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# THE GRAND SCHEME OF THINGS

Masterplan reveals drastic  
changes on campus,  
subject to change

BY AMANDA GUILLEN

The Prospector

*Editor's note: This is part one of a three-part series.*

Cranes, bulldozers and jackhammers have taken over campus. The invasion of machinery is a part of a plan put in place by the university to transform the campus and The Prospector will be dissecting every part of it.

The campus master plan explains the purpose of the transformation—the planning, history, details, architecture and campus capacity to name a few of the components.

Sophomore civil engineering major Alberto Almeida said he is looking forward to the many possibilities this new campus will bring.

“This is a great idea because it was very difficult to travel across campus,

but this is something that is really going to help students interact with one another. I love football games so this looks like a great place for tailgating,” Almeida said.

Associate Vice President for Business Affairs Greg McNicol is a member of the master plan committee and serves as its administrator. He said the current master plan is an adaptation of its predecessors.

The plan changes in accordance to the demands of the university—student population, academic goals and funding.

“If you look at the structure part of it, there is always new information coming up,” McNicol said. “If you go back and look at the plans from 80 years ago, you aren’t going to find as much emphasis on re-

PHOTO BY AARON MONTES / THE PROSPECTOR

search because that wasn’t who we were then.”

This master plan is a response to the growing number of undergraduate students and the university’s mission to become a regarded research institution, UTEP President Diana Natalicio stated in the current master plan.

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## APP REVIEW

### Students on the fence with new Blackboard app

BY AMANDA GUILLEN

The Prospector

This past fall, UTEP officially provided access to the Blackboard mobile application. Although the app is designed to work like the desktop version, a few differences might not convince some to download it.

When logging on to your play store or App Store, search for Blackboard Mobile. Once you download the application, it will ask you to select your school and from there you will log on to your UTEP account and gain access.

This mobile app allows you to stay connected to your professors posts with the help of push notifications. The app also allows students to post on discussion boards, take quizzes and view folders with informational content.

The app was piloted last year and students and faculty were surveyed and asked about the effectiveness of

the app. They were also asked about how they would use it and what would be important upon its launch in the fall of 2013.

The app was created by Blackboard Inc., the company in charge of Blackboard on campuses nationwide. UTEP’s Academic Technologies is the department responsible for making this app available to students and faculty.

Associate Director of Academic Technologies Steven Varela said the app is simple and it would give students quick access to the program.

“This app primarily provides accessibility to a student’s course online and it was designed primarily with the students in mind,” Varela said.

Varela also said that the app may not perform as well as the original version.

“This is not meant as a production tool. It is meant as a consumption tool for faculty. They can post announcements and on their discussion boards—because like any mobile de-

vice it is meant for consumption, only not to work on,” Varela said.

Senior kinesiology major Cynthia Rodriguez is skeptical about the app and although she has heard about it, her bad experiences with the desktop program have prevented her from downloading it.

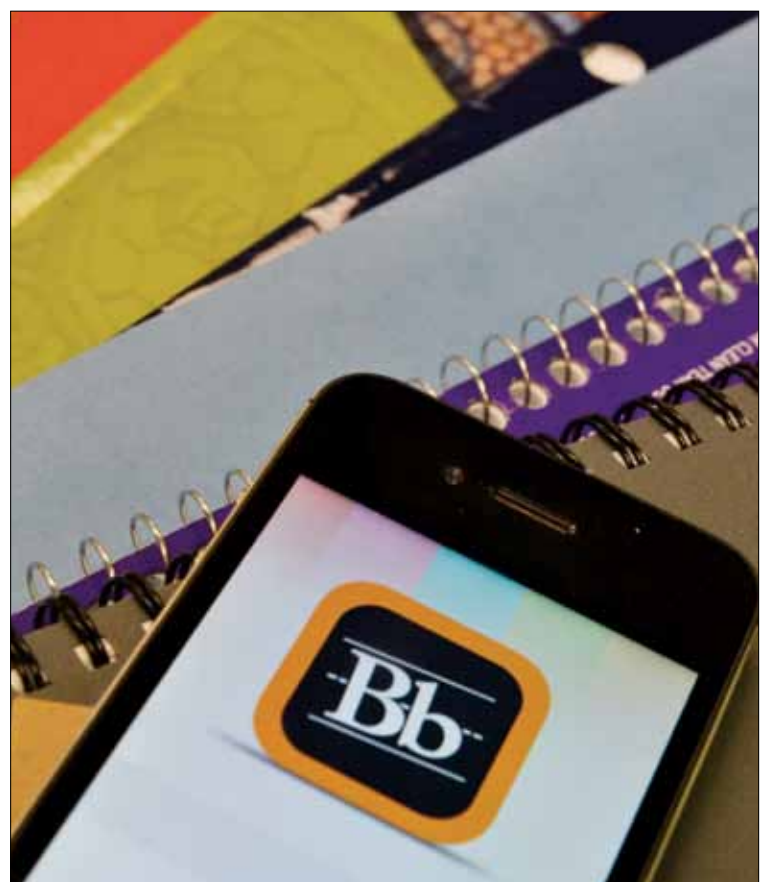
“Blackboard has never worked well since I have been studying here and has always messed everything up. There are a lot of tech problems, especially since they changed Blackboard two years ago. It has become more confusing,” Rodriguez said.

