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BY S. DAVID RAMIREZ

The Prospector

Interest rates on federal student loans will increase only a fraction despite legislative inaction in early July and the threat of a dramatic increase.

"Nobody's comfortable paying for interest, but I'm just so glad it didn't jump that much," said Diego Romero, junior graphic design major. "It is something I always take into consideration whenever I'm taking out a loan."

The newly signed Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act will increase the interest rate on Stafford loans from 3.4 to 3.86 percent, rather than the 6.8 percent Congress anticipated in June.

"They did end up tying that rate to the Treasury note (rates), but they put caps on the loans," said Craig Westman, associate vice-president for student solutions and outcomes.

Treasury notes are a type of security bond that individuals can purchase from the federal government. Notes are bought at a specific price and interest rate, then mature two to 10 years later. As the bonds mature, they pay out to their owners. This way, citizens can invest and try to capitalize on the success of their own government.

The interest rates are usually announced for these securities in July. It is this announcement that will set the interest rate for educational loan disbursement.

According to the bill, undergraduate loan interest rates will mirror the announced interest rate plus an additional 2.05 percent, but future rates will not exceed 8.25 percent.

The legislation also aims to increase transparency within the Department of Education. The Secretary of Education will convene an advisory committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to study practices and techniques for improving educational transparency in the federal government.

Graduate students will experience higher rates on their loans at the base rate of the Treasury note plus an additional 3.6 percent. Interest rates for federal-subsidized graduate Stafford loans are capped at 9.5 percent.

Although a major increase was avoided, there is still the potential for higher rates. According to economic forecasting by the International Monetary Fund, global economies, including

the U.S., have seen a subdued uptick in growth, which may ultimately increase the value of the Treasury notes.

"Being tied the way it is, those rates could go up for new borrowers next year," Westman said. "We'll have to keep an eye on that."

The Treasury note's value changes as the economy fluctuates. As economic situations improve, the value of those notes will have a related increase. If the interest rate hits its cap, UTEP students could expect to pay an additional \$40 per month after graduation.

"It sounds good as long as the economy stays in a slump," said Alex Arenivar, senior criminal justice major. "The economy may stay like this for a while, so it would be good in the short term."

With the Department of Education reporting that student loans are now a trillion-dollar industry, the impact on a national scale could be significant.

Despite this, the new cohort of students coming in for the fall have expressed few concerns to financial aid staff, Westman said.

Westman said that a majority of the calls fielded by the admissions and financial aid offices were from concerned parents.

Students are not required to check their financial aid loan packages. The changes are automatically made by the government and then awarded by UTEP.

So far, there has not been a noticeable change in the number of students taking out loans for school. However, with interest rates fluctuating in the future, student trends in loan acceptance may change.

Institutional research has shown that UTEP students prefer to pay-as-they-go rather than taking on student loans.

"It is an investment in your future," Westman said. "Take your loans, finish school, go out, get jobs."

Students may contact the UTEP Office of Student Financial Aid at 915-747-5204 or by email at financial@utep.edu.

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RATE CALCULATION	NEW STANFORD LOAN RATES	RATE CAP
TREASURY NOTE +2.05	6.41%	10.50%

ACADEMICS

WOMEN'S STUDIES MAJOR APPROVED

BY AMANDA GUILLEN

The Prospector

Women's and gender studies is now on the list of 71 majors students can choose from.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved UTEP's request of offering a Bachelor of Arts in Women's and Gender Studies on July 31 after noting its popularity at other universities.

The major is not yet officially available, but Brenda Risch, director of the Women's Studies Program, said the major will be guaranteed to students in the Fall 2013 semester.

Some students are looking forward to changing their major.

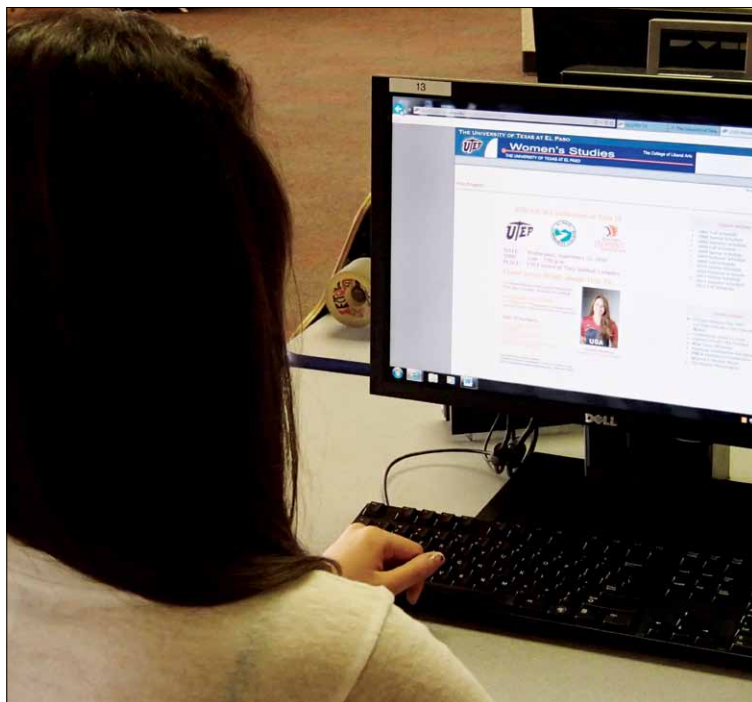
"There are a lot of students that have expressed how displeased they were that they could only take 18 hours in women's studies because all we had was a minor, and because of this displeasure there was also a big call for

"We want people to see beyond what others may have assumed."

- Adrian Chavez,
senior psychology major

this major," said Sarah Walker, senior English and American literature major and lead intern at the Women's Studies Program. She plans to change her major when it becomes available.

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Senior electrical engineering major Edith Mejia glances through the Women's Studies website although the degree is not yet available to students.

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EDITORIAL

The Prospector Daily welcomes you

BY EDITORIAL STAFF

The Prospector

Journalism has developed a bad reputation these days. Publications are in debt and losing money, newspaper reporters are getting laid off or put on furlough, some people are going so far as to say that journalists are useless. A study by the Pew Research Center published in July showed that 27 percent of Americans believe journalists contribute nothing or very little to society. The same research found that the public feels mutually about lawyers and artists.

But would you really rather live in a world without freedom of representation, expression and press? It has been said that journalists are a dying breed, but we argue otherwise, we are an adaptive breed. Where before news was solely distributed in hard copy, now it can be delivered instantaneously in a tweet. News is now more than a talking head on TV, it's an interactive experience for those who seek it out online. Journalism is not dead, it's evolving, and The Prospector is evolving with it. This year, we bid farewell to The Prospector and welcome The Prospector Daily. With countless meetings in the spring and summer semesters, it was

finally decided that the face of the student newspaper would change along with the rest of campus. Although we celebrate our 100th birthday in 2015, the staff has decided to change in time for the centennial celebration. Before we published two newspapers a week with some activity online. Now we will work to produce daily content on our new website, theprospectordaily.com, which will include countless bits of multimedia extras. UTEP is overseeing a dramatic transformation, trying to be a leader in the rapid national change of demographics and cater to a majority Hispanic community with a 25 percent poverty rate. All the while, students

are facing a poor job market, rising student costs and an increasingly partisan Congress that affects our lives in more ways than it may seem. Despite every change, The Prospector is and always will be the assayer of student opinion. Everything we report is for the betterment of the student population. Sometimes that makes us unpopular amongst officials, but it is our job to inform you. Our new website will feature a calendar of events which will be updated daily, crime logs from UTEP Police, student opinions around campus, scores from every UTEP game and much more.

