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More than a Copy A Long Overdue Goodbye

BY JASMINE AGUILERA  
The Prospector

 My life before The Prospector is a blur. That may sound like an exaggeration, but before I walked into 105 Union Building East five years ago, the thought of my future resembled something like a Picasso painting—the shapes, lines and hues coming together to form an abstract idea of something real. It was a Sunday when I first walked into the office. I found a team of reporters working on the upcoming Tuesday’s issue. The editor-in-chief, Aaron Martinez, gave me a strange look, as if wondering who would possibly be okay with coming in to work on a Sunday. Years later, he confessed

that I annoyed him at first, “not because I didn’t like you,” he said. “You were just so shy, but full of potential, and I was annoyed that you didn’t realize that.” That’s one of the best things about working at The Prospector. Nearly every student I’ve worked with has been professional and has taken their job very seriously, all the while supporting and encouraging the rest of the staff. We’re competitive, but we lift each other up and learn from each other. The Prospector prepared me for everything that’s coming next. I’ll be graduating on May 14, and then will be moving to Washington, D.C. for an internship at The see JASMINE AGUILERA on page A4

BY JOSE SOTO  
The Prospector

 Some goodbyes are harder to say than others, which is probably why I have delayed it for so long. I have spent the majority of my adulthood in and out of college. It’s been like a toxic relationship, you break up and get back together frequently. But eventually, you have to let it go. The only difference here is that it really isn’t a toxic relationship. College has broadened my mental horizons and has supplied me with enough intellect to make substantial contributions to conversations at dinners. I’ve absolutely loved my experience during this academic journey, from

discovering Descartes’ philosophies, learning to locate accents in certain Spanish words, to learning about Pangaea and tectonic plates. But it’s definitely time to move on. One of the aspects of college that I appreciate the most is having the opportunity to be part of The Prospector. I remember reading the publication back when I first entered college and thinking that it would be awesome to write for them, but that it would never happen. Years later, I was hired as an entertainment reporter, moved to report for the news section and then promoted to editor for both The Prospector and Minero Magazine. As a multimedia journalism major, The Prospector has provided me with hands-on training and experience in the field of journalism, skills and lessons that I will forever carry with me. The Prospector has also introduced me to many incredible, talented individuals. Because we work crazy hours and strive together to produce good content, the reporters, editors, photographers and directors at our publication have gotten to know each other in ways that we wouldn’t have if it weren’t for our jobs. We are all extremely different with very different views, but somehow, somehow, we’ve bonded. I thank all of the people at The Prospector for their hard work, but also for their great friendship. I especially want to thank Kathleen Flores, our director, for giving me such great opportunities, which have enabled me to pursue greater things. Everyone else, you have also see JOSE SOTO on page A4

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# Students to celebrate Rainbow Miner Graduation



BY CHRISTIAN VAZQUEZ

## The Prospector

This year's Rainbow Miner Graduation Reception is being held at the Peter and Margaret de Wetter Center (Alumni Lodge) on May 15 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This is an open celebration of graduating seniors who identify in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and asexual spectrum.

It is hosted by the Women's and Gender Studies Program, the Rainbow Initiative from the Student Engagement and Leadership Center, and the UTEP Alumni Pride Network. The event is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to join.

The reception includes a speech by Benjamin Alire Sáenz, a nationally recognized award-winning queer scholar who teaches creative writing at UTEP.

There will be drinks and hors d'oeuvres along with awards that will be presented to students, faculty and staff who are recognized as allies of the community. Each graduating student will receive a certificate of achievement and a rainbow tassel they can wear at graduation.

juggling college life, future plans, a job and on top of that dealing with the social stigmas can be hectic for some in the LGBTQIA community. The recognition that students receive during this event is part of an ongoing effort to create a safe space for marginalized groups who face bigotry and discrimination at home and at school.

Gina Núñez-Mchiri, interim director of the Women's and Gender

bow. They gave out rainbow tassels and honestly I was coming up on my graduation and I wanted a rainbow tassel. So I thought 'hey why not throw a party for it?'"

Coming from a large school with a set tradition of LGBTQIA affairs, Santana-Melgoza was shocked when he first arrived at UTEP and saw a lack of awareness and inclusiveness of the LGBTQIA community.

The UTEP Alumni Pride Network supported the celebration with a grant to sponsor the event. It is also a chance for future alumni to network with current alumni. Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, a parent group that supports their LGBTQIA students and children, donated the rainbow tassels this year.

Angelica Moreno, assistant director for leadership and inclusion at the SELC, is one of the organizers and expressed why this was important to her.

"I've known students who have struggled with their identity and not had the support of their university," Moreno said. "To be able to be a part of a program like this means a lot to me. It lets me know I'm doing

something good for our community and it's a way to give back to the LGBT community."

The deadline for registration for graduating seniors was May 1, but students can still attend the celebration on May 15.

For more information about volunteering or how to donate, email Moreno at [amoreno37@utep.edu](mailto:amoreno37@utep.edu)

or call the Student Engagement and Leadership Center at 747-5670.

The Women and Gender Studies office may be reached at 747-5000, and the UTEP Alumni Pride Network may be reached at 747-8600.

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contributed to this journey one way or another and I thank you all for that as well. You are all going to go very far. I'll make sure to keep those tallies coming (inside joke).  
As I start a new endeavor and leave behind college and my job at The Prospector, I want the people reading this to know that anything is possible, and I genuinely mean that. If I can

accomplish the things that I've done thus far, you can too. Don't ever doubt yourself. As long as you have passion for what you do and know that you are on your way to better things, you'll be fine. Carpe Diem!

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JASMINE AGUILERA from page A2

New York Times covering politics for the Washington Bureau.  
Who knows what I'll be up to after the internship, but I'm not at all scared to handle it thanks to The Prospector.  
I'm lucky enough to work with some of El Paso's most talented writers, photographers and designers, and I'm sad to be saying goodbye to everyone. Kathy Flores, our director who has become like family to me, thank you for everything you've taught me and for being so patient through the

learning process every student reporter goes through.  
All of the other editors on staff, Amanda, Michaela, Jose, Jacobo, Adrian (who came up with this column's headline) and Andres, you all have become my best friends. I have never had a boring day at work with any of you, and I expect that we will all continue to be in each other's lives—especially considering that some of you have made me promise to hire you one day.  
Inside 105 Union Building East is where I spent the majority of my time at UTEP. It's where I came out of my

shell, grew as a reporter, writer and even as an artist. It's where I gained the confidence to say what is on my mind without hesitation, where I learned to be a leader, and mostly, where I learned that I have what it takes to compete in the cutthroat world of media.  
I'm going to miss this place, but I'm very excited for what comes next. That Picasso painting is starting to look more like an M.C. Escher, it appears real, yet is completely surreal.  
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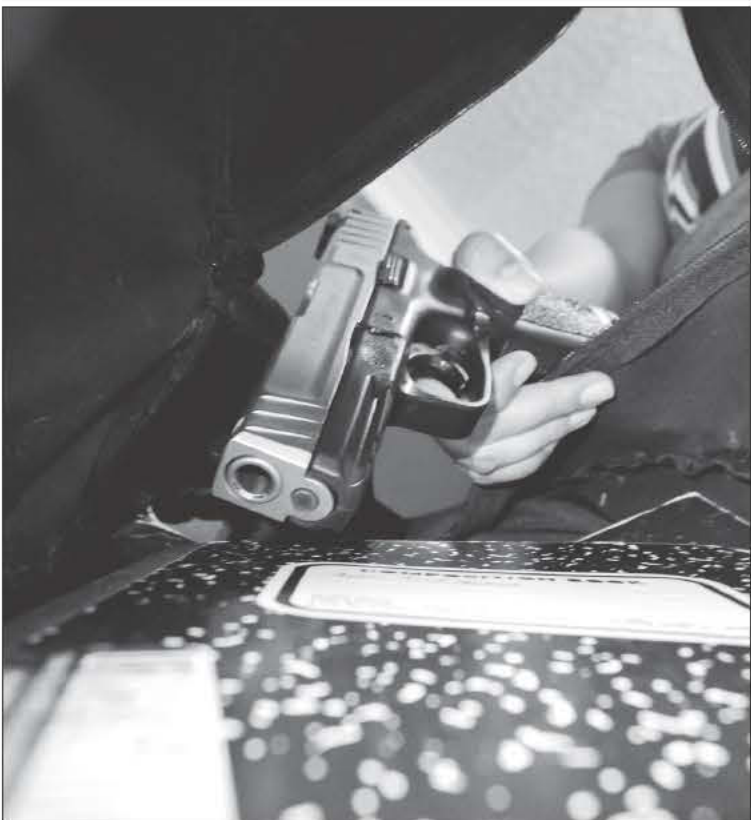
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# UTEP Officials plan for concealed carry



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On Aug.1, UTEP will officially be a concealed carry campus.

