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## FOLLOWING THE PILL TRAIL

Prescription's availability increases abuse on amphetamines

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BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA

The Prospector

*Editor's note: This is the first in a three part series examining student abuse of prescription drugs, Adderall and Ritalin.*

Upon entering college, Karla Sifuentes, senior Chicano Studies major, felt it was necessary to seek help after she was having a difficult time focusing in school—something she had struggled with her entire life.

“Living with (attention deficit disorder) is a struggle every day, mainly because doing simple tasks can become difficult, such as remembering things or making decisions,” Sifuentes, who is studying abroad in South Korea, said. “My mind is constantly moving and I spend too much time inside my head.”

After seeing a psychiatrist and taking an assessment test, Sifuentes was diagnosed with ADD. This brought clarity to a lot of struggles she had dealt with.

ADD and attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder have seen an increase in diagnoses though the past 10 years. With this, there has been an increase in the use of prescription stimulants such as Adderall and Ritalin. Students, who want to use them to help them concentrate on academics, often abuse these stimulants.

According to data and statistics from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 9.5 percent of children 4 to 17 years of age (5.4 million)

were diagnosed with ADHD as of 2007. Rates of ADHD diagnosis increased by 3 percent per year from 1997 to 2006 and an average of 5.5 percent per year from 2003 to 2007.

The report also found that the rates of ADHD diagnosis increased at a greater rate among older teens as compared to younger children.

“The availability of medications for ADHD and the disseminations of those medications for students, who see ABUSE on page 4

### CAMPUS LIFE

## Abuse at parking garage causes complaints

BY AMANDA GUILLEN

The Prospector

Individuals using the visitors' areas of campus garages as free parking are causing upset for staff and students.

Faculty, students, staff and visitors are all allowed to park in a specific section of the Sun Bowl garage, which is located next to the bookstore. After 5:30 p.m. every day, anyone can park in any parking garage or lots across campus. Those who parked at the visitors' lot in the garage who stay until 5:30 p.m. are able to leave without paying a fee.

This poses an issue for students, faculty and staff who do pay for parking, especially the ones that pay the \$300-\$400 cost for the garage parking decal.

Senior political science major Gabriela Bustillos paid for the decal to park in the garage and said that students who park there without it are breaking rules and are not considerate.

“I think this is ridiculous, I paid \$300,” she said. “I feel that they should have more surveillance in order to prevent people from parking in the garage for free.”

Sophomore microbiology major Jay Yañez parks in the remote lots and said this behavior is unfair to students who pay for any parking decal.

“Something should be done about this,” Yañez said. “It is unfair because see PARKING on page 3

### SAFETY

## Student survives fall, shares story

BY LORAIN WATTERS  
AND KRISTOPHER RIVERA

The Prospector

On Oct. 14, Luis Hernandez, freshman business major and pledge for the Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity, fell from the third-floor staircase ledge at Union East to the middle second-floor staircase.

After being taken to Las Palmas Medical Center, Hernandez was released Oct. 17 with no serious injuries.

“I didn't break a single thing. The most that they had to do were those nine staples,” Hernandez said.

Hernandez is still sore in parts of his body, but he said he has made a full recovery.

“The doctors were surprised that I didn't die. I have a little pain here and there. My back still hurts a little bit and my arm hurts if I touch them—in the tender areas. My head took the entire impact and where I got the staples does hurt,” Hernandez said.

Hernandez explained that when he sat on the ledge, he had jumped back to sit but overestimated, thinking the ledge was bigger than it was.

“My friend was standing near me and right when he turned around, he saw me falling and tried to catch me, but couldn't,” Hernandez said.

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- Luis Hernandez,  
freshman business major

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Freshman business major Luis Hernandez reveals the nine staples used to close the wound he sustained on his head after the fall.

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COLUMN

# Sympathy for the chill pill

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA  
The Prospector



Students can find themselves cornered, taking left jabs from a need to graduate with a good academic standing and right hooks from student loan debts. The need to perform well in a bout with school can draw students to make exceptions just to pass, under any circumstance.

The use of drugs such as Adderall or Ritalin may be one way students secure passing an exam.

It's similar to an athlete taking a performance-enhancement drug. It's clear that it's not fair play for all the other athletes playing by the rules. Sometimes, however, it's more important to pull through a situation with a passing grade, unloading a burden and trading it for the relief of knowing an exam or class was passed, saving you from the stress of adapting to failure.

As of October 2012, the average amount of student loan debt for the class of 2011 was \$26,600, a 5 percent increase from approximately \$25,350 in 2010, according to a report from the Project on Student Debt.

Students can't really afford to do poorly with so much at stake—debt, pressure to find a job and other things. For students receiving financial aid, failing to meet the requirements can create a plethora of dilemmas.

I think about how tense it is for our generation of students to cope with school along with other responsibilities such as work. It may be hard to balance various responsibilities.

The average annual percentage increase in inflation of college tuition and fees at public four-year universities from 1982-83 to 1992-93 was 4.6 percent. Now, the average annual percentage increase from 2002-03 to 2012-13 is 5.2 percent, according to data from the College Board, Annual Survey of College and the NCES, integrated postsecondary education data system.

According to quick facts from the U.S. Census, in El Paso the average household income between 2007 and 2011 was \$38,259. Twenty-five percent of the city population is below the poverty level.

Students at a commuter school such as UTEP can get overwhelmed by having to attend classes—possibly more than 16 credit hours each semester—then heading to a possibly full-time job and then tending to a family at home.

It's understandable that some may be tempted to try these medications to enhance their concentration and endurance.

Taking these medications should be approached cautiously. Both Ritalin and Adderall are addictive, and may lead to withdrawal symptoms such as extreme fatigue, mental depression, irritability, temporary worsening of ADHD symptoms and insomnia.

Side effects may include increased muscle tension, anxiety, increased heart

rate, increased blood pressure, drowsiness, nervousness and insomnia.

The illegal use of Adderall or Ritalin isn't being encouraged, but the use of a controlled substance isn't an uncommon thing among students. Of course, drug use probably isn't anything new to most students.

Students may be getting pushed to their limits and are looking for ways to help ease the stress. Thinking of a happy ending, a successful outcome may outweigh the stress of losing financial aid or having a low GPA.

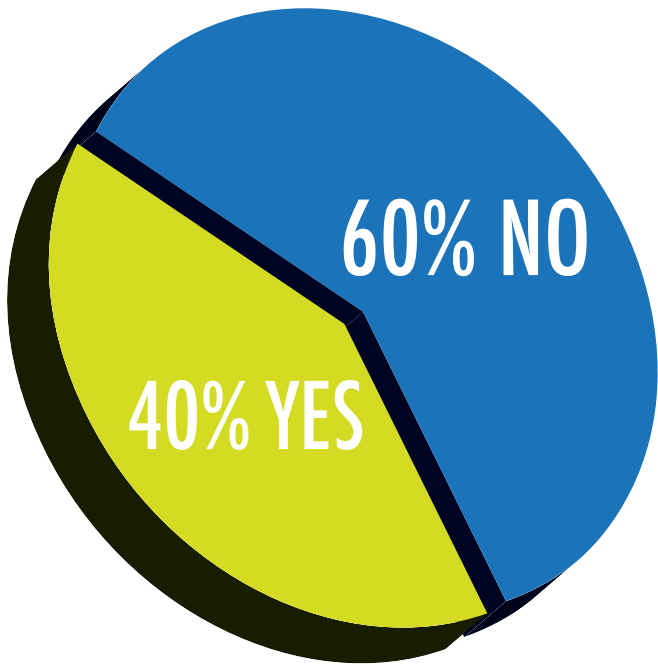
It's a competitive job market. Statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor show that as of June 2012, the unemployment rate for persons aged 25 and older with at least a bachelor's degree was 4.1 percent. The total unemployment rate was 8.2 percent—a total of 12.7 million unemployed persons.

While all of these factors and pressures may cause someone to look for temporary alternatives, they are not enough of a reason to justify the abuse of Ritalin and Adderall, but they are enough to sympathize with it.

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FEATURE

Campus cats find support through community programs



Feral cats are unadoptable and when they are taken to animal shelters, 99 percent of them will be euthanized within three days..

BY LORAIN WATTERS

The Prospector

As UTEP continues to transform, one thing has stayed constant in the untouched shadows—the feral cat population on campus.

Since its inception in 2000, the Trap-Neuter-Return program on campus has operated on-and-off throughout the years.

