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Texas House LGBTQ Caucus hosts Town Hall at El Paso

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Founding members of the Texas House LGBTQ Caucus hosted their first Town Hall meeting at El Paso Thursday, Oct. 17, at UTEP's Union Cinema, to discuss political engagement, equality and the progress the caucus continually makes to increase representation for all LGBTQ Texans.

"The caucus institutionalized our place in the legislature," said Mary Gonzalez, one of El Paso's state representatives. "It really said, 'We are part of the leadership team, we deserve to have a seat at the table.' It made sure our voices were centered and that other people weren't speaking for us."

Gonzalez is one of five women lawmakers who, earlier this year, decided to form the first Texas Legislature LGBTQ caucus, whose goal is to advance bills for the benefit of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer individuals across Texas.

Aside from Gonzalez, other LGBTQ lawmakers include Celia Israel of Austin, Erin Zwiener of Driftwood, Jessica Gonzalez of Dallas and Julie Johnson of Carrollton. Thursday night, Mary Gonzalez, Israel and Zwiener answered the audience's questions, which

were moderated by Texas House Speaker Joe Moody.

The lawmakers touched upon the challenges and discrimination they face as they try to move forward or argue bills, specifically in the recent legislative session in which lawmakers tried to defeat the now passed Senate Bill 1778, which prohibits government entities from punishing individuals or organizations in partnership with someone exercising their religious beliefs, even if those beliefs are perceived as discriminatory.

However, the lawmakers will continue to fight to defeat bills they believe are discriminatory to the LGBTQ community by filing some of their own bills pertaining to this community's rights.

Mary Gonzalez and Israel, for example, are currently each working on bills. Israel's bill focuses on outlawing conversion therapy, the practice of trying to convert an individual's sexual orientation through psychological or spiritual interventions while Mary Gonzalez focuses on her "Romeo and Romeo" bill, which would include same-sex relations in the current

Texas law that protects teens who engage in consensual sex from being prosecuted if they're over 14 and within three years of each other.

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Swamped with politics in food, sports and Hollywood



Luis Hinojos

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Your mother may have told you not to talk about politics or religion in public. She was right.

Recently, we have found ourselves surrounded by politics in food, sports and

your favorite streaming platform.

Yes, we should be educated on the political happenings in our country. No, we shouldn't have to come face-to-face with a hairy political issue in the refuge of a restaurant, Monday Night Football or your guilty pleasure series.

Politics has crawled its way into the kitchen of one of the biggest fast-food restaurants in the United States, Chick-fil-A. This all started in 2012 when, according to Jena McGregor of The Washington Post, the company's founder, Dan Cathy, expressed support of traditional mar-

riage. Now, airports and universities around the country are banning the restaurant to show their support of LGBTQ marriage rights.

The problem that arises with this ban is that the consumer, not Chick-fil-A, is affected.

As reported by The Wall Street Journal's Michah Maidenberg, Chick-fil-A has doubled its locations since 2007. The "chicken giant" is not going anywhere, but hungry travelers and students must seek other alternatives.

Needless to say, conflating personal views with company views is a recipe for disaster. Yet, what it all boils down to is that the choice to boycott Chick-fil-A should fall upon the individual.

Banning fast-food restaurants from public spaces only spawns tit-for-tat political hostility where it should not be — right in the middle of two hamburger buns.

As a consumer, it should be your choice as to whether you think Cathy's values are worthy of boycott or not. Furthermore, our free market's influence will show the clear will of the people. If the public does not want the restaurant in their school or airport, the loss in profits will drive the Chick-fil-A to close its doors.

Politics lurks in what we eat and undoubtedly in what we watch. In the past few years, ESPN has experienced a loss of viewers. According to commentators, such as David Freddoso of The Washington Examiner, ESPN has dwindled due to a variety of reasons, including its incorporation of politics into its shows. Americans simply do not want to hear political opinions while watching their favorite team play.

ESPN President Jimmy Pitaro agrees. In May, Pitaro related to The Los Angeles Times that data shows that their fans do not want politics on their TV. This is only natural.

Historically, Americans have gathered in camaraderie to rally behind a team, setting aside the problems of the world. When politics sneaks its way past gate security and onto the field, the sport shrivels in its ability to bring out the best of friendly competition.

In a similar fashion, the entertainment industry has delved into the issue of abortion. Three independent production companies have announced that they will cease to film in Georgia — one of the states that have passed a "heartbeat bill" to shorten the window for legal abortion.

