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Closing time: A goodbye from a sports guy

BY ADRIAN BROADDUS
The Prospector



Ten straight semesters, three and a half years. Oh boy, what a ride it's been.

The first day I stepped foot into The Prospector's office, I was an eager kid with a folder containing my resume and application to turn in. It was my first day of freshman orientation. I knew that the second I enrolled at UTEP, I wanted to leave my mark on student publications and grow as a journalist.

Today I sit, almost like a separate gradua-

tion, ready to leave and continue my career as a journalist. It was because of The Prospector—not class work, not a specific professor or even the university—that I was given hundreds upon hundreds of opportunities to grow in my craft.

Through countless UTEP athletics events, Chihuahuas games, Sun Bowl matchups and a bit of national coverage, I found my niche in sports reporting. It is what led to my coverage of high school football for Texas HS Football and Town Talk Sports El Paso last year that helped me boost up my experience for my eventual job at 600 ESPN El Paso.

During my freshman year, I was given an opportunity to cover the media events surrounding the NCAA Final Four (2016), when Villanova hit a game-winning 3-pointer to beat North Carolina 77-74 in one of the more spectacular Final Four finishes. That springboarded an opportu-

nity this past year in March to cover the Final Four again, but this time alongside two sports reporters (Jeremy Carrano and Mikey Flores) at The Prospector and when I was more seasoned in journalism.

There were intangibles that The Prospector gives to us, such as a first-hand glimpse on what it means to act and practice as a journalist, with real-time deadlines, managing a staff and putting together weekly papers. It is perfect for anyone that truly wants to spend time working toward being a journalist.

But there are some downsides that cannot go unnoticed. When I started at The Prospector, our weekly print publication was thick, filled with content and was an average of 12 pages per issue. Due to budget cuts, we were forced to cut down our size and limit our page count, which really limits how much content we include in our

paper. This past summer was the first time we didn't print.

This isn't intended to be a grim goodbye because the good outweighed the bad by a long-shot. Our staff poured their hearts out semester by semester to get the most out of our publication. I gave everything I had to this publication and in turn, was granted success after hard work, won collegiate awards, earned notoriety, received great friendships and worked to leave my staple here.

So for my Prospector family, my special thanks to everyone I ever encountered at the office and spent time with. More specifically, thank you to Javier and Michaela for taking a chance on me and hiring me. I'll always cherish the debates I had with Javier, who will go on to be a great professor someday and I'll never forget all the productive work weeks I had with Michaela. She is currently working for the Salem Statesman and will have an incredible journalistic career.

My two advisors, Kathy and Vero, meant more to me than they will ever know. Kathy will forever remain a legend at UTEP for pioneering work in the communications department and will have a special place in my heart for how much she pushed me to do better. Vero took over for Kathy in the summer and juggled being the head of the department, our advisor and ran the advertising department without losing her head, which was amazing. Marcy Luna and Isabel Castillo helped us immensely in our front office and I can't thank them enough for their support and kindness toward me.

I was extremely proud of the sports department at The Prospector during my time. Working alongside journalists like Gaby Velasquez, Jeremy Carranco, Jason Green, Mikey Flores, Curly Mendez, Augie Touris and Isaiah Ramirez was a blessing. Our spring staff comprised of Jeremy, Gaby, Mikey, Curly, Isaiah and myself might be one of the best sports departments at the student media publications in years. Gaby put out some of the best sports photography this city's seen, while Curly kept everything intact in the sports department as acting editor since the summer. I'm excited that Isaiah will be succeeding us next semester and I know he will do a great job with the editorial spot.

My thanks to the past editors that helped

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So long everyone!



BY JAVIER CORTEZ

The Prospector

Working at a college newspaper can suck. The hours are long, the deadlines are short and the pay is almost non-existent.

I would not describe The Prospector—a place

I have worked on and off for five years—as a fun job. But I would recommend it to any aspiring journalist.

You learn how to hold yourself accountable, assume responsibilities that you never had before and navigate the complexities of doing good journalism. It's a life-changing experience if you take in all it has to offer.

Now that I'm done, I think about all the people that left a lasting impression on me.

For starters, the current 2018 Fall staff. This semester has not been easy. There were so many changes and difficulties that started months before the semester even began. Thank you to those who stuck around,

committed and made an effort to grow as journalists.

Adrian Broaddus—long-time co-worker. In 2015, I was in dire need of a sports writer and had no encouraging prospects. Then you came in as a fresh-faced teenager, eager to learn and ready to work. You bailed me out. In 2018, after unfortunate staff changes, you stepped up and helped me co-manage the paper. You bailed me out again. Thank you for being reasonable, fun to work with and encouraging to me when I came back.

Veronica Gonzalez—Director of Student Media and Publications. I'm glad I had you as my boss for my last semester as an undergrad. Granted, that was not my initial feeling when I came back, but I am happy it turned out the way it did. The Prospector is in good hands with you at the helm. Thank you for staying positive when I was negative. Thank you for showing patience when I was at my wit's end. And thank you for being open-minded, knowing how stubborn I can be.

Jasmine Aguilera—my first editor-in-chief. I can only imagine how annoying I was as a know it all 19-year-old sports writer when I first joined the paper. I would argue with you, assume I knew what I was talking about (even though I didn't), and you would still sit down and go over my stories with me. You are, still to this day, the best editor I ever had at

The Prospector. Thank you for always being willing to work with me.

Edwin Delgado—my first sports editor. You hired me even though I had virtually no work experience, zero clips, and little to no understanding of what the job entailed. You might not have known all of that, but my resume had little to offer. You threw me right into the fire and let me write as much as I wanted whenever I wanted. Thank you for giving me one of my first opportunities and the freedom to grow as a young sports writer.

Luis Gonzalez—former reporter/editor. No matter the position you held, you always were easy to work with. That may not seem like much, but having co-workers that take the stress away, rather compound it, is a rarity. Thank you for keeping me sane, having common sense and more importantly, being a true friend throughout the years.

Amanda Guillen—former reporter/editor. We came into the paper at the same time and I could not have been more wrong about you. I thought you were stuck up, shallow, and dumb. Now, thankful enough to still call you a friend, you have been nothing but loving, understanding, and incredibly enlightening. The responsibility you took on in the Summer of 2014 still amazes me to this day and I am glad I got to share that time with you. Thank you for always being

kind to me when I could be the exact opposite.

