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Dr. Marc Cox, and his biology Ph. D. students Yenny Garcia (back) and Naihsuan Guy (front), look at a slide samples.

PROSTATE CANCER RESEARCH PROVIDED FUNDING

BY REBECCA GUERRERO

The Prospector

A \$1-million multi-investigation grant from the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas has given graduate and undergraduate students an opportunity to spend more time in the research lab while providing critical research on alternative treatments of prostate cancer.

Assistant biological sciences professor Marc B. Cox was awarded the

grant in January. He was the first professor in El Paso to receive funding from CPRIT.

"I think undergraduate research at UTEP is being done at an unprecedented level, if you go to any other major research institution you don't see undergraduates in the lab, but at UTEP, most of us here at least have four or five undergraduates at any given time in our lab," Cox said. "If an undergraduate comes into my lab my hope for them is that they decide

to enroll in graduate school after they graduate. I don't care if they do anything else in my lab but get encouraged and realize that they can do science; that's what the goal is."

The students working with Cox have helped to discover two critical proteins that associate with the androgen receptor—a steroid hormone. The androgen receptor becomes hyperactive and is the major factor in prostate cancer growth and development.

In the lab, they have been able to design a drug that blocks these protein's effects in prostate cancer cell lines, and they believe that this treatment is a promising alternative to current drugs.

The ultimate hope of the research team is to develop new therapeutics for treating the disease, and for that to be possible they need to move the drugs through pre-clinical development and animal tests, a feat which

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Desensitization: a possible food allergy cure

BY ANDREA ACOSTA

The Prospector

Catherine Silva, freshman environmental science major, knew that an alternate treatment for allergy control called desensitization was not FDA approved and was still being researched. However, she decided to undergo the treatment back in August, after being medically disqualified from the Air Force because of her peanut allergy.

"Personally I wasn't aware that food allergies were disqualified. I then had to switch my paperwork over to the Navy and put up for a waiver," Silva said. "My friends, who are currently enlisted, told me that it was likely to have my waiver approved since they knew some soldiers who also suffered from allergies and had to carry around an EpiPen (a medical device that delivers epinephrine for extreme allergic reactions)."

After being hospitalized for the severity of her allergies back in high school and after having her first allergic reaction while eating a peanut butter sandwich at the age of 6, Silva, along with her parents, started looking for doctors who could help her.

"We began doing some research and luckily found Dr. Lyndon Mansfield here in El Paso, who specializes in allergies," Silva said. "He then informed us about the very serious private practice."

According to Silva, desensitization therapy can be seen as a food challenge where the patient is injected with small, diluted extracts of the allergens, which are mixed with grape juice. The dosage is gradually built up until the body is more tolerant and less sensitive to the specific allergen.

"The treatment would ask for two doses twice a day every day, and then visiting the doctor every week for a check up and an increase in dose," Silva said. "However, after the doctor would increase my dose, he would ask me to wait in the office for about an hour, checking my blood pressure and heart rate, to see if any severe reaction had developed."

During the first day of therapy, Silva was nervous. She said that the hardest thing was coming to terms with the fact that she would be taking a food that she knew was dangerous for her body.

"I couldn't help but be nervous, primarily because I had lived all my

life knowing that peanuts were something that were dangerous for me, and to all of a sudden just agree to take a dose of only peanuts with grape juice, was something that was confusing to understand," Silva said.

However, after her first few weeks, Silva found herself eating two to three peanuts every week, whereas she couldn't take more than 1/16 of a peanut before the treatment.

"Being that it's a slow-paced treatment, this ensures that patients won't have a near-death reaction," Silva said. "My doctor was very cautious about the amount of dosage he would give me each week."

According to Silva, it is unfortunate that food allergies don't receive as much attention as other sicknesses, making people unaware of how life threatening allergies can be.

"I'm very happy I decided to go under this treatment, I have lifted a burden off my shoulders," Silva said. "I will no longer be in a situation where I will go into anaphylactic shock and be sent to the hospital. This desensitization treatment has opened the doors that were once shut for me, and I couldn't be happier."

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"My main focus and inspiration was being able to join the Navy."

- Catherine Silva,
freshman environmental
science major

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Editorial

Life without nuts

BY AARON MONTES
The Prospector



All my friend had left to sell was a couple of chocolate bars with hazelnuts. I wanted to help her finish selling the bars and I wanted a candy. So after giving her half, we ate the bar together. A few moments later, I noticed that I was having a hard time breathing and my throat started to itch. I looked at my friend and saw that she was ok, so I felt confused and I began to panic. Luckily, the school nurse saw what happened and was able stabilize my unknown allergic reaction.

