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Career Expo expects more than 100 employers.

BY VICTORIA RIVAS
The Prospector

Graduation can be scary, especially for students seeking full-time jobs. UTEP students can connect with employers across the country and region at the annual Career Expo hosted by the University Career Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sept. 16 and 17.

For the first time, the Career Expo will be hybrid. Students have the option of attending in-person at the Don Haskins Center Thursday, Sept. 16. Or they can attend virtually via Job Mine and schedule one-on-one appointments for Friday, Sept. 17.

If students plan to attend the Career Expo virtually, they must schedule their appointments early to guarantee an interview.

"It gives students the opportunity as upperclassmen to look for that full-time job that they've been seeking since they started school four years ago," said Career Center Associate Director Craig Thompson. "We also encourage freshmen and sophomores to start doing some career exploration and look for internships that they are interested in." Students from all majors are encouraged to attend the event. More than 100 local and national employers are expected to participate in the Career Expo to offer students job opportunities and internships.

"It's very important for students to research the company that they want to work for so that they are knowledgeable candidates, and they can ask informed questions to the employers," said Career Center Assistant Director Claudia Dominguez.



Sarah Esparza, 24, an English and American literature student who wants to become an English high school teacher, plans to attend the Career Expo to look for potential employers after graduation.

"I want to know who I can potentially work for, and I want to get to know those people now," Esparza said. "So, I think it would just be a good idea for me to figure out what I want to do after graduating."

Other students like Ruby Santos, a bilingual education student, believe that the Career Expo is an excellent opportunity to look for internships and gain experience.

"I think the Career Expo is a really great resource because I don't have any experience in my field. So, it's good to go to the expo and see the offers and try to gain experience," Esparza said.

Not all employers will participate

on both days of the event. Students can visit the Career Center website to find an updated list of employers attending each day.

"Students need to be prepared for an interview on the spot. They may say, 'I really like what I see in your resume' and take you to the side where there is a space for them to interview you," Dominguez said.

Thompson advises all students to dress professionally and have their resumes and elevator speeches ready before the event.

"Students can email their resumes to us, at pca@utep.edu, and we can give them a review and give them some recommendations, and they will be ready for the event," Thompson said.

The Career Center will host a resume workshop Tuesday, Sept. 7. Students also have access to the career closet if they need help dress-

ing up for an event or job interview.

"Students sometimes don't have the means to have professional business attire to attend the event. That's something that we can also help them with," Dominguez said. "We have a closet at our office, with a lot of different types of suits, sizes, and colors to help our students."

The Career Center will host Career Week from Monday, Sept. 6 to Wednesday, Sept. 15, including a resume and cover letter workshop, tips on finding an internship and selling professional business attire at a discount.

"We are here to help you; just let us know how we can do that. If it's by reviewing your resume, giving you interview tips, or by practicing an interview with you, we are here to assist you," Dominguez said.

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Figure out your next step at the UTEP Career Center

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Transitioning from being a senior in college to freshman in life is one of the most challenging chapters in a young person's existence.

One moment the student is learning with their peers in a classroom; the next they're working in an office cooperating with their colleagues and bosses. But how does a student start their journey – enter the workforce and become a contributing member of society?

Located at Union West in room 103 is the University Career Center, ready to help students with anything regarding interviews, resumes, internships, jobs and so much more. All of the services at the Career Center are included in student fees, and students can take advantage of them any time.

Career Center Director Betsy Castro said services offered include career advising, connecting students with employers, interview training, job negotiation techniques, access to the career closet and a business etiquette dinner.

"There are so many resources that we can share with students so they can be even more prepared for their future careers."

Students who use the career closet can check out a professional outfit for their interviews or business dinners. Clothes can be checked out for seven business days for free and just need to be dry cleaned before they are returned. The etiquette dinner program is another unique service where students attend a formal dinner and are taught the rules and manners when at a professional dinner.

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Opinion

Julian Herrera, editor in chief

Choosing a living: Careers and the status quo



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BY JULIAN HERRERA
The Prospector

The general progression of the pursuit to find a “calling” in life goes from a childhood fascination in a topic, to general adolescent

apathy or curiosity with all the time in the world, to the space of a few years to decide what someone should sink thousands of dollars into and hope you enjoy it enough to do it for the rest of your life.

