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Moving on after adversity

BY JAVIER CORTEZ

The Prospector

Over the summer, the Miners lost, then received and then lost again. Freshman forward Twymond Howard is gone after one year and nearly no playing time. The same goes for senior forward Malcolm Moore and sophomore Chris Washburn, who left after some controversy involving a bar fight.

As bad as this was for the team, things were still on an upswing because of one highly touted recruit—Isaac Hamilton, who was the first ever five-star recruit to sign a letter of intent at UTEP. This shocked most of the nation and El Paso. It almost seemed too good to be true—and it was. Hamilton left UTEP before even showing up in a highly publicized dispute between

“

It doesn't matter who we play. I don't think we really care who we got in the conference, we're just trying to win.

”

- McKenzie Moore,
junior guard

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Back in the hunt for title

BY LUIS BARRIO

The Prospector

After a 22-10 season last year, the UTEP women's basketball team is looking to come back and fight once again for the title in Conference USA.

The Miners return four of their starters from last season, including two key players that are back from injuries, sophomore guard Jenzel Nash and senior center Kristine Vitola—both had ACL injuries that kept them off the court last season. They return this year with high hopes.

Vitola had a longer offseason than the rest of the team because of her injury, but is working to get backup to game speed.

“

(Success) just comes down to having good players and us working hard. It's a lot of little things that make it happen.

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- Keitha Adams,
UTEP women's basketball
head coach

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GUEST COLUMN

Building around a solid team

BY KEITHA ADAMS

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Basketball season is back and we are really excited to get this year started. We have put in a lot of work and will just continue to take it one day at a time.

We would really like to make a good run this year and get back into the NCAA Tournament. We'd love to obtain a championship in our conference. Those things are the ultimate experience for a college basketball player, and if you talk to anybody, that is their goal.

I want our fans to know that we take a lot of pride in how we play this game. The game has been good to us, and we need to be good teammates, have good chemistry and be sisters. It's really important that for our players the team comes first, and that they take care of one another.

We are healthy, which feels great. We have Kristine Vitola and Jenzel Nash back on the court after missing last year with ACLs. Overall we have a very solid nucleus of returnees and we are putting a lot of pressure on them at practice. We want them to be the first ones on the floor, to do everything right.

We have seven newcomers and we want them to be able to watch our returnees and learn how to do things the right way.

We are really excited about having two players from El Paso who will be on the floor for us in Stacie Telles and Kayla Thornton.

We've received great support over the years from El Paso in my 12 years. I'd really like to encourage anyone who hasn't been to one of our games to check us out. We work very hard to put a good product on the court and our marketing staff does a great job of making our fans a part of the experience through different promotions.

We hope that you're as excited as we are about the year, and look forward to seeing you at The Don Haskins Center this season!

Keitha Adams is the head coach of the UTEP women's basketball team.

STAFF COLUMN

Davis: the best choice for students

BY S. DAVID RAMIREZ

The Prospector



The Texas gubernatorial race is still a year away, but candidates on both sides of the political spectrum are mustering support for their sprint toward the highest office in the Lone Star State.

Currently declared on the Republican side of the aisle are a series of secessionists, pundits and a past chair of the Texas Republican Party.

Greg Abbot, attorney general of Texas, is the front-runner and will likely be the GOP candidate.

Currently, only one Democrat has announced their candidacy: State Rep. Wendy Davis.

Polling conducted this September by the Texas Lyceum, a non-partisan think-tank, shows that Davis and Abbott are currently only separated by a handful of points, though a vast majority of Texas voters feel they do not have enough information to decide on a candidate.

Neither individual's platforms have been fully revealed, but as it stands, Davis seems to represent an ideal candidate for students.

During her recent visit to El Paso, Davis began her effort to sway academics by proclaiming, "I am running because I believe in the promise of Texas, which is delivered most profoundly through our support for public and higher education."

She represents the struggle that many UTEP Miners have experi-

enced. As a single mother, she worked while attending a community college, transferred to a university and ultimately advanced to Harvard University to complete her law degree.

Like many of my fellow students, I cannot remember a time when Texas stood as a blue state.

Under the Republican regime, we have seen the introduction of restrictive voter ID laws, questionable policies regarding textbook content, disregard for women's reproductive choices and an almost systemic discrimination against the LGBTQI community.

We're still a year away from the election, so consider the impact that each candidate can have on the future of Texas.

Meanwhile, there are more items on the Texas political agenda that deserve our attention. Nov. 5 is Election Day. For most El Paso residents, the ballot consists of a series of nine constitutional amendments.

Three proposals have significant bearing on UTEP students.

As a community, we have prospered with the expansion of Fort Bliss. Military families have settled in the Southwest, making El Paso—and ultimately UTEP—their home, bringing a wealth of resources and opportunities with them.

Propositions 1 and 4 allow the Texas Legislature to exempt certain tax obligations on the properties of soldiers who have been killed in the line of duty or severely disabled as a result of their service.

While this is a worthwhile effort, the biggest item on this ballot is Proposition 6.

El Pasoans are all too familiar with the plight of living in the dry desert.

Some of us have experienced this firsthand as small-tract farmers, colonias' inhabitants or outdoor recreationists.