More prominently, Netflix shared a statement with The Washington Post saying that if the law goes into effect, it would "rethink (its) entire investment in Georgia."

The problem with Hollywood boycotting entire states for production is that, once again, it hurts the people, including the individuals and businesses that depend on the film industry, because of legislative action, while also influencing an extreme polarization that will forcibly push the country to the extremes, instead of finding an even-handed compromise.

Airports and universities should empower the individual choice.

As a country, we should look to the example of Pitaro. Further still, we should look to the example of Stacy Abrams, the Democrat who ran in the 2018 Georgia gubernatorial race. She has spoken against the Hollywood boycotts on Twitter saying that, "(She does) not believe it is the most effective, strategic choice for change."

Problems swarm around "the swamp." It's best to leave them there. Politics do not belong in every aspect of our lives.

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"We want to make sure the next generation of folks elected or young people have a voice in saying these types of things are wrong," Mary Gonzalez said. "That's one of the things we did do. Now, as a caucus, every time something was said that was homophobic or attacking the LGBT, we were able to call it out."

The lawmakers urged students to get involved in activism and become allies for members of the LGBTQ community, as they believe unity leads to a better tomorrow.

"I believe it's my responsibility as a citizen to be an ally," said Evan Carcerano, 21, who graduated from UTEP in the spring of 2019. "To make

sure people in the LGBTQ community are accepted and loved and feel like they can be themselves without people looking down on them or being discriminatory or ugly toward them."

Lawmakers also emphasized the importance of being politically involved, encouraging students to apply for internships and even the fellowship they themselves are offering. However, Mary Gonzalez especially emphasized the importance of being politically involved on campus as she acknowledges the levels of racism, sexism, heterosexism and classism that are present in institutions.

This discussion led to a question that touched on the controversy surrounding the appointment of UTEP President Heather Wilson and

her anti-LGBTQ congressional voting record, which led to protests mainly led by the Queer Student Alliance at UTEP.

Zwiener revealed that a few of the caucus members sat down with the Chancellor of the University of Texas System to express their concerns regarding the appointment and discuss what they could do to help set the new university's president on a path to succeed with the LGBTQ community.

"I encourage you all to hold your leadership here at your university accountable," Zwiener said. "To follow up on building those relationships and doing better. It's not fair that you guys have to do the work, but it's important work, in order to protect the entire student body."

The lawmakers said more work needs to be done for the advancement of LGBTQ rights in this country, which mainly dwells on defeating society's discriminatory acts against this community.

"My hope is that there is not only more visibility, but more acceptance," said Alonzo Mendoza, 30, who identifies as bisexual. "We have to do that by making our presence more known and telling people our stories. We are already doing that and I hope we continue ... so we can create a world where one day coming out of the closet is not something that is supposed to be considered brave, it's just something totally normal."

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Microsoft officials' book proposes bringing humanity into technology

Marisol Chávez

The Prospector

Brad Smith, president of Microsoft, and Carol Ann Browne, senior director of communications and external relations at Microsoft and El Paso native, held the Centennial Lecture "Tools and Weapons: The Promise and the Peril of the Digital Age" Monday, Oct. 14, at UTEP's Undergraduate Learning Center.

The lecture was based on the best-selling book of the same name which they co-authored and released last September.

"Technology is supposed to serve people, if it doesn't, there's probably not a great reason to keep creating it," Smith said in an exclusive interview with The Prospector before the Centennial Lecture.

Their book focuses on the need to "bring humanity into technology," and the ethical responsibility that comes with the creation of innovations such as artificial intelligence.

"We're actually creating machines that have the capacity to make decisions that previously have only been made by people," Smith said.

Smith talked about ethics being a fundamental part in creating artificial intelligence and how, in their book, they developed six ethical principles to guide computers to make decisions.

"In some ways, I think the most important principle is what we call accountability," Smith said. "Making sure that machines remain accountable to people and that people remain in the loop of decision-making."

According to Smith, the ethicality of development is not an issue solely pertaining to the creator of technology, but a multi-directional effort that involves users, companies and governments.

"No industry has ever completely regulated itself, it takes laws because some won't get on board," Smith said. "There's food safety rules, there's pharmaceutical safety rules, why can't there be digital technology safety rules?"

