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BOMB THREAT UNRESOLVED

Students voice concerns on security

BY LORAIN WATTERS

The Prospector

Robert Morales, junior criminal justice major, was on campus March 26, 2013, when an alert of a bomb threat was sent out.

When he found out it was not real, he was astounded at how someone could have made a joke like that.

"The guy was a dumbass for doing what he did, especially with everything going on," Morales said. "I mean, at the time, we just had those elementary school shootings and then something like this happens. It was a joke, but it wasn't funny."

Morales saw students playing around while leaving campus and was upset at how they did not take the warning seriously.

"I don't think the school took enough risks to get everyone out safely," Morales said. "It was alright what they did, but they didn't take risks. I do feel safe on campus, but people need to be smart about what they say and not cause panic."

The bomb threat alert was issued to students via text message through the Miner Alert System. Other than asking students to quickly evacuate, no other details were given to students, faculty and staff, causing confusion and a lack of interest in the situation.

Nearly six months after the incident, students say they feel safe on campus, but wished the threat could have been handled better.

Fernando Melendez, freshman biological sciences major, believes that

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Students evacuate campus on March 26 after a bomb threat was called in.

Emergency management remains unchanged

BY S. DAVID RAMIREZ

The Prospector

Some are skeptical that the UTEP community is prepared in case of another incident like that of the March 26 bomb threat.

The UTEP Emergency Management Plan remains unchanged. The cover page of the document displays a notice that it was last revised October 2008.

"With all the construction going on as well, I believe it is hard to tell," said Daniel Rodriguez, senior mechanical engineering major. "It's rare to see any

campus police during the day inside the campus. I don't think anything has been added to secure the campus from any kind of security threat."

The "bomb threat" tab of the UTEP Department of Emergency management leads to a dead link on the site.

"The culture hasn't changed, it seems to have stayed the same," Rodriguez said.

Publicly available guides such as the Student Affairs: Safety of Students Incident Levels and the UTEP Emergency Management Plan contain some contradictory information.

The emergency plan refers to a bomb threat as a minor incident, but the student affairs guide rates the event as a level 3 incident, the highest level of campus emergency.

Repeated requests for comment from University Police were not responded to.

However, other community members are indifferent or positive about the campus response.

"I don't feel different at all," said Alex Arenivar, senior criminal justice major. "I'm surprised the Miner Alert system and campus police acted

quickly and calmly. For that type of situation, I can rely on them if the danger ever becomes real."

This attitude seems to have carried over to new students.

"As a transfer student, I feel very safe," said Michael Sigler, junior early childhood education major. "Security is excellent."

Links to the emergency plan and student affairs guide can be found at theprospectordaily.com.

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COMMUNITY

UTEP vs. NMSU blood drive goal higher than previous year

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA

The Prospector

Monday afternoon marked the kick-off of the 10th annual I-10 college coalition effort between United Blood Services, UTEP and NMSU. It's something that brings the two universities together to meet patient needs in the communities.

"Whatever blood is collected this week will be used in our communities," said David Veloz, regional donor recruitment and director for Texas at United Blood Services.

"As far as this effort is concerned, our goal this week is to collect more than a thousand blood donations."

United Blood Services serves 17 hospitals in the El Paso region and southern New Mexico.

The first year of the coalition effort collected about 500 blood donations and every year it's been increasing, Veloz said.

"The challenge is that a lot of people assume that somebody else is donating blood, so they don't do it," Veloz said. "The fact is that there's a lot of blood that is needed on a day-to-day basis. The challenge is that a lot of people, like I said, don't have the time or are afraid of needles."

Veloz added that typically, people only donate blood once a year, but are encouraged to donate blood twice a year.

"Blood is needed for many, many different reasons," he said. "It could be somebody that was in a car accident that suffered a trauma. It could be a patient with cancer who's going through chemotherapy and they might need blood transfusions."

Christina Alvara, junior biological sciences major, donated blood for the first time Sept. 9.

"It's a great way to start off the week in the rivalry," she said. "I was just kind of lured in. I had a break so I thought I'd take advantage and do something good."

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Rebekah Herriot, sophomore digital media production major donates blood.

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Students support Suicide Prevention Week

BY CYNTHIA ANNETE REYES, SAMANTHA RODELA AND RODRIGO LUGO

To Write Love on Her Arms

There is a myth that suicide cannot be prevented, when in fact most suicides can.

Most suicidal individuals desperately want to live, but they are unable to seek an alternative to their problems. They tend to give definitive warnings of their suicidal intentions, but others are either unaware of the significance of these warnings or do not know how to respond to them.

Two-thirds of people who struggle with depression do not seek help. Untreated depression is the leading cause of suicide. For young people 15 – 24 years old, suicide is the third-leading cause of death. Over 90 percent of suicide victims have a significant psychiatric illness often undiagnosed, untreated or both.

This is why the week of Sept. 8-14 is National Suicide Prevention Week. This week is dedicated to raising awareness about the issue of suicide in the United States.

An organization that we hold close to our hearts, named To Write Love On Her Arms, is the reason we got involved with NSPW. To Write Love On Her Arms is a non-profit movement dedicated to giving hope and help for people struggling with addiction, depression, self-injury and suicide. We are hoping to bring a chapter of the organization to UTEP this fall.

Samantha Rodela, junior chemistry major, the president of this soon-to-be organization, writes about why she cares about National Suicide Prevention Week:

“TWLOHA showed me that I’m not alone, and that it’s okay to seek help. I felt encouraged by TWLOHA to get help for my depression and anxiety,” she said. “I have had thoughts of suicide and this is why this week is so dear to me. I know how alone people can feel, but the truth is you are not alone. I asked for help and now it is easier for me to handle the struggles that I go through.”

Suicide is a serious issue that affects people of all ages, sex, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicities and backgrounds around the world.

Every 40 seconds there is a suicide and about one million lives are lost due to suicide. These losses can be avoided.

Warning signs of a potential suicide are ideation, substance abuse, purposelessness, anxiety, feelings of being trapped, hopelessness, withdrawal from social life, anger, recklessness and mood changes.

If at any point a person starts threatening, wanting or looking for ways to harm or kill him or herself by seeking access to pills, firearms or other methods, seek help as soon as possible by contacting a mental health professional or calling 1-800-273-TALK (8255) for a referral.

You can help a suicidal person by being aware, knowing the warning signs, showing interest and support,

asking if he or she is thinking about suicide, being willing to listen and avoiding judgment.

Don’t debate whether suicide is right or wrong. Remember not to lecture about the value of life, don’t dare him or her to do it, don’t tell them to behave differently and don’t ask why. This encourages defensiveness.

