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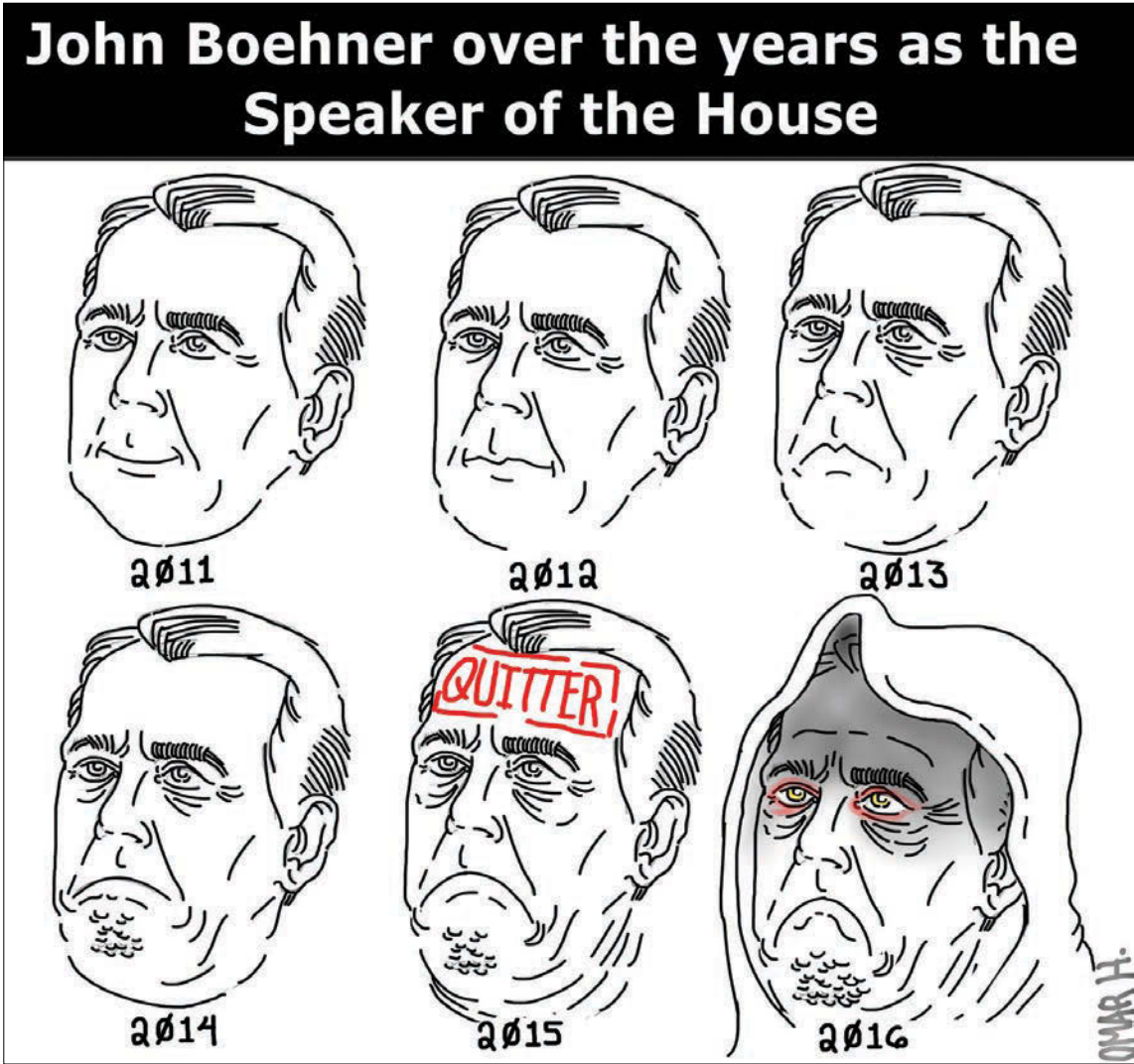
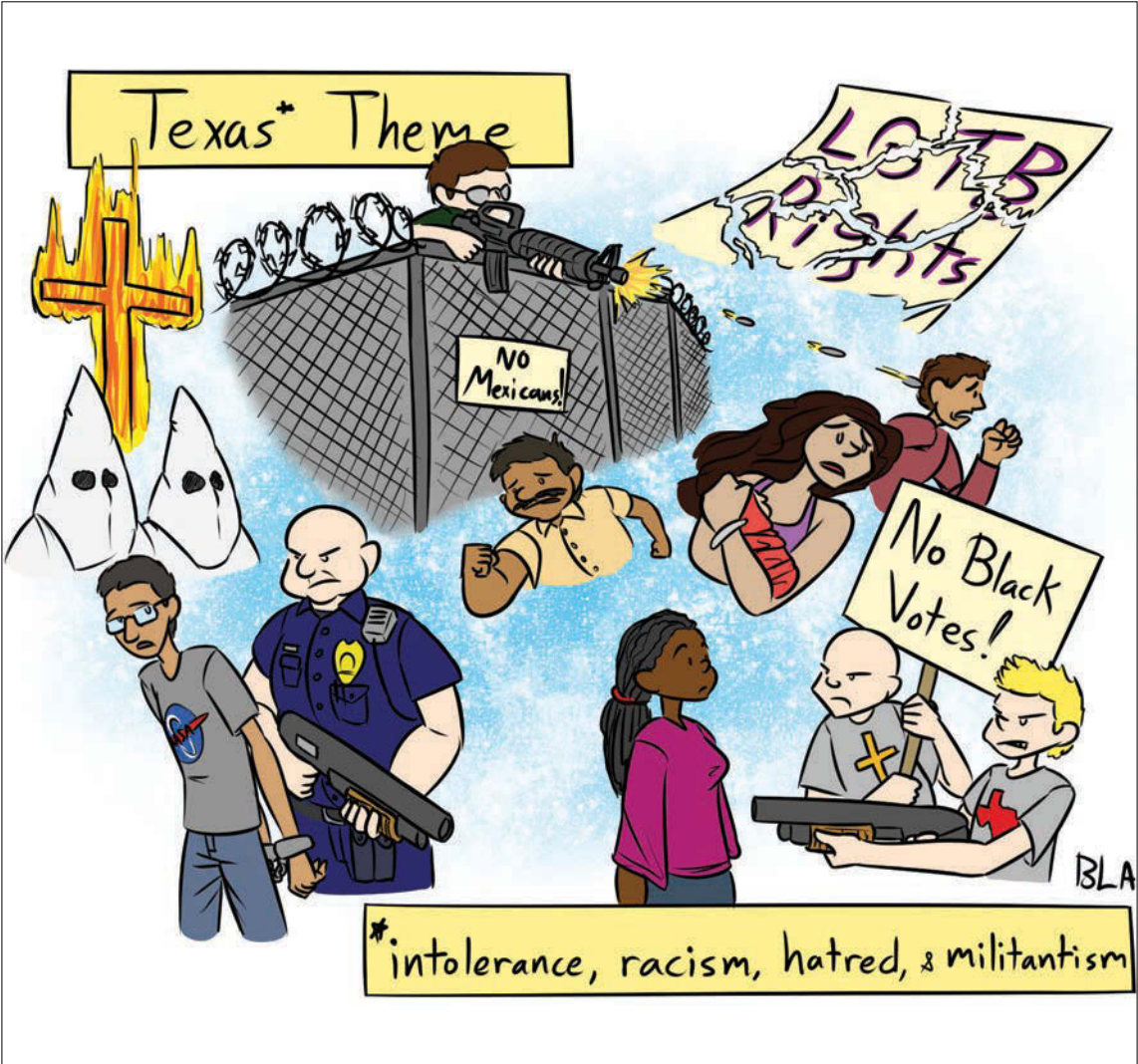
BY JAVIER CORTEZ
The Prospector



The war against guns on campus has finally ramped up! Two weeks ago, UTEP professor David Smith-Soto was in the news for his hardline stance on guns in classrooms. News of Smith-Soto's opposition to the newly signed legislation that will allow students to carry concealed weapons on campus thankfully picked up traction. Now it seems he is on the brink of a UT-System-wide petition against the new law. About 150 professors have already signed a petition made by UT-Austin faculty to outlaw guns in their respective classroom, and Smith-Soto is trying to do the same here at UTEP. Smith-Soto put a picture of a no guns allowed symbol sign outside of his classroom and posted two stories on Borderzine.com clarifying why he would not allow guns in his classroom. In both stories, Smith-Soto points out two shootings that were carried out with legally owned guns, by legal gun owners. Each story points out the obvious flaws to such lackadaisical gun laws in the U.S. "The 'campus carry' gun law passed by the Texas State Legislature this year, which allows guns to be carried on public university campuses is a travesty and a violation of our civil rights, a danger to my students as they attend class and to me as I lecture," Soto-Smith stated in his Aug. 30 post on Borderzine. Whether or not Smith-Soto and his colleagues in the UT System's petition come to fruition, it's refreshing to see opposition toward this idiotic legislation. If you want a representation of how stupid some Americans are just look at our gun laws. There are people out there who think more legal guns will solve our gun-violence problem. Just like an alcoholic thinks more drinking will solve their problems. It's already been established in studies done by the New England Journal of Medicine and American Journal of Epidemiology that people who have guns at home are at a higher risk of homicide then people without guns at home. Not to simplify the issue, but doesn't it seem more logical to reduce the amount of people with guns to reduce gun violence? But Smith-Soto's criticism of this new legislation highlights a key factor in the problem with gun culture in the U.S. Americans are not responsible enough to legally own guns and the process for legally owning a gun is absurd. I will use myself for instance:

