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## WITH DOORS WIDE OPEN Miner Canyon offers innovations to students

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BY FERNANDA LEON

The Prospector

Miner Canyon, the brand-new housing complex at UTEP, is loaded with state-of-the-art innovations for students to take advantage of.

Being the only apartments on campus featuring from card access to study rooms available at all times, high-speed Wi-Fi, and Internet Protocol Television with DVR, Miner Canyon represents a leap forward for UTEP and students.

This housing facility consists of three buildings. The first two buildings, Copper and Whispering Springs, are residence halls for students.

The last building, Boquillas, is a community building equipped with a computer lab, a theater-quality screen, projector and surround sound stereo system, which will al-

low students to have study groups as well as events.

"It is (Miner Canyon) what we are calling state-of-the-art student housing," said Charles Gibbens, director of the Department of Residence Life. "We did a lot of research. We talked to students, faculty and staff about what they wanted to see in the property."

According to Gibbens, Miner Canyon is not an old-fashioned dormitory, instead is an apartment building that is designed to help students be academically successful.

Since safety and security is of primary concern, the only way for students to access Miner Canyon buildings and apartments is via their Miner Gold Card.

"The student doesn't get a key anymore to get in," Gibbens said. "Their student ID card is activated and that gets them in the front door, the elevator, their apartment and their room."

Miner Canyon features three different styles of apartments: the first ones are efficiencies, which are one-person apartments. The other two are four-bedroom apartments that house four or six students per apartment.

Gibbens said that most of the bedrooms in this complex are private, but there are shared spaces within the apartment.

This was done intentionally because these shared spaces help students to get to know each other.

Each floor has a lobby area that allows students to study in groups, watch television or even play video games.

"This space encourages students to interact with one another and create the sense of community while having the real college experience," said Alexis Lubbers, senior cellular and molecular biochemistry major and Miner Canyon resident.

UTEP's new housing complex also has two study rooms on each floor. One is smaller in order to accommodate both small and large study groups.

Boquillas Hall, the community building at Miner Canyon, has a meeting room that features a flat-panel touch-sensitive television with a camera. There are speakers in the room's ceiling, microphones and a telephone. All this equipment is available for students to use and represents an improvement to help students network with other universities around the country.

This community building also features a patio that has been designed to create an ambience for different events or parties.

"There is never really an excuse not to study. The technology Miner Canyon has to offer is astounding and makes me feel safe as well, just as you should in your own home," Lubbers

said. "Living on campus means accessibility to all that UTEP has to offer as a university such as student organizations, research and participation in campus activities."

Providing more opportunities to students living on campus is another goal of UTEP's Department of Residence Life.

"The hope is that as students live on campus, they will seize all the opportunities that UTEP has to offer, and become an active part of the community and increase their participation as UTEP's student body," Lubbers said.

Miner Canyon was constructed in a way to bring privacy and, at the same time, a sense of community to its residents.

"We built something with the intentionality to serve the student body," Gibbens said.

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One more first day of school



BY LUIS GONZALEZ  
The Prospector

I've never liked the first day of school, no matter how many of them I've had – and I have had way too many during my college career. I will never understand how people can be excited for early morning classes, homework and tests.

This first day of school was different though. I didn't have a single class yet I spent most of my day on campus working at a job I never thought I'd have, in a field I never thought I'd be in and I will admit it wasn't that bad.

After transferring universities, changing my major three times I am not ecstatic about the restart of classes, but I am also not dreading it. The biggest change is that I am actually doing and learning something that I love. And that is what my advice would be to any and every student, freshman or senior – do something you love and enjoy the time you have in college.

The dream is to do something you love and get paid for it but, sometimes, we get scared away from what we enjoy because it might not be financially sustainable. If you are educated you can do anything and earn a good lifestyle no matter the profession. The trick comes in how hard you are willing to work to make whatever your choice is financially sustainable.

It's not an easy thing to do. It took me years to figure out what exactly I wanted to do and how I wanted to spend the next 60-to-70 years of my life. Even when I'm done with my degree there is no guarantee I will be doing what I love. But that just goes back to how hard we are all willing to work.

Going back to making the decision, that's where being patient and enjoying your time at UTEP comes into play. I'm not going to endorse spending more time than you need in college, but I would not recommend

speeding through the road to graduation either. It's a time to make mistakes and bad choices, as long as you learn from them. It's a time to explore the different options in order to make of the most important decisions of our life.

It took me a lot longer than I would have liked but I think I made the right choice after many mistakes and that's how I ended up at The Prospector. And this time might be my last first day of school.

With the beginning of a new school year comes the beginning of a new year for The Prospector, a year that is quite important. After the university celebrated its 100 years of existence, it is this publication's turn to celebrate its centennial. This will be the one-hundredth year in which The Prospector has served as a way to inform UTEP's student body, from the point of view of the students.

Starting out as a monthly magazine, The Prospector has now turned into a weekly newspaper with daily online publications.

We strive to inform students about anything and everything that may have an impact on their lives, from the new basketball signings to the prices at the new cafeteria. We want to write about issues that will interest you because not only do we want to inform you but be a voice for you.

At The Prospector, we want to know what students are thinking, what they are interested in and what they think about our work. We want this to be a place with which students can identify and feel comfortable with.

There are various ways in which students can interact and play an important role with this newspaper. Every reporter and editor is just a phone call or email away. Questions or concerns about stories and ideas on issues that would be interesting to read about will always be welcome here. At the bottom of every story you read, either online or in print, there is an email address where every reporter can be reached.

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## UT System funds \$1.7 million study to prevent campus violence



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**A speaker from the UTEP Do One Thing initiative presents at the green DOT training held in the Undergraduate Learning Center.**

**BY AMANDA GUILLEN  
AND VALERIE HERRERA**

## The Prospector

DOT will allow all who learn about it understand that we can all do something to make our campus and community safer.

- **Dr. Ryan Holmes,**  
assistant vice president of  
student affairs

The beginning of the fall semester brings the launch of two new initiatives on campus to deal with the problem of sexual violence.

The UT System has begun a \$1.7-million multiyear study on sexual assaults, dating violence, stalking and sexual harassment at 13 of its college and medical campuses.

Through this study, the UT System is making an attempt to aid all UT schools by increasing safety messages and by creating positive methods that will aid each campus community and allow each institution to provide its own unique approach in doing so.

In partnership with this initiative, last spring the Student Government Association's senate began the establishment of the Green Do One Thing strategy, a sexual assault bystander intervention-training program that seeks to educate individuals on the steps they can take to prevent a potential sexual assault or rape on campuses.

The UTEP DOT initiative will be officially launched campus-wide during the first few weeks of the fall semester. The first event will be a DOT Carnival, which will be held at 1 p.m. Aug. 26 at the Union Plaza.

The UT System's study will consist of online questionnaires for students, surveys and focus groups of faculty, staff and campus law enforcement. There will also be a four-year study following a group of entering freshman in order to study the impact of sexual violence psychologically and economically.

