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# perspectives

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## Columns

## My dad once told me...

BY ABEL CASARES

The Prospector



My dad once told me, "Mijo, I'm not too sure if you know exactly what you want to be for the rest of your life. It might be one thing or many things. But I'll tell you what. I know it's gonna be something great."

Those words will always resonate with me forever. My old man spoke those words on my twenty-first birthday. Two years later, I am ready to finish one of the biggest chapters in my life.

Graduation has finally come. I am set to earn my bachelor's degree in digital media production. I really don't know what to expect next.

I know I want to make films, music videos and anything else that deals with media. I've always had a creative mind and a vivid imagination, so this field of work fits right into my life.

Working at The Prospector for the past year has given me an experience

that I never would have thought I'd get to see. It was almost like fate when I was offered the position of multimedia editor.

I embarked on a new trail of media and got to be a part of some amazing events.

I got to ride in my first helicopter for a story on the Native Air Medical Team. I had the opportunity to see President Barack Obama as he gave a speech to the soldiers of Ft. Bliss. I witnessed the historic ASARCO towers collapse after years of standing tall near the UTEP campus.

If it were not for The Prospector, I probably would have never gotten opportunities such as these. I have gained new skills in computer programs, progressed my camera and editing techniques and continued to increase my knowledge.

I've grown a bond with the people who work here and will be sad to leave. At the same time, I'm very thankful that I had the chance to meet everyone at The Prospector.

There is so much potential in every single one of them and I know they will all go on to do amazing things as well.

They are all more than just co-workers. They are all friends. Going through the same daily struggles and having the same worries made our group all that much closer. I know my dad would have been proud to hear the work I've done so far.

I always imagined what he would say to me if he were still here. Just like my father, I am a Jack of all trades and master at none.

Whatever path I take next I will always have the words that my dad spoke to me. I know whatever I end up doing for the rest of my life, it will be something great just like he said.

When I walk down that path up to the stage to receive my degree, I know he'll be right there watching over me with a huge smile on his face. In that moment I know he'll be proud.

This is the first and last column I write for The Prospector. I will continue to work hard in everything I do and continue to be the best man I can be in this world.

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## Letter to the editor

## Class of 2013

Dear Seniors:

As we approach the end of the academic year, many celebrations have begun to acknowledge your accomplishments as the Class of 2013. As you know, this time of year is special in that we are able to recognize the graduates who will be receiving their diplomas at the Spring Commencement Ceremonies. Graduation is a rite of passage that you will remember for the rest of your lives. The opportunity for proud family, friends and the UTEP community to applaud and salute the graduates for their hard work that each has realized over their collegiate years here at the university. The countless hours of classroom instruction, study groups and preparation for tests are now culminating in the awarding of your coveted degree.

As you reminisce about your memorable times at UTEP, please take a moment to thank all of the alumni, faculty and staff who came before you that provided the opportunity for you to be able to share in this great university. This is especially significant today as we approach our upcoming Centennial Celebration in 2014. Let's remember those pioneers for their vision and foresight that helped build the foundation for us to experience what UTEP offers students today.

The Office of Alumni Relations and the UTEP Alumni Association would like to congratulate you on your academic achievement and welcome you as the newest members of the alumni family. As an official member, there are certain rights and responsibilities that are offered to alumni.

First, represent UTEP with the utmost respect and integrity as you

venture out into the world as our ambassadors. Second, stay connected to your alma mater by keeping us informed about your whereabouts so that we can communicate with you regularly through the UTEP Magazine, electronic newsletters, social media etc. Third, consider joining one of our alumni chapters so that you can continue the connection with the Miner Nation. Finally, as you embark on your professional career, give back by serving as a mentor for your fellow undergraduates who aspire to become alumni which will help UTEP's quest to become the 1st National Research University serving a 21st student demographic.

The Alumni Association is your gateway to maintaining your lifelong connection to UTEP. As alumni, you represent the nature, spirit and traditions of the university. Every success that you personally achieve is also a success for the university. It is our hope that you will represent UTEP as a proud MINER wherever your journey takes you. Remember that you can always call UTEP your home—stop by and visit us at the Alumni Lodge whenever you are on campus.

Stay invested in the future of the university as your contributions will only increase the reputation and prestige for UTEP.

Go Miners!

— Richard J. Daniel, Ph.D.  
Associate Vice President for University Advancement and Special Projects  
Executive Director for Alumni Relations

## Four amazing years at UTEP

BY JOE TORRES

The Prospector



It has been four amazing years at UTEP and I have enjoyed every minute of it.

On May 18, I will be the first in my immediate family to have a college degree. I feel very blessed by the Lord and by the people who care about me and have supported my decisions.

When I transferred from NMSU to UTEP, I immediately became happier and smarter. During my time at UTEP, I found, fell in love, and got engaged with my beautiful fiancé Victoria. I became a proud member of Omega Delta Phi Fraternity and I have strengthened my character and skills.

Thank you so much babe for all the support and for always being my better half. You give me so much love, motivation and strength to be the best person I can be. Without you, I don't know if I would be the same person. Thank you for coming into

my life Victoria and putting up with me throughout all the stressful times I have endured at UTEP. I can't wait to be your husband.

In fall 2009, I made one of the greatest decisions ever and that was to pledge for Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, Inc. The brotherhood is just an amazing thing to be a part of. Thank you Adrian for leading me to these great group of individuals. I immediately came out of my shell when I crossed. This opened up so many opportunities for me to serve the community, become a better leader and just hang out with the brothers who will be at my wedding and at my funeral. Thank you Craig and Jaime for the opportunity. Thank you ODPPhi for allowing me to be an alumni member.

When I began school at NMSU, I was a computer science major. That was a mistake. That career choice wasn't for me. I switched schools and switched my major as well. I became a graphic design major at UTEP a choice I am happy I made.

Graphic design is so awesome and allows me to be creative; sometimes it doesn't feel like work at all. Thanks to all my professors for your help in developing my skills.

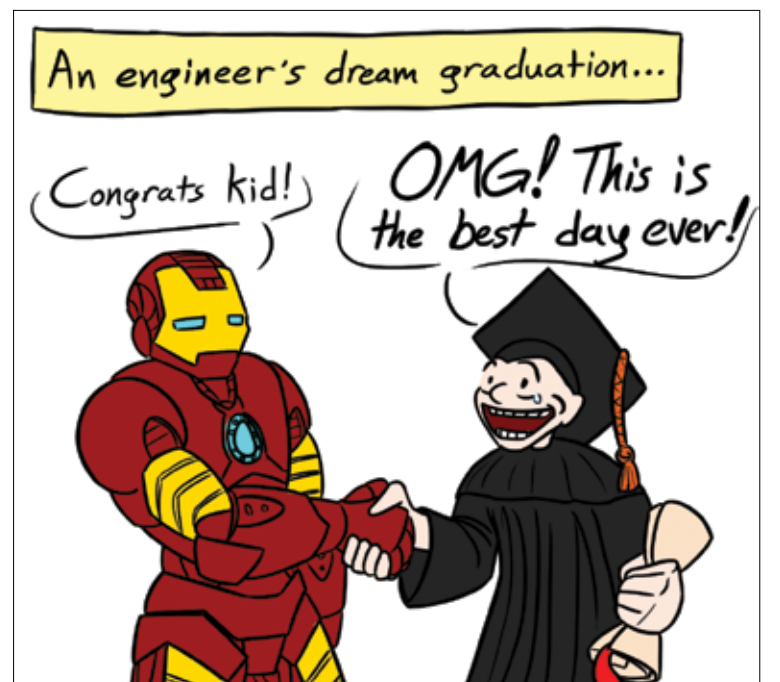
I've also had to deal with tragedy during my time at UTEP with the loss of my amazing cousin Adrian Bernal. He is one of the main reasons for the type of person I am. He was the greatest role model and I've always strived to be at least half the man he was. He was my best friend, my fraternity brother and my cousin. Love you and miss you.

Also, thanks to Vero and The Prospector staff for giving me a chance to be creative. I've enjoyed working here and meeting an amazing, friendly staff.

Lastly, thank you to my beautiful mom Letty, my dad Jose, my sisters Jocelyn, Annette, Corina and Sylvia for your love and support throughout my life. I love you all very much. Also, thanks Pauline for being a second mom to me and loving me like your own son. Love you. Thanks Uncle Darren and Aunt Bernie for being my best friends and treating me like a son. You both are a miracle to have and I love you like my own mother and father.

Finally, I DID IT! But the journey has just begun. Thanks UTEP for all the memories.

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Column

# One journey ends, another begins

BY PAUL REYNOSO  
The Prospector



Before coming to The Prospector this spring semester, my experience as a writer and reporter was limited to the classes that I had taken at UTEP.

However, I knew if I wanted to make it in the outside world, I had to get started somewhere soon and The Prospector was at the top of the list. Because of my passion and knowledge about sports, my goal was to become a sports writer. Kathleen Flores, director of Student Publications, gave me the opportunity to write for the paper as a sports intern and it turned out to be an awesome ride.

Writing for The Prospector was something I always wanted to do before finishing school and to greatly improve my resume. Another factor that played in my decision to write for The Prospector was knowing that UTEP faculty and students will have the chance to read my stories each week. From there on, everything else fell into place and I soon began my journey as a journalist at The Prospector.

Even though my stint at The Prospector was a short one, the experience of being part of it was unique and eye-opening. I was able to gain much more insight into how fellow UTEP students go through the process of making contacts, getting interviews and all the perks that come with being a journalist.

For the many coaches, players and students that I talked to this semester, I felt I made a strong connection with them as a sports reporter dur-

ing my interviews. They were very open to my questions and I was able to comfortably transcribe their quotes during editing. At times the process of getting the interviews wasn't easy for me. There were times that the contacts I needed fell through, but I quickly learned to adjust to the problems.

