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CAB FARE THAT'S FAIR

Taxi vs Uber battle comes to the border

BY JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ

The Prospector

With its founding in 2009, Uber has changed the transportation landscape in the United States and other countries around the world.

For reasons such as price and convenience, many people in different cities around the country, including UTEP students, are choosing Uber instead of more conventional options like taxis. This has created a conflict between taxi companies and drivers with Uber and the service it provides.

El Paso's City Council has recently voted to have the city manager write a new ordinance covering Uber or to update the current taxi code to include the company.

For those not familiar, Uber is a self-declared ride-sharing application. Riders can request a car using their phone, and drivers, using the company-provided application, are alerted to who needs a ride

nearby. The riders are later charged automatically through the application.

"It's younger riders that are tech-savvy that are going to Uber instead of calling taxis," said Luis Sallard, a dispatcher with Yellow Cab Taxi in El Paso.

For some riders, it's not all about technology.

"It's definitely cheaper," said Rigo Chavez, a senior finance major.

However, technology does play a big part in some riders choosing Uber over taxis. The application tracks the driver over GPS and their position is shared with the rider.

"I like that it can be more reliable because you can see on your phone when the driver is getting close," Chavez said. "I've asked for taxis before and at times they have not shown up on time, or there has been confusion with the drivers and they don't show up at all."

The convenience of the app and the cheaper prices are at-

tractive to clients, but the way of providing these services is the main cause of conflict.

"Uber is operating in a legal void," Sallard said.

Sallard explained that taxi drivers have to pay thousands of dollars per year in permits and insurance required by the city government for the taxis to operate. Uber, labeling itself a ride-sharing service, doesn't pay these fees.

For all the fees they pay, some Uber drivers say the old-fashioned taxi model has its flaws.

"When we first got to El Paso (from Germany), we called four taxi companies to come pick us up," said Catherine Hill, an Uber driver since early July. "All of them flat-out refused."

Hill said most customers she picks up are from out of town, with surprisingly few local riders.

"I picked up my first El Pasoan (Tuesday), it's just been him and you guys," she said, referring to the two Prospec-

tor staff members in the car with her.

Hill thinks the app simply doesn't have a large local following as yet.

"I think once it's more locally known, it will be used more, especially by people that don't want to drive drunk," Hill said.

Hill explained that she used to pick up revelers on weekend nights, and that many told her they preferred the app to risk-ing a DUI.

The competition for clients is ongoing and some such as Sallard said the customers lost to Uber are not lost forever.

"People stop calling and use Uber because it's more attractive, but some come back," Sallard said.

The solution, Sallard said, is in letting the cab companies compete freely against Uber. Something they are already doing on the technological front.

"We have an app, called GATA, that lets riders ask for cabs through their phones," Sallard said. "It calls the clos-

est cab from Yellow Cab or Checker."

Taxi drivers are looking to level the playing field in all aspects, not just technology..

"Uber charges less than we do, but city council won't let us compete," Sallard said. "Just as they tie our hands to not charge more, which I think is good, they tie our hands so that we can't charge less."

According to local news sources, traditional taxi companies and Uber went head to head on Aug 25 during a council meeting. Taxi companies called for Uber to be held to the same standards, while Uber claimed it was an entirely different service.

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Women don't need your forgiveness



BY MARIA
ESQUINCA
The Prospector

Abortion. It's a word we don't like to mention, talk or think about, although it is one of the most common and safest medical procedures. It silently exists around us, unacknowledged, but ever present. According to the Guttmacher institute, about half of American women will have an unintended pregnancy, and nearly three in 10 will have an abortion, by age 45.

It's more common than we ever acknowledge, erasing social and class lines.

- 58% are in their 20s;
- 61% have one or more children;
- 56% are unmarried and not cohabiting;
- 69% are economically disadvantaged; and
- 73% report a religious affiliation.

Your best friend, mother, sister, cousin, girlfriend, a trans man with a uterus—these are people in your life, who at one point, driven by their circumstances, made a choice to have an abortion.

A choice, granted by autonomy and a right granted by "legality."

Now, think about that choice. It's bridled with judgment, shame, confusion and secrecy.

One of the reasons for this in Texas is the government, run by a conservative leadership, which has continually tried to hinder access to abortion by passing laws targeting abortion clinics.

But another one of the reasons abortion is so controversial is be-

cause of the Catholic Church, and their stance on the issue as an outright immoral act.

In order to deal with what Pope Francis calls the "widespread and insensitive mentality" that "has led to the loss of the proper personal and social sensitivity to welcome new life"—the "tragedy of abortion," he has granted priests the "the discretion to absolve of the sin of abortion—those who have procured it and who, with contrite heart, seek forgiveness for it."

Now, it's fine and dandy that the pope has decided to open the gates of forgiveness.

However, it implies that women, or people with uteruses, are still in the wrong. They are acting "immorally." It does not change the narrative. It doesn't revolutionize the way we talk about abortion. It follows a didactic rhetoric that continues to tell people that have abortions that they are in the wrong, and should repent.

I find this particularly patronizing considering the fact that the in the same letter, the Pope adds that he is "well aware" of the "pressure" that leads women to seek abortions.

To the pope my sincerest reply is, we don't need your forgiveness. There's nothing to forgive.

What's immoral is using a document that is over 3,000 years old to justify the shaming and public condemnation of people who have abortions—to strip them of their liberty and freedom of choice.

Let's change the narrative.

