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## Remember your ID at this year's voting booth

Voting in Texas will be different this year due to a Supreme Court decision that allows for temporary enforcement of a stricter Texas voter identification law.

As part of the state law, anyone who wishes to cast a vote must present one of the following forms of photo identification:

- Personal ID issued by the Texas Department of Transportation
- Driver's license
- Passport
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Anyone who may not have one of these forms of identification can apply for a Texas Election Identification Certificate by applying online through the Texas DPS' website free of charge or in person at a driver's license office.

After applying, it may take up to 30 days to receive an EIC, which is long past the Nov. 4 election date, but it will remain valid for six years. To qualify for an EIC, the applicant must provide documented proof of citizenship and two forms of identification, for example a birth certificate or citizenship papers.

These laws may change in the future—several state judges, civil rights groups and the Obama Administration have challenged it—but the Supreme Court ruling set the precedent for this year's election.

## Early voting begins, more than 3K students registered

BY AMANDA GUILLEN

The Prospector

The University Democrats surpassed their goal of 3,000 and registered a total of 3,170 students to vote this year, according to Jose Villalobos, associate professor of political science and advisor for the organization.

"They've made me very proud as their advisor and have far surpassed all expectations," Villalobos said. "They now move into the crunch time for getting out the vote heading to Election Day."

This is an achievement that members such as Joshua Acevedo, president of the University Democrats, deem as rewarding, especially since this organization has only been ac-

tive for two months, after years of being inactive.

Acevedo said events such as the one held on Sept. 23, where the organization and Rep. Beto O'Rourke, D-Texas, set up a voter registration booth at the Union Breezeway were very important.

"I want voter turnout to increase here in El Paso and the rest of Texas," Acevedo said. "The city sees a low turnout for most elections, and hopefully this drive will allow the future of this country to take action and become informed about the politics that affect us all."

Like the University Democrats, the College Republicans were also attempting to register as many students as they could before the registration

deadline on Oct. 6. The group took advantage of election season in order to educate students about voting policies and procedures.

President for the College Republicans, Moises Blankenship, said voter drives are important in order to accommodate potential voters.

"It is important to have voter drive events because some people don't have time to go to the courthouse and register or just simply don't know how to register," Blankenship said. "By doing these drives, it makes it easier for them to register because we brought these resources to them."

The College Republicans did not set a goal to register voters.

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- Joshua Acevedo,  
President of the  
University Democrats.

## Surviving on minimum wage not easy for El Pasoans

BY LUIS BARRIO

The Prospector

It's a typical Sunday evening at Starbucks. The coffee is brewing, students are glued to their laptop screens and Frank Sinatra's "The Summer Wind" wafts through as they're studying.

It's also the time when Ryan Bustamante clocks out from work and takes a momentary break. The 20-year-old mechanical engineering major will have to gear up for another routine week.

Bustamante puts in between 25-30 hours per week at Starbucks while going to school 12 hours out of the week. Through a promotion, he receives \$9.25 per hour. Between work and school, Bustamante said he might have time to go to the gym and, if he's lucky, get seven hours of sleep.

He also said that even with his increase in salary, he does not make enough to pay for college tuition and car payments on his 2012 automobile. A student resident of Texas, who is taking 12 hours at UTEP will pay \$2,884.72 plus new student fees, incidental fees, course-related fees and individual college major fees.

The struggle—a common expression in today's pop culture—is a spot-on definition of students balancing a work and school schedule all under Texas' minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour.

In El Paso, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, the average household income is \$40,974, and 24 percent of the population lives below the poverty line.

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Some Starbucks employees make \$9.25 per hour, which is still not enough for most students to get by.



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Students debate free higher ed policies in Europe

ALL ARE NOT WORTHY

BY JOSE SOTO

The Prospector



Argentina in Latin America.

Germany ap- proved free college tuition recently, following suit of fellow European countries such as Norway, Denmark and Sweden, and Here in the United States, however, tuition continues to outrageously empty of the pockets of college students. With some tuition rates still in- creasing, the idea of free higher edu- cation might seem ideal and utopian. At first glance, of course it would. Free education for all would bet- ter the economy, most would think, since it would be free for attendees, and upon graduating they would be- come productive and lucrative mem- bers of the work force. Intellectual scholars would benefit from it as well. Free tuition would cause more enroll- ment at higher education institutions and, therefore, eradicate the possibi- lity of citizens having lower incomes, which results in poverty. At least that is the popular belief.

Let's think this through, though. As it is, many college students, quite bla- tantly, are not suited for the demands of higher education. According to the Center of Institutional Evaluation, Research and Planning's statistics from 2012-2013, UTEP's retention rate for first-time, full-time incoming freshmen students was at 70 percent. That basically means that 30 percent of those students do not continue on to their sophomore year. According to a datasheet found on the website for NCHEMS Information Center For Higher Education Policy making and Analysis, most of the country has a 63-72 percent retention rate—pret- ty much meaning that 30 percent of enrolled college students throughout the country either take a break from college or simply never go back.

These numbers might not seem ap- plicable for the topic of free college tuition. If college were free, then ev- eryone would continue and graduate from college, right? I personally don't believe that to be true.

Some high school graduates aren't suited to enroll in a higher education institution right away. Those who are prove that with high test scores, high GPAs and are awarded scholar- ships. For the remainder, college can be and probably is a tough challenge to tackle. Thirty percent simply can't handle it. Why award them a free lux- ury when it isn't earned? Free tuition wouldn't filter out those who aren't ready for college.

I myself did not do so well when I first entered college. I failed a few classes and was placed on academic probation. I confess this with ease be- cause I am not the only one.

Many, perhaps too many, students simply aren't adequately prepared and even designed to be part of the college experience. If we granted free education for everyone, where would the merit be for those who strive harder than others to obtain stellar grades and perform exceptionally?

I haven't always been the scholar I am today. That characteristic was obtained through hardship and effort. I bounced back and began to take college seriously, but with the well-learned lesson that it comes at a hefty price.

Not everyone is like me, though. There is a demographic of individuals who perform extraordinarily in high school in order to continue to excel in college. I wouldn't be opposed to lowering tuition for those who have thrived to do their best in school. I wouldn't even be opposed to lowering the cost of education for those who begin to show improvement while in college. But to entirely lower the bar to a general standard, while the stan- dard for the general public isn't equal, that just seems absurd to me.