The persistent societal pressures of what avenues one must take to decide on their career are long overdue for reassessment. It may have been argued once that the times they are a-changin’ — but with the speed at which we find ourselves accepting the evolution of identity, etiquette in social settings and self-expression through mediums that did not exist even a few short years ago, surely the way we approach choosing a career warrants some consideration.

In all sincerity, the criticism and stigma that pervades the education system which places value on one form of work over another is arguably a key factor in the stifling of

creative minds and passions in children and adults alike. The idea that anyone who enjoys manual labor is incapable of going to college and is therefore less intelligent or useful, and vice versa, is a residual effect of classism and a perceived difference between affluent and privileged individuals and those that suffer social and economic disparities simply because one chose to receive an education.

A longitudinal study in the “Journal of Diversity in Higher Education” found that institutional classism predicted greater interpersonal classism and lower work volition amongst undergraduate students interviewed five times over the course of a semester, which directly reflected the plight of economically and socially marginalized individuals in an institutional setting. Arguably, however, the devaluation of work or effort begins long before

then.

Off-hand remarks about becoming a sanitation worker if you fail to obtain a college degree perpetuates a culture of elites and undesirable. Even amongst those that are privileged enough to attend an institution of higher education, pursuing a career in the arts is deemed worthless or a “dead-end” against a degree in engineering or mathematics. In truth, there will be no progression in the seemingly endless pursuit of equity until there is a shift towards consolidating the efforts of the common person, the compassionate, the commanders and the compartmentalizing social machine.

There is no reason to discourage the exploration of passions and the ingenuity of people young and old. Our understanding of the complexity of human thought is not nearly comprehensive enough to decide

there are only specifically defined and constrictive ways in which we are capable of learning or developing new skills. All the same, there is no benefit to giving in to self-inhibition when choosing a career based on expectations, social assignments, or stigmas. We should be able to discuss alternative avenues of choosing a career with guidance, support, and wisdom that contributes to the development of easier ways to progress in the world.

Choose to live for something, not in spite of choices made for you.

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To learn more about the Miner Welcome event series:

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Post-pandemic fashion: A new form of comfort



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Over the course of the pandemic, many students stayed in the comfort of their own home focusing on their classes rather than the shirt you would see on a computer screen. Since the return of in-person classes this fall semester, you may find some students still in that comfort mindset being expressed by what they wear.

Revolutionizing the idea of comfortable clothing may seem impossible to many, but after spending months indoors mainly utilizing sweatpants and baggy shirts, some have gotten quite creative.

From workout wear to Crocs, these are a few of what became the staple pieces of an outfit over the past year and a half.

Trends of modern fashion constantly evolve every day and inspire so many to elevate pieces they already own, utilizing what they already have in their closet. Renovating pieces of clothing has become second nature to many when trying

to stay on trend and even to those who don’t even realize it.

Wearing sweatpants with Oxford shoes no longer looks foreign to the eye because so many have adapted to the comfortable clothes we have been wearing. Even those who continue to “dress to impress” have found small ways to adapt to a more comfortable lifestyle. Rather than the newest shoes, you might find people wearing worn-out sneakers paired with chino pants or even a dress.

Not only is this change occurring here on campus, but nationwide, even in one of the biggest fashion capitals.

A piece written by The New York Times explains how many in Wall Street are now dressing down and trading in high heels for flats and suits for casual pants and a button-down shirt. Though Wall Street and university life may seem vastly different, the reality that we as a community opted to be comfortable in what we wear is undeniable.

With comfort taking over most of

our closets, many might muse, “I’ve always dressed comfortably; I don’t see a difference.” It is impossible to ignore that we have not evolved in what we wear.

Let us not deny that not everyone prioritizes fashion, but working and completing the school year remotely for the past year and a half has affected us all. When shopping we might decide on a loose-fitting pair of jeans rather than the once popular skinny jeans because of how we prioritize comfort over style.

The pandemic has affected us in ways we did not even realize, our fashion being one of them, from our conscious choices of what we buy to what we decide to wear.

So, continue to wear your sweatpants to class. You won’t be breaking any secret post pandemic dress code.