Junior civil engineering major John Padilla has the app and finds it helpful.

“The app is great, it’s fast and easy to use, I would encourage others to download this app,” Padilla said.

Despite receiving a rating of two and a half stars on the Google Play Store, the Blackboard app does seem to work effectively fast, and also al-

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UTEP officially released the Blackboard app in fall 2013. It is available to download in the App Store and Google play.



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COLUMN

High hopes. Pun intended

BY EDWIN DELGADO

The Prospector



The Broncos and the Seahawks had the best record in their conference and are deservingly facing each other in the Super Bowl XLVIII on Feb. 2.

Both teams are very different from each other and that's what makes this game so attractive. They both belong to states that have recently legalized marijuana, Washington and Colorado.

On one side, you have the most prolific offense in the NFL with the Denver Broncos. They averaged 457.3 yards per game and scored 606 through 18 games, more than any other team in history.

Quarterback Peyton Manning leads the Broncos. The 37 year old also broke the single season record for touchdown passes with 55 and will take part in his third Super Bowl. His last two Super Bowl appearances were with the Indianapolis Colts. Manning won the first against the Chicago Bears and four years later fell to Drew Brees and the New Orleans Saints. Manning could become the first quarterback in history to win the Super Bowl with two different teams.

He will surely be one of best quarterbacks to have ever played in the NFL and it would be fitting that he gets the opportunity to write history. I would really like to see him retire with at least two rings.

On the other side, you have a quarterback who is just in his second season in the NFL. Russell Wilson might not put up the insane numbers that Manning does, but he has grown to become a good passer. Although, he

doesn't necessarily has to be one because of the team's defense.

The Seahawks are the on the opposite side of the spectrum. The Seahawks have the best defense in the country, only allowing 273.6 yards per game to their opponents and they have only allowed 233 points in 18 games.

Leading the Seahawks' defense is Richard Sherman, who batted down Colin Kaepernick's pass to Michael Crabtree in the end zone, a potential game-winning touchdown for the 49ers. Much has been said about Sherman's post-game rant about Crabtree and the 49ers, but putting that aside, the Seattle secondary is the best the Broncos have faced all season long.

The Seahawks rely on their defense to win games, but can get things done on offense too. Running back Marshawn Lynch is one of the very best backs, and his explosiveness brought new life to the team in the NFC championship game when it looked like the 49ers were going to a Super Bowl for a second straight year. They also have great receivers such as Percy Harvin, Golden Tate and Doug Baldwin.

The MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. will host the Super Bowl. Very cold temperatures are expected during the game—we could see the first Super Bowl with snow. I really expect to see a great show even though the game itself might be a low-scoring one.

Usually when a dominant defense faces a dominant offense, the defense has the upper hand for the most part, but one thing is for sure, there will be plenty of excitement in this year's Super Bowl.

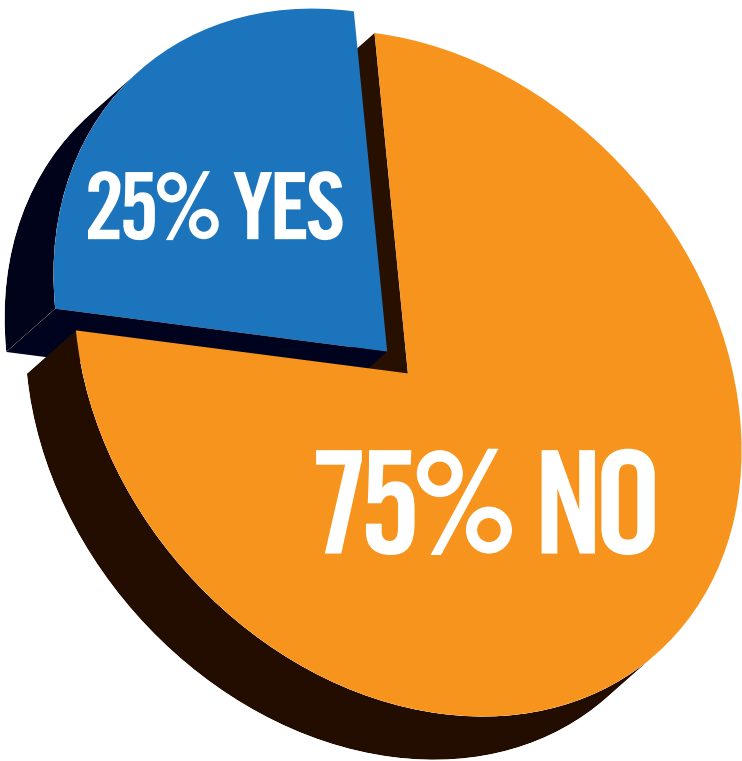
My prediction: 23-20, Broncos.

