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Je Suis Charlie?

BY MARIA ESQUINCA
The Prospector



Two weeks ago, the offices of the magazine, Charlie Hebdo, were attacked by radical Islamists, which left 12 people dead. The magazine was notorious for publishing what many called Islamophobic depictions of the prophet Muhammed on their covers.

The attack started a worldwide debate about freedom of expression. In France and around the world, millions gathered in solidarity with the magazine behind posters that read, “Je Suis Charlie” (We are Charlie.) At the Golden Globes, actors also showed their support for the magazine. During his acceptance speech of the Lifetime Award, George Clooney paid his respects.

Last week, President Obama said the U.S. will help France seek justice and called the attacks “vicious.” Some criticized the magazine, while others wanted to protect free speech at all expenses. As people began to draw clear lines about where they stood on the issue, I found myself unsure of where to stand.

As a journalist, the protection of freedom of expression is essential. Without freedom of expression, journalists wouldn’t be able to do good work. The Glenn Greenwald’s and Jeremy Scahill’s of the world would be in prison right now, or dead. But for cartoonists, the ability to use their freedom of expression is even more precious because they’re not guided by objectivism.

In an interview with Democracy Now!, renowned political cartoonist Art Spiegelman said that it’s a cartoonist’s job to, “make a mess, by God. The cartoonist’s job is that.” Which is what Charlie Hebdo has been doing.

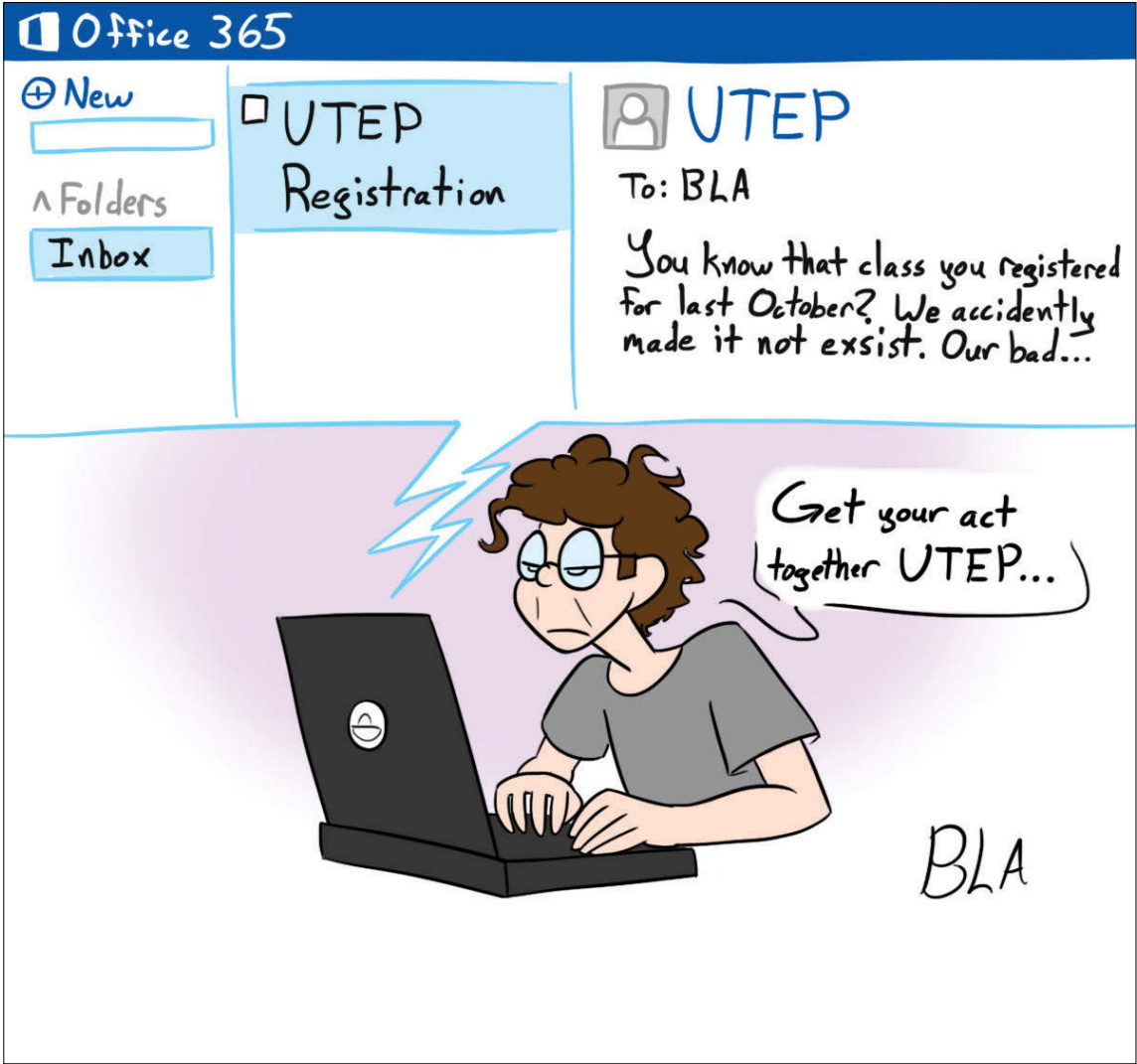
Stéphane Charbonnier, the editor of Charlie Hebdo, said that in her 20 years at the magazine, it has been controversial on a range of subjects. “It just so happens that every time we deal with radical Islam, we have a problem, and we get indignant or violent reactions. We are in a country of the rule of law. We respect French law...” Charbonnier said. “We haven’t infringed French law. We have the

right to use our freedom as we understand it.” The fact that the magazine has published defamatory pictures of other religious leaders, such as the pope, is the basis of defense for Charlie Hebdo. But, in the same interview with Art Spiegelman, Tariq Ramadan, a professor of Islamic studies at Oxford University, said that the magazine has been targeting the Muslim population in greater proportion than other religions for the past six years. He also spoke about the normalization of Islamophobic comments in the West. “But the reaction, the emotional reaction, is a selective reaction. And it’s not the same depending on what you are talking about...” Ramadan said. “If you are targeted as anti-Semitic, it’s over for you, but when you are having Islamophobic statements, that’s fine. That’s the normalization of this discourse.” Satirical magazines such as Charlie Hebdo have the right to exercise their freedom of expression and publish whatever they want.

But just because something is lawful does not mean it’s correct. As Spiegelman elaborates, “the mission of Charlie was not even necessarily to be left-wing. You know, it was—their mission is to rant against all authority... This is like the great adolescent impulse. It’s not a sophisticated dialectic about freedom of speech. It’s just taking it for granted that we must have freedom of speech to be able to do what we do.” My problem then is if Charlie Hebdo is publishing defamatory illustrations of Muhammed, without a purpose other than the fact that they can, I don’t see their actions as being justifiably correct.

Where is the line drawn between the blatant exercise of rights and the offenses it causes to a vulnerable population that is already heavily targeted by racism and bigotry? I believe what happened to the cartoonists at Charlie Hebdo is a tragedy, but I also believe that satire has a purpose, and freedom of expression is a way to reach that purpose. If there is no higher purpose, then it is an abuse of that right. It is the great “adolescent impulse,” that leads to tragedy.

But when writing this, I’m limited to a broader discussion of the events because my colleagues told me that a lot of college students might not have a clue about Charlie Hebdo. Charlie Hebdo, who’s that?



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Deadline for construction still in question, UTEP pushes to finish by end of spring



ANDRES MARTINEZ / THE PROSPECTOR

Construction on Centennial Plaza continues past Fall 2014 deadline.

BY MARIA ESQUINCA

The Prospector

Students, workers and UTEP officials alike are united by a common desire—the end of construction on campus.

“We too want the project to be over,” said Greg McNicol, associate vice president for business affairs. “We’re working as fast as we can. At the end of the day when we finish this, it’s going to be such a beautiful project.”

McNicol said there are two major openings scheduled to be completed by the first day of classes—Kerby Road, in front of the Psychology Building, and the path between

the Liberal Arts Building and the Union Building.

Despite the progress, some students feel frustrated by the delays and roundabouts caused by construction.

“It’s taking forever,” said Astrid Portillo, junior psychology major, who took a Wintermester class.

During the Wintermester session, University Avenue was closed off and students had to go through the Liberal Arts Building to access the rest of campus.

Portillo said the closure caused her to be late to class a few times.

Back in 2012, Andrea Gonzalez, sophomore anthropology major, had to take a similar detour.

“I had one class in the UGLC and the next class in psychology, so I had

10 minutes to run around the Union and I was always late,” Gonzalez said.

Campus transformation began in 2012, and was supposed to be finalized by 2014 in time for the centennial celebration.

“Back then, I thought it was a good thing they’re improving the campus, but now it’s kind of annoying,” Gonzalez said.

McNicol said the construction deadlines were missed due to old underground piping that is being replaced around Old Main, Bell and Quinn Halls.

“It would not be prudent to do great things on top without first taking care underground,” McNicol said. “We’ve just about finished

about every piece of pipe or utility that’s been in that area.”

McNicol said some construction projects had to be paused because of the noise that was created during class time.

Other setbacks included problems with what agent worked best for mixing decomposed granite, a special type of asphalt that lets water seep through.

“It’s not your typical project,” McNicol said. “At the end of the day and nothing like they’ve ever done before.”

To make up for lost time, construction resumed during the winter break.

An average of 120 laborers worked on a daily basis.

Blas Herrera, a 39 year-old construction worker, said he averaged 27 hours in overtime per week.

