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## MINERS READY TO BOUNCE BACK

AARON JONES RETURNS TO TEAM AFTER INJURY

BY JASON GREEN

The Prospector

The 2015 season was unique for the UTEP Miners football team with numerous players being lost for the season due to injury. Junior running back Aaron Jones had seen injuries like this happen to people around him, but apart from a three game stretch during his senior year at Burges High School, Jones had never really faced much adversity himself.

That all changed on a Saturday afternoon last September in Lubbock against the Texas Tech Red Raiders. Not long after reeling off a school record 91-yard touchdown run, Jones was carrying the ball when he planted his foot to pivot and felt a pop in his ankle.

"Initially when it happened, I didn't think I was going to be out for the season because I had felt that pain before. I got up and tried to run off on my own and couldn't and thought it was just a high ankle sprain," said Jones.

That pop that Jones felt was ligaments tearing in his ankle and it would end his 2015 season after only two games and a total of 209 yards rushing. This after a sophomore season that saw him amass 1,321 yards on the ground and 11 touchdowns which would land him on every preseason award watch

list of any importance before the disappointing 2015 year.

The team spent the rest of the season searching for a solid rushing option out of the backfield, never fully being able to replace the talent of Jones.

"It was devastating. It was devastating to the team. It was devastating because we did not have a lot of depth there because of injuries and those types of things," head coach Sean Kugler said.

If the team and coaches were down following the injury to Aaron Jones, the one person on the field feeling it more than anyone else was more than likely Jones' twin brother, linebacker Alvin Jones.

"I was hoping he was ok. He limped off the field so, I was like, 'He'll be fine.' But, after the game it set in that he tore ligaments and was out for the season - I really didn't know what to do. I was just really sad," Alvin said.

Immediately following the injury, the football team went back to practicing and preparing for the next week's game at New Mexico State. Aaron Jones had surgery on his ankle and moved into his parents living room temporarily, where his parents would make sure that he was eating right and taking his medication as prescribed.

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From the other side

BY ERIC VASQUEZ

The Prospector



I was a college football equipment manager and I didn't even like football. Really, I've only seen "Friday Night Lights" once on TNT and didn't see the end because I forgot to go back after the commercial break. I can't name you five professional quarterbacks besides Romo, but that's default information living in El Paso. I don't own a single NFL jersey.

But I did spend the last four years shining helmets and washing jerseys—among other things I repressed—and because of that I have gained a certain respect for the team.

We can go on about their losing record, their three-quarter stamina or their habit of bouncing between killer performances against titanic teams like Oklahoma and Texas Tech and barely-scrape-by wins or outright losses against Louisiana Tech or Old Dominion. But just how the televised game shows you a fraction of the total game by continuously following the ball there is a lot about the Miners that doesn't get enough credit.

Take for instance the stamina players must have throughout the week just to make it to game day. The earliest classes UTEP offers begin at 7 a.m. By that time, a player will already have his ankles taped, is dressed for practice, and would be in a pre-practice meeting to learn what the 8 o'clock practice will focus on. Practice ends around 10, after which a handful of players head out with the strength coaches to lift weights, some shower and go to class, and still others either get some time to rest or head to the MAAC to complete their weekly mandatory study hours.

From here, their day changes from going to class, getting treatment for whatever injury they received during practice, going to their weights and conditioning sessions and position meetings. On an average day their obligations have been met by 6 in the afternoon, and then there's studying to do.

Oh, and then there's the weekend.

On Fridays, after regularly scheduled practices, the team is essentially pulled out of society for home games or flown to the city for away games. Meetings, treatment and house arrest awaits them on both occasions, with pregame meetings taking place Saturday morning before heading to the stadium. After the game, win or lose, broken bones or none, the team is free for the night by 10 p.m. and is expected to report the next day at noon for a film review of the game to begin prep for next week.

You must realize that as the season goes on, their schedule remains the same. They are expected to be on time to Sunday meetings, weights and treatment, whether they are heading for a bowl game or trying to scrape their first win—all while earning a degree.

There is nothing societally intrinsic about football, or college sports for that matter. These players play the game because enough students at the university think it is important enough to spend money on. So while the option to play football is available to help pay for school, these athletes put in a hell of a lot of work to play 60 minutes of football a week to entertain you on Saturday night.