Do offer empathy, not sympathy. Offer hope that alternatives are available, do not offer glib reassurance, it only makes it seem like you don’t understand.

Don’t assume that depression and suicide are things we can’t talk about. If you or someone you know is struggling please know that you are not alone. Please talk to someone. Talk to a friend or consider talking to a counselor.

The University Counseling Center offers personal counseling and career counseling as well.

People think there must be something seriously wrong with someone who opts for counseling, or that they are crazy. This is not true, we all just need someone to talk to.

What we want people to know is that talking about suicide doesn’t mean someone will become suicidal. Not talking about these issues is the problem. People need to be aware that these issues exist and it is okay to talk about them.

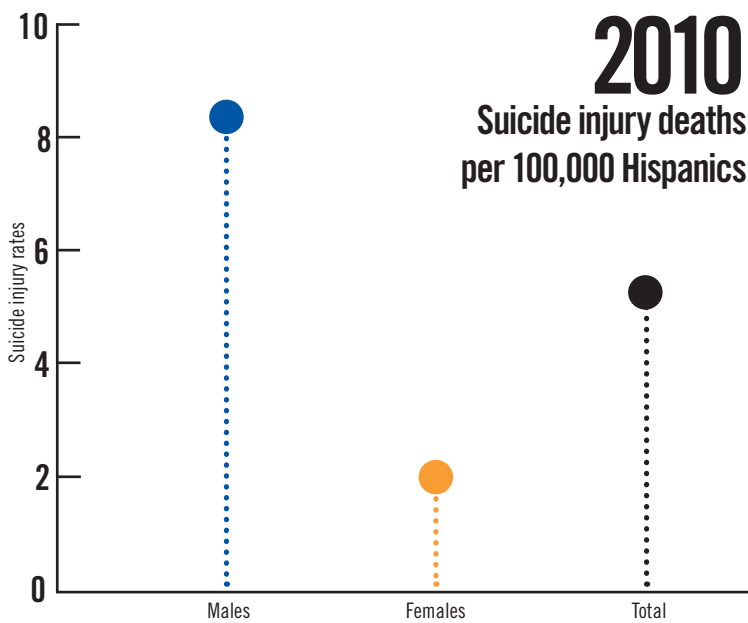
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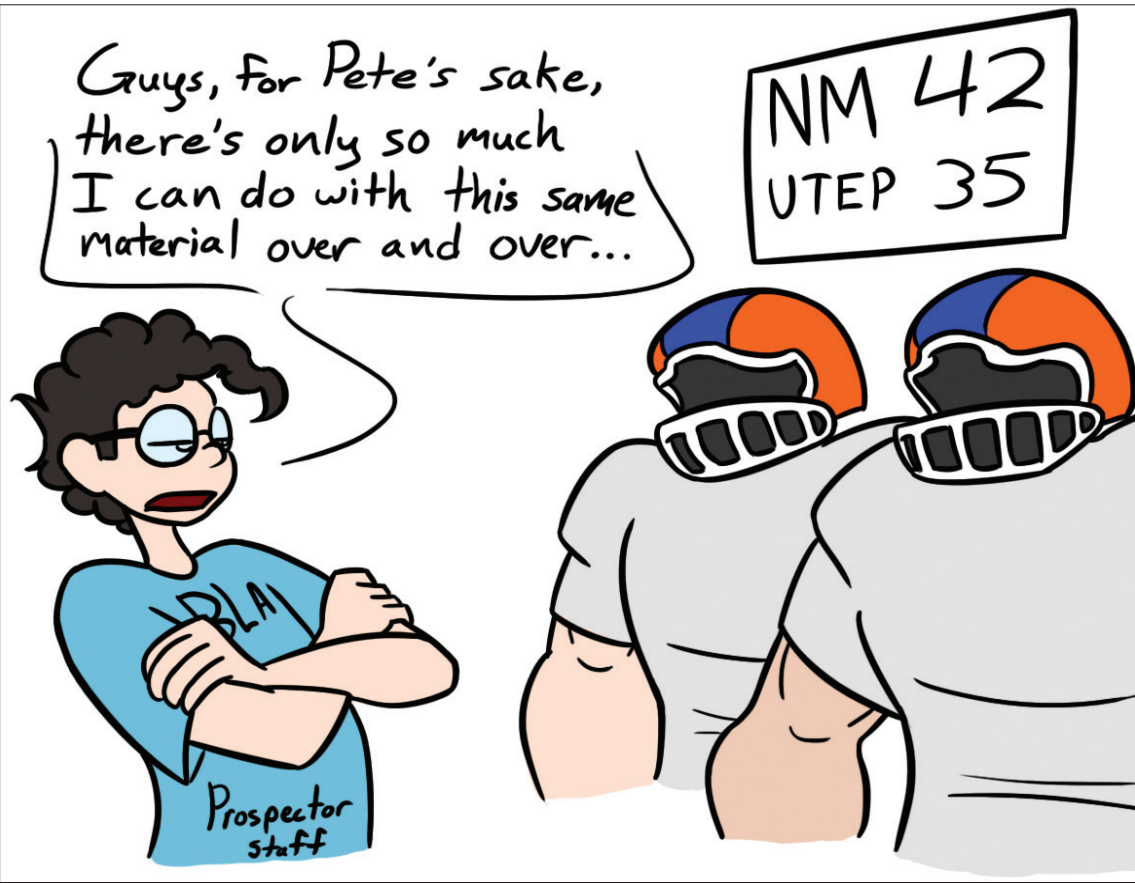
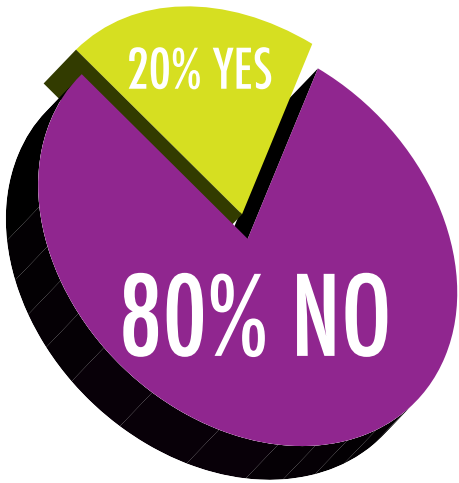
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EXHIBIT

Exhibit to open at Union Gallery in honor of 9/11 anniversary

BY AMANDA GUILLEN

The Prospector

The Union Gallery in the Union Building East will launch an exhibit in memoriam of the 12th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001.

Event Services Coordinator Alexandra Garcia said that the Union Gallery is glad to have an event like this at the university.

"This is our way to have something simple, meaningful and appropriate to what the events were 12 years ago," Garcia said. "I guess that it is up to that point 12 years later that we should keep this on the radar."

