Komen was formed in 1992.

"Zeta picked it up along the way as our main philanthropy and since then we've raised a ton of money. It's become a really big part of what Zeta does on campus and in the community," said Lauren Falco, ZTA president and senior media advertising major. "We do Race for the Cure every single year. We pretty much run Race For the Cure for the most part in cooperation with Susan G. Komen."

As the Zeta philanthropy chair, freshman biology and nursing major Alex Carlos was in charge of the tents, rover positions and placing girls at the finish line to greet runners.

"At the survivor check-ins, survivors go and get the goody bags (with) bracelets, (which) later let them go into the VIP tent where this day is about them," Carlos said. "The rovers go around, they have cards and they ask people questions to see how much they know about (breast cancer) and if they don't know, they just inform them of the right answers and they just do that as many times as it takes."

This year, the Zetas had help from about 100 volunteers from other Greek organizations on campus, and also combined their efforts with the NMSU Zeta Tau Alpha chapter. ZTA general advisor Iliana Martinez said this grouping is good for the region because 70 percent of the proceeds raised stay in the city to help locals.

"What makes our efforts with Komen so unique from other Zeta chapters is the fact that we also have the chapter at NMSU to help us out, so it not only brings our city together, but it brings two different cities in two different states together for this great event," Martinez said. "It reaches across state lines and granted, Las Cruces isn't that far away, but there's a lot of people that never go to Las Cruces so it really helps bring two totally different cities together for one common cause."

Falco said Race for the Cure is a day of remembrance to those who have been impacted by breast cancer.

"A lot of our girls have not only experienced breast cancer awareness through their family, but have actually had breast cancer before," Falco said. "There's been a couple (of girls)

in the past that have had it and we learn about it every year; there's always someone new that comes up with it. What I hope that our fraternity can do is make people realize that it affects women, and also men, way more in this world than a lot of other things."

Martinez, who is a former Zeta member, has family and friends who have experienced breast cancer and currently has a family member that is going through chemotherapy.

"For me, it really means a lot that an organization such as Komen can bring together so many people for one cause. (Even though) some people have not experienced somebody going through breast cancer, whether it's a male or a female, just to see the amount of people that get together for one event is absolutely amazing," Martinez said.

While some Zetas participate in the race, the majority spend their time working the event and supporting their fellow sisters by wearing "In Celebration of" or "In Memory Of" t-shirts that recognize those who have either survived or lost their battle to breast cancer. There are also survivor hats and t-shirts provided to survivors and paid for by the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation.

"One of our sisters who is in my family tree, her mother died of breast cancer and so a lot of the time the older girls would run for her," Falco said. "I really like the fact that we can get more involved in it besides just running, it's become Zeta's baby. It's become our pride and joy."

During rush season, the Zetas see about 100 girls who wish to join, a number Falco said is aided by having breast cancer awareness as ZTA's philanthropy. To help get the message out during rush, the Zetas have a specific night dedicated to philan-



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Zeta Tau Alpha dedicates countless hours to help the fight against breast cancer by participating in events that promote awareness such as the Race for the Cure.

thropy, where they bring in survivors and their sponsor from Susan G. Komen to discuss Zeta's efforts to fight the disease.

"One in eight people get it and it makes it easier for us to relate to a lot of families and a lot of girls because they've had to deal with it. I've had three or four cases of breast cancer in my family (and) that's how it kind of attracted (me) to the organization. It really hits home to a lot of girls," Falco said. "We have informational videos that really speak out to younger girls that are going through rush and typically it helps us get out our message, while in turn getting girls to join our organization, so it's kind of like a two-hitter. It's a win-win situation."

Susan G. Komen began using the pink ribbon in accordance with its efforts to fight breast cancer before Zeta picked it up and applied it to their Think Pink logo. The Zetas order rib-

bons from their international office, receiving thousands at a time, and then proceeded to pass them out for a week during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October.


"On campus, we do our best to educate people. When we have our pink week, we're not just handing out ribbons, we're letting people know the statistics, so on campus, if you come through Leech Grove during our week and any other time, people do know," Carlos said. "(The ribbons are) to remember Think Pink: breast cancer, women, to always remember to get yourself checked, to always stay ahead of everything, be informed of

every aspect of it. You Think Pink, you think about your health, you think about the people around you."

Zeta Tau Alpha will be hosting a pink out game at the women's basketball game versus Houston on Feb. 21, where they will give out information to further educate the community.

"When entering college, a lot of people know about breast cancer, they know about basic facts, but the most that we do is try and kind of further that education and further their knowledge on breast cancer awareness," Falco said.

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Question of the week

Do you agree with concealed guns on campus?

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BILL MURRAY
Senior English and American literature major
"As long as it was completely legal, required an extensive background check and a mental health test and were capable of using it in the right way, then yes, I would be for it. You never know when it can come in handy."



BOBBY MACIAS
Junior civil engineering major
"Yes I am for it, but whoever wanted to carry a gun on campus would have to go through extensive background checks."



HILDA ONTIVEROS
Chicano studies professor
"I would fear for my personal safety and feel like I could not do my job effectively the way I must do my job for my students because of fear for their and my safety."