Some of the things that I will take from my experience at The Prospector are working with the staff and the guidance they gave me in becoming a good reporter and writer. Sports editor Kristopher Rivera was instrumental in helping me get started, especially when it came time to editing and showing me some of the different things that I could improve on for my stories.

The experience also allowed me to get a closer look at some of the UTEP facilities, such as the Foster Stevens Basketball Center, which I would never had as a regular fan. The other things that stood out to me from being a Prospector writer were the observations I took in from some of the men's and women's basketball team practices. I watched how intense these practices could be, something that very few people get to see.

As I prepare to graduate, I will look back at my time at The Prospector as an experience that I will never forget and will use it as a stepping-stone to build a future as a sports writer and multimedia journalist.

Wherever my next endeavor is, whether it is at the El Paso Times or another media outlet, I will always use my experience at The Prospector as guidance to a successful career. I hope that other future UTEP journalism majors will do the same and make The Prospector a part of their college experience.

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**Top Ten Seniors value UTEP's education**

BY ANDREA ACOSTA  
The Prospector

The Top Ten Seniors award identifies 10 graduating students who have excelled not only academically, but also through their remarkable leadership and community service, all while maintaining a high grade-point average throughout their undergraduate career at UTEP. The UTEP Alumni Association presented the award to UTEP's most promising future alumni at the Honors Convocation, which took place April 21.

"The Top Ten Seniors awards are one of the highlights of the academic year for the UTEP Alumni Association as we recognize exemplary students for their hard work and success at UTEP," said Richard Daniel, associate vice president for University Advancement and Special Projects. "Each year, we have the difficult task of selecting from such a highly competitive pool of applicants knowing that these students are ready to create success in the next phase of their lives as alumni."

One of the nine making the cut and receiving this award is Juan C. Lopez Jr., senior mechanical engineering major, who strived to make education his priority when he came to the United States at the age of 16 in search of better opportunities.

"The decision came with a series of personal sacrifices, including leaving my family back in Mexico, along with overpassing obstacles such as cultural change, and learning how to be independent and self-oriented," Lopez said.

Currently working as an aerospace engineer at the NASA Johnson Space Center at Houston, Lopez said that

his determination and ambition were the main factors that motivated him to pursue an education, despite the language barrier.

"I didn't know English, but this only ignited my drive to keep moving forward," Lopez said. "From UTEP I found a great support group of students and professors, who had similar problems and obligations, teaching me that there is no such thing as limits to growth, ultimately preparing me to become an engineer with strong academic preparation and professional training."

Lopez said the support from his family also gave him the motivation to reach the goal of graduating from college and achieving the goals he set for himself seven years ago.

As a graduating senior and NASA engineer, Lopez will continue to make connections with UTEP students and develop opportunities for them to reach their full potential, by mentoring and creating awareness of opportunities beyond college.

Another awardee, Juan Muñoz, senior electrical engineering major, said he faced a challenge that most students go through at the beginning of each academic year—tuition expenses.

"Paying my tuition was one of the biggest issues I had during my first year at UTEP, I almost decided not to enroll in school since my acceptance to the PASE Program was not being approved due to my low income," Muñoz said. "However, after several meetings and talks with directors or different departments, my previous Presidential Scholarship was changed to UTEP's Excellence Presidential Scholarship, due to my good standing and my persistence on attending college."

Muñoz persevered and did everything he could to stay in school such as taking buses to cross the border every day during his first two and a half years of school, he said.

"This didn't stop me from my goal, which was to work hard in order to earn my degree. Crossing the border and walking long distances was the major challenge I had, especially during the winter seasons," Muñoz said. "However, UTEP provided me with a lot of opportunities and with my involvement and effort I was sent for my first internship to Melbourne, Australia, helping me earn experience as a professional."

Muñoz will continue with his master's degree at UTEP after his graduation, while also participating in an exchange program in Brazil.

Awardee Stephanie Moreno, senior cellular and molecular biochemistry major, said that although the journey hasn't been an easy one, she cherishes the relationships she has made over the past four years.

"My professors have helped me develop academically and personally and have helped prepare me for my future," Moreno said.

After graduation, Moreno will pursue medical school and she will continue on her path of performing research.

"I hope to integrate the two by treating patients, as well as developing treatments through research," Moreno said.

Hoping to get a teaching position upon graduation, under the concentration of middle school mathematics or science, Shannon Murphy, senior interdisciplinary studies major, said she is incredibly excited to start teaching full-time.

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Feature

# Graduates nominated to be featured at commencement

BY LORAIN WATTERS

The Prospector

Commencement marks an exciting time for graduates, especially for those who are chosen to be highlighted during the ceremony.

According to UTEP President Diana Natalicio, nominating graduates to be highlighted during the ceremony has been going on quite some time, and it was personalized so people would feel that there is not just 1,000 graduates in black hats, but people with real stories.

"Through this, we try to convey that UTEP has a powerful impact on transforming people's lives and transforming the quality of life in this region," Natalicio said. "The audience hears these stories and we try to showcase these experiences—a sampler of student experiences at UTEP—to help people see that UTEP students are very special."

Graduate nominees are first recommended by the dean of their college. The dean will then send these recommendations to University Communications, providing a brief description of the student. Between three to five student stories are selected for each of the three commencement ceremonies.

"We try to get some balance of students who started here out of high school or transfer students from a community college, or even coming back to school from the work force or military," Natalicio said. "We try

and look for students who have been highly successful with their academic performance, service commitment or some unusual experience they might have had."

In spring 2012, Aaron Martinez, multimedia journalism major, was selected as a graduate nominee and highlighted during Natalicio's speech.

"I was a construction worker when I finished high school, I didn't think about college," Martinez said. "I tried joining the military, but I was denied because I have epilepsy. I had found out later that my sister enrolled me at UTEP without me knowing because she had really wanted me to go to school."

Martinez was a science major, but switched over to journalism after working at The Prospector, becoming editor-in-chief of the paper for three years and editor for *Minero Magazine*.

"It was a big deal for my family, that someone that big at the university mentioned me," he said.

Martinez is about to complete his Master of Science degree in journalism from Columbia University this summer.

This semester, Emmanuel Arzate, senior marketing major, was nominated by Robert Nachtman, the dean of College of Business Administration. For Arzate, it was an unexpected, yet honorable surprise.

"It's awesome, I wasn't expecting it—I didn't even know it existed," Arzate said. "I told my mom, but I told

her not to make it a big deal yet. I still have to go through the process and see if I am picked at graduation."

Along with keeping up his academic performance, Arzate is also participating in a contest to be a Local Hero, which is part of the Life Moving Forward contest that is a part of National Mobility Awareness Month. He is competing against over 1,000 people nationwide for a van that will allow him more mobile access, since he uses a wheel chair. Online voting ends May 10 and the winner of the contest will be announced May 31.

"The first phase is falling in the top 5 percent, so it's not about who has the most votes. The second phase will have the judges pick three recipients, based on the criteria that they ask for and the story," Arzate said. "They emphasize a lot about the hero part, and I hope that when they do go back and see all of the stories, they realize that I am about to graduate and that I have done a lot in the community."

Arzate began at UTEP in fall 2008 and joined EXCEL, a program for freshman students that is a part of Student Government Association. He also pledged for Lambda Chi Alpha, a social fraternity.

"During my summer orientation, they had a contest where you would get the most signatures from the orientation leaders. I got all of the signatures and my former boss gave me a helmet and told me that it symbolized me being an orientation leader," he



Veronica Enriquez / The Prospector

**Emmanuel Arzate (right)** and his mother, Aurora Arzate (left), are very proud of the nomination Emmanuel received for graduation.


said. "I applied in the fall and the next summer I was an orientation leader. That became a stepping stone for me and I got orientation leader of the year. When I became an orientation leader, it really helped me define my strengths—helping freshman with

advice, registration, being a mentor with them. You are the first face they see so it was a really cool experience."

Arzate later became a peer advisor, ran for senator-at-large for two consecutive years and ran for SGA

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## Campus

## Centennial construction underway

BY LORAIN WATTERS

The Prospector

A section of University Avenue will close to vehicular traffic permanently on May 20, marking a major phase in the construction for the centennial transformation of the UTEP campus.

Along with University Avenue, the construction on Wiggins Road will finish in May and preliminary work on Schuster Avenue will begin, a project that will take about two years, according to Keith Erekson, executive director of the centennial celebration.

"University Avenue will (close) down for thru-traffic and will only open to emergency vehicles," Erekson said. "That space will be turned into a walking trail—or path—and an emergency vehicle could go on it, if needed."

The construction of Centennial Plaza, which will be located at the heart of campus, is expected to be completed by August 2014. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place to unveil the plaza.

"The Psychology Building and Fox Fine Arts (Center) will have a park space that will wrap around Old Main and into Leech Grove," Erekson said. "It will all be one continuous space."

Internal parking lots will be closed to all faculty, staff and students and a fourth parking garage will be constructed on Schuster Avenue and Hawthorne Street.

"The university has been preparing for this change when they started building the first parking garages," Erekson said. "There aren't going to be any more parking garages."

Construction will also occur on Sunbowl Drive over the summer, widening the middle section from two to four lanes.

"(It) might be a little slow down here, but no impact in terms of road closures or detours," Erekson said.

Upon completion of the Centennial Plaza, Minerpalooza will be the first event to take place at the plaza, along with UTEP's 100th birthday event to take place Sept. 23, 2014.

"In October of 2014, there will be an outdoor musical performance, in which students are preparing for now with international performers," Erekson said. "This is called Opera Bhutan and it will premiere first in Bhutan before making its western viewing here."