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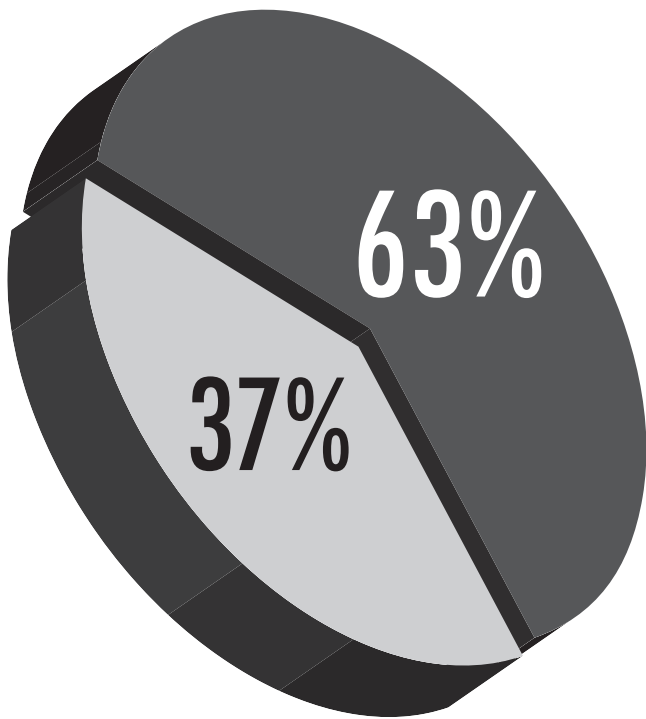
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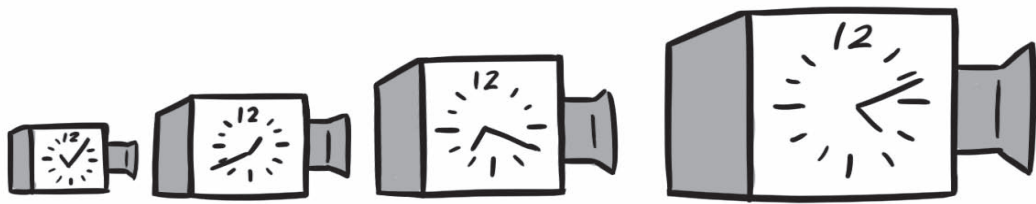
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CAMPUS LIFE

Campus organization plans indigenous history events

BY LEONARDO MONTAÑEZ
The Prospector

Native American Heritage Month will be celebrated in November through an educational program at the university.

Cheyenne Lozano, president of the Academic Revival of Indigenous Studies of Education, said the group will be educating students about Native Americans and their history.

“Our main goals are to educate people about indigenous history and to support Native American students... here at UTEP by helping them find scholarships and such,” said Lozano, a sophomore history major and member of the Navajo tribe. “This is not only on the Native American Heritage Month, we try to do this every day at ARISE because we want to really inform people about indigenous studies.”

ARISE is raising awareness in November by sponsoring a series of events around campus.

“We will have cultural events such as a panel on cultural sovereignty, guest speakers, dancers and screenings at the Union,” Lozano said. “We will also be discussing the book (‘The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian’) of Sherman Alexie, who is Native American himself.”

Lozano said it is important that all students learn about the Native American background of the United States.

“It is important to educate every student about indigenous history and background, but I think it is more important to inform people about how much Native Americans have changed,” she said.

Lozano also said that UTEP doesn’t know how to help Native American students and that’s what ARISE is for.

Contrary to this idea, Cemelli De Aztlan, coordinator of student life and scheduled professor of indigenous spirituality in spring 2014, thinks that UTEP is a place that embraces Native Americans. De Aztlan

received a master’s degree in divinity from Harvard University.

“Ironically, there was a lack of representation at Harvard University of native people. I made it my goal to create that space for natives. I felt I wasn’t represented,” said De Aztlan, who is of the Navajo and Wampanoag tribes. “I think UTEP does an excellent job in creating an environment for people—who are predominantly Hispanic—to find their way and feel comfortable.”

De Aztlan said she hopes the courses will encourage progress in Native American culture.

“I think the education system has left out a lot of indigenous history and for me it is an important issue to feel represented,” De Aztlan said. “It’s a way to include input in the way that society thinks and forms their models.”

Aztlan said that educational institutions should spend more time acknowledging the history of Native Americans.

“We need to be more demanding of the study of Native history in our institutions of education. We should open our eyes to the facts regarding Native Americans’ presence and continued influence in the Americas,” she said. “For instance, Thomas Jefferson admired the native government system of the Iroquois Confederacy—the first democracy of the Americas—and he adopted their democratic system of government into the Constitution of our United States.”

De Aztlan also said it is important to understand the differences between the different cultures and that people should use Native American Heritage Month to learn about these differences.

“When we think about the natives during the holidays, like Thanksgiving, let us take the time to learn something deeper about those natives and migrants/pilgrims whose story we are commemorating,” De Aztlan said in an email. “Most Native Americans observe this ‘holiday’ as ‘A Day Of Mourning.’”

“

I think that we all are equal and we need to celebrate each other for the differences we have.

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- Cemelli De Aztlan,
coordinator of student life
and scheduled professor of
indigenous spirituality

Freshman Octavio Salas said celebrating Native American Heritage Month is necessary to learn more about indigenous people.

“I think that we all are equal, and we need to celebrate each other for the differences we have,” Salas said. “There’s no problem celebrating this month—more than that, take advantage and learn about each other.”