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Seven Hispanic women accepted into inaugural business scholars program

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Seven UTEP College of Business Administration students were accepted into The University of Texas/Texas A&M Investment Management Company's (UTIMCO) inaugural Scholars Program. UTIMCO scholars is an intensive internship program where students learn more about the investment industry and develop professional opportunities in the summer, according to Dean of College of Business Administration James Payne. "I think it's a great avenue for our students to get exposure to the investment industry, both across the country as well as globally," Payne said. All of the seven accepted scholars

were Hispanic women. They are Daniela Guadarrama, Alejandra Prieto, Sofia Arciniega, Estefania Bustillos, Paulina Chavez, Jazmin Jayme, and Destiny Rodriguez de San Miguel. Member of UTIMCO and finance major Daniela Guadarrama finds it encouraging that her fellow accepted scholars were all Hispanic women. "It is inspiring and great to find that all seven candidates from UTEP met the program criteria are young Hispanic women and they were selected based merely on their talent. It is reflective of the progress being made and the growing opportunities for minorities in the business field," Guadarrama said. Guadarrama encourages younger

Hispanic women that are interested in the business field to work hard, build a network, and make friendships that will help them grow in their career. "I think it should be very empowering for our female students in our program that they have these opportunities and it's really a testament to their abilities. They're very polished exceptional students; it speaks volumes," Payne said. UTIMCO provides first-hand experience with investment professionals and has connections with them globally, Payne said. "It opens up a lot of opportunities for networking in terms of not just internships, but employment upon graduation. So I think it's a great avenue for them to get the mentor-

ing, the exposure to the industry, to understand some of the nuances in the industry," Payne said. Member of UTIMCO and accounting major Alejandra Prieto said members are able to review personal financing and investing, such as hedge funds and how the market works. They were also able to polish their interview skills and learn how to communicate more efficiently. UTIMCO asked members to send in their resumes to review them and sent them out to different companies that were hiring, Prieto said. Prieto said multiple companies reached out to her for an internship interview. Guadarrama said the program al-

lowed her to network with students from the University of Austin and Texas A&M University. "But for me, the biggest benefit was the wisdom (CEO) Britt Harris and the UTIMCO team shared with us. It increased my belief in my own abilities and skills," Guadarrama said. UTIMCO was very pleased and excited with the participation of the seven women scholars; they look forward to continuing with the program next summer, Payne said. "I feel very proud being a part of UTEP; I get to say a Miner was in the program," Prieto said. Julia Lucero may be reached at jlucero13@miners.utep.edu.

UTEP, UT Austin among 11 universities in Space Force Partnership

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The University of Texas at El Paso and the University of Texas at Austin signed an umbrella Memorandum of Understanding enveloping

the institutions in the University Partnership Program (UPP) with the U.S. Space Force Aug. 26. U.S. Space Force Vice Chief of Space Operations Gen. David Thompson joined UTEP President Heather Wilson, UT Austin

President Jay Hartzell and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for UT Systems Archie Holmes Jr. for the signing. The agreement served to create a partnership between Space Force and UTEP, among 11 other

universities, utilizing the advanced capabilities of their laboratory resources in order to prepare students for the progression of technology and its plethora of applications in aeronautic design and defense.

"The selection of UTEP and UT Austin as two of the initial institutions in the University Partnership Program is a recognition of the quality of their degree options in see **SPACE FORCE** on page 4

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The Career Center schedules appointments, Zoom meetings, phone calls, and walk-ins.

“Just come on in and see what we have. All students are welcome,” Castro said.

Lots of students from all of the colleges across campus utilize the resources provided by the Career Center, and many professors invite the staff to do professional development workshops and presentations for their students.

Some of these workshops include finding an internship, crafting an effective resume and cover letter, career fair pitch and how to navigate a career fair. There are workshops scheduled throughout September through November in person and online. The Career Center also invites companies to present for students on a variety of professional and career-related topics.

Future events being hosted by the Career Center include a graduate school fair and a hybrid career expo, which students can access through Job Mine to view which

schools and companies will be attending.

Other resources that can be found on the Career Center website include Job Mine, career planning tools, and LinkedIn Learning. Students can also search for a job/ internship, find resources, find a peer career advisor, find your liaison, access graduate student services, check out the career closet, report your hire, and get resources for international students.

The Career Center is open in person 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. They are also hiring peer leader positions currently.