According to Catherine McCorry-Andalis, associate vice president of student life, campus activities have continued without any problems, despite the amount of construction taking place.

"The transformation of inner campus will be the first phase of a cultural change at UTEP," McCorry-Andalis said. "No longer having vehicles drive through campus will be a change, but a positive one."

As a Miner Ambassador, Rodrigo Rodriguez, senior electrical engineering major, said he has been able to see the changes happening on campus and said it's a pleasant view.

"The construction has affected me much like everybody else in making some of the walks around campus a little more difficult," Rodriguez said.

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Beginning May 20 construction on Geology Lawn and the parking space at Union West (top) will begin to make way for the Centennial Plaza (bottom), which will be completed in 2014.

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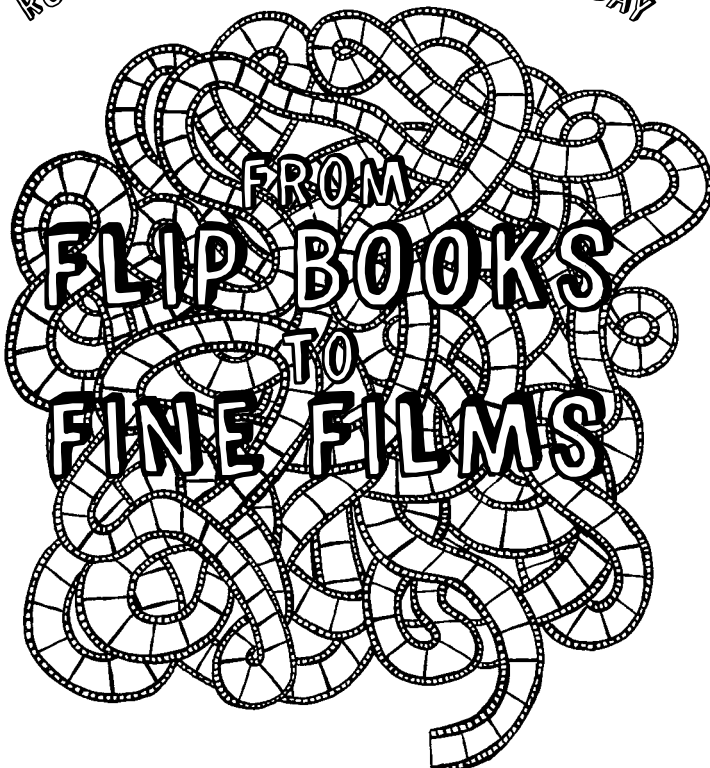
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"I plan on spending my career advocating for an equitable education system and working with at-risk students," Murphy said. "Apart from the tools that UTEP has provided me with, I also have connected with so many wonderful individuals throughout my time at UTEP and I know that my experience would not have been so positive without them."

While her professors described her as a one-of-a-kind-gem and an academically outstanding student, Murphy said that she is very honored to be selected as a Top Ten Senior and thanks all of those who have helped her excel along the way.

"This was one of my most stressful semesters, but it was also my most rewarding," Murphy said. "Juggling classes, student organizations and passing my certification exams while completing my student teaching at Wiggs Middle School. My undergraduate career at UTEP was filled with ups and downs, but I am lucky enough to say that the good outweighed the bad, and I will cherish all those moments."

Daniel Hernandez, senior mechanical engineering major, said he also values the many experiences and opportunities that UTEP gave him.

"I had the privilege to research for Dr. Lawrence Murr, chairman of the Metallurgical and Materials Engineering Department for three years, starting as a freshmen," Hernandez said. "Under Dr. Murr's direction, we conducted research on Electron Beam Melted (EBM) manufactured mesh structures for hip and knee implants."

As a result, Hernandez was given the opportunity to continue research

for the chairman of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Ahsan Choudhuri, at the NASA University Research Center of Space Exploration Technology Research.

"I was also a co-operative education student for NASA at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., where I was given the exciting opportunity to work on NASA projects, including the space shuttle, Constellation Program and the next space launch system," Hernandez said.

According to Hernandez, there is no part in his undergraduate career that he would regret or have doubts about.

"UTEP truly opened many opportunities that other students elsewhere do not get the chance to participate in," Hernandez said.

Students who also received the 2013 Top Ten Seniors Awards include, Diana Arrieta, multimedia journalism and creative writing double major, Ramiro Piñon, mechanical engineering major, Claudia Isela Vargas, media advertising major, Andrew Velazquez, economics and finance major and Joel Zapata, history major.

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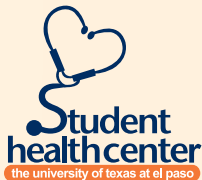


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Student Government

# A new SGA structure

BY SABRINA NUÑEZ  
The Prospector

This year's Student Government Association elections resulted in a change in leadership.

Current Liberal Arts senator, Paulina Lopez, was elected SGA president. Although her term does not begin until June 1, Lopez, junior organizational communication major, has already begun working on changes to the SGA.

Some major changes will involve committees within SGA, which Lopez said is based on structures from other universities. Lopez' plans show three standing committees and six ad hoc committees—formed to tackle a specific task—including EXCEL, Committee for Campus Quality, Special Events, Student Affairs, Outreach and Student Organizations.

Lopez said with all her changes to the committees she wants to create a strategic plan to give more structure because the SGA constitution does not have ad hoc committees.

"The strategic plan is creating a more sustainable plan, not only for one year, but for it to be continuous," Lopez said. "For SGA presidents, even though the term is one year, they won't actually have to start from scratch, but they would have something reliable and also to get continuity between administrations."

Formerly called Academic Affairs Committee, Lopez said she renamed the group Student Affairs to have a broader focus on students. The committee will organize midnight breakfast, Miner Heroes and strive to get more programs at UTEP.

Lopez removed the My SGA and Traffic ad hoc committees, but transferred some of their responsibilities to other committees. My SGA was in charge of Orange Fridays, tailgates and Miner Pride, while the traffic committee dealt with Miner Metro and bicycles on campus. Lopez said that because the campus is closing, SGA was no longer going to have to deal

with traffic issues, however any small issues would be redirected to CCQ, which encompasses campus quality and includes the green initiative.

My SGA and Traffic were replaced by the Outreach and Student Organizations committees, which will be in contact with each other and resemble models from UT Austin's student government. Outreach will serve as a two-way communication line for students and SGA, incorporating newsletters, marketing efforts and social media. Lopez said Student Organizations will be a council that will gather all of the leadership from student organizations to summarize the voices of many students.

"We want to have all the senators-at-large to be attending student organizations' meetings so they can see somebody from SGA present at their meetings and that they actually care and if they have any problems or any concerns, they can talk to that person," Lopez said. "We had our orientation on Saturday. We told the (senators) about the new committees and they're really excited."

Junior mechanical engineering major Karla Becerra is the new collegiate engineering senator. This is Becerra's first time holding a position for SGA.

"I feel like I'll complement the position as much as the position will complement me as well," Becerra said. "I never knew how much hard work and dedication it would be, and I'm more than willing to work really hard this upcoming year."

Student Organizations will also partner with the Campus Activities Board to help students register their organizations, which Lopez said will make the process easier, fostering more activity. Newly elected Vice President of Internal Affairs, Ruben Chavez, sophomore pre-business major, said Student Organizations will also provide resources to organizations, but will focus on communication between students and SGA.

"It's about the university as a whole. It's not just about (how) we help them

out, but if they can come and tell us how SGA can be improved for the future, that would be awesome," Chavez said. "This year SGA is going to change and it's going to change for good. We have so many plans in mind, but toward our committees and ad hoc committees. Unfortunately, we have to get rid of some committees to improve others."

Sophomore political science major, Tanner Milroy, ran as an independent candidate for vice president of external affairs, but was not elected. Milroy said he has spoken to the incoming vice presidents and has confidence in them, but is not as certain about Lopez.

"I had really high hopes and I don't doubt her abilities, some things came up during elections, but election season, most people lose their minds so we'll see, but her ability is there," Milroy said.

Aside from her changes to the ad hoc committees, Lopez said she wants to partner with the College of Business Administration's Mike Loya Center for Innovation and Commerce and use SGA's \$40,000 in savings as scholarship money for students.