Michaela Roman—my favorite photo editor. Hands down the most dependable person I have ever worked with at The Prospector. We covered more sporting events together than I can count and not one time did you fail to produce quality work. Your work ethic, attention to detail and restlessness always made we want to do more. It felt odd not having you at the office this semester, but it only makes me more appreciative of when we did work together. Thank you for always wanting to do the work, it was an infectious attitude that made me a better journalist.

Kathy Flores—my former boss. I would constantly talk back to you, argue with your decisions and never waste an opportunity to complain. You could have fired me so many times, but you didn't. You gave me the freedom to be myself and over the years letting me, be me, was a lot to deal with. I left the paper three times, but you always left the door open for me to come back as if I never left. Thank you for letting me drive you crazy and thank you for never giving up on me when I was easy to give up on.

To those who are returning to The Prospector next semester, do not waste the opportunity you have. Work hard, learn from each other, and appreciate the time you have. You will never get it back.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Was your degree worth it?

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FERNANDO MONROY

Senior industrial engineering major
"I believe that with everything there are classes you enjoy more than others and that is very helpful once you graduate so you know which path you want to continue on as a professional."



CARLOS VIRAMONTES

Senior criminal justice major
"Yes, I do think so. It has helped me for my personal development on a personal level. It helped me learn a lot about the criminal justice system."



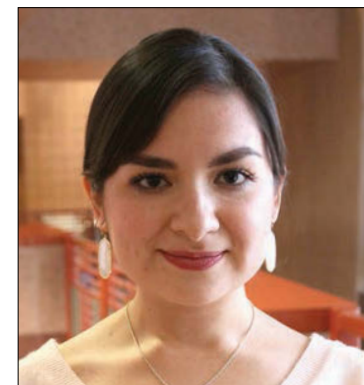
KRISTINA TORRES

Senior nursing major
"Yes, because there will always be nursing jobs in the future and there is always a need for nurses, especially right now."



BRANDON ORTIZ

Senior electrical engineering major
"Yes, of course. It's hard. I learned a lot of stuff from my professors and it made me a better engineer."



ADRIANA CHAVEZ DE LA ROSA

Senior political science major
"Definitely, studying political science is worth it because I would like to be a college professor one day and I believe that in order to make an impact it starts by educating people."



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Tips for college students pursuing a career in journalism

BY JAVIER CORTEZ

The Prospector

Things You Have To Come To Grips With

You are going to get paid like shit. Depending on what subset of the industry you go into, whether it be broadcast, print or multimedia, entry-level jobs do not pay well. If you can't accept the fact that you will struggle financially, this is not the industry for you. If you think a career in journalism equates to monetary success, then God bless your sweet naive soul.

Prepare for the worst. Depending on where you start, job security is not always high. At print publications, transitioning to online based publications, there is no job security. You can expect to be laid off, especially if you do not offer something valuable. This might sound pessimistic, but you should not consider yourself safe at any time.

Do not expect any pats on the back or congratulatory messages from anyone. Journalism at its core is a public service. People who serve others do not receive a lot of external validation. You will become jaded really quick if you do not find a real purpose to what you are doing. The only way you will survive with your drive and ambition intact is through internal validation. If you know your worth and have a purpose, you will be fine.

Do Not Be A One Trick Pony

I mentioned the different subsets of journalism, but the industry and its positions are becoming consolidated. You have to be able to do everything now. You can't just be a writer, a photographer, videographer or TV reporter.

The demands of a journalist today are somewhat ridiculous, but it's the reality of the situation. Hopefully, your journalism program or J-School provides a well-rounded education, giving you the tools to become a successful modern journalist.

The more skilled and well rounded you are, the better your chances are at landing and keeping a job. If you have a solid foundation in one type of storytelling medium, with other ancillary skill sets, you will make it.

Prioritize Your Time In College Correctly

You should not disregard the benefits of boasting a good GPA., but your main focus in college should not revolve around school work. You should take all that you can learn from your core and major classes while gaining practical work experience.

Create contacts and find work in and around your university/city that relates to the field. When it comes time to apply for out-of-town internships or post-grad jobs, your work experience is the be all end all.

Your resume better have something worthwhile attached to it. Your 3.8 GPA does not mean anything if you don't have clips that show your

worth. Almost as important, are your references. And those references better be related to the field. That letter of recommendation from your Jazz history professor is not going to cut it.

Tread Lightly On Grad School

The pros of grad school outweigh the cons. You do not need a master's degree to work in the industry. Do not let anyone tell you otherwise. Once again, this goes back to skill set and work experience. If you are well rounded and have the clips, you will be fine.

If you would like to teach or acquire a more refined skill set, that's a different story, you need that degree.

But going further into debt for a degree you do not need is not the way to go. If you don't have practical reasons for getting a master's degree, you are wasting your time.

Ideals You Will Have To Concede

Clicks, web traffic and even shorter deadlines. Those are things a journalist has to consider when they produce content today. The industry today heavily challenges ethics and integrity.

Click-bait headlines, superfluous storylines, SEO, and web traffic should not be an aspect of journalists' work. But they are.

Journalism is not entertainment, but sadly, that is where the industry is going. If you can reconcile that depressing shift, more power to you.

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groom me to become the reporter I am today, such as Luis Gonzalez, Amanda Guillen, Rene Delgadillo, Christian Vasquez, Elenie Gonzalez Maria Esquinca, Jasmine Aguilera, Jose Soto, Eddie Velazquez, Jacobo De La Rosa, Eric "Mike" Vasquez, among others.

To the current staff, I am proud of how we were able to push through adversity this semester and still be able to put out a product on time and consistently. The returnees, Gaby Velasquez, Gigi Flores, Brianna Chavez, Sergio Munoz, curly Mendez and Isaiah Ramirez helped us shape what we did this year. I'm very proud of how they developed as leaders and continue to grow. The newbies—Andrea, Catherine, Valeria, Alexia and Christian—were pushed to the limit in terms of how hard they worked, but each rose to the occasion. I'm comfortable that they will step into editorial roles in a swift manner.

And finally, thank you to my mom, dad, sister, grandmother and girlfriend for their continued support. They are the reason I continue to chase my dreams and aspire for more.

