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BETTER BUSINESS BALLPARK



FILE PHOTO

Downtown businesses see minor increase with new baseball stadium

BY JOSE SOTO

The Prospector

The Southwest University Ballpark, conveniently located in downtown El Paso, opened on April 28 and baseball fans have been flocking to the stadium ever since. The local downtown attraction has proven to be both entertaining and lucrative for El Pasoans.

The El Paso Chihuahuas have brought in big business for the team—with several sold-out games along with food services and merchandise from a variety of vendors and merchants. However, they are not the only

ones benefiting from their success. The businesses surrounding the ballpark have also seen positive results.

Game goers have an array of options for their wining and dining experiences. The ballpark is located in close proximity to several restaurants, bars and hotels, which have been profiting since the ballpark's opening.

One of the hotspots located near the ballpark is EPIC Nightclub, located on 510 N. Stanton St. David Castillo, co-owner of EPIC, said the increased business due to the baseball games is "all good."

"I haven't seen so much hustle and bustle in downtown in the evening in a long time. Although the parking for our patrons and staff is not the best, it's great for the city's growth. We at EPIC love it," Castillo said. "The games have definitely been impacting my patrons and we do get a few after-gamers come in for some drinking and dancing."

EPIC has also shown their support for the ballpark with specials and advertising.

"We have implemented our support by posting up El Paso Chihuahuas' posters and offering our guests \$2

drinks when sporting their EP Chihuahua gear," Castillo said.

Around the corner from EPIC is Craft and Social, a local business that caters to craft beer and wine partisans. Rafael Terrazas, co-owner of Craft and Social, said that he has felt a positive effect due to the games.

"Mostly it's people coming in for a drink before or after the game," Terrazas said. "We don't always get a large ballpark crowd, but we have felt it on certain days."

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“We like that the ballpark has been very good to our business. We’ve maintained good sales because of it.”

-Jacob Rodriguez,
manager for SoHo Sports
Pub

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COLUMN

Mexico can dream again

BY LUIS GONZALEZ

The Prospector



It came down to one game where the result meant everything. Whatever had been done prior, wouldn't matter. It would be undone if the result at the end of 90 minutes was not favorable.

The Mexican national team made sure it all still mattered when all was said and done. Just under a year ago Mexico was sweating to get a tie at home against teams like El Salvador and Panama, a team that barely made it to Brazil, has now produced three praiseworthy performances that have a whole nation convinced that it is safe to dream.

Even the most optimistic fan had to have doubts about the Mexican team going into the tournament. After a nightmarish couple of years where qualification to the World Cup was in serious danger, the fear that Mexico was going to Brazil just to embarrass themselves was real and shared by many.

The way head coach Miguel Herrera's team has gotten these results proves that this team can achieve something truly historical and transcendent by reaching the quarterfinals of the tournament for the first time ever in a World Cup not played on Mexican soil.

All three performances have been solid. Starting with Cameroon, Mexico showed confidence and a conviction that had not been there in a while. The resiliency and composure the team showed against horrendous calls from the referee, which disallowed two legitimate goals for the Mexicans, were also traits that have been missing—not only in the recent past but in Mexico's entire soccer history. The team kept playing and found its reward in Oribe Peralta's right foot.

Then came Brazil, the five-time World Cup champion and the prime candidate to win it all—the host who doesn't lose at home and the team with some of the biggest and brightest stars the game has to offer.

Another solid 90 minutes throughout all of its lines, complimented by an inspired performance from goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa gave Mexico one of its best results ever in a World Cup. A 0-0 tie with the host nation had Mexico already surpassing expectations.

But for a country that has advanced out of the group stage in every World Cup since 1994, anything short of that would still be a total failure.

After 70 tense minutes, it took just 10 for them to run over Croatia. Rafa Marquez, Andres Guardado and Javier Hernandez each scored a goal in a span of ten minutes that sent Mexico through to the next round.

It hasn't always been perfect. There have been moments of imprecision, mistakes in the back, lack of creativity on the attack and one would hope there is no need for miraculous saves from your keeper to get results, but overall Mexico has demonstrated that on the field the good outweighs the bad.