“We’re all giving it our best so that UTEP students can feel proud of their campus,” Herrera said.

During the entirety of the break, workers had three days off and worked on Christmas Eve.

A typical workday for Herrera meant coming in at 6:30 a.m. and clocking out at 5 p.m.

“That’s how busy we’ve been, trying to get it in place,” McNicol said.

For more information about construction, visit <http://onthemove.utep.edu/>.

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Officials urge legislation to promote cyber security



Ellen Nakashima, The Washington Post, left; former congressman Mike Rogers; Gen. Michael Hayden, former CIA and NSA director, and Paul Stockton, former assistant defense secretary, met Thursday to discuss ways to improve cyber security.

BY TORI KNEUVEN
SHFWire Intern

WASHINGTON - Cyber security experts rallied behind President Barack Obama's proposal this week to increase cyber security.
Obama and United Kingdom Prime Minister David Cameron on Friday announced the need to increase information sharing between federal and private sectors, starting with the financial sector.
"Every day foreign governments, criminals, and hackers are attempting to probe, intrude into, and attack government and private sector systems in both of our countries," the White House said in a statement Friday.
Cyber security became a more public issue after Sony was hacked in November because the studio's movie "The Interview." The comedic movie plot centers on the assassination attempt on North Korean leader Kim Jong-un and was initially released

directly to rental because of terrorist threats.
"We need to be able to create doubts in the mind of the attacker as to whether the attack is going to succeed and whether the retaliation is worth it," Paul Stockton, former assistant secretary of defense for homeland defense, said Thursday.
Stockton, former congressman Mike Rogers, R-Mich., who chaired the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and Gen. Michael Hayden, former director of the CIA and the National Security Agency, took part in a cyber-security discussion Thursday at the Bipartisan Policy Center.
They discussed the president's response to the cyber-attack and the possibility of future attacks by more sophisticated nation states.
The president said North Korea was responsible for the hack and increased sanctions against North Korea. The new sanctions block access

to financial assets held in the U.S. by North Korean officials.
"Now the United States will have to show that it will not tolerate it because everyone is watching," Rogers said.
Rogers said he expected a bigger response from the United States as a reaction to the attack than increasing sanctions. He said the response should have been enough to deter countries from trying a cyber-attack in the future.
Unlike other hacking incidents, Sony experienced destruction of property. Rogers said this is the game changer that is the reason the presi-

dent openly named North Korea as the country behind the attack.
Hayden described North Korea as a "pathological little gangster state" and said the United States did not increase the sanctions enough.
"We have not yet worked out a taxonomy in the cyber domain that mirrors the taxonomy in the physical space that took us a couple millennia to decide what constitutes territoriality and limits," Hayden said.
The U.S. Central Command's Twitter and YouTube sites were hacked on Monday.
This corroborates Stockton's insistence that hackers are already in the system.
"We need to assume that precisely because cyber-attack capabilities are getting better and better, that the Maginot Line, the perimeter of defense, would fail," Stockton said.
All three agreed the need for legislation is critical, but Rogers said he thinks legislation will take a few more years.
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HEBDO from page 2
I've heard it in the newsroom a hundred times before, and in a defeated sigh, somebody mumbled to me, "nobody reads the news."
I'd imagine that the same people who don't know about Charlie Hebdo are probably not reading this.
The common consensus seems to be that we — a generation of young, ignorant, distracted, social-media addicted, coffee fanatic, alcohol bingers, money-starving kids—do not read the news.
I've always had trouble with that sentiment, with the way it's accepted as a universal truth alongside the likes of gravity and eating menudo to cure a hangover.
Are we selling ourselves short? Could it be that our assumptions about ourselves, our friends, our classmates, are all wrong?
A quick Google search tells me we might be.
A study by Alloy Media, a media and entertainment company that markets to millennials, found that 76 percent of college students read their newspaper.
Another study from the International Center for Media and the Public Agenda said that students care deeply about what is going on in the world, and the form in which they obtain news is what is different. Often, it is not on a regular ba-

sis or from one steady news source, but from various social media platforms.
So, my conclusion is this:
If you read the news, you're awesome and keep doing what you're doing.
If you don't read the news, you should, because there's a whole world out there, and a whole set of issues that you should know about.
There are people dying for causes, dying unjustly, people looking for solutions and just trying to be people. Corruption, justice, liberty, freedom and racism all collide and overlap as they clash and intertwine.
And then there's us — the people who report it to you, hoping it'll make a small speck of a difference.
Hoping you'll read an article, a sentence or even a word, you will know what lies beyond your own bubble. And maybe, just maybe, by reading the news, it'll make a small speck of a difference in somebody's world.
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Texas legislature may affect UTEP’s future plans on education, budget for programs

BY KIMBERLY VALLE
The Prospector

UTEP will be submitting several funding requests in the current 84th Texas Legislature, specifically for an \$111-million interdisciplinary research center that will replace Burges and Barry Halls.

The administration has stated that the center is necessary to achieve the university’s mission to increase its scientific research capabilities as it strives to attain Tier 1 status.

Richard Gutierrez, political science lecturer, said the education budget will have a direct impact on UTEP.

He said more state money might be used by UTEP to enhance many of the current programs offered or create new ones.

“A significant increase in state monies could also help UTEP to maintain current tuition levels,” Gutierrez said. “It will be difficult for UTEP to expand services for more students if there is not an increase in state monies.”

The Republicans have controlled the legislature for the past 10 years. The 2014 mid-term elections increased the numbers of Republicans in both chambers, which enabled them to have a greater majority in

the House of Representatives and the Senate.

“Democrats will have to work with more moderate Republicans to accomplish any of their legislative goals,” Gutierrez said. “The big question is how much influence the far right will have.”

Although the legislature is beginning the session with surplus revenue, if the price of gasoline continues to decline or stay at current levels, it will mean significantly less revenue for the state. Many Republicans are also pushing for major tax cuts, which adds to the situation.

“I believe that the education budget will only marginally increase if at all. This creates a real problem for Texas as the population continues to increase,” Gutierrez said.

There are three major leaders who exercise leadership: Gov. Greg Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, and speaker of the House of Representatives, Joe Straus.

Straus will serve his fourth term as speaker. Abbott and Patrick were just elected, but they know the legislative process well.

“The expectation is that the Senate will be the more conservative chamber, especially because the very conservative Patrick is the lieutenant governor,” said Gregory Rocha, associate professor of political science. “Straus, by contrast, is more of a moderate conservative who has the support of all of the Democrats and most of the Republicans.”

Many will watch the extent to which the most conservative Republicans and tea partiers will be able to affect legislation. The expectation is that they will be more successful in the Senate than the House, but whether or not they will be able to craft very conservative legislation will be a challenge.

“If there is a cloud looming over the legislature, it’s the revenue the state receives from the petroleum industry, which has slowed due to the surplus of oil on the world market,” Rocha said. “The comptroller, who has the power to officially estimate how much revenue will be available to spend, provided what many consider a generous estimate of that oil money, and many are calling it into question.”

Rocha said the overall expectation is that the legislature will try to cut taxes and spend minimally, which are two large policy issues to watch for, and will likely require more spending on public roads and bridges, and public education. Both are longstanding problems that the leadership has said need to be addressed.

Students such as Damaris Reyes, senior multimedia journalism major, said there would be a large number of students that won’t be able to afford their education if tuition is increased.

“If there isn’t enough funding for certain programs, then how is it expected for people to learn and obtain that experience? As it is many students are working two jobs to be able to pay up loans,” Reyes said.

A bill has also been filed that will deny in-state tuition to the children of undocumented parents, which can hurt UTEP and other border institutions. Bills have also been filed to restore the legislative control over tuition rates. This might also have a big impact on UTEP.

“There is a bill in the Senate to end in-state tuition for students who are not citizens, objection to that has come from the business community, a stalwart of conservative support,” Rocha said.

Since 2006, the legislature has approved funding for these students and Rep. Joe Pickett, D-TX, the longest-serving member of the El Paso delegation, said on Thursday that there appears to be a strong consensus to pass this bill this time around.

One bill filed by Sen. Charles Schwertner, R-TX, would re-regulate tuition instead of permitting universities to set rates themselves. Schwertner said that tuition in Texas’ public universities has increased quickly since it was de-regulated in 2003 and he said it’s time to regulate it.

- The university has other items on its wish list that include:
- A secondary priority is funding for a \$115 million in tuition revenue bonds for a new Business Administration Building and conference center. Graduate students in UTEP’s MBA Program are being housed in the Chase Building downtown because the campus doesn’t have room for them. A new business center would reunite them with undergrads.
 - Five million dollars per year to expand the cooperative pharmacy program with the University of Texas at Austin, which enrolls 12 students a year in a program where they study two years at UTEP, two years in Austin, and then return to El Paso for two years of clinical work. The additional funding would allow UTEP to take 40 students a year into the program and allow them to do all of their study in El Paso.
 - Five million dollars per year for the Centennial Scholars Program that provides tuition assistance for the most highly skilled students.

