Burglaries increase

Vehicle thefts on campus climbs 75 percent

BY ANDISHKA VALODYA
The Prospector

The percent of car burglaries on campus for the first quarter has gone up by 75 percent since 2009. Fourteen car burglaries took place in the first three months of the year compared to eight in 2009. Last year’s figures tie with the year’s number of incidents.

“The vast majority of those burglarized vehicles were unlocked or unsecured, the windows were rolled down, and valuables were in plain sight,” said Clifton Walsh, UTEP chief of police.

According to the police department’s crime log, most of the burglaries occurred from about 7 a.m. to around 7 p.m. throughout on-campus parking lots, mostly in the north ends R-2 and south ends F-2 lots.

“All those cases [from this year] are still active, so we’re still conducting an investigation,” Walsh said. “They could involve one or more suspects. Keep in mind, a burglary of a vehicle doesn’t take a long time. It only takes several seconds.”

Stolen items include laptops, books, stereo equipment, a purse, cell phone, an iPod, wallet, a gym bag, backpack and parking permit.

Raul Renteria, freshman music theater major, said in order to prevent being burglarized he doesn’t leave his valuables in his car.

“I also close my car windows all the way even though it’s super hot when I go in,” Renteria said. “I’ve seen people get in cars with a hanger and do crazy stuff!”

Walsh said the best way to prevent car burglaries is not leaving any valuables in the car or to hide them from view.

“Personal responsibility is the key. Roll your windows up, even in the heat of the day, and conceal your valuables,” he said. “Put them in the glove box, under the car seat, or place them in the trunk of the vehicle and secure your car.”

Abby Wilder, freshman kinesiology major, said that she takes the necessary safety precautions.

“Sometimes I do leave my belongings in my car, but I place them under the dashboard so burglars won’t see them and think, ‘I want that,’ ” Wilder said.

Walsh said that some students are simply asking to be burglarized by visibly leaving their car keys inside the car.

“We’ve had situations where the car is left running with the windows rolled down, and we locate the students in class and they say, ‘Yeah, I left it that way,’” Walsh said.

However, Walsh said he acknowledged students for helping make UTEP a safe campus.

“We’ve had students tell us, ‘this doesn’t look quite right,’ and so if something strikes you as odd, then it’s going to be even more suspicious to us,” Walsh said.

UTEP police officers patrolled the campus 24/7 and are willing to escort students to their cars anytime through the Safety Escort program.

Paul Stresow, director of Parking and Transportation Services, said that overnight parking is not allowed on campus, but there is no parking curfew either.

While car burglaries are on the rise at UTEP, car burglaries are slightly declining citywide. El Paso police spokesman Darrel Petry said that there have been 615 car burglaries this year from January to April, compared to 659 during the same time last year.

“Car burglaries are down by seven percent, and 64 percent of them in West El Paso were through non-forced entry,” Petry said. "Meaning the cars were unlocked and there were no broken windows.”

Kristal Nevarez, junior microbiology major, said that the hot weather leads her to leave her car windows open by just a crack.

“But when I leave my belongings inside, I put them in the trunk where it’s not visible,” Nevarez said.

Petry said that car owners are taking a risk by leaving their car windows open just a little, because all it takes is for a finger to fit through and use burglary tools to get in.

“No just have to take the necessary steps to keep our property safe,” Petry said. "The westside burglaries of this year could have been around 80 instead of 106 if people had just secured their car.”

For more information on the Safety Escort program or to report suspicious activity on campus, call the UTEP Police Department at 747-5611.

Reach Valerie May be reached at prospector@utep.edu.

Government

Low voter turnout for 2011 SGA elections

BY CELIA AGUILAR
The Prospector

In two days of online voting, just more than 10 percent of students voted in the 2011 Student Government Association elections showing a disconnect between UTEP students and campus life.

One of the main reasons why a small number of students participated in this year’s election may have been due to the lack of promoting the candidates. A candidate debate for the president and vice president positions was held the day before the actual elections, while candidates were only allowed to hang posters around campus the week of the election.

