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Clothes don't make the person

BY LESLIE SARIÑANA

The Prospector



What's the first thing you notice about a person? Not many will say clothes, but when it comes to the guy I'm dating that's probably the answer he'll give you. I am not someone who puts much thought into their wardrobe. I will always decide on my outfit the morning of and base my choice on comfort and the weather outside. Of course I'll put thought into my outfit when it comes to special events, but other than that I don't worry about dressing a certain way or what people think about what I wear. Just because I don't care doesn't mean I look like a total slacker either.

I've never felt pressured to dress nicer; well not until I started dating someone who cares way too much about the way he looks. His everyday look consists of slacks or khakis, a polo of some sort of dress shoes and a watch (dear god, he never forgets the watch). In all of our time together, I have never seen him in simple jeans and a t-shirt. I'm not even convinced that he owns jeans.

When we had our first date, I asked him about how I should dress and he said, "nothing too fancy." I then asked what he was wearing and told me he was dressed casually, just what he had worn to work. He works at a law office. I should've known that his "casual" was nothing like mine. He showed up to my door in dress pants and a completely different dress shirt than the one he was wearing at work that day. As long as he's not wearing a tie or a blazer, it's casual to him. That was the first time that I had worried about what someone thought about my clothes.

After that date, I felt the pressure of having to look as nice as he always does, but as our relationship progressed it went away. I realized that it doesn't matter how I dress because that's not what he likes me for. And even if he did, I wouldn't want to be with anyone who valued me based on what clothes I wear.

It's nice to make the effort and try to look nice for someone, but it shouldn't be the focus of a relationship or the reason you date someone. People should dress how they like, I'm not here to discourage anyone. Dress for yourself, not how you think someone wants you to.

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Don't overthink your class attire

BY MICHAELA ROMÁN

The Prospector



If you walk around any major campus in Texas, Texas State, UT, Texas Tech, etc., you'll find a large amount of girls in oversized comfy

t-shirts, work out pants and Nikes and guys in basketball shorts. Does this mean everyone is super active and probably going to the gym that day? Not necessarily. It means they know they're going to be sitting in classes or hanging out studying all day so they might as well be comfortable.

Walk around UTEP and that's hardly the case. In my experience, one of the reasons the majority of UTEP students put so much effort into their daily class attire is because not many live on or even close to campus. If you live on campus, you're more likely to just roll out of bed and put on whatever.

I don't think we should set such a high standard for each other though.

Why should we have to impress anyone? Going to class isn't the same as going to work. We're paying for classes, they're not paying us. There shouldn't be any kind of pressure to dress a certain way as long as you show up.

I stand in front of the mirror and question if I should do my hair that day or not and walk to my closet and question when the last time I wore a shirt was, everything usually ends with a shrug and I just do whatever speeds up the process. Since I usually spend my entire day on the west side, I sometimes even throw in other clothes in my car, just in case.

Shopping is always a struggle. First of all I don't even know what size I am. I have small, medium and large shirts all mixed together in my wardrobe and shoes that range from 5 1/2 to 7. I'll avoid shopping for a while until I have enough money to feel like it's worth it, and, frankly, I don't have the patience to shop.

I'm all for Savers, Plato's Closet and other used clothes stores, but I can't stand all the racks packed with clothes. It's overwhelming. I'll go

shopping with my best friend, who is always up for the challenge of scoping out the good finds, and as much as I try, I can only be there so long.

I'm so picky about what I buy too. I never want to buy anything flashy, if it has patterns they have to be subtle and it can't be too long or too tight. This only leaves so many options.

I'm lucky to have a boyfriend who has somewhat the same mentality as me. He's not as picky, but we can both shop fast, dress casual but appropriate, and don't spend more on clothes than we should. If it's not an important day that requires an upscale outfit, I say don't overthink it and just wear what makes you feel comfortable.

If you look at any modern office with full-time working millennials, they're not wearing dresses and ties anymore. The future is casual.

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It's getting hot in here

BY AUGIE TOURIS

The Prospector



Fashion takes on many forms and shapes, and certainly varies from city to city. In this sun-baked city, options are generally limited to warm weather

clothes, aside from that one rare day of snow that may be seen in the pits of December or perhaps a blustery February morning.

College for many is about appearance. With a campus of more than 20,000, you're going to be seen by a lot of people every day that you have class. To some, this is an opportunity to show off and dress formally, while others take advantage of their free choice and dress as they please. For us athletes, it's a compromise.

I begin the semester with fresh hope and the naivety that I'll get straight A's and knock the semester out of the park. This is my time, I'll tell myself as I get dressed before my Monday class, I'll be diligent, go to every class, do every assignment, dress nicely and so on. The reality of the world and college is not so simple. In January, we don't have much. In the spring, when school starts, towards, the second half of the month, as far as football goes, we'll have the first week back free of workouts and such and only the last week where we get back into the groove.

That first week is a fantastic time to showcase our outfits, if we have any that we've brought from our distant homes. I went to private school, however, and the lack of formal attire that I have in my

arsenal is pitiful. My former dean, Beck O'Connor, would not approve of my lacking wardrobe nor of my general attire.

Often times, us athletes are associated as casual, debonair folks, who couldn't care less about our appearance. The truth of the matter is much different. I start out each semester dressed nicely. I'll likely go with a dark pair of well-fitting jeans, some desert boots and a collared shirt to start a class. I cherish the early spring semester months, when the heat isn't too oppressive and I'm afforded the luxury of wearing colors other than black because I don't sweat profusely through my clothes.

Long walks register no fear in my mind in January and even mid-February, but when that first day of heat hits, all bets are off. In addition to this, our training picks up in March. We begin spring ball, for five weeks, which is essentially practice, only less times per week, but just as intense as in season. This also comes with meetings to watch film and study the game.

Naturally, this is an added four-plus hours to each day, which cramps our schedules. Ipso facto, the dream of staying dressed fairly decently goes out the window as we scramble to shower and dress after practice or a workout and then race off to class.

So, I bid you kind students of UTEP, to not look upon us athletes with disdain. We value our time here and want to graduate like everyone else. If you see me, I'll likely be in a black shirt to hide my atrocious perspiration. It's obnoxiously hot here and I'm from New York, so give me a break.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editors note: The following column is sent to The Prospector from Student Government Association President Sergio Baltazar and the SGA staff in response to The Prospector's "Student Government Association lacks transparency" editorial published on March 28.

As members of the UTEP Student Government Association, we believe that a response to the editorial published in the March 28th issue of The Prospector titled "Student Government Association Lacks Transparency" is warranted. To begin, we want to thank the members of the press for reminding us of our commitment to the students that we represent and for highlighting issues that are of concern. In doing so, it became clear to us that the issues that we see internally are also issues that are of concern to the student body as a whole.

We would like to state that the UTEP Student Government Association employs an open-door policy and students with any concern can always come to the office or to any member of the organization and have their queries answered. We even do so on holidays or weekends. We have nothing to hide and for this reason, we would like to address some discrepancies as stated in the editorial itself.

As stated in the editorial, "SGA's meeting minutes are taken by the co-chair, who then gives them to the vice president at the end of meetings. The VP should make them available by the next week for the senators."

We do not have a co-chair, we have a Senate Secretary who is responsible for making minutes available to the Senate which is clearly stated in our bylaws (which are/were available online and in hard copy) in Article IV, Section B, subsection 1:

"Agendas and minutes shall be made available to all Senators and Officers one (1) day prior to SGA Senate meetings. The only exception is a reasonable time constraint of the Senate Secretary communicated to and authorized by the Vice President of Internal Affairs."

This information was relayed to The Prospector staff that visited the office on Sunday afternoon, March 19th, the day before students returned to classes from Spring Break.

The next thing that we want to address are statements made regarding President Baltazar's campaign platform. Our concern, is nowhere in published record or in any of his campaign materials has he ever stated that transparency was a part of his foundational platform as stated in the editorial "For current SGA President, Sergio Baltazar, transparency and student participation was the foundational platform in which he based his campaign as an independent candidate."

As stated in The Prospector article titled "SGA Elections Revealed," published on April 22, 2016:

"Baltazar's campaign proposed more shade zones across campus, nap areas for students and better allocation of SGA money to the common student or organizations in need of funds. But, it was his proposal to better transportation across the city and over the border that was the main focus of Baltazar's proposals."