Perhaps free college education works in countries like Germany. We can't fathom how education works in another country unless we learn about their educational system. Here in the United States, however, we don't produce the same style of stu- dent in a blanket effort. There are simply smarter, better suited and better-qualified individuals for col- lege than others. Not all are worthy of a free ride.

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ALL ARE WORTHY

BY JAVIER CORTEZ

The Prospector



economically prosperous, or minori- ties shouldn't have a say in their rights.

Many people think that college is a choice, or that it is exclusively based on your merits as a student. That's not true though, college, just by its histo- ry subjugates and excludes a certain group of people—poor people.

Going to school in Northeast El Paso, many of my friends came from humble households or were simply poor. They never took school seri- ously or cared enough to further their education. Now you might say that is their fault, but it's not. What many of my friends and others around the country fall into is a cyclical process of not understanding their worth and education, which is brought on by pernicious rhetoric and unreasonable tuition prices.

What is pernicious rhetoric? State- ments like "not all are worthy." It might not sound as vicious and vitri- ol as other statements, but it is. What statements like this do is create doubt.

Everyone is worthy of higher edu- cation, it's not as simple as some people decide to further their edu- cation and some don't. Many people are already excluded from that choice from the moment that they are born. If we want people to do good in our faltering education system then stop excluding based off a broken system that is education in the United States. It's the system not the people learning within the system.

Let me broaden my argument to give light as to why college needs to be free. There is a growing problem in the United States, and it's the wealth gap between rich and poor. The wealthiest 1 percent have nearly half of the nation's wealth. According to the Global Wealth Report, the United States has the fourth worst wealth in- equality in the world.

Many things factor into fixing a problem like this—reshaping our tax- ing system, replacing trickle down economics and supplying chances for social mobility.

Supplying chances for social mobil- ity, hmmm, I wonder what that would be. Maybe lowering the cost of higher education or making it free. Education is one of the biggest factors that goes into social mobility, and with educa- tion, the cyclical process of poverty can be broken.

There are trends in the United States that seamlessly go hand in hand. So-

cial mobility in the United States has gone down in the last 30 years, while college tuition has sky rocketed. Now I won't say that this correlation is in direct line with the causation, but it does play a role.

In European countries such as Den- mark, Great Britain and Germany, kids born into poverty have higher chances of getting out of poverty than kids in America do. Also tuition rates for col- leges are much lower in these European countries, once again this correlation is not in direct line with the causation, but man does it play a role.

Half a century ago, the U.S. had one of the best educated work forces in the world, this was because there was an investment in higher education. It was affordable and, more importan- tly, attainable. Germans are not simply smarter, better suited and better qual- ified they just care about investing in their future.

In the U.S., that has been lost, be- cause turning a profit is more impor- tant than providing and caring for the welfare of this country's future. To conclude having a problem with educational standards in this country is one thing, but don't assume that the problems with a faltering system and the people in it are the same. We all are worthy of a free ride.

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Three students strengthen link between UTEP and Bhutan

BY JOSE SOTO
The Prospector

Three new Bhutanese students are making the connection between UTEP and their native country even stronger. Here on a four-year scholarship, these Bhutanese students have traveled thousands of miles from Thimphu, Bhutan's capitol, to partake in the experience that UTEP and El Paso has to offer. This fall is their first semester at the college. Pema Euden, freshman math major, Sonam Lhamo and Kuenzang Tashi, both freshman physics majors, arrived in El Paso on Aug. 14. The entire trip took 27 hours, said Lhamo, who is originally from Pemagatshel, Bhutan, but was studying in Chukha. Euden is originally from Paro, but was studying in Thimphu. Tashi is from Trongsa. Students in Bhutan, just like in the United States, have to take exit exams in order to enroll in higher education. From those exams, 200 "Maret" (Best of Life) scholarships are awarded to the people with the highest test scores. "Most of the recipients get sent to India," Euden said. "Of all the 200 scholars, only three get the full four-year scholarships." Euden, Lhamo and Tashi are those recipients. As part of the conditions of their scholarships, the Bhutanese students must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher and must be continuously enrolled throughout four years with the exception of summer semesters. They cannot fail any classes or take a break from enrollment. The scholarship also requires them to return to Bhutan and serve their country as teachers in their respective fields for eight years. They get a monthly stipend of



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(From left to right) Freshmen Pema Euden, Kuenzang Tashi and Sonam Lhamo receive four year scholarships to attend UTEP. \$1,100 a month, and most of that goes to pay for them to live on campus. The scholarship only pays for the flight they took to bring them to El Paso and the flight they will make once they graduate from college. Any additional flights back to Bhutan must be paid out of their own pockets. The students also said that UTEP's architecture has helped the students feel at home. "We didn't know we were going to be coming to UTEP at first," Tashi said. "We were all very much surprised when we saw the campus pictures online once we did know we were coming." Kathleen Key, who teaches a UNIV 1301 course on Bhutan that the students are enrolled in, said that it was a great addition to the students' experience at UTEP. "They feel at home here," Key said. "They are very interesting people and very hard working." UTEP also has several "thangkas," a type of Bhutanese tapestry, on display at the Undergraduate Learning Center, the library and the Union East Building.

"Those really remind us of our homes back in Bhutan," Lhamo said. She said the thangka inside the library is her favorite because it depicts a story found in the religious scripture of Buddhism. 75 percent of Bhutanese people follow Buddhism, according to Michigan State University's Asian Studies Program. Tashi said that it didn't take long for the students to warm up to the people and culture of El Paso. "At first, there was a big culture shock," Tashi said. "I have a Brazilian roommate, but most of the campus is primarily of Mexican descent." Euden added that they have made friends very easily since they arrived. "Most of the people we have met have been very welcoming and warm-hearted," Euden said. "Most people confuse us for either Japanese or Chinese." Lhamo said that she has even been mistaken for being Mexican. "Some students come up to me and start speaking Spanish, which I don't speak," Lhamo said. "That has made me want to take Spanish courses at UTEP." Currently, all three students are taking English courses. In Bhutan, English is taught in school, making it the second language of the country. The official language of Bhutan is Dzongkha. Bhutan functions as a parliamentary and monarchical country, just like England. The fourth king of Bhutan, King Jigme Singye, established a countrywide philosophical view known as Gross National Happiness. "This is very different from our view of culture," Key said. "Here, we focus more on Gross National Income. Over in Bhutan, people really focus on the productivity and happiness of their people. This has helped them adapt to their learnings here at UTEP. They feel as if they really want to learn and get their education here." Lhamo and Euden said they plan to continue with their teaching positions when they finish their studies, but Tashi wants to eventually consider a role in politics. "In Bhutan, politicians are highly respected and seen as mature, intellectual people," Tashi said. "That is what draws me to become a politician. I too would like to be viewed the same way." Jose Soto may be reached at theprospector@dailynews@gmail.com.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do you think the Texas minimum wage should be raised?