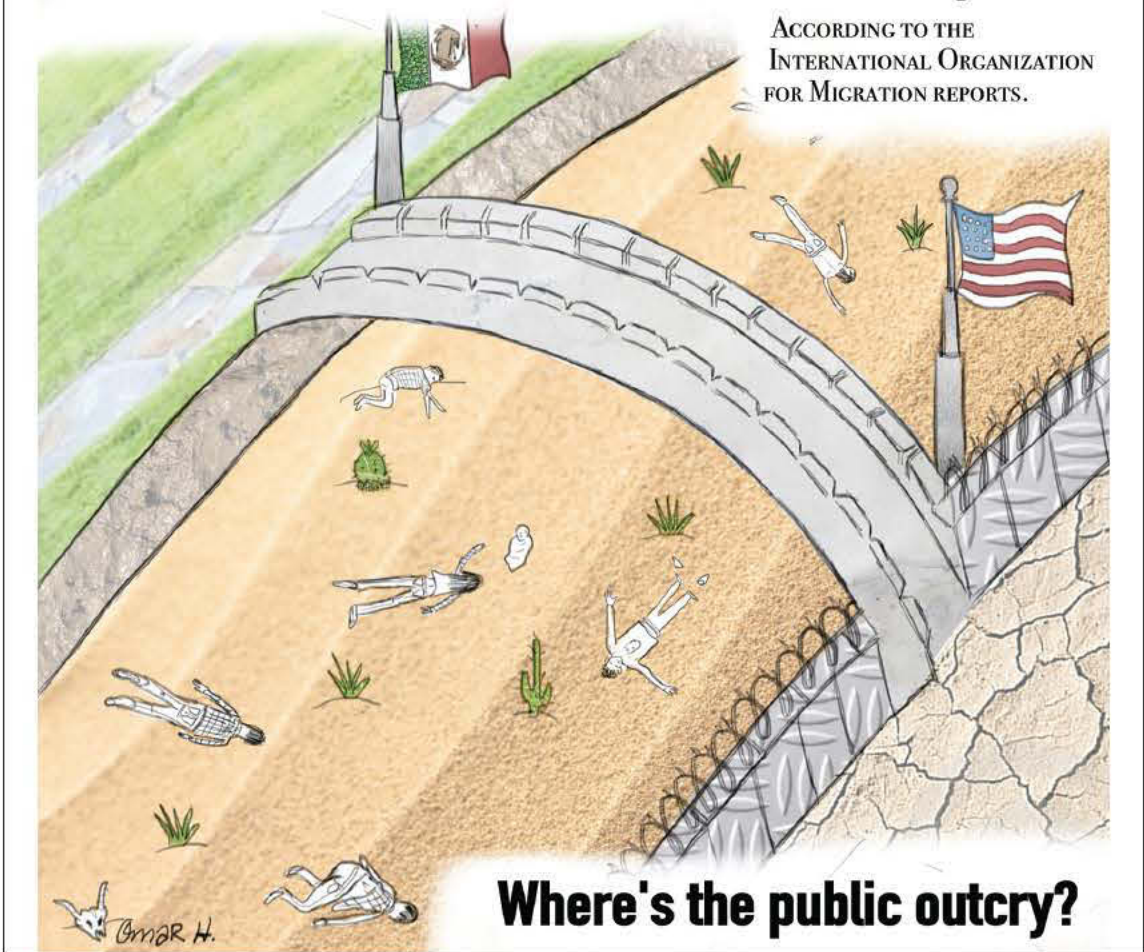
To the one in three women, who've had an abortion, you don't need to be forgiven.

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How does SGA spend your money?



ANDRES MARTINEZ / THE PROSPECTOR

UTEP SGA holds a meeting to discuss issues around the UTEP campus and it's community.

BY MARIA ESQUINCA
The Prospector

A framed picture of UTEP President Diana Natalicio, rows of carefully placed Post-it notes that resemble a calendar and stacks of discarded family board games are a few items you'll find inside the office of the Student Government Association president.
"Our purpose is to serve as the official voice of the students," said SGA president Roberto Dominguez, senior business administration major, inside his office. "To improve campus, to make sure you have the best possible experience while you're a college student."
A big part of that means giving students money.
In the spring of 2015, a total of \$35,685 was given to students and organizations for travel and non-travel events related to UTEP, representing the passage of 94 bills requesting funds, according to SGA minutes.
"They also give a sizable amount of funding to students for the purpose of education endeavors like going to conferences and presenting papers," said Catie McCorry-Andalis, associate vice president of student affairs, dean of students and SGA advisor.
Limitations exist on the amount of funds students and organizations can receive.
Individuals that are traveling cannot receive more than \$350, or one third of their total travel budget. Travel appropriations for organizations cannot exceed \$1,500 or more than one third of their travel budget. Non-travel requests by campus organizations cannot exceed \$2,500.
An investigation into last year's SGA budget revealed that on average SGA covered 17 percent of a students' or organizations' total appropriation requests.
"Someone that applies, unfortunately, will never get the maximum

amount that they're asking for, but they will get as much as we can go ahead and give them," said Hector Soltero, SGA executive assistant and senior organizational and corporate communication major.
Brandon Thomas, senior health promotions major, said his fraternity Phi Beta Sigma, submitted a request to go to a conference and was given \$600 for of a trip that cost \$1,500.
The investigation also reveals that SGA funds covered a range from as low as 2 percent for some bills and as high as 50 percent for others.
"I noticed sometimes they will fund things that don't necessarily need a lot of funding," Thomas said. "I felt that with organizations that needed it, they kind of over-

