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College is anything but free



BY OSCAR AVILA
The Prospector

Transitioning from high school to college is one of the biggest changes in a person's life. First and foremost, balancing a full-time schedule is not easy, and it's even easier to lose track of priorities. However, the whole experience is something worth noting and it only gets better with each passing moment.

As a freshman in my third week at UTEP, it is not hard to say that college is better than high school. However, this should be taken with a grain of salt because there are downsides to college. Essentially, when it comes to pursuing a higher education, everything comes at a price both figuratively and literally.

Figuratively speaking, time is money, so it must be spent wisely. Although, certain courses usually have class once or twice a week, most professors recommend working on assignments as soon as possible. This might sound like common sense but unsurprisingly most freshmen, like the one writing this column still fall victim to procrastination.

Professors are lenient about late work the first few weeks of school though, so there is no pressure if students slip up. It varies from each professor, but in my experience, late work policy was not enforced until the third week. Students are expected to have the necessary materials for class by this point, and those that do not will find themselves in very deep waters.

However, this is where pursuing a college degree comes at a literal price. The materials that students are expected to have are expensive and typically run them upwards of hundreds of dollars. This makes students less eager to share any supplies with their peers,

and such is the case in my basic Art courses.

Much like life, college is subjective, and there is more to it than the stress of time management and student debt. The next best thing any freshman can do is become involved through one of the many organizations on campus. I for one work at The Prospector as a contributor.

It is not a simple job and there is a huge demand for teamwork between the contributor's and editors. This establishes a professional community that sets itself apart from friend groups and immediate family. Basically, it is one of the best places to start for freshmen who have never held a job prior to entering college.

Failure here is not taboo as it is in class, because it is a possibility that a contributor's first story will not be the best one they will ever write. Essentially, there is room for error like there is room for improvement. In this way, it helps undergraduates learn how to constructively criticize themselves and learn from their mistakes.

The variety of individuals in the staff strengthen that practice because there is mutual understanding between the experienced members and the inexperienced newcomers. The returning staff remembers what it was like to be in the shoes of newcomers, so they know exactly how to guide them to success. This is the kind of environment that keeps freshmen from giving up on pursuing their goals.

I am certainly better than I was in high school by immersing myself in a semi-professional environment. Setting up this path so far has been a bit rocky only because the urge to procrastinate is still prevalent. However, it is also assisting in breaking that habit because of the need to be proactive and produce quality work for the campus community.

Ultimately, the freshman experience at UTEP as of 2018 is possibly unlike any other. There is so much in store for the fall semester that there has never been a better time to be a Miner.

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The freshman buzz is here



BY VICTORIA GARCIA
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Taking my first steps into a whole new experience at UTEP as a freshman was both exhilarating and nerve wracking. My life was off to a fresh start where decision making would definitely come into play—this time it would be my choice to make all the positive decisions for myself—while beginning to start with my career in both psychology and multimedia journalism.

My first week was fast paced, a huge eye opener, everyone had an automatic destination whether it was to their classes, the student union or the library to study. I didn't realize the number of students and professors there were in one University.

Plenty of opportunities presented themselves both socially and academically at Miner Welcome Week with different clubs and organizations so that all new students would be able to join in on any new social events at school such as an LGBT club, an ultimate frisbee club, or even a political science club. The same went for academics, receiving lectures from my professors working on deadlines and time management was a huge new step into my new adult collegiate life.

Internships are starting to play a huge role in my academics and it is something that is advertised everywhere on campus whether they are on fliers, posted online, or spoken about by students or volunteers.

Throughout the week I was able to experience a new organization initiative named "UTEP Edge" which consisted of many volunteers and participants who were already a part of the organization to inform the new students what they may be interested

in. Job mine, study abroad, and the University Career Center are some of the resources UTEP has to offer, which is very useful in a sense that job searching will not be difficult due to the vast amount of resources. Study abroad is also available for students who obtain a minimum of a 3.0 GPA and are in good standing at UTEP.

Therefore, my mindset was open to new organizations and to try new things that probably wouldn't have caught my eye before. I have met so many new people with all sorts of different majors and minors, here at the University my choices are mine to make on the achievements or goals I would like to earn or set for myself.

There will be many challenges to face head-on-and time management is something that an incoming freshman such as myself must practice—but once the opportunities arise the possibilities are endless.

