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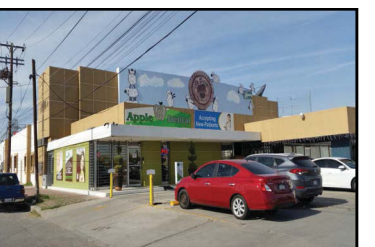
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OPINION

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College is not a sprint, it's a marathon

BY MIKE FLORES
The Prospector



Dropping a class is not something to be ashamed of in college. When everyone enrolls to become a Miner, they are allowed six drops throughout their college career. It's for a valid reason because some classes can sometimes just be too difficult.

There are many responsibilities with being a student, from deciding what to study for your future career, attaining the job, joining clubs that will benefit you and managing time between studying and handling all of the other priorities.

Out of high school, I had no idea what I wanted to study or pursue. I

ended up picking business, and it didn't work out for me.

So, I dropped two of the classes that I believed I had no chance of catching up with the work either mentally or physically. I was embarrassed to go through the process of dropping a class so early in my collegiate career, but in the end, everything worked out like it should have. Letting go of those classes helped me in many ways, but the biggest was how a 10-minute process saved my GPA.

An F in college can drop your GPA faster than you think. A student can earn five A's and only one F, and their GPA for that semester is not going to be as pretty as it could have been.

Other than saving my GPA, dropping classes helped with my other classes in the semester that I did keep. How? I could concentrate and put all my effort into the other subjects and dedicate my

time to boost my other grades. Instead of receiving a B or C, my final grades for my other courses turned into A's and I became a happy student.

The more people stress about letting go of a class that is required, the more stress they carry on their shoulders by not doing anything about it.

I would never encourage any fellow student to look forward to dropping classes, but if it is necessary and the process is needed, it's the right choice.

Students can prepare for the class they dropped for the semester after and get ready for what is in store, since the class was already taken before it was dropped. Summer classes are a great way to play catch up, and there are also Wintermasters and Maymasters. Just because a student could not complete the course their first go around does not mean it will be

like that forever, maybe timing is key in some cases.

It is important to talk to professors before actually going through with the dropping process. It could save a class from being abandoned because many professors like to work with their students and if they see that the effort is being made, most teachers will go the extra mile to lend a helping hand. It only takes a couple of minutes to email a teacher or meet them in their office.

The stigma around a person letting go of a class is that they are dumber than others, or that they won't graduate on time. Both are incorrect, an A is better the second time around rather than a C during the first go around.

College is not a sprint, it is a marathon. A better GPA in five years of college is much more rewarding than a lower, "let's finish as fast as we can" GPA.

The more time spent worrying about what others think is taking away from students' time of actually succeeding in their own productive way.

Just make sure to do something about any failing classes before the deadline has passed. For spring 2017, UTEP's drop deadline is March 30. And only do it if it is needed.

The simple step-by-step process of dropping a course is this: walk to the Mike Loya building and ask the front desk where the room is located for completing drops. Once you do that, just sign in and wait for the counselors to call you, then fill out the drop form and you're free.

Follow Mike Flores on Twitter @MikeyTheReal



Remembering
Srinivas
Kuchibhotla

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The Indian Student Association is joining various organizations to hold a vigil in honor of Srinivas Kuchibhotla at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at Centennial Plaza.

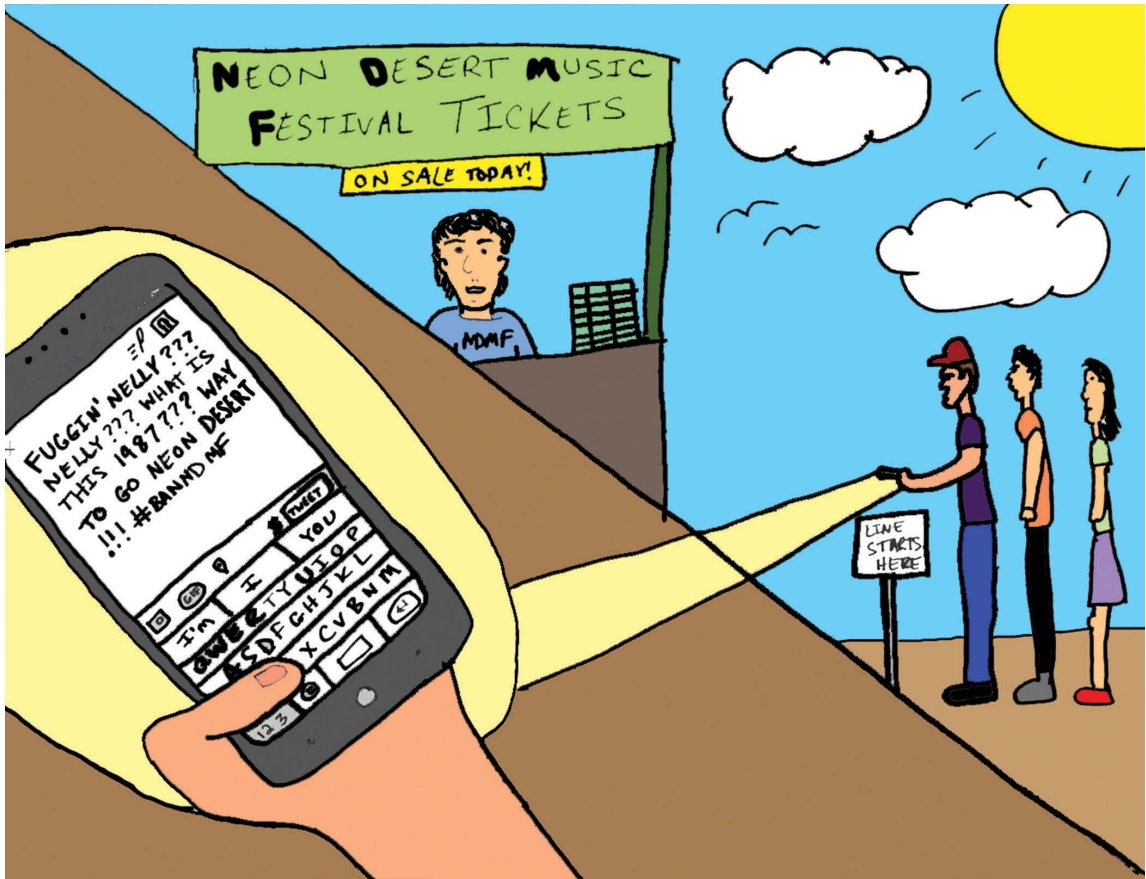
The UTEP alum was killed on Wednesday Feb. 22, during a hate crime in Kansas.