JORDAN HARTSHORN
Senior political science major
"Only if they had a concealed hand gun license because it gives you the opportunity to defend yourself and also protect others while being knowledgeable about gun caring."



JESUS MARQUEZ
Sophomore digital media productions major
"I am ok with it, but only if there were extensive regulations."



KRISTEN AGUILAR
Freshman music performance major
"I am against it because there is no real reason for it."



MARISSA PATOJA
Sophomore psychology major
"I am against it because you never know the circumstances of how students' mentality can be and what they lead to."



NATHANIEL MEYS
Senior kinesiology major
"I am fine with it as long as they have a license to have it."



OSCAR SAENZ
Senior computer science major
"I am for it because a problem could be defused quickly, but at the same time I would feel some kind of risk."



RICKY MARTINEZ
Freshman criminal justice major
"I am for it too because people who buy guns illegally do not go through the precautions of becoming a gun carrier. When you become a carrier you go through classes that teach you where you can have a gun and teach you proper instances to use a gun if needed."

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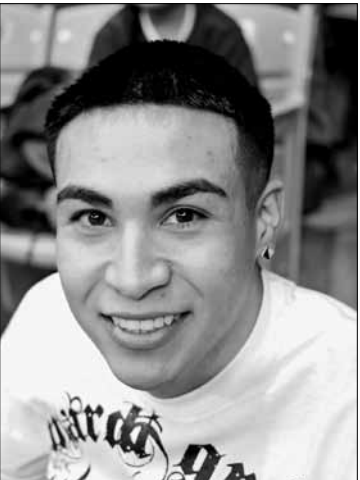
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SOFIA HUBBARD
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"I do believe that it would be a good thing because in school areas especially, where you are not supposed to have guns, people who want to do bad things will take advantage of that. So it would be good because a person who wants to do bad things will think twice because they will know that people in that area may have guns."



GABRIEL ROMERO
Junior communications major
"It is definitely a grey area and I would definitely feel uneasy that not everyone, but anyone, could be carrying a weapon. However, I would ask that rigorous background checks were enforced and if licenses would be updated every so often and be kept track of. Otherwise, quite literally anyone with the money for it could go around carrying a weapon."



JESUS HERNANDEZ
Junior criminal justice major
"I have a concealed weapon license and I think tragic situations could be avoided because people who go up and shoot places carry their weapons illegally. They do not seek the training or go to an academy that will grant them a license because they know they can't get their background check through, so they end up using a gun illegally. So if students were able to carry their guns on campus, those situations could be avoided."

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our view editor
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The inauguration of the new flagpole took place Feb. 18 in front of the Psychology Building, where the United States and Texas flags were raised.

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“Shock and horror surrounds any mass murder event, but particularly so when it involves very young children. There is growing support to ‘do something’ to stop these acts from happening,” Curry said. “This ‘something’ could be efforts to better restrict access to firearms for the mentally ill and those with records of violence, changes to how firearms are bought and sold, to limits on firearm caliber and magazine size.”

Vaughn said issues, such as mental health, are not prioritized in this country and lack of money and resources make it difficult to get a more substantial hold on who obtains guns.

“I know there are background checks and they have all these systems in place, but it appears that the systems, at least on a national level, are either not working or not being enforced,” Vaughn said. “If you want to subscribe to the thought that the only way you’re going to stop a bad guy with a gun is having a good guy with a gun, then you have to make sure the guns are in the hands of the good guys, meaning that the system you use, background checks, mental health checks and all that stuff, those need to be working. You can’t have

one without the other and expect it to work.”

Part of UTEP’s safety plan includes the Miner Alert System, which notifies students of situations occurring on campus through text messages and emails. UTEP also has safety drills, such as those involving active-shooters.

Vaughn has been a peer leader for three semesters and participated in her first active-shooter training this past August. The peer leaders received instructions prior to the drill telling them to turn off the lights, move away from the door and hide if possible. The training lasted three hours and separated the peer leaders into four rooms on the second floor of the UGLC.

“When we got on campus it was this huge mock thing. The (whole campus) was on lockdown and I knew it was a training, so I took it as seriously as I could, (but) there were a lot of people who (didn’t),” Vaughn said. “Basically we were just told to hang out, talk with our friends, act as though we were in class, just stay in the room and we would hear an alarm at some point and then we have to react. They wanted us to get with more people, so if there was a chance to do

it, we should go across the hallway and get into the other room, that way at least we were all together.”

UTEP’s active shooter/hostile intruder policy states “individuals should use their discretion during an active-shooter incident as to whether it might be safer to run or remain in place and when to engage a shooter to survive.” Adatauto said UTEP aims to ensure the safety of all students, faculty, staff and visitors on campus.

“UTEP’s law enforcement personnel are concerned about the ability of our officers to differentiate between a hostile individual and one who may be defending himself/herself when both have guns drawn,” Adatauto said.

Vaughn said the best way for herself and others to be prepared in a situation involving an active shooter on campus is to participate in continuous training.

“I don’t really know how anyone would react in that situation. When you’re in the moment, panic will grip you and you have to have complete and total control of your senses,” Vaughn said. “The more training we have, the better because you get used to it and it’s just drilled into you.”

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has come for the design development drawings to become official construction documents.