It did not make sense since I had consumed candy bars with hazelnuts and peanuts before. According to my doctor, my immunoglobulin E antibody was tagging some of the proteins that could not be digested as harmful. The process fools the immune system into thinking the protein is invading the body and as a response sends white blood cells to the protein causing the reaction, which is consistent with food allergies in general.

My doctor informed me that my condition is a mediated or classic case, which means I suffer from food allergies, but not severely. I have the classic case, Oral Allergy Syndrome, in which, Type-1 people have hypersensitive reactions commonly found in people with the atopic syndrome, a common combination of diseases like allergic rhinitis and conjunctivitis, eczema and asthma.

The syndrome also stems from an inherited component. In my case, my family and I have a history of eczema and asthma.

Allergen-specific immunotherapy or desensitization is the process in which an individual with OAS may slowly develop a tolerance for the allergy. The process is done through injection of small doses of the food and a solvent to make your body's system used to the substance.

According to case studies at the University of California Los Angeles, the same process is being induced orally, but the results are inconsistent, this causes a concern for those eager to get past the inability to eat the food. Desensitization according to the case study is therefore considered a high-risk treatment and not part of standard procedure. For example, side effects to the oral procedure include anaphylaxis, or severe allergic reactions.

However, desensitization is not the only process being proposed. According to UCLA, "Engineered Proteins," may be an alternative solution into shaping the body's immune system into accepting the food during digestion.

Engineered proteins are altered at the microscopic level in order to prevent the allergic antibody from reacting to the food, but they encourage the communication between the food and the lymphocytes.

According to Tim O'Shea and other sources cited in Heather Fraser's The Peanut Allergy Epidemic, a book on the development of peanut allergies, suggest that the source of the allergy has a connection with the doubled amount of vaccines since the '80s.

By the mid 1960s peanut oils were implemented into vaccines and according to the book's sources, the peanut oil would allow the immunization to last longer, and stronger.

Peanut allergies were already a common thing during the '80s, but in the '90s there was a surge of children having allergic reactions to foods with peanuts. According to Mandated Schedules vaccines in schools for children doubled from the '80s to '90s.

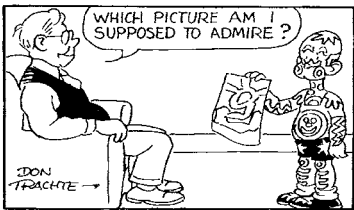
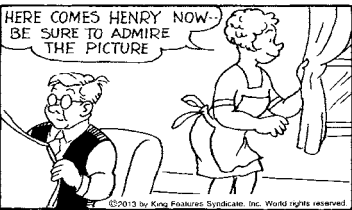
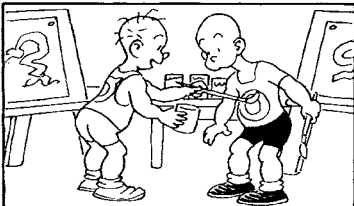
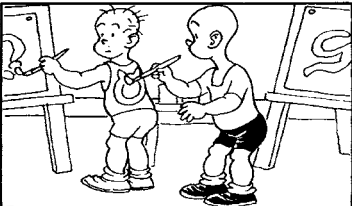
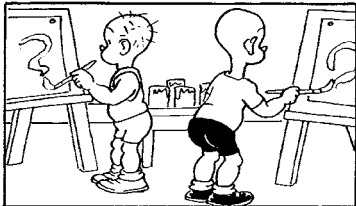
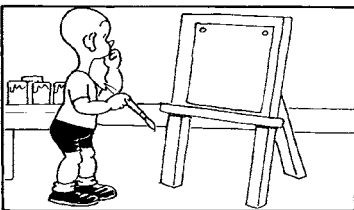
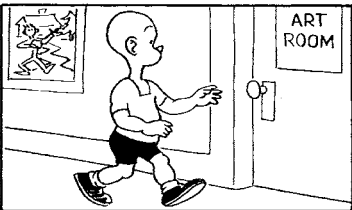
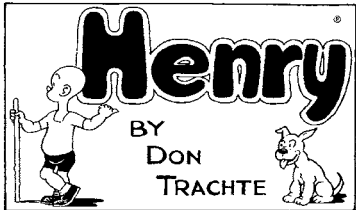
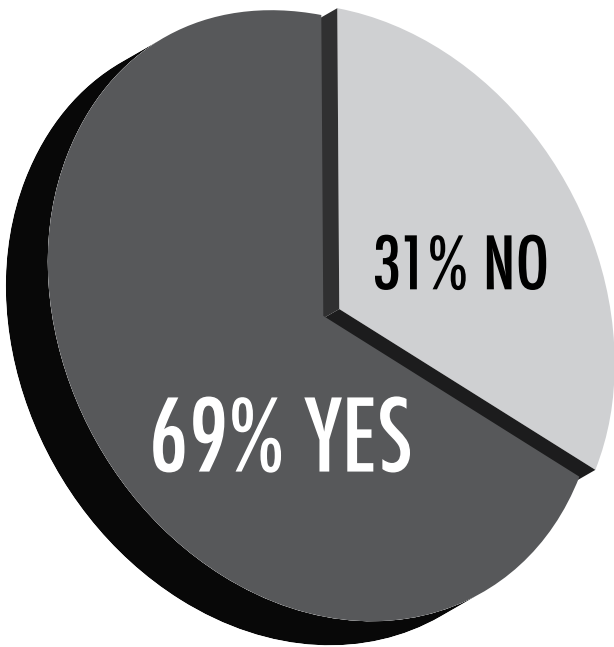
In the 1980s the mandated number of vaccines was 20 and in the 1990s the number doubled to 40.