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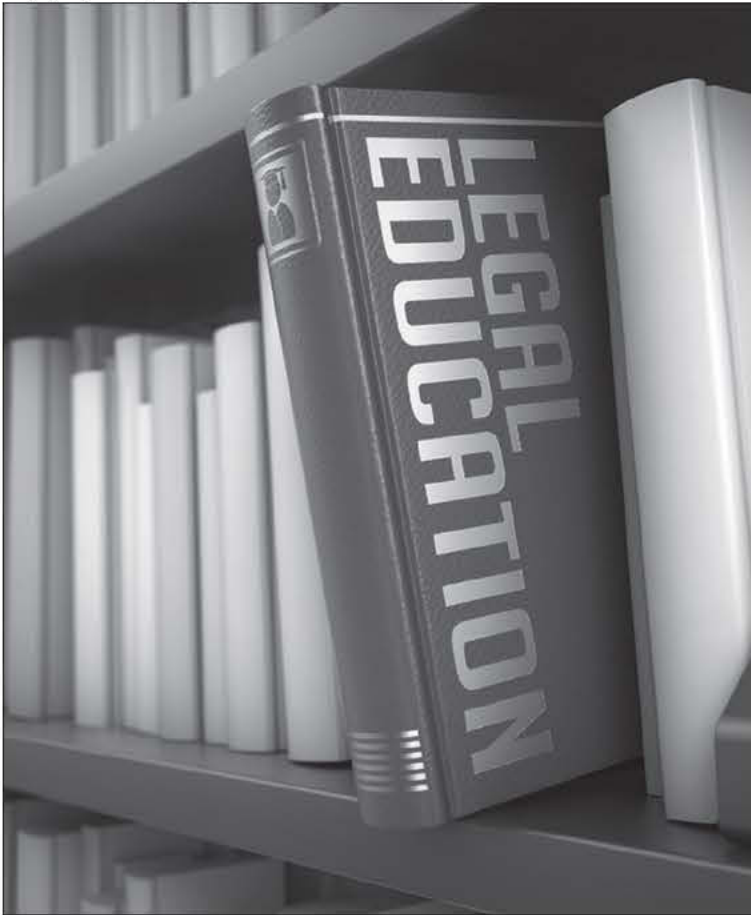
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SPECIAL TO THE PROSPECTOR

Countries of the American continent condemn terrorism



ALICIA ALVAREZ / SHFWIRE

Guatemala's Ambassador for the Permanent Mission Jose Maria Argueta was in charge of introducing the Declaration on the Terrorist Attacks in France. He said it had to be done so the members of the Organization of American States could condemn the attacks and speak on behalf of their countries.

BY ALICIA ALVAREZ
SHFWire Intern

The debate, conducted in Spanish, was translated by reporter Alicia Alvarez

WASHINGTON - The principles of the French Revolution “Liberté, égalité, fraternité” were underlying every speech given Thursday during the Permanent Council meeting of the Organization of American States.

The representatives of each member state showed their support and

solidarity for France’s Permanent Observer for the OAS Jean Claude Nolla after the Jan. 8 terrorist attacks in Paris.

Each country from the American continent extended its condolences to the French people and their government. The representatives said they stand together against terrorist acts.

The OAS meeting took place Thursday to issue the Declaration on the Terrorist Attacks in France. The motion was introduced by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala.

“Along our hemisphere, voices of indignation and condemnation have risen. The voices of the countries of the Americas have joined in with the ones in Europe and the rest of the world,” Guatemalan Permanent Representative Jose Maria Argueta said.

The principles from the French Revolution are everyone’s, according to Costa Rica’s Permanent Mission, and the courage people have expressed is the “courage of today’s civilized world that wants peace and not violence, tolerance and not

terrorism.” attacks brought out a freedom of expression debate that questioned the morality of making fun of other religions.

“Provoking and insulting other people’s faiths is not right,” Pope Francis told reporters Thursday during a flight on his trip to Sri Lanka and the Philippines.

He tried to illustrate this point with a metaphor: if a person insulted someone’s mom then he should expect a punch in the face.

Several representatives praised France for its reaction to the attacks, saying the public unity showed the country’s democratic society.

The adopted declaration by the Permanent Council’s session declared that terrorism is condemned in every part of the world, no matter what the form, and “calls for the consolidation of peace, tolerance, respect for life and other fundamental rights and freedoms.”

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COLUMN

La lucha por una educación continua para soñadores

BY JESÚS ENRIQUE LÓPEZ VARGAS
The Prospector

Las intenciones de Barack Obama han mostrado ser siempre genuinas y humildes al intentar proteger a los inmigrantes indocumentados cuya única meta es vivir en esta nación en paz, siendo parte de la sociedad.

El 20 de noviembre del año pasado, el presidente de los Estados Unidos se dirigió al país para presentar un nuevo plan con la intención de lidiar con la problemática de los indocumentados en el país cuya situación les permite ser deportados, y en muchos casos separándolos de sus familias.

En breve, el presidente anuncio que nuevos pasos iban a ser tomados para ayudar a los inmigrantes a integrarse legalmente a la sociedad. Aseguró que la intención era proteger a los indocumentados ya dentro del país

y que ninguna familia seria dañada tambien menciono que en el proceso intentarían encontrar delincuentes y miembros de pandillas.

Pidió a los inmigrantes que salieran de las sombras y que se registrarán con el gobierno, pagando una fianza de poca suma y que presentaran pruebas de no tener antecedentes criminales.

El problema con estas acciones ejecutivas es que no garantizan ningún beneficio directo para los indocumentados, la mayoría siguen asustados y confundidos. Muchos ven esto como la cegada oportunidad de entregarse—a un radar acechante del cual no podrán escapar en el futuro.

La gran duda sobre su seguridad en el futuro sigue levitando en el aire sin poder ser respondida por el gobierno u otros líderes. ¿Qué pasara cuando el presidente demócrata no

esté en mando para cubrirlos bajo sus alas? ¿Qué pasará cuando los estados levanten sus propias barreras y oposiciones?

En el estado de Tejas este problema ha sido recalcado nuevamente, resaltando con transparencia las razones por las cuales los inmigrantes indocumentados desconfían tanto del gobierno. El partido republicano de Tejas planea que el estado cese de presentar a los estudiantes universitarios indocumentados con ayuda para poder completar sus estudios.

En el 2001, Tejas y California fueron los primeros estados de la nación en permitir que los estudiantes indocumentados pagaran sumas por sus colegiaturas como si fueran mismos residentes del estado, facilitando sus oportunidades de empezar sus vidas universitarias. Muchos otros estados como Nuevo México, Nueva York, y

Utah, han seguido estas iniciativas. Sin embargo, del lado opuesto de la ley, otros estados como Arizona, han pasado leyes que prohíben dichas acciones y acorralan las oportunidades de los Soñadores que buscan preparación profesional.

Hoy en día, después de más de 10 años de ayuda brindada a los estudiantes indocumentados, la gran mayoría de los gobernantes republicanos y votantes del gran estado rojo de Tejas, buscan acabar con esta asistencia.

Ahora, los estudiantes indocumentados que llevan años estudiando dentro del país, pagando colegiaturas razonables por sus estudios, y ahora se ven enfrentados con la posibilidad de que todos sus esfuerzos sean bloqueados y que sus estudios y planes para el futuro se les sean arrebatados.

Lo único que les queda hacer a la gente en esta posición es alzar la voz

y buscar quienes los representen en el gobierno, pues su posición como indocumentados no les permite hacer mucho en el aspecto de votación.

Esperar que los pocos líderes del estado que los apoyan hagan un cambio y sigan luchando para evitar que se les niegue la oportunidad de estudiar parece ser la única alternativa. Si los permisos pasados en Tejas en el 2001 son eliminados, la gran mayoría de los estudiantes indocumentados no podrán pagar por sus estudios y serán “indirectamente” forzados a abandonar sus preparaciones profesionales.

Para más información sobre el grupo pro inmigrante de Soñadores (Dreamers) y como ayudar, visita el sitio de internet thedreamisnow.org/take-action

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Daudistel returns as interim provost

BY AMANDA GUILLEN
The Prospector

Junius Gonzales, former provost and vice president for academic affairs, announced in November his new job as senior vice president for academic affairs of all 17 campuses for the University of North Carolina, which will become effective Jan. 28.

Currently, Senior Executive Vice President Howard Daudistel is serving as interim provost and vice president for academic affairs until the position is filled.

This is not Daudistel's first time serving as interim provost. He was interim provost in 2011 before Gonzales took the position.

Daudistel has been a part of the UTEP faculty and administration for more than 40 years. He has held various positions while at UTEP, such as

dean of Liberal Arts, chair of the sociology and anthropology department, the social work department, the criminal justice department, interim chair of the department of communication, and assistant vice president for academic affairs.

There is no word yet on when the university will select a new provost, but UTEP officials have said it should take anywhere from six months to a year to search for a permanent provost.

UTEP officials said that this is all in an effort to find the best fit for the university.

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Anti-abortion group confident House will pass ban on late-term abortion

JORDAN GASS-POORE / SHFWIRE

Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the Susan B. Anthony List, recounted the national anti-abortion organization's hand in building the Republican Senate majority at a press conference Thursday at the National Press Club. The nonprofit spent millions of dollars in 2014 to elect anti-abortion candidates.

BY JORDAN GASS-POORE
SHFWire Intern

WASHINGTON — Marjorie Dannenfelser is a self-described reluctant convert to the anti-abortion movement.

Dannenfelser made it her life's mission to end abortion after a philosophical debate when she was a Duke University undergraduate, she said at a Thursday news conference at the National Press Club.

The former pro-abortion rights advocate is now the president of the anti-abortion organization the Susan B. Anthony List.

The group works to elect candidates and promote government policies that will ultimately prohibit abortion.

That includes the "Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act," that she said the House is expected to vote on Jan. 22, the day the annual March for Life is to take place. It would ban abortion after 20 weeks.

This anti-abortion rally will take place on the 42nd anniversary of the decision in *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court case that legalized abortion through the second trimester of a pregnancy.

Women in the United States can choose to have an abortion for any reason, until at least 24 weeks of gestation.