“I think a lot of students didn’t vote because they didn’t know about the elections. I really didn’t see much promotion and not everyone takes the time to find out what’s going on at UTEP,” said Adam Martinez, senior history major. “Th ere should be a difference on campus.

Some students like Virginia Lopez, senior business major, didn’t vote for a simple reason.

“I honestly didn’t vote because I didn’t care,” Lopez said.

Besides the low voter turnout, proof that many students did not take the election seriously were demonstrated in write-in votes for Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Ben Dover and Paydirt Pete, among others, for the senators at-large positions.

While several students may not see the elections as important, for Pablo Padilla, newly-elected SGA president, running for office meant making a difference on campus.

“I have been a member of SGA since my first year at UTEP and have always tried establishing programs and initiatives to propel this campus forward. I feel as president I can make that difference with my experience and the amazing leadership behind me,” said Padilla, senior microbiology major.

As president, Padilla plans on working conjunctively with members of the SGA cabinet to improve the campus life and to help everyone get involved with the campus activities and events.

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Column

Hide yo kids, take yo stuff and lock yo car cuz they robbin' everybody up in here

BY JESUS C. MARTINEZ
The Prospector

It may be difficult to find parking on or around campus at times, but it’s not so difficult for a robber to find a motive and a car.

Sure, it’s not as though people are randomly breaking into cars and stealing items, but it is happening around campus. As a matter of fact, 14 car burglaries occurred in the first quarter alone, which is up by 75 percent since spring 2009.

Some students cry out in outrage at this news and I’m sure they blame the lack of security in parking lots. That’s not the case. UTEP Police do patrol around campus, but obviously they cannot be around the parking lots from time to time. It is not going to break into a random car and hope to find something. Usually, a robber has to see something that catches their eye or know that there is something of value in your car before they make the decision to break in.

It would be a smart idea to keep anything valuable out of sight because it is less likely to commit the crime. Most students feel that we have a safe campus overall, but that doesn’t mean that you can be careless. Something my mother told me that I continue to live by is that you shouldn’t keep anything in your car that you aren’t afraid to lose.

Don’t forget that you can always report any suspicious activity to the UTEP Police by reaching them at 747-5611.

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Gender stereotypes linger on majority-female campuses

By Sara Dorn

Women are climbing the ladder in higher education faster than their male peers, but men tend to dominate campus culture from the classroom to dating.

More women are applying to college, and they are accepted at higher rates. Twenty-seven of 50 state universities in a study by the Scripps Howard Foundation Wire have been admitting majority female freshman classes since 2005.

The universities of Delaware, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and South Dakota have had at least 57 percent female first-time freshman applicants since 2005. The universities of Delaware, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and South Dakota have had at least 57 percent female first-time freshman applicants since 2005. These five schools have the highest proportion of female applicants.

Scripps Howard Foundation Wire collected data about one public university in each state, the campus the state designated as its flagship, four-year school. For states without flagships, or for those with more than one, the SHFWire chose the public university with the largest enrollment.

Data was collected from the Department of Education's website, the "Common data set" forms filled out by most universities, university websites, officials at campuses and other organizations that study higher education.

Experts say the trend toward higher female enrollment begins well before college. Barmak Nassirian, associate executive director of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, said many boys run their chances of making it to college because they are less likely to enroll in college-preparatory courses in high school, more likely to become distracted by sports or take other career paths, such as the military or a family business.

"When you compare high school course taking, they're not keeping up with girls, and girls outperform them when it comes to admissions," Nassirian said.

Only 10 schools have had majority male freshman classes every year since 2005, including the University of Colorado, the University of California, Irvine. Brown Hilliard, a CU spokesman, said the Boulder campus attracts men because of its business and engineering schools and the thriving outdoor sports scene.

"Thirty-five of the 50 schools studied had more female than male applicants in fall 2010, and 42 accepted women at higher rates," Richard Whitmire, author of "Why Boys Fail," said this puts girls at a disadvantage.

"High school girls are forced to earn higher grades to compete for spots in selective colleges, and guys are allowed to get away with far inferior performance and still get into those same colleges," Whitmire said.