Kuchibhotla was 32 years old. He graduated with a master's degree in electrical and electronic engineering in 2007, while specializing in digital signal and image processing.

He was originally born in India and was now working for a GPS-making company in Kansas.

Kuchibhotla leaves behind his wife Sunayana and will be remembered as being loving, caring and compassionate to everyone.

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Alcohol Awareness Week events on campus

BY GRECIA SANCHEZ

The Prospector

Alcohol Awareness Week, March 6-9, is dedicated to educating students about the dangers of drinking and driving. Presented by the Office of Student Life, this year's Alcohol Awareness Week is focused on students choosing not to engage in negative behavior. All during the week, Miners will have the opportunity at various locations around campus to "Pick to Pass the Key" by taking a pledge not to drink and drive.

ADVANCEMENT SYMPOSIUM

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 7, University Suite, Union Building East, room 312

The symposium will offer a panel discussion about alcohol myths and facts, sponsored by Latino Alcohol and Health Disparities Research and the Collegiate Recovery Program. Screenings and interventions are available for interested students throughout the activity. There will also be free food and drinks and giveaways for all attendees.

RAISE THE BAR RESOURCE FAIR

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 8 at the Union Breezeway

Health organizations will be in the Union Plaza to talk with UTEP students about dangers of drinking and driving. There will be a raffle, food and interactive activities.

TV SHOW SCREENING AND DISCUSSION: MOM

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. March 8, University Suite, Union Building East, room 312

Two episodes of the show "Mom" will be screened. The show focuses on a mother and daughter who are both alcoholics ending recovery. There will be opportunities for discussion and free popcorn.

BRIEF ALCOHOL SCREENING INTERVENTION FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

8 a.m. March 9, Desert Canyon, Union Building East, room 102

Sponsored by the Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students, or BASICS, program.



MINDFULNESS MEDITATION FOR ALCOHOL WORKSHOP

10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. March 9, Acadia, Union Building East, room 102 A

Students can become mindful about the use of alcohol and how it relates to alcohol addiction in their lives. This seminar is offered by the University Counseling Center.

DIZZY IN LOVE: ARE YOU HAVING SEX ON THE ROCKS?

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 9, at the Cactus Flower, Union Building East, room 102 C

Hosted by the Healthy Miner Sex Positive Peer Education Program, this workshop will be about how alcohol relates to sex and how that may affect college students.

THE A-GAME ALCOHOL AWARENESS INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

3 p.m. March 9, Cactus Flower, Union Building East, room 102 C

The events on Thursday will end with an A-Game, an interactive activity for students to learn about alcohol in a fun, interactive and participative way.

ORANGE FRIDAYS COFFEE TOUR

9 a.m. to 11 am. March 10, at various campus locations

The coffee tour hosted by the Office of Student Life is being extended to multiple locations on campus as the ending event for AA Week. Students can receive free coffee and free spring break bags, filled with different items to utilize during their spring break week. For more information, contact the Office of Student Life at 747-5648.



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What was your craziest spring break?

CLAUDIA HERNANDEZ, ALONZO MARTINEZ, ANDREW RIOS, NINA TITOVETS / THE PROSPECTOR



ELEXESS FOUNTAINE
Sophomore civil engineering major
"By the end of the night, I realized that my heel was broken, I tried to fall asleep on the McDonald's bathroom floor."



AMY MEDINA
Senior electrical engineering major
"We went to Paris. It was the first time a lot of us were going abroad, so it was a new experience."



ANDREW DOMINGUEZ
Senior business economics major
"My family and I were in San Diego and there were these people next to us and they were completely naked and they were super drunk."



DANIELA GARCIA
Junior psychology major
"I told my parents I was going to spend the day with my friend at her house, but instead we took a trip to Albuquerque for the day."



CHRISTIAN ORTIZ
Senior geology major
"A friend convinced me to go to an observatory down by Fort Davis, Texas, party and it ended up just being a bunch of old people."



JUAN MARTINEZ
Freshman computer science major
"I had just turned 18 and decided to go to New York by myself. A lot of people were against the idea, but I went anyway and had an amazing time and experienced a lot."



KATHERINE DAVALOS
Sophomore biological sciences major
"My friend and I were at a party, a fight broke out in the middle of my friend. She actually ended up getting punched in the face on accident."



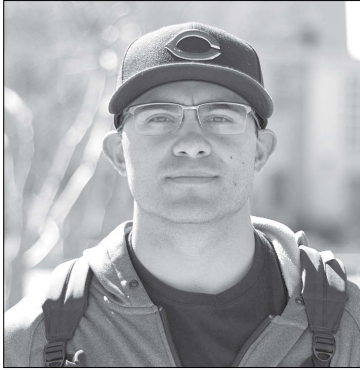
JULIE RUIZ
Junior psychology major
"My friends and I decided that we wanted to go to the beach. We cannot remember anything that happened. We ended up waking up in Ruidoso."



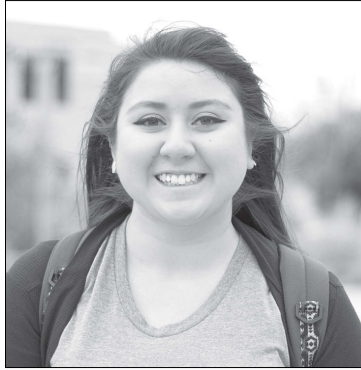
EDUARDO RAMIREZ
Junior electrical engineering major
"We went to Ruidoso and got very drunk. The funny thing was my friend jumped down the stairs because he thought he could fly."



FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ
Sophomore philosophy major
"I got so lit in Mexico City, I went like the whole week and with some friends and every day we got so lit, it was so crazy."



MATTHEW COSTA
Junior mechanical engineering major
"Me and a couple of buddies took a trip to South Padre Island. We had actually gone when Wiz Khalifa was there."