UTEP, along with UT Arlington, UT Austin, and UT Medical Branch at Galveston, will use focus groups and surveys from faculty, staff, law enforcement, administration, and student leadership to determine three key factors—how these crimes are reported, how the university responds and the policies and procedures that commence when crimes are reported. Associate Vice-President and Dean of Students Catie McCorry-Andalis is in charge of the initiative at UTEP.

UT System's associate vice chancellor for student affairs, Wanda Mercer said in an interview earlier this month, "When Chancellor William

Green DOT training in the summer. Throughout the summer, the university created the DOT initiative, which gives community members the additional tools needed to deescalate potentially harmful situations and spread the word to others.

Dr. Ryan Holmes, assistant vice president of student affairs, believes that when community members receive more information and training on how to avoid and deescalate situations, they are more likely to intervene and speak about concerns to promote culture change where it's needed.

"When considering national research on campus violence, it should be the thought that any act of violence is one too many," Holmes said. "DOT will allow all who learn about it understand that we can all do something to make our campus and community safer."

New entering students, who attended new student or transfer student orientation, have been receiving information about the program along with student organization leaders, who have already gone through training as early adopters.

While UTEP, by comparison, is a relatively safe campus, the university hopes that with the addition of the DOT initiative, it can sustain, and in some cases increase, its reputation of community togetherness and safety.

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, is an act that requires each institution of higher education in the United States to provide an annual report containing crime statistics and statements of security policy.

Currently, UTEP has its 2014 report that was completed on October 1, 2014. The 2015 report is expected this fall.

The total number of reported forcible sex-offenses at UTEP was nine for the 2013 year and there were no non-forcible sex-offenses reported.

According to Holmes, the Green DOT organization has done much research in the area of campus violence and has seen success in its prevention efforts.

He said research has shown that two major reasons why individuals do not get involved in stopping potentially harmful situations are that a person feels as if they have to be a hero and must take the situation on alone or that someone else may have seen what is going on and is more likely to intervene.

"In the latter of the examples, it has been shown that no one may act while hoping someone else will," Holmes said.

This system-wide initiative also is in relation to Title IX criteria. Any educational programs or activities that receive government funding must

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What class are you dreading this semester and why?

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**ALEXIS RAMIREZ**  
Freshman social work major  
“I am dreading biology because in high school I took biology and anatomy but I really hated it.”



**BRANDON WALTER**  
Freshman computer science major  
“I am taking calculus I but I really hate math.”



**MARIEL PALACIOS**  
Freshman industrial engineering major  
“I am dreading chemistry the most because I've never been good at it.”



**KEVIN GUERRA**  
Freshman geology major  
“I am dreading pre-cal because I am not really good with numbers and I hate math.”



**DANIELA ALMERAZ**  
Junior pre-nursing major  
“The class I'm most dreading is political science because I did the second part first, instead of the first part. I had Gutierrez and he was hardcore, so I'm hoping I do well in this.”



**BRYAN GUAJARDO**  
Freshman engineering major  
“I am dreading philosophy because I was told there is a lot of writing in that class.”



**BIANCA ARCINIEGA**  
Junior communication major  
“The class I'm probably dreading the most is geology because I'm not good at science and it's not even close to my major.”



**AARON SANCHEZ**  
Junior psychology major  
“Organismal biology, because I'm having to retake it so I'll have to put more effort into it this time around.”



**KARINA RAMIREZ**  
Freshman biology major  
“My history class—history 1301, I'm bad at history and I don't know how it's going to go for me. It's probably my weakest subject.”



**CRISTOBAL MEDINA**  
Sophomore electrical engineering major  
“Physics 2421 because this class, mainly the professor, is one of the hardest and has the hardest test and is demanding more this year.”



**LILLIANA VALDESPINO**  
Junior electrical engineering major  
“The class I'm dreading the most is electric circuits because a lot of students fail the course and end up switching majors; hopefully I'm not one of them.”



**ADAM LARES**  
Junior biology major  
“Physics II because the professor seems to be demanding a lot and is a bit old-fashioned.”



**MARCELA ZACARIAS**  
Freshman business and dance major  
“Jazz and rock because the book is expensive.”



**DAVID ESPARZA**  
Freshman biology major  
“Chemistry because I am not really looking forward to the sheer length of the class, since it is much more time consuming in comparison to my other classes.”



**QUETZANI MONTANO-SEVILLA**  
Junior multimedia journalism major  
“The class I'm most dreading is my math class because I haven't taken a math course in five years.”



**YUSSEF LUNA**  
Junior political science major  
“I'm dreading intro to public administration because it's online. It's probably not the best idea, and you have to write a bunch of papers and volunteer.”



**VALERIA ALTAMIRANO**  
Junior electrical engineering major  
“The class I'm dreading the most is physics, due to the fact that the professor isn't the best but he's the only one that teaches it so I have to take it.”



**JONATHAN PICADO**  
Freshman civil engineering major  
“The class I'm dreading the most is probably political science because the professor seems a little weird and the class is huge.”




**MANUEL LUCERO**  
Sophomore, electrical engineering major  
“The class I think I'm going to struggle with the most is differential equations because I took it last semester, but I had to drop the class since it was hard. I'm taking it again and I'm going to try my best.”



**DAVID TANNER**  
Freshman anthropology major  
“I'm dreading math the most because I've always sucked at math and never been good at it.”





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# To park or not to park: Having your car on campus

BY JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ

The Prospector

With the school year starting, some students may find finding a place to park their car more difficult than expected. Those who use campus parking lots without a permit may even return to find a parking citation on their windshield.

Although some students may walk or take public transport to school, UTEP provides parking lots for those who drive. All available permits are valid for an entire year, expiring just before the next fall semester starts. With a variety of options, some students may feel perplexed by which parking permit to buy.

There are three garages available to UTEP students and staff, each on different parts of the campus.

The Sun Bowl and Schuster garages, both requiring a separate gold parking permit, cost \$334 per year. Those who may have just bought their permit should be aware they are only allowed to park in one garage, and the permits are not interchangeable. These garages may be the most useful to students and staff who will spend most of their day in the areas around the library, Undergraduate Learning Center, and the Fox Fine Arts building.

"I'm a lot closer to the Mike Loya building, so I can go there if I need to deal with financial aid or other services," said Alyssa Downey, junior psychology major.

According to the UTEP Parking and Transportation Services, these

garages are strictly enforced from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays.

The Glory Road Garage, coming in at \$231, is located on the north side of campus, next to the Don Haskins Center. Although it is a bit farther from the main campus, students regularly involved in sports may find it to be just a short walk from the courts and fields. The Glory Road Garage is also easily accessible from Mesa Street, making for an easy commute. This garage also has its permit rules enforced from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For students with most classes in the northern end of campus, the Premium Perimeter (silver) permits may be their best option.

"It's a lot closer to the Health Sciences building, where most of my classes are," said Daphne Liang, a senior clinical lab science major.

At \$225, they offer closer parking spots than the Glory Road Garage, and also offer the option of parking at the southwestern end of campus, close to the Sun Bowl Garage. With permits being enforced from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., anyone with a silver permit can park in any silver zone after 3 p.m.