BY JAVIER CORTEZ  
The Prospector

The bill was approved, the legislation was passed and now the plan that facilitates UTEP's response to concealed carry is set in place. On Aug. 1, UTEP will officially be a concealed carry campus, where students and faculty alike may bring concealed guns on campus.

In April, UTEP President Diana Natalicio approved the concealed carry plan for UTEP and sent it to UT System Chancellor William McRaven for approval.

Now, all that is left is the implementation phase, which includes posting signage around campus as well as bringing awareness for the university community on what they can expect on Aug. 1.

According to Catie McCorry-Andalis, dean of students, most of the new information regarding concealed campus carry will be found in the FAQ section on the campus carry website. The website will also include exclusionary zones, where concealed guns are not permitted.

Although the process of passing Senate Bill 11 was a relatively smooth, the campus support for the bill was met with a decent amount of backlash. Most notably, retired communication professor, David Smith-Soto led the way with critical editorial pieces regarding guns on campus.

Regardless of legislation, if someone sees a gun on campus at any time, they need to be calling our university police department.

- Catie McCorry-Andalis,  
Dean of Students

UTEP students also got involved with an anti-campus carry rally at Leech Groove back in October 2015. With respect to the opposition levied by the student population, McCorry-Andalis made reference to the small amount of people who actually have a concealed handgun license.

"When you look at the facts and figures related to those who have a concealed handgun license, you're talking about roughly 2.7 percent of the population in Texas," McCorry-Andalis said. "When you start breaking that down, looking at El Paso County, you're talking about less than half of one percent of the population."

For McCorry-Andalis, one of the struggles in the process of adopting new legislation has been in the details. Some students have misinterpreted the new law for concealed carry on college campuses as an extension of open carry.

"What's most important to us is, regardless of this legislation, students, faculty and visitors need to be mindful of their personal safety and seek out resources or help when needed," she said. "Regardless of legislation, if someone sees a gun on campus at any time, they need to be calling our university police department."

Nevertheless, some of the student population does not feel safe with the idea of some of their peers carrying guns on campus, no matter how insignificant the percentage.

"It's a bad idea that I don't like," said Omar Quiñonez, freshman liberal arts major. "I feel less safe because people get angry for anything. If someone has a gun they can commit something bad, so I think we will be less safe."

While some students are wholeheartedly against campus carry, other students such as David Cardenas, sophomore criminal justice major, are undecided.

"It's kind of scary, but at the same time you do feel a little bit safer," Cardenas said. "Overall, I came to the conclusion that I'm kind of against it. It's not because I don't want to protect myself or I don't want others to protect themselves, it's just (caution) for everyone (who doesn't have a gun)."

McCorry-Andalis also stressed the importance of supporting the law, while being empathetic to the concerns that some students might have with campus carry.

"On the other end, concealed handgun owners are deemed safe citizens no matter where they are. We have to be really mindful of that," McCorry-Andalis said. "I'm not saying that folks' concerns or what they may think about the law (are not important), but as a public institution we have to support the legislation that has been passed."

Whether there is or isn't strife within the student population, McCorry-Andalis believes that come Aug. 1, UTEP will have a successful transition to a concealed carry campus.

"We have to recognize that there is going to be some anxiety and ambiguity about what this may mean, but I am also very confident that we are going to get through it," McCorry-Andalis said. "One of the greatest assets about UTEP is that we are a community that supports one another even if there are differences of opinion between one another."

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# A spring of ups and downs for Natalicio



SPECIAL TO THE PROSPECTOR

UTEP President Diana Natalicio was named TIME Magazine's 100 most influential people in the world. She has served as UTEP President for 20 years.

BY ADRIAN BROADDUS  
The Prospector

As the semester dwindles down, UTEP President Diana Natalicio reflects on the past semester and what is to come. From suffering cardiac arrhythmia while she was walking to the Student Union in February, to being named as one of TIME Maga-

zine's 100 Most Influential People in the World, Natalicio has had a roller coaster of a semester. However, Natalicio is not stopping there. She is using the setbacks to push herself and the university forward. "I've always been blessed with enormous energy reserves and, perhaps most importantly, I am extremely

passionate and enthusiastic about the work we are doing at UTEP with the extraordinary students we serve," Natalicio said in an email interview. "When you love what you do, it's always easy to do a little more, and then a little more after that." She is currently the longest serving president of a public university and has served UTEP for 28 years. Since

her start at the university, Natalicio has seen the school evolve and mold into something remarkable. "This recognition (TIME Magazine) is very much a reflection on UTEP's progress over the past several decades," Natalicio said. "We are today a totally different institution in size, in academic programs, in research and, perhaps most importantly in attitude and institutional self-confidence. We are clear about and proud of our mission and united in working hard to achieve it."

Even though the recognition was aimed at Natalicio, she believes that it will add more credibility to the standards that the school is setting. "It (the recognition) brings increased visibility to UTEP and our mission to provide highly competitive educational programs to a historically underserved student demographic," Natalicio said.

Despite the few downhill slumps, the spring semester brought mostly highs to the school, according to Natalicio, including the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the 1966 men's basketball championship team.

UTEP held a celebration at Memorial Gym in February as part of a filming of a CBS documentary about the championship that aired nationally several times during March. The NCAA recognized the 1966 team again in a tribute during Final Four weekend in Houston in early April.

"Below a bold UTEP logo on the giant video board above the arena floor, our 1966 team members assembled to receive the huge crowd's respect and cheers," Natalicio said. "What a wonderful sight and such a well-deserved tribute to our talented and courageous Miners."

She also has numerous ideas and goals for the future. Her, along with her team, are planning for a new interdisciplinary research building in place of the Burges and Barry Halls. She mentioned plans to start a new School of Pharmacy and offering a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. These are just some of the plans she wants to implement in the coming years.

"We have been working on a very exciting comprehensive student success plan, developed in conjunction

with our accreditation re-affirmation review, which seeks to integrate a number of specific initiatives across the campus designed to ensure UTEP graduates' competitiveness with their peers anywhere in the world," Natalicio said.

With the semester dwindling down, Natalicio will prepare for commencement where she will attend all three ceremonies.

"It's a wonderful feeling to see the growing number of UTEP graduates who cross the stage at commencement," Natalicio said. "I'm especially excited to consider the huge impact that this graduation milestone represents not only in the lives of the graduates themselves, but of their families and the prosperity and quality of life of this entire region."

“When you love what you do, it's always easy to do a little more, and then a little more after that.”

- Diana Natalicio,  
UTEP President

With the sending forth words, Natalicio has a piece of advice she wants to share with the graduates:

"Be proud of what you've already accomplished and confident that you are well prepared through your UTEP education to pursue whatever post-graduate path you may want to follow," Natalicio said. "The quality of your UTEP degree is now widely recognized and highly valued. Seek a future pathway that you truly enjoy."

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# Union prepares for Up All Night



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**Up All Night** will take place at the Union Building East on Tuesday May 10. Around 60 to 70 volunteers are preparing to hand out midnight breakfast.

**BY GLORIA HEREDIA**  
*The Prospector*

With finals next week, the Office of Student Life along with the Division of Student Affairs will be hosting Midnight Breakfast: Up All Night, a semi-annual UTEP tradition. The event will take place on Tuesday, May 10 at the Union East building. Jaime Mendez, director of the Student Support Program, is currently in charge of the volunteers for this semester.

“Right now we are looking at getting between 60 and 70 volunteers to staff different areas of our Up All Night event,” Mendez said.