I feel that treatment is not where it needs to be because there are so many theories up in the air regarding food allergies treatments. I will just have to wait and continue living without nuts.

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is only feasible because of the grant money Cox received.

“I spend more time in lab than I do any other activity, including sleep,” said Cheryl Storer, doctoral biological sciences student. “For me, the driving force behind what I do is the knowledge that I am helping one out of every six American men who will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime. The project became real to me in 2009 when my dad was diagnosed with kidney cancer and underwent treatment. This knowledge impacted each and every one of the experiments I have conducted ever since.” The research experience has been valuable to undergraduates as they prepare for graduate school and the world beyond UTEP.

“I feel extremely fortunate as an undergraduate student to be involved in research because I not only just enjoy it, but academically it has helped me to highly improve my understanding of the material seen in most science classes,” said Marisa Salomon, senior cellular and molecular biochemistry major. “In Dr. Cox’s lab, I learned it is vital to work in science with a sense of morality and remain honest throughout your work and with fellow lab members.”

According to Cox, the subject of undergraduate research is one that is very familiar to him.

“Ninety percent of biology majors come in as pre-med; they all want to go to med school in the United States

and it’s the same at UTEP,” Cox said. “It was the same for me when I started college, but it was the research experience that I had as a junior that made me want to go to a Ph.D. program, and so ultimately the field I’m in now is highly related to the lab work I did as an undergraduate at the University of Missouri.”

Cox said he and his research team hope a major pharmaceutical company may become interested in licensing their technology and developing it further into drugs for the clinic, ultimately improving the lives of those who suffer from prostate cancer.

As individuals, members of the team hope to use the knowledge they have gained to continue in the world of academia or in the work place.

“I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience in researching prostate cancer at UTEP,” Storer said. “I’ve had the opportunity to share my cancer research experiences and to engage students in inquiry-based science on a bi-weekly basis for two years with early college high school students. I have also mentored seven undergraduate students in the Cox lab during my Ph.D. studies. These experiences have propelled me forward to pursue a career in academia, where I will focus on undergraduate biology education and inspire more students to pursue cancer research.”

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A UTEP MBA student team placed second at the Regional SHRM Case Competition held at the Austin Convention Center on April 19 and 20. This is the first time full-time MBA students participated in the competition and the second time UTEP students have competed in a regional/national case competition.

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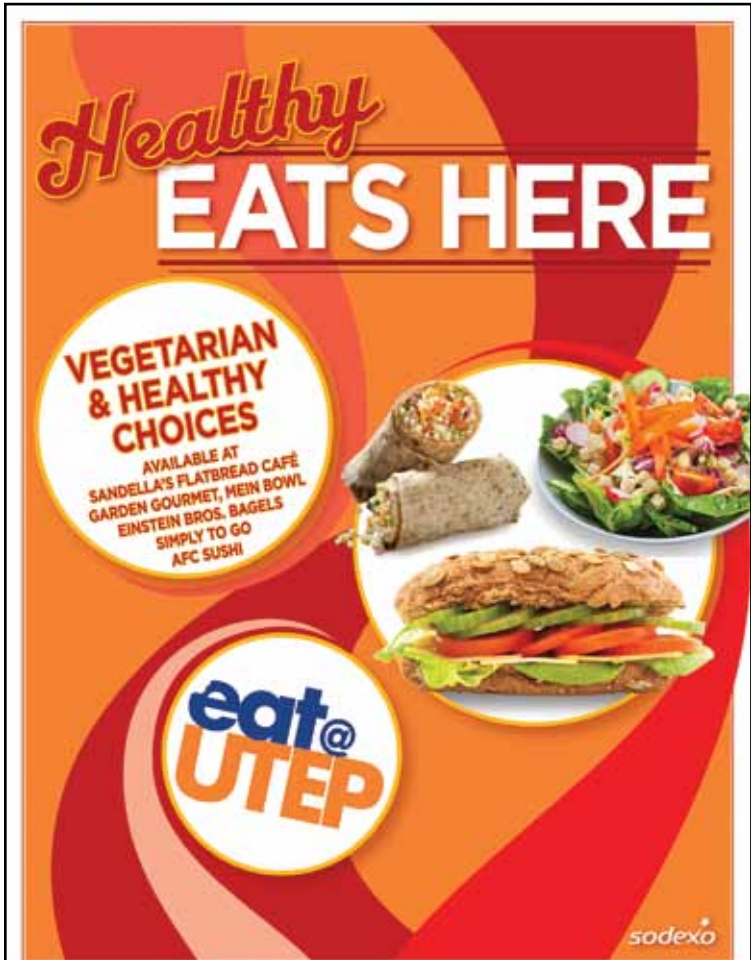
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Catherine Silva, freshman environmental science major, underwent a treatment to get rid of her peanut allergies in order to join the Navy.