The blue perimeter lots offer 14 different parking lot options all throughout campus, from the corner close to Schuster and I-10 to beyond the Sun Bowl stadium. Costing \$173 per year, the perimeter lots give a variety of choices for many needs.

"Other permits I've had were only close to two buildings I needed," said Angel Ramirez, freshman business major. "(The P-3 permit) is right next to where most of my classes are."



SERGIO ZAMORA / THE PROSPECTOR

A UTEP Parking and Transportation Services employee places a citation on an illegally parked vehicle.

With only a short walk to the campus proper, students and staff that have classes all over campus may find perimeter permits a useful option. They might be best used by those who spend most of their time on the outskirts of campus, like the Mike Loya Academic Services Building, the library, or the northern part of Centennial Plaza.

The remote lots, identified by their green permit requirement, are the most removed from the campus proper and at \$123 are the cheapest permits.

Although the distance between the remote parking lots and classes may intimidate some, it's not necessary to walk. The Miner Metro shuttle system passes by each of the remote park-

ing lots with a maximum of 10 minutes between each shuttle, making the commute to campus shorter and more comfortable than walking.

Some cars may be seen parked around dormitories with purple permits, and these are not available to the general public. Purple resident parking permits, costing \$140, are only available to those who live in the dorms themselves.

Permits are not interchangeable between cars, as they are registered to each vehicle individually. If permits are placed on cars in which they don't belong, both permit holders and car owners may be faced with a fine for violating the parking rules.

"I had gotten the Sun Bowl garage permit, but still had my old remote

permit on my windshield," Downey said. "Luckily I got off with a warning."

If you are cited for parking in the wrong lot, not displaying your permit, or exchanging permits, the citation may still be appealed.

The Parking and Transportation Services requires the appeal process to be started through their website. Once an appeal is requested, you will receive an email asking you to set an appeal date within 14 calendar days. Although appeals may be written or be made in person, doing the appeal in person allows for evidence to be brought in and presented in order to back your case.

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# El Paso can't get enough of Paydirt Pete

BY LUIS GONZALEZ

The Prospector

There are few things that identify El Paso like the University of Texas at El Paso. The presence of the university can be felt in every corner of the city and it strives to be a part of the El Paso community as much as possible. One of the ways it tries to do so is through its mascot, Paydirt Pete, and UTEP is looking to increase Pete's presence all around El Paso by adding a few more of him to the team.

UTEP has never had more than two people playing the role of Pete, but because of his popularity, cheerleading coach Bianca Marquez is expanding the Paydirt Pete mascot team in an effort to satisfy the demand.

"In the past, we've only had two (Petes)," Marquez said. "What we are trying to do is to get a group of Petes

just because the demand for him is so high that two guys can't handle the demand."

Since Paydirt Pete must be a student, who is enrolled full time if they are classified as an undergraduate or half time if classified as a graduate student, there are some requests that have to go unfulfilled.

Paul Perez, a graduate student in leadership studies, has been a part of Team Pete for five years and has gotten to witness up-close and personal the role that Paydirt Pete plays in El Paso.

"We're the face of the university," Perez said. "You have little kids coming up and hugging you, you have older alumni, you have families coming up to you, and you have people wanting to sign t-shirts, footballs. You mean the world to them because they got a chance to take a picture



with somebody that may not be a real person, but he is an icon so to speak."

Pete was born in 1974, when he was originally nicknamed "Sweet" and not "Paydirt." He was the first animated mascot and replaced the donkey that had served as the school mascot for more than 50 years.

Going into this semester, the team is made up of Perez and two other students—one of whom is in his first year as a mascot. Marquez is trying to increase the roster in order to fulfill the different responsibilities Pete has at UTEP and around the community.

"We're trying to get at least five or six Petes so that they can rotate between doing community events or doing athletic events," Marquez said. "It's very, very demanding."

The main responsibilities for UTEP's mascot are divided into two categories. There is game day Paydirt Pete, who is present at all of the athletic events and community Paydirt Pete, who makes appearances at el-

ementary schools, business openings and other types of events. With only three students being Pete, all three of them take on both community and athletic-related duties.

"Ideally I would like a couple Petes to be just dedicated to community events and a couple to be just dedicated to university events," Marquez said.

In order to fulfill Pete's duties, who is becoming more and more relevant nationally, the demands of the job go beyond just a busy schedule. Perez, who has been recognized as one of the best mascots in the nation, aiding the team to a cheerleading national championship and finishing as the runner-up in the 2010 Capital One Cup Mascot Challenge, says it is very demanding physically.

"You have to maintain physical fitness," Perez said. "I think we sweat more than any other athlete on campus in any other sport, but you can't pass out. You have to be able to main-

tain your composure while you're out there."

Marquez and Team Pete have been holding tryouts and taking applications since June of this year. Students who are interested may apply for either community Pete or game-day Pete.

Trying out for community Pete mainly consists of just interaction. Interacting with the existing Petes, coach Marquez and the cheerleading squad during their practice is the main part of the process.

Getting the feel of being Pete is very important.

"It's just to get the feel of what it's like to be in the suit," Marquez said. "You can't talk in it, so their gestures have to be big and exaggerated."

Game day Petes must put together a two-minute routine when trying out, but the focus remains on the interaction between Pete and his audience.

The stable of Paydirt Petes is already bigger than it has ever been, but UTEP will continue to try to expand it as it looks to expand its role in the community.

"We really want Pete to be out there in the community," Marquez said. "Showing the community that UTEP supports their business or their organization or their campus or their school, and then vice versa, we want them to come out and say 'hey we support UTEP.'"

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follow set guidelines, guidelines that include awareness of sexual assault.

Although direct and indirect marketing items have been distributed to students, UTEP faculty and staff members continue to be involved in discussion meetings to see how they can distribute DOT information to students more effectively.

Raquel Torres, sophomore psychology major, said DOT would spark a social change that will not only benefit students, but the community as well.

"It's important to know what to do when an harmful event may occur, and I think it's great that students are now able to learn about defense for the common good whether it's for themselves or others," Torres said.

During training sessions, UTEP's Green DOT members expressed the need for students, faculty and staff to be proactive when they see "Red Dot" instances such as harassment and assault occurring. These proactive choices are referred to as "Green Dots," which could be distraction, intervention or calling authorities.

Vanessa Martinez, director of academic student success, and Elise Es-

pina, residence life coordinator, said that if enough students take initiative to help others from "red dot" activity, such as assault, bullying and sexual harassment, then surely culture change would occur on campus.

Holmes also said that as community members tend to make poor decisions because they assume other people may condone such choices, and the more that students, faculty and staff continue to engage in describing a positive culture; that there would be no place for violence or harmful behavior of any type.

"Community safety is paramount on the UTEP campus and the DOT seeks to do its part to continue this tradition of safety," Holmes said. "DOT is also displaying to everyone in the community that safety is everyone's job and we all have a part to play."

For more information, go to [green-dot.at.utep.edu](http://green-dot.at.utep.edu).