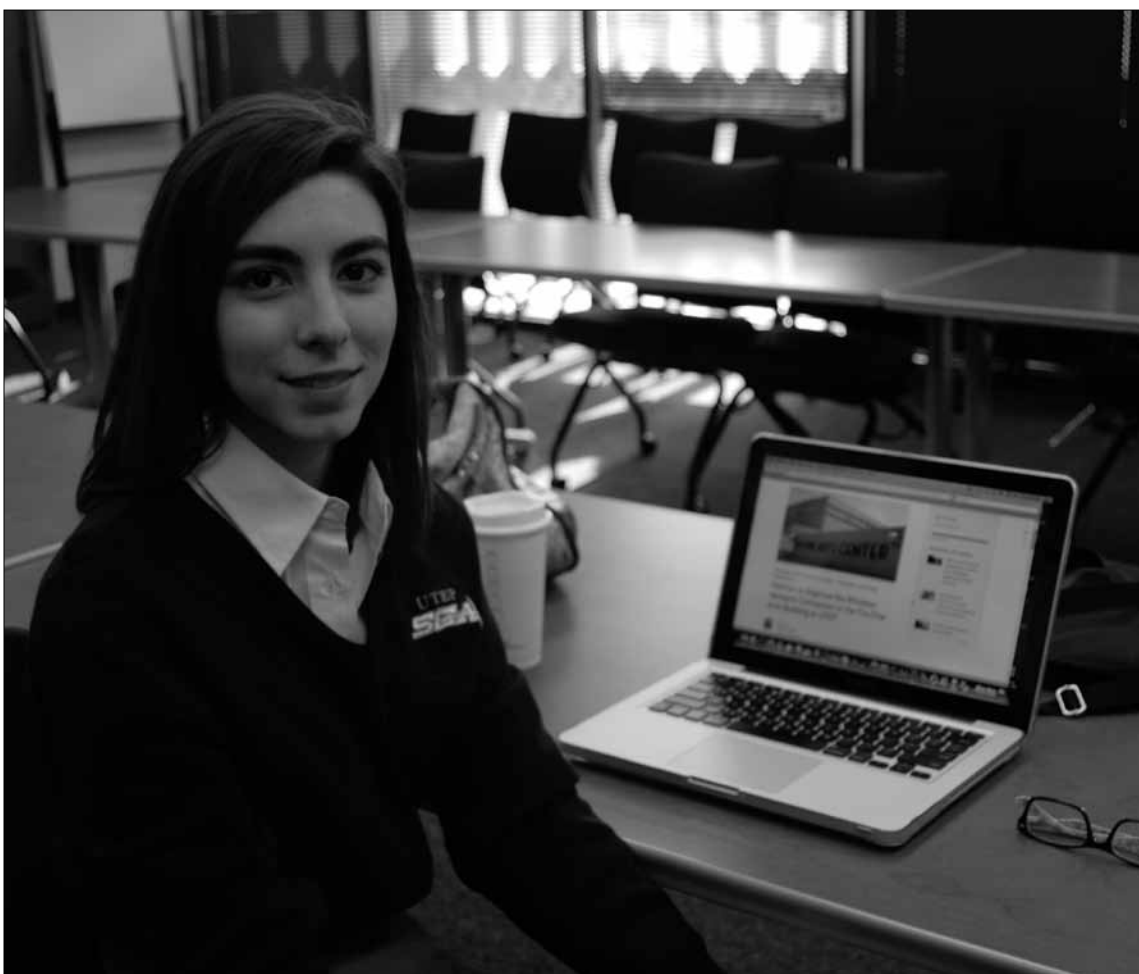
"We don't want to just to give away money, but for students to be able to participate in some kind of competition or research project through SGA. It would improve the students' research capabilities," Lopez said. "Also, it would be beneficial to UTEP because we're shooting for tier one. It can also bring investment from outside El Paso."

Lopez said she also wants to have an arts centennial festival in the spring, similar to Minerpalooza.

"We can have two big celebrations, making the university a nicer environment," Lopez said. "That would be celebrating the centennial, showcasing student talent and bringing the alumni in, other people in... We want to bring arts to life."

Becerra said she will work with Lopez' plans, but also wants to maintain the ideas she campaigned for. Becerra

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**Paulina Lopez, SGA** president for 2013-14, is planning to restructure the student government to provide better results to the students attending UTEP.

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More information on requirements and eligibility for these awards as well as nomination forms can be found at <http://sa.utep.edu/cass>. Nominations are due on August 1, 2013 and awards will be presented on October 7, 2013 during UTEP's Ability Awareness Week.

## Degree Plans

## Hold on all doctoral program proposals

BY ALEJANDRO ALBA

The Prospector

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has implemented a policy that penalizes state universities that do not meet the state average in graduation rates. UTEP is currently one of the universities that is being penalized and therefore cannot submit any new doctoral program proposals until graduation rates are calculated next fiscal year.

Diana Natalicio, president of UTEP, said that the way the system works is flawed and needs to be restructured.

"THECB has established some very complex eligibility criteria for doctoral programs proposal submissions," she said. "They relate to undergraduates and we are one of the institutions that is affected by these criteria. So we have begun a process of challenging some of the assumptions and the data associated with the criteria."

Natalicio said she believes that undergraduate rates should not be related to doctoral-level studies.

"What does one have to with the other, we don't know of any evidence like that, so we ask what is the purpose of this criteria," Natalicio said. "We are also concerned with the way the criteria is calculated."

According to Natalicio, reaching the requirement of graduation rates appears to be a moving target because it is based on the average of all the other state institutions per year.

"We happen to believe that these criteria are not a good predictor of the success of a university's capacity to have a doctoral education," she said.

Based on the criteria set by the THECB, if a student were to start at UTEP and transfer to UT, neither school would get credit because they did not start and finish at the same school.

"The only way you can get counted in a graduation rate anywhere in the country is to start and finish at the same school, if you don't do that you fall out—you are either a dropout or you are not counted at all. If you start here as a full-time and you transfer and graduate at Arlington, you are counted as a dropout here and you are

never counted over there, which is a very stupid system, why don't they just track students—I mean we are tracked in everything else—you graduate eventually and everyone ought to applaud, instead of saying, 'oh no, you didn't graduate from the same university so, boom, you don't get a good graduation rate,'" Natalicio said.

The hold that the THECB has placed on UTEP has affected all of the colleges within UTEP.

Patricia Witherspoon, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said that there are currently two doctoral proposals within the college that are lined up waiting to be approved.

The first is a collaboration between the political science department and the sociology department. It is a Ph.D. program in transnational studies. The program has been updated constantly since it has been waiting for approval for more than a year, Witherspoon said.

"This is an important issue because when I was dean of the graduate school here at UTEP, I served on the graduate education advisory committee and when they were thinking of putting these rules, some of us spoke up and said that we were attending to our undergraduates and we are working to facilitate the graduation of our undergraduates," Witherspoon said. "(We believed) that (the undergraduate rates) don't have a strong relationship with the need for doctoral programs at our institution. That can be looked at as two different things."

According to Witherspoon, although they argued to change the policy, their words went unheard.

"Our argument wasn't strong enough to change their minds, (however)," Witherspoon said.

Another doctoral proposal that has been held back is in the communication department.

"We had to put our proposal on hold until we can send it for consideration," said Frank Perez, chair of the communication department. "It's a Ph.D. in international and intercultural communication. It would be very unique because we are on the border and it's a great location to study culture. If we were to get it, we

## Growth in UG Degrees Awarded vs. Graduation Rate

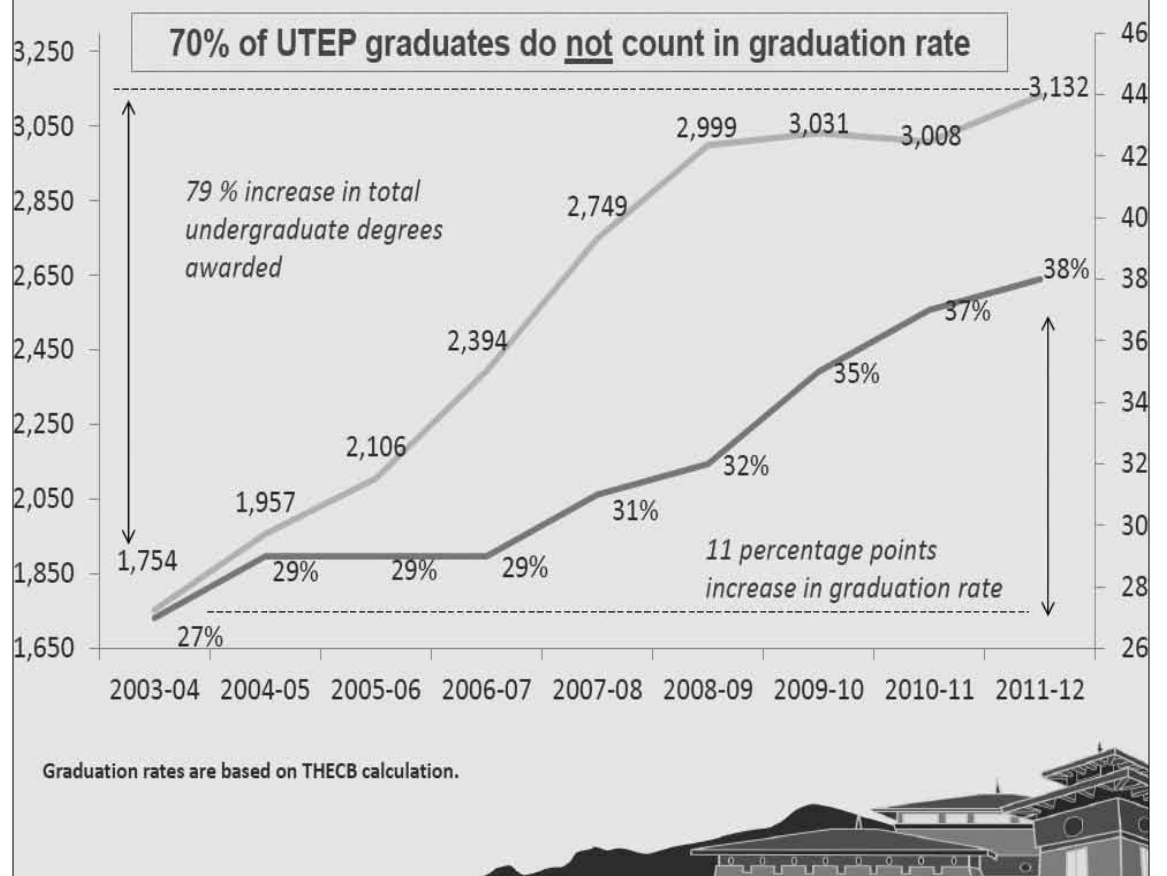


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The graph above shows the undergraduate degrees awarded and the graduation rate at UTEP.

would be the first Hispanic-serving institution in the U.S. with a Ph.D. program in international intercultural communication. It would be a focus in the areas the faculty works in."

Perez said that at this point, the proposal is ready to go to the dean's office, but they are just waiting for the green light to send it off.

Richard Schoephoerster, dean of the College of Engineering, is also dealing with proposals that cannot be submitted.