In another The Prospector article titled "Getting to know the New SGA President" published on May 3, 2016, he is quoted as saying:

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

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Student shares sexual harassment on campus experience



Where students can report harassment on campus

- UTEP Police Department
3118 Sun Bowl Drive
915-747-5611
- Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution
Union East, room 303
915-747-8694
- Dean of Students/Office of Student Life
Union West, room 102
915-747-5648
- Equal Opportunity Office
Kelly Hall, room 302
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In a survey conducted by the UT System, one in five UTEP students said they were sexually harassed by another student on campus from Fall 2015 to Spring 2016.

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BY CHRISTIAN VASQUEZ
The Prospector

April is sexual assault awareness month, and last week the UT System released a study, Cultivating Learning and Safe Environments (CLASE), about sexual assaults on campus that gives a unique insight to what happens to students. The study was taken system wide and included 13 out of 14 UT System campuses. At UTEP, 3,012 students were interviewed. The study found that 15 percent of freshmen who participated in the study, or approximately 450 students, experienced sexual assault. Incoming freshmen have a lot to take in, it's a new environment with more freedom and responsibility, and many take this opportunity as a chance to meet new people. Unfortunately, not everyone has the best intentions, which can lead to uncomfortable, even dangerous, situations. A UTEP student, who wished to remain anonymous so we will call her "April," experienced this first-hand during her freshman year. "It was my first year at UTEP so I really didn't know anybody, and one day I met this guy and he seemed so nice and said that he needed directions, and I've been at UTEP before as far as orientation, so I knew where he needed to go," April said. They exchanged information and began talking, and while she was just interested in friendship, he quickly wanted to move things further. "He was just adamant about him and I being a couple. He would get upset when I would say 'right now, my boyfriend is my education,'" April said. He would visit her office, where she worked, and try to talk to her. Other times he would just stare at her through the windows. She tried to ignore him, but he had her phone number and eventually started calling her family members. "He tried to kiss me and I didn't like it and I had to push myself away, like he grabbed my head and he tried to push me toward him, and of course I had to push him off," April said, recalling another incident.

Her bosses and coworkers knew about him, and would have to fend him off when he visited her office or when she was participating at events on campus. It wasn't until her sophomore year, when he left UTEP that the incidents stopped. "It's pretty hard to go through that, because as a freshman you're expecting great things and then this happens to you and you're like, 'what the hell?'" April said. Going through that experience did not completely change how she interacts with people, but she says she's a little more cautious when meeting new men. According to the CLASE study, around 30 percent of victims of stalking either had a close relationship or were acquainted with the perpetrator prior to being stalked. "If I could go back in time, I would tell myself just to be careful with this dude," April said. "On the first day I met him I would have just told myself just give him directions and walk away, because I'm sure my whole freshman year would have been different." Another thing that April wishes she had done earlier is something that most sexual awareness programs, including the ones at UTEP advocate—report the incident. "Just report it and talk to somebody, tell them that you don't feel right about it

and see what you can do about your own safety," April said. "For me, it could have gone a lot worse. There were times when I was walking toward my car and I thought he was going to approach me while I was going to my car, but thank god he didn't." The CLASE survey found that 70 percent of victims did not tell anyone about the incident until they took that survey, 11 percent told someone at UTEP and only 7 percent told the local police. "These types of incidents are the most underreported types of situations anywhere. That's not unique to a college campus, that's anywhere, but we want folks to come forward and share with us what is happening," said Catie McCorry-Andalis, the dean of students. "We have a very, very strong network with the city of El Paso and with our university, including Fort Bliss, El Paso Community College, the whole network, and so we're in a great place to help folks if anything should come up. But we can't do that unless folks come forward and share what has happened." Do One Thing (DOT) is a UTEP initiative that focuses on ensuring that communities don't stand aside while people are sexually assaulted. Students can visit greendot.utep.edu to find out what they can do if they witness sexual assault or harassment.

Other campus resources are the University Counseling Center, the UTEP employee assistance program, Deer Oaks, and the Student Health Center.

For more information about what to do if you are a victim or witness of sexual assaults, visit admin.utep.edu/eoaa or utsystem.edu/sites/clase/ut-el-paso.

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Keeping up with the Texas Legislative Session bills



BY CHRISTIAN VASQUEZ

The Prospector

We are in the last home stretch of the Texas Legislative session, and while many bills seem to be dead, others still have a chance of passing and becoming law. Senators are scrambling to keep their bills alive by introducing them as amendments to other legislation. For example, the controversial bathroom bill that many suspect is dead in the water was attached to a bill keeping the Texas Railroad Commission in commission, the amendment failed, but that's not to say they won't keep trying. Here are some bills that you should keep an eye on.

SB 3

Senate Bill 3 passed through the Senate, 18 to 13, on Thursday, March 30. The bill would use public funds to subsidize private school tuition and homeschooling expenses. Parents who earn less than \$75,000 will be able to use an education savings account that uses public funds to help pay for tuition and other expenses. The bill also introduces a tax credit scholarship program, which lets businesses credit insurance premium taxes if they donate to approved scholarship organizations.

The author of the bill, Senate Education Committee Chairman Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood, said that by 2020, the state will save \$55.3 million by reducing the cost to educate public school students

who decide to go to private school by 75 percent. Using the previous version of the bill, the left-leaning Center for Public Priorities reported that the estimated cost would be from \$90 to \$330 million each year.

Opponents of the bill also argue against giving public funds to private education entities since they are not required by law to educate disabled individuals. State Sen. José Menéndez, D-San Antonio, amended the bill to include that letters be sent to parents informing them of that federal law.

SB 3 will go to the House Public Education Committee next, where the chairman, Dan Huberty, R-Houston, has said it will die. Of course, his word is not final, but it does not bode well for the bill.

SB 30

Senate Bill 30 would require drivers in training, high school students and law enforcement officers to go through training that would teach how civilians and law enforcement should interact. The bill passed unanimously through the Senate and is now on its way to the House.

The State Board of Education and the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement would have to collaborate to come up with a training program that will be beneficial to all three groups. Students in grades 9-12 will learn how to interact with police officers. New drivers will learn what is considered the proper way to act during a police stop. And local law enforce-

ment officers will go through further civilian interaction training.

The training will focus on the rights of individuals, the duties of law enforcement officers and how to file a complaint against an officer. Whether there will be a statewide training program or individual schools would come up with their own is still up for debate.

The bill was a response to Sandra Bland, a woman who was arrested in Waller County and later found dead due to apparent suicide. Many, including friends and family of Bland, questioned the cause of her death as well as the reasons she was put in a county jail for three days.

SB 5

A voter ID bill, SB 5, passed through the Senate on Tuesday, March 28, that will require voters to present proof of identification before voting and introduces a criminal penalty if any information is knowingly incorrect while registering for a reasonable impediment declaration. The declaration allows someone to vote without an id if they can prove they have an impediment, which makes it difficult to get one.

Voter ID in Texas has been a controversial subject, recently the Supreme Court has decided not to hear an appeal in a case that ruled that Texas

violated the Voting Rights Act. The ruling Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos called the law discriminating toward African-Americans and Hispanics.

State Sen. Jose Rodriguez, D-El Paso, has said that the law, while better than the previous one, still goes too far with the criminal penalty, which could lead up to two to 10 years in prison.

The bill will go to the House committee next.

SB 258

This anti-abortion bill passed through a second vote by the Senate on Wednesday, March 29, and would require the burying and cremation of aborted fetuses and would impose penalties on health clinics that do not follow procedure. The bill needs a third vote to pass onto the house.

Filed by State Sen. Don Huffines, R-Dallas, it was intended to protect the "dignity of the unborn," however many opponents see it as another Texas bill that makes it more difficult and expensive to provide abortions in the state. Huffines rejected the

notion that the aim of the bill was to make it more expensive.

This bill is one of many anti-abortion bills going through the Texas legislature. Bills such as SB 8, which would ban partial-birth abortions and donating fetal tissue to researchers, SB 415, which would ban dilation and evacuation abortions, and SB 20, that aims to require women pay a separate premium if they wish to have abortions covered under their insurance, have all passed through the Senate.