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**ALAN RODRIGUEZ**  
Sophomore mechanical engineering major  
“I do think it should be raised. I think it would be better, students would benefit from raising the minimum wage.”



**AMY TORRES**  
Freshman nursing major  
“No, because if it increases it’ll make things difficult because everything will be overpriced, because there’s more money circulating.”



**GABRIEL ESTRADA**  
Sophomore pre-nursing major  
“Yes, because everywhere else they have a higher minimum wage except us, plus things are getting more expensive here. I just think its about time.”



**CLAUDIA PEREZ**  
Freshman engineering major  
“Yes, the minimum wage should be increased because things are getting more expensive, and minimum wage isn’t enough to cover daily needs.”



**HECTOR SILVA**  
Freshman digital media production major  
“I don’t think it should, I think things would become more expensive and it would be the same thing, economically wise.”



**JESSICA SALCEDO**  
Senior multimedia journalism major  
“The cost of living has increased, so the minimum wage should increase for there to be a balance. There is a lot people who need help from government programs because they don’t have the necessary supply of money.”



**HUGO PEREZ**  
Senior criminal justice major  
“It should increase its minimum wage because it will give power to the people. They are going to have more money to spend and it is going to create a circle where the money that is spent will demand for more production, and there will be more work.”



**SIERRA GARCIA**  
Freshmen education major  
“It should be increased because many people aren’t able to survive with just minimum wage. Its not enough to provide for a family or to have necessary things like food and a good place to live.”



**NICHOLAS PETERS**  
Sophomore civil engineering major  
“Yes, it should be increased. Some people put in a lot of effort for the company they work for and aren’t getting paid enough for it.”



**DIANA SOLTERO**  
Sophomore pre-nursing major  
“I think the minimum wage is fine by me, I don’t think it should be raised.”



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—Chris Erickson,  
Economics professor at NMSU

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According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 20.3 percent of El Paso County residents have a bachelor's degree or higher that are over 25 years of age or older as of 2012.

Politicians are having a tough time handling the tricky situation of whether to increase minimum wage or leave it as is. At first look, it may seem like a no-brainer to increase and help the work force to make a little extra money, but it is not nearly that simple.

In 2009, the federal government raised the national minimum wage to \$7.25 per hour. The two sides of the story is more money in some wallets, but less people with money in their pockets. From an employers' perspective, needing more money to pay employees means cutting hours and job opportunities. This does not bode well for low-skilled workers.

According to a report released by the Congressional Budget Office in Feb. 2014 on projections, raising the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$10 would consequential-ly raise the earned compensation of the workforce to \$31 billion.

However, the number of workers who would benefit would decline, as companies would reduce the number of workers to compensate for labor costs.

Thomas Fullerton, professor of economics, does not believe it is a good idea to raise the minimum wage.

"I see more drawbacks associated with it," Fullerton said. "Minimum wage tends to lag behind inflation because it's raised only at discreet intervals. It makes it hard for inexperienced workers and unskilled to be gainfully employed."

Fullerton said he believes in government assistance for those who work and still fall below the poverty line.

"In terms of low-wage workers, rather than price them out of the labor market, a better vehicle for addressing the concern would be via the Income Tax Credit. If someone is working, but not making enough to rise out of the poverty level, then federal (government) can intervene and reward those workers with additional money as long as they are working," Fullerton said.

Recently, Las Cruces has mandated that by 2017, all workers will be enti-

tled to \$10.10 per hour. By July 2015, rates will rise to \$8 per hour and to \$8.50 in January 2016.

At New Mexico State University, Chris Erickson, professor of economics, favors an increase for all workers paid minimum wage. He said raising the minimum wage would encourage more training for workers and a higher retention of employees.

"There is a tendency to hire older workers, rather than in their '20s than teens," Erickson said. He also said he believes students should be studying, not working. "We are not educating our teenagers enough. Raising the minimum wage decreases teen employment."

Erickson also said increasing minimum wage takes from consumers and business owners, and gives to low-wage workers. When deciding between winners and losers—workers, consumers, business people—the issues are not about efficiency, but about fairness, he said.

"Relying on the market assumes workers are in a position to negotiate on an equal footing with business," Erickson said. "In the real world, very often low-wage workers aren't in

a position to negotiate equally with employers. They tend to be younger, not as well educated, perhaps suffering from physical or mental deficits. These are not people who can go toe to toe in negotiations.

Erickson said that when taking inflation into consideration, today's minimum wage has not remained consistent.

"When talking about fairness, there is another issue at least when it comes to baby boomers like myself, which is that the minimum wage is really very low right now, especially when compared to when we were young," Erickson said. "I earned \$1.60 per hour at my first job in the early 70's. That wage, adjusted for inflation is—guess what—\$10.10 an hour today."

Bustamante said he sympathizes with those who are forced to work and put education aside.

"Some are not capable of going to school just because of situation that happened," he said. "Everyone is not blessed with what certain people have."

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"We are currently in talks with the University Democrats about some type of debate between our groups," Blankenship said. "I mentioned it to the UDem's president, so we will see what happens. Also we are helping with other candidates coming to El Paso. We already hosted a couple of events on campus. This Wednesday (Oct. 22), we will be passing out election material so people are informed on the candidates running locally and statewide."

On Oct. 15, the College Republicans hosted an event and welcomed Republican candidate for Texas Land Commissioner, George P. Bush, to campus.

According to a study conducted by the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, in 2010, over a quarter of college students reported that they did not register to vote because of a lack of information, not knowing where or how to register or they missed the deadline.

The UDem's are teaming up with Battleground Texas, a political action committee whose main goal is to make Texas a potential swing state.

Battleground Texas, in association with the UDem's, will host a student rally at 8:30 a.m. at Leech Groove on Oct. 21 and 22.