Mendez said the purpose of this event is to support the student body during finals week and help them manage stress through the different activities. Some of the activities include the screening of the movie “The Breakfast Club,” which will show at the Union Cinema at 10 p.m., to blend with the nature of the midnight breakfast.

“We have everything, from rooms which we call the Stress-Free Zone,

where we have coloring books, relaxing music and play dough for people to take a break from finals,” Mendez said. “We also have our game room, which is just board games such as Jenga, cards, anything for them to play in groups.”

Yoga sessions will be provided for the students to relax along with the music. Sophomore multimedia journalism major, Alexandra Dominguez, said that one of her stress relievers is music.

“What makes me relax in a crisis, such as finals week, is to have some comfort zone to go and play my mind off a little bit,” Dominguez said. “To walk, to eat a little, and have some beverage that I like to hydrate myself, and music. Music is a great way to free one’s stress.”

Gerardo Garza, sophomore mechanical engineering major, has attended the Midnight Breakfast twice in the past.

“It’s my favorite event ever,” Garza said. “Hanging out with friends was really fun, and the food was nice. I’ve

gone twice, but I’m planning on going to the next one.”

It has been estimated that 1,200 students have shown up to the event in previous years. Volunteers are needed to help out in the different activities. Volunteers will be needed to serve breakfast. Mendez said he encourages faculty and staff to volunteer instead of students.

“We really want it to be our staff, like the university staff, because this is a way of supporting our students during the finals period,” Mendez said. “We don’t want students that are taking finals serving. We want our staff to be out there and show their support for the student body.”

The Union will be open from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. for any students.

“I think is great for the university to provide those activities and spaces for the students,” Dominguez said. “That shows that they care for the students and that they want a more united community.”

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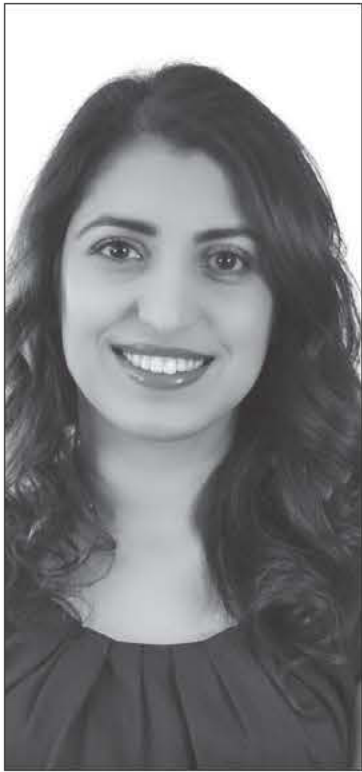
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BY RENE DELGADILLO  
The Prospector

The Top Ten Senior Awards have been announced by the UTEP Alumni Association, bringing with them the feeling of accomplishment and happiness.

“I was anxiously awaiting the letter, I would check the mail every day with hopes of getting it,” said Iliana Rubio, senior industrial engineering major. “I was super happy and I wanted to cry when I read ‘congratulations you are one of the top 10 seniors.’”

The UTEP Alumni Association has been recognizing the hard work of its top 10 seniors for each graduating class since 1950.

To receive a Top Ten Senior Award, the candidate has to have to a minimal cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher, have letters of recommendations by staff and/or advisors and demonstrate their community service and social and academic involvement in school.

“We want younger students to see what these top seniors have accomplished. We want them to be inspired by them, to make them say ‘hey I want to do what they have done,’” said Richard Daniel, executive director of Alumni Relations.

A banquet was held on April 29 at the Tomás Rivera Conference Center located on the third floor of the Union Building East. UTEP President Diana Natalicio was present at the event, where she read the bios of each student and congratulated them with their senior award.

Being a top 10 senior is not about getting the highest grade on an exam or presenting the best project in class. For Oscar Casanova, a senior finance major who will be working for Goldman Sachs in Dallas, an American multinational investment banking firm, there is much more behind this accomplishment.

For Casanova, being a top 10 senior was about being involved on campus and doing what you love.

Casanova was the president of the Business College Council, a Miner Ambassador, a career peer advisor and an accounting assistant.

“It takes a lot of commitment and initiative, not only excelling academically, but also taking initiative of being part of student organizations and doing internships, seeking out mentors in the university, and maybe working at the same time,” Casanova said. “It’s about mixing all these things while being a student.”

Rubio was able to participate in community service work as well as intern for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, a global security and aerospace company. She advises freshman students to get involved early in their college career.

“Start looking for opportunities now. The sooner the better for you, and don’t slack your grades. Your GPA is the first step be a good student,” Rubio said. “Students don’t realize how many opportunities UTEP offers, you just have to go and take them.”

Daniel said he believes that all the applicants are great students, top 10 senior or not.

“They are just as exemplary as the other students,” Daniel said. “It is a difficult choice; we have a tremendous amount of great students on this campus. I want them to continue moving forward in their goals and continue making a difference and to give back to this institution because there will always a place for them here at UTEP.”

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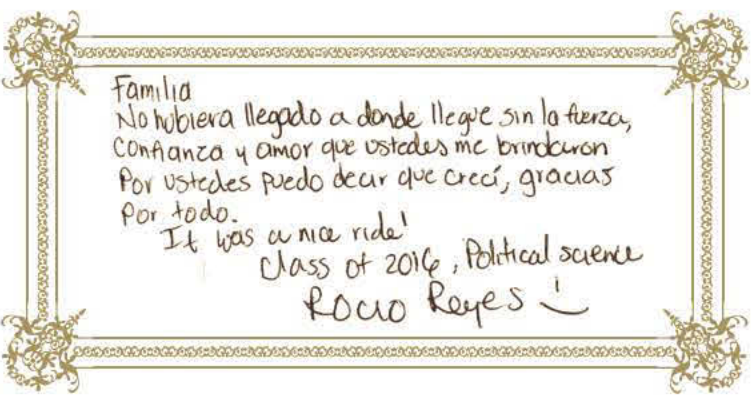
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Casanova said he is grateful to UTEP and its staff for allowing him to grow as a person and as a scholar. "I will never forget where I come from because it is thanks to UTEP that I am where I am," he said. "I see myself back at UTEP one day. Maybe starting an endowment, a scholarship for future UTEP students, to encourage them to be a part of this amazing community. Maybe even teach here."

Rodrigo Lugo, a senior biological sciences major and one of the top 10 seniors, was the co-founder, vice-president and president of To Write Love on Her Arms, which is part of the national organization dedicated to help people dealing with depression, addiction, self-injury and thoughts of suicide. With graduation right around the corner, Lugo wanted to congratulate the class of 2016.

"Congratulations to all," he said. "I know it was hard journey for me to get here and I'm pretty sure it was hard for everybody else. It's like the end of our journey in college, but it's still only the beginning of our journey through life, and there is so much we are capable of and so much things we are going to do in our lives." Rene Delgadillo may be reached at theprospectordaily.news@gmail.com.



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# UTEP's reaccreditation process shines light on potential

BY LUIS GONZALEZ  
The Prospector

United States universities must go through an accreditation process every 10 years to be recognized as a degree-granting higher education institution. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, SACSCOC, is in charge of evaluating institutions in the southern states to make sure they provide services worthy of a higher education institution.

"Every university in the country has to go through this in order to be able to grant degrees, but, it's also an opportunity for us," said David Ruiter, associate provost. "It gives us the opportunity to think about how we're going to do even better in the 10 years that are coming up."

UTEP was one of the many universities to undergo the process this year. During the process, SACSCOC eval-

uates institutions on integrity, qualifications of faculty and staff, mission fulfillment, curriculum, academic support and fiscal practices. UTEP received outstanding feedback from SACSCOC on what it has done in the past decade and what it plans to do in the next one.

The reaffirmation of accreditation portion of the process consists of university officials showing SACSCOC that UTEP has all of the resources and services in place worthy of an accredited university. Toni Blum, assistant provost and chair of the reaffirmation steering committee, compiled paperwork and reports showing the university meets all requirements. After the paperwork is submitted and reviewed, a site visit occurs where a special committee makes sure everything that was on paper is really taking place on campus.



FILE PHOTO / THE PROSPECTOR

UTEP received outstanding feedback from The Southern Association of Colleges in their report released every 10 years.