REBECCA GONZALES
Sophomore nursing major
"We were hiking (Ruidoso) and it started snowing and we had to cross a river all in the snow. It took us like an hour to get back home."



CARLOS DIAZ
Sophomore mechanical engineering major
"I spent four days straight out of the seven doing philanthropic projects. The other three days I spent sleeping."



ANJA MARTENS
Senior international business major
"My friend and I got super drunk, so I was basically looking out for her. My friend started basically making out with everybody in the bar."



ELISA RIVERA
Sophomore mechanical engineering major
"I went to Turkey to go skiing and I was at the top of the mountain. I ended up falling and rolling down like a thousand times and was left with a really big scar across my face."

University Police Department

Alcohol Awareness Week

Spring Break

March 6-10th

There will be several events in honor of Alcohol Awareness Week here on campus! Check facebook.com/utep policedepartment for a complete schedule of dates, times, and locations!

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

#MinersPickToPass

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WIN works to build network for female engineer students



One out of five engineering students at UTEP is female. Women In Engineering is preparing them in entering a male-dominated classroom and work environment.

BY MICHAELA ROMÁN
The Prospector

Microsoft recently conducted a study that found young girls in Europe become interested in STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) around age 11, but if the interest is not fully ignited in the ensuing four years, by age 15 their interest dies.

The study says a lack of role models play a part in this loss of interest. “Role models play a big role, not just as a mentor, but role models play the part in the mentality of an individual thinking ‘oh that person did it so I can too,’” said Patricia Nava, professor and associate dean of engineering.

Nava is one of the pioneers of support organizations for women engineers at UTEP. She’s now the director of UTEP’s WIN, (Women In eNginering). As a teaching assistant, Nava wanted to help female students in engineering. One of the reasons she was promoted to director was to help foster female engineers.

WIN is comprised of three organizations. WEST (Women’s Engineering Support Team), a venue of support for all female engineering department faculty, WIPP (Women Engineers in Professional Practice) and WINgineers, an organization for female students.

Last semester, WIN began hosting WINning Wednesdays, monthly interactive lectures conducted by female faculty and local female engineers in the industry, where items such as inclusion, anxiety and how to deal with emotions in a male-dominated field are discussed.

Nava said 20 percent of UTEP’s engineering students are female. This statistic has remained consistent for approximately 20 years. The percentage matches the average female engineer student enrollment nationwide.

“The only thing that made a big change was 40 years ago, when there was a lot of financial investment in trying to increase the number of women. That, of course, has now jumped off the radar completely,” Nava said.

Junior electrical engineering major Monserrat Salas chose to pursue electrical engineering because she always heard it was the hardest engineering concentration.

“I like challenges because I believe they train your brain and body to be better. Eventually, I ended up loving it,” Salas said.

“I strongly believe that it is not my gender that will make me successful in engineering. It is rather the effort I put into it and my ability to problem solve,

- Monserrat Salas,
junior electrical
engineering major

Salas is starting to get involved with WIN and enjoyed the last lecture on March 1. She said she thinks it’s important to network with new people and you never know when they might need you or you might need them.

“It’s also important for me to join in order to meet other female students and to support each other, hav-

ing only male friends can be awkward at times,” Salas said jokingly.

Senior mechanical engineering major Jocelyn Torres also chose to major in engineering because she knew she’d like the challenge.

“I’ve gotten used to the difference of men to women ratio and it doesn’t bother me. In fact, it makes me gain more confidence to prove that a woman is capable of putting ideas on the table and handling the job,” Torres said.

Miroslava Barua, WIN graduate student assistant director, plays an active role in setting up the lectures and services for WIN. She says it would be foolish for women to not prepare for certain situations in the workplace when they may deal with emotions differently.

One of the main benefits Nava and Barua have seen come out of WIN has been validating students’ fears as being more common than they think.

“Not just in engineering, in all higher education fields and it’s not restricted to women either. It’s called the imposter syndrome, where they think they’re the only ones that don’t belong or feel like they’re here, but someone is going to find out they shouldn’t be,” Nava said.

Nava says it’s not uncommon for females, even in her department, to experience discrimination working with so many males.

“Everyone has a handful of stories—how they’ve run into this head on. We had one (female) faculty member who was being treated dif-

ferently and being overloaded,” Salas said. “We gave her words to use and words to stay away from and she came back to report that she had a very good exchange after being worried about the backlash. I felt that was a real win in our column on being able to provide advice.”

Although Nava said that she hopes students don’t have to go through this, she wants to provide students with tools to communicate before it can become an issue.

“I strongly believe that it is not my gender that will make me successful in engineering. It is rather the effort I put into it and my ability to problem solve,” Salas said. “It is not only guys that are smart.”

Currently, WIN is looking into starting up an executive council of students. They want to have a student representative from each engineering department that will serve as a board member for WIN.

“Our absolute goal is to empower and engage students and we’re moving toward a more distributive leadership so we can also empower them,” Nava said.

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Your guide to staying safe and prepared this spring break



BY ADRIAN BROADDUS
The Prospector

Whether you're off twerking to "Bad and Boujee" at South Padre Island, hitting up the gigantic clubs in Cancun, where bottles of tequila are way underpriced or taking off to a more relaxed place for spring break, safety precautions should be maintained throughout students' designated spring break trips.

Let's be frank, spring break brings out the animal in the typical study-sleep-work-repeat college student, which makes them way more vulnerable when traveling or vacationing.

Traveling on the road

Here are some safety precautions to remember while on your spring break:

If it's behind the wheel or on a plane, some of the worst travel accidents or thefts come from simply getting to or coming from their destination.

When driving, it's important to take turns behind the wheel. Rotating driving responsibilities keeps everyone rested while the other passengers can man the aux cord. The shotgun rider must be the eyes and ears for the driver as well, so dozing off is not an option in the front seats. Even though the driver could be one of the safest drivers out there, it's always good to have two alert drivers who watch out for everything.

One important pre-driving measure is to ensure everyone in the car has a valid driver's license and the vehicle's registration and insurance are all up to date. This is especially true when driving in another country. Passports and birth certificates are also something important to haul along and

should always be kept in a safe place.

As dumb as it sounds, buying a map would be an added plus because something could always happen to a GPS device or phone, and it can be utilized as a sensible backup. It would also be smart to download an app that doesn't require internet such as Sygic GPS Navigation, Navmii, CoPilot Premium or Navigon.