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Stomach pain or upset stomach can be some of the side effects patients can experience after taking their daily dose. “It obviously may not be the most pleasant food to eat after your meals or the best feeling, but the outcome is very much worth it and a life-changing event,” Silva said. “It’s always a good feeling to have the confidence to turn down a snickers bar, not because I can’t eat it, but because I don’t like (it). I would recommend this treatment.”

Although this treatment worked for Silva, it may not be for everybody. Monica Rodriguez, sophomore accounting major, who also has a severe allergic reaction to peanuts, said that she began to take small doses of it, but the severity of her reaction worsened. “Since it really didn’t work for me, I started to take my mom’s home remedies such as milk, yogurt or ice cream; these foods would usually help me whenever I would have a mild allergic reaction,” Rodriguez said.

Also allergic to certain foods, Jackie Reed, alumni programs coordinator, said that she would be willing to partake in the study. “Although my allergies, which are lettuce, mushrooms, walnuts, mung beans and celery, could be controlled by avoiding the food in question or eating a very small amount, I would still be interested in this specific desensitization treatment,” Reed said.

According to Reed, practice should be limited to specific patients, such as someone with mild allergic reactions over someone who has very specific reasons for needing a cure, until more studies have been done.

According to Marilyn Rotwein, nutrition educator and sports dietitian at the UTEP Student Health Center, it is very important for students who suffer from food allergies to substitute foods with other healthy choices that contain the same efficient nutrients. “There are eight common foods that comprise the majority of food allergens, according to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, these being wheat, milk, soy, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, fish and shellfish,” Rotwein said. “These foods account for up to 90 percent of all verified allergic reactions. Wheat and milk can be two foods that can provoke a risk if taken out of students’ diet.”

Milk substitutes, such as fortified soy, rice and almond milk can be used, while wheat substitutes can include alternative grains such as oats, rye, barley, rice, corn, buckwheat and quinoa. “However, it is very important to note that many of the substitutes listed are less calorically dense than regular products, often lacking some nutrients,” Rotwein said. “For students who are allergic to peanuts, be aware that foods such as egg rolls, enchilada sauce, marzipan, mole sauce, nougats, mandelonas and some cooking oils might contain some dosage of peanuts.”

Silva recommends persistence as an important part of the process, since sometimes it would be hard for her to take her daily dosage. “My main focus and inspiration was being able to join the Navy,” Silva said. “Although I still have to eat peanuts, since I don’t know how my body would react if I suddenly stopped. Meanwhile, I eat a spoonful of peanut butter every other week, in order to keep increasing my tolerance to it.”

Earlier this year, Silva was invited to “The Ricki Lake Show” in Los Angeles to talk about her personal experience and to increase allergy awareness. Silva, who is now being reconsidered by the Navy, said she will continue to spread the word about the importance of food allergy awareness.

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BY LEONARDO MONTAÑEZ

The Prospector

The Grocery Gallery located at 305 Chihuahua, seeks to help local artists by giving them a space to exhibit and sell their artwork.

“It’s a place where people can come and have a coffee or a panini and enjoy the art,” said Ana Luisa Arias, owner of the gallery. “A place where people can really stay for long periods of time and eat and talk and appreciate, that’s this gallery.”

Arias said the gallery is open for any artist who wants to sell their art, whether they are just beginners or experienced artists.

“Any artist can come see me and we’ll arrange to sell them here,” Arias said. “Each exhibition stays up to a month and the artist decides the price.”

As an artist and as an art teacher for children with special needs, Arias felt that local art work needed a place to be exhibited and decided to combine a gallery with a bistro.

The Grocery Gallery has furniture made from recycled material.