“I want to encourage students to come in and use the services that they’re paying for, especially now that we’re back in person,” said Castro.

To find out more information about the Career Center or to find events visit www.utep.edu/student-affairs/careers and follow them on Instagram @utepcareers.

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The UTEP Career Center can be found in the West Union in room 103

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space related research, their diverse student populations, and their ability to ensure that they have access to high-quality education,” Hartzel said.

The specialized work force this partnership aims to develop will assist in research regarding further exploration into space as well as the maintenance of our global positioning systems and satellites that ensure the functionality of many facets of global communication.

“The more that UTEP can be the

center of innovation and central to these key partnerships and visionaries for the future, the more of an opportunity that presents for El Pasoans. Not just UTEP students, but El Paso as a whole,” said U.S. Rep. Veronica Escobar, D-El Paso.

Given the extensive history that the El Paso region has in aeronautics research and design, as well as the recent expansion of research space with the recent opening of the W.M. Keck Center for 3D Innovation on Cotton Street, UTEP is well equipped to provide the nec-

essary manufacturing technology and capability to house the intricate operations of the Space Force.

Thompson explained the goals of the UPP were to identify institutions that share similar interests with the collective capability for world-class research and establish opportunities for advanced academic degrees that will lead to a work force of diverse and innovative individuals. The U.S. Space Force hopes to recruit individuals that train under these optimal and enriching circumstances with

a focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics for various officer, enlisted and civilian Guardian positions. The partnership is also designed to support military, veterans, and their families that choose to pursue higher education.

Wilson stated at the time of the agreement that there is no expiration for this long-term strategic partnership, and she hopes to further develop UTEP’s relations with the Space Force by offering new degrees and special areas of study.

“After the [time] I have spent with your leaders at the university, the opportunity to see some of the research you’re doing... I will tell you it is no longer that I have just the head knowledge to know that the UT System, both Austin and UTEP, are the right partners for us — I know it in my heart as well,” Thompson said.

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Entertainment

An electric Minerpalooza welcomes students after a pandemic-paused year

BY ITZEL GIRON
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After over a year and a half apart, the UTEP community came together for the return of Minerpalooza Friday, Aug. 27. From local food vendors to headline performances by Coolio, Petey Pablo and The Ying Yang Twins, the return of Minerpalooza was one of many events planned for the Miner Welcome.

The Northside Glory Road parking lot was filled with UTEP students, faculty and alumni including UTEP freshman Lydia Rylet.

“I’ve been coming ever since I was little and it’s nice to finally be back with friends,” said Rylet. “Being a freshman and finally experiencing it as a student feels like a welcome back home, especially since we have all been apart for so long.”

After celebrating virtually last year, UTEP student Natalia Lowe said, “It’s interesting to see how many people came.” Being her first big event since the pandemic, Lowe embraced the comfort of being united again.

“I haven’t been out in a while so,



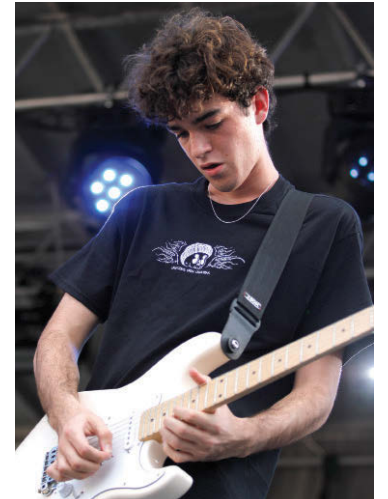
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Members of UTEP’s dance team, the Golddiggers, perform alongside the Diamonds flag team and cheer squad during Minerpalooza.

seeing everyone be carefree and live in the moment is amazing,” she said.

Throughout the night performers Coolio, Petey Pablo and The Ying Yang Twins added to the ambiance

of high energy. For UTEP student Jonathan see **MINERPALOOZA** on page 6



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Top: Rafa Dayrell of Rivers Ventura
Bottom: D-Roc of the Ying Yang Twins

UTEP welcomed ‘SNL’ comedian Melissa Villaseñor



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Comedian Melissa Villaseñor performs at her comedy show at Magoffin Auditorium Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021.