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- Hector Soltero, SGA executive assistant

looked it."
In order to provide more funds to students, Dominguez asked for an increase in the SGA's budget.
"Student Government hadn't had increase in funds for as long as I can remember, so this was the first year we went to the university and they listened to us," Dominguez said. "They said students first, so this year we're going to be able to

give an addition \$12,000 back to the students."
The \$12,000 was originally supposed to be allocated to the fall 2015 appropriations budget.
However, Dominguez said a past president did not ask for an overall increase in the SGA budget when the student population increased from 21,000 to 23,000, which also increased the senate from 21 to 23 members. Meaning, there was a shortage in the budget caused by the increased number of senators.
Therefore, the \$12,000 increase in the overall SGA budget was used to increase the wages budget from \$47,764 in 2014 to \$53,520 in 2015.
"What it means is that we're finally paying the two senators we didn't account for," Dominguez said. "But as well, what we went ahead and did, is give back to the students."
To do this, the fall 2015 appropriations budget was increased to \$80,000.
In addition, operating costs were cut by \$9,032 in order to increase the special projects budget, which allocates funds for student events and projects proposed by senators, such as implementing tutoring centers or town hall meetings, by \$4,000.
A look at the Budgets
An inspection of the budget according to SGA's minutes and the SGA's accounting book, which keeps track of everything SGA does, including wages, events and projects, reveals contrasting figures.
Dominguez said the fall 2014 senate appropriations budget was \$75,000.
"We gave \$75,000 last year to individual students and student organizations last year," he said. "And that helped them go to different conferences and seminars, present their research, as well as many events here on campus."
However, according to SGA accounting book, the fall 2014 budget was \$79,000.

Further discrepancies are revealed in the following semester. SGA minutes for the following semester place the spring 2015 budget at \$29,132, while the SGA accounting book at \$35,859.55.
Soltero said this inconsistency might be attributed to glitches and problems with Peoplesoft, the data and management system that maintains the university's business processes systems.
"All departments are struggling because they thought they had a certain amount of money, but then they didn't have that money," Soltero said. "All of our numbers, in a sense, are a little bit weird because of that."
Dominguez said that another reason that explains the mismatch could be because sometimes organizations or students don't use their funds, and those funds get returned to the appropriations budget.
That would mean the total amount of unused funds would be \$7,727.55 (The difference between \$29,132 and \$36,859.55.) However, the SGA accounting book, only accounts for \$6,638, of unused funds.
Dominguez added, that because a bill cannot be changed once it's see SGA on page 5

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Pope extends his message of mercy



SERGIOA ZAMORA / THE PROSPECTOR

Catholic citizens attend Sunday mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday morning.

BY ALONSO MORENO

Prospector

Often labeled as murderers and sinners by some, and as individu-

als exercising their reproductive rights by others, women around the world have been given a new complexity to add to the ever-changing issue of abortion.

Last Tuesday, Pope Francis shocked the Catholic world by announcing that all priests would be granted permission to forgive wom-

en who had committed the "sin of abortion" beginning in December. December marks the beginning of the "Year of Mercy," a special year on which the Catholic Church is extending its call to bring people back to the church to find mercy.

"It's a year that the Pope has declared in order to call all people to come back to the church and also to find mercy," said Father Andy Martinez, who works with Catholic Campus Ministry at the University of Texas at El Paso's Newman Center. "This means that those who have fallen away from the church can return, but can also be welcomed with mercy."

When asked about the pope's announcement regarding abortion, Martinez explained that this was something that could be done before by priests, at least in the United States.

"Speaking in reference to the U.S., all priests have always been given this permission (forgiving women for an abortion)," Martinez said.

The announcement was polarizing as it was welcomed by some groups and completely rejected by others, including members of the Catholic faith.

Amongst those who voiced negative opinions, some expressed confusion as to the reason why women couldn't normally be forgiven. Martinez explained that in the Catholic faith there are different kinds of sin, and that abortion falls in the category of a "mortal sin."

"Mortal sin is doing harm to yourself, but also to someone else, and in this case, when a woman is pregnant we believe that life begins at conception," Martinez said. "Many people won't agree with us, and it's ok, but it's our belief that we have respect in the dignity of life."

Although mortal sins represent a major transgression in the Catholic faith, Martinez pointed out that they could be forgiven.

Claudia Yoli, member of The Texas Freedom Network, pointed out that the pope's announcement might coincide with a trending pattern seen with Millennials.

"If you look it up, there are different reports that show that Millennials are pro-choice," Yoli said. "It shows a pattern that the young people in this country are changing and have different views."

“This means that those who have fallen away from the church can return, but can also be welcomed with mercy”

- Father Andy Martinez, Catholic Campus Ministry at the University of Texas at El Paso's Newman Center

A study conducted by the Public Religion Research Institute, shows that six in 10 Millennials think abortion should be legal in all or most cases. However, data also showed that 50 percent of Millennials think of abortions as a morally wrong act.

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Although the data shows that issues on abortion are complex for Millennials, it also showed that in the hierarchy of issues faced by the country, it ranks below four others. Amongst Millennials, 75 percent believe the economy is the number one issue, 43 percent said immigration, 42 percent said the environment and after a steep drop, 29 percent believe abortion is the top issue.

In contrast, Americans older than 55 are found to be in the exact opposite of the spectrum, seeing abortion as morally wrong and opposing legalized abortion by 57 percent and 43 percent.