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CAMPUS LIFE

Career expos aim to provide opportunity to business and liberal arts majors

BY S. DAVID RAMIREZ
The Prospector

Post-graduation employment may be lingering in the back of many students' minds this semester. To help with the job search, the University Career Center will host a number of job fairs including two on Feb. 6 and 7. The fairs will host employers looking for students in the fields of liberal arts, business, science and engineering. In an increasingly digital job-hunt, experts say that it is events like these that can lead to a new career. "Students like to go on websites and apply, but that personal touch of actually meeting a recruiter face-to-face goes a long way, especially if they make a good impression," said Betsy Castro-Duarte, interim director of the career center. "Recruiters can keep an eye out for when (students) apply online." The first career fair is aimed at business and liberal arts majors. Employers such as the U.S. Department of State, GEICO and the City of Dallas Police Department will be seeking students preparing to graduate this semester.

The second day of the fair is aimed at students in STEM fields with companies such as General Motors, Western Refining and Texas Instruments looking for potential hires. After the liberal arts fair there will be a special session with resumé aid and mock interviews for enrolled veterans. Students attending the fair should dress professionally and bring multiple copies of resúmes or curriculum vitae. The University Career Center is rolling out an ambitious schedule of events alongside several new initiatives. In addition to the standard menu of services offered, the opening of an interview clothing closet is a new project planned to launch in February. The Career Closet will have a variety of coats, ties and other interview appropriate clothing available for students without access or the means to obtain them. It is recommended that students register for the job fair on Jobmine, available via the UCC website. For more information about the job fair, career center or Jobmine, visit sa.utep.edu/careers. S. David Ramirez may be reached at theprospectordaily.news@gmail.com.

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Feb. 6
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Union, Templeton Suite

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING EXPO

Feb. 7
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Union, 3rd. Floor



The master plan from 2011 versus 2014 construction advancements.

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"The UTEP master plan is not merely a set of images of what the campus will look like, it is a statement of what we are determined to become," she said. The vision for the university provided in the master plan brings together a vision of old and new values. The plan addresses the concept of a closed campus and calls it a "pedestrian oasis," where students can roam freely and interact with one another. This new type of campus emphasizes the importance of the regional landscape as well as the incorporation of Bhutanese architecture. The main goal, according to the master plan, is to change the outdoor interaction on campus. These outdoor spaces are to be used as social areas for students to study, interact, hold campus events. "We really liked this idea," McNicol said. "We needed to develop the idea in more detail, so from there we hired people that are very good at what they do, and the firm Lake/Flato and Ten Eyck architecture firms, they are the firm that is currently doing the work in the middle and we hired them to take this concept and refine it." According to the plan, students should expect a green area such as Leech Grove with a desert influence. Students can also expect walkways with shade canopies. Freshman kinesiology major Jennifer Gomez likes the plan and looks forward to more open space across campus. "This is a really great thing for UTEP. It will help make the university

"The UTEP master plan is not merely a set of images of what the campus will look like, it is a statement of what we are determined to become." - Diana Natalicio, UTEP President

more beautiful and I think the idea of having a green area will be liked by most of the students and it will be nice to sit outside, talk, eat and communicate with others. This is a nice idea," Gomez said. Although many of the newer students have never experienced UTEP pre-construction, they say that they are excited for the future of the university. Freshman electrical engineering major Lambros Louloupides said although he is frustrated with the construction, he likes the content and sketches of the campus master plan. "This is a new experience—I wasn't able to experience how the campus was before—but I will get to see what it will be," Louloupides said.

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The app never froze nor did it take forever to load when switching between courses. The design is simple, yet eye-catching, and allows students to change the color of the wording. Being a student who may not reli-

Four out of five picks.

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## **CENTENNIAL SYMPOSIUM ON RESILIENCY AND HISPANIC MENTAL HEALTH**

Tuesday, Jan. 28 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Tomas Rivera Conference Center, mental health experts will discuss how Hispanics use resiliency to cope with life's challenges and stressful situations during the Centennial Symposium on Resiliency and Hispanic Mental Health at The University of Texas at El Paso.

For more information about the conference, contact Mark Lusk at [mwlusk@utep.edu](mailto:mwlusk@utep.edu) or 915-747-8588.

## **UTEP ARCHITECTURE WALKING TOUR (OPEN TO UTEP FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS)**

Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 1 p.m. at the Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts auditorium Max E. Grossman, Ph.D., assistant professor of art history at UTEP, will lead a tour open to UTEP faculty, staff and students that will explore the campus' Bhutanese architecture as part of the centennial celebration.

## **THE HEALTHY EXCHANGE**

Wednesday, Jan. 29 at the Health Sciences and Nursing Building, Room 211 Nuria Homedes, associate professor and coordinator of the Global Health Program at UTEP, School of Public Health, will be the spring semester's first speaker for the Healthy Exchange series. She will discuss "Globalization and Health Politics," during the brown bag lunch. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 915-747-7294.



NATIONAL

Fast for Families tour of U.S. promotes immigration reform

BY ALEJANDRO ALBA  
SHFWIRE reporter

WASHINGTON – Four activists for immigration reform are taking their cause on the road. They will board a bus Tuesday and urge people in 100 communities around the country to fast with them until Congress passes immigration reform.

