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President Wilson kicks off the new semester

Valeria Olivares

The Prospector

UTEP's new President Heather Wilson talked about the university's safety, the evolution of UTEP, a new parking garage and more during a press conference held in the Administration Building Monday, the first day of the fall semester.

"I'm here because this is a great university and then together, we're going to figure out how to make it even better," Wilson said. "That doesn't happen in the first week on the job; that happens through engagement and strategic planning."

During the week before classes started, Wilson said she spent time with each school and college at UTEP meeting faculty and staff in order to become acquainted with the university.

In response to concerns about UTEP's safety after El Paso's recent mass shooting, Wilson said UTEP officials are "attentive to the need to make this university a safe place to be in." "If you don't feel

safe, you can't learn, you can't research, you can't teach," Wilson said.

For the rest of the year, UTEP's football team will have "El Paso Strong" decals on their helmets in support of the victims and their families, Wilson said.

Wilson added that she has talked with elected Student Government officials and other students who were at UTEP either working or conducting research over the summer about ideas and concerns that they might have. She did not go into detail about what was discussed. "One of the things that UTEP is committed to is continuing access for our students, particularly those who come from families with limited financial means," Wilson said.

Wilson boasted about students' access to more than 70 bachelor's and master's degrees and more than 20 doctoral degrees, including the recent approval of a doctoral program focused on data analysis.

She also added that the university is fulfilling a "desperate shortage of pharmacists in this region."

"There is no school of pharmacy, other than UTEP, in a 400-mile radius," Wilson said.

The university has received more than 75 new awards for externally funded research totaling in almost \$40 million, Wilson said.

Among the awards, Wilson highlighted a grant from the International Union of Geodesy and

Geophysics to establish a group that studies seismicity and tectonics in the Himalayas, a grant from the National Science Foundation in partnership with the El Paso Independent School District to support STEM certification for middle and high school teachers, among others.]

"The contribution that UTEP is making to research and driving discovery of public value is significant," Wilson said.

Wilson mentioned that the Interdisciplinary Research Building, which totaled more than \$90 million in construction, is reaching completion and should be ready for use by early spring 2020 semester.

When it comes to the university's future, Wilson said that she does not expect to make drastic changes anytime soon because it is in "very good shape."

She did mention, however, that officials are planning a new parking garage for the north side of campus that will add about 750 parking spaces for UTEP students, faculty and staff. Wilson sees UTEP as a leading institution that is what more universities are going to look like in the future.

"I think it will continue to attract students, not just from Texas, but regionally, nationally and internationally," Wilson said.

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Stumbling into change

By Valeria Olivares

The Prospector

El Paso, UTEP and the border in general have been the focus of national attention due to a great deal of recent incidents.



Whether it was August's mass shooting in which a man killed 22 people, the masses of migrants trying to request asylum in the United States or news of UTEP's new president, the community at large has been thrown into the middle

of chaos.

Similarly, the university's independently run newspaper is undergoing various changes that have made the transition from the previous semester feel chaotic as well.

Starting this semester, all but one of The Prospector's editor positions are assigned to new people, including myself.

After two semesters at the newspaper, I am proud to say that I am its new editor in chief.

Although I still have much to learn about the position and the journalism industry, I constantly push myself into new challenges. This semester, that will be handling the university's newspaper, managing a staff of more than 20 talented individuals and presenting accurate and relevant news for the UTEP community and whoever else is paying attention to our coverage.

Over the summer, I was able to help Rain Media, an independent documentary production company that produces and reports for outlets such as PBS FRONTLINE. While working with them, I was able to translate from English to Spanish and vice versa, conduct interviews with migrants coming from different countries about their journey, go to migrant shelters to interview

pregnant women, walk up to the border wall as a group of migrants climbed over it and drive the camera crew all over El Paso and Ciudad Juárez.

Subsequently, I was able to intern at the San Antonio Express-News and cover crime in the metro desk.

After two months, I was able to write more than 90 articles. The internship kept me on my toes every single day, bolting to several odd locations around San Antonio and taught me about the importance of quick, yet precise, story turnarounds.

I wrote about police finding more than a couple of body remains, multiple deaths, shootings, a 5-year-old found living in an apparent meth lab and an in-depth story about the search for Cecilia Huerta Gallegos, 30, a missing San Antonio woman, that ran in the front page.

As the weeks went by, I was mentored by several notable journalists and editors and learned more about the journalistic field.

I decided to go into a career in journalism because I am curious and I like to learn about many, sometimes odd, topics. I expect to learn more about UTEP and its community throughout the next months.

As I start this semester as The Prospector's editor in chief, I expect to make mistakes and learn from them.

I want to welcome back current and incoming students and remind them that, especially during these times, our mental health matters. Take care of yourselves.

As a journalism student that has lived at the border for the entirety of her life, I have been exposed to a great deal of issues that are constantly being covered by international media. I expect The Prospector to produce pieces that compete with other publications.