I do not have a criminal record, I have no record of mental health instability, and I could easily go through any of the steps necessary to buy a gun. But what if I suffered a family tragedy or I was the victim of someone's wrong doing against me? Who's to say that my mental state would not be changed by the fact that I own a gun? To clarify, I don't believe I would go on a killing spree if I was done wrong by someone or if I suffered a tragedy within my family. But there are people out there who go through these hardships all the time, and the pistol in the dresser, car or holster is at their disposal to "solve" their problems. In short, any person with no criminal record or mental health problem can buy a gun, then eventually use it for the wrong reasons. There is plenty of evidence. Let's get away from this slightly anecdotal argument and deal with the broader issue. The second amendment is a big piece of shit. If you are a conservative American flag-waving gun owner, I'm sorry I gave you and your bald eagle a stroke with that statement, but it's true. The amendment is not only antiquated, but it is way out of context for today's society. Keep in mind when this amendment was written. There was this thing called the American Revolution, it was a necessity that people were armed to fight the British. In fact it was a militia, which is a military force that is raised from the civil population to supplement a regular army in an emergency, according to the Oxford Dictionary. Last time I checked, British Imperialism ended a long time ago, and despite as much fear mongering as there is by the mainstream media and politicians, ISIS is not driving through your neighborhood anytime soon. The amendment is not even close to being representative of our time. The sad thing is that all of this is simple logic. None of what I have said in the past 700 words or so is esoteric or incomprehensible. If you are a UTEP professor or student reading this, then support David Smith-Soto cause and vehemently oppose guns on campus here at UTEP.

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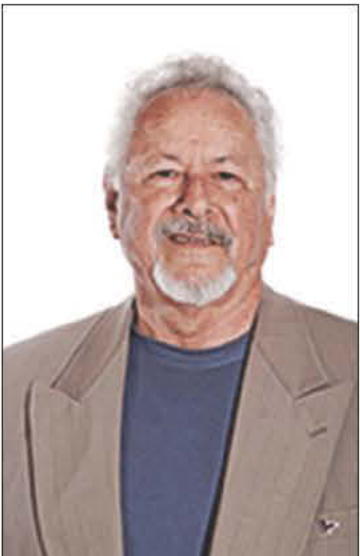
Blanca Enriquez now the national director of the Office of Head Start, started her studies at UTEP after graduating from Bowie High School. A master's in curriculum and instruction shortly

followed her bachelor's in elementary education, which she earned in 1979. Although her doctorate studies would take her to NMSU, Enriquez would do the bulk of her work in the Sun City as the executive director of the Region 19 Head Start Program since 1986. Under her guidance, the program would grow to more than three times its size, from 1,200 students to 4,500. Throughout her career, Enriquez has never completely left the university. Teaching workshops over the years and helping with career development opportunities for future Head Start teachers.



Renard Johnson another distinguished alumnus, got his bachelor of business administration in 1995 and used that time to develop a business plan that would eventually turn into a multimillion-dollar company.

His company, Management and Engineering Technologies, Inc., is now a multinational organization, which works in research and development, systems engineering and information technologies. The El Paso-based corporation deals with clients both public and private. Johnson started METI while still a student at UTEP in 1994, but didn't officially open it for four years. The Andress High graduate still supports UTEP as an athletics fan, and a member of different university boards and committees. Being a distinguished alumnus is not his only recognition from the university, as he was also named the Golden Nugget in 2013.



Gaspar Enriquez earned his bachelor's degree in art in 1970 after moving back to El Paso after a period of time in California. The artist's works, which concentrate on Chicano culture, have ranged see ALUMNI on page 9

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Forty-three UTEP students, faculty, and staff raise their voice on behalf of the forty-three Ayotzinapa students silenced on September 26, 2015. Standing on the border with Mexico as a representation that solidarity has no limits, and we won’t stop until we, united, achieve something that will mark the beginning of new opportunities, hope for a better future and respect for human rights and dignity. -Ayotzinapa Sin Fronteras

This compilation is dedicated to Professors: Barrera, Chew, Moffett, Moya, Nunez, Dailey, Leyva, Reed-Sandoval, and Dr. Topp. Thank you for giving your encouragement, dedication, and time to the student movement Ayotzinapa Sin Fronteras. A movement not only dedicated to the students which voices were silenced on September 26, 2014 in Guerrero, Mexico; but to the students in the border who want to make a difference, who want to challenge corruption and impunity, who desire a world free from violence. Students fronterizos who desire to live in a border free from prejudice, free from hostility and full of peace, knowledge and cultural exchange. We thank you because without your voices, our voices would have been not heard by the community. Thank you for helping us and being interested in benefiting our borderland, our space and our culture.

1.Hoy estamos de luto pero hoy no vamos a seguir llorando. Lo que vamos a hacer es seguir luchando por la memoria de nuestros 43 hermanos, caídos en la batalla contra la corrupción política. No vamos a parar, seguiremos en batalla contra los enemigos de la paz y la justicia. **Casanova Escobaño, Anthropology**

2. Que el dolor de México no nos sea indiferente. Levantemos la voz por los 43 estudiantes de Ayotzinapa, y por los miles que han sido olvidados. Convirtámosla en acciones que construyan un México mejor, pues somos más los que queremos paz. Siempre seremos más. **Cassandra Reyes, Masters in Higher Education**

3. Las masas humanas mas peligrosas son aquellas e cuyas venas ha sido inyectado el veneno del miedo, del miedo al cambio. **Jesus Genaro Limón, Multimedia Journalism**

4. El caso Ayotzinapa es algo que a todos como mexicanos debería indignarnos, a pesar de la seriedad y gravedad del acontecimiento, en realidad esto no es nada, es sólo la gota que derramo el vaso que esta destapando toda la corrupción y porquería que tenemos en el gobierno. Ayotzinapa es un evento que nos llama a todos lo mexicanos a despertar, a alzar la voz, a salir de la ignorancia, a hacer algo por nuestro país, el verdadero cambio empieza en uno. **Luis Angel Perez Buergo, Mechanical Engineering**

5. Hoy se cumplen 365 días sin los 43 estudiantes, hoy el Gobierno mexicano cumple 365 días mas de mentirnos y decepcionarnos. ¡Ni perdonaremos ni olvidaremos! **Mariela Jauregui, Nursing**

6. Hoy me comprometo a ser luz. Me comprometo a no ser indiferente a los sufrimientos y necesidades del pueblo Mexicano y del mundo. Me comprometo a informarme en temáticas de justicia social en Mexico y el mundo y a contribuir a la educación de los que me rodean. Hoy me comprometo a exigir justicia y levantar mi voz por los 43 estudiantes de Ayotzinapa. Hoy me comprometo porque esta lucha es de todos y los estudiantes no vamos a parar. **Soliris Morales, Political Science Major**

7. The kidnapping and execution of the 43 students in Iguala is absolutely repulsive. These students fell victim to an atrocity initiated by corrupt government officials. It is up to us to take action and spread awareness in order to perpetuate the cause these students died for. **Adrian Montenegro**

8. One year ago, you were taken because your voices grew thunderous, but the storm of your words will eternally rain from us. For all those of us who yearn to learn and continue to aspire, to dream, to venture, never looking back, you are the fountain of our strength.