Voting drives will be held at different locations around El Paso and UTEP. Early voting takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 21 and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 22 at Union Building East, Acacia Room 102.

The drives will help students who may have questions about candidates or any additional information on the ballot. Help will also be provided for first-time voters, who may not know how to cast a ballot.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## Haunted campus dolls up for Halloween theme

BY JOSEPH ESPOSITO

The Prospector

The UTEP Student Alumni Association will be hosting their annual Haunted Campus event on Oct. 23 and 24. Attendees will be guided through the haunted buildings on campus after dark, finishing at a haunted house created by the association.

“We’re in charge of connecting and keeping traditions alive. It’s a new tradition that brings students closer to the campus and gives alumni something to come back to,” said April Escalante, sophomore music major and co-event organizer. “It gets better every year.”

Formerly called the Haunted Tours, the Student Alumni Association wished to incorporate a bit of UTEP’s history into this Halloween season in honor of the centennial. Typically hosted the Friday night before Halloween, this year’s Haunted Campus will be a two-day event from 7-10 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23 and from 7-11:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24.

“Last year, I had a lot of fun dressing up and scaring people in the haunted house, so I can’t wait to do it again this year. I’m going to be a deformed doll doing crazy contortions,” sophomore biochemistry major Nandi Martinez said. “I really enjoyed last year’s theme, the haunted hospital, because of the great reactions that we got—let’s just say tears were shed. I’m hoping this year goes as great or even better.”

The university is filled with buildings that are said to be haunted—Old Main, the Geological Sciences Building, Magoffin Auditorium and the

Fox Fine Arts Center, among many others. Tour guests will be visiting these buildings during the tours and told the stories of the spirits who haunt them. The tours will be given by student volunteers and volunteers from the Paso Del Norte Paranormal Society, commonly referred to as Ghosts 915.

“We do paranormal investigations for businesses and private residences. People are hesitant to come forward and talk to us, but that’s how we all got involved: through our own paranormal experiences,” said Bonnie Juarez, UTEP alumnus, Ghosts 915 vice president, treasurer, investigator and tour guide. “Last year we helped out alumni Chris Martin, who was in charge of last year’s event and contacted us for help in giving the tours, and now we’ve come again this year. We also had a preview of ‘The Conjuring’ about a month ago at the student Union, in partnership with Warner Brothers and UTEP. We also did a ghost tour that evening (on campus).”

The haunted house, which will be located at the Peter and Margaret DeWetter Center lodge, follows a different theme each year. This year’s theme is a dollhouse. The haunted house is known to be exceptionally scary and is not recommended for children or people with heart problems.

“This will be my third year doing the haunted house,” said Kamri Coffee, sophomore psychology major, who will be dressed as a marionette doll in the haunted house. “The most exciting thing is watching people’s faces as they walk through the house. It’s the best thing ever. Knowing that they’re being scared by something



PHOTO COURTESY/UTEP STUDENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Haunted Campus will take place at 6 p.m. Oct. 23-24 at the Peter and Margaret de Wetter Center (Alumni Lodge).

they forget is human is out of this world.”

Two nights of fright, the UTEP Haunted Campus will offer a fun and spooky way for the whole family to learn about the ghastly history of the university’s halls.

“I love Halloween, so when I heard about the tours, I was like ‘this is for me,’” Lili Ramos freshman pre-edu-

cation major said. “I’ve always liked creepy stuff, so I am very excited to go. I’ve never been to a tour like this and it makes it creepier that it’s for the buildings of my school.”

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Students, alumni and military receive discounted prices of \$8 when ordered in advance or \$10 at the door. All tickets are sold at the

Peter and Margaret de Wetter Center, located on campus next to the Administration Building.

For more information or to reserve tickets, call 747-8600.

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## Wicked Wine Run: A race that will encourage runners to stay more than hydrated

BY KIMBERLY VALLE

The Prospector

An event that has been popular all across Texas is making its way to the community for the first time. The Wicked Wine Run will be hosted at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 25 in La Union, N.M.

Nate and Veronica Davis, originally from Austin, have been traveling all over the state hosting this event. Due to its success, they decided to bring the event westward.

“El Paso is a really nice city, I like the people, I thought it would be a good fit for the Wicked Wine Run,” Nate Davis said.

A 5K-mile run along with a 1K walk will welcome anyone who wants to participate in the event. For those 21 and over, the option to enjoy wine during and after the run makes the Wicked Wine Run unique.

Participants who would like to attend just for a taste of wine may do so as well. There is no dress code for this event.

Nate Davis said many people have been taking advantage of this event. He expects to have around 1,000 participants.

“The biggest, most popular thing to do is to have this be a date night, couples usually come,” Davis said. “Last time we had this event a bridal shower came by.”

The wine, from El Paso’s own La Viña Winery, will be featured at four different stations. Live music and local food trucks will also be available.



PHOTO COURTESY/WICKED WINE RUN

The Wicked Wine Run will be hosted at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 25 at La Union, N.M.

Not only is this a new and entertaining event for the community, it is for a good cause too. The Wicked Wine Run is working with Susan G. Komen El Paso, the local branch of the breast cancer research foundation. Brenda Maxon, affiliate coordinator of the foundation, said she is excited that the Davis’ are using this event to give back to the community.

“Veronica and Nate believe strongly in giving back to the communities, and Komen El Paso was fortunate to be chosen as a recipient of their

generosity,” Maxon said. “Komen El Paso will be receiving 50 percent of the proceeds from the bag check at the Wicked Wine Run, in addition to allowing for donation receptacles throughout the venue.”

Seventy-five percent of all monies raised by Komen El Paso will stay within the community to fund programs for El Pasoans during every step of their breast health journey. The other 25 percent will fund ground-breaking research to help find a cure.

The proceeds will also benefit six local organizations and educational institutions in El Paso County. Programs ranging from education, outreach, screening mammograms and diagnostics to surgeries, treatment, oncology services, image-enhancing head coverings, lymphedema sleeves, post mastectomy camisoles and a physical activity program for breast cancer survivors, will all benefit.

“El Paso is experiencing incredible growth in all areas. Having new and exciting events not only entices other

events to our city, but it provides fun and unique opportunities for residents,” Maxon said.

This unique event is also bringing students, like Stephanie Skokowski, junior multimedia journalism major, together.

“I think it is very good that they are bringing events like these to El Paso, it makes me so happy that they are giving out their proceeds to a foundation and get people involved in the community,” Skokowski said. “People in El Paso are so used to their schedules, so this is a good way to get them out and involved for a good cause, too.”