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Career Center offering services for students to dress to impress



CLAUIDA HERNANDEZ / THE PROSPECTOR

The UTEP Career Closet at the Career Center lends out full outfits to students who need professional attire to use at their business event or interview.

BY BRIANNA CHAVEZ

The Prospector

The University Career Center and national retail store JCPenney have teamed up to create the UTEP Suit Up Event to help students find clothes for their next business venture.

All currently enrolled students can visit the JCPenney at Cielo Vista Mall in East El Paso on Sept. 30 and receive a 40 percent discount on all business attire.

The offer includes suits, dresses, sport coats, dress pants, shoes, accessories and briefcases.

To receive a discount, students have to bring their Miner Gold Card.

This is first year that UTEP and JCPenney have joined forces to provide students

with the clothes they need to impress their next employer.

Craig Thompson, associate director of the center, said the retail store has successfully tried this campaign with other universities across the country and personally reached out to UTEP.

"Our goal is to have about 400 students (participate) and I know we won't have any problem doing that," Thompson said.

This is just one of the many services the Career Center provides for all UTEP students.

The UTEP Career Closet, which has been in existence for over four years, provides students with brand new clothing for their next business event or networking opportunity.

Students can rent a one full outfit at a time, like a suit and one tie, for seven days.

"The only thing we ask is that they bring

the attire back dry cleaned. So there's no cost to any currently enrolled student other than the dry cleaning," Thompson said.

Students must provide an itemized receipt from the dry cleaners in order to return the clothing.

Psychology senior, Jackie Quezada, has rented clothes from the career closet before and would definitely do it again in the future.

"I think it's useful because either students aren't really sure what they should be wearing to an interview or career fair and the closet can help," Quezada said.

The University Career Center is also encouraging students to use the closet if need be and dress to impress for their annual Career Fair Expo.

"Instead of going out and having a spend a lot of money on that, (students) can just use that resource," Thompson said.

Over 115 employers for a variety of majors will be gathered inside the Don Haskins Center for two days, Sept. 20 and 21.

Employers will be looking to hire full time employees and interns for summer 2019.

The Career Center advises all students to make sure they have multiple copies of their resume on hand just in case.

"Sometimes when the employers meet someone that they want to consider for an internship (or job), they'll take them and do an interview right then and there," Thompson said.

Thompson wants students, especially underclassmen, to use the expo as an exploration tool and ask questions that show the employers that they're interested in their companies.

"We always encourage students to come out and talk to some of these employers so they have an understanding of what they would need to get a job," Thompson said.

The UTEP Suit Up event runs from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cielo Vista Mall is located on 8401 Gateway Boulevard West.

For a list of all the employers that will be featured at this year's expo visit the University Career Center's website and look the list under the events tab.

The Career Fair Expo will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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IN BRIEF

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD

The UTEP Alumni Association named a new president and board members for the 2018-19 academic year. Bonny Schulenburg, the social media relations specialist in Ysleta ISD, has been named the newest president.

UTEP FALL ENROLLMENT INCREASES

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ALEXANDRA FELICIANO

Junior criminal justice major

"In psychology I feel like I wouldn't. I need to do more for that because my major requires more, or else I won't do well in my career. I would aim for a PhD (or) at least a master's degree."



JOHAN FLORES

Freshman nursing major

"I feel comfortable, because nursing has a lot of demand here in El Paso. I am planning to study more because medicine has a lot of advances every year."



JASMIN GONZALEZ

Sophomore criminal justice major

"Lately I've been thinking that a bachelor's degree is not enough now, I want to go into the DEA so I feel I would have to do a little bit more for that."



MARTIN TARANGO

Junior civil engineering major

"I feel confident in getting a job because the engineering program here at UTEP is really good and it gives you a lot of opportunities to get internships."



VALERIA CHAVEZ

Junior biological science major

"I'm not as confident, because I'm planning to reach a doctorate degree, I don't think there are many jobs available for someone with a biological science degree."

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This Matters opens to talk about divisive issues



PRISCILLA GOMEZ / THE PROSPECTOR

Director of Advocacy, Leadership Development and Research Camilo Perez-Bustillo was a guest speaker at This Matters discussion on Human Rights on the Border last Thursday, Sept. 13.

BY CATHERINE RAMIREZ

The Prospector

Education, border issues, politics and love are all current and controversial topics that are open for discussion for UTEP students this semester during the This Matters Series.