“These drawings will show the demolition, what’s going to be demolished on the campus as far as the grounds and will also show what’s going to be installed,” Moss said. “The drawing shows (the) Fire Department connection, where they can come with their fire apparatus, and can hook up to this and this leads to the sprinklers in the Union Building.”

Changes for the Fire Department connections are currently being planned between the offices of the EHS and the Fire Department. Part of the faculty from the offices include veteran firefighters that have experience with emergency situations.

UTEP has not often seen the need for emergency assistance, whether from the Fire Department or medical-related.

According to Dethlefs, the last instance that required the use of an emergency vehicle was more than a year ago, when smoke was detected in an elevator shaft at the Administration Building.

“We’ve all heard of test anxiety,” Dethlefs said. “A lot of this could be heart conditions, sometimes asthma or stress, all can impact the classroom with the need for an EMT to come in.”

While test nerves may overwhelm students, disabled students are also concerned for the upcoming changes.

Joann Cross, senior media advertising major, feels that the upcoming construction will be a burden when getting to class.

“My main concern is when they start doing the construction and not having the alternative methods to getting to class done efficiently and quickly,” said Cross, who uses a battery-powered wheelchair. “There can be a lot of traffic and it can get hectic, especially if areas are fenced.”

Efficiency and accessibility is what the centennial transformation strives for especially for students with wheelchairs in a difficult hilly terrain.

According to Dethlefs, at any moment there are approximately 30 to 35 students on wheelchairs at UTEP.

“Once the change occurs access will be great,” McCorry-Andalis said. “Some of our students have to travel complicated ways to get places and that’s all going away.”

All changes can be monitored on the UTEP website, onthemove.utep.edu.

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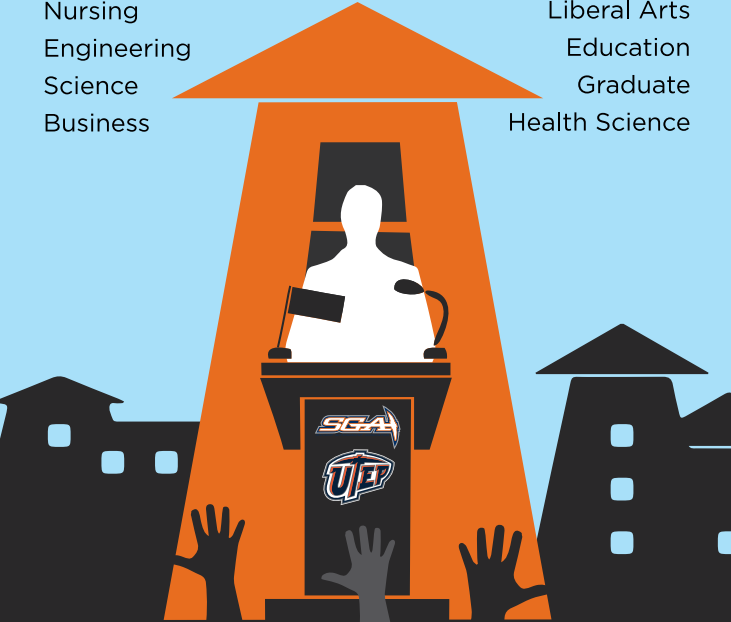
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The Foodville Foodtruck Park provides El Pasoans a convenient bite to eat while shopping downtown, during their lunch break or just experiencing new gourmet food on the go.

BY ANDREA ACOSTA
The Prospector

A new way of eating gourmet food has come to Downtown El Paso, attracting costumers to experience the fresh taste of the new mobile food court, Foodville, located at 200 Mills Ave.

Foodville promotes affordable prices for all kinds of gourmet food by featuring Crave Kitchen & Bars, Crave to Go, Create Gourmet Eats, which serves \$8 gourmet burgers, and Tacoholics, which sells orders from \$2.50 to \$7.

According to Steven Hernandez, owner and entrepreneur of Create Gourmet Eats, Foodville opened Nov. 19 inside a recently fenced parking lot right across the downtown post office.

“It has been very popular amongst local business owners and visitors,

filling the parking lot on the day of the grand opening,” Hernandez said. “By the time we were ready to start business, we already had a pretty long line that went all the way to the end of the block.”

Although El Paso hasn’t seen food parks like those in cities like Austin, Foodville has proved to be a place that anybody can go eat at or take gourmet food to go during their lunch break, Hernandez said.

“We provide a good atmosphere,” Hernandez said. “There is music going on, which invites people who are shopping downtown to stop by and have a quick bite before returning to their shopping.”

Sophomore graphic design major and Create Gourmet Eats employee, Santiago Soto said that along with other businesses, Foodville has also

contributed to the growth of Downtown El Paso.

“Our goal is to boost the traffic here in downtown,” Soto said. “By preparing fresh gourmet food, we hope to make people come back the next day to enjoy a burger and later staying longer to take advantage of the many art shows across the street.”

According to Soto, who started working at the food truck in early December, even though Foodville is only open Monday through Friday for a limited time, people still show up during the day, filling most of the seating in the parking lot.

“We see all types of different age groups come by each day,” Soto said. “Old crowds, business owners, students—all stopping for some fresh and delicious lunch, often ordering the chorizo torta with sprouts in the morning.”

