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Here’s looking at you kid

The time of my life

BY JASMINE AGUILERA

The Prospector



This isn’t any other column for me. This is where I try to tell you about the time I locked my keys in my car, and by some miracle, someone at The Prospector had a wire hanger and our assistant editor and I spent an hour breaking back into it.

This is where I tell you about the night our sports editor played a prank on me by making me think there was a homeless person living at the Union. This is where I tell you about the time we played Russian roulette with a toy gun that’s still hanging on our office wall in case of emergencies (or if someone doesn’t meet a deadline).

This is where I wish I could tell you about every time we worked 16 or more hours straight to finish that week’s paper. Where I wish I could tell you about every time I laughed so hard my stomach was in knots.

Where I wish there was enough room to tell you how much I’m going to miss it here.

Working at The Prospector is the best thing that has ever happened to me. That is not an understatement.

From the very start, The Prospector solidified my love for journalism, for people, for curiosity. Some of the first stories I got to cover were about the Occupy El Paso movement, through which I learned that I want to report on social issues for the rest of my life.

If not for The Prospector, I would have never been able to achieve everything I’ve managed to accomplish in the last three years.

I would have never been able to intern in Washington, D.C. for two semesters, I would have never been able to travel to New York City or New Orleans for conventions and awards, I would have never been able to network with some of today’s leaders in media and I would have never made so many life-long friends.

The Prospector opened so many doors for me, doors I’ve learned hardly come around for people with my background.

My experience with this paper helped me polish my resume, but more than that, the people I have met through working at The Prospector have brought out the happiest, smartest, toughest and most expressive sides of me.

Working here helped me transform from a wallflower into someone who takes pride in being an insufferable know-it-all.

I would never have had the courage to chase Senator John McCain down

the halls of Capitol Hill to ask him about immigration reform, I would have never felt at ease standing within 40 feet of President Barack Obama on numerous occasions and I would never have been able to hold my own amongst a crowd of senior reporters.

The Prospector gave me the confidence to pursue opportunities that I never thought would be in my reach.

Though the future is still uncertain for me, I’ve managed to figure out a few things—thanks to The Prosy of course.

In May I will be starting a new adventure as an intern for the Dallas Morning News and I’ll be doing some freelancing in between. If all goes well, I’ll be able to call Dallas my new home.

So even though I can’t fit every memorable moment I’ve had at UTEP in this space, I can use the remainder of it to thank the many people who have guided me along the way.

Kathleen Flores, our Student Publications director, thank you for always encouraging me—even though you threatened to fire me almost every day—and for being there for me during the toughest times. You have become like family to me.

Lorain Watters, my right-hand man and soul sister, you made me look forward to coming to work every day. I’m sure that every time I laughed until I cried, you were the one responsible for it.

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BY ANDREA E. ACOSTA

The Prospector



How to write farewell columns for Dummies—yes, this book would have helped me in this moment, as I desperately bite my unmanicured nails and stare at the blinking cursor that seems to mock me to the beat of procrastination. I realize the reason my brain has decided to take a break is not because of the lack of ideas but because I’m trying to capture and do justice to a very good experience.

Yes, I’m currently in the first stage of denial.

When I became a sophomore I decided I was ready to challenge myself and try something completely out of my comfort zone, writing. This decision seemed to happily fit my curious nature, and yes, those of you that know me know it has gotten me in trouble and placed my sister and me (sorry sis) in more awkward situations than I care to count, but this time around the result was favorable.

Starting as a contributor and having very little experience in articles was very overwhelming and quite scary, #noshameinmygame #keepingithonest. I remember my first interview, after a solid 15-min conversation, and about four pages full of notes I kept thinking, “Now what?” Things started to pick up though, thanks to my great editor @AlejandroAlba, and I started to get more familiar with the style of writing.

A few semesters, and several cups of coffee later, I find myself here, writing my farewell column, in the very same spot where, I began this journey. At least I’m happy to report that I’ve finally come to terms with the fact that it’s useless to do my nails,

I must admit time flew by, I’m humbled to have been entrusted with the Entertainment section for over one year and I’m happy to have been part of a such a committed and dedicated team. I’m also very proud for contributing to The Prospector’s Centennial Issue that despite the overwhelming workload and endless deadlines, the #prospy team produced the first ever 100-pager in history after sleepless nights in which this issue took the protagonist role in my dreams. But we always knew we would make it, I mean what was the rush right?

So, as I prepare to graduate in a few days, (because there is no such thing as preparing for something this overwhelming), and I get ready to make a turn in this very fortunate adventure, I take with me a heavy tool kit that I’m lucky to have acquired for the past two years. I’m gratified that I was able to tell someone’s story and translate it into writing and to have met many interesting people along the way with such a bright future ahead of them.

A few thank you’s before I wrap this up. Thank you mom and dad, for all your love and support, for always believing in me and for all those rides to and fro interviews when I first started. Thank you to my brothers for trying to stay up late with me as I tried to meet my deadlines and balance work, school and the paper. @MichaelaRoman and @JasmineAguilera, thank you for saving me from the dangers of mainstream music; thank you @Luis Gonzalez, for striking a tune once in a while; @Javier Cortez, you brought honesty to a whole new different level, thanks for the interesting conversations about marriage during production nights; @MarcyLuna, @IsabelCastillo and @VeroGonzalez for your constant support and helpful advice; @DiegoBurciaga thank you for being a good listener and always willing to help; @LorainWatters for hitting the highest pitched laugh I’ve ever heard, thank you for making us laugh with you not really knowing exactly why; @AmandaGuillen thanks for lightening up the office with your energetic and contagious personality; and @JacobodeLaRosa thank you for reminding me that I can’t count on you to go eat at Chicos Tacos because you won’t stop making fun of me; and @KathyFlores thank you for being an approachable advisor and for giving me a good laugh everytime I approached your office and saw you pout because you thought I was mad at you. Thank you to all the editorial and advertising staff for the hard work you produced every week.

As for me? Well, I will continue to be curious, take one challenge at a time, and strive to make my very own bright future. Being part of the newspaper has opened new doors for me that I can’t wait to enter. Thanks to everyone and anyone that made this experience rewarding and made me a better writer.

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The University of Texas at El Paso will have its final Centennial Commencement ceremony on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at the Don Haskins Center. The 2014 Winter Commencement will be separated into three different times, with different colleges graduating in the allotted slots. The College of Liberal Arts will be graduating during Morning Commencement which will take place at 9 a.m. The Colleges of Business Administration, College of Education, and the School of Nursing will all start at 2p.m. The College of Engineering and the College of Science will have the Evening Commencement which takes place 7p.m. All ceremonies include graduate and cooperative programs corresponding to their colleges. The Don Haskins Center will open an hour prior to each ceremony. There has not been an announcement as to who will be this year's guest speaker. Winter Commencement will be streamed live on kfoxtv.com for free and can be accessed from anywhere around the world through tablet, computer or mobile device.

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UTEP's expansion decision on hold

BY KIMBERLY VALLE

The Prospector

The purchase of 443 acres of land, where the former ASARCO smelter site was located, is an agenda item for UTEP in the coming year. The University of Texas Board of Regents met for two days on Nov. 5 and 6 at UTEP and discussed the potential purchase and expansion of campus.

Executive Vice President Richard Adauto said the regents made no decision and that the meeting was just to bring them up to date with the process.

"We still have a year's worth of due diligence to do," Adauto said. "We still need to look at the remediation efforts done by the ASARCO trustee."

Kimberly Cossio, junior multimedia journalism major, said it's a great idea

for UTEP to expand, but the process of it should be thought out thoroughly.

"They need to think it through because if they want that land for housing for the students they also need to think about the ways of transportation and the routes," Cossio said. "Even though it's not that far from the university, it's also not that close."

Cossio also said part of making a decision is making sure the land is not under any sort of contamination that could affect the campus population.

"UTEP is a growing university with more students going to college after high school from El Paso, Las Cruces and Ciudad Juárez, not to mention out of the city and state and people that are going back to school," Cossio said.

Felisha Mitchell, senior criminal justice major, also said transportation


for students and protection from possible security issues near Mexico is something else to think about.

Adauto said it would take between 12 and 16 months for a final decision to be reached. If the decision is a yes, Adauto said it is too early to speculate what new buildings will be constructed. The cost or the starting date of construction are not yet known.

The ASARCO trustees are remediating the property to a standard that will be acceptable to the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality, according to Adauto.

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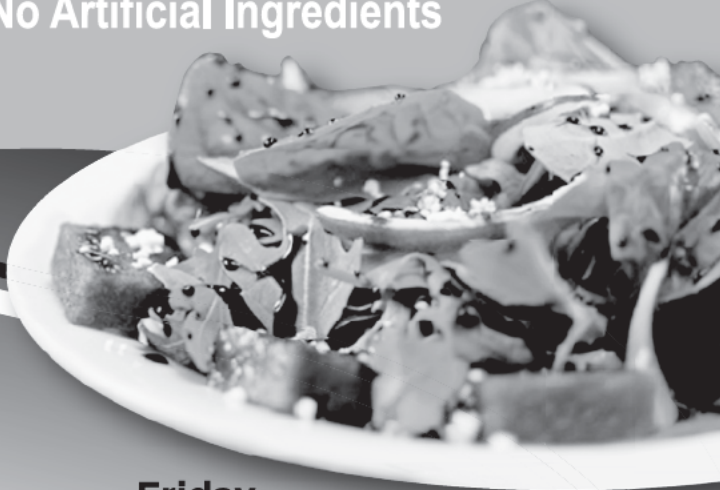


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UTEP awaits decision from the board of regents on ASARCO land.

BY KIMBERLY VALLE
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The accessibility to social media platforms has made it easier for students to dedicate a large portion of their time to online activity. For some students, excessive use can lead to addiction-like symptoms.

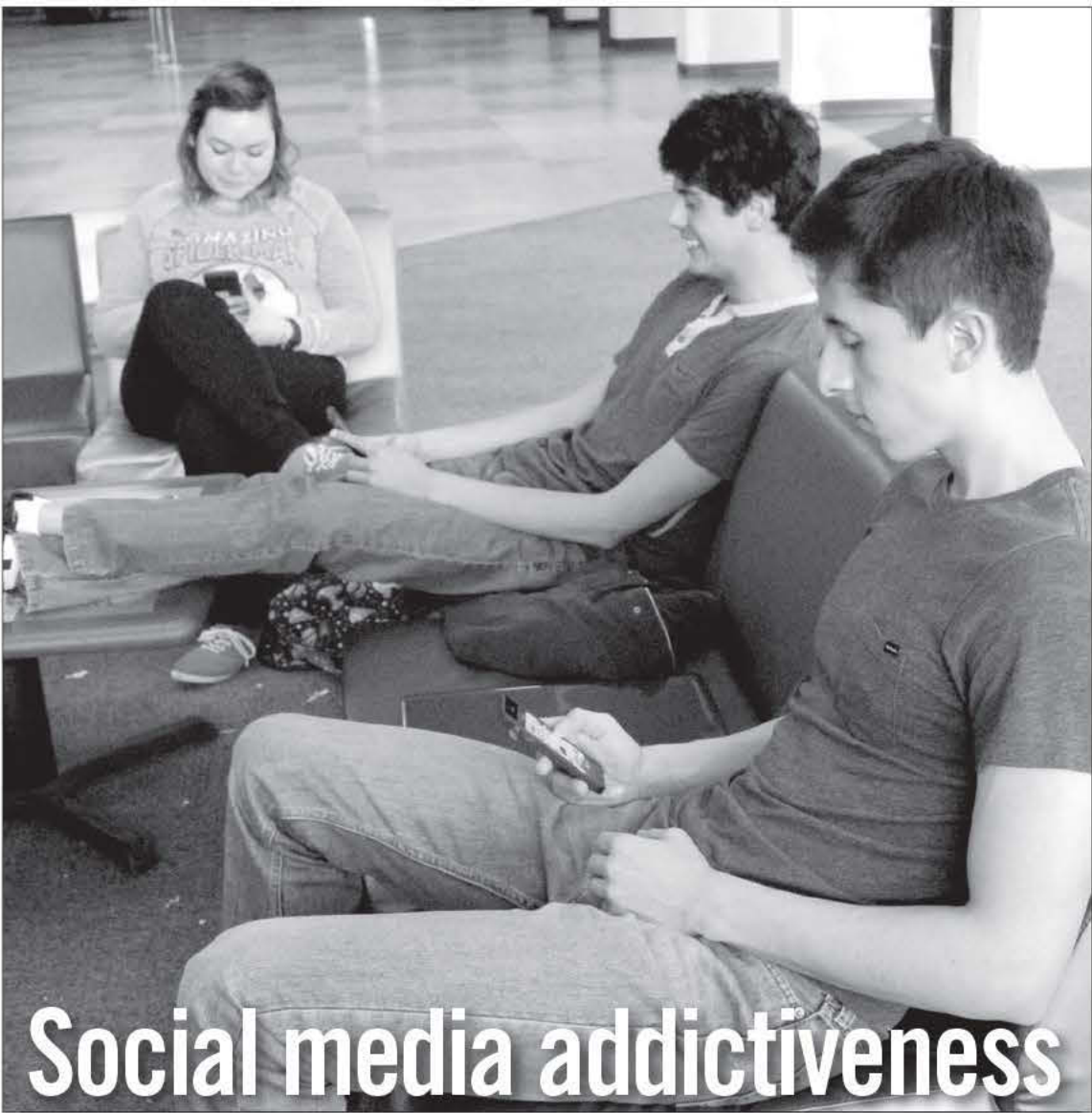
“Because these students are spending more time on social media and not on their studies, they experience a decline in their academic performance leading to a decline in grades,” said Jorge Marquez, psychologist at the University Counseling Center.

Researchers have found some behavioral similarities between excessive Internet use and substance abuse such as tolerance, withdrawal, failed attempts to cut down on usage and impairment in daily functioning. More research must be done before social media addiction can be considered a distinct diagnosis.

“Not everyone who uses social media heavily is addicted to social media, but unfortunately, we have seen cases where an addiction to social media has turned fatal,” Marquez said.

Marquez also said that when students are using social media excessively to disconnect from their emotions and escape their responsibilities or problems, an addicting behavior can begin occurring.

Alexia Guillen, junior pre-nursing major, said she uses social media every day, mainly for school events and



Students use social media networks to pass the time in between classes.

ANDRES MARTINEZ / THE PROSPECTOR

pairment in the person’s functioning, such as academic, occupational or family relationship impairment. Distress and how different or extreme the person’s use of social media compared to other users and the amount of time someone is spending on social media in comparison to other activities an individual needs to attend to are also symptoms.

Applying effective time-management strategies can help college students keep their social media use to moderate levels and be helpful in balancing other responsibilities that are common among college students.

“Having effective time-management skills can positively impact a person’s emotional well-being because stress levels can be managed,” Marquez said.

There are a few ways to reduce the use of social media distraction. For example, a college student can work on tracking the time they spend on social media platforms or online, reach out to friends and family members by directly contacting them or spending time with them, reduce procrastinating on assignments and tasks, reduce the number of apps on smartphones and spend more time outside without their smartphone.

“One of the most important things that has to happen is for a student to recognize that they have a problem with social media use and be open to addressing it,” Marquez said.

The University Counseling Center offers unlimited, free and confidential counseling services to address students’ mental health. It is located in room 202 in Union West.

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“It affects time with my family. I have noticed that when I am at home, my mother is constantly telling us to put our cell phones away.”