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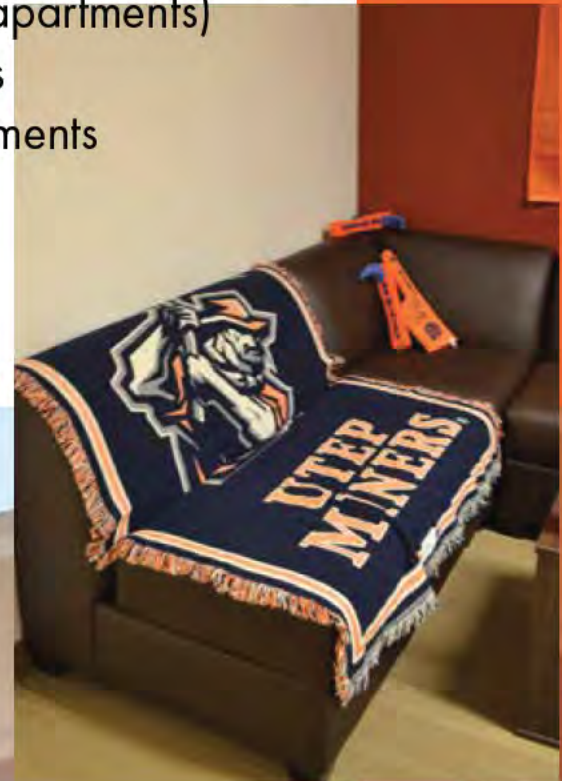
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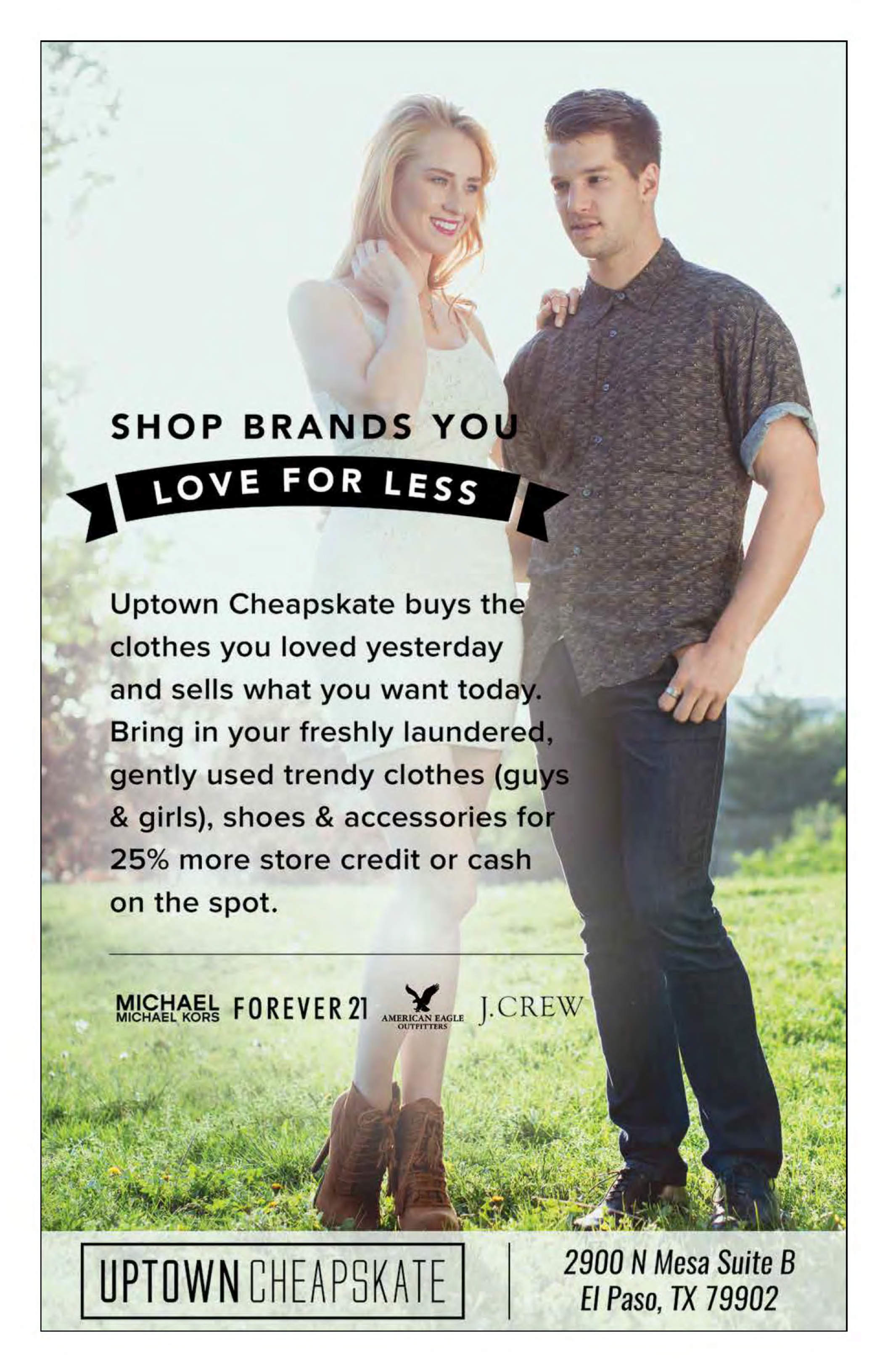


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Miner Welcome expanded to two weeks as fall begins

**Miner Welcome**  
August 24 - September 4

**Week 1**

**Mon. August 24**  
**Welcome & Good Luck!**  
8am-5pm "Where's My Class?" Get campus directions from the UTEP Street Team  
Centennial Plaza  
10am Registered Student Organizations & Department Fair  
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**Tue. August 25**  
**Miner Hangout**  
8am-5pm "Where's My Class?" Get campus directions from the UTEP Street Team  
Centennial Plaza  
10am Registered Student Organizations & Department Fair  
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**Wed. August 26**  
**DOT Carnival**  
Union Plaza 1pm-3pm  
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The Union Gallery presents:  
**The Game of Life: Miner Edition**  
Opening Reception 12pm-1pm  
#MinerLife

**Thu. August 27**  
**Pre-Minerpalooza Pep Rally**  
Centennial Plaza  
11am Registered Student Organizations & Department Fair  
12pm Pep Rally  
#MinerStrong #UnfinishedBusiness

**Fri. August 28**  
**Orange Friday**  
Office of Student Life Union Bldg. West Rm 102 9am  
#ORANGEFRIDAYS  
**Minerpalooza**  
Sun Bowl & Glory Road 6pm  
#Minerpalooza

**Week 2**

**Mon. August 31**  
**Motivational Monday**  
Centennial Plaza  
8am Morning Yoga  
9:30am Zumba Party  
10am Motivational Activities  
#MotivationalMonday

**Tue. September 1**  
**Students First at Rec Sports**  
Student Recreation Center  
11am-2pm Explore the SRC, play some games, & see why students are first with Rec Sports!  
#StudentsFirst

**Wed. September 2**  
**Chill Fest**  
Centennial Plaza 10am  
Live music, inflatables, dunk tank & a food truck!  
#ChillFest

**Thu. September 3**  
**Throwback Thursday**  
Union Plaza 10am  
Create tie dye t-shirts & play throwback arcade games!  
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**RSO Showcase**  
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**Fri. September 4**  
**Orange Friday**  
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BY JULIA HETTIGER  
The Prospector

To commemorate the beginning of the school year, the Office of Student Life is putting on its annual welcome back festival to greet new and returning students.