Although there is a Ph.D. in manufacturing engineering and one in mechanical engineering being held back, the department recently received a visit from the THECB to approve a proposal for a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering.

"It seems that it will go through, and we are hopeful that the THECB will approve it by July for students to

be able to start in the fall," Schoephoerster said.

The program in biomedical engineering was approved due to it being selected last fiscal period when UTEP met the THECB's graduation rates.

For the other two doctoral programs that are being held back, Schoephoerster said that they are creating tracks for students to get work and research done in those areas.

"We are creating tracks in our existing programs so students can be prepared," Schoephoerster said. "So students can be doing dissertation research and get credit for these programs beforehand, although they won't be graduating with the title they wanted."

Schoephoerster said he feels very frustrated with the whole ordeal and hopes to get the doctoral proposals approved.

"Hopefully they will be able to figure it out, but it's a moving target. It's very difficult and this whole process is very frustrating and we are trying to increase (graduation rates)," Schoephoerster said.

Natalicio, who is constantly advocating for change in the Texas higher education structure, said she will not give up in trying to change the system.

"I think graduation rates are so misunderstood, people who are for them may not fully understand them," Natalicio said. "I don't know whether it's political, but I feel that I can make people understand the problem."

While the university attempts to submit a proposal for change to the THECB, Natalicio said that graduation rates would increase due to the efficiency the university has gained in degree completion.

Witherspoon said she is also confident that with the new, implemented programs, the rates would go up.

"In each college we are working on ways to increase the number of people graduating," Witherspoon said. "In liberal arts we are initiating a new student success initiative, and that's to help everybody move forward with workshops and time management."

The university as a whole is moving forward with a new system of emails and voicemail that provide students with reminders of deadlines and tips on registration, according to Witherspoon.

Witherspoon also said that they are trying to hire new advisers that can help more students, as well as trying to implement more courses at more available times to help students move forward with their degree plans.

Natalicio said she disapproves of the hold, but thinks it will all change soon.

"I'm very tenacious, I don't like when something misleads the public, and this misleads the public," Natalicio said. "It should be fixed and we'll work on it."

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Graduation

# Traditions behind commencement ceremony

BY SABRINA NUÑEZ

The Prospector

UTEP's three commencement ceremonies, which will take place on May 18, follow a tradition that has been developed since the early 1980s. According to Frank Montes de Oca, assistant director for the Office of University Relations, it began with the help of a professor in the theater department, Charles Etheridge, who formulated the commencement ceremony that is used today. He also implemented traditions from other institutions in and out of the UT System.

One tradition involves students carrying the university and college banners. Erika Castaño, senior education major, was selected to carry the banner for the College of Education. Students are nominated to carry the banner by professors who see they have excelled academically and have served their local and campus communities, among other qualities.

"It's an honor, it's very humbling to have been chosen to carry the banner," Castaño said. "I had to start all over because my first time in college, I was studying business administration and I decided to change everything to education, so I had to start taking every single class, all the basics and it took me three and a half years. I took Maymesters, wintermesters and summer (classes)."

Castaño's cousin Paulina Almanza, senior English and American literature major, is carrying the banner for the College of Liberal Arts.

"I'm really proud of her. I didn't know she was graduating this May, but I bet she worked really hard to get that so I'm glad," Almanza said.

Castaño, who left school at age 21, is 16 years older than Almanza.

"I have my family, I have my children and totally different lives, yet we were able to achieve our dreams and succeed in what we're doing," Castaño said. "You're never too old to achieve your dream, to acquire what you really want in life. I wanted to be a teacher and here I am about to become a teacher and when I came back to college after raising my two teenage sons, one who comes to UTEP as well, I told them, 'I'm going to graduate with the highest honor,' and I am."

Another tradition that is incorporated into the commencement ceremony includes the university mace, which Montes de Oca said is usually carried by a professor identified as a key person who has given great service to the university as well as leadership and service to students. Each of the three ceremonies has a different faculty member who carries that mace.

The graduation process begins with students meeting with their advisors to determine when students are able to graduate. Students must finish paperwork, pay fees and meet certain deadlines during their final semester to ensure participation in the commencement ceremony.

The Office of University Relations works with other offices, such as the Registration and Records Office and the Center for Accommodation and Support Services.

"There's a large number of items our office coordinates directly and then we work closely with other offices to have information that they have to provide to us. The graduation information is coordinated with the Registrar's Office," Montes de Oca said. "We make sure all our students, including those that have disabilities are able to participate and go through the ceremony as anybody would from start to finish."



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The spring commencement ceremonies will take place on May 18.

A rehearsal for the commencement ceremony will take place on May 16. Montes de Oca said the commencement ceremony receives help from 50 to 70 individuals who work at various levels as well as volunteers and direct participants.

"We do have students both as individuals or representing student organizations participate as volunteers. There's so much to do that it really takes a big team of faculty, staff and students to bring this ceremony together for all the candidates," Montes

de Oca said. "We work to make it a special day for everyone who participates, both those who are being recognized and those who are the team members who are helping."

Montes de Oca said preparation for each commencement takes several months.

"As soon as we finish the commencement ceremony that comes up this upcoming May, we'll already start the work, within about a month or so, preparing for fall semester with winter commencement coming up. We're

working on it about a semester at a time," Montes de Oca said.

The commencement's budget is \$50,000 to manage all three ceremonies. Each spring ceremony lasts around two hours and includes more than 2,500 candidates participating throughout the day.

The ceremony will be live-streamed with cameras already in place to record and broadcast the ceremony to those within the Don Haskins Center, according to Montes de Oca.

see CEREMONY on page A15

## simplystated

There will be an Open House about the upcoming inner campus closure/Centennial Plaza construction. The session is open to the campus community — students, faculty and staff.

The Open House will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 10 at the Union Building East, Acacia (102A) room.

The UTEP community can ask questions about the campus construction, access routes, walking detours, parking, etc. Representatives with Parking and Transportation Services, Center for Accommodations and Support Services, Planning and Construction, UTEP Police, Facilities Services, Special Events and Student Affairs will be available to answer questions. Maps will allow those who stop by to see the new routes they'll take to class next semester.

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Question of the week

# What salary do you expect to earn?

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NOTE: The following starting salaries were gathered from payscale.com and are an averaged estimate based on major and entry level salary in the United States.



**BRETT CARRERA**  
Senior electrical engineering major  
Salary expectation: "If I can find a job I expect to earn between \$72,000 - \$85,000"  
Starting salary for electrical engineer: \$63,400



**KIMBERLY KIM**  
Junior kinesiology major  
Salary expectation: "\$80,000."  
Starting salary: \$34,100



**JASMINE DELAFUENTE**  
Sophomore nursing major  
Salary expectation: "At least \$25.00/hour (\$48,000 a year)"  
Starting salary for nursing: \$54,100



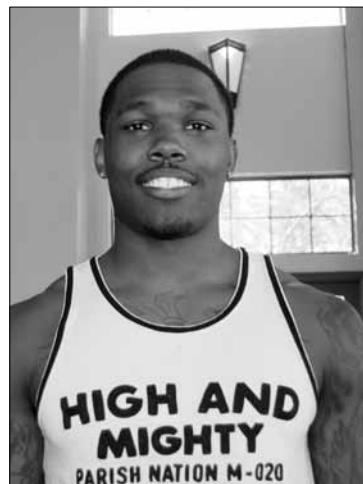
**OSCAR OCHOTERENA**  
Junior kinesiology major  
Salary expectation: "I want to be a physical education teacher, \$47,000."  
Starting salary for kinesiology: \$34,100



**NATALIA LUNA**  
Sophomore health and biochemistry major  
Salary expectation: "I want to be a surgeon, so its in the \$100,000, although I still have to pay off my loans"  
Starting salary for biochemistry: \$43,200



**JOEL QUIÑONES**  
Sophomore chemistry major  
Salary expectation: "I expect to start with a salary of \$50,000 once I graduate."  
Starting salary for chemistry: \$44,700



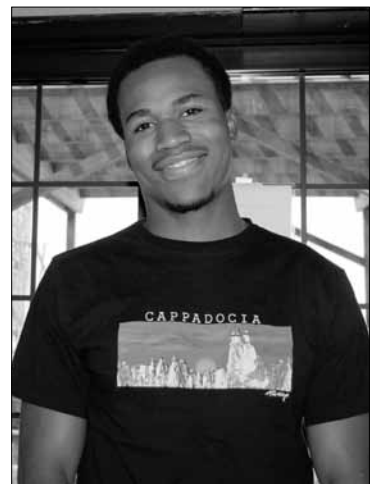
**ADRIAN JAMES**  
Junior communications major  
Salary expectation: "I'm hoping that once I graduate I will start with \$35,000."  
Starting salary: \$38,900



**ALAN GARCIA**  
Junior electrical engineer major  
Salary expectation: "Well, I'm awesome, so I'm hoping for around \$50,000. Money ain't no thing."  
Starting salary: \$63,400



**IAN HAMILTON**  
Sophomore communication major  
Salary expectation: "I will like to start with \$40,000, but you just never know."  
Starting salary: \$38,900



**ISHMAEL HARRISON**  
Sophomore history major  
Salary expectation: "Viewing today's economy I can only hope to start with a salary of no less than \$30,000 as a teacher."  
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president. Although he did not win, he said it was a great experience.

"Now that I am a senior about to graduate, when I talk to my friends who are younger than me, I am constantly emphasizing to them to become involved, gain experience, network—everything that I have learned, I try to pass it on," he said. "Everything that has worked for me, I want it to work for them."

After graduation, Arzate has an internship waiting for him at Beaumont Army Medical Center, where he will be doing accounting work for the next four months. He is also in the application process for pursuing his Master of Business Administration at UTEP.