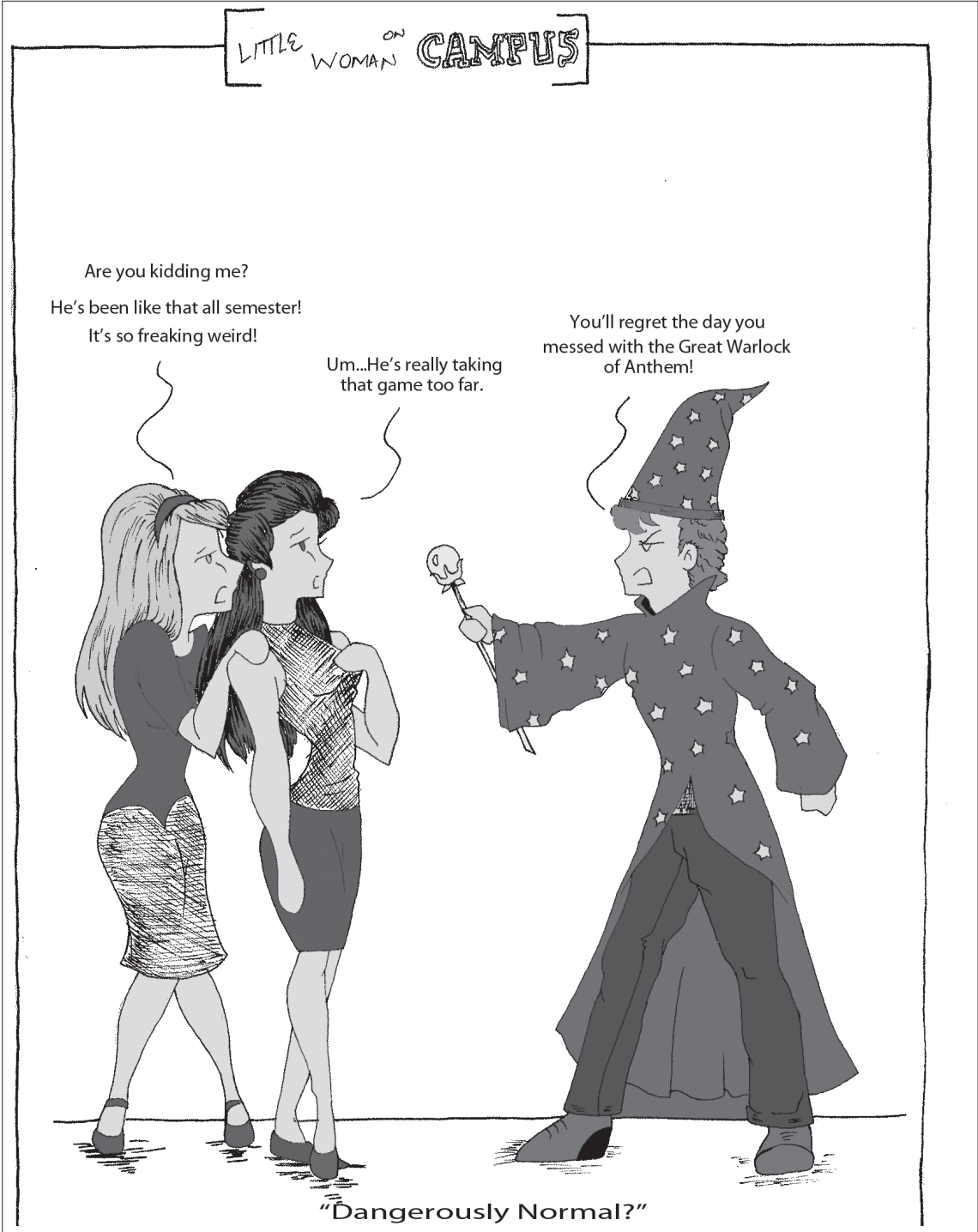
Hector Herrera, the young midfielder, is playing at a tremendous level, not just being the best man on the team, but one of the best in the whole tournament. Ochoa has performed spectacularly, Jose Vazquez has provided great timing and rhythm and veterans like Rafael Marquez, Andres Guardado and Francisco Rodrigues have shown poise.

What Mexico has done with these three results is give itself an opportunity. Once again they have a very real opportunity to transcend, to be one of the protagonists and to reach levels on the world stage that they have never reached before.

The first obstacle to overcome is the team from the Netherlands. Like Brazil, they are a historically superior team filled with major stars like Robin Van Persie and Arjen Robben. Still, Mexico has shown that through their team play they have the capability of competing with anybody, no matter how impressive their opponents are.

They have given their fans permission to dream and hope that this round of 16 will end differently than the previous ones. It will take a great performance, maybe even perfect, but we've seen Mexico relish in that role of the underdog. They will have the support of the crowd and at least it isn't Argentina again.

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FRONTERA

La edad no detiene a la educación

POR CASSANDRA ADAME
The Prospector

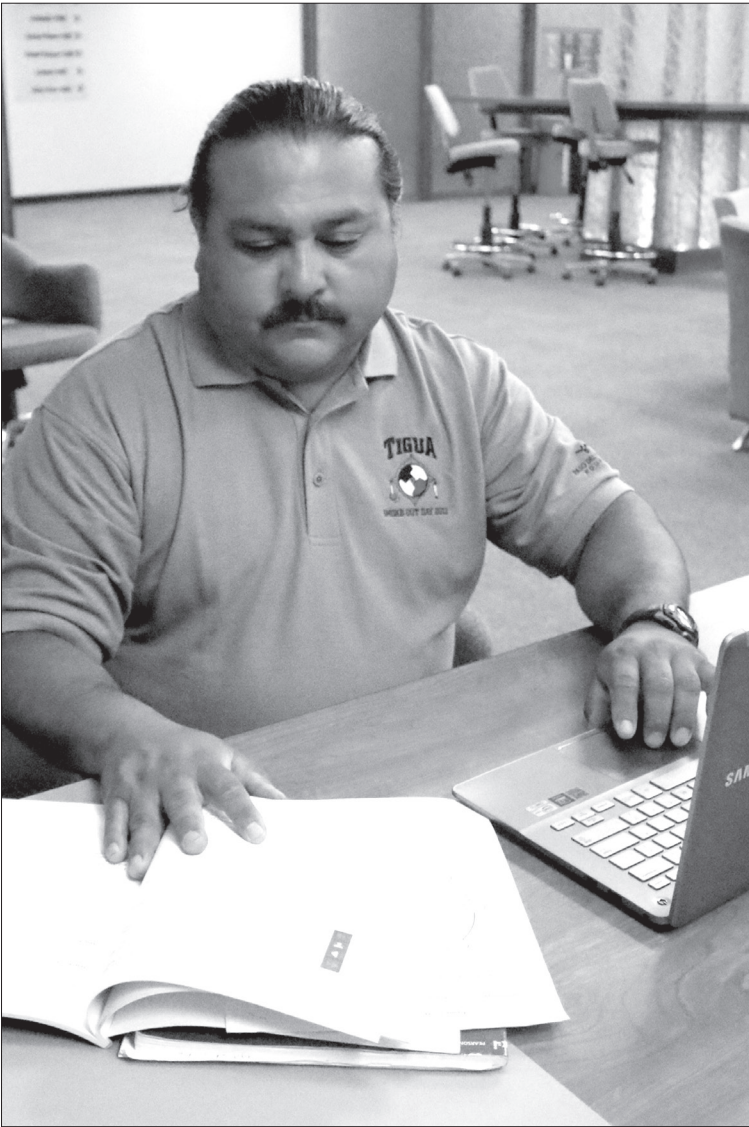
Ricardo Quezada, estudiante de antropología de 43 años de edad, es estudiante de la universidad desde el 2011. Quezada vive en la reserva Ysleta del Sur Pueblo donde habitan un total de 1,728 habitantes. Quezada quiere usar su educación para ayudar a su comunidad. "Yo quiero defenderla culturalmente y tradicionalmente así como su idioma", dijo Quezada. Un buen número de alumnos mayores a los 40 años asisten a UTEP. Estos estudiantes enfrentan diferentes retos y experiencias que las generaciones más jóvenes. Con sus estudios, Quezada podrá defender, de manera más concisa, a su pueblo. "Aquí en Ysleta, hicieron un Walmart, donde se pescaba o cazaba y yo explicaba como es que nos iban a afectar", dijo Quezada. Una de las metas de Quezada es ser el antropólogo oficial del pueblo. "Tengo arriba de 15 años sirviendo a mi gente como un líder tradicional", dijo Quezada. "Tengo muchas experiencias en las tradiciones, en la cultura y especialmente en el idioma de mi gente". En su carrera como antropólogo tiene un enfoque hacia la lingüística, con ello quiere coordinar programas de idioma Tigua para seguir dando clases a las generaciones siguientes. Quezada dice que a su edad ve a la escuela diferente. "Veo las cosas más claras, porque como ya he vivido un poco más que los muchachos o mis compañeros que están en la escuela, tengo más paciencia, veo las cosas diferentes y creo que esa es una ventaja", dijo Quezada. "Entiendo mejor al profesor, yo creo porque tenemos casi la misma edad. Ahorita le estoy sacando más ventaja". Kenneth Fernández, estudiante de primer año en estudios multidiscipli-