BEATRIZ VELAZQUEZ
The Prospector

Comedian Melissa Villaseñor performed a student-exclusive comedy show as part of the Miner Welcome event series on Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021 at Magoffin Auditorium.

The 33-year-old comedian and impersonator is known for the being part of the “Saturday Night Live” cast and being the first Latina to join the show. Villaseñor, a native of Wittier, California, began as one of the semifinalists on season 6 of the reality show ‘America’s Got Talent.’” She has since become iconic for her ability to impersonate artists and public figures such as Britney Spears, Owen Wilson,

Dolly Parton and Lady Gaga, touring internationally for more than 10 years.

Last Wednesday, the Miners warmly welcomed Melissa Villaseñor. Villaseñor mentioned, “I had never been in El Paso, Texas,” seeing that most of her audience was Hispanic.

Villaseñor started her show quite well; the audience was very excited and enjoying every minute of her performance. She did some musical impersonations of the pop-rock band Nickelback, Lady Gaga, and Billie Eilish. She also delighted her fans with choreography like NSYNC and Michael Jackson.

“I thought the show was excel-

lent. Melissa is a great comedian, and she brought us more than one smile. What I liked the most is that UTEP will reserve this event only for students,” UTEP student Al Lopez said at the end of the show.

The audience was very participatory, making the show even more funny and exciting.

At the end of the show, Villaseñor was very grateful. “Thank you for being kind to me,” she said as the students stood to applaud her.

Villaseñor also agreed to take photos with her fans.

Among the students that attended the event, many expressed a hope

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that the university would bring similar events more frequently to help distract from the stress of classes and relax with their peers.

Villaseñor has been recognized for her voice work in numerous animated shows, including “Adventure Time,” “Family Guy” and “Trip Tank.” Her talents stood out in film works such as “Laid in America” (Ms. Hopkins), “Toy Story 4” (Karen Beverly’s voice), “Hubie Halloween” (Cat owner Karen) and “Ralph Breaks the Internet” (Taffyta Muttonfudge’s voice), for which she earned a Golden Globe nomination.

Among other accolades, Villaseñor has been named one of the 50 funniest people by Rolling Stone Magazine and was among Forbes’ 2017 30 Under 30 list.

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Fitness group CHAARG empowers women

BY KRISTEN SCHEAFFER
The Prospector

Changing Health, Attitudes, and Actions to Recreate Girls, or CHAARG, has opened a new chapter at the University of Texas at El Paso. Carolina Quintana, UTEP chapter’s Founding Ambassador, was discovered by the nationwide organization and decided to lead the charge for our Miners.

While tackling training and learning the ins and outs of the organization, Quintana has been stirring interest in her new fit community.

“CHAARG is almost like a sorority. It is to help girls find a passion for movement in college,” said Quintana.

CHAARG was founded in 2012 by Elizabeth Tavierne at Ohio

State University. It began as a way to introduce exercise and community for those who weren’t student athletes.

“We see too many girls relying on the elliptical. Our mission is to liberate girls from the elliptical,” Quintana said. “To show them that fitness can, and should, be fun.”

CHAARG was created as a community safe space for girls who may not be confident in the gym, Quintana explains. CHAARG stands by the saying “empowered women empower women,” and their goal is to instill this message in their members. The difference between CHAARG and other fitness groups is the community and support system that members sustain amongst themselves, Quintana said.

“I feel like they’re almost my family...we’re all so welcoming and kind,” she said.

With a membership, students can access weekly workouts led by various instructors or gyms with workouts ranging between weightlifting, martial arts, yoga, self-defense and nutrition, among other resources. The group also engages in small activities such as study groups, coffee dates, and occasional bonus workouts on the weekends to build trust and community for girls who may not have this. They also hold social events where they can have fun and get to know other members.

In addition to workouts, CHAARG’s website offers access to blogs filled with personal health journeys, mental health,

and exercise to help motivate and inspire women, as well as a podcast to help you aspire to be the best “you” you can be. There is also a section for recipes, quotes/mantras, yoga, and meditation. You can find CHAARG on Facebook, Instagram, and Minetracker.

“I definitely want to leave a legacy, my long-term goal is to change lives,” Quintana said of her goals for the UTEP chapter of CHAARG.

Every action by CHAARG is taken with the intent of knitting tighter bonds, Quintana said. “That’s what CHAARG is for, welcoming girls.”