“The tables and all are made up with recycled doors and painted to make the furniture, for example,” Arias said. “I think it is important to show their (artists) work, to lend a space to them or any artist.”

The gallery also gives the opportunity for individuals who do not make art to sell little things by giving them an open space.

“We are trying to open up a space every Saturday for anyone who wants to come and sell their things like jewelry or art of the sorts,” Arias said.

Monica Veleta, sophomore graphic design major, is happy that there is a new space for artists to sell their work.

“It is a very unique concept to combine a gallery and a bistro that isn’t

really known here in El Paso,” Veleta said. “The Grocery is really an opportunity where local artist can show their works and really be appreciated.”

Veleta feels encouraged that many places like The Grocery Gallery support art movements in El Paso.

“I think it’s excellent that there are more places in El Paso that support local artist, I think this place gives a lot of opportunities to all artists, those who are beginning and those who are a little bit more renowned.”

As an artist, Veleta felt that she couldn’t let any chance go and might try to sell some of her art in the gallery.

“As of right now, I don’t have enough art to make an exhibition but once I get enough material, I’ll try to exhibit them here,” Veleta said.

Kevin Arriaga, independent artist and costumer of The Grocery Gallery, feels that it is a great place for artists to start their exhibition.

“It is hard for an artist just to approach a gallery and try to exhibit their work,” Arriaga said. “But I think The Grocery really makes it easy to show off in a sense, an artist has to start from somewhere and on top of all that you may even end up making some money.”

Arriaga thought the style of the gallery was unique and that it was a brilliant idea to combine a bistro and a gallery.

The Grocery Gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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NEW GALLERY AND EATERY OPENS FOR LOCALS



AARON MONTES/ The Prospector

(Top) Ana Luisa Arias works on her art in a studio inside the Grocery Gallery. (Bottom) The Grocery Gallery offers local artists a place to exhibit their work and a bistro for residents to use for relaxing.

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MICHELE TORRES / The Prospector

Ernie Chacon said simple touches like tucking in your shirt allows you to dress simple, yet sophisticated while at school.

Simple influences for sophisticated look

BY STEVEN MANSFIELD

The Prospector

Ernie Chacon, senior multimedia journalism major, can be seen walking around campus or at his campus job always looking sharp.

Q. HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?

A. Basically, I just try to put on anything that matches, looks nice and something that feels comfortable. Ever since middle school they had us wearing the uniforms so I would always tuck in my shirt and I think that is what looks proper and professional for people to wear outside.

Q. WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR INSPIRATION?

A. I also work at Express so that is usually where I get my inspiration. I see the clothes that they put out and how they match them together and go from there.

Q. WHAT INFLUENCED YOU TO WEAR THIS OUTFIT?

A. I like to look sharp, and when I come to school and see people wearing pajamas, I wonder why they are wearing that to school. I treat school like a job and I want to look nice for my job here on campus and I think if you dress nice, people and professors are going to respect you and open up to you more.

Q. WHERE DO YOU LIKE TO SHOP?

A. I like Banana Republic because it is like Express too. It is a little more formal and has nice casual clothes. I also like Buckle because it has some t-shirts that I like and it is more rock-erish. You get to dress more casual for concerts and things like that.

Q. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CLOTHING BRAND?

A. Express because it is more formal. If I want to go out with my friends or something it is perfect for how I like to dress.

Q. WHY DO YOU LIKE TO DRESS UP FOR SCHOOL?

A. I do not dress up every day but I like dressing up sometimes because people respect and acknowledge you more. My professors will say that I look nice and people that dress in their pajamas just look lazy and do not want to be here. When you go to class dressed up, it looks like you are ready to learn.

Q. HAS FASHION ALWAYS BEEN A PART OF YOUR LIFE?

A. I would say it has since high school. That is when I started realizing that I should dress nice so people could recognize and notice me more.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY FASHION ADVICE FOR MEN?

A. I would say to buy pants that fit, tuck in your shirt, and put on a belt so you can look more classy and professional. I see too many guys with pants that are baggy and that just looks lazy and like they do not care.

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Event

Miner Soak Down, second annual water balloon fight

BY MARILYN ALEMAN
The Prospector

The Student Alumni Association is hosting their second annual Miner Soak Down on May 2, an event where students can have fun in a water balloon fight, listen to pumping music and celebrate the ending of the spring semester a bit before finals week.

About 10,000 water balloons will be filled, lined up and ready to be thrown in the anticipated group of approximately 500 students. The event will be held at 5 p.m. at the Sun Bowl stadium. Miner Soak Down is considered UTEP's largest water balloon fight.

The idea for a huge water balloon fight was brought about by the Christian Student Fellowship at the University of Kentucky, who set a world record in August of 2011 against the previous Brigham Young University.