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- BANNING “THE ABSOLUTLY TRUE DIARY OF A PART-TIME INDIAN: A PANEL DISCUSSION**

Union East, third floor, Tomás Rivera room
November 6, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- VETERAN’S DAY MOVIE SCREENING: IN SEARCH OF HISTORY - NAVAJO CODE TALKERS**

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OUR VIEW

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Bon Appetit! UTEP celebrates food fair



MICHAELA ROMAN / THE PROSPECTOR

1. UTEP students came out to the 30th Annual International Food Fair put on by student organizations. 2. Hannah Gonzalez, biology graduate served students Venezuelan food along with other students from the UTEP Baptist Student Ministry. 3. UTEP's Blangadeshi student association served mango lassi, a cold sweet yogurt based drink during the international food fair. They took the first place award. 4. Students who participated were given recognition for partaking in the 30th annual International food fair. 5. ONE at UTEP, an organization committed to fighting poverty and preventable diseases, served sweet potato treats during the food fair.

POLITICS

College Republicans, county GOP join forces

Nov. 5 elections will allow voting on the following propositions

PROPOSITION NO. 1

“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action.”

PROPOSITION NO. 2

“The constitutional amendment eliminating an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is operational.”

PROPOSITION NO. 3

“The constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision of this state to extend the number of days that aircraft parts that are exempt from ad valorem taxation due to their location in this state for a temporary period may be located in this state for purposes of qualifying for the tax exemption.”

PROPOSITION NO. 4

“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization.”

PROPOSITION NO. 5

“The constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend lender disclosures and other requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan.”

PROPOSITION NO. 6

“The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources.”

PROPOSITION NO. 7

“The constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less.”

PROPOSITION NO. 8

“The constitutional amendment repealing Section 7, Article IX, Texas Constitution, which relates to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County.”

PROPOSITION NO. 9

“The constitutional amendment relating to expanding the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.”

BY AMANDA GUILLEN

The Prospector

Students have the chance to work with the county of El Paso in collaboration with the Republican Party.

The Republican Party of El Paso has teamed up with the College Republicans in order to fill the positions of election clerks for the county’s upcoming elections.

All students are eligible to apply if they are registered voters. After applying, students will be contacted to determine if they will work for the upcoming elections.

Although it is too late to work for the Nov. 5 election, students may still apply and be hired for the primary election on March 4, 2014.

A special election will take place on Nov. 5, and registered voters can vote on nine constitutional amendments. These amendments were submitted by the 83rd Legislature of the state of Texas.

Junior history major and chairman of the College Republicans Moises Blankenship, said helping with the elections is a great opportunity.

The election administrator for the El Paso County Republicans Robert Peña, is working with the College

Republicans to find students for the clerk positions.

“Any UTEP student can apply to be an election clerk. We handle those that are conservative in their views,” Peña said. “This is a very rewarding experience and it is a great way to serve your country. People die for the honor of being able to vote.”

Peña said youth are a valuable commodity to the Republican Party of El Paso because the average volunteer at the Republican Party is 70 years old.

“We love it when younger people are involved because they are quick to learn,” Peña said. “We get to engage with the younger community and we get to fill their minds with conservative values.”

The College Republicans have hung up signs encouraging students to apply for these positions.

The signs read, “Cut class and pick up \$120.” Blankenship said cutting class is something that should not be highlighted.

“I didn’t really like this. I wish they would of ran that by me because it does sound bad, like we are endorsing people to ditch school,” he said. “But really, what it was trying to say is that since elections are usually the first Tuesdays in November, some people

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- Robert Peña,
election administrator
for the El Paso County
Republicans

have class that day, so in other words you should get the day excused and you can work in this position and get \$10 dollars per hour.”

Students interested in applying for the clerk position or becoming involved with the College Republicans should email utepcollegerepublicans@gmail.com.

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THE HEALTHY EXCHANGE

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Health Sciences and Nursing Building, room 135
Roger Gonzalez, Ph.D. director of the Leadership Engineering Program and professor of mechanical and biomedical engineering at UTEP, will talk about “Assessing Intersegmental Knee Kinetics via Musculoskeletal Modeling and Experimental Techniques” during the brown bag lunch. Free and open to the public, the Healthy Exchange is an interdisciplinary forum for health research organized by the Center for Interdisciplinary Health Research and Evaluation (CIHRE) in the College of Health Sciences.
Information: 915-747-7294

THIRD ANNUAL GRADUATE RESEARCH EXPO

The University of Texas at El Paso Graduate School and the PUENTES program are hosting the third annual Graduate Research Expo on Thursday, Nov. 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Union Building East. Graduate students from all disciplines across campus will present their original research. Faculty judges and mentors will offer valuable feedback to each presenter, and students will practice their presentation skills, in addition to experiencing the environment of a typical academic conference. The best three projects will be announced at the awards ceremony at 5 p.m. and will receive prizes of an iPad mini for first place, a \$150 Barnes and Noble gift card for second place, and a \$75 Barnes and Noble gift card for third place.

NATIONAL

Protesters rally against NSA’s bulk data collection



NICK PRETE / SHFWIRE
Trevor Timm, of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, addresses the group he will be helping to lobby at the Capitol. The group leaders wanted everyone to focus on personal stories of why data collection mattered to them.