Obvious precautionary tactics when driving are stashing valuables away from plain sight in a car. If it's that valuable, it might be a good idea to lock it up in the trunk.

Traveling by plane

Planes and airports are also a prime spot for vacation spoilers to occur. Never leave your baggage unattended when waiting around,

and if need be, take your baggage with you to eat or the restroom at the airport.

Taxis, subways or metro stations are also prime places for pick-pocketing, so it's important to stay aware of your surroundings. When using taxi alternatives, such as Uber or Lyft, make sure to watch the maps and if anything goes wrong or something suspicious happens with the driver, try to get out of the vehicle or call the police.

For those who have travel anxiety, a bad stomach or get motion sickness, one of the best supplements to bring along is Dramamine. Dramamine will not knock you out or make you feel euphoric in any sense, instead it simply calms you down and stabilizes all the movement going on.

Hotels

When checking into a hotel or an Airbnb, it would be wise to be as discreet as possible to avoid any sort of problems. Refrain from saying room numbers out loud for anyone to hear to avoid anyone knowing your exact location.

Another thing to note is to make sure all valuables are out of plain sight to avoid any theft.

ATM's

When pulling out money at the ATM, make sure to travel in groups to avoid any type of theft. A quick 360-degree scan can save you from being robbed or allowing your pin to get stolen. Always cover your pin number when putting it into the machine to avoid any identity theft. Bringing along an unfashionable fanny pack would also be a fun and easy way to carry around cash.

Drinking

Simply saying "drink responsibly" is like telling a baby not to

poop its diapers—you hope they don't do it, but eventually they will.

Make sure to go with a group of friends, who will have a sober monitor or someone who will minimize their drinking to watch over the group. Planning how much you will drink could save you the eerie and troublesome feeling of losing bodily functions or making poor decisions. Maintain awareness of the liquor and alcohol laws wherever your location.

One of the most important things when drinking is ensuring the safety of a drink. Leaving a drink unattended could lead to date rape drugs being slipped into the drink or any other sort of drugs. In a 2007 study by the National Institute of Health, reported that 89 percent of female undergrad sexual assault survivors claimed to have been drinking before their assault. This is not to hinder drinking habits or blame the girl in any way; but to make sure people are aware that these occurrences happen.

At the end of the day, if all else fails, make sure to follow the "come with your friends, leave with your friends" mentality.

In the water

What's a worse combination than a Taco Bell beefy five-layer burrito and a Mountain Dew for your stomach? Drinking, sun and water.

Drinking and sunshine and/or heat can lead to worse sunburns and an even worse hangover. Make sure to time your drinks and stay hydrated with water. Waterproof sunscreen can be your best friend, but apply it often.

Sex

It would be easy to say don't have sex, sex is bad, m'kay, but it just sounds like a dad talking to his daughter.

Our society's hookup culture puts peer pressure on individuals to feel they need sex, and can influence someone do something they don't want to. Nonetheless, ensure that you and your partner are 100 percent consenting to this activity. Silence, a belligerent drunk answer, or a no is not a yes. Consent must be a verbal commitment and can never be assumed.

Next up, it's extremely important to stock up on protection before going off on spring break trips. Ensuring the protection is properly intact is very important and can prevent STDs, pregnancies or any other diseases. Always carry condoms just in case.

The best way to go about this is by planning ahead. Know what your sexual boundaries are and make sure to stay true to those plans and ideals.

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Things to do in El Paso during spring break

BY **EDDIE VELAZQUEZ**
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1 El Paso Artist and Farmers Market

Every Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
As a year-round event, it is easy to overlook an El Paso institution such as the Downtown Artist and Farmers Market. However, its original approach to arts and genuine local vibe make it a great source for locally grown agricultural produce and a cultural reminder of the binational identity of the Sun City. Located on Anthony Street and San Antonio Avenue, the multipurpose space offers an environment that is friendly for all ages, with accessible activities for children and a great selection of food for everyone to enjoy.

2 DeadBeach Block Party

Saturday, March 11, from 3 p.m. to 1 a.m.
This free event will take place at 406 S. Durango St., where they will commemorate the release of DeadBeach's bottled beer to the public. The brewery will introduce five different 22-ounce beers. Additionally, the event will feature 17 beers on tap including four new flavors. Aside from the local brew, guests can expect live performances from local bands such as Great Shapes and Ribo Flavin'. Food from Kaedama Food Bus, Panini Bus and DeadBeach's Smoke Wagon Texas Craft BBQ will also be available.

3 Potter Pub Crawl

Saturday, March 18, from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.
For fans of the popular franchise, this Harry Potter-themed bar hopping experience is a fantastic opportunity to connect with other die-hard fans in El Paso. The pub crawl will start at Blackbird featuring Quidditch Pong. Hope and Anchor will be the next stop, featuring the Sorting Hat Drink. From there, attendees will travel to the Owl Emporium at The Hoppy Monk. Lastly, after a brief stop at Prickly Elder, the event will culminate at Rubik's Arcade with a costume contest. Pre-registration is \$5 (\$7 at the door) and it includes a themed beer koozie, exclusive drink specials and the opportunity to win special prizes throughout the night. For information on tickets and pre-registration, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/potter-pub-crawl-tickets-32427167531

4 Electric Social Showcase

Friday, March 17, 2017, doors open at 9 p.m.
Local label, Electric Social, will be showcasing some of the up and coming local talent at Lowbrow Palace. Local rapper Stan Z—who just released his newest LP—will headline the event, alongside 2017 Battle of the Bands winners Nico & The Silent Films. Indie veterans If We Were Turtles, Trost House and newly reshaped act Rose.Golden, formerly known as ANIMAL\$OUL, will round up the showcase. Tickets are \$5 at the door or can be purchased at: www.lowbrowpalace.com

5 Downtown Ghost Tour

Saturday, March 18, from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.
With the Wigwam Museum as its starting point, the Downtown El Paso Ghost Tour is a viable option to spend a chilly spring break night. As tourists spend the night walking the streets of haunted downtown El Paso, they will hear about the eerie symbolism in historic buildings and strange stories of yesteryear in well-known areas of the Sun City. For \$15, the tour will feature places such as the Wigwam Museum's basement and the Palace Saloon. For more information, Ghosts915 may be reached at 915-274-9531.