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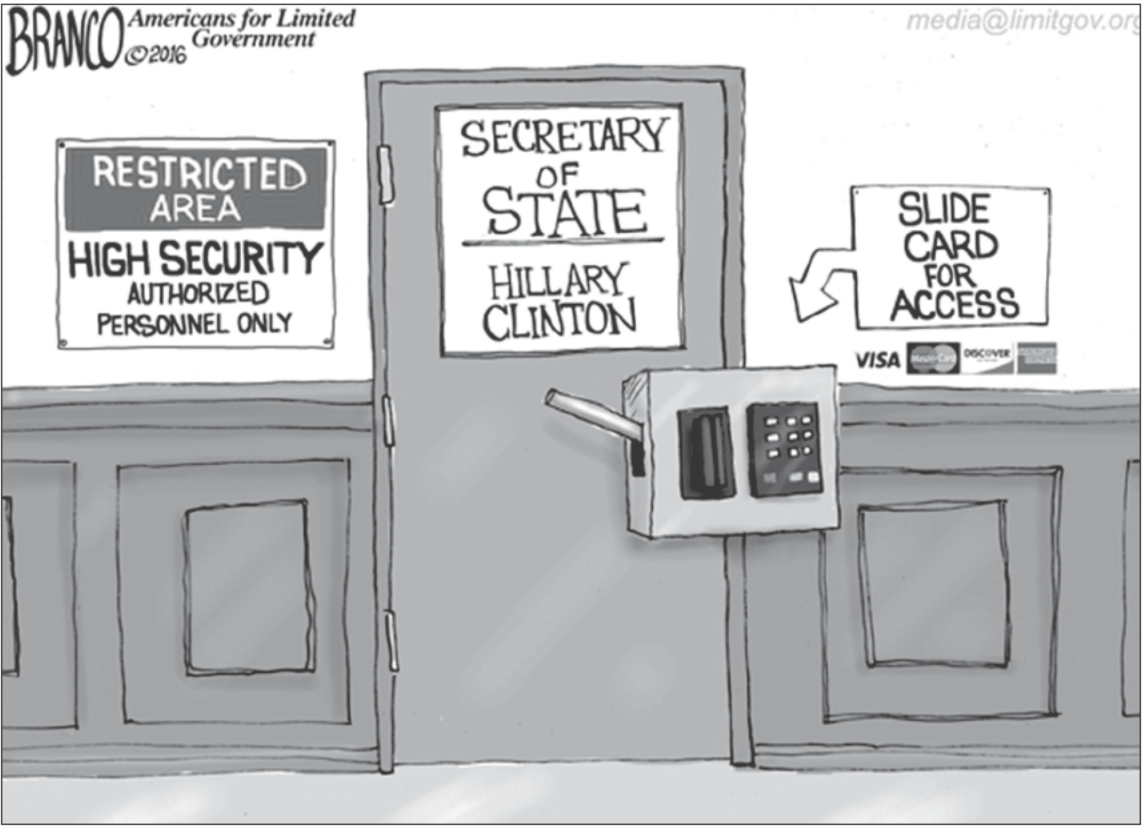
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College Assistant Migrant Program awarded \$2.1 million



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The U.S. Department of Education awarded UTEP with a five-year grant for students who come from migrant and farm worker families.

BY RENE DELGADILLO
AND GRECIA SANCHEZ
The Prospector

UTEP was awarded a five-year grant of \$2.1 million from the U.S. Department of Education to help students who come from migrant and seasonal farm worker families to better accommodate them in the college life experience.

“The idea is that we want the students to get a really solid first year at the university to prepare them for continued success in their next years at UTEP,” said Dorothy Ward, director of the Entering Student Program and CAMP’s principal investigator.
The school tuition of these students is not paid by the \$2.1 million grant. Students are still responsible for applying for financial aid, but the program does offer other financial support for them as well as different workshops and tutoring support services.

“We have a laptop loan program, we will provide some school supplies to help them get started at the university, and there is the possibility that if they wish to live on campus we can provide some campus support,” Ward said. “We’ll have field trips and on-campus activities that we’ll do as a group, and will we give different kinds of workshops to help them learn and explore career options and campus engagement opportunities.”
CAMP is looking for students who can meet the program’s criteria so they can offer them a different type of school support. First-year UTEP stu-

dents with a full-time schedule and who are part of migrant and seasonal farm worker families are encouraged to apply.

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- Dorothy Ward,
CAMP principal investigator

Laura Sariñana, a student who graduated with a degree in electronic media and public relations in 2013, said CAMP helped her socialize with other students on campus.
“Almost everyone at the program were first-generation students at college from their families so we had other people at the same boat understanding what we all were going through,” said Sariñana. “We were able to help one another in a healthy way by talking to one another, having study groups, going to networking events, traveling together, etc.”
Ward said the last grant that the UTEP CAMP received ended in 2012,

which left the program without funds to help its students: but, with this year’s funds she said the program can get back on track.
“I’m very excited! It allows the university to support students who are from migrant farmer work families in a way we haven’t been able to support them for the last few years,” Ward said. “It is really exciting to have that money to really support the success of students.”
Ward said for this first semester of the program, CAMP will be accepting 20 students and that the program will be helping at least 152 students for the next five years. Out of those students, eight of them can receive a total of \$550 each month for a student dorm if the student demonstrates the need for assistance. Students must still cover deposits and any other costs.
Óscar Núñez is an accounting major who graduated in 2003, and he said he has kept the good study habits mentors at the CAMP Program taught him.
“The CAMP Program gave me guidance, study habits and a better approach to college throughout my freshmen year,” Núñez said. “They taught me how to register for classes; they gave me feedback about professors at campus; they also gave me opportunities to network with other students I could rely on. I could always ask them my doubts and they were always there for me.”
For more information on how to apply for CAMP, visit utep.edu/CAMP or contact Dorothy Ward at 747-8431.
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FREE FITNESS PROGRAMS

Miners will have a chance to try out the Bridge to Fitness Programs for free. The programs available during the week include various types of yoga, kickboxing, conditioning and other workouts. Registration for the paid programs begin on Aug. 1 at the Student Recreation Center room 102B.