Our staff is made up of students with diverse experience at different publications. Some have interned as reporters outside of the Prospector, such as the Scripps Howard Foundation Wire in Washington, D.C., the Sacramento Bee in Sacramento, Calif. and local publications like The Art Avenue. Photographers at the Prospector have had the opportunity to practice photography abroad. We are dedicated to delivering award-winning content and are looking forward to an exciting new year with you. On behalf of The Prospector staff, welcome to the start of a great year.

The editorial staff may be reached at prospector@utep.edu.

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StormTRACK WEATHER

Student government: plan to unify campus organizations



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Utep's Student Government Association and the Student Organization Council will work to create a reliable student government for the university.

The Prospector

The Student Government Association is preparing a series of events they hope will enhance campus life.

The representatives hope to create a more accessible and reliable student government after campaigning with a record number of candidates.

Paulina Lopez, SGA president, said events spread out over the fall and spring semesters will create a showcase of UTEP talent.

"We want to open the door completely to students," said Lopez, a junior organizational and corporate communication major. "We all are SGA, not just the senators, but actually the students. We want to unite the whole campus."

SGA also plans to have a strong presence at high-profile events such as Minerpalooza on Sept. 6, homecoming on Oct. 5 and the upcoming TEDx event on Sept. 28.

The change comes on the heels of past administrations that were criticized for having a low-profile on campus.

Gustavo Dominguez, junior geological sciences major and SGA Supreme Court justice, said this year they will implement a focus on cooperation between all the branches of student government.

SGA will strive to create unity among the 194 individual student organizations on campus.

Dominguez described a system where each branch will provide additional support to each other. They hope to work toward the common goal of enhancing the UTEP experience for all students by collaborating on more events and activities.

“We are obligated to make sure that our function is loyal to students,” Dominguez said.

New standing committees were implemented during the summer to help with the new efforts.

The Student Organization Council and an SGA outreach committee will work to field questions and concerns from organizational representatives and students at large.

The outreach committee hopes to reach students through a campaign that will enroll students in a text messaging-based mailing list, where SGA will share updates about upcoming projects.

"Students always have their phones," said Luis "Beto" Martinez, senior media advertising major and senator at large.

Martinez said that SGA will be advertising with banners across campus and on the Miner Metro buses, also focusing on outreach through social media.

The SGA also hopes this new push for involvement will bring in more registered student organizations.

"For a university of this size, we should have 400 organizations," said Hector Soltero, junior organizational and corporate communication major and senator at large.

Soltero said there are a number of organizations that are chartered through educational departments, but have not filed the proper RSO paperwork. He said that there are also groups who meet casually at UTEP that could qualify for RSO status if they applied.

"It's the same organizations coming back every year, asking for the same amount of money for the same events," Soltero said. "We want to continue giving money to those organizations, but we want to reach out to the other or-

“We want to reach out to the other organizations who might not know that they have these opportunities.”

**- Hector Soltero, junior
organizational and corporate
communication major**

ganizations who might not know that they have these opportunities.”

Organizations who receive the RSO accreditation must have a minimum number of members and a faculty or staff sponsor. They are eligible to reserve public meeting space in the Union and apply for appropriations bills.

As part of the outreach committee, Soltero will meet with organization presidents to discuss how SGA can better serve their groups. The hope is that this will create a new trend in open access that will move across campus.

SGA senators and officers will be in public spaces during the first week of school to help students find classes and navigate through the ongoing campus construction.

SGA may be contacted at sga@utep.edu or students can text SGA to 701010 for more information about upcoming projects.

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TECHNOLOGY

Laboratory uses innovative 3D-printing method to aid in health

BY AMANDA GUILLEN

The Prospector

Advances in 3D-printing technology at UTEP have led to innovations in health, according to university specialists.

Mahesh Tonde, project analyst for the W.M. Keck Center for 3D Innovation, said printing technology helps with organ implants that can now be made to fit the patient instead of the patient receiving a standard size.

“It’s really fast, it’s convenient and it is a game-changing technology that has come out,” Tonde said.

In 2001, Ryan Wicker, director of the Keck Center, wrote a proposal and received a grant from the W.M. Keck Foundation. This led to UTEP receiving a \$1 million grant to start up the laboratory.

Rodrigo Enriquez, senior mechanical engineering major, works at the center and is excited to work on the research.

“On my first day of orientation, I saw the lab and I said ‘one day I’m going to work there,’ and three years later I’m working here,” Enriquez said.

The center has worked on various projects and has sent some parts made at the university to space.

Tonde said 3D printing involves building prototypes from raw materials and laying them down layer by layer on a platform.

The lab also conducts surveys and builds prototypes for companies.

“This lab is big and we have more projects,” Tonde said. “We don’t only

“I am fascinated by it, so I think they will be also. It is a great technology, it is the future.”

- Mahesh Tonde,
project analyst for the
W.M. Keck Center for 3D
Innovation

do research... there are two sides, we are a business and a lab.”

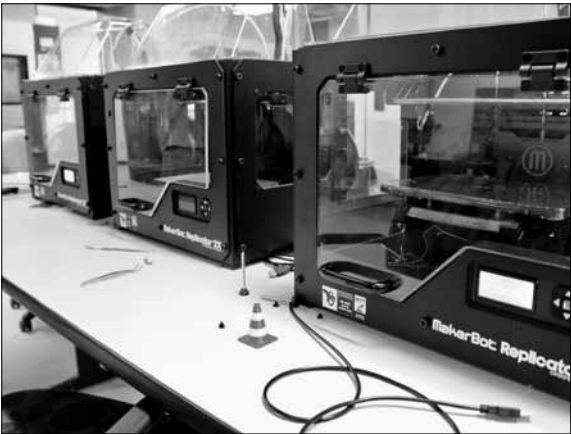
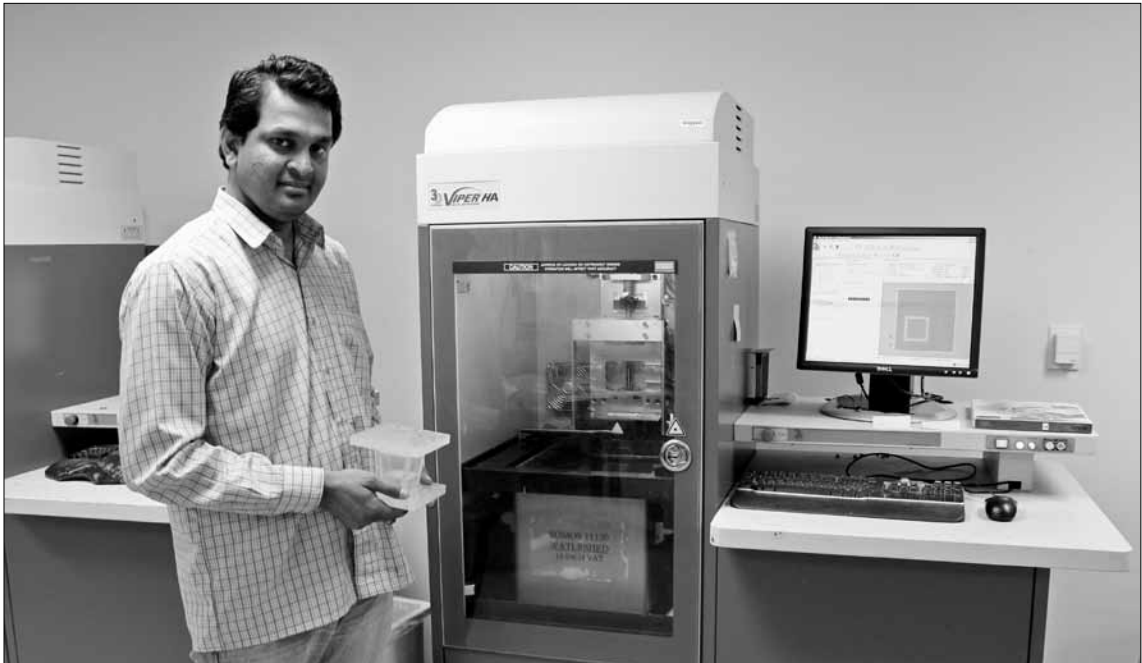
Enriquez said students can visit the lab to have a prototype built for their classes.