“We are going to be asking the American people to join us in fasting,” Eliseo Medina, international secretary-treasurer for the Service Employees International Union, said. “Judging from what happened in December, I think we are going to have tens of thousands of people joining us.”

The Fast for Families campaign began in November when immigration activists sat outside the Capitol and fasted for 22 days. Medina is one of two people who will fast on the bus tour who also fasted at the Capitol.

The tour will visit more than 100 congressional districts to engage members of Congress in a dialogue on immigration reform. The tour is scheduled to end April 9 in Washington.

The Rev. Jim Wallis, president and founder of Sojourners, said the campaign is for all immigrants.

“This is not just about Latino communities,” Wallis said. “It’s about all of us.”

Wallis said the movement is important and requires a group of people to change the broken political system and the broken immigration system.

“We are a wind changing group,” Wallis said. “We are a social movement changing politics.”

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This is not just about Latino communities. It’s about all of us.

”

- Rev. Jim Wallis,  
president and founder of  
Sojourners

Barbara Williams Skinner, co-chair for the National African American Clergy Network, agreed that the movement is broad and includes all immigrants from different nationalities.

“We are a nation of immigrants,” Skinner said. “Why would we leave the best of who we are in the shadows?”

Medina said that after the Senate passed a comprehensive immigration reform bill, S. 744, in June, he hopes the House will pass an immigration reform bill.

Speaker John Boehner has said he will not bring a comprehensive immigration reform bill to the House floor but may propose several bills to make selective changes to the system.



ALEJANDRO ALBA/ SHFWIRE PHOTO

The Rev. John McCullough, president and CEO of Church of World Service, prays that members of Congress will be moved by the campaign to change their minds on immigration reform. He also prays for the immigrant families and their struggles.

The bill, The Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act, H.R. 15, is similar to the Senate bill. It would make it possible for undocumented immigrants to gain legal status and eventually citizenship. It also proposes border security improvements and ways to assess how well they work. It would enact the DREAM Act to grant legal status and a path to citizenship for young people brought to the U.S. as children.

Rep. Joe Garcia, D-Fla., introduced the bill Oct. 2. It was referred to the Science, Space and Technology subcommittee on research and technology Dec. 13.

“We would like immigration reform sooner rather than later,” Medina said. “Every single day we have people dying in the border, and we have more people being deported.”

The Rev. Jennifer Butler, executive director at Faith in Public Life, said the purpose of fasting is to affect and move members of Congress.

“There were a number of Republican members of Congress, in particular, who came down and when they heard the stories of how this was impacting families they actually wept,” Butler said.

Butler said fasting was adopted to illustrate the real life stories of immigrants.

“The fasting reminds us of the suffering that families go through when they

are struggling to make a new way in a foreign country,” Butler said. “It also shows our deep spiritual commitment to making this issue move forward.”

Medina and Wallis said the broken immigration system will change only if everyone participates in the change.

“The president was elected president of the United States, not king of the United States,” Medina said. “Consequently, he cannot fix this broken immigration system, he needs the Congress to act.”

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- Jason Brewer, AVANCE
- Stephanie Walton, Director, UTEP Professional and Public Programs (P3)

## FEBRUARY 5TH

### Piecing it Together: The Engaged Student

Union Cinema  
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- Dr. Gina Nunez, UTEP Associate Professor of Anthropology
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## FEBRUARY 18TH

### Etiquette Dinner\* (registration required)

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## FEBRUARY 12TH

### The Building Blocks of Leadership

Union Cinema  
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- Dr. Diana Natalicio, UTEP President
- BAJA SAE UTEP 2014 Team

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## FEBRUARY 19TH

### UTEP 21st Century Scholars

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### Queer Leadership Conference

Union East, 3rd Floor, Tomás Rivera Conference Center  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## Pickaxe unveils the work of 12 esteemed artists



MICHAELA ROMAN/THE PROSPECTOR

**Original Pickaxe art** was unveiled on Jan. 27. Twelve esteemed artists had the opportunity to showcase their work at the Union Gallery, located in the 2nd floor of the Union Building East. It will remain on display until Feb. 3. 1)Gabriel Gaytan “Adelante Miners,” 2) Fabian Uribe, 3) Francisco Delgado “Q-Vo Guey?” 4) Candy Mayer “Images of UTEP” 5) Suzi Davidoff. (Check out the rest of the pictures at [theprospectordaily.com](http://theprospectordaily.com).)

**BY LESLY LIMON**  
The Prospector

The 12 local artists who were challenged to cover a 7-foot canvas — shaped like a pickaxe—into a commemorative piece of art in October, unveiled their work Jan. 27 at the Union Building East.

Artists were given the option to share a memory or a story that involved UTEP’s 100 years of existence. The exhibition will be showcased at the Union Gallery until Feb. 3. The exhibit will later be displayed throughout El Paso.

“We selected 12 esteemed artists from the El Paso, Juárez and Las Cruces area and one up-and-coming UTEP art student,” said Stephanie Quiroz, a communication specialist

for Government Employees Credit Union, the company that created the challenge. “The creativity and passion put into these works of art are apparent and amazing. Each pickaxe is unique and it’s remarkable that a blank canvas has been transformed into 12 masterpieces.”