There will be a reception open to faculty, staff and students at noon Wednesday. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

Garcia said that the gallery will have pictures and small pieces that were put together from the Union Services department as well as university faculty, staff and students.

"We try to be a venue for students, faculty, staff and even local artists to come and showcase their artwork in our gallery. However, when we find a

“We put our heart into this to make sure that it is meaningful.”

- Alexandra Garcia,
event services coordinator

theme that is specifically meaningful we will contribute to this," Garcia said.

Alexis Maldonado, junior kinesiology major, said that this will help students understand the importance of the date.

"I hope to see inspirational art, of people helping one another, just something that shows the importance of September 11," Maldonado said.

Garcia said it is important for younger students to inform themselves on the events that took place.

"It has been 12 years, many of our freshman students were very little. It is just a way to remember what happened and how it happened, just to

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She said she was a bit overwhelmed after seeing the four bags that would store her blood.

"It took like ten minutes to pump out the blood, saving three lives," Alvara said. "I'm pretty sure it's worth it. For ten minutes of your time, it's pretty worth it."

UTEP President Dr. Diana Natalicio said the week-long event is one way students can give back to the community.

"We're a healthy, young population on campus. 23,000 healthy, young people for the most part who are able to contribute blood," she said in an interview prior to the event kick-off. "It makes such a difference. Every pint of blood they say saves three lives. When you think about it that way it's pretty amazing what you can do."

Although this is a part of the rivalry between two campuses, the blood drive is seen as more of a friendly competition.

"It is nice to think both institutions during the week of our football game get to kind of step up and say, 'alright, we're going to beat the other school in quantity of blood given and the football game,'" Natalicio said.

The blood drive will end on Sept. 13 and the results will be announced at the UTEP-NMSU game on Saturday at Aggie Memorial stadium.

The United Blood Services will have stations located outside the education building, inside and outside the Undergraduate Learning Center building and at the alumni house.

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"I think, as a society, we are safe, but when things like that do happen it hurts our infrastructure. Citizens begin to think we aren't safe and that our government can't control those situations," Melhoff said.

Daisy Ortega, freshman dance major, is frightened by the events taking place nationally, such as the Boston Marathon bombings on April 15, 2013.

"It's scary because you don't know what is going to happen," Ortega said. "I don't think you can be safe at a school anymore or anywhere. It's really hard to gain trust again."

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UTEP faces the panic

Death of thousands draws a myriad of emotion

CNN Exclusive

Anti-gangster graffiti was discovered outside the Library by UTEP police at about 1:45 a.m. Wednesday. **CNN** David Granger photographed the message after other officers located the more graphic graffiti and sent the security staff at about 1 a.m. and that a laught. They would be charged with criminal mischief.

66 These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve.

UTEP intern in New York reflects on tragedy

by Larry Monarrez

The Prospector

When UTEP senior Michelle Sanchez took an internship in New York City, she never imagined the world would turn so upside down.

"I was horrified because I'm so new to the city—I was really scared," she says. Looking at people's faces and seeing them cry, she was shocked.

Michelle, like millions nationwide, was shocked on Tuesday morning by the devastation in New York City's World Trade Towers. Radio-sounding tinkles rang for three minutes. It felt like she was in New York and in the throngs of people outside.

"Michelle was not her way to work when she found the news on the news," she says. "I heard someone say, 'but what really shocked me, my impression of New York City.' Michelle said, 'After the second attack, I thought, 'Oh God, this is real.'"

Michelle's father Carlos Sanchez was on his way to work from his El Paso home when he got a call from his frantic daughter.

"I thought I was wrong for the phone."

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by Mike R. Garcia

The Prospector

A recent attack Tuesday morning that hit America in great shock and with its own mass media of images and images, has been immediately in focus on the UTEP campus.

Many student unions gathered on Tuesday, some on campus, broadcasting the most recent news on the attack.

At noon, about 30 students gathered in the late-late evening the University of Texas at El Paso's Student Government Building. The program was organized by the Campus Director and Student Government. A major prayer service will be held on Tuesday at the same location.

"Looking at it as a personal perspective, I think I'm not the only one who can't live a life of freedom and be free in life, who is different and is not a superior than his Magallanes said."

Although according to the Immigration and Naturalization Service the Immigration Service from El Paso and from the United States Program intend to arrange for people to leave the United States from the United States Program under night care of border closure. Because of the possibility of border closure and commitment, the Office of Immigration Programs has contacted an UT of the International Medical Exam Station.

Grads come up short on ExCET exam

by Joanna Martinez
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UTEP mourns UTEP with country

Day of prayer
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by Mia R. Garcia

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A massive crowd in America sprang a national day of prayer at UTEP, with 1,500 mourners to Magallanes

A national day of prayer Tuesday's national day of prayer at UTEP, with 1,500 mourners to Magallanes

The UTEP President was mourning with people by 1:30 p.m.

The national was literally a complete surprise for the UTEP community. But later, Assistant Vice President for Institutional Advancement said,

"It is impossible to say that we were not aware of the fact that many people in our community were mourning."

The UTEP President placed national mourning on the UTEP calendar in 1998 and the entire audience recognized the UTEP calendar in 1998.

"We Country to Texas and 'O' Beautiful for the American People," the UTEP President said.

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Campus groups
gather, comfort
the distraught

by Jeanna Martinez

The Prospector

As the nation mourned the tragic death in New York and Washington D.C., the UTEP community came together to reflect on these events.

UTEP groups held two candlelight vigils on September 11 and 12.

"I believe we should do this to support and pray for others," said UTEP President (SGA) David Rodriguez.

Many students, faculty and staff gathered together to pray, sing and reflect on the recent terrorist attacks on the nation.

"It is important for us to support each other in a crisis," said Rodriguez.

UTEP groups held two candlelight vigils on September 11 and 12.

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A UTEP student shows students for the UTEP community at the UTEP President's office.

Nightly
devoted to
awareness

by Mia R. Garcia

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by Jeanna Martinez

The Prospector

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FILE PHOTO / THE PROSPECTOR

The 9/11 exhibit will feature the front pages of *The Prospector* from Sept. 12 and Sept. 19, 2001.

make sure that we not only think about the bad and the tragedy, but how we were united as a nation,” Garcia said. “We want this to be a space for visitors to walk in and to reflect.

We put our heart into this to make sure that it is meaningful.”