Tonde encourages students and community members to be informed about the center, adding they should stop by and take a tour.

“I am fascinated by it, so I think they will be also. It is a great technology, it is the future,” Tonde said.

The W.M Keck Center for Innovation is located in room 108 in the Engineering Building. Students can also visit wm-keck.utep.edu for more information.

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Mahesh Tonde, project analyst presents the advanced 3-D printing technology that is located at the engineering building.

IN BRIEF

NEW NIGHT PERMITS

UTEP will offer new night permits for evening students. Parking with these permits begins at 4 p.m. in all parking garages, except the Glory Road Parking Garage. The permit is also valid for all inner campus lots after 5:30 p.m.

CARPOOL PARKING PERMIT

The carpool permit program will continue for two or more riders at a 15 percent discount off regularly priced permits for the same location.

WIGGINS ROAD AND WIGGINS PLAZA

The Wiggins Road and Wiggins Plaza is scheduled to be complete by the beginning of the fall semester. The circular plaza will include shade, trees, benches and an elliptical labyrinth between the University Library and the Health Sciences and Nursing Building. Wiggins Road from the plaza to Rim Road will include native or drought resistant plant material, as well as new LED light fixtures that will be more energy efficient and enhance campus safety.

NEW PARKING METERS

New meters have been installed on Wiggins Road in front of Benedict Hall, in front of the Centennial Museum and on University Avenue just east of the information kiosk near Sun Bowl Drive. These are meant for visitors who are not faculty, staff or students.

MINER METRO CHANGES

The Oregon Street Miner Metro Shuttle stop on Glory Road will move south on Oregon closer to the P-12 Oregon lot entrance to make way for the city’s new Rapid Transit bus stop. The shuttle stop in lot P-5 near the Rubin Gallery will be eliminated and relocated to the bus stop in front of the Sun Bowl Garage.

NEW HAWK LIGHTS

New High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) lights on Schuster Avenue at Prospect Street and Lawton Drive will help regulate traffic along Schuster to accommodate pedestrians crossing the street.

SUN METRO ROUTES

On Sept. 23, Sun Metro will launch a new Route No.75 Far East Express from R.C. Poe Road and Edgemere Boulevard to UTEP. Sun Metro Bus Route No.70, the Eastside Express from the Sun Metro Cielo Vista Mall Transfer Center to UTEP, resumes operation on Monday, Aug. 26 to coincide with the start of the fall semester. Sun Metro continues to offer an express route from the Westside Transfer Center on Remcon Circle to their Downtown transfer station, with a connection to Route No. 204 express to University and Oregon and to Glory Road. UTEP students who are Juárez residents are encouraged to utilize Route No. 204 for its express service to the campus from the Downtown Transfer Center.

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Courses have been taught at the university since the late ‘70s and a program was formed in 1981, Risch said.

“Women’s studies has a long history of addressing the kind of radical issues that are happening in society,” Risch said. “Because we look at all those different intersections of identity, I think it helps people feel more comfortable that the university represents a variety of viewpoints.”

Adrian Chavez, a senior who plans to become a double major in psychology and women’s and gender studies, said he wanted to see what else the program had to offer.

“As being one of two males who have declared to major in this program, I believe that it’s truly amazing,” he said.

Chavez said there are a lot of misconceptions he thinks are worth talking about.

“We want people to see beyond what others may have assumed,” he said. “Women’s studies, or in this case, the f-word (feminism), is all about women on the male-bashing band wagon. Sometimes you just want to scream out ‘no, that’s not what we’re all about.’”

Several women’s studies courses are cross-listed, for example, courses in political science and criminal justice are offered this semester.

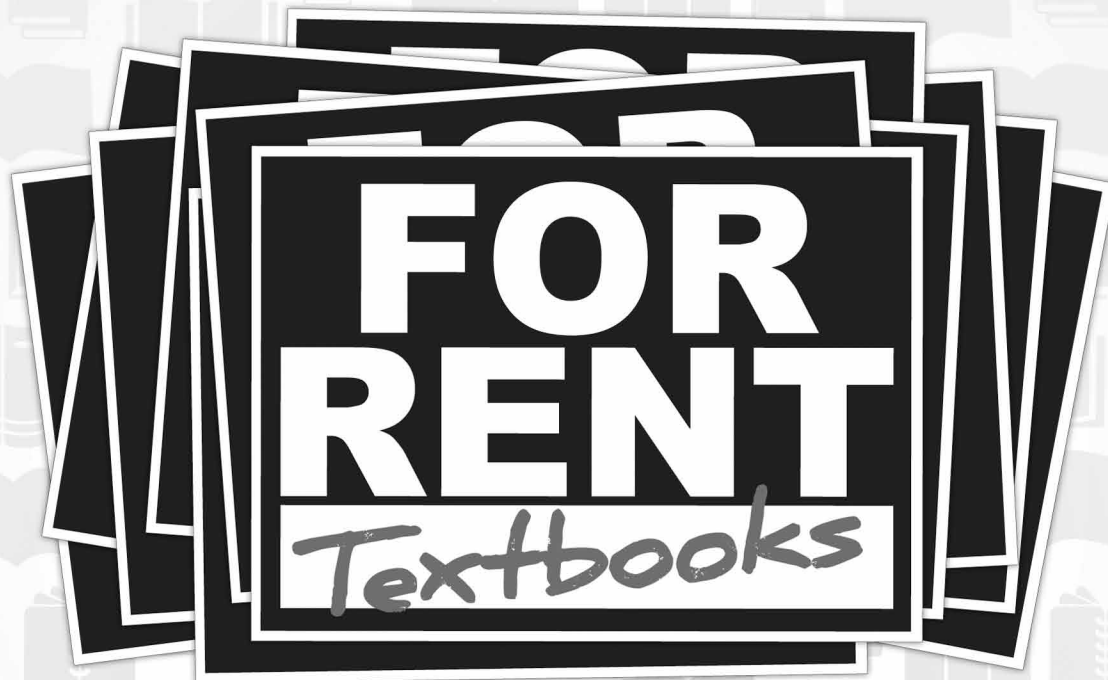
“Women’s studies is for everybody, it really does have content that affects everybody’s life and I think it can enrich anybody’s degree plan,” Walker said. “There is a lot of quality here, and I think that shows in our enrollment growth and the way that people have taken interest in our program.”

For more information about Women’s and Gender Studies visit Liberal Arts Room 233.