The artists selected to work on these pickaxes are Jesus “Cimi” Alvarado, Margarita Cabrera, Suzi Davidoff, Francisco Delgado, Gabriel Gaytan, Linda Hains, Anna Jaquez, Jeff Litchfield, Candy Mayer, Lyuba Titovets, Becky Hendrick and senior drawing major Fabian Uribe.

“It was initially supposed to be ten artists instead of 12,” Floyd Johnson, art auction coordinator said. “The reason was because it was supposed to be ten for each decade, but we were

really impressed by the artists and decided to pick 12.”

Each pickaxe has a different concept and artists used various art mediums.

“This is my first sculpture,” Uribe said. “I mainly draw, I don’t usually get to play with the 3D form but I’m extremely happy with the turnout and I want to make more.”

Uribe was the only student artist selected to work on the pickaxe project and he said it was rather intimidating but very rewarding.

“It is great to see that all my dedication and hard work has paid off, and it was great to see people coming out to the unveiling to appreciate our work,” he said.

His sculpture is a hollow metal light box sculpture, and holes are indented in the metal to reveal ob-

jects and landmarks important to El Paso, such as the star on the Franklin Mountains.

“Over time the sculpture will start rusting,” Uribe said. “I did this on purpose because I want the color of the sculpture to turn to copper, in order to emphasize the desert and UTEP.”

Russian artist Lyuba Titovets named his sculpture “Blossom in the Rocks.” The pickaxe symbolizes how UTEP has transformed itself from a rocky land to a beautiful garden with distinguished architecture.

“Gardens in all seasons spring from the rocks; architecture changing throughout its history; and all different kinds of real people—from past and present—have created legacies of the place and are all part of my painting,” Titovets said.

“I hope that my work will give an insight into UTEP’s success in the first 100 years.”

- Lyuba Titovets



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ARTS  
Local gallery fosters space for artists

BY AMBER GOMEZ  
The Prospector

Located on the corner of Overland near downtown El Paso stands a unique stone building that houses local creativity.  
At the Rock House Gallery, local artists, poets and musicians show off their work without having to pay for the set up or taxes.  
Owner Mike Patino created this gallery in order to give local artists

the chance to express themselves and to be able to sell their artwork.  
“Art should never be taxed. Their labor should be paid off,” Patino said. “The artists get to show off their art in a market environment and they can come and sell them. People can meet one-on-one with the artists when they come down to the market.”  
The outside walls of the gallery showcase a mural that was painted by a group of art students. While the students were being graded for creat-

ing the mural, Patino said he enjoyed their work.  
“The mural was excellent. There should be more places for people to actually express their abilities instead of hiding them in alleys or ditches,” Patino said. “I love the participation of the local artists.”  
The Rock House Gallery houses poets, musicians, dancers, tarot card readers and jewelry makers. Students and other local artists are encouraged to contribute as well.

“Any opportunity that any students or anybody here has to show off there work is good,” said art professor Hector Romero. “By all means, there needs to be more places like that.”  
While the café part of the building is not quite set up, the entertainment is still there. According to Patino, the Rock House is also looking for bands and musicians to play at events.

“I’m open to suggestions as far as dealing with art,” Patino said. “The Rock House makes no profit, so the artists can keep the money they earn for their work. I’d like more future young artists to come and participate so that the community gets to know them. They get recognized.”  
The next event that will be hosted by the Rock House Gallery will be the Guerrilla Art Market, which will take place at 6 p.m. on Jan. 30. The gallery is located at 400 W. Overland Ave. For more information, call (915) 269-9163.

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(Above) Owner Mike Patino and wife posing in front of mural done by art students.

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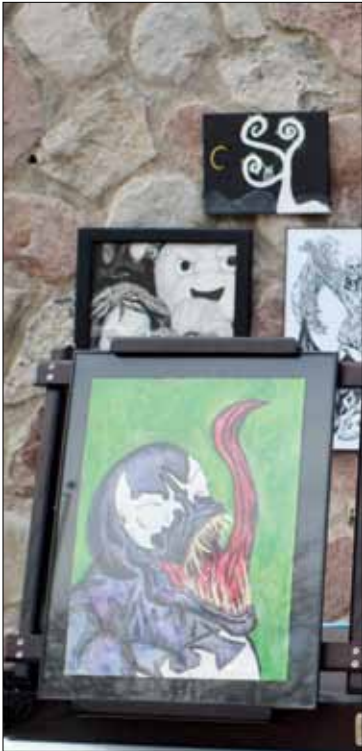
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(Above) acrylic done by Jesus "Cimi" Alvarado.

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"I hope that my work will give future generations an insight into UTEP's success in the first 100 years," Art lecturer Susan Davidoff, who has taught at UTEP for 23 years, was also part of this exhibit.

"My piece is copper leaf and refers to UTEP's history as Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy," Davidoff said.

Although it was challenging for her to work on a sculpture shaped like a pickaxe; Davidoff said she was pleased to be part of this exhibit.

"I think this particular centennial event is a fun way to celebrate UTEP and will let people see a variety of work by local artists," Davidoff said.