6 3 Artworks in 30 Minutes

The El Paso Museum of Art is showcasing the graphic work of local artists Kim and Therese Bauer as part of its "3 Artworks in 30 minutes" series. Education Curator, Elisabeth Sommer, will give a free tour detailing the exhibit located at the Dede Rogers Special Events Gallery. Kim, an associate professor at UTEP's Department of Art, focused on the printmaking aspect of this project, while Therese, a full-time lecturer for the same department, explored the different drawing techniques and materials used in this exhibit.

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Local thrift shop sets new trends

BY **LESLIE SARIÑANA**
The Prospector

A new trend has hit El Paso—pop-up shops. In trendy fashion, a pop-up vintage shop, Vintage Classis (stylized VNTGCLSSX) has opened up downtown at 115 N. Mesa St. VNTGCLSSX is owned by Ron Scott, Marisol McNeil and Patrick McNeil. Scott is a UTEP graduate with a master's degree in clinical


psychology. He is a third-generation "thrifter," which is inspired him to open up a vintage thrift shop. Patrick McNeil focuses on late-night social events and has even started his own production company. He is also heavily involved in the local music scene and is the owner of several businesses, including International, a bar downtown on Mills Street. "We've been dealing with that for years now (coming up with the

idea for the store), and it just felt like a right time to start a pop-up concept, which right now is pretty trendy," said Scott. The conceptual focus of the shop goes beyond just clothes. VNTGCLSSX offers a unique place to shop, but it's more than just a store. The concept behind VNTGCLSSX is creating an atmosphere where people can enjoy live music and drinks. "We wanted to incorporate a lot of that urban kind of conceptual art with what it is to go and shop around. But at the same time creating a social night scene and having a soiree kind of things, where they're gathered and having fun, and still at the same time shopping," Scott said.

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VNTGCLSSX opened March 3 and will remain at 115 N. Mesa until May.



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When you enter the shop, there are over 700 items out on display, but it's the art on the walls that catches your attention. The graffiti on the walls inside the shopping center distinguishes VNTGCLSSX from all the other shops around it. The shop is located a block away from San Jacinto Plaza.

Scott is working hard to reinvent the regular thrift shop and create something with a different environment.

"Me and my partner have been dealing with thrift clothing and vintage shopping and commemorate a bunch of different things,"

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We wanted to incorporate a lot of that urban kind of conceptual art with what it is to go and shop around.

—Ron Scott, part owner of VNTGCLSSX

Scott said. "We're planning on hosting events, having bands play and DJs, and things like that. We want people to come out and have fun and look at some clothes while they're at it."

Scott has been picking clothes for 14 years. His grandparents used to own a clothing store doing thrift sales in Mexico, and came to El Paso to collect vintage clothing.

"People don't realize that El Paso is a really big honey pot of vintage clothing. For some reason, there's a lot of clothes traveling through here within Goodwills, Savers and a lot of things that are happening downtown," Scott said.

"Handpicking, curating and collecting and really curating stuff that's individualized to a person's aesthetic is really the focus. It's not about what you have but how you wear it."

Being a pop-up shop that constantly changes locations helps them stay relevant and alluring. It's all about incorporating art and vintage clothes at VNTGCLSSX.

"The whole thing is about concepts and what we're trying to conceptualize to people, and I think we're doing a good job in terms of visualization," Scott said. "We want to bring people in that wouldn't necessarily think of this as their spot."

This is the first location of many for VNTGCLSSX. They had their grand-opening Friday, March 3. VNTGCLSSX will remain at the current location for a couple of months. You can check their Instagram for location updates @VNTGCLSSX.

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BY CLAUDIA FLORES

The Prospector

If you live for tattoos and fashion watch out for the fifth-annual Fashion Ink, an event that showcases tattoo artists and their work will take place at the El Paso Zoo from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on March 9.

Fashion Ink was founded in 2012 by Gracie Cain, an El Paso event coordinator and the creative director of the public relations firm Emajj, who in the past has noticed the segregation between the tattoo industry and the fashion shows

is hosted right after the fashion show, where artists airbrush a model without tattoos, then have the audience vote on their favorite design.

“This project is pretty awesome; it’s very unique to El Paso,” said Abigail Prieto, a 27-year-old model for the 2017 Fashion Ink campaign. “Sometimes dreams come true and Fashion Ink is here to make that happen for many, not only the local models.”

Since 2012, Fashion Ink has sought to promote the beauty of models with tattoos.

Prieto joined the Fashion Ink team last December and became a part of the publicity campaign for the event.

“For the first one they sent me a message through Instagram’s DM asking if I could go audition for the fashion show as they were looking for models,” Prieto said. “I just started this last December and so far it has been a pretty good experience; having some fun meeting a lot of people and socializing more than I normally do.”

Fashion Ink has also opened doors for many of El Paso’s talented photographers and Roxy Van Ruiten is one of the lucky ones who has been able to show her talent with a camera.

“I’ve been working in this project since New Year’s as far as photos and making the posters,” Van Ruiten said. “This is the second time I work with them and it’s been a great experience. I get to meet a lot of people including local photographers and makeup artists who have helped me out, not only with Fashion Ink, but personal shoots.”

The tickets for Fashion Ink will be on sale at Eventbrite.com

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“ Sometimes dreams come true and Fashion Ink is here to make that happen for many, not only the local models.

-Abigail Prieto, Fashion Ink Model

around town.

“Fashion Ink really brings the community together, I have lots of friends who will let me borrow their space for shoots,” said Roxy Van Ruiten, a 21-year-old digital media production major at UTEP and photographer for Fashion Ink.

Fashion Ink also holds a tattoo competition called the “People’s Choice,” which

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Predictions, expectations and numbers of the C-USA tournament

BY JASON GREEN AND MIKE FLORES
The Prospector

The Conference-USA men's basketball tournament kicks off in Birmingham, Alabama, on Wednesday, March 5, with eighth-seeded Western Kentucky (15-16 overall, 9-9 C-USA) facing off with ninth-seeded UT-San Antonio (13-18 overall, 8-10 C-USA) at 10:30 a.m. MT.

(#8) WKU vs. (#9) UTSA

The Miners faced WKU in Bowling Green back on Jan. 26 and lost 62-52. UTSA split the season series with the Miners with both teams defending home court. In El Paso, the Roadrunners were held to a paltry 39 points by the Miners' defense.