Since December 2012, the TNR program, operated by the Environmental Health and Safety department, has started up again due to a slight increase in the cat population.

A new micro-chipping initiative began this year along with regular procedures, where volunteers set traps to capture the cats, spay or neuter them, vaccinate them for rabies and return them back to campus.

“We started seeing kittens again from other places we don’t know,” said Robert Moss, assistant vice president for EH&S. “We have trapped 46 cats in total since. Forty were spayed or neutered and returned to campus, five were adopted and one was put down because he was very sick.”

The goal of the TNR program is to provide a humane solution to the cat population rather than using the catch-kill technique, where cats were trapped and immediately taken to animal services to be euthanized—a technique used in previous years in El Paso communities.

“We do the humane thing,” Moss said. “We have recently associated with El Paso Animal Services because they were willing to expand their program to us.”

Moss said El Paso Animal Services is called as a last resort if the TNR team cannot care for the cats.

“They’re desperate animals that are left alone and because they’re alone, they get hurt,” Moss said. “Especially now with construction, they are spooked.”

Moss and the rest of his staff create spreadsheets of the cats that have already been captured and spayed or neutered. Pictures are taken of each cat and a note is made on where that cat was found. Once the procedure is completed, they are released in the same area.

Anahi Marquez, senior cellular and molecular biochemistry major, is not a fan of cats, but she said she isn’t

bothered by the ones that cross her path on campus.

“I feel bad for any people that are allergic to them and for the cats themselves, but it would be nice if they found a home to be taken care of,” Marquez said. “I feel that the construction could potentially harm them. I mean we are all a little disturbed by the construction and any shelter they had could have been destroyed or they could get hurt by the machinery.”

Along with the TNR program at UTEP, there are several other organizations around the city that utilize this technique in order to reduce the number of free-roaming, or feral cats, in the El Paso community.

Sun City Cats was created last year and has been endorsed by the El Paso Veterinarian Association, The Animal Shelter Advisory Committee and Animal Services. The SCC follows strict guidelines in order to deliver humane solutions.

Feral cats are unadoptable and when they are taken to animal shelters, 99 percent of them will be euthanized within three days. The procedure for euthanizing an animal comes directly from tax-payer dollars.

Kurt Fenstermacher, deputy director for the El Paso Environmental Services Department, is in partnership with Sun City Cats and is currently applying for a second grant under PetSmart Charities.

“They offered us the opportunity to go to the 79907 zip code to help 1,000 cats. So the groups went out there and the cats were spayed and neutered and micro-chipped, which is different for El Paso,” Fenstermacher said. “The grant with PetSmart Charities is renewable, so they will give us another area code to help another 1,000 cats along with some money.”

The first grant was received in October 2012 with \$50,000 going toward the spay and neuter program.

“That’s a lot more than we have ever spent on a spay and neuter program. A non-profit organization is granting us this money, and in turn, we do the surgeries, the volunteers take the cats back, and they don’t get picked up by the officers,” Fenstermacher said. “Hopefully, we’ll see a reduction in the cat-related nuisance calls and the number of free-roaming cats with the TNR program.”

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It may take three to five years for the effects to become visible, but until then, SCC and other animal services will continue to go to specific areas with a high number of impounds reported and continue the TNR techniques there.

Because people are being irresponsible by dropping off cats and leaving them on campus, whether it’s students or people from the city, it keeps the problem from getting better, Moss said.

“We have other problems with feral animals when food is left out. There are people that aren’t being responsible for their animals. I wish they would, but animals are still roaming the campus,” Moss said. “We don’t encourage people to leave animals here. It’s a rough life to be a free-range animal within a city.”

Students interested in helping or volunteering for the feral cat program or the spray/neuter program can visit [suncitycats.org](http://suncitycats.org).

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PARKING from page 1

I get here early to find parking and sometimes I don’t even find parking and for them to just park in the garage and leave without paying—it is unfair.”

Political science professor Richard Gutierrez said that this was an issue brought to his attention by his students who park at the garage.

“This rewards the persons who break the rules and punishes the ones who pay for permits and follow the rules,” Gutierrez said.

Paul Stresow, director of Parking and Transportation, said that he is aware of this problem.

“We don’t get too many complaints,” Stresow said. “There isn’t (parking) staff that is at the university for 24 hours, so there is always going to be a moment when someone is going to leave without paying.

Stresow said students who are caught violating the rules have to deal with consequences, including a citation or a fee of \$10.

“We do have cameras monitor this, so we do have someone who looks

This rewards the person who breaks the rules and punishes the ones who pay for permits and follow the rules.

- Richard Gutierrez, political science professor

at the cameras and we look back at people who go through the gate and leave without paying,” Stresow said.

On average, visitor parking at the garage generates roughly \$1,000 per week in sales. According to Stresow, there has not been a decrease in revenue.

S. David Ramirez contributed to this story.

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don't really have the diagnosis, that's prevalent and that's happening," said Brian Sneed, assistant director at the University Counseling Center. "It's not an isolated incident or two."

Before anyone is diagnosed with ADD or ADHD, a thorough assessment is conducted to help screen out individuals who might not necessarily have it and who might be trying to fake their way through to get the medication.

Sneed said the method for looking for ADHD is to do a multilevel assessment, which could include a combination of self-reports, objective assessments and probably some computerized attention assessments. They do a background investigation—looking into previous high school and grade-school performance.

Sifuentes, however, refused to take the medication. She said through instant messaging that she's been able to live with ADD most of her life. She said it's not easy, but manageable.

"I researched on it and also witnessed the effects it had on others," she said. "Medication can be helpful to some, but I don't necessarily think medication is always the solution."

Instead, Sifuentes has developed her own way of coping with her ADD, either from her twin sister's support or from organizational skills she practices on a daily basis such as writing down reminders so she won't forget about things she needs to do.

Students can usually find a way to get the medications and they are available on the streets. The abuse of these medications may have serious side effects, which include problems

with mood, depression, anxiety and liver damage.

"From my experience, I've known more male college students who use these substances than females, at least in my experience within my own community," Sifuentes said.

THE CDC report found that boys (13.2 percent) were more likely than girls (5.6 percent) to have been diagnosed with ADHD.

It is against the law for individuals to be taking medication that isn't prescribed to them, and medications such as Adderall and Ritalin—methamphetamine-based—are considered controlled substances.

According to the Texas Controlled Substances Act, a person who possesses a controlled substance such as methamphetamine-based medication, the offense can range from a state jail felony to imprisonment, depending on the weight of the controlled substance.

Sneed said there should be a change in the assessment process to keep the medication from being abused.

"You shouldn't need to only have an individual's verbal identification of symptomology. I think that there should be a thorough assessment, a psychological assessment of history done, and make it a little bit more evidence based," he said. "Sometimes ADHD can be diagnosed with a single self-report and then if they identify the right symptoms and things like that, they can get a diagnosis."

Sifuentes also said she thinks the medication should be more difficult to obtain.

"From my experience, I was easily handed Adderall with a simple ques-

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Medication can be helpful to some, but I don't necessarily think medication is always the solution.

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- Karla Sifuentes,  
senior chicano studies major

tionnaire. I actually think it is one of the easiest to get than most controlled substances," she said. "I first went to my general doctor and talked about it and then I got recommended to go see a psychiatrist for a test. From that appointment I had with the psychiatrist, that same day I received Adderall samples right away."

The UTEP Student Health Center's pharmacy doesn't currently fill prescription for ADD or ADHD. However, Jacquelyn Navarrate, clinical assistant professor of pharmacy, said she has about one or two students visit each month in regards to getting medication for ADD or ADHD.

"People will bring their ADHD med to be filled and I have to turn them away because we don't have that right documentation in order to fill that through state and federal laws, but we're working towards that," Navarrate said.

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SAFETY from page 1

"It was so fast, I don't remember the falling, there was no falling sensation."

Hernandez believes that the university should not spend money on extending the railings or improving the Union to make it safer.

"I don't see why the university should go out of their way to spend a whole lot of money. Maybe another sign that says 'do not sit,' but I don't know about raising the ledge. It was my own fault. I don't want to blame

anyone except myself. People need to be careful," Hernandez said.

Ofelia Dominguez, director of the Union, said the accident was immediately reported to the Environmental Health and Safety department.

"As of today, we have not received a recommendation," Dominguez said. "Environmental Health and Safety is researching the matter further."