The event will run until Sept. 27. The gallery is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Friday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

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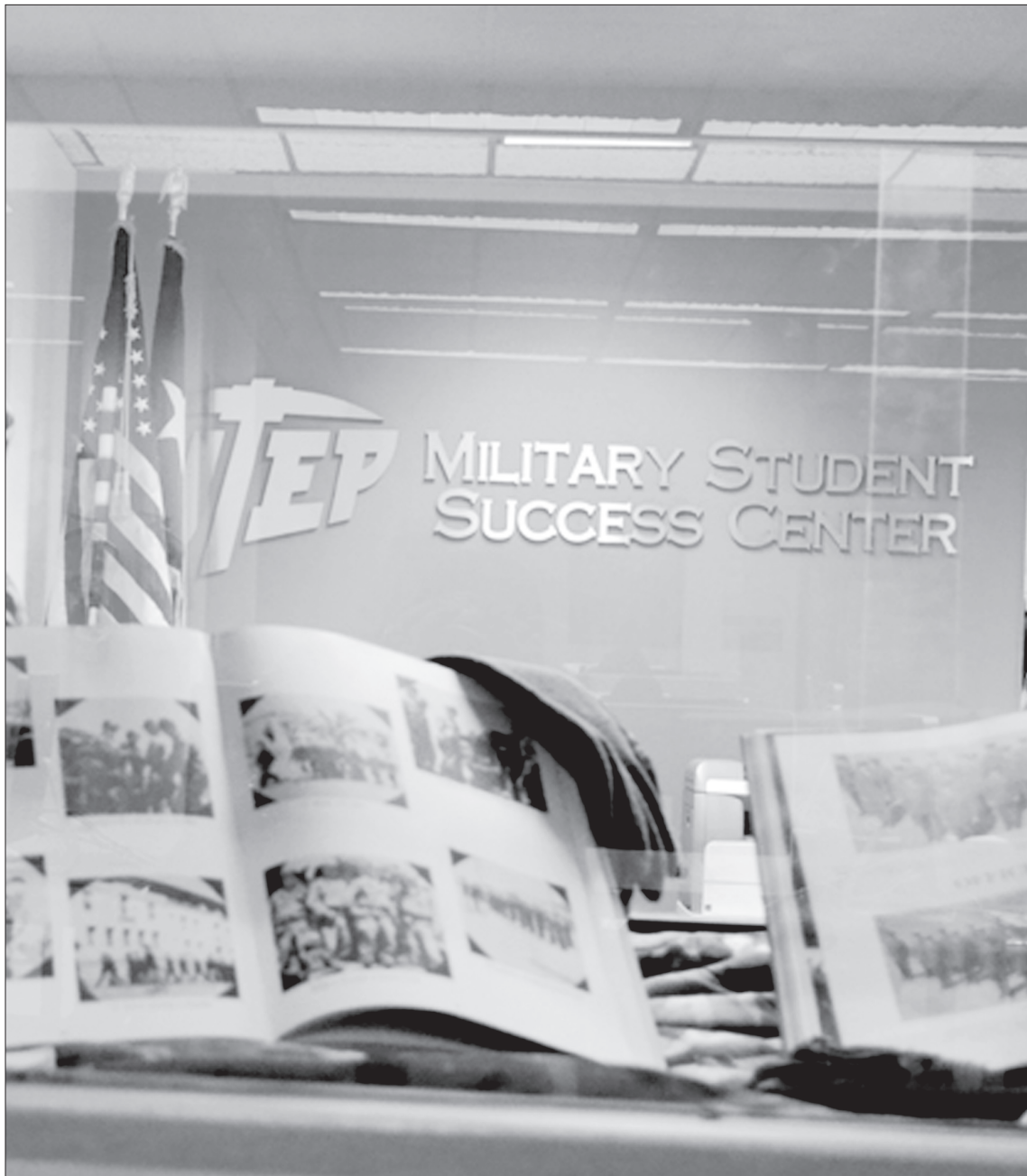
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Military Student Success Center grows with increased population



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(Left) The Military Student Success Center sees about 30 to 40 students each day. (Right) Laura Rabara, senior nursing major and U.S. army veteran, receives counseling at the center. She served two tours in Iraq between 2005-06 and 2008-09.



BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA

The Prospector

The Military Student Success Center has kept busy this summer since its opening in April after the center moved from its previous location at the Mike Loya Academic Services Building.

About 30 to 40 student veterans filter through the office each day. They receive counseling on enrollment, declaring majors, what their degree plan looks like and what kind of classes they have to take.

"We've had a pretty steady flow of students come into our office because they're using their benefits, which is a good thing, we like being busy," said Holly Denney, director of the center.

The university is seeing an increase in the student-veteran population. In fall 2011, there was an estimated 1,300 student veterans on campus, and in fall 2012, that number rose to 1,500. Now the student-veteran population is at 1,600 and continues to rise, Denney said.

Denney said there may be a combination of factors that have caused the growth, including increasing outreach to veterans, an increasing number of classes and programs available online, increased emphasis on education while serving in the military and the fact that some benefits can be transferred to family members.

Nadia Orozco, graduate student and a U.S. army veteran, served one tour in Afghanistan from 2010-11. She said it is helpful for veterans to know what to expect as a student.

"Putting my mindset as a soldier who went straight out of high school to the military, I can definitely see where it would be a little more difficult for them to manage their time between how often they study or even how to get to their classes," she said.

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"When I was a freshman in my undergrad, I felt really lost...you figure it out slowly—as long as you don't give up."

— Nadia Orozco, graduate student and army veteran

Sometimes, student veterans may need help transitioning back to civilian life. The center provides that assistance.

"When I would tell a soldier or veteran who was kind of lost out there, I would say, 'it's not scary to ask, no one's going to yell at you here, no one is going to get on to you for what may appear as a dumb question,'" Orozco said. "When I was a freshman in my undergrad, I felt really lost...you figure it out slowly—as long as you don't give up."

The process of filing Veterans Affairs paperwork can contribute to the confusion. Student veterans use the G.I. Bill to pay for school. Denney said there are quite a few who are using the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill. They also process Hazelwood benefits, which is state exemption for Texas veterans.

Denney explained that the VA will pay UTEP the amount the student is entitled in benefits.

The Post-9/11 G.I. bill does have a scale that, depending on the length of service, will pay a certain amount of benefits that can range from 40 to 100 percent of college expenses.

"If we certify a \$1,000 in tuition and fees and the student is entitled to 100 percent, then the VA pays UTEP the \$1,000," Denney said. "In addition, they are entitled to a (Basic Allowance for Housing) and a book allowance."

Other chapters of the VA pay directly to the student. That is a speculated monthly amount that is sent by the VA and is subject to review on a monthly basis.

Orozco said veterans can go into the MSSC for help with anything in regards to school and the VA.

"We're here for our (student) veterans. If there's anything they need or we can help with, we are partnering, starting this semester, with the counseling center," Denney said. "We will have some of their staff over here three days a week. So that if they would like to come talk with someone, it's not actually counseling. The staff will be here to listen to the soldier's concern."