BY NICK PRETE
SHFWire

WASHINGTON - Flags silhouetted Columbus Fountain as chants against mass surveillance reverberated from Union Station’s marble façade. Protesters from all over the country spoke out against bulk data collection in a two-part assault with congressional lobbying Oct. 24 and a rally the next day. “Our government is spying on everyday Americans, and we want it to

stop,” Michelle Richardson, legislative council for the American Civil Liberties Union, said. The lobbying was organized by Public Knowledge, a group dedicated to working on issues of copyright, telecommunications and Internet policy. People were briefed about how to talk with House members and senators and what specific points to emphasize. “The fact that you’re a constituent and you traveled all the way to stop at their office makes a tremendous impact on them. They take note of that.” Chris J. Lewis, vice president of government affairs at Public Knowledge, said. They had more than 50 meetings scheduled with legislators, including members of the Senate Judiciary and Homeland Security Committees, throughout the day. On Saturday hundreds gathered in front of Union Station and marched to the Capitol Reflecting Pool. Steve Lane, 73, a retired resident of Bethesda, Md., came to the rally because he said inaction spoke as loudly as rallying did. “If I don’t say anything, it’s like I’m saying that spying is OK,” Lane said. The catalyst for the rally was originally the leaks by former government contractor Edward Snowden, who was touted as almost a hero-like figure at the event. However, the timing couldn’t have been better for the rally. Just days before, news organizations reported that the NSA had intercepted calls from German Chancellor Angela Merkel’s cell phone. On Tuesday, the NSA director, Army Gen. Keith Alexander, was questioned about the foreign intelligence operations as members of the House Intelligence Committee discussed possibly modifying the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. As stated in their letter to Congress, one of Stop Watching Us’ goals is to get the FISA and the PATRIOT Act reformed. They also hope to get Congress to create a committee dedicated to investigating domestic spying and to hold accountable people responsible for “unconstitutional surveillance.”

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Aiming for a conference title



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UTEP finished third in C-USA and will face East Carolina in quarterfinals. They could have a rematch against Colorado College in semifinals.

BY EDWIN DELGADO

The Prospector

After falling 2-1 to North Texas on the road, the UTEP women's soccer team looks to turn the page as they prepare for the 2013 Conference USA Women's Soccer Championship on Nov. 4-10 in Houston, Texas.

The Miners will make their first appearance in the conference tournament

since they reached the final in 2011 and failed to make the field in 2012.

UTEP, who finished third overall in the West Division, will face the second-place team from the East Division the East Carolina Pirates in the quarterfinals at 10 a.m. on Nov. 6. The semifinals will be played on Nov. 10 and the final on Nov. 12.

"We played them last year and they are a good team," said senior forward Azia Nicholson. "We know that they

are good in the air. They usually play a 4-5-1, so they'll probably try to counter-attack, which we can counter by keeping possession of the ball."

Head coach Kevin Cross said that the Pirates have a strong team defensively and on set pieces, which makes their rival dangerous.

East Carolina comes into the tournament having won four of their last five games. The newly found success

for the Pirates is due to two of their players who have made a difference.

Sophomore goalkeeper Saundra Baron has allowed only four goals in the last five games, including two shutouts against Florida Atlantic and Southern Mississippi. While on the attack, sophomore Kendall Frey has scored four goals in the last five games for the Pirates, including three game-winning goals to help the Pirates climb to the second spot in the East Division.

The Miners come into the tournament having won three of their last four games. Their loss was in the final game of the regular season to North Texas, but the players feel that their mistakes could be easily mended before facing East Carolina.

"It was a tough game, we couldn't really develop our game and tactically we could've been better," said senior defender Tori Martyn. "It's just something to learn from and we need to learn to adapt, which I think is the most important aspect we are taking from this game."

Looking back, the team feels proud of turning things around after a disappointing 2012 season, but they are still looking to make a run for the conference title.

"We finished third place out of 16 teams. Our primary goal was to get back into the tournament and we did," Cross said. "We have been taking it game by game, I think that's how we were able to find success. We

beat the number one team in our conference, so I think we can beat anyone when we play at our best."

If the Miners defeat the Pirates, they will most likely have a rematch with regular season champions Colorado College, the team the Miners defeated 2-1 on Oct. 27.

"We are pumped. The first game was great and we feel like we can beat them again. We need to play hard and play as a team and we can get far in this tournament," said freshman midfielder Aleah Davis. "If we were to get to the final, it's going to be awesome for our seniors to leave on a really good note, regardless if we win or lose as long as we come out there and give it our all, they are going to leave on a good note."

Five seniors are on their final stretch of their collegiate career and want to make the most out of it: defenders Martyn and Kenah Linger, midfielder Gina Soto and forwards Nicholson and Jade Babcock hope to play at least three more games.

"It definitely puts a lot more pressure on us, but it also makes it more worthwhile knowing that any of these games could be your last," Nicholson said. "We just want to play our hearts out and put it all out there in the field and hope for the best. We want to take it one game at a time, but we really feel that we can make a good run in the tournament."

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BASKETBALL

Don Haskins gets new floor and design

BY LUIS BARRIO

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After 25 years, the Don Haskins Center has a new floor for the 2013-14 basketball season as well as for the 2014 Conference USA Basketball Tournament.

UTEP joins the list of schools that have changed the layout of their basketball floor such as Nebraska, Florida International and George Washington.

"I really love it," said women's basketball head coach Keitha Adams. "It's exciting to see it. I love the floor and it looks great."