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NATIONAL



George Takei says, “these are not two cities” in a speech about LGBT equality at the National Press Club in Washington. Takei played Commander Sulu on Star Trek.

Marriage equality beams up to Michigan, New Jersey

BY GAVIN STERN

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WASHINGTON - It was a consequential week for gay rights, with Michigan and New Jersey moving toward allowing gay marriage through the judicial system. Victory in those states would increase the number of states allowing gay marriage to 16, along with the District of Colombia. “Nationally, there’s this idea that we’re moving forward, like what happened in Michigan and New Jersey. But I don’t want to say it’s inevitable,” said Brant Miller, 27, a program associate for The DC Center for the LGBT Community.

George Takei, an openly gay actor best known for his role as Commander Sulu (later Captain) in Star Trek, spoke at the National Press Club Oct. 18 to advocate for marriage equality. “I grew up as a child imprisoned in barbed wire,” Takei said, referring not to his sexual orientation but to his internment as a Japanese-American during World War II. He called the laws that prevent gay people from marrying “legalistic barbed wires with hard, sharp barbs of prejudice and ignorance.” In Michigan, U.S. District Court Judge Bernard Friedman decided this week to allow a challenge to the Michigan Marriage Amendment, a voter referendum that passed in 2004. The Feb. 25 trial will determine

if outlawing gay marriage serves a legitimate state interest. Meanwhile, in New Jersey, the state Supreme Court voted Oct. 18 to allow gay marriages to proceed while Gov. Chris Christie appeals a lower court decision. The Garden State previously permitted civil unions, which the Republican governor supported. The New Jersey court also cited a lack of state interest in preventing the marriages from going forward. Miller warned, though, that while marriage equality is a major issue in the LGBT community today, it’s far from the only one.

“While marriage equality is something that many LGBT people want, there are other issues that LGBT people face and address, like homelessness, transgendered people and the complex issues that LGBT people of color face. All of those things are important,” Miller said. Takei, for his part, said he is hopeful for the future of gay rights because of young people. “Especially young, straight couples, because they’re going to be making the gay babies of tomorrow,” Takei said, to laughter from the lunch audience. “And it is for them that we have to be change agents today.”

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MILITARY

Two third-place finishes for Fort Bliss at Army Ten Miler

BY ANDRÉS RODRÍGUEZ

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ARLINGTON, Va. - The Fort Bliss men’s and women’s teams finished third Oct. 20 at the Army Ten Miler. Spc. Japheth Ng’Ojoy, 25, clocked the men’s team fastest time at 52:15 and 1st Lt. Jasmin Branch, 24, finished first for the women’s team at 1:04:25. About 35,000 people registered to run the 29th annual race on the streets of Arlington, Va., and D.C., skirting several monuments and memorials. An alternate, Arlington-only route, was planned due to the government shutdown, but the original course was reinstated after Congress voted to reopen the government. Maj. Joe Buccino, 39, the Fort Bliss men’s team captain, said he’s proud of the team’s performance. “We had a very strong team this year, and it’s very tough to compete with the Fort Carson team because they train at a much higher altitude,” Buccino, the 1st Armored Division deputy public affairs officer, said. “But we came down here and placed third, which is much better than we did last year. We’re all proud of the team.”

Last year, the men’s team placed sixth and the women’s team placed third. This year, the men’s team placed behind first-place Mountain Post in Fort Carson near Colorado Springs, Colo., and second-place Joint Base Lewis McChord near Tacoma, Wash. The women’s team finished behind first-place Fort Bragg in Cumberland, N.C., and second-place Mountain Post. U.S. Air Force Capt. Jeff Coverdale, 29, of Oklahoma City, Okla., said he didn’t know what to expect from the race because he injured his leg earlier in the year. He finished in 57:54, one of the team’s top-four times. Cover-

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The Army Ten Miler runners make their way to the finish line Sunday morning. Nearly 35,000 runners were registered to run the annual race.

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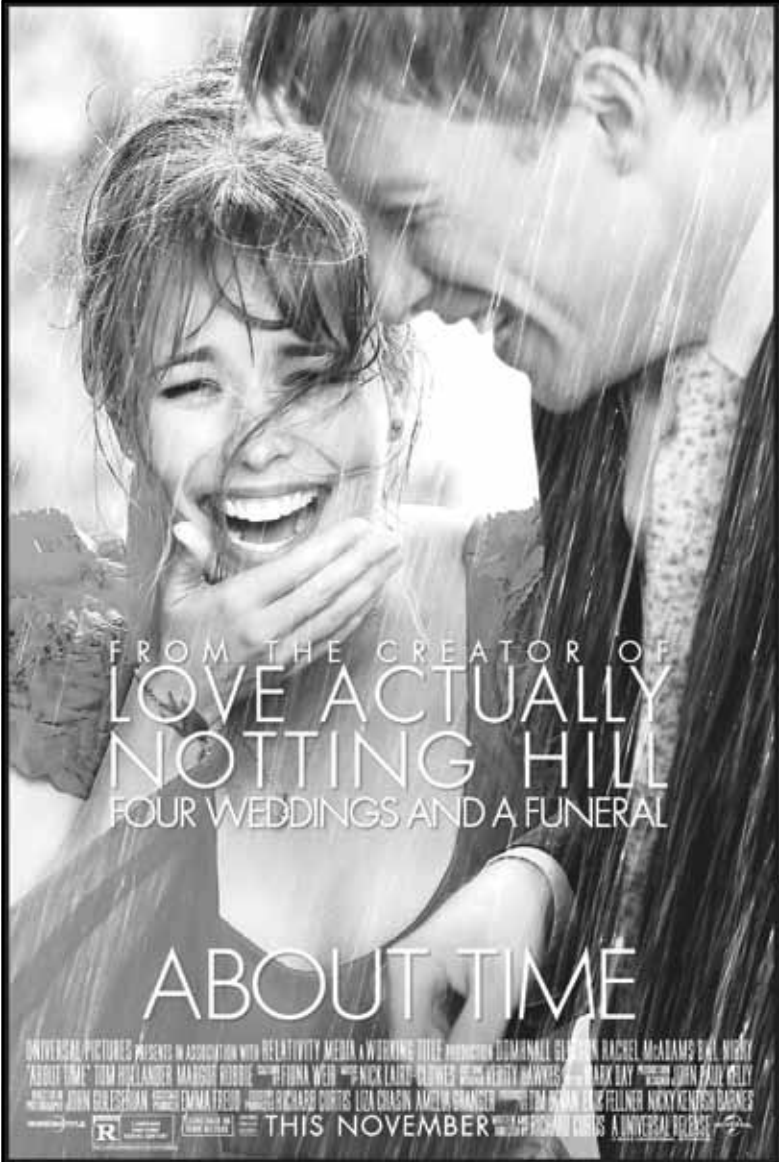
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What is your overall opinion of the government shutdown?



**ANA BUSTAMANTE**  
Freshman music education major  
“The government took these issues too far to have still not been able to resolve anything.”



**ANDY CHAVEZ**  
Senior mechanical engineering major  
“The only way something will get done is if everyone will compromise and not try to put their opinion above all else.”



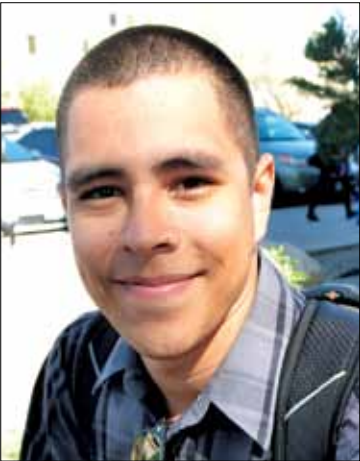
**BRENDA DENNIS**  
Junior business administration major  
“I think it’s good that the government reopened but they only started caring when it came to their pay.”



**DANIEL IBARRA**  
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“The government needs to come up with a more permanant solution because all they’ve done is keep postponing things.”



**KRISTEN ARCE**  
Sophomore biological sciences major  
“There has to be other ways to solve these issues than to shut down the government.”



**DANIEL RANGEL**  
Junior buisness management major  
“It doesn’t matter if the government is closed or not, either way nothing will get done.”



**MARY MORECK**  
Freshman electrical engineering major  
“As long as everyone gets payed back it should be okay, even though this will probably happen again.”



**ISAAC TILLEY**  
Sophomore biology major  
“There’s bigger things the government should be dealing with. They should’ve never closed it over the issues they did.”