Focusing the event around one water balloon fight is the key im-

provement from last year's Miner Soak Down, which had included five games for a minimal fee. This year a committee of eight students had the whole spring semester to plan and think about what would be more beneficial for the attendees.

"This year we totally eighty-sixed the water balloon games and we're just focusing on the water balloon fight," said Aileen Martinez, coordinator to the event and junior corporate and organizational communications major.

Last year making 2,000 water balloons with four pumps, placing them into plastic containers and transporting them from the Peter and Margaret de Wetter Center to the Geology Lawn was quite the hassle, Martinez said.

In order to use five times as many balloons, SAA is partnering with the Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers Program at Fort Bliss, an enrichment program for soldiers. They

will help fill the balloons simultaneously at the stadium with an extended system of plastic pipes.

Although filling tight thin balloons for four hours and three days before the event may seem like a lot, the process will be much easier with the balloons already at the location.

"Last year we tried everything so that (the water balloons) wouldn't pop," said Justin Tompkins, senior criminal justice major. "It happens that when you move them, all of them stick together and the friction causes them to pop which makes us just lose balloons. This is why we're going to fill them at the Sun Bowl."

SAA is hoping that many students take advantage of the Thursday evening event.

"Students come to school, go to class and then they leave because they got to go to work or whatever the case may be," Tompkins said. "This is right before dead day so students have this one day to get crazy before

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- Justin Tompkins, senior criminal justice major

sponsor the event, offering gift cards to students that win the dance-con-test. Other prizes may vary according to the donor.

On the day of the event, the Sun Bowl will be divided into two sectors, the 50-yard-line will separate registration from the actual water balloon fight arena. Students are welcomed to register on-site at 5 p.m. but are responsible for signing waivers informing of liability if possible injuries were to occur Emergency Medical Teams will be available on-site.

Jumping, snatching, pushing and shoving are likely to occur during the event, however SAA has made the water balloon fight arena safe, where late attendees can still have access to water balloons without struggling to get to the front.


A 10-foot safe zone will be divided among the arena in which monitors can film the fight and assure students are abiding by the rules placed.

At about 5:45 p.m. Push Gym will be hosting a warm-up to rally energy, meanwhile JAM Entertainment will be playing music alongside the Mistress of Ceremonies, Monica Castillo, an on-air personality for Power 102.

With the fight to take place after 6 p.m., a 10 second countdown will ready the students that are going to be divided into two teams representing the colors of the university: orange and blue.

"We just want everyone to have fun, this is going to be awesome," Martinez said. "We have an awesome venue, it's the Sun Bowl. The big point is for students to come out and have fun."

For more information on the event or on registration, visit minersoak-down.at.utep.edu.



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Paul Sanchez, freshman civil engineering major said he is ready to have a few hours of fun.

"I have not been a part of Miner Soak Down (before)," Sanchez said. "I am looking forward to the support of the students and how big the event can get; Miner Soak Down can become an annual tradition with the support."

With few major events in May at the university—besides commencement—SAA is hoping to have a big attendance.

SAA worked alongside UTEP Athletics and the Academic Technologies at the Undergraduate Learning Center to promote the event. Academic Technologies developed the Miner Soak Down website. The establishment of online registration and advertising through Campus Events emails registered 150 students only within a few hours.

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28 Hammarskjöld of the U.N.

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30 Cistern

32 Weds

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35 Carry a load

36 Mediterranean Island

37 Jellied incendiary

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41 First person

42 Bakery offerings

47 Zits

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49 Census data

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34 President Harding

36 Damon or Dillon

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39 Sheet of glass

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43 Junior Olympics org.

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46 Former fast flier

Onakoya, one among the best

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA
 The Prospector

A native from Ijebu Ode, Nigeria, junior sprinter, Abiola Onakoya started running track at a very local level in his hometown.

“Nobody ever thought something could come out, like an athlete from that area,” Onakoya said. “Which proved many people wrong.”

Born to a family of six, four brothers and one sister, Onakoya was expected to follow his father’s footsteps and become a tennis player.

However, Onakoya never developed a passion for tennis. He tried out basketball for four years, but then one day he saw some people running on the track. Interested, Onakoya made a life-changing choice to run track.

Onakoya began to make the national team since 2009 and became the 2012 Nigerian Champion in the 400. He clocked in a personal best 45.89 seconds.

Onakoya was then recruited by UTEP and started his collegiate career here in 2012.

“Moving down to UTEP, it’s been a great privilege for me. It’s all I’ve ever hoped for. I really wanted to complete my education out here, abroad,



Junior sprinter, Abiola Onakoya listens to assistant coach, Leon Settle, give instruction to him and his teammates before practice April 29 at Kidd Field.

but I didn’t know where,” Onakoya said. “I had many offers from different schools. Many from other countries, but I don’t know. Something just kept that telling me that I belonged at UTEP. I finally found my dream here.”