The 12,000-seat Don Haskins Center presents a new look to the fans and players in what promises to be exciting seasons for both men's and women's basketball.

The floor sports the symbolic Miner pick on both sides of the court. It represents both squads and presents a noticeable, yet subtle image. The baselines and sidelines out of bounds are done with a new Miners' orange color that packages the whole basketball court together.

The Miners have gained a lot of positive feedback from numerous media sports outlets. One of those outlets was CBSSports.com college basketball writer Matt Norlander, who commented that the court was "eye-catching" without going overboard.

The feedback has been encouraging all the way around. From sports news outlets to coaches and players,



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The Don Haskins Center got a make over and a new floor and design that will be used for the 2013-14 season and the 2014 Conference USA Basketball Championships in March.

all the talk about the new court has been positive.

"I like it and it's great to get top play on it," said senior center Kristine Vitola. "I love the picks on the floor and it looks really nice."

The new floor replaces a 25-year-old floor that saw many UTEP legends, including Tim Hardaway play during their collegiate career. The floor was installed in a 10-week period and had an estimated cost of \$150,000.

The new design comes with some exciting basketball to be played in El Paso. It's a new season with new players, new jerseys and a new court. The season begins with the women in their season opener on Nov. 8 against

Texas Permian Basin. The men play Nov. 9, against Loyola New Orleans.

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OUR VIEW

A first look at UTEP's basketball teams



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1. Freshman center Matt Willms comes up with a dunk in the men's exhibition game on Nov. 2 against South-eastern Oklahoma State. 2. Junior guard Cameasha Turner drives the ball to the rim on the Women's basketball exhibition game on Nov. 2 against St. Mary's(TX). 3. Senior guard Jalen Ragland had a dunk of his own during the exhibition game, he contributed with 15 points. 4. Senior center Kristine Vitola came back from an ACL injury last season and scored nine points in the 17 minutes she played against the rattlers. 5. Jenzel Nash scored 10 points in the 17 minutes she participated in the game.

Miners face division leader North Texas



The Miners will attempt to break thier six-game losing streak on the road against North Texas before hosting Florida International on Nov. 16.

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This game will be the first time both teams have played each other in 33 seasons, and UTEP has a 1-7-2 record against North Texas. From 1953 to 1966, the Miners and the Mean Green played each other every year before North Texas left to the Missouri Valley Conference.

Both teams are at different situations in their season. The Miners just came off their worst loss, losing to No. 12 Texas A&M, 57-7, marking their sixth-straight loss.

North Texas just came off their biggest conference win of the season and fourth straight-win of the season. They beat the Rice Owls, 28-16, to take a share of the C-USA West Division lead with Rice and Tulane.

“(North Texas) have done a great job. They are a senior-based team, especially on defense,” Kugler said. “They play really good defense, they run the ball efficiently on offense and don’t make a lot of mistakes.”

Senior quarterback Derek Thompson leads the offense with a steady and balanced attack. The Mean Green doesn't have a strong suit, but has depth in the running and passing game. On Nov. 9, the Miners will see a multitude of running backs with senior running back Brandin Byrd leading the way.

The North Texas defense has a formidable pass rush and a solid secondary. The team has six players with at least one interception. They also have 12

"I'm getting better every day and getting that confidence back. I'm looking to get that feel for basketball again since I haven't played in so long," Vitola said. "Even without an injury, there is always something to improve. Right now, I have to work a little more."

On Dec. 20-21, The Miners will travel to San Juan, Puerto Rico, to participate in the Puerto Rico Classic, where they will take on the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets and the Belmont Bruins.

"We will have face some strong competition this year, but it's going to help us get better and better before getting into our conference schedule," said head coach Keitha Adams. "(Success) just comes down to having good players and us working hard, the help of my staff and administration. It's a lot of little things that make it happen."

Conference play is crucial in dictating the success of a squad. Newcomers Middle Tennessee State were dubbed preseason favorites, with UTEP picked to finish second in the league by the coaches. They both square off on Jan. 15 in Murfreesboro, Tenn., and perhaps the most entertaining game will be Feb. 8, when the Miners host Florida International and the nation's reigning leading scorer, senior Jerica Coley,

However, Adams knows success. The Miners have not experienced a losing season since the 2005-06 campaign. She is the all-time women's win leader in program history. Both conference championships in program history are under her tenure. In 2011-12, she led the team to a school record for most wins in women's and men's basketball, with a 29-4 season.

Fans are in for some bonus home-court basketball games. For the second time in four years. The Miners will host the Conference Tournament that leads up to the Big Dance in March.

Last year, the Miners lost in the quarterfinals to Houston. The conference, however, has been completely re-vamped, and with home-court advantage the Miners could be one of the favorites based on their returners and preseason ranking.

To make sure that her team is prepared for this jam-packed season, Adams sticks to an old-school mentality of fundamentals that's been proven to work for her squads in previous seasons.

"You got to go hard. You have to go at game speed," Adams said. "We try to instill fundamentals and teach in our system to where we're all on the same page."

She said that in college basketball it's the concept of a team that results in success. Individuals cannot win games on their own. It's a solid foundation that must be sustained and embedded in the players.

"We're excited about having Jenzel and Kristine back," Adams said. "It feels great having them on the floor. We've got a good nucleus of returners coming back and I'm extremely excited about our newcomers."

One of those newcomers is freshman point guard Stacie Telles, who will be playing as a junior this season. She is a local girl who played at Burgers High School. She transferred from New Mexico Junior College, a team she helped get back-to-back Western Junior College Athletic Conference championships.