Ariadne Mendoza, junior electrical engineer major, said that when she found out that gourmet food trucks would be opening in Downtown El Paso she got excited since she had only seen them at Austin in a music festival.

“I personally go to Foodville about twice or three times a month,” Mendoza said. “My favorite item is the turkey burger from Create; the first time I tried it I had to buy two more to take to my parents.”

Mendoza recommends Foodville and thinks that the food court is indicative of the city’s business growth.

“I feel that it will not only boost traffic but it will also encourage people to open businesses,” Mendoza said. “El Paso is finally growing as a city and local independent businesses like Foodville show it.”

“Our goal is to boost the traffic here in downtown.”

- Santiago Soto, Create employee

Although recent weather has taken a toll on the business, Hernandez hopes to have Foodville trucks stay open longer on weekdays and begin to offer hours of operation for weekends.

Meanwhile Foodville is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 200 Mills Ave.

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Movie Review
‘Die Hard’ disappoints with new addition to saga

BY OSCAR GARZA
The Prospector



There is a scene in the original 1988 “Die Hard” (directed by John McTiernan) in which a barefoot John McClane (Bruce Willis) takes a break from stopping terrorists as they try to take over Nakatomi Plaza. His feet are bloody and covered with broken glass and you can feel his pain as he removes each piece from his feet.

This little moment of vulnerability presents one of the many elements that set “Die Hard” apart from other films and prove why John McClane was such a relatable and compelling character; he was just an ordinary guy in the wrong place at the wrong time. Sadly, nothing resembling those wonderful character moments are to be found in John Moore’s ridiculously cartoonish fifth entry in the Die Hard saga.

The fifth film takes McClane into Russia where he has to rescue his son Jack, a CIA agent (Jai Courtney from “Spartacus: Blood and Sand”) from

Russian criminals. It doesn’t take long for the main plot to kick into gear and for the McClanes (father and son) to discover a massive government conspiracy involving nuclear weapons, the supposed truth behind Chernobyl, political secrets and betrayals.

The overtly convoluted and completely tension-less script by Skip Woods keeps the film from having any sense of energy or momentum. The plot seems completely preposterous and the inclusion that the McClanes are thrown into this huge conflict as a means to work out their relationship could be a good idea for a solid father/son connection story (a better execution of this could be something like “Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade”).

Sadly, Moore and Woods are more interested in making action set piece after action set piece without any real moment to breathe and to connect with what’s going on.

Without a doubt, one of the biggest problems with the film is the action. Moore has no sense of stakes or visual coherence to make up a satisfying and thrilling action sequence; instead, he shoots everything up close and relies

on moving the camera around with no sense of geography.

John McClane is also given the wrong characterization—a New York cop who started out in the first film being forced into situations that constantly tested him both physically and emotionally, is now essentially an invincible superhero.

It seems like Moore and Woods completely missed the point of McClane. He never was a superhero, but here, from the beginning, he never bleeds (although a little towards the end) and survives preposterous scenarios that are laughably ridiculous. Therefore, there are no stakes to the whole film, which sadly means that we no longer are able to experience how McClane will get out of a particular situation when relying upon his physical skills, his snarky dialogue and determination.

And while I feel angry and disappointed at the film, I must say that Courtney gives a solid performance with the material he is given. Even though Willis is nowhere near as strong as his 2012 year (“Looper” and “Moonrise Kingdom”), it is sometimes

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New release of “Die Hard” saga may not come up to par as with previous additions.



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Stop being the wool-gathering Lamb, and start turning that dream project into reality. You have the ideas, the drive and the charisma to persuade others to follow your lead. So do it.

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You're gaining a stronger mental image of what you're trying to achieve. Now look for the facts that will help get this to develop from a concept into a solid proposal.

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Some of you eager-to-please Moon Children might want to delay some decisions until midweek, when you can again think more with your head than your heart.

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A new business venture seems to offer everything you've been looking for. But be careful that that rosy picture

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A volatile situation needs the kind of thoughtful and considerate care you can provide right now. There'll be plenty of time later to analyze what might have gone wrong.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

Your loyalty to a friend in a tough situation earns you respect from people you care about. Those who criticize you don't understand what friendship is all about.

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Your strong work ethic is rewarded with the kind of challenging opportunity you love to tackle. Now, go ahead and celebrate with family and/or close friends.

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A legal matter you thought had been finally resolved could require a second look. But don't make any moves without consulting your lawyer.

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An important matter might wind up being entrusted to you for handling. The responsibility is heavy, but you'll have support from people able and eager to help.

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BORN THIS WEEK: You always try to do the right thing, and for the right reasons. No wonder people have come to depend on you.