I encourage anyone who has ideas or thoughts to send them our way, we are listening

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Heather Wilson spoke at a news conference Aug. 2

UTEP warns of fake emails

By Marisol Chávez

The Prospector

The UTEP community experienced a phishing attack last Wednesday when about 400 fake emails were sent asking for a favor in President Heather Wilson's name, according to the UTEP Information Security Office (ISO).

"Hi how are you doing? I need a favor from you. Regards, Heather." The email read.

An email from ISO alerting the UTEP community about the attack was sent in "no time" after the incident, according to Stephen Riter, Ph.D., UTEP Vice President for Information Resources and Planning.

Although that specific sender has already been blocked by the ISO, Riter advises the UTEP community to always be alert about phishing emails.

"There's a whole industry of people in this country and not so friendly countries who go to work every day and try to design these kinds of things to steal people's money," Riter said.

According to Riter, a message from the president asking you a favor can be very psychologically attractive because of the position of power

that they hold, but that thousands of simpler phishing emails are blocked every day in which the sender pretends to be a classmate or colleague asking for money to "get out of trouble." About these emails, he advises the community to be skeptical and to always doubt them.

"The people who send them out know a lot about the psychology of recipients, so they'll make them look as close as they can to a genuine request," Riter said. "These can be very, very seductive. If you have the slightest doubt, forward it to the Security Office"

He finally added that, if you were to receive an email like this, to forward it to the ISO at security@utep.edu for review. This way, awareness about the fake email can be spread, and the sender can be blocked. He also advised to never provide personal information or give out your credentials.

"We have [your credentials]. We would never ask for them," Riter said.

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Food pantry offers helping hand to students

By **Sasha Minjarez**

The Prospector

UTEP welcomes students in need to stop by for non-perishable foods free of charge.

The university's food pantry, which assists an abundance of students, originated in a humble closet in UTEP's student union in 2014. At the time, it was one of the first fully staffed college-food pantries in the nation.

Wanting to reach even more students, UTEP officials began to look for a different location.

"I tended to call it a bit of a Harry Potter closet," Associate Vice President and Dean of Students Catie McCorry-Andalis said. "It had a full door and everything, but then it had a really dramatic slope so, because of that, you just couldn't put full-sized shelves in there."

Since late October 2018, the pantry has been relocated to Memorial Gym, where it has flourished into a fully stocked and spacious setting to better support and serve the needs of the students.

The Memorial Gym has made a perfect location since it is more accessible to the residence halls and is next to a parking lot that lets stu-

dents conveniently take provisions to their vehicles, according to McCorry-Andalis.

Food insecurity in university students has become a growing concern.

"In essence, it means that someone doesn't have, not just healthy options to eat, but a regular food supply ... They don't know where their next meal is going to come from," McCorry-Andalis said. "We wanted our students who staff the pantry to have a knowledge base to demystify the whole sense of food insecurity and be able to help students with additional needs they have."

Graduate assistants help oversee the pantry along with a team of students and volunteers who keep it running.

The pantry is able to operate through generous contributions made by the Albertsons Foundation, local partnerships and donations collected at student drives. Their efforts have made it so that students can visit the pantry and select from a menu of items that cater to their dietary needs, much like taking a trip to the grocery store. Personal hygiene products are also available.

The community's collective effort has made it so that hundreds of students are able to receive support from their university.

"From about late October to early May, we had roughly 200 unique students who went to the food pantry," McCorry-Andalis said.

Entering the full academic term, officials at the pantry anticipate and hope for even more students to access the pantry.

The pantry may continue to expand as it has since its establishment, according to McCorry-Andalis. There will be an emphasis on marketing and outreach along with the exploration of possibly introducing non-perishable items, grant-based aid and surveys to understand how to further serve the needs of UTEP students.

"We don't want anyone to have to struggle to find food, but we also know it's a very real need and we're trying to tell our community that it's nothing to be ashamed of," McCorry-Andalis said.

Access to the food pantry can be obtained by enrolled students with the use of their Miner Gold Card.

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'Bienvenidos' encourages students to visit with professors, staff

By **Victoria Almaguer**

The Prospector

UTEP Edge introduces the Bienvenidos Campaign to persuade students to indulge themselves to have a closer relationship with professors and staff.

By welcoming new and current students back to a school year, this campaign focuses on the growing of the learning community by pushing students to seek out their professors before a problem arises and to push staff members to be more open as well.

"Our first rollout of Bienvenidos is really focused on faculty office hours," said Doctor David Ritter, Associate Provost for Student & Faculty Success. "So that we see the development of a positive professional relationship happening very intentionally, because those relationships

they have the highest impacts on a student's success."

"Simply going to your professors and having a conversation and engaging with them is super helpful and there is a lot of research that shows that students who do that are much more successful in and out of the classroom," said Catie McCorry-Andalis, Associate Vice President and Dean of Students.