"I am going to do both simultaneously, it's going to be a lot of work, but it can be done," Arzate said.

Eventually, Arzate would like to have his own business that will help people with disabilities attain adaptive aids, such as crutches or wheelchairs.

"As a user, whatever problems that I see that can be fixed, implement them in the new products, such as wheelchairs," he said. "There are a lot of things that can be improved with them, and if everything goes well, maybe I'll go into robotics too."

For Arzate's mother, Aurora Arzate, her son's journey to success has been

both easy and hard as she has watched her little boy grow into a young man.

"It's not because I'm his mom, but he is a great young man. Everyone always congratulates me, but I tell them it's not me, it is his personality," Aurora Arzate said. "He has always been like that, ever since he was little. When he wants to do something, he does it and goes on to the next thing."

With Emmanuel Arzate's nomination, Aurora Arzate is surprised but also happy to know that her son's efforts have paid off.

"I admire Emmanuel for all that he has done throughout the years, not only in college but throughout his life," Aurora Arzate said. "Now, as a young man, I am so proud. I feel happy. The ups and downs, it is worth it, to get to this point."

Going across the stage in a black gown at the Don Haskins and receiving his diploma will be just another step as Arzate prepares for his next journey in life, he said.

"People (can't) limit themselves, anything we set our minds to can be done," he said. "Pushing yourself to carry out your dreams and goals, that's my biggest advice and what I try to tell everybody."

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**CEREMONY** from page A13

"We started (live streaming) two commencement ceremonies ago.

It was more done for testing so we didn't get the word out much," Montes de Oca said. "Last semester, in the winter commencement ceremony, was the first time we really advertised it and made it available for people to see it on iPads, iPhones and Androids. We're going to do it again for this one and we're expecting a greater response."

Almanza said after graduation she would attend law school at the University of California, Berkeley.

"I feel so happy that all this hard work has paid off and that I will finally be able to see everything that I couldn't understand when I was talking about my studies, to finally be able to see it in person," Almanza said.

Castaño said she hopes to find work as a bilingual elementary school teacher at an area public school.

"(Graduating) is a way of closing a circle in my life that I left open for 15 years, so I'm finally putting a happy ending to that circle," Castaño said. "It's closing circles and moving on with my life and hopefully providing a better life for my whole family because it's going to change our lives. If I start working, my son doesn't have to work any more and he can apply himself to school 100 percent."

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**CENTENNIAL** from page A6

McCorry-Andalis said that once the transformation is complete, many more opportunities will be available to students, staff and faculty to engage with one another outside the classroom, such as outdoor learning experiences.

"We encourage everyone to be patient and to provide plenty of time to get around campus," she said.

Stephanie Trujillo, senior biological sciences major and Miner Ambassador, believes that the transformation project will promote a healthier lifestyle and a more community-like environment.

"The construction sites have been a bit problematic in terms of getting around inner campus due to there being more than one area under construction, but the closings have been planned out in an acceptable manner," Trujillo said. "I have siblings who will be attending UTEP in the future so I am excited for what they have to look forward to; to be honest, I am a little bit jealous."

More information about the Centennial Plaza may be found at [centennial.utep.edu](http://centennial.utep.edu). Updates on the construction around campus can be found at [onthemove.utep.edu](http://onthemove.utep.edu).

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held an internship with General Motors and said she wants to enhance engineering students' abilities to obtain internships and co-ops, therefore increasing their potential to get a job when they graduate.

"I know what it takes for students to obtain those internships and job opportunities, and I really feel like everybody has potential so they can land their dream job with their dream company, I really want to work hard," Becerra said. "Engineers focus on their own work and their tests and they don't go outside their organization meetings, so if we can really focus on the organization meetings in every college, we can get a well-rounded opinion of what students want."

Milroy said Lopez' plans to reach out to students for more involvement is good and necessary, but said students also have a responsibility to seek out SGA themselves.

"The SGA office is always open, but it's also the individual student's responsibility to see what's go-

ing on," Milroy said. "SGA needs to show our student body that it's willing to go through a long, hard-fought battle and even if they lose, that's going to mean something to the student body."

Lopez said she wants to spend SGA's budget wisely to have as much impact as possible.

"We have the biggest responsibility. We're the centennial senate, I'm the centennial president, so we need to really make a difference and set the bar for the next SGA and now that we're starting to move around and work, my vice presidents and myself have realized there's so much we can do and there's so much potential from SGA that hasn't been used, so we are really excited to start working and to see that we have so much support from students and faculty as well," Lopez said.

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# GRADUATION PARTY IDEAS

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— By Steven Mansfield

The stress of finals is almost over and now it is time to get ready for the big graduation celebration. Although celebrating with your friends and loved ones is important, nothing is more typical than having an expensive dinner at your favorite restaurant or having to entertain people you haven't seen since your childhood in your backyard. Both of those are great ways to celebrate your special day, but if you are looking for a more unique way to celebrate your graduation you may want to keep reading.

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some fun games to play and spend time with those that matter most. Limit your guest list so you do not take over the whole park and so your invitees do not have to worry about preparing food for an army. Make sure to check and follow the rules of the park so you can avoid some unwanted drama and please respect the park. Do not leave trash behind or end up vandalizing it in some way. Just because you are having a good time does not mean you should forget to respect those around you.

## GETTING WET



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Assuming you will be graduating this spring, another fun option to celebrate your graduation is to take a trip to the outskirts of town and enjoy some fun in the sun. Located in Anthony, Texas, Wet-N-Wild Waterworld has something for everyone. Get there early, reserve a bunch of tables, bring some barbecue supplies and take advantage of one of our nearby amusement parks. Although it can get a bit pricey for your guests, there

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## Venue

# Emerging venue for local talent

BY OSCAR GARZA

The Prospector

The new art venue The Bear Space Collective, which opened at the beginning of March, is hoping to offer the El Paso community a new experience as a creative space for events, art shows and a store that will provide local products to consumers.

The space is located at 501 Texas Ave. and one of the most recent events hosted was a Sci Fi/Horror Event on April 12, where the public was able to engage in a series of activities including a series of films, video games, vendor exhibits and cosplay opportunities.

Jazmin Gannon, co-owner of the Bear Space Collective and NMSU alumna in agricultural biology, was attracted to the El Paso cultural scene after graduating. She then decided to open up a space for artists to get involved.

"We collectively thought of the Bear Space Collective, which is a pun,"

Gannon said. "We have a space, its bare and empty because we want it to be filled with the ideas of people in our community and the pun helps us have cute logo options."

Gannon said the space is available for everyone and the variety of shows they have are designed to be for as many people possible.

"Our main goal is to get all the local people that have ever wanted their own space to count on the Bear Space Collective as their venue," Gannon said. "We can instead co-create in this one space. We want to see children be welcomed with places with live music and art and have a space for all art forms with an outdoor component in the city."

Adam Armstrong, UTEP English literature master's student, who has played at the space with his band Bitch Face, said that the venue has an intimate, almost "house party" atmosphere that he really enjoyed.

"They have just been kind of utilizing the space for projects that they're

interested in, which I think is great, we need more of these types of collectives," Armstrong said. "What's interesting about the space is that they're using it for so many different things and that they've kind of opened it up to all ages and they made it very friendly, it feels like you're just hanging out."

Armstrong said that the art, including bands, that have been featured at the space are very unique, but also something local that people can appreciate. For Armstrong, this is one of the reasons why it has stayed open.

"What was cool about it was that we had maybe a dozen people watching us, but they were so close to us and they were so into the music that they were moving around, the people that were watching us didn't leave the room," Armstrong said. "It's like little kids that still have their imagination and are just playing; it's like every time I go there it's like being at someone's birthday party."

Gustavo Gottfried, senior graphic design major, said that this new place will present a new cultural aspect to El Paso and he would like to attend one of their events.

"This place can present interest in cultural and talent aspects in our community," Gottfried said. "They can get them interested in El Paso and what's in town. People are always going to be interested in doing their favorite thing and if there's a venue that offers things as cosplay events, then for sure they will attend."

Gannon said that art and music bring peace to the world without language and hopes that the events at the space do that and open the door to celebrate culture.

"I would love to see the birth of new collectives with our support, other groups of people with their own vision putting their ideas into action," Gannon said.

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## Movie Review

## 'Iron Man 3' brings Marvel's Phase Two off to great start

BY OSCAR GARZA

The Prospector

Last year, Joss Whedon's acclaimed "The Avengers" brought to life a triumphant success to Marvel's Phase One project. This year, Phase Two begins with a compelling and thrilling Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) story, co-written and directed with great style by Shane Black ("Kiss Kiss Bang Bang").

The third chapter of the Iron Man trilogy starts a few months after the events of "The Avengers" and the story finds Stark dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder, doubting if he really is able to be on the same level as the different beings he has encountered.

The film begins with a fun flashback, where we learn of Stark's past demons, which have come back to haunt him, primarily Aldrich Killian (Guy Pearce), and technological breakthrough of Extremis, which could lead into the next step of human evolution. The return of Dr. Maya Hansen (Rebecca Hall) brings connections about Stark's early involvement with Extremis. All that danger is further amplified when terrorist attacks, led by the mysterious Mandarin (Ben Kingsley), target the homeland and the Stark legacy.

One of the things that makes this third chapter (loosely based on the Warren Ellis story arc Extremis) so successful is mainly due to Black's focus on the character of Tony and the impact that he has had in the world. Black, along with co-writer Drew Pearce, approached this as a back-to-basics storyline and has Tony rely on his ingenuity, smarts and resourceful intelligence to deal with these psychological and threatening problems.

The fact that the Stark mansion is destroyed (in a spectacular action set piece) forces Tony to not only pair up with unlikely allies, a 10-year-old boy sidekick, but also to do what he is best at, build things. Everyone needs a hobby after all.