UTEP student and senior Spanish major, Africa Deleon, expressed joy in the announcement from the pope and believed that despite the issue of abortion, this is something that will bring peace to a lot of women.

“It will make it easier for Catholic women to live with themselves if it’s something that keeps tormenting them,” Deleon said. “It may also open a door for other women, who may not be religious, but may find that this could help them cope with their choices.”

Deleon also said that this shows that the church is listening and paying attention to the new generation, who are stating to become prevalent in the world.

“It shows religion becoming more accepting and growing with the times,” Deleon said. “Women who make these hard choices can now turn to their religion for help without feeling ostracized.”

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COURTESY OF ANDY MARTINEZ’S FACEBOOK
Father Andy Martinez works at the Newman Center.

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passed, it’s difficult to keep track of how many funds are added back into the appropriations budget.

Maggie Ortega, administrative assistant for SGA who is in charge of bookkeeping for the accounting book, said the spring 2015 appropriations budget delineated by the minutes was decided in the fall 2014 semester, and is separate from the one in the accounting book.

“What is assured is that the appropriations money will not overspend their money ever, and they won’t say ‘this money wasn’t spent, let’s put it back in.’ No, they respect the money until it’s clear that the session is over,” Dominguez said.

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JUAN MENDEZ
Freshman biology major
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FRANK HERNANDEZ
Freshman organizational & corporate communication major
"It has a great service, much cheaper than regular taxis, at least in some cities, but the more important fact is that it is much more safe."



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Sophomore multimedia journalism
"I would use it because I find the price convenient."



ISAIAH MCFARLAND
Sophomore general studies major
"I would use the Uber taxi company if I had any emergencies that prevent me from getting from point A to point B on my own."



LILIANA GOMEZ
Junior speech pathology major
"I love Uber. I think it is a super neat company. I used it when I was in Washington, D.C. and it was one of the easier ways to get around."



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Mother of Pearl Block Party to celebrate its first year



ANDRES MARTINEZ / THE PROSPECTOR

The new vinyl store Mother of Pearl will host its block party event on Saturday September 12

BY JULIA HETTIGER
The Prospector

One El Paso block party will be bringing in groups from San Francisco, Austin and Brooklyn as well as local artists such as Chuy Vuitton and Rico Ferri.

Mother of Pearl, a vinyl record store located at 4935 Mesa, will be having their block party event on Saturday, Sept. 12 from noon to midnight at Union Plaza in downtown El Paso.

The event will feature live performances from Neon Indian, Part Time and Mike Jones. Eddie Cepeda, owner of Mother of Pearl, said they got the inspiration to do an event like this after having success in Austin.

“The block party was something we thought about after having our extremely successfully South by

Southwest party in Austin,” Cepeda said. “We wanted to do something free, like the best parties at South by Southwest, but in El Paso, and we wanted to have legitimate national headliners, but also showcase local artists who are just as professional and amazing.”

In the future, Cepeda hopes the block party will continue to grow and become an event similar to music festivals like South by Southwest.

“We want this to grow into a week-long type of event, which will include music seminars, film and will encompass all of downtown, kind of like El Paso’s unique version of South by Southwest,” Cepeda said. “We want families to be welcomed as well.”

Dereck Neyland, junior marketing major, is attending the event to ex-

perience something new in El Paso’s music scene.

“The event sounds interesting and new for El Paso,” Neyland said. “It’s a new atmosphere that I don’t think El Paso has really experienced.”

Neyland said he believes events like this strengthen El Paso’s music scene by bringing in people from out of town and giving El Paso a new taste of music it may not experience otherwise.

“It’ll improve the variety of music and places to listen to it,” Neyland said. “Also it pushes the good local music we have out there.”

Davida Loca, member of the San Francisco-based band Part Time said audiences can expect different things from their music.

“Audiences can expect mixed feelings as to whether or not there might

be more to life than drinking Monster energy drinks and smoking vaporized cigarettes,” Loca said.

In addition to the block party, the owners of Mother of Pearl have had a lot of on their plate. Recently, they opened a bar to expand their music horizons.

“The bar is really great. We opened the kind of bar you would expect from a vinyl record store,” Cepeda said. “It’s called Love Buzz and has a ‘60s and midcentury modern aesthetic with a giant patio, vintage jukebox that only plays records and two permanent food trucks, which are coming soon and will sell tacos and authentic Texas-style slow-smoked brisket.”

The owners of Mother of Pearl plan to continue expanding their horizons by hosting other events and participating in South by Southwest again.

“The future holds a lot of amazing stuff for the store and record label,” Cepeda said. “South by Southwest is around the corner and of course we are going to do that again, with free Chico’s Tacos like last time.”

To attend the Mother of Pearl Block Party, RSVP for free through Eventbrite. Walkups are welcome, but may have to wait in line if the event is at full capacity. VIP tickets are for sale for \$45, which allows for avoiding the entrance lines, in-and-out access, access to two main-stage viewing areas and The Garden’s Sunburst VIP Party and five complimentary drinks. For more information about Mother of Pearl, call 915-803-9580.

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Expressing artistic talent through different methods

BY FERNANDA LEON
The Prospector

Art can be manifested in different ways and there are various methods to imbue an object with the touch of art. Two UTEP art majors, Briseida Ochoa and Mario Rojo, have teamed up to create art though different techniques.

Senior studio art majors, Ochoa, who focuses on printmaking and painting, along with Rojo, who focuses on printmaking and drawing, are inspired by the geometric and organic patterns that are found in nature when creating their works of art.