"I hope it's very successful in its goal of raising scholarship funds."

Keith Erikson, executive director of the centennial celebration and a professor of history, said the works of art will be displayed at GECU branches for public viewing.

"The pieces will go all over town," Erikson said. "They will be on display at the UTEP Library, in the El Paso Convention Center and the other 10 will go in different GECU locations."

In the fall of 2014, the artwork will be auctioned off to the public and funds will support the GECU Foundation's R.C. Morgan Scholarship Fund.

"This endowment fund benefits UTEP students," Quiroz said. "We

support helping our community thrive, and providing students the means to achieve their goals through education is very rewarding."

Erikson said the upcoming centennial events will give everyone a chance to think about the university in terms of where we come from, who we are and what the future holds for UTEP.

"The centennial is like UTEP's birthday party. We're throwing a huge birthday party and we are happy to have support from our friends," Erikson said. "We are extremely thankful for this wonderful gift from GECU, and these works of art are a great way

to engage the community and create artwork celebrating the centennial."

According to Crystal Long, President and Chief Executive Officer of GECU, it was wonderful working with UTEP and being a part of the centennial.

"It's always a pleasure collaborating with UTEP and they've been nothing but great support," Long said. "It's great that these works of art will also help raise funds for scholarships. It is very exciting and I look forward to seeing how many students will benefit."

To apply for the R.C. Morgan Scholarship, complete a general UTEP scholarship application on [utep.edu](http://utep.edu). More information regard-

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GAME REVIEW

'Call of Duty: Ghosts' DLC Onslaught features four new maps

BY JOSE SOTO  
The Prospector

In "Ghosts," the latest "Call of Duty" installment, players can fire through the battlefield, underwater and space.

The game featured updated graphics, new weapons, larger maps and survival mode extinction.

"I appreciate that the graphics are more realistic," said Deborah Cobos-Smith, sophomore electrical engineering major. "The story is different from all the others. I like it because you have different weapons for each and can play online with them, so that's neat."

The game takes place 10 years after a major event in history. A group known as the Federalists takes control of the Orbital Defense Initiative (ODIN), a space weapon of mass destruction that will destroy the major cities in the United States. As the game begins, players are tossed immediately into the thick of the conflict in space along with Logan Walker and the elite Special Forces group called Ghosts.

However, "Call of Duty: Ghosts" has one more surprise.

A classified location, known only to its residents, called Foggy Woods has an eerie campsite near a fog-shrouded lake. The map of this area, called Fog, is the first of five featured in the downloadable content for the popular game. Fog is meant to portray the horror film, "Halloween." When gamers complete a field order on the map, they become the infamous Michael Myers. Moreover, as players approach

enemies they will start to hear the chilling "Halloween" theme song.

"That is what actually got me excited to try out the DLC," said Randy Varela senior mechanical engineering major. "Hopefully, COD can do something interesting with this idea."

The DLC Onslaught for "Call of Duty: Ghosts" was released on Jan. 27 and can be purchased for \$15. Onslaught contains four new maps, along with a new super weapon, the Maverick. The Maverick is a two-in-one assault rifle and a sniper rifle. The four maps featured are Fog, Bayview, Containment and Ignition, all with various sized maps and different ways to destroy the enemy.



Some students are eager to get their hands on this new release, while others are skeptical about whether or not they believe Onslaught is worth their time and money.

"I think it'll be the same as all the previous versions," said Luis Medina, senior electrical engineering major. "Sure it has new components and a few extra maps, but I don't think it's worth the \$15."

While the map Fog, which features Michael Myers, will draw many customers into purchasing the DLC, it is entirely the players' experience that will determine whether or not they enjoy the new downloadable content that COD is presenting.

"I hope they have tested it completely, so that way there are no problems with it the first week it comes out," Cobos said. "I have high hopes for this game and it better be good."

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UTEP Library, Bloomberg Auditorium, 1st Floor  
Intended for a fun and thought-provoking discussion of books scheduled once a month. Daniel Chacon and Anne Horak will lead the discussion of “Everything Begins and Ends at the Kentucky Club,” by Benjamin Alire Saenz, a Pen/Faulkner award winner in 2013. Light refreshments will be served.

BACH’S LUNCH WITH EL PASO PRO-MUSICA

Jan. 30 / Noon-1:00 p.m.  
El Paso Museum of Art  
Presenting the finest from the UTEP Department of Music-celebrating UTEP’s Centennial. Artists and programs to be announced from the stage. This event is free to the public. Seating is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

UTEP L.I.V.E THE LINKS OF LEADERSHIP

Jan. 29 / 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
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Guests include Dr. Gary Edens, UTEP Vice President of Student Affairs, Jason Brewer, assistant director, AVANCE-El Paso, and Stephanie Walton, Professional and Public Programs director.

“EL PASO PRO-MUSICA TRIBUTE CONCERT

Jan. 28 / 7-9 p.m.  
Fox Fine Arts, Recital Hall  
The concert features Rob Kapilow of NPR’s “What Makes it Great,” series. Rob is known for making Classical music easy to understand and he will explore a Beethoven trio, called, “The Archduke.” His accompanists will be artistic director, World-renowned cellist and UTEP music professor Zuill Bailey, along with Music Department professors Dominc Dousa and Stephanie Meyers.