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(Top): left to right sophomore criminal justice major Giovanna Cardoza was part of the welcome week events hosted by the Campus Activity Board at the Union during the day. Students wait for classes to start at the engineering building during the early afternoon Monday. (Middle): International student advisor, Melissa Herrera was part of the UTEP street communication team that guided new students through campus during their first day of class. (Bottom): left to right Senior biology major, Fabiola Ibarra invited students to the Baptist Student Ministry before lunch time at the Student Union. Students hang out at Leech Grove between classes.

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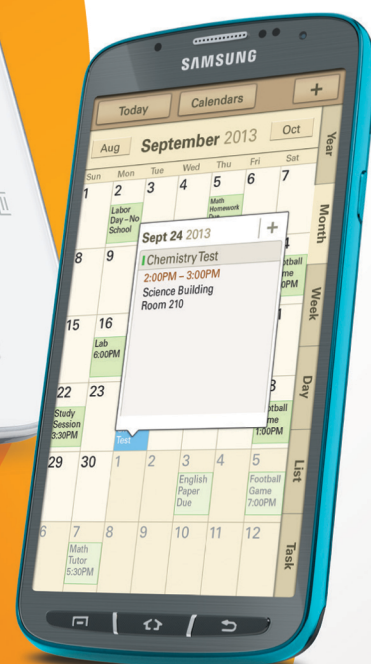


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9:30-10:30 am	Boot Camp, Rm. 120	Reyna
10:00-11:00 am	Fusion Pilates, Rm. 130	Clarissa
11:30-12:30 pm	Boxing Conditioning, Rm. 110	Juan
12:30-1:30 pm	Zumba®, Rm. 130	Marko
1:30-2:30 pm	Yoga Sculpt, Rm. 110 A	Jane
2:00-3:00 pm	Kardio Kickboxing, Rm. 130	Juan
4:00-5:00 pm	20/20/20 (step/aerobics/pilates) Rm. 120	Rosa
5:15-6:15 pm	Toning Pilates, Rm. 120	Rosa
5:15-6:15 pm	Zumba®, Rm. 130	Anai
5:30-6:30 pm	Water Conditioning, Pool	Vicki
6:30-7:30 pm	Spin & Sculpt, Rm. 130	Clarissa
6:30-7:30 pm	R.I.P.P.E.D.™ Rm. 120	Cindy
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8:45-9:15 am	FREE Ultimate Abs, Rm. 120	Reyna
9:00-10:00 am	Climb Fit, Climbing Gym	Ana
9:30-10:30 am	Body Sculpting, Rm. 120	Reyna
10:30-11:30 am	Climb Fit, Climbing Gym	Ana
11:30-12:30 pm	FREE Water Aerobics, Pool	Marcela
12:00-1:00 pm	Spin & Sculpt, Rm. 130	Clarissa
12:30-1:30 pm	Hatha Yoga, Rm. 110 A	Julie
2:00-3:00 pm	Zumba®, Rm. 130	Julie
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4:30-5:30 pm	Boxing Conditioning, Rm. 110	Juan
4:30-5:30 pm	Hatha Yoga, Rm. 130	Julie
4:30-5:30 pm	Swimming Conditioning, Pool	Jessica
5:15-6:15 pm	Zumba®, Rm. 120	Heryca
6:00-7:00 pm	Spin & Sculpt, Rm. 130	Clarissa
6:30-7:30 pm	Body Sculpting, Rm. 120	Javier

SATURDAY

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10:00-11:00 am	Zumba®, Rm. 120	Anai
10:30-11:30 am	R.I.P.P.E.D.™ Rm. 130	Cindy
11:15-12:15 pm	Step Aerobics, Rm. 120	Rosa

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Friday, September 6th	2:00 to 3:00 pm
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Saturday	11:00 am-1:00 pm

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Volleyball	10/2/13	10/7/13
Frisbee Golf	10/9/13	10/9/13
Bowling	10/16/13	10/16/13
Paintball	10/21/13	10/24/13
Outdoor Soccer	10/23/13	10/28/13
Table Tennis	10/30/13	10/30/13
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SPECIAL TO THE PROSPECTOR

Participants getting ready to audition at Memorial Gym on Aug 17.



VERONICA ENRIQUEZ / THE PROSPECTOR

The Sun City Girls: The first professional dance team in El Paso

BY ANDREA ACOSTA
The Prospector

Currently creating the first professional dance team to represent the city to visitors; Cool Beans Effect-An Artist Management Company has chosen 32 talented and committed women, and are in the last stage of deciding on the final 16, who will be part of the first season of the Sun City Girls Dance Team.

CBE held auditions on Aug. 17 at the UTEP Memorial Gym and with more than 150 participants auditioning, 90 percent of who were UTEP students.

Chelsea Shugert, a UTEP senior dance major, said she was very excited to have made it into the final 32 and hopes to become a symbol of the city of El Paso.

"I went to the auditions very curious and of course excited for what this whole professional dance team since it personally sounded too good to be true," Shugert said. "However the auditions went smoothly and it made me feel secure when I noticed the judges focused mainly on technique."

Isaac William, team director and a UTEP alum, said he was pleased to see the passion and dedication exhibited by the participants.

"The 32 girls that were handpicked that are currently fighting to be in the top 16, showed immense dedication and drive that quite illustrates their unique behavior and personality," William said.

Founded in 2009, CBE is a business management company that offers to guide the careers of talent pursuing the television, film and music industries.

Not only will the SCG represent the highest-quality team in the industry of professional dance, they will also represent physical fitness, strength, coordination, vitality and excitement—all qualities associated with the idea

"This experience will help me tremendously. This is what I signed up for four years ago when I decided to pursue dance as a major."

- Chelsea Shugert, senior dance major

of the all-American girl, said Richard Rivera, CEO of CBE.

"The auditions went smoothly and this season started better than we had expected," Rivera said. "We are welcoming hopefuls with open arms to be part of an organization that is comparable to the Dallas Cowboys

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Kilo and the Dew: Up-and-coming indie-pop band to play at Minerpalooza

BY LEONARDO MONTAÑEZ
The Prospector

Four months after the UTEP Picks Talent Show on Apr. 24, Kilo and the Dew, a band formed by two UTEP students got to work on releasing an EP due out in October, which will be followed by a South-to-Southwest tour. They are also looking forward to performing at Minerpalooza on Sept. 6.

"We are excited to be performing for the UTEP community," said Daniel Rivera, lead drummer of Kilo and the Dew. "It's great to have the support of our own school at such a huge event, carefully put together every year."

Rivera, known as "Kilo," and keyboardist and lead vocalist Jason Daw (The Dew), sophomore media advertising major, have been playing together since the spring. Then have composed original songs, which they say fall under the indie pop music genre.

"As an effect of the auditions taking place, Jason called me one day and said 'I need a drummer,'" Rivera said. "After joining forces, liking how it sounded and receiving great feedback on our original material from students, we just kept going."

According to Rivera, he is in charge of the technical aspects, involving the recording of the tracks, while Daw focuses more on the creative side, which involves the melody and writing of the lyrics.

"The lyrics of our original songs really do have something to say. They

are not usual love songs, but instead are songs with a message and a purpose," Daw said. "While most artists write about love, I write about how you can't live in fear, because personally I think that fear is the deepest emotion that often times connects with people. Our music is different, it is not like everyone else's, we are trying to make a movement so people are a part of our band and the show."

According to both members, their influences come from bands such as 21 Pilots, MGMT and others, they describe their shows as "highly energetic."