“We have a passion for printing in various processes or techniques and we wanted to share that with the people around us,” Ochoa said. “So we started printing our own covers for notebooks, journals, sketchbooks and many other things we could get our hands on.”

Among the handcrafted products that these students have produced are notebooks, postcards and drink coasters.

Through the development of their creativity, skills and their passion for art, both artists want to share their work with the local community through their website, which also serves as their portfolio, called Perpetuaocto.com.

“Perpetuaocto stands for perpetual eight in Spanish,” Ochoa said. “One can see the number eight as just the infinity symbol in a vertical position.”

According to Rojo, the website was named Perpetua due to the meaning of this Latin word.

“Perpetua is Latin for perpetual,” Rojo said. “We liked the sound of the word and it’s meaning to us. We had also given a mathematical meaning to the word right from the beginning of it all.”

The pair have participated in different local events and markets in order to sell their handcrafted art products. Some of the events are the annual Chalk the Block and Shop-walk Night at Montecillo.

For Ochoa and Rojo, having the support of the local community represents a win-win situation



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Briseida Ochoa and Mario Rojo run a printmaking company named Perpetuaocto.

that benefits both the artists and the community.

“We believe local support for artists and various types of local businesses is important in the healthy growth of this city,” Rojo said. “We also believe that there are many and great creative

minds around this city that need the community support.”

Additionally, both students have collaborated with other artists in various projects such as gallery exhibitions, photo shoots, film and mural work.

“Our mural project, which involved two other artists, one a portrait artist and the other a graffiti artist, and us doing some print-related wheat paste on a tall wall, was a successful one we think,” Ochoa said. “The downtown El Paso mural was featured in the New York Times last year.”

After graduation, both plan to attend graduate school and would like to dedicate themselves to an art residency, which are places creative professionals temporarily stay in order to participate in artist-in-residence programs, and to travel.

Ochoa plans to have her own studio and to keep producing her work as an artist, while Rojo plans to work as an artist on various projects.

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1. Utep Students collect snacks at the International Cookout. 2. Students gather around the dining area to eat and socialize with each other. 3. Students gather food to eat. 4. During the International Cookout participating students and volunteers learned how to dance.

When you need your coffee fix: places to grab your cup of joe

BY JOSE SOTO
The Prospector

As you walk into the wooden-paved, relaxed ambience of Trade Craft, located at 3737 N. Mesa St., you get the notion that you are in for something rather interesting. The place is welcoming and warm, in the sense that it has a home-like feeling. There are a myriad of bottles lined up against their bar wall, many of which are unrecognizable. This isn't where you would expect to grab a morning cup of joe.

For a huge portion of the population, a caffeine fix is a daily must and coffee takes care of that need. Many opt for coffee as their choice for an energy booster. As easy as it is to brew your own cup of coffee in your own home, it is a popular trend to visit one of many favored coffee providers around town.

Although the most common place for this is obviously Starbucks, there are other options awaiting service around town. Starbucks uses 100 percent Arabica beans, which is a species of coffee.

I know, right? Who would have thought that there were different species of coffee? In fact, there are close to 100 different species of that fragrant bean. Arabica and Robusta are the most common throughout the world.

Arabica, the better of the two, is mostly found in the middle European region and southern Latin America. Although it contains a bit less caffeine than Robusta, Arabica definitely has a much better taste in comparison.

Less caffeine may seem like a negative aspect, but caffeine imparts a heavy bitter taste, this is why Robusta beans are less sought out than Arabica beans. This should help explain why Starbucks coffee is extremely popular.

It isn't hard to dispute that Starbucks is extremely tasteful and is, in essence, addictive. From their Blonde Roast, which is roasted with beans slightly less roasted than most of their other packaged coffee, to their many variances of lattes and espresso beverages; Starbucks is always a safe and guaranteed way of getting your caffeine fix.

At Trade Craft, located at 3737 N. Mesa St., they brew a mean Nitro Cold Brew. Although Starbucks also offers a cold brew of their own, Trade Craft's brew has an artisan and hand-crafted quality that perhaps isn't a blanket affect at all Starbucks.

A cold brew is coffee that is left to steep over an elongated period of time, making the oils and profiles of the beans more obvious. It is then iced and prepared to your liking. Trade Craft's cold brew is phenomenal. Slightly sweet, yet with a kick, their cold brew is sure to start off your day with a bang.

Hillside Coffee and Donuts is another option that coffee seekers may want to try. Their location is situated inside TI:ME at Montecillo at 4935 N. Mesa St., where many other visiting-worthy businesses are. The place is beautifully designed. Contemporary and chic, Hillside is a must for those who want to spend their time in a modernized coffee shop. What isn't appealing is their brew. Hillside's coffee lacks what both Starbucks' and Trade Craft's have—a kick. Perhaps it's their method or their coffee provider, but Hillside's coffee doesn't live up to the hype of their location. You're mostly paying for the environment.

Down further on Mesa Street from Hillside is the Coffee Box, conveniently located at 401 Mesa St. in downtown El Paso. Situated right across from the San Jacinto Plaza, Coffee Box is a trendy coffee shop designed out of train cars. Their upstairs patio is a nice addition to their small inside lobby. Coffee Box offers many of the options that you will find at Starbucks as well, and are equally expensive. However, at Coffee Box, you are not paying for their environment. Their coffee is decent and adequate. If you feel like changing your usual routine, Coffee Box is definitely the way to go.