“Stacie has been a real bright addition to our team, Annette (Kirsteine) is a good shooter and we’ve got size in Marta (Oledzka) and Agata (Dobrowolska),” Adams said. “Overall, I like the talent we have on the court, it’s just a matter of all of us working and figuring things out.”

Among the pool of talent, another key player to keep an eye on this season will be senior forward Kayla Thornton, who was dubbed preseason first team for the second consecutive year. Thornton averaged a solid 15.3 points per game to go along with a strong rebounding presence at nearly nine per game.

"I'm just doing what coach wants me to do for the team, to be a blue collar player and work hard and produce every night," Thornton said.

To maintain her high level of play each year, Thornton said it is the little things that matter.

“Not getting frustrated, moving on from bad plays and worry about what I have to do,” Thornton said.

The Miners defeated St. Mary's 81-51 in their exhibition game, where every player got to play. The first important test for the Miners will be on Nov. 12 and 16 when they face New Mexico State and Kansas State, respectively.

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“Their quarterback has a 67 percent completion rate. They move the ball down the field, they are very efficient and balanced. They are probably playing the best football team in our conference right now,” Kugler said. “We had too many turnovers and too many three-and-outs on offense, so we need to correct that as soon as possible.”

For UTEP, things keep getting worse, with the season-ending injury to starting quarterback Jameill Showers, the Miners' offense has become completely stagnant. UTEP will have to rely on freshman running back Aaron Jones, who is first in Conference USA in rushing yards with 805 yards.

Sophomore quarterback Blaire Sullivan will have his hands full this week with the best defense in Conference USA. He had his first snaps of the season against Texas A&M. He threw three interceptions, and only had nine completions out of 17 pass attempts, cumulating with a total of 71 yards.

Although North Texas does not have the most impressive offense the Miners have faced, their balanced attack will pose problems for UTEP's defense. The Miners statistically have one of the worst rush defenses in the nation, but last week the Aggies exposed the lack of experience in the UTEP's secondary. Texas A&M scored on wide-open touchdown passes and took advantage of miscommunication in the UTEP defense.

The Miners are in the midst of their toughest schedule, playing five of their last six on the road and have dealt with a string of bad luck, but according to Kugler one thing the

With another loss this weekend, the Miners will have the longest losing streak the team has faced since 2003. Win or lose, the Miners will have one positive after facing North Texas—they're going home. This is UTEP's third-straight road game before they play their last home game Nov. 16 against Florida International.

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him and head coach Tim Floyd. As of now Hamilton is a UCLA Bruin.

“The summer is gone, it’s history,” Floyd said. “We lost players that we were counting on that made commitments to us and commitments don’t mean much to some people.”

Despite players coming and going, coach Floyd has put together a talented squad for this 2013-14 campaign. UTEP will rely on senior forward/center John Bohannon and junior guard/forward Julian Washburn (older brother of Chris Washburn), who are the two leading scorers from last year’s team.

The Miners will have one of the strongest front courts in Conference USA and the nation. They have depth and height. John Bohannon (6 feet, 11 inches) and Matt Willms (7 feet, 1 inch) will be one of the tallest forward/center combinations in all of college basketball. Freshman forward Vincent Hunter will be the player to watch over the course of the season. At the orange and white scrimmage and the Miners’ exhibition game, the El Paso fans got a taste of what Hunter could provide, like big dunks and creating breakaways for the team.

At the guard position, the Miners will have to replace seniors Jacques Streeter and Konner Tucker. Depth and lack of experience in that position could be an obstacle for the team over the course of the season.

Transfer guard Tevin Caldwell, who graduated from Americas High School, is trying to come out and work hard every day.

“I feel I can bring energy,” Caldwell said. “Once I go in, the pace will never drop. I want it to go higher or be the same, and I feel I can bring that for coach Floyd.”

This year Conference USA has been revamped, with teams coming in and out of the equation. Most notably Memphis, Houston and Central Florida are leaving, which means Conference USA took a step backward in terms of quality teams.

“We have some good teams coming in. We obviously lost Memphis, but that’s okay,” said junior guard McKenzie Moore. “It doesn’t matter who we play. I don’t think we really care who we got in the conference, we’re just trying to win.”

The Miners might face an easier conference schedule, but they will be in one of the best tournaments in college basketball. From Nov. 28-30, the Miners will be in the Bahamas for the Battle 4 Atlantis tournament. UTEP will open the tournament against Tennessee, then play the winner or loser of the Xavier/Iowa game. Depending on the outcome, they will play Kansas, Wake Forest, Villanova or USC.

“It’s a great tournament,” Willms said. “Hopefully we can go to the finals and play Kansas, so I can play against my fellow Canadian (Andrew Wiggins).”

At the end of the season, the Miners will be looking to play in the Conference USA championship. With the tournament returning to El Paso, the Miners will be one of the favorites to win the conference and tournament this year.

“Were committed to this group and this group is working hard,” Floyd said. “We won’t sell them short and we’re going to see what they end up doing. We want them to come out here and play hard every day.”

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INBRIEF

CROSS COUNTRY

On Nov. 2, defending champion Anthony Rotich, captured the 2013 Conference USA individual title.