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Sex Column

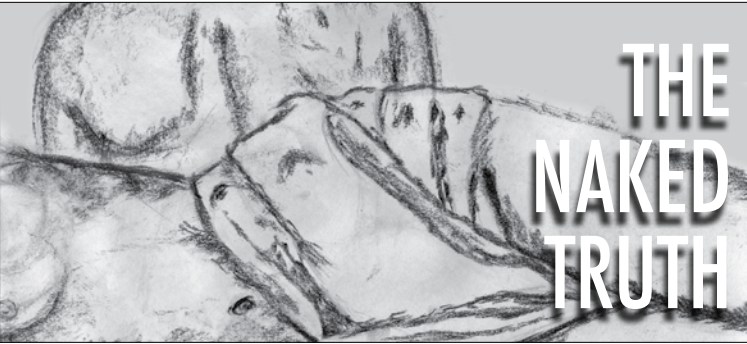


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The life of pubes

BY EILEEN LOZANO

The Prospector



Men and women consistently have fought the battle of the bulge, however, now they are fighting through much more pressing matters such as the harrowing adventures of shaving, waxing and pulling the hair out of our nether regions.

As a female, I wish everyday that the hair on my head grew as fast as the hair on my body. Sadly, it doesn't and like most people, I grew into an everyday hair removal regimen.

My Lady Schick Quattro and waxing quickly became my besties. Personal grooming, such as this, used to be left to women but now men have taken sides and have picked up a razor in this fight.

The New York Daily News reported that in 2012 there were 11,704 shaving, waxing and trimming accidents that landed men and women in the emergency room.

The amount of men and women that can account for these injuries is down the middle. Men make up about 43 percent, however women still lead with 56 percent.

The influx of grooming accidents is not because people are being careless but simply because more people have taken up these new hygiene practices.

Nonelectric razors make up about 83 percent of all grooming accidents, followed by trimming scissors (21 percent) and hot wax (1.4 percent).

While most of these lacerations are minor, they are scary nonetheless. Researchers for The New York Daily News reported that about 70 to 88 percent of women polled in the U.S., chose to partially or fully remove the hair from their pubic region, while men polled at 58 to 78 percent.

Choosing deforestation is not as bad as it sounds. It eradicates the existence of pubic lice, otherwise known on the street as "crabs."

Planned Parenthood states that pubic lice are tiny insects that attach themselves to the skin and hair in the pubic region.

Crabs are known as a sexually transmitted disease that causes intense itching to your pubic region. Just as easy as this STD is cured, it can also be spread.

However, the Bloomberg News reports that in Sydney, Australia there is a sexual health clinic that hasn't seen a case of crabs in a woman since 2008, male cases have decreased as well.

Men and women may never really win the fight against body hair, unless you are willing to shell out some serious cash on laser hair removal.

Here are some easy tips to keep your sensitive areas safe:

- 1) Invest in a non-slip bath mat
- 2) Watch where you are putting the razor, make sure you have enough time to do a solid job.
- 3) Do not shave, trim or wax when you are under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

There are also some ways to fight razor burn, in case you find yourself with some unsightly red bumps. Razor burn is very treatable and easy to get rid of with home remedies.

- 1) Crush two uncoated Aspirin into a teaspoon of warm water until it is a paste consistency then smooth onto skin. Let the paste sit for a while and then remove with luke-warm water.
- 2) Patting apple cider onto the irritated area will also help soothe your skin.

- 3) You may also invest in a good quality shaving cream instead of soap. Soap will dry the skin and cause further irritation.
- 4) Swap your razor for a new one every 14-30 days depending on how often you shave. The duller the blade becomes the more it pulls and tugs at your skin causing irritation.
- 5) Ladies, invest in bikini razors. Noxzema makes some affordable pint-sized razors that get the job done. These can be found at any Target or drugstore.

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fun to see him bring that R-rated McClane attitude, even if at times his performance feels a bit detached from the more human McClane that we're used to. Also the brief cameo by Mary Elizabeth Winstead as Lucy McClane provides very brief moments of energy and warmth.

But one of the things that also characterizes the series is its villains and the standard that was set with Alan Rickman's Hans Gruber is incredibly high (he is one of the best villains in the history of film). Even the latest portrayal of a "Die Hard" villain by Timothy Olyphant in "Live Free or Die Hard" was fun and threatening. However this movie doesn't have any memorable villains or one-liners or even standout moments from the series.

"A Good Day to Die Hard" is an incredibly disappointing entry that manages to lack any tension, any satisfying action set pieces or even function as entertaining action film. Worst of all it detaches the audience from the character of McClane by making him an indestructible superhuman instead of a relatable cop who had this memorable attitude and charisma that all added to create one hell of a character.



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UTEP gets ready to take on Southern Miss

BY AUDREY WESTCOTT
The Prospector

After breaking their two-game losing streak with a home win against the University of Central Florida, the men's basketball team heads out to Hattiesburg, Miss., for a road game against the University of Southern Mississippi.

The two schools will play each other once in the regular season, so there is no chance of redemption, making it an all or nothing game.

Both teams are in the top four seats for Conference USA, with UTEP in fourth place and Southern Miss in second place.

"Southern Miss, has had a nice year, they are second place in conference and are leading the league in about nine different categories," said head coach Tim Floyd. "They rebound great for an undersized team, and play zone all night long, and are very productive around the arc, so we are in for a challenge."

While UTEP is considered to be a young team in the conference, Southern Miss., could not be any more experienced.

With a team loaded with three seniors and five juniors, Southern Miss., has found its chemistry on the court.

The Golden Eagles are currently the 3rd best team in scoring offense in conference, while UTEP is in 10th place.