—
- Alexia Guillen,
junior pre-nursing major

to promote her ballet recitals. She said it can be a distraction.

“It affects time with my family. I have noticed that when I am at home, my mother is constantly telling us to put our cell phones away,” Guillen said. “I also see it affecting us by lack of communication and understanding of one another.”

Certain behaviors associated with social media use lead to changes in the brain that are seen in drug use.

“The immediacy and reward associated with social media can be thought of as a ‘quick hit’ and would be expected to result in a minority of users experiencing addiction-like symptoms,” said Dr. Adi Jaffe, director of research, education and innovation at Alternatives, a national addiction treatment program, on thefix.com.

Janet Moreno, junior criminal justice major, said too much use of social media could lead to sleepless nights.

“I stay up all night just on Instagram and Twitter. My fingers and hand start hurting,” Moreno said. “I try to control it as much as I can by keeping myself busy. If I am not busy, social media is what keeps me entertained.”

Excessive use has been shown by studies and articles to lead to mental health problems such as depression and anxiety. In tragic cases, where social media involved stalking or cyberbullying, the result has sometimes been suicide.

There are a couple of things to look for when the use of social media is getting addicting. For example, im-

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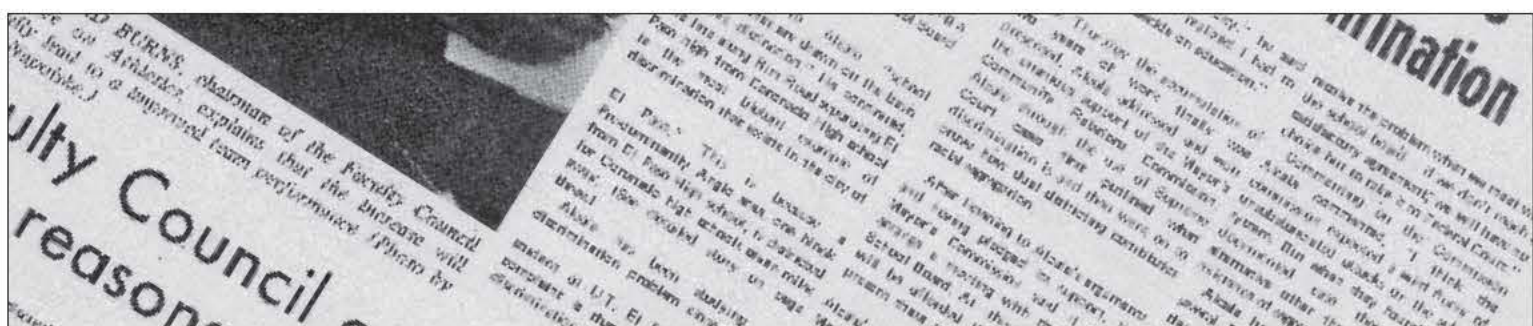
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Domestic violence in LGBTQA community



Girl poses as someone that has been effected by domestic violence.

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BY MARIA ESQUINCA
The Prospector

A recent campus study revealed that bisexual women are more likely to experience sexual assault, compared to other members of the LGBTQA community.

“Our basic finding was that bisexual women were at the highest likelihood of experiencing both attempted and completed sexual assault.”

- Brenda Risch,
Director of Women's Studies
Department

The survey, titled Sexual Attitudes Behaviors and Experiences Survey II, was conducted by the Women's Studies Department and focused on power issues. It also sought to understand people's attitudes, beliefs and values about sexuality including unwanted sexual experiences.

UTEP students were randomly chosen and 701 participated in the study.

“Our basic finding was that bisexual women were at the highest likelihood of experiencing both attempted and completed sexual assault,” said Brenda Risch, director of the Women's Studies Department and one of researchers of the study. They were much more vulnerable from the numbers that we came up with than gay men, lesbian women and transgender individuals.”

The findings have not yet been officially published, but the researchers have presented preliminary ones.

Gabriel Romero, senior liberal arts major and a member of the Queer

Student Alliance, believes that stereotypes of bisexual women might explain the findings.

“People believe that by being bisexual you're automatically being promiscuous. I could see that leading to people being objectified,” Romero said. “They're reduced essentially to whatever people want of them.”

According to the study, 40 percent of males experienced attempted or completed sexual assault, compared to 58 percent of women. While 35 percent of gay men experienced attempted or completed sexual assault, compared to 56 percent of LGBTQA females.

“We think it's really important to know about all sexualities. We're not just asking about heterosexual sex,” Risch said.

A separate study by the School of Public Health analyzed 75 different studies on sexual assault among lesbians and found that bisexual and lesbian women may be three times more likely to report sexual assaults than heterosexual women.

Alice Castañeda, junior graphic design major, used to identify as bisexual, but now identifies as gay. Castañeda said bisexual women are stereotyped as just going through a phase.

“I think that creates a lot of tension towards bisexuals,” Castañeda said.

SABES II was based on and borrowed questions from a similar study done by Valdosta State University.

“They were also asking about sexual assault and the contribution of alcohol,” said Kathryn Schmidt, assistant professor of social work and another researcher involved in the survey.

At Valdosta, a university with a large residential population, researchers found a high correlation to party rapes that happened when students got intoxicated at dorm parties.

“At a lot of those parties it became dangerous for women,” Schmidt said.

Clergy crime statistics from Valdosta State reveal that in 2013 there was one reported forcible sex offense in the residence halls, while there were three on campus. In the same year at UTEP, there were three forcible sex offenses

in the residence halls, and none on campus property.

“It (sexual assault) still needs to be reported, it still needs to be talked about,” said Romero. “It's still something that feels taboo.”

Researchers at UTEP modified questions from the Valdosta survey, to be relevant to the borderland.

“We were interested in both domestic violence and sexual assaults,” Schmidt said. “In how the two went together, in part because sexual assault studies assume it's by a stranger. Part of

this is knowing that many students (at UTEP) live with their families.”

According to SABES II, 70 percent of straight respondents reported their assailants as being friends or past partners and 35 percent of LGBTQA respondents reported a mix of assailants: a mix of friends, partygoers, casual acquaintances and past partners.

“We saw, all across the board, that both men and women had experienced sexual conduct,” Schmidt said.

In contrast to the Valdosta study, the authors of SABES II wanted to investigate power in relationships, same-sex couples, domestic violence and have a better understanding of the Hispanic population.

“To better serve Latino and Latina students in terms of sexual assault and partner violence prevention, we should actually know more about the population we're trying to serve rather than basing it on community knowledge,” Risch said.

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1. President Diana Nativilio announces UTEP is No. 1 in social mobility according to Washington Monthly's annual national college and university rankings for 2014. 2. Congressman Beto O'Rourke visits campus to join the University Democrats in registering students to vote at the Union Breezeway. 3. UTEP students gather in order to bring awareness to the unjust kidnapping and the possible murder of 43 college students in Ayotzinapa, Mexico. 4. Over 2,800 students from the class of 2014 receive their diploma of the centennial commencement. 5. Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, visits UTEP in preparation for the next regular session of the Texas Legislature. 6. Gubernatorial candidate Wendy Davis speaks in El Paso to media and volunteers at Café Mayapan.

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Students switch classes by the Undergraduate Learning Center.

To Stay or not to Stay?

BY LUIS BARRIO
The Prospector

According to Economic Modeling Specialists International, in 2013 about 57 percent of graduating students from UTEP stayed in El Paso at least one year after graduating.

In a Graduating Student Survey in 2013-2014, conducted by the Center for Institutional Evaluation, Research and Planning, nearly 40 percent of students graduating with an undergraduate diploma plan to leave the Paso Del Norte region.

"I find it hard to believe. I never thought I would get to this point. I'm a little scared because it's the real world," said Eric Beltran, psychology and Chicano studies double major, who will be graduating in December.

Beltran is currently in waiting mode for graduate school. He says if he gets accepted, he'll be the first in his family to advance to a graduate program.

"While El Paso has typically offered more limited, high-level career opportunities for students—especially those with advanced degrees—that trend is changing as the economy continues to recover and El Paso's industries diversify," said Louie Rodriguez, assistant vice president for student affairs.

El Paso has traditionally been a city that caters well to the low-skilled worker. And depending on the degree, a graduate may be somewhat limited in opportunities in the city.

"Whether students leave to find work or not is often very dependent on which field they have chosen," Rodriguez said.

Primary concerns upon graduating are salary and cost of living.

"One major factor in salary competitiveness is cost of living," Rodriguez said. "El Paso enjoys a lower overall cost of living than many major cities in Texas and across the U.S., which has to be taken into account when considering salary."

Matthew Castro will be graduating in mechanical engineering in December. Castro interned for Lockheed

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Martin Aeronautics this past summer in Ft. Worth and has been hired to work as a materials process engineer sustaining aircraft planes such as F-22's and F-16's.

Castro said he loves UTEP and his hometown, but the opportunity for his desired job is elsewhere.

"I have to see what other opportunities come about," he said.

El Paso simply cannot compete with the Houston market for engineers, Castro said.


El Paso is predominantly a place to open a business or work in nursing or health sciences.

Diego Guerra graduated in May 2014 with a BBA in accounting and is working at his family-owned company, Isabella Foods.

Guerra had been working for the company since he began college in 2010. He said it's a good strategic decision to work in the food industry here in El Paso.

"There's a lot of people that doubt the city, that count us out," Guerra said. "If we want to change El Paso, it's our turn to take hold of the reins. It's up to us (new graduates) to see what we want to make of the city in 10 years."

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Organization aims to unite border region



THE BORDERPLEX ALLIANCE

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BY AMANDA GUILLEN
The Prospector

The Borderplex Alliance is making it its mission to change the way El Paso, Chihuahua and portions of southern New Mexico work together in order to create a healthy local economy by recruiting business and industry to the region.

The 2-year-old private, non-profit corporation is funded mostly by businesses in the North American Borderplex region.

In late October, the Borderplex Alliance sent out a survey to different members of the community. They urged UTEP students to take the survey because the corporation was eager to hear about the region's needs. They plan to align those needs with the regional economic development goals of the future.

CEO of the Borderplex Alliance Rolando Pablos said that the unification of three different regions will in turn produce a unique and positive outcome.

"We've never been able to work together as one region and one economy," Pablos said. "We are hoping by creating the Borderplex alliance we will be able to create one regional

economy so that we can be competitive on a global scale."

The survey has since been closed and although the results have yet to be analyzed, Pablos said the survey is meant to help the corporation understand the needs of the community and to help regions get on the same page.

"We want to get everyone on the same page so that we can make a change and understand what we are trying to do, for one so we aren't duplicating answers and being redundant and so we can have this act as a multiplier so that we can propel our region's economy," Pablos said.

Pablos said the importance of focusing on regional competitiveness and how being competitive is the way to keep local and outside talent in El Paso, Southern New Mexico and Chihuahua.

"We are focusing on regional competitiveness, we need to as a region be more competitive. We are competing against other regions like Phoenix, Albuquerque, San Antonio and Denver," he said. "They're already working together so we not only need to begin to work together but also become more attractive to investments."

Sasha Tovar, junior biology major, is an international student from Chihuahua. She says that this joint

partnership amongst the regions will allow her to go back and forth and be secure and know that she is living in a strong and desired area.

"I think this will be very beneficial and I am happy to see these regions working with each other and I'd be really glad to see big businesses be located in each city," Tovar said. "I also think that I would like to make a life here and have a family so this is all very exciting."

Sue Huffman, senior biological sciences major, receives a scholarship through ADP, one of the companies that works closely with the Borderplex Alliance. Huffman said the younger generation should encourage businesses like ADP to come and stay in El Paso.

"I know, for example, when bringing businesses like ADP they love El Paso and they are providing a lot of jobs," Huffman said. I think El Paso can do that and I think as college students it is definitely up to us younger people to encourage that."

Huffman said that she believes that El Paso is a place she would like to continue to live in.

"El Paso is such a great place to grow up but also to come back to. It's a healthy culture to learn about both U.S. and Mexican social paradigms," she said. "The El Paso region is just an amazing place to raise a family and I think with growth it will only make it better."

Pablos said that in relation to the survey and the roadmap development

efforts, over the next six years the corporation will be able to develop the strength to achieve its overall goal.

"We are looking at policy issues like border wait times and industry cluster development and we are looking at issues that are systemic in order to be able to change the competitiveness," Pablos said. "What I have seen is this tremendous momentum that is building and I think as students go into their university life, what they can expect coming out, in my mind, is a more competitive job market where they can come out and have options."

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Online threats case heard at the Supreme Court

BY KARA MASON
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WASHINGTON – It might have been the first time “just kidding, laughing out loud” was used by a justice in Supreme Court oral arguments, but for some, *Elonis v. U.S.*, the First Amendment case heard Monday, isn’t a laughing matter at all.

Justices heard arguments about whether intent is required to prove that a person’s online words are a true threat.

After Anthony Elonis and his wife, Tara Elonis, split in May 2010, he began posting status updates on his Facebook page that were seen as a threat to his ex-wife’s life. He also threatened a former coworker, who tipped off the FBI to the posts. But Anthony Elonis said the graphic fantasies of Tara Elonis’ death was a coping mechanism.

While oral arguments touched on several different aspects of the First Amendment, it was the topic of what constitutes a “true threat” that dominated the argument.

“I’m not sure that the court did either the law or the English language much of a good service when it said ‘true threat.’ It could mean so many things,” Justice Anthony Kennedy said to John Elwood, who represented Anthony Elonis. “It could mean that you really intend to carry it out ... you really intend to intimidate the person, or that no one could possibly believe it.”

The court has not clearly defined a true threat in past First Amendment cases. As in the Elonis case, it is debated whether intent is required for a true threat.

In this case, lower courts decided the standard for a true threat would be if a reasonable person would consider the language threatening.

“But how would the government prove whether this threat in the mind

of the threatener was genuine?” Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg asked.

Anthony Elonis claimed his posts were merely therapeutic and for entertainment. In October 2010, he changed the name on his Facebook profile from Anthony Elonis to “Tone Dougie,” a rap pseudonym. He said that the lyrics “did not reflect the views, values or beliefs of Anthony Elonis, the person.” Thus, he lacked intent to actually kill his ex-wife.

Tara Elonis still saw the posts as threatening. She said she never knew her former husband to listen to rap music while they were married.

When her sister posted about Halloween costume shopping with her and her children, Anthony Elonis responded with a comment saying their son “should dress up as matricide.”

“I don’t know what his costume would entail though. Maybe (Tara’s) head on a stick?” he said in the comment.

Anthony Elonis mentioned the death of his ex-wife in three more Facebook posts and then on Nov. 16, 2010, posted that he would make a name for himself by initiating the most heinous school shooting ever.

“And hell hath no fury like a crazy man in a kindergarten class,” he wrote.

If the court sides with Tara Elonis and deems the posts threatening, it could mean a lot of what is said online would be taken much more seriously, and the possibility of prosecution would increase significantly.

Elwood argued that the audience of the language is very important to the threat. Taken out of context, a reasonable person might believe Anthony Elonis really wished to harm his ex-wife, but his friends, or his audience, wouldn’t take the language seriously.

“I think many of the speakers who are online and many of the people who are being prosecuted now are teenagers who are essentially shoot-



Line forms outside of the Supreme Court on Monday for oral arguments in *Elonis v. U.S.* Anthony Elonis was convicted of violating federal statute that prohibits threatening another person with injury after publishing several graphic Facebook posts fantasizing about murdering his ex-wife..

ing off their mouths or making sort of ill-timed, sarcastic comments, which wind up getting thrown in jail,” Elwood said.