The best of all options is BLGD 6, located at 11385 James Watt Dr., St. B6. Their coffee is organic and micro-roasted, which means the batch of coffee is no more than 150 pounds as opposed to the mass amount of coffee roasted by most corporate providers. This surely adds to the coffee and espresso profile, which is notable in BLGB 6's coffee and espresso beverages. Most of their beans come from Mexico or Latin America and are extremely rich and distinctive. BLGD 6 is definitely the place to go get your caffeine fix, although these other locations mentioned are worthy of your price and time, among other local coffee shops you might prefer.

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Customers enjoy coffee at Hillside Coffee and Donut located at 4935 N. Mesa St.

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UTEP welcomes new Pick ‘N’ Shovel eatery



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A UTEP student orders at Pick N' Shovel a new eatery located at the Union Building East .

BY JULIA HETTIGER
The Prospector

It is a known fact that everyone needs to eat in order to produce enough energy to carry them through their day. UTEP students, faculty and staff are no exception. The Union Building East now features the brand-new Pick ‘N’ Shovel eatery to satisfy their hunger.

The anticipated buffet-style eatery is now open, joining the likes of Pizza Hut and Chick-fil-A in the second floor of Union Building East. With

prices ranging between \$6 to \$9, everyone can enjoy unlimited food and all-day breakfast. The cuisine served ranges from Mexican food and hamburgers, to a fully equipped salad bar.

New meal plans for student and staff were also introduced for the first time in UTEP’s history, but any student is welcome to eat at the eatery.

Juan Rodriguez, retail manager at UTEP’s Food Services, said the first week was successful.

“We’re doing well, but it’s actually the opposite of how I imagined it,” Rodriguez said. “I expected or

thought we were only going to get people who have a meal plan, but we’ve had lots of walk-ins including faculty and staff.”

Because of the unexpectedly higher number of walk-ins, Pick ‘N’ Shovel has been selling more meals than planned.

“We sold 200 meal plans, so we planned for about 400 meals a day, but we are averaging 900 breakfast, lunch and dinner meals served daily,” Rodriguez said.

Since it’s opening, Rodriguez said they encountered a few minor issues

before receiving help from some of the visiting football players.

“Some students were leaving their used plates behind and the football players would let them know there’s a place for them, so they’ve been a big help,” Rodriguez said. “Overall, it’s looking good.”

Elizabeth Martinez, freshman civil engineering major, said she has really enjoyed the new eatery so far.

“I love it,” Martinez said. “They serve everything from Mexican food to your basic burgers and chicken burgers.”

As a student who lives on campus, Martinez eats at the eatery often and has been impressed with their number of choices.

“I’ve eaten here 10 times, and they have a great variety,” Martinez said. “My favorite thing is their huevos rancheros or eggs with cheese and salsa, because I thought I would lose it when I left home, so I’m glad they have it.”

Although there is no specific schedule for when different kinds of food are served, Pick ‘N’ Shovel plans on changing it up every day.

“We plan to rotate the menu as often as possible,” Rodriguez said. “We are also working with UTEP’s Technology Support to create something that will help us create the menu in advance and post it online.”

Toriell Simon, junior accounting major, said although he does not live on campus, he enjoys dining at the eatery frequently

“It’s cool because it’s an all-day serving and they have waffles, cookies, a

salad bar, sandwich maker and you can make Panini’s too,” Simon said.

“They always have different foods and I really think it’s going to work out.”

As of right now, visitors cannot take their food to go, but Rodriguez said they’re working on something to possibly change that.

“We’re looking at something similar to the Simply2Go that they serve next door, so food can be taken to go,” Rodriguez said.

The Pick ‘N’ Shovel Eatery is the first of its kind at UTEP, so there are no numbers or history to base current achievements on. They are looking at what students have to say to monitor their success.

“We don’t have much to base our findings on,” Rodriguez said. “Right now, we’re open to feedback so we can continue to improve our services.”

The Pick ‘N’ Shovel Eatery is open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 747-7460.

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Miners look to bounce back in Lubbock against Texas Tech



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The last time UTEP football started 0-2 was back in 2012. The Miners would go on to finish 3-9 that season.

BY ADRIAN BROADDUS

The Prospector

Since the conference was established in 1996, the Miners have never won a game against a Big 12 team, with a 0-12 all-time record. Saturday, the Miners (0-1) will travel to Jones AT&T Stadium in Lubbock to face the Texas Tech Red Raiders (1-0).

While head coach Sean Kugler and his squad come into the game seeking an upset in their second of three games on the road, Kliff Kingsbury and the Red Raiders are on a quest for their 11th consecutive 2-0 dating back to 2004.

Last season, Aaron Jones lifted the Miners to a 26-23 lead over the Red Raiders with less than five minutes

left in the fourth quarter. However, ex-starting quarterback David Webb led a game-winning 75-yard touchdown drive to win the game 30-23 for the Red Raiders.

“I don’t think I have to remind (our players), they remember it,” Kugler said on Monday at the UTEP football media luncheon. “Each year is a different year, each year is a different team. We’re going to approach this as a different game. We’re going on the road in a hostile environment, and we’re going against a quality Big 12 team. I don’t have rearview mirrors—I don’t look backwards. I look forwards and I want my team to have the same mentality.”

This year, the Miners will have to contend with sophomore quarterback

Patrick Mahomes, who stole the 2015 starting role as the primary signal caller and comes into Saturday’s game with a win in the Red Raiders season opener against Sam Houston State, 59-45. Mahomes threw for 425 yards and four touchdowns.