"You would have to come to one of our shows to see. We have a lot of energy on stage, it is just not sitting down, people like to get up and move around," Daw said. "I go crazy on stage."

According to Rivera and Daw, they gained a different edge by not only having a band that consisted of two members, but also by their musical backgrounds. Rivera began playing drums at the age of 14 and member of the UTEP marching band.

"We only had time to get two people and we practiced one week before the talent show," Rivera said. "From there, logistically coming from someone who has been in bands all over El Paso, I think it is easier to manage two people rather than four and it gives us that different edge."

Daw said that although an up-and-coming band and having a lot to prove, Kilo and the Dew doesn't re-

ally need more than two people to be considered a real band.

"We use a lot of technology in our shows. For the most part, I'll be playing the keyboards while Kilo is just on drums," Daw said. "We both have enough energy on stage compared to other bands that consists of five or more members standing on stage with no energy—nothing cool."

Noe Cardenas, sophomore commercial music major, saw Kilo and the Dew for the first time and felt it was something he hasn't seen here in El Paso.

"I've seen different kind of bands throughout El Paso, and Kilo and the Dew is really something I haven't seen," Cardenas said. "There are many duos out there, but you don't really see many bands with the energy Kilo and the Dew have."

Kilo and the Dew is a band that people need to see, Cardenas said

"I think Kilo and the Dew have the potential to be a great band if given the opportunity, because you could see the people in the audience rise and move with their music," Cardenas said. "You can really see or feel the kind of energy they give when they are on stage."

For more information, visit Facebook.com/kiloandthedew or at kiloandthedewmusic.com

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Kilo and the Dew performing at The Percolator



El Pasoans prepare for the next edition of the Sun City Music Festival

SPECIAL TO THE PROSPECTOR

Tiesto will be a top headliner at the Sun City Music Festival on Sat. Aug. 31

BY OSCAR GARZA

The Prospector

Music and the outdoors have always been in sync, and that continues this year at El Paso third-annual Sun City Music Festival, taking place at on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 at Ascarate Park. The festival will be able open to the public, from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m., and this year some of the notable acts include Armin Van Buuren, Steve Aoki, Tiesto, Alesso and many more. With a two day lineup and three stages the Sun City Music Festival has become the largest electronic dance festival in the state of Texas.

El Pasoans are excited about this year's lineup and for the atmosphere that the festival brings to the city and its citizens.

Eduardo Hernandez, senior psychology major, said he is looking forward to the vibe the festival brings out. "Everything just feels so perfect when you get lost in music," Hernandez said. "If I had to choose, I would say that I'm looking forward to Steve Aoki, mainly because I love his music." Hernandez hopes that the festival can achieve what they accomplished last year, which is a fun-filled experience. "SCMF has brought not only people from out of town, but has given people stories that they will remember with our landscape," Hernandez said. "You can go to SCMF and just express yourself, listen to music and make friends." Omar Vasquez, UTEP alum, said that the lineup has delivered a lot and the variety of the DJs is something to talk about.

"This event brings people together to listen to music and just simply have a good time," Vasquez said. "I am most looking forward to the beat port stage, since this is the first time SCMF shows this. I am really excited to see Droog perform as well as the other artists of course." With so many of the biggest names in the electronic music dance scene, this year's SCMF is looking to deliver on its lineup with a collection of various sub genres. Felipe Talavera, junior communication major, is interested in the opportunities that it brings to engage with others and enjoy a series of concerts. He said that every year the event gets bigger because of the electronic scene in El Paso. "As the scene gets bigger, the events naturally get bigger as well," Talavera said. "Culturally, it's something that

El Paso offers, not only to the locals but other people from the area as well. It brings outsiders in, which allows them to explore the rest of our fine city." Talavera said that he would recommend the event to young people of all ages. "To a teenager in high school, a college student, maybe a young professional, yeah sure," Talavera said. "It's worth going; the event is interesting enough to spend a weekend on." Jesus Cabrera, SMG marketing director and a fan of SCMF, said that this event presents an opportunity for unity. "It unites a lot of music lovers and presents a better setting than being jammed in a club," Cabrera said. "It draws in a crowd from our neighboring cities like Las Cruces and Juarez, making our city a bigger attraction."

"Everything just feels so perfect when you get lost in music."

- Eduardo Hernandez, senior psychology major

For more information regarding the festival, please visit suncitymusicfestival.com.

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Review

"The Odd Couple" charms at the El Paso Playhouse

BY OSCAR GARZA

The Prospector

Based on the acclaimed stage play by Neil Simon, "The Odd Couple" (the 1985 adapted female version) is a hilarious and poignant look at relationships and friendships among a group of six friends in New York City. Olive, Vera, Renee, Mickey and Sylvie are all friends who like to laugh and gather together at Olive's apartment to have a fun time, talk about their lives and play Trivial Pursuit. When Florence, who has just gone through a separation with her husband, becomes suicidal state, it is up to the other friends to prevent her from doing something catastrophic. However, Olive and Florence decide on a life-changing move that could potentially solve all their problems. They can both live together and try to help each other despite the fact that they couldn't be more different from each other, in terms of attitude and personality. Weeks pass, and of course there is a clash between how the two women. Comedic sparks fly and create hilariously awkward situations when Olive invites the Costazuela brothers, her Spanish-speaking neighbors to come meet them. Not only is the El Paso Playhouse's production of "The Odd Couple" a fun night out to laugh and have a good time, but it is also a great way to support local talent, who deliver their "A" game with such stellar material. Taking into consideration that the play has fantastic and witty dialogue, the entire cast has an incredible, relaxed and believable chemistry.

Yvette Crofford and Janet Furtney, who play Olive and Florence respectively, have a fascinating way to humor the audience, and as the story unfolds so does their relationship, by the situations that they find themselves trying work through. From the very well-decorated set, (Olive's apartment) to the fast, snarky dialogue and all the cast's remarkable work, this is one comedy that will have audiences laughing and laughing all the way to the end. Aside from Crofford and Furtney, the supporting characters of Vera, Sylvie, Mickey and Renee, are played by Alexandra Van Sweringen, Alexander Wright, Leslie Horvath and Kaye Forest respectively. They all did a great job in portraying their characters and making them come alive on stage. One of the funniest scenarios of the play, a scene that is filled with moments of laughter, is the "date" between Olive, Florence and the Costazuela brothers. Florence is left alone with them and in the process tries to understand what they're saying—in Spanish! Scenes that involved Manolo (Isidoro Gomez) and Jesus (Eric Mijarez) were the funniest, as they create over-the-top, hilarious characters with the use of funny accents and props involving fake chest hair. Besides being genuinely funny, touching and excellently performed, the production of "The Odd Couple" touches upon the idea of friendship and the bond between this group of friends, which is especially represented in the characters of Olive and Florence.



The Odd Couple performing at the El Paso Playhouse till Sept. 7.

Go out and support this great rendition of Neil Simon's classic play and laugh in the process, as this is a great opportunity to see some great talent and watch them perform these iconic characters.

The Odd Couple will continue till Sept. 7. Showtimes at 8 p.m. Friday's through Saturdays at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$10 (\$8 seniors, \$7 military/students with ID; \$5 students under 18.)