In a friend of the court brief, the Student Press Law Center echoed that argument, citing several examples when online posts were seen as

threatening, though the authors had no intent to be harmful.

“The original context of a message, understandable and benign to an intended set of initial recipients, may be misunderstood when republished to a different audience that is unaware of the message’s original context,” the center wrote to the court.

Justice Elana Kagan asked Elwood what he believed the level should be for intent: “So one, the very, very highest level might be I affirmatively want to place this person in fear. That’s why I’m doing what I’m doing. There’s a step down from that, which is I don’t want to do that, I’m just fulfilling my artistic fantasies, whatever you want to call it, but I know that I am going to place this person in fear. Which intent do you want?”

Elwood said he preferred the second interpretation.

But Michael Dreeben, deputy solicitor general, who argued on behalf of the U.S. government, told the justices he believed the standard for a true threat should be broader.

“What we want is a standard that holds accountable people for the ordinary and natural meaning of the words that they say in context,” he said.

Adding a “JK” or “LOL” could have changed the context, though.

“And then there’s some individual who likes this. He puts a thumb up to this comment,” Justice Samuel Alito said to Elwood. “Now, suppose that this was altered a little bit, so at the bottom he puts, just kidding, just kidding, laughing out loud. And at the top he puts, Tone Dougie aspiring rap artist. What’s a jury to do with that under your theory?”

Elwood responded that it would be up to a jury of reasonable people to decide whether the threat was true.

The court is expected to make a decision on the case by next summer.

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JAIME L. DESJARDINS


The Healthy Exchange: “Mitigation of Age-Related Changes” will be hosted by The University of Texas at El Paso and the Center for Interdisciplinary Health Research and Evaluation. This will take place on December 3, starting at noon and ending at 1 p.m. Ph.D assistant professor Jaime L. Desjardins will be the guest speaker.

CENTENNIAL TIME CAPSULE

On Wednesday December 3 at 1:30 p.m. at the Centennial Museum and Chihuahuan Desert Gardens, UTEP students will present the items that will be included in the Centennial time capsule. The capsule was created to commemorate UTEP’s Centennial Celebration.

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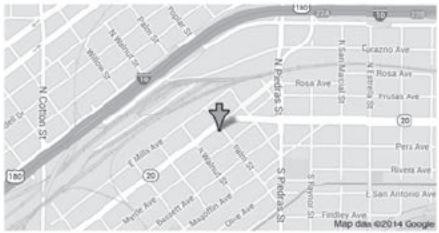
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El Paso shows solidarity for Mike Brown



Protestors gather in front of El Paso County Court House downtown on Nov. 25,

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BY MARIA ESQUINCA
The Prospector

Protest signs defiantly raised in the air, El Pasoan's rallied in solidarity for Michael Brown in front of the county courthouse.

The rally is one of many happening across the country after Officer Darren Wilson, who fatally shot unarmed teenager Michael Brown, was not indicted by a grand jury in Ferguson, Miss.

The group of about 50 to 80 fronted the cold wind. Some splashed their posters with red paint to mimic blood and express their rage for the death of Michael Brown.

"There's been a huge problem with police brutality all across the nation, and yes race is an issue," said Joshua Dagna, UTEP graduate and local protestor. "A lot of black people tend to get marginalized... just because of the fact that they're black"

According to a recent 2012 report on the extrajudicial killing of black people, every 28 hours a black person was killed by a security officer. An estimated 313 African Americans were fatally killed by police officers, security officers or self-appointed vigilantes without legal authority.

"I believe that everybody should be able to go out to a convenience store without having to be worried about being shot," said Andrea Kuny, former UTEP student and protestor.

Protestors felt the decision not to indict Wilson was not fair.

"Yesterday the grand jury was supposed to decide whether this case deserved to go to trial," said Lulu Ortiz, senior sociology major at Yale University. "The problem is that usually indictments are very easy to get. There wasn't a trial, they weren't even given a chance to fight for that."

According to data by the Bureau of Justice Statistics most grand juries decide on indictment. In the 162,500 cases prosecuted by U.S. attorneys from 2009 to 2010, grand juries voted not to indict 11.

However, a Houston Chronicle Investigation revealed that police officers are less likely to get indicted. In Harris County, Texas, grand juries have not indicted a police officer since 2004.

"I think it's not fair, I think it's not right, I think it's unjust," said Shayla Alves, senior graphic design major. "It was rare for there not to be an indictment but Ferguson did it anyway, why? Because racism."

Adriano Perez, senior biology major and community organizer, organized the rally in El Paso after he found out on Tumblr that there wasn't a protest planned in El Paso, despite several happening throughout the country.

The Tumblr site also listed a protest happening in Norway and Puerto Rico.

"Our voices can be heard," Perez said. "It's important to create a precedent for an event to show that we can come together and that we can make a difference."

The El Paso protestors also marched to and walked around the Police station near the county courthouse while shouting, "Hands up don't shoot"


"We are here for Mike Brown," said Alves.

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Protestors voice their opinions on the corner of Kansas and San Antonio St. on Nov. 25

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Best news stories of 2014

The girl next door: student dancer shares her story

FEB. 11
BY LORAIN WATTERS

The Prospector

For The Prospector’s Love and Sex issue, reporter Lorain Watters met up with “Mary,” which is the name she wished to go by. Mary is a 22-year-old stripper.

“Red lights bounce off of velvet-covered walls, reflecting on mirrors and cascading down naked bodies, sweat and glitter mixing together. Up-beat synth-pop songs play loudly on

the speakers, masking the clinking of shot glasses and the shouting of men.

Mary, 22, a junior English and American literature major, is petite—her body hidden beneath denim jeans, a beige long-sleeved shirt and sneakers. Her glasses make her brown eyes bigger than they are because of their strong prescription. She’s as “blind as a bat,” she said.

After quitting her job at Whataburger, Mary began working at Foxy’s when she was 18.

“The idea of it seemed to click, making that much money. So I started waiting tables, going in at 8 p.m. and leaving around 4 a.m.,” she said. ‘After a while, they try to flip you. They basically said you either start dancing or you have to leave. It was very rough and that’s how I started as an erotic dancer. It’s a business. A lot of girls don’t really have a say in it.”



FILE PHOTO

In El Paso, support for Venezuelan protesters grows

FEB. 20
BY ANDRES RODRIGUEZ

The Prospector

In early 2014, El Paso began rallying support for the growing human rights movement in Venezuela. Protests took place at UTEP, which were organized by several students.

“Angela Garcia left Venezuela for the U.S. three years ago. As a college student in her home country, she fought for freedom of speech and human rights, something she’s seeing slip away as violent protests continue to escalate.

Garcia, a senior business administration major, receives daily phone calls from crying family members in Venezuela. They tell her violent accounts of close friends being incarcerated.

‘We feel for them from here seeing how our country goes up in flames,’ she said. ‘They are using tear gas, explosives inside the homes...this is a nightmare. Their human rights are being violated. They are conducting criminal activities.’

Students began protesting for better security, freedom of expression and the lack of goods earlier this month in

Venezuela. Three people were killed on Feb. 12.

Outside the Union Building, Thursday a group of about 50 Venezuelans and supporters gathered in protest of the social and economic inequality of the country and the misuse of weapons during the protests.

‘We feel obliged to give our two-cents, even here in El Paso where we’re very far away and not a very large city,’ Garcia said. ‘But we owe it to our people in Venezuela to tell them ‘yes, we are here.”

Family violence cases increase in El Paso

OCT. 7
BY MARÍA ESQUINCA

The Prospector

“Mug shots of people arrested because of family violence reveal more than faces.

A study by the Texas Council On Family Violence revealed that the number of domestic violence cases that were filed and prosecuted in El Paso County jumped 87 percent to more than 3,000 from 2012 to 2013.

In these 4-inch-by-3-inch photographs, some men and women look straight ahead at the camera, while others avert their eyes to the side.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, one in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime and one in 19 men will be physically assaulted by a partner.

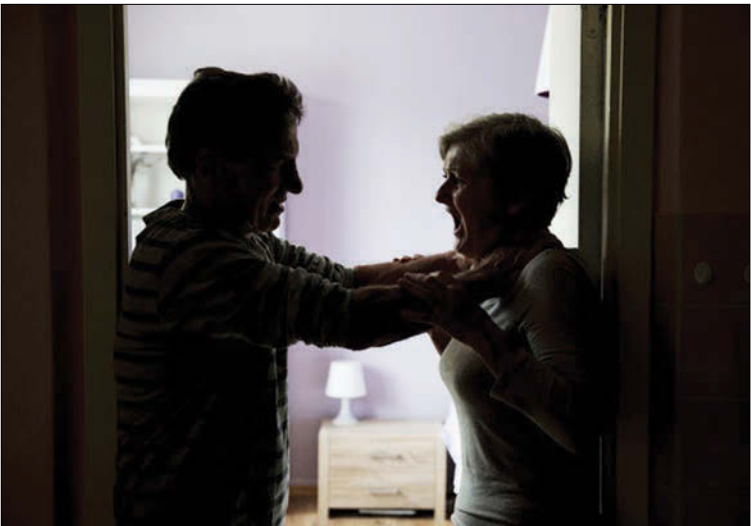
Cesar Campa, community relations director at the Center Against Family Violence, an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence, said El Paso does not experience more domestic violence cases than its other two shelters in Hudspeth and Culberson counties.

On average, the shelter houses 90 to 100 individuals, 500 of them being

children and teens. Over 2,000 seek services from the family resource center, which provides counseling, support groups and therapy.

However, Campa said victims of domestic violence in El Paso may face other challenges, such as lack of immigration status.

“Their legal status depends on staying with their abusive partners—if they leave they lose their legal status,” Campa said. “Their barriers are a little bit different than someone that is a U.S. citizen.”



FILE PHOTO

El Paso NORML attempts passing Cite and Release law

SEPT. 30
BY JASMINE AGUILERA

The Prospector

“The night of Minerpalooza, Steve found himself facing two police officers. There was a heavy aroma coming from his car, so they began questioning him about his use of marijuana. He admitted to smoking that morning, so the officers decided to search his vehicle.

He had been pulled over for speeding, but after searching his car, the officers found that he was in possession of a small amount of pot.

Steve, a junior digital media major, asked that his last name not be used in this story. He received a citation that night, but was not arrested because the officers only found less than a gram.

Students who have a possession charge on their record may lose their

eligibility to receive financial aid grants or scholarships if the offense occurred while the student was receiving federal aid. For that reason, Steve took the citation to a lawyer and is now in the process of trying to get the charges dropped.

El Paso’s chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws is attempting to change the way the city’s judicial system handles incidents of possession.

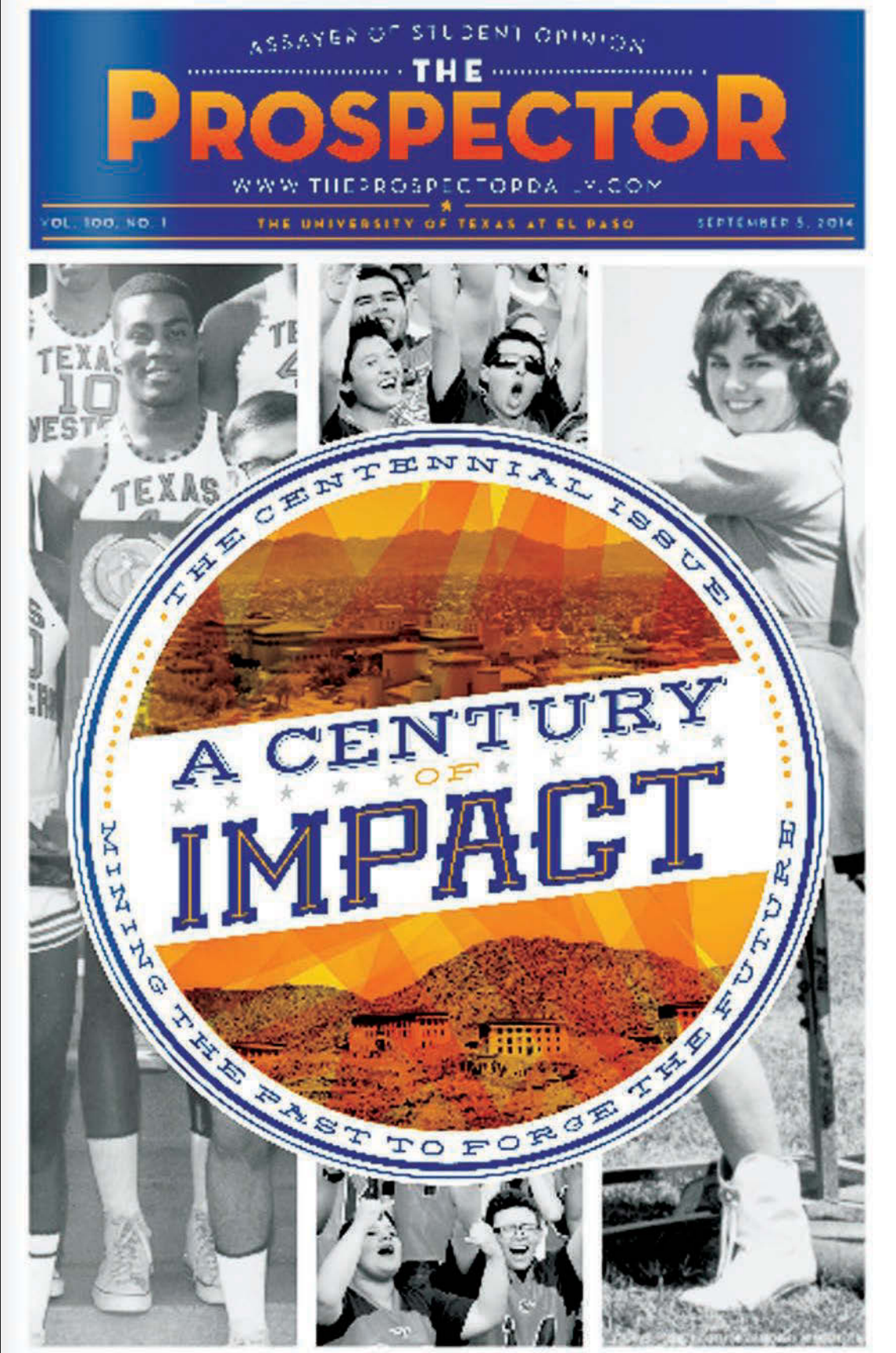
In early June of 2014, El Paso NORML began a petition to establish a Cite and Release law in El Paso, which has already been passed by the state of Texas. This policy calls for bypassing the arrest process for anyone caught in possession of less than four ounces of marijuana.”



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The Centennial Issue

SEPT. 5



Number of immigrants entering U.S. border continues to rise, local initiatives form to aid

JULY 15

BY JOSÉ SOTO

The Prospector

“Approximately 2,000 undocumented immigrants were flown into the El Paso area in June coming mainly from the South Texas region. They now await immigration hearings or possible deportation.

Last week, two planes arrived full of immigrants, who were caught crossing into the United States illegally. According to officials from the Annunciation House, of those 2,000 immigrants, none remain in the area.

The Annunciation House, which works in coalition with local churches, has been sheltering immigrants

as they arrive to the city. Ali Boyd, a volunteer at the Annunciation House said the 36-year-old shelter has been keeping the immigrants for just a few nights. Boyd also said the Annunciation House is run completely on donations, and with no federal or state funding. She said that more than half of the immigrants they have sheltered have been from Honduras, and that they are seeking refuge from an increase of crime and violence.