Southern Miss, is also the number one conference team in game steals, while UTEP trails in 12th place.

Standout players for the Golden Eagles are senior forward, Dwayne Davis, and junior guard, Neil Watson,



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The Miners will go away on a road game to play Southern Miss., Feb. 20, at the Reed Green Coliseum. The Golden Eagles are second in Conference USA standings.

who both are known for putting up double digits on the scoreboard.

In the Golden Eagles' last game against East Carolina, Davis led the team with 23 points, and Watson followed with 17 points.

In UTEP's last game against UCF, junior center John Bohannon was the leading scorer for the team with 16 points.

"They are a great team that like to put pressure," said senior guard, Jacques Streeter. "They like to get in faces and

carrel their opposing players. But their biggest thing is running and moving up and down the court, so we are going to have to work hard on getting back on defense. Basically doing all of the things we did correctly in our last

game against UCF, as far as loading up and playing a solid defense."

Despite UTEP's lack of experience, the Miners have proved to be contenders on the court.

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Profile Teicher's journey to be voice of the Miners



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Jon Teicher working courtside as he does a live radio broadcast of the men's basketball game against UCF, Feb. 16.

BY ALBERT GAMBOA
The Prospector

Jonathan Teicher, assistant director of intercollegiate athletics and assistant director of broadcasting, still enjoys going into his office decorated with countless UTEP memorabilia to prepare for the game he's about to call.

Whether it is an exhibition game against Southeastern Oklahoma or a

conference road game against Memphis, Teicher makes it a priority to give radio listeners the feeling of viewing the game at the arena.

"Radio always fascinated me because it's a theater in the mind, it's a throwback to different times in this country," Teicher said. "In radio there is so much on the broadcaster to make the event he's describing come alive."

The voice of the UTEP Miners, as Teicher is known, began his radio career in Los Angeles, Calif. He was born in Detroit, Mich., moved to the suburbs of LA at age 6 and quickly embarked on idolizing the LA play-by-play sportscasters of the 1970s, including Vin Scully calling for Dodgers, Chick Hearn for the Lakers, Dick Enberg for the UCLA Bruins, LA

Rams and California Angels, and Bob Miller calling Kings Hockey.

Knowing he wasn't going to continue working on his athletic skills past high school, Teicher desired to remain involved in sports. In the fall of 1975 he attended UCLA and from the start of his freshmen year he began working at a student-run radio station, deejaying and doing play-by-play broadcasting of what he calls the "most challenging sport to announce," baseball, for the UCLA Bruins team.

By his senior year, Teicher was the general manager of the radio station and was calling every Double A and Triple A baseball team from around the country to find any positions available as a broadcaster. Jim Palmer, the former owner of the El Paso Diablos received one of Teicher's phone calls and welcomed him to start broadcasting for the Diablos in 1980.

In his first road trip traveling with the team, Teicher met one of the players he admired as a kid, Hall of Fame pitcher for the Dodgers, Sandy Koufax. Koufax was the minor league instructor for the Dodgers and the team the Diablos were playing was affiliated with the Dodgers.

Teicher gathered the courage to ask Koufax if he could tape a pregame interview to use on his broadcast.

"I remember sitting in the dugout with him and my knees were literally knocking, they were shaking," Teicher said. "This is a guy who's one of the greats of all time, somebody you watch as a kid and all of a sudden in a professional environment, you're interviewing a guy that's a hall of famer."

"...I've enjoyed doing this as much or more now than I've ever had..."

- Jon Teicher,
A.D. of intercollegiate athletics
and A.D. of broadcasting

That same summer, Joc Sports Network, the agency that Teicher was in, got the broadcasting rights to the NMSU football and basketball games, and asked Teicher if he wanted the job. He immediately accepted the offer and following the baseball season, Teicher would commute the hour

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Feature

Fantasy sports, you be the manager

BY PAUL REYNOSO
The Prospector

The NFL football season ended on Feb. 3 with the Baltimore Ravens hoisting up their second Lombardi trophy in team history. For football fans, it also marked the end of another fantasy football season.

However, the activity of fantasy sports doesn't end there as basketball, hockey and soccer are in full swing. With baseball just around the corner, the lure of fantasy sports is all too tempting.

The premise of fantasy sports is rather simple. People who participate often track professional athletes and their statistics throughout that sport's season. This leads to the creation of fantasy leagues, in which the participants act as owners to build their own team and compete against other fantasy teams.

The average sports fan is not the only demographic that fantasy sports attracts. College students are also what make up part of the large world of fantasy sports players across the nation.

For students like freshman criminal justice major Terrence Yelder, the prospects of winning are what drew him into fantasy football.

"Picking the best players and winning. That's what it's all about," Yelder said.

The other aspects that make fantasy sports enjoyable for him are the fun factor it brings and the success of his teams.

"Fantasy football last year, I think my team went 8-4 if I'm not mistaken," Yelder said.

Freshman cellular and molecular biochemistry major Josue Paico, said that it is the competitive nature that



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During regular season sports, fans join many of the fantasy sports games on the web.

draws him in to participate in fantasy sports, particularly with March Madness, when 68 college teams compete for the coveted National Championship trophy.