The Student Engagement and Leadership Center presents the This Matters Series, where students can gather a few times during the semester to discuss growing issues within society.

“The Student Engagement and Leadership Center initiated the This Matters Series to provide a safe space where the UTEP community can engage in meaningful conversations that lead to progressive actions,” said Kelsie Vasquez, who oversees the series.

This Matters Series was formerly known as the Brown Bag Series and has engaged students in conversations about trending issues since 2014.

Vasquez is a Women’s and Gender Studies graduate student and the Inclusion and Advocacy Intern at the Student Engagement and Leadership Center. With the help of others, Vasquez decided on a name that better represented the series.

“We felt as though the title Brown Bag did not accurately reflect what the series aimed to accomplish,” Vasquez said.

This Matters goal is to help participants develop communication and critical thinking skills that will allow them to form educated opinions.

“The university is a learning environment and this series is good for students who might not be exposed to those topics in their classes if they are not in the liberal arts discipline,” said Emily Martinez, higher education graduate student.

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Hispanics in computer science supported by \$10 million grant

BY ANDREA VALDEZ-RIVAS

The Prospector

It looks like Hispanic students enrolled in Computer Science at the University of Texas at El Paso had good fortune this semester. UTEP is engaging in a national initiative to increase the number of Hispanic students who want to enroll, participate, and conduct research in computer science.

Professor and chair of UTEP’s Department of Computer Science, Ann Q. Gates, Ph.D., will lead the work that will open doors for Hispanic students who are pursuing careers in the field. Gates was recently named a recipient of a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant worth nearly \$10 million. Proving the grant was highly competitive to obtain, Gates was one of 95 recipients in the nation. She collaborates with other individuals from different institutions and organizations to form the Computing Alliance of Hispanic-Serving Institutions (CAHSI).

According to their website, member institutions work together to implement initiatives, document their work, and spread the information beyond CAHSI. An initiative under CAHSI, called CAHSI INCLUDES, is a national priority coming from the director of the NSF. The perspective of the program is to advance science and discovery and to achieve uniformity in the number of Hispanics who complete computation-based graduate studies.

The initiative looks to form networked partnerships with institutions and organizations across the nation, specifically with Hispanic populations. The initiative’s efforts will focus on helping Hispanic students transition from associate degree programs to baccalaureate degree programs. Those already in baccalaureate programs will be supported to attend graduate school and earn a master’s degree.

“Our focus has always been on recruiting, retaining and advancing Hispanics in computing,” Gates said. “You need inclusion, you need to bring in people that have different perspectives, different experiences to be successful. So, we are working across the country. We have regional hubs that are focused on bringing people from the community together: non-profits, industry, community colleges, and four-year colleges.”

The institutional membership consists of computer science professors from different universities such as New Mexico State University, Texas A&M University-C.C., Florida International University, among others. With the collaboration of over 40 institutions and organizations, CAHSI’s agenda moves forward. Dr. Enrico Pontelli, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at NMSU, works closely with UTEP and is leading the southwest collective of CAHSI.

As the grant money is being put to use, CAHSI has already helped UTEP students advance in their careers. Gates stated that the initiative has been working with Google, as students are spending the whole semester with Google taking classes. Hispanic students, with the support of CAHSI, can attend conferences, where they can showcase their talent in STEM disciplines.

Alejandro Dávila, UTEP senior Computer Science major, and Ana García, also a senior Computer Science major, are student advocates for CAHSI and they promote everything that it does.

“We encourage students to be involved, we encourage them to get internships, to look for research opportunities,” Dávila explains. “We have also been going to many classrooms and talking [to students] about internships and talking about how important it is to get professional experience in an internship before graduating. We want more Hispanics to get into the industry and to do research as well.”

The students created an online newsletter called Pick X, which looks to get students engaged in the computer science department. The website features information on employment opportunities, professional development tutorials, articles, and other tools to help all students in computing.

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Top websites to find your next job

BY OSCAR AVILA
The Prospector

1 Indeed

Indeed is a job search website that allows people seeking employment to search for available jobs in their cities instantly. Employers can also use the website to post open positions for hire, so it works both ways. First, start by making a free account on their website by clicking the “Sign In” link at the top right corner. There are three options for signing in like linking a Facebook account, Gmail account or simply creating an Indeed account.