‘A high percentage of the immigrants are fleeing their countries and seeking asylum here in the States because right now, Central America is an extremely violent part of the world,’ Boyd said.

Mark Lusk, UTEP professor of social work, along with undergraduate and graduate students, has been working closely with the Annunciation House by helping the migrants connect with family members across the U.S.

‘Many see the migrants who have come to El Paso as a problem. I do not,’ Lusk said. ‘The problem is in Central America and the solution for them as refugees is to flee to the United States. I see this as an opportunity for us to do the right thing.’”

Living on the Edge

NOV 11

BY KIMBERLY VALLE

The Prospector

Damaris Reyes, junior multimedia journalism major, lives in a small community in Hueco Tanks, on the outskirts of El Paso. Her neighborhood lacks access to running water. She shared her story with The Prospector.

‘Hueco Tanks is about an hour away from El Paso, heading east. It is known for its historic sites, state park and small neighborhoods. Since the neighborhood’s settlement, there have been minor changes, although one issue still remains.

UTEP student Damaris Reyes, junior multimedia journalism major, said she and her family have to monitor how much water they use every day. Neighborhoods in Hueco Tanks do not have city water pipes running through their homes.

‘There’s been times were we don’t keep track of how much is left, and we have gone two or three days without water,’ Reyes said.

Reyes has been living with her parents’ for about 17 years. A blank tank stands next to their home taller than the house itself. This tank holds up to 2,800 gallons of water. Every six months a Mountain View water truck carefully tracks how much water is

being used at a cost of \$50 dollars each time.

Water pipes from the tank run into the home. Next to the tank, there is a wooden shed that stores a small blue tank that pumps the water into the pipes that go into the home.

‘We do limit ourselves with water usage just for the fact of knowing that there is only a certain amount that we have,’ Reyes said.

Because Hueco Tanks is not within El Paso city limits, there is not much city limits can do Timothy Collins, sociology and anthropology professor, said the reason why these neighborhoods do not have city water is because there are not enough people living in the Hueco Tanks area. It would cost a lot to construct pipes in the neighborhoods.

‘Any decision they make has to be considered in terms of whether it’s cost effective or not, whether they are going to lose money. It’s going to cost a lot to deliver the infrastructure, there’s not the demand to justify it,’ Collins said. ‘The city will say ‘oh it’s a horrible situation,’ however it is outside our jurisdiction, we don’t have the authority of what’s going on in the colonias.’”



Protesters voice opinion on 43 missing Mexican students

OCT. 22

BY AMANDA GUILLEN

The Prospector

“Esta presente!” The crowd shouted as the names of 43 kidnapped Mexican college students were read out loud by graduate sociology major, Giovanni Acosta.

A group of roughly 40 individuals gathered Wednesday afternoon at Leech Grove to demonstrate against attacks that occurred in Iguala, in the southern part of the state of Guerrero. It is believed that the students are being held captive by either the national police force in Mexico or by organized crime groups.

This event was held as a part of a global action day that was held all over the world in observance of the missing students.

Twenty-eight bodies were recently found in a mass grave in Mexico. Although Mexican officials say that none of the bodies belong to the 43

missing students, some continue to question these claims.

Students like Sharon Murillo, graduate philosophy major, said that they are demanding justice for the missing college students.

‘We are demanding that the government find them alive, because they have found around 28 bodies but they don’t know who these bodies belong to, and we are expressing our voice and telling the people that we are privileged to live in the United States, because we can express our ideas without being oppressed like they were oppressed,’ she said.

Visiting Assistant History Professor Selfa Smithart-Chew was among the crowd of demonstrators.

‘The magnitude of these crimes and the dehumanization of our social system has reached a level of that goes beyond any horror that we could have ever imagined in the past,’ Smithart-Chew said in Spanish.”

What are your plans after graduation?

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HOPE LOPEZ
Senior mechanical engineering
“After graduation I want to be a pilot in the Air Force.”



ERIC SANTOSCOY
Senior art major
“I will apply to graduate school.”



GABRIEL BALDERAS
Senior music major
“I will be working on my PHD.”



DANIEL GARCIA
Senior engineering major
“I will pursue my MBA.”



KATHERINE ANDRADE
Senior music education major
“I hope to get a job as a band director.”



CARLOS CATZIN
Senior mechanical engineering major
“I’m planning to go into the graduate program here at UTEP then work at the Center for Space Exploration Technology Research (cSETR).”



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“I’m going to work as an assistant speech therapist in public schools and continue my education in the process in obtaining my masters in speech pathology.”



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Senior mechanical engineering major
“I will be commissioned into the Marine Corps. If the commission doesn’t go through I’ll be moving to Munich, Germany to get my PHD in Astrophysics.”



DAVID BOWENS
Senior health promotions major
“I am going to get either my masters in public health or my masters in sociology at either Cal Berkeley or Stanford.”



EDUARDO COBOS
Senior mechanical engineering
“I plan to work at the white sands complex for NASA in Las Cruces full time.”



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Senior health promotions major
“I’m going to do formulation chemistry over the summer after I graduate I want to try to get an internship with L’Oreal and then come back and get masters in public health.”



ADRIANO PEREZ
Senior biology/secondary education major.
“After graduation I plan on working for a nonprofit organization, and doing social justice and activism.”



ANDY CHAVEZ
Senior mechanical engineering major
“I want to work in Austin for two years and then apply for UT’s MBA program.”



MARISOL TERRASAS
Senior music education major
“I will like to teach before I start working on my masters degree.”



OXIE AZORLA
Senior psychology major
“I am oing to continue my education in Grad School and hopefully start my career in the process.”



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Senior mechanical engineering
“Hopefully work for the DoD as a defense contractor for the government.”



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“I’ll look for something in the mechanical industry, if not I’m planning to come back for my masters degree.”



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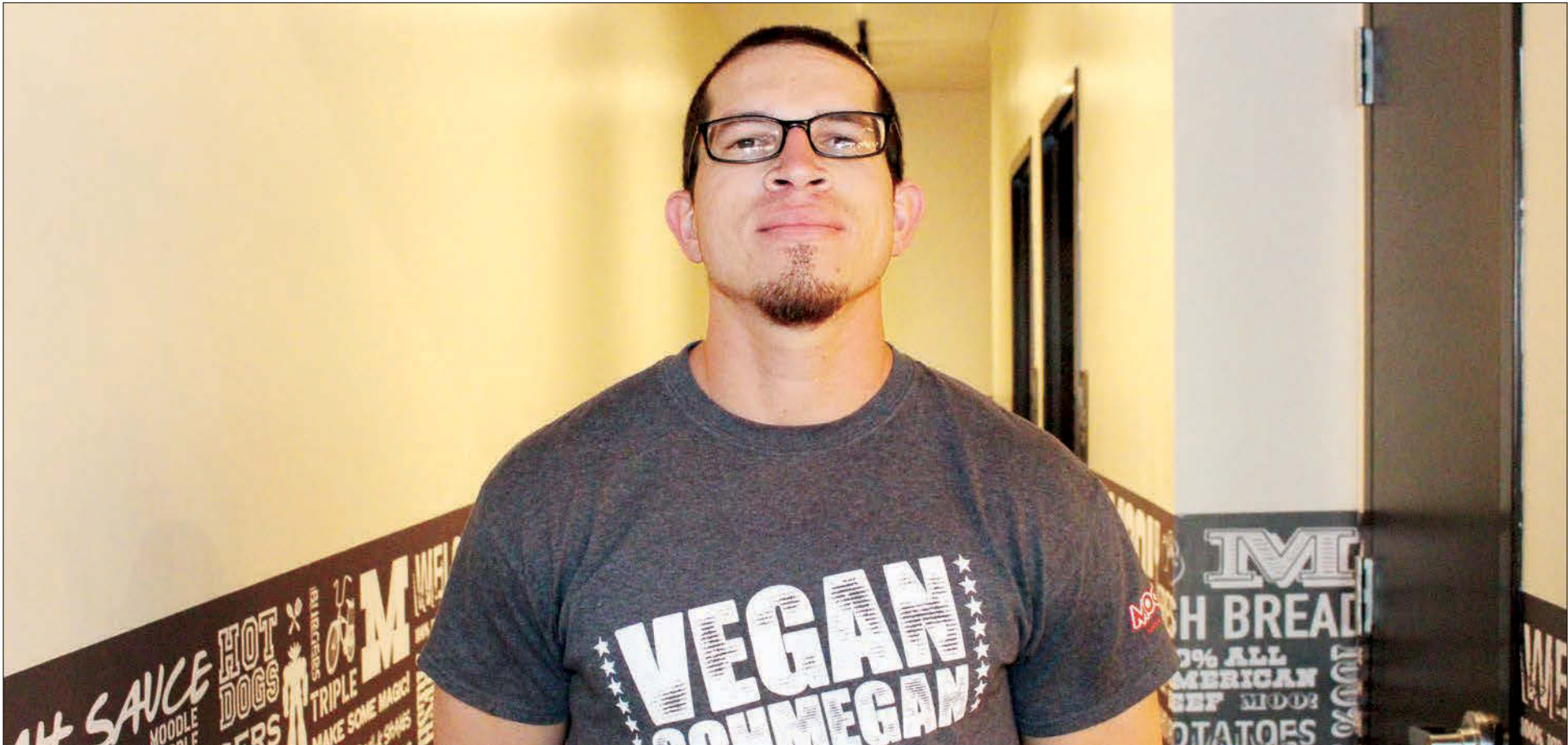
ANDRE PATTERSON
Senior history major
“I am going to try to get an internship with the Minnesota Vikings to be a scout, my dad coaches for the Vikings so I do have a shot at it.”

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Student manages an exquisite future



Manager Armando Silva poses for a picture at Mooyaah Burgers which is located at 7500 N. Mesa St.

BY KIMBERLY VALLE

The Prospector

Armando Silva was an average college student, who worked two jobs and went to school at the same time. He managed to handle it all through his positive spirit. Involved in food hospitality as a manager for more than a decade, Silva is now ready for his new managerial position at Mooyaah Burgers, which has opened its doors on the Westside of El Paso.

“Growing up, my grandfather was my father figure and he would always tell me, ‘always reach for the stars, always strive for better wherever you work at,’” Silva said.

Silva had to work two jobs to support his family and at the same time pursue his degree. At age 19, he started off delivering pizzas at Pizza Hut and later became the restaurant’s manager.

“I love dealing with people, the couple places I worked at I self-motivated myself to want to be higher, not to just be the average person, just to go in there and get a pay check,” Silva said. “I wanted to make a difference in peoples’ lives. I’ve always believed in positive energy, high morale, team work.”

Silva hoped for a better future for himself and his family. He set aside his priorities and spoke with professors in school who motivated him to keep on with his journey.

After working as a manager for Whataburger and Fiesta Lanes, and a Dual department manager, Silva ran across a different opportunity, he saw a Craigslist posting for a manager position for the new burger joint, Mooyaah’s Burgers.

Mooyaah’s Burgers is based out of the Dallas and Fort Worth area, with one

brand-new location located at 7500 N. Mesa St.

“I was excited, I know good things were going to come and it’s showing,” Silva said. “I mean I haven’t had one person step out of Mooyaah unsatisfied. I mean the food speaks for itself.”

As the manager of El Paso’s new burger joint, Silva will continue that team work and positive mindset for his employees. His goal is to get his employees in the mindset of wanting to go that extra mile with a customer in order to make a difference.

“I don’t look at it as just a burger joint,” Silva said. “I want to make sure when that customer leaves, I want to make sure that they are going to come back and that they enjoy their experience.”

Mooyaah’s employees welcome their guests with a big, “Hi Welcome to Mooyaah!” Families and college stu-

dents order burgers of their choice with their drink or shakes, and get to watch their order being made while they wait. The menu has affordable prizes and a variety of ingredients. The fries are freshly cut and baked every day, hamburger buns are also made in house.

“Our motto is to deliver the best burger, fries and shakes ever and to have fun doing it,” Silva said.

Samantha Ortega, junior marketing major, said she enjoys how Mooyaah’s burgers allows for their customers to replace their drinks with a shake without a cost, and that it’s good for El Paso to have a unique place like this in town.

“We need to have a variety of restaurants of all kinds, El Paso needs to expand,” Ortega said.

Alexandria Viescas, senior multimedia journalism major, said she also enjoyed their shakes.

“I thought it was unique that it had several unique sauces that you could add to your burger,” Viescas said. “The shakes were different from just the basics.”

Mooyaah’s Burgers is looking to open between five to six locations in the El Paso and Las Cruces region. Silva’s next step as manager is to oversee all of those locations, become regional manager and perhaps a franchise owner.

“I want to be that role model for people. If I end up moving on to a higher position where I can’t really deal with people face to face anymore, I want them to feel that they can always look up to me,” Silva said.

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OUR VIEW

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Best moments in Entertainment of 2014



MICHAELA ROMÁN/THE PROSPECTOR
1. Neon Desert Music Festival serves its fourth year of bringing live entertainment to the borderland. 2. Engineering students and students of all majors take part in a special Centennial edition of TCM. 3. Students from the UTEP Dinner Theater perform the play "Footloose — The Musical". 4. Morrissey performs for his fans at The Plaza Theater in El Paso, Texas. 5. The Cataracs perform at this years Minerpalooza with over 30,000 in attendance.

TentSquare provides possibilities to local actors

BY ANDREA E. ACOSTA
The Prospector

Three El Paso natives were cast to appear in a comedic L.A. short film called “While You Were in a Coma,” set to premiere on March 9, 2015. This will be the first project by the TentSquare community, a crowd-sourcing-based production studio that allows aspiring actors the opportunity to take their talent to the next level.

Created by CEO and filmmaker Andrew van den Houten along with Modernciné and Modern Distributors, TentSquare, is a web platform that integrates social networking and crowdsourcing to make films that are collaborative with other creative minds across the country.

Austin Savage, Brian Ceely and Jacqueline Barragan worked alongside Brooklyn-based filmmaker van den Houten and El Paso director, animator and co-producer Zack Passero to tell the story of a man named Otis. Otis awakes from a 30-year coma to find a post-apocalyptic world in which he must fight against cannibals and aliens to survive as he journeys in search of his boyhood love.

Savage, a UTEP alumni and co-founder of The Border Theatre, has been acting for the past 14 years. He competed for the lead role, advanced to the final stage of the competition, and although he was not chosen as the lead actor, he was offered a part in the film.

“My character’s name is ‘Savage,’ which was oddly coincidental,” Savage said. “He is literally starving and hidden away and I think everyone in the arts is familiar with that on some level.”

According to Savage, when van den Houten came along he was ready to audition for him, believing he could help his project. This was Savage’s first time auditioning for a film in Los Angeles and it required him to travel back and forth constantly.

“I didn’t have immediate plans to move there—I am not ready to leave the city,” he said. “I believe that this film is set to hit the festival circuit first. Everything about this film is experimental, from the crowdsourced cast and crew to the writing process.”

The McManus Brothers were hired by TentSquare to write the script. The screenplay development began in May and allowed voters to choose the

genre of the film, the types of characters and the plot points.

After several stages in the competition, voters chose director JP Labbe, lead actor James St. Vincent, cinematographer David Klassen and songwriter Nathan Stell, who is a music teacher at St. Pius Catholic School in El Paso.

Ceely, sophomore theater arts major, who has worked in the El Paso film community since 2012, said this was a stellar opportunity.