The celebration will take place the first two weeks of classes, Aug. 24 through Sept. 4.

Miner Welcome will have booths and events all around campus, including the Student Centennial Plaza, Union Plaza and the Recreational Center. Students who attend will be able to learn more about campus, participate in motivational activities and free games to kick off the school year.

"We want to get people, especially new students, out there and to other places on campus they may not visit otherwise," said Mallory Garcia, coordinator in the Office of Student Life. "We want to provide students a variety of adventures so they can really come together."

This year, Miner Welcome will feature a variety of new games and events, including a dunk tank, a carnival hosted by the Green DoOneThing Initiative and booths set up by different departments around campus. Students will be able to dunk their friends and any volunteering UTEP staff, get educated about the different

departments on campus and play a variety of games.

"This semester, we wanted to incorporate other campus offices, like Student Government Association, Student Engagement and Leadership Center, the Division of Student Affairs and Rec Sports," Garcia said. "One thing to note is this happens during both semesters, but this semester's will be bigger and better than the spring's, with much improvement."

Other events include a Zumba party, yoga, creating tie-dye shirts, a pep rally and The Game of Life, Miners' edition. There will also be live music, a food truck and both water and dry slides.

In the past, the welcome back festivities were held for one week only, but the Office of Student Life decided to extend it and include more events.

"Sometimes students decide not to check out any of the events hosted during welcome week because they are trying to get accommodated to their new schedule," Garcia said. "Something new we started in the spring was expanding it to the first two week of classes, and with it being two weeks, the students have the opportunity to use the second week to come check it out."

The first week will focus on different registered student organizations and departments at UTEP, finding your classes and Minerpalooza at the end of the week, and the second will

feature more games and activities for the students' enjoyment.

Garcia said she believes attending events like these can have a positive impact on students.

"It can really give them a true college experience, and having it in the Centennial Plaza shows them campus is truly their space," Garcia said. "Even though we will be having events there, students can still sit out on the grass to study, read a book, meet with their friends and just enjoy the excitement."

The Office of Student Life plans to expand Miner Welcome each year and continue to add new and exciting events.

"We are continuously growing more and more each year," Garcia said. "We want to show students new units on campus and help them enjoy the Centennial Plaza now that the construction has made campus more pedestrian friendly."

Each day will have its own theme, including Throwback Thursday, Motivational Monday, Chill Fest and Orange Friday.

For more information about Welcome Week, contact the Office of Student Life at 747-5648, or visit their Facebook page to view the complete schedule.

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25 years of Minerpalooza

BY EDITORIAL STAFF  
The Prospector

Minerpalooza, the traditional UTEP fall semester celebration, will turn 25 this Friday, Aug. 28, as the semester begins. Games, obstacle courses, a variety of food and live music are all offered during the event, which has attracted close to 30,000 people in the past.

Located in the P-9 parking lot on the UTEP campus, Minerpalooza has offered entertainment to both students and the general public for every beginning of the fall semester for the last 25 years. The event has expanded with each year. This time around, the musical line-up includes Scott Melker aka The Melker Project, Ribo Flavin', Mariachi Los Mineros and Allegro Dance Team.

Black Eyed Peas band member Taboo will be headlining the event. The performances will start at 6 in the evening.

The food options at Minerpalooza include cotton candy, churros, funnel cakes, hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, chicharrones, spiced cucumber slices and turkey

legs. There will also be a beer and wine garden.

To honor the 25-year anniversary, 5,000 hot dogs will be sold for 25 cents.

Tickets are required for all games and obstacle courses. A family-friendly area will be allocated inside of Kidd Field from 6 to 10 p.m.

The UTEP football team will host a meet-and-greet at the Larry K. Durham Center from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Free parking around campus starts at 5 p.m. The Glory Road parking garage will be charging \$10, but all other parking lots will be free of charge. ADA shuttle services will be available at parking lots S-3 and P-9 until 12:30 a.m.

For more information, please visit Minerpalooza.com or call the Office of Student Life at 915-747-5648.



With the start of the fall semester, certain places are ideal for studying



Einstein Bros Bagels is located at the UTEP Bookstore.

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BY JULIA HETTIGER  
The Prospector

As the semester commences, students will be searching for the perfect place to study. From cafés and tea-shops, to the library and secret studying hideouts, UTEP and its surrounding areas have an array of different places to go cram before a test or get some homework done.

On campus, many students can be found studying at traditional spots such as the library or the Union. Others have coveted spaces they like to call their own. Monica Diaz, senior criminal justice major, said she en-

joys studying in multiple places on campus.

“I usually study in the Chemistry and Computer Science Building toward the back because there are chairs and tables at the end of the hallway, and not many people know about it,” Diaz said. “Or I’ll go to the first floor of the library or the music building.”

One place to study at on campus is Einstein Bros. Bagels which offers an array of breads and coffee to students while they take in some reading and studying.

Rosie Chapina, senior forensic science major, said she can study anywhere as long as it’s not at home.

“I mostly come to campus for the library, and occasionally I’ll go to Starbucks,” Chapina said.

There are also a plethora of coffee shops and quiet spaces in the general UTEP area including The Tea Spout, located at 3233 N. Mesa. The Tea Spout provides students with a calm atmosphere while they try teas imported from China, Japan, Sri Lanka, Taiwan and India.

Seth Hernandez, junior pre-pharmacy major, said he has studied there.

“When I get to The Tea Spout, I order a combination of a luxury matcha (powdered green tea) shot and minor energy, which gives you enough caffeine to keep you awake and enough

energy to keep you focused,” Hernandez said.

The owner of The Tea Spout, April Benson, said the location is a good place for students to study because she has an area of the teashop to accommodate this.

“I have a study area that’s quiet, has free Wi-Fi, USB ports and a study bar,” Benson said. “Also, the students receive a really good special; a 16 oz. drink, hot or cold, with a free refill and matcha shot.”

One of The Tea Spout’s specialties is matcha and, according to Benson, it can have beneficial qualities for helping students study.

“Matcha is great for studying because it gives people more of a mental energy that helps with concentration and focus,” Benson said. “And it also has a lot of great health benefits.”

Alternatively, Hillside Coffee and Donut Co., located at 4935 N. Mesa, has a distinctive atmosphere for students to study in.

Ashley Aguilar, an employee at Hillside, said the coffee shop has a few unique quirks that students may benefit from.

“We have a lot more room than some places,” Aguilar said. “We also have outdoor seating, students can get free refills on their coffee—good coffee, not to toot our own horn—and really just the room.”

According to Aguilar, UTEP students living in the surrounding residential area serve as their largest customer base, and in the future, she hopes to incorporate UTEP more in their events and activities.