Even with more women on campuses, gender stereotypes remain. Marianne LaFrance, a Yale psychology professor who researches gender and social interaction, said gender gaps can accentuate primary differences between the sexes.

"The way our minds work is when a group is in the minority, they tend to stereotype the other group more. You don't notice differences between groups when there's equal numbers," LaFrance said.

Donna Bickford, University of North Carolina Women's Center director, said women at UNC frequently experience "chilly climate issues" in the classroom and complain to her about them. Chilly climate is a widely used term describing classroom situations that make women feel inferior to men, such being called on less often, interrupted when they talk or ignored by instructors.

UNC's fall 2010 freshman class was 60 percent female, and over the last five years, the school hasn't enrolled one freshman class less than 58 percent female. About 60 percent of applicants since 2005 have been female. The university accepts 30 to 35 percent of both male and female applicants.

"The chilly climate is produced by a society that's built on male power and privilege," Bickford said. "Often it's about stereotypes that people bring to the table. I think we're just used to listening to what men say and not what women say, so I think that factors into the classroom."
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**Competition**

**UTEP Senior Advertising Team heads to nationals**

UTEP’s Senior Advertising Team, part of the Advanced Campaigns Class, took first place honors April 23 at the regional competition for the National Student Advertising Competition (NSAC) in Denver. The campaign was for JCPenney and now the team will compete at the national competition June 2-3 in San Diego.

There are 15 districts in the American Advertising Federations’ NSAC with UTEP competing in District 12, which includes University of Arizona, BYU, and University of New Mexico, among others. UTEP will be one of 15 universities represented in the national competition.

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of all the parties to benefit the student body.

“I plan to meet with both members and work on solutions that were being proposed by both parties. There were many good ideas like extending library and gym hours which are in the process,” Padilla said. “Some other ideas that I am trying to push forward will be the marketing of the Green Fund the PIC party established and a shadowing program our administration started this year.”

The shadowing program is a part of one of the main goals established by the PIC2 party. Other goals include the expansion of a mentorship program to all colleges, increasing green projects on campus, increasing student involvement and creating better connections between the SGA and the student body.

“SGA needs to be the help all students’ needs on campus. We will be hosting monthly events to get to know students and hear issues,” Padilla said.

The PIC party won eight out of the 14 senator-at-large positions as well as the president, three collegiate senators, senator placements and both vice presidents.

Following close behind was the A.L.T.O. (Awesome Leadership Together as One) party which is composed of leaders involved in different organizations or departments at the university. The party secured 10 of the 25 available SGA positions.

According to Alejandro Baca, junior biology major and one of the newly elected senators-at-large, a main goal of the A.L.T.O. party is to help UTEP achieve tier-one status.

“We want our university to become a tier-one status school, but we need for our students to love their school, be proud of what UTEP does, and give back so that we can grow and reach the vision of becoming tier-one,” Baca said.

Monica Chacon, sophomore history major, was one of the few students to take the election seriously making sure her vote was counted for the A.L.T.O party.

“I voted for them because I saw the people in the party working on campus in many different organizations. Even though I don’t know them personally, I saw them being proactive on campus,” Chacon said.