9. Gracias, por revivir nuestra lucha, y por ser el verdadero orgullo

Mexicano! Con todo amor, gratitud, y respeto a los 43! **Carlos Nevarez, UTEP Alum**

10. The loss of lives and potential was senseless. Our response to that loss can be meaningful. We must not become complacent in the pursuit of justice. **Rebecca Gutierrez, grad student**

11. Your disappearance is a personal loss. We demand both answers and a systematic change. My 43 brothers, your fight is my fight- I promise. **Destiny Garcia**

12. Al callarme, mataste las ganas que yo tenia de salir adelante. Mataste mis sueños guajiros de ser compositor, mis ganas de no ser como tu. No me calles, Porque sin personas como yo, solo quedan personas como tu. Y tu no mereces a México, tu no mereces tener poder sobre mi, porque somos más los que queremos menos. Y al final, nosotros porque al final, nosotros a ganar. **Sharon Murillo**

13. Donde hay poca justicia es un peligro tener razón. **Francisco De Quevedo**

14. Todos somos Ayotzinapa! Nuestro Respeto se quedo con ellos! **Fanny Piñón y Andrea San Martín**

15. 43 dignified voices feed the heart of a nation that listens

and organizes. No criminal government will silence our outcry for justice with massacre. **Javier Camacho**

16. Because I am Mexican, my heart hurts for my country. Because I am human, my soul aches for Ayotzinapa. Because I care so much, I will never forget. **Andie Norte, English & American Lit. and History Major**

17. We can be the change we wish in the world, but silence and unawareness are not going to get us there, facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored. Be the voice of the voiceless. Lets keep fighting for the 43 students who disappeared in Mexico last year! **Karen Aguilar, Human Resources and International Business**

18. I raised my voice and I was silenced. I stood up and they brought me down. What power and corruption tried to stop, my spirit and my brothers will carry on ¡Ayotzi Vive! ¡La Lucha sigue! - **Genaro Cruz, Multimedia Journalism**

19. I stand in solidarity with my community and my people in holding the Mexican government accountable for its actions. As long as the 43 normalistas are disappeared, they will not escape my or my community’s thoughts! **Aaron Montes, Multimedia Journalism**

20. Estamos respondiendo en ambos lados de la frontera en apoyo a Ayotzinapa, porque esto es una muestra de lo que México esta haciendo con sus ciudadanos. Hay que solidarizarse con Juárez que, a pesar de estar tan cerca está tan lejos, y a la vez hay que observar hacia el Sur para darnos cuenta de lo que está pasando en contra de nuestros hermanos latinoamericanos - **Giovani Acosta, Masters in Sociology**

21. Exigimos un cambio de política, que se den cuenta que esta no es la manera de gobernar al país, no buscamos revolución porque ya ha habido muchas muertes, pero ante todo queremos respuestas por lo sucedido en Ayotzinapa **David Alex García.**

22. Todos somos iguala, pero no somos iguales. Ayotzinapa estamos contigo. **Abel Baca , Entrepreneurship**

23. It is important that students take the initiative to divulge and take action on tragic events like the one in Iguala and that they feel support from us. **Selfa Chew, History Profesor**

24. Me duele ver el país en el que nací caído en pedazos, 365 días han pasado, y aun nos faltan 43. Todos queremos justicia, porque todos somos Ayotzinapa. **Claudia Ponce**

25. Sometimes ideals are stronger than weapons and intimidation might have killed their bodies and their voices; they will never kill and shut the hunger for justice and the ideal of a country where education is the primary weapon against corruption and violence. AYOTZINAPA VIVE. **Victor Galvan, Sociology**

26. How do we surpass an unexplained absence? Ayotzinapa is a portrait of the political system in Mexico. The forced disappearance is a continuous fall, the terror stretching itself more and more.

Ayotzinapa means the search for truth and justice by hammering questions into the heart of the state, the nation, and the globe. **Gabriela Saldaña**

27. Movamos mentes y corazones por un México sin violencia, por Ayotzinapa , por nuestros 43 hijos. No hay perdón , no hay olvido. **Rosa Tenorio, Marketing**

28. We will not let your sacrifice be in vain, we will not stop until your voices are heard- **Mariana Gutierrez**

29. As students in the most Mexican-American populated part of the country, this aggression will not stand. We all are Ayotzinapa.” **Clavo Martinez**

30. These students should not only be remembered as victims, but idols as well. **Jonathan Bustillos**

31. A donde te fuiste México? Te veo, pero no te siento. Te oigo, pero no te escucho. Te recuerdo, pero no te tengo presente. Te extraño, pero te estoy olvidando. Te quiero, pero me lo estas quitando. #AyotzinapaVive, porque lo que no decimos no muere, nos

32. If that would’ve happen in the United States, justice would’ve been acted upon. **Jaime Esquinca**

33. Sus vidas no habrán sido tomadas en vano. Con solidaridad en Ayotzinapa conseguiremos cambio al mundo necesita. El pueblo esta llorando y hay que tomar acción. **Alexandra**

34. Me parece una aberración que el presidente EPN insista en hacer caso omiso a las peticiones del pueblo mexicano. Es sumamente importante que no permitamos que se olvide o se supere el caso Ayotzinapa. Se tiene que seguir hablando al respecto. La lucha no termina. **Paloma Pelayo, Creative Writing**

35.We cannot forget and We will not! I am Mexican and our government betrayed us. 43 students are still missing, after a year they just wanted to be just like I do.... Someone and something in life. Vivos se los llevaron Vivos los queremos! Los Mexicanos no olvidamos! **Valeria Padilla, Digital Media Production**

36. Yo no tengo palabras. Es difícil creer que semejantes atropellos ocurran en mi país. Creo que es un llamado a los

mexicanos a despertar y empezar a luchar por un mejor mañana. **Arturo Schiaffino, Mechanical Engineering**

37. ‘El Paso por Ayotzinapa’, expresa su dolor por la actual situación que vive su país. Con estos 43 estudiantes ya fue el colmo. El mundo ya no quiere ver más violencia sino una reforma en el país de México en lo cultural y en lo político” **Jorge Dagda, UTEP Alum**

38. Los Mexicanos nos reímos tanto de nuestro presidente de ‘Las Novelas’, pero lo que nos pasó no hubiera podido pasar mas que en la peor de las novelas. **Jonathan Gonzalez, French & Philosophy Major**

39. It saddens me to think how the Government of Mexico has just kept silence on the case of the 43 missing students. Students who had much potential, to impact the future generations of youth as educators. These students like me, had a vision, a goal to teach and to educate their community on the importance of education. However, when these students voiced this importance, they were silenced, literally. They’re loss is my lost, because as a global citizen we should all have a voice, and at this moment, I am their voice. “Justice!” **Heriberto Garcia, Multimedia Journalism**

40.Until the question is answered, these protests are going to continue. Aqui estamos y no nos vamos a ir. Justicia es la ultima palabra. **Rosemary Martinez**

41. Primeramente, es difícil creer que ya un año desde la desaparición de los estudiantes. Y como es muy triste saber que ellos no tendrán oportunidad de seguir con sus estudios y cumplir sus sueños. **Nadia Rivas, Masters in Higher Education**

42. Como estudiante y futuro maestro me siento indignado con los hechos de Ayotzinapa. No puedo creer que el mismo gobierno pueda hacer

algo tan asqueroso que se olvide o se supere el caso Ayotzinapa. Se tiene que seguir hablando al respecto. La lucha no termina. **Paloma Pelayo, Creative Writing**

43. Cada vez que nos duele ver de futuro les y espero que veamos un cambio. **Diego Olin, Education**

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What's your favorite thing about Texas?

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DOMINIQUE MARTINEZ

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"I love how diverse the people are, everyone thinks we are cowboys and ride horses to school but it's actually not like that at all."



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Students address food insecurity on campus



ANDRES MARTINEZ / THE PROSPECTOR

Members of UTEP's Miner Connection provide a food pantry for students, staff, and faculty.

BY MARIA ESQUINCA
The Prospector

On a seemingly normal day, a couple of UTEP students walked from the UTEP Library to the Rescue Mission of El Paso, a homeless shelter, for food, spearheading what would become the Miner Connection, a student-driven food pantry.

Esther Zapata, a UTEP alumni and one of the Miner Connection founders, said that after she and her colleagues witnessed the two students walking to the rescue mission, they decided they wanted to do something about it.

"We decided that, that wasn't right," Zapata said. "The easiest thing to do was to study food insecurity on campus. We did not know at that time it was going to evolve to this (Miner Connection)." The organization was officially

launched on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at the Liberal Arts Building Lawn, a process that took over a year.

"It became official and we're celebrating as having a space designated for our donations," said Leonardo Gambio, president of Miner Connection and senior organizational and corporate communication major. "There's power in numbers and we want everyone to be a part of our family."

Present at the event were organizations that support Miner Connection, such as the Student Government Association, UTEP Athletics, American Marketing Association, Texas Freedom Network UTEP chapter and Uptown Cheapskate.

According to an academic paper titled, "Student food insecurity: The skeleton in the university closet," food security is a basic human right that exists when people have access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs.

Food insecurity broadly refers to experiencing hunger due to the absence of food.

Zapata said, that after doing research, they found that it reveals contrasting figures and that more research at the national level needs

to be done, something Miner Connection aims to do in the future.

A 2014 study by the University of Oregon found that 59 percent of their students suffered from food insecurity at one point within the previous year, while a University of Hawaii at Manoa study found that 21 percent of students were food insecure.

"All the research shows that the numbers are in the double digits, none of the research shows that we are in the one percent," Zapata said. "So the UTEP numbers can be extremely high, we do not know this, what we actually need is to buckle down and do more research."

Besides investigating research, the Miner Connection founders looked at UTEP figures to arrive at an estimation of how many UTEP students suffer from food insecurity.

They found that 60 students are registered with Foster Homeless Adopted Resources, a UTEP resource center for homeless or adopted youth, and that about 4,000 student are living on \$12,000 or less a year. The 2015 federal poverty guideline for a household of one is \$11,770.

"That's about 16 to 17 percent of the entire UTEP population," Gamboa said. "If you compare that to school expenses and rising tuition, this really puts a toll on students' access to food based on not being able to afford it."