The sophomore led the men’s team to a fourth-place finish as he dominated the course, crossing the finish line with a time of 24:31.57 in the 8,000-meter race. This is Rotich’s second consecutive C-USA crown and his fifth victory of his 2013 campaign.

The UTEP cross country team will return to the course in two weeks at the 2013 NCAA Mountain Regional meet on Nov. 15, in Ogden, Utah.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL COMBINE

The local team West Texas Prep is looking for local football players to join their squad. The team will have its combine at 3 p.m. on Nov. 10 at Pebble Hills Park.

The team gives El Paso Community College and UTEP students the opportunity to play college football and the chance to get noticed and recruited by a four-year institution.

Anyone interested should contact head coach Farasi A. Norman at (505) 261-0707. For more information visit www.westtexasprepfootball.org.

VOLLEYBALL

Senior Xitlali Herrera recorded her eighth double-double of the season against Charlotte, but it wasn’t enough as the 49ers defeated the Miners, 3-1 (21-24, 25-23, 28-30, 10-25) on Sunday.

Herrera led UTEP’s attack by hammering out a match high 26 kills and posted a .302 hitting percentage against Charlotte. The senior also delivered 14 digs, three block assists and one service ace. Malia Patterson aided the Miners’ offense recording 44 assists.


Charlotte opened the match with an 8-4 lead in the first set. Maintaining their lead the 49ers captured the set as they held UTEP to a .026 hitting percentage.

MEN’S SOCCER CLUB

The UTEP men’s soccer club claimed its first regional championship since 2005, after they defeated the Arizona State Sun Devils Soccer Club 3-2 in the championship game.

Julio Rodarte scored the game-winning goal five minutes before the end of the game.

The Miners will now go on to the national tournament, on Nov. 21-23, featuring the 24 best teams in the country at Tempe, Ariz.



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ENTERTAINMENT

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Security! El Paso gets its first taste of Anjelah Johnson live



SPECIAL TO THE PROSPECTOR
Anjelah Johnson will be performing at 8 p.m. on Nov. 8 at UTEP Magoffin Auditorium.

BY ANDREA ACOSTA
The Prospector

Stand-up comedian Anjelah Johnson will perform live at 8 p.m. on Nov. 8 at Magoffin Auditorium for the first time in El Paso.

She became an Internet sensation with her viral video “Nail Salon,” which reached four million views within the first four months of being posted, and surpassed 31 million views on YouTube as of Nov.

After Johnson’s “Nail Salon” performance, projects began to quickly appear on her path, which has led to other comedy performance opportunities, such as being a part of the “MADtv” series during its 13th season in 2007. In the series, she portrayed her own original character, Bon Qui Qui, a fast-food employee who is rude to her costumers. This performance led to Johnson’s nomination for an ALMA Award for Outstanding Female Performance in Comedy Television Series just a year after being part of the “MADtv” cast.

With only four months of stand-up comedy experience, Johnson recorded

a one-hour special for Comedy Central and Warner Brothers Records.

“I took a joke-writing class—more like a stand-up comedy class in 2005,” Johnson said. “It was my first time doing it, but I had a lot of fun and it came natural to me.”

According to Johnson, El Paso should expect to hear a lot of her own personal stories along with real-life anecdotes that people can relate to.

“I like to share stories of my life and now that I just recently got married, the audience should expect new jokes about my life as a newlywed,” Johnson said.

Johnson also said that comedy is all about being observant—which jokes work and which don’t.

“I like to act out truth. I have been blessed with a great fan base that appreciate the jokes I put together and it has been a fun journey,” Johnson said.

Johnson will continue her Live Nation tour until April 2014, ending at Honolulu, Hawaii.

“Since this show is constantly on the road, I will, unfortunately, only be seeing the El Paso airport and the hotel I will be staying at and then tak-

ing off to my next show at McAllen, Texas,” Johnson said.

She previously starred in “Our Family Wedding,” “Marmaduke” and in “Alvin and the Chipmunks” alongside actors Emma Stone, Owen Wilson and Jeremy Piven. Johnson said she will continue her passion in acting and will soon be appearing in “Moms’ Night Out” with Sarah Drew, Trace Adkins and Sean Astin, which will be in theaters in 2014.

Gustavo Aguirre, senior multimedia journalism major, said he will be attending the show because of his little sister, who is a big fan of Johnson’s work.

“I’m most familiar through her Bon Qui Qui character. I thought that it was a pretty funny sketch. My sister showed me some more recent videos of her and thought they were hilarious,” Aguirre said. “Her dialects are spot on. I’m just looking forward to hearing more this Thursday.”

More than 100 tickets are still on sale at a price of \$35 according to Ticketmaster. For more information, visit ticketmaster.com or call 747-5234.

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Q&A

A 3-D experience that will make you feel ‘In the Air’



SPECIAL TO THE PROSPECTOR
Morgan Page presents a 3-D concert experience, utilizing 3-D technology originally created for Michael Jackson’s ‘This Is It’ tour on Sat. Nov. 9 at the Buchanan’s Event Center, located at 11540 Pellicano Dr.

BY JAVIER CORTEZ
The Prospector

The El Paso electronic dance music scene will be in store for an experience like no other.

Morgan Page is back in town with the 3-D Live Experience with music from his 2012 album “In The Air.”

Page was kind enough to chat with the Prospector about the tour, his start in music, and his opinion on EDM in the mainstream today.

The biggest thing about this tour is that it’s in 3D. How did you come about this concept?