“I actually am thinking of asking UTEP to have their own booth at our farmer’s market to involve UTEP more,” Aguilar said. “We want to show we are pro-UTEP and we love our Miners.”

Hillside is open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. For more information, call 875-0182.

For more information about The Tea Spout, call 351-0009. The Tea Spout is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

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(Top) Male model sports fall turtleneck trend. (Right) Female model wears flared pants for fall fashion. (Bottom) Solid color ideal for clothing ensemble.

BY FERNANDA LEON  
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The Prospector

Fall is right around the corner, the weather will be getting colder, the leaves will turn a shade of brown and the lines at Starbucks will grow longer as they start serving their infamous pumpkin spice latte, and a new fashion season will follow as well. Below are some of the fall 2015 fashion trends for women.

Geometric Prints

Geometric patterns or prints mixed with bold colors are a trend many fashion designers have implemented in their fall 2015 fashion shows. Christian Dior, Fendi, Loewe and Bottega Veneta are some of the brands that showcased this trend in their fall collections.

Modern Victorian Era

Outfits with puffed sleeves or high necks that are adorned with materials like lace and chiffon filled the runways this fall. Designers used these 19th-century classics and added a modern twist. Valentino, Alexander McQueen, Rodarte and Oscar de la Renta are some of the names that showcased this trend.

Carwash Skirts

Skirts with these kinds of pleats are in for the girls that like to use skirts during the cold weather. Many fashion designers used these types of skirts for their New York and Paris fashion line-up. Some of them are Salvatore Ferragamo, Tommy Hilfiger and Wes Gordon.

Gloves

Lanvin, Prada, Balenciaga, Elie Saab and MSGM are some of the fashion names that presented gloves as a fall trend this year. These accessories give an elegant, classic, and sophisticated look to a woman's outfit.

Flare Jeans

Flare jeans or pants are a perfect fall trend for women who are looking for an elegant, yet comfortable outfit. Brands like Veronica Beard and J. Crew have made this option available for their customers.

All-Black Style

Black is a classic and a must-have color in any wardrobe. This fall, completely-black outfits are in. Fashion

names like Alexander Wang and Vera Wang used this tendency for their fall runways.

When it comes to men, Alexander Wang and Vera Wang also used this trend: gender neutrality. There are a few trends that spill over from women's fashion into men's. Some of this fall's trends are:

Solid Colors (especially black)

This can easily be the trend that all men may follow. It plays it safe by giving an overall color tone to your outfit. Black seems to be the best option, it has never been out of style. This fall, remember that black is a neutral color that works every time. Gucci, Craig Green and J.W. Anderson all dropped the multi-colored schemes and went for a solid color when designing their fall line-up. One highlight from the fall fashion numbers was Tom Ford's black evening tux, which added another fall fashion trend, the turtleneck.

Cover That Neck

Kris Van Assche presented a cover-all turtleneck as a fashion must-do. Our Legacy did the same. This fall, the more covered up your neck is, the more in style you'll be.

Gender Neutrality

Feminine looks were found everywhere during fall fashion week. The one feminine aspect that is most apparent is the elongated shirt for men. Ending right before the knee, many male shirts have added a couple of inches to their length as part of the fashion trend. Raf Simmons used it and so did Rick Owens.

Animal Print

We all have some animalistic natures inside us all. Why not express it with some animal print? Calvin Klein used a lot of leopard print for his fall fashion line-up. Saint Laurent used a zebra-based print, while Marc Jacobs used a tiger one. Whatever animalistic print you choose; just know that they are in.

Be sure to always look your best, Miners!

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Five questions for this semester in sports



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Aaron Jones (left), Angela Cutaia (middle), and Cameasha Turner (right) are three of the top athletes returning to action this semester in their respective sports.

BY JAVIER CORTEZ  
The Prospector

Every new school year produces interesting headlines that resonate around campus. Whether it is a new professor, campus construction, etc. In sports, the same applies; the stand-out freshman, negligent coaches, and player suspensions.

With all the changes that a new school year brings, it's fair to ask questions. Will Aaron Jones improve off his stellar sophomore season? Will the women's basketball team bounce back this year? This semester is not about telling you what athletes to watch or must-see games. Instead, this semester is about the five most intriguing story lines surrounding the athletes, coaches and teams.

5. Tim Floyd



**The Question:** Will Floyd catch a break this season?

To put it bluntly, coach Floyd's tenure as the men's basketball coach here at UTEP has been riddled with disappointment. The odd thing is that the disappointment has come

in ways that cannot always be attributed to Floyd.

Sure, Floyd's team has underperformed at times, but sometimes luck has not been on his side. Everything under the sun has happened to Floyd's players, injuries, expulsions, poor grades, etc. Floyd could incur some of the blame, simply because he recruited these players.

But you have to wonder if Floyd will ever have the same team he starts the season with by the end of the season. Can this man catch a break?

**The Answer:** Apparently not

The start of the season is more than a month away and the Miners have already taken a big hit to their roster. Junior center Matt Willms' health status for this season is still up in the air. The big man has a stress fracture in his right foot. Anyone who follows basketball knows that 7-footers with foot injuries do not end well.

Coupled with the Willms' injury is the possible academic ineligibility of sophomore guard Omega Harris. The Oklahoma native has not been officially ruled out for the season, but considering Floyd's luck, you never know.

4. Holly Watts

**The Question:** Third years a charm for coach Watts?

Entering her third year as head coach of the UTEP volleyball team, Holly Watts is due for a breakout season or some sort of upswing. After five years as an assistant coach at Florida State, Watts 2013-14 Miners finished two games under .500 at 14-16 and a 9-4 home record.

Last season the Miners lost key contributors to graduation and injury and won an infantile six games. The Miners won one game at home and despite their relentless effort, were rarely competitive in match play.

The Miners are coming off minimal losses and are returning plenty of players that started or were in rotation last season. Will that be enough for the Miners to post a winning record?

**The Answer:** On the cusp of decency

The Miners will have a large improvement this year in terms of wins

and production, but they will still struggle. Don't expect the Miners to be in contention for a conference title, let alone an NCAA tournament berth. The Miners will at least double their wins from last season and may even triple that.

Key returners; junior setter Lindsey Larson, sophomore outside hitter Colleen Coessens, and senior outside hitter Talia Jones will all play a big role in the Miners improvement. More importantly for entertainment purposes the Miners will be a better home team that invites a good home crowd, rather than the muted crowd from last season.

3. UTEP football

**The Question:** Was last year a fluke?

Last season, the Miners had their



first winning season in nine years. The Miners squeaked out seven wins to finish the year one game over .500. For a program that does not have a history of winning, last season was a pleasant surprise.

At the end of the day though, a 7-6 record is nothing to brag about. The combined record of the seven teams that the Miners beat last season was

29-55. The Miners were a middle of the pack team last season; they lost to predominantly decent teams and beat predominantly bad teams. So will the Miners be good or bad this season?