After this, job seekers can upload a file of their resume, or they can build their resume on the website. Likewise, employers can provide a description of their job, review applications, manage candidates, and schedule interviews. The service is cross-platform as well, so users can hunt for work at home on a desktop, or on the go through their smart phones. Overall, the process is quite streamlined with little to no issues in terms of locating a job and formatting your resume.

2 ZipRecruiter

Rated as the number one job search app on Android and iOS devices, ZipRecruiter makes it their mission to help people find a meaningful career. They cater to those looking to hire as well and over one million hiring businesses have used their services.

It is as simple as creating an account and uploading your resume all for free. Additionally, there are over eight million jobs to choose from, but no lengthy application process required.

Once a job seeker uploads a resume file, all that is left to do is locate an open position and apply instantly with a click or a tap. ZipRecruiter will constantly update seekers on the progress of their application without sparing any details to ensure a quality service. Eight years ago, they were a simple tool that helped small businesses distribute job postings affordably. Now, the company helps millions of people in the U.S. and U.K. find a living.

3 Monster

Much like Indeed, Monster is a global online employment solution dedicated to helping unemployed people in need of a job. Moreover, if a company is looking to hire more workers then Monster also offers the option to post jobs. Simply create an account, or log with either Google or Facebook, and upload a resume for companies to find when searching the website’s database. In addition, the online service offers career advice, resume services, and educational partners to help users become better candidates. Another way that this company sets itself apart from Indeed is that they offer radio advertisements for employers. The employment company has been in the business for over twenty years now so there is no doubt that they are a solid option when it comes to job hunting.

4 Craigslist

First and foremost, Craigslist is not a job search site solely dedicated to helping people find work. It is an American classified advertisements website that allows users to post hiring positions, houses and other personal belongings for sale, community events, resumes and discussion blogs. What is unique about their service is that it is strictly local and does not function on a worldwide basis. In addition, it is personalized to feature postings from the specific area it is accessed in the United States. Now there are thirty-one subcategories listed underneath the “Jobs” category on the homepage. At first, the search results including all subcategories are large to sort through, however, the results can be filtered in a side tab by checking off detailed boxes. The service as a whole targets the general American consumer and caters to a wide audience instead of focusing on one area like the job search sites.

5 Job Mine

The Job Mine is an online database available for students to locate and apply to on-campus jobs, internships, and part-time or professional positions. Students seeking employment can create an account using their UTEP username and a custom password of their choice.

After signing in, they fill out a personal profile and upload a resume file for recruiters to find. UTEP students can also look up hiring positions in the Jobs tab, job search and results can be filtered by adjusting the parameters located at the top of listed positions. Clicking on a post in the search results will bring up the description page, and the process is as simple as applying by uploading a resume to the employer. However, in some cases, the employer will ask for additional requirements in their applications which can only be provided by email. Overall, the Job Mine serves its purpose in assisting students with finding a job.

6 TeamWork

If you are looking for a job in the sports world, look no further than TeamWork. This website gives the user access to thousands of different sporting organizations across the world, from top office executive jobs, to entry level internships. For those that have an interest to putting their foot in the front door to become the next general manager of an organization or someone that wants to become a radio broadcaster for a team, TeamWork gives the user the best place to start looking.

TeamWork helps to bridge the gap between aspiring workers and the organization itself. It allows the user to create a set profile that caters to their skill-set and gives them the options to dazzle their own resume and cover letters.

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TALK from page 5

The subjects that will be discussed during the series were selected to address concerns and matters of interests of UTEP students and the surrounding communities.

The series will host guest speakers to lead the discussions on topics like human-rights on the border, race, Texas politics, wellness for your body and mind.

“I hope to learn more, I’m not well versed in many topics. I want to know what I can do to help people,” Martinez said. “I’m mainly here to just listen.”

Discussions began on Sep. 13, and the remaining discussions will be held on Sep. 26, Oct. 11, Oct. 16, Nov. 13, and Nov. 20. All discussions are held from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and the locations of the discussions vary for each meeting and can be found online at minetracker.utep.edu/organization/selc.

Refreshments will be provided for students who attend the discussions.

All students are encouraged to attend the series and other events and programs the Student Engagement and Leadership Center provides, like Quench a discussion series that focuses on issues specifically within the LBGTQ community.

Quench will also take place this semester and plans to educate the campus community to support the LBGTQ community. Quench discussions will be held on Sep. 26, Oct. 17, and Nov. 14, all sessions begin at noon at Union Building East in University Suite, Room 312.