"They want to meet with students, they want to meet with staff, they want to meet with faculty, they want to meet with administrators," Blum

said. "They want to really get a sense of, 'Is UTEP really doing all of the things it says its doing?'"

The site visit, which lasts about two-and-a-half days, culminates with a set of recommendations from the visiting committee that the university must address in order to be reaccredited. The university has time to make changes before the final accreditation vote in December.

"The thing that you want for being reaffirmed is to be affirmed with no recommendations," Blum said.

After meeting with faculty, staff, administrators and students, the visiting committee came to the conclusion that UTEP met all requirements and needed no recommendations—something that, according to SACSCOC, does not happen often.

Among the things that stood out to the committee were the impact of UTEP's mission and its use of data in improving the services it provides.

"One thing that I think they were blown away by was the way in which the mission of UTEP is part of everything we do," Blum said. "That was something that really was refreshing and surprising to them. That no matter who they spoke to, people were talking about access and excellence."

The second part of the reaffirmation for accreditation process deals with the future. Every university develops a plan for the next 10 years called a Quality Enhancement Plan. UTEP's plans for the next 10 years also received great feedback.

"This new plan is exciting for all of us because we're at a point where we are truly being able to see the incredible assets that our student population brings to us," Ruiter said. "After all these years of experience at the university and in the city, we have an even clearer vision about how we can support our students forward."

UTEP's QEP focuses on the idea of providing UTEP students with all the resources necessary to succeed once

they leave the university. Highlighted in the plan are efforts to engage students with what the plan calls high-impact practices. Internships, student employment, study abroad and

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- Toni Blum,  
Assistant Provost

service learning are all identified as high-impact practices.

By talking to successful alumni, the university was able to identify these opportunities as vital to success in life after graduation.

Blum said the QEP was the main focus of the visiting team during the site visit. The excitement about it was obvious when the lead evaluator almost broke down in tears talking about UTEP's plans for the future.

"I think having met with some students was really what the powerful motivator was for him," Blum said. "Realizing how transformational UTEP has been in their lives and also, really, and I think this is a kind of important piece of the puzzle, how transformational students have been for UTEP."

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What’s something you will miss about UTEP when you graduate?

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DANIELA MARINES

Senior women's and gender studies major  
"I'm mostly going to miss my professors, I have had really good ones that help me out with writing essays and scholarship tips. I will miss the support they've given me and also the friendships that I've made here."



RAUL COBOS

Senior accounting major  
"I'm going to miss the social life, having friends and even the long hours of studying."



GIGI VALLES

Senior criminal justice major  
"I'm going to miss everything! In general, having friends, having somewhere to go everyday, campus life and feeling like I have a purpose."



RUBEN MELENDEZ

Senior biology major  
"I will miss going to my professors office and talking to them about class work plans and just general science."



GENESIS ARREOLA

Senior health promotion major  
"I'm going to miss being so familiar with the whole dynamic of the campus, and seeing my mom everyday because she works here."



ALONDRA AVILA

Senior psychology major  
"I'm going to miss the exercise and constantly having something to do all the time."



FEDERICO LOPEZ

Senior business major  
"I'm going to miss making new friends in my classes."



GABRIELA SALDAÑA

Senior anthropology major  
"I'm going to miss being in organizations that helped me personally and academically evolve."



BRANDON CHAVEZ

Senior psychology major  
"I'm going to miss the recreation center."



IVONNE ESPINOZA

Senior nursing major  
"I'm going to miss making friends, and Sandella's."



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# Getting to know the new SGA president

BY AMANDA GUILLEN  
The Prospector

The Student Government Association will have a new president in June. Sophomore operations chain supply management major Sergio Baltazar was elected on April 22 and ran independently.

Despite being discouraged to run as an independent, Baltazar felt that he would be able to accomplish more during the campaigning process if he ran without a party.

Baltazar, 22, is an international student from Guadalajara, Mexico. While visiting friends in El Paso, Baltazar stayed at the Hilton Garden Inn on University Avenue, and said he found himself exploring, like he usually does when he visits a new place.

He walked onto campus and immediately thought that UTEP would be out of his price range. To his surprise he found out that UTEP was afford-

able, more so than the universities in Guadalajara.

Baltazar moved to El Paso and immediately began taking classes at UTEP. In his two years at the university he dove into extracurricular activities.

He was recently the president of Visión México, president of his pledge class for Delta Sigma Pi, a business fraternity, and a member of Alpha Phi Omega, a community service fraternity.

Baltazar said that he believed he made the smart decision to run as an independent during the SGA race.

"I was not agreeing with the way they were running things because SGA has a huge potential for us as students here and most students don't know what SGA is," Baltazar said. "Here there are people that actually think that SGA people are above the other students and it's not supposed to be that way. It is supposed to be that we are under students trying to get things done."

During his campaign, Baltazar visited different colleges around campus and asked students what they felt needed to get done.

Baltazar pointed out that the fine arts students had a lot to say and that they often feel excluded from the university. He also said he spoke to a psychology student who voiced his concerns over the water fountains in the psychology building that are out of service.

Although he is nervous that he won't be able to address to all of the



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Newly elected Student Government Association president, sophomore operation chain supply management major Sergio Baltazar looks over the Centennial Plaza.

students' concerns, he said that he hopes he can do the best he can to engage students more with SGA.

"I want to make a difference by making SGA approachable and also having SGA go to the students and ask them what they need," Baltazar said.

Some of his key propositions during his campaign were to increase the number of shaded areas on campus,

better and more transparent budget allocations for students, implementation of nap stations around campus and transportation from the international bridges for students.

Baltazar said that he is excited to begin his presidency, which begins June 1. He also said that he is grateful to everyone who spoke to him and took the time to vote.

"I want to thank everyone who believed in me," Baltazar said. "It's kind of fascinating how other people actually believe in other people. That gives me the confidence to work hard and to accomplish everything I said."

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Underdogs will be worth your time at Neon Desert

BY ADRIAN BROADDUS  
The Prospector

Over 40 artists and bands will hit the stage in less than three weeks for the sixth-annual Neon Desert Music Festival that will be held May 28 and 29 in downtown El Paso.

Although some consider this festival's release to be at a weaker caliber, the depth of the lineup goes far more than simply lower-level names. Much of the lineup includes artists who are not that well known, but are definitely noteworthy and should be checked out during the event. Below are some of the more unheard of artists to check out and possibly watch live at the show:

MUTEMATH – Alt/Rock

Check out — “Typical,” “Light Up” and “Monument”

Whoever said rock ‘n’ roll is dead has not listened to MUTEMATH. The New Orleans band has been making music since 2003 and continues to appeal to the alternative rock-goers. Their deep guitar riffs clash with heavy drums to make their style so impressive. Their new album, “Vitals,” is fundamentally sound, and although it does not take too many risks, it proves to be a solid listen. Even though they are not the most critically acclaimed group, many true rock groups use the band as inspiration for their Southeastern sound.

STRFKR – Indie/Electronic

Check out — “Never Ever,” “Isabel of Castile” and “Julius”

STRFKR seems like it was locked in a time capsule from the 1980s and sprung out to revitalize the indie-pop scene. The three-man band is also no stranger to the Sun City with numerous previous appearances in El Paso, including a Neon Desert slot back in 2013. After a three-year hiatus from recording new music, the band previewed a project in the making with the release of their new single, “Never Ever.” This band is definitely one to check out with their groovy, trippy, aesthetic vibe.

Niykee Heaton – R&B

Check out — “Bad Intentions,” “Infinity” and “I’m Ready”

Last year, Neon Desert brought Keh-lani, who at the time was unheard of and regarded as an up-and-coming artist. By the end of 2015, everyone knew about the amazing songwriter for her R&B talents. This year, the music festival brings a new, on-the-rise act with Niykee Heaton. She is a producer's dream due to her cool and distinct vocals. Heaton, who became famous by recording YouTube covers, now showcases more talent in her sophomore album, “The Bedroom Tour Playlist.”



The sixth-annual Neon Desert Music Festival will be held May 28 and May 29 in downtown El Paso.