The MSSC is located at the UTEP Library, room 205. They also have a full-time staff member at the Fort Bliss Education Center, building 406. For more information on the Fort Bliss location, call 744-1382.

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RELIGION

The Atheists use community service to expand, contribute

BY JAVIER CORTEZ
The Prospector

Ana Castro, sophomore math major, has been an atheist since she was in seventh grade. She said she felt out of place and uncomfortable about expressing her beliefs at that age, but has since found camaraderie on campus.

The Atheists began in Oct. 2012, when founder Tanner Milroy thought about joining the Student Government Association but realized there was no atheists' organization on campus.

The group's main goal is to reach out to students who have agnostic or atheistic sentiments, and provide a relatable situation where they can be comfortable without being judged, misread or scrutinized.

"When I came here, I was really surprised that they had an atheist group since El Paso is predominately Catholic, so that's why I wanted to join," Castro said. "I want people to know that atheist(s) aren't bad people, we're not immoral, we're not Satanists. Just because we don't believe in God doesn't mean we're bad people."



JAVIER CORTEZ / THE PROSPECTOR
The Atheists began with Tanner Milroy after he realized there was no atheist organizaiton on campus. He decided to begin the group instead of joining the Student Government Association.

You not only have the responsibility to look out for the people in your group, but also the people that aren't in your group.

- Tanner Milroy, sophomore political science major

Milroy said the organization has been spending time with fundraising to try to spread awareness. The group has also been active with community service.

"I'm a big believer in (gathering) a group and find(ing) a common thing," Milroy said. "You not only have the responsibility to look out for the people in your group, but also the people that aren't in your group."

On Sept. 5, the organization held its first meeting of the school year. New members expressed why they joined, how long they have been atheists, how they think they will be accepted

at UTEP and what they want people to know about the organization.

Milroy said that they are working to make their mark on campus this year by spreading awareness about their organization through community service, such as picking up trash along the Rio Grande river or volunteering at a homeless shelter. Diversifying the group is also important to him.

"The more diverse we are means the more we can grow as people," Milroy said.

Milroy has made it clear that The Atheists are not on campus to argue or fight with other religious groups,

but to coexist with them and their respective beliefs.

Adriana Artalejo, freshman pre-pharmacy major, considers herself an atheist and humanist. She said that people with commonalties are good for each other in many ways.

"I always thought it was important that if you have a group that can help you with your studies, to talk to, relate to, that could be good, so for the sake of finding similarities I joined," Artalejo said.

Joining The Atheists requires a one-time fee of \$10 for a year. There are no

GPA requirements for general members. An officer position requires a minimum of 3.2 GPA and community service is required for all members.

For more information about The Atheists, visit them on Facebook at facebook.com/Th3Ath3ist or email them at TheAtheists1213@gmail.com.

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INBRIEF

FREE HIV TESTING

Tuesday, Sept. 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to get tested for HIV for free at the UTEP Health Sciences and Nursing building. Room numbers to be announced.

MINER VOLUNTEER CORPS LAUNCH EVENT

Thursday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chihuahuan Desert Garden Amphitheater. President Diana Natalicio will give a presentation about this new organization. Recruitment activities will begin at 10 a.m. in front of the UGLC.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

UTEP will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month,beginning Wednesday, Sept. 11. From 3 to 6 p.m., there will be an exhibit/lecture at the Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts regarding the United States of North America Passport Application with guest speaker Erika Harrsch. For more information, contact the Center for Inter-American and Border Studies at 915-747-6164.

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OUR VIEW

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Minerpalooza festivities success despite campus renovations



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Top left to right: Cheerleaders helped in making Minerpalooza a celebration for the incoming football season. A band member keeps the beat for the Minerpalooza parade. Ruben Chavez Paz, SGA Vice President participates in the pie throwing contest where he became the victim. Bottem, let to right: Coach Sean Kugler welcomed UTEP fans to Minerpalooza and encouraged the UTEP community to support the Miners this season. Cheerleaders rally attendees.

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SPECIAL TO THE PROSPECTOR

Erace3 is hosting its second annual Running Dead 5K race on Nov. 2 at Ascarate Park.

BY LEONARDO MONTAÑEZ
The Prospector

Erace3 will be staging their Running Dead zombie race on Nov. 2 at Ascarate Park.

According to Brian Guzman, spokesperson for Erace3, Running Dead El Paso is going to be an obstacle and flag race that will gather funds for five different charities.

“Running Dead El Paso is taking on the Halloween spirit and putting on a zombie race, where the objective is trying to make it to the finish line with at least one of the two flags that participants will be given,” Guzman said. “If zombies take both of the flags, runners will not be able to complete the obstacle race and they will just be marked as dead at the end of the run.”

The charities involved are the Humane Society of El Paso, Child Crisis

Center, El Paso de Norte Child Development Center, El Paso Diabetes Association and The Rio Grande Cancer Foundation. According to Guzman, more people are expected to participate this year.

“This year is different because we are helping more charities and because we are expecting more people,” Guzman said. “Last year, we had a total number of 700 attendees and this year we are having a total of 2,000 people. I think this is because we are promoting it on Channel 7 and KLAQ.”

Guzman also said that it will be a huge event thanks to the new obstacles and different events.

“The race will have over a 100 zombies, we have professional makeup artists for the undead and awesome obstacles,” Guzman said. “We will

also have an after party, offering food and drinks right there at Ascarate.”

Running Dead El Paso also has many volunteer spaces open, and according to Guzman, it will be a night run, with the first wave starting at 5 p.m.

“We offer several positions such as t-shirt shops, water stations, and if anyone is interested in playing a zombie, we got that as well,” Guzman said.

Andrés Fuentes, freshman commercial music major, is anxious for the event and thinks it is a great way to attract people and help others.

“Zombies are a huge thing today. You have them all over the place from movies, video games, books and TV shows,” Fuentes said. “It is a different way to help the community, not to mention it is fun and exciting. I also want to see how people will react at a zombie invasion.”

According to Fuentes, he feels confident that he will finish the race without any problems.

“This is going to be my first race ever, but I feel confident that I will survive,” Fuentes said. “Though I must admit that I don’t know how much 5K really means when running.”

Although he likes helping people, Fuentes said he wanted to participate on the race because it would be a challenge.

“I decided to participate on this race because, unlike many races, it is really different from the rest or the ones I’ve heard of,” Fuentes said. “Also, it is a night run, so it makes it so much better and adds a little more spookiness to the zombie aspect of the run.”

Monica Veleta, sophomore graphic design major, has been playing many zombie games and wanted to test her abilities.