For more information about This Matters or Quench visit the Student Engagement and Leadership Center on social media @UTEPSEL or on their website www.utep.edu/selc.

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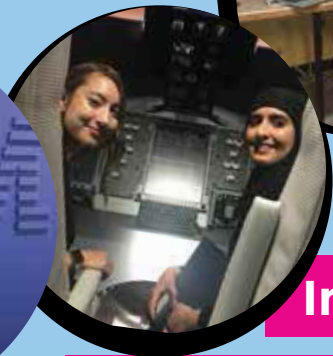
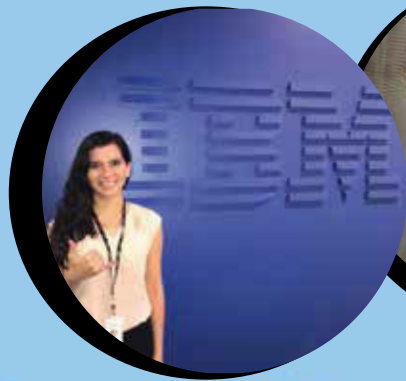
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Khalid returns home to a sold-out Don Haskins Center

BY JAKE DEVEN

The Prospecter

Khalid's concert last Friday, Sept. 14 at the Don Haskins Center was one of two arena shows he played for his "915 Hometown Shows" tour, a testament to the scale of this El Paso singer-songwriter's stardom. The platinum-selling artist proved to a sold-out audience that his love for the Bordertown is beyond compare—even though he's traveled around the world by now.

"I've traveled all over the world and they love you all, they love the 915," Khalid said. "But El Paso is by far the best and loudest city of them all."

Clearly a natural pop idol, the El Pasoan is also a singer, dancer and a magnetic performer. Though this was his first time playing at the Don Haskins, he has been performing in El Paso—and other larger cities—since 2016, long before he made the transformation from high school military brat into one of the most beloved singers working in the pop mainstream.

These hometown concerts served as both an affirmation of the success he's had with his debut album *American Teen*, which has been littered with chart-topping hits and also as a reminder of how modest his early shows were when he was only a local favorite playing at Americas High School.

The show was opened by local producers The Swell Kids, who have been making a name for themselves around the city for last two years or so. As always, The Swell Kids demonstrated their mixing talents—keeping the crowd pumped and excited for the main event.

Rising from underneath the stage to join his live band, Khalid started his set off with "Young Dumb & Broke"—perhaps the biggest hit off his latest album—which set the tone for an energetic performance.

The show, which felt much more like a gig by a seasoned professional on a major label, featured the same "Scenic Drive 915" sign that was debuted at the 2018 Teen Choice Awards.

At this concert, it was clear that Khalid's changes in recent years have been largely in terms of scale, not mood. Judging by the volume of the audience sing-alongs, which was with almost every song, it's clear that Khalid has reached a level of prestige in El Paso that no other artist has reached before.

Musically, his set was buoyant and full of spontaneous energy,

despite its three-piece live band being augmented by a backing track to add earth-moving grooves. Though the setlist skewed toward his more recent material, Khalid pleased loyal to longtime fans as he performed songs from his first studio album—reinvigorating the early material as if it was recently released.

The inclusion of a live band was the cherry on top of Khalid's more emotional and intense performances. For example, the passionate guitar solo that unfolded during "Angels," made Khalid's heartfelt dedication to his friend Ben Sanchez a sentimental memory that the audience won't soon forget.

In addition to debuting and performing two new songs this past weekend, "Intro Song" and "Raining in Miami," Khalid performed his recently released "Better" and older hits such as "Location," "Coaster" and "8TEEN."

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Even at his poppiest, Khalid makes what might be termed sad anthems — with bruised subject matter like loss and pain and barely any reliance on the exuberance that underlies so much pop music. But when he performed early favorites like “Hopeless,” it was just as potent as more recent numbers like “Better.”

The night came with a few surprises. Khalid brought along with him Billie Eilish and Atlanta R&B singer 6LACK. After performing “lovely” with Khalid, Eilish sang her hit single “Ocean Eyes,” which drove the audience wild. 6LACK came out singing his own hit “Prblms” and later performed with Khalid a new track off his new album *East Atlanta Love Letter* called “Seasons.”