After delving into the research, Zapata said, they decided that having a food pantry was the most immediate solution to help students who experience food insecurity.

"The solution is not a donation, the solution is actually solving the problem," Zapata said. "How can we help you right now? And this is what Miner Connection is, it's the now."

After deciding a food pantry would be the best way to help students who experience food insecurity, they started a petition where students could indicate their solidarity for more awareness about the issue and hav-

ing a food pantry as a remedy. They did more research to understand how a food pantry works and how it can be sustained, and they worked with the administration to negotiate a proposal to start the food pantry.

"These were the students who put themselves together and said let's make sure we have some structure to this idea," said Martina Myers, lecturer in communication and advisor for Miner Connection.

Students can donate or pick up food items at Union West, room 112. Nothing is required to pick up food items; it's open to all UTEP students, faculty and staff.

"We need to know more about them, but we know they exist," Gamboa said. "By making it as easy for them to access that resource as possible, we're addressing that issue."

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“The solution is not a donation, the solution is actually solving the problem.”

- Esther Zapata, UTEP alumni and Miner Connection founder

launched on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at the Liberal Arts Building Lawn, a process that took over a year.


"It became official and we're celebrating as having a space designated for our donations," said Leonardo Gambio, president of Miner Connection and senior organizational and corporate communication major. "There's power in numbers and we want everyone to be a part of our family."

Present at the event were organizations that support Miner Connection, such as the Student Government Association, UTEP Athletics, American Marketing Association, Texas Freedom Network UTEP chapter and Uptown Cheapskate.

According to an academic paper titled, "Student food insecurity: The skeleton in the university closet," food security is a basic human right that exists when people have access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs.

Food insecurity broadly refers to experiencing hunger due to the absence of food.

Zapata said, that after doing research, they found that it reveals contrasting figures and that more research at the national level needs



ABILITY AWARENESS WEEK

OCT. 5-9 2015

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5:
Ability Awareness Week Opening Session
8:30 - 11 a.m. | Tomás Rivera Conference Center, UTEP Union East, 3rd floor
Welcoming Reception; 8:30 - 9 am | White House Proclamation; Hector Vidal, Walgreens
Keynote Presentation; History of the ADA by Denette R. Vaughn | Senior Attorney; Disability Rights - Texas
Presentation of DARS and CASS Recognition Awards | Closing Comments- President Natalicio

Wheelchair Basketball Exhibition
6 - 8 p.m. | Memorial Gymnasium
Invitational wheelchair basketball game; The El Paso "Air Wheelers" and the Las Cruces "Rollers"
Food is available on site; Admission is free

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 | EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS: 9 - 2:30 p.m. | UTEP Union East, Acacia 102
Sensitivity Training 101: A Walk in their Shoes | 9 - 10:45 a.m.
Hector Flores, ASL Services Manager & Isaac Valencia '13
Service Animals: Don't Step on my Paws | 11 - 11:45 a.m.
Isaac Valencia '13 & Alejandro Garcia, student
Invisible No More | 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Angie Moreno, Asst. Director, Student Engagement and Leadership Center & Emily Martinez, Inclusion and Advocacy Intern

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
Resource Fair | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Centennial Plaza, subject to change
Health and disability-related vendor and service provider exhibition
Career fair of employers that are invested in hiring people with disabilities
Disability-related sports clinic and demonstrations







Wisdom Wednesday | "Responding to Students' Hidden (Dis)abilities" | 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. | UGLC 306
Special CETaL faculty session on ADA accommodations and hidden disabilities

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 | EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS: UTEP Union East, Templeton Suite 313
Do you see what I see: Photovoice Reflections and Resolutions | 9 - 10:30 a.m.
Dr. Neelam Agarwal, Assistant Director, The Center for Accommodations and Support Services
Mental Illness on College Campuses: Stigma and How to Erase It? | 10:45-11:45 a.m.
Prof. Kristin Kosyluk, Department of Rehabilitation Counseling, College of Health Sciences
In Our Own Voice: Breaking the Stigma of Mental Health | 1:30 - 3 p.m.
Denise Uga, MBA, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) - El Paso

Technology Support Center Open House | 9 a.m. to 1p.m. | Library 300

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 | THIRD ANNUAL INTERDISCIPLINARY SYMPOSIUM: Noon - 5 p.m. | TRCC
Conference theme: *How UTEP Students' Actions are Improving Lives*
Focus on advancements in general health promotion and service to the disability community
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Keynote presentations and recognition for leaders and advocates in the field

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Dealing with concussions not an exact science

BY LUIS GONZALEZ

The Prospector

Your left foot leaves the ground, the right one pushes off as the ball flies into the box. Next thing you know you are on your back, with no clue as to what happened in the previous five to 10 seconds. Dizziness, nausea and headaches follow for days, weeks, months, sometimes even years. The more we learn about concussions, the more we understand the severity and the seriousness with which they must be addressed.

Concussions have prompted the early retirement and the forfeiture of millions of dollars over long-term careers in athletes such as Chris Borland and Adrian Coxson.

UTEP's Concussion Management Clinic and its athletic training staff work together and on different fronts to keep dealing with and learning about this injury.

"The cases that we see in professional sports, like football, obviously get lots of headlines," said Dr. Anthony Salvatore, director of the Concussion Management Clinic. "But we



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also know that athletes in their teens even and early 20s, who have a history of repeated, sub-threshold, if you will, concussions have a greater likelihood of having long-term consequences."

Salvatore began working at the management clinic more than 10 years ago, with the idea of not only learning more about concussions, but also to provide UTEP students with the opportunity to experience this kind of research first hand. He approached UTEP Athletics and its head trainer Dawn Hearn and they have been working together ever since.

The biggest threat related to concussions, according to Salvatore, is the fact that everything surrounding them is anything but an exact science. How they occur, the extent of the damage they cause and how to treat them are all questions that still need to be answered in full.

"It should be a major concern, because we don't know the answer to the question," Salvatore said. "There are so many variables that might and probably do influence the long-term outcome (of a concussion)."

The interference with memory and learning, which can have an effect on academic and employment opportunities down the road are some of the many long-term issues that concern Salvatore.

Defined as a traumatic brain injury, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimated that 173,285 people under the age of 19 were treated in hospital emergency rooms for concussions related to sports or recreation activities between 2001 and 2009.

The statistics rise from year to year, but, according to Hearn, who is in her 27th year with UTEP Athletics including 20 years as the head trainer, concussions have always been present in sports.

"Everybody says there are more concussions now," Hearn said. "I don't think there are more concussions now, they're just being better reported."

Hearn has plenty experience with concussions. Just a couple of weeks ago, UTEP football's starting quarterback Mack Leftwich was forced out of a game at New Mexico State University as a result of a tremendous hit to the head. Leftwich, like all other Miner athletes who suffer a concussion, was put through the program's concussion protocol and continues to recover.

The process with which UTEP Athletics handles concussions includes paper and computer testing, as well as supervision from doctors involved with the program.

Athletes in contact sports are issued a test called the Standardized Assessment of Concussion at the beginning of the year. The test is re-administered immediately after a concussion is suspected and the answers are compared to those from the original base test. A concussed athlete will score significantly lower compared to his original test.

Once a concussion is diagnosed, the student-athlete will not be allowed to participate in his athletic or academic activities until he or she has recovered. The computer testing is administered by Salvatore and the clinic.

Initially, the main prescription is rest. Doctors want athletes to do as close to nothing as possible following a concussion, telling them to watch paint dry or the grass grow. No television, no computer, no homework, no studying, pretty much nothing.

As Hearn explains, a concussion is an injury like any other. The way a sprained ankle is healed by not using

the ankle, a brain injury is treated by putting the least amount of stress on it.

"Typically it's not just a one-day thing—they're going to be out until they're symptom free," Hearn said. "The doctors will tell us when it's time for them to start the return-to-play protocol and that's not a one-day thing either. Usually that's a four to five day minimum."

The return-to-play protocol, as Hearn refers to it, is the way UTEP Athletics eases its athletes back into activity after suffering a concussion. Once cleared by the doctor, the athlete will start physical activity, but at a very slow rate. Light jogging and not much more will be done on the first day. It gradually improves to sprinting, then individual, team-specific activities—like dribbling, kicking, catching.

The athlete goes on to limited practice and then finally full contact. If at any point during this process the athlete experiences concussion symptoms, not only does the activity for the day end, they are reevaluated to the point of considering starting the return-to-play protocol all over again.

Taking care of an athlete can be difficult, because of their competitiveness and eagerness to get on the field, not to mention the coaches wanting them out there as well. But, awareness has risen and both player and coaches are more understanding of the process.

"I just think they're better educated now, they're a little bit smarter," Hearn said. "You want your athletes to be competitive, but you know, that's why we're here, to be smart for them."

Hearn recalls disqualifying athletes from playing at all because of repeated concussions, and others who after just one had to stop permanently because of symptoms lingering even five years after the injury.