‘EL SUEÑO’ FILM SCREENING FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE WEEK

On Thursday, Sept. 1, Union Cinema will show “El Sueño” at 6 p.m. The film follows two undocumented immigrants whose parents are killed while crossing the border. Chicano Studies and the Center for Inter-American and Border Studies are sponsoring the event.

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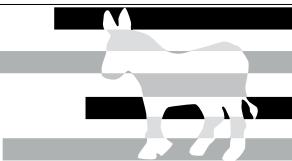
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YOUR NEXT PRESIDENT



Trump remains the focus of Clinton’s campaign

BY CHRISTIAN VASQUEZ  
The Prospector

Presidential nominee Hillary Clinton has a 90 percent chance to win according to the New York Times, but her recent success can be attributed toward her focus on the dangers of Donald Trump and less so on her own platform and appeal.

The back and forth between Clinton and Trump is focused primarily on Clinton responding to Trump and his latest speech. The mainstream media glances over Clinton’s own scandal with a collective “meh” when compared to Trump’s tweets and promises.

Although there are 72 days until the election, that is a long time in the world of politics and many things can be revealed that may sway the election to one candidate or another. Currently, however, the candidate most likely to be our next president is receiving far less media attention.

An investigation by the AP has recently found that 84 out of 155 civil-

ians Clinton has met with when she was Secretary of State were donors to the Clinton campaign.

The Clinton campaign and other major media outlets criticize the AP report for what they call “cherry picking” since the investigation ignored meetings with state and foreign government officials. But, the AP said that meetings with officials were likely to happen anyway. The focus of the investigation was who she chose to meet with, rather than who she was obligated to as Secretary of State.

While there is no evidence of quid pro quo, meaning there doesn’t seem to be any actions taken by Clinton because of those meetings, it does reveal the process in which individuals with money have personal access to politicians and also brings into question how influenced Clinton was as Secretary of State.

Questions of influence is not a new criticism of Clinton, and recently she responded to her critics by promising if she is elected president, the Clinton Foundation will no longer

accept foreign donations and will move some programs to other organizations. The Clintons have also promised to leave the foundation, but their daughter Chelsea Clinton will remain on the board.

The investigation does not reveal anything unusual for Washington; people with money get access to politicians. This issue is not new and is what Bernie Sanders brought up in his presidential run. But because Trump is consistently outrageous, the conversation that was taking place during the primaries died out and was replaced with Trump’s latest off-ending tweet or another re-tweet of a white nationalist.

Trump has recently alluded to drastic changes in his immigration policy. In Austin, on Fox News Show “Hannity” (Sean Hannity has recently become one of Trump’s advisors), Trump discussed how hard deportation is on families and suggested that he will consider changing his stance on policy.

He started by asking the audience if they prefer to “work with” undocumented immigrants who have been in the country for 20 years or to deport them all. The audience surprisingly cheered louder for “working with” the undocumented, but there also was a lot of booing and angry outbursts at the idea. Trump replied to those who wish to deport every undocumented person by saying he plans to deport undocumented who have a criminal record; “on that, we agree on,” he repeated, which gave the impression that he does not agree with deporting everybody.

This is a stark difference from the stance he ran on that included a deportation force that would focus on finding and deporting undocumented individuals.

In typical Trump fashion, by Thursday that week, Trump said on CNN that his policy has not changed. Kelly-Anne Conway, his new campaign manager, told CNN that his deportation force is “to be determined.”

His change in rhetoric might just be an attempt to gain more minority voters, with whom he has had a hard time in the polls.

Last Friday, Aug. 19, Trump spoke in Michigan to a mostly white audience, explaining his message to the African-American community.

“You’re living in poverty, your schools are no good, you have no jobs, 58 percent of your youth is unemployed—what the hell do you have to lose?”

Meanwhile, Trump’s polls are 6.3 points under Clinton’s, according to realclearpolitics.com. His attempts at appealing to minority voters might harm him in the polls in his own party. In a recent polling by Fox News, Clinton has an 18-point lead in favorability in Trump’s own party, with Clinton’s score of 61 and Trump at 43.

According to Politico, Trump is losing in all 11 swing states, which are needed to win the election.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do you plan on attending a UTEP football game this semester?

CLAUDIA HERNANDEZ, NINA TITOVETS / THE PROSPECTOR



**JORGE HERNANDEZ**  
Freshman nursing major  
“Probably not because I have family problems at home and we have financial problems. It’s mostly financial problems that is keeping me away from these activities.”



**MITZI PEDROZA**  
Junior speech/language pathology major  
“I will be going to the football games, because they are a lot of fun and you get to show your school spirit and pride.”