**VICTORIA JIMENEZ**  
Sophomore public relations major  
“The shutdown lasted too long. That was too much time to put government employees out of work.”



**JONATAN CONTRERAS**  
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“The government shutdown was immature in negotiating something that is non-negotiable. It should have never closed to begin with.”

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**MATTHEW ENRIQUEZ**  
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“I think it was a failure in general, but think it was a success for Democrats because the Republicans lost a lot in their polls.”



**MICHAEL STREEP**  
Junior computer engineering major  
“The government should’ve just defaulted, they’re spending enough money as it is.”



**ROMAN AGUILAR JR.**  
Senior kinesiology major  
“I thought the government shutdown was a waste of time. I just don’t know why the government can’t agree on things.”



**TENEIL BETHEA**  
Freshman pre-nursing major  
“I think the shutdown failed because it was a waste of time and uncalled for.”



**BENJAMIN PROO**  
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“It was both parties trying to implement their own agenda and holding the American people as hostage to implement those agendas.”



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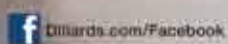
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INBRIEF

LAUDED AUTHOR TO GIVE LECTURE ON U.S. DRUG WAR

Ricardo C. Ainslie, award-winning author, film-maker, psychologist and a professor at the University of Texas at Austin will give a Centennial Lecture at the Undergraduate Learning Center on Oct. 22. A reception is to proceed, which is free and open to the public. Ainslie uses books, documen-

taries and photographic exhibits to capture what he believes is interesting in a social or cultural matter. In his latest book, Ainslie points out whatever happens in Juarez will have a lasting expression in both the United States and Mexico. Ainslie was an inductee into the Texas Institute of Letters in

2006, named Guggenheim Fellow in 2010 and awarded a Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center Residency. His lecture is an honor to UTEP's Centennial Celebration.

UTEP RECEIVES GRANT FROM TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

UTEP was awarded \$683,000 from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services through the Title VI-E program. This program is the major source for federal funding for educating and training the child welfare. This grant is mainly to benefit abused and neglected

children in the City of El Paso. October to June 2014, five MSW (Master of Social Work) students will receive on-the-job training at Child Protective Services in El Paso. Another part of the grant includes social faculty members to continue their educational opportunities to strengthen

their skills. UTEP will be host three major workshops for CPS workers and foster parents in 2014.

  
  
  
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dale said he appreciated the opportunity to train with the team for the past five months and to run with the Wounded Warriors.

"Seeing amputees, guys with disabilities, those kinds of guys being able to finish, kind of puts your own race in perspective," Coverdale, an intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance liaison, said. "All the different types of people from all different walks of life coming together to put forth their maximum effort."

The runners included active duty, Reserve, Guard, retired military, veterans and military family dependents from all 50 states, D.C. and other countries, including Brazil and Ger-

many. First place overall runners were Solonei Silva, 31, of Brazil, at 48:04 in the men's division, and Kerri Gallagher, 24, a Rosslyn, Va., resident, at 54:56 in the women's division.

A high school and college track and cross country runner, 2nd Lt. Shalela Dowdy, 23, said she was motivated to keep running as she saw the wounded warriors beside her. More than 75 wounded warriors and wheelchair athletes were scheduled to compete in the race. Dowdy finished the race with a time of 1:10:30.

"It's very inspiring to see them still going on, and I'm wanting to quit and I have two legs. It was very inspiring to be able to have the opportunity to motivate them to finish," Dowdy, of Mobile, Ala., said. "It's not the average race, and I've ran a lot of races in my lifetime so I really enjoyed running this race."

Pfc. Antonio Varela, 19, of Pecos, N.M., ran the Ten Miler for the first time. He was a high school cross country runner before moving to Fort Bliss in March. He brushed two minutes from his record, finishing the race in 56:26.

"I feel like it was great. It couldn't have gone any better, I think," Varela, a member of the 3rd Battalion, 43rd

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Seeing amputees, guys with disabilities, those kinds of guys being able to finish, kind of puts your own race in perspective.

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- Jeff Coverdale,  
U.S. Air Force Capt.

Defense Artillery Regiment, 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, said. "I ran a great time, and it was an awesome experience."

The Army has published a list of unofficial results and will update it in a few days.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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FILE PHOTO

Shakespeare on the Rocks has relocated to The Women's Club of El Paso, located at 1400 N Mesa St., next to Cathedral High School.

## COMMUNITY Shakespeare on the Rocks relocates due to shutdown

BY LEONARDO MONTAÑEZ

The Prospector

National parks such as Chamizal National Memorial were closed during the 16-day government shutdown, and this affected the events and shows planned during this time, including Shakespeare on the Rocks.

The production of “Doctor Faustus,” which will premiere on Oct. 27, had to relocate to the Woman’s Club of El Paso.

Elizabeth Dahl, director of marketing and public relations of Shakespeare on the Rocks and an actress at the company, said that although they had a great partnership with the Chamizal, they inevitably had to find a new venue.

“The people at El Chamizal suggested that we should seek another

venue because it would be in everyone’s best interest to look for other places, since we didn’t know when the shutdown was going to be over,” Dahl said. “None of us could predict what would happen with the government next and it was disheartening to see all the events cancelling and we were one of the few very fortunate who were able to continue.”

Dahl also said none of the company’s events were greatly affected by the shutdown because opening night had been scheduled for Oct. 25, but she said they cannot go back to Chamizal even though the shutdown is over.

“We needed to move to The Women’s Club of El Paso, next to Cathedral High School,” Dahl said. “We had planned to go back to the Chamizal, but we are going to remain at

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## COMMUNITY UDT actors save outdated ‘80s musical

BY LEONARDO MONTAÑEZ

The Prospector

Originally written by Patricia Resnick with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton, the UTEP Dinner Theatre’s “9 to 5” delightfully examines the problems women face in the workplace.

Directed by Jaime Barba, UDT’s costume designer, “9 to 5,” from beginning to end, was a joyous experience that explored the lives of Violet Newstead, played by Doris Velez, Doralee Rhodes, played by Annie Pennies, and Judy Bernly, played by Megan Hanner.

The musical takes place in the 1980s at Consolidated Industries, where most of the workforce is composed of women, who are constantly nagged and harassed by their boss, Mr. Franklin Hart, played by William Gilbert.

Of course, the female staff in the company conspires to change this.

The sound of the show was as good as ever with its live backstage musicians, directed by Patricia Ann Provencio.

Although the voices of the actors and actresses disappointed at the start of the show, by the end of the night, every technical aspect was greatly improved with every singer at the right volume and in coordination of the instruments.

This is where the UTD shines, for the most part, the technicality of “9 to 5” was astonishing—from the music and the acting to the choreography—these were the show’s major pluses.

The main actresses and actors of the musical astonished the audience with their superb acting and singing voices and most of the supporting cast were almost as good.

The score included Dolly Parton’s catchy tunes such as “9 to 5,” the powerful ballad “Get Out and Stay Out” and “Always a Woman,” which were iconic songs from the original movie. The score included Dolly Parton’s catchy tunes such as “9 to 5,” the powerful ballad “Get Out and Stay Out” and “Always a Woman,” which were iconic songs from the original movie. Nonetheless, many more of the original score were not memorable enough to be remembered after the final curtain call or to listen to in your spare time, which says a lot about a musical.

One of the good aspects of the show was its comic relief, which took every opportunity it had to make a casual pun or joke—and although it was a 30 year-old musical — the jokes have aged well.

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MICHAELA ROMAN/THE PROSPECTOR

“9 to 5” will be playing at the Union Dinner Theatre every Wednesday to Sunday until Nov. 3. The performances begin at 7 p.m. with the exception of the matinee performance on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The audience will enjoy a three-course meal that includes chicken wellington with veloute sauce, pasta roma, garden salad with house dressing, snowflake dinner rolls, coffee, iced tea and apple crisp à la mode.



REVIEW

# Twin Peaks: More than just a sports bar

BY MARCUS SEEGERS

The Prospector

When people think of beer, sports, tasty food and a lively environment they often think of a sports bar. But what happens when you add antler chandeliers, mounted deer heads, fishing rods, hunting bows and cheerful and attractive waitresses? The result is Twin Peaks.

Twin Peaks, a national franchise, has just opened a restaurant right here in El Paso, just off Gateway Boulevard close to Cielo Vista Mall.