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BY DAVID ACOSTA

University retention rates hold steady as states balance access with success

Pete in the current economy. people who want new skills to come generation; higher population and because of the large baby-boom echo college. because more students are going to students who enter school in the fall won't return a year later. " According to our ACT's principal associate of education. He developed a system to generate "risk scores" for each freshman. Data "We do get students that aren't prepared, and it doesn't matter how many resources you put on these students," Herzog said. "Chances are you are wasting resources trying to retain them. Some students are better off going to a two-year school and becoming prepared for a four-year." Every school has its own solution to keep students enrolled. Herzog said that if schools can identify at-risk freshmen early, they are more likely to become sophomores. He developed a system to generate "risk scores" for each freshman. Data such as a student's high school course work, entrance exam scores, credit hours and socio-economic factors are better predictors than a counselor's subjective evaluation. UNCs retention rate has increased from 73 percent in 2005 to 80 percent in 2009, then dropped to 79.4 percent in 2010. "It's easy to talk about retention, but it's hard to implement an intervention program that really helps target these students," Herzog said. "We get close to 2,500 new freshmen every fall. That's way too many for one individual to have a sense of what students to talk to." Even schools with high retention rates, such as the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, find there is room for improvement. In the fall of 1998, UNCs freshman retention rate was 94 percent. The next year, UNC began efforts to "reinvigorate" its undergraduate programs, said Bobbi Owen, senior associate dean for undergraduate issues such as retention. UNC is one of 17 public universities in the state system and can afford to be selective. It admitted about 32 percent of applicants in 2010. But in smaller states, flagship schools admit a greater percentage of applicants to fulfill the state's education mission. The University of Wyoming is the states only four-year public institution, and it has a 95 percent acceptance rate. UW's average retention rate since 2005 is 73 percent.

Many UW freshmen may not be as well prepared for college course work as those at other institutions, Sara Axelson, UW's vice president of student affairs, said. There is a direct correlation between high school education and retention, she said.
Question of the week

What do you do to keep your items safe in your car?

Rodolfo Romero
Sophomore biology major
“I hide all of my valuable things.”

Julia Sosa
Sophomore theater major
“I put a blanket over stuff in my car, or just take it with me.”

Ashley Hamilton
Sophomore biology major
“I hide my purse in my trunk and lock my doors.”

Liz Rodriguez
Junior education major
“I alway lock the car and arm the alarm.”

Renato Sousa
Junior chemistry major
“I either put it in the trunk, glove compartment or out of view.”

David Nabhan
Sophomore biology major
“I’m honestly not that safe. I leave everything out and on the seat.”

Alex Lopez
Senior multidisciplinary studies major
“I always lock the car and arm the alarm.”

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Have you ever stopped to look at all the different food venues on campus and wondered who decides what food is served on campus? Well believe it or not, it is you, the student, who decides.

Utep Food Services is growing along with the university and is in need of your input. Whether it is a kind of food or a particular restaurant you would like to see on campus, there are various ways to send your suggestions and opinions to Utep Food Services.

Whether you took the Student Satisfaction Survey or not, you still have a chance to comment on this very important part of student life. Utep Food Services will be holding various focus groups with students from clubs and organizations. The offices of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Vice President for Business Affairs and CIERP (Center for Institutional Evaluation, Research and Planning) are also collaborating with Utep Food Services to make sure this process has a good sampling of the student population.

If you belong to a Utep club or organization, make sure you are informed as to when these focus groups are taking place. If you do not belong to one of these groups, you can always visit the Utep Food Services website at admin.ute.edu/sodexo and use the comment card to send in your feedback. You can also look them up on Facebook.

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It also factors into student leadership. UVM’s Student Government Association president this year is a male student. Of the 31 schools that enrolled majority female freshmen classes last fall, 11 have female student body presidents.

Outside the classroom, men are taking advantage of the large selection of women to date. Five experts and three female students at majority-female schools (two from UGA and one from the University of Vermont) said the imbalance causes men and some women to be more promiscuous. Every UVM freshman class since 2005 has been at least 54 percent female. The majority group doesn’t have that many alternatives, “LaFrance said. "It tends to have more power, because they have more choices to choose from. They don’t have to be as polite or make you feel as welcomed because they don’t really feel the need or urgency.”

"If guys screw something up, they can move on to someone else if they want,” Harper said. “They definitely feel like they have plenty of girls to choose from. They don’t have to toe the line a little bit in terms of what’s expected of them.”

Emily Harper, 22, a senior history major at the UGA, said UGA men are guilty of these behaviors. Fifty-five percent of full-time undergraduates at UGA are women, and every year since 2005, except 2006, the freshmen classes have been more than 60 percent female. Half of fall 2006 freshmen were female.

"It guys screw something up, they can move on to someone else if they want,” Harper said. “They definitely feel like they have plenty of girls to choose from. They don’t have to be as polite or make you feel as welcomed because they don’t really feel the need or urgency.”