**SERGIO MORENO**  
Freshman political science major  
“Yes, because I think they are going to be more intense than high school football games. I also want to get the full college experience.”



**MANUEL ALVARADO**  
Junior nursing major  
“I do plan on attending the UTEP football games because they’re fun and I’ll get to hang out with people.”



**KARYNA BORBOA**  
Freshman commercial music major  
“No I don’t plan on attending, because I’m not big on sports.”



**DIANA ALVAREZ**  
Junior education major  
“Yes I will be. I want to be more involved with my school.”



**DANTE AMATO**  
Sophomore civil engineering major  
“No, because they never advertise their games.”



**CELESTE OROZOCO**  
Senior speech/language pathology major  
“I do plan on going to the UTEP football games. They are a lot of fun especially being around other students.”



**ANDREA RICO**  
Freshman nursing major  
“Yes, because I want to experience the football spirit. I always think it’s really fun to attend football games.”



**LARRY DIAZ**  
Freshman kinesiology major  
“Yes, because I want to support our team.”



# UTEP student awarded NAACP scholarship



Freshman forensic science major Julia Clarice Cartwright receives a scholarship from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

GABY VELASQUEZ / THE PROSPECTOR

BY CHRISTIAN VASQUEZ  
The Prospector

The El Paso branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held its fourth-annual Freedom Fund and Award Banquet on Saturday, Aug. 27. The NAACP gave out two scholarships to local students as well as three awards to prominent El Paso members of the community, and during the event, UTEP's Black Student Union helped people register to vote.

The scholarships were given to Julia Clarice Cartwright of Parkland High School and Amanda Elizabeth Acosta of Eastwood High School.

“I always had a lot of free time, and I thought doing something would better than staying at home doing nothing, so I got myself involved a lot

— Julia Clarice Cartwright, freshman forensic science major

Cartwright is attending UTEP with a major in forensic science with future plans to become a dentist, and Acosta will be attending Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, where she is majoring in forensic science and psychology.

Cartwright was a part of the National Junior Honor Society, and received the Daughters of the American Revolution Award as well as two certificates of recognition from Congressmen Beto O'Rourke. She was also involved in various community services such as the Salvation Army, Candlelighters and volunteered at homeless shelters.

Cartwright said her mom was very involved in her life and was the bearer of the good news and talked about what drove her to community service.

“I always had a lot of free time, and I thought doing something would better than staying at home doing nothing, so I got myself involved a lot,” said Cartwright. “Which actually helped me out later on in college. I'm really grateful.”

She picked UTEP because it was close to home and plans to use the scholarship to pay for her books. She is not involved in any extracurricular activities yet, but plans to join the NAACP soon.

“I'm actually involved in fencing and I'm trying to find the fencing club at UTEP,” said Cartwright “It's huge, I get lost a lot.”

The theme for the banquet was “Our lives matter, our votes count,” and was aimed at bringing notice to see SCHOLARSHIP on page 6

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the police brutality that has occurred throughout the African-American community as well as discussing the power of the vote. Keynote speaker Carmen Williams, the Southwest regional director of the NAACP, spoke about the NAACP's fight for social justice.

"I just heard you acknowledge a long list of elected officials that many of you put in office. Elected officials walk into a room and we stand back as if the harp angels are singing," Williams said. "We elected people to represent us. To take our voice and move it forward. We elected them to stand up for those things that we believe in. But we forgot to hold them accountable."

Darrien Broadnax is a senior majoring in kinesiology and is a member of the Black Student Union. He spoke about the importance of voting and bringing the El Paso community together.

"We are trying to push everybody in that direction because if you don't vote then nothing is going to change," said Broadnax. "Once you have a backing and once you have a following—we're all peers so there's no we're the leader you're the followers—you have a greater ground of power of multiple voices. Because we're the students and are just that great of a voice."

Bringing the community together was a dominant theme at the banquet. Greg Davis, the president of the El Paso branch of the NAACP, talked about the need to bring together all races and religions into the community.

Makeba Buggs, treasurer of the Black Student Union, said that the

BSU is not an exclusive organization and that people of all races and creeds are welcome.

"I know a lot of people are like 'Oh, I can't join because I'm not black,' but our last vice-president was Hispanic," said Buggs. "Yes we're called the Black Student Union, but we're also here to educate people on black lives—what we've been through, our history—and not only educate but work with other minority groups to build a relationship to help grow."

The Dr. Aaron Nixon Award was bestowed to Pierre Boynton, a member of the El Paso branch of the NAACP, for being highly involved in the El Paso branch and outstanding community service.

The second award was the Fanny Lou Hamer Community Service Award and was given to Juliet McClain Hart for community service with the El Paso community.

The third award was the Dr. Martin Luther King Junior Humanitarian Award, which was given to Ousia D. Davis for being a benefit to the humanity of the community. Davis was the first African-American woman to serve in the El Paso courts and is a weekly columnist for the El Paso Times.

The Black Student Union's first meeting will be at noon, Friday, Sept. 2, at the Liberal Arts Building, room 222.

