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## WOMEN'S ISSUE

# WHO RUN THE COURT ? GIRLS.

BY CHARLES DESOUZA

The Prospector

After being up by as much as 14 points over Arkansas State in the fourth quarter, the Miners found themselves in a last-minute battle Monday night, March 21. With 45 seconds left on the clock, the game was tied at 68. The season was on the line and they answered as the Miners hit six unanswered points in the last 30 seconds, defeating the Howls 74-68 in the second round of the Women's NIT.

The first bucket was a go-ahead jumper from Agata Dobrowolska. Then, after a Jenzel Nash steal, the Miners finished the game from the charity stripe and captured the win.

"The girls in the huddles got amped up," head coach Keitha Adams said. "Cameasha was in their ear about playing defense and what we needed to do. I think we just elevated our intensity down the stretch when we needed it."

Even though the Miners got off to a slow start in the first quarter, it didn't take them long to get into the swing of things. With NIT fever in the air, the Don Haskins Center was filled with energy as the Miners started to rally after taking the lead at the end of the first quarter 19-14. The Miners dominated the second quarter, leading by as much as 14 points. Cameasha Turner carried the Miners as the leading scorer with 11 points in the first half.

"In the first half, we had some possessions where we weren't matched up and they got shots that were uncontested," Adams said. "That's uncharacteristic of our team, we've been pretty good at guarding the ball at all times and being all over it, but we weathered it and just got a tremendous win."

Starting out the second half with an eight-point lead, the Miners took their foot off the gas as ASU was determined to make a comeback. The Howls took the lead at 2:52 with a score of 67-66. Although ASU's determination was evident, the Miners outlasted the Howls in the end.

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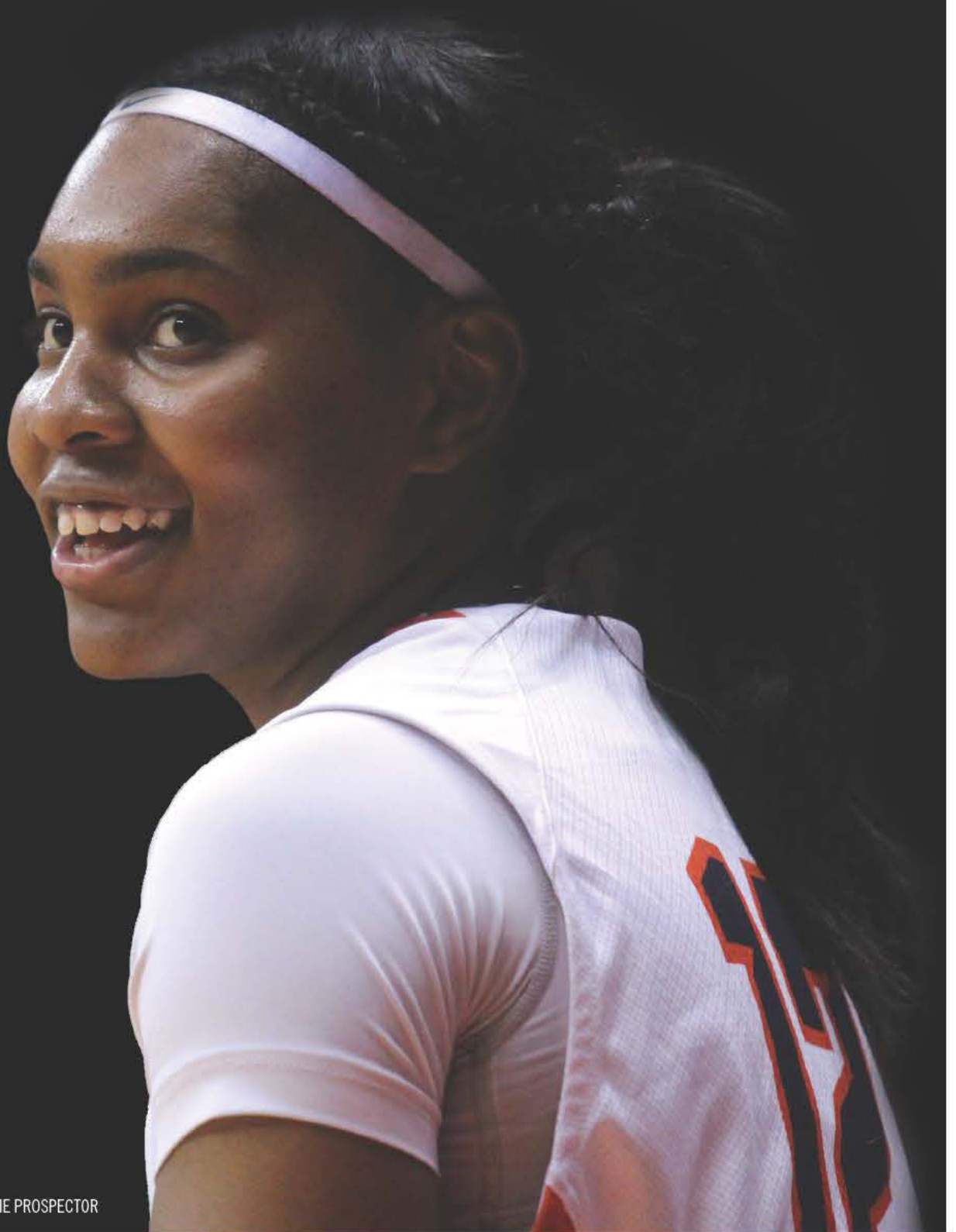