As for me, no, I'm not graduating just yet. I'm set to graduate this May, but I have accepted a job with 600 ESPN El Paso that will demand more of my attention. I'll still be in the Sun City, but focusing more on radio and reporting with KROD.

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Homelessness a prevalent issue among college students

BY ANDREA VALDEZ-RIVAS

The Prospector

The average college student worries about deadlines, exams, projects and all that comes along with being a student.

Many students at UTEP can maintain their standards in school on account of the privilege of living with family, roommates or a stable place to live throughout their seemingly endless college days.

But there is a small population of college students who, despite experiencing the same rigors of school as their peers, face an incessant worry: homelessness.

Unlike the general homeless population, it's not easy to distinguish homeless college students from their classmates. Some bounce around from friend-to-friend to stay at their place for the night, while many are forced to live out of their cars. Some find refuge at shelters or motels. But when there's no space in shelters or not enough money for both food and a motel room, homeless students have no choice but to hit the streets and survive on their own with whatever they have.

This reality is gaining more attention due to the findings of a study called "Still Hungry and Homeless in College" by Wisconsin HOPE Lab founder Sarah Goldrick-Rab and four other co-authors.

The study was HOPE Lab's third national survey. The previous two surveys focused on community colleges, while the latest survey studied on 43,000 students at 66 institutions in 20 states and the District of Columbia. The study emphasized the prevalence of food and housing insecurity among college students. The results of the survey showed that 36 percent of university students were food insecure 30 days prior to participating in the survey and for community college students, it was 42 percent.

Regarding homelessness, 12 percent of community college students and nine percent of university students were affected in the year before. Six percent

of community college students and four percent of university students had been kicked out of their homes, while four percent of community college students along with three percent of university students spent nights in places not meant for housing, such as cars or abandoned buildings.

Rescue Mission of El Paso takes in 15,000 to 25,000 people every year, but not all those people are from the Sun City. Of the people who are welcomed by the shelter, four percent of them are students.

Matt Luna, an Alabama native, was one of those students who comprised the four percent. He recalls the days in recent years when he didn't have an assured place to stay for the night and struggled to keep up in school.

"When I first started going to Rio Grande (El Paso Community College, or EPCC), I was either sleeping at a friend's house or renting a motel," said the 30-year-old staff member at Rescue Mission of El Paso and EPCC student. Luna lives and works at the shelter.

After a series of momentous life decisions and instability, Luna's circumstances eventually led to homelessness. Luna became chronically homeless at 27, causing him to drop out of school. He has worked to get back on his feet, getting himself off of drugs and alcohol.

"I was heavily involved with gangs and doing drugs and doing all that," Luna said. "And then I became an alcoholic and I was an alcoholic for like three years, and I was homeless living on the street."

Luna resorted to drinking when the stress of his bills, especially for college, built up. He remembers losing hope of attending school because he did not have enough money to pay for tuition. But during the time that he was enrolled in school, Luna would take advantage of any opportunity he got and used it to study. It was difficult for Luna whenever he had to decide between going to work, so he could feed himself or go to school. More than once, Luna preferred to sustain himself and had to make sacrifices in order to survive. Those sacrifices included missing class.

Eventually, homelessness was what caused Luna to drop out. Luna made the decision to stop drinking and got sober. To avoid picking up the habit again, he resorted to Rescue Mission of El Paso, which he now depends on for his source of income and a stable place to stay. With the support of the shelter, Luna was able to return to EPCC.

"Now that I'm kind of steady here (Rescue Mission of El Paso), I pass the class, it brings up my GPA a little bit," Luna said. "And this is the last class I have to pay for before I get financial aid."

El Paso Community College campuses do not offer a special housing support for students in homeless circumstances, except the Valle Verde campus, where last year EPCC's Student Government Association began running a food pantry to all students that are food insecure. However, the community college offers to counsel students on the brink of a personal crisis. As soon as Luna earns his associate degree in social work, he hopes to transfer to UTEP.

At the public university level, there are more sophisticated initiatives aimed to help homeless students. UTEP's Foster Homeless Adopted Resources (FHAR) program aims to connect foster, homeless and adopted students with resources to help them advance through their college career.

According to UTEP Communications, anywhere from 80 to 120 students enter the program each semester. The program alleviates homeless students or students on the brink of homelessness with necessities, including hygiene and household supplies, a food pantry, bus passes, access to housing—as FHAR has a partnership with UTEP Housing and Residence Life—and centrally, access to education.

Director of the FHAR program, Pat Caro, told UTEP Communications earlier this year that if any UTEP undergraduate or graduate student "who finds themselves in a situation where they are homeless or adopted, or fostered and they need help, can come here (FHAR) and we can point them in the right direction and we'll assist them."

Students qualify for the FHAR program if they share housing as a cause of economic hardship or loss of housing.

For more information, call the FHAR hotline at 915-747-5290.

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Thank you UTEP



BY ITZEL LARA

The Prospector

My last semester is finally here. It seems like it was yesterday when I walked through the Union for the first time. I remember watching students dressed in their cap and gown

taking graduation pictures at Centennial Plaza and now I am one of them. The feeling is bittersweet, I am excited about the journey that lies ahead, but at the same time, I feel sentimental leaving this campus where I have had so many amazing experiences.

I remember my first semester at UTEP, I was amazed by its size, the huge spaces from building to building made the campus feel like a city. I felt so much pride being able to attend this university. When I was young, driving from I-10 to Sunland Park my dad would point at the campus and tell me "look, that's the University of El Paso." The thought of attending UTEP back then felt nearly impossible, but I dreamed still of attending UTEP and graduating. And now, years later I think about those moments with melancholy and gratitude.