The bill asserts that a fetus can feel pain after 20 weeks.

The House passed a similar measure in June 2013, but it failed in the Senate. Dannenfelser is more optimistic this year.

"Our Senate allies say it will move very quickly," Dannenfelser said.

If both House and Senate pass the bill, President Barack Obama is likely to veto it.

Dannenfelser said it's "perhaps insurmountable" for the House and Senate to override a veto, but she's hopeful more anti-abortion legislation will pass at the state level.

Requirements to obtain an abortion vary by state, with most restricting late-term abortions.

"States are the best laboratory for legislation," Dannenfelser said.

To make any federal change, Dannenfelser said her organization needs a president on its side.

Several potential 2016 Republican presidential candidates have signed the Susan B. Anthony List "Pro-Life Presidential Leadership Pledge," Dannenfelser said.

This list includes Jeb Bush, R-Fla., Mike Huckabee, R-Ark.; Ted Cruz, R-Texas; Rick Santorum, R-Pa., and Rick Perry R-Texas, among others.

Dannenfelser said she expects other candidates to follow suit.

In 2014, the nonprofit and its super political action committee Women Speak Out spent more than \$3 million on Republican campaigns.

The organizations are ready to do the same in 2016.

"It's not just a political moment; it's a human moment we're living in," Dannenfelser said.

The ultimate intent of the Susan B. Anthony List is to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

Dannenfelser admitted the organization is nowhere close to making abortion illegal and can't predict when this will happen.

But she said people are changing sides.

Developments in fetal surgery bring perspective on the humanity of the unborn, Dannenfelser said.

To back up her claims, she cited the neutral website WebMD. The online health guide's "Your Pregnancy Week by Week" describes the 20th week as the time when a fetus begins to twist, turn, wiggle, punch and kick.

"We're talking about a person here, not a clump of cells; a clump of cells can't dance," Dannenfelser said.

That's why, she said, the proposed law is "so desperately needed."

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Muslim leaders see new cartoon as further insult to Islamic faith



Nihad Awad says he is unhappy that the latest cover of Charlie Hebdo depicts Muhammad in a controversial way. He spoke Wednesday at a press conference at the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

BY JOE MUSSATTO
SHFWire Intern

WASHINGTON – The latest edition of Charlie Hebdo has offended the leader of a U.S. Muslim advocacy organization, just a week after Islamic extremists murdered 12 employees of the magazine because of controversial depictions of the Prophet Muhammad.

Nihad Awad, executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Re-

lations, spoke Wednesday, expressing his support of freedom of expression. But he said that offensive language should have boundaries.

“We hope that one day there becomes an agreement that there should be a limit to how far you can go to offend other religions and groups – something that would provide social harmony,” Awad said.

The latest Muhammad depiction from the Paris satirical weekly appears on the cover of Wednesday’s

“survivor’s edition.” The cartoon drawing of the prophet is shedding a tear while holding a sign that translates to “I am Charlie.” The translated message, “All is Forgiven” appears just above the figure.

The original press run of 3 million was increased to 5 million. Awad said he doesn’t feel that widespread support and sympathy for the magazine can be interpreted as a movement against Islam.

“I believe that the majority of outlets that decided to sell and republish this did it in defense of the victims of the terrorist attack,” Awad said. “They didn’t mean to offend 1.7 billion people, that’s my feeling.”

Oussama Jamaal, secretary general of the U.S. Council of Muslim Organizations, said that, unlike other religions, Islam never depicts its religious figures.

“As Muslims, we are offended by the magazine and any depiction of the prophet,” Jamaal said. “But we would never reach the point where we condone, allow or accept violent reactions.”

While 12 people were killed in the Charlie Hebdo office, Awad said Western media is showing an imbalance in the value of human lives. On the same day as the attack in Paris, Islamic extremists were responsible for a blast that killed 37 people in Yemen.

“Because they had different skin color, we did not pay attention to it,” Awad said. “We’re dealing with the attacks in Paris, and rightly so, but I think we are valuing less the lives of other people who are being killed every day. That’s how people in the Muslim world see the double standard.”

The “survivor’s edition” depiction of Muhammad was offensive to him, Awad said, adding that he knows what the “all is forgiven” cap-

tion means. He told of how Muhammad was expelled from his city after being attacked and smeared. Upon his return to peacefully take back his city, he forgave all who had persecuted him.

The attack on the Charlie Hebdo office was an act of terror that the majority of Muslims cannot tolerate, Awad said. But he said the cartoons are an unnecessary jab to the heart of his religion.

“I respect their right to be free, but they have to accept our right to be offended.”

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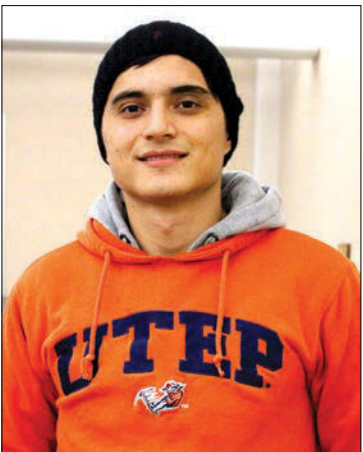
QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is your school year resolution?

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ANDREA UGARTEA
Sophomore accounting major
“To work hard throughout the semester so I don't procrastinate at the end of it.”



CARLOS ESTRADA
Senior accounting major
“To work harder and finish the semester so I can get into law school.”



FERNANDA MENDOZA
Sophomore chemistry major
“My school year resolution is to study more.”



MIGUEL MOLINAR
Freshman biological sciences major
“Join a school club and become the president of it.”



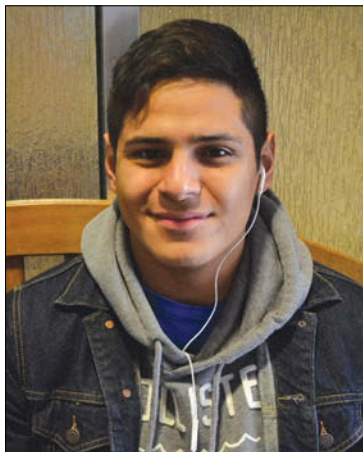
LUCIA CAMPOS
Junior bilingual education major
“Studying harder as well as not procrastinating.”



KEITH ADKICON
Junior pre-engineering major
“My school year resolution is to be successful.”



SANDRA NAJERA
Junior accounting major
“Be more involved in student organizations and attend the job fairs.”



JOSE LUIS VIDANA
Freshman criminal justice major
“Pass my classes.”



VERONICA MORENO
Junior special education major
“My school year resolution is to get A's in all my classes.”



VICENTE COBOS
Junior psychology major
“To be more involved in student organizations.”

Congress unlikely to react soon to Obama’s immigration order, debaters say

BY JOSE SOTO
SHFWire Intern

WASHINGTON - Two political commentators agreed Monday that President Barack Obama's executive order on immigration reform will probably remain in effect because Congress is unlikely to take action to change it.

“The intention was to provoke a response from Congress,” William A. Galston, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, said. “That isn't likely to happen anytime soon.”

Ross Douthat, op-ed columnist at The New York Times, concurred.

“A Debate over Executive Order: Obama's Immigration Decision” was a political and opinionated conference sponsored by the American Enterprise Institute about whether Obama abused his authority when he issued the executive order allowing many undocumented adult immigrants to remain in the U.S.

Gary J. Schmitt moderated the event. He is a resident scholar at AEI, co-director of the Marilyn Ware Center for Security Studies and director of the Program on American Citizenship. He said that Douthat and Galston were chosen to present their opposing views because they are both well informed.

“Both of them have written smart publications through their media outlets on the issue and neither of

them were narrow minded,” Schmitt said.

Douthat and Galston agreed that there isn't much response coming from the Republican-controlled Congress, meaning that any action on immigration reform will likely happen later rather than sooner.

Douthat said the media and public tend to move on from issues such as immigration, which has been debated for years without resolution. The executive order is confusing enough that it's unlikely to draw people's interest.

Douthat argued that Obama's executive order was “constitutionally inappropriate” and the “sheer size” of the number of people affected by it conveyed the amount of irresponsibility.

“He is clearly acting on the face of congressional opposition,” Douthat said. “In regards to constitutional appropriateness, it is simply bullying.”

Douthat said nearly 12 million undocumented immigrants should “bear the consequences of being here illegally.”

Galston's listed six reasons the president was acting with authority, including the separation of powers in government.

“The issue here is understanding the executive branch,” Galston said. “This is essentially a struggle between the executive branch and legislation. ... It is not unreasonable for Obama to challenge Congress with actual leg-



JOSE SOTO / SHFWIRE

Gary Schmitt, left, and writers Ross Douthat and William Galston agree that President Barack Obama's executive order on immigration is likely to remain in place for a while because Congress isn't ready to take action.

isolation. It is Congress' responsibility now to respond.”

Galston said he originally thought it wasn't possible for a president to issue such an order.

“I spent nearly a week researching constitutional rights,” Galston said.

“Indeed, Obama was more on legal ground than what I understood.”

Galston said the solution to an activist presidency is an activist Congress, to which Douthat responded that the president was not only “ex-

panding his powers, but the powers of future presidents.”

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Dr. Skateboard

A hobby
A sport
A teaching
tool

BY VALERIE HERRERA

The Prospector

At first glance, you can't help but notice the impressive display of achievements Dr. Skateboard has collected throughout his career.

Bill Robertson, also known as Dr. Skateboard, has been a skateboarding performer for more than 35 years and is currently an associate provost and associate professor in the Department of Teacher Education, with expertise in science education, curriculum development and technology integration.