Mahomes and his offense return with nine starters from last season, but this high-powered passing team can also do damage on the ground. With a 1,000-yard tailback in DeAndre Washington, the Red Raiders boast one of the most versatile offenses in the Big 12.

That is exactly what the Miners’ defense is looking to prevent—points. Last season, the defense improved from allowing 39.4 points per game to 28. However, after allowing 48 to-

tal points to Arkansas in their season opener, 28 of them coming via passing plays, the Miners are looking to redeem themselves against this pass-heavy offense. In the Miners’ 48-13 loss against the Razorbacks, Dashone Smith led the team with seven tackles.

The Miners also might be dealing with a potentially huge loss on defense. Senior cornerback Traun Roberson’s availability for this weekend is still up in the air. For the Miners to have a chance at slowing down the Red Raiders’ offense, the Miners will need Roberson.

“It gives you some experience back there, a fifth-year senior, he’s a communicator,” Kugler said. “I think we’ll have him back for the Texas Tech game and we need him back.”

Although the defense allowed six touchdowns to the SEC team, it was the squad’s offense that couldn’t seem to get rolling. Standout running back Aaron Jones led the team in both rushing and receiving and totaled 153-total yards, but he and the offense only saw the end zone once.

Three quarterbacks came into play against the Razorbacks, starter Mack Leftwich, true freshman Kavika Johnson and Andress high school graduate Ryan Metz. The switching of the play callers was a tactic that, according to coach Kugler, will be used throughout the season.

Nevertheless, Jones was impressed with Leftwich under center in the Miners’ season opener.

“He was calm behind center and that’s what we really need,” Jones said. “He did a really excellent job of keeping everybody calm. The crowd noise was really loud, and he did a really

excellent job of echoing the calls and changing up the snap count as well.”

Leftwich, who completed 9-of-14 for 64.3 percent, threw for 120 yards and one interception, is still Kugler’s man for the starting quarterback position.

A key plus the offense brings into Lubbock Saturday is their time of possession. Last season, coach Kugler’s offense was able to rank second in time of possession in college football, and on Saturday, the Miners won the clock battle by the slightest of margins against Arkansas (30:41 to 29:19).

In last year’s meeting, the Miners held the ball 18 minutes longer than the Red Raiders. Texas Tech head coach Kliff Kingsbury said time and time again in his weekly press conference with the Lubbock media that UTEP “is going to hold the ball and pound you.”

For Kugler and his Miners, controlling possession is the most important factor for a win Saturday.

“The formula is going to be the same,” Kugler said. “We have to control the clock versus this team, we have to have efficient drives, and for us to do that we have to be efficient in our run game and we have to be efficient in our play action passes off the run game, because they are such a quick-strike scoring offense.”

Saturday will show whether the Red Raiders’ high-powered spread offense is still good enough to beat out the Miners’ slow and methodical ground approach.

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Red Raiders offense poses a tall tasking for Miners defensively



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The UTEP defense gave up 48 points on the road against the Arkansas Razorbacks in Fayetteville.

BY JAVIER CORTEZ

The Prospector

With one monster subdued, another one emerges. That is the focus on the UTEP football team heading into week two of their 2015 season.

After a 35-point shellacking by the Arkansas Razorbacks, where the Miners gave up 48 points and 490 yards of total offense in Fayetteville, Arkansas, the Miners will have their hands full once again with the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

“We had a difficult trip to Arkansas,” Kugler said. “We played an out-

standing team, a very talented and very deep team. They exposed us in a few areas. There are some things we need to clean up moving into this second game. I’m a firm believer that a team makes its biggest jump from its first game to its second game. It learns from its mistakes, it learns their strengths, things they can improve upon, and what they need to work on the most.”

No matter the year, head coach or players, the Red Raiders are always amongst the best passing offenses in the nation. Dating all the way back to 2000, when former Texas Tech head

coach Mike Leach took the reigns of the program; the Red Raiders have utilized a pass-happy spread offense.

Current Texas Tech head coach Kliff Kingsbury was Leach’s first guinea pig, and the experiment paid off. Kingsbury led the nation in passing and touchdowns his senior season, and his successors followed in his footsteps.

B.J. Symons, Sonny Cumbie and Graham Harrell all followed with eye-popping passing statistics that cemented Texas Tech as one of the most prolific passing programs in college football history.

Whereas the Red Raiders boast one of the nation’s best offenses year in and year out, the Miners lay claim to one of the nation’s worst defenses year in and year out. Going by last Saturday, not much has changed for the Miners.

The Razorbacks averaged 9.1 yards per play on offense, basically equaling out to a first down on every play. Arkansas quarterback Brandon Allen only attempted 18 passes, but totaled 308 passing yards and four touchdowns.

The Razorbacks’ offense moved the chains and scored whenever they pleased. Coach Kugler knows that the Miners will have to play better defensively if they do not want a repeat of last Saturday’s game.

“They are as explosive and fast-paced of an offense as there is in the country,” Kugler said. “They have nine returners back on offense. Seventy-eight percent of their offensive production from last year returns intact. They are explosive; they scored 59 points versus Sam Houston. They are a fast-strike team—they scored 28 points in the second quarter alone. They had 611 yards against a very good Sam Houston State team. This is an explosive fast-paced offense.”

Much of the Miners’ problems in week one against Arkansas were in the secondary. At times, the Miners simply looked lost on defense, which played a role in the Razorbacks 17.1 yards-per-pass play.