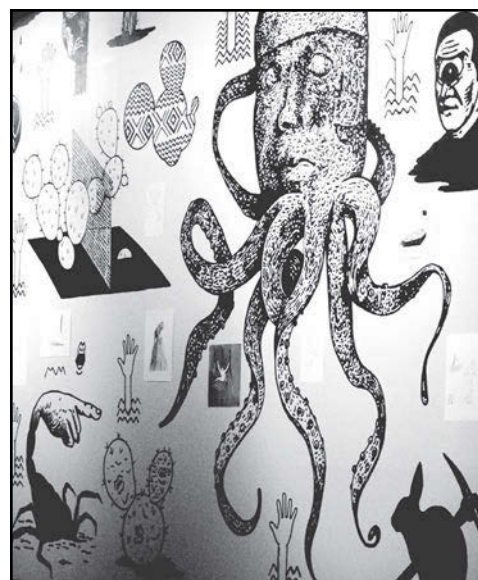
I have always lived in Juárez, so my family and I were already very familiar to El Paso, but since I started studying at UTEP it felt different, I got to see El Paso from a different perspective. I met amazing people from different parts of the world and brilliant professors from different educational backgrounds that helped me achieve my goals.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Student Media & Publications staff. Especially Veronica Gonzalez, for accepting me as another member of their amazing family, thank you for teaching me and helping me grow as a person. You provided me with tools that I would not have gotten otherwise. I admire you for your patience and dedication to this institution and for your ability to prepare incredible things for this community. Working for The Prospector and Minero Magazine has been one of the most precious memories I will always carry with me for years to come. Thank you, everyone, for your perseverance and efforts.

Also, I would like to thank UTEP's Study Abroad program and the Creative Writing Department for allowing me, and a lot of other students, to achieve their dreams of traveling abroad and have wondrous experiences overseas.

Thank you UTEP, for everything.

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Presidential search process continues 'moving forward as scheduled'



FILE PHOTO/ THE PROSPECTOR

In May President Natalicio announced she will be retiring after 30 years as UTEP president.

BY BRIANNA CHAVEZ

The Prospector

The search process for UTEP's next president to succeed Dr. Diana Natalicio is "moving forward as scheduled," according to the University of Texas System.

In late August, the UT System announced a search advisory committee was put together

to help the Board of Regents in selecting a new president, with the assistance of Russell Reynold Associates, a global search firm.

Members of the committee include Board of Regents Vice Chairman Paul Foster, El Paso Mayor Dee Margo and SGA President Cristian Botello.

"The search is proceeding well, and the committee is reviewing potential candidates," said Karen Adler, director of media relations for the UT System.

Adler could not comment on where exactly the committee is in the process, or how long it will take before a list of candidates will be submitted to the Board of Regents. The search process is completely confidential, per UT System rules and regulations.

In May, President Natalicio announced she would be retiring after 30 years as UTEP president.

President Natalicio told The Prospector during her announcement, "I will be happy to serve as long as I need to in order to make a smooth transition." In an interview with Borderzine, Natalicio said she would like to stay in place until her successor is named.

After Russell Reynold conducts their search, their list of candidates is turned over to the committee. Once the committee conducts two rounds of interviews, they will then submit a list of three to four candidates to the Regents.

They are expected to submit those finalists by early 2019. However, it is unclear how long it will take the Board of Regents to select Natalicio's successor.

Board of Regents Chairman, Sara Martinez Tucker, told the Prospector, "The board and I are eager to appoint a president who will build upon President Natalicio's immeasurable impact on UTEP and Texas, especially in the areas of student success and research contributions."

It is also unclear if the Fall 2018 commencement will be Natalicio's last commencement as UTEP's president.

"I really don't know that for sure because what I agreed to do was to continue to serve as president until my successor is in place," Natalicio told Borderzine. "And so that depends on the search process over which I have no control."

The committee met for the first time in early October, where they held a town hall meeting on the UTEP campus to receive the community's input on what they would like to see in the next president.

At the town hall, many community members expressed their concern as to how the committee was selected stating there is a lack of inclusiveness in the presidential search.

Natalicio told Borderzine that while it is somewhat difficult to strike a balance in the process of selecting her successor, she believes the faculty members and one UTEP student, SGA President Cristian Botello, do offer a degree of balance.

"Several of the faculty members on the committee are from El Paso and went to UTEP. They are all El Pasoans," Natalicio said. "As long as members of the committee are actively participating, I think there'll be a lively dialogue."

The biggest question still remains unanswered. Who will become UTEP's next president and take on the challenge of following in Dr. Natalicio's footsteps?

"We'll just have to wait and see how all that comes together," Natalicio told Borderzine.

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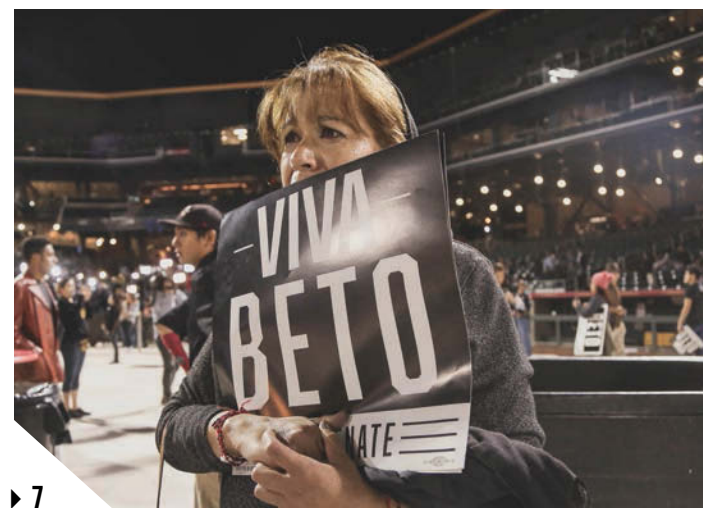
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1. **GOP Sen.** Ted Cruz addresses his constituents at Franklin High School's main gym. 2. Democratic challenger Beto O'Rourke and his wife Amy O'Rourke say their final goodbye after his watch party on Tuesday, Nov. 6 at Southwest University Park. 3. Veronica Escobar invites students to register to vote on the last day to register on Tuesday Oct. 9 at Leach Grove Park. 4. Congressman O'Rourke high fives his supporters as he walks to take the stage at the Magoffin Auditorium for his final rally before election day on Monday, Nov. 5. 5. Congressman O'Rourke and his supporters lock arms and march to the Tornillo Port of Entry on Sunday, June 17. 6. Veronica Escobar celebrates her election to the House of Representatives with her supporters at Later, Later in Downtown El Paso on Tuesday, Nov. 6. 7. A Beto O'Rourke supporter cries and stands in silence at the end of O'Rourke's watch party on Tuesday, Nov. 6 at the Southwest University Park.