The love for El Paso was clear both on and off stage, as Khalid performed to an audience full of El Pasoans sporting UTEP and Chihuahuas swag. Toward the end of the show, Khalid said his goodbyes, reminding the audience once again of his love for El Paso before the music stopped playing and the lights came up.

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Thousands of El Pasoans came out on Friday night to celebrate the 915 with Khalid.

Fit Fam El Paso becomes local internet sensation



BY ADRIAN BROADDUS
The Prospector

Nesting in the realms of the social media world lives one of El Paso's prime social media destinations, Fit Fam El Paso, an Instagram account run through a local perspective with over

50,000 followers and counting.

From mind-boggling bar fights to traffic delays across town, Fit Fam has turned into the prime destination for El Pasoans on social media to tune in and get a little bit of everything.

Log on to gain some comedic relief and watch a video of a funny-looking drunk guy doing karaoke poorly at a dive bar. Or watch their near-hour long Instagram stories. Before hopping in your car to your next destination, check Fit Fam for traffic on the roads. And, if you dare, send hilarious videos or photos of friends in hopes that it will make the page, via direct message.

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It's beautiful at times, cringeworthy at others, but mostly a collection of laughs and a decent way to pass the time.

Some may argue this page is insensitive, showing a poor representation of El Pasoans or might step too far at times with their reposts. For the most part, though, Fit Fam El Paso's content is primarily done directly by the users themselves who send content in. The Fit Fam creators just simply filter in the stories that will attract more of a following.

WorldStar Hip-Hop did it, so Fit Fam El Paso can too.

It first originated as a sole Instagram page for fitness and gym promotion. It was aimed to promote a healthy lifestyle, with its main target market being from El Paso. They would re-post users that would



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Fit Fam EP features the art of local artist, give traffic updates, share El Paso memes and tell fitness success stories.

tag them for their "#TransformationTuesday" posts or "#WCW" (or women crush Wednesday). Then it became more than just workout lives and nutrition.

Fit Fam then evolved to adding a few memes that would relate to El Pasoans in the mix. They would repost certain images they felt were funny and tried to appeal to a broader audience. The user, who remains anonymous, takes direct messages from anyone that follows the creator of the page and then decides which post he will post on his page.

Now, Fit Fam is a constant revolving door, with hilarious and sometimes even relevant content up 24/7. Spell out "Fit Fam" using utensils at work? They'll repost it. See your hilarious abuelo do something funny? They'll repost it. See a gruesome fight at the bar? Oh, they'll definitely repost it.

Here are some examples of their posts from recent weeks:

"Our guy @___ lost SIXTY-THREE pounds. Bro, that's the equivalent weight of one El Paso Fuckboy gone! Haha, amazing job. #transformationtuesday #fitfamep."

"Tonight kicks off the official last full weekend of Summer! Make it count, El Paso! Here's another recap of the last few fun weeks. Did you make the cut? Thanks for all your submissions! #fitfamep"

"When it's 10:53 and you haven't yelled 'IT'S MODELO TIME' or 'FIT FAM!!' once..."

Now with over 50,000 followers, the account is also at a high value. Forbes magazine estimates Instagram accounts with over 50 thousand followers can generate thousands of dollars in advertisement revenue or sponsorships. Now the account offers a direct message system for "business inquiries" and continues to push advertisements on their page.

So while both profitable and hilarious, Fit Fam is the best destination for relevant El Paso information and tons of laughs online.

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Secure your future, learn to code



BY JAKE DEVEN
The Prospector

Technology has seeped into every area of our lives, and the workforce is no exception. As the world moves toward a information and tech-based economy a lot of traditional skills are becoming more and more automated. Coding is not a trend, surely it's the inevitable direction of everything.

It's no secret that students with a computer science-related major are in demand and can eventually claim worthwhile wages. It's safe to say that learning to code will vastly increase your potential in becoming a valuable asset at any organization.

Huge industries have been created in the last 20 years, focussed around building the systems which make this transition possible - and that means coding. Whether students choose to pursue a career in IT or not, they'll graduate into a workforce that requires these skills. That's one of the many things that I learned while working at the University Career Center. A majority of the jobs posted on JobMine by employers preferred (not required) candidates who have some experience with programming.

Coding is not the new literacy, don't feel like you have to go full-steam on a developer career to use your coding skills. If your heart is still set on business or the arts, don't discount coding. I have no doubt that encouraging non-STEM majors to pursue coding will simultaneously benefit tech and the humanities.