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Hub of Human Innovation develops business ideas in El Paso

BY EDDIE VELAZQUEZ

The Prospector

In an effort to foster and develop some of local technology-focused businesses, the Hub of Human Innovation works as an incubator that guides companies through the early stages of growth.

“If you can guide a company through its first five years, it has a better chance of becoming sustainable and growing,” said Ernesto Gamboa, a business consultant for the Hub.

Located at 500 W. Overland Ave., No. 230, The Hub was founded by seven different entities. The Bi-national Sustainability Laboratory, UTEP Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovative Enterprises, Innovate El Paso (Trans Pecos/El Paso Regional Center of Innovation and Commercialization), City of El Paso Economic Development Department, Medical Center of the Americas, Paso del Norte Group, U.S. Mexico Foundation for Science Border Office.

From its inception, the Hub has offered different tangible and intangible services for its clientele.

“We offer one-on-one business support, mentoring, workshops, access to capital, contacts, networking and an affordable office space,” said Leslie Lanier, an administrative assistant for the Hub.

The workshops are open to the public, however, they occur intermittently.

“We have a few series of workshops that are off and on because of scheduling, but we try to put them on at least monthly with different topics and speakers,” Gamboa said.

For UTEP student entrepreneur, junior business major Brandon Walter, the guidance, office space and networking are some useful tools to help his crowd-sourced marketing company Gapplesoft to grow.

“Their mentorship program has opened up a lot of opportunities,” Walter said. “They’ll teach you the things you need to know to make sure you have an idea that has a market for it. Whether I have a meeting or clients trying

to close a deal, I can go to the office and have a professional business address.”

The Hub’s initial funding came through a grant from the state of Texas through the energy conservation office.

“Because of that (grant), one of our big focuses was clean energy,” Gamboa said. “It was as if we had two incubators in one, because one had to be focused on clean energy and the other one could work on other projects.”

The grant was awarded to the El Paso incubator, as well as another incubator in San Antonio. However, the state funds came to a halt in 2016. The restructuring in funding affected the Hub in staff size and direction.

“It affected our staffing because it paid for a full-time employee and now that person has left, and we also have interns and part-time contractors now,” Gamboa said.

Additional funds have been provided by the city of El Paso, private donors, El Paso Electric Company and UTEP.

“Our funders determine who we can help, so on the state and city level, they want us to focus on high tech,” Gamboa said. “We recognize the state of technology in El Paso, so we take a lot of liberties in what tech means.”

Despite the concentration of resources in technology, clients such as an organic foods-focused restaurant Green Ingredient, alternative roofing business El Paso RoofCARE, and tea company Humanitea, have worked with the Hub.

“A lot of people automatically think computers when it comes to technology, but if it is a new product or new innovative service, then we will work with it,” Gamboa said.

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OPINION

You’re judged on appearance, like it or not

BY MIKE FLORES

The Prospector



Professors, bosses, your peers and even yourself.

The just roll out of bed, basketball shorts-wearing look does no justice for someone who is trying to better their life every time they get up. Dressing up can affect how serious people are taken and how serious their words come across. Some people actually believe the person who dresses to impress knows what they are talking about and are more likely to be viewed as leaders, because the way a person decides to dress is an inside peek to their inner-self.

Celebrities such as David Beckham, Conor McGregor and Bradley Cooper are some of the most successful people in their professions and they dress to show who they are. The same goes for women celebrities such as Beyoncé and Kendall Jenner.

Needing to wear the most popular and expensive brands is not the point I’m trying to get across. It’s about the effort that should be put into your appearance to the world, and that also comes along with personal hygiene and looking the best version of yourself every time you step out the door. First impressions are everything, and nothing is harder than trying to change someone’s first thoughts about you. You just never know

Dressing to impress is an important factor in everyday life, and dressing up earns respect from everyone around, including

who will come across your path any day of the week; might as well be ready for anything.

It’s not difficult to look nice. Wear clothes that fit, do not wear worn out or torn clothing, match daily outfits, dress for the weather, dress for the occasion, don’t wear the same clothes every day and don’t over wear sandals. Waking up 30 minutes earlier than usual to accomplish looking and feeling good will do more good than harm any day of the week.

Imagine if people with jobs or high-end positions anywhere were to sport the slacker “who cares” look, customers or people getting serviced would much rather choose to be helped by the person

who took the time out of their day to strive for better looks.

School can be considered everyone’s daily job at UTEP, because everyone comes to school to better their future, so why shouldn’t students dress like every day matters?

Future bosses and business owners are out there at every corner, and it is just human nature to judge based on appearances. Our brains take less than a minute to form what we think of someone, and most of the times it could lead to never being able to meet that person who could kick-start what you’re looking for in life. Wardrobe choices seem to be the smallest of factors, but in reality it means more than you know.

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In this same article, he is also quoted as saying, "I want to make a difference by making SGA approachable and also having SGA go to the students and ask them what they need," Baltazar said. Some of his key propositions during his campaign were to increase the number of shaded areas on campus, better and more transparent budget allocations for students, implementation of nap stations around campus and transportation from the international bridges for students.

Updates regarding the current status of President Baltazar's campaign proposals were given and discussed with The Prospector staff during their most recent visit. We also discussed the current status of the UTEP Green Fund and the official SGA website. It was not stated that the UTEP Green Fund was dissolved, what was stated was that a search for new members was initiated to garner a fresh perspective at the beginning of his term in office. In the editorial, it is stated that a tab for the Green Fund still exists on the official SGA website. This is true, however, by clicking on the tab and viewing the information, it is clear that the UTEP Green Fund is its own entity with its own website and separate from SGA. Past statements made during the Presidential debates last election cycle were also referenced. At that time, he did state that the official SGA website was outdated. This was an issue for last administration, and continues to be one for this administration as well. Therefore, we would now like to address the issues and concerns with the official SGA website and the availability of our documents.

As many students might have noticed, the UTEP website has recently undergone an update. When any student peruses it, they will notice that many sections do not have the same look as the main page. Dr. Catie McCorry-Andalis, SGA advisor and Associate Vice President for Student Engagement and Dean of Students, informed SGA that the website is being updated in order of importance. Since SGA is a part of the division of Vice-President for Student Affairs (VPSA) just like The Prospector, it will be updated accordingly. We thank you for the feedback regarding the state of our "digital footprint," this has been a concern of ours and we have been working diligently to address this during our collective tenure in office. We are hoping to have our website up-to-date soon.

As mentioned earlier, SGA employs an open-door policy and any student who wishes to view any current documents can do so by way of our Administrative Assistant during regular business hours. Members of the press may also have access to these documents. However, there is proper protocol mandated by the University that must be followed regarding budget requests from any department. In regards to the book of legislation for this term that was referenced, it is commonly compiled, printed, and made available to the public a few months after the end of the outgoing administration.

We would like to challenge The Prospector staff to:

1. Collaborate with us and to be present at each and every one of our senate meetings, to listen and take note of all the legislative, executive and judicial reports to continue to monitor and measure our accountability and transparency.
2. Write about the great things and interaction that we have had with departments, organizations and students. (i.e. ADA access at the FFA, the creation of the Graduate Student Assembly, etc.)
3. Closely follow the platforms and campaign promises made by elected members of the Student Government Association.

In closing, as The Prospector staff reminded us, it is easy to overlook the importance of accountability and credibility as an entity for the students by the students. Since The Prospector, like the Student Government Association, represents the student body as the "assayer of student opinion," it too should be held accountable as such. It has a responsibility to do its due diligence and make sure that all information is current, correct, and in the best interest of the student body as a whole.

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Photo Illustration – HM – Fernanda Leon, Jacobo De La Rosa – Road to Fitness

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OUR VIEW

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GABY VELASQUEZ, 747-7477

Sanctuary campus efforts made through “Education not Deportation”



GABY VELASQUEZ / THE PROSPECTOR

BY MICHAELA ROMÁN

The Prospector

In December of 2016, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott promised to cut funding from any Texas school that declared itself a “sanctuary campus.”

“Texas will not tolerate sanctuary campuses or cities,” Abbott tweeted. “I will cut funding for any state campus if it establishes sanctuary status.”