Whitmire’s research supports Harper’s claims. "For the women, many of whom are drawn into the dating competition, the influence of the gaps can be demeaning, and they’re trying things to attract and hold a guy that they wouldn’t normally do,” Whitmire said. "It’s not healthy.”

Even at schools with more men, however, women are going to extra lengths to attract men. West Virginia University hasn’t enrolled a majority female freshmen class since before 2005.
Team Winners of 3rd Annual

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  • 2nd Place – Club Zero
  • 3rd Place – Watt Up Sun

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• UTEP Individual Student – Judith Ackerman, College of Science
• UTEP Individual Faculty or Staff Member – Dr. Jorge Gardea-Torresdey, Department of Chemistry
• UTEP Student Organization – SACNAS, Christina Hernandez, President; Frankie Reyes, Vice-President
  • UTEP Department – Undergraduate Learning Center, LINKS

The Earth Week Committee would like to acknowledge the following student organizations who participated in Earth Week activities:

• Environmental Advocates
• Miners without Borders
• SGA – Student Government Association
  • Club Zero
  • TOMS Campus Club
• SACNAS – Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science
• USGBC - United States Green Building Council
  • UTEP Geology Club
• ASCE (American Society of Civil Engineers)
• AGC (American General Contractors)
• Green Fund Committee
• M.E.Ch.A. (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlán)

For more information, resources and green ideas: admin.utep.edu/earthweek
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Technology

Judgment day comes with a whimper

Sony’s Playstation Network, Amazon’s Elastic Cloud 2 came crashing down on April 21

BY MATTHEW MUNDEN

According to the mythology of the “The Terminator: Sarah Connor Chronicles,” Skynet, part of Cyberdyne Systems Corporation, was said to go active April 19, 2011, become self-aware and attack mankind April 21. However, a different kind of attack happened in the non-Terminator universe.

On April 21, both Amazon’s Elastic Cloud 2 service and Sony’s Playstation Network, crashed. The downfall of Amazon’s cloud left websites such as Reddit, Quora, Giant Bomb and Screened, either barely running or not running at all. PSN’s outages meant that users could not go online to play multiplayer games, download games or movies from the online marketplace. Services, like Netflix and Hulu Plus, worked for only portions of the user base (some people were still able to use Netflix and Hulu on their PS3 due to previously linking their accounts to the service, but others, who hadn’t, could not use those services).

“These outages show that online services that many count on still have a long way to go before they can be truly depended upon,” said Michael Abbott, founder of BrainyGamer.net. “The PSN crash shows that Sony’s security against outside intrusions wasn’t where it should be and Amazon’s outages might be blamed on that they just bit off too much than they could chew.”

By 1 p.m. on April 23, Amazon’s EC2 went back online on April 23, while PSN is still down as of April 25.

BY ALEJANDRO ALBA

Latin pop superstar Ricky Martin will bring his “Música, Alma, Sexo” tour to El Paso’s County Coliseum 7 p.m. April 28. “M.A.S.” is his first tour after his Black and White tour more than three years ago. This will also be Martin’s first concert since he publicly announced he is gay.

Martin sold out the Sun Bowl at the height of his popularity on his previous visit to El Paso. Fans have now prepared themselves for the ticket sale.

“I was not able to go last time because tickets ran out,” said Kimberley Trejo, freshman creative writing major. “This time when I heard he was coming, I bought my tickets the day after they came out.”

According to Ricky Martin’s official website, “Música, Alma, Sexo” promises to be an enjoyable audio and visual event. Tickets begin at $28 and go up to $123.50. The event also has VIP packages in which fans will get the chance to meet Ricky Martin, among other special services.

According to insidersocal.com, the Italian designer Giorgio Armani has returned to the “Vida Loca” with custom-designed Emporio Armani fashions for Ricky Martin, his band members, dancers and back up singers.

Armani said to the press that his clothing will reflect the concert’s various theatrical themes. The show incorporates four different styles: 1980s punk inspired clothing, 1920s jazz era-cabaret section, Mediterranea influenced section combined with masquerade ball attire, and the concert will conclude with an Afro-Brazilian theme.