narios de 54 años de edad, nació en Trinidad y Tobago. Llegó a los Estados Unidos en 1986 a Nueva York, y finalmente en 1994, a sus 34 años de edad, dedicó su vida al ejercito estadounidense. Ahora, después de sus 20 años de servicio, regresa a sus estudios universitarios. "Regresó a la escuela porque me lo había plantado en mi mente, esto viene desde hace tiempo atrás, en las islas", dijo Fernández. "Mi mama quería pagarme la escuela universitaria, y yo le dije que guardara ese dinero para ella, yo encontraría la manera para pagarme la universidad". Fernández dice el conocimiento es poder, no importa como lo veas, no importa lo que hagas. "No necesitas una carrera para ser listo, necesitas una carrera solo para competir en el mundo de afuera", el dijo. Fernández ha conseguido trabajo y ganado experiencia sin haber tenido una carrera universitaria. "Las personas están tratando de hacer lo que yo ya he hecho", dijo Fernández. "Aun ahora, personas de mi generación están pensando en que van a hacer con sus vidas, pero yo, ya lo hice". A pesar de que Fernández comienza a adaptarse a la escuela y con sus compañeros más jóvenes dice que esta en un tiempo indicado para hacerlo. "Este es el tiempo de estar en la escuela, no fue antes cuando era más joven", dijo Fernández. "Ahora estoy muchísimo más relajado emocional y económicamente hablando". A sus 54 años, Fernández hoy ambiciona a terminar su carrera y a seguir con la maestría en administración de suministros. Otros estudiantes regresan a la escuela a cumplir sus sueños, que en sus tiempos no pudieron cumplir. Darla Campbell, estudiante de producción de medios digitales de 43 años de edad, esta en su último año de carrera. En el pasado, ella hacia lo posible para ayudar a su esposo económica-

mente, tomaba trabajos cualquiera para ayudar a su familia. "Nunca trate de perseguir una carrera, porque en ese momento mi deber era ayudar a mi esposo y ayudar a mi familia", dijo Campbell. A partir de un trabajo que tuvo como asistente personal de un empresario local, tuvo que trabajar dentro del las relaciones publicas del negocio. Ahí descubrió en ella el talento de escribir. Hoy ella es una escritora de novelas y cuentos infantiles. "Yo quiero ser parte de la creación visual de las historias que yo escribo", dijo Campbell. En un futuro, quiere tener una compañía de producción, junto con un equipo de trabajo. "Soy una escritora y siempre seré una escritora, pero eso no es suficiente para mí", dijo Campbell. "Tal vez de escribir un libro para niños, quiero escribir una película y no solo quiero escribirla sino dirigirla, porque tengo esa capacidad". La meta principal de Campbell es ser reconocida como escritora, directora y productora de trabajos escritos y visuales. La experiencia de regresar a la escuela a sido favorable para ella. "Disfruto mucho estar en la escuela porque me conduce a esta era, nunca fui una persona de tecnología, pero ahora que mi meta requiere de este conocimiento, puedo decir que mis compañeros me apoyan mucho, se aseguran de que entienda", dijo Campbell. Campbell dice que es interesante estar rodeada de gente joven por que se acercan a ella, por ser una persona con más experiencia en la vida y aconsejarlos hasta donde ella pueda.

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Ricardo Quezada, estudiante de antropología, estudia para sus clases en la Union ala Este.

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Terrazas said the ballpark has been good not only for his business, but also for the city itself. "The ballpark has mostly brought good effects in a direct and indirect way. Directly, more people come in during games. Indirectly, I believe that it's accustoming people to come downtown and not be afraid to look for parking and walk a little", Terrazas said. Craft and Social offers happy hour specials until 7 p.m. on game nights. Yet, not all game attendees opt for bars or nightclubs when a game lands on a week night. Alejandro Ramirez, junior media advertising major, works at the downtown Starbucks, located inside the Mills Building. He said that they have also had some game goers trickling in through their doors. "Business picks up a bit before the game, then dies down," Ramirez said. "The major change our location has

undergone is our business hours. We stay open an hour later on Fridays and have to open on the weekends when there are games. Before, we didn't open on the weekend. Business overall has picked up and I would say some of it is because of the games during the week." The Camino Real Hotel is located down the street from the stadium and has also seen changes. Mark Giesemann, director of sales at the Camino Real, said the hotel sees an increase in business during game days. "We see an increase at the restaurant and bar during game days, mainly at our bar since it has always been a local favorite to enjoy an alcoholic beverage," Giesemann said. "We even see an increase inside our parking lot, where some game goers prefer to park their vehicles instead of leaving them on the street." Giesemann said that the ballpark has increased their monthly financial revenue by roughly 10 percent.