“Lately, I’ve been into that video game ‘The Last of Us,’ so I began wondering what would happen in a real-life zombie situation and this could be sort of a drill, but for fun,” Veleta said. “Besides, I would be helping other people and myself too.”

When asked if she thought she would survive the race, Veleta answered “yes.”

“Yeah, I think I will, because I don’t think there are as many zombies as runners, so maybe they won’t come after me that often, or at least I hope not,” she said.

Ascarate Park is located at 6900 Delta Drive.

Prices are as follows: Sept. 3-28 \$40, Sept. 29-30 \$45 and Nov. 1-2 \$55.

For more information, visit www.runningdeadelpaso.com

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Boba Fest comes to a galaxy near you



SPECIAL TO THE PROSPECTOR

Boba Fest is showcasing Daniel Logan (Boba Fett) on Sept. 21 at the Camino Real.

BY NADIA GARCIA
The Prospector

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, an unaltered child clone named Boba Fett rescued his father figure, Jango, only to later witness his death by decapitation.

Now Boba Fett, the bounty hunter from “Star Wars,” arises once again in El Paso at the Boba Fest on Sept. 21.

Sun City SciFi held their first convention this past April, is presenting Boba Fest from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Camino Real Hotel for \$5.

According to Ean Puhlman, Sun City SciFi promoter and organizer, this previous convention on April was able to gather a little over 1,000 attendees and hopes that it triple for next year.

“Although we are not quite an organization we are able to fund our conventions through sponsorships from local businesses as well as our own pocket expense,” Puhlman said. “We hope that in

the next five years we can have as many as 20,000 attendees per convention.”

Puhlman explained how Sun City SciFi has become his family’s guilty pleasure, since every member is in charge of different duties and have partnered together in order to make these events happen.

“My mom and I work together as the main decision-makers on Sun City SciFi and Boba Fest, but we also have the help of my dad, who takes care of all the accounting, along with my sister, who coordinates the volunteers,” Puhlman said. “Moreover, some friends of mine have also jumped on board—one helping coordinate transportation and security, while the other one, Nacho, focuses on promoting the event.”

The Boba Fest features Daniel Logan, who played young Boba Fett in “Attack of the Clones,” the second episode of the “Star Wars” prequel trilogy.

Logan was 15 years old when the film was released and has continued his role as Boba Fett in several

episodes of the television series “The Clone Wars.”

Having been involved in conventions for 12 years, Puhlman met Logan at the Roswell Comic Con, which was held in June.

Puhlman said that because “Star Wars” is widely known, it was easier to market to a broader audience, especially when showcasing a special character appearance.

“The great thing about “Star Wars” is that it’s so huge, not to mention everybody has seen at least one of the films,” Puhlman said. “Bringing Boba Fest to El Paso is not as difficult when you know the right people and have an idea of the market here.”

Puhlman, now 22, was only 10 years old when he became involved in sci-fi and said he has always loved “Star Wars.”

“I’ve been a ‘Star Wars’ and SciFi fan for most of my life, so it always means a lot for me to be able to interact with other fans,” Puhlman said.

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REVIEW

The jawbone jambox vs. pill beats speakers

BY JAIME QUESADA
The Prospector

Everything manufactured these days seems to be crafted for the sole purpose of making your life more portable. However, audio companies, Jawbone and Dr. Dre Beats have stepped up to make sure you never have to rely on your laptop or smart-phone speakers again.

The Jawbone Jambox and the Beats Audio Pill's emphasis on affordability, design and quality have made both of them very student friendly and they deserve a deeper look.

We'll start with their respective qualities. While their sound does have plenty of restrictions that must be kept in mind before purchasing, they are great for personal use and for providing background music at small gatherings.

This may sound restrictive, but power is one of the first things you give up when something becomes portable. The most common complaint users have about the The Pill is that it has lost the bass that Beats audio is known for.

That said, each device has its redeeming qualities. Although both speakers have Bluetooth connections that allow you to connect from a smartphone to a laptop, The Pill has near field communication (NFC) capabilities. What this means is that there are no settings and preferences windows to deal with. Still, the device you are connecting to needs to have NFC capabilities as well for this to work properly. Don't worry though, this technology is becoming more and more common as time passes.

Jambox doesn't have the NFC capabilities, but it does have live audio, which is a setting that tricks the ears into believing the sound is coming from all around and not a single point.

This effect is similar to having surround sound in your entertainment system. This setting does seem to decrease the volume, so if you want to go louder you can just turn the setting off.

Similar to The Pill, the Jambox does come with complaints—mainly connectivity. The Bluetooth capabilities seemed to waver and not connect at all at times.

They are both fully capable of conference calls and both of them have built-in mics. This feature allows users to sync them to computers, phones and tablets in order to talk to friends and family from far away or simply for the purpose of a business meeting.

When it comes to design, they still both stand on their own. The Pill, as the name suggests, is shaped as a capsule with a multitude of solid colors to choose from. It also comes with a hard carrying case with a carabiner attached at the end.

The Jambox opted for corners over curves. It also shares a solid color lineup, but for \$30 more, you can customize the colors so that the center is one color and the top and bottom are another.

Although \$30 seems expensive for a little color-scheming, it is still under the base price of The Pill, so it might be worth considering if you are looking to personalize your speakers.



(Top) The Pill can be found on Amazon for \$199. (Bottom) The Jawbone Jambox can be found on Amazon for \$152..

When it comes to price, the Jambox is tagged at \$152 and The Pill at \$199 on Amazon. The price doesn't change much on their respective websites, with the exception that the Jambox is more expensive at Jawbone.com. Ultimately, both speakers need to be sampled personally. The NFC ca-

pability might be a commodity worth having for a technically savvy person. On the other hand, an audiophile might appreciate the value of sound quality that comes from the live audio feature. The most important thing to remember, however, is that both can be taken just about anywhere. If you

are tired of depending on your phone or laptop's built-in speakers, then these are both definitely more than viable options to consider.

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Puhlman is very excited for fans to come out and meet Logan; he said that they will have a great experience.

"We got to know each other and I told him that we needed to bring him (Logan) to El Paso," Puhlman said.

Coming from the desert world planet Tatooine, Logan may feel at home in the environment of El Paso.

"Daniel is excited," Puhlman said. "We'll get him some real Mexican food."

Logan is not the only one excited about Boba Fest.

"I'm looking forward to it, especially since I haven't been to a convention before," said Brian Jacinto, a senior cellular and molecular biochemistry major.

Jacinto's friend, Francisco Woo, senior electrical engineering major, jokingly suggested that the two attend the event wearing "Star Trek" costumes. A costume contest will be held at 5 p.m. at the convention, with Logan as a guest star judge.