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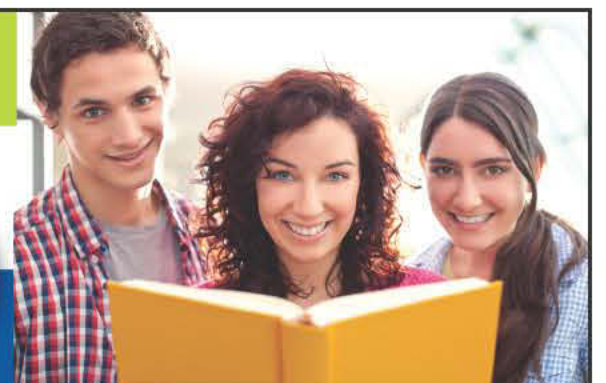
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Latina role models do exist

Women’s sports should garner more attention

BY JOSE SOTO

The Prospector



I have always been surrounded by women. Strong, willful, energetic, independent and courageous women. I have never known women to be fragile or inferior beings. Being Mexican, I grew up with abuelas, tias and primas who were extremely charismatic and ran the household. They cleaned and cooked, but they also worked excessively and paid the bills. Women have always run my world.

It’s unfortunate then to see that we don’t give our Latinas—especially young children—more strong role models that can suffice as to what a female can accomplish.

In 2013, Sandra Cisneros, author of “The House on Mango Street,” while on “Cafesito,” an NBC Latino show, said that there is a lack of positive Latina influence in the media. The Chicana activist credited her mother for being the strongest and most positive female influence in her life not an actress or singer.

I’m not entirely sure if it’s a cultural thing, but women in the Mexican culture are somewhat of a contradiction, and it’s not because they want it that way. The machismo culture will have many of us believing that men wear the pants in the family, and through media depiction, it would seem that way, but I never fell victim to that scheme.

That’s not to undermine the male influences in my life, they were of great stature as well, but the women were no match for them. How they can be solid, endeavoring, persever-

ing characters while maintaining their caring nature still baffles me.

Instead of spoon-feeding them the likes of Kim Kardashian or Ninel Conde, arguably the Mexican equivalent of a Kardashian, we should provide our young Mexicanas with strong, smart, effective and, most importantly, independent female influences. Many great examples have paved the way for our women and girls. Frida Kahlo, Gloria Estefan, Dolores Huerta, Sonia Sotomayor, Julia Alvarez, these are all examples of extraordinary women who have changed the platform for all female Hispanic women, paving the way for the rest of us—including men—with their strong endeavors to make a difference in the world.

My personal favorite is Shakira. Yes, most of you know her for the sultry dance moves and chart-topping hits, which is one of the reasons I adore her, but her philanthropic work is what she should be noted for the most. Shakira runs the Pies Descalzos Foundation, which funds and runs elementary schools in poverty-ridden, crime-saturated areas of Latin America, where children do not generally get a public education.