"It's a small, but substantial increase that we've seen that mainly comes from the ballpark," Giesemann said. According to Giesemann, the Camino Real offers discounted deals for ticket holders both at the restaurant and bar, which he said helps lure in the crowd. One downtown business is especially thankful for the ballpark opening. What once was The SoHo Lounge has revamped its business intent and name. They are now known as SoHo Sports Pub. Manager Jacob Rodriguez said the opening of the ballpark was the reason they renamed their location. "We know that with the opening of the ballpark, we could attract a new set of clientele if we took a different approach to our business," Rodriguez said. "Being so close to the stadium, we knew that we could attract all the people attending the games if we followed suit with the appeal of sports".

Rodriguez said that their busiest times are on game nights. "We remodeled our location to accommodate the people attending the games. We've definitely have seen a spike in business after the games, when people walk to their vehicles and such and step in for a drink," Rodriguez said. SoHo Sports Pub offers drink and food specials during game nights, which have helped their sales and revenue to stay consistent. Both Rodriguez and Castillo say the ballpark has had a positive effect for their businesses. "We like that the ballpark has been very good to our business," Rodriguez said. "We've maintained good sales because of it." Jose Soto may be reached at theprospectordaily.news@gmail.com.

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NATIONAL

Navy Yard ceremony honors heroic actions at last year’s shootings



ANNA GILES / SHFWIRE
The Navy Color Guard positions the American flag and the U.S. Navy flag in front of the crowd in preparation for the National Anthem at a ceremony Monday to honor those who died and those who helped at last year’s Navy Yard shootings.

BY ANNA GILES
SHFWire Reporter

WASHINGTON—For Shannon Marchegiani, June 23 morning started with an explanation to her 3-year-old son about why his father is a hero. Marchegiani, 38, a neonatologist at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, was preparing to see her husband, Mike Melia, 41, an emergency physician at Walter Reed, be recognized for providing medical aid during the Washington Navy Yard shootings in September. She told him “that his daddy had been very brave.”

Melia was one of roughly 30 people at the ceremony, held at the Navy Yard, who were either personally recognized or accepted awards on behalf of a family member for heroic actions during the shootings.

“It’s always hard remembering. I always wish I could have done more,” said Melia, of Silver Spring, Md.

At the Navy Yard on Sept. 16, 2013, gunman Aaron Alexis, a military contractor, shot and killed 12 people in a chaotic scene that gripped the nation’s attention. Alexis died in the shootout.

Navy Secretary Ray Mabus, who hosted ceremony, said it was a chance to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

“The memory of those killed that day will always burn brightly. The wounds, seen and unseen, will be carried to our last days. The work of those three women and nine men we lost that day and of those who were wounded is critical to our nation and our security,” Mabus said.

When he first heard about the shootings, Melia was on his way to inspect a firehouse at Joint Base Anacostia–Bolling near the Navy Yard.

Melia said it was lucky he happened to be driving by. He had a car full of medical supplies and years of medical experience, which he used to treat some of the victims. His wife, Marchegiani, was at home when she received a text from Melia saying there was a shooting at the Navy Yard and that “he’d be in touch.”

He didn’t get in touch for another four or five hours, Marchegiani said.

For her, the ceremony was not just about honoring her husband, it was an opportunity to “honor the families of the victims and acknowledge what they’ve lost.”

The scene of the shooting couldn’t have been much closer to William Hilarides, commander of the Naval Sea Systems Command, who was in his office in building No. 197. He heard the shooter before he saw him. Security officials locked him and his staff in their office.

“There’s an atrium in the building with hard wood floors, and it sounded like the guy setting up the tables in there was dropping the tables,” Hilarides said.

What he said he remembers most is the ability of his coworkers to carry on.

“We expected there to be tremendous setback in the workforce. We expected people to have trouble coming to work and dealing with all the things that occurred that day. They did just the opposite. They came to work day after day to keep the Navy running,” Hilarides said.

Dave Harrison, 55, a deputy for Diving and Sub Rescue with the Navy staff at the Pentagon, was boarding a flight to San Diego at Ronald Reagan National Airport at the time of the shooting. The flight was grounded as a precaution. He later learned one of his good friends had been killed.

The ceremony was important for families and coworkers of the victims, Harrison said.

“Everybody here was close to someone who was a victim. They are all in different stages of healing. It’s important to do something like this to help bring closure,” he said.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do you think the ballpark has revitalized downtown?

MICHAELA ROMAN/ THE PROSPECTOR



CAITLYN COLLETTE
Junior music major
“I went to one of the games and surprisingly, people do go, compared to when the baseball stadium was in the Northeast where there was nothing surrounding it. So now people get to go to the games, support local businesses and have a good time.”



CHRIS CANALES
Sophomore kinesiology major
“No, they definitely should have gone a different route. They should have invested in other opportunities, like an amusement park or something.”



JAYLENE MILAM
Senior criminal justice major
“Yes, because the ballpark draws more attention to the downtown businesses such as the restaurants or shops that people haven’t seen that they might be attracted to.”



ENRIQUE RAMOS
Senior political science major
“No, I think it’s not helping. Right now it’s just going through a wake up period where everyone is just trying to get it over with and figure out what it is about, but ultimately, no.”



KENNETH AOFAI
Junior biomedical major
“I believe it is helping downtown, because there’s a lot of traffic running through it. I’m not sure how much it’s going to help, but I think further time will tell because downtown used to be pretty dead.”



KARLA RIVAS
Freshman criminal justice major
“Definitely, I think we’re getting a lot bigger so better and greater things are to come.”



JORGE MARTINEZ
Junior computer science major
“I feel the stadium is revitalizing downtown, because it creates an event downtown. Without it it would just be kind of dead with the second-hand shops, so it’s bringing new opportunities to El Paso.”



RACHEL MARTS
Junior psychology major
“Yes, I do think it’s helping to revitalize downtown, because it brings a lot of attraction down there and a lot of people have invested a lot of money for it to be there so I think it definitely does help revitalize downtown.”



MARCO MENDOZA
Freshman psychology major
“Yes, it’s helping because it helps promote businesses downtown like the restaurants and bars.”



JAYNE REYES
Junior biochemistry major
“In a perspective it has, its helping downtown revitalize in the sense that it’s not just for young people but for family as well.”