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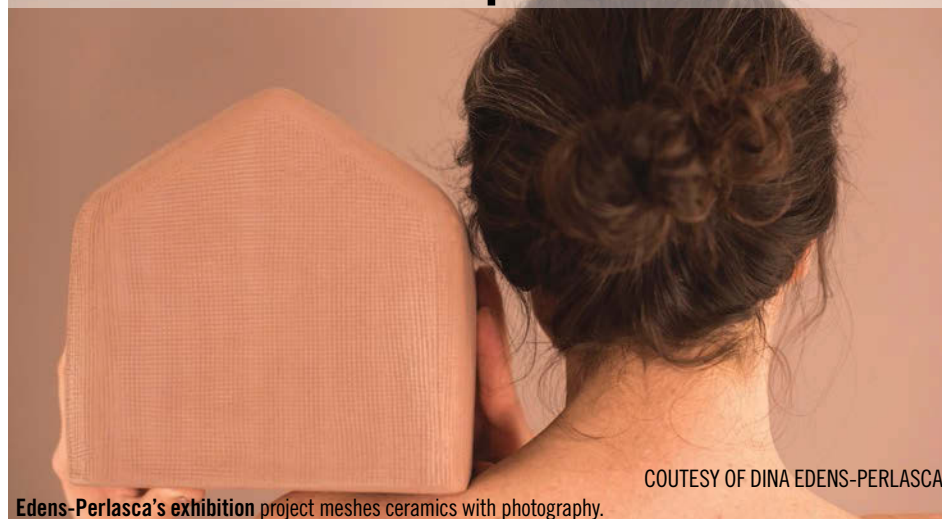
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Senior recieves Templeton Endowment



COUTESY OF DINA EDENS-PERLASCA

Edens-Perlasca's exhibition project meshes ceramics with photography.

BY CATHERINE RAMIREZ

The Prospector

Graduating senior Dina Edens-Perlasca began her college career in 2004 at UTEP and will be graduating this December with a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a concentration in ceramics and a minor in metals.

Edens-Perlasca began as an engineering major but had to progress slowly through her studies as she grappled with schoolwork and her personal life as a single mother of three.

"I went into engineering for two years and then changed to art, then had about six years off and came back about three years ago," Edens-Perlasca said.

In 2007, Edens-Perlasca decided to change her major to art and concentrate on ceramics due to her artistic abilities and her Mexican lineage.

"I grew up in Juárez and we really didn't have electives, like art in elementary, so I never had all of that but I was always very creative on my own and have always been a really big fan of my heritage and Mexican Talavera," Edens-Perlasca said.

Due to her fondness of art influenced by one's heritage, such as Mexican Talavera (pottery), Edens-Perlasca concentrated her most recent exhibition on her own lineage.

"I'm Italian, Mexican, Spanish and American as well, so my project was based on all of my heritage and just how it is to be a woman within those cultures," Edens-Perlasca said. "I was working with photography mixed with ceramics, I was able to do that in a very beautiful and simple way and it was amazing."

Edens-Perlasca was awarded a Templeton Endowment due to her outstanding participation in the art department and was able to work on her exhibition project for a whole year, which was a pleasure for her as most school assignments only allow students a few weeks to complete them.

"That project took me a year and it's been the most rewarding timeframe because at school you usually have anywhere from one to two months to complete something in ceramics because it is a long process," Edens-Perlasca said.

Edens-Perlasca has enjoyed how the UTEP art community and faculty truly care about the students as artists and always work towards improving all students' education.

"(UTEP) has been my home, it's like I've lived here for the last three years because I've been working so hard—I just love how everybody is so open and welcoming here," Edens-Perlasca said.

Edens-Perlasca plans to continue her education in fine arts and ceramics as a graduate student at New Mexico State University and is grateful she is prepared due to the constant encouragement by faculty members who pushed her to not only pursue her studies at UTEP but also explore professional practices outside of UTEP.

Edens-Perlasca hopes to one day have her own studio where she can continue creating art and develop into a stronger artist and teacher like those who guided her to receive her bachelor's degree.

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Aguirre completes solo exhibition

BY CATHERINE RAMIREZ

The Prospector

After six years as an art student at UTEP, Danielle Aguirre is set to graduate this December as a double major in drawing and ceramics, hoping to continue her work as an artist.

Like most students, Aguirre has been pushing through the last weeks of the semester but notes setting up her solo exhibition that serves as her final portfolio as a drawing major has become her favorite memory during her time at UTEP.

Aguirre's exhibition, "Your Partner is Typing..." includes all of her semester work presented in digital mediums, like digital GIF collages and video installations, that she created to look like her own bedroom.

"It was satisfying to see how much my art has developed during these years of working towards my Bachelor of Fine Arts," Aguirre said.

The satisfaction of improving skills from college classes is something all students strive to feel but loving those classes while taking them doesn't always come hand-in-hand. For Aguirre, it did.

"It might sound cliché but all of my drawing and ceramic classes have been my favorite," Aguirre said. "I've learned so many skills and met such amazing artists along the way."

Aguirre said she could have graduated in four or five years if it weren't for the unfortunate scheduling of art classes, but said it worked in her favor.

"I wish the department could have (created) better schedules for classes, or more classes," Aguirre said. "But honestly all the time I've spent here has developed me into an artist I wouldn't have imagined I could be all those years ago."

Aguirre is thankful for her extended experience at UTEP and for the support of her parents knowing it wasn't easy for them to hear she wanted to pursue a degree in art.

"They supported me anyways and throughout the years they have seen that

there is a true value to the degree and art in general and I am so thankful for that," Aguirre said. "So many sacrifices have been made for me that I'll never come close to paying back, but I can only hope that I can keep making them feel like backing me up was the right decision."

Students who major in fine arts are not always supported by family members or friends, but Aguirre has some advice for incoming art majors.

"Keep an open mind about art and its community. Don't go into your major thinking that you have all the answers and no one can possibly change your artistic voice if you do that you won't be able to reap the benefits of what our professors, staff, visiting artists and fellow artists provide," Aguirre said. "When I started at UTEP I only wanted to be an illustrator but now I've come to realize I have a voice in many other mediums."