On Wednesday, March 29, a group of students gathered at Leech Grove for the official unveiling of the Education not Deportation coalition, that aspires to make UTEP a sanctuary campus.

1. The coalition is made up of student groups and community members. They’re Young Democratic Socialists, Texas Rising, the sociology club, Association of Applied Border History, Soñando Juntos, Queer Student Alliance UTEP and EPCC, SC29 LGBTQ Advisory Committee, The SC29 Youth Advisory Committee, The Democratic Socialists of America Chuco de Norte Chapter, Detained Migrant Solidarity Committee, The West Fund and the Border Network for Human rights.

2. Dominic Chacon, senior environmental science major, speaks to

the media to unveil Education not Deportations plan to ask Natalicio

to address making UTEP a sanctuary campus.

3. Members and supporters of the coalition hold signs at Leech Grove.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do you care how the person you're dating dresses?

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



ABBY GUERRA
Sophomore mathematics major
"No, not really. Why should it? If he's wearing sweatpants in a fancy place, then yes I'll bring it up, but if we're not doing anything, then no."



JASMIN AMAYA
Junior pre-pharmacy major
"Well yeah, I think it reflects who they are. As long as there is some balance between hygiene and common decency."



BEATRIZ RAMIREZ
Sophomore nursing major
"No, I think they should have the freedom to express themselves however they want to, clothing not excluded."



HANK DE LA CRUZ
Junior kinesiology major
"It kind of does, if they reveal too much, I would feel uncomfortable having all these people look at her."



TYLER SEARCY
Freshman women and gender studies major
"Yes, it does matter. Because your significant other sort of represents you."



JONATHAN GRACIDA
Sophomore mechanical engineering major
"No, it doesn't matter to me how she dresses because if I am with her I will accept her how she is."



ESTEFANIA GALLEGOS
Junior elementary education major
"I think you can learn much of a person by the way they dress. Although there are other aspects to look at, it seems like a good starting point."



GUSTAVO MARTINEZ
Junior mechanical engineering major
"I think that there has to be coherence between physical appearance, emotional appearance and according to the occasion, to dress adequately."



JOSSELYN PARRA
Freshman criminal justice major
"I think it depends on what my boyfriend would wear. If we were gonna go out, I wouldn't expect him to wear sweatpants."



JAMIE AVENDANO
Sophomore engineering major
"For me personally it doesn't matter. I'm more concerned with hobbies, music interests and things like that."



WILLIAM RINGER
Junior criminal justice major
"It matters, because it shows how people project themselves and feel about themselves."



ALEX GITTENS
Freshman mechanical engineering major
"I would say yes it does matter. You don't want a person that you are dating to dress too scandalous or strange. It's one of the first things you see."



KAREN RAMIREZ
Freshman nursing major
"No it doesn't matter, but their personality has to be interesting and authentic."

UPCOMING EVENTS

FREE HIV TESTING

UTEP's College of Health Sciences and the School of Nursing will be hosting free and confidential HIV testing for university faculty, students and staff from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, at the Health Sciences and Nursing Building, rooms 134A and 134B.

BOOK PRESENTATION: THE U.S.-MEXICO TRANSBORDER REGION

On April 18, from 5-7 p.m. at the Blumberg Auditorium at the UTEP Library, authors and professors Kathy Staudt, Gina Nunez-Mchiri and co-editor Joe Heyman will present their book about the U.S.-Mexico border cultural history and social relations. The event is free and open to the public and attendees, books will be available for purchase.

'NETWORK, LEARN & GROW!'

The UTEP Student Alumni Association will host a networking workshop and networking reception, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Blumberg Auditorium, UTEP Library. Check in time is 5 p.m. and the first 25 people to register will receive 20 personalized cards. Seating is limited. For more information, contact SAA at 915-747-8600.

'MEDEA'

Tickets are on sale for 'Medea' by Euripides, hosted by UTEP's Department of Theatre and Dance. The play will run from April 28 to May 6 at the Wise Family Theatre in the Fox Fine Arts Center second floor. For more information, contact Adriana Dominguez, at 747-5118.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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LESLIE SARIÑANA, 747-7477

New clothing line promotes El Paso youth

BY LESLIE SARIÑANA

The Prospector

There's a new local clothing brand that has been gaining attention for its designs. A brand that not only exhibits El Paso but goes beyond just clothes. Desert People is the newest local operation aimed at revitalizing the way the city is portrayed. The brand gives El Paso new logos and shines a light on the landscape through videos.

Desert People founder Mark Martinez ventured into multiple business ideas before finding the one he felt most sure of. Having had the idea for the brand for more than two years, it wasn't until he went through screen printing for other people, opening up a skate shop and then partnering up with friends to open up a print shop and deciding to leave that he pursued the clothing brand.

"I had Skate City for about five to six years, then I started Proper Printshop out of that. I was there for about two years and then I sold my share," Martinez said. "I started it out of the skate shop. JJ, Steven and Fernie, we partnered up and I ended up leaving my part."

"I feel like people were looking for something they could identify with."

- Mark Martinez, owner of Desert People.

Despite being new, Desert People has already started to see success. Martinez talks about beginning with a small batch of inventory to having to print shirts daily.

"As of right now we're just stocking weekly and we're printing daily—about a 100 or less a week," Martinez said.

Even with the rising demand for their shirts, the staff of three people, including Martinez, remains the same. At first, only Martinez was printing shirts, but now he has two other people to help him.

The brand is still fairly young, having started up in the fall of 2016. Deciding what look and feel of the shirts to use came from Martinez going through thrift shops with his wife and buying their own shirts.

Martinez, who designs everything for the brand as well, has more than 13 different shirt designs available for sale. He has other ideas, but wants to wait to push them as the brand keeps expanding. Martinez does get ideas from other people, but all of the designs are created solely by him.

"It started with me printing shirts for other people and trying to make something that's reflective of El Paso," Martinez said.

When it comes to the price, the clothes aren't exactly student-budget friendly. The t-shirts start at \$20.

"For \$20, I could see myself getting one, but the issue is that with other college students they might think it's too plain and isn't worth \$20," said Luis Arias, freshman theater major.

Although his brand's designs are El Paso centered, Martinez does not want to limit Desert People to becoming an El Paso-only brand. It was about more than just giving the city exposure; it was about having something that could become a staple for not only the people of El Paso, but for



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Desert People has over 13 t-shirt designs available on their website and at their store, located at 2919 Wyoming.

people who know El Paso, but aren't from here.

"You know, just as I got older, I just didn't really see anything from El Paso that I wanted to wear with a style shirt. I wanted to wear out it being a Chihuahua just had an idea

and wanted to see how it went," Martinez said. "At first the idea was to be an El Paso brand, but I didn't want it to be limited to that. I also wanted that was reflective of the desert and stuff like that, I didn't really see too many things like that."

The brand goes beyond just clothes. Martinez wants to expand on local talent.

"The t-shirts, the clothing brand is the first step into more things we're doing. We

want to produce original films and stuff like that here in El Paso. That's kind of more or less what we're about," Martinez said. "I feel like people were looking for something they could identify with."

Staying true to being a brand that's reflective of El Paso, all of the models for the brand are from El Paso, and all of the shoots take place here as well. Martinez shoots in town to showcase the landscape and beauty that the city has to offer. All of the photos and videos for Desert People are shot by Martinez.

Having worked up to the idea for years and then being able to execute it all on his own. Martinez said he is really grateful for everyone who is caring and pushing for the brand.

It might take a while before Desert People expands their inventory options.

"I'd like to have everything, as far as hats, jackets and pins and stuff like that. Right now it's new and anything I'm making I'm trying to put back into the business," Martinez said.

For more information on Desert People, visit desertpeopleco.com or their studio, located at 2919 Wyoming Ave.

✉ Leslie Sarinana may be reached at theprospectordaily.ent@gmail.com.





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Neon Desert Music Fest fashion guide



BY LESLIE SARIÑANA AND ADRIAN BROADDUS

The Prospector

It's already April and it's less than a month to snag your Neon Desert outfits. Some may stop reading right here and think to themselves, "pish, I don't care what I wear!" There won't be any stress until the week of Memorial Weekend, where everyone is going to be panicking and scrambling to put their outfits together. That \$25 extra shipping charge is going to blow in the long run, so the best way to avoid that is to simply plan. Below are some fashion guide tips for Neon Desert and different outfits you can go for.