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Calvillo, high energy music was one main reason for his presence at Minerpalooza this year.

“Coolio was a killer performance; He really was one of the reasons why I came,” said Calvillo. “It’s so nice to feel like we are back to a form of normal and be together again.”

Along with Calvillo, UTEP student Samantha Gonzalez came out to watch The Ying Yang Twins who was at the top of her list to watch. “They are so cool and put on a great performance,” Gonzalez said. “It was a really fun way to end the first week of school; it’s something I’m definitely looking forward to from now on.”

In addition to these events, Minerpalooza introduced a Battle of the Bands to highlight local artists and offer a cash prize along with a chance to record in a professional studio.

The two finalists, Rivers Ventura and Coco Butter were first to perform and set the bar at an electric high that was felt throughout the night. As a new event, students were not disappointed.

“I think we forget how much talent we have here locally and how good everyone really is,” Kitzia Macias, a UTEP junior, said. Rooting for Rivers Ventura, Macias enjoyed both performances and hopes to see it continue in the future.

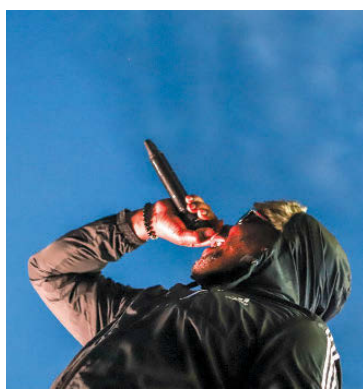
“Seeing something new is always fun and it was awesome to see the local talent be given a shot to perform in front of a big audience.”

For years, the Minerpalooza tradition has been the kickoff to the start of the new school year, however for UTEP seniors Bryan Ruiz and Alejandra Garae this was a bittersweet beginning to an eventful last year as UTEP students.

“I’m enjoying everything so far, I’m here with my friends and it’s surprising to see this many people come back to events like this,” Ruiz said.

“I’m glad we’re having a Minerpalooza even after COVID; it’s so fun to live in the moment with everyone,” said Garae. “Unforgettable is what I would call it; I don’t think any other event this week could top how fun it’s been to be back with everyone.”

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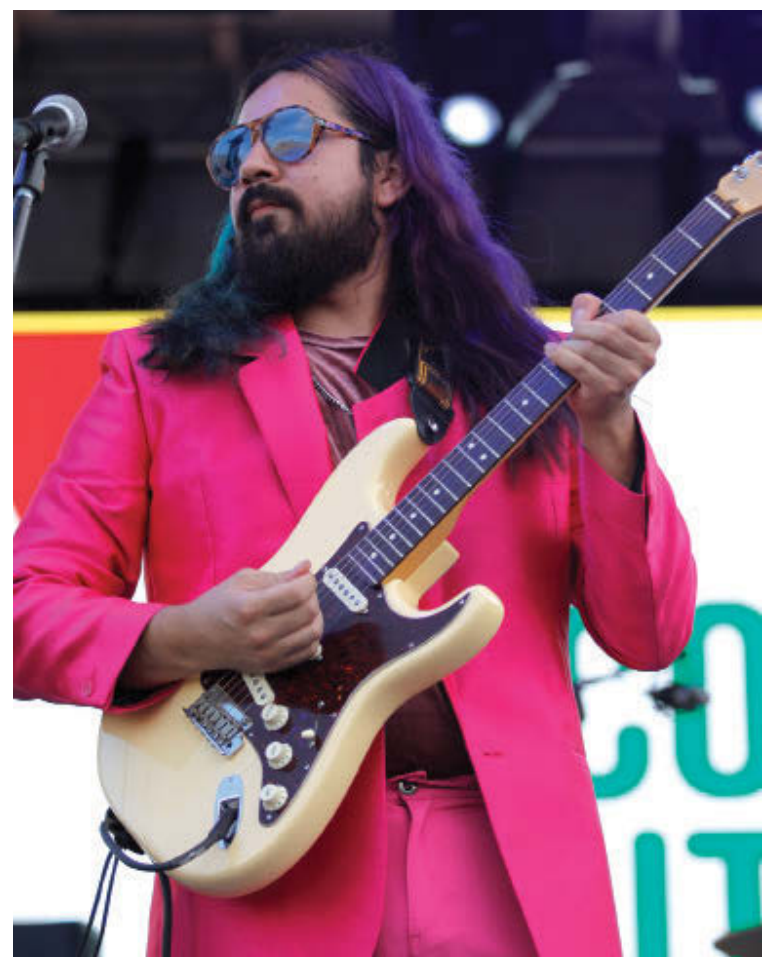
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ABOVE: Sophomores Alan Renteri and Jesus Gomez ride the carts at UTEP’s Minerpalooza.