For more information visit www.elpasoplayhouse.com or call (915) 532-1317. Oscar Garza may be reached at theprospectordaily.ent@gmail.com

VERONICA ENRIQUEZ/PHOTOGRAPHER

Loteria at Bowie Feathers: A lively and interactive evening for all ages

BY JAIME QUESADA

The Prospector

Bowie Feathers isn't just about drinking and music anymore. Every Wednesday at 7 p.m., the community is invited to play Loteria for free, having the chance to win prizes such as tickets for upcoming shows at Tricky Falls and dinner for two at Hello Day Cafe.

A game that became popular in the late 18th century in Mexico, Loteria is similar to Bingo, requiring the participant to match images together to form a straight line, but instead of numbers, the announcer presents cards with matching images.

Often depicted in pop culture as a nursing home game, Bowie Feathers

has changed the game's image to a hip alternative for younger crowds.

By playing at a downtown bar, the participants can drink, play and socialize with free churros, (a snack consisting of a strip of fried dough very similar to funnel cake) that are provided by Bowie Feathers, but have been brought in by different local bakeries such as Vista groceries. Aside from the churros, Greg Sosa, a bartender at Bowie Feathers provides homemade horchata, a traditional Mexican beverage made of ground almonds, sesame seeds, rice and barley.

"We wanted to have a few social nights, where people come and participate together," Sosa said.

The game begins at 8 p.m. and participants must pick up their table sheets and find seating between 7 - 8 p.m.

With only three rounds, the winner of each round plays a final match against the other winners until there is only one winner.

At 10 p.m., a second and third set of three rounds are played. The winners from the first, second and third set compete against each other in a final round.

Bowie Feathers gives the runner-up a dinner for two at Hello Day Cafe, a restaurant next door that is run by Jose Cazares and serves gourmet street foods.

The first place prize is a pair of free tickets to a live show at Tricky Falls, which has welcomed local and well-known bands such as The Shins, Green Day and Portugal. The Man.

"Although I've been playing Loteria since my grandmother taught me how to as a little girl, this is my first time coming to this event," Georgina Chairez, UTEP alumni.

Sophomore sociology major, Gabriel Gonzalez, and other members of the establishment take turns purchasing the toys for the event, which

can only be bought from a store on El Paso Street.

"We like to keep an easy-going environment," said Gonzalez. "We start playing early so no one arrives home late. However, we accommodate those who are unable to come early, by providing later rounds, extending the fun to everybody."

Already known as a place for fun, Bowie Feathers is in the process of providing cult classic movies and trivia nights every Thursday in order to keep their establishment fresh.

Bowie Feathers is located at 209 S. El Paso St. For more information, call (915) 351-9938.

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"We wanted to have a few social nights, where people come and participate together."

- Greg Sosa, bartender at Bowie Feathers

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Cheerleaders, LA Lakers and New York City Rockets."

Although the 32 finalists will be signed for contract, only 16 will be active on city-wide events, not-for-profit events and personal appearances that will involve autograph signings. Currently, the 32 finalists are undergoing an intensive physical and dance training camp that started on Aug. 22 and is scheduled to end on Sept. 7, and selection of the final 16 participants will take place on Sept. 13.

"The other half of the finalists will still be under extensive training in dance and athletic technique and will have first picks on the next try outs," Rivera said. "They will also be alternates and substitutes, meaning that they will replace a SCG who does not meet with the code of conduct on and off the field, or for any personal reasons. They will also be one step closer to become a SCG for next season."

CBE will be partnering up with the Ivy Salon and The City Magazine-El Paso, who will dedicate a spread for the latest news and updates with the Sun City Girls. CBE has also joined forces with Gym G to provide the girls with a personal trainer and proper nutrition to keep them in tip-top shape.

"On top of getting paid for scheduled performances, the 16 SCG will be provided with make up and hair needs to prepare them to look their best for every performance at no cost, courtesy of the Ivy Salon in which we have teamed up with as well," Rivera said.

SCG will start their first season with the El Paso Rhinos in October 2013.

"This project is to promote and showcase the quality of life here in

El Paso. We are also providing them with experience that will look good on their resume," Rivera said.

Shugert said that being part of such project will only help her become better as a professional dancer.

"This experience will help me tremendously, this is what I signed up for four years ago when I decided to pursue dance as my major," Shugert said. "This experience makes me feel better about pursuing a career in professional dancing because I won't have to go to LA or New York and get eaten alive because our dance scene is far from theirs, but instead I will have a foot in the door and make a name for this city through my accomplishments in the rest of the country. How exciting!"

Sergio Lewis, El Paso County commissioner, said that members of SCG will serve as role models as well as advocate for charities and non-profit organizations.

"The Sun City Girls will attract other citizens of this great nation to visit, work and live in the El Paso region, ultimately pursuing what they love to do," Lewis said.


For more information, visit the-suncitygirls.com or email Talk-ToUs@TheSunCityGirls.com.

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During the past week or so, my life has been turned upside down. But there has been a ray of sunshine that has made it more bearable, the generosity and prayers from the fantastic people of the UTEP Nation. It is hard to fully express my full sincere appreciation when looking at the open arms that have reached out and formed a net of safety letting me know all will be well. I humbly say THANK YOU EACH AND EVERY ONE that has in anyway touched my life with kindness, prayers and helping hands. THANK YOU, mere words cannot convey my heart felt and sincere gratitude and thanks to each and everyone of the Miner Nation. I hope I can continue contributing to this great campus and city as I move forward in my career. This in part has been made possible through the spirit of optimism of those around me in this great city. THANK YOU EACH AND EVERY ONE.

Corene M. Seymour MSW.

P.S. Lil' Bit the Chihuahua continues to improve day to day. She shows me each day the strength to go on as the UTEP Miner Nation supports me and encourages me to not give up. Thanks all.



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Key positions in depth chart being determined

BY EDWIN DELGADO
The Prospector

Some position battles have begun to be settled, as the real preparation begins with just over a week before the Miners kick-off their 2013 campaign.

On Aug. 21, head coach Sean Kugler stated that Jameill Showers was going to be the starting quarterback for the Miners.

“He is truly a leader on and off the field,” said freshman running back Aaron Jones. “He even invites us to his room to study and go over plays.”

Senior Jordan Leslie will be one of two starting wide receivers. The second spot seems to be a battle between juniors, Ian Hamilton and Jim Jones. In the meantime, junior wide receiver Devin Patterson will most likely have to come in as a second stringer.

“Throughout the summer we have been working, whether on the field or studying the playbook. I have tried to learn as much from guys like Jordan and Ian and that has helped me a lot, getting better,” Jones said. “I just have to work extra hard, Ian and Devin are really good. We are going to have a great receiving core. I’m just looking forward to helping out, whether it is as a starter or coming in during games.”

At tight end, with the position change of senior Kevin Perry from tight end to tackle, senior Craig Wenrick looms as the favorite to start, and juniors Eric Tomlinson and Katrae Ford will be the back-ups.

Meanwhile, junior Nathan Jeffery is expected to continue as the starting running back. However, sophomore Autrey Golden has seen an increase on his participation and should be the number two behind Jeffery, while junior Josh Bell will be the third-string running back.

The defense has had less time to prepare for the season, and new defensive coordinator Scott Stoker came from Sam Houston State in mid-April after Jeff Choate left to Florida.

“It has been a tremendous challenge, I never had to do it before, putting in a new scheme in camp just a couple of weeks before the start of the season. It has been a challenge, but all our coaches have done a tremendous job in getting our guys prepared,” Stoker said. “It’s a process, obviously when you put in something new it takes time, but the guys have done a good job of picking up the new system at the moment. We only have two weeks before our first game and hopefully we can get things ironed out before then.”