Being conceived through focus groups and research, the emphasis for the next 10 years of UTEP Edge became a strategic student success plan. Within that plan came the Bienvenidos Campaign as a way to show faculty members the agency that they can provide to students.

"We're taught since a very young age that tutoring in elementary, middle school, and high school is a negative thing and it's only for when you are in trouble," said Daisy Martinez, Under-

graduate Student Assistant at the Office of the Provost. "When you carry that into college, you think faculty office hours or visiting your professors is only when your grade(s) are bad or you don't understand the material, but I think that (Bienvenidos Campaign) is pushing us to create polycystic relationships with professor(s) because that is going to teach us valuable things outside classrooms."

The Bienvenidos Campaign has been presented to faculty to begin this fall semester.

"It seems like it's an initiative, it's an effort, but it's even better than that," said Veronica Fraire, Associate Provost. "It really has the potential to be transformative to students."

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R U OK? Day

Prospector Staff Report

UTEP will host R U OK? Day to promote and teach about the power of a conversation in preventing suicide. Various groups and organizations will set up tents throughout campus to provide wellness information Sept. 12.

R U OK? is a prevention effort that originated in Australia and expanded into a worldwide campaign, according to its website. The effort's late founder was Gavin Larkin, who, in order to prevent others from grieving like he did after his father took his own life, challenged others to ask, "Are you okay?" in hopes of saving lives.

The campaign's mission is simple: get people talking. The idea is to raise awareness and open up the conversation for support and understanding in a meaningful way by asking, listening, encouraging action and checking in on friends and even strangers.

The movement emphasizes both starting and maintaining conversations with people in order to possibly save a life.

People donning an R U OK? pin will serve as an emblem to remind others that they are safe to approach and have a talk. Students can also offer their support by opting into training to become an ambassador for the cause.

Engineering Workforce program nabs \$200K grant on nuclear facility development

By UC Staff

UTEP Communications

The University of Texas at El Paso Nuclear Engineering Workforce Program (NEWP) was awarded a \$200,000 grant from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to develop the workforce needed for the design, construction, operation and regulation of nuclear facilities and the safe handling of nuclear materials.

UTEP's Nuclear Engineering Workforce Program (NEWP) was awarded a \$200,000 grant from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to develop the workforce needed for the design, construction, operation and regulation of nuclear facilities and the safe handling of nuclear materials. The grant will provide scholarships of up to \$10,000 per year to a cohort of undergraduate students. These students will have the opportunity to participate in a multi-faceted program that will prepare them for careers in the nuclear industry. The program includes nuclear engineering courses, as well as learning

and research experiences at UTEP and nuclear energy-related facilities.

Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering Calvin M. Stewart, Ph.D., leads the program as the grant's principal investigator, along with co-PI's Omar Cedillos, Ph.D.; Norman Love, Ph.D.; and Yirong Lin, Ph.D., who are also associate professors in mechanical engineering. The management team includes UTEP, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Kansas City Nuclear Security Campus, and Sandia National Laboratories. Research will be conducted at UTEP and U.S. Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) facilities across the country.

"The NEWP program provides students with knowledge and hands-on interactions with the disruptive technologies that will give them a competitive edge in the nuclear workforce," Stewart said. "It is our opportunity to build a nuclear science and engineering program at UTEP and meet the workforce need in this important area of engineering."

The NEWP training can be applied to both civilian and military applications of nuclear power. Students can become operators at one of the 98 licensed nuclear power plants operating in the United States. Students can work for the NNSA, which has a mission to maintain the nuclear stockpile, prevent nuclear weapon proliferation, counterterrorism, and power the nuclear navy. Students could also become a U.S. Navy nuclear officer via the Navy Nuclear Propulsion program.

The NEWP program is actively recruiting undergraduate junior and senior students for the fall 2019 semester. Students who are interested should contact Stewart, the NEWP program director, at cmstewart@utep.edu.

Students will be offered the opportunity to conduct research on campus with the Center for Space Exploration and Technology Research (cSETR) faculty and participate in summer internships with the U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, National Laboratories such as Sandia and Los Alamos, and nuclear power plants.

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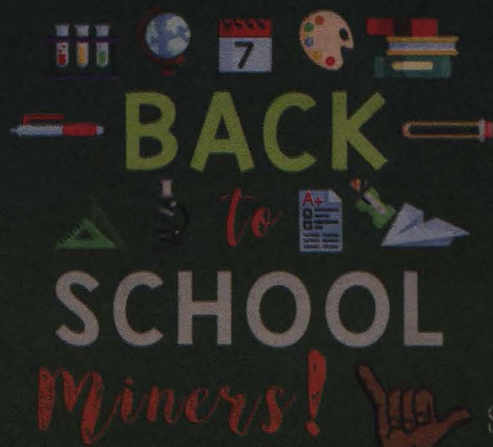
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By UC Staff

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The event featured presentations by Luis Echegoyen, Ph.D., a research professor and the Robert A. Welch Chair in UTEP's chemistry department, and Skye Fortier, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry. Dino Villagran, Ph.D., associate professor of chemistry, and undergraduate students presented a trivia session, followed by a reception.