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G Herbo – Hip-hop

Check out — “Peace of Mind,” “Lord Knows” and “100 Days 100 Nights”

The Chicago rap game is one to be reckoned with, and G Herbo breaks all the boundaries of a Chi-Town hip-hop artist. The 19 year old has experienced some eye-opening, scary occurrences during the short span of his life, which

is all showcased in his freshman album, “Ballin Like I’m Kobe.” The album takes on the trap-rap genre and it is evident he uses influences from Chief Keef, another hip-hop Chicago native. His flows speak about gang-violence, drug

influences and are narrations of his life on the Chicago streets.

Wilk & Misky – Synth/Indie

Check Out — “I Want Your Lovin,” “Clap Your Hands” and “Babe I’m Yours”

The London-based indie duo is taking their talents through the states during their tour, which will make a stop at Neon Desert. They use synthetic keys, western acoustic guitar and indie-driven vocals to make for an easy-going listen. They are very popular in Mexico, so their performance may attract a hefty crowd.

Rare Individuals – Alt Hip-hop

Check out — “Rare Town” and “I Got This”

The hip-hop group based in El Paso comprised of Derrell Peoples, Andy Ceballos, Lavell Jones and Josh Brown, are a noteworthy local hip-hop group. The group raps about societal problems and uses El Paso innuendos in their songs. Although there has not been a full project released by the group, once the group does drop an album, it is sure to be a local hit.

Stan Z – Indie Hip-hop

Check out — “Waves,” “Face the Music” and “Some Days”

When you combine alternative hip-hop and indie rock, you get Stan Z. The local band, fronted by lead vocals and guitar Stan Zubia, also combines hip-hop influences with the help of rapper Idea. They experiment with different sound waves to make for groovy, electrifying music. Stan Z’s debut LP, “Ego Loss,” is still a hit and they continue to make noise in the El Paso local music scene.

ANIMALSOUL – Alt./Rock

Check out — “You,” “Song 4” and “Color”

The band of brothers—plus one—makes up ANIMALSOUL. The West Texas group utilizes all their musical influences—funk, rock and hip-hop—to their advantage. Their modern style of alternative rock makes for a charming listen.

Two-day tickets are still available at [neondesertmusicfestival.com](http://neondesertmusicfestival.com) for \$119 and VIP tickets are \$250, which includes complimentary drinks, re-entry to the festival and separate entrances and exits. For the full lineup, visit the official website.

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Best concert photos of spring 2016



(Left) **Rapper G-Eazy** performs at the Don Haskins Center on April 24. (Top right) Indie rock band **Foals** perform at the Don Haskins Center on March 16 as part of the Spring Fling tour. (Bottom right) Alt rock band **Cage the Elephant** headlines on the Spring Fling tour on March 16.

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Fab Lab uses modern technology in their designs



**Executive Director Gustavo** Arriaga shows a student from Clint Junior High School how the 3D-scanner at Fab Lab works. The lab is located at 806 Montana in central El Paso.

BY MIKE VASQUEZ  
The Prospector

Fabrication Laboratory, El Paso’s hub for the latest 3D-printing technology, has been housed in an unsuspecting concrete building at 806 Montana for two years now. By pro-

viding training in using technology and materials for individual projects, Fab Lab provides the city the ability to keep up with the age’s newest design tools. Since its opening in 2014, Executive Director Gustavo Arriaga has been

dedicated to increasing the lab’s resources in number and functionality. “When we first began, we were using an Xbox Kinect camera to digitally scan models,” Arriaga said. “Still the same technology, but now we have specialized programs and cam-

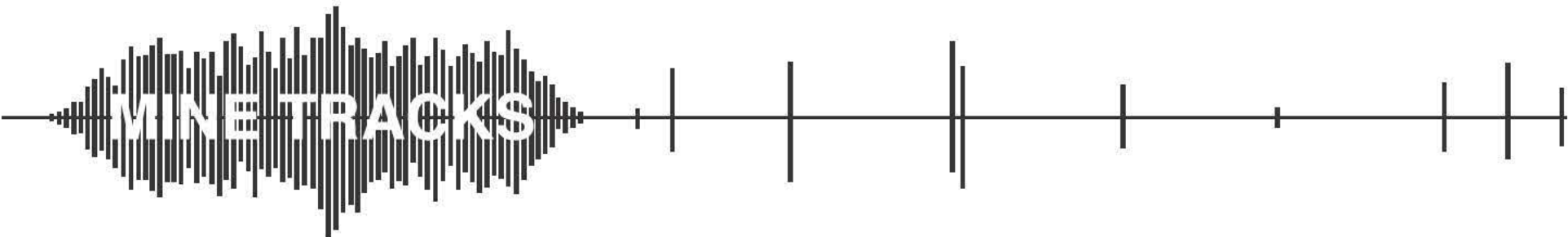
eras that we can use with tablets for more efficient scans.” Ramping up their arsenal of design tools, Fab Lab now has six 3D printers dedicated to printing a range of models, from storm troopers to Buddha in a Batman mask, two laser cutters that allow people to precisely cut designs out of large sheets of material and two 3D-scanners and programs used to manipulate models on a computer. Walking into the Fab Lab is like walking into an art gallery. Geometric animal masks and figurines line the walls and wooden tables. The chairs are engraved with intricate designs. They all share one thing in common: everything was made in the Fab Lab. “Most of everything here was made here,” Arriaga said to a group of Clint Junior High School students during a workshop. He points to a machine that stretches the length of a dinner table. “The chairs you’re sitting on were made on that laser cutter right over there.”

The applications of these versatile laser cutters, 3D printers and scanners do not end in goofy action figures or quick art. Alejandro Cuaron, a senior metallurgical/materials and biomedical engineering major, works for the W. M. Keck Center for 3D innovation and has seen the potential this technology has for society.

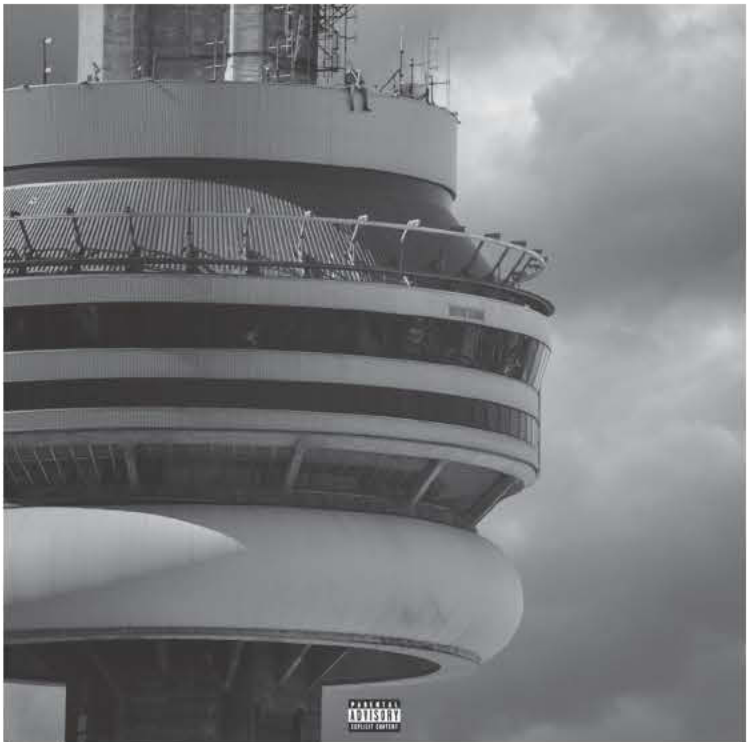
“I see a lot of parts that are for mechanical testing,” Cuaron said. “I have seen printed parts from video games, but also prosthetic parts. The one we have (at the Keck Center) for sure is a knee replacement. It’s biocompatible and the advantage of 3D printing is that it can be made specifically to someone’s body.” As the technology becomes more easily produced, innovations like replacement knees will soon sprout in the fields of medicine and engineering. “The technology is there,” Cuaron said. “It’s just finding more materials. Once you find more materials to use, the number of applications grows.” Fab Lab dedicates its efforts to teaching the public how to master these technologies. Private workshops for both a group of curious friends or elementary school classes may be scheduled on their website, fablabelpaso.org. Quotes on production cost of individual projects, along with a list of public events, can also be found on the Fab Lab website.