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# Strong start for track and field



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**Men's 4x4 relay** members Abiola Onakoya (left) and Carnell Horn (right) warmup at the Kidd Field.

**BY LUIS BARRIO**

The Prospector

The UTEP track and field team has started their indoor season on a bright note. Their individual accomplishments have also earned them many gold medals.

At the beginning of the season, the men's squad were ranked 22nd nationally.

The men's team is led by junior distance runner Anthony Rotich. In the

preseason, Rotich was named to the Bowerman Men's Watch List, which is presented to the nation's top collegiate track and field athletes by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

"I think the competition is as a good as it gets for us this year," said head coach Mika Laaksonen. "There is a bunch of teams. It gives everybody an opportunity to really find out what they can do."

Rotich already has three wins in this young season. At the New Mexico Cherry and Silver Invitational, Rotich clocked a time of four minutes, 1.11 seconds in the mile run. It is also a personal best that earned him the No.1 spot nationally in the mile run.

Senior sprinter Janice Jackson leads the charge on the women's side. She already has two gold medals from the Lobo Collegiate Open Jan. 18.

Her time of 8.20 seconds in the 60-meter dash put her first in Con-

ference USA and tied for sixth place nationally. She holds the school record as well in the 60-meters with hurdles with a time of 8.17 seconds that she garnered in 2013. She also holds the school indoor record for the 100-meters hurdles and will look to take the outdoor record of 12.95, which is held by former Miner Kim Turner.

"That was definitely a confidence builder because I ended the season (2013) with an 8.17 indoor last year," Jackson said. "So opening up (2014) with an 8.20 is a big deal for me, which means there is a lot more to come. It's the beginning of a big time for me."

Her work in the Lobo Collegiate Open garnered her a national ranking of sixth in the 60-meter with hurdles.

She topped her win at the Lobo Collegiate Open with a gold at the New Mexico Cherry and Silver Invitational and posted her new personal best of 8.09 seconds. It pushed her higher in the national rankings to the fourth spot and to No.1 in the program's history.

Nickevea Wilson finished first in the triple jump at the competition giving her a national ranking of sixth place.

"I feel like our women's team is better than last year," Laaksonen said. "We definitely want to improve where we place in the conference as a team. Definitely I think we should place top in the conference."

Also succeeding with flying colors was senior Mark Jackson in the triple jump. At the New Mexico Cherry and Silver Invitational, he posted a personal best of 16.21-meters, which gave him a No. 3 national ranking and eighth place in the program's history.

The Miners have been competing in Albuquerque, where NCAA Indoor Championships will take place. Many of the team's members have set their eyes set on reaching the championships.

"I feel like we have a very good men's 4x4," Laaksonen said. "I think it's better than last year and last year the guys made nationals. They did not reach the finals, but made nationals. I think they could surprise people."

Sophomore and El Pasoan, Daniel Tarango, hopes to go to nationals as part of the 4x4 relay team.

"I was training and trying to put some miles in," Tarango said. "Doing the workouts and trying to get stronger for the season."

As far as expectations, he wants to finish in the top three in conference. As far as the season goes, he said the team is just trying to get as many qualifiers for nationals as possible.

Next up for the Miners will be the Texas A&M Invitational at College Station on Feb. 8.

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## TENNIS

# Déjà Vu for new head coach Myriam Sopel

**BY JAVIER CORTEZ**

The Prospector

One constant in sports is change.

In the waning moments before the start of the 2014 spring season, UTEP's women's tennis head coach Mark Roberts jumped the ship. After a little more than a year at UTEP, Roberts is now an assistant coach at Southern Methodist University.

"Nobody expected it," said junior Davina Meza. "When the news came officially, we didn't know what would happen. We were not sure if we were going to get a new coach, or if we were going to stay with our assistant coach. Everyone was disappointed, but thank God we got a coach fast."

Shortly after the bad news, the Miners found Myriam Sopel. Less than a month into her tenure at UTEP, the Miners will head to San Antonio for three straight days of dual matches. The Miners will open on Jan. 31 against McNeese State, followed by Texas State and UT San Antonio.

Going through a change of coach is never easy, But having someone that has been through the process helps. Sopel took over as head coach in December 2012 at the University of Idaho.

"It's not ideal for the team," Sopel said. "I've done it before, coming from Wagner College to Idaho. So far, it's been pretty good, the girls are great and really understanding."

She will have to wait before implementing her teaching style and getting to work on details. Bring-

ing the team together and bonding comes first.

"I'm really focused on the team atmosphere," Sopel said. "Right now, I'm looking for the girls to bond with each other, being cohesive and adapting better and better each day."

Gaging how the players perform this week, and setting goals is something that will come down the road. "I'm expecting to see a lot of team spirit, bonding, cohesiveness and giving our best effort," Sopel said. "I think the results will come later on down the road. If they put the effort in practice, it's going to show on the court."