When Robertson came to UTEP, he had two bachelor's degrees in history and biology, a master's degree in science education, and a Ph.D. in multicultural teaching and education. Since he moved to El Paso in 2004, Robertson decided to continue his education and get a third bachelor's degree in Spanish.

"It's not about collecting degrees, it's about learning new skills. You want to be interested in what's new, especially when working in the field of education because education brings you more opportunities," Robertson said.

His educational efforts have earned him numerous teaching awards, such as U.S. Professor of the Year Award, the Texas Regent's Outstanding Teaching Award and the College of Education's Excellence in Teaching Award. Additionally, in honor of his contributions to the university, Dr. Skateboard was selected as a Fulbright U.S.

see SKATEBOARD on page 15

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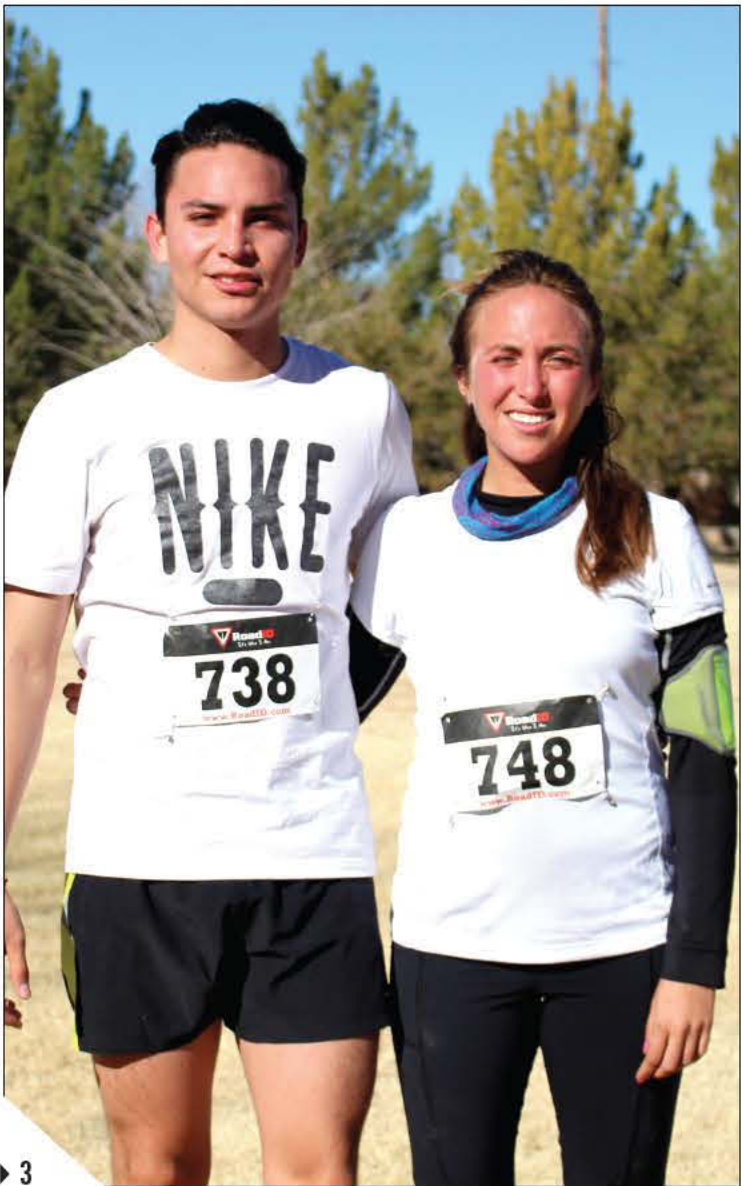
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OUR VIEW

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El Paso community races against racism



1. Jamila Williams finishes the 5K race as the second female in her age group. 2. Runners take off at the starting line at the YWCA's Marry Ann Dodson Camp. 3. UTEP students Luis Roberto Valles and Sharon Murillo participate in the run. 4. Signs with quotes from Martin Luther King, Jr. are placed throughout the race to motivate runners. 5. Colleen O'Conner finishes the race sixth in her age group, 20-29 years.

ANDRES MARTINEZ/ THE PROSPECTOR

Scholar to work internationally at La Universidad Metropolitana de Ciencias de la Educación, in Santiago, Chile.

“My ambition is to give students pathways to success and to give teachers resources that they can use,” Robertson said.

As a middle school teacher, Robertson taught lessons in physics, but found that the traditional ways of teaching didn’t captivate students’ attention.

In an effort to motivate his students, Dr. Robertson decided to use his skateboarding background and incorporate extreme sports with education.

He soon worked with other teachers to combine ways of adding activities to enhance learning abilities in the classroom, which earned him the name of Dr. Skateboard.

“I don’t want to get caught up in old ways of doing things. Let’s find what people are into and let’s help them make those connections,” Robertson said.

Robertson has used his education as a means to get around the country and follow his skateboarding passion.

Robertson took his idea of active learning a step further by reaching out to middle school teachers and students in the community to help them achieve educational success.

Eric Nieto, senior cellular and molecular biochemistry major, said he remembers when Robertson went to his middle school to explain how extreme sports relate to the anatomy of the body.

“I thought it was really cool and it actually inspired me to go to college to study cellular and molecular biochemistry,” Nieto said.

So far, action science has been used in more than 80 different classrooms within four school districts in the El Paso community.

In an effort to create appealing new methods of teaching, Robertson wrote a book entitled, “Action Science, Relevant Teaching and Active Learning.” The book enhances the learning experience of teachers and students by displaying video tutorials connected to a smart phone or tablet with the use of QR codes embedded within the text.

“Video can be used as a way of delivering primary content, and I try to push out this content with the use of technology to build the movement and make it freely available to anyone,” Robertson said.

In the future, Robertson would like to take the action science approach across the nation.

“I find that there’s lots of ways I can do that, both as an adult, a skateboarder, and as an educator to help leverage that idea,” Robertson said. “I really want to create a social movement that says learning is something we do from life and we can create the learning ourselves.”

Valerie Herrera may be reached at theprospectordaily.ent@gmail.com.



Bill Robertson, mathematics professor, also known as Dr. Skateboard, shows off his skills.

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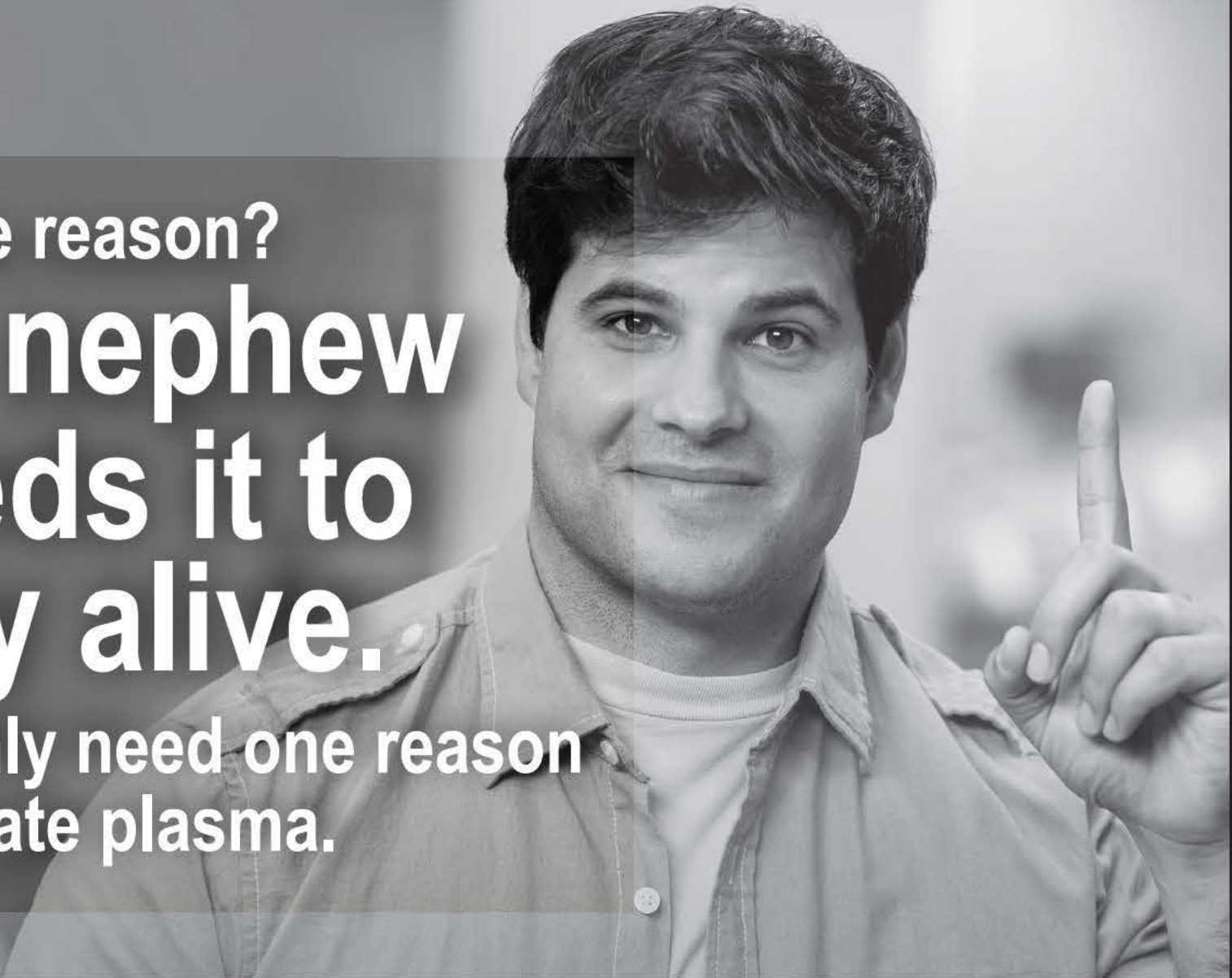
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Undocumented immigrants’ story creates film and political discussion



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David Del Rio as Cristian Arcega, left; Carlos Penavega as Oscar Vazquez, George Lopez as Fredi Cameron, and Oscar Gutierrez as Luis Aranda leave an after-school meeting about the robotics competition they won as depicted in the movie “Spare Parts.”