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Drake continues to put ‘the 6’ on the map with the release of ‘Views’



BY ADRIAN BROADDUS  
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After over a year, Drake finally dropped his highly anticipated

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“Views” on April 29, marking the fourth studio album for the Toronto rapper. Prior to the album’s release, Drake mentioned the record would have a lot of music and the listener

will “have your full share of Drake music for the summer and for the year. Forever.”  
The 20-track compilation is outspokenly, as Drake said, “a collection of diverse music that feels timeless,” during a podcast stream on OVO Sound. The album resembles a combination between two of his previous albums, using fierce raps such as in “Nothing Was the Same,” and emotionally-driven vocals such as in “Take Care.” The production stands out the most on the album, due to a separation from softer, more vocalized tracks to hip-hop bangers.  
Pioneering the wave for a new style of music, Drake continues to modernize his music on “Views,” and it is shown instantly on the album’s defiant intro, “Keep the Family Close.” The record’s theme is the changing seasons in Toronto, Ontario, Canada—the trap-based rap songs are tailored toward the summer, while the R&B tracks backtrack to the winter. On “Keep the Family Close,” Drake opens up with rigorous vocals and uses lyrics that refer to the past.  
Let’s face it, pop music has been so commercialized that every song on the radio is beginning to sound repetitive and annoying. However, on

this album Drake finds new ways to combine his style of Toronto pop and revolutionize it. “Feel No Ways” is a groovy, swift track that has easy listening vocals; while “Too Good,” featuring Rihanna, is probably the best pop hit off the album.  
The album’s bangers are not extremely distinctive, but one of Drake’s most noteworthy traits is the confidence found in his lyrics, which serves to benefit these tracks. His self-reliance on flows helps add to these over-vaulted songs, such as “Grammys,” “Hype,” “Weston Road Flows” and “9.”  
Alongside one of his best sidekicks, Future, on “Grammys,” Drake speaks about his prolific legacy, “OVO we a gold mine/But I’m goin’ gold in no time.” Drake can often say questionable lyrics on these bangers, but he says it with such poise that the audience then feeds off of them.  
He reaches a new style throughout the album, which was unexpected for the record. “Child’s Play” samples a Ha-Sizzle track and uses a drum kick to make for a unique sound. “Faithful” takes the deceased rapper Pimp C and uses him on a verse, while Drake mixes rigid rap with instant vocals. “Controlla” dives through

wavy beats and is such a indistinct track as he uses sexual lyrics to attract the listener. “With You,” featuring PARTYNEXTDOOR, reflects the epitome of the newfound resonance Drake successfully accomplished on the album.  
The question is not whether the album is noteworthy, but where it will rank at the end of Drake’s career. In the 80-plus minutes of the record, it is already becoming one of the top projects that Drake has released due to its depth.  
Three months down the line, this album will be frantically banging on music platforms and flooding social media with one-liners. Drake is one of the most marketable artist of this era and there is sure to be many diamonds throughout the album that will emerge to the spotlight in the coming months. The difference from his past albums and mix tapes to this record is that “Views” sounds timeless; this album will continue to influence Toronto rappers and others for generations.  
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# Top 5 bars where you can celebrate graduation

BY JOSE SOTO  
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As if graduating isn't stressful enough, now you have to decide where to go to celebrate your accomplishment. There are a few spots in town that will make perfect hosts for your festivities. Here is a list of places to consider:

**1.) Malolam-** The Mexican restaurant and bar is ideal for friendly gatherings in El Paso. Malolam, located at 5001 N. Mesa St., is a perfect balance of Mexican cultural idioms fused with trendy nightlife. The building is industrial meets your grandma's living room, with vibrant, neon colors. The outside patios are perfect for May weather as well.

**2.) Rooftop Skybar & Grill-** If you're looking for something more upscale, Rooftop is a perfect choice. Situated at the top of a hill at 4201 Camelot Heights, the rooftop bar is great for outdoor partying. The place is slightly hidden, which might work in your favor for something more intimate and private. Overlooking Mesa Street, you can celebrate with delicious menu items or enjoy some drinks, including \$10 bottomless mimosas on Saturdays from 3 through 8 p.m., which is convenient for the May 14 date.

**3.) Later, Later-** This bar is one of the most visually pleasing in town. Later, Later, located at 109 N Caldwell St., is big enough for a large groups. The outside patio is ideal for conversations amongst friends and family as it



Malolam is located at 5001 N. Mesa St. and is a convenient place close to UTEP for graduates to celebrate.

overlooks the beautiful El Paso/Ciudad Juárez border. Their now-famous neon-pink sign that reads "later, baby, later" is also perfect for some post-graduation

photos. Later, Later carries a wide-variety of craft beers, including some selections from Deadbeach Brewery, a local beer brewing company.

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**4.) The Speakeasy-** One of the newest bars in town, The Speakeasy, located 303 E. Franklin St., is an underground bar that is spacious enough

to host a large group of people. Their entrances are located on the sides of Franklin and Stanton streets and feature a series of steps, all leading to their underground space. The employees all dress as old-fashioned bartenders with dressy vests. The Speakeasy also has a big dance floor if you want to groove the night away and a complimentary pool table if you'd rather take it easy... at the Speakeasy.

**5.) 301 Nightlife-** El Paso has plenty of bars, but it isn't widely known for club life. Luckily, the city has 301, an establishment true to its nature. 301 Nightlife is huge. It often hosts DJs and producers from various electronic music genres, which gives you an idea of how big the building is. Its top-notch audio and visual production is impressive, with various speakers located throughout the club and screens displaying high-tech visuals accompanying the music. If you're looking for a good club experience, this would be it. VIP tables surround the dance floor, so if you're looking to buy a bottle, their comfortable, private tables are great for a group of friends as you can be by yourselves while still enjoying the music.

Other suggestions include Blackbird, Gray Dog Bar, Briar Patch and Hope and Anchor.

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# Couple finds love through mutual passion for dance



Senior dance majors Julian Maldonado and Gabriella Moreno will be graduating together after spending most of their college careers together.

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As they walk from class and toward Centennial Plaza, Gabriella Moreno and Julian Maldonado gracefully stroll through campus hand in hand, at times looking into each others' eyes and smiling.

Even if you didn't know they were dancers, you would be able to tell by the way their long legs nonchalantly sway

past each other, their postures upright and elegant.

Moreno, 22, and Maldonado, 24, met three and a half years ago during their first year at UTEP while studying contemporary dance.

Now, just a couple of weeks away from graduation, they are excited for their future, although it may be uncertain.

A few months after they met they began performing together. Spending time together both in classes and

rehearsals led to a friendship that became a support system. That friendship slowly grew.

"I think dance has provided for us just a huge conversation that is never ending because he has his ideas and I have mine," Moreno said. "We have our opinions, it is just nice to have someone to bounce back with and who understands where you are coming from."

Moreno said that they don't have time for date nights or alone time, despite having the same major.

"A lot of people think we are lucky because we have the same major, but we never see each other, this (interview) is actually the only time we have seen each other," Moreno said. "We see each other, but we don't actually get to be with each other."

Moreno knew dancing was something that she always wanted to do, but for Maldonado it was something that he had kept a secret from everyone until he began at UTEP.

Originally, Maldonado's family had dreamt he would attend West Point Military Academy in New York. Maldonado did have his eyes set on the city, but not the academy.

Before arriving at UTEP, Maldonado attended different colleges before he found a fit here at UTEP and eventually met Moreno.

Last summer the couple traveled to Florence, Italy, to attend a dance intensive, a summer-long dance bootcamp-style course.

"We learned so much by just seeing how people present themselves and what they care about and what they value in Italy," Maldonado said.

Along with traveling out of the country, both Maldonado and Moreno have begun looking ahead, past graduation, which will take place on May 14.

Moreno applied and was accepted into the Alvin Ailey Dance Theatre, which is a professional dance school and company in New York. The program that Moreno was chosen for selects students from all over the country and is a six-week program that will begin in June and conclude in August.

Maldonado also applied for the same program, but was not accepted.

These instances in their relationship are ones that they say have helped strengthen their connection, despite it being bittersweet.