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Crave Kitchen serves an acoustic delight

BY ASHLEY MUÑOZ

The Prospector

Most people know Crave Kitchen and Bar for casual fine dining that offers a modern American menu.

The food on the menu consists of comfort food, with a twist.

However, Crave has another dish you can really get into—a summer acoustic series that allows live bands to play while you eat.

“We started doing this last summer,” said Wesley Dorman, general manager for Crave’s Eastside location.

“The event starts at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 10 p.m. on Wednesdays. The customers love it. They enjoy good food while listening to great music.”

Featured bands include Chihuahua Gold, Tlaloc Polo, Jessica Flores and Cross Town Trio.

“Most of our music contains jazz sessions to soft rock. We host a fan of diversity, and maybe in the future, we’ll have room for live deejaying,” Dorman said.

Anaysa Arce, sophomore pre-nursing major, attended the first session.

“I’m happy I attended the series. I loved it,” she said. “Solely with the idea that Crave is a locally owned restaurant branch, allowing El Paso’s own musicians to be a part of them is pretty awesome on their part.”

Crave acoustic sessions will continue until August and will be back next summer.

“I’m sure we’ll bring it back next summer, in fact we have already been asked for next summer’s set up,” Dorman said.

Margie Olague, a customer who has visited Crave, said she is interested in attending the live entertainment nights.

“It sounds like fun, and I’m sure it benefits both parties. Crave gets more customers and the bands will have a new group of fans,” Olague said. “I know Crave isn’t the only (restaurant) that allows the presentation of local bands—places like The Percolator, Mesa Street Grill, Puff Social, Hoo-kah Lounge and other locally owned businesses have amazing live-music performances. Crave, though, is by far my favorite restaurant that has anything to offer.”

Dorman said customers are welcomed to recommend bands and live entertainment.

“We do take requests, but we have to listen to the band, possibly a track or a CD, where we can determine whether or not we want the band to come play at the restaurant,” Dorman said. “Of course, the songs have to be original. That’s the main idea of the sessions, to showcase local talent in our area.”

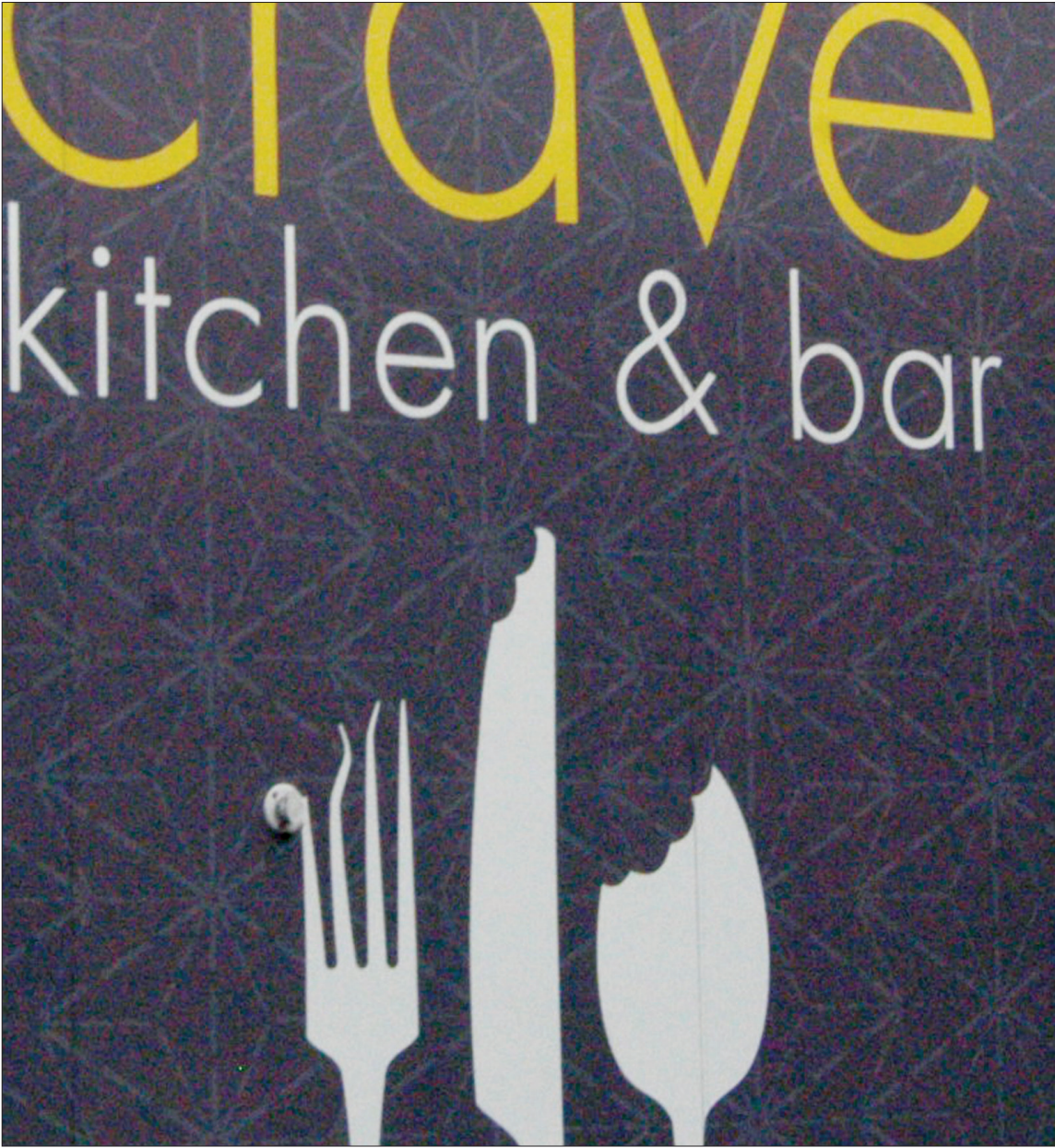
Olague said she likes that local bands are invited to become part of this event, since they have an opportunity to share their tunes with an El Paso crowd.