Like many of the participants, Alejandro Vasquez, junior criminal justice major, will enjoy a glass of wine after the 5K run.

“It looks fun, I like to run, work out and be active. It is great opportunity to try something new in El Paso, I am looking forward to it,” Vasquez said. “I will take my friends with me since they like to work out too, and then enjoy some wine.”

According to Nate Davis, this will not be the only time this event will be featured in El Paso and the community will have something to look forward to.

“We want people to have a good time and drink wine and dance and overall have a good time,” he said.

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# ‘Taming of the Shrew’ stays true to Shakespeare in modern adaptation

BY JOSEPH ESPOSITO  
The Prospector

There’s nothing quite like the looks on the audiences’ faces as they watch the cast of Chuck Gorden’s rendition of “The Taming of the Shrew” swing chairs and scream their lungs out at each other on the stage of UTEP’s Wise Family Theatre.

The 75-minute performance, being shown throughout late October, showcases 19 very skilled actors taking on the roles of one of William Shakespeare’s most comedic works, which has been modernized and takes place in 1964 Brooklyn.

The play begins outside of Baptista’s, an Italian restaurant in Brooklyn, where the young and beautiful Bianca (freshman music theater major Caitlin Burnside) works for her father. Businessmen Hortensio (junior theater major Patrick Marshall) and Gremio (senior English and American literature major Lori Whitaker) both wish to marry Bianca, but her father Baptista (Jaime Gonzalez) tells the men that he will not allow Bianca to marry until his other daughter, the

notoriously evil Katharina (senior philosophy major Ellen Smith) marries. Lucentio (sophomore theater arts major Brian Craig Ceely), who has recently arrived in Brooklyn from Boston, overhears this conversation. Falling for Bianca as well, Lucentio comes up with a plan to have her become available to him.

Each actor seems as if they were born to act as the character they represent in the performance. Fitting into their roles so perfectly, those familiar with the original play can easily tell who is who before a single line is spoken. The costumes and makeup are done so perfectly that even sexes are hidden for the actresses who play male characters.

Not a single line or action misses a beat in the performance. From a peaceful conversation outside of a family restaurant to a disastrous, drunken wedding reception, everything has flawless precision and flows like water. The emotions expressed through the actors seem legitimate, both through physical expressions and through tone of voice, to the point where the audience forgets that

they’re watching a scripted play and believe that the people on the stage honestly want to rip each other’s hearts out.

Retaining the poetry of Shakespeare’s work over 400 years ago, Chuck Gorden’s adaptation stays true to the classic writing style down to the last spoken syllable. The dialogue remains in Elizabethan English, yet nothing seems awkward or out of place. The actors do a commendable job of letting their words fall into place, giving off a natural, rather than forced tone that Shakespearean works have become infamous for in many current renditions.

As a comedy, the humor is all where it should be. Junior theater arts major Abel Gonzalez remains anything but prudish as he portrays Petruchio, a loud, bigheaded biker from Buffalo, who has come to Brooklyn in hopes of marrying a woman with money. The audience cracks up at the sight of Petruchio squeezing the sensitive parts of his servant Grumio (Joe Ogle) and sexually licking the face of his newlywed wife, while the rest of the cast tries their hardest to keep themselves from laughing. The slapstick humor tied in with light innuendos made for a hilarious performance.

The theatre department’s performance of “The Taming of The Shrew” is a work of art. Fans of classical Shakespearean works and even those who don’t particularly like plays will enjoy the memorable and comedic performances to be shown on October 23, 24, 25 and 26. Tickets to the show are worth the price and sales benefit the UTEP theatre and dance department. For more information, call 747-5118.

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Performances of “Taming of the Shrew” will be shown on October 23, 24, 25 and 26 at the Wise Family Theater. RUBY CERINO / THE PROSPECTOR

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# ‘Footloose—The musical:’ Great parties never get old



MICHAELA ROMAN / THE PROSPECTOR

“Footloose—The Musical” will have showings at the UTEP Dinner Theater until Nov. 9.

BY GIANFRANCO LANGUASCO  
The Prospector

Two things can happen when you see someone so confident and energetic, willing to go as far as he can—and perhaps more—to defend what he believes in, even if this person was labeled at first as a troublemaker. The first thing that can happen is that everyone will look at him and empathize with him, follow him, go with his pace and rhythm, even over the objections of people who are against him.

That’s what happens in “Footloose—The Musical,” the stage adaptation from the hit 1984 movie directed by Jaime Barba, which just opened at the UTEP Dinner Theatre.

The doors of the UDT were open early, with a massive audience just in time for dinner to be served. Dinner began at 7 p.m. with a garden salad with house dressing. The main dish was chicken Parmesan with angel hair pasta, followed by a delicious apple crisp a la mode with caramel topping for dessert.

This adaptation is really close to the original story: Ren McCormack is a teenager from Chicago, who relocates with his mother to Bomont, a small conservative town. In Bomont,

all dancing activities are prohibited by Reverend Moore, a strong figure in the community, whose daughter, good-girl-gone-bad Ariel, becomes Ren’s love interest.

With wonderful performances from the main characters, Julian Maldonado—who had a role in “In The Heights” last summer—as Ren McCormack, and Rebecca Escobedo—in her second show at UDT—as Ariel Moore, showed great energy and dancing abilities, which is what everyone was expecting from fresh, dynamic characters.

Maldonado displayed all his experience in breakdance, showcasing his roots as a hip-hop performer in Los Angeles.

Following the main characters were Rusty, played by Avery Segapeli, Wendy Jo (Lauren Peña) and Urleen (Jordyn Catanach), three beautiful and powerful voices who also, along with Willard (David Morgan), made the audience laugh with their jokes. A special mention to Josh Harris, who gave an outstanding performance as the authoritative Reverend Moore, but also gave him a sensitive side.

“Footloose—The Musical” is more dynamic and fast paced than the movie, and for some moments, there is the feeling that most of the scenes go at Ren’s rhythm. Still, it is well

complemented with new songs so the other characters are not left behind.