What we think:

Mike: I have WKU winning this matchup against UTSA. The Roadrunners are the worst 3-point shooting team in C-USA by a mile, while the Hilltoppers aren't limited from the outside. UTSA is coming in losing five out of their last seven contests, and WKU won earlier in the year by 15 points. I expect no difference in the tournament.

Jason: Although UTSA is the best rebounding team in the tournament, you need to be able to shoot the 3 come March and the Roadrunners are awful. They are the only team in the tourney shooting under 0.300 and their free throws are just as atrocious. They aren't long for this tournament.

(#5) Rice vs. (#12) So. Miss.

The second game of the tournament at 1 p.m. MT, pits the fifth-seeded Rice Owls (21-10 overall, 11-7 C-USA) against 12th-seeded Southern Miss (9-21 overall, 6-12 C-USA). UTEP defeated Rice by eight during their epic conference win streak in mid-February. The Miners split with Southern Miss. Once again, each team defended home court.

What we think:

Mike: This game is as lopsided as it gets in this year's tournament. Rice will take care of business easily against Southern Miss. The Owls average 81.5 points per game, compared to the Golden Eagles' worst offense in C-USA with 62.6 points per contest. I expect the guard play of Rice to have one of their biggest games of the year.

Jason: Definitely an easy one for Rice, who is the third-best team in the tournament, statistically speaking. Although their 450 turnovers on the season scare me a little, they are the second-best rebounding team in C-USA, and shoot the 3 better than anyone else. Their 6.8 point win margin versus Southern Miss's 8.5 means that this will be an easy one.

(#7) UAB vs. (#10) Charlotte

Opening day continues with the host team, seventh-seeded UAB (16-15 overall, 9-9 C-USA) taking on 10th-seeded Charlotte (13-16 overall, 7-11 C-USA) at 4:30 p.m. MT. UTEP squeaked by UAB at the beginning of February with 63-59. In the last game of the season, the Miners defeated Charlotte 74-67 at the Don Haskins to see senior guard Dominic Artis in his final home game.

What We Think:

Mike: The hometown Blazers, who are 11-5 at home, welcome in Charlotte, who are 3-9 on road, which would result in a UAB victory. Of the 49ers' three road wins, two of them were only by one point. It's no secret that they miss playing away from Charlotte. Also, the 49ers are the worst rebounding team in C-USA and they will pay the price in the end.

Jason: Although the Blazers turn the ball over at an alarming rate – 413, second only to Rice – it will not be enough of a problem to cause them to lose to

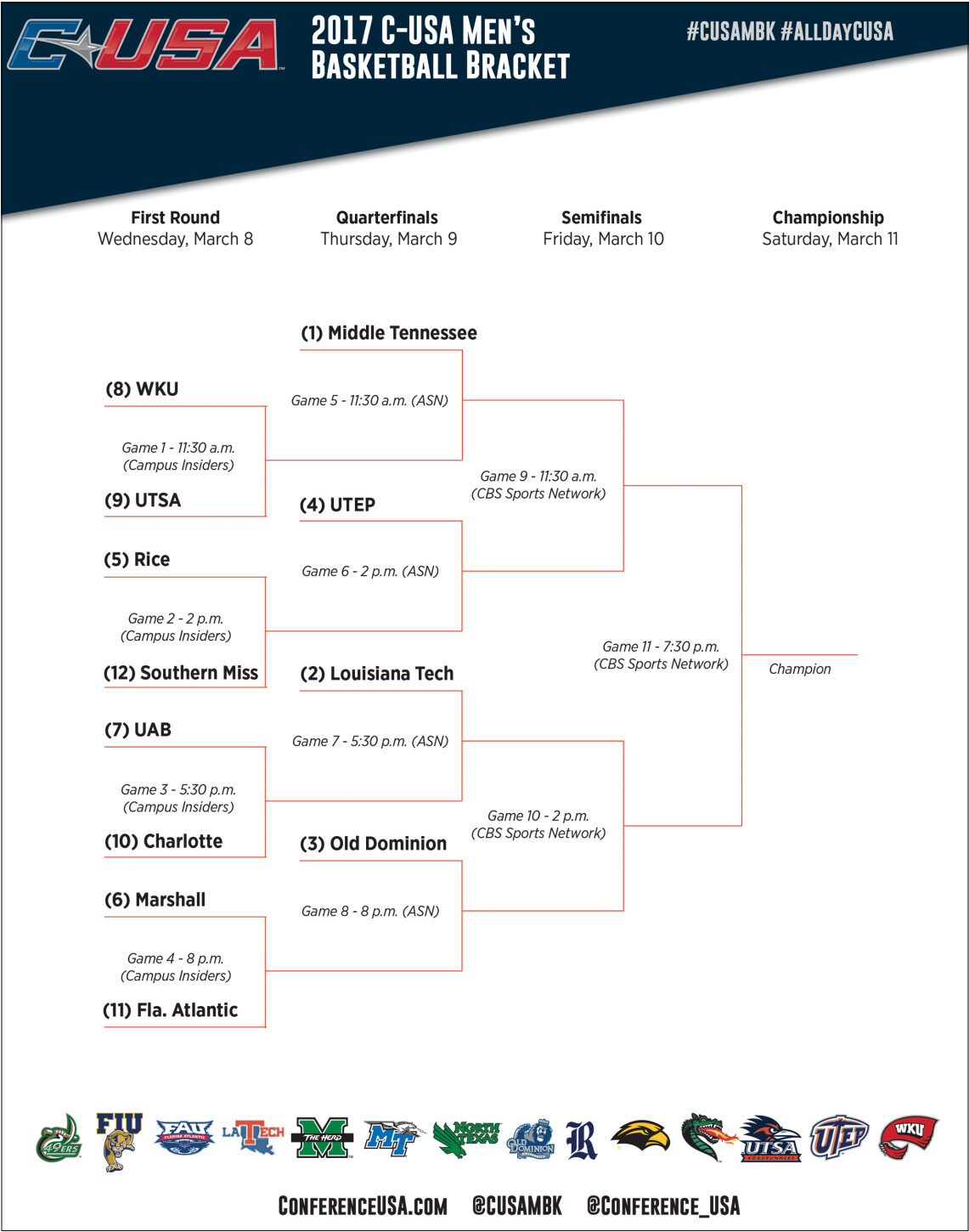


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(#1) MTSU vs. (#8) WKU *projected

Our projected first second-round game would be the number seeded Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders (27-4 overall, 17-1 C-USA) and our pick, WKU. The Miners are the lone blemish on MTSU's sterling conference record. UTEP pulled off a miracle, 57-54 win, ending the game on a 19-6 run.