At the beginning of the 2012 indoor season he was part of the 4x400 meter relay team, which took gold at the C-USA Championships. He finished fourth in the 400 with a time of 48.31 seconds.

In the outdoor season he ranked 29th in the nation after taking second place at the C-USA Championships with a time of 46.08. He finished 23rd at the NCAA West Preliminaries.

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Column Not the best NFL draft class, but teams filled voids

BY EDWIN DELGADO
 The Prospector



Despite not having as much talent in the 2013 class, this year’s NFL draft definitely had a variety of stories worth following, and in the end most teams did well when assessing their needs.

Three offensive tackles were chosen in the first four picks of the draft. Eric Fisher from Central Michigan was the overall No. 1 pick and will play for the Kansas City Chiefs.

Only 11 quarterbacks were selected this year, and to the surprise of many E.J. Manuel (Florida State) was the first one to be picked. He was selected by the Buffalo Bills over the projected No. 1 quarterback prospect, Geno Smith (West Virginia). Smith was the second quarterback to be drafted and will go to the New York Jets to compete for the starting job.

In the third round, Mike Glennon (North Carolina State) was selected by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Most of the quarterbacks were chosen in the fourth round, Matt Barkley (USC) selected by the Philadelphia Eagles, Ryan Nassib (Syracuse) went to the New York Giants, Tyler Wilson (Arkansas) was selected by the Oakland Raiders and Landry Jones (Oklahoma) was picked by the Pittsburgh Steelers.

One of the players talked about the most the last couple of months were Notre Dame’s linebacker Manti Te’o, who was a victim of an online dating hoax earlier in the year. Despite being projected a first round pick, Te’o was selected early in the second round by the San Diego Chargers.

For the most part, teams did good in the draft taking care of filling the voids in their teams. Possibly the best ones were the San Francisco 49ers and Baltimore Ravens. The 49ers got safety Eric Reid from LSU, tight end Vance McDonald (Rice), and running back Marcus Lattimore (South Carolina). The Ravens took care of getting playmakers in the secondary with safety Matt Elam (Florida) and linebacker Arthur Brown (Kansas State).

The Dallas Cowboys had a decent draft. The team obtained center Travis Frederick (Wisconsin) which will immediately help boost the offensive line. The Cowboys also got a cornerback, BW Webb (William & Mary) and safety JJ Wilcox (Georgia Southern), which were major needs in the team. The teams also brought in a very good wide receiver in Terrance Williams (Baylor) but lacked a pass-rusher and some additional help for Tony Romo in the offensive line, which should be the priority for free agency.

Surprisingly enough, the Arizona Cardinals had a fairly good draft after selecting Guard Jonathan Cooper (North Carolina) who should immediately play a vital role in the team. Cornerback Tyrann Mathieu from LSU, who after being suspended by the school for controlled substance abuse, will get his chance in the NFL. Alex Okafor defensive end (Texas) joins the team to aid in rebuilding a

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Tennis End of season marks new trend



FILE PHOTO

Freshman, Jaime-Leigh Michau, and junior, Rebeca Calvillo, practicing on Jan. 30 at the El Paso Tennis Club.

BY AUDREY WESTCOTT
 The Prospector

A new coach and a new attitude may not have won the Conference USA Championship for the UTEP women’s tennis team, but 12-season wins show that improvement and change are underway for Miner tennis.

In the past two years, the Miners have only won a total of eight matches, including the only two matches won in the 2011-2012 season.

“The student athletes on this team have only scratched the surface of what they are capable of and I cannot wait to lead them again next year,”

head coach Mark Roberts said. “Life and tennis are similar in that there are ups and downs, but the most important aspect is the positive attitude and fight you bring every single day. I look forward to the battles we will face as a team next year. I know my players will come out firing and give everything they have to give.”

With only a few months of practice with a new coach, the Miners kicked off their fall season with junior, Rebeca Calvillo and senior, Martina Trierweiler taking home the title for each of their brackets at the Aggie Invitational held Sept. 14-16.

“Having a new coach really changed our mentality,” Trierweiler said. “We have the technique, we know how to play the game, but we were not in the right mindset. With Coach Roberts, we are more confident and play tougher, which has translated into wins for us. We were just missing that one thing and now we have it.”

At the end of June 2012, former assistant coach at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, Roberts was appointed as head coach for the UTEP tennis team, replacing Victor Aguilar, who had held the position for the past two years.