With that in mind, we know and understand Reverend Moore’s feelings and thoughts through his songs and we have a better understanding of Willard’s character with the song “Mama Says.” The similarities between Ren’s mother, Ethel McCormack (played by Arazelia Pérez), and Rev. Moore’s wife, Vi Moore (Jennifer Harris), and the lovely voice of Segapeli are all present in “Let’s Hear it For the Boy.” The audience still got to enjoy old hits like “Holding Out for a Hero,” “Dancing is not a Crime” and “Footloose.”

The combination of new and old songs was really helpful in having a better insight into the characters. It keeps them following the pace and rhythm of the musical.

Other positive points are the appropriate costumes—keeping in mind that it is the mid ‘80s—and a great set with a screen at the back that really helped to provide a better picture on stage. Some negative points included lulls in between scenes that were forced or sudden. With a dynamic musical like “Footloose,” it’s expected that everything is at a fast pace, but it wouldn’t hurt to take some time to fix this. During some moments, the vol-



ume of the microphones was too high and some extra noise could be heard.

At the beginning of this review, I said there are two things that can happen when you see someone as energetic and confident as Ren McCormack. We could see what happened in the musical and the movie: Ren finally gets Reverend Moore’s approval to have a dance party in school and gets a whole town to dance. There is a big frenzy with all the characters, including the serious ones, dancing and enjoying a great big colorful party. That’s the second thing that could

happen: there is a big thing going on and you don’t want it to stop. You just want to be there enjoying it.

Overall, it is a good show that should not be expected to be exactly like the movie, but will definitely bring back memories to the adult audience and will surely connect with the younger ones. It will bring together two different generations around good food, a great environment and excellent performances.

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# Shellsy Oyster Bar turns anyone into a seafood lover

BY JASON GREEN  
The Prospector

Having grown up at the beach, I am a huge fan of seafood. Living in El Paso has only helped to strengthen my longing for my favorite crustaceans, mollusks and whatever other things dwell on the sea floor. Of course, living in the desert can make it very tough to get my fix. If you don't really prefer the standard Mexican shrimp cocktail to a more traditional cocktail sauce and boiled shrimp kind of cocktail, it can be tough out here. Don't get me wrong, I love Mexican seafood, but I just don't always want my shrimp drowned in tomato-like liquid and Tapatio with saltine crackers on the side.

I'm a little afraid that the name Shellsy Oyster Bar, located on 3737 N. Mesa St., may be turning away more customers than it brings in. Not necessarily the Shellsy part—probably just the Oyster Bar. A lot of people, even people who claim to be seafood lovers, are turned off by the thought of oysters. The name kind of gives the impression that if you don't want oysters, you may be out of luck here. That couldn't be farther from the truth. The menu is fairly extensive, even at lunch time.

A lot of the food at Shellsy has a New Orleans flair to it. The décor tips you off to this when you walk in and see the Mardi Gras masks and Bourbon Street signs. The restaurant is pretty small, however the tables are not excessively close together. You won't feel like you are dining with the people next to you. The music is relaxing (a lot of Ben Harper and Rod

Stewart the day I was there). It seems like a great place for a quiet, romantic date—and hey, oysters are an aphrodisiac, right?

The service is attentive, but not overbearing, which should also help you while you work on getting your novia or novio to down enough oysters. As I said, I went at lunch though and the crowd was pretty sparse. I have to assume that the service would be the same at any time. Apparently, my entrée took a little too long (which I didn't think was the case), but in order to make amends, I was served complimentary ceviche in the meantime. The ceviche, by the way, was outstanding—a little sweeter than most in El Paso and therefore a welcome change.

The prices for lunch were pretty good, if you take into account that you have to pay a little extra for seafood in the desert. Salads are in the \$6 range, which I didn't try, while entrees will run you around \$9. I had the blackened fish filet. The fish was extremely well seasoned, although possibly on the too salty side. When paired with the white rice with cilantro and the perfectly steamed vegetables on the side, the saltiness was quickly overlooked. I also ordered two of the restaurant's signature oyster shots (non-alcoholic), because I am not averse to eating raw mollusks in a shot glass. The shots were great and the oysters (with Clamato, hot sauce, etc.) were outstanding.

Being from the beach, I am very familiar with the best time of the year to eat oysters, the best places to get them and the best ways to serve them—all of that good stuff. Let me just tell you



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Shellsy's Oyster Bar is located on 3737 N. Mesa St.

that September is not necessarily the best month to eat oysters. Also, in my expert opinion, El Paso is not the best place to find oysters. Although, to be honest, I haven't exactly checked the Rio Grande, but I think it's a safe bet that you don't want to eat any oysters you may find. Because the oysters in the shots were slightly sweet (indicating that they are from a cold water area) and because of how fresh they tasted, I had to inquire about their provenance. I was told that the oysters come in live from New Jersey every Tuesday and Friday.

It just so happens that I was at Shellsy on a Tuesday. The lovely ladies behind the bar were busy shucking oysters that had just arrived. They

were especially busy this day because on Tuesday all oysters are \$1 each. If you or your significant other want to try any of their oysters, this is a great day to do it. Try the Oysters Rockefeller, Buffalo Oysters or the Shellsy Oysters with wine and butter. As long as you are going for mollusks, I would also recommend the mussels with soy and jalapeno—although they may not have the same effect on your beloved.

Because lunch wasn't enough and because I am seafood addicted, I went back for dinner a few days later. The place was pretty full on a Friday evening, although you can usually find a seat or sit on the patio and watch the old people struggle to turn their Cadillac into Luby's a few doors down.

The seafood boil that I ordered had great flavor, although I would hesitate to order any boil again that has oysters in it. Oysters are notoriously hard to clean and if you don't want your other seafood to end up tasting like mud, it may be best to stick to a boil that contains the basics like mussels, sausage and crawfish.

In subsequent visits, I've found that the boils that don't contain oysters are top notch like most of the other entrees. If you're in the mood for Mexican seafood that's different from anything else you may find in El Paso, I can't recommend the Tacos "Gobernador" enough. These rolled tacos filled with smoked marlin come with an awesome guacamole dipping sauce and the same wonderful steamed vegetables that you get at lunch. Pair it with a side of Chihuahua Chowder (New England meets Mexico clam chowder) and you may swear you are on la playa and that there should be some water nearby to go with all of this sand.

If you are looking for a great date spot near campus for lunch or dinner, check out Shellsy. The seafood is as fresh as can be in El Paso and the prices are pretty good for seafood. Whether you want Mexican or Cajun, I guarantee they will have something you like. Don't let the oyster bar title scare you away. They won't force you to eat oysters, but hey, it could work to your advantage.