Twin Peaks is a sports bar just like any other, however, this one is somewhat unique. It appears to be a cross between a ski lodge, man-cave and sports bar. Twin Peaks is proud of their design and they say they carefully designed each of their stores to have a signature mountain-lodge feel. The walls are covered with items you would expect to see in a hunter's log cabin, with mounted animal heads,

bows, fishing rods and other things of a similar nature.

The exterior has a huge deck, where you can relax and watch sports on any of the number of large TVs. The interior is open with a high roof and has an oval-shaped bar in the center surrounded by booths and tables. The restaurant itself has more than 100 TVs and each booth has a TV of its own, surrounded by massive HDTVs to watch any sport imaginable.

It is impossible to look in any direction inside the restaurant without being drawn to a TV.

Yes, this is a sports-enthusiast's paradise. The volume level in the restaurant was on the loud side and it was fairly crowded around 4 p.m., but this is to be expected in a sports bar.

When I looked at Twin Peaks' website I assumed that it mainly catered to a male crowd with words such as, "Twin Peaks is the ultimate man-cave." However, I was pleasantly surprised to see a mixed group of both



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men and women and I was even more surprised to see families with children sitting down to enjoy a meal and watch some sports. When I asked one of the waitresses about the families, she said that it was not uncommon for families to come. She added that at night, the crowd was mainly single people. However, she also said that at night the crowd is unbalanced with the male patrons outnumbering females most of the time.

Twin Peaks has made it evident that they are different than other male-oriented sports bars like Hooters by stating, "Everything in our kitchen is made from scratch. Our draft beer is served so cold that ice crystals form at the top of the glass." I decided that I should try their food for myself.

I ordered the chicken-fried steak and it was massive, more than enough food for one person, unless you are really hungry. The meat was tasty, surrounded by a crunchy layer of seasoned crust. It came with mashed

potatoes and mixed vegetables. The potatoes were flavorful with a nice buttery taste. The vegetables were good as well, but nothing amazing.

Overall, I was satisfied with the food and it tasted as if it was indeed made from scratch, just as they had advertised. When talking to one of the waitresses, I asked if she liked the food served at Twin Peaks and she said she loved it. She then told me that waitresses were encouraged to eat from a special menu to help insure that the Twin Peaks girls kept their attractive figures.

The Twin Peaks' girls are a major attraction to the restaurant and highly advertised aspect on their website. When describing the waitresses, Twin Peaks says: "The Twin Peaks Girls are not only beautiful, but are fun and talented, with long-term goals and ambitions."

When I visited Twin Peaks to try their food, I found that all the waitresses I talked to were friendly, cheerful, intelligent and took the time to talk to their customers, some of them even sat down with you to talk. Along with that, their service was good, they checked up on me regularly, refilled my drink—in a timely manner—and insured that I was satisfied with my food and their service.

Besides being a UTEP Gold Digger, Caitlin Cervantes, freshman kinesiology major, just started working at Twin Peaks as a waitress. She said the sports bar is a student-friendly place to work in.

"My managers always work with my schedule. I feel like I'm able to do both school and my job well because of this flexibility," Cervantes said. "It's great because I was able to get shifts before and after school activities. If I have a test review or another conflict during a shift, our general manager has been great, making sure I can attend all necessary school functions."

Not only does Cervantes say she likes to work here, but on her off time she also enjoys the food.

"There are so many things on the menu I love. My guilty pleasure is the chicken-fried steak. It super good!" Cervantes said.

Overall, I found Twin Peaks to have a lively atmosphere, good food and enough TVs to satisfy anyone's need for a televised sporting event.

The restaurant has a unique design and felt like a good place to hang out with some friends. The waitresses were pleasant and provided great service. The bottom-line is, if you like sports, a lively environment and good food, you should check out Twin Peaks.

Twin Peaks is located at 8889 Gateway Blvd. West Suite 900.

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REVIEW

Expected hunches for new Apple lineup

BY MARCUS SEEGERS

The Prospector

You all know Apple Inc. right? The massive tech giant that brought classics like the iPod and iPhone. Apple will be having a tech event on Tues. Oct. 22. You are probably thinking, “didn’t Apple just have a big tech conference when they announced the iPhone 5s?” You would be correct in assuming that.

However, this is Apple’s iPad event. Apple usually announces some new computers and software as well. So the major question is what can you expect from this event? Well, I think the following four topics will likely be covered at the conference.

1. IPADS

There will be two new iPads’ if Apple sticks with their usual pattern. There will be an iPad 5, which will sport an upgraded processor and graphics, as well as a complete redesign of it’s exterior. The iPad 5 will take modeling quos from the iPad mini and they will have relatively the same design look. This means the iPad 5 will likely be smaller then its’ predecessor, but still have the same screen size. This will be possible by making the bezel on the iPad smaller. Although, consumers are hoping that Apples’ new Touch ID will be included in both new iPads, this is yet unconfirmed.

Apple will probably add a faster processor to the iPad mini. The big news in what the iPad mini 2 will be sporting is a retina display. Apple decided to exclude this feature from the first model and Apple’s competitors have been creating tablets with higher resolution displays. However, Apple will need to add a new retina just to keep up.

2. NEW MACS

It has been Apples policy to show off new Mac’s during the iPad event. Which is why, it is very likely that they will introduce the new upgrade for Mac’s this year as well as the price of the new Mac Pros. I do not expect huge changes in the Mac area this time around, but if Apple is doing

their job right they will surprise me with something unique and all new. It is almost certain the computers will get some new hardware such as better battery life, faster processors, and more ram or hard drive options. It is also possible that Apple could cut the prices of their computers as they have done in the past.

3. OSX MAVERICKS

OSX Mavericks is Apple’s latest version of their computer software. It would be very surprising if they did not release this product right after the event, especially since they already gave us a sneak peak of the software several months ago. This is why I don’t think Apple will announce anything mind blowing in the computer department because I think it will be more focused on the software.