“You don’t know if the person you’re listening to will someday make it all the way. Crave can be the place where someone can be noticed,” she said.

Arce said she appreciates Crave’s great customer service and that attracts a young mature population.

“They have posters and flyers on what the next gig will be,” Arce said. “Overall, it’s a fun environment and it’s good to see contributions as such.”

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FILE PHOTO

Crave Kitchen, located at 11990 Rojas Drive, hosts an acoustic series on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

VIDEO GAMES

Gamers are victims of The Slender Man

BY ASHLEY MUÑOZ

The Prospector

Imagine a world where you can change everything to the way you want it, pick the way you look by pressing a button or transform yourself from tall to short, tan to pale. A world like this may only exist in your imagination, or better yet, in video games.

Video games can impact a child, in some cases driving them to do the unthinkable.

“The Slender Man” case from Waukesha, Wisconsin, may be an example on how a simple fictional character can become a dangerous role model for the young adult mind.

According to the attackers, 12-year-old young girls were charged with attempted murder because they were only trying to please The Slender Man. They were hoping to see him and become his servants. One of them said she believed Slender Man was watching her and could read her mind. Reactions all over the state have been diverse.

Three girls went out for a walk then the two alleged attempted murderers pulled her aside and began to stab her around 19 times. Luckily, the victim was spotted by a passing bicyclist who heard her dying pleas.

“It’s scary what those girls did,” said Grecia Medina junior microbiology major. “They were only 12-year-olds, but they were so much into The Slender Man and the game that they nearly killed someone. I can’t fathom the reasoning behind it.”

Something Awful forums user Eric Knudsen, who goes by the alias “Victor Surge,” created “The Slender Man” in 2009. The character was created as a tall man with thin limbs faceless who wears a black suit and is said to abduct and traumatize people—children for the most part. He was created as a part of the written fiction and folklore.

Gabriela Mendoza, a social worker who is a parent of one and also a grandmother, said she is concerned with childrens’ usage of video games.

“Parents tend to get more involved in providing material things for the kids instead of finding out who they hang out with, what they do and what their needs are,” Muñoz said. “Parents need to remember that with love comes discipline and love doesn’t mean getting them everything they want instead of getting them what they need.”

Recent studies show that playing a video game for long periods of time can cause hostility, due to the fact the player is so involved in the game.

While playing, the frustration towards the video game can suddenly embed itself, and be released in a real life situation.

Akio Mori, from Tokyo’s Nihon University, conducted an experiment where he divided up 260 people into three groups and set time limits on each group.

In his results, he found higher aggression levels in those who played video games for more than one day a week.

Julie Rodriguez, family specialist at the 21st Century Texas ACE program at North Star Elementary School, agreed with Mendoza on the lack of parent involvement.

“If there is any parental involvement, then there is a lack of structure or rules when it comes to video gaming,” Rodriguez said. “Most of the time, parents don’t even follow the ratings when they purchase these games for their children.”

Medina said young people use video games as an escape.

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TANIA MORAN/THE PROSPECTOR

“The Slender Man” has become a popular game among youngsters and for adults.

TRANSPORTATION

Sun Metro to develop route planner app



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A new application powered by Sun Metro, will be developed by the end of the year or early next year in efforts to implement a route planner to users.

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

Sun Metro is looking to develop a smartphone application for metro users by the end of the year or early next year in an effort to modernize the public transportation experience, officials said.

Sun Metro is looking to implement its route planner into an application. As of now, Sun Metro uses Google

maps to help users plan their trips throughout the city.

Users, ranging from young to old, have expressed a need for modern features when using public transportation, said Laura Acosta, Sun Metro spokesperson.

On the Android and Apple application stores there are multiple apps, which range from free to \$50 dollars, but do not offer real-time status updates for bus arrivals and departures.

“One thing riders are asking for is modernization,” Acosta said.

Acosta said that aside from the Rapid Transit System, Sun Metro is making an effort to better its services in all the bus routes. She said that the changes will upgrade the bus system with the latest innovations to be able to keep up with others across the globe.

“If you don't improve in what you provide, you will get left behind,” she said. “The app will make it more efficient for the passenger and easy to recall.”

For students at UTEP who use the public transportation system frequently, an app would be ideal. Multiple students explained that the app would benefit them in their experience and the way they take the bus.

Andi Mendoza, junior general studies major, uses the bus every day. She parks

at the Cielo Vista Transit Center and then heads to school. She said that the bus helps her save money and is convenient for her commute.

Mendoza also uses other routes and takes screen shots of the schedule she has to take to get to her destination. She said an app would be a great solution.

“It's more accessible,” Mendoza said. “Without it, sometimes I wouldn't know what time to arrive and when to get to school.”

For Mendoza, an app gives a quicker and more direct solution than using the bus system's website.

Edgar Felix, freshman undeclared major, uses public transportation and said that he uses the maps posted on bus stops once or twice per day.

Felix, who has used the bus for a while, said he knows his routes pretty well, but there is always a change or a different route that needs to be taken. He said he doesn't mind using printed maps, but prefers electronic forms of planning his route.

“Having an app would be very helpful,” Felix said. “These are not totally bad, but it'd be easier to type in and know my route and my departure times.”

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“The Slender Man” is pictured as a creature that generally appears as a tall man in a black tie, white shirt, with no eyes, mouth, or clearly defined facial features.

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“If there is a reason they want to get away, that's when it gets dangerous,” Medina said. “I mean playing the video games for a while is okay, but trying to be a part of them or be like them is when it starts to get bad.”

The main problem is the lack of communication between children and parents, that ultimately leads the children to talk to anyone online about their personal problems, Mendoza said.

“It's a cry for help. Kids nowadays look for attention or for someone to

notice his or her depression or his or her loneliness. After a certain point they get so into the game, they believe it's reality and they began doing things they do in the game but in real life,” Mendoza said.

“The Slender Man” may be fictional, but the influences and sudden attacks are as real as can be. The iconic figure has made its way into the homes of families.

Parents who have children who constantly play video games can look out for signs such as sudden out-

bursts, breaking toys—becoming distant in their interactions with others.