During the exclusive interview, Browne mentioned part of the intent of writing the book was to help educate the general public, including policymakers.

"We have a responsibility in the tech sector to educate the government, because it's not their job to create technology, but it's ours," Browne said. "We are the ones that can educate them."

Regarding some of the obstacles that can arise from the passing of laws to regulate technologies, the lack of understanding from representatives stood out.

"I don't have any doubt in the world that people in Congress and elsewhere are more than smart enough to figure out how to address these

issues," Smith said. "It doesn't mean that they're ever going to know as much about how the technology is created as (the) people who created it, but they can learn enough to figure out how to regulate it."

The authors also propose government collaboration in order to accomplish better regulation worldwide.

"Microsoft is one of the founders of a new organization called the CyberPeace Institute," Smith said. "Part of its mission is to share this kind of (cyber security violations) information publicly about attacks, so then governments and others have access to that information and can use it in their attribution analysis."

The authors referenced the Geneva Convention and how it was created as a treaty that imposed on governments the responsibility to try to keep civilians safe even in times of war and about how they proposed a new version of it.

"We point out the irony of moving from the Geneva Convention in 1949 to a world in 2019 where governments are actually attacking civilians in what is supposedly a time of peace," Smith said.

Both authors recognize that their book aims to inform their audience about a topic that is not studied by many, but is used by most and is affecting everyone.

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Technology is supposed to serve people, if it doesn't, there's probably not a great reason to keep creating it.

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- Brad Smith
president of Microsoft

"It's just important for you guys to understand these issues as you head out in the world and make decisions on how you use technology, and also how you shape your career," Browne said.

The book "Tools and Weapons: The Promise and the Peril of the Digital Age" is available in hardcover, ebook and audio versions through Penguin Random House.

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'What Were You Wearing?' brings awareness on sexual assault victims

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"What Were You Wearing?" an art exhibition meant to bring awareness and highlight the experiences of sexual assault victims, held its opening night Saturday, Oct. 19, at Glasbox. Jen Brockman, the director of the University of Kansas Sexual Assault Prevention and Education Center, started the art project back in 2013 alongside Mary A. Wyandt-Hiebert, from the University of Arkansas, according to HuffPost. Since then, the exhibition has been presented in many states across the country.

Esther Zapata, a sexual assault survivor who knows someone who died because of domestic abuse, has wanted to bring the event to El Paso for some time now. Zapata is the executive director of EP Self Defense Initiative, an organization that helps improve relationships in the community by empowering individuals to stop domestic violence and sexual assault through education and awareness, while also providing a safe space for expression.

Working with teenagers in high schools has inspired Zapata to bring awareness on sexual assault.

"We need to create awareness of what sexual assault is," Zapata said. "We see it at the schools every day and no one is willing to talk about it because they don't know the signs."

Throughout the room, more than 50 outfits hung next to a note that had the statement of a victim who wore similar clothes when they were sexually assaulted. The clothes belonged to children, women and men.

The exhibit displayed diapers, dresses, pajamas, shorts, work-out clothes, a prom dress, a military uniform, a wedding dress, lingerie, hoodies, jeans and many other variations.

Zapata mentioned that they wanted to give voice to the people who have gone through this kind of traumatic event and let them know that they are not alone, that it's okay to share their stories.

Brianna Holcomb, a 21-year-old UTEP student majoring in psychology, went to the art exhibit with her friend. She knew about the event because of her women and gender studies professor, who told their class about it.

"I didn't only come because of the extra credit points, but also because I think it's very important to talk about this, people need to be educated," Holcomb said. "I don't believe that, 'What

were you wearing?' should matter, it's such a nonrelative question."

Zapata pointed out, "education is the key, we can prevent this if we teach our kids so they can know when something it's wrong."

Square Peg Youth Empowerment also collaborated to bring this event to the city. Melody Gomez, Square Peg's president and executive director, thanked the people who attended and shared her story about being raped.

"It took me time to be able to say it, to say that I was raped," Gomez said.

Frontera Folk, a new UTEP student organization with a mission to educate others about reproductive rights and to create a safe space to learn and talk about sex in a responsible way created August, was also part of the event.

Karina Sosa, a social work major at UTEP and member of Frontera Folk, offered "goodie bags" containing condoms, pepper spray and information about sex along with other members of the organization.

Frontera Folk are sponsored and guided when it comes to facts and information by El Paso's Planned Parenthood clinic.