She is just one of the many Latinas we should be bringing our young girls to emulate. Even as a man, the influence women have had on me has changed the way I view the world. They have made me believe that everything is possible. I applaud all the women in my life, especially my mother, who had served as a staple of strength and endurance. Let us continue to raise young girls into strong women, not only within our Mexican community, but through all communities across the nation.

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BY ADRIAN BROADDUS

The Prospector



In 1989 a study found that only 5 percent of the segments on popular sport networks covered women’s sports.

A decade later in 1999, the number increased to nearly 9 percent of media coverage toward women’s sports. Now that we are in a more progressive era in the 21st century, one would think that the percentage of women’s sports covered would increase. However, 2009 showed an all-time low for women’s sports media coverage. Only 1.9 percent of sports media showed sports involving women.

In an age when Title IX, which promoted equality and prohibited gender discrimination in schools, has created nearly a million athletic opportunities for women, it is mind boggling how women’s sports coverage is not as highly regarded, as it should be. The storylines that are found amongst these different sports are just as, and possibly even more, intriguing as those of the men’s.

Personally, I cannot sit here and say I constantly support women’s athlet-

ics as a fan of sports. While all of my friends and I filled out brackets for the men’s NCAA basketball tournament, there was not a single thought to fill out the women’s bracket. As an avid watcher of the NBA, I can name almost every starting five in the league; however, I cannot name half of the teams that compete in the Women’s National Basketball Association.

We live in the decade of Ronda Rousey, who attracts numerous fans to tune in on her eccentric and electrifying UFC fighting career.

We live in the era where Misty Copeland became the first female African American ballet dancer to be promoted to principal dancer for the American Ballet Theatre.

We live in an age where Serena Williams continues to dominate the world of tennis and sits on top as the best in her gender.

Yet, media coverage does not glorify these athletes; instead, there are shows that are geared directly towards men’s sports, such as NFL Insider, MLB Tonight and NBA Insider. This is not to discredit the quality of these shows, but to shine a light on how there is not enough coverage of different women’s sports.

There is also a definite storyline amongst these different sports for

women. For example, recently when Ronda Rousey fought Holly Holm in UFC, there was much media coverage leading up to the event, during the actual event and the aftermath of the upset when Holm defeated Rousey. This instance is a perfect example of how people and media can be excited about women’s sports.

It’s sad that even though the UTEP men’s basketball team was obviously at a lesser-winning caliber than the women’s this year, the men always managed to draw a larger crowd than the women. They even offer free games to the public, yet seat attendance cannot match that of the men’s. Also, there is not enough coverage of these games. If the team can produce wins, it is rough that fan turnout is not respectful to the team’s talent.

Equality needs to stretch to women’s sports because their passion, intensity and drive is the same, and possibly even greater than that of the men’s. I hope that one day the percentage of women’s sports covered by the media can skyrocket and compete with the men’s for ratings.

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# Staudt to be honored at Women’s History Conference



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Professor of political science, Kathleen Staudt poses by photos of former students and herself during commencement.

BY RENE DELGADILLO  
The Prospector

Close to 2,000 miles away from where she was born, Kathleen Staudt, professor of political science, has found a place where she can call home.

Staudt was born in Milwaukee, Wis., and arrived at UTEP in 1977 after obtaining her first job at Grinnell College for a one-year replacement position.

“I came here and I fell in love with the place,” Staudt said. “I was able to do the kind of teaching and research that I wanted to do, and I ended up specializing in border studies and of course this is the ideal place to do that.”

On April 6 she will be honored at the sixth-annual Women’s History Conference, which will be held at UTEP and is open to the public.

Staudt researches topics that demonstrate the reality of the El Paso and Ciudad Juárez border. In 1979 Staudt worked in Washington D.C. for a year. She proposed projects and worked in teams to evaluate projects that help out with international development.

“Everything I learn, I bring it in to my classes,” Staudt said. “Students are not just looking to what the textbook says. They are looking on how the real world works and they need to know.”

Staudt has traveled to various parts of the world. She has visited the Philippines, where she served as a Peace Corps volunteer, Western Kenya, South Asia, Europe and the Eastern Caribbean. She said taking trips around the world is essential for learning.