"Iron Man 3" not only gives us a richly compelling arc for the character of Tony Stark, but also provides high stakes for its main character, the supporting players and the world around Tony. With both Killian and the Mandarin up to no good, this film gives us some truly great villainous characters, who present a formidable threat to Stark, like Iron Monger or Whiplash.

Black's style and wit is all over this chapter as he gives Tony some truly memorable dialogue, a sign of his excellent work with action films like "Lethal Weapon" and "Kiss Kiss Bang Bang." However, he also adds some depth to the film.

He is clearly interested in exploring Stark's character, as well as the implications of science in corporations, political messages through media, power dynamics and fixing what one did wrong in previous lives, all adding to a confident level of storytelling.

The whole cast is excellent. Downey Jr. in possibly his best performance as Stark brings a different portrayal and lets us see how much the impact of the Battle of New York really affected him. Gwyneth Paltrow, as Pepper Potts is terrific and their dynamic is always so well played.

Don Cheadle as Jim Rhodes gets a much better written part and he

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Review

# 'Evita' on UTEP's stage, successful rendition of Broadway's play

BY AARON MONTES

The Prospector

Out of total darkness, the cast mournfully shouted, "Evita! Evita! Evita!"

The stage and the characters resembled death and sadness. Then Che, the cynical narrator, broke the trance. With his entrance, Tim Rice's and Andrew Lloyd Webber's production was underway.

"Evita," the well-known Broadway musical was brought to life by a vibrant and majestic Eva Peron, played by UTEP alumna, Josey Mitchell, and supported by a captivating Che, played by Joe Estala, and a less vibrant Juan Peron, played by Jaime Barba.

The production, directed by Gregory Taylor, certainly had character and authenticity compared to the different renditions of the production, such as the film starring Madonna and Antonio Banderas. This rendition offered historical and captivating elements.

As costume designer, Barba captured the style of the times and showed the difference between working class, military and wealthy effectively with the clothing.

The choreography by Lisa Lopez was engaging, original and relative to each scene. Lopez' choreography displayed a classy and interpretive method of engagement.

The play followed Che and his derisive commentary about Eva, from a young and regular citizen

of Argentina in the '30s and '40s to her stardom as the most influential woman in Argentina.

Che was energetic, questioning what he witnessed, had a strong voice and found his place alongside the lead role. Che provided a contrasting view to Eva as he gave the audience a critical point of view, while characters saw her as a hero and cheered her name.

By using "Goodnight and Thank You" and "The Art of the Possible," these renditions used a comical sensibility to explain things that are usually obscene to watch, such as prostitution and murder.

"On the Balcony of the Casa Rosada," "Don't Cry For Me Argentina" and the Oscar-winning song "You Must Love Me," were expressed with a deep and emotional attitude using strong vocals and much more body language. This allowed Mitchell, as Eva, the opportunity to steal away the audience's hearts and opinions from Che's cynical comments.

Mitchell (Eva), made her introduction into the scene during "Eva, Beware of the City," displaying a strong voice and excellent stage presence. Her development from a young woman to an older Evita transitioned smoothly through each scene depicting a wiser character with each song.

By the second act, Mitchell was no longer Eva, but Evita. Her entrance into "On the Balcony of Casa Rosada," was captivating. Her dress resembled a

gown embedded with diamonds and for 10 minutes, she delivered a moving and impassioned speech that would establish Eva Peron's role as the most powerful woman in Latin America.

Estala's voice worked well, in harmony with Mitchell's, Barba's and the rest of the cast.

Juan Peron, depicted by Barba, found his intro in "The Art of the Possible," but did not make a splash until the song "I'd Be Surprisingly Good for You." Barba showed strength in singing, but did not show much expression on stage. His warm voice easily carried throughout the theater, but his body language did not depict a man with ambition or drive.

This production certainly magnified the great details of this well-respected play. Story development coincided with each element of the cast and crew in a constructive manner. The cast provided a balance and a positive addition to each scene. The play leaves a memorable impression and a warm one at that.

The play will be performed until May 12 in the UTEP Dinner Theatre, with dinner performances at 7 p.m. and matinee showings at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the UTEP Ticket Center, 747-5234 and all Ticketmaster outlets.

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**Josey Mitchell, as Eva Peron, sings for the crowd at the UTEP Dinner Theatre.**



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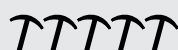
gets to make the character his own, while Guy Pearce is simply fantastic as Killian, being able to be smart and conniving at the same time. Ben Kingsley is great as the Mandarin and has some fabulous moments in the film.

"Iron Man 3" continues the level of quality that Marvel has had with their cinematic universe, especially with "Iron Man 1" and "The Avengers," signaling a promising start to their phase-two slate.

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Excellent performances by the cast, a compelling story arc with sharp dialogue, great work by cinematographer John Toll and impressive action set pieces, add up to create great summer entertainment and one of Marvel Studios' best.

Five out of five picks.




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**(Top left)** Josey Mitchell, as Eva Peron, begins to sing “Eva and Magaldi” as her entrance onto stage. **(Top right)** Towards the end of Eva’s broadcast, she was moved to the hospital due to her illness, concluding the play. **(Middle)** While Eva is giving money to citizens, Che, played by Joe Estela, sings “And the Money Kept Rolling In (And Out)” in the background. **(Bottom left)** In the second act, Eva sings on the balcony of Casa Rosada, addressing the people of Argentina that she is there for them and is their voice. **(Bottom right)** Eva and Juan Peron, played by Jaime Barba, sing “The Dice Are Rollin’/A New Argentina” as they talk to the citizens about change and revolution.

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-Aileen Renters

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With God, All things are possible

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Have Fun!  
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Sophomore distance runner, Anthony Rotich, competing at the UTEP track invitational at Kidd Field on April 13.

# MINERS IN GOOD SHAPE FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY EDWIN DELGADO

The Prospector

The UTEP track and field team is set to have a strong showing at the Conference USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships on May 9-12, which will be hosted by Rice University in Houston, Texas.

"Right now we're just getting ready, we don't have too much time to prepare so we need to fix what we can," said senior distance runner, Risper Kimaiyo. "We've been doing good in the last couple of meets, we just need to make sure we keep our good momentum for conference."

On April 25-28 at the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa, the Miners were able to obtain four titles. Kimaiyo took first in the women's 5,000 meters, and senior sprinter/hurdler Janice Jackson was crowned in the women's 100-meter hurdles.

On the men's side, junior jumper Mark Jackson set a personal best at 53-feet-1.5-inches in the triple jump. The jump set the third best mark in the nation, which allowed him to take the title. The men's medley relay composed of sophomores Anthony Rotich, Abiola Onakoya, junior Elkana Rotich and freshman Daniel Tarango dominated with a time of 9 minutes and 44.73 seconds, 2.4 seconds faster than second place Air Force.

The UTEP track and field men's team is ranked 25th in the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. UTEP and Houston are the two big favorites to take home the conference title.

"Judging from the stats, in the men's side it should be between us and Houston. It's going to be very close and I think it's going to come down to how the guys compete at the meet," said head coach Mika Laaksonen. "If they bring all they have, that's going to help them a lot in bringing the first place trophy."

Despite not having too many athletes competing in the women's team, Janice Jackson and Kimaiyo are ex-

"We are in a good position. I'm expecting big things, but I know for sure they'll do their best."

-Davian Clarke,  
assistant coach

pected to have big performances. Laaksonen is confident about Jackson having a great meet, and also said that he expects Kimaiyo to win in both the 5,000 meter and 10,000 meter run.

"For conference this will be the first time I'll be doing 10,000 meters," Kimaiyo said. "I feel confident about doing good on both and hopefully I can win a title for both the 5,000 and 10,000."

Even though the coaches are aware of the difficulties the women's team will face at conference, they will be expecting to see improvements in their performance.

"On the women's side, we don't have the depth we have in the men's side, and we have a couple of injuries that may hold us back a little bit," Laaksonen said. "In cross country we finished ninth, at the indoor conference meet we were sixth and now we are hoping that we can improve on that. It's going to be difficult but I know our girls are going to fight hard and move forward as a team."

Laaksonen spoke about the improvement most of the athletes have made throughout the season and he said he has been surprised to a certain extent, especially about sophomore distance runner, Anthony Rotich, who just keeps getting better.

"Even though he finished sixth in last year's 3,000 meter steeplechase in the nationals, I think the progress he has made throughout this season is



amazing and much better than what we expected," Laaksonen said. "He is moving up so fast and I can't wait to see where he is going to be at as a junior and senior."

Among the other athletes that he was surprised by are Onakoya who has improved his personal best by almost half a second in the 200 meters, Jackson who had a great indoor season, senior jumper Donovan Grant whom he believes will make some noise at the conference championships and qualify for nationals. Junior javelin thrower Richard Olsson, who last year suffered from a shoulder separation injury, is now back and getting his best marks.

"We should be able to be a top three team on the men's side, on the women's side we need a little bit more numbers but we do have the potential to get it done, we just need to execute," said assistant coach Davian Clarke. "We are in a good position. I'm expecting big things, but I know for sure they'll do their best."

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(Top) Senior Donovan Grant, takes a leap in the long jump at the UTEP track invitational at Kidd Field on April 13. (Bottom) freshman Paris Ware runs the 400 meter dash at the meet.

## Soccer

## Seniors hang up their cleats and look ahead

BY ALBERT GAMBOA

The Prospector

Walking into the women's soccer locker room for one last time, seniors Tess Hall and Brittany Kindizerski, haven't been hit with the realization that after four years of playing soccer at the collegiate level, it has finally ended for them. Both are cheerful and happy knowing this is just the beginning of what's next for them.