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OUR VIEW

## Juan Gabriel concert becomes a memorial



GABY VELASQUEZ / THE PROSPECTOR  
Juan Gabriel died Sunday, Aug. 28, in Santa Monica, Calif. the morning of his show in El Paso. Fans gathered anyway at the Don Haskins Center where the concert would have taken place to mourn his passing, and to celebrate his music and life.



# Are football games worth going to?

BY ANDRES GALLEGOS  
The Prospector

The UTEP football team ended their 2015 season 5-7 with no chances of a bowl game. This performance seemed to dissuade some students from spending their Saturday nights at the Sun Bowl.

The Kugler era began in 2013 with a disappointing 2-10 record, but then showed promise during the 2014 season with a 7-6 record, 5-3 in conference.

Even if the football team is not doing well, the general feeling seems to be that most students enjoy the game-day atmosphere. Alejandra Gamez, a graduate student in kinesiology, claims that as a graduate student, she doesn't really attend the football games, but did as an undergraduate.

"There's always school spirit at the games," Gamez said. "I liked the cheerleaders, the band, the half-time shows that they usually do."

There is a rousing energy that is prominent in the student section. Rebecca Mejia, a communication major, enjoys the electricity that is present during the games.

"The games are always exciting, especially the big games," Mejia said.

She refers to the games that seem to always surprise the crowd, like the Battle of I-10 against NMSU, or the 2014 Texas Tech game, where UTEP lost only by four points.

Ivan Vicencio, who is a marketing major, said there is a special kind of relationship between the team and the crowd.

"They both share an energy that drives them, either to play or cheer

better," Vicencio said. "Doesn't matter if they're not winning, it may be a tie or it may be a loss, as long as the game is entertaining."

Of course some would say that the enthusiasm of the game is enough. Erick Garcia, a mechanical engineering major, believes that a victorious football team would surely be more attractive than one that just tries.

"The only reason people would start going to games is if they start winning," Garcia said.

The Sun Bowl may not be packed with colors like other universities on football nights, but that may be because UTEP is a commuter school. At the end of the day, students find it easier to go back home.

Gamez added that even if the football team doesn't win, even if they don't reach their goal, the students who attend the games go not only to show support, but to have fun. The Sun Bowl's ambience is what the students go for. The food, the drinks, the cheers, the occasional sack of the other team's quarterback and the touchdowns are what everyone goes to savor.

UTEP's tradition and school spirit may not be as electrifying or important as other colleges, but it doesn't mean that it is not trying. The school is growing and there's nothing that can impede it from reaching that level.

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# FOOTBALL PLAYERS SHARE THEIR PREGAME PUMP-UP JAMS

BY ANDRIA GRANADO  
The Prospector

The pregame pump-up is a ritual: With no more time to practice, no more time for film, all that is left for the team to do is to relax and trust that they have done all they could to prepare them for the game. With a few minutes to prepare mentally, we asked the Miners what songs they queue up before it's time to go to work.

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## 1 GREGORY LONG

Position: Left tackle  
Classification: Freshman  
Major: Criminal Justice  
On his playlist: "Watch Out" by 2 Chainz, "On My Grind" by Eazy-E

## 2 WARREN REDIX

Position: Wide Receiver  
Classification: Sophomore  
Major: Multimedia Journalism  
On his playlist: Lil Uzi Vert, Childish Gambino, Chief Keef

## 3 DANTE LOVILOTTE

Position: Inside Linebacker  
Classification: Junior  
Major: Kinesiology  
On his playlist: Young Thug, Lucci

## 4 TERRY JUNIEL

Position: Wide Receiver  
Classification: Junior  
Major: Mechanical Engineering  
On his playlist: anything by J Cole

## 5 NICK USHER

Position: Outside Linebacker  
Classification: Senior  
Major: Communication  
On his playlist: The Game, Nipsey Hu\$\$le

## 6 WILL HERNANDEZ

Position: Right Guard  
Classification: Senior  
Major: Kinesiology  
On his playlist: "Sangre Azul" by Gerardo Ortiz, "6 a.m." by J. Balvin

## 7 ALVIN JONES

Position: Linebacker  
Classification: Junior  
Major: Communication  
On his playlist: "Shyrack Remix" by Montana 300

## 8 AUGIE TOURIS

Position: Tight End  
Classification: Junior  
Major: Creative Writing  
On his playlist: "Sympathy for The Devil" by The Rolling Stones, "Thunderstruck" by AC/DC

## 9 DEREK ELMENDORFF

Position: Left Guard  
Classification: Senior  
Major: Criminal Justice  
On his playlist: "Boom Boom" by Cumbia Kings, "Bricks" by Carnage and Migos, "Master of Puppets" by Metallica

## 10 CHRISTOPHER THUMMEL

Position: Offensive lineman  
Classification: Junior  
Major: Kinesiology  
Big Truck "Southside Da Realist"  
Big KRIT "King without a Crown"



**BY ERIC VASQUEZ**  
The Prospector

The Great American Rockabilly Riot held its fifth-annual show this weekend. Festival goers were able to check out more than 50 custom cars, motorcycles and vintage hot rods while bands played country, swing, honky-tonk and rockabilly, all genres that can be described with two words: upright bass. The mix of music, cars and people transformed Ascarate Park into a hub for El Paso's rockabilly culture.