“It (traveling) is very important for learning because one learns through experience, observation, talking to people,” Staudt said. “When I write about places, I like to be able to have a sense of how the place is like. It gives me a deeper sense of place and space.”

Staudt also encourages all of her students to be part of service-learning opportunities. In the past Staudt has helped mold 15 UTEP students into scholars by finding them employ-

ment as research assistants. Today she continues to find places where students can learn through real-life experiences.

“We have students involved and working at Nazareth Hall. It’s a place which receives the refugees from Central American countries. They are often mothers and children escaping the violence,” Staudt said. “My students are not only reading about developing countries, they are actually interacting with people and serving people.”

Students who do service learning with Staudt said it’s rewarding because it motivates them to do more to help others.

Valentina Herrera, junior communication studies major, is one of Staudt’s students and is volunteering at Nazareth Hall this semester.

“You think it wouldn’t teach you anything, but when you are there with (undocumented) immigrants, I learned about the way they come to the United States and what they suffer. I even learned about some legal stuff they have to go through—the permissions they need to stay at Nazareth Hall,” Herrera said. “Professor Staudt is very sweet, she really cares about people. I admire her. Now I think I want to do something for my community—like some type of activism.”

Faculty who work with Staudt said she is a leader at the university, and she is able to change the perspective of students and other members at UTEP.

“She is very passionate, extremely intelligent, inclusive and an amazing teacher. Without a doubt she inspires

students to think about what happens in the outside world,” said Azuri Gonzales, director of UTEP’s Center for Civic Engagement. “She teaches them how to think and have their own ideas.”

Staudt’s most recent book, which was published in 2015, is titled “Courage, Resistance, and Women in Ciudad Juárez.”

“They were people involved in social movements in Ciudad Juárez. They were challenging President Calderon by saying ‘you claim you are going to make everything more secure, yet the murder rates keep going up,’” Staudt said. “We wanted to make sure to document what was going on, and document what role women played in the whole process. Because women have always done things to help out, but people don’t write about them.”

Staudt said she is working on the manuscript of her newest book, called “Border Politics in a Global Era.” She said that some of the chapters on the book will include themes such as migration, trade, the U.S./Mexico border and security.

Staudt’s love for El Paso has made her feel connected with problems

concerning the border. She said it’s unacceptable that citizens of Ciudad Juárez earn 73 pesos per day (4-5 U.S. dollars) while people of El Paso earn a minimum hourly wage of 7.25 dollars.

“The U.S./Mexico border is one of the most unequal borders in the entire world and I wish more people would realize that, and incorporate that into how they think about improving our region,” Staudt said. “If we are truly going to be a metropolitan region with more prosperity for all, we’ve got to make sure that working people on the Mexico side of the border are getting a decent minimum wage.”

In the end, Staudt hopes to leave her own mark at the university.

“I hope that UTEP students become skilled in analyzing problems and then in organizing to change those problems on both sides of the border,” Staudt said. “And in order to do that they need to acquire leadership skills. They need to define their own passions and find what is meaningful for them and pursue those dreams.”

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# Women's conference to cover relevant issues

BY JAVIER CORTEZ

The Prospector

The UTEP Women and Gender Studies Program will host the sixth-annual Women's History Month Conference with a two-day event April 6-7, in congruence with National Women's History month.

On April 6, starting at 4 p.m. at the Tomas Rivera Conference Center in the Union Building East, political science professor and co-founder of the

UTEP Women's and Gender Studies Program, Kathleen Staudt, will be honored for her work in the field and border studies.

On April 7, renowned Chicana anthropology professor from UC Santa Cruz, Patricia Zavella, will make the keynote address at the Undergraduate Learning Center in room 206.

Lastly, the conference will end with a faculty recital at the Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall given by Cherry Duke, Dena Kay Jones and David Ross.

The two days will cover topics ranging from social class to ethnicity, but interim director of the Women and Gender Studies Program, Guillermina Gina Nuñez-Mchiri, said the conference is an opportunity for students to learn.

"The overall takeaway message for students, faculty and staff attending is to get out of our comfort zones to learn and to grow," Nuñez said. "Students will get a chance to learn from their peers and their professors to gain a broader understanding of gender in our society. This conference promises to be both informative and engaging."