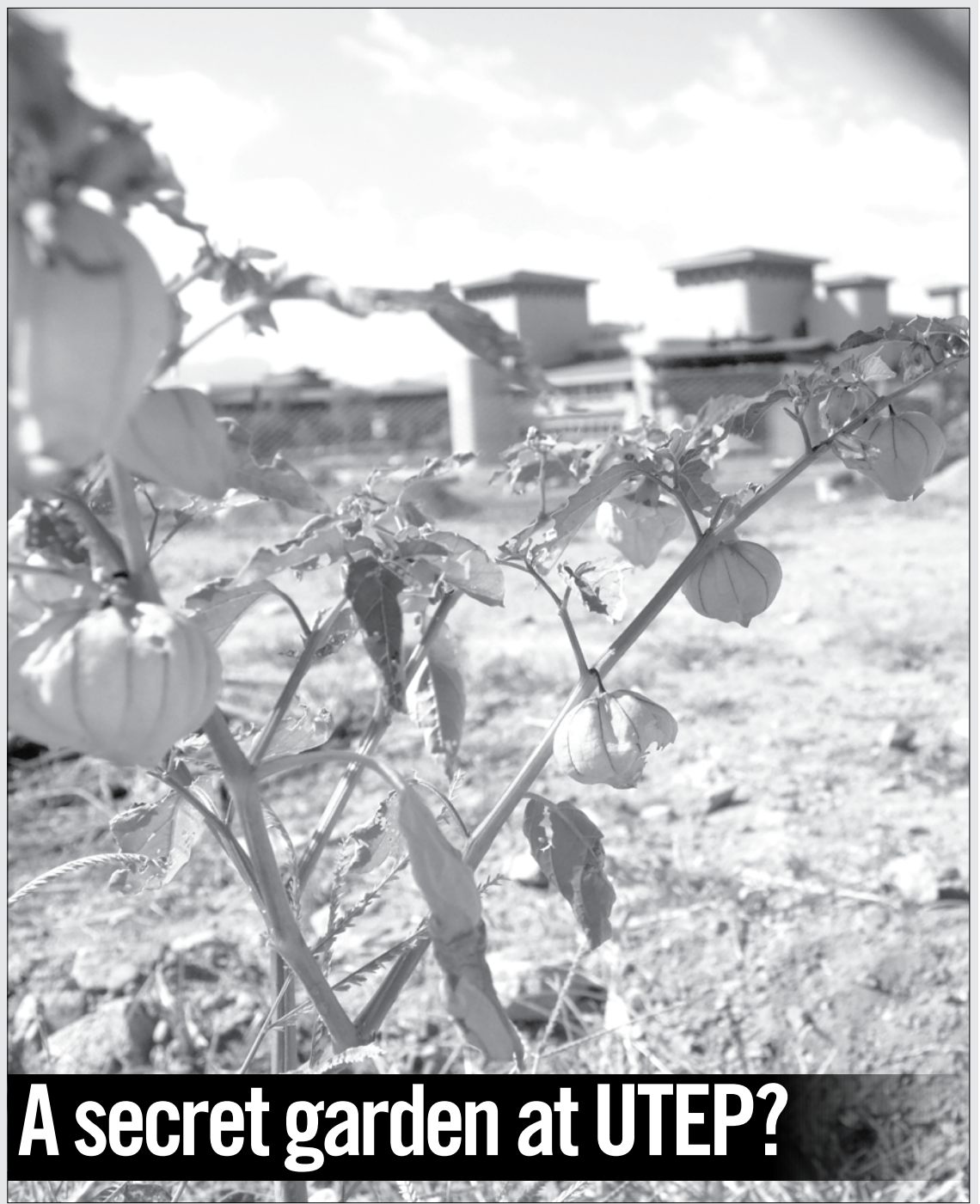
4. IPODS

Honestly, I am waiting for iPods to stop selling. The only ones I have seen people use are the iPod touches and the shuffles. There are a few nerds who wear the Nano’s on their wrist. Other than that, I don’t see very many people using music players because we all have them on our phones. Of course, Apple still produces them so they must be selling a few here and there. The event could see new iPods. The only reason I think it has such a high chance is because Apple has released new iPods every year. Who knows, maybe they’ll change that and not release a new iPod line, but I doubt it.

The Apple event is just in time for the holidays. If you have been waiting for some new tech to hit the streets before Christmas this is going to be one of the bigger events leading up to the holidays. I am hoping for big news in the Apple TV department or maybe an iWatch, but I am not expecting either of those things. Even if Apple doesn’t have anything jaw dropping to show to the world, there will still be some good upgrades and fun gadgets. Enjoy the new tech.

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CAMPUS LIFE



A secret garden at UTEP?

ANDREA ACOSTA/THE PROSPECTOR

A secret garden was found right outside the UTEP Dinner Theatre. Fruits such as watermelons, tomatillos and melons have been growing for the past month. Find out more at theprospectordaily.com



SPECIAL TO THE PROSPECTOR

The Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Theater in San Francisco, where Apple’s event will take place. With only six weeks after Apple introduced two new iPhone models, the company will be holding a conference Oct. 22 at San Francisco to share what’s expected in the iPad lineup as well as news on other products.

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Nexus 7: The sequel that’s better than the original



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**BY JAIME QUESADA**  
The Prospector

The Nexus 7 is a 7-inch tablet created by Google and built by ASUSTeK Computer Inc. Just when we thought normal-sized tablets were the last piece of technology we would need, they come out with this. I have to say though, that this is one sequel that I didn't know I needed.

I was going to make an objective comparison as to why this tablet is better — than lets say an iPad mini — but for lack of better articulation, it just is.

Let's start with pixels. It has an impressive 1,920 x 1,200 resolution with over 300 pixels per inch (ppi). As consumers, we demand quality and don't necessarily always get it. This is not the case with the Nexus 7, since its impressive resolution translates to HD quality and makes it one of the highest resolutions on the mini-tablet market right now.

A plus for smaller tablets is their weight. With a slimmer body than

last year's model, the new Nexus 7 weighs under one pound. The lighter body means they had to shave down the battery life, but it still works for a beefy nine hours of HD video playback and 10 hours of web browsing or e-reading. The battery also has a built-in wireless charging, which means with the right accessory, you can charge, grab and go.

This tablet was also built for speed and power. With a quad-core Qualcomm Snapdragon S4 Pro processor and a cool 2 GB of RAM, everything simply runs faster, compared to it's previous manifestation—making this tablet great for 3-D gaming.

With dual band Wi-Fi and 4G LTE, you can stay connected almost anywhere. It is important to note though, that this option is only available with the 32 GB LTE version. Obviously, it is the most expensive of its two other siblings, a 16 GB and a 32 GB with a basic Wi-Fi band. This is probably where the flaws begin to appear. While it does have a USB port, it doesn't provide an SD card slot to offer more memory. Furthermore, the new Android 4.3 OS runs at a gluttonous 6 GB, which means if you purchase the cheaper 16 GB, your memory is already almost half full.

My suggestion would be bump up to the 32 GB. This is the issue that has many consumers tilting towards the Microsoft Surface or the iPad Mini, which both contain up to 64 GB of memory.

Another upgrade to the device is in its audio speakers. Instead of having a single speaker, the device offers two — one on top and another at the bottom.

Overall, for the comparatively modest prices, Asus and Google have certainly packed a lot into it.

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the Women's Club because we don't think it would be fair for the community, and it would be very confusing from a marketing standpoint, so we will go with our new venue."

Dahl said that the impact has not been big and that their transition has been smooth because of help from the Women's Club of El Paso.

"It was all thanks to the president of the Women's Club, who stepped right in, looked at the calendar and said 'yes, go ahead and do it,'" Dahl said. "It was also a good way to promote the Women's Club, the Chamizal Memorial and us."

Although Shakespeare on the Rocks has been working with the Chamizal for more than three years, Dahl said that they feel positive about performing at the Women's Club of El Paso.

"I think there's always a chance that we will re-educate the people about our location and also the Chamizal will help us inform anyone that we have moved," Dahl said. "Hopefully, in a near future we will return to the Chamizal, but also keeping our shows at the Women's Club."

Priscilla Duran, former teacher's assistant at UTEP and actress for Shakespeare on the Rocks, felt disappointed when she received the news that the company would need to change their venue.

"This is going to be my debut at Shakespeare on the Rocks," Duran said. "I've been following them since their early productions and it was extremely hard for me because I loved

the Chamizal stage, but luckily we found a new place."

Despite the many changes, Duran feels comfortable with their new venue, but would love to go back to Chamizal someday.

"The theater is beautiful and we needed to take this new opportunity, besides it is a historic venue," Dahl said. "Although we would love to go back and work with El Chamizal again, we can't because we sent the advertisement out and we can't retract them, but hopefully some day."

Alina Anchondo, sophomore linguistics major and scout at Messengers of Peace, said that national parks are the one thing that shouldn't have been shut down.

"National parks are a very important part of the lives of every individual," Anchondo said. "Not only do they help protect and preserve the flora and fauna that are risk of disappearing, but they also hold our history and memories."

Anchondo said national parks can be great means of escape for everyone and offer more than people know about.

"Personally, I especially appreciate the respite I can get from the busy lifestyle I live," Anchondo said. "Parks such as Big Bend National Park and Guadalupe Mountains National Park or even the Chamizal are great to spend great family time. Breathing fresh air and being in contact with nature are important activities that teach us the values of life."

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The production had a very dynamic stage, which changed from a generic office to a fancy executive's office as well as to a home bedroom and was highlighted with impressive lightning direction done by Adam Bishop. But frankly, the staged version of "9 to 5" had too many set changes, which worked well in the film version, but not so much on stage—I found it distracting.

Choreographer Lisa Lopez made the production feel more like a daily-life routine with some elements of dance, rather than a full-on dancing show, which, not to discredit the dancers, but this made it more enjoyable to me because it felt more realistic.

The costumes of "9 to 5," created by Barba, accurately matched the 1980s, which pleased the audience, which seemed to be composed of mostly people from that time period. They seemed to know the musical through and through and their enjoyment was obvious by their frequent laughter.

The UDT made "9 to 5" a great experience for the audience and it offers a little something for everyone, despite its mature subjects and language. Yet, as much as the jokes and

some of the music were good, students of this generation, who do not know too much about musicals or the original movie, may not find this an enjoyable show.

While the acting was great from most of the actors, and that the quality was amazing, I think the show will have a hard time appealing to students due to its age and subject matter. It would be especially hard for someone who is not used to musicals, making them feel that for the money they spent, the dinner was the only thing worth their time and money.

The show, in my opinion, is directed to people who grew up during the time period of the original movie. The UTD's stage adaptation is a very professional and technically is well worth watching. For those who are interested in this light comedy, catchy tunes and some great acting and singing "9 to 5" will satisfy this appetite.

The show will be running through Nov. 3.

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# Miners go on the road to face Rice



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UTEP will attempt to defeat the Rice Owls in Houston for the first time since 2005. Rice has won six of the last seven meetings at Rice Stadium.