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# SPORTS

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## Miners are rested and ready after bye week

BY JUAN CARLOS NAVARRETE

The Prospector

The UTEP Miners will seek to improve on their win against Old Dominion with another conference win against UT San Antonio. The Miners head to San Antonio coming off their second bye week of the season and a lot to play for with the second half of the season starting this Saturday, Oct. 25.

The Miners will play the Roadrunners for the second time in series history and for the first time in school history at UTSA. Seeking to avoid a repeat loss suffered in their previous encounter, UTEP will look to win this game; and perhaps get a winning streak going.

This season has proven to be a difficult one for the Miners to find their stride and build off wins since they always seem to be on the road or in a bye after a big win. The Miners have had trouble gaining consistency each week they play at a different stadium, or have a week off, but the Miners will look to change that this week.

After the Miners' win against Old Dominion, starting quarterback Jameill Showers said the bye week would be used as time for correcting mistakes.



MICHAELA ROMAN/THE PROSPECTOR

The Miners will play six consecutive games to close out their 2014 regular season.

"We have to go to work knowing that there is a lot to correct," Showers said. "There were a lot of blown assignments, I know I had misreads, stuff like that in a game. We just have to concentrate on the negative, we have a lot of things to fix."

The game against UTSA may prove to be much bigger than bragging rights in a very young series between two schools in the UT System, it can become a game

that turns the season around for either schools, as they have both seen their share of hard times this season.

UTEP is trying to get fans on board for what can be a statement game after two embarrassing losses and a close homecoming win. If the Miners, who are 3-3 overall and 1-1 in conference play, can find a way to establish the running game at UTSA they would be setting themselves up nicely against a

team that finds themselves in a slump. UTSA, has dropped five of their last six games, including a close game against Louisiana Tech, who steamrolled the Miners earlier in the season.

For both teams, the opportunity to turn things around could be crucial. The Miners should look to take advantage of a team that is in a slump and rack up a win that can carry them for the rest of the season. UTSA will

surely look to bounce back with this game as it will be the second time they are falling behind with a conference record of 1-2 and 2-5 overall.

Although UTEP had a bye week, the Miners are still ranked in the top 25 in the nation for rushing yards. If UTEP can repeat the success they had against Old Dominion, where they had two possessions of over nine minutes and controlled the clock, they can play the game their way. If they can find a way to replicate that against UTSA, they could find themselves in a manageable game.

Another loss to a school that has been in Division I football for less than five years would be another embarrassing side note in coach Kugler's young tenure as the Miners' head coach. If things don't change, Kugler said he will make drastic changes.

"As I mentioned before, we're not going to sit back and expect to do the same things with the same people and expect the same results," Kugler said.

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## Prospsy Picks: 2014 World Series

BY JASON GREEN

The Prospector

It would be very easy to pick the Kansas City Royals to win the World Series over the San Francisco Giants. The Royals have swept through the playoffs so far without a loss. They have won every playoff game so far. Why would I not pick them to win it all?

Statistics—that's why. Instead of picking from my heart like most people are going to do, I am going to pick with my head. As someone who was 5 years old the last time that the Royals won a World Series and actually had a really cool powder blue pennant on my wall to commemorate it, I would love to see Kansas City do it again. But, it's not going to happen, I'm sorry to say.

Here is your first statistic; four of Kansas City's eight playoff wins have been by one run. They have been very lucky so far. Despite what you may hear about the depth of their bullpen and how they shut every one down, their pitching really has not been that good all the way around. James Shields, who should start game one for the Royals, has a 5.63 earned run average so far in his three-playoff starts. Madison Bumgarner, who will likely start three games of the potential seven World Series games for the Giants, has a 1.42 ERA in four postseason games. For the Royals to get to their outstanding bullpen, they would

need to not lose the game prior to the seventh inning.

The second reason the Giants will win is the power outage—the Royals' power outage that is. Mike Moustakas of the Royals has hit four home runs in the postseason. During the regular season he hit 15 home runs total. The Royals, as a team, have eight home runs so far in the playoffs. This is the same Royals team that was dead last in all of baseball in home runs with only 95 for the season. The Royals power outage is about to begin.

The third reason is not so much a statistic as it is just a historical fact. The 2007 Rockies went 7-0 through the first two rounds of the playoffs to make it to the World Series. They were a wild card team just like the Royals. After a relatively easy trip through the playoffs, the Rockies had a slightly longer layoff before the World Series than the Red Sox did. The Rockies cooled off dramatically and were swept by the Red Sox. The Giants will win behind the outstanding pitching of Bumgarner and the unorthodox timely hitting of outfielder Hunter Pence. Unlike the 2007 Rockies, however, I don't believe that the Royals will get swept. The Royals will win one on the road, maybe one at home and bring the series back to Kansas City before losing to Bumgarner one more time.

**San Francisco, 4-2.**

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If you told me at the start of the MLB postseason that the Giants and Royals would be in the Fall Classic, I would have been very disappointed. But watching this 2014 baseball postseason, I cannot be more excited for the matchup.

What's great about this matchup is that there is no underdog. Yes, in a conventional sense the Royals are underdogs because this is the first time they have been in the postseason since 1985, and the Giants are playing for their third world championship in five years.

But if you have been watching, then you know that none of that really matters. What you have is two teams playing great baseball when it's precisely needed. This series should be nothing less than a classic. With that being said, I'm taking the Giants. Don't get me wrong, the Royals look unbeatable this postseason—their bullpen is tremendous, great base running, and when momentum shifts their way, the game is basically over.

The Royals are majoring in winning low-scoring, defensive-minded games, but the Giants have been mastering this since 2010. More importantly, the Giants have done it against better competition.

They trounced a Pittsburgh team 8-0 that came into the postseason with a 16-6 record over the last 22 games. Then they defeated a Washington team that had the best record in the National League with relative ease. And to top things off, they put

the St. Louis Cardinals down in five games, who have probably been the most consistent team in baseball over the past five years.

In the Royals' last series, Orioles manager Buck Showalter showed that the Royals' base-running attack could be neutralized with some simple infield shifts and constant communication. I expect Giants manager Bruce Bochy to do the same whenever Jarrod Dyson, Alcides Escobar or Lorenzo Cain steps off the bag.