"It takes a lot of self esteem and confidence in yourself to be proud of your significant other, because I know at first for me it was hard to accept his success because I'm like 'where's mine, where's mine', and you reach a point where you just love a person so much that those thoughts go away and you can't do anything else other than be proud of what

they have accomplished," Moreno said. "I'm just so happy that I've reached that point with him. That it is no longer envy or jealousy."

With excitement in his voice Maldonado said that he had auditioned for "Hamilton—" the critically acclaimed and Oscar-winning musical— earlier this month in Los Angeles. He should be hearing back from producers in the coming weeks.

With their senior capstone projects and their final days at UTEP coming to an end, the couple said, although they are anxious to leave, they will miss their long days and nights at school.

"Even though we never get to spend time with each other, we are around each other all the time and that is something that I truly am going to miss, because I know for a fact that our professions won't allow us to be together, especially since what I like to do is musical theater or acting and Gaby does a lot of hard-core dance," Maldonado said. "We think the same, but we are opposites in movement."

With a sigh, the couple describes the worry that comes with the uncertainty of their futures. Although they don't know what the next 10 years will bring for them, one thing they were certain about is that they see a future with each other.

Their dream is to open up a dance

“I think dance has provided for us just a huge conversation that is never ending because he has his ideas and I have mine.”

- Gabriella Moreno, senior contemporary dance major.

studio together once their permanent home is found.

The couple has come along way during their four years at UTEP. Through performing as the leads in some UTEP Dinner Theatre productions, ballets and also performing for the Human Nature Contemporary Ballet, they have maintained and balanced love.

They hope that upon their graduation, they left an impact on the program and their peers.

Moreno said that passion is something that is important for all dancers and she hopes that her passion for dance is something that others will learn from.

"I think it is so important to constantly remind yourself of why you are doing this and what is the reason you are doing this, because I think we lose ourselves," she said. "It is a very easy field to give up in just because it is so competitive."

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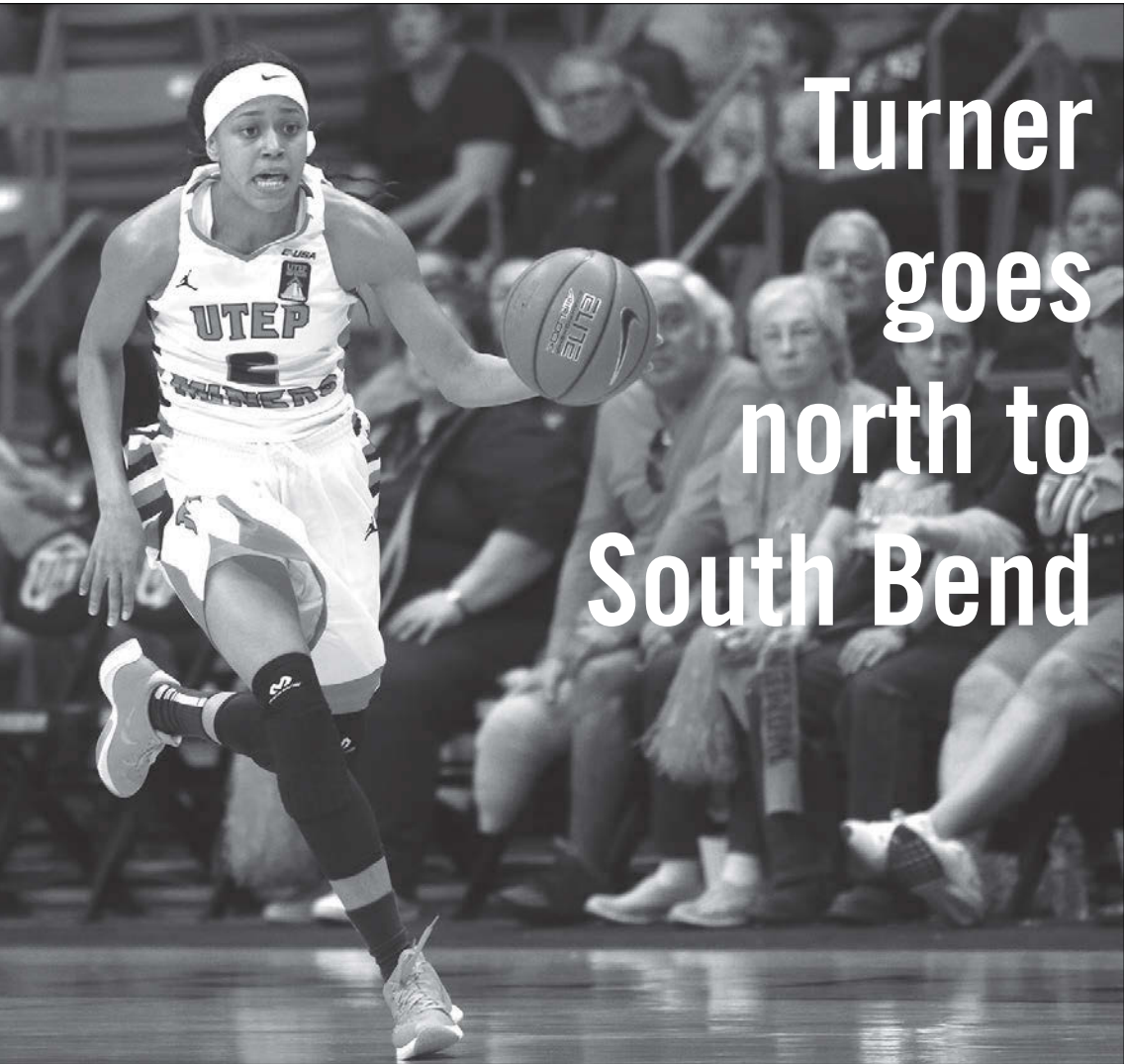


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Turner goes north to South Bend

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Former Miners’ guard Cameasha Turner will pursue a law degree at the University of Notre Dame.

BY ADRIAN BROADDUS

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It was just like any other day at the Foster Stevens Center as senior women’s basketball point guard Cameasha Turner was finishing up her workout. Little did she know that the events after practice would change her life.

As she flipped through her phone after her routine workout at the practice facility, Turner received an email from Notre Dame University,

where she had applied to law school. She took a deep breath and clicked on the email, which congratulated her on her admittance.

This was the goal she had envisioned for herself from the first day she got to UTEP. She wanted to play college basketball at the Division I level and then go off to a prominent law school.

“My heart dropped,” Turner said. “It was a bittersweet moment. I wasn’t expecting it, but also wasn’t counting it out. It was just the feeling

of all my hard work paying off and it actually come into reality. I was kind of excited, but shocked at the same time.”

According to Turner, the message was extra sweet since she had just been practicing at the facility that gave her back so much.

“It was a coincidence being there and finding out,” Turner said. “I was like basketball-Notre Dame—I found out I got accepted after playing basketball, so it was pretty cool.”

Now, Turner will graduate from UTEP with a degree in criminal justice on May 14. During the span of her four years, she believes that all her goals were surpassed on and off the court.

“The only disappointment was not making it to the NCAA Tournament, but overall I’ve reached goals that I never thought I would achieve,” Turner said. “The one goal I set out for myself was being a student athlete, that’s what I prided myself on. I did that for the most part, so it was a blessing in both ways.”

During the span of her four years on the Miners’ basketball squad, Turner experienced the best and worst parts of the team.

She had playing time as a true freshman in the 2012-13 season and appeared in 28 games as a key off-the-bench player. The impressive start to her collegiate career translated to her sophomore season. Turner started in 36 games and was labeled as the best defender on the squad. This season was even more impressive due to the WNIT championship run that the squad had.

Although she went through a high during her sophomore year, her junior year was a slump for the team. Jenzel Nash and Chrishauna Parker, two major assets on the team, were sidelined for the season, which left the reins in Turner’s hands. She led the team in points per game (15.0) and rebounds per game (6.0).

Her senior year was the most noteworthy. She was second on the team for points per game (13.1), led the team in field goal percentage (.495) and minutes played (30.5). She contributed heavily to the Miners’ perfect home record during the regular season and helped achieve their regular season Conference USA first place title.

Turner described her time playing basketball for the Miners in one word: perfect.