Kugler attributed most of the Miners’ problems defensively to the change in scheme by Arkansas. Usu-

ally a run-oriented offense, the Razorbacks used a lot of play action and threw the ball down field more than expected.

Kugler expects the Miners to see the Red Raiders pass and pass some more.

“We’re facing a little bit different cat this week,” Kugler said. “Where you just line up and know they’re throwing and their run game is based off their pass game. It’s a little bit different when you know the passes are coming at you. But Arkansas to Texas Tech, it’s like going from a tank to a Ferrari really. It’s just two totally opposite teams.”

The latest player to drive the Red Raiders “Ferrari” is sophomore quarterback Patrick Mahomes. Named Big-12 Offensive Freshman of the Year, Mahomes is a dual-threat quarterback who can run as well as pass.

“It all starts at quarterback for them,” Kugler said. “He is more mobile in the pocket. He gives them the ability to run. This guy can escape and create plays and throws well on the move. This guy is accurate, and he gets the ball out quickly. They’ve got some explosive weapons, an experienced offensive line, a dynamic runner and a quarterback that plays in their system perfectly.”

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UTEP volleyball is ready and excited for home debut in the Haskins



Volleyball head coach Holly Watts (left) instructs two of her players during a Monday morning practice at the Don Haskins Center.

BY JAVIER CORTEZ
The Prospector

This Wednesday, Sept. 9, the UTEP women's volleyball team will make their home debut in the annual Borderland Invitational Tournament against Denver University at the Don Haskins Center.

The Miners will play a total of four matches in three days.

On Thursday, the Miners will have a double header starting with Brown University at 11 a.m. and Robert Morris at 7 p.m. On Friday, the Miners will conclude the invitational against the Big-12 powerhouse Oklahoma Sooners.

Already six games into the season and with a 2-4 record, the Miners have a lot of new faces on the court contributing. Seven freshman (two redshirts) make up nearly half of the roster, while a few of the returning players are seeing substantial playing time for the first time in their careers.

With the season relatively young, head coach Holly Watts sees an improvement in team chemistry, but there is still plenty of work to do.

"The chemistry is good, but the consistency is bad," Watts said laughing. "We (just need) to get all those people to play well together. There's a lot of flashes of really nice things

and we have to put more of those in a row."

Freshman middle blocker Maddie Morgan is amongst the laundry list of newcomers, and to her surprise, she has already made an impact within the team.

"I think it's going pretty well," Morgan said. "I came in not even knowing if I was going to be starting. I came and got put on the court the first day and I've been there ever since. I think I'm getting better everyday and just putting in 100 percent effort."

Against Memphis on Sept. 4, Morgan registered a team-high eight blocks. Then in the Miners' final match at the Belmont Bruin Blast

Invitational, the true freshman registered 13 kills with a whopping kill percentage of .480.

As of now, Morgan is taking everything in stride, game by game.

Two other relatively unknowns are redshirt freshmen Kylie Baumgartner and sophomore Dalainee Perry. Baumgartner has taken over the other vacant spot at middle blocker, and Perry seems to have a cemented spot at outside hitter this season after sporadically playing her freshman year.

This latest version of the UTEP women's volleyball team is relatively new and inexperienced, but junior setter Lindsay Larson believes that this team is coming into this season with a better mentality, despite the lack of improvement in skill.

"I think skill wise, it's kind of the same (as the last team), but the mentality of the team and the attitude is a lot more positive (this year)," Larson said. "The new girls coming in have a really good attitude and I think that is more of the difference."

Through six games, Larson feels that this team will be a big departure from the previous squad in work ethic and results.

"I definitely see a big difference from last year," Larson added. "I think it has a lot to do with we have a new team and a lot of new girls coming in. We've (already) done a better job of setting the tone in practice and in general, and we've been better competing in games."

Coming into her second season as starting setter, Larson is one of the best and most reliable players the Miners have to offer. Last season, Larson finished in the top 10 in assists in Conference USA and this summer was named to Team Canada Women's Volleyball National B Team.

Even though she only spent a part of her summer training with Team Canada, the time spent seems to have made an improvement. Last Saturday, Sept. 5, Larson registered a career-high 59 assists in the Miners' five-set win against South Alabama.

"The biggest thing is probably her (improved) confidence," Watts said. "Having the opportunity to go and set a lot this summer and then coming back with a lot more reps under her belt was an incredible opportunity for her."

Another key returning player, who is looking to make an impact, is senior outside hitter Talia Jones. Struggling last season with injuries, Jones was still able to finish second on the team in kills, despite playing in 87 sets.

The senior said all she wants to do is stay healthy and win.

"Staying healthy this year is a big goal of mine," Jones said. "Also doing better than last year, and improving our record from a losing record to a winning record would be a good start."

Like the rest of the team, Jones is ready to set her focus on the Miners' first home stand. The senior is excited to be back home after two weeks on the road and even more excited to be playing at the Don Haskins Center for the first time.

"I've been wanting to play in the (Don) Haskins (Center) since my freshman year," Jones said gleefully. "The fact that we get to play here at least one tournament satisfies me. I'm super excited about it, my family is excited and the team is excited."

Wherever the Miners play, coach Watts thinks her team will be improved from last season, citing that it will take time to see the improvement.

"I feel like we'll (be better)," Watts said. "You know what we say—we have to put it together and get it going, but I think overall this will be a better season results wise for sure."

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Junior setter Lindsay Larson enters her second season as the starting setter. Last season Larson led the team in assists and double-doubles.