What We Think:

Mike: MTSU steamrolled their way to 17 wins in C-USA for a reason—they are by far the most dangerous team in the league. In the two games between MTSU and WKU, the Blue Raiders beat them by a combined 41 points. On the road, WKU has lost six out of their last seven, while MTSU is 11-2 in away games. The Blue Raiders will continue their dominance.

Jason: There's a reason MTSU is the regular-season champion of C-USA. They don't turn the ball over. Their 318 turnovers for the season is the lowest in the conference. Obviously with 17 wins, there are going to be a lot of win streaks during the season and the Blue Raiders are in the midst of a 9-of-10 run. It's not ending to the Hilltoppers. It will end in Birmingham—just not yet.

(#4) UTEP vs. (#5) Rice *projected

The fourth-seeded Miners (14-16 overall, 12-6 C-USA) will finally take the court at 1 p.m. on Thursday against our winner of the Rice/So. Miss. match-up, fifth-seeded Rice. The Miners already defeated

Rice by eight in their only match-up this season.

What We Think:

Mike: UTEP's glorious turnaround ends here against the Owls. The Miners made nine 3-pointers in their first go around with Rice. That will likely not repeat itself. Rice's big three, Marcus Evans, Egor Koulechov and Marcus Jackson who combine for almost 50 points per night, only put up 31 points on 7-for-26 shooting against UTEP. I expect the Owls' top playmakers not to struggle again. UTEP is 6-5 on the road, and Rice is impressive at 9-5 during away games.

Jason: Rice ranks third in my "very scientific" C-USA rankings that take into account things like 3-point percentage, turnovers, rebounding margin, etc. These are the things that matter this time of year. Can you hit the 3 when it matters? Rice has. 1,152 of them to UTEP's 990. Can you hit free throws when it matters? Rice has. To the tune of a 0.729 free throw percentage compared to UTEP's 0.660. Lastly, are you beating people soundly or just scraping by? Rice is. By an average of 6.8 points per game, compared to UTEP's 0.8. Sorry guys, you were lucky to make it here at all, but once again, no C-USA championship, no NCAA tournament.

(#2) La. Tech vs. (#7) UAB *projected

Next up, at 4:30 p.m. MT is the first game for the second-seeded Louisiana Tech Bulldogs (22-9 overall, 14-4 C-USA) versus, most likely, seventh-seeded home team UAB. The Miners lost both games

to the Bulldogs this season, by 20 in Ruston and then a heartbreaking one-point loss on their home court. Artis missed a close three-point shot as time expired that would have put the Miners ahead.

What We Think:

Mike: UAB handled business at home against La. Tech this season. However, the outcome in March will result in the Bulldogs getting revenge. In the first matchup, La Tech was victim to a hot shooting UAB team, who hit 50 percent from the field (29-58). With a top-three defensive ranking in C-USA, La Tech will right their wrongs this time around. The Bulldogs' league-leading margin of victory, 11, is something to keep an eye on. UAB's margin was only 2.5 during the season.

Jason: La. Tech is just a better team. In fact, I think that they are the best team in the conference and should probably represent C-USA in the NCAA tournament. They rank sixth in turnovers, third in rebounds, fifth in 3-point percentage, fifth in free throw percentage and first in scoring margin. I say all of that to say that the home team is heading out of the tournament at this point.

(#3) ODU vs. (#6) Marshall *projected

The nightcap features the third-seed Old Dominion (19-11 overall, 12-6 C-USA) playing our opening game winner, Marshall. In ODU's only meeting with the Miners, they won on two controversial calls in the closing minute of the game. The final score was 62-61 following Matt Willms' waved off tip-in at the buzzer.

What We Think:

Mike: ODU's defense (61.1 points per game) will be Marshall's kryptonite to their soaring offense. The Monarchs allow the seventh fewest points in the nation, while the Herd has had trouble stopping anyone all year, giving up a league-worst 85.2 per game. On Feb. 23—the most recent matchup between the two—ODU thrashed Marshall 86-65.

Jason: As much as I don't want to agree on every game, this one has to go the same way. Old Dominion is all about ball protection (331 turnovers in 2016-17). When you're not voluntarily giving the ball back to a team that doesn't play any defense, it can make things very tough on them. It will be a close game – and honestly I'm not as sure about this as I am about other picks so far—but, ODU is a three-seed for a reason. They have won 7-of-10, while Marshall struggled down the stretch, losing three of their last five.

(#1) MTSU *projected vs. (#5) Rice *projected

The semi-finals tip-off on Friday at 10:30 a.m. MT with MTSU versus Rice, according to our picks. The number-one seeded Blue Raiders would face off with the number-five seeded Owls, should UTEP fail to defeat Rice as projected by the seeding.

What We Think:

Mike: MTSU's last loss, other than UTEP, took place nearly four months ago on Dec. 21. Since then, the Blue Raiders have made teams look like they don't belong on the same court. In Friday's game, Rice will fall to the top-seeded C-USA squad that prides themselves on the defensive end of the court. And the Owls' downfall is taking care of the ball (450 turnovers this year). Turnovers are crucial in March, Rice will see. At home, Rice could not overcome the Blue Raiders earlier this season. Nothing will change on the road.

Jones and Plinke impress at NFL Combine

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Over the weekend, former UTEP running back Aaron Jones and tight end Hayden Plinke tested their strengths and skills at the 2017 NFL Combine in anticipation of the 2017 NFL Draft.

Jones participated in running back drills on Friday, while Plinke showcased his skills with the tight end group on Saturday.

Jones, who is among some of the best NFL candidates in years, turned some heads due to his day at the Combine. He measured in at 5-foot-9, 208 pounds vwith an arm length of 32.5 inches. Prior to his drills, he hit 16 reps on the bench press Thursday.