BY EDWIN DELGADO

The Prospector

After having a week off, the Miners are now focused on their next rival the Rice Owls, who are leading the west division of the conference alongside Tulane. Rice will host UTEP Oct. 26 in Houston.

“It was a very productive week for us. We got a lot of work done,” said head coach Sean Kugler.

UTEP lost its fourth-straight game of the season at home to the Tulsa Golden Hurricane, 34-20, on Oct. 11, and now every game is a must-win if the Miners hope to keep their bowl game aspirations alive.

“We are extremely disappointed with our record, but at this point you have to evaluate where you are at and attack the problems that you have,” Kugler said. “Our focus for the second half of the season is to progressively get better.”

Rice has not lost to UTEP at home since the 2005 season, when UTEP came away with a 38-31 victory. Rice has a three-game winning streak against the Miners when playing at Rice Stadium and has won the last two meetings between both sides, including the 33-24 win last year at the Sun Bowl, which was the last game of former head coach Mike Price.

Rice’s senior quarterback Taylor McHargue and company look to continue their success in Conference USA. McHargue has thrown for 1,098 yards this season for six touchdowns and six interceptions. However, the biggest concern for UTEP will have to be the Owl’s running game.

“Rice is an extremely good rushing team, they lead in conference,” Kugler said. “They have big and physical backs that are outstanding; it’s going to be a tough challenge for us.”

UTEP has not been effective in preventing other teams from run-

ning the ball and Rice is currently the 16th-best team running the football in the country, averaging 230 yards per game. Senior running back Charles Ross leads the team in that department with 545 yards and five touchdowns, averaging six yards per carry. McHargue is a dual-threat quarterback, who has run for 302 yards for five touchdowns. Ross and McHargue combined for 257 yards and four rushing touchdowns (three from McHargue) in the Owls’ 45-19 rout over the New Mexico State Aggies in Las Cruces, N.M.

“I think they are very well coached, David Bailiff has done an unbelievable job there,” Kugler said. “They are very solid on both sides of the ball and if we are going to use a model to build a program the proper way, they would definitely be a good example for us.”

Rice can also do some damage in the passing game. Their two starting

wide receivers, junior Jordan Taylor and sophomore Dennis Parks, have combined for 44 receptions, over 600 yards and four touchdowns so far.

The week off has helped the Miners to get some extra time to study and prepare for this game and also to get players back. Running backs Aaron Jones, LaQuintus Dowell and Nathan Jeffery are recovering from injuries.

Jameill Showers is the Miners’ key to success. The junior quarterback has completed 106 of his 185 pass attempts for 1,259 yards and 11 touchdowns. The Miners have averaged just over 200 yards rushing and passing per game, and junior wide receivers Jordan Leslie and Ian Hamilton have combined for 692 yards so far this season.

Once again, the key to the game will be UTEP’s defense. As of now, it is the eighth-worst defense in the country, allowing 37.7 points per game, and has had many problems stopping the run.

The Owls will be the toughest opponents the Miners have faced this year, and if they lose this game, the Miners will have lost any glimmer of hope to become bowl eligible.

“When you are struggling, going on the road can help you out sometimes,” Kugler said. “It helps you out to eliminate distractions and you just go out and play.”

After the Owls, UTEP will have two additional tough contests on the road. The first will be against national powerhouse Texas A&M at College Station, followed by North Texas at Denton before coming back to play their last home game of the season against the Florida International Golden Panthers on Nov. 16.

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## COLUMN

### An underwhelming performance for the Miners

BY JAVIER CORTEZ

The Prospector



With the first half of the football season in the books, the Miners are 1-5 overall and 0-3 in conference play. Knowing UTEP’s football history, how much of a surprise can that be?

If you had told me that this would be the case six weeks ago, I would have been shocked and here’s why.

Entering this 2013 season, Conference USA had a huge realignment with quality teams like Central Florida, Houston, Memphis and Southern Methodist leaving. Going into this year, the Miners would be in one of the weakest conferences in college football. Some of the worst teams in the nation were joining Conference USA; Florida International, Middle Tennessee State, North Texas and Florida Atlantic were coined “automatic wins” when you looked at the schedule.

Despite the Miners losing their top-four leading tacklers from last year on defense and their top wide receiver on offense, UTEP looked like they would be able to compete for a Conference USA title because of their deflated conference. I thought at the worst the Miners would win four to five games and at best they would top out at seven to eight wins. With six games left, the Miners will be lucky to win one more game.

This year the Miners have one of the worst defenses in the nation. UTEP ranks 115th in opponents’ points per game. By giving up close to 38 points per game at 37.7, they rank 107th in opponents’ total yards per game. But where the Miners really struggle is in rush defense—UTEP ranks 119th in the nation, giving up 247 yards per game on the ground.

So far, under the Sean Kugler era, the Miners have started some bad habits. Throughout six games, the Miners have given up a touchdown on each of their opponent’s opening drive. One streak that might last longer is the Miners’ winless home record, as this year the Miners are 0-4 at home and they have lost six straight going back to last season. With five of their next six games being on the road, the Miners have their last chance to get a home victory against Florida International.

I’m thinking that perhaps they might get their first home win under Kugler in 2014.

With all that’s bad with the 2013 UTEP football team, there are some bright spots in a dark picture such as quarterback Jameill Showers, freshman running back Aaron Jones, wide receiver Jordan Leslie and kick returner Autrey Golden. These four Miners have shown consistency and good playmaking ability on offense and special teams.

The Miners’ offense ranks in the top half of the country in points per game—but good is not good enough when your defense is horrendous. At the end of the day, UTEP’s offense can produce points, but throughout four

REMAINING FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Oct. 26 — at Rice

Nov. 2 — at #16 Texas A&M

Nov. 9 — at North Texas

Nov. 16 — vs. Florida International (Home Game)

Nov. 23 — at Tulane

Nov. 30 — Middle Tennessee State

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MID-SEASON RECAP

# A slow transition under Kugler

BY JAVIER CORTEZ  
The Prospector

Every season starts with certain expectations, optimism, dreams and goals, but as the season progresses some of those expectations change. Optimism may turn into pessimism, dreams into nightmares and goals are unmet.

After a 1-5 start to their 2013 season that is what the UTEP football team must be going through. UTEP has been in a tailspin, losing four straight games before going into their bye week. At the beginning of the season, many of the players were talking about competing for a Conference USA championship and a possible bowl game bid; now the rhetoric surrounding the football team is improvement.

“My main focus for this team is to just improve. I want to see improvement from the defense in tackling, to see improvement from the offense in consistency,” said head coach Sean Kugler. “I never put a number on wins going into the season, I just want to see improvement on a weekly basis.”

Despite the Miners’ losing record, in theory they could still make a bowl game, and if they win five of their next six games they will be bowl eligible.

If coach Kugler has done one thing right so far at UTEP, it’s changing the focus of the team, but the players would be lying if losing wasn’t on their minds.

“It’s definitely in our minds right now,” said defensive back Wesley Miller. “We know what the magic number is, we have to win and it’s in our minds right now.”

Unlike last season, the Miners have done a solid job with its offense, av-



FILE PHOTO / THE PROSPECTOR

The Miners have began the Kugler era with a 1-5 record on the first half of the season. UTEP will play five of six the remaining games on the road.

eraging 31.2 points per game, but the defense—with many new faces—has allowed an average of 37.7 points per game. If they want to have any chance of salvaging this season, the defense has to step it up for the next six difficult contests ahead of them.

Going into the second half of the season, the Miners are up against stiff competition, and with the majority of their games on the road, the Miners need quick improvement. The combined record of their first six opponents is 11-30, and the combined record of their next six opponents is 23-18.

“Our toughest test is going to be Texas A&M, but we can match up with anyone we play,” said quarterback Jameill Showers. “In conference play, Rice should be tough, and

I heard that Middle Tennessee should be pretty good. So probably between them and Rice, they should be good, and I heard that UNT (North Texas) is no slouch. So we have our work cut out for us, but I think we can do it.”

Showers said the team can get a lot better if they are able to change the mistakes that have been plaguing them throughout the first half of the season.

“It’s been the same story all season, execution,” Showers said. “We got to get back to the basics and fundamentals, and we got to win games—bottom line.”

With the Miners having the time to reflect and look back on the first half of the season, one thing they would like to change is the attitude of the defense.

“Changing the culture of anything takes time,” Kugler said. “It takes pa-

tience, it takes hard work and it takes guys buying in. It’s a process that we’re going through right now, but we’re willing to work at it. We’re patient and the kids are willing to work at it, and we’ll get it turned around.”