BY JOSE SOTO
SHFWire Intern

WASHINGTON - As a high school senior, Oscar Vazquez wasn’t allowed to enlist in the military because he couldn’t provide proof of legal residency. Instead, he entered a robotics competition in 2005 with three of his high school friends, also undocumented, and went on to defeat the reigning champs at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

His story has now been made into a film. It stars George Lopez as Fredi, the science teacher turned mentor. Lopez said he was proud of the project during a panel discussion following a screening Tuesday.

“Spare Parts,” directed by Sean McNamara, showcases both the human struggle and the scholastic possibilities of the undocumented demographic. It depicts the true story of four immigrant students at Carl Hayden Community High School in Phoenix who enter a robotics competition despite having no legal papers and little money.

The Center for American Progress, a nonpartisan institute, sponsored the screening at as part of its Reel Progress film series, which screens films that deal with social change.

Vazquez, who attended the screening, said in an interview that he hopes the film helps ambitious undocu-

mented immigrants get the opportunities they deserve.

“That has always been the point of us sharing the story,” Vazquez said. “The goal of the film all along was to change the perception of kids. We wanted them to stop being afraid and doubtful. We want them to pursue their dreams.”

The film addresses issues undocumented teens face as they struggle to live ordinary lives with the constant worry that they might be deported. The students also dealt with demographic unfairness by attending an underfunded public school that didn’t ensure their success.

The discussion following the screening turned into a review of immigration policy.

The day after the screening, the Republican-controlled House voted for a Department of Homeland Security funding bill that would end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program that allows undocumented students to remain in the U.S. The bill awaits Senate action.

“Fourteen years ago, I helped introduce the Dream Act,” Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., told the crowd at the theater. “I’d heard many stories about unfortunate children whose dreams they couldn’t pursue due to their immigration status.”

In an interview, Durbin added, “We should give them the chance to

attend college and enlist in the military. They should be able to become citizens of the United States. Sadly enough, that still has not become the law of the land.”

The Dream Act, which would create a path to citizenship for young adults brought to the U.S. as children, failed to pass Congress in 2010.

Two of the students depicted in the film earned college degrees. One was Vazquez, who graduated from college in 2009. Unable to find a job without proper documentation, he surrendered to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. He was

deported to Mexico and tried unsuccessfully to enter the states legally. But after Durbin told Vazquez’s story to the U.S. House as an arguing point for the Dream Act, Vazquez was allowed back into the country. He enlisted in the Army, served in Afghanistan and became a U.S. citizen.

“Luckily, I was able to come back to the states legally and pursue my dream,” Vazquez said. “There are people out there like me who want to pursue their dreams and can’t.”

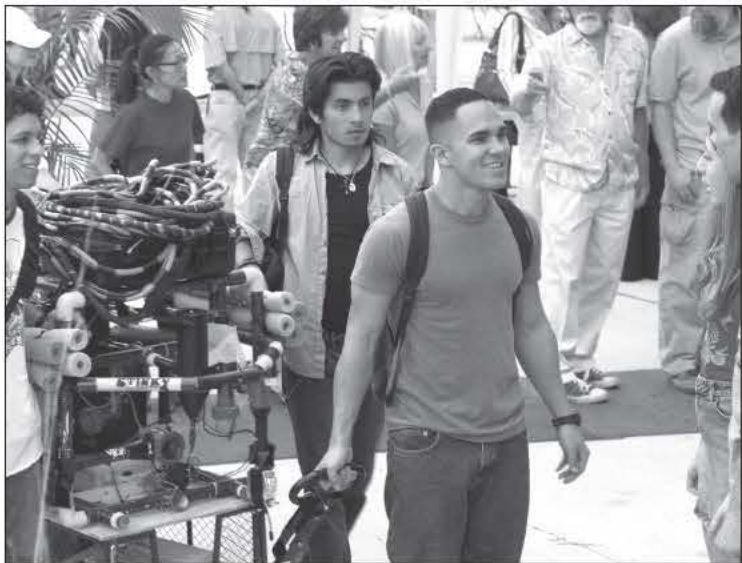
Marshall Fitz, CAP vice president for immigration policy, said that the

“future of your party is in dire jeopardy” to anti-immigration reformists.

“You’re turning your back on them,” Fitz said. “It is going to be a barren desert ahead. A lot of it is driven by nativism and racial animist. That is very sad commentary in the 21st century.”

“Spare Parts” opens in theaters nationwide Friday.

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URSULA COYOTE / PANTELION FILMS
Left; Oscar Gutierrez as Luis Aranda, David Del Rio as Cristian Arcega, Jose Julian as Lorenzo Santillan, and Carlos Penavega as Oscar Vazquez show off a robotic model called “Stinky” in the movie “Spare Parts.” Lopez and Vazquez attended a screening of the movie Tuesday in Washington. Photo (c) 2014 Ursula Coyote / Pantelion Films =movie “Spare Parts.”

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Dinner Theatre sets 13 frightful nights



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Opening night for “Carrie: The Musical” will take place Friday, Jan. 30, at the UTEP Dinner Theatre.

BY JESUS LOPEZ
The Prospector

The UTEP Dinner Theatre will open its doors to, “Carrie: the Musical” Friday, Jan. 30. Thirteen performances will run until Feb. 15.

UTEP announced that people will soon be able to attend one of the many dinner viewings of this classical horror story performed on stage as a musical. Since Stephen King first published the story in 1974, three movies of “Carrie” have been produced.

“The story is exactly the same as the original novel by Stephen King. The only difference is the use of music to tell the story,” said Greg Taylor, director and associate professor of theater. “All of the ‘creepy’ elements of the films and novel are heightened with the edition of music.”

“Carrie” is the story of a peculiar high school girl, who not only gets harassed and tormented at school by her peers, but is also tormented by her overprotective mother. As the story progresses, Carrie gradually begins to develop telekinetic powers.

“One thing that everyone wants to know about is the scene at the prom,” Taylor said. “This point of the story is such an important part of the plot and it’s the scene most people remember from the films. Rest assured that the scene is in the musical and that it is staged with all the technical wizardry we can employ so that it hopefully lives up to what people expect.” Taylor recommends that if you haven’t watched the movies or read the novel, to wait to watch the musical and be surprised. . “I’m sure that when Stephen King first wrote ‘Carrie,’ he turned a few heads, and it has become one of the most iconic horror movies of our day,” said Lauren Peña, freshman English major, who will perform as ‘Carrie’ at the musical. “I feel like this musical follows suit.” Tickets for UTEP students vary from \$17.50, where dinner is not included, and \$34.50 with dinner. The price range also depends upon the date and seating. For more information, visit ticketmaster.com or call the UTEP Ticket Center at 747-5234. Jesus Lopez may be reached at theprospectordaily.ent@gmail.com.

The city’s most buzzed about concert is here



SPECIAL TO THE PROSPECTOR

Enrique Iglesias and Pitbull will perform at the Don Haskins Center Jan. 27 and 28.

BY JULIA HETTIGER
The Prospector

Known for their pop-rap hits “I’m a Freak,” and “I Like It,” Pitbull and Enrique Iglesias will be making their way into the Don Haskins Center for a two-night event on Jan. 27 and 28. This will be the second time the duo has performed at the Don Haskins Center since last performing in October 2011. The concerts will be kicking off the 2015 portion of their

tour, which is scheduled to continue throughout the year. Enrique Iglesias is currently on his “Love and Sex” tour, which began in early 2014. Pitbull will tour with him throughout most of North America. Both have performed multiple times in El Paso and the surrounding area. Their past concerts focused on their overall musical career, but according to Jorge Vasquez, executive director for UTEP Special Events, these concerts will put more emphasis on their newer songs.

Pitbull is using the tour to promote his new album “Globalization,” which was released Nov. 24, 2014. Enrique Iglesias will also be promoting his album “Sex and Love,” which is famous for the single “Bailando.” The concert is expected to bring in a large number of students. Fans from all sorts of backgrounds and age groups are expected to attend the concert. “We are expecting a cross-generational audience in a concert filled with all the music hits that make En-

rique and Pitbull the international stars they are,” Vasquez said. While the turnout is expected to be high, some students said they do not plan on going. “I enjoy his music, but wouldn’t spend the money to go see him,” said Rosario Garcia, senior accounting major. Although Garcia is not attending the concert, she appreciates the fact that El Paso has some big-time stars coming to perform.