Despite a strong start to the season, the Miners fell short at ITA Texas Regionals held Oct. 17-21, but closed out the fall season with four singles victories at the New Mexico Invitational.

The Miners took the opportunity after the fall season to get well prepared to compete against their springtime opponents.

However, despite the improvement in their performance, the season still proved to be a growing period for the Miners, with an equal amount of wins and losses.

UTEP opened the spring season with a win against Dominican University but was setback with two consecutive losses against San Jose State and the University of San Francisco.

The Miners bounced back from the losses with wins against Drake University and the University of South Dakota, but were once again unable to keep the momentum going as they hit a streak of losses against Milwaukee, Northern Arizona, University of the Pacific and the University of New Mexico.

After their four-match losing streak, the Miners were back at the El Paso Tennis Club to defend their home court.

UTEP won five straight home matches against Illinois State, Lamar, Colorado State, Tarleton State and Western New Mexico.

The winning streak put the team in high spirits, but once again the Miners went on a roller coaster of matches with losses against New Mexico State, Texas Tech, Abilene Christian, Memphis and the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Then wins against Texas-Permian Basin, Southern Miss, Alabama State, and Utah State.

Reaching the end of the season, UTEP headed to Houston to compete in the 2013 Conference USA Championship, where they faced no. 51, Southern Methodist University.

Unable to channel the success they had found in their last season matchup against Utah State, the Miners were defeated by SMU and eliminated from the Conference USA Championships on April 18.

“Being tough and playing hard are two things we have improved on but we still need to be stronger,” Calvillo said. “By the end we were tired because of all our early matches, so that strain kept us from being able to compete at our best, but we acknowledge that, and we will be that much more prepared for next season.”

The Miners ended their season with an overall record of 12-12.

UTEP has not seen such an improvement in wins since winning six in 1994 to winning 16 in 1995.

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depleted defensive line. Their offense will get a lot of help with the addition of two very good but different running backs in Stepfan Taylor (Stanford) and Andre Ellington (Clemson). Wide receiver Ryan Swope, who destroyed Alabama's secondary, was also picked by the Cardinals.
Other teams that took care of business are the Rams, Vikings, Texans, Patriots, Giants, Seahawks, Eagles, Bengals, Steelers and the Packers.

The weakest link for the Packers last season was their running game and they went for two of the most explosive backs in college, Eddie Lacy (Alabama) and Jonathan Franklin (UCLA), who both led their conferences in rushing.
The teams that didn't do that well in the draft were the Jacksonville Jaguars, Washington Redskins, Chicago Bears and the Tennessee Titans.
The Jacksonville Jaguars drafted cornerback, Jeremy Harris, from New

Mexico State in the seventh round. He will join former Aggies head coach, Dwayne Walker, as part of the Jaguars.
Even though no UTEP players were drafted, four of them did manage to sign free agent contracts. Center Eloy Atkinson signed with the Tennessee Titans, wide receiver Michael Edwards with the Cleveland Browns and cornerbacks Drew Thomas and Darren Woodard will both join the St. Louis Rams.

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Junior sprinter, Abiola Onakoya competing at the Texas A&M Invitational Feb. 9.

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This season, Onakoya has had an outstanding performance.
"We are much stronger than last year, we are more focused than last year. It's really paving the way," Onakoya said. "Presently, the UTEP men's track and field team, we are ranked 25th in the country, which is really, really awesome."

In the 2013 indoor season, he finished third in the 400 at the C-USA championships with a time of 48.62 on Feb. 24.
Currently in the outdoor season, Onakoya is ranked No. 1 in conference in the 400 with a time of 46.33, which also ranks him 22nd nationally. He also has the number one spot in the 200 in conference with a time of 20.90, which also ranks him 43rd nationally.
He's also part of the 4x400 relay team, which is currently No. 1 in conference with a time of 3:08, a time

they clocked in at the Texas Relays on March 30. Nationally, the relay team, which consists of Carnell Horn, Onakoya, Daniel Tarango and A-Shawn Mitchell, is ranked 36.
Leon Settle, assistant coach, has seen a strong drive in Onakoya to achieve success on the track.
"Last year he was the Nigerian champion in the 400 meters and he should be able to do that again post collegiately," Settle said. "This year, we expect him to be able to qualify for nationals, that's one of the goals and then just carry things on from there."
Demetris Elia, sophomore thrower, and Onakoya's roommate, has a positive view of Onakoya as a person.
"He's a strong character," Elia said. "He knows what he wants and most of the time he knows how to get it. He's like my big brother here in El Paso."
About future plans, Onakoya said he's open to anything.
"The future is bright, but the only thing I'm going to say is we never know what tomorrow is going to bring," Onakoya said. "We talk about today, what we see now and all we can really hope for is a better tomorrow."

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