With headlining speeches and peer engagement, the conference will also host workshops by UTEP representatives on mental health, academic skills, leadership and career readiness. Nuñez said one of the key themes that will be seen continually throughout the two days is the idea of intersectionality.

One of the key concepts in feminist theory, intersectionality is a wide-ranging concept that studies how systems of oppression and discrimination intersect with cultural, social and biological markers, such as race, gender, age, class, sexual orientation, religion, etc.

Along with the broad brush of intersectionality, women in politics will be another major topic of discussion; with its relevance being at an all-time high, as former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton looks to become the Democratic Party's nominee for president.

"This is a great opportunity for our UTEP community to learn about contemporary and historical issues impacting women and women in our society and other parts of the world,"

Nuñez said. "Rather than hosting a list of activities, we organized a full conference to create a space for a diversity of topics on women and gender."

"I have learned more than leadership skills. I'm involved because of the great skills in learning outside of school work."

- Daniela Marines, senior women and gender studies major

One of the many student interns helping with the conference is Georgina Obeso. The junior psychology major, who is also working as an intern for the Women and Gender Studies Program, said the conference is an opportunity to show the importance of women throughout history.

"I believe the overall message is to show the importance of women and

how far women have come," Obeso said. "We have not always had the rights that we deserve and have been underestimated. No matter what gender we are, we should have the same rights as every citizen."

Senior women and gender studies major, Daniela Marines, took the opportunity to take part in the conference to gain organization and leadership skills, while expanding her knowledge on women's and gender studies.

"I have learned more than leadership skills. I'm involved because of the great skills in learning outside of school work," Marines said. "It's a great opportunity for students to get involved with the community. It is also important to recognize the work of students and experts' research while we expand our knowledge."

According to Nuñez, this year's conference is expecting around 300 attendees comprised of students, faculty members and alumni. The conference will also provide information about community services currently offered to women, men and the LGBT community in El Paso.

Registration for the conference is still open. For more information, visit [whm.iss.utep.edu](http://whm.iss.utep.edu).

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## 'No Más Bebés' to be screened at Union Cinema

BY JASMINE AGUILERA

The Prospector

In 1970s Los Angeles, Mexican-American women went to the hospital to deliver their babies, but left unknowingly sterilized.

This piece of women's history will be examined during a Wednesday screening of the documentary film "No Más Bebés." The documentary producer Virginia Espino, will be on campus and will host a Q&A after the screening, which will be from 5-7 p.m. at the UTEP Union Cinema.

The film features women who unknowingly signed consent forms to have their tubes tied, some were in extreme pain or didn't know English when they signed, and all were Mexican immigrants. A young whistle-blowing doctor released records of these sterilizations, which lead to a lawsuit.

The Women and Gender Studies Program organized the event after students in the program brought the documentary to the attention of interim director Guillermina Gina Nuñez-Mchiri.

Nuñez reached out to Espino and other UTEP departments to organize the screening. Chicano Studies, Religious Studies and the UTEP Library became involved to put it all together.

"When we think Roe Vs. Wade we think abortion, we think a woman's right to have an abortion, but how

Here we have a documentary that shows, look these women were stripped of their rights without their consent.

- Guillermina Gina Nuñez-Mchiri, interim director, The Women and Gender Studies Program

about the right to bare children?" Nuñez said.

She hopes that the screening will help students empathize with reproductive and Chicano rights issues.

"Here we have a documentary that shows, look these women were stripped of their rights without their consent," Nuñez said. "I think it's going to be a great experience on campus."

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ENTERTAINMENT

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La Mujer Obrera helps women find power through their roots



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Café Mayapan, located at 2000 Texas Ave is the home of La Mujer Obrera, a non-profit organization run by women.

BY JOSE SOTO  
The Prospector

The borderland has been continuously served by a local non-profit organization for the last 34 years. La Mujer Obrera has empowered wom-

en by finding solutions through means of education and training and by addressing and improving the issues faced by the Mexican female demographic in El Paso and surrounding areas.