The dangers of not giving a concussion the proper importance and treatment can be lethal in the most extreme cases. With scientists still unable to truly study the brain until after somebody is deceased, the research continues to be limited. But as it increases and continues, understanding the severity of a concussion is key to athletes, parents, coaches, trainers and doctors everywhere.

"Health professional ought to be very, very conservative in returning athletes to the class or to the playing field regardless of the wishes of the athlete or the coaches or the institution," Salvatore said. "Whatever it might be, it should be a very conservative approach."

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in theme from displaying 22-foot-tall “cholos” to delicate paintings of a girl in a Mexican folkloric dress. Enriquez taught at Bowie High School for 34 years before retiring, hoping that teaching would allow for his vision to remain independent. His works have been on display around the country, from public showings at the San Francisco de Young Museum, to the private collection of one of his most prominent collectors, actor Cheech Marin. The artist has not forgotten his hometown, with exhibitions visiting the UTEP Rubin Center and a retrospective collection being on display at the El Paso Museum of Art.

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Homecoming court shows off state and school spirit at pageant



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This year's 2016 Student Government Association's Texas themed Homecoming Pageant took place at Magoffin Auditorium on Sunday, Sept. 27.

BY JULIA HETTIGER

The Prospector

Twenty-eight contestants competed for a spot in this year's homecoming court, each displaying their school pride in unique ways. The wide array of contestants were brought together to show off their Miner pride by singing, dancing and much more.

The Student Government Association's Homecoming Pageant followed traditional pageant roles by including a formal wear showcase and a round of questions. Organizations from around campus cheered on their fellow classmates and organization members.

With this year's homecoming theme being Texas, the contestants included country music and two-stepping in their acts. From beautiful ball gowns to Tahitian dancing, this year's homecoming pageant had a lot to offer.

Hector Soltero, SGA executive assistant and coordinator of the pageant, said he thinks events like this one can be beneficial for students.

"The pageant is a good way for students to see different types of involvement on campus," Soltero said. "This event is a good display of our peers who are motivated to be involved and show their school spirit."

Many students used country music to comply with the Texas theme—some contestants sang country songs,

others danced. One group used their dancing skills to imitate a cowboy and horse. Contrary to the theme, one pair acted out a scene as the rapper Drake and another student sang his own music, a ballad about Miner pride. Although SGA did not choose the theme, Soltero said he believed it was suitable for the event.

"Homecoming is a big deal in Texas," Soltero said. "It was a great choice for the week and a way to incorporate a little bit of Texas pride into our UTEP Pride."

The sub-theme of the pageant was Beyoncé, and many acts paid tribute to the singer. The homecoming pageant also featured dancing from the UTEP Gold Diggers and the Allegro Dance Team. Power 102 radio host and disc jockey Monica Castillo hosted the event. Among the judges were Stephanie Rivas, winner of the 2015 Miss El Paso competition, motivational speaker Laura Price and Jackie Garcia, CEO of Bazaar Models.

Ryan Saenz, junior biology major, said he went to the pageant expecting to see a lot of competition among the contestants.

"The participants needed to put in something really creative to make them stand out," Saenz said. "I really like the contestant

who cut his own music because it was really unique and cool."

Samantha Owen, senior biology major, said the pageant was really enjoyable.

"I liked it because I really enjoy seeing the contestants and getting to know them better and knowing who they are," Owen said. "It helped me choose who I liked the best."

Owen said she had a difficult time choosing which contestant was her favorite.

"Choosing my favorite was hard because they were all really good," Owen said. "But I'd have to choose the girl who danced the Tahitian dance."

At the end, the panel of judges choose six contestants to make up this year's court.

Edward Morales and Kawehio-kalani Netani were voted duke and duchess, while Mario Amal-Revels and Emma Weatherly were chosen as prince and princess.

Manny Lopez and Sydney Wharton were crowned 2015's Homecoming king and queen.

Manny Lopez, senior political science major and University Democrats member, displayed both his UTEP spirit and Texas pride with a country dance. He danced to songs like "Country Girl" by Luke Bryan and "Take Your Time" by Sam Hunt.

Lopez said winning the crown has been an amazing experience for him.

"Words can't describe how wonderful it is," Lopez said.

Lopez said being crowned king will help him to accomplish his career goals by helping him practice being on stage and gaining the confidence he needs for public speaking.

"It can help me become comfortable being in front of all of these people and putting myself out there," Lopez said. "I want to be an attorney, and I'll have to get up in front people for a case then."

Sydney Wharton, a sophomore pre-pharmacy major, represented her organizations, Pre-Pharmacy Organization and National Leadership Society, at the pageant. Her routine included singing her own UTEP-themed version of "Chicken Fried" by the Zac Brown Band, while a group of her friends danced along with her dressed as cows.

"This has been an awesome opportunity," Wharton said. "I've gotten to meet a lot of people and can really show my pride in school."

Wharton said being voted homecoming queen feels great.

"I'm really thankful for my friends for being so great and for participating so much," Wharton said. "I'm just really happy."

The Homecoming Pageant kicked off Homecoming week. The week will feature other events for students, all leading up to the homecoming game.

"We always want to encourage students to be involved," Soltero said. "We hope that this is a good kick off to the other events happening throughout the week and that there is a good turn out on Saturday for the game."

"If any students are interested in getting involved in something like the Homecoming Pageant, we will be hosting the talent show in the spring as well," Soltero said.

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For more information about other homecoming events, call 747-5584 or visit SGA's Facebook page.

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Mine Tracks



‘Caracal’ continues Disclosure’s reign on house music

BY JOSE SOTO
The Prospector

In 2013, vocal house music streamed its way into the pop charts with Disclosure’s debut album “Settle,” mainly due to their track “Latch,” featuring Sam Smith. With “Settle” being well-produced and extremely catchy, the European duo, composed of Guy and Howard Lawrence, set the bar high for themselves and gave the genre a popish shimmer. “Caracal,” Disclosure’s second full-length album, is even more polished than its predecessor. It sounds like a continuation of “Settle,” keeping the style of music that has landed them headlining spots on many music festivals and high on the charts, except with a sense of maturity. “Caracal” does what “Settle” did brilliantly, craftily writing tracks with kicking bass lines and melodic synths in conjunction with stellar guest spots—much like their debut album did. The initial track, “Nocturnal,” features current sensation The Week-

nd; It sets the tone for the rest of the album, placing listeners on a subtle, yet entertaining dance floor, never overwhelming them with distorted noises or excessive bass like other electronic music tracks tend to do. “Nocturnal” is a perfect track to start off with, kicking it off with addicting lyrics and a bridge that showcases Disclosure’s songwriting skills. Sam Smith reprises his role as collaborator on “Omen,” the album’s lead single, lending his famous falsettos over a thumping bass line. Lorde makes an appearance on “Magnets,” the album’s second single, lending her sultry vocals to one of the gems of the album. Miguel is featured on “Good Intentions,” one of the few slow numbers on “Caracal,” with gliding high notes through ripples of upbeats and bass drops. “Willing & Able” features British singer Kwabs and is surely single material, using Disclosure’s signature sound to journey through relationship ultimatums. Nao, Gregory Por-

ter, LION BABE and Jordan Rakei also appear on the album. “Molecules,” found on the deluxe version of “Caracal,” is reason enough to purchase this version of the album. The disco-reminiscent number is a bouncy one with enough groove to stand as a possible single. “Caracal” certainly confirms Disclosure’s stance as house music staples, reiterating what their debut album did, placing them on both the electronic music and pop charts by honing their house songwriting skills. The duo has done what most house genre acts can’t, struck lighting in a bottle a second time. “Caracal” doesn’t go astray from what music enthusiasts came to love about Disclosure, safely guarding their crown as king house producers

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WE’LL ALL FLOAT ON

Registered Student Organizations will be able to participate in the Float Making Party at 6 p.m. on Friday Oct. 2 at the University Towers Parking Lot.

HOMECOMING PARADE

The Homecoming Parade will commence at 1 p.m. on Saturday Oct. 3 and will run along University Ave. and Oregon St.

FOLLOW THE LEADER

The Student Engagement and Leadership Center will be hosting a Lip Sync battle at noon on Wednesday Sept. 30 at the Union Plaza.

MINING HERITAGE PARK

UTEP President Diana Natalicio will be re-dedicating Mining Heritage Park from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2 between Old Main and Vowell Hall.

PEP RALLY

The Homecoming Pep Rally will kick-off at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3 at Kidd Field.

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SunCycle takes the city on a ride



Pioneer Plaza is one of eight locations users can rent a bike from SunCycle Bike Share Program.

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BY JOSE SOTO
The Prospector

Residents and visitors of El Paso now have another option when it comes to getting from one destination to another. This new way does not involve a vehicle, making it an environmentally friendly choice for those looking to get around town, particularly in downtown El Paso. All you have to do is hop on and pedal away.

The SunCycle Bike Share Program officially launched Sept. 16, with roughly 80 participants riding from City Hall over to The Garden, a Union Plaza restaurant, where a press conference took place followed by a celebration.

The Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority, who is in charge of most of the transportation develop-

ments across the area, is the group behind the program. Raymond Telles, executive director of the CRRMA, said he is extremely excited to finally see the program launched.