Shorts

Refrain from even thinking about wearing pants. Check out Chubbies' website for some shorts or stop by H&M for cheap shorts that look good.

Shades

On the shades topic, cheap sunglasses from H&M can be a steal and abide by the "simplicity goes a long way" notion. You probably

don't want to take your expensive Ray Bans to a crowded and often rowdy festival.

Shoes for guys

Now the big one, shoes. For the hipster dudes, there's nothing wrong with polishing (or dirtying) the vintage boots lying in your closet, but refrain from too nice of boots. Instead, use some rugged boots or casual oxfords. For a more comfortable fit, lace up some beat up sneakers and wear them with some mismatched socks.

Lace up some sweet Nike Air Max's or 574 New Balances for an added comfort mixed with slick style. Using some basic Converse or Vans would be an added comfort article of clothing.

Shoes for girls

For all of the girls who are already taking out their gladiator sandals,—DON'T. This is a two-day festival, where you will be on your feet for hours at a time. Save yourself the pain and go with comfortable shoes that will support you. You can trade sandals for sneakers. Realistically no one is going to care what shoes you're wearing, so save yourself the blisters.

Casual Shirts

If you are the type who prefers to wear a t-shirt and jeans on a date over a polo or button down, this is for you. There's nothing wrong going to Neon Desert dressed a little bit more casual, but it can still be done fashionably and well.

Striped tees on Jackthreads can range from \$4 to \$10 and are an easy-going article of clothing to wear. Match the shirt with whatever shorts you have lying in your drawer and you're all set. Using some basic Converse or Vans would be an added comfort article of clothing.

Less is not always more. May in El Paso is hot, but that doesn't mean you should show up to Neon baring it all. Be wary of how small or open your crop tops and tanks are.

Athletic Shirts

Whether you played high school varsity basketball or watch a ton of ESPN, the athletic throwback attire is the perfect get up for anyone going to Neon Desert looking for style mixed with comfort.

This outfit works best with a throwback jersey of some sort paired with some khaki shorts and some sneakers. The best part about wearing a throwback jersey is the fact that you can rock an old legend baller in style. The worst part is when you buy the jersey without knowing anything about the player and someone stops you and says, "hey man, I love Dominique Wilkins too," but you have no clue who he is.

Accessories

We understand the need to look picture ready, but halfway through the day you will be sweating from every crevice of your body. For all of you with long hair, take a hair tie. Putting your hair up while the heat pours down will make a world of a difference.

To add the least bit of flavor, even if it's not the most eye-grabbing article of clothing, add a hat to your outfit both days to not only protect from the blistering sun, but also for style. Zumiez and Pac Sun often have good sales and deals on fashionable hats.

CALANDER OF EVENTS

CHICANO BATMAN

The four-piece band is coming to Tricky Falls April 12. The show starts at 8 p.m. with Sadgirl and The Shacks as openers. Tickets are still on sale at Ticketfly.com starting at \$17.

OPERA UTEP

UTEP Department of Music will be hosting Fledermaus & Friends Opera. Opera UTEP will be performing Act 2 of Johann Strauss Jr.'s operetta "Die Fledermaus." There will be a show on at 7:30 p.m. on April 8, and another one at 2:30 p.m. on April 9. This event will be free to UTEP students with a valid ID.

21 SAVAGE

Trap artist 21 Savage will be at Buchanans April 6, as part of his "Issa Tour" tour. This will be the performers first time in El Paso. The doors open at 8 p.m. and the show starts at midnight.

OVO CIRQUE DE SOLEIL

OVO by Cirque de Soleil will be coming to the Don Haskins Center April 12 to 16. The show will present the ecosystem of insects through acrobatic performances. Tickets are on sale at Ticketmaster and through the university ticket center.

THE ORWELLS

April 4, punk rock band The Orwells will perform at the Lowbrow Palace. Doors open at 9 p.m. Tickets are still on sale at Ticketfly.com but can also be bought at the door.

'MEDEA'

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Sun City Throwback is taking it back to the 80's and 90's



ANDREW RIOS / THE PROSPECTOR

Sun City Throwback is currently located at 1840 N. Lee Trevino until May.

BY MIKE FLORES

The Prospector

Sun City Throwback opened a unique old-school sports store that has it all, from '80s to early '90s jerseys of all sports to local sports gear, to the most unique basketball shoes of all time.

Frank Gonzalez, the owner, opened the store in November of 2015, with the idea to bring back the memories of people who grew up before the 2000s and to open the eyes of kids today to sports stars before their time.

Gonzalez, who was born in California and moved to El Paso when he was 5 years old, was raised on the style his store brings. It all started when his mom introduced him to collecting sports gear, and what started out as a hobby eventually turned into a lifestyle.

With all the retro jerseys coming back into the spotlight Gonzalez wants the cream of the crop and the best quality merchandise around. He searches for the gear from stores all around the country from other retro shops in Chicago, Los Angeles, Tucson and even Canada.

"All the old stuff is making a comeback with social media, rappers wearing it and all the events around," Gonzalez said. "The jerseys I get, I try to keep them in the '80s and '90s because you can find newer jerseys anywhere. The quality was 100 times better back in the day, everything is triple stitched and people like the longevity of the jerseys back then. If you wear a jersey that is 30 years old, it still looks like it was made just last week."

The most unique aspect of Sun City Throwback is the pricing, Gonzalez does not put a price tag on any item in his store, instead, if a customer wants to purchase a jersey, Gonzalez will determine at the cash register how much he is willing to sell the item for.

Gonzalez says that he is in the business to keep up with trends and fashion, not the money.

"I know my El Paso people. I know people are on a budget and that people love to save. I try to hook my people up with prices. I don't like to take advantage of anybody," Gonzalez said. "My hobby pays and I give out stuff out for free sometimes. I love doing what I do, and the fact that I can still keep my business going with the way I price stuff says a lot about my store."

The store, which is hidden in the back of a strip mall, brings an atmosphere that customers from every age group can enjoy. There is a large-screen projector on the wall right near the entrance with game consoles hooked up for a video game setup. Gonzalez has made the most out of his first store.

Outside of El Paso, Gonzalez has a wide reputation and following from his social media pages and his willingness to

reach out to people who do not live in the same city. He sells his gear to people outside of the state and even goes to distance to ship to buyers from overseas. His Facebook groups, Instagram and eBay accounts are other outlets that allow him to get his name out there.

"I have a pretty good reputation with all my buyers. They know that they can PayPal me and they know I will ship out their order the next day, with tracking. I've been doing this for a long time now," Gonzalez said. "I had an eBay store for about seven years, and this is the same idea but just in a physical store."

With the success from Sun City Throwback and his following from his social media sites, Gonzalez is in the midst of relocating his store in May. The new store will be located right next to the bar Tippy Tiger, at a location that can catch the eye of the public with more ease.

However, this would not be possible without Gonzalez's partner Dickey Williams—who owns popular bars in El Paso such as Tippy Tiger, College Dropout and Whiskey Dicks. The two plan to bring a little more life to Sun City Throwback when their second store opens.

"When we open that store, we (Gonzalez and Williams) are going to have the same hours, but we plan on doing 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. during the club hours. And it's going to be open in the middle of party people walking back and forth.

It's going to be a fun experience," Gonzalez said. "We are thinking of making the store with a bistro/bar along with it. We want to incorporate that into the store since it's around the bars."

To keep up with Gonzalez and Sun City Throwback without having to travel to his pop up shop, you can follow him on both of his Instagram accounts, where he sells and shows off his merchandise. His Instagram names are "SunCityThrowback" and "ButImNotASneakerHead"

Sun City Throwback is currently located at 1840 N. Lee Trevino, suite 109, and store hours are from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, the doors open at 1:30 p.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

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Thrift shopping means more choice and budget

BY EDDIE VELAZQUEZ

The Prospector



When it comes to fashion, versatility is one of the most important aspects to consider when you are going over your style choices.