“I am really hoping for it to be a good show,” said Andrea Esnayra, junior interdisciplinary studies major. “I am looking forward to his old songs, not really the new ones.”

Esnayra is one of the many Ricky Martin fans. She said she is really excited to finally see the Puerto Rican musician. Ricky Martin’s recent sexual orientation revelation hasn’t changed the way, Esnayra sees him.

“I still like his music, nothing has changed really. Besides, I always thought he was gay.” - Andrea Esnayra, junior interdisciplinary studies major

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**Coming soon: Donore, Rush in concert, Cats**

April 27 - The Bilingual Creative Writing Student Organization will be holding a book fair in the lawn on the corner of University and Wiggins near the library.

May 8 - Access France and EDEN Enterprises (Educational Enrichment through the Arts) presents French singer Pierre Donore in concert at 7:00 p.m. May 8 in the theater at the Chamalal National Memorial. Tickets are $20 general admission and $5 for full-time students with a valid ID. They can be purchased in advance through Access France, call 875-1696.

June 6 - Cats are said to have 9 lives, which might explain why this musical, based on T.S. Eliot’s *Old Possum’s Book of Practical Cats* and featuring music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, has not died yet. At 7:30 p.m. June 7, the musical will be performed at the Plaza Theatre. Tickets range from $64 to $455 and are available through Ticketmaster, Ticket Network Direct and TicketNow.

June 14 - Watch Geddy Lee, Alex Lifeson and Neil Peart perform in concert, when Rush comes to the Don Haskins Center. The show opens at 7:30 p.m. and tickets start at $56 and are available through Ticketmaster.

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As the game moves forward, you are introduced to the founder of Aperture Science Cave Johnston, voiced by the hilarious J.K. Simmons, and the story fills in just about all the questions you had from the original, while also creating more ties to Valve’s ‘Half Life’ series. Those waiting for “Half-Life 2: Episode Three” will appreciate to know that Valve hasn’t forgotten about them.

On the PlayStation 3, the game comes with the ability to connect to Steam, Valve’s online marketplace and community. This ability will allow the PS3 to get user created content that previously only the PC/Mac players could get. Also, the PS3 version comes with the ability to unlock a copy of the game on PC and Mac through Steam. An online co-operative mode is also available and is a prequel of sorts to the events of the single player campaign.

And yes, like “Portal,” “Portal 2” has a very special song during the credits. Like the game, it is brilliant. 5 out of 5 picks.

**Previously on ‘Portal’**

Once upon a time, a test subject named Chell lived in a glass room and was told to go through a number of tests with a portal gun by a mysterious computer voice that promised her cake once she finished the tests.

Along the way, she met a cube with a pink heart on it, called Companion Cube, and she used the cube to solve many tests by placing it on buttons to open doors and flying through orange and blue portals together.

They were very good friends, Chell and the cube, until the computer voice told her to put the cube in the incinerator. She did, and she went further through the tests, hoping for the cake. However, turned out to be that the cake was a lie and the computer voice, known as GlaDos, wanted Chell to be incinerated. But Chell fought against GlaDos, using her portal gun to take down the thing and destroy the lab, known as Aperture Science, she was held in. Chell found herself lying outside of the laboratory and everything seemed good in the world.

Until the game was patched and ten seconds were added to the ending cinematic to show Chell being dragged back towards Aperture Science and, about 9 days later, ‘Portal 2’ opens.

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Sports

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Football

Battle for quarterback takes unexpected turn

Just when the quarterback battle seemed to narrow down from four to two prospects, all four candidates decided to sit it out April 23 at the final UTEP football scrimmage in the Sun Bowl.

They competed really well, it was a good offensive scrimmage," head coach Mike Price said. "Our offense made plays, running backs ran all over the place."

A week after being shut out by the defense, the offense made a complete turnaround, scoring 10 touchdowns, seven of those passing.

Junior transfer quarterback Carson Meyer won the day statistically, completing 11-of-15 passes for 121 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

"I didn't come here to sit on the bench. I want to play as much as everyone else does," Meyer said. "I would love to be the starter, I am just doing what I can everyday to win that job."