BELOW: UTEP’s Assistant Head Tennis Coach Joanna Vidovic and daughter Nina Vidovic visit the dogs at the Adopt-a-Dog

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LEFT: Petey Pablo performs at Minerpalooza on August 27, 2021.



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ABOVE: Ben Bautista of Coco Butter performs at Minerpalooza on August 27, 2021.

Sports

Transfer Alfred Hollins commmits to UTEP

Four-star recruit adds more depth to back court

BY DANNY LOPEZ
The Prospector

Oregon State University transfer Alfred Hollins brings experience and versatility to the upcoming Miners basketball season.

Hollins comes from Hill Prep High School in Phoenix, Arizona, and was rated a four-star recruit by ESPN in 2017. Hollins was named WCAL first team twice in high school and helped Hill Prep win a national championship, earning the title of most valuable player at the semi-finals.

While at Oregon State, he was named two-time captain, starting 95 games and making 53 starts while also playing a total of 1,717 minutes. In his freshman year at Oregon State, he played in all 31 games and started seven, averaging 4.8 points per game. Hollins had a career high 24 points scored against University of California, Los Angeles.

In his sophomore year, Hollins again played in all 31 games and started 17 games while averaging 4.8 points. Against Texas A&M University he averaged a career high 24.8 points. Hollins had also a career high seven assists against Missouri State University.

In Hollin's junior year, he played 31 games and started 29 games while averaging 5.2 points. He achieved a career high seven rebounds against the University of Colorado. He had also tied a season high with two 3-pointers made and scored 12 points against the University of Arizona Wildcats. Hollins scored 16 points and had a season-high three steals against San Jose State University. Against the University of Oklahoma, he scored 12 points again and had four assists.

Hollins can provide a spark and can score at will and is another valuable piece for UTEP as it looks to complete its roster. Hollins proves to have the tools to help the Miners improve and should be eligible to play right away.

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Oregon State University transfer Alfred Hollins to transfer to UTEP and will bring a wealth of experience and versatility to the upcoming Miners basketball season.

Big rivalry win

Prospector Staff Report

In first game of the UTEP Miners football season, UTEP beat New Mexico State University Aggies in "Battle of I-10." The final score was 30-3. The Battle of I-10 has been a long-lasting rivalry between the two schools, starting in 1915 with NMSU beating UTEP 14-0.



ALBERTO SILVA FERNANDEZ / THE PROSPECTOR

ABOVE: Justin Garret blocks a ball from an NMSU wide receiver on August 28, 2021 at Aggie Memorial Stadium.

BELOW: Jadrian Taylor gets sac on the NMSU quarterback on Augst 28, 2021.

Sports Briefs

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Women's golf opens season

The UTEP women's golf team opened its 2021 campaign at the USA Intercollegiate at RTJ Magnolia Grove – Crossings Course Sept. 4-6, according to a news release from UTEP Athletics.

"It's the first time we're competing at South Alabama. We're looking forward to getting the season off to a good start," UTEP Head Coach Jere Pelletier said in a statement. "We have four returners and one freshman competing this weekend. Unfortunately, one of my sophomores is hurt and won't make the trip. But our freshman taking her place will do a good job."

Cross country team kicks off 2021 campaign

According to UTEP Athletics, the UTEP cross country team opened its 2021 campaign at the TTU Open hosted by Texas Tech at the LCU Cross Country Course Saturday, Sept. 4.

The men's team did a 4-mile run and the women's team ran a 5K.

After only competing in a trio of events during the COVID-shortened 2020 campaign, the Miners are slated to compete in seven events in 2021, a news release stated.

Following its season opener, UTEP will compete at the 35th Annual Lori Fitzgerald Memorial in Las Cruces, New Mexico, Saturday, Sept. 18.

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