Thrift stores are exactly the embodiment of this quality, as there are vast amount of options for all occasions and styles.

From Hawaiian shirts and boat shoes, to cashmere cardigans and Clarks boots, thrift stores manage to fit in different types of clothes, accessories and styles into one place. Reselling at accessible prices allows a steady stream of new items and brands that range from a more affordable option such as Old Navy to a luxury line such as Burberry.

Additionally, the lack of brand distinction turns our choices as customers into a fluent experience when shopping for new attires, and casts a wider net that attracts a more diverse clientele.

In contrast, a retail store is more limited in the brands that it sells, without mentioning the availability of seasonal clothes and accessories.

Throughout the years, thrift shopping for clothes has been often seen as a sign of counter-culture, inspiring different looks in cultural movements. For instance, the grunge movement in the '90s featured its own style, with a heavy emphasis on plaid, flannels and denim.

The wide selection these stores have is prime for counter-culture fashions to make a return, providing the option of authentic items from that era. Thrift shopping is one of the better alternatives for those reminiscing about styles from previous periods of time.

At the same time, these stores are resourceful when thematic events arise. Halloween and themed-party costumes are often one-time, creative attires, and visiting a thrift store can help with ideas.

Aside from its diversity, an accessible price point is deeply rooted in the idea of thrift stores. While some retail stores will take some serious liberties with the prices of some clothes, thrift shopping is partly about finding some bargains.

As students, getting a nice coat, a comfortable flannel shirt or just about any of our preferred fashions for under \$20 brings about a rewarding sense of satisfaction that is hard to match. Despite this, the low price tag is not synonymous with the quality of clothing, as most of the local stores take care of their items on sale.

Some clothing-dedicated places such as Uptown Cheapskate will even place a higher value on items based on their condition when it comes to buying clothes from customers.

Whether you are looking for a good price on a specific type of clothing item, an old sports jersey, a quick and cheap change of clothes for the day or simply browsing for deals, thrift stores might be your best bet.

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Students create their own jewelry



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Studio major student works on creating metal jewelry.

BY CLAUDIA FLORES

The Prospector

In fashion, it takes the right accessories to complete a look and at UTEP students can take a course that teaches how to create their own jewelry and metal accessories at the metals and jewelry program at UTEP. The program allows students to create earrings, rings, necklaces and even sculptural body parts that can be worn as a complement to their outfits.

"I often create things out of what can be called found materials, like staples and pins," said Jess Tolbert, visiting assistant professor and head of the jewelry and metals program at UTEP. "These are things that are very common and have just one specific purpose, that is why I work with those materials."

In this program, students not only learn to create jewelry and shape metals, but also they learn about current international trends and contemporary trends that allows them to explore different areas in jewelry fashion.

To some students, fashion is crucial and being involved in the creation of accessories can be a fun way to experiment.

"Initially, I took this class because it is a requirement, but I love to wear jewelry and it is just really cool to know that you can make something and be able to wear it, and when people ask about

your earrings or other jewelry you can actually say, 'Oh, I made them.'" said Karen Flores, a junior art major.

However, the process to create these pieces can be long and tedious as students have to dedicate hours in order to achieve the desired form when molding the metals. The time spent on the process also depends on the material used to create the accessories.

"First you have to think of the concept, and then you have to make a template so you can see how to work on your design, then you choose the metal you want to work with," Flores said. "Right now, I've been working on a brooch for about two weeks and I'm going to have another week to finish it."

To some artists, the fun part comes after creating the accessories, as they can keep their work or sell it in exhibitions and art festivals.

"In art exhibitions, sometimes the work is sold and a lot of times is kept, it just depends on its purpose," Tolbert said.

The metals and jewelry program offers several courses starting with an introduction level, where students learn about the metals and how to work with them, to an advanced level, where students create major projects for exhibitions.

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Young entrepreneurs sell collectable shoes in EP

BY ADRIAN BROADDUS

The Prospector

Most middle school kids are satisfied with making their school basketball team, getting their braces off or having the freedom to go to the movies unsupervised with their friends.

For Drew and Jaime Frank, who are 13 and 12 years old, respectively, they are satisfied with the booming business of their recently opened sneaker store, Kickpin. Both brothers buy and sell high-quality and high-demand sneakers that are nearly impossible to find.

Located at 5860 N. Mesa, Suite 112, Kickpin is a boutique dedicated to selling limited quantities of shoes from Adidas, Nike, Jordan and other brands. They sell them above the retail market price because of their high demand and exclusivity.

Some of the high-demand sneakers they showcase are Yeezy, Jordan Retro, Adidas Ultraboost, New Balance and Nike Air Max.

The store is open on the weekend with different hours during the day. They opened their doors

in late 2016 and have been up and running since.

"It's been crazy. My brother and I always had a love for sneakers and clothing so one day we decided, 'why not open up a shop and do it here?'" Drew said. "We always used to resell to other stores in Los Angeles, but we thought we could bring it here and see how it goes. It's just been amazing how crazy it's been."

Both brothers said the lines before pop-up events can stretch down the block and that the demand for the latest sneakers are at an all-time high.

"It's been crazy; they love it here," Drew said. "It's a little surprising because I never knew there would be such a big sneaker culture here. I didn't think there'd be any culture for any of this stuff."

The process to buy high-demand shoes is almost impossible and it can be regarded as a talent. For example, if the Yeezy Boost shoes went on sale, Adidas would only release a small quantity of the shoes online and they generally sell out in minutes. Most who buy online use special computer software to properly

add the items to their carts and get the limited edition shoes.

The Frank brothers didn't disclose how they get their shoes, but they did say it takes knowing the right person to buy from.

"We know a lot of people who sell them and we buy in bulk and separately sometimes," Drew said. "To have something like our store, you really have to have a lot of inventory."

That's precisely what the Frank brothers have—a back room with hundreds of these high-demand shoes. Also in the boutique are special clothes, accessories and even a DJ booth. For those who want to take a chance on winning shoes, they even have an arcade-like game setup, where customers can win a free pair of sneakers.

For the future, the Frank brothers definitely want to continue to grow their business by opening up a website and possibly a new location.

"We're about to launch our website soon, where we will sell some of our stuff," Drew said. "Also we're going to be doing a lot of different things in El Paso. Maybe

eventually open up another store in El Paso. We're going to be having a pop-up at Neon Desert too. It's going to be crazy."

And the brothers do not simply blabber about their success. They have become regionally recognized by some of the top artists when they come through El Paso. In fact, when Carnage came through to El Paso, the DJ wanted to make a stop at the store to do a meet and greet.

"Carnage was with J&K for Rare and he wanted to do a pop-up and we said, 'why don't you do it here?'" Drew said. "Lil Yachty came with him so he also was here. Khalid came the next day, just coming through and it was so cool. He's a really nice guy."

Also, the brothers have different classmates who come out every chance they have and often talk about the store at school.

"I like it a lot because most of my friends come in a lot and it's so fun to talk about," Jaime said. "People love it here and they think it's so cool that we're so young doing it here."

The two, who evidently have a keen eye for a person's shoe game, are currently all about Kanye West's Yeezy sneakers. Jaime actually owns every Yeezy shoe that has been released.

"I just like how rare they are and getting them. I mean it's Kanye," Jaime said. "Currently my favorite shoes are the Zebra Yeezys."

As they grow up, the brothers have a goal to keep the store and continue selling shoes.

"We'd love to do that (continue the store when they are older)," Drew said. "I love everything about sneakers. It's everything about them—the culture, reselling them and everything."

For young teenagers, Drew and Jaime do not let their age affect their quality or product of work.

"No matter how young you are, if you dedicate yourself you can do it," Drew said. "We're 13 and 12 and we run a sneaker store so it's possible."

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Drew and Jaime Frank are 13 and 12 years old and own Kickpin which is only open certain weekends at 5860 N. Mesa, Suite 212.

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Miner football and basketball have always had swag



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Miner athletics is always on the cutting edge of their uniform game when it comes to staying on top of trends through their partnerships with Nike and Jordan brands.

BY ADRIAN BROADDUS

The Prospector

Throughout the university's history, UTEP has ventured through many different athletic uniforms. Both basketball and football have showcased some of the best and worst jerseys that the school has seen. Below, we highlight some of the best ones in program history.