The winner of the costume contest will receive a ticket to the weekend-long Sun City SciFi Convention March 14-16 at the Abraham Chavez Convention Center, which is expected to bring 100 artists and vendors from around the country to El Paso. Some include Peter Mayhew (Chewbacca/Star Wars), Marina Sirtis (Star Trek), Tony Amendola (Stargate), Tom Kane (Yoda/Star Wars), David Yost (Blue Ranger/Power Rangers), Herb Jefferson Jr. (Battlestar Galactica) and Dana Snyder (Aqua Teen Hunger Force).

"Its purpose is to give fans the chance to interact with other sci-fi fans, meet their favorite celebrities, participating in cosplay and costume contest, play video games and just geek out," Puhlman said.

However, don't be discouraged if the force is not strong with you and your costume. There are more opportunities to win some prizes.

Video games tournaments are set to take place at the event. The games played will be "Call of Duty," "Mortal Combat," "Halo" and "Super Smash Bros." Prizes will be awarded to winners of the tournaments.

"We hope that attendees will enjoy these events so much that they will continue coming to future Sun City SciFi events," Puhlman said. "Everyone is very excited as the date draws near, it means a lot to see the finished project since we have all worked hard on planning it and making it enjoyable for the fans."

For more information about how to register, volunteer or join Sun City SciFi, visit suncityscifi.com.

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Miners seek fifth-straight win over Aggies



FILE PHOTO / THE PROSPECTOR

New Mexico State will try to break UTEP's four-win streak when they host them at Aggie Memorial Stadium in Las Cruces, Sep. 14.

BY EDWIN DELGADO

The Prospector

The UTEP Miners and the New Mexico State Aggies are set for the 91st edition of the Battle of I-10. UTEP currently holds a four-game winning streak over the Aggies. The last time both sides met in Las Cruces was in a close 16-10 win for the Miners on Sept. 13, 2011.

After starting their 2013 with losses, both the Miners and the Aggies are seeking to bounce back and claim the bragging rights for the silver spade and the brass spittoon.

"It's a great game, a great rivalry. There is always a lot of energy from both teams and both fan bases," said head coach Sean Kugler. "I always enjoyed it as a player and I'm really looking forward to this one as a head coach."

The Aggies started their season on the road against the Texas Longhorns, the Aggies went ahead in the second half, but the Longhorns scored 56 unanswered points to win 56-7. One week later, the Aggies fell to the Minnesota Golden Gophers at home 44-21.

"They are very well coached, the kids play really hard," Kugler said. "Schematically, they are a little bit different from last year. They ran more of a pistol-type offense."

NMSU's senior quarterback Andrew McDonald, in his first two outings completed 54 of 77 passes for 428 yards and one touchdown. McDonald also leads the team in rushing yards with 80 in 24 carries, and despite only averaging 103 yards on the ground after the first two games, the Aggies have obtained an average of 257 yards.

All three of the Aggies' touchdowns against the Golden Gophers were one-yard rushes, two of them by running back Germi Morrison.

On the other hand, the Miners were able to find success on offense in the season opener against New Mexico. Freshman running back and El Paso native Aaron Jones ran for two touchdowns including a 65-yard score in the third quarter. Nathan Jeffery also scored twice. The problem for the Miners was that they were not

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WEBFIRST

GAME RECAP

Kasey Carrier and the Lobos spoil Kugler's debut

BY JAVIER CORTEZ

The Prospector

Head coach Sean Kugler experienced a bittersweet day as the Miners fell in his debut against their rivals, the New Mexico Lobos, 42-35 in overtime.

With a renewed rivalry, the Miners wanted to keep New Mexico's streak of 15 years in Texas without a win alive, but in the end the Lobos running game allowed them to get their first win of the season.

The Lobos managed to get 395 yards on the ground, and the Miner defense couldn't figure a way to stop the triple-option offense. Running back Kasey Carrier ran 293 yards and scored four touchdowns to help New Mexico clinch the win.

"That kid is unbelievable," said Kugler of Carrier, "He was a 1,500-yard rusher last year and we knew he was a weapon; he was on tonight."

Despite the Miners inability to stop the Lobos' run attack, the Miners offense had its positives, being efficient and consistent. The run game carried the Miners, accounting for 280 of the Miners' 399 total yards. Freshman running back Aaron Jones was terrific in his first collegiate game, rushing for 127 yards (which is the most by a freshman since 1996) on 11 carries, with two touchdowns, including a 65-yard score to give the Miners a 28-21 lead.

"I never dreamed of a 100-yard game in my first game," said Jones, "I did dream of scoring, so I was happy about that. Playing in my first collegiate game just felt like my dream became a reality."

Neither team could sustain a lead or extend their lead past seven. New Mexico would score, then UTEP would come right back and it was apparent that the game was going

to come down to the wire or go into overtime.

"We turned the ball over once, we missed a chip-shot field goal and I thought it was going to come down to that in the end," said New Mexico head coach Bob Davie.

Going into the fourth quarter, the game was tied at 28, New Mexico scored first on a four-minute drive, then the Miners came right back with a six-minute scoring drive to send the game into overtime.

In overtime, the Lobos converted on a crucial third and six with a Kasey Carrier 21-yard touchdown. The Miners were poised to score and send the game into double overtime, facing fourth and one. The Miners gave the ball to Jeffery, but failed to convert from the looks of the replay, and where Nathan Jeffery's knee came down. The Miners thought that they got the first down. Yet, after a measurement and a replay, the officials decided to not overturn the call, which gave the Lobos the win.

"I felt we made it, that's why I challenged it, but we didn't win the challenge," Kugler said. "It should've never gone to that, we should never put that type of call in the referees' hands, we need to take business ourselves, we've got to get the first down ourselves."

In the locker room, Kugler told his men to hold their heads high and be proud of their effort on the field. The Miners will now go back to the drawing board as they prepare for their biggest rival, New Mexico State. The Miners will head to Las Cruces on Sept. 14 looking to get their first win of the season.

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(Top) Junior running back Nathan Jeffery escapes two Lobos defenders during the first quarter. (Bottom): Jameill Showers scrambles out of the pocket and runs down the field.

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(Top left to right): Junior outside hitter Taylor Nix blocks a Southern shot at the net. The Miners won two of three games over the weekend at Memorial Gym. Miner junior running back Nathan Jeffery attempts a one-handed catch during the game against the Lobos on Sept. 7 at the Sun Bowl. (Middle): UTEP quarterback Jameill Showers with a screen pass to Jeffery, which resulted in the first score of the game for the Miners. (Bottom): Senior forward Azia Nicholson fights for possession of the ball in front of the UTEP bench during their game against Stephen F. Austin on Sept. 8 at University Field.