"It makes me feel like I'm more involved with the sport," Paico said. "The thrill's on how you expect a specific team to go somewhere, but then you see the upsets."

Fantasy sports can also have an effect on academic studies. For Paico, it's all about planning ahead and making sure his studies are not heavily affected by the activities of fantasy sports.

"I try to balance it out more. If I see the events coming up, I try not to over stack," Paico said.

According to the Fantasy Sports Trade Association, there were about 35 million active participants in fantasy sports across the United States and Canada in 2011, which was a 60 percent increase from the previous four years. The FTSA also estimated that during that year, nearly two in 10 college students had actively participated in fantasy sports.

Roland Gau, assistant professor of marketing, reiterates the positive aspects of fantasy sports with his own experiences from his college day. He said he frequently participated in fantasy leagues and pointed out that he has kept in touch with the people he played with and has maintained that bond over the years.

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- Josue Paico,
Cellular and molecular
biochemistry major

Fantasy sports, however, can also have repercussions. Gau emphasized that it is all about time management when it comes to students and fantasy sports.

"It can be really time consuming," Gau said. "So that's a little bit of a problem with students sort of spending too much time checking on their fantasy teams and not too much time on their homework."

According to Gau, the money and the gambling aspect does play a significant role in fantasy sports for those who are serious about making some cash, but it also is for those who just want to play for pride.

"You have gambling and you have issues with potential addiction and things like that," Gau said. "The money is nice, but I think it's (more) the bragging rights of being part of something."

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"We can now only hope for and work towards a win..."

- Cedrick Lang,
sophomore forward

UTEP is the number one conference team in scoring defense and second in 3-point shooting.

Southern Miss., is first in conference in 3-point shooting.

Height is going to be an advantage that the Miners are going to want to play up, as UTEP holds nine players over 6 feet and 5 inches, while Southern Miss, only has three players over that height.


The Miners have also beaten UCF and New Mexico State University, two teams that the Golden Eagles lost to.

"We can never really say that we are ready for any game, or guaranteed a win in any game, we can now only hope for and work towards a win," said sophomore forward, Cedrick Lang. "But we are hoping to continue our momentum from Saturday night's win. We know we cannot rest on the success of our last win so we are going to have to just work together as the team that we are, stay strong and hopefully, that will be enough."

Tip off for the match up between the two teams is at 7 p.m., Feb. 20 at the Reed Green Coliseum.

The Miners will then make their way out to Las Cruces, N.M. on Saturday for yet another battle of the I-10 rivalry game against the NMSU Aggies.

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Wellness

Avoid diet fads with a more natural, inexpensive approach



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According to experts, fad diets based on costly pills could be detrimental for health.

BY ASHLEY PACHECO

The Prospector

A month and a half into the New Year and many are still looking for a way to lose those 10 extra pounds. Whether it is for summer, spring break or a wedding, we are all willing to try insane diets and weight loss regiments just to fit into a dress or pant size smaller. But how far will some people go just to lose this extra weight? Time after time, countless amounts of individuals fall for fad diets.

“In trials of all fad diets, individuals lose a lot of weight quickly but gain it back very fast and can gain even more weight...” said dietician and health sciences professor Aida Moreno-Brown. “They don’t realize how unhealthy and detrimental they can be to your health.”

Some of these diets include the low carbohydrate diet craze that has been around for the past few decades, low fat, HCG drops, diet pills such as the famous OxyCut, and even dangerous approaches such as the abuse of prescription drugs like Adderall.

Junior computer science major, Ricardo Muñoz said he tried a low carbohydrate diet for three weeks and lost a total of 10 pounds.

“It was hard to do and honestly I didn’t even feel good,” Muñoz said. “So I decided to get off of it and ended up gaining 15 pounds back in a matter of three weeks.”

Muñoz said he now views dieting to be a hoax. Instead of fad diets, Muñoz is eating healthier and exercising daily. While practicing these rituals Muñoz managed to lose 20 pounds of fat and gain muscle mass.

There are some that firmly believe these so called miracle meal plans are also a joke. Senior communications major, Tammi Schuller, said fad diets are absurd.

“Whenever I want to lose weight I just portion my food better and add more vegetables in my meals,” Schuller said. “Also, don’t forget to not eat processed foods.”

Moreno-Brown recommended to take some precautions before considering any new diet craze. She advised to make sure diets are logical and scientifically backed up not cutting

or adding a particular food group. She said to make sure it’s not making you buy costly products, guaranteeing quick and amazing results, or looking at short-term changes to diet and exercise.

It is important to do research and get facts before trying a new diet. It could be harmful and disastrous to one’s health. Also, keep in mind that most fad diets have a relapse, which can make you gain more weight than what you started with.

To lose a few extra pounds, Moreno-Brown said people should eat throughout the day—six small meals are excellent—this will help you maintain steady glucose levels. She also suggested eating more vegetables and whole grains, three to four ounces of lean protein a meal, skip processed foods and portion-sized meals, no second servings and drinking plenty of water throughout the day. These simple practices will help individuals reach their weight loss goals before spring break and summer.

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drive to Las Cruces four to five days a week to be the voice of the Aggies for one season.