“My part was small, so preparation was minimal, but the audition process was a little daunting because I had never auditioned via online,” Ceely said. “I was so psyched to be part of this film and valued every advice that I got from many of the other actors on set.”

Ceely, who contributed as a writer and actor in the movie “El Fuego Detrás,” which premiered at the Cannes Film Festival, said TentSquare will be featuring many more projects for people who are interested in the business to play a bigger part in the process.

“The fact that El Paso actors are featured in a nationally produced film and worked with cast crew members from LA and New York City is an immense source of pride,” Ceely said.

Jacqueline Barragan, UTEP alumni and known locally as a performance artist specializing in belly dance, said that TentSquare serves as a great networking opportunity for filmmakers and actors.

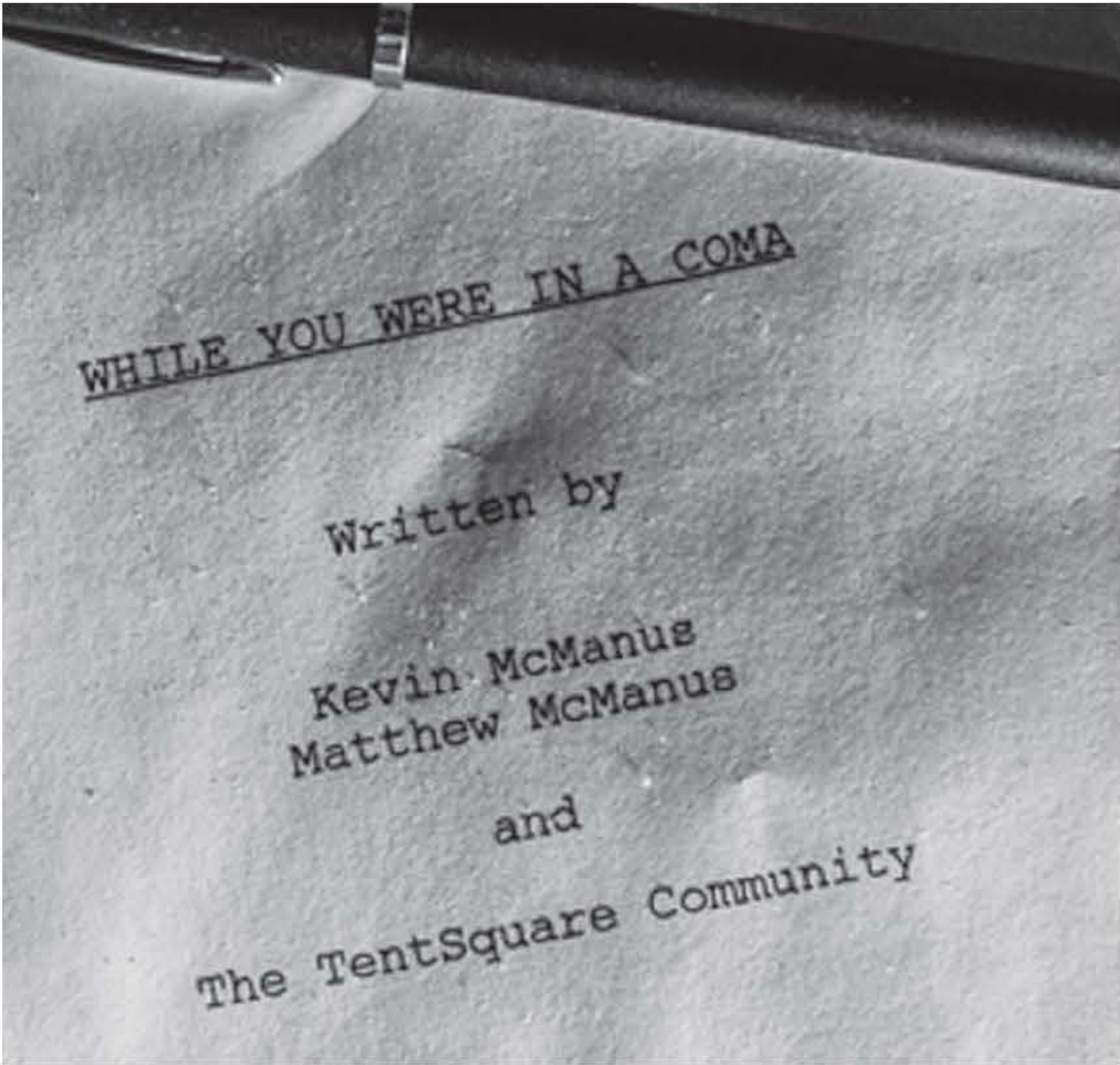
“It was incredible to witness such an eclectic group of visionaries and artists from all around the country,” Barragan said. “It was a hectic three nights of filming until five in the morning, but it was a blast.”

Barragan, who was cast as the fierce leader of the Savage Cannibal Clan that kidnaps the protagonist, said she identified with her character.

“Mainly because I have so many reoccurring post-apocalyptic dreams that made my role feel so surreal,” Barragan said. “I was also able to use a little bit of martial arts. It was fun.”

Ceely is excited to see what new opportunities are in store for future and aspiring actors that are currently involved in the TentSquare community.

“The arts and film community is expanding and to see something like this only shows how quickly things are moving,” he said.



TentSquare is a promising way to open doors to many people who are looking to get into the industry, with the mission to provide a hands-on experience. For students who are interested in acting, Savage said the industry is hard to get into, but that learning should never stop in this type of craft.

“In the Internet era, the means to make art and distribute yourself are far greater than they have ever been,” Savage said. “If you can’t find opportunities, then make your own. Read, listen, study.”

TentSquare will be used in the creation of animated web series, short-form web series and feature films. It has launched a new Monologue Challenge

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for the holidays that involves writing and acting a monologue for a cash prize, badges for the TentSquare Fest and an entry to the TentSquare Awards in New York City 2016. For more information about TentSquare and the release of “While You Were in a Coma,” please visit www.tentsquare.com.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THE NUTCRACKER DEC. 19-21 7:30 P.M.

The El PasoYouth Ballet and UTEP present The Nutcracker 2014 that will take place at the Magoffin Auditorium. This grand production with Tchaikovsky's score will be played by a live orchestra. Tickets are available at \$15, \$20, and \$25, plus applicable service charges.

JEWEL BOX SERIES—THE POLAROID EXPRESS
DEC. 14 2:30 P.M.

Step aboard the Polaroid Express and ride to a land where retro holiday scenes collide. Kids-N-Co invites you to hear the sounds and see the sights of the season — under electric Christmas lights. Don't miss this live stage production that will take place at the Philantropy Theatre. Admission is \$16 to purchase tickets visit ticketmaster.com.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL DEC 14-21 7:30-9:30 P.M.

The Wise Family theatre, located in the 2nd floor of the Fox Fine Arts, will be showcasing the annual "Christmas Carol" play starting on Dec. 14. Join Ebenezer Scrooge on his magnificent journey through time and transformation. Tickets are \$13 for adults and UTEP students \$9. For more information call 747-5118.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS PARADE DEC. 6 4:15-8:15 P.M.

The single largest event in downtown El Paso will take place at 4:15 p.m. on Dec. 6 at the Cleveland Square Park located at 510 N. Santa Fe St. A new route for the Holiday Lights Parade has been done due to construction at San Jacinto Plaza with exceptional support from many city departments and businesses. Cleveland Square Park will be the site for the Holiday Lights with thousands upon thousands of lights and decorations. Admission is free. For more information call 541-4331.

New publication crosses the border to share stories



FILE PHOTO

BY JOSEPH ESPOSITO
The Prospector

A group of El Pasoans has formed a bilingual publication team called The Rio Grande Rift, which seeks to share the untold stories of the El Paso and Juárez region.

"I've lived and studied in El Paso for a long time," Editor Mari Gomez said. "I've always felt that there's a gap in the media of El Paso. What I wanted was to create a magazine that developed the writer's voice that had an aesthetic that had a different voice. We were interested in telling stories and looking into the communities in El Paso on a deeper level."

Founded this past summer and funded as a Kickstarter project, The Rio Grande Rift plans to release their first issue in January 2015. According to their website, the publication "explores the fringes, the underbelly, the awkward, and the random." The description of the Kickstarter project stated that the writings include personal essays, book reviews, event

reviews, personal interviews and profiles, as well as musings on national and cultural issues and ideas.

"(Our biggest challenge has been) to convince people that a print issue is still relevant. When everything is online and fast-paced, it's like trying to go back in time for some people," Gomez said. "It's a different art form and a beautiful kind of artifact, which ties immediately into raising funds for something that people may not think is relevant."

The Rio Grande Rift wishes to differentiate themselves from other El Paso publications through forms of writing that aren't commonly seen. The coming 60-page print issue features writings pertaining to the history of mixed martial arts, the Rescue Mission of El Paso, Segundo Barrio, an outlook on immigration in the media and more.

"The Rio Grande Rift was simply a logical extension of an aesthetic, one that is uncompromising and self-sustaining. The Rift allows us to behold-

en to no one but the readers and ourselves," writer Ryan Perry said. "There is a serious cognitive dissonance in El Paso society. Simply reading the standard media leaves a void that subsequently gives El Paso a myopic presentation. We seek the other parts, and in filling them with interesting commentary and thoughtful insights, expand the panorama that is El Paso."

The ambitions of The Rio Grande Rift have inspired UTEP students who also wish to pursue careers in writing after seeing their struggles pay off in the Sun City.

"The power is in the people and the politics we address, so it is important we understand what makes each place distinct, and we can do this by observing artwork, poetry and music," English and American literature major Kristopher Covarrubias said. "Our perspective should never be guided by generalizations and stereotypes, and in my opinion, once a certain culture is observed through the eyes of a human being seeking the common thread of poetic harmony, then one can embrace humanity and celebrate cultural differences."

The Rift's writers also feature numerous writings on their website, other than those exclusive to the print issues.

"The border town is rich with history and has a significant place in the imagination of the common passers-by, who must deal with the reality of churches hundreds of years old and generations of families who have been here just as long," Covarrubias said.

To purchase a print issue, contact The Rift via their website or get more information about The Rio Grande Rift, please visit www.theriograndrift.com or email at theriograndrift@gmail.com.

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Centennial Time Capsule: a part of us in the future

BY GIANFRANCO LANGUASCO
The Prospector

As the end of semester approaches, UTEP students get ready for The Centennial Time Capsule Showcase to take place at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 3 at the Centennial Museum.

It all started in the classroom. A group of students in a communication class presented a project so good it was necessary to make bigger. It went from a small class group to involving the whole campus. According to Yolanda Tiemann, junior organization and corporate communication major and President of the UTEP Student Time Capsule Project, said that the main idea of doing a time capsule was to show the changes that UTEP has gone under.

“I also believe that this centennial celebration and this event in particular is a great way to join together as a community. It is about being thankful to be part of this beautiful university and to contribute to a very important time in UTEP history.



” The UTEP Centennial Time Capsule holds in event at the Union breezeway.

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- Abigail Romero,
junior media advertising
major

Departments were encouraged to turn in any relevant information about their college to the Centennial Office located in room 403 of the Administration Building. All of the artifacts will be included in the time capsule which is set to be buried once the centennial plaza is finished in the spring semester.

“When they approached the Centennial Office showing us their project, we felt very excited because it was a Time Capsule from the student perspective,” said Maribel Villalva, Director of the Centennial Museum. “It gives them the extra satisfaction they are doing this for UTEP in their Centennial Celebration. We help them publicizing this project, guiding them, but most importantly we are helping them to achieve their goals.”

In order to engage students and make them aware of this organization and its mission, the Students of Centennial started doing campaigns around campus. The most recent was “Capture a Burro” where they placed a burro in different buildings and came up with weekly riddles that hinted participating students of where the burro was located in campus. Riddles were able to get originated thanks to the help of the Centennial Office that allowed for Students of the Centennial to use the UTEP Encyclopedia.

“It was great because the Burro was our past mascot and it was great opportunity to show the students some historical facts about UTEP,” Tiemann said.

Initially, the Time Capsule was set to be buried for 100 years, but Tiemann thought it would be better that all the people that contributed to this project would be able to come back and participate unburying it. That’s why this Time Capsule will reveal its content 25 years from now.

“This is going to be better because most of us would still be involved with the Time Capsule and would actually see how we were, how much we changed,” said Tiemann.

According to Maribel Villalva, this would be a great opportunity not only to see how many important –and historical – items have been collected, but also for faculty, staff and students to see the changes that will take place with time.

“I believe that the time capsule project has a lot of meaning, since it is an opportunity for all of us as students to feel proud of being Miners,” junior media advertising major Abigail Romero said. “I also believe that this centennial celebration and this event in particular is a great way to join together as a community. It is about being thankful to be part of this beautiful university and to contribute to a very important time in UTEP history.”

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Best entertainment stories of 2014

Beck, El Paso’s BFF, welcomed with open arms

APRIL 24

BY JASMINE AGUILERA

The Prospector

Beck came to El Paso to find a friend—at least that’s what he repeated over and over during his Thursday night performance at the Abraham Chavez Theatre.

Mr. Hansen, this reporter would love to be your friend. In fact, everyone should be Beck’s friend. The energy, enthusiasm and passion of his performance had the crowds cheering, dancing and begging for more.

The show began with a boom as neon lights flashed designs and numbers behind the band. After performing a few high-energy songs first, the show slowed down as he played

songs off of his latest album, “Morning Phase.”

Things got a little slow and dull—although his latest album is a treasure in itself, the live performances of the songs off of “Morning Phase” paled in comparison to his earlier material.

But of course, Beck loves El Pasoans too much to let us down. He pumped up the volume, put away the acoustic guitar and amped-up the light show.

He danced around stage holding his pants by the belt loops so they wouldn’t slip off his small frame and he had the crowd swaying along with him. At one point, the band made a dramatic exit by falling to the floor out of exhaustion and they disappeared into the darkness.



UTEP alum offers a new way to wake up

SEPT. 26

BY KIMBERLY VALLE

The Prospector

A new coffeeshop is coming soon as Stacking of the Coffee Box brings a unique touch in the city’s downtown area. It is set to open

UTEP alumni, Nahum Avila and Miguel Veloz co-owners of the Stacking of the Coffee Box, teamed up on and came up with the idea that will combine both of their passions, coffee and business.

“I have been a coffee drinker for most of my life, and I am very pleased to be able to share this passion with others,” said Avila.

According to co-owners, it took a year for plenty of research from both to assure where would be the best place for the coffee shop.

“We analyzed the market and saw potential on the location, we further discussed whether we should lease a space or build the location,” Avila said.

Once the research was done Avila and Veloz approached to the architects and they came up with the layout of the shop.

“I really liked the idea of bringing something unique to downtown El Paso, something that can even become a land mark for visitors coming to our great city,” Avila said.

What makes this coffee shop so unique from others is their architecturethe stacking of two cargo containers, one slid off to the side. Avila got the idea of this blueprint by sighting people using the cargo containers to build houses, hotel rooms and offices.

“I thought it would be and interesting architecture if it could be used for a coffee shop,” Avila said.

Avila said this concept took a lot of effort and encourages interested students, who are contemplating on starting their own business after graduation, to think outside the box.

Downtown welcomes artists to affordable housing

APRIL 29

BY JOSÉ SOTO

The Prospector

The unused Saddle Blanket site will house striving artist in the city. Occupancy is expected to start in late spring or early summer of 2016.

What is currently an underutilized space in Downtown El Paso will soon house local artists and creative businesses.

The unused former Saddle Blanket site will undergo a massive transformation into an innovative, an affordable housing project for striving artists in the city.