On Oct. 26, the Miners play Conference USA co-west division leader Rice in Houston—a well-equipped team that can play defense, and that has the ultimate Achilles’ heel for the Miners—a solid running back. If the UTEP players and coaching staff have made anything clear to their fans, it’s that they’re focusing on improvement. Whether that comes with wins or more losses, only time will tell.

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quarters, there are patches of inconsistency and varying play calls.

While this may be attributed to this Miners’ defense, the offense always looks panicked, rushed and desperate. The passing game still hasn’t found a middle ground, they either look very timid or very aggressive. Showers is averaging 6.8 yards per pass attempt, but his top wide receiver is averaging 18.7 yards per catch—the contradictions in the passing game need to be fixed.

Which all begins with the defense, which alters the play calls on offense.

With six games left this season, there are three ways you can look at this, optimistically, pessimistically, or realistically. Sometimes reality lines up with optimism, sometimes it lines up with pessimism. In this case the realistic outlook on the Miners’ second half of the season should be pessimistic. The Miners won one game against six teams with losing records, and four of their next six opponents have winning records, and they are away games for the Miners.

It’s never good to see the attendance drop game by game, but I won’t say it’s going to get better anytime soon. I won’t tell fans to stop showing support, but I will say if you want results, then you’re probably going to have to wait until next year.

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## GUEST COLUMN An exciting new season for UTEP basketball

BY TIM FLOYD

Special to The Prospector



Dear UTEP students,  
Basketball season is right around the corner! I wanted to take a moment to thank you for all your support last season and invite you back for another exciting season of UTEP Hoops.

Our student support was incredible last year! You played a major role in our team finishing 13-3 at home with three losses by a total of eight points, including to NCAA Tournament teams UNLV and Memphis.

This year we’re shooting for continued success in the Don Haskins Center, and our home court advantage will be more essential than ever with the Conference USA Tournament coming to El Paso on March 11-15.

We have a veteran team returning, with five of our top seven scorers and our top four rebounders back from last year’s 18-win squad. Our top returnees are Julian Washburn (third team All-Conference USA & C-USA All-Defensive Team a year ago), John Bohannon, McKenzie Moore, Cedrick Lang and C.J. Cooper. We should have an excellent frontcourt with Washburn, Bohannon and Lang joining newcomers Vince Hunter (top-100 recruit) and Matt Willms (7’1”). If the backcourt stabilizes it should be a great year for UTEP basketball.

As always, we need you to be our “Sixth Man” in the stands for every home game starting with our season opener versus Loyola New Orleans on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 7:05 p.m.

If you’d like a sneak peek at this year’s squad, I invite you to our free Orange & White Scrimmage this Saturday at 6 p.m. The team will be sign-

see FLOYD on page 15

## IN BRIEF

### ROTICH FINISHES SECOND AT NCAA PRE-NATIONAL MEET

Terre Haute, Ind.— Sophomore Anthony Rotich finished second at the 2013 NCAA Pre-National meet as he defeated 358 runners on Saturday. Rotich clocked in a time of 23:25.43 in the men’s 8,000-meter race coming in about a minute behind 2012 NCAA cross country champion Kennedy Kithuka of Texas Tech. “I’m proud of Anthony’s (Rotich) effort today,” said head coach Paul Ereng. “Despite the cold weather and the intense competition, he stayed focused and we couldn’t ask him for more.”

Freshman Cosmas Boit was the second Miner to cross the finish line with a time of 24:31.11, while Elphas Maiyo followed close behind at 24:32.66. The Miners finished 36th out of the 52 squads that competed. Representing the women was Laura Delgado who clocked in at 24:13.81 in the women’s 6,000-meter race. Truphena Sum finished right behind her at 24:39.99. The Miners will take some time off to prepare for the 2013 Conference USA Championships in Denton, Texas on Nov. 2.

### UTEP RIFLE SETS SEASON HIGH AGAINST #10 AIR FORCE

EL PASO, Texas — The UTEP rifle team took another step in the right direction by firing a season-high aggregate in an eventual 4,656-4,543 setback to No. 10 Air Force at the Miners’ Rifle Range, Oct. 20.

The Miners have increased their team score every match this year, which can be attributed to hard work on the range and quality instruction from head coach George Brenzovich. The Miners, who are only going to get better as the season progresses, have already surpassed the top team sum from the entire 2012-13 campaign.

Senior Korina Rodriguez led the way for the Miners by firing better than 580 in both the small bore (583) and air rifle (581) for the first time of her career. She with a personal-best aggregate of 1,164. Her effort in the small bore was especially impressive, shattering her prior high (572) in the discipline.

Senior Areli Oros, who is back in action after an injury, relied upon a season-high 547 in the air rifle and a 496 in the small bore to finish at 1,043. Sophomore Monthserrat Serna was also in action, competing only in the air rifle. She wrapped up the event with a score of 540, which is just one shy of her personal best.



VOLLEYBALL

# Miners began a four-game homestand

BY ELLISIA SHAFER  
The Prospector

After having lost to Southern Mississippi on the road on Oct. 13, the Miners began a four-game homestand on Oct. 20 and defeated the Rice Owls in three sets in the first game.

"We started a little slow in the first set, but in the end we pushed well and everyone did a good job," said head coach Holly Watts. "For the most part we played well, the intensity was good throughout the game and I think the defense was good."

With the help of a kill from junior outside hitter Taylor Nix and senior middle blocker Xitlali Herrera late in the third set, the Miners swept the Owls.

"This is the first time we beat Rice in three games," Herrera said. "It was awesome. I think our energy and intensity was really high in the three sets. It was team work, I think every single one of us played our hardest and it showed we wanted to win this game."

The Miners held the intensity throughout, and from the outset the Miners looked to be focused, trading back-to-back points with the Owls.

Herrera, Nix and senior setter Malia Patterson combined for a total of 13 kills in the first set to help lift the Miners and take the first set, 25-23.

Going into the second set, the Miners continued to dominate, with help from Nix, Talia Jones and Herrera, who all combined for a total of 28 kills. Then followed by 22 assists that were added by Patterson, which helped the Miners outscore the Rice Owls 25-15.

The Miners continued to dominate going into the third set, carried by Herrera, who had 26 of the Miners' 48 kills, while Patterson posted 31 assists.

The Miners took the lead by a margin of four and sealed the win with an

assist from Patterson, followed by a kill by Nix, which helped the orange and blue take the third set, 25-20.

"The last play was just a result of our fight," Nix said. "Our focus going in was one more dig, one more kill, one more block, one more of everything—just to push so we could get that next point. We didn't let the ball drop, when there was an opportunity, we killed it."

With the win, the Miners are now 11-7 overall and 5-2 in Conference USA, which pushes the Miners up to fifth place, behind Tulsa, Texas San Antonio, Tulane and Marshall.

"Definitely, going into the next three home games we are looking to carry in some of the same intensity and focus from this win over Rice and get the same results," Patterson said.

The Miners will play their next three games at home at Memorial Gym, first a non-conference game against Grand Canyon on Oct. 23, followed by two more conference games. On Oct. 25, they will be pitted against the Alabama-Birmingham Blazers and on Oct. 27 they will go up against the Texas San Antonio Roadrunners.

"Home matches are always so big and so important, but when we've struggled this year it's been on the road and we want to make sure we take advantage of home court," Watts said. "We should not give anything away here at home."

Watts said that it is crucial to get results in the upcoming games because the Miners will next play four-straight road games against Marshall, Charlotte, North Texas and New Mexico State before closing the regular season at home on Nov. 17. This year's Conference USA tournament will take place in Murfreesboro, Tenn. on Nov. 20-23.

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BY VERONICA ENRIQUEZ / THE PROSPECTOR

(Top) senior middle blocker Xitlali Herrera led the team with 26 kills against the Rice Owls. (Bottom) sophomore outside blocker Talia Jones' assists in the third set helped the Miners secure the victory.

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ing complimentary schedule posters after the game!

And don't forget to sign up for our student support group, the Miner Maniacs, for special privileges at the games. Our Miner Maniacs Tip-Off Party will be held on Thursday, Nov. 7 from 6-8 p.m. in the Haskins Center and you can sign up there!

On behalf of UTEP basketball, thank you for the role that you play in our team's success, and I'm looking forward to seeing the best student section in the United States in action again soon!

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Tim Floyd is the head coach of the UTEP men's basketball team.

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