"El Paso needed a bike-sharing program and we're just excited it's finally here," Telles said. "The process has been in the making for over two years, so we're excited to see the community make use of the program."

Telles said that CRRMA's sole purpose is to be a flexible program to ensure improvement in El Paso's transportation.

Telles said the CRRMA worked with the Metropolitan Planning Organization, which allocates funds for different projects and for citywide developments. He said the MPO is like the clearing house for the Sun-

Cycle program and they were the ones to originally propose the idea.

"The idea behind the program is to help commuters take on the last mile through quick trips," Telles said. "We had two target audiences; downtown users and UTEP students. We wanted to make commuting for both groups easier and more efficient."

SunCycle allows users to rent a bike at one station and return it at any of the other eight locations, two of which are on the UTEP campus. One is located at the UTEP library and the other is on the corner of Oregon Street and University Avenue.

The others are at the El Paso Community College campus at 100 W. Rio Grande Ave., Cleveland Square at 510 N. Santa Fe St. and 116 Anthony St., at City Hall on 300 N. Campbell St., at Pioneer Plaza on 125 Pioneer

Plaza and at the Downtown Transfer Center on 630 S. Santa Fe St.

"Besides being useful for reducing carbon emission and congestion levels in the city, the program also helps people who don't necessarily need to use a vehicle to get around," Telles said. "Mexican nationals can use the Downtown Transfer Center to get to school instead of having to drive all the way. Downtown employees can use it to get around the area for business meetings or simply to get lunch without having to use a car. It's also good for games and restaurants, where people don't want to have to drive just a few blocks up."

Originally, the program was going to cost close to \$2 million, but was brought down to \$720,000, Telles said.

"\$24,000 of that came from the UTEP Green Fund program," Telles said.

Roberto Portillo, a junior electrical engineering major, said he "loves the idea."

"I myself ride my bike from the R (remote) parking lot to my classes," Portillo said. "It's a much faster way of getting around than walking and it gets in a bit of exercise. I think the program will do the same for other people. Right now, there is a lot of hype about the program. Let's just hope that it doesn't die down."

Portillo said the only thing that he wished was that SunCycle had implemented more stations.

"There are plans to create more stations across town during the second phase of the program," Telles said. "It's too early to tell how many and where because MPO needs to figure the funding, but there will be more."

The CRRMA manages the program, but B-Cycle is the vendor for both the bikes and the kiosks. Mesilla Pedicab Company handles customer service and maintenance for SunCycle.

The cost for a half-hour pass is \$6. Thirty day memberships are \$30. Semester memberships—or 120 days—cost \$50 and annual memberships are available for \$75. For rides lasting more than the allotted 30-minute interval, an additional \$2 will be charged for each additional half hour, with the maximum charge for a day being \$65.

SunCycle users can also create a profile at ElPaso.Bcycle.com, where miles, calories and carbon offset can be individually recorded. Similar programs are currently operating in Austin, Ft. Worth, Houston and San Antonio. Users may use their membership in these cities as well.

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UTEP organizations get ready for the float-making party

BY FERNANDA LEON
The Prospector

UTEP's homecoming is here and the campus is bursting with activity. From open houses, special breakfasts, a 5K run, many UTEP departments and student organizations are preparing for the event-filled week.

One of this year's many activities is the float-making party, which is held by the Student Engagement and Leadership Center, that will take place on Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. at the University Towers parking lot at 1900 N. Oregon St. SELC will be playing music during the event as registered student

organizations work on their floats, often into the early morning hours. "This year's float-making party will be similar to last (year's)," said Sam Rodriguez, coordinator of registered student organizations. "The largest change will be the actual floats that organizations build to comply with the Texas theme and

their sub themes. One new feature this year will be the opportunity for students to vote on next year's homecoming theme at the party."

Rodriguez also said the floats that student organizations create are part of the weeklong competition called RSOLympics, which are different activities and competitions that student organizations at UTEP participate in during homecoming week.

The float-making party is an event that offers these organizations a space to create and stage their float. While doing so, the organizations can see their competitors' floats, which gives the event the competitive nature for the RSOLympics.

Some of the student organizations that will be participating at this year's float-making party are Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Medical Professions Organization, National Society of Leadership & Success, Student Advertising Federation, Kappa Delta Chi, Lambda Chi Alpha, SACNAS, College Republicans, among others.

"We, Student AdFed, are planning to do an awesome float that shows all the creativity and cleverness of all the members in the organization," said Luisana De La Garza, media advertising major and member of the Student Advertising Federation.

Rodriguez said SELC's float-making party is a perfect opportunity for the members of the participating organizations to get to know each other. "We decided to participate because we really believe that it is a very fun way to be engaged with UTEP and also it's a way in which our members

can get to know each other better," De La Garza said.

SELC reserves the space and works with collaborators at the university to get things in order for the party, Rodriguez said. The student organizations spend much of their time creating and coming up with the ideas for their float.


"We've inverted time in the past weeks with planning and developing the cleverest idea for our float because we want all of the creativity of our members to be shown in this activity," De La Garza said. "Student AdFed is going to stand out thanks to the ingenuity, energy and motivation of that our members have shown during the past weeks."

The float making party has now been celebrated annually for more than nine years, allowing student organizations to socialize, compete and explore their creative and artistic side.

"We hope that the UTEP community and the community in general enjoy the float as much as we are creating it," De La Garza said.

For more information on the float-making party, contact Rodriguez at (915) 747-5670. For information about the different fall 2015 homecoming events, visit alumni.utep.edu/homecoming.

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Miners ready for battled tested UTSA Roadrunners



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The UTEP Football team opens conference play against the 0-4 UTSA Roadrunners this Saturday at the Sun Bowl.

BY JUAN CARLOS NAVARRETE
The Prospector

With the Miners 27-17 victory over Incarnate Word, their record now stands at 2-2. Their eyes are set on moving up in the standings in the Conference USA West division, which has three other teams in front of the Miners at 2-2.

This Saturday, Oct. 3, will be their opportunity to make a move as they open their conference schedule. The Miners will welcome the UT San Antonio Road Runners (0-4) for the Miners' third meeting with the Road Runners.

Don't expect the same result as last year when the Miners were able to shut out UTSA on the road. Though the Miners are at home, they are playing a much different team, a battled-hardened team.

A 0-4 record does not do this team justice, who, according to coach Sean Kugler, has the toughest schedule in the nation. They lost to two top-25 teams and last week lost by three points.

"In my mind they have the hardest schedule in the country," Kugler said. "They are sitting at 0-4 right now, but I think they are a very good football

team. They started off with four bowl teams from 2014."

If you add a depleted Miner team, the Road Runners have a shot at taking one away from the Miners. UTEP lost their second running back in the win over Incarnate Word, when Darin Laufasa, who had taken the place of their number one running back Aaron Jones. With a team that is already depleted at the back, the Miners will become increasingly predictable on offense.

If UTEP is forced to throw and is not able to establish the run, this would play right into UTSA's hands. Although Ryan Metz has done a great

job as the back up quarterback, he is still a first-year quarterback transitioning into an offense, something that bodes well for a defense that can stop the offense.

“They are going to feed off that our goal is to go undefeated at home. Playing in front of our fans is the best feeling in the world, I love our fans.”

- Sean Kugler
UTEP Football Head Coach

"They have given up some yards, but they have played some of the best offenses in the country when you talk about Arizona and Oklahoma State," Kugler said. "They have gotten seven sacks on defense."

A key for the Miners will be keeping the home field advantage. Although the Miners won two in a row, this one will be much more complicated, and momentum will have a big role in this game. If the Miners are able to get on the board first and keep UTSA off balance, it could play well for the Miners.

Home field advantage is something that coach Kugler emphasized as key. Another win at home and the Miners could do well for the rest of the campaign.

"They are going to feed off that our goal is to go undefeated at home, Kugler said. "Playing in front of our fans is the best feeling in the world, I love our fans."

If the Miners are able to keep the home field advantage and force UTSA into committing early mistakes, then they can take care of the win. Turnovers for UTSA have proved costly for the Road Runners and contributed to their current record.

"Where their biggest struggle has been is turnovers," Kugler said. "Much like ours was up until this past week. Going into last week, we were -6. Overall they are -8. They have had six fumbles and four interceptions and they've gained two fumbles on defense. That's probably the telling story for them—with where their record is and where they're at."

Special teams could also be a big boost for the Miners. They are ranked in the top 50 in the country, the only facet of the team that has broken into the top 100. The Miners have already had a punt return for a touchdown earlier against New Mexico State, and they could benefit from that facet of the game.

If the Miners are able to win their homecoming game, they should be able to gain momentum for later in the year. Although they have not looked impressive in their first four games, they sit at .500 and in third place in Conference USA West. The Miners have not dominated any game so far, but have been resilient and gotten the win when they had to. A win on Saturday could be the game to push them over the edge and carry them through.

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Redshirt freshman quarterback Ryan Metz has led a resurgent Miner offense in the last two weeks.