FEATURE

The 99-year history of the Battle of I-10

BY JAVIER CORTEZ
The Prospector

The 2013 season will bring another edition of the Battle of I-10 between the UTEP Miners and the New Mexico State Aggies. This heated rivalry is 99 years old and represents one of the biggest events for the cities of El Paso and Las Cruces.

Aggie Memorial Stadium will witness another edition of this rivalry as the brass spittoon and the silver spade, which have resided at UTEP since 2009, are at stake.

“It is real intense not only for the players but for the fans as well. Whether we play here in El Paso or in Las Cruces, you can tell that it means a lot to both cities, to the players and the fan bases,” said UTEP head coach, Sean Kugler. “It’s a heated game, no team is going to give in no matter the circumstances, that’s what is great about college football, that’s what is great about rivalries and we are glad to be part of it.”

Sept. 14 will mark the 91st game between the two schools, with the Miners leading the all-time series 53-35-2. The Aggies hold a 19-17-1 edge on the Miners when playing in Las Cruces, but the Miners have won on their last two trips to New Mexico State.

To say the game is the longest-standing tradition that UTEP has is not hyperbole, it’s the truth. UTEP was founded in 1914 and that same year the rivalry between both schools began.

The rivalry might be old, but it definitely sticks with each passing generation, and the UTEP students of today are very much in touch with this contest. Junior mechanical engineering major Zach Jackson, who is a fre-

quent attendee of the football games, is planning to attend all five home games this season, including the short trip to Las Cruces, N.M.

“There’s a lot of excitement in the rivalry, and you should always expect a good game,” Jackson said. “There is no bigger rival than New Mexico State, no one else compares and the games are a lot more interesting, more cheering, yelling. It’s a different atmosphere and definitely a lot louder.”

Going back to the point of tension between the fans, Jackson has experienced that just about as well as anyone. He was in Las Cruces for the game in 2011, when the Miners beat the Aggies 16-10, and he said he knows what kind of hosts the Aggie fans are, or their lack of welcome.

“The fans at NMSU are a lot more disrespectful when the UTEP fans go to Las Cruces than when NMSU fans come to El Paso,” Jackson said. “When I was there, there was a lot of taunting, booing and many words I can’t repeat, just overall disrespectful.”

With the rivalry almost 100 years old, there is a lot of history between the two programs. The 1998 and 1999 games set an all-time attendance record for both schools (since then, UTEP has surpassed the 1999 attendance record only twice) and the Miners own the most lopsided victory, trouncing the Aggies 92-7 in 1948 in El Paso.

“You have to let players know about the history. How long has it been going on and the pride factor. There have been many close games, many upsets it’s a heated contest,” Kugler said. “The rivalry is real intense. There is a lot of trash talking and a lot of bad

“It’s a heated game, no team is going to give in...That’s what is great about rivalries and we are excited to be part of it.”

- Sean Kugler,
head coach

blood, so all the things you look for in a rivalry, this game has it.”

Both teams are coming off losing seasons, the Miners at 3-9 and the Aggies at 1-11, and with winning being hard to come by for both teams this past season, this game has tremendous importance as both teams would like to get off to a good start this 2013 season. The Aggies haven’t defeated the Miners since 2008, and the Miners would like to keep it that way.

On Sept.14, the Miners are going for their fifth-straight win against their biggest rival and their third-straight win at Las Cruces.

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UTEP and NMSU began their rivalry in 1914, the rivalry will hit its centennial mark in 2014.

SIMPLYSTATED

UTEP MEN’S GOLF TEAM SNAGS SECOND PLACE IN FIRST TOURNAMENT OF SEASON

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. – The UTEP men’s golf team opened its 2013-14 season by securing a runner-up finish at the Gene Miranda Falcon Invite on Monday in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Miners were consistently strong in the two-day event, firing rounds of 288, 287 and 286 for a total of 861. Host Air Force was champion of the tournament, shooting 849 (278-285-286).

Freshman Frederik Dreier had an impressive debut for the Miners, carding a seven-under-par 209 (72-69-68) and tying for second place. The native of Birkerød, Denmark landed five strokes behind the champion, Air Force’s Kyle Westmoreland (67-68-69-204).

UTEP also placed Jere Pelletier (ninth place, 73-69-72-214) and Martin Simonsen (tied for 25th place, 69-75-75-219) in the top 25 of the individual standings. Ian Patterson tied for 42nd place (77-74-71-222) and Jacob Loya finished 81st (74-76-84-234) to round out the Miners’ scorers.

The Miners will next participate in the William H. Tucker Invitational Sept. 27-28 in Albuquerque, N.M.

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able to stop the run against the Lobos and gave away nearly 400 yards on the ground.

“We got to get better fundamentally; there were too many missed tackles—many at the line of scrimmage that were converted into big runs,” Kugler said. “From a defensive standpoint, that will be the main focus for this week.”

Despite the heartbreaking 42-35 loss against the Lobos on Sept. 7, the Miners feel that they are moving in the right direction and are anxious to play their next game.

“We should keep executing what we do. We just need to do it better and keep a good attitude,” said quarterback Jameill Showers. “When you put your head down, that’s when losing streaks happen. So we need to have a positive attitude and we should win next week.”

Kugler and the players are looking forward to seeing many UTEP fans at Aggie Memorial Stadium in Las Cruces when they will try to get their fifth win in a row over the Aggies—something that hasn’t been done since the early ‘90s when UTEP won six straight (1986-91).

“It always helps when you walk out in Aggie Stadium and see 10 to 15,000 fans. It makes you feel good and you feel the fans got your back,” Kugler said. “Every time we go, we either have the same amount of fans or even more and (it) makes players feel good when they see a bunch of orange, and we are hoping to see the same this week.”

Showers, who completed 15 out of 20 passes for 119 yards against the Lobos, is expected to have more pass attempts for the upcoming games.

During the game against the Lobos, sophomore defensive back Ishmael Harrison suffered a concussion and did not play the second half of the game, while Jeffery suffered a knee strain. Both players will be evaluated throughout the week to determine if they will play against the Aggies. Meanwhile, senior linebacker Horace Miller, who missed the first game, is making a quick recovery and is likely to play this weekend.

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- Northwestern
- Florida
- Washington
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- Notre Dame
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- Mississippi



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WEEKEND SCORES

Volleyball	Football	Soccer
Sept. 6 Southern 0-3 UTEP Oral Roberts 3-1 UTEP	Sept. 7 New Mexico 42-35 UTEP (OT)	Sept. 6 UC Riverside 0-2 UTEP
Sept. 7 Texas Southern 0-3 UTEP	Rugby Miners Rugby FC 56-22 New Mexico State Chiles Rugby FC	Sept. 8 Stephen F. Austin 2-1 UTEP (2OT)




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