"The periodic table organizes the elements based on similar properties so the characteristics can be predicted based on their location on the table," said Echegoyen, who is also president of the American Chemical Society, the world's largest scientific organization. "The table can predict the properties of elements that have yet to be prepared synthetically. It can also allow the prediction of which elements are likely to react with each other."

"The periodic table of the elements is essential to linking cultural, economic and political aspects of the global society through a common language," Echegoyen said. "It is important to continue to attract interest in our youth in subjects like chemistry and physics in order to build the next generation of engineers and scientists."

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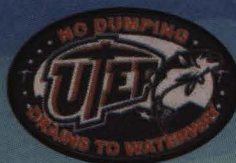
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A Night for Sun City

Khalid gives benefit concert for mass shooting victims

By **Jaqueline Martinez**
The Prospector

Khalid announced a benefit concert in El Paso on Sunday, Sept. 1 in response to the mass shooting at a Walmart that killed 22 people and largely impacted the community of El Paso.

"A Night for Sun City" is set to take place at the UTEP Don Haskins Center under the Great Khalid Foundation and the Right Hand Foundation.

The mass shooting that took place Aug. 3, 2019, at the Cielo Vista Walmart left the community of El Paso in shock and agony after a man shot and killed 22 people and injured another 24.

The community immediately gathered for public vigils throughout the city and long lines formed outside of the United Blood Services for blood donations for the victims of the shooting.

"Over the past few days, my mind and heart have been heavy," Khalid tweeted. "Hearing seeing an act of terrorism happen so close to

home, my family and friends has been unbelievable and shocking."

He later made an announcement on Twitter that he had been thinking of ways to help and support the city.

"I'm planning for a benefit concert show later this month; all proceeds will go to the families affected by the shooting. Sending everyone my love and will keep you guys updated."

Later that week, the artist announced "A Night for Sun City" benefit concert for El Paso. "Love you guys," Khalid tweeted.

Many fans were ecstatic and grateful to hear that the R&B artist announced this benefit concert which was followed by positive feedback.

"It is a relief to know I live in a city that everyone can call 'home' even after such crisis, everyone comes together closer than ever," said UTEP senior Cristina Flores, who said would be attending the concert. "Khalid said it himself, he didn't have a home until he came to El Paso. I want to thank him and everyone else supporting our amazing community."

Tickets went on sale Aug. 14 and immediately sold out leaving some fans disappointed after being able to get tickets for the show.

Khalid shared an alternative option for fans who were not able to get tickets but wanted to donate through the purchase of a Khalid T-Shirt, proceeds of which will also be going to the victims of the El Paso shooting. Donations can be made online at shop.khalidofficial.com.

Khalid Robinson was born Feb. 11, 1998 in Fort Stewart, Georgia. The artist was raised by his single mother who worked in the military and therefore had to move frequently until they settled at Fort Bliss in El Paso, where his mother later retired.

Khalid attended Americas High School, where he began to write and record his own songs and upload them to his SoundCloud page during his senior year.

Although the young artist lived in El Paso for less than two years before he rose to fame, he proudly graduated from Americas High School in July 2016 and said it was in El Paso that he was "born creatively" under the influence and support from his friends and the community of the Sun City.

Mayor Dee Margo presented the artist with a Key to the City the day before his first two hometown shows at the Don Haskins Center, which both sold out in a matter of minutes. To this day, Khalid continues to represent and acknowledge his upcoming, love and awe for El Paso through his music as he strongly holds and continues to carry his hometown with him.

For information, visit thegreatkhalidfoundation.org.

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Khalid will perform at the UTEP Don Haskins Center Sunday, Sept. 1, to raise funds for the victims of El Paso's mass shooting in early August.

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Miner Welcome week launches fall term

By Maria Ramos

The Prospector

UTEP's Student Engagement and Leadership Center is ready to welcome all new and returning Miners with a week of events, free swag and food for students to kick off the start of the fall semester.

From Monday to Thursday, the university will host different events at the Centennial Plaza from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., according to a Student Engagement and Leadership Center press release.

Starting off the week, students will be able to receive Starbucks samples, play a variety of games hosted by Pepsi Recycling Roadster to learn more about recycling, take a picture in a gif booth and ride inflatable slides.

For the following two days, students will be taught about the different UTEP Edge experiences that are meant to help students develop skills and prepare them for leadership positions. At the same time, free pancakes and UTEP Edge merchandise will be given out.

On Thursday, the Student Government Association leaders will introduce themselves, explain what they do, answer questions related to their work and inform how they represent all UTEP students. Papas locas, corn in a cup



and funnel cakes will be available for free. Students will also be able to participate in inflatable soccer, football and basketball challenges.