Homecoming celebration reflects on UTEP athletics great feats



Legendary head coach Don Haskins seen instructing his team during a game in the 1980s.

BY ADRIAN BROADDUS

The Prospector

From the roots of the Border Conference, 1935-1961, to the stomping grounds of the Western Athletic Conference, 1962-2005, to present-day Conference USA, UTEP athletics carries a long list of triumphant athletes with major accomplishments.

Compiling 13 total track and field national titles, seven cross country national championships and one men's basketball national championship; UTEP's athletic program is tied

for 10th place in Division I men's sports for national championships.

It was these programs, along with football, that helped put the Miners on the map of Texas sports. Although the Miners don't compete in high-caliber conferences such as the Big 12 or the South Eastern Conference, the historic past speaks for itself and gives recognition to the West Texas School.

In particular, one of the most notable championships in the university's history was the 1966 men's basketball national championship. The win was even more historic because

head coach Don Haskins was the first coach in Division I basketball to start five African American players in a game.

Prior to the championship, UTEP, known as Texas Western at the time, was one of the first institutions in the south to allow interracial athletes in their sporting programs during the early 1950s.

Being the breaker of all racial barriers wasn't the only impact the team made in the state; the 1966 team is still the only team in the state of Texas to win a national championship in men's basketball.

Now residing in Mountain Grove, Missouri, forward Jerry Armstrong reflects on the impact that his legendary team made to not only the state of Texas, but to the country.

"[As a team] we didn't see the impact that the national championship made right away, but it made an immediate impact in the city of El Paso," Armstrong said. "We started to get a lot of attention all over the country, and coach Haskins started to get letters from all over – both good and bad. It was a great impact immediately because of the racial situations."

The 6-foot-4-inch defender was able to witness first hand the aftermath of what the victory over Kentucky did for the university's recognition and how it influenced other schools in the region.

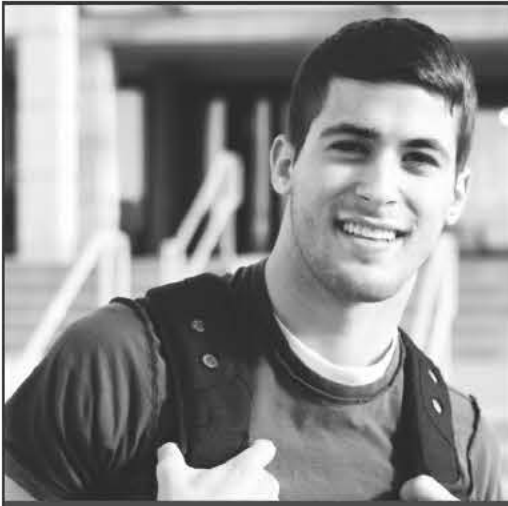
"It was amazing – at the time in 1966, all the racial situations across the country, especially the Southeast with all the riots. The impact that all-black starters on UTEP beat the all-white starters on Kentucky in the championship game had a great sociological impact especially in the southeast," Armstrong said. "Before, these schools didn't have blacks. Then, the next year, they started letting them in."

Like basketball, track and field and cross country has a powerful legacy. Characterized as one of the most dynamic coaches in the '70s for track and field and cross country, head coach Wayne Vandenburg, an ex-hurdler from the University of New Mexico, impacted and influenced the two sports at UTEP for decades to come.

Vandenburg gained credibility throughout the state with his lengthy list of accomplishments – seven top-10 finishes at the NCAA Track and Field Championships and a NCAA title in 1969 for cross country.

In his half a decade with the Miners, the team won the WAC title four times in track and field and no one ever finished lower than second at the meet. Eight of his individual athletes went on to win the NCAA championship in their respective categories.

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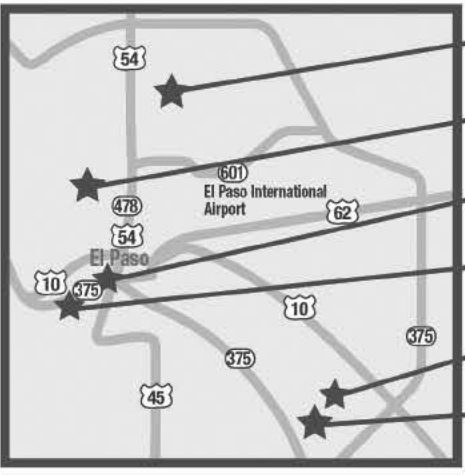
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“Wayne was the first guy who was a huge hustler and he still is,” said Athletic Director Bob Stull. “Wayne was the first guy to get players from all the different countries. Once he got all the players here, then a relationship was built. That is still a big thing now because most of our long-distance runners today are from Kenya. Wayne was the first to establish these

connections and now it’s going on for years and years.”
Stull, who served as a coach on the football team for the Miners in 1986-88, was named the athletic director in 1998. Since his inauguration at the position, Stull witnessed a dramatic increase in the athletic program’s admiration starting with a change in the Miner logo itself.
“We changed the logo to bringing in the pick—that was never there before,” Stull said. “We changed the col-

ors from light orange and light blue, to red orange and navy blue. This helped with t-shirt sales and having a consistent brand gave people an understanding of who we are.”
Aside from the image changes, Stull also witnessed a spark ignited in athletics. He witnessed five bowl appearances in football, three men’s basketball NCAA tournament spots, a Women’s NIT championship game in 2014, women’s soccer reaching the first-ever NCAA tournament bid in

2005, 14 conference titles for cross country and track and field and women’s golf winning the first conference title in school history in 2011.
Stull credits the publicity of being shown on live television during Miner athletic games as a great way for the Miner athletics to be more recognized.
“Right now, with the amount of visibility we have on television by displaying our logo on air, it allows our name to reach out to different view-

ers,” Stull said. “All this recognition of being on television allows people to identify the logo, and that’s what athletics does. It brings alumni back on campus and when you’re on the road, these announcements help bring people together.”
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A solution to the National League Cy Young Dilemma

BY JAVIER CORTEZ
The Prospector

The NFL has been back for more than three weeks and the NBA season is right around the corner, but Major League Baseball is still going on. Now I know what you are thinking; who cares about baseball when we got guys smashing into each other and balls swishing through nets?
For those who haven’t been watching the latter stages of the MLB season, you are missing a tight race for the National League Cy Young Award, which is awarded to the best pitcher in the league.

It’s currently a two-man race between the Los Angeles Dodgers’ Zack Greinke and the Chicago Cubs’ Jake Arrieta.

Greinke, a three-time All Star and recipient of the 2009 American League Cy Young Award, is one of the most established pitchers in baseball and he is currently having the best season of his career. By the All-Star break in mid-July, Greinke had a 7-2 record with an unreal 1.48 ERA.
Now with the season winding down, the Dodgers ace has seen little to no inflation to his stellar numbers. He has a MLB best .857 winning percentage with his 18-3 record, while his 1.65 ERA and .848 WHIP are mind blowing.

He has cemented himself as the Dodgers’ top pitcher. Which is saying something when the pitcher he has supplanted this season is Clayton Kershaw, who has been the best pitcher in all of baseball for the last four years (playoffs not included).
Greinke is having a season for the ages. If the season stopped today, there is no denying him the award. His ERA and WHIP are the lowest in the National League in 20 years, since Greg Maddux’s 1995 season.

The right hander is not in the realm of greats such as Sandy Koufax, Randy Johnson, Pedro Martinez and so on, but his season is one of the best in the last 35 years.

But this is where things get interesting; in most seasons Greinke would have the Cy Young Award wrapped up, but the Cubs’ Arrieta is making a strong case to keep the voting polls open.
Arrieta boasts a 21-6 record with a 1.82 ERA and .879 WHIP. His no-hitter against the Dodgers at the end of August finally took him mainstream, and he has been the best pitcher in all of baseball since the All-Star break.
His no-hit bid was a microcosm for how dominant he had been in the month of August, and he has not slowed down.

The 29-year old has four complete games, three shutouts, and 229 strikeouts under his belt. All of which best Grienke. The difference in statistics between both pitchers at this point is minute.
So who deserves the award? The Dodger, who has been phenomenal all season long, or the Cub, who has ascended to greatness in the past two months? Most people will pick one or the other, but how about a solution.