Artspace, America’s leader in artist led community transformation,

partnered with the El Paso Community Foundation, Artists’ Communities in the Downtown Core, the city of El Paso and local artists to set the plan in motion for permanent affordable housing for artists and affordable commercial space for businesses. Artspace follows the mission to create, foster and preserve affordable space for artists and arts organizations.

The dire need for such development became apparent when a market survey was released to the El Paso public in 2008, producing more than 400 responses. The results were given to local stakeholders in 2010, who have proceeded with the plans.

The goal is to create an entrepreneurial arts center, where artists currently face a need for affordable space, to create and sell their art and maintain a profitable lifestyle.

“In our many meetings with the creative community, we have learned that there is a great need for a permanent place/space for artists to live and work, collaborate and experiment and share their ideas with the community,” said Cathryn Vanderbrink, vice president of Artspace. “The response from artists in El Paso is one of the largest in our experience.”



Former UTEP professor contributes to campus art department

BY JOSEPH ESPOSITO

The Prospector

Metal artist and retired UTEP professor Rachelle Thiewes made the first of what will be an annual \$25,000 endowment to the members of the university’s art department in hopes that the money will be used to help fund their research.

“I’ve had a great career teaching at UTEP and wanted to give something back to the university upon retiring,” Thiewes said. “My first instinct was to

create a scholarship for art students at UTEP, but I realized that the faculty is really the behind-the-scenes backbone of the university.”

Vincent Burke, chairman of the art department, said that Thiewes’ endowment will support the research and production of artwork by faculty members, with the goal to help artists exhibit their work to both national and international audiences.

“This is an important facet of this gift, which will help our faculty to further deepen and evolve their pro-

fessional studio practice, and will help support our quest to achieve tier-one research status in the visual arts,” Burke said.

The endowment is open to all faculty of the art department. Thiewes will ask participants to create a project proposal to be presented to a panel of art experts, explaining how the project’s completion will impact the artist’s career and audience. Participants will be given 18 months to complete their projects.

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A great experience at Utep. Proud to be the first Male Graduate. JAVIER CARRON

وآخر فخر
شكرًا كل حين
-Rawan Abdeljaber

Gracias por todo su apoyo y cariño. Los amo! Daniela Barragan

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A 48 year Dream completed!!! Never give up Dreams. I'm Grateful to ARMEN NAVAR

CONGRATS CLASS OF 2014!!! WE ROCK!!

Muchas gracias a toda mi familia, amigos, y todos los que me apoyaron en estos años. Los quiero a todos. No lo uvera podido hacer sola. Lookiero! stephany Bernal

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ROSSY EE GRAD 4'!!!

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Thanks to my Family for all the support! Especially my Libbie + Allie. Liliane Allie

Thank you family, friends and husband for your support! Love Miners! - Mari Olivar (Villalobos)

We Made it Momma + I W Ya!!

To my family: I could never have done it without you. You are my wings. -Ky

The long Journey has begun... CAC

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Thank you to my family for always believing in me! I finally did it and it's only the beginning of amazing things to come! Love you All!! -Alan Briones

To my Wonderful Family & NISD UTEP & NISD THANK YOU! -Bryan Estrada

REMEMBER I WAS ALWAYS TRUE. REMEMBER THAT I ALWAYS TRIED. REMEMBER I LOVED ONLY YOU. REMEMBER ME AND SMILE. FOR IT'S BETTER TO FORGET THAT TO REMEMBER AND CRY - MATT

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OF all places Utep was the 1st place I built thought I graduated from Jody B

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Thank you family & friends for all of your support throughout the years! This is for you! Always, Caroline Delantes



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Fall Clas

THANK YOU
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GO MINERS!!
A.C. Patterson
#73

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Support!
Engineering
Rockets
Tara

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a part of
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to graduating on
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accomplishment.
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Kevin F. Class
2014

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family & family
friends who have
been the best support
system ever! But
especially to my
parents Justin
I MADE IT!
FINALLY
THX
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JOEL ALDAR

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terminar mis estudios
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Gracias COBA!!
I LOVE UTEP
Karemb.

Thank
you Mom & Dad
for all your
support
Maria
Sofia

To God be the
glory great
things He has
done — L.
Grace Babarinsa
Delhiedite

Thank you
to my family
& those who
have supported
me.
Teresa
Mares

Thanks God first
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papis por su apoyo
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ADICS Rodriguez

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todo el apoyo
este logro es
de ustedes los
Amo, Lily Bastidos
UTEP

What's
Next??
Go Miners!
-Aracely
Tellez
Class
2014

Thank
you to my
family &
friends for
their support!
#MOHUC
cures.
To my
familia who has
kept me grounded!
I did it! hooray!
Victoria
Martinez

Thank
you
UTEP
I'll miss
everything about
this place.
-Hector Arillo

Thank
you to all
my family and
friends! It's
been a crazy
ride!
Run ride!
#TeamForensics
Francine
Caireu

Thank
you to all
my family, friends
coworkers & teachers
for their support
@UTEP!!!
-Marco L. - Melodie

Thank
God, my
family, and
taco bell
-Marco L. - Melodie

UTEP will always
be in my heart!
Thank you to
my family, who
always believed in
me. Above all,
thanks be to God.
Through him, all
things are possible. Amen

Thank you mom
loving sister for all
your support all
these years.
U guys!
Thank you!
Class of 14
Claudia

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Dad for all your support
and sacrifice through
this crazy adventure!
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sisters! Most of all
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allowing me to live such
a beautiful life!
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por estar
conmigo y
ayudarme
siempre
Te amo
Tita

Thank You UTEP
Just would like
to say Thank You
to my family for
supporting me.
Congrats class of 2014
George Chavez

Done
with this
Chapter 1 into
next
T.S.

Thanks so much
to all my family
and special to
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supported me through
this journey!
Alicia
Mancero

Compañeros de IE
gracias! estos
años fueron
lo máximo.
Las desveladas
valieron la pena.
Gracias amigos
los quiero -Jv.

Thank
you to all
my family and
friends! It's
been a crazy
ride!
Run ride!
#TeamForensics
Francine
Caireu

Thank
you to all
my family, friends
coworkers & teachers
for their support
@UTEP!!!
-Marco L. - Melodie

Gracias a mi
familia, en especial
a mi mama por
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cunda. Gracias
mami boys
Pilla

Thanks
for helping
me achieve academic
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GO MINERS!
Nora Liza
Casanova

Thanks to
my
family
at UTEP
Edgardo
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After all the
late nights and
all the hard work
I did it! Thank you
to all my family
and friends.
Valencia Class of 14

Amazing 2
years thank
you UTEP
Nikolai. I finally
did it!
Kathryn
Moyard

THANK
GIRL
YOU ALL ARE
THE BEST
#RIFELUCK
FASTOUR

Thanks
Friends
&
Family
Gustavo
Boccardo

Gracias mami
y papà por siempre
apoyarme, este no solo
es mi logro sino también
suyo. gracias a mi
prometido & Thanks to
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Love you all!! -Xitla

Al Fin!!
Fuera!
No

Thanks
Mom and Dad!
I made it!!
Arlene
Hernandez

God has blessed
me with wonderful
friends and family
along this journey.
Thank you all just
doesn't seem to
express how I feel,
God bless you all. Amen

Thanks to my
family for
all their
support. Finally
made it!!
MOHUC
Humberto

Im Done.
for Now.
Good Miner
J.L.P

Finally Finished!
With all Your
Support, I
made it!!
Thanks, -Ricky

hooray! C/O
2014 Gracias
Portodo tu
apoyo Mami,
Daisy y Inge
Love,
Sandy

Gracias
a mi esposa
y a mi familia
por el apoyo que
me han dado
por este viaje
de la vida.

Thank You FAMILY
for All your
support Special
Thanks for my
wife & Mother
Ji Valles

Yes we did!!
Gracias a
mis papas x
todo su apoyo,
los amo!!
-Chant, U

We did it!!
Quiero agradecer
a toda mi familia
y amigos por
todo el apoyo
en estos años.
Oscar V.

always
proud to be
a MINER! Thanks
for everything
UTEP!
-Alisa

Thank You God
for helping me get
this far. Gracias
a mis abuelos y
a mi mama por
siempre apoyarme
en todo. Los
quiero!
boch 2014 Perla Nieb

finally!
Thanks Mom,
Dad & coffee
2014!! CE!
Ana Karen

Finally! 2014!
Congrats UTEP!
Thank you Mom,
Dad, Ricardo, Nani.
without your
support - it would
be much harder.
Love you guys!
-Cilla

Thank you to
my family for
all your love
& support? I
did it!
-Megan R.

Thank you to
both my families
for all your love
and support!
Love you guys!
-Lizara

Thank you UTEP
we made it!!
The day is
here!!
Go MINERS!
Ceci O

Thank
you UTEP
staff. I
much to
experience
Miners. R
Paul

Thank
you
try para
my Burro
to enjoy
his support
give me
experience

Mami y
gracias
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I love
to many
to reach
Diana

Thank
you for cha
life for
my frie
loved o
thier s
FINAL
-Rach

Gracias
Por Fin
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Gracias
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UTEP, S
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and R
-Just

Congrats
UTEP! I love
Mom! T
All

Thank you
dad for all
and for mak
who I am
well as the
family & friends
-K

Thank
you UTEP
staff. I
much to
experience
Miners. R
Paul

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his support
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experience

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you UTEP
staff. I
much to
experience
Miners. R
Paul

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you UTEP
staff. I
much to
experience
Miners. R
Paul

Congratulations Class of 2014

Papi mi! THANKS TO ALL
POR TODO. MY FRIENDS AND
Y MAMMY FAMILY FOR ALL
YOUR SUPPORT. SU APOYO
LO LOGRAMOS!!
LOVE YOU MOM
FOR BEING A
GREAT FOUNDATION
OF ALICIA

Pablo: You UTEP
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Rapi
Abel L.
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Kappabuli
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you
thanks for
the support.
A. HUERTA

mom &
your support
king me
today, as
rest of my
ads. I did it!
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you
faculty &
will
reset my
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icks up!
Riggs

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tal and
this great
ce!
Luis Andres

Gracias a mis
papas por todo
su apoyo
LO LOGRAMOS!!
Adriana Quintana
Pascos

Thank You to
my family, friends
and UTEP family.
I couldn't have done
it without you! I
All my love,
Mare Shah

I came,
I saw,
I conquered!
-J Bell

Trust me
I am
a UTEP
Engineer
-Miguel

Thank you to
all my family &
friends for all the
love and support
especially you mom!
I love you!
Go Miners!
-Olivie
Camacho

Thanks to my
family and friends
for all the
support I couldn't
have done it
without you!
Thank you!
Jessica Felix

Finally Graduating!
Thank you everyone
who believed in me!
God, family, friends!
So blessed!
-Kimberly
Raynor

I want
to thank my
family, my husband
and my beautiful
girls for all your
support and love!
Mommy Made It!
-2014-

Thank you to
my parents, brothers,
sister, and girlfriend.
Finally done with
school. I love you
all.
-Joe Granados

Porfin
me graduee!
gracias a mi
papi y en especial
a Pabolito.
Isabel
Castanon

Thanks to
my family,
it is not enough
for me to succeed,
others had to fail
#Bagels

thank
you mom
and my beautiful
family for helping
me achieve my
dreams!
God Bless
Jacqueline

Thank you
to all my
family and
friends for
everything you
have done!
-Patrick
Baughman

Thank you
to my family
for everything &
for all the support
LOV YOU!
Ana Ramirez

We did it
mom & Dad!
I couldn't
have done it
with out you!
love you!
Margarita N.

THANK YOU!
ALL IS WELL
GO MINERS!
Fabiola
Tortajada 2014

Thank you
to God and
all my family for
their support!
2014
Jeanette Enamora

Gracias a toda
mi familia
And Everyone
that support
me and believe
in me
Luis Contreras
with love
peace
out

Thank
you to my
family for all your
support, love you all!
-Josh
Grajeda

Thank you
for the great
experience
at UTEP
-Marilyn
Medina

Thank you
to all my
family and
friends for
everything you
have done!
-Patrick
Baughman

Thank you
to my family
for everything &
for all the support
LOV YOU!
Ana Ramirez

Thank you
mom & Dad
without you
and God I
wouldn't be
here!
I love you
Mariene M

Thanks to my wife
& beautiful daughter
I love you so
much!
Go Miners!
Class of 2014

Thank you
to my family and
friends for the support
I love you all especially my
mom and dad! Also my love
C.P. Go Miners!
class of 2014
-Humberto G.

Gracias a mi
mami y papa
por siempre
apoyarme en
mis sueños
-Ana F.

I was 'coached'
to surround
myself with
assets, not
liabilities!
Jackie
Garcia

Gracias ha
Dios y a
mi familia
por todo el
apoyo en toda
mi carrera

Say thank
you to my
parents & friends
all time support.
Thanks love
you so much
Bryce & I
-Cole

We made it
-Felipe, Peter
& Bryan
Gracias a
Dios
-Enrique
Perez
2010-2014

Thank You to
all my friends
and family.
I DID IT
ISELA xoxo

GRACIAS A
MI FAMILIA &
AMIGOS POR
APOYARME
DURANTE ESTOS
AÑOS EN UTEP
LOS QUIERO
MUCHO

Thanks DAD
For All The
Support!
I did it!
Kitsia Villa
Class of 2014!

Thank
you UTEP!!
Love you MOM,
MISSY & ISABEL
2014
C. S. Luv

I can't believe
I am graduating!
thanks to the
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the coolest! and
my teachers and
family and Ale U.
LOVE EVERYBODY

Thanks
to my family
for the support
and thank you
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memories! I made
it! Class of 2014!
-Kristal
Onizawa

UTEP
Thank you
for inviting me
into your family &
Thank you for all
the support from
my friends
& Nadia

Thanks
to my husband
for support & to
my family
Thank you
-Nadia

Thank You Mom,
Dad, Ale, & Family
I love You Guy
and with out you
I wouldn't have
done
Rico

I can't believe it...
I made IT! yeiiii
Thank you to my
family and friends
for all your support
with LOVE
Family

Finally made
it!! Thanks mom
& Dad for everything
you have done for me
You to Wiley!!
Love, John
Dixon

I would
like to thank
my family, especially
my very supportive
husband. This is for
you and our son.
Marque
Pedroza

To my
family & friends
you made this
happen!
cannot thank
you enough
Amber

Para
mi madre
Hermosa.
Gracias Te dedico
todos mis logros.
Con un muy buen
amor
-Kao

Benefits of an EE...
Graduate with bags &
have the greatest
senior group! Friday at
6 Jessica, Be happy
Rodrigo, Heriberto I'll
REV next time, Doubt
sided tape Mireya...
We did it! Dynamus

Thank you
to all the CE
faculty & staff for
your amazing support
& guidance
- Brenda

Much love,
to each & every 1
of my fellow
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to be a part of the
class of 2014
Brenda

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MY KIN FAMILY
MY BROTHERS OF
MY UGLC AT FAM
MY FAMILY @ HOME
DAMN PROUD TO BE
A MINER!! Kc King

- Finally this
day has
arrived!
Much love
- Sophie -

Make
Your TPK
Own
History
- Andres
Chavez

Gracias ala
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Los quiero su
hijo.
Carlos Spurquito

I want to
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example. Finally made
it!! This would have not
been possible without
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Chris we made
it Love ya
Isela Ortiz
" " Diaz

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family, friends, UTEP
faculty & staff for
their support throughout
this amazing journey.
Never thought I'd be 22
Earning my MS in EE.
We did it!! - Stephanie

To All My Family
and Friends, thank
you for your
support and all
your love!
- Jesus
Gonzalez

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mi mamá, mi
marido y a mis
tres hermosos
niños.
FINALMENTE
YAY por mí!!