"It's very important to be aware of these tragic occurrences," Sosa said. "We should teach the

youth just in case this happens to them and they can talk about it and look up for help."

Diego Martinez, a 32-year-old artist and educator, cried after reading the notes next to the clothes.

"It's good ... because it's an outlet for bringing awareness to a situation, to support each other because this is a reality," Martinez said.

Martinez added that it doesn't matter if you are a man or a woman, this can happen to anyone at any moment.

"We don't question fear anymore, we don't share our stories anymore, we go through life thinking that's okay and it's not okay," said Gomez. "We need to talk about this."

The exhibit will run from Oct. 19 to Oct. 26. During the exhibit's closing night, there will be a panel featuring experts, victims and people working toward stopping and preventing sexual assault in El Paso.

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Students, faculty promote queer inclusiveness in classrooms

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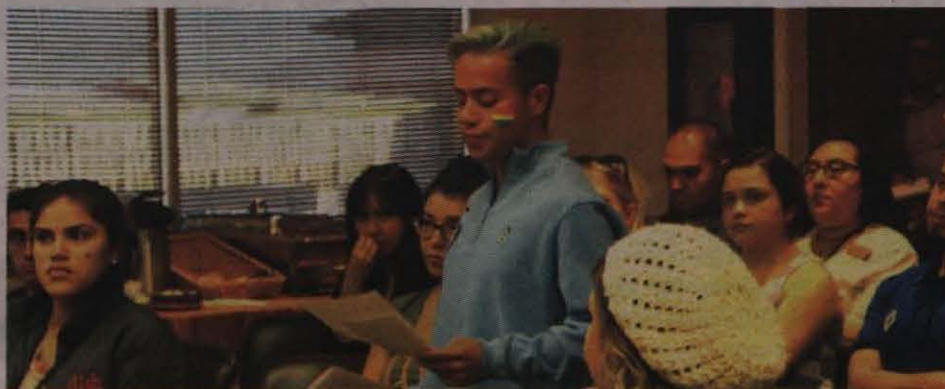
UTEP students and faculty from the UTEP's College of Education hosted the second annual Queer(in)g Our Classrooms Oct. 14 at the El Paso Natural Gas Conference Center.

As implied by the title, the event's theme was discussing LGBTQ topics in classroom settings. The event began with a reading of the play "Queer as a Second Language" by Cynthia Nelson, a doctorate degree-holder in applied linguistics, followed by a discussion panel.

Nelson based the play on her research on English as a second language (ESL) classes and 150 hours of one-on-one interviews. It is also based on real-life situations.

The play depicted interactions between three foreign students learning English: 30-year-old Mi-Young from Korea, 25-year-old Pablo from Mexico, 62-year-old Mr. V from Vietnam, and their two American professors, Roxanne and Tony.

"It is intended to be easily performed with minimal rehearsal by actors and non-actors usually in conference settings where scholars are



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A student reads to the audience one of the lines during a play in the Queer(in)g Our Classrooms event held Monday, Oct. 14.

gathered to present research," said Josey Pickett, the play's director and teaching assistant within UTEP's Department of Theatre and Dance.

"This is an alternative way of presenting research designed to make findings come to life," Pickett said.

"It is more nuanced capturing complex social interactions and emotions. It's more accessible to a wider audience."

The play is a "reader's theatre," in which actors read their lines while acting out scenes.

The event's main goal was to educate the community on LGBTQ issues and to show solidarity between allies and the LGBTQ community on campus.

The College of Education allegedly received a hate letter which, when brought up with administration, received little attention.

One targeted faculty member even ended up leaving UTEP.

A study conducted by the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism found that LGBTQ-based hate crimes have been on the rise since 2017.

Seeing a need for a better sense of security, postgraduate education students and community members from other departments at UTEP came together to host the inaugural Queer(in)g Our Classrooms.

The first year, they brought in four speakers who discussed how to make supportive spaces for queer students.

"We wanted to do something to improve the safety of our community and the supportiveness of the community for LGBTQ students, faculty and staff and improve our ability to educate teachers to do that as well," said Katherine Mortimer, associate professor of bilingual and biliteracy education.

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Kawaii Hello Kitty Café Truck excites local enthusiasts

Maria Salette Ontiveros

The Prospector

The traveling Hello Kitty Café Truck made a stop in El Paso to entice the Japanese character's diehard fans with a variety of Hello Kitty merchandise and treats Saturday, Oct. 19 at the Cielo Vista Mall.