Miner Welcome will end Friday with the 29th celebration of one of UTEP's biggest traditions, Minerpalooza, from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Sun Bowl Stadium.

People across campus will welcome students, point them in the direction of their classes and

Minerpalooza Lineup

Jake C
James Kennedy
Lemaitre
Lovelytheband

inform them about the week's activities from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Miner Mix and Mingle will let students learn and meet UTEP departments and student organizations, the tables will be set from Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Miner Welcome event is created with the end of not only welcoming returning and new students, but also helping them navigate their way into UTEP and take advantage of all the experiences that are offered.

For questions about the events, contact the department of Student Engagement and Leadership Center located in the Union Building West Room 106.

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Minerpalooza caps first week

By Margaret Cataldi

The Prospector

The 29th annual Minerpalooza will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, in the Sun Bowl parking lot. Whether you're a first-time attendee or a regular palooza-patron, here is what you can expect at Minerpalooza 2019.

The lineup this year includes local DJ Jake C, the reality star-turned DJ James Kennedy, electronic duo Lemaitre and the closing headliner, Lovelytheband. There will also be a Miner pep rally traveling from the north entrance of the Sun Bowl Stadium only to the main performance stage.

Food, games and other attractions will be available this year as usual. From the kid-friendly Pete's Playground to a Beer and Wine Garden, Minerpalooza consistently provides activities that the entire UTEP community can enjoy.

Admission is free and open to all ages. More information about the event can be found on the Minerpalooza website, or via the Minerpalooza Facebook page.

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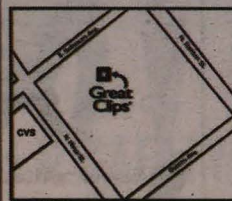
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UTEP Football plans a revival in program



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UTEP football practices at the Sun Bowl Stadium during the spring 2019 semester.

By Isaiah Ramirez

The Prospector

With the second season approaching in the Dana Dimelera, Miner fans are hoping for an improvement from the team's 2018 campaign.

With just one win last season, and notable players departing the program through graduation, the Miners plan to overcome any doubt with a solid 2019 season.

"Rebuilding on defense"

The Miners will look to continue its growing strength on defense. Last season the team allowed an average of 32 points per game, which improved from 36 points per game in 2018. The defensive pressure was also evident in stopping the run as the Miners allowed an average of 195 rushing yards a game in 2018, compared to 234 yards in 2017.

One issue is that many key players of last year's team will not be seen in 2019.

Four-year starting cornerbacks Nik Needham and Kalon Beverly, along with linebacker A.J. Hotchkins are now departed due to graduation. With those intricate those key players gone the opportunities for new defensive anchors to shine has arrived.

At the safety position, senior Justin Rogers, could be the next spark on the defensive end

as the Los Angeles native ranked sixth in total tackles (53) and recorded one interception and six pass breakups last season. Rogers was named to the All-Conference USA first team in 2016 and is moving from cornerback to safety this season.

Senior linebacker Kalaii Griffin will look to bring a powerful force to the position which was seen last season in the form of Hotchkins. Griffin played in 10 games last season for the Miners recording 13 tackles with four of those being solo. Against Middle Tennessee Griffin recorded five tackles.

A mixture of talent could lead to more scoring this season. With the defense brewing a mixture of talent, the same could be said for the offense. After a summer that included senior quarterback Kai Locksley serving a suspension from the program and senior running back Quadriz Wadley suffering a season-ending injury, there were many questions marks on offense. With Camp Ruidoso and training camp concluded, composed and talented players emerged from the rubble leading to possible surprises on offense.

Sophomore wide receiver Tre'Shon Wolf was named the number one receiver on the depth chart early in training camp and will look to provide the missing spark of excitement the

receiver position has been lacking for several years, with the exception of the now graduated Warren Reddix.

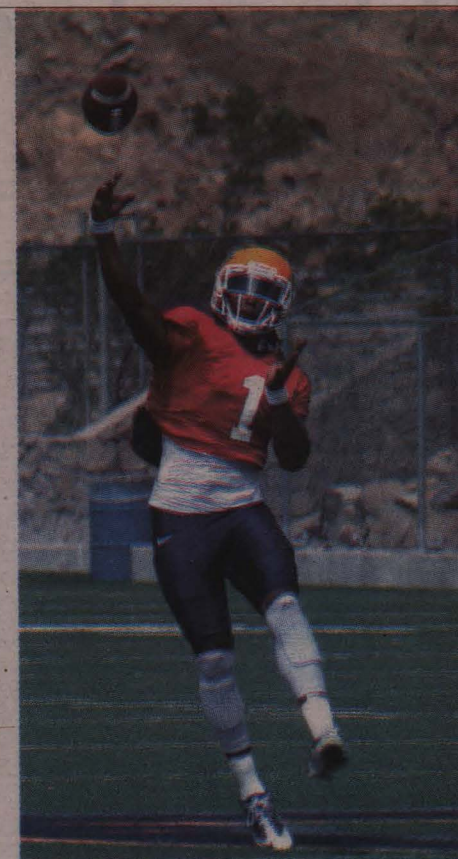
Wolf played in eight games last season for the Miners and caught 10 passes for 144 yards total. Against Western Kentucky, Wolf produced three receptions, 63 receiving yards and a 48 yard reception. Wolf also started at wide receiver against North Texas.