Although the idea of slicking your hair up into a Travolta-esque pompadour may occur only around Halloween, for some, the look is a lifestyle. Ria Von Strudel is a pin-up girl. She fixes her hair up in sweeping curls and loves to wear high-waisted jean shorts and heels. For Von Strudel, a contestant in Rockabilly Riot's pin-up girl pageant, her style makes her feel power. "Being a pin-up is like being sexy and classy at the same time," Von Strudel said. "I like the feeling of being tough too."

Armando Burciaga grew up in El Paso and has been around cars all his life. He said that rockabilly is closely connected to the car culture associated with it, if not dependent on it.

"Your car was your pride," Burciaga said, gesturing to the lot of shining

automobiles around him. "But you had to know how it worked too. Too many kids roll up with these flashy cars but can't even work the radio."

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**- Ria Von Strudel**  
**Pin-up girl pageant**  
**contestant**

Burciaga is not far from the mark. Almost every car in the lot was supervised by its owner in a lawn chair a few feet away. Anyone wanting to talk about their car was not met with begrudging conversation and a wax rag, but a genuine dialogue about the car. Conversations went on about finding the shell of it in an abandoned lot in Juárez, or haggling with a specialized dealer in Colorado over a certain part he needed, and still

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**Two festival goers** swing to The Paladin. The band plays a country swing that allows dancers to triple step.

others about how long they've kept  
their car running since the '50s.

"El Paso has a deep car culture, believe it or not," said Michael John, one of the festival's organizers and owner of Dominic's Italian Restaurant. "There was this car called the Orbitron, this super futuristic car designed by Big Daddy Roth with a glass bubble as a hood that got lost and was found in Juárez of all places."

Next to some of the cleanest cars, several rusted up vehicles, looking like they belonged in the post-apocalypse, demanded attention. These were rat rods, a rebellion against the shining hot rods that only people with money could afford to keep up. For Burciaga, having a rat rod is a matter of pride. "It says 'Look, I can build a car by myself,'" he said.

The Great American Rockabilly Riot is the closest gathering of car

culture and rockabilly until you reach Phoenix, Ariz. and has people coming from as far away as California and Colorado to partake in the festivities. Although the night was cut short by Saturday's rainstorm in the last hour, El Pasoans and visitors alike were able to spend an entire day with people who share a common love of cars, tattoos and rockabilly music.

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# Gunslinger Greenlee adds experience to the Miners



JUNIOR STARTING QUARTERBACK ZACK GREENLEE PREPARES FOR HIS FIRST START WITH THE MINERS.  
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BY ADRIAN BROADDUS  
The Prospector

As he stepped on El Paso’s grounds for the first time, transfer quarterback from Fresno State, Zack Greenlee, did not leave his home state of California to be another number on a depth chart. Rather, the 6-foot gunslinger came to the Sun City to make a dif-

ference where difference needed to be made: at the quarterback position. It seemed like perfect timing and a perfect place for Greenlee. Back at Fresno State, the junior quarterback said he dealt with too many personnel difficulties with the program. He had battled all of the 2015 season for the starting gig, but did not receive complete playing time.

Here in El Paso, almost 1,050 miles from California, UTEP head coach Sean Kugler needed an extra option at quarterback. Entering his fourth season as head coach, Kugler expected to have three quarterbacks—Mack Leftwich, Kavika Johnson and Ryan Metz. However, Leftwich suffered a shoulder season-ending injury in the spring, and Metz and Johnson seemed to struggle throughout the two major spring games. Greenlee joined the mix at the perfect time. Through five months, Greenlee learned new offensive coordinator Brent Pease’s playbook, and continued to build relationships among his offense. In the winding down scrimmages and practices of August, Greenlee started working a lot more with the one’s and two’s, and he took the starting snaps for the team. “Greenlee is a great guy, a good quarterback,” junior running back Aaron Jones said. “He’s very accurate and a hard worker.”

Greenlee adapted to the spread and balanced offense that Pease brought in. The main thing that helped him stand out was his accuracy. “Zack Greenlee is our starting quarterback for 2016,” Kugler said. “It was a great competition and Miner fans are going to see both Kavika Johnson and Ryan Metz in different capacities. It was an overall body of work, consistency and presence. Zack won the job.”

It was as if Greenlee was still in Fresno State—he left a team where he was in a quarterback battle for an entire season, to a team that also required a quarterback battle. But this time, Greenlee came out on top. “He has experience,” Kugler said. “He has played in games, as have the other guys at one point. He brings a calmness, accuracy, things we’re looking for.” What is so surprising is the immediate connection Greenlee made with receivers such as Tyler Batson and Cole Freytag—two key components to the receiving core this season. Throughout training camp and summer scrimmages, the Greenlee-Batson and Greenlee-Freytag connection seemed so swift and as though it had been in place for a long time. Time and again, after practices and scrimmages, Freytag and Batson both expressed how much of an asset Greenlee is to the team. “I think he’s really thriving in it,” Batson said. “He opens it a lot for the receivers, so he’s helping us a lot.”