“All the fans coming out to every game and sharing special moments with me—it meant everything to me to go out there and play,” Turner said.

And, Turner credits a lot of her success in her collegiate career to head coach Keitha Adams.

“She [Adams] believed in me when I didn’t even believe in myself,” Turner said. “Her beliefs, the coach she was and who she was off the court helped me and inspired me. It made me believe that I can do this and I can do anything I put my mind into.”

Even though she will not be putting on a Miners’ jersey again, Turner will not abandon her basketball roots and plans to continue to play during her free time.

“When I went to visit Notre Dame last week, I played a pick-up game,” Turner said. “I’m still going to work out and join one of the intramural teams they have out there. I’ll still be playing and staying sharp.”

She believes that basketball can serve as an outlet for her future busy lifestyle and study schedule.

“Going to law school and being able to get away, sweat a little bit, relieve some frustration and get away for a while and play the game I love is a blessing to me,” Turner said.

Her goals when she first got to El Paso were all met. Now, she has new goals she has set for herself going into law school.

“In law school I want to maintain a high GPA, get better at learning about the law and what it takes to be an attorney,” Turner said. “After law school, I want to practice law and become one of the top defense attorneys in the United States.”

Turner also wants to one day own a law firm and in the later future become a judge. She is aspiring to go into criminal law after Notre Dame.

“The ultimate reason for what I’m doing is to take my family and the situation they’re in and give back to them,” Turner said. “I want kids from back home to understand they can do what I’m doing. I want to be an inspiration to the people back home and make my mom proud.”

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INBRIEF

FRESHMAN BREAKS 33-YEAR OLD TRACK RECORD

In her race on Saturday, April 30, freshman standout Tobi Amusan clocked the fourth fastest 100-meter hurdle time in the world in 2016 and broke the program’s record at Kidd Field with a time of 12.83. The sub-13 second run is the second-fastest time ever ran by an athlete under the age of 20. She ranks second nationally and is the fastest active Nigerian hurdler. Her time also clocked in as the fastest amongst Conference-USA.

THREE MINERS SIGN NFL CONTRACTS

Former Miners football players Roy Robertson-Harris, Cedrick Lang and Kelvin Fisher Jr. all signed to respective NFL franchises to continue their careers in football. Robertson-Harris was picked up by the Chicago Bears, Lang signed a contract with the New York Giants and Fisher Jr. was aquired by the Pittsburgh Steelers. Robertson-Harris was a three-year starter for the Miners and finished the 2015 with 51 stops (27 sacks/24 assists). Fisher Jr. filled a strong role in the defensive back position totalling 33 tackles in 2015. Lang, who was a converted football player from basketball, played in all 12 games and caught 11 passes for 72 yards.

BASKETBALL INKS TWO AND LOSES TWO

Forward Josh McSwiggan and center Brodricks Jones announced last week they will leave the Miners’ basketball program. This marks four departures from the team during this off-season with Lee Moore and Christian Romine also announcing they would be leaving. Jones played in 16 games off the bench, while McSwiggan had to sit out for the 2015-16 season due to elligibility issues. During the off-season, the Miners aquired a 7-foot-1 giant in Roman Silva and a guard with Chris Barnes. The addition of Silva will mark three seven footers on the team—Kelvin Jones, who was a redshirt freshman, and Matt Willms, who was injured all last season.

CHIHUAHUAS RETURN HOME AFTER SERIES SPLIT

After splitting the series with Fresno over the weekend, the El Paso Chihuahuas (10-12) will return home to Southwest University Park to face Las Vegas. They will play a four game series against Las Vegas beginning on May 2. They will be at home all week up until Sunday, May 8. Against Las Vegas, the Chihuahuas will be battling against pitcher Gabriel Ynoa (1-0, 1.48).



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Seniors say farewell in track and field and softball



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1. Track and field head coach Mika Laaksonen is awarded flowers on senior day. 2. Runners Evans Kiprono, Daniel Cheruiyot, Cosmas Boit and Jonah Koech race on Saturday, April 29. 3. Sven Zellner, Daniel Tarango, Tommy McCoy, Carnell Horn and Brianna Love are recognized in the Miners' final meet. 4. Freshman Tobi Amusan clocked in the fourth fastest 100-meter hurdle run (12.83). 5. Former Miner Jallycia Pearson continues to train for the olympics.





6. Kawehiokalani Netane is adorned with Hawaiian leis with her family. 7. Pitcher Taylor Grohmann hugs Netane for her last game at Helen of Troy Softball Complex.  
8. Lindsey Sokoloski passionately hugs outfielder Jade Rodriguez. 9. Seniors pose with family members and their commemorative jerseys before their matchup against North Texas.

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# Softball clinches a spot in the C-USA Tournament



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**Women's softball** is tied for first place in the Western Division of Conference USA and clinched their spot in the tournament.

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The Miners' softball team made history on Sunday, May 1, by clinching their spot for the Conference-USA Tournament and winning their 13th conference game of the season at home. This year's Miners have seen the most wins in school history as they went up against the North Texas Mean Green.

The 6-3 win over North Texas has more significance than simply setting a new school record. With this

win, the Miners (22-28, 13-8 C-USA) are tied for first place in the West Division of C-USA with UAB (23-28, 13-8 C-USA). This is also the first time since 2010 that the Miners have made the conference's post-season tournament.

"We are tied for first and it's a good spot for us," head coach Tobin Echo-Hawk said. "We just have to make sure we take care of business next weekend (at Southern Miss). It's nice going into that last weekend a little relaxed instead of having to do so much. It's a different feeling that we've never been through, so I think the kids are going to enjoy it and when they're loose and relaxed, they play better."

Although they took care of business at the end, the Miners were at a 1-0 disadvantage early in the first inning. Rhylie Makawe of North Texas slugged an RBI down center field to send Makenzi Dawson home for the first score of the game. Early on, sophomore Courtney Clayton placed herself in the Miners' history books, setting a new school record for most hits in a season (74). UTEP prevailed

with the bases loaded as Danielle Pearson knocked the ball out toward left field for an RBI, and that gave Clayton the run to tie up the game, just after making her record-setting accomplishment.

"This weekend had so many emotions with senior weekend and going to the conference tournament," Clayton said regarding her record-setting hitting. "I feel blessed to play for a school like UTEP, I'm thankful my name is in the record, but I'm excited for these next games and next two weeks with the seniors"

At the bottom of the second after Clayton doubled, Kiki Pep hit an RBI to send Clayton to her second touch at home plate and take the 2-1 lead.

North Texas didn't go away easily and made back-to-back scores in the third inning by Dawson and Makawe to slide in a 3-2 lead for the Mean Green.

The Miners from this point on would fly away with this game. An RBI by catcher Linda Garcia led to Pearson evening the game at three points. In the bottom of the fifth inning, Garcia put a stamp on the game after Smith singled to first and Garcia slammed one out of the ball park to left field for a home run and a 5-3 advantage. The killer instinct of the Miners' offense kept this game rolling as junior Taylor Sargent punished the ball for another home run for the Miners.

"We had to do what we had to do to get the wins; it's a great feeling to win as a team," said Garcia, who tallied three RBIs for the team. "I had a rough week hitting in practice, but I just went into this weekend to relax, trust the process and the results came for me. I just have to continue to work harder every day and push until we get what we want."

The game served as a special reflection for the seniors, who would put on their jerseys for the last time.

"Our season had big moments," Echo Hawk said. "Pearson had clutch hits, Jade had clutch hits—it's nice to see the seniors go out on a win. These kids keep fighting and really push through and we're tied for first—we have to make sure to take care of business next game."

The emotion was heightened for the seniors on Sunday, with Jade Rodriguez, Morgan Rasmason, Danielle Pearson and Netane Kawehiokalani taking part in their final home game at the Helen of Troy softball field.

"My career here was amazing—from where we first started and to where we are now has been an amazing journey," Pearson said. "It hasn't hit me that it's almost over. I'm more excited that we're making it to the tournament and tied for first. Being a part of this team that we've built in four years, all the bonds and relationships is what I'm going to miss the most."

The last games for the Miners will be at Southern Miss starting Saturday, May 7. They are competing for a top seed in the West Division.

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