“I think it is showing El Paso as a city going through an evolution. Before, we used to get nobody,” Garcia said. Ashley Rios, junior forensics major, also believes this concert is positive for El Paso’s music industry. “We were barely getting recognized, but having big-time stars like them is putting us on the map. Now other musicians will know we exist,” Rios said. Rios, who is not attending the concert, said if she got the chance she would go. “Tickets are too expensive, but if I had free tickets, I would go and hear Pitbull sing,” Rios said. Tickets are on sale and range from \$30 to \$145 on Ticketmaster, depending on seating of the concert. “The concert on Jan. 27 still has great seats available, but the concert on the 28th is sold out,” Vasquez said. Parking will be available for free in the parking lots surrounding the Don Haskins Center and throughout the parking lots on campus. There is also parking available in the Sun Metro Bus Terminal Parking Garage for \$10. “We ask that people come in early, the doors will open an hour before,” Vasquez said.

The concert will be the first concert of the year at the Don Haskins Center and Vasquez said it is a great way to kick off 2015. “The show is not to be missed,” Vasquez said. For more information, contact UTEP Special Events at 915-747-5481. Tickets may also be purchased at utepspecialevents.com/tickets. Julia Hettiger may be reached at theprospectordaily.ent@gmail.com.

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No UTEP vs. Kentucky game in 2016



MICHAELA ROMAN/THE PROSPECTOR

Head coach Tim Floyd announced that UTEP will not play against Kentucky in 2016, last wednesday Jan. 14 during practice.

BY AARON J. MONTES
The Prospector

UTEP basketball head coach Tim Floyd announced that the Miners will not play the University of Kentucky Wildcats in College Park, Md., next year.

Floyd had announced on Oct. 23, 2013 that the two teams were discussing a match-up in 2016 around Martin Luther King Jr. Day at Mary-

land's Cole Field House, where the 1966 championship game took place 48 years ago. His announcement generated a lot of buzz in the media at UTEP and in El Paso.

Last Wednesday during practice, Floyd confirmed with KTSM that the two universities would not be meeting next year and had ended discussions concerning a match-up in 2016.

"They told us they wanted to play the game and then backed out," Floyd said.

The teams had been discussing a rematch for the 50th anniversary of the game. UTEP, formerly known as Texas Western College, made basketball history by starting five African-American players against a heavily favored all-white Wildcats team coached by college basketball Hall-of-Famer Adolph Rupp. The

game is attributed with making a cultural statement.

It inspired the feature film "Glory Road," which depicted Texas Western's Hall of Fame coach Don Haskins leading his team to a 28-1 record, despite his players experiencing racism during their games outside of El Paso.

Neither team has released an official schedule for the 2015-2016 season.

Matt Jones, founder of kentuckysportsradio.com, a sports blog on UK

athletics, said that when talks began officials from UK told him that it was not finished. He said that it may have been eagerness on UTEP's end that created a sense that the game had been scheduled.

A university blog called transormations.utep.edu quoted Jones when he tweeted that the two universities were going to play the game in honor of the 50th anniversary.

Jones was not surprised that the Wildcats ended the discussions due to the non-conference commitments they had already made for next season.

According to Kentucky's athletic department website, the Wildcats will be playing former UTEP recruit Isaac Hamilton and the UCLA Bruins in a home-and-home series. They will also be playing in the Champions Classic against Duke and Ohio State in the CBS Sports Classic in 2016.

Jones said it would be difficult for Kentucky to schedule a road or neutral game during conference play. He said that Floyd's comments may make it difficult for further discussions in the future.

"When I first heard about this, it was from the UTEP end," he said. "It's not necessarily Kentucky's moment to shine. It's a moment for African-American players, it's an important cultural moment, but UK is not the hero in that moment. To some extent, some fans were hesitant about it. They didn't want to be the bad guys in the story. There's a part in that that made some people a little hesitant."

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COLUMN

The Playoff worked, so what?

BY JAVIER CORTEZ
The Prospector



The 2014-15 college football season came to a close last week and it ended on a historical high note with the first-ever College Football Playoff determining the best team in college football.

I say this grudgingly, but the CFP in one year is better than the BCS was in 16 years. I loved the BCS and almost everything about it, but what it got it wrong, was wrong in a huge way.

Out of the 16 years, there were four years that proved the BCS had major flaws: 2001, 2003, 2004 and 2009. The

problem in each of those years was that there were more than two teams deserving to play in the national championship game.

A playoff for the college football national championship was going to come sooner or later, whether the BCS was good or bad. As long as college football keeps expanding and adding more teams to Division I, then a playoff would be needed.

That's the problem with college football though, it keeps expanding when it shouldn't. Eventually four teams will not be enough, then it will be six, eight, 10, 12 and so on. The bigger the playoff gets, the more changes that come within college football.

If you are a college football fan that does not like change, well then you need to find a new sport. Teams changing conferences, conferences

disbanding and history being lost will keep happening as long as Division I football keeps expanding.

The biggest problem with college football is that the vast majority of teams do not matter. There are 125 teams and only 35 of those teams have an actual chance at playing for something meaningful in December and January.

If you can't do the math, more than 70 percent of the teams playing in college football will either have a losing season or play in a consolation bowl that nobody watches or goes to.

The change from the BCS to the CFP was the better move but ultimately a bigger mistake. As time goes on and the playoff becomes bigger and bigger, 70 percent of teams will turn into 75 percent, then 80 percent and so on.

A solution, that probably won't happen because more teams playing more games equals more money, is a relegation system. A relegation system would weed out teams that have no business playing Division I college football, while leaving the very best.

And let's be honest—that's all we want to see.

As much as people would love to say they want to see everyone have a shot at the title and root for underdogs, that's simply not true. At the end of the day, people would rather see Texas and Florida play for a National Championship instead of Boise State and Baylor.

Now, the problem that I have addressed with college football is still dormant and it's going to take some time before it rears its ugly head. It's like climate change—most of the

people alive today know it's a problem, but the fact that it won't affect our generation down the road doesn't make us take the initiative.

The next generations to come are screwed, both in their living experience and in their college football viewings.

At the end of the day, I feel conflicted. I love college football, but I can't stand the path it's going down. In more ways than one I would like to consider myself a realist, but in this case, I am simply pessimistic. College football is going to get worse and worse.

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Jan. 22 vs. W. Kentucky
Jan. 24 vs. Marshall
Jan. 29 at UAB
Jan. 31 at Middle Tennessee
Feb. 5 vs. FAU
Feb. 7 vs. FIU
Feb. 12 at Charlotte
Feb. 14 at Old Dominion
Feb. 21 at UTSA

Feb. 26 vs. La Tech
March 1 vs. Southern Miss
March 5 at North Texas
March 7 at Rice

Conference Tourney
March 11-14 at Birmingham, Ala.

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Jan. 22 at W. Kentucky
Jan. 24 at Marshall
Jan. 29 vs. UAB
Jan. 31 vs. Middle Tennessee
Feb. 5 at FAU
Feb. 7 at FIU
Feb. 12 vs. Charlotte
Feb. 14 vs. Old Dominion
Feb. 21 vs. UTSA

Feb. 26 at La Tech
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NCAA Regionals: May 14-16
NCAA Finals: May 21-28

WOMEN’S GOLF

Spring season: Feb. 16-April 7
C-USA Championships: April 20-22

TENNIS

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Jan. 30, 2015 at El Paso Tennis Club.

RIFLE

PRC Championships: Feb. 7-8 in Colorado Springs, Colo.
Home events: Feb. 21 and 22 vs. Nevada.

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Men's basketball to be tested on the road



ANDRES MARTINEZ / THE PROSPECTOR

UTEP is undefeated on the road in conference play this season. They have won 12 of their last 13 road games dating back to last season.

BY LUIS GONZALEZ
The Prospector

Last season, the UTEP men's basketball team was almost unbeatable when playing outside of El Paso, losing just one of the eight conference games they played. This year, that trend has continued with the Miners starting with three wins on their first three road conference games.

After wins at North Texas, Rice and UT San Antonio, all teams that have a .500 or worse record at the moment, UTEP's toughness on the road will truly be tested when they travel to Western Kentucky on Thursday night.

WKU is one of the two teams that have yet to lose a Conference USA game this season. The Miners will close out their longest conference stretch away from home on Saturday, Jan. 24 at Marshall.

"We have a big stretch coming up here," said Miner senior center Cedric Lang. "It's going to be important that we get these three wins and these (games) are really important for us to grow as a team."

The first of the three wins Lang talks about is a done deal after a 73-55 victory over UTSA on Jan. 17. The Roadrunners struggled with the tough Miner defense that held them to almost 18 points under their average for the season.

Trailing by three points, UTEP finished the first half on an 11-4 run to go into the break leading 30-26. The Miners' momentum continued with a 14-7 run to start the second period, which pushed the lead up into double digits and they never looked back.

Junior guard Earvin Morris had his best night this year, scoring a career-high 23 points. He made nine of the 15 shots he attempted, including four from beyond the arc. Despite the junior's career night offensively, head coach Tim Floyd was more impressed by Morris' performance on the opposite end of the floor.

"I was really pleased with his emergence defensively. He had a great game offensively, but defensively, the last two games he has done the job," Floyd said. "We've needed a secondary stopper in addition to Julian Washburn. We have found that



ANDRES MARTINEZ / THE PROSPECTOR

The UTEP men's basketball team defeated UT San Antonio 73-55 in San Antonio on Saturday Jan. 17.



ANDRES MARTINEZ / THE PROSPECTOR

The Miners will travel to Western Kentucky and Marshall on Thursday and Saturday, respectively.

this will be the first time UTEP and WKU meet in conference play. The only other time these two teams have played each other was back in the late '60s. The Hilltoppers beat the Miners at a neutral site by a final score of 78-59.

After playing the unbeaten Hilltoppers, UTEP will travel to Marshall to face the winless Thundering Herd. Marshall has a 4-14 overall record, but has yet to win in conference play.