## A BATTLE TURNED TO A REVISING GAME PLAN

Although Greenlee got the starting job, the UTEP personnel has expressed their optimism of utilizing each quarterback—Greenlee, Metz and Johnson—one way or another. In fact, during the Miners’ last scrimmage of training camp on Saturday, Aug. 20, Johnson lined up at

the receiver position and even caught a deep ball. Kugler has never shied away from adding talent to the mix; so opposing defenses should not be surprised when they see two quarterbacks on the field. The idea also attests to the strength they have at the position. It seems as if the entire squad is confident that if one goes down for some reason, they can still pick things up with another quarterback. “I think we can win with all of our quarterbacks,” Batson said. “Each one of them has their own personal strengths and traits to help us win games. We can win with each one of them on the field.”

## A LOOK AHEAD

Now that the starting job is announced, all that’s left for the offense to do is tweak their imperfections and prepare for New Mexico State on Saturday, Sept. 3, at the Sun Bowl. Last season, it was Metz who rallied the Miners in a thrilling overtime win; however, this year it will be Greenlee leading the charge in preparation for the Aggies. “A lot goes into game week, game preparation, watching film,” Greenlee said. “I experienced that last year and it helped me. It will help me going forward.”

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# Fine-tuned UTEP team seeks bowl season

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The Miners head into the 2016 football season with a vastly different depth chart than they had this time last year. The team returns 13 of 22 starters to the roster and an influx of new talent and players returning from injury. Last season 17 players were lost, which has reshaped the roster and has the Miners looking to improve last year’s 5-7 record. Star running back Aaron Jones was injured during the second game at Texas Tech. Starting quarterback Mack Leftwich was lost due to a concussion at New Mexico State and then at other points during the season due to various injuries.

Although Leftwich will miss this whole season due to a shoulder injury, and back-up running back Treyvon Hughes will miss the entire year following a knee injury, the rest of the Miners’ roster is intact. Transfer quarterback Zack Greenlee from Fresno State secured the starting quarterback spot and running back Aaron Jones is healthy. The offense has a plethora of weapons at receiver with emerging freshman Eddie Sinegal in camp and the further improvement of senior wideout Cole Freytag. A beefed up offensive line will depend on the continued impressive play of center Derron Gatewood and right tackle Jerrod Brooks. With the offense spreading out three or four receivers each play, defenses will no longer be able to stack

eight men in the box against the Aaron Jones running attack. Expect Jones to eclipse his high of 1,321 rushing yards in 2014, if he stays healthy, with a stronger offensive line, a genuine passing attack and only six men in the box. On defense, the Miners return leading tackler, linebacker Alvin Jones (93 tackles in 2015), who will play in new defensive coordinator Tom Mason’s 3-4 defense. Several transfers are on Mason’s new defense, which means that the unit could be considered untested on the defensive line. The unit is experienced in the secondary, where sophomores Nik Needham and Kalon Beverly return at cornerback, as well as senior free safety Dashone Smith. Unlike last year when Beverly and Needham found themselves on an island in man coverage against some of the best receivers that the SEC, Big 12 and C-USA had to offer, Mason’s 3-4 difference will have the secondary in a zone the majority of the time. Smith, Beverly and Needham all finished the season with one interception each; but, in a zone defense, considering all three players’ intelligence and athleticism, there is no reason to think that all three should not improve on those numbers this season. **A look into the season vs. New Mexico State (Sept.3)** The Miners will open Saturday against the NMSU Aggies, who look like they may be without their own star running back, Larry Rose III. In last season’s amazing 50-47 overtime win by the Miners at NMSU, Rose rushed for 186 yards and a touch-

down in UTEP’s first game without Aaron Jones. Rose had minor hernia surgery and is questionable for Saturday’s game. **at University of Texas (Sept. 10)** In week two, the Miners will travel to UT Austin, with many UTEP fans expecting the team to shock the world and perhaps hasten Longhorns’ head coach Charlie Strong’s firing. With a new offensive coordinator of their own, a typically strong defense, the best freshman quarterback in the country and a loaded roster, it appears that the Longhorns could be the most improved team in the country this season. The last time that the Miners lost to the Longhorns in 2009, Texas went to the BCS Championship with a 13-1 record. They may not be that good this season, but it seems like they can stick it to the Miners come Sept. 10. **vs. Army (Sept. 17)** The next week, UTEP welcomes Army in a game in which the university hopes will pack the Sun Bowl because of its proximity to Fort Bliss. Army runs a triple option offense due to their lack of top quality players and should pose little problem for UTEP in what should be the team’s second win of the season. **vs. Southern Miss (Sept. 24)** In week four, the Miners will play typically strong Southern Miss at home and will catch the Golden Eagles at the Sun Bowl in a down year, and should run their record to 3-1 for the first time in Kugler’s tenure.