La Mujer Obrera was founded in 1981 by female activists who were working at maquiladoras. The Mexican laborers sought out a way to congregate and organize activities and events. Since then, they have been empowering women by providing lit-

erary education and training skills to prepare them for the work force. They also focus on nutrition and health. The organization teaches women to feel proud of their Mexican heritage and their indigenous roots.

When the North American Free Trade Agreement was implemented in 1994, many female workers lost their jobs. According to Cemelli De Aztlan, a member of the board of La Mujer Obrera and a lecturer at UTEP, see MUJER on page 6

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about 35,000 local workers lost their job. La Mujer Obrera then became a communal space for the female workers and a way to create social awareness and outreach while teaching themselves the importance of knowing their heritage.

"Through NAFTA, some social programs were implemented to help protect the rights of the workers," De Aztlan said. "The programs, however, did not meet our needs. We needed a different approach to secure the rights as female laborers. That's how the organization started, pretty much as social space to gather and organize as a community."

The organization has several social enterprises that act as support for the local female community. Café Mayapan is one of them. The café and market place, located at 2000 Texas Ave., functions as an open-market for artisan crafts and provides authentic, healthy meal options. This, De Aztlan said, is essential when dealing with an underserved community that can, at times, not be sufficiently nourished.

"We serve real indigenous cuisine as well as healthier options," De Aztlan said. "The prices are economical. This is important because we need fueled minds in order for them to operate adequately. Most importantly, it's reflective of our heritage and roots."

Café Mayapan also has a community garden where they grow their own sustainable food and the Rayito Del Sol Daycare, which De Aztlan says is one of the most affordable daycares in town.

"It's about \$80 to \$90 a week, which is extremely cheap," De Aztlan said. "The children are taught about harvesting the earth, they learn both English and Spanish, they're taught

about their heritage. It's a great source of education for the children."

De Aztlan is one of the women who has benefitted from La Mujer Obrera. As a troubled youth, she turned to the organization for guidance.

"Mujer Obrera re-oriented me to have pride in who I am," De Aztlan said. "I found that I wasn't just a rebel without a cause. Growing up indigenous, we aren't taught or shown our identity. There are few people who get to develop the systematic ways of the country and we, as indigenous people, aren't invited to that table. We aren't part of the educational system. Mujer Obrera helped me understand and ground my plight. It was the seed of my self-esteem, encouragement and empowerment."

Both La Mujer Obrera and Café Mayapan depend on whatever grants they can receive, but mostly operate by fundraising. De Aztlan said the organization still needs support from the community.

"Part of being a non-profit organization is being in constant struggle," De Aztlan said. "We always have to find methods of sustaining ourselves," she said. "Which is important because the community needs us."

Right now the organization is trying to save the Chamizal District from gentrification, and stopping Tx-Dot from building a highway through the area.

"We have to continue to support women here in this community and keep reminding them of the value of their heritage and remind them to be proud of it as well," De Aztlan said.

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Softball falls in doubleheader against Missouri



Miners women's softball lost two back to back games against Missouri, 15-4 and 11-0, on Monday, March 21.

MICHAELA ROMAN/ THE PROSPECTOR

BY CHRISTOPHER PIÑONES

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The Miners lost two games in a row to the 15th nationally ranked Missouri Tigers on Monday, March 21 at the Helen of Troy softball field after coming off three straight wins over the weekend against Louisiana Tech. Although the Miners struggled against the SEC powerhouse team,

head coach Tobin Echo-Hawk believed there were a lot of takeaways in the doubleheader. "In all honesty, I'd rather play a stronger team like this to help challenge us going into conference play than to just play a team we can just walk all over and not get any challenge out of it," Echo-Hawk said. "Against this team, down by so much—for us to keep battling shows a lot about our

kids not to get discouraged no matter what the score is." In the first game, Missouri came out strong from the dugout. Outfielder Taylor Gadbois of the Tigers had a left field hit for an RBI to take an early 1-0 lead. From this run, Missouri was rolling on offense; they dominated the first inning to take a 10-1 lead going into the second inning.