80s Miners football jerseys

Remember the old Paydirt Pete, who looked like something straight out of a Disney cartoon? That same mascot was showcased on every helmet for the Miners in the 1980s. Coincidentally, the '80s featured some of the best UTEP football teams that the university had seen. Coached by Bob Stull, the Miners turned a sub-par program into something respectable.

What made these uniforms so cool was the uniqueness of the Miners' helmet. This helmet was accompanied by one of the truest orange colors a UTEP uniform has ever seen. Pearly white jerseys with a hint of orange also accompanied these classics.

In 2014, the Miners brought back the jerseys for a throwback commemoration of their centennial year. They wore the jerseys frequently throughout the season and modernized the old-school look with some orange-out jerseys.

80s Miners basketball jerseys

Simplicity goes a long way with these uniforms. They are typical all-white jerseys, but what makes them special is the fine trimmed outline of the orange and blue on their jerseys.

These jerseys not only made the Miners play in style, but they were accompanied by a decade of great basketball. The Miners saw NCAA tournament appearances, conference championships and some very talented players.

The Miners revisited these jerseys during their 2015-16 season, when they wore them a few times. The one drawback to these jerseys is the lazy font of the "UTEP" in the center.

Matte blue football uniforms

This past UTEP football season, the Miners brought out their newest uniform addition with their matte navy blue jerseys. The jerseys were announced mid season and the Miners wore them for certain home games.

The helmet featured a defiant pickaxe, but it wasn't the normal texture of a gloss-based helmet, but rather these new helmets were on a matte-based material, which looked very clean.

The Miners wore this helmet with blue jerseys and blue pants. Contrary to every UTEP jersey, the navy blue uniforms used minimal orange and predominately used white and navy blue.

Navy blue everything Basketball uniforms

In the spirit of the football team's newest matte navy blue uniforms, the men's basketball squad replicated the same idea on the court. They introduced the all navy blue jerseys in the 2016-17 season and alternated wearing them at home games and away games.

The pure navy blue jerseys were joined with white blocks along the side of the jerseys and shorts for an added swagger. The different players alternated the jerseys with blue and orange shoes.

These jerseys are one of the few true navy blue uniforms the Miners have worn in their program history.

Classic Texas Western Basketball jerseys

Maybe one of the most storied jerseys the Miners wear are the Texas Western classic throwback jerseys. These jerseys, which are worn on a purely white background, hold style and historical significance.

Most associate these jerseys with TWC's historical 1966 National Championship, where they made history by being the first team to start five African-American players in the NCAA National Championship game. Over time, as Texas Western changed to UTEP, the Miners did away with their historic jerseys.

However, fast-forward to present day and the Miners have returned with the classic throwback jerseys. Since the centennial year in 2014, the Miners have donned the Texas Western jerseys. The jerseys were further commemorated in 2016, as the program celebrated the 50th anniversary of the 1966 team. They accompany the jerseys usually with some sweet kicks like Kyrie's or some Nike Hyperflys.

They have been nationally recognized by various websites as being among the best throwback jerseys used in present day.

Women's basketball pinkout uniforms

In efforts to show their respect and spread awareness for breast cancer victims, the UTEP women's basketball team wear their all-pink uniforms as part of the "Play 4 Kay" initiative.

Kay Yow was the N.C. State women's head basketball coach, who worked to raise money for cancer research through the Kay Yow Cancer Fund following her cancer diagnosis. To date, the initiative has raised more than \$5 million for women's cancer research.

The jerseys are dark pink and they're put together with matching pink shorts and shoes.

The women's basketball squad always takes time from the game to talk about breast cancer and they encourage fans to wear pink along with the players as well. The jerseys are completely unique from the normal orange and blue jerseys and also stand out against opposing teams.

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Miner tennis trying to overcome injuries to wrap-up season



BY JEREMY CARRANCO

The Prospector

The UTEP women's tennis team (4-11) has lost four straight matches while being shutout in their previous two, to both Iowa State (4-0) and rival New Mexico (4-0). The Miners are seeking to get back in the win column, but more importantly, get healthy before they host UTSA on April 9, and rival New Mexico State on April 14 in their regular season finale.

In their last match against New Mexico, the Miners played with just four of their seven players due to injuries. The Miners were forced to forfeit three matches (two singles and one doubles) against both Iowa State and New Mexico. Luckily, the shorthanded Miners can still claim victory despite having just four active players.

For collegiate team tennis meets during the regular season, if a team wins four points while singles matches remain unfinished, the team with four points is declared the winner and the remaining matches remain incomplete. This is why you might see a 7-0 score in one meet and a 4-1 score in another. By rule, the doubles matches are played before the singles matches.

In doubles, there are three matches that total one team point, that point goes to the team who wins two out of the three matches. In UTEP's case, they have only put together one doubles team in their last two games. While forfeiting one, the Miners can still claim that crucial doubles point, but only if they win that match before the other team can, as only the first winner is granted the doubles point.

In singles, there are six total matches with each match victory equaling one team point. Any forfeited matches are granted to the opposing team before the rest of the competition begins. In UTEP's

case, they entered the last two games with a two-game disadvantage, so if UTEP loses their doubles match and loses just one singles match of the four active matches, the opposing team claims the team victory.

Both the Cyclones and Lobos were able to record shutouts because the first singles match to be completed was a win for them.

The four players who are currently healthy and competing for UTEP are sophomore Raven Bennett, junior Milou Pietersz, senior Daphne Visscher, and junior Lois Wagenvoort. Despite being shorthanded, the Miners know that they can still pull out a team victory, but the margin for error is razor thin.

"Right now, we have three girls who are injured, so that's not playing in our favor," said assistant coach Rebeca Cavillo. "We are usually strong, but it's been tough. Our girls don't have a margin for error, you've got to be 100 percent ready to play mentally and physically to pull out the win."

The last time the Miners picked up a team point was the last time they had a full and healthy team. This was in a hard fought, but losing effort to the Utah State Aggies (4-3) on March 4 in a neutral site match at the Aquatic and Tennis Complex in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Winners in singles for UTEP were junior Vivienne Kulicke (6-3, 6-2), senior Duda Santos (5-7, 6-3, 6-1), and Bennett (6-4, 7-5). Kulicke and Pietersz, who are currently ranked no. 60 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings for doubles, came out on top (6-3), but the Aggies captured the doubles point with victories in the other two doubles matches.

Santos, Wagenvoort and Maria Paula Medina are the three Miners currently battling through injuries. There is no set

return for these players, but Medina is confident she will be able to head back on the court with her team against UTSA.

"I am happy because I may be able to play against UTSA," Medina said. "I'm ready to help my team and give ourselves a point, it's been tough with the injuries, but I just need to focus on my game, because at the end of the day, while we are a team, we all play individually or with a partner."

Currently, the Miners sit in the 13th spot of the Conference-USA standings, but have yet to play a Conference-USA squad. With a win against UTSA and New Mexico State in their final regular season games, UTEP could gain some very important momentum as they prepare for the Conference-USA tournament coming up on April 20-23 in Denton, Texas.

UTSA is 9-8 overall, and like the Miners, have yet to play a Conference-USA team. This will change when the two conference foes clash. Seven of the Roadrunners' nine wins have come at home while just one comes on the road. UTSA will face New Mexico State on April 7 in Las Cruces before they travel to face the Miners on April 9.

The Aggies are currently 7-11 overall, but winless on the road at 0-6. New Mexico State will play three-straight home games (including the matchup with UTSA) before they travel to take on UTEP on April 14.

The Miners are playing just their third home game when they welcome the Roadrunners and they are looking to win for the first time at the El Paso Tennis Club this season.

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 UTEP tennis heads into their match ups with UTSA and NMSU with many injury concerns, but the Miners are still hopeful.

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Big road trips ahead for UTEP golf teams



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UTEP men's golf is looking for a big finish in the Western Intercollegiate Invitational before heading to the Conference-USA championships.

BY MIKE FLORES
The Prospector

From Thursday to Friday, April 6-7, the UTEP women's golf team will travel to Maricopa, Arizona, to participate in the Wyoming Cowgirl Classic—their last invitational of the season before the Conference-USA Championship begins on April 17, in Fort Myers, Florida.