The Miners secondary positions are up for grabs. Stoker stated that two freshmen could start for the team, and Devin Cockrell is expected to have major playing time as a safety, while one more will see plenty of playing time as a cornerback. So far, Quinton Tezeno and Da’Carlos Renfro are the two freshmen who have had the most reps.

“We got some young true freshman that are going to play,” Stoker



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Senior wide receiver Jordan Leslie (right) and junior running back Nathan Jeffery (left) will lead the UTEP offense this season.

said. “Our defensive line has been working pretty good. We got some pieces, we just have to stay healthy and get the system down.”

Defensive backs coach Gabe Franklin is pleased with the progression from his players, but there are a couple of things that he wants the players to improve on before the first game.

“The tackling, that’s the main aspect we need to improve on. The players got great eyes and are very good, we just need to make sure to tackle,” Franklin said. “The players came in during the summer and started studying the new scheme and started working on it on their own and got some plays down. Overall, they are doing very well.”

The linebackers will be led by seniors Horace Miller, A.J. Ropati and junior DeAndre Little.

The Miners will get to rest in week one of the season before hosting the New Mexico Lobos on Sept. 7 at the Sun Bowl.

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UTEP soccer opens season with pair of victories



FLOR FLORES (TOP) AND VERONICA ENRIQUEZ (BOTTOM) / THE PROSPECTOR
(Top) Junior forward Angela Cutaia driving the ball toward the Utah Valley goal.
(Bottom) Cutaia wins the ball in the air against Nebraska-Omaha on Aug. 25.

BY EDWIN DELGADO
The Prospector

The Miners opened their 2013 campaign with a two-game home stand, on Aug. 23 against the Great West champions, Utah Valley.

The Miners left it late on their first game as substitute, sophomore forward Angela Cutaia was able to give UTEP the lead with less than five minutes remaining in the game.

“I made a lot of substitutions in the final stretch and I think those players really came in to help us and credit to them that made it happen,” head coach, Kevin Cross said. “Angela Cutaia came in as a sub and got the winning goal for us, and it’s great to see players that come in and give us a boost and proving that they can have an impact.”

The Miners tried to get on the scoreboard early in the game, just at the eighth minute of the game, senior midfielder, Azia Nicholson found herself one-on-one with the goalie, but her shot was saved by Lauren Sack, who managed to keep the Wolverines from going down.

Five minutes later, Utah Valley answered when Haley Curtis took a cross shot on the edge of the box to beat Miner goalie Sarah Dilling, which put the Wolverines on top.

In the 19th minute, the Miners stole the ball from the defense just outside the box and senior forward Jade Babcock took on two defenders and managed to get a low cross shot to beat the keeper and tie the game.

“I’ve been working on my touch a lot. When I’m in a game I don’t like to

over think, I just come out and play and do my best. All I know is that I stole the ball on the edge of the box and went for it and it happened to go in,” Babcock said. “If I see an opportunity, a gap, I’m going to take it. That’s something that I’ve been practicing a lot during the summer, to take advantage of the opportunities.”

Utah Valley missed a chance to retake the lead as Natalie Baker’s shot was saved by Dilling. Just one minute later, junior midfielder Mackenzie German, served a ball from the corner to the heart of the penalty box, where Nicholson beat the defender and headed the ball into the net to give the Miners a 2-1 lead.

“We have worked on set pieces at practice,” Nicholson said. “Mack (Mackenzie German) served a great ball and she knows where I like them. She served a perfect ball in and I just happened to be at the right place at the right time.”

Four minutes later, Cutaia missed a great chance with the goalie and sent her shot over the bar.

The Miners seemed to be in control for most of the first half, but after failing to clear the ball inside the box, Lexi Robinson took a shot that was saved by Dilling. Forward Kali Stubbs gathered the rebound and scored with only two seconds remaining in the half.

“We talked a lot about being focused in critical moments of the game, and toward the end of the first half we played very sloppy, and giving away a goal with only two seconds to go in the half, it’s unacceptable,” Cross said. “We didn’t push together

“It’s great to see players that can come in and give us a boost and prove that they can have an impact.”

- Kevin Cross, soccer head coach

as a unit and the goal took a lot of momentum away from us and I was disappointed.”

The second half provided a couple of chances for both sides, and Miner goalie Dilling came up big in the 76th minute. Curtis beat the defense and had a one-on-one with the goalie, but her shot was saved by Dilling, and once again in the 81st minute, Dilling pulled off another save to keep the Miners in the game.

“I was just doing my job. On the breakaway I told myself ‘she is not going to score, I’m not going to let her score,’ and I was able to pull off the save and it was huge for us because just a few minutes later Angela was able to score for us and put the game away,” Dilling said.

UTEP volleyball set for new challenge

BY LUIS BARRIO
The Prospector

UTEP volleyball is set to open their 2013 campaign facing three of the best teams in the nation at the 2013 Chevron Rainbow Wahine Invitational from Aug. 30 to Sept. 1 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The team is led by two first team All-Conference USA selections seniors Xitlali Herrera and Jeane Horton. The Miners will face the University of San Diego in their season opener. The next day, they will face the defending national champions, the Texas Longhorns, and will close their competition Sept. 1 against the 11th-ranked Hawaii Warriors.

“I want to bring the intensity and the speed of the game and improve on those things and give ourselves a lot of chances to win,” said new head coach Holly Watts. “These ladies all want to win. They have all come into my office and sat there one-on-one and said that they want to win. We’re going to do everything we can to elevate the intensity to give ourselves a chance to win.”

Watts brings 19 years of Division I experience and a resume that screams success. As an assistant head coach at Arkansas and Florida State, her teams have consistently been the top 15 squads in the country and she took Florida State to the semifinals of the NCAA tournament.

Watts was also a player at the University of Texas from 1989-1993, where she was selected as Most Valuable Player in 1993.

Watts is the seventh-head coach in program history and she will have seven returning letter winners. One of those is defensive specialist Victoria Valencia.

A local girl out of San Elizario, Valencia is in the last stretch of her Miner career. She stands at 5-foot 3-inches and is an all-around student athlete, earning honors for her work in the classroom as well as leading her team in digs and service aces in the 2012 campaign.

“It’s not about one person. All of us have the mindset that this sport is a team sport. It comes with a bump, a set and spike. It’s about everyone playing together and everyone contributing. The mood of this team is to have each other’s back and support each other,” Valencia said. “Outside of volleyball, the girls are always together and that cohesion is important because it also transitions into unity on the court. We don’t want it to be just about volleyball, we definitely want to have that trust and respect for one another and we can bring that onto the court as well.”

The Miners are coming off an early exit from the Conference USA Tournament in 2012 and are eager to move forward with their new coach.

“We’ve been working really hard and these practices have been high on intensity. I think we are all going to get better with her (Coach Watts),” Herrera said. “Every time I step onto the court, I give it my everything, 100 percent. If you don’t give it your everything, you’re not going to get better.”

Herrera is only the second Miner in program history to earn back-to-back All-Conference USA first-team honors and she is currently part of the Mexican national team.

“She’s a good leader on the court and she encourages others to do well and sets a good example for others as well,” said sophomore Lindsey Larson. “I want to win conference. As a team goal, we want to make it to the (NCAA) tournament.”

Larson suffered a torn ACL injury and redshirted her freshmen year. However, she said she is back even stronger. Larson worked with the strength and conditioning department, rehabilitating and recovering from her injury during the summer.