“Video games can be useful and fun sometimes, but when you start to let them over rule your life, and especially your children's life, that's when others should notice the red flag hanging over,” Mendoza said.

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SPORTS

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The man, the myth, the legend—Anthony Rotich



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Junior All-American Anthony Rotich is one of the most decorated Track and Field athletes in the program's history after three years.

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The Prospector

Coming from humble beginnings in Nairobi, Kenya, junior distance runner Anthony Rotich has risen to stardom in his three years at UTEP, and his path to greatness started long before his arrival to El Paso.

Growing up, in order to get to school, Rotich ran four miles. He did not want to be late for class and the nearest school was that far away.

When it was time to eat, Rotich ran back to his village, ate and ran back to school. After school was over, he ran back home.

Rotich can't hold back his large grin when he's called a human bicycle. This might be part of the reason Rotich has earned so much success as a cross country and track and field runner.

"At the end of the day, you would be running 12 to 16 miles a day. In my

community, everybody is a runner," Rotich said.

His punctuality, combined with his priority to do well in school, has resulted in numerous individual accolades. Rotich also carries a 3.0 GPA. He remains extremely humble through all of his success.

A short time after Rotich claimed his third national championship in three years at UTEP, his father gave him a call to congratulate him on a job well done. Immediately after, he asked his son, "What about your GPA in class?"

Once he got off the phone with his father, Wilson Boit, his herogave him a call.

"My hero is a guy from my village," Rotich said.

Boit won silver for Kenya at the Sydney, Australia Summer Olympic games in 2000, competing in the 3,000-meter steeplechase event. Three years earlier on Aug. 13, 1997,

Boit held the world record in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 7 minutes, 59.08 seconds. The record was broken 11 days later.

Boit called Anthony to congratulate him on his victory, but also to ask about his GPA.

"He and my father value education more than athletics," Rotich said. "He is one of the great leaders in my community. He is going to be a member of parliament."

His timeliness is on point, which is evident in his races. It's his awareness and humility that makes Rotich such a dynamic individual. With all his success, Rotich only talks about how much he appreciates what UTEP has done for him.

Rotich is glad that he can receive an education to pursue his dream of being a civil engineer. This will come after the Olympics (summer 2016 in

Rio de Janiero), which Anthony says he will pursue.

"It's like a dream that has not yet matured. It's a dream that I'm still going along with. I really appreciate everything UTEP is doing for me," he said.

Rotich was recently named Conference USA Track and Field Athlete of the Year for the second straight year.

Boit is a track and field runner, along with cross-country runner Rotich. He grew up 20 miles away from Anthony's village.

Boit says he trains with Rotich 95 percent of the time. Rotich was impressed by Cosmas talents, and said he could not run as quick as Cosmas runs now as a freshman. What Cosmas recognizes in Rotich is discipline mixed with humility.

"He is a guy that is so dedicated," Cosmas said. "Especially when it comes to training— he always tells me you have to be dedicated at what you

are doing. In long running or walk-throughs, you have to be disciplined. He is a guy with so much discipline and he is humble. Whenever he is told something in his workouts, he always listens."

Hidden in the mountainous terrain of UTEP, it doesn't take a prospector and dynamite to find something golden. UTEP athletics have garnered 21 national titles in its history. One of those titles goes to the famous 1966 men's basketball team. The other 20 belong to men's cross country team, along with the men's indoor and outdoor track and field team.

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CAMPUS LIFE

World Cup invites all types of life

BY JAVIER CORTEZ

The Prospector

Soccer does not see race, gender, social class or language. Anyone can try to play it and everyone can certainly watch it. Charlie Gibbons, director of housing at UTEP, has been trying to create that sense of inclusion over the past two weeks.

The timing couldn't have been better considering the fact that the two largest groups of international students are from Mexico and Brazil, which happen to be two countries that have unrivaled passion for their national teams.

"We have a large delegation of international students this year," Gibbons said. "The two largest populations we have a from Brazil and Mexico, so we did host a viewing party when Mexico played Brazil and it was a lot of fun."

The Brazil-Mexico game on June 17, to no surprise, pulled the largest crowd and was by far the loudest. Junior social work major Janelle Contreras described the atmosphere as crazy.

"Here, it is dominant with Brazilians," Contreras said. "They're jumping up, going crazy—it gives me goose bumps and I'm not even from there. You had people with their jerseys and flags and it was a cool atmosphere."

Since the start of the World Cup back on June 12, Gibbons and some of the Brazilian and Mexican students have put together quite the gathering at Summit Hall in Miner Village. Big-screen TVs, amped soccer fans and free food have been the norm over the past two weeks.

Summit Hall, was divided into two groups— on one side you had the Mexican students wearing their red, white and green, and on the other

side are the Brazilian students in their yellow, green and blue.

Each side was equally loud and passionate about their teams. Considering the fact that Mexico and Brazil are the top two teams in their group is a plus, and the overall mood of the room was joyous and very boisterous.

Senior engineering major, Carla Eduarda Orlando is one of the many Brazilians who attended the viewing parties and she plans on attending all the parties with games featuring Brazil. Orlando is from Curitiba, Brazil, which is the eighth most populous city in Brazil, located in the south of the country.

Orlando likes the atmosphere in Summit Hall, but says nothing compares to soccer back in Brazil.

"It's really nice watching the game here," Orlando said. "There are a lot of Brazilians, so we enjoy the game

and have a good time. But soccer here is not like soccer in Brazil. In Brazil everyone loves soccer."

Gibbons said he has seen the outpouring of Soccer fans in the past few weeks and sees no reason to not keep it going.

"A lot of our programming that happens is driven by our students," Gibbons said. "As long as there is interest and it is not interfering with any finals schedules next week, we will keep doing activities like this all summer long."

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- Dr. Charlie Gibbons
Director of Housing

CAMPUS LIFE

Rec center still a success in the summer



Basketball is one of the more popular sports at the rec center. The facility has two regulation sized basketball courts in all.

LUIS GONZALEZ
The Prospector

Since it re-opened in the fall of 2011, UTEP's \$32-million recreation center is the place for students to exercise. During the fall and spring semesters, the Student Recreation Center parking lot is usually crowded and the tri-level building is filled with the sounds of the clanging and banging of weights, balls bouncing, students running, jumping and climbing.