With those artistic skills in other mediums and a bachelor's degree, Aguirre plans to continue working as an artist to eventually advance her skills and education.

"I plan to keep building my portfolio so that I may eventually get into a Master's program while working as a freelance artist," Aguirre said.

Ten years from now Aguirre happily sees herself working every day as a business owner and independent artist and said her mom, dad, two sisters, two brothers and her pug, Pepé, are to thank for her bachelor's degree that will open many doors for her in the future.

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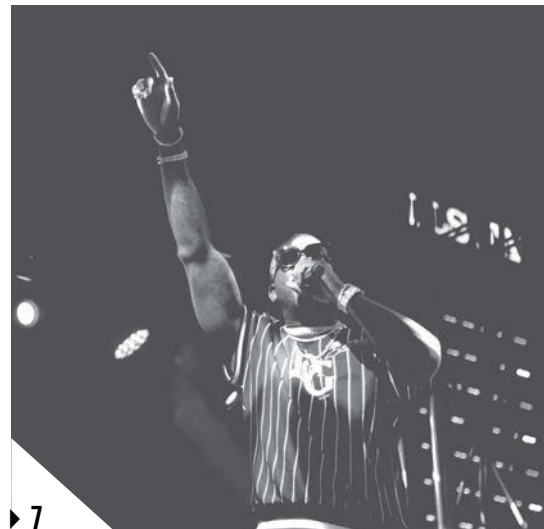
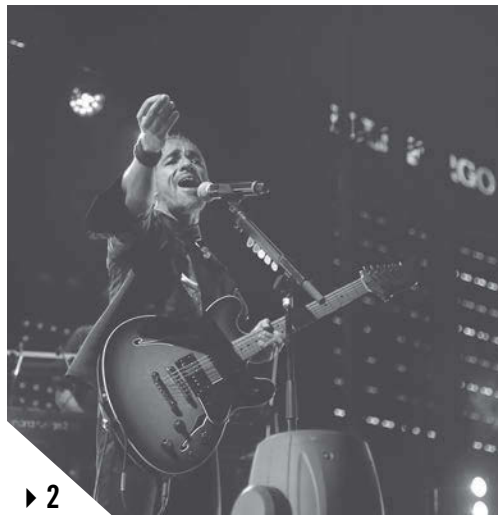
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A look at the best events El Paso had to offer in 2018



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1. **Children attempt to** draw with a 200-pound block of chalk from Angel Cabrales's Chalk it Out installation. 2. Café Tacvba performs at the Franklin Mountains Stage at day two of the Neon Desert Music Festival on Sunday, May 27. 3. Khalid performs for a sold-out crowd in the first of his two hometown shows at the Don Haskins Center. 4. Lil Wayne performs at the Rio Bravo Stage at day one of the Neon Desert Music Festival on Saturday, May 26. 5. Dennis DeYoung was the last headliner on Friday Oct. 5, at the KLAQ Downtown StreetFest, performing the music of STYX at the Bud Light stage. 6. Fall Out Boy plays at the Don Haskins Center for their MANIA tour on Tuesday, Sept. 25. 7. Gucci Mane performs at the Franklin Mountains stage at day two of the Neon Desert Music Festival on Sunday, May 27. 8. Attendees dress in traditional Mexican clothing and paint their face as catrinas to celebrate the Day of the Dead on Saturday, Nov. 3 in Downtown El Paso.

'The House that Martha Built' a final show by UTEP senior Katie Harding

BY CLAUDIA FLORES

The Prospector

As finals week approaches, for UTEP student, Katie Harding, it means taking a closer step to graduation and the plans that come after.

As part of the Liberal Arts Honors Program, Harding is required to do an independent study for her last semester. Many students go with the traditional approach of writing a paper, but as a double major in communication studies and dance performance, Harding decided to take a more creative approach.

"Since I'm a dance major I thought 'I have to do something dance related' and I spoke with my mentor and he already had an idea for a project actually which is based on the life of his mentor Martha Hill when he went to Julliard," Harding said.

"The House that Martha Built," will be a 40-minute performance where Harding will talk about the dance history of some pieces created by Hill and dance some of those iconic pieces.

Harding, who previously interned with the American Dance Festival by helping with fundraising, event planning and administrative tasks hopes to get a job in an area that allows her to put both of her skills in practice.

"At the internship, in addition to all those

tasks, I was able to take dance classes and meet a lot of people that performed, so I got to have a very multifaceted experience and also get a chance to really look into the industry and see if this is something I wanted to do," Harding said.

Harding started dancing at the age of four after her mother put her in a dance class, since then, Harding developed a love and passion for performing arts that took her to perform at different musical productions during her high school years and at the UTEP Dinner Theater.

Even though the passion for dancing still remains with her, Harding said she decided to go for a double degree because of the security of having a consistent job.

"I never wanted to be one of those people who goes to auditions in New York until I run out of money and have to move back home or something, but I can't also let go of dance totally," Harding said. "Arts industry works out because it is a consistent job, there is a corporate side of it, but you still get to take classes, see performances be exposed to the arts, while also maintaining that job security that I have been looking for."

For Harding, spending her college years at UTEP taught her to love dance in a different way that goes beyond the artistry of being on stage.

"College taught me how to love it in a way that



COURTESY OF KATIE HARDING

Katie Harding in character during the 2016 'Westside Story' UTEP Dinner Theatre production.

it's more than just studios or just the purpose of performing," Harding said. "To me it is more enriching to have the history aspect of it and at our dance program we learned about anatomy, how to choreograph and how to do music, so you get a really well-rounded view of dance."

As her time at UTEP is almost over, Harding said she really appreciates who she has become as a result of college and how her decision of staying at UTEP helped her to have a great appreciation for dance.

"When I came to college, I was nervous because all of my friends went to schools all over the

country and I stayed at home, but at the same time if I hadn't come here, I don't know if I would've been a dance major," Harding said. "I am so grateful that I ended up here and got to do both degrees because it kind of built me and where I want to go with my career path because I feel confident going into the real world once I graduate."

The show will take place on Dec. 10 and 11, at 7 p.m. in room A452 in the Fox Fine Arts. Admission is by donation.