The men's unit will also be preparing for their season finale by traveling to Santa Cruz, California, for the Western Intercollegiate weekend tournament, which kicks off April 8. The C-USA Championship for men's golf is scheduled to start on April 23 and wrap up on April 26 in Texarkana, Arkansas.

Women's Preview:

At the recent Little Rock/ASU Invitational, the UTEP women found themselves tied for third place with Toledo at the tournament's end, as both schools totaled a final score of 917. Out of the 13-team field during the tournament, the Miners had two student-athletes crack the top-10 for their performances, with senior Alisa Rodriguez (74-75-74-223) and sophomore Lily Downs (76-76-75-227).

Before the Little Rock Invitational, the Miners struggled to stay in the upper part of the final place standings in previous tournaments. UTEP recorded their worst two places in the Texas State Invitational (ninth place out of 16 teams), and at the Dr. Donnis Thompson Invitational, where they finished 13th out of the 15 schools competing.

The Miners will look to continue their hot shooting when the Arizona road trip takes place and hope to right their wrongs from a season prior, where UTEP finished in 16th place in the Cowgirl Classic. Last year, the orange and blue shot 315 in the first round, followed by 300 in the second round and 315 in the final round to total 930 in the Cowgirl Classic.

As a junior last season, Sofia Castiello (75-77-80-232) along with Downs (83-73-76) tied for 52nd place as UTEP's top finishers in the Cowgirl tournament. This year, Castiello has one top-20 finish, and has been UTEP's top finisher twice this season, while totaling three appearances in the top 10.

Rodriguez and senior June Ting are tied for UTEP's season-high in top-20 finishes with six each, and have combined for nine top-10 rankings throughout the year. Ting has been UTEP's top performer with

365 and 376 in the three rounds. UTEP's top scorer last season—who hit the most pars in the whole invitational—Frederik Dreier tied for 21st in the final standings at three-over par. The next UTEP athlete was Andreas Sorensen (49th place), who received a spot-on C-USA's All-Freshman team.

Again, UTEP is led by their reigning C-USA player of the year Dreier, who is in the running for a potential back-to-back award-winning seasons. Dreier is looking to add to his team-high of six top-10 finishes on the team when the Miners face the Western Intercollegiate competition.

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The Western Intercollegiate should prove to be a strong test for an improving Miner men's team.

UTEP's head coach Jere Pelletier is no stranger to the playoffs and how to get his team prepared for a potential run. Under Pelletier, UTEP has won 10 tournament titles, and he has willed his team to come out in the top five in the conference championships on nine occasions.

Men's Preview:
After nearly a two-week break from action, the UTEP men's golf team will seek to get their stroke back with a trip to California. In San Antonio for the Lone Star Invitational, which started March 20, the Miners shot their season-worst in scoring with a 22-under, 842. This forced UTEP to lose a grip on their second-place standing after two rounds, and eventually pushed them to fourth when the tournament concluded.

Now, looking to regroup before the C-USA playoffs begin, the 71st-annual Western Intercollegiate Invitational will be UTEP's last opportunity to do so, since it is the last regular season event of the year.

The teams the Miners will challenge in the Western Intercollegiate tournament are no. 1 USC, no. 14 Stanford, no. 16 Texas, no. 24 Arizona State, San Diego State, the hosting team San Jose University, Arizona, California, UC Irvine, UCLA, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington and Pepperdine for a 15-team field.

Last season, no. 9-ranked Stanford took the crown with their total score of 1,041 as a team. USC (1,051) and Oregon (1,059) rounded out the top-three. UTEP finished in front of opponents such as UC Irvine, Arizona, San Jose State and Hawaii.

Stanford's senior star Maverick McNealy will be playing to keep his medalist award that he won last season.

The orange and blue has yet to claim the No. 1 spot in the invitational, but in 1995, UTEP's Ryan Hietala won the prestigious medalist reward – the only Miner in history to be recognized with that honor.

In the 2015-2016 season, UTEP fired 53-over par to come out of the Western Intercollegiate with a 10th-place finish. The Miners shot 362,

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AL Central	Indians (92-70)	Indians (92-70)	Indians (90-69)	Indians (96-66)
AL West	Astros (93-69)	Mariners (91-71)	Astros (89-73)	Astros (92-70)
NL East	Nationals (88-74)	Nationals (94-68)	Nationals (90-72)	Nationals (95-67)
NL Central	Cubs (101-61)	Cubs (105-57)	Cardinals (95-67)	Cubs (100-62)
NL West	Giants (92-70)	Dodgers (93-69)	Giants (91-71)	Dodgers (98-64)
AL Wild Card #1	Rangers (87-75)	Blue Jays (90-72)	Blue Jays (89-73)	Rangers (89-73)
NL Wild Card #1	Dodgers (89-73)	Mets (86-76)	Cubs (89-73)	Giants (90-72)
AL Wild Card #2	Yankees (86-74)	Astros (87-75)	Rangers (87-75)	Blue Jays (88-74)
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AL Champ	Rangers	Red Sox	Indians	Red Sox
NL Champ	Giants	Cubs	Cubs	Cubs
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AL MVP	Mike Trout	Mookie Betts	Mike Trout	Carlos Correa
NL MVP	Anthony Rizzo	Nolan Arenado	Kris Bryant	Kris Bryant
AL CY Young	Chris Sale	Chris Sale	Chris Sale	Corey Kluber
NL CY Young	Madison Bumgarner	Clayton Kershaw	Kershaw	Clayton Kershaw
Padres losses:	94	105	89	98
Chihuahuas wins:	70	70	74	75
Chihuahuas no-hitter?	No	No	Yes	No
Renfroe Padre HR's:	22	18	15	20
Padres first no-hitter in 2017?	No	No	Yes	No
Padres cycle in 2017?	No	No	No	No
Perfect game in 2017?	No	No	No	No
Tebow Minor's Average:	0.178	0.183	0.192	0.204
Will Big Papi unretire in 2017?	Yes	No	No	No

The American League seems like it may be up for grabs this year and the Prospector staff's predictions definitely reflect that. The National League is a different story, with all but sports editor Jason picking the world champion Cubs to repeat.

When it came to the World Series, nobody felt like the National League would dominate again like they did last year. Four out of the last 10 champions have been from the American League, with the last being the Kansas City Royals in 2015. The Red Sox, Jeremy and Mike's pick to win it all, last won in 2013.

The El Paso Chihuahuas parent club, the San Diego Padres, is widely believed to have the worst roster in Major League Baseball. That is why we asked our writers about the number of losses for the "Friars." Most were merciful, despite thinking that the team will definitely finish last in the NL West — but 105, Jeremy?

The Chihuahuas have yet to have a no-hitter in their history and this year's roster will feature what looks to be a much better pitching staff than last year. Still, Adrian is the only writer who thinks that the likes of Dinelson Lamet or Zach Lee could write their name in the history books in 2017. (Adrian is equally optimistic about the Padres' woeful pitching staff).

Tim Tebow will play for the Columbia Fireflies in the New York Mets farm system this season. He has appeared overmatched so far in his brief baseball career and the writers don't seem to have much hope for Tebow in 2017. Only Mike thinks that Tebow will cross the Mendoza line.

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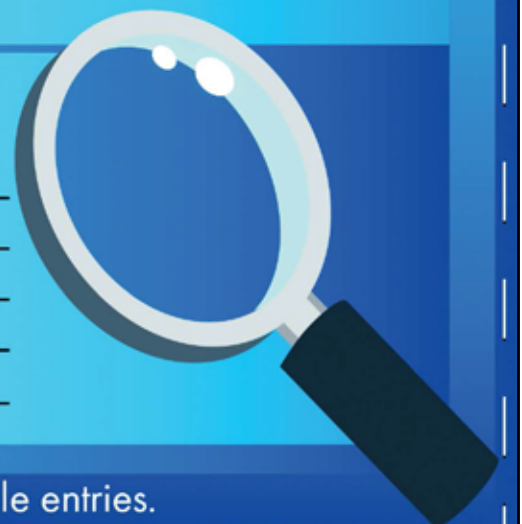
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