"During the summer, the center remains open and the activities are mostly the same, just on a smaller scale," said Hector Muñoz, director of the center.

"We are hitting 1,800 users per day Monday through Thursday," Muñoz said. "In the summer, there is a decline to around 1,000 a day."

The recreation center, which boasts a state-of-the-art cardio studio and two pools, also includes rock climbing walls as well as soccer, racquetball and basketball courts. All of its exercising options are available in fall, spring and summer to students enrolled in either of the summer sessions.

Different fitness classes like spinning kickboxing, yoga and Zumba are offered throughout the summer at different times and days.

Sophomore Rodrigo Acosta, an Economics major, is attending UTEP in the summer, goes to the recreation center to play basketball and uses the free weights area. He believes the facility is top class.

"I've visited other campuses and its gyms but this facility is the best, its so modern" said Acosta.

One of the differences between activities in the fall and spring and the summer sessions can be found in the way intramural activities are conducted. Instead of having long season-like competitions followed by an elimination stage, summer intramurals are much shorter, with single or double elimination tournaments. Recreational Sports, which is in charge of organizing each intramural tournament, schedules a different sport each week.

"What we have learned throughout the years is that kids don't like getting tied to the schedule, because of the intensity of the summer programs hosted in Academics," Muñoz said.

Intramural sports offered in the summer include volleyball, table tennis, bowling, basketball, racquetball and indoor soccer.

The outdoor adventure program is another service that students can take advantage of during the summer. They seek to provide students with an opportunity to get to know the areas around El Paso.

Junior accounting major Greg Contreras, enjoys the rec center in all aspects.

"I think it's amazing that the rec is so involved with students and outdoor activities," said Contreras. "The prices are phenomenal, which allows students on a budget to afford trips like ski apachi."

Students have a chance to register for trips organized by the department to visit several places such as White Sands or Ruidoso, New Mexico, for a very affordable and convenient price. Muñoz said the program is meant to be affordable.

"We try with those outdoor trips not to impact the student with the fee, we take a hit. The idea is to basically give the students the opportunity to have the experience," Muñoz said.

Rec sports also offer a rental program for equipment for those who want to explore on their own.

"We have a large inventory of backpacks, canopies, tents, bikes, you name it," Muñoz said.

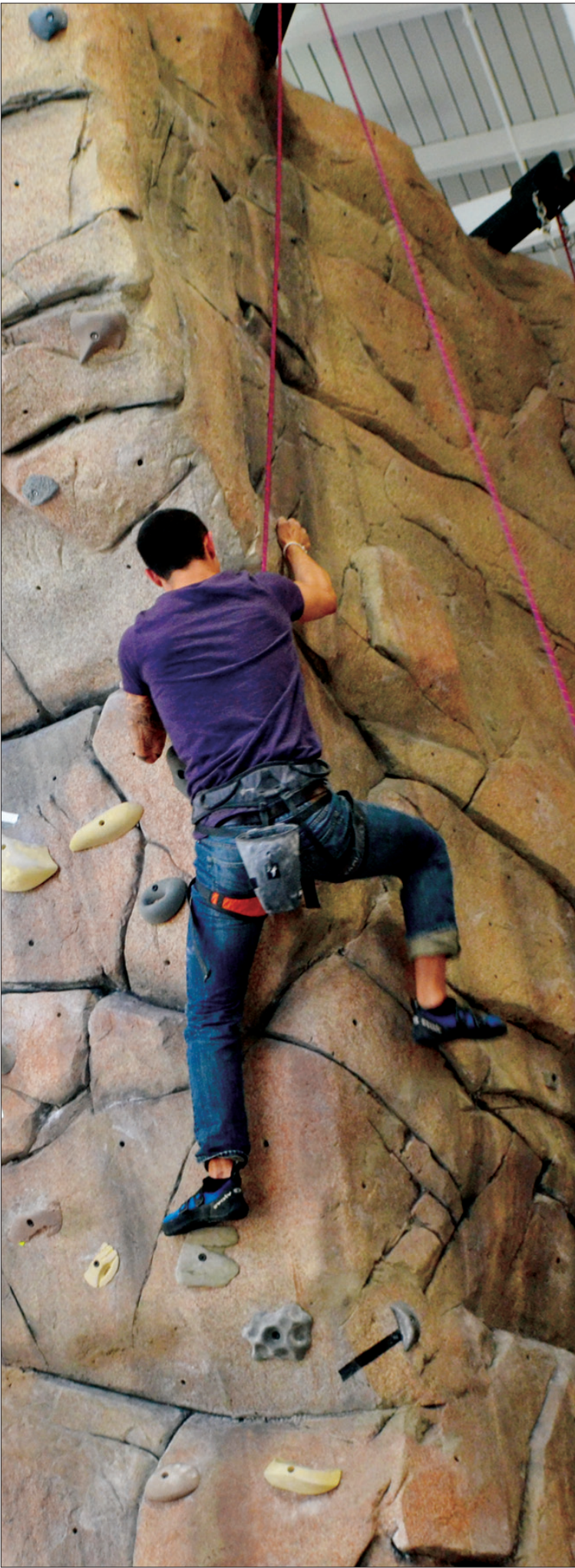
This equipment can be rented for a day, a week, and even the whole summer, as students have done when traveling to Europe or, specifically this summer, those traveling to the World Cup.

Similar to the outdoor program is the challenge course, which is an activity for groups. The main objective is team building through a series of physical challenges that can be completed in a full-day or half-day session.

Membership for regular use of the Student Recreation Center is included in students' tuition. For those students that are not taking any summer classes at UTEP, the opportunity to use the facility is still available. Students who attended UTEP in the spring semester can purchase a summer membership for \$50.

The rec center might not offer all of the amenities it does in the fall or spring, but it is still worth going to if you happen to stay in town for the summer. For more information on the operation hours and activities offered go to sa.utep.edu.

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The Climbing Pinnacle and Bouldering walls are not for everyone, but they are a mainstay at the rec center.

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