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Latina Arte Exhibition set to take place at the Hal Marcus Gallery

BY ALEXIA NAVA

The Prospector

On Thursday, Dec. 6, the Hal Marcus Gallery will open its inaugural annual Latina Arte exhibition, the longest exhibition ever held at the gallery, featuring the artwork of several local Latina artists.

Hal Marcus, the gallery's owner, who has been a professional artist for 50 years, came up with the idea of Latina Arte within a day.

"We wanted to do something that we hadn't done before and we wanted to do something that was relevant to the community," Marcus said. "Latina Arte are all women and to go with the women's movement, it's very relevant."

The exhibition will feature paintings and sculptures of nine different local artists, with different styles and themes in their artwork and backgrounds.

Carmen Navar is one of the artists and is a current UTEP student working on a degree in painting with a bachelor's in design.

"For me, it was very interesting, the

question that I was asked when I was interviewed was, 'What does Latina mean?' and I said it tied to the culture as if I am a Latina artist, but the word is beyond Latina. It's a universal theme," Navar said.

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I like to communicate with people through my paintings, I usually try to focus on the story behind each painting.

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- ISABEL OLIVARES

artist and computer science major

"My themes have always been the female figure and the internal landscape, so I focus a lot on the eyes. What I learned at UTEP was what do you have to say in the 21st century and for me, it was how to bring the love and the femaleness into the 21st century," she added.

Another artist is Isabel Olivares, a current computer science major that designs one of the university's web pages.

"I like to communicate with people through my paintings, I usually try to focus on the story behind each painting. I like to connect with people through emotions, my paintings are part abstract, some part realism," Olivares said.

Martha Arzabala is a retired design engineer and has been an artist since 2010. She is also currently preparing some paintings for other exhibitions outside of the city.

"You will see great paintings coming up pretty soon regarding the immigration issues and what's going on politically right now, because we tend to put that expression into a painting or sculptures,"

Arzabala said. "I think it's the time for great art right now, because of the drama we have all around."

Another artist is Chihuahuan native Teresa Fernández, who used to be a fashion designer and found her love for teaching and art when her daughters' school asked her to teach a two-month course. She currently has her own studio called CreArte at 7815 Helen of Troy Dr.

"Now with this show, I am fusing my fashion design career into sculptures and dress sculptures, I call them Mis Damas, My Ladies," Fernández said.

Fernández also did a one-piece clay figure for the show, experimenting with a variety of materials in the process.

The exhibition kicks off on Thursday, Dec. 6 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will run from Dec. 6, 2018 to Feb. 28, 2019.

The gallery is located at 1308 N. Oregon St.

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Jim Senter reflects on his first year as UTEP's Athletic Director



Jim Senter was announced as UTEP's director of athletics on Nov. 22, 2017.

BY DANIEL MENDEZ

The Prospector

When Jim Senter was announced as the new Director of Athletics at UTEP on Nov. 22, 2017, he knew what he was getting himself into, he had to rebuild a football program that had just gone winless and had a disappointing season with mid-season coaching changes.

But at his very first news conference the following week Senter introduced himself to the community and introduced his mantra: every person makes a difference.

What Senter didn't know was that by the end of the day, he would be tasked to fill another major coaching vacancy, this time in men's basketball brought by the sudden postgame retirement of former UTEP basketball coach Tim Floyd.

Suddenly, Senter was tasked with filling two of the biggest coaching positions in athletics, men's basketball and football. Senter hadn't even officially started his position yet, still finishing his tenure at the Citadel, but he hired Dana Dimel as his football coach. Once basketball season ended he found someone to take over the program in Rodney Terry. He then went to make his third hire in women's rifle coach Austin Litherland.

Senter knew it would be a tough task in his first year, due to poor attendance in athletic events. His first year at the helm involved a lot of trial and error.

"I think I'm still trying to learn and find out about how things work here," Senter said. "Whether that is the price of ticketing or its game

times, or is it the value of premiums to get somebody to come to the game? Or does it even matter if there's a premium to get somebody to come to a game right?"

"So now I'm starting my second year and I'm starting to have a little bit more comfort in terms of what do I think works," Senter said. "What do I want to do? What kind of changes might we make? What have I learned from my first 12 months on the job? It's a very, very fluid dynamic and a very educational experience."

Senter's goal is to have intercollegiate athletics win and compete for conference champion-

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The mark on the wall is we're going to compete for and win championships,

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- JIM SENTER
UTEP Athletic Director



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ships. He has made that point abundantly clear after soccer and volleyball wrapped up. Head soccer coach Kevin Cross and volleyball Coach Molly Watts were let go after failing to have their team compete for conference championships.

"The mark on the wall is we're going to compete for and win championships," Senter said. "That's the threshold. That's a level we want to rise to. Now it's my job as the athletic director and our administrative team is to give our coaches and student-athletes the tools it takes to do their job. I think in many instances, we're giving many of our programs the tools and the resources to do their job, I expect them to maybe do it at a better level and a higher level than they've been getting it done."

Senter did mention the coaching vacancies are still ongoing and will likely get rolling once the fall season of athletics officially wraps up because coaches he may have an interest in are still coaching their respective programs.

If competing for conference championships is not occurring he is looking into what ways he can improve athletic facilities. The improvement in facilities is evident with the start of the renovation of the Sun Bowl with lounge seating and an improved press box.

Senter acknowledges that due to lack of donor support in certain programs and flexibility with the athletic budget, Miner nation may not see those renovations they are yearning for just yet.

Senter has learned two things in his first year on the job. How passionate the fan base is and

how the fans perspectives are on losing performances in football and basketball.

"I think our fan base has become somewhat apathetic because we haven't been winning," Senter said. "It's going to take a lot more energy and a lot more effort to try to get our folks invigorated to the point where they want to buy tickets, they want to be a donor and they want to come to games... There's a certain level of apathy that is going to take them a gargantuan effort to get it jump started again and get people to get back on board and help us."

To him, "every person makes a difference" doesn't necessarily have to be a purchase of season tickets, a donation or even a social media post. It's about coming out and supporting the student-athletes who don the orange and blue and if you happen to buy concessions, Senter views that as making a difference as well.

"Every person makes a difference" is not only a mantra for Senter but it is a way of life. "Every day you choose if you want to make a positive or negative difference, so why not choose to be a positive difference maker," Senter said.