Senior quarterback Brandon Jones was named the starting quarterback after senior quarterback Kai Locksley was arrested back in June on multiple charges and indefinitely suspended from the program. Locksley has since been reinstated to the team, but Jones was still named number one on the depth chart. Jones will now look to lead this Miners offense to glory and produced successful drives.

Jones played in six games for the Miners last season after injures to both Locksley and quarterback and Graduate Assistant Coach Ryan Metz. Against Western Kentucky Jones completed 14 of 25 passes for 340 yards and rushed for two touchdown against Louisiana Tech.

For the season Jones threw 673 yards with four touchdowns and rushed for 61 yards.

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DANIEL REY PEREZ/ THE PROSPECTOR
Miner fans come and join the UTEP Football team Aug. 24 at Glory Field for "Fan Day."

Fan Day Miners football hold open practice

By Daniel Rey Perez

The Prospector

Just seven days prior to UTEP's first football game against Houston Baptist, UTEP Athletics hosted Fan Day which included an open practice and an autograph session free of charge.

Fans were able to meet their favorite players in the Larry K. Durham Sports center in order to promote UTEP athletics. Other teams from a variety of sports attended the event during the signing session such as the rifle team, women's soccer and cross country so that fans could engage with all their favorite teams at UTEP. Fans and children walked down a

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Balogun leads young soccer team into a new era

By Michael CuvIELLO

The Prospector

UTEP soccer started the Head Coach Kathryn Balogun-era this past week, and it has gotten off to a slow start. This Miner team is young and still learning how to mix their skills as a team. After two matches the Miners have a 0-1-1 record with a tie versus Wyoming and a last-minute loss to Abilene Christian University. First-year coach Balogun takes over a team that has more freshmen than any year since the start of this century. Suiting up for the Miner are 11 freshmen on a roster of 24. Three of the new players are from the El Paso area. Freshman midfielder Adriana Lopez and freshman forward Bella Benavides went to El Paso High, while freshman midfielder Jackie Miller attended Franklin High School. In the 2019 Conference, USA pre-season poll, the Miners were ranked 13 out of the 14 teams in the conference, predicted to finish ahead of Florida International. UTEP finished 12th in conference in 2018 with a record of 2-5-3 in the conference and 7-8-4 overall.

The silver lining for the Miners is that they return their top scorer from last season in senior midfielder Lauren Crenshaw, who had seven goals and one assist last season. Crenshaw has 11 goals and seven assists for her career and has been a starter during her tenure at UTEP. Crenshaw was third-team all-conference in 2017 and freshman all-conference in 2016.

Another top player returner for the Miners is junior forward Adrianna Jimmerson

who scored four goals last season and has 10 in her short career as a Miner with three game-winning shots.

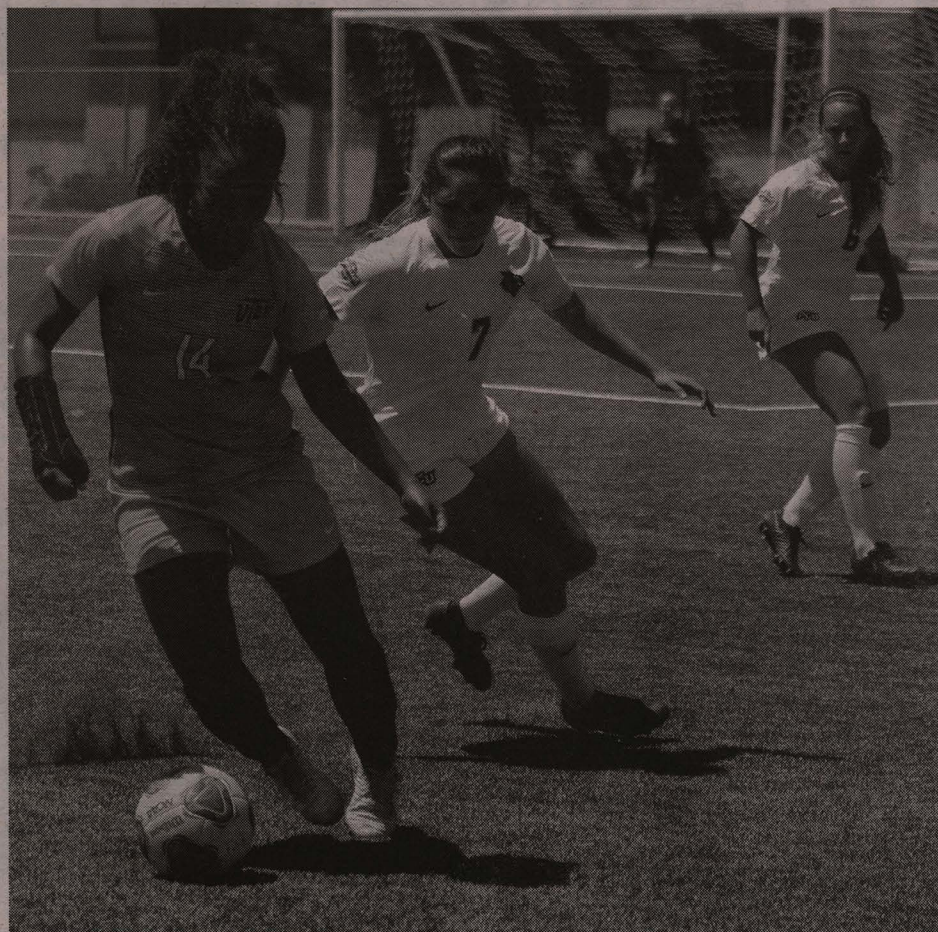
At defender along with Crenshaw, the Miners return more experience at this position than any on the team with three-year starter and senior Kori Lewis and two-year starter and redshirt junior Carla Payne. This unit figures to be the backbone of the team and the key to any successful season for the Miners this year.