**at LA Tech (Oct. 1)** In week five, UTEP will travel to Ruston, La., to face the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs and head coach Skip Holtz, who has had the Miners’ number during his time with the Bulldogs. Even though star running back Kenneth Dixon has moved on, the Bulldogs will win and move the Miners record against La. Tech to 2-10-1 in the series. **vs. Florida International (Oct. 8)** Then, Miners are back home for an easy win against Florida International in front of the home crowd before an off week on October 15. **at UTSA (Oct. 22)** In the C-USA schedule, the Miners will travel to San Antonio to face UTSA, probably one of the worst teams in the nation. The last time the Miners were in San Antonio, the defense allowed just two first downs and 70 yards of offense. This game might not go that well, but the Miners should move their record to 5-2. **vs. Old Dominion (Oct. 29)** The team will find themselves bowl eligible following a hard-fought victory against a game Old Dominion squad at the Sun Bowl. Despite the game being back and forth, just like last year’s game in Virginia, the Miners should come out on top and get the much-coveted sixth win. **vs. Houston Baptist (Nov. 5)** A breather in the middle of the C-USA schedule comes on Nov. 5, when FCS team Houston Baptist visits. In the past few years, these games have not always been cake

walks for the Miners, but this is a totally different team and this one is all Miners. **at Florida Atlantic (Nov. 12)** The letdown comes the next week at Florida Atlantic, when UTEP should receive their third and final loss of the season. Brother of former Louisiana Tech quarterback Jeff Driskel, Jason Driskel, has a lot of options in the passing game and the long trip to Florida will prove to be too much for the Miners. **at Rice (Nov. 19); vs. North Texas (Nov. 26)** The team’s final two wins of the season should come on Nov. 19 in Houston against a very good Rice team as the Miners lock up the C-USA West. The Miners should also avoid a let-down against North Texas in their final home game on senior day and handily defeat the Mean Green as they prepare to head to the C-USA championship against Western Kentucky. The Miners are predicted to finish the regular season with a 9-3 record and face Western Kentucky in the C-USA Championship game. The team has shown in recent years that post-season play is not necessarily their forte and facing WKU’s high-powered offense will turn the championship game into an all-out shoot out. The Miners may lose the game, but wind up with a very nice consolation prize in the New Orleans Bowl on Dec. 17.

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Junior running back Aaron Jones will return against New Mexico State on Saturday Sept. 3, at the Sun Bowl Stadium.

It did not take long for two very important things in the football lives of the Jones brothers to take place. First, Aaron found out that he would be receiving a medical redshirt which would mean that he would gain back a year of eligibility. Not only would he have a year of lifting weights and working out before coming back in 2016 to punish the C-USA, he would also be back as a junior with his brother Alvin who had redshirted in 2013.

Second, Alvin decided that he would dedicate his 2015 season to his injured brother. "I always wrote 'AJ29' on my tape on my wrist and I guess I just played for him since he couldn't be out there with me," Alvin said. This may have been one of the most important decisions made all season, in football terms. Line-backer Alvin Jones would come out on a mission the very next week in UTEP's amazing 50-47 come from behind overtime win at NMSU.

Jones tallied a career-high 11 tackles and a career best five tackles for loss. Alvin's performance lifted the UTEP fans performance in his brother's absence but, more importantly, lifted his brother's spirits. "The way it ended, I'm over there crutching around. Just jumping around on one leg. It was a lot of fun. That was definitely a game to remember," Aaron said. Alvin Jones ended the season with a phenomenal 93 tackles. This Saturday, as New Mexico State enters the Sun Bowl, the UTEP fans will have their spirits lifted once again for a whole different reason. This time team captain and star running back Aaron Jones will once again be back on the field.

The bad part for the Aggies—and every other team on the Miners' schedule—is that Jones has spent almost a full year bulking up and adding even more speed. But, more importantly—according to Jones—is the learning that he has done on the sideline. "I got in the weight room and got a lot bigger," Aaron said. "I picked up a lot of football IQ, picking up the defenses—being there and watching the games, just watching the games, I picked up a lot of that." Alvin Jones is excited as a line-backer in UTEP's new 3-4 defensive scheme to have the team's star running back healthy once again.

"It makes my job a lot easier," Alvin said. "The defense is not going to be on the field as much. We're going to score a lot of points so, now I'm just worried about stopping people." When pressed for an answer as a proud brother and less as a football player, a smile came to Alvin's face. "I'm glad he's back. I'm his biggest fan," Alvin said. "I didn't like seeing him sitting on the sideline in his jersey last year. So now I'll see him out there scoring touchdowns and things like that—I don't think there's anybody more proud of him than me." The whole team seems proud to have him back. Kugler could not

be happier to have a proven leader and all around good person back to lead his team. "It's an emotional lift because he's a team leader," Kugler said. "When you lose a great player, you lose statistics and all of those things but, when you lose a great leader, you lose a lot more than that. He's one of the leaders of our team. He's the face of the program and having him back just gives everyone a lot of confidence, myself included." Jason Green may be reached at theprospectordaily.news@gmail.com.

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