The Miners will be led by senior Rebecca Calvillo. The Durango, Mexico native is playing the number one singles spot, as well as the number one doubles spot for the Miners with Meza. Fellow seniors Marie LeBlond and Gabi Vazquez will be looking to start their last semester in style. The two combined for a 38-24 singles record and 15-7 doubles record in the 2012-13 season.

Junior Anastasiya Sylenko, sophomore Matilda Rose Tench and lone freshman Daphne Visscher round out the 2013-14 tennis team. Assistant coach Martina Trierweiler has seen the whole process and has plenty of experience as a player in her five-year career. Through the process, Trierweiler has seen the girls come out stronger and ready to fight.

"It's been a good experience," Trierweiler said. "We've been having good practices and she (Sopel) has been pushing the girls like I've never seen

before, so it's good. I think she's going to bring a freshness to the team—she's full of energy, she's ready to go, so it's something fresh."

The team has been building up to this point throughout the fall semester, and at the end of the day the ultimate goal is to win.

"We expect to win, there is nothing that tells us not to win, so our expectations are to always win," Trierweiler said.

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(Top) New tennis head coach Myriam Sopel came in to replace Mark Roberts. (Bottom) Senior Marie Leblond native of Montreal, Canada, is one of three seniors on the team.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Miners aiming for third straight win

BY EDWIN DELGADO  
The Prospector

The UTEP women's basketball team (15-4) will take on the Marshall Thundering Herd (7-11) on Jan. 29 as they try to make it three wins in a row.

After a disappointing loss at home against Charlotte, the Miners seem to have found their footing once again as they came back from a 23-point deficit to defeat the Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles in overtime on Jan. 22 and defeated UT San Antonio on the road Jan. 25.

"We got a little momentum going," said head coach Keitha Adams. "We are not a very good defensive team, but we've been trying to work on that quite a bit during practice."

UTEP is one of three teams in Conference USA with a 4-2-conference record along with East Carolina and Charlotte.

Marshall is still looking for its first conference win of the season, having lost their first five games.

The Thundering Herd has in junior forward Leah Scott their best scorer, who is averaging 12.5 points per game.

Senior forward Supona Dickens averages 10.1 points and is the best rebounder of the team, averaging 7.4 boards per game.

Junior guard AJ Johnson is averaging 9.8 points per game and is the best 3-point shooter of the team, making 37 percent from beyond the arc.

"They're very athletic, they really get out and run. Transition is a big part of their game," Adams said. "They've had a lot of close games. They have guards that can put it on the floor and attack the basket, 3-point shooter and good on rebounds. It will be a good test for us, they mix their defenses and we are going to have to be ready to play."

The Miners are led by senior forward and El Paso native Kayla Thornton, who is averaging 19.6 per game and 10.1 rebounds.

Sophomore guard Jenzel Nash follows Thornton in scoring with 12.1 points per game. To help with the rebounds is junior guard Chrisauna Parker, who is averaging 8.8 points per game, including 16 that were crucial in the comeback win over the Golden Eagles.

Once again, Thornton was tabbed as Conference USA Player of the Week.

"It's a good thing, but I don't pay much attention to it," Thornton said. "I just go out there and play my hardest and she (Adams) brings the best out of me."

Adams pointed out that despite their 0-5 record in Conference USA, Marshall has been in very close games. Last season, the Miners fell to the Herd 59-47 in Huntington, W.Va.

"We had close games with them the past few years, so we know they are going to be ready to play," Adams said.

Adams said that the 92-86 loss to Charlotte has motivated her to push



Sophomore guard Jenzel Nash is the second leading scorer for the Miners averaging 12.1 points per game..


MICHAELA ROMAN / THE PROSPECTOR

her players even harder. Sophomore guard Cameasha Turner said that the team respects every team they face. She said that they need to play their game regardless of who they play.

"Like coach (Adams) says, 'Fear no one, but respect everyone,'" Turner said. "As you know, we lost two games that we believe we shouldn't have lost (Charlotte, Middle Tennessee State) and we just have to look at every one of our opponents as if they are the best team we'll face."

After Marshall, UTEP will go on the road to face Tulane before hosting back-to-back home games against Louisiana Tech (Feb. 5) and Florida International (Feb. 8).

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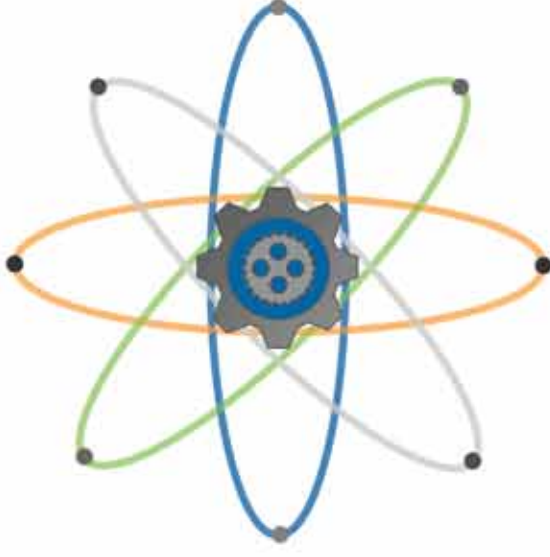
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