Sophomore forward Jo Jo Ngoyo was an all-conference freshman team selection last season with three goals and two assists along with a game-winner against Charlotte and will be looked upon to be a key contributor in the offense.

Three freshmen are starters for the team. Local recruit Miller and freshman midfielder Emerson Kidd both will start as midfielders. Kidd was a Canadian Soccer Association all-star in the Canadian National Championships.

Freshman goalkeeper Zoey Lopez from Montwood High school in Dallas will be the starter at that position, and her backup will be freshman goalkeeper Emily Parrot from Lone Star High School in Frisco, Texas.

Overall, the UTEP soccer team is the least experienced it has been in more than a decade but does have experience in key positions with its major strength on defense. The prognosticators have put them towards the bottom of the conference, but this is a team looking to be competitive. The UTEP soccer team will be in action this weekend on a two-game road trip.



PRISCILLA GOMEZ / THE PROSPECTOR

Defender Kori Lewis fights ball against Abilene Christian University Sunday Aug. 26.

Their first game will be at 8 p.m. Aug. 29, against Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona. The Miners will take on University of Texas Rio Grande Valley at noon Sept. 1 in Edinburg, Texas.

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Women's soccer draws against Wyoming in overtime

By Daniel Rey Perez

The Prospector

UTEP women's soccer team played against the Wyoming Cowgirls this past Thursday evening at home. The game started an hour late due to a lighting delay and went all the way into overtime, resulting in the final score being a draw (2-2).

The game marked the coaching debut of Head Coach Kathryn Balogun for the UTEP miners who previously served as Head Coach at Texas Southern University and brought them an impressive (8-1-1)

season back in 2016.

Despite the changes UTEP has made, they drew against (14-4-4) University of Wyoming in overtime.

Wyoming scored first in the first half but UTEP came back with a header goal from Danielle Carreon, who was set up by Tessa Carlin, obtaining the assist, ending the first half (1-1). UTEP came in with a fast-paced attitude as they took three shots in the first 20 minutes of the second half. UTEP had a total of 17 shots compared to Wyoming's 11. Despite this, Wyoming took the lead in the 76th minute with

a free kick. Lauren Crenshaw quickly responded by making a spectacular goal with 79:14 on the clock, tying it up at (2-2).

The game eventually went into overtime and neither team scored. Multiple attempts to score from Wyoming were stopped by Emily Parrot, as well as Wyoming saving multiple goal attempts from UTEP. UTEP starts off the season with a (0-0-1) record in this new Balogun era. Daniel Rey

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MINERS THIS WEEK

Aug. 29

Women's Soccer at Grand Canyon University

Aug. 30-31

Women's Volleyball, I-10 Challenge at Lafayette, Louisiana vs. Tulane, Louisiana and Incarnate Word

Aug. 31

Football, UTEP vs Houston Baptist, 6 p.m., Sun Bowl Stadium

Cross Country, Lobo Invitational at Albuquerque, New Mexico

Sept. 1

Women's Soccer at University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley

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The running back tandem of senior starter Treyvon Hughes and backup freshman Deion Hankins will be exciting for Miner fans this season.

Hughes earned the number one spot on the depth chart and has valuable experience from last season, when he rushed for 320 yards on 73 rushing attempts.