As these professions start to embrace technol-

ogy more and more, coding skills could be what sets you aside from the rest of the applicants. Those who adapt to these permanent waves of changes flourish.

Those who shrug them off—or fail to even realize that they exist—eventually approach irrelevance.

And just like how not everyone who learns to write will go on to become a professional writer—nor everyone who learns algebra will go on to become a professional mathematician—not everyone who learns to code will go on to become a software developer. But all people who learn these things will be immensely better off as a result of their efforts.

The main thing that scares humanities students about STEM encourages students to approach their education vocationally—to think just in terms of the jobs they're preparing for. But the barriers to entry for technical roles are dropping. Many tasks that once required specialized training can now be done with simple tools and the internet.

Coding is vital for this generation to compete in the new economy, we need more citizens who have a clue about the world in general, and understanding how programs are made is a good thing, learning to actually program not so much.

Now by no means am I an expert. If you were to compare me to someone with a computer science background I'd be out of my depth because I simply don't have the same level of experience, but I do know enough to be of use to a prospective employer.

So don't dismiss coding as something the geeks do. Stay a step ahead, and think about how basic coding skills could set you apart, supercharging your earning potential early on, and future-proof your income.

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Battle of I-10: The battle of two winless programs



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The Battle of I-10 will feature two winless teams in search of their first win of the season.

BY ADRIAN BROADDUS

The Prospector

The Battle of I-10 will have a lot more at stake this year, as UTEP (0-3) hosts NMSU (0-4) in a highly anticipated rivalry matchup for the respective fan bases.

The Miners gave Aggie fans bragging rights last year as they fell in Las Cruces 41-14. UTEP had held an eight-game win streak against the Aggies prior to the loss last year. In the game, NMSU quarterback Tyler Rogers lit up the Miners with 283 yards and two touchdowns, while running back Larry Rose III had 144 on the ground.

Fortunately for UTEP, both Rogers and Rose III have graduated from the program and the Aggies are a lot younger. Unfortunately for the Miners, they are also young at certain positions and have dealt with key injuries during the season thus far.

Last week, the Miners fell to Tennessee 24-0 in Knoxville, Tenn. and had trouble generating any offense. They finished the day with just 39 yards through the air and couldn't score under junior quarterback Kai Locksley (9-of-22 for 39 yards and 24 rushing yards).

They also fell short of 100 yards rushing

against the Volunteers, with 95 total yards. Junior running backs Treyvon Hughes and Quardraiz Wadley tied for the team high with 33 yards each.

Tennessee's sophomore running back Ty Chandler rushed for 158 yards, including an 81-yard touchdown run and sophomore Jarrett Guarantano completed 12-of-16 passes for 168 yards and a touchdown for the Vols.

"We had a really tough time moving the football," first-year head coach Dana Dimel said after the game. "We really struggled offensively. Our execution wasn't very good. I'm very disappointed with that. We had shown signs of improvement last week with our offense, and we just didn't have anything today. The passing game wasn't good. Third down conversions were bad. Our production was bad. It was just a bad offensive day for us."

One of the few positives of the game was that senior defensive back Nik Needham had his 25th pass break-up of his career to tie Jahmal Fenner's school record.

After the game, Dimel also revealed that starting senior right tackle Jerrod Brooks would be sidelined with an injury. He is the

Miners' third loss at the line, with senior Derron Gatewood and sophomore Greg Long already ruled out for the year.

"We've just got to execute better and handle the environment better," Dimel said. "We had some procedure penalties, but that just played a minor part in it. There were a lot of assignment busts, and that's the thing we need to improve moving forward. We did lose a third offensive lineman (Brooks) this week in practice, so we're down three starters on the offensive line and I think that really showed up today for us big-time. Any team that takes three losses on their offensive line is going to have some improvement to make. We lost two, we meshed together pretty good last week and we lost a third one this week. So we've got to shore up those spots right now."

For NMSU, they lost their first rivalry matchup against New Mexico on Saturday, 42-25. NMSU started off hot, but New Mexico rallied and held the Aggies in the end to beat out NMSU. NMSU had five turnovers, which resulted in three touchdowns for the Lobos.

Josh Adkins, a redshirt freshman quarter-

back from San Antonio, will be the Aggies' starter against the Miners, as he finished 12-of-21 for 168 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions. He relieved junior Matt Romero, who threw two interceptions in the game.