Thank you to
my friends and
family for
all your support!
I did it!!
- Priscilla
Reyes

WHAT FEELS LIKE
THE END, IS OFTEN
THE BEGINNING!
Gracias papas por
dejar me soñar y
hacerlo realidad.
MUCH LOVE - CASANDRA

I Did it!!!
TPK
Angel Pineda

Este logro es
tambien de mi
familia y amigos,
gracias por el
apoyo y los
consejos! atte:
CONGRATS
YOU ALL!!

Finally did
it!! I want to
thank my family
for all the support
throughout this
journey. Love ya!!
I'm ready to
start a new
beginning!!

Thank you
for your
guidance
throughout this
journey. Love
you!!
Flora

To ALL FAMILY &
FRIENDS who have
helped along the
way, thank you!
I made it! YAY!
Anthony "Tony"
Puentes

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family & friends
for making this
day possible
- Marcela B.

To Liz, Maria, and
Charles, Thank You
for believing in me
Jose Perez

Thanks to all
my friends
and family for
all the support
love you all
Michael Juarez

WHAT FEELS LIKE
THE END, IS OFTEN
THE BEGINNING!
Gracias papas por
dejar me soñar y
hacerlo realidad.
MUCH LOVE - CASANDRA

CONGRATS TO
ALL 2014 GRADS
WE DID IT!
TPK represent
- RANDY VARELA

Congrats to
All 2014 grads
We did it!
TPK represent
- RANDY VARELA

TO MY UTEP
Family
Thanks for
all your support.
Special Thanks to
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@Brianna_Fitns
Love you cuz!
you made it!
- Kassy

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the support and advice
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me throughout my life.
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all things are possible.
- Jorge Rubio

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apoyo Los amo!
- Alicia Palomares

Momma
I DID
IT!!
- Daniel Gbarr

Me gustaria dedicar
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mana Bella, mi
novia Hermosa
Mavisela. Sin usos
no hubiera sido
posible lograrlo,
Tengamos por se-
ñal. LOS QUIERO
CARLOS V. CHAVEZ

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family & friends
for making this
day possible
- Marcela B.

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for being so
amazing! Love you
guys! - Alicia
Torres

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papas y hermanos
por su apoyo
y creer en mi
LOS AMO!!!
Su hija y Mary
hermana Zambra

I made it!!
again!!
Thank you
for all your
support.
Love you
- Ashley Isaac

Finished at
22! Yay!
It was hard
but 3 years
worth it!
Thanks for
your supportista
- Sung Kim

엄마와 아빠,
고맙고 사랑하는 가족.
친구들 모두 덕분에
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Miners far exceed regular season expectations



The UTEP football team is going to a bowl game for the first time since 2010. The last time the Miners won a bowl game was in 1967.

BY JUAN CARLOS NAVARRETE

The Prospector

Coming off a two-win season last year, a three-win season would already be an improvement, that's how low expectations were this year for UTEP's football team. Seven wins later, the Miners are going bowling and all their troubles seem to have been mended from last year. The Miners opened the season on the road against New Mexico with a win that had everyone on the UTEP bandwagon. UTEP even played Texas Tech to a standstill until late in the fourth quarter at home, which reaffirmed the fans' belief in the team. After two tough losses on the road by a combined score of 103-58, the typical statements that always surround this program were looming—they can't play defense and they turn the ball over too much. The team was not playing well and aside from one or two players standing out offen-

sively, UTEP had a losing record and more questions than answers. The Miners' struggles had a lot to do with the offense not meeting expectations. In the game against Kansas State, the offense was shut down for the first half of the game. The Miners did not manage to score a touchdown that half. The Miners were finally able to find ways to score in the second half but it was only against the Kansas State's backup players. Coming from Texas A&M, quarterback Jameill Showers joined this team with high expectations. That did not change his senior year, and as he struggled early in the year; his critics were at an all time high. Another senior who faced struggles during the season was senior tight end Eric Tomlinson. Many believed this would be his season for many reasons, but an offense that veered away from the pass left him in the role of a blocker rather than that of a pass catcher.

“That's because they are winners, That's what winners do, they find a way to win. They've learned how to win, and it's something no one can take away from these guys.”

- Head Coach Sean Kugler, speaking on the Miners ability to handle adversity

The only thing that remained consistent throughout this rough patch was the running game. At one point in the season, UTEP had the number one running team in all of college football and that offense was the only thing

keeping the Miners in the conversation about how this team would fare. The team, unlike past UTEP teams, found a way to continue to play and find ways to win. UTEP put together a three-game win streak to salvage the season, and more than a win streak they found their stride. UTEP relied heavily on role players on the offense and a strong defense that had a shut out and allowed no more than two touchdowns in two of the three games won. The Miners have learned from their past struggles, especially in their 55-3 loss to Louisiana Tech. “That's because they are winners,” Kugler said when asked about the Miners' ability to play through adversity. “That's what winners do, they find a way to win. They've learned how to win, and it's something no one can take away from these guys.” Among the players who helped the season get back on track was running back Aaron Jones. While just a sophomore, he's playing like a veteran and was

ranked number one overall for rushing yards at the beginning of the season, finishing in the top 30. He was tied in the top 25 for touchdowns overall. Autrey Golden, who was listed as a running back, played the whole season as a receiver and kick returner. He found his place in the offense, playing receiver and becoming an addition to the team who really helped get the season back where it needed to be. He also returned two kicks for touchdowns, which not only broke the school record for his career tally of five, but also helped him get close to the NCAA record. The Miners' record through the first six games of the season was 3-3, and with a .500 record, the Miners at times seemed mediocre at best. The team showed signs of a team hungry for a bowl game during the second part of the season, winning four out of six games and finding their way to a bowl game. Seniors who struggled in the early half of the season began to play a bigger role in the offense. The team collectively seemed more like a band of brothers and began answering the adverse moments that before would have them running away. The offense began scoring and the defense began playing much better. They managed to stop Southern Miss, a team who had an offense ranked number two in the country for passing yards and kept them to two touchdowns. UTEP finished the season strong with an overall record of 7-5. They were almost unbeatable at home and played well on the road. This team responded to adversity better than teams from the past. UTEP has not won a bowl game since 1967; something this team seems capable of this year.

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Fan support grows with time not winning

BY LUIS GONZALEZ

The Prospector



The UTEP football team is doing well this season and if there is something the El Paso fan base likes is a winner. Yet, come game day there isn't even a quarter of the stadium full and the student section is basically non-existent. It's been said plenty of times about our city--El Paso is a great sports town, if you're winning. The women's basketball success just a few months back is a prime example of how the town will get on board if you enjoy success. Then why exactly is a team that throughout the season was always on the right side of .500 struggling to get the kind of crowd that women's team got at the Don. Al-

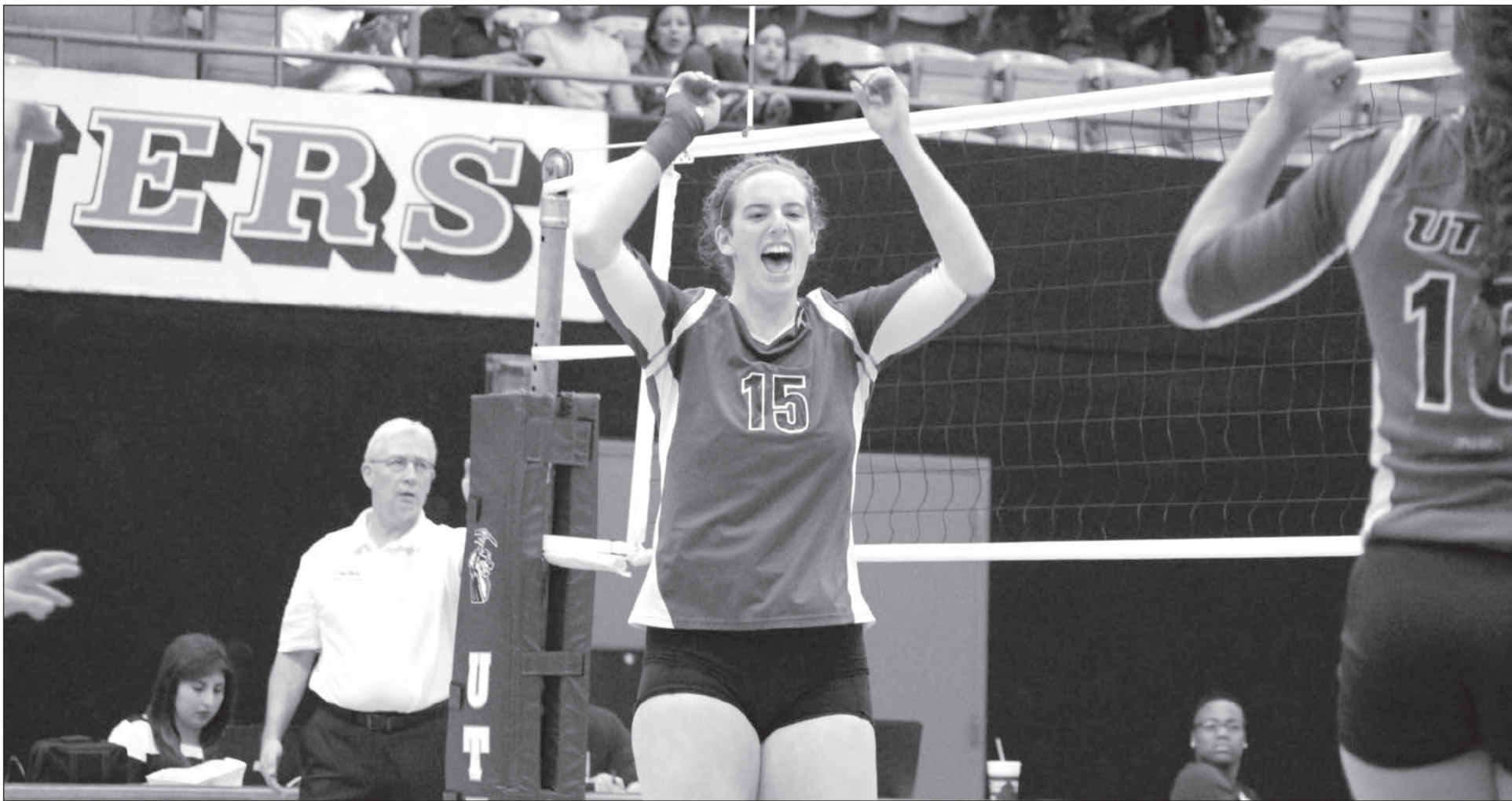
though the issue is a bit loaded, the answer is quite simple--it's natural. It's been 10 years since the Miners last had a winning season and just the third time in the past 14. At some point, all that losing is going to cost you. The UTEP football team has lost a significant part of its fan base, maybe even a whole generation. Those two magical years of eight wins, top-25 rankings and a packed stadium are far in the rear view mirror. The quality of that team, with a handful of pros, is nowhere to be found now. The fans who filled up the Sun Bowl simply got tired of watching a losing team--a bad product on the field. They stopped going to the games and they stopped taking their kids too. Those kids grew up with the idea that UTEP football is terrible, and unlike DJ Khaled, all they do is lose. Those kids are now attending UTEP, they're the ones not in the student

section. Younger kids don't even know a time when the Miners were winners. Now, UTEP is not the only one experiencing this problem. Schools all over the country, outside of the traditional powers of course, are struggling with attendance. There are just a lot of things people would rather do on a Saturday night. For example, stay home and watch those traditional powers on TV. You even hear this about the NFL. The television experience is so great that there is a concern that people may stop going to the stadium and just watch the games on the tube. Forget the NFL though; let's stick to Saturdays. When push comes to shove, El Pasoans would rather stay home and watch Auburn and Alabama put up historic numbers, than pay to watch UTEP and Middle Tennessee duke it out, and I can't blame them. Not all is lost though. There is no need to panic. There is no doubt this

city loves UTEP and loves its sports. Again, just look at the basketball programs. We just can't expect the average fan, tired of all the losses, to come running back with a little bit of success. It is going to take more than that to mend those fences—it's going to take time. It's going to take time for the fan base to begin to trust the program again, to become emotionally invested in Miner football. It doesn't help that this year's winning record was at the hands of programs like UTSA, Old Dominion, North Texas and NMSU. People just don't seem to give those wins much credit. If the Miners were winning against Texas Tech, Texas A&M, or even the almost undefeated Marshall, then I think the fan response would be a lot more significant. They just don't trust the team yet, not enough to invest their time, money and emotions. And the truth is, they're probably right.

This team and this program still need a lot of work. But, it is very important to realize that it is headed in the right direction. Maybe even a lot quicker than many of us expected. The product on the field may not be great, but it hasn't been for a while, and this year they won. Instead of losing to programs like the unheralded UTSA and Middle Tennessee, this year the Miners won. Winning is winning, and it is not easy to do at any level, so there is a lot of merit in what coach Kugler and his team did this season, but it's going to take a lot more before we get to see the Sun Bowl completely orange-out. I believe in this coaching staff, I think it will happen. Luis Gonzalez may be reached at theprospectordaily.sports@gmail.com

Overcoming injuries for the love of the game



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Senior outside hitter Jacqueline Cason turns towards her teammates to celebrate after winning a point.

BY JAVIER CORTEZ
The Prospector

It's a given, in sports you are going to get hurt. Any athlete in any sport knows this, and they take their daily dose of bumps and bruises in their respective sports. Senior volleyball player Jacqueline Cason knows all about the bumps and bruises, in fact most of her collegiate career has not

been about her success on the court, but her resiliency to get back on it. "I can describe it as being seen as an athlete, but not feeling like an athlete," Cason said in reference to being injured. "You look like you're part of the team, but you don't feel part of it because you're not experiencing everything that everyone else is doing. You're sitting and watching as a third party because you can't help out."

The third-party feeling was something Cason felt all too much, and very frequently. Her list of injuries would make you think she played a contact sport. Since Cason has been at UTEP she has dislocated her left shoulder three times (which led to surgery), separated and dislocated her right shoulder, broken two toes, sprained her ankles, suffered concus-

sions, as well as all of the aches and pains that a volleyball player feels. As horrible as the laundry list of injuries might sound, Cason has been able to take them in stride, and during her times off the court she has found ways to improve as a player. "I wouldn't be able to work on volleyball, but I could work on my body," Cason said. "I could work on being fitter, leaner, stronger in that concept. It was nice that I was able to refocus on what I needed to do and it's made a huge difference."

Luckily, the biggest difference this season for Cason has been made on the court. One of only two seniors on a young and inexperienced 2014 Miner squad, Cason was a key contributor to the Miners' success, even though the season didn't go as planned. Head coach Holly Watts spent most of the season finding players that could make a difference and Cason was one of them.

"She's willing to do whatever the teams needs on any given day," Watts said. "She's a really bright girl and intelligent, so she can see what the team needs and what to do to give our team a chance. She's been able to go out and fill that role."

When Cason is on the court she stands out, not because she is a 6-foot-2-inch outside hitter who can finish a point at any moment, but because she has great energy. Volleyball is unique in the way that success happens; a good team has great energy--they're loud, jovial and overall positive. Cason has these distinct qualities that are too obvious to miss when watching her.