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Nik Needham: The embodiment of a UTEP Miner

BY ISAIAH RAMIREZ

The Prospector

Senior cornerback Nik Needham stepped foot on campus in 2014 coming from Buena Park, California in hopes of making an impact on a historically unsuccessful program.

"Freshmen year was definitely a culture shock. Coming from California it's very fast-paced, and it's been a long road here at UTEP but I definitely enjoyed it," Needham said.

Over a five-year span in which Needham was a Miner, the team had a cumulative record of 22-44. These past two seasons the Miners compiled only one win.

Even with all these lows, Needham's mind was constantly geared towards being an unselfish team player and making the most out of his senior season.

"I just embraced my senior season and planned on going all out for my teammates, and as a team, I saw we never gave up throughout the year and we fought till the very end," Needham said.

The 2017 All-Conference USA Honorable Mention selection was a constant workhorse and reliable defensive playmaker.

Needham is the programs all-time leader in pass breakups (33). This season Needham recorded nine pass breakups for the second season in a row.

"It was a big accomplishment to go down in UTEP history as the career pass breakup leader, but it's due to my teammates as well

and I wouldn't be anything without them," Needham said.

Highlights came in bunches for Needham over his five-year career at UTEP.

In 2017, Needham recorded a UTEP game-high record of five pass breakups in a loss against Western Kentucky, and during his freshman season in an overtime victory over rival New Mexico State he recorded seven tackles, one sack and one pass breakup. The standout corner also recorded a career-high nine tackles in the Miners five-overtime win over UTSA in 2016.

"Beating New Mexico State in overtime at their house was probably one of the biggest moments I remember and when we went five overtimes against UTSA," Needham said.

"The Western Kentucky one would have been big to me if we won. The ones where we win those are the ones I count on."

Now that the record-breaking cornerback's career at UTEP is over the next step in his football journey is heading to the NFL.

Needham is scheduled to participate in NFL pro day, where scouts will come to the Sun Bowl and watch the corner run drills and display why he deserves to be drafted.

"Pro day is definitely in my plans and in two weeks I'm going to be headed home and get right to work," Needham said.

Various draft projection websites have Needham going in the third to fifth round while ranking in the top 25 of the cornerback class. With this continued respect for his



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Senior cornerback Nik Needham finished his career as the program's all-time leader in pass breakups with 33.

game, Needham acknowledges there is always important layers and areas to enhance going into the league.

"You can never be fast enough and I know that's a big key that they look for in the NFL and still learn more about the game of football as well."

Looking back on his storied career at UTEP, Needham is appreciative of not only the time spent on the field but off the field as well.

"I've appreciated my time here in El Paso and I've made a lot of good friends and brothers. My time here is something I'll remember for the rest of my life."

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1. Freshman guard Nigel Hawkins dunks the ball after a steal against the Northwestern State Demons. 2. Junior running back Quardraiz Wadley and graduate student linebacker A.J. Hotchkins celebrate as they score a touchdown. 3. Dana Dimel finished his first season as head coach winning one game against Rice. 4. The Miners return to an old tradition walking out the Mine Shaft pregame. 5. Jim Senter closely watches women's basketball as they play against NMSU in the Battle of I-10. 6. The Miners win their first D-I game of the season with head coach Rodney Terry against the Northwestern State Demons.



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Number 12's legacy will not be defined by career roadblock



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Senior quarterback Ryan Metz is ninth all-time in program history with 26 touchdowns.

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When senior quarterback Ryan Metz started the season for the Miners, he was hoping to write a storybook ending to his UTEP career. Unfortunately, as in the game of football, you are always one play away from having it all end for you.

"My journey as a Miner I mean, it's been quite the journey, a long journey, to say the least. I've been here five and a half, almost six years, and it's just been so memorable," Metz said. "There's a lot of memories that I'll have, not just for the next 10 years but

for the rest of my life and it's just been a great honor to be able to wear the orange and blue."

This season against Louisiana Tech, what looked like a simple quarterback run the Miners ran all season turned into Metz's last ever possession for the Miners. The fifth-year senior suffered his fifth concussion, dating back to his Andress High School football days. This would be the worst one yet as Metz would retire from intercollegiate athletics.

"Throughout life you're always going to encounter some obstacles and I think no matter what, I had fun... it wasn't what

I had in mind but, I mean, just being able to still share the field with my teammates, play for these coaches and create memories on and off the field," Metz said.

But the dream of playing under center in the NFL is still there and that's what Metz will do when he participates in UTEP's pro day.

Metz is going to use pro day to his advantage despite the health concerns surrounding him and intends on delivering a determined performance this upcoming pro day.

"I feel even though I stepped away from playing quarterback at the college level I still have aspirations to play in the NFL," Metz said. "I see it as I don't think there's going to be a whole lot of teams that are gonna look at me because of my history with concussions, but why not give it a shot. Never know what can happen, never know what doors may open and I'm going to take that opportunity to do that on pro day."

If Metz doesn't get the attention of NFL scouts, he has plans lined up to join the UTEP football staff as a graduate assistant coach.

"He's just been a positive part of what we're doing," said head coach Dana Dimel. "He's been so supportive. He worked his tail off and been a leader since the very day that he got here and he's meant so much to this program. He's got all the intangibles to be a really good coach moving forward."

"I want to be around football as long as possible. I want to be around this team and that's what I plan on doing," Metz added.

Number 12's debut has to rank as one of the more notable moments in program history—Metz came off the bench for his first taste of NCAA action as a redshirt freshman in 2015 and rallied UTEP to a come from behind win in overtime at New Mexico State, throwing two touchdowns in the victory.

During the season, Metz had a career night against North Texas. That night, Metz had a total of three touchdowns throwing a total of 313 yards, the first time ever since quarterback Jameill Showers did it in 2013.

"It's huge, I mean especially being a hometown kid," Metz said. "Having come to the games when I was little seeing Jordan Palmer, Trevor Vittatoe kind of light up the scoreboard and getting that opportunity to not necessarily wear the same uniform, uniforms kind of changed over the years but to get to be a Miner, that's been such a great honor, one that I hope I made El Paso proud."

Metz finished his career with 26 touchdowns, ranking him ninth all-time in program history, and 22 interceptions. He threw 3,488 yards and finished his career with four rushing touchdowns.

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