**The Answer:** The same

The Miners' loss of Jameill Showers, Wesley Miller and Eric Tomlinson could hurt the Miners this season. At the same time, the return of Autrey Golden, Roy Robertson-Harris and Aaron Jones bodes well for the Miners.

In short, the Miners will be deficient in the positions where they lost players and good in the positions where players are coming back. The mixed bag of talent should equal five to eight wins. Anything below or above that range would be a disappointment or a surprise.

2. Women's Tennis

**The Question:** How many coaches will the team have this school year?

Coaching changes happen all the time in sports, but you would be hard pressed to find a coaching carousel such as the one found in UTEP women's tennis. Since the 2009-10 season, the women's program has gone through five coaches. Four of them have come in the last 20 months.

Not one coach since Victor Aguilar, who coached from 2010-2012, has been with the team for more than one season. The program desperately needs some stability at the head position. Will the revolving door of head coaches continue? If so, how long?

**The Answer:** To infinity and beyond

The newest coach of the women's tennis team is Roberto Aspillaga. Who comes from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. Who knows if Aspillaga is any different? The odds are that Aspillaga will last a season or two, but a long-lasting tenure with the program seems far-fetched.

Going by recent history, the women's tennis team will probably have a new coach by the start of the 2016-17 school year.

1. Track and Field

**The Question:** Who will replace Anthony Rotich?



UTEP track and field has a never-ending supply of great athletes that compete at Kidd Field, but it's not every day that you come across a 10-time All American such as Anthony Rotich. He was the face of UTEP athletics for the last four years.

He basically won everything and anything you can imagine at the collegiate level. He won four national championships and broke dozens of conference and school records while he was at it. How can you replace someone like him?

**The Answer:** Take your pick

UTEP currently does not have anyone who boasts the same resume as Rotich, but give it time. The men's and women's program both have a long list of talent and a slew of incoming talent every year. Rotich was not the first collegiate great to wear orange and blue and he will certainly not be the last.

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# Miners up and down in weekend debut



ANDRES MARTINEZ / THE PROSPECTOR

Junior Nicole Lindsay gives an impromptu speech to her teammates at half time of their match against the Eastern Washington Eagles.

BY ADRIAN BROADDUS

The Prospector

The Miners have never started the season with an 0-2 record under head coach Kevin Cross and Sunday, Aug. 23 was no exception as the Miners defeated Abilene Christian, 1-0, with a game-winning header in the 80th minute by senior Captain Angela Cutaia.

The forward scored off a Carleigh Simmons corner kick, and the Lady Miners finished the weekend by breaking .500 with the victory.

On Friday, Aug. 21, the Miners fell to the Eastern Washington Eagles (2-1), which would snap their 10-match winning streak (9-1-0) in season openers. Junior Bri Barreiro scored the first goal for the Miners; however, the Eagles responded with two unan-

swered goals and dominated the Miners in shooting 20-11, leading to the Miners' first loss.

While hosting Abilene Christian, the Miners dominated the offensive side of the ball. The Miners had 18 shots, eight of them on goal, which left the Miners with the better side of an offensive possession for the match. After the goal by Cutaia, coach Cross said the team succeeded in redeeming themselves from Friday's opener.

"We had more pressure on the ball and played with a lot more energy even on a hotter day," Cross said. "We played with a lot more intensity and played a lot more like ourselves. It looked more like UTEP soccer, what we're used to seeing. Friday we had jitters and it wasn't right on Friday, but (Sunday) it looked good."

Prior to her game-winning goal, Cutaia had seven shots against the Wildcats, and it was not until the 80th minute that the captain for the Miners headed the goal.

"Before the corner kick, me and (Jeanna Mullen) looked at each other and said 'this is it,'" Cutaia said. "The ball was up and the goalie tapped it out and I put it back in. Immediately I thought 'yes, finally.'"

Cutaia, the Miners' returning leading scorer from last season (eight goals), saw positive changes immediately from her squad since their loss on Friday.

"We made some changes on how we are playing certain positions and that helped us a lot," Cutaia said. "Before we wouldn't have a lot of people up in our attack, and that was something we always struggled with, but today

was a completely different story. We so many people up, so it was a lot different and ended up really good."

A major storyline for the Miners is their newest addition at goalkeeper, freshman Alyssa Palacios. According to UTEP Athletics, in Friday's loss against the Eagles, Palacios recorded 10 saves, which ties the record for most saves by a Miner freshman in her debut game.

Junior forward Aleah Davis believes that Palacios fills the role as goalkeeper effectively and efficiently.

"Alyssa is unreal; she's unbelievable," Davis said. "Coming into the summer, she worked her butt off in conditioning and in practice. We've all noticed how hard she's worked, and she's awesome. Coming in and being told you are going to start must be extremely nerve wracking, I'm sure. For her to come and perform how she did was amazing. She's going to continue to grow and be awesome for the team."

Against Abilene Christian, Palacios saw a dramatic change in the defense's play. Palacios finished with three saves, while the defense allowed 10 shots, opposed to the 20 shots they allowed against Eastern Washington.

"We all communicated a lot better, and throughout the game our communication stood out," Palacios said. "Last game we gave them way too much space on Friday, but today when we planned to set, we all set, which didn't give (Abilene) enough time to do anything. On Friday, when our communication stopped, we became disorganized. We realized we needed to keep talking to each other through-

out the game. This game we did and we stayed a lot more organized."

As a newcomer, Palacios has personal expectations she wants to achieve throughout the season.

"The more games I get under my belt, the more comfortable I'll be on the field," Palacios said. "I already felt more comfortable today than Friday. The more my defense and I are working together, the more we get comfortable with each other."

Despite the rocky start to the season, Davis has high hopes for the young squad, which saw six freshmen making their college soccer debut this weekend.

"We've had a very young freshman class, but they've all stepped up," Davis said. "Carleigh (Simmons) and Payton (Ross) both came in starting and played nearly a full 90. I'm sure no one could tell, if they didn't have a roster, that they're freshman. If we continue to be positive and keep our team identity in mind, all of our accomplishments in mind, I think we're going to do fine."

Next, the Miners go on the road to face Houston Baptist on Aug. 28 and Texas State on Aug. 30. Now looking forward, Cutaia and the Miners will use the lessons learned from this weekend as a stepping-stone on the road.

"We will use all the things we did well; taking the things we got from Friday - the things we didn't do so well on," Cutaia said. "We want to keep this momentum going."

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## University Field offers "new and improved" artificial turf



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A view from the stands of the newly renovated University Field, which is made out of artificial turf.

BY LUIS GONZALEZ

The Prospector

The UTEP women's soccer team kicked off a new season this weekend at home in front of their fans and on a brand-new playing surface. The natural grass that had been at University Field since its inauguration in 2006, was replaced this summer by artificial turf. The debate about what playing surface is most prevalent in sports, particularly in soccer, versus the cost of having natural grass and maintaining it at an elite level with the type of traffic University Field experiences throughout the year was simply too much for the university.

"It costs a lot of money to maintain natural grass," said David Kooger, director of athletic compliance at UTEP. "And we had a lot of underlying problems with soil, with the

drainage, with the irrigation, which made it really difficult to keep them the way we wanted to."