"I would describe her as very enthusiastic," said junior outside hitter Talia Jones. "She loves the game, and when you get to those points where you're down, Jacky is that person that is saying we can still do it. Having her on the court when everyone is down, she is always that person that has that little spark going."

If there were a statistic that measured enthusiasm and intensity there would be few players that could match Cason.

"Volleyball is a very energy-driven sport," Watts said. "Momentum is big and if you can get it on your side, that's good. Her (Jacqueline) team

rallies around her when she is able to do that, and when things aren't going well you have to find a place for energy. We're always looking for that person to be able to do that and she does a great job of that."

If you only knew Cason by her on-court demeanor it would seem like she was always an outgoing people person, but in reality she was shy and introverted before volleyball. The court just happened to be the place where she found a different side of herself.

"I was a shy kid," Cason said. "I got out of my comfort zone when I was playing and I became more vocal, more of a leader and more energetic on the court. Enthusiasm is pretty much my personality and it comes out on the court."

Cason's enthusiasm on the court hints at the big picture--she loves the sport. Only a love for something could make someone comeback from shoulder dislocations, broken bones, concussions and season-ending surgeries. Cason's love for the game is why she is who she is on the court.

"Volleyball has gotten me through a lot of hard times," Cason said. "Being able to go on the court and forget what's happening in the rest of my life has been really nice. It's always been a constant in my life, and it's definitely a love and passion."

In some ways Cason's story can be seen as a tragedy--a player who never had luck on her side, a player with talent who never reached her full potential because injuries sidelined her playing career. But in reality, Cason's story is a success--she battled back, injury after injury, whereas most would have taken the easy way out and quit. You won't be able to find Cason in the record book, but that's fine with her.

"Unfortunately, I won't get to leave a stats legacy, but that's something that's totally off the books," Cason said. "The legacy I want to leave is the love of the game, the love of your teammates and just the joy of playing."

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Senior Laura Delgado competes in the Miners only home invent at the Lori Fitzgerald Classic in September at the Chamizal.

BY JAVIER CORTEZ
The Prospector

Senior cross country/track and field member Laura Delgado knows all about hard work. It's done in the wee hours of the day, when everyone is tired, when no one wants to put in the work. You will never meet you're goals and aspirations without hard work, and Delgado knows that.

As hard as it can be though, Delgado knows running is always there for her. "I'll do it even when I'm not practicing," Delgado said. "When I'm stressed, I just go for a night run, or when it's a beautiful morning I go for a run. When I'm studying and tired, I just need to wake up, de-stress and go run. I know running is always going to be there for me."

Whereas most sports are contingent on playing together, having team unity and synchronicity, running is a sport where independence and singularity must be embraced. A runner without a clear mind and a single focus on themselves is not a strong runner.

The mental focus is just as draining as the physical toll that the body takes. A mentally strong runner is just as good as a physically strong runner. Delgado believes a lack of mental toughness can affect a runner physically.

"Running is a mental game," Delgado said. "You have to learn how to zone yourself out. I just focus on me. I don't focus on the girl next to me or the girl behind me. Confidence is a big key, especially because you are out there by yourself."

Now in her senior year, Delgado has mastered the art of zoning out. In the midst of finishing out her college career, Delgado has become a key contributor to the Miners' success in cross country and track and field. But in the beginning it was not that easy.

"There were points where I just didn't know if should keep running," Delgado said. "My first race, I was never used to coming in towards the end. I used to place top 10, worse would be top five. When I went there, it was shocking. Coach pulled me aside and told me that these girls run for a living, and you need to make running your living too."

Delgado did just that, acclimating herself to the prestigious program and becoming a consistent performer for the women's cross country and track and field team. Unknown by most, UTEP has one of the best track programs in the nation.

Since the inception of the women's program in 1978, the women's team has produced 17 NCAA champions, 167 All-Americans and a plethora of Olympians. Prior to her time at UTEP, Delgado was aware of the program's great history, and like most she was overwhelmed.

"I never thought I was going to be good enough," Delgado said. "I always thought; I need to get better, I need to get better. I saw it as a challenge and I was not going to back down. I wanted to be there and I would do what it takes."

Delgado saw the challenge in high school to get better and she took it. Whereas most high school athletes rely on their sheer athleticism to get by, Delgado worked hard.

"She's one of the hardest-working students that I have had," said John Thomas, Delgado's high school coach. "And I have had some very motivated students. I know she works super hard in her academics as well as her athletics and it was a pleasure having her be one of my athletes."

John Thomas, or coach Thomas as Delgado likes to call him, coached Delgado at Andress High School and has been coaching track and field in El Paso for the past 25 years. Thomas holds Delgado in high regard as one of the best student athletes he has ever had.

"She's willing to put in the time and do the work to become successful," Thomas said. "We always have the kids that have that dream and some of them never compete when they get to college. But I think she used that as a vehicle to continue her dream of running."

With her collegiate career winding down, things have come full circle. There was a time when Delgado was a freshman looking for motivation or someone to give her the feeling that she belonged amongst her fellow teammates, and now she herself has now become the source of inspiration and motivation.

Freshman Lilliana Valdespino is going through many of the same experiences as Delgado. Also an El Paso native and once a high school stand-out at El Paso high is learning how to adapt to the college level, Valdespino calls Delgado her motivation.

"She's a real motivation for me," Valdespino said. "There's are lot of leadership on her part, being that she is team captain. She pushes me through the

workouts and throughout the meets. Just knowing that she has already been through it and she tells me her past, it helps me know that I can achieve what she has achieved as well."

It's no doubt that Delgado has evolved throughout her four-year career at UTEP. Once a lowly freshman looking for motivation finishing at the bottom of the pack, she is now a team captain of a heralded program

motivating her teammates. The old adage might sound cliché, but hard work really does pay off.

"I won't be remembered as the fastest or the strongest," Delgado said. "I want to be remembered as the girl with good character, a motivator and a good teammate. That's more important to me."

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The present is dark but the future is bright for UTEP Volleyball



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The UTEP Volleyball team was 1-11 at home and 4-7 in away matches.

BY JAVIER CORTEZ

The Prospector

The 2014 volleyball season was not going to be a good one for the Miners. That was apparent considering what they lost after the 2013 season. At the beginning of the season, the players and coaches all said the right things, but a successful season would be a stretch.

Coming off a 14-16 record in 2013, the Miners lost their statistical leader in kills, assists and digs. Basically, they lost their best player in each phase of the game. At the beginning of the season, head coach Holly Watts knew replacing those players would be a stretch.

"You usually don't replace a senior with a freshman," Watts said back in August. "We're not expecting our freshman to come in and fill those shoes. Those are huge shoes to fill and everybody is just trying to step up so we can take care of that production."

The problem is that the production didn't come; the Miners struggled all season long to find dependable players at each phase of the game. The players themselves were not incapable, but for most part, the inexperience was an overwhelming factor—

eight of the 14 Miners this season were underclassmen and coach Watts played six of them regularly.

"I knew it was going to be a learning process because we we're so young," Watts said. "I didn't realize we would have this much trouble terminating the ball. Nobody was able to step up this year and be the one that did that."

The Miners 6-23 record ranks amongst the worst records in school history—the six wins are the fewest since the 1999 season and the 23 losses are the most since 2008. The Miners overall win percentage of .206 is the worst since the 1999 season.

"This season didn't go as we hoped," said sophomore setter Lindsey Larson. "It was rough, but we competed well, especially in the preseason where we were playing crazy good teams like BYU and Texas."

The Miners have had a multitude of problems, but the biggest one that remained constant throughout the season was their lack of consistency. At one point, the Miners would look great then five points later, they would self-destruct. That frustration plagued their season.

"It's not the losing in general, but losing when we know we can win," Larson said. "Knowing that we have the talent as a team, but just putting it all together and trying to overcome that frustration of not working together as well as we could of was hard."

Upperclassmen such as junior outside hitter Talia Jones knew that the season would have growing pains considering what they lost in personnel. As hard as it was, she would not call it a disappointing season, but a building season.

"I would describe this season as a building year," Jones said. "We're just getting to know each other on the court and it didn't go exactly how we wanted. I wouldn't say it was a disappointment, we didn't come out exactly how we wanted to, but some games were really close and we just need to learn."

The 2014 season paints a gloomy picture of the UTEP volleyball program, but the future is actually very bright. Where the lack of experience seemed to be the Miners' downfall this year, it should help the team in the long run.

The Miners are returning 12 of the 14 players from this year's team, and by the start of next year, the amount of experience on the team will be plentiful. In the middle, the Miners started two underclassmen—freshman Krystal Ejeseime and sophomore Dominique Millette. In Lindsey Larson's first year at the setter position, she ranked in the top 10 in conference for assists, and freshman outside hitter Coline Coessens led the team in kills, which has never been done by a freshman.

"We can see a lot of good things outside of this season," Coessens said. "Next year, it's not going to be a losing program because we're getting so much better and we have had so many freshman playing."

The Miners might not be the best Conference USA team by next year, but two years down the road, coach Watts might have something special on her hands. There are not too many freshman and sophomores who can say they played as much as the UTEP players did. The Miners' future seems to be nothing but bright and exciting.

"It's exciting thinking about the group we got returning," Watts said. "It's pretty exciting to have our middles back (Ejeseime and Millette). Coline (Coessens) being on the outside as a freshman, Lindsey being a sophomore as a setter, this being her first year running the show, Sarah (Villa) being our other sophomore who got a lot of court time, and they did a nice job for us most of the time."

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Five athletes you need to see in 2015

BY JAVIER CORTEZ
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UTEP has garnered many great athletes throughout the years, and that is no different today. Everyone knows about the top athletes on campus now, but this list is comprised of athletes who are returning next year and are no doubt ready to showcase their talents. Anyone who loves to watch great athletes at their best will want to see these five athletes in 2015.

5. COLLINE COESENS, OUTSIDE HITTER, VOLLEYBALL

Who is Coessens? One of the few international athletes on the UTEP volleyball team, Coessens is a Brussels, Belgium native. She plays as an outside hitter for the Miners, which is a position that is for an all-around solid player. In her debut season for the Miners this year, second-year head coach has taken full advantage of Coessens' versatility.

Why she stands out? Although the UTEP volleyball team has gone through a tumultuous 6-23 season, Coessens has been a bright spot within the team. She led the team in kills and is the first freshman in school history to lead the team in blocks. Coessens also led the team in points and services aces, and for that she was awarded with a Conference USA All-Freshman Selection.

What you can expect? Racking up a ton of experience in her freshman year, Coessens will be a major player for UTEP volleyball over the next three years. Her ability to finish

points is a commodity that the volleyball team sorely needs. By the time she finishes out her career at UTEP, Coessens should be at the top of the record books in kills.

4. OMEGA HARRIS, COMBO GUARD, MEN'S BASKETBALL

Who is Harris? The undersized Harris is what you would call a combo guard—he has the ability to play as a traditional pass-first point guard or he can play off the ball as a scoring guard. Harris comes to UTEP with an impressive high school resume—the Bethany, Oklahoma, native had a stellar senior year, where he was runner up for the Oklahoma player of the year, and was named a three-star recruit by 247sports, Scouts and Rivals.com.

Why he stands out? It's early in the season, but Harris has already made his name known. In the men's annual Orange & White scrimmage, Harris caused jaws to drop when he jumped over 6-foot-7-inch Terry Winn in the dunk contest. He also played a major role in the Miners' comeback win against New Mexico State in the Battle of I-10, scoring 13 points.

What you can expect? By the time Harris leaves UTEP, he will probably be one of the best guards to have played at UTEP in the past 15 years. His combination of speed, ball handling skills and jumping ability makes him a one-of-a-kind athlete. But the praise he has gotten from head coach Tim Floyd shows that good things are to come. On multiple occasions Floyd has compared Harris to Miner great Hernell "Jeep" Jackson, who happens

to be one of the greatest players to ever put on a UTEP jersey.

3. ANGELA CUTAIA, FORWARD, WOMEN'S SOCCER

Who is Cutaia? Now in her junior year, Angela Cutaia is a major contributor for the women's soccer team. Playing as an attacking midfielder or forward, Cutaia was the leading goal scorer for the Miners in their 2014 season. The Canadian has been a major contributor to the team since her freshman year and as each year has gone by she has played a bigger role.

Why she stands out? Every team needs a player they can rely on, and Cutaia is just that for the Miners. When it comes to scoring she is the top dog on the team. Her junior year was a breakout year, leading the team in four offensive categories—goals, points, shots and shots on goal. Much of the Miner success came through Cutaia and that shouldn't change going forward.

What you can expect? The Miners are losing four seniors who played a big role in 2014. With Cutaia being one of the few players to play a big role, she will have to shoulder the load come 2015. The Miners failed to advance deep into the Conference USA tournament, but Cutaia and company will look to make up for the Miners' 2014 failure in a big way. And if Cutaia continues to improve off her past success, then she will leave UTEP as a top 10 all-time point and goal scorer.

2. AARON JONES, RUNNING BACK, FOOTBALL

Who is Jones? A homegrown talent, Aaron Jones was blazing the gridiron at Burges High School before making his name known as a Miner. Undersized and under recruited, Jones was thought to be an afterthought when he came in as a freshman for the Miners. On no one's radar, Jones quickly made his name known in the Miners 2013 home opener against New Mexico, and since then has been the Miners' best asset since his arrival.

Why he stands out? There is a trend that keeps continuing with UTEP football, when Jones gets the ball, good things happens. Before having his freshman season end with bruised ribs and a bruised sternum, Jones was on pace to rush for 1,000 yards and to finish among the nation's elite for freshman running backs. This year, Jones has come back healthier and stronger in his sophomore year. With one game left in the season, Jones has had a stellar season, racking up 1,233 rushing yards and 11 rushing touchdowns.

What you can expect? The best thing about UTEP's future is that they have Aaron Jones for two more years. It's weird to think that a sophomore could play such an integral part on a winning team, but that happens to be the case. Jones could very well leave UTEP as the program's all-time leading rusher and scorer. As long as he stays on the field, great things will come for the El Pasoan.

1. ANTHONY ROTICH, LONG DISTANCE RUNNER, CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK AND FIELD

Who is Rotich? Everyone who goes to UTEP should know who Anthony Rotich is, and if not then they must live under the proverbial rock. One of many UTEP track and field athletes who come from Kenya, Rotich is one of the best runners the Miners have had over the past decade, and that is saying something considering UTEP's history.

Why he stands out? There is one word to describe Rotich—dominate. In the Miners' 2014 cross country season, Rotich took first in the Miners' first four meets, and became an All-American in cross country for the third time in his collegiate career. In track and field, Rotich is somehow even more impressive. In June, he won his third individual national championship at the NCAA championships.

What you can expect? Only great things are to come for Rotich. The seven-time All-American has one year left before he moves on to bigger and better things, so anyone who wants to see greatness in action needs to head down to Kidd Field in April and May of next year. After that, Rotich fans will have to watch him on TV like the rest of the world. In 2016, Rotich will join the long list of Miners to compete in the Summer Olympics.

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The best photo moments in 2014 sports



1. UTEP hosts East Carolina in the 2014 Conference USA Men's basketball tournament. 2. The UTEP football team celebrates after defeating New Mexico State in the Battle of I-10. 3. Seven-time All-American Anthony Rotich finishes the 2014 track & field season winning his third individual national championship. 4. Kayla Thornton and Jenzel Nash celebrate after advancing to the 2014 Women's NIT championship game. 5. The El Paso Chihuahuas have the highest attendance in all of the Pacific Coast League for the 2014 season.

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