The Miners have quarterback woes of their own. Locksley's passing inefficiency on Saturday showed that the team still has some work to do, either gear more of the game plan through him—which involves more plays on the ground—or to bench him and go another direction. Ryan Metz isn't a much better option for the team. He didn't get a chance to throw a pass in the game Saturday upon entering the game in two series and has thrown an interception in the first two games.

Saturday's game against NMSU will be a tight game for both teams and could come down to the turnover margin. Currently, the Miners have a -3 turnover margin, improving it after causing two turnovers against Tennessee.

Saturday's kickoff is slated for 5:30 p.m. MT at the Sun Bowl.

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Coach Kevin Baker an educator first a coach second



FILE PHOTO / THE PROSPECTOR

Kevin Baker enters his second season at the UTEP women's basketball team this year.

BY ISAIAH RAMIREZ

The Prospector

The epitome of being successful on the basketball court through the implementation of teaching styles and quality motivational lessons is UTEP women's head basketball coach Kevin Baker.

"I think anybody who claims to be a coach at some point feels like they are a teacher on the

floor," Baker said.

UTEP's second-year head coach has an extensive college head coaching career consisting of several distinguished honors, including four Division II Lone Star conference coach of the year awards, a Division III NCAA tournament Sweet 16 appearance, and is a three-time coach of the year at the

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University of Texas at Tyler.

This past season in his first year as the UTEP women's basketball head coach, Baker's team went 17-14 and won a game in the Conference USA tournament, a feat that has never been done by a first-year coach in program history.

Before Kevin Baker began making an impact as a coach, he decided he wanted to make an impact as an educator, due to positive influences he was met with in his early upbringings.

"I'm so thankful that some positive people and coaches were put into my life at a young age because I was one of those kids who was teeter-tottering on either becoming a problem or going in the right direction," Baker said.

"Those positive people stepped in and showed me the right way to do things and supplemented the things that I needed in my life and that had a positive impact on me, and I wanted to translate that same impact I had onto the young people I have taught throughout the years," Baker said.

For 13 years Kevin Baker was a high school history teacher. Educating students in the state of Texas at Commerce High School, Palestine High School, Nacogdoches High

School, and Copperas Cove High School.

During his teaching career, Baker taught future stars in Heisman Trophy winner quarterback Robert Griffin III during his time at Copperas Cove, and four-time U.S. Soccer Athlete of the Year Clint Dempsey.

"You always know these kids are special but you never really know what they are going to do, and you hope they're going to do something big and great in those guys cases they sure did," Baker said.

Coach Baker believes there is a substantial amount of similarities between teaching in the classroom and teaching on the court.

"You would be amazed at how much carryover there is between teaching in the classroom and teaching on the court," Baker said.

Baker described his three-part teaching method which is something that he has incorporated into his coaching approach.

"Basically one of the very first things you do is you state your expectation, then you teach them, then you reiterate what you just told them," Baker said.

Off the court, Baker's teams have excelled in the classroom. Just last season two UTEP standouts Zuzanna Puc and Katarina Zec were awarded the C-USA Commissioner's

Academic Medals. This award is given to athletes who finished the year with a 3.75 GPA or better.

"Once they get to that level and once they get to that point we push them to stay there, and we encourage them to stay where they are and continue to put in great work in the classroom," Baker said.

Blending his coaching tangibles with his experience as an educator has brought Coach Baker plenty of success on both ends of his career. Entering his 17th year as head coach and with a career record of 361 wins and 145 losses Coach Baker has one constant message every year to his players.

"Be the best you can be at whatever you do," Baker said. "Whether you are in the classroom or on the court, and at the end of the day be the best version of yourself you can possibly be."

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ACCURACY WATCH

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Up next: UTEP soccer

The UTEP women's soccer team opened up Conference USA play with a 2-0 victory over FIU Sunday, Sept. 16.

The Miners improved to 5-3-1, 1-0, on the season. Junior Lauren Crenshaw leads all Miners with four goals.

Senior goalkeeper Alyssa Palacios recorded her 21st shutout of her career. Breaking the all time record held previously by Sarah Dilling (2011-14).

UTEP will host the a four-game home-stand starting Thursday, Sept. 20, against Marshall. On Sunday, Sept. 23, they will host the 2018 FirstLight Federal Credit Union Battle of I-10 against New Mexico State University.

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