“The Combine is like a summary course in college,” said Leigh Steinberg, Jones’ agent. “It’s the Super Bowl of testing the strengths and weaknesses of players.”

Jones’ next on field test was the 40-yard dash. His first rep clocked in at 4.52 and his second was a 4.50. His time was enough to register him as the sixth best among the running backs, and beat out the likes of LSU’s Leonard Fournette and Tennessee’s

Alvin Kamara, who are projected to be drafted in the first round.

“He ran a faster 40 than most people projected,” Steinberg said. “It’s hard to do something like that because they’re tired. They’re running like it’s a boot camp. Training speed on field is hard to replicate running higher numbers and he’s one of the few athletes to run a faster time in both.”

His vertical jump hit a 37.5-inch mark, which was tied for the second best compared to other running backs. His broad jump hit a 127-inch mark, which was the third best. Jones also participated in catching drills, proving his ability to be a multitallented back.

“After the Combine is the Pro Scouting Day, and it’s a summary where if there’s any drills they could improve on, the players would do so. Aaron did very little of them,” Steinberg said.

Steinberg went on to say that Jones not only impressed scouts on the field, but also one-on-one.

“He interacted with all sorts of teams and as the process goes on, he’s become more engaging and teams like it,” Steinberg said. “Teams loved his personality and the feedback was positive on him.”

Steinberg, who has been an NFL agent for over 40 years, says Jones reminds him of Warrick Dunn. Dunn was a three-time Pro Bowl player and played nine years in the NFL with teams like the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Atlanta Falcons.

“Other than size, he reminds me of Warrick,” Steinberg said. “Both are high runners. Aaron is able to see holes quickly and he’s able to break tackles and get down the field rapidly.”

Like Jones, Plinke is competing in a highly competitive tight end class, and he clocked a time of 4.97 in the 40-yard dash on Saturday.

Plinke leaped a 28-inch vertical, 109-inch broad jump and hit 18 reps on the bench press as part of his Combine showing.

Both players still have UTEP’s pro day scheduled for March 9, as their last chance to impress scouts on the field.

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Tight end Hayden Plinke was one of two Miners invited to the 2017 NFL Combine this past weekend. Plinke and Aaron Jones greatly impressed NFL scouts.

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Jason: If Rice beats UTEP with the three, let’s say 10 of them, then watch out for them in this game. The best shooting 3-point team in C-USA could get hot in the tournament and ride that all the way to a surprise berth in the NCAA Tournament. It happens every year. In the previous meeting between the two teams, both hit nine 3-pointers. For Rice, Koulechov scored 31 and grabbed 14 rebounds. Rice grabs more boards and shoots the three better than MTSU, but turns the ball over more. Fix that, and it’ll be an upset. But, it’s not happening. MTSU wins it.

(#2)La. Tech *projected vs. (#3) ODU *projected

The second semi pits the number two seed against the number three seed. Louisiana Tech against Old Dominion. This could easily be the best game of the tournament if it works out this way.

What We Think:

Mike: La. Tech is talented enough to win the C-USA tournament. They have playmakers and have performed well all season. The Bulldogs’ ability to share the ball will be key in this game, and there is no other team in the league that averages more assists as a team per contest than La. Tech. Since I expect this game to come down to the last minute, free throws could be the difference. La Tech knocks down free throws (71 percent) at a much higher rate than ODU (64 percent). Unlike ODU, which has the worst offense and best defense, La Tech is balanced with top three rankings in both offense and defense.

Jason: I don’t honestly think that there is much difference between MTSU, Rice, La. Tech and ODU when it gets down to the final four of the C-USA tourney. This is the point where stars win. March is about leaders and about winners. ODU has nobody near the top of C-USA in scoring. The Bulldogs on the other hand have forward Erik McCree at sixth with 17.7 points per game and guard Jacobi Boykins with 15 ppg, ranking him 15th. It’s time for the stars to shine and take the Bulldogs to the finals.

(#1)MTSU *projected vs. (#2) La. Tech *projected

Our championship game has Middle Tennessee facing off with Louisiana Tech –number one versus number two, the way it should be. These two teams had the best regular season records in the conference. Middle Tennessee knocked off Ole Miss and Vandy early in the season, finishing with a stellar 27-4 record. La. Tech played close games against South Carolina and Cal before settling into a 22-9 overall record.

Now, it’s finally time for a showdown. Well, another showdown. MTSU already defeated the Bulldogs in Murfreesboro by a final score of 71-61. The Bulldogs led at halftime 32-28, then saw the Blue Raiders outscore them 43-29 to take the victory in the battle for C-USA supremacy.

Now, for round two.

What We Think:

Mike: Expect Middle Tennessee to be dancing come NCAA tournament time. They are the most complete team that the C-USA has to offer, while just being outside the top-25 ranking. In the first contest between the two teams, MTSU came out subpar to start off the game, but kicked into gear and outlasted the Bulldogs’ lackluster closing half effort. I expect both teams to be winded from the weekend tournament, and the second half will be the deciding factor. Last season, MTSU beat Michigan State and this season they also showed that victories over elite competition are not a problem for them. The Blue Raiders are the most tournament ready team. They are battle tested and ready for C-USA’s best competition.

Jason: The biggest question following this game will be whether MTSU can still get into the NCAA tournament based on resume alone. It didn’t happen last year for the 29-5 UTEP women who lost in the C-USA tournament. They ended up in the WNIT. In case you hadn’t figured out by now, I’m picking the Bulldogs. Yes, La. Tech turns the ball over more, but they rebound better and they shoot free throws better. They also outscore opponents by half a point more. McCree and Boykins are La. Tech’s biggest scoring threats and shoot 38 percent and 41 percent from 3, respectively. It’s that time of year. Hitting big shots wins championships and those big shots are going to put the Bulldogs in the “Big Dance.”

So, there you have it. It’s a split from this portion of the Prospro sports staff on who’s going to win the C-USA Tournament. For what it’s worth, our third voter, web editor Adrian Broaddus picked MTSU as the tie-breaker. “Middle Tennessee’s forward duo of JaCorey Williams and Reggie Upshaw will be McCree’s best test, and the duo will come out successfully to win MTSU’s second consecutive C-USA title,” said Broaddus. Good luck to everyone in the tournament and good luck filling out your C-USA bracket!

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