"I'm ready to be done. I've played soccer for so long that I'm ready to just move on but I know I'm going to miss it once I go watch the games," Hall said.

Making the most out of their last year, Hall and Kindizerski finished this season going 7-2 at home. Hall led the team in goals and assists while making third team All-Conference USA. Kindizerski finished her career at UTEP with six game-winning goals including a career-high three goals in one game last year against Houston.

Hall and Kindizerski always had double-digit wins in all four years they were at UTEP, with 45 wins total. Another accomplishment — they've never lost to rival New Mexico State in their collegiate career.

Kindizerski or as everyone else calls her "B.K." is ready to move on to the next chapter of her life. Graduating this spring, B.K. will move back to her hometown of St. Alberta, Alberta

where she will begin graduate school this fall on coaching studies. Kindizerski, who has been helping coach soccer since the age of 14, will be having a session with younger players once she gets off the plane in Canada.

Getting her through the transition from player to coach is her mentor Graham Wood, who has been teaching her the game since she was a kid. He's also helped her get tryouts and coaching opportunities, but that doesn't mean that she'll stop playing completely. Kindizerski has already signed up to play in a recreational league.

Kindizerski, who has played soccer since the age of 8 also played hockey, but at the age of 13 she chose soccer over hockey.

Hall won't graduate till next winter. Though she won't be able to participate in any more games, she'll be rooting for her teammates in the stands next season.

"Soccer is all I've done since I was three and now that it's over, it's almost like what do I do with my life now?" Hall said. "It's a weird state transitioning from being an athlete to now living a normal life."

Although both of Hall's parents are athletic, neither of them liked or knew anything about soccer. Hall, at the age of 3, saw a flyer at her preschool to join a team and kept bugging her parents to let her join. The rules said she had to be four years old



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Seniors Brittany Kindizerski (left) and Tess Hall (right) competing in a match against UAB October 2012 at University Field.

but after bugging her parents countless times, they lied about her age so she could play.

Staying in El Paso after graduation, Hall will take a Campus Missionary position at the Baptist Student Minis-

tries to lead young girls into mission trips while teaching bible studies.

"I'm enjoying the time off, being able to do my own thing and having freedom now," Hall said.

One of the best moments both girls agreed will always stick with them

was last season's conference finals game against the fifth best team in the nation, Memphis. Hall crossed the ball but missed the pass to an intended teammate; instead it landed right in front of Kindizerski who shot the ball. **see SENIORS on page B12**

## Profile

## Leaving everything out on the golf course



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Senior, Devin Miertschin is a four-time member of the Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll. He will be graduating with a 3.79 GPA.

BY ALBERT GAMBOA

The Prospector

As a senior golfer Devin Miertschin approached the final 18th hole at the Conference USA Championships in Texarkana, Ark., realizing it would be the last time he made a putt for UTEP. He said he was almost tearing up as he walked down the fairway with his coach of two years, Scott Lieberwirth. As he made his final putt, Lieberwirth hugged Miertschin and told him what an enjoyment it had been coaching him, Miertschin recalled.

"I was thinking 'oh my gosh, it's over,'" Miertschin said. "Words can't describe

what's going through my head. Another chapter coming to an end."

Miertschin found his way into golf thanks to some mischievous kids breaking into the Lone Star golf course and driving the golf carts into the lake. Miertschin's dad, who was an El Paso policeman, caught the kids and was welcomed back to play some golf with the professionals who were there. His dad took him to the golf course when he was 5 years old. A few golfers took notice of Miertschin swinging at the golf balls and offered him the chance to learn the fundamentals of the game.

So every time his dad would go out to the range, Miertschin would come along to learn as well.

"It was daycare for me. My dad would drop me off with a bunch of kids that are around the same age as me and we would go play and hangout in the golf course," Miertschin said.

In his final year at UTEP, Miertschin posted the best score average of his collegiate career at 75.3. He finished 15th in the Herb Wimberly tournament and tied for second on the team for a best round at 68.

Miertschin has a 3.79 GPA, and his professors gave him the ability to strive and challenge himself to be the best he can be.

One of Miertschin's best moments at UTEP was a junior-senior seminar research conference in which he wrote about steroid use in major league baseball. He placed second in that competition for the paper he wrote.

While keeping the student-athlete mentality, Miertschin was a receiver of a 2013 Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Medal and a four-time member of the Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll.

"He has a lot of potential to do something great, even though at first he didn't seem like it but now he's a fun, likable, normal guy," said teammate David Persons.

Graduating in the summer with a history degree, the former Hanks High School student wants to get into teaching history and coaching golf. Supplementing his seed as coach, Miertschin wants to give young golfers the same if not a better experience in having fun with the game.

"The way you can coach and at the same time incorporate life lessons is something I've wanted to do," he said.

With the game always changing, Miertschin encourages people to have fun whenever they play. It's all about staying patient and keeping one's composure, he said.

Bubba Watson, who instills a fun aspect to the game, is Miertschin's favorite golfer. Watson, a rare left-hander, is the 2012 Masters Champion.

Having great success in high school, Miertschin was a three-time district champion, won 24 individual titles, was named 2008 Athlete of the Year in Hanks and was a two-time El Paso City MVP.

Though he won't compete in the collegiate level anymore, every summer Miertschin plans to go out to small tournaments for fun and for a possible chance to go pro. For now though, his main focus is getting a master's in business and administration.

"It's a unique experience just getting out there and competing at a high level. That's one thing I will miss," Miertschin said. "I competed to the best of my abilities and left everything out on the golf course."

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Feature



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James Ketchell, an account manager and part-time gym instructor, has rowed across the Atlantic Ocean, climbed Mount Everest, cycled across the United States and he will cycle around the world beginning June 30.

# Pushing the limit

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA

The Prospecter

After suffering a bad motorcycle accident, James Ketchell, 31, of London, UK decided he would row across the Atlantic. It was an unusual thought to run across the mind of someone who had just broken both of his legs and ankle. Doctors told him he would not be able to cope with strenuous, prolonged physical activity.

"You start to realize and think that things that you perhaps perceived were quite difficult, maybe they are, but actually you're doing it," Ketchell said. "Maybe it's not that hard...if I push myself a bit more what could I do. Then you start to get a lot of confidence in yourself"

On January 2010, Ketchell rowed across the Atlantic from La Gomera in the Canary Islands to Antigua in the Caribbean. The trip was a total of 2,700 miles and took Ketchell 110 days to complete.

"I got hit in the face by a flying fish. I had an oceanic white shark—which is seven feet long, quite a big shark—followed me encircling the boat for three days," Ketchell said. "It was really exciting...in the end it realized it couldn't eat me so it swam off."

Sometimes the nearest people to him were up in a space station orbiting the earth, which he could see at night, Ketchell said.

After the row, Ketchell decided to take on a new challenge. On March

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2011, he went on a two-month expedition to climb Mount Everest.

"By the time you're down you've climbed the mountain three or four times, but there's no short cut to the top," Ketchell said.

As Ketchell reached the summit of Mt. Everest, he developed a lung infection that could have been fatal. Fortunately, his Sherpa guide was there to get him through it.

"He kept shouting to me and saying, 'Do you want to be like that Japanese guy,' and I had no idea of what he was talking about," he said.

As Ketchell made his way back down the mountain he saw an object

off in the distance, which he thought was some anti-oxygen canisters.

"When I got closer, it wasn't. What happened was a Japanese chap basically had a heart attack, I think two days before I went up," Ketchell said. "His team didn't have the energy to take him back down. He died then and there and was just left there. You don't see dead bodies in your everyday life. It's a little bit upsetting. I remember it clearly because he was lying flat and his arms are out stretched as if he's reaching for help. His eyes were closed and his body was frozen solid."

Ketchell eventually got down the mountain on time and was treated for his lung infection.

Now, he will take on his next adventure. On June 30, Ketchell intends to embark on his 18,000-mile journey around the world. He will cycle through Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Australia, North America and then back to Europe.

To prepare for the task, Ketchell cycled across the United States, starting at San Diego, Calif. and ending at St. Augustine, Fla.

One day along highway 28 in New Mexico, he crossed paths with Shannon Osborne, student leadership coordinator for the Student Engagement and Leadership Center at UTEP.

"I was training with one of my friends and I happened to get a flat tire. We were four miles from where

our rest stop was. She went ahead, went along and I was about to fix my flat tire," Osborne said. "Once I got my flat tire fixed I was back on the road riding my bicycle and that's when we met because he started talking to me out of nowhere. I looked behind me and here's this English guy talking with an accent. We were talking and asking lots of questions. He was telling me that he was participating in a global triathlon."

Osborne kept in touch with Ketchell. As the advisor for the National Society of Leadership and Success, she suggested the group take a look at possibilities of bringing Ketchell to UTEP as a speaker.

"We all did our own research on him to see what he's about because you don't want to bring someone in and you don't know how to relate to this person," said Anastasia Shively, senior psychology major and member of NSLS. "I heard his story and it really stuck out...we need a unity with leadership across campus and for students to come and go, 'Well I went and saw him so I'm inspired to do something.'"

NSLS, along with help from other sponsors at UTEP, were able to get Ketchell to come to UTEP before he starts his cycle around the world. He will speak at 7 p.m., May 9 at the UTEP Union Cinema. The event is free admission and open to the public.

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Senior Tess Hall, gets a header during a match against Memphis on October 2012 at University Field.

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goal and tied up the game to send it into overtime.

"I remember scoring and being like what happened?" Kindizerski said. "Everyone was cheering and so pumped up and one of my teammates comes up and I thought she was going to give me a high five but instead she

just claps and I'm just with my hands up in shock."

Although Hall and Kindizerski will head their own separate ways, both girls said they will make an effort to see and talk to each other as many times as they can.

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