I first heard about this technology, through Michael Jackson use of this technology. He spent all this money. Eight million dollars developing and

investing and making a concept of this LED wall, and then he died before he actually got to be use it.

So were taking the same technology that’s a newer and better version of it, and the animators worked on an avatar and did some really amazing movies. So we’ve had 30 animators over the past two months developing the concept over the summer. It’s going to be really cool to show depth to the songs, and its high resolution LED basically that is 3D that allows us to project media images.

You’re really changing the way people go about seeing raves?

Yeah, it’s a whole new avenue and it’s just amazing to see the reactions from people. Nobody has seen anything like it, they think they know what they’re

going to see going in but they have no idea. You can’t really capture it on YouTube or in a still photo, you can get a taste of it but nothing can really capture it because it’s in 3D. You really have to be at the event.

Because you mainly play progressive house, do you feel that this 3D concept is based for your genre as opposed to dubstep, electro house, or drum and bass?

I think it can work for all the genres, it just depends on the concept you develop. I think it can work well with other genres, with dubstep it’s probably more “techy” and you would use more futuristic images.

What do you like about El Paso specifically, what is it about El Paso that you love?

I wish I could clone El Paso. It’s the loudest market I’ve ever played in the world probably, and talking to other DJ’s , it’s everyone else’s favorite too. It’s always something I look forward to. I love seeing people on social media talking about it. All the DJ’s talk about El Paso, and El Paso knows how to party.

Let’s back track a little and talk about your roots. You’re originally from Vermont, is there a big EDM scene there? How did you get from there to here?

I ask myself the same question. There is not much of a scene there, there used to be a weekly and monthly party that would bring in big name DJ’s. There was a local vinyl shop, and

a college music station, and that’s what got me into everything, college radio.

I heard electronic music on the air one day, and I had never heard of electronic music before. There were no blogs, I-Pods, there was no way to discover music like that, radio was the only entry point, and that’s how I found it.

Today it seems that in more of an intimate setting, big bass electro house has taken over, and melodic progressive house has taken a back seat. Do you feel like dance music is dead?

There is a division that’s going on, there is a more underground deeper sound that is thriving in smaller venues. In bigger capacity venues you’ll

THEATRE
‘Slumber of Reasons’ casts the spotlight on social issues

BY AMANDA GUILLEN
The Prospector

The Latina Dance Project will be at UTEP to conduct a workshop for any students, faculty and staff who are interested in multidisciplinary projects. The project titled Latinos Over the Top Collaborative Arts will be held Nov. 8 and 9. The company will perform their highly regarded performance, “Slumber of Reasons,” which was ranked as one of the top 10 performances in Dallas, Texas in 2011. “Slumber of Reasons” is based on a series of vignettes inspired by Francisco de Goya’s “Los Caprichos.” This performance is open to the public and will be held at 7 p.m. in the Fox Fine Arts Center in room A452.

According to their website, the production is a contemporary take on an old work of literary art, using powerful images to create a new set of modern day “Caprichos” and exploring contemporary demons that affect our world. It will range from the darkest to the most absurdly humorous, including immigration, environmental degradation, racism and technological alienation. The Latina Dance Project brandishes humor as a tool of social criticism. A series of 10 vignettes explore contemporary superstitions and social abuses using movement, texts—spoken and sung—and haunting video. The core members of the Latina Dance Project are Eluza Santos, Eva Tessler, Licia Perea and Juanita Suarez. Andrea Vazquez, visiting assistant professor of theater and dance at UTEP, has helped with the coordination of bringing this workshop and performance to the university. Vazquez holds a personal connection with the performers such as Suarez, an associate professor at State University of New York at the College at Brockport who was her mentor when she attended SUNY Brockport. Vazquez said she hopes that the community will take advantage of this opportunity that brings together accomplished performers to spread the wealth of the arts. “They bring a lot of experience as professors, as performers, as mentors and as artists, so it is very interesting,” Vazquez said. “The four of them get together and gather their ideas and invite composers and visual artists and other performers. They will share their journey and how others can become engaged in multidisciplinary work.” Vazquez shared a collaborative project that would be based on the



SPECIAL TO THE PROSPECTOR
The Latina Dance Project will offer a workshop open to public at 7 p.m. on Nov. 8-9 at the Fox Fine Arts room A452.

knowledge that will be shared during the workshop and performance. The project would be for the spring of 2014 and would involve UTEP students from all art backgrounds. “Under my guidance or my colleagues’ guidance, we can guide the students in the spring to follow through with the ideas that could bloom out of this workshop,” Vazquez said. Gabriela Moreno, sophomore dance major said she will be attending the workshop to expand her knowledge in contemporary dance. “This is a great opportunity for aspiring dancers,” Moreno said. “Not only will I get a chance to learn choreography and technique, but we I can ask questions at a professional level.” For more information about the Latina Dance Project visit latina-danceproject.com. Amanda Guillen may be reached at theprospectordaily.ent@gmail.com.


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MORGAN from page 11 see guys like Hardwell thrive and do well. I think it depends on the venue. Do you feel that in the future real EDM producers and artists will take themselves into the mainstream? I think so, but it also has to do with the whole package. You have to have the right look, you got to have the image, the right song, the right team behind you, and present something that works for mass audiences. Being a DJ and producer do you have a hard time with that when you play shows? If you’re stubborn and don’t listen to what the crowd is saying and are only about pleasing themselves, they

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