Not a very good team, according to their record, the Herd won its first three games of the season and has won just once in the two months that followed. They are currently on an eight-game losing streak that includes a 72-51 drubbing at the hands of Old Dominion on the same floor where they will host the Miners. UTSA will be in Huntington, W.V., before UTEP visits on Saturday.

Allowing an average of just over 70 points per game, Marshall is among the worst in the league when it comes to defense. The Thundering Herd is led in scoring by sophomore redshirt

Earvin didn't like sitting and has taken that as a real challenge and played really well."

The Miners will now put their undefeated conference road record on the line against a much tougher opponent in Western Kentucky. The Hilltoppers are one of two teams that remain undefeated in Conference USA play and boast an overall record of 12-5. They are 3-0 in conference at home, including a 72-65 win over then-ranked No. 25 Old Dominion.

The matchup between Floyd's Miners and the Hilltoppers is very intriguing because it pits one of the best offenses in the league against one of the best defenses. Up to this point in the season, WKU is the second-best scoring offense, averaging 73.9 points per game. The Miners are among the top three defenses, allowing an average of just under 62 points per game.

The Hilltoppers are led by senior guard T.J. Price, who is averaging 17.6 points per game. George Fant is the second top scorer for WKU, averaging 13.6 points per contest. The 6-foot-6, 250-pound, senior forward is coming off a 20 point, 11 rebound performance in the Hilltoppers' win over Florida International. It was the sixth straight double-double for Fant.

It is the Hilltoppers' first year as a member of Conference USA, so

Ryan Taylor. The 6-foot-5 forward is one of three players to start in every game this season for Marshall. He is averaging 14.5 points per game and just over eight rebounds.

Marshall is coached by Dan D'Antoni, older brother of former Lakers, Knicks and Suns head coach Mike D'Antoni. He has served as an assistant for various teams at the NBA level.

No matter the stats, every game is important in the eyes of Floyd, and just playing on the road presents a challenge in itself.

"Every time you go on the road it's a challenge. We all know that," Floyd said.

Their play on the road was crucial to their success during the regular season last year for the Miners. With a 1-1 record to start the year at home, winning away from the comfort of the Don Haskins Center may once again prove to be important. That does not mean it will be easy.

"It takes men to win on the road and boys to win at home, Coach Floyd has always preached that," Lang said. "These (games) are really important for us to grow as a team."

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Women’s basketball looks to bounce back at home

BY JASON GREEN
The Prospector

The UTEP women’s basketball team is preparing to face its toughest home test of the season. On Thursday, Jan. 22, the No. 24-ranked Western Kentucky Lady Toppers will roll into town. When it comes to Western Kentucky, roll is the keyword—Western Kentucky is 16-2 on the season and has won its last 13 games in a row. Their most recent game was an 81-42 drubbing of Florida International last Saturday.

UTEP comes into this game after losing a heartbreaker to UT San Antonio, 55-53, on Saturday afternoon. The Miners find themselves in the middle of a jumbled Conference USA standings table with Western Kentucky sitting firmly on top. Miner head coach Keitha Adams knows just how tough Thursday’s game will be.

“They’re really an excellent team,” Adams said. “We’re going to have to play a very, very, good game for 40 minutes on both ends of the floor against this good Western Kentucky team.”

In recent games, Adams has highlighted rebounding as an issue in most of the Miners losses and some wins. In Saturday’s defeat, UTEP was out-rebounded by a smaller team for the entire game and lost on a put back off of UTSA’s 15th offensive rebound.

UTEP also struggled on offense, making only one 3-pointer against the Roadrunners. The team’s usual 3-point threat, senior guard Stacie Telles is trying to work her way out of a recent shooting slump.

Adams feels like the team’s practices are going well and hopes that her young team can learn from Saturday’s defeat.

“We’ve been trying to make our practices more competitive,” Adams said. “We’re doing a lot of competition within each other to help us get ready for our games, and we’re a young team. We’ve just got to learn from this last game. We’ve just got to continue to work hard and grow together.”

Western Kentucky will be one of the few teams to come into the Don Haskins Center that can match up with the Miners in the height department. The Lady Toppers have eight players over 6 feet tall. The Miners roster currently features seven players with that particular characteristic.

To make matters worse, UTEP has been without one of their best rebounders, senior guard Chrishauna Parker for most of the season. The team is still trying to find a player to step in and fight for the boards in Parker’s absence.

Recently, that player appears to be junior guard Irene Gari, who recorded a career-high 11 rebounds against Rice in early January. UTEP will need more than just Gari to step up and defend against Western Kentucky’s two towering forwards—senior Alexis Govan and senior Chastity Gooch.

“They’re both very good scoring,” said Adams. “They can shoot the outside shot. They can take it to the basket. They can put it on the floor—and they play very well together.”

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The UTEP women’s basketball team will host No. 24 Western Kentucky on Thursday Jan. 22 at the Don Haskins Center.



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The UTEP women's basketball team is 7-2 at home this season.

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With a young team still trying to gel and so much going against the Miners, as far as slumps and injuries go, there are still plenty of reasons to think that UTEP could upset a nationally ranked team come Thursday night. The Miners are 123 games over .500 when playing inside the comfort of the Don Haskins Center, and are 20-2 under coach Adams when attendance is more than 4,000.

Adams knows just how important the crowd will be when it comes to facing Western Kentucky.

"We need a big crowd to come out Thursday night. It's going to take a great, tremendous effort from our team, and our crowd getting behind us always helps us," Adams said. "We've won a lot of games in the Haskins Center and I think part of it is because we've had such passionate fans. We'll need that Thursday."

The Miners have a very quick turnaround following their battle with Western Kentucky on Thursday. On Saturday, the Marshall Thundering Herd will head into the Don Haskins to close out the longest home stand of UTEP's season. Marshall is in the same jumble in the middle of the standings that UTEP finds themselves. Where UTEP trails Western Kentucky in almost every statistical category, Marshall trails UTEP.

The Thundering Herd is 11-5 on the season and 3-2 in conference play. After losing two of their first three conference games, Marshall is coming off two straight wins at home against Florida Atlantic and Florida International. They will make a stop in San Antonio on Thursday night to play the Roadrunners before heading to El Paso.

There have been 11 previous meetings between these two teams. Marshall holds a 7-4 advantage on the Miners. The most recent tilt, though, favored Adams' team after a 77-50 final at the Don Haskins.

While the Miners prepare for the Lady Toppers and the Marshall Thun-

dering Herd on Saturday, all UTEP students are preparing to head back to class for the spring.

Coach Adams feels that her student-athletes will face the upcoming semester the same as every other student and that the added pressure of playing a top-25 team will not make a difference.

"There will be an adjustment that they have to make, everybody's going to go through it—everybody's starting back up. I think that a good schedule and having structure every day, that always is good—structure is good," Adams said. "We'll get after it. We had a very good first semester academically—so we'll continue to work hard to make good grades this second semester."

This week's games are against two very different teams in size, statistics and standing. The UTEP women have a tough test ahead on the court and in the classroom. You can bet that coach Adams will have her team ready to go—on and off the court despite the beginning of a new semester. You can also bet that she wants nothing more than for all of the returning students to return to the Don Haskins Center and help her young Miners get things rolling again.

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UTEP track and field begins season at the Lobo Collegiate Open

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The UTEP track team is preparing for the Lobo Collegiate Open to take place in Albuquerque, N.M. on Jan. 24. This will be the first meet of the spring season.

The Miners are looking to get off on the right foot in hopes of reproducing the kind of success they enjoyed last season.

Although the track meet will not count towards conference standings, head coach Mika Laaksonen is making sure the team knows the importance of getting off to a good start.

“What we want to do is kind of get the ball rolling and keep everybody healthy,” Laaksonen said. “We have a bunch of new people, like we do every year, so we are going to see how the new people perform.”

The Lobo Collegiate Open can be helpful for athletes, who are unsure what event they are best at. With a team of more than 60 athletes, it is important to find who is good at what, and help each athlete become successful.

“We have one of the biggest teams we have ever had, or at least in the last 20 to 25 years,” Laaksonen said. “The main thing is to put them in events where they can be successful and then get the season going with the right foot and avoiding injuries.”

For many of the seniors, this will be one of their last opportunities to prove that they have what it takes to compete in later track meets and in the conference championships.



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The UTEP track team will participate in the Lobo Collegiate Open in Albuquerque, N.M. on Jan. 24 to start the season.

“We have the first couple meets where everyone will get an opportunity, then we will go lean and mean for the rest of the season,” Laaksonen said. “We are going to give everyone the opportunity to compete.”

The expectation for seniors is that they perform well.

“We have a few seniors who have not performed their best yet,” Laaksonen said. “I expect those guys and girls to step up for us this year and finish strong for us.”

Among the seniors expected to lead the Miners is standout Anthony Rotich who will be looking to add to his already decorated college career.

The three-time national champion has been added to the Bowerman Watch List for the ninth time.

The list names the top 10 track and field and cross-country athletes in the nation, and is the highest individual honor an athlete can receive.

After his triumph last season, Rotich believes he has the formula for success in the upcoming season.

“What I do in 2015 is not much different from what I did last year,” Rotich said. “I want to maintain the achievement that I had last year, and so long as my health is good, I know I’m going to make it.”

Every day is important for the reigning national champion, who also has future Olympic aspirations.

“My coach always said the success of tomorrow is what you do right now,” Rotich said. “About the Olympics, it’s not that I will be waiting three years to start training. I’ve started already training the day I got to UTEP.”

The Lobo Invitational will be the first step toward another successful season for what is considered one of UTEP’s strongest teams.

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