Hughes averaged 4.4 yards a rush and earned a rushing touchdown against Rice. At 6-foot-1 and 235 pounds, the Miners will look to the senior to provide hard-earned yardage in short yard situations, and muscle his way through opposing defenses.

Hometown product Deion Hankins had a stellar career at Parkland High School racking up 7,491 rushing yards for his career and 78 rushing touchdowns. Prior to committing to UTEP, Hankins earned several Division I offers including Arkansas, North Texas, and Oklahoma State. The three-star recruit was named an all-state selection in his prep career and rushed for 27 touchdowns, and 2,270 yards in his senior campaign.

Alongside Hughes Hankins is also a powerful back standing 5 foot 11 inches and 200 pounds, but along with being a powerful back, Hankins could explode for big yardage and break runs for 50 to 60 yards which was seen night after night.

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line as they met every player on the UTEP football team, engaging with them and asking questions, many as aspiring football players. Head Football Coach Dana Dimel met with the fans as well.

Players from all teams encouraged the children to follow their dreams of being college athletes as the kids went from player to player sharing their goals. "I think that you (fans) should know that, in this life, you can do whatever you put your mind to if you work hard, have

determination and don't ever give up," said Ty'reke James, junior, safety.

"We love y'all's support and we are out there playing for you all," said Kavika Johnson, senior, wide receiver.

The UTEP Season tickets are on sale now at the Brumbelow Building Room 109 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.UTEPMiners.com/tickets or by calling 915-747-6150.

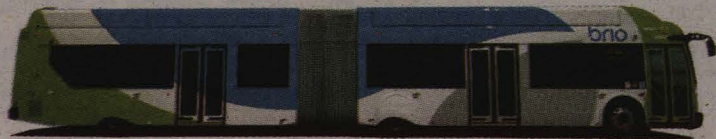
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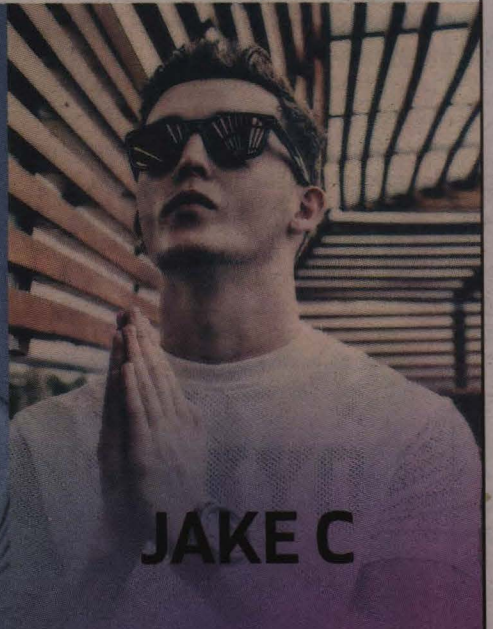
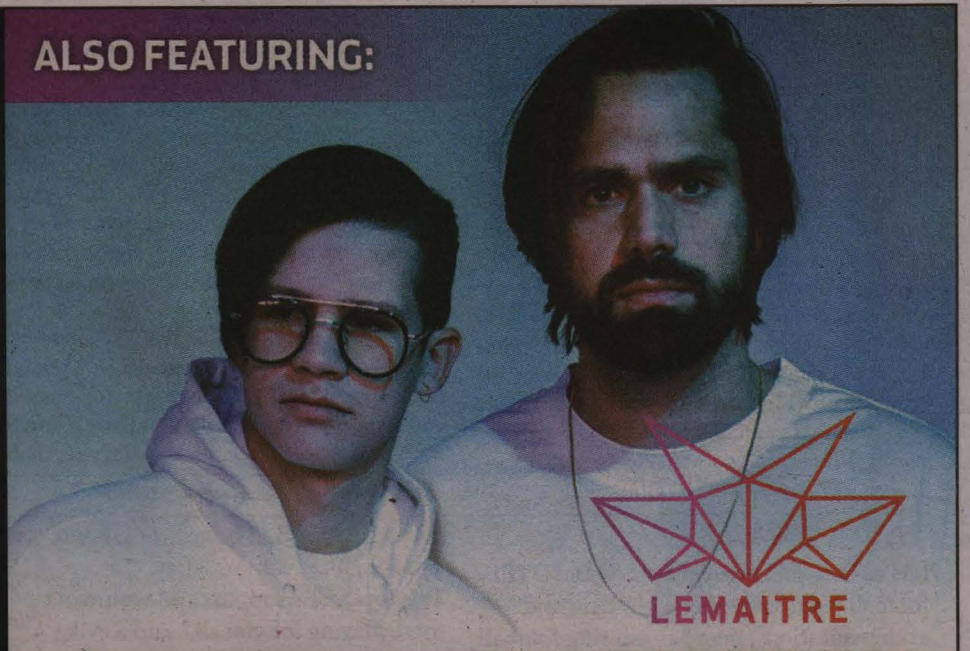
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