The truck officially opened shop at 10 a.m. but members of the community began arriving as early as 4:30 a.m. to get first dibs. This is the second consecutive year that the truck has come to El Paso.

Clarissa and Cynthia Conde, two relatives and huge fans of Hello Kitty, found out about the event through Facebook.

"We came last year, and we wanted to be here this year again," Clarissa Conde said.

"In California, they have an actual shop of Hello Kitty, probably where this truck comes from, and I guess it's kind of cool that they have all those little pop-up shops," Cynthia Conde said. "We would like to go to Japan where Hello Kitty originates from because they have a café and an actual shop and it includes all the char-

acters, not just Hello Kitty, that is just one character in the big universe."

Attendees of all ages wore Hello Kitty-themed T-shirts, skirts and accessories at the event.

Attendee Dayana Pedroza mentioned that she learned of the event through social media as well.

"This truck travels from city to city and I think it's good they do that because that way they can reach out to more fans in bigger cities," Pedroza said.

The truck sold pastries, Hello Kitty-shaped water bottles, lunch boxes, cushions, thermoses, totes, T-shirts, pins, mugs and many other items in the likeness of the Japanese cat character.

Yuko Shimizu designed Hello Kitty and included the character in the 1974 lineup of early Sanrio characters.

The character's first appearance was on a Japanese vinyl coin purse, where the character sat between a bottle of milk and a goldfish bowl. Hello Kitty first appeared in the United States in 1976.

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Members of the community shopping at the Hello Kitty Café Truck Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Cielo Vista Mall in East El Paso.

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Penalties sink Miners

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The UTEP Miners' first drive was an indication that things were not going to go well versus the Florida International University (FIU) Panthers Saturday night. On the third play of the game, senior quarterback Brandon Jones threw an interception in Miner territory, which resulted in a Panther field goal.

That interception would be the only turnover of the entire game for either team, but the Miners would make up for that in spades with their most penalized output of the season. The Miners finished with the most penalty yards of the Dana Dimel era with 106 yards.

The Miners overall played well defensively for a little over three quarters bottling up the very potent Panther running game, until running back Anthony Jones took a handoff 65 yards downfield, setting up a final FIU touchdown to close the game. Even with that play, the Miners' offense had almost as many yards as the Panthers.

Briefly having a 7-3 lead in the first quarter, the Miners, even in good situations, could not

avoid costly penalties. Catching a break after a Panther penalty, the Miners had FIU at first and 25 yards to go for a touchdown, quickly erasing it with a face mask penalty by senior corner Ykili Ross.

Right after FIU proceeded to score a touchdown, the Miners then committed an illegal block, setting them back 44 yards to their own 10. The next play resulted in a safety for the Miners putting them behind 12-7 early in the second quarter of the game. Two Panther field goals had the Miners trailing by 11 at halftime.

"Eliminating penalties, unforced errors, I can't say that enough," coach Dana Dimel said. "You take the bad snaps and the penalties out of the ball game, we win."

The first possession of the second half for the Miners emphasized how ineffective the offense has been this season. In a series that ate up more than six minutes of possession time, the Miners gained a net 9 yards on nine plays. Of those nine plays, three were penalties and none were passes. The Miners went 43 minutes between the team's first touchdown and the very next score with seven minutes left in the game.



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Senior quarterback Kai Locksley steps into the pocket attempting to avoid the fierce pass rush from UTSA's sophomore defensive end Lorenzo Danzler in 26-16 homecoming loss to the UTSA Roadrunners Oct. 5, 2019.

As reliable as the defense was overall for the Miners, it did not register a single sack or a turnover for the game, which has been a recurring theme the whole season. For the season the defense has six sacks, averaging one a game. Taking out the three sacks UTEP had in the opener, it has only three in five games and no games with multiple sacks. The defense only has five turnovers total, while the UTEP offense's most positive statistic is its lack of turnovers with six.

Senior quarterback Kai Locksley generated most of the offense for the Miners with 196 yards of total offense. Locksley's best play was a well-timed pass to freshman receiver Jacob

Cowing for a 34-yard touchdown late in the game.

The Miners' defense and offense suffer the most on third down efficiency as both rank among the worst in the NCAA. The offense only makes 28 percent of its third-down conversions, and the defense gives up more than 50 percent of third-down conversions to opponents.