Kooger estimated that in order to fix the underlying problems that had prevented the field at University Field to be at an elite level, UTEP would have had to spend around \$300,000. That amount did not include what it would cost to maintain it once better grass could be grown.

Maintenance of a natural grass field is not easy or cheap. Irrigation, fertilization and mowing are only some of the things that go into the process. The frequency with which University Field is used makes it even harder and also played an important role in the decision to implement artificial turf.

"The amount of traffic that is on university field is very high," Kooger said. "A lot of people use that field. It is very difficult to maintain a good,

nice, athletic grass field when there's that much traffic."

The women's soccer team, which practices and plays at University Field, is not the only ones who use it. The UTEP men's club soccer team uses it to practice and play and sometimes intramurals will be held there as well.

"If you go to another university, maybe a bigger university, they'll have a practice field and a game field," Kooger said. "Part of the reason their game field looks so nice is because they don't have anybody on it, they only use it for games. We don't have that luxury here, we only have one field and that field is for everybody."

The new turf on University Field is one of the best that technology has to offer and counteracts some of the major concerns that athletes have when dealing with artificial turf. Ac-

cording to Kooger, the increase in injury probability and excessive heat due to the material turf is made out of should not be factors thanks to the technology FieldTurf, which is the company that installed the field.

FieldTurf Revolution CoolPlay is the name of the new turf. It is made with a layer of sand and rubber, covered/dressed by a layer of organic cork.

"A lot of normal artificial fields have black rubber as their dresser," Kooger said.

"Black rubber obviously absorbs a lot of heat, the cork does not absorb nearly as much heat...the temperature will be about the same as a natural grass field."

Over the last five years, there have been plenty of studies regarding the correlation of injuries due to artificial turf by different parties, with varying results. In 2012, the NFL Injury and Safety Panel published a study in which MCL and ACL sprains occurred 22 percent and 67 percent more frequently than on natural grass, respectively. According to FIFA, the governing body of professional soccer, there is no significant difference between playing on natural grass and artificial turf when it applies to injuries.

According to Kooger, UTEP was presented with studies done by FieldTurf that suggested injuries occurred less on their types of fields.

"The technology so far in the past five years, that back in the day, playing on artificial turf was like playing on carpet," Kooger said. "To say you

get more injured in artificial turf is mostly a misnomer."

When it comes to the game actually being played, UTEP women's soccer has little to no complaints. Head coach Kevin Cross was not only happy with the technology that will maintain the field at a natural temperature, but also with how it has seemed to affect the game. Artificial turf is known for affecting the speed and bounce of the ball, but so far it has seemed natural to Cross.

"We're very pleased," Cross said. "I was pleased with the way the ball rolled, it's pretty similar to grass."

There are many who believe artificial turf is the future of the sports. There are also those who believe there will never be anything like playing on natural grass. In UTEP's case, the positives seemed to outweigh the negatives when making the decision to change the playing surface at University Field.

"There's pros and cons to playing turf," said UTEP junior defender Alexa Bain. "But I think we'll be used to it, it's better than our old field for sure, so I'm excited to play on it."

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OUR VIEW

Women's soccer gets back on track against ACU

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Senior Angela Cutaia (left) makes a run against the Abilene Christian defense. Cutaia (right) celebrates with her teammates after scoring the game winning goal against Abilene Christian.

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# Chihuahuas make late push for PCL playoffs



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The El Paso Chihuahuas have six home games left in their regular season.

BY JAVIER CORTEZ  
The Prospector

Late is better than never. That's the motto the El Paso Chihuahuas are living by and having success with this late in the season. With 15 games left in the season, six of them at home, the Chihuahuas are making a push for the Pacific Southern Division title and a coveted spot in the Pacific Coast League playoffs.

Through the month of August, the Chihuahuas have become a completely different team in the way they play and in their personnel. The Chihuahuas had a solid start to the season, but stumbled soon after star players Austin Hedges and Abraham Almonte were called up to San Diego.

A 26-31 record through the months of May and June followed the loss of talent to the majors. Since former Chihuahuas manager Pat Murphy was hired as the Padres' interim manager on June 16, the Chihuahuas have found production in their farm system.

Up and coming prospects for the Padres' double-A affiliate, the San Antonio Missions, have filled the

void without missing a beat. Center fielder Travis Jankowski batted .392 in 24 games with the Chihuahuas before he was sent up to the Padres. His replacement, Hunter Renfroe, has been nothing short of special in his first six games with the Chihuahuas; batting .308 with three homeruns and eight RBIs.

“The only game that is meaningful is tomorrow,” Quirk said. “You’ve heard it a million times, but it’s true. If you start looking ahead you’re in trouble. You just take care of business the day that it comes. The biggest game in the world is tomorrow, and that’s it

- Jaime Quirk,  
Chihuahuas Manager

“He’s a highlight reel,” Chihuahuas manager Jaime Quirk said referring to Renfroe. “His thing (to improve on) is just consistency. Sometimes he gets a little too fast, but he has all the latent in the world. He’s a nice addition. We lost a good player to the big leagues (Travis Jankowski) and gained another good young player.”

If there has been one surprise to the Chihuahuas’ late-season success, it has been the stellar play on the road. Young prospects stepping up and filling a role is one thing, but playing substantially better away from home is a whole new ball game.

Over the past two months, the Chihuahuas have found some consistency and won in the toughest possible environment. Enduring a grueling late July and August stretch that has been dominated by road games.

With a pedestrian home record of 32-34, the Chihuahuas’ 37-26 record on the road is second best in the PCL. It’s something the players themselves cannot explain, but they just go with it.

“We’ve been trying to explain that all year,” said left fielder Alex Dickerson referring to the Chihuahuas’ success on the road. “We’ve just (been

good). That’s the way it is. I don’t think there is any rhyme or reason to it, it’s just panned out that way.”

Dickerson has been the most consistent Chihuahua this season; he leads the team in eight offensive categories ranging from triples to slugging percentage.

“He’s been great,” Quirk said. “He’s had a heck of a year. He goes under the radar, somehow everyone forgets about old Dick. He’s sitting right there hitting third every day. He just quietly shows up every day and does his job.”

Spending all of the 2014 season down in San Antonio, Dickerson has made the most of his first season with the Chihuahuas. Besides having individual success, Dickerson is proud to be playing meaningful games at the end of the season.

“This is the first time I have ever been close (to the playoffs) in my career,” Dickerson said. “I’ve always played for teams that are out (of contention). It’s a different feel, but we don’t feel any pressure. We’re just having fun and winning at the same time.”

The division-leading Las Vegas 51s are a game ahead of the Chihuahuas on the loss column, but as of late the

51s stranglehold over first place has weakened. Over the last 10 games ,Las Vegas is 5-5, which is compacted with a 28-37-road record.

No wins or losses can be taken for granted at this point in the season. Every game matters, but manager Quirk believes if the Chihuahuas make the playoffs it will be because of their day-by-day approach.

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Infielder Cody Decker seen high fiving his teammates in the dugout. Decker leads the team in homeruns and runs batted in.

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