At the top of the second inning, Gadbois hit a grand slam to extend the lead to 15-2. Then, the Miners were able to have a bright spark in the bottom of the third inning from Taylor Sargent. She had a left field hit to send Kiki Pepi into home plate. Following the run, Hope Moreno had an RBI sending Sargent in for a score. However, the rally was not enough to

lead a resurgence, and the Miners fell 15-4 in game one. Game two had a completely different start. The Miners were able to hold off the Tigers until the top of the second inning, when Emily Crane of Missouri knocked it to center field to send Kirsten Mack home for the first run of the game. The Miners could not get anything going offensively and were shut out 11-0. "We feel we could've done a lot better than what we did," captain Netane Kawehlokalani said. "The outcome would've maybe been the same, but we could've showcased a little more of who we are. A lot of us are a little tired. We'll re-group and take the same mentality from this weekend onto next." Taylor Sargent, who had two RBI's in the first game, was optimistic even though they lost both games. "We had a nothing to lose, mentally," Sargent said. "We put ourselves out there as best as we could, and above all, we get to see the best competition and prepare us for our conference. I feel we could've and should've gone harder out there, but this definitely helped prepare us a little bit more."

Agreeing with Sargent, Echo-Hawk believed the series against Missouri can help the team improve. "We want to play the best, and playing a team like this really improves us and makes our hitters better, and facing these strong hitters really makes our pitchers better," Echo-Hawk said. The Miners will begin conference play starting March 25 at Florida International.

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SPRING FOOTBALL COMMENCES

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The Miners' football off-season activities in preparation for the 2016 fall season has started with the first week of spring football practices coming to a close. The week featured new faces, experimental schemes and hard hits. Spring practices will run for five weeks leading up to the spring game, which will be held on April 17 at 7 p.m. in the Sun Bowl.

Results on Defense:

The Miners' defense made a statement on Friday, March 18 when facing any of the team's quarterbacks. The defense was able to create turnovers and linebacker Johnny Jones stole a pick-six off a Kavika Johnson pass. "Defense is doing a nice job getting turnovers—they have been doing it all spring," head coach Sean Kugler said. "I think they've had one or two a day, which is good." Even the quarterbacks are embracing the new 3-4 defense that defensive coordinator Tom Mason has instilled. By having to play a different defense this year in practice, it helps them to get acclimated. "I think it will help us in the long run," quarterback Mack Leftwich said. "The more defenses we can see and the more practice against different defenses we can see, the better."

Quarterback Battle:

Last year the Miners had a three-way quarterback battle throughout the spring, which led up to the first game of the season when Mack Leftwich was eventually named the team's starter. This off-season, new offensive coordinator Brent Pease will handle the quarterback battle that is still alive. Leftwich, Metz and Johnson are all fighting for the job to be the signal caller in the fall. This week, the Miners had all three quarterbacks split the reps with the first team. "Give and take—they have all had their moments where they look good, they've all made mistakes, they will continue to make split reps until one of them starts to separate themselves—and so far they are all doing a nice job," Kugler said. "Nobody is really separating themselves—we expect that—it's a long process."



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OUR VIEW

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Miners advance to third round of WNIT

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Leading the Miners in points was Sparkle Taylor, scoring 18 points off the bench, followed by Jenzel Nash and Cameasha Turner with 16 points each. Turner shot a pair of 3s, went 6-for-12 from the floor and finished with eight rebounds.

"She (Taylor) got the hot hand, and when she gets the hot hand, it can get contagious," Adams said. "I just kept

trying to dial things up for her, getting her the ball because I knew she had the hot hand. She really stepped up big for us."

Ignited by Taylor's 18 points, the Miners totaled 28 points off the bench. Lulu McKinney and Tamara Seda also combined for 10 points off the bench to give the Miners a boost.

Although they are notorious for their defensive pursuit, the Miners did not show their true defensive

colors. They were negative two in the turnover margin and had trouble stopping the Howls' leading scorer Audrea Gamble. She recorded 21 points, followed by Khadi Brown-Haywood with 19 points and Amanda Lawson with 11 points.

Some key takeaways on the defensive end was the Miners and their 21 points off of turnovers, 19 defensive rebounds and nine steals.

"They are very good offensively," Adams said. "Not our best defensive game we've had this year, no question."

Next the Miners will host TCU at the Don Haskins Center on Thursday, March 24 in the third round of the WNIT.

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