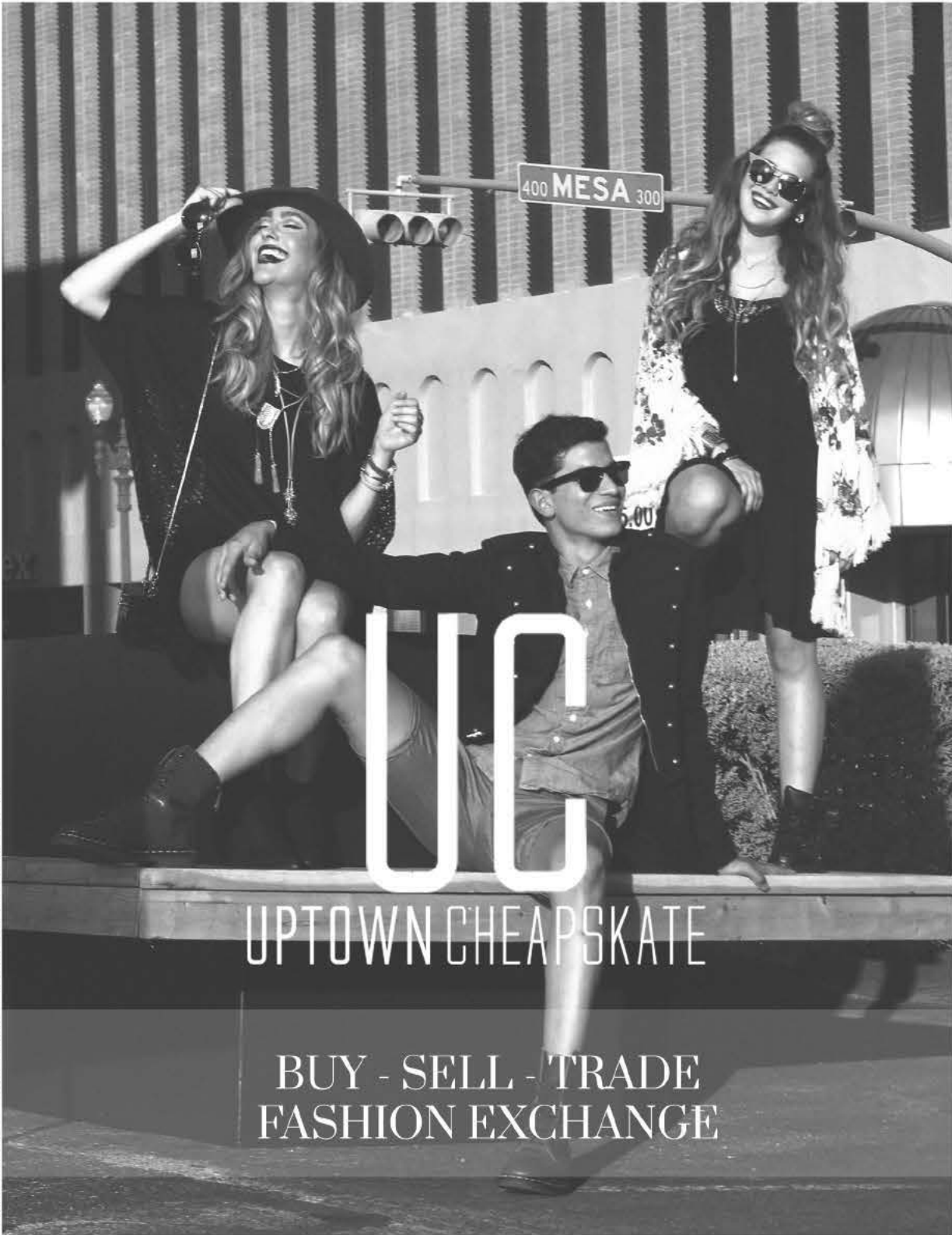
Greinke deserves the Cy Young Award; his consistency all throughout the year should not be overshadowed by the strong finish of Arrieta. His “worst” month was in August, which happened to be juxtaposed with the month of Arrieta, where he posted a 4-1 record with a 2.45 ERA.
There is no part of the Greinke season that you can truly dissect, criticize and diminish. There has been no let down.
With that being said, here is a solution. Arrieta should win the National League’s MVP Award. No player in

the NL has been more valuable to his team then Arrieta. His contribution to the Cubs is by far the biggest, Chicago has a plethora of young and talented players, but none of them produce at the same level as Arrieta.
It might be contradictory to split two prestigious awards between two pitchers, but it makes sense. Greinke has been the best pitcher all year, but he is not more valuable because he has a fellow Dodger in Kershaw, who has been stellar as well as Arrieta since the All-Star break.

A case can be made for the Washington Nationals’ right fielder Bryce Harper, who leads the NL in homeruns, batting average, on-base percentage, slugging percentage and OPS. But Harper has been dealt a bad hand because his team has gone through an up- and-down season.
Arrieta has had a better season then Harper and, more importantly to the people who vote on these awards, he is on a winning team.
Will this solution to the Greinke-Arrieta dilemma happen? Probably not, but it’s better than diminishing

one pitcher to elevate another. More importantly, this is why you should keep watching baseball – you have two great pitchers having phenomenal seasons.
The NFL and NBA season have a long way to go, so do not miss out on a spectacular finish to the baseball season.
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Miners skim past Incarnate Word in the home debut






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Quarterback Ryan Metz (Top left) runs the ball against Incarnate Word. (Bottom left) Hayden Plinke and Autrey Golden celebrate after a UTEP touchdown. (Right) UTEP cheerleaders celebrate after a touchdown.



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Miners looking to gain momentum as Florida road trip looms



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The UTEP women's Volleyball team has already surpassed their win total from last year with their seventh win against Middle Tennessee this past Sunday.

BY JAVIER CORTEZ
The Prospector

Over the weekend, the UTEP women's volleyball team played their first conference matches of the season at home. The Miners opened C-USA play at home on Friday, Sept. 25, with a loss to North Texas 3-0 (25-19, 25-21, 25-21), but made up for it with a win against Middle Tennessee on Sunday, Sept. 27, 3-1 (26-28, 25-20, 25-22, 25-18).

The Miners came out on their home court for the first time in 10 days against the Mean Green on Friday and fell flat. The team from East Texas led after 10 points in each set, and never relinquished the lead.

In the second set, the Miners put together their best set, but they could not finish things off. With a slim two point lead at 20-18, North Texas called a timeout and closed the set out on a 7-1 run.

Offensively the Miners were slightly above their average, with a .200 hitting percentage for the match. Sophomore outside hitter Coline Coessens led the team with 12 kills, but the Miners' offense was not good enough to slow down the powerful North Texas attack.

“We’ve showed progress in this season. Even through these three matches. We’ve gotten better, and from the beginning of preseason to now we’ve improved.”

— Holly Watts,
UTEP Volleyball Head Coach

Mean Green outside hitter Car-nae Dillard had a monster game, recording 25 kills for a whopping .449 hitting percentage. The senior was named C-USA Offensive Player of the Week for her play.

On Sunday, the Miners would reverse the trend, albeit against a lesser opponent. The Blue Raiders of Middle Tennessee came in with an abysmal 3-13 record, but they did not waste much time, as they took an early 15-10 lead in the first set.

The Blue Raiders never outplayed the Miners, but a five-point lead was enough for coach Holly Watts to take a timeout in the first set. The brief stoppage seemed to work, as the Miners went on a 12-3 run to go up 21-18.

But old habits die-hard. The Miners gave away the set, despite having three set points. First sets have been a struggle so far this season in 17 matches opponents in the first set have outscored the Miners 419 to 353.

Despite failing to convert off the set points, the Miners turned things around and took firm control of the match. The Blue Raiders played from behind in the next three sets, which resulted in the Miners first win at the newly renovated Memorial Gym.

It was another improved day offensively for the Miners. With a team hitting percentage of .236, three Miners posted double-digit kills. Senior defensive specialist Ashley Peak posted a team-high 22 digs, while junior setter Lindsay Larson tallied 44 assists.

“I feel like we really controlled that match,” Peak said. “We controlled the tempo and when the other team got down, we took advantage of it. Overall everybody had a pretty good game.”

Peak attributed better finishing to the Miners’ four-set win. The Blue Raiders were never able to threaten the Miners’ lead in the last three sets because of improved play in the latter stages of the set.

“We talked in practice about when we get to point 20, it’s about going hard and finishing the set,” Peak said. “Today we were looking at each other towards the end saying let’s just finish it like we talked about and we did.”

Sophomore outside hitter Coline Coessens echoed Peak’s sentiments. “Finishing,” Coessens said. “That’s what we’ve been working on every day in practice. It took time, but it’s finally starting to show up in matches. Our mentality is stronger.”

Finishing out sets has not been a strong suit of the Miners this season. Only one of the Miners’ seven wins this season has come in straight sets. Head coach Holly Watts believes as her team’s confidence grows, so will their ability to close out sets.

“I think having more confidence towards the end of the set (helps),” Watts said. “The early points are important, but the end is where the final score happens. When it gets after 20 points, you have to stay aggressive and keep swinging.”

Nevertheless the Miners finished the weekend strong and already have more wins than they did last season.

Just through three conference games, coach Watts has seen improvement.

“We’ve showed progress in this season,” Watts said. “Even through these three matches. We’ve gotten better, and from the beginning of preseason to now we’ve improved.”

Now the Miners focus their attention back on the road. On Friday, Oct. 2, the Miners take on Florida Atlantic and on Sunday, Oct 4, they face Florida International. Both Florida teams have a combined 17-12 record.

“Now we got to FAU and FIU, the farthest points southeast,” Watts said. “They’re going to be tough. FIU has improved from last year and FAU was very good last year. We’re going to have our hands full on the road, so the plan is to put up a better fight, battle for every point and see what happens.”

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