New week same result as UTEP fell 32-17 to FIU in Miami. The team has no offensive identity as it rotates between two quarterbacks, which correlate to having no starting quarterback.

Up next for UTEP is Louisiana Tech 6 p.m. Oct. 26.

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UTEP soccer not so golden

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The Miners (8-5-3, 3-3-1) lost to conference rival Southern Mississippi University Golden Eagles (7-8, 2-5) after falling behind 2-0 in the first 15 minutes of the match. The Golden Eagles were able to use the heavy wind at University Field to their advantage as they scored two early goals on the Miners, heavily testing freshman goalkeeper Emily Parrot throughout the initial stages of the match.

"We didn't come out strong and utilize the wind in the first half," UTEP Head Coach Kathryn Balogun said. "We had to dig ourselves out of a hole. They came out ready to play, and we tried to wish our way through a game."

Ariel Diaz of Southern Miss scored the first of her two goals at the 5:41 mark of the first half, which set the stage to make the Miners press to try to catch up the whole game. Once the Miners fell by two goals, they dominated possession of the ball for most of the rest of the game, frequently getting the ball into Golden Eagle territory. For all the time on the opponents' side of the field, UTEP only had two shots on goal for the entire game while attempting 14 shots total.

Pressing hard for the scoring opportunity immediately following Southern Miss' second goal, the Miners had consecutive shots that came nowhere near scoring. For the first half the Miners had nine shots with none reaching the goal.

At the 53-minute mark freshman forward Tessa Carlin headed a ball into the net for the Miners, only to be overturned by an offside call on the team. Five minutes later, Carlin put a shot into the net on a well-executed two-pass assist from freshman Lily Marquez and sophomore Nicole Pugsley.

The Golden Eagles put it away late as Diaz scored her second goal of the match into an empty net as Parrot was drawn far away from the target on a major error for UTEP.

Overall, UTEP took only one less shot than Southern Miss but had five fewer shots on goal for the match, as the Miners struggled to find net.

The Miners travel on the road to the East Coast this week. UTEP plays at conference leader Charlotte (11-3, 6-1) 5 p.m. Oct. 24, and at Old Dominion (8-3-4, 2-3-2) 10 a.m. Oct. 27.

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UTEP women shine at pre-lims

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The UTEP women's cross-country team showed that it could compete with the best teams in the nation at the Under Armour Pre-National Invitational in Terre Haute, Indiana on Saturday. Finishing fourth overall as a team with 227 points the Miners were only seven points behind the third place Nebraska team.

Individually, the Miners placed three runners in the top 16 of the 6K race. Senior Winny Koech finished as the top Miner in fourth place with a time of 20:50, which was 18 seconds behind the winner Aoibhe Richardson of the University of San Francisco. Koech was only a mere three seconds behind the second and third place runners. In three races, Koech has finished no lower than fourth this season.

Senior Linda Cheruyot finished 21 seconds behind her teammate to finish seventh overall, followed by teammate junior Carolyn Chepkosgei finishing 16th with a time of 21:26. Finishing just outside the top 50, placing 53rd was sophomore Karoline Daland at 22:32.

A better finish from UTEP's fifth place runner would have really moved them up in the final standings, but the next best runner for UTEP,

freshman Joan Kimaiyo, finished 146th overall. If Kimaiyo had finished eight positions higher, the team would have come in third place with a score of 219.

The women are the clear favorites for the upcoming Conference USA Championships after this impressive outing.

The young UTEP men's team struggled, overall finishing 31st out of 38 teams with only two runners finishing in the top 200. Freshman Titus Cheruyot finished 13th over at 23:43, 23 seconds behind the winner from BYU Connor Mantz. UTEP teammate sophomore Rogers Koiri finished 42nd with a time of 24:22. This was the first time this year that either runner had finished outside of the top three of any races, but the talent level was among nations' best.

"As a team, the men need a little more work," Head Coach Paul Ereng said. "However, I was impressed by Titus. He was in the top five with about 1K to go, but things fell out for him. It was a wonderful run for Titus. This will help him get ready for the C-USA Championships in a few weeks."

UTEP will travel to Bowling Green, Kentucky Nov. 2 for the Conference USA Championships.

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Freshman midfielder Jackie Miller dribbles the ball past Southern Miss defender Jessica Shepard in a 3-1 loss to the Golden Eagles Oct. 20.

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