Senior transfer quarterback Nick Lamaison threw for three touchdowns. Junior quarterback Tate Smith played a much more productive scrimmage compared to his last two outings, going 10-of-15 for 133 yards and two touchdowns.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Javia Hall runs the first team offense against the first team defense April 16 during a spring scrimmage at the Softball Complex.

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Softball

Miners swept in three-game series

BY WILLIAM VEGA

As if the bats weren't already quiet enough for UTEP, East Carolina swept the Miners in a three-game series April 22-23 at the Helen of Troy Softball Complex.

"The upper classmen really warned us about Toni Paisley and told us what she was like and it helped a lot," said freshman center fielder Kayla Black. "I didn't come here to sit on the bench. I want to play as much as everyone else does," Meyer said. "I would love to be the starter, I am just doing what I can everyday to win that job."

At bat we had to just learn to hit all her pitches."

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Football

Banyard looks to take over No. 1 running back spot

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA
The Prospector

Other than an unclear choice in starting quarterback, there is also a pending decision in the running back line-up. There were many solid choices at the scrimmage April 23 and each running back showed great athleticism as they ran past defenders and fended off a few broken plays.

“We come out every day and basically come out with the intent to get better,” said junior offensive lineman Eloy Atkinson. “You got to learn to do what you got to do because this is what is going to carry into the fall. This is the basis because once you go to summer camp you have to know everything.”

Senior running back Joe Banyard, who is among the talent in the backfield, will enter his final season with the football team this fall. He has a solid frame, standing at 5-foot-11, and weighing in at approximately 205 lbs. Last year he led the backfield with 623 yards on 109 attempts and accumulated eight touchdowns. Now he begins from where he left off but with more motivation, as his teammates try to match up to his performance.

Banyard acknowledged an outstanding play by teammate Nathan Jeffery in practice, but views everything from an optimistic position.

“Nate Jeffery, that long run he had at the end, that was ridiculous, but it was nice,” Banyard said. “If you don’t compete like that then you never know where your game can go, so when they do that, it makes you want to step your game up completely.”

Freshman running back Jeffery accumulated 83 rushing yards April 23 and a large portion collected from a broken play he improvised on.

Banyard has the experience to lead the way along with other veterans on the team. According to running backs coach Jeff Banks, just by looking at him, you can tell he is a hard working player.

“He’s a leader on and off the field, hardest worker in the program, number one guy in the weight room,” Banks said. “He’s really gained a lot of experience off last season’s play. He was kind of a young junior last year because he hadn’t been in this offense, but for a year, and now he’s a veteran.”

Banyard had 48 rushing yards and two touchdowns during the last scrimmage of spring, which is about the same number of yards he averaged during the season (47). However his yards per game are not his best attribute, according to his teammates.

“He’s playing awesome, he knows how to play football, he understands football,” said Atkinson. “He’s a really hard worker, he’ll have your back and get into the end zone no matter what. So it was amazing having him back there.”

Banyard has the experience to lead the way along with other veterans on the team. Although the fall is still four months away, to Banyard, the season started this spring. In fact, the whole team looks excited to see how new changes on the team will turn out.

“I take myself as a leader already, I like that pressure, I work well under pressure,” said Banyard. “I want to help these young guys out so it could be the future of UTEP.”

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Pitching woes torment Miners season

BY WILLIAM VEGA

The Miners are starting to realize that what they had going for them this season was a very good pitching rotation. But their season has taken a bit of a downturn due to injuries and other factors.

"We just have to battle through some injuries and some situations any team would struggle with," co-head coach Kathleen Rodriguez said. "I think everyone expects us to be down and out because of everything that's been going on but that's not how we coach."

Pitching is the greatest downfall for the Miners with an overall team ERA of 6.15 and a 7.92 in conference games. After witnessing four great seasons of Stacie Townsend from the circle, pitching has slipped this season mainly due to a lack of experience. Only senior Courtney Auger and sophomore Joanna Krenitz have pitched for UTEP prior to this season, combining for just 15 starts in 2010.