“Right after she got cleared, she was on fire, I felt like she never had surgery,” Valencia said. “I think from last year to this year, Lindsey has shown the biggest improvement.”

Valencia added that Larson improved her vertical jump and improved in speed and strength.

The Miners will begin with a home opener at 12 p.m. on Sept. 6 against Southern University and Oral Roberts at 7 p.m. at the El Paso Sports Commission Volleyball Invitational at Memorial Gym.

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Senior, Xitlali Herrera earned All Conference-USA first team honors in 2011 and 2012.



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Athletics, Residence Life host 4th-annual Welcome Back BBQ



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(TOP) Tennis head coach Mark Roberts and track coach Mika Laaksonen did the cooking.
(Bottom) Track, soccer and basketball players taking some time to play beach volleyball.

BY EDWIN DELGADO
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On the day before the fall semester began, Residence Life and UTEP Athletics hosted the fourth-annual Welcome Back BBQ.

The purpose of the event was to bring all student-athletes together to interact with one another.

“It’s great to get to see all UTEP athletes all together. Usually us in the football team are used to being by ourselves, but this is something different,” said Nate Poss, assistant director for football operations. “I really enjoy it and that’s why we have this every year.”

Poss, with the assistance of tennis head coach, Mark Roberts and track and field coach Mika Laaksonen, were the coaching staff in charge of grilling the food for the athletes.

Junior guard Mackenzie Moore was at the event for a second straight year and said that it’s a great opportunity to get to know all of the athletes.

“I like to talk with volleyball and soccer players who are starting out

their season and support them and tell them to win,” Moore said. “It’s getting better every year, it’s great that athletics is putting all of this together for us. It brings us closer, it’s all about building good relationships and friendships.”

Besides the variety of food, the athletes had the opportunity of playing beach volleyball with each other and compete in a pie-eating contest.

Residence Life and athletics also saw the event as an opportunity to have an award presentation for students, who have finished their UTEP careers on a high note.

Risper Kimaiyo was recognized as the best cross country athlete in Conference-USA for the 2012-13 academic year.

“It’s a huge honor and it makes me feel good about what I was able to accomplish in my senior year,” Kimaiyo said. “I had never received an award in front of all the other athletes, which is great.”

Former Miner tennis player, Carolina De Luca also received the 2012-13 Jim Castañeda post-graduate award. The award is given to only 12

athletes from Conference-USA and it’s a scholarship to help pay for their tuition for graduate school.

“It’s amazing to have been able to get this scholarship, it took a lot of effort and I had to meet a lot of requirements, but everyone in the athletics department really helped me out,” De Luca said. “I’m starting on my master’s degree and this will definitely be great help to pay for my tuition.”

De Luca will also will be an assistant for volleyball operations while she works toward her graduate degree.

The welcome back event ended with a small water balloon fight between a couple of the athletes.

“What makes this event great, it’s seeing all the athletes having a good time interacting with each other,” Roberts said. “That’s why I volunteered to cook for them.”

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After nearly going down near the end, the Miners came back to life in the 84th minute when Gina Soto cut to the inside and took a shot that went just wide of the right post. One minute later, again Cutaia found herself all alone inside the box and her first shot was blocked by a defender, while her second effort sailed over the bar.

In the 86th minute, Taylor Kidd served a through ball to Cutaia, who ran past the goalie and just needed to push the ball to the net to give UTEP a 3-2 lead, with less than five minutes to go, which sealed the first win of the season for the Miners.

“I felt the keeper and the defenders were a little flat,” Cutaia said. “Taylor gave me a great through pass and I was able to get past the goalie and score.”

On Aug. 25, the Miners faced their second test of the season as they hosted the Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks.

The Miners took control of the game early in the game and just 12 minutes in, Babcock found herself open on the right flank and drove the ball into the box and gave it to Cutaia, who simply had to touch the ball into the goal to open the score.

Babcock had a couple of break-away chances, but wasn’t able to take advantage of them. However, on the 42nd minute junior defender, Tayler O’Hayre delivered a free kick into the box that went untouched and bounced into the net to extend the lead to 2-0, a lead that the Miners were able to hang on to in order to win the game.

“I wasn’t actually trying to score, I wanted to give the ball to (senior midfielder) Tori (Martyn), but she was offside and their goalie never saw the ball,” O’Hayre said. “I think the team played better than in the first game, we just need to give more pressure and have more possession of the ball for our next games.”

The Miners, now 2-0, will face Utah State at 7 p.m. on Aug. 30 and Abilene Christian at 1 p.m. on Sept. 1. Both games will take place at University Field.

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An offseason full of change for the Miners

BY JAVIER CORTEZ
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Changes and adjustments have been the theme of the UTEP football team throughout the offseason. After coming off a 3-9 season, the Miners hope to put the past behind and usher in a new beginning.

Head coach Sean Kugler might not have won a game yet, but he has worked on changing the culture and rhetoric of the team. The message comes from him and goes to the assistant coaches, then passed on to players like a seamless chain of command.

“We’re not worried about what happened last year, we’re worried about what we’re going to do this year,” said offensive coordinator, Patrick Higgins. “We want to create the mind set of physical toughness. We’re going to do the best job we can and put the players in the best situation to succeed.”

Higgins said he is concentrating on players such as starting quarterback Jameill Showers, leading rusher Nathan Jeffery and leading receiver Jordan Leslie. He believes the Miners are heading in the right direction offensively, but Higgins said he isn’t here to produce a “two-man show.”

“Everyone is important, we need contributions from everyone on offense,” Higgins said. “We’re going to spread the ball around, we’re not going to be reliant upon two or three individuals.”

There are many problems that lie ahead for defensive coordinator Scott Stoker this year. He will have his hands full trying to improve a defense that was ranked 78th in the country last year, as well as the fact that he lost the top four leading tacklers from last year.

Stoker, like Higgins, said the past is the past and he sees opportunity lying ahead for UTEP’s young defensive roster. He has high praise for returning top defensive players A.J. Ropati and Horace Miller.

“We got guys up there capable of getting the job done, and we’re trying to get some young guys in there to help us,” Stoker said. “We got guys like A.J. (Ropati) and Horace (Miller), who have done a tremendous job learning the system, executing it extremely well. I’m very pleased with those two, we just got to get some depth behind them.”

Besides the complete revamping of the whole coaching staff, the biggest

change this season has to be at the quarterback position with transfer Jameill Showers, who has been the talk of the town.

“It feels good,” Showers said. “It’s the reason I came here. It’s pretty much a dream come true for me to have the opportunity to play.”

Showers has been praised by his offensive coordinator for his hard work learning the offense.

“It hasn’t been hard learning the new offense, they sent me the playbook in College Station in the spring,” Showers said. “Over the summer I was in coach Higgins’ office every day, even on the weekends, writing up plays, being quizzed. It went pretty good.”

This year seems to be all about change for the Miners, new coaches, new teammates and new offensive and defensive schemes. There is no doubt that the Miners are trying to embrace change and trying to assimilate to it as best as they can.

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Junior wide receiver Devin Patterson gets away from junior defensive back Adrian James during practice at Glory Field.

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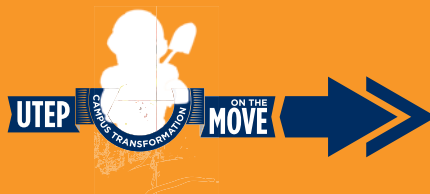
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