In the fall of 1981, John Phelan, sales manager for KTSM radio and a former broadcaster of UTEP games when the school was known as Texas Western, told Teicher they acquired the rights to broadcast UTEP games and asked him if he wanted to announce them. Teicher accepted and started broadcasting games for the UTEP Miners, when he was 25.

For 12 years, Teicher was announcing college football and basketball in the fall, while in the spring and summer he would announce minor league baseball.

In 1992, Teicher accepted the sports director position for KROD radio and established the “Sports Talk” show that has been on since.

“Everyone wants to be Jon Teicher; you want to be the voice of El Paso sports...” said Steve Kaplowitz, current host of “Sports Talk.” “I learned professionalism; I learned my main direction to radio and sports business through Jon. I’m very grateful because if it wasn’t for Jon Teicher, I probably wouldn’t be here today.”

After five years of “Sports Talk,” Teicher made the switch to television as the weekend sports anchor for Channel 4 News. Teicher appeared in television from 1997-2000.

“In radio you have the time to set the scene and paint the picture.

In television news you only get 2-3 minutes to cram as much as you possibly can. For me that was terribly frustrating,” Teicher said.

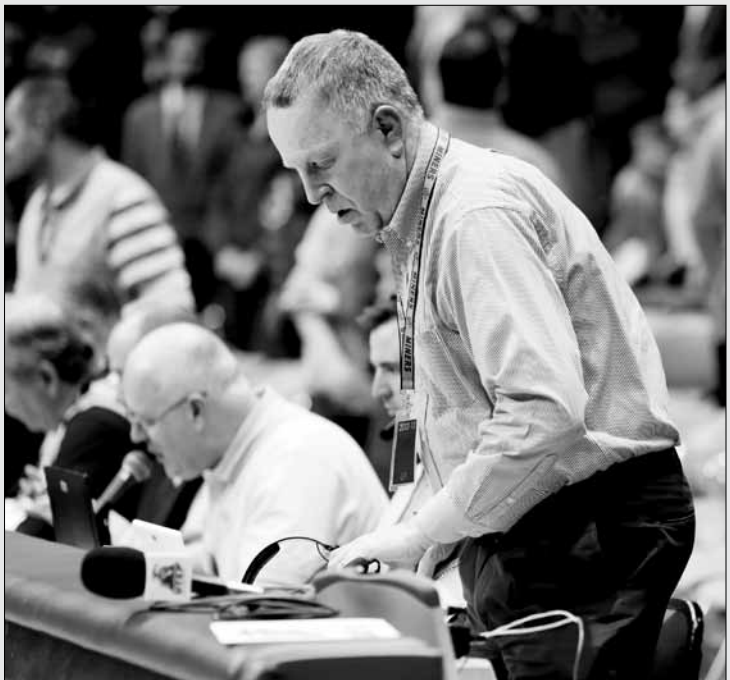
By 2000, Teicher was working year-round with UTEP and even though he’s had opportunities to leave and take his voice and knowledge to another city, he stayed because, he said, this city is a special place.

“I really think a lot of our identity as a community is tied to the success that the UTEP athletics program enjoys in a given period,” Teicher said. “That’s what makes UTEP so great.”

Now in his 32nd year as the voice of the Miners, Teicher said he’s too young to retire and never thinks about it because he’s too busy living in the moment, taking it one day at a time preparing for whatever game is next on the schedule.

“I enjoy what I do too much, so why would I retire? If I’m still healthy enough why should I even think about doing something else? Heck, I’ve been doing this for as long as I have and I’ve enjoyed this as much or more now than I’ve ever had since I started this journey. It’s fun,” Teicher said.

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3	5	7	1	2	4	6	8	9
1	4	8	7	6	9	2	3	5
6	9	2	3	8	5	4	7	1

Answers to 02-14-12

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Two-timer
4 Arrow
7 Goya's
"Naked"
subject
Scads
13 Atmosphere
14 PC picture
15 Panorama
16 Beer cousin
17 Fender
bender
18 Artist's
support
20 Knitting
need
22 Lower limb
24 Used a
switchblade
on
28 Unimport-
ant
32 Spry
33 Relaxation
— de deux
36 Lug
37 Bother
39 Washington
city
41 Half-hour TV
show, often
43 Blond shade
44 Hawaiian
feast
46 Eccentric
50 Note from
the boss
53 54-Down
stat
55 Eye layer
56 United
nations

DOWN

1 Bear lair,
often
2 Others (Lat.)
3 Accomplishes
4 Sheep's cry
5 Unctuous
6 Cause, as
havoc
7 Dark time
8 Expert
9 "The Daily
Show With
— Stewart"
10 Pismire
12 Another way
to say 7-
Down
19 Floral neck-
wear
21 Genetic
letters
23 Space
25 Authoritative
command
26 Hebrew
month
27 Take out of
context?
28 Earl Grey's
kin
29 Hindu

princess
"Say It
— So"
31 — Vegas
35 The Red or
the Black
38 Three
40 Request
42 Ballroom
dance
45 "Once — a
time ..."
47 "Amores"
poet
48 Gambling
game
49 Tibetan herd
50 Biz deg.
51 Shade tree
52 Cattle call?
54 Auto fuel

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