Two freshmen, Laura Ramos and Megan Atchison, have entered the rotation but in different portions of the season depending on their productivity. Most recently, Ramos has been getting the nod for the Miners assisting Auger in the rotation.

"Towards the beginning of the season I was still a little nervous with it being my first year in pitching," Ramos said. "As I've kept going I've kind of grown. My confidence has really grown. We just need to be a little more consistent." Ever since conference play has commenced, hitting has also begun to decline. UTEP led C-USA prior to league play in batting average, home runs, doubles, hits and runs and even placed in the top-10 in the nation in doubles. Now, with the third best batting average, UTEP has lost their edge in all categories other than runs scored. Injuries can take partial credit for that statistic as three of the top batters on the team have gone down this season.

The Miners were injury prone from the start. The 2011 C-USA Preseason Player of the Year, senior catcher and first baseman Camilla Carrera, went out with a back injury after only sitting up for 12 games. Carrera will be red-shirted this season giving her a fifth year of eligibility in 2012.

A pair of promising freshmen have also missed time on the diamond. Shortstop Samantha Alvilar missed 10 games due to a leg injury but has started every game since she made her return against Memphis March 26. Fellow infielder Camille Herrera injured her wrist prior to their trip to UAB April 3 but ended up sitting out the Jacksonville State game April 5. Troupe made her return the following weekend against Houston but sustained a head injury during a play at the plate in game two April 9 and has not returned since. She is expected to miss at least another week.

If anything should be expected from the rest of the season, it's relieving injuries and building experience for a stronger season in 2012. Three pitchers and seven of the nine batters in the starting lineup will be returning including their top two hitters in Troupe and Carrera. The outfield will be a place of emphasis leading into next season with the departure of seniors Becki Smith and Kia Moore, which will mean leaving a mark of improvment for seasons to come.

"From now on I'm just trying to go out with a bang with the last games and postseason," Moore said. "We're hoping to change things around and start a winning streak. We're ok though, just focusing on the next game."

Junior catcher Chelsea Troupe attempts to catch a pitch April 9 at the Helen of Troy Softball Complex.

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"I think every (quarterback) is in the picture," Price said. "We look and see how it goes, the quarterbacks are definitely competing for the job that's for sure. It was good to have the offense get some confidence.

The most intriguing quarterback of the day was redshirt freshman Javia Hall. He came out of the blocks sprinting and didn't look back. On one play in the redzone, Hall dropped backed but the defensive line disrupted the play forcing him to get creative with his pass. He ultimately scrambled his way to the right side of the field and completed a 9-yard touchdown pass in the back of the end zone to Kyle Morin.

"I made some big plays so it was pretty good," Hall said. "I felt the rush from the play-side defensive end so I just put a move on him and saw the receiver in the back of the end zone and knifed it in there."

If rated before the scrimmage April 23, Hall would have been at the bottom of the depth chart statistically to the other three quarterbacks. Hall may have played his way back into the quarterback race with his performance.

"We came out more focused, we have been getting prepared but it was more focused because we had more practices," Hall said. "We got more repetitions so it helped us a lot.

On the ground, the Miners running backs ran stoutly compiling almost 200 yards on the day. Senior running back Joe Banyard was the highlight running back of the day scoring on a 21-yard run and on another 4-yard run. He finished the day on 10 carries on 55 yards. Redshirt freshman Nathan Jeffery also had 10 carries during the scrimmage but finished with a team-high of 83 yards. His longest play came off a 59-yard scamper.

"When you recruit guys like Nathan Jeffery that's the kind of plays he makes. We'll be seeing a lot more of him in the next for years," Price said. "It was good to have the offense get some confidence, that's what we wanted."

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Chelsea Troupe since she went out with a head injury April 10, closed the first three innings when she caught a runner stealing in the first and second then picked off another in the third.

Sophomore Joanna Krienitz took the circle in the second game, giving up five earned runs en route to a 6-0 East Carolina victory. The Miners displayed their hitting woes against junior pitcher Faith Sutton stranding at least one runner on base the first four innings and striking out eight times.

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