The only problem the Giants can run into in this series is playing behind when the game comes down to the last three innings. As long as the Giants go into the last third of each game with a lead, they should be fine.

If the Royals can give a lead over to the three-headed monster that is Kelvin Herrera, Wade Davis and Greg Holland, then they can win a few games. But a series? I don't think so. The Giants have guys across the board who can take over games and series. Pablo Sandoval, Buster Posey and Hunter Pence have the capabilities to bring home another pennant for the Giants, but more importantly, they have the hardware to show for it.

This series should be good if not great. With sports in general, you can never truly predict what is going to happen or how it's going to happen. There have been plenty of matchups like this that have been absolute duds or unforgettable classics. Nevertheless, the Giants will win their third pennant in five years.

**San Francisco, 4-2.**

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I can't pick against the Kansas City Royals in the World Series, no way. Their winning, its destiny. This is a franchise that has not been to the post season in almost 30 years, they don't have a legitimate ace on the roster, no superstar on the field, and are managed by probably the least respected manager in all of baseball. Add to all of this the fact that the Royals are playing against the best team over the last 10 years.

That doesn't matter though, Kansas City is winning, it's just meant to be.

Now, it's not all about destiny with the still undefeated in the playoffs Kansas City Royals. They do have the best bullpen in all of baseball, which has played lights out throughout the eight games in October. Defense has been great too, providing spectacular highlight plays almost on a nightly basis. It's a scrappy team that gets runs in many different ways. They get on base, steal their way to home, and have even hit for power, something they didn't do much of throughout the regular season.

Sure they might stop swinging the bat, but what if they don't? What if this unexplainable postseason surge lasts a couple more weeks?

The lack of an elite ace is a problem and provides the key to the matchup. Kansas City must get quality starts from its pitching staff,

keeping them in the game through at least the first six innings. It will definitely be easier said than done, with guys like the aforementioned Posey at the plate, but they've done it already.

They managed to get past dangerous lineups like the Angles with hitters like Albert Pujols, Mike Trout and David Freese. They've also overcome teams with important pitching staff. They survived Oakland's John Lester and got past the Angels' Jered Weaver and C.J. Wilson.

Now, don't get me wrong, this will definitely be the hardest test yet for the Royals, but they have proven to be as scrappy a team as there is and great at finding ways to win. But I believe they will get good enough starts on the mound, and aided by at least six golden-glove quality defenders, most of the games in the series will be up for grabs come the final innings, where the bullpen will keep rolling.

I really just hope it is as great of a series as the statistics coming into it say it should be. Both parks will be rocking and both fan bases, at the stadium and at home, enjoying the suffering that comes with your team playing for such high stakes. That's the great thing about not having any rooting interest; one can just relax, sit back and enjoy the ride.

I think the Royal's magical October run continues.

**Kansas City, 4-2.**

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# Miners still in contention as regular season comes to a close

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The UTEP women's soccer team will begin another pivotal week of competition after winning big this weekend. The Miners hosted UTSA on Sunday and shut them out on their way to a 2-0 victory at University Field, which secured another double-digit win season for head coach Kevin Cross. UTEP will now prepare for their last two games at home this weekend against Florida International and Florida Atlantic, needing just four points to secure a berth in the C-USA tournament.

Entering Sunday, the Miners had gone into overtime play in all but one of their last seven games, including the last four in a row. Playing past 90 minutes was not necessary after two second-half goals from freshman Jeanna Mullen and sophomore Aleah Davis.

"It was a complete team effort, team defense, team attack, we shut down their key players," Davis said. "We knew all of these games were going to be good and that we have to come in playing hard, regardless of their record."

Davis put the Miners ahead when she headed a ball past the Roadrunner goalkeeper on a set piece from senior Tayler O'Hayre. UTSA moved their lines forward, applying pressure and looking for the equalizer, but they created plenty of space between their backline and the keeper.

Five minutes from the final whistle, Miner goalkeeper Sarah Dilling cleared a ball well past midfield and Mullen took advantage of that space, sealing the victory. She outran her defender, and when in front of goal, Mullen displayed the composure of a seasoned veteran, chipping the ball over the keeper for her second career goal.

Not only did Dilling record her first assist as a Miner, the orange and blue goalie established herself as the program's leader in shutouts. Sunday marked the ninth time an opponent has failed to get on the scoreboard this season and the 19th in Dilling's four-year career.

"I've been gunning for that record for a while," Dilling said. "I couldn't do it without my defenders, I'm glad to finally have it."

UTEP will now focus on the final three games of the regular season, the first two at home. The Miners are currently in a four-way tie for second behind league leaders North Texas. The Miners will face two of the teams fighting for the final positions of the eight that qualify for the conference tournament. UTEP needs just four points of the final nine to wrap up a spot in the top eight.

Florida Atlantic University comes to El Paso with a losing 2-3-2 conference record, 7-7-3 overall. The Owls have won just once in their last six games and are coming off a 3-2 defeat to Rice, one of the teams tied with UTEP for second place. Like the Miners, FAU is no stranger to playing in overtime. Eight of their 17 games this season have gone into overtime, in which they have come out on top just twice, losing three and tying three.

These two squads have met just once before. A year ago in FAU's first year in C-USA, the Miners went to Boca Raton, Florida, and earned a tough 2-1 decision over the Owls in overtime. Davis scored one of the



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Senior center back Hannah Asuchak attempts to steal the ball from a UTSA midfielder.

goals in the game, assisted by then-sophomore Lauren Katada.

Florida Atlantic's visit marks the beginning of a three-game stretch on the road to finish off their season.

After FAU, the Miners will host Florida International University for their final game of the season. FIU sits near the bottom of the conference standings with seven points and one less game played after a cancellation due to weather a couple of weeks ago. With a conference record of 2-3-1, 7-7-1 overall, the Panthers have won just twice in their last seven games. They are coming off a loss to North Texas at home and will be in San Antonio to visit UTSA before coming to El Paso. Florida International is among the worst in Conference USA when it comes to offensive production. They are the second worst in shots taken,

only better than Western Kentucky, and have the least goals scored with just 15 over the season.

As the season nears its final chapters, games start to become more and more important. The results seem to have a bigger impact on each team's record and their aspirations for where they want to be when it is all over come November. The importance of finishing the season strong is clear to the Miners' head coach.

"It's huge for us to accomplish our goals, they're two very good teams," Cross said. "We'll have a good week, be ready and motivated."

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