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With less than 14 months until the 2012 national election, the campaign for the GOP presidential nomination is in full swing. More than 10 individuals are vying to go head-to-head with President Barack Obama.

Around campus, talk of politics and the candidates is bound to happen beyond political science classes, especially when one of the candidates is the 47th governor of Texas, Rick Perry. Perry threw in his hat into the fight for the GOP presidential nomination on Sept. 7, eight of the declared Republican nominees were invited to at least one of the debates. Additionally, Perry’s supporters and members of the UTEP College Republicans。“His presidential campaign bid is good for the Republican Party as a whole,” Gabriel said. “He was the first candidate to truly excite the GOP base, and he brings a lot of experience and charisma to the race that may not have been there before.”

Concerns about Perry’s history as governor of Texas have some students questioning Perry’s ability to run the country. Patrick Rabb, senior political science major, said he is not impressed with Perry’s record in Texas. “It’s pretty clear he is a fiscal and social conservative, Perry has taken strong positions that people who are not affiliated with his views on Social Security as socialism, staunchly advocate for states’ rights and criticizes the Supreme Court for issuing a ruling that could one day force nationwide gay marriage on the country.”

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Three strikes for Perry

BY NICOLE CHAVEZ

As a college student, a Hispanic said an El Paso police officer once would think twice if anyone asked him to support Texas Governor Rick Perry as the GOP presidential candidate.

While Perry is trying to dazzle voters with a campaign focused on employment and talking about how, under his leadership, Texas has become a miracle job-creating machine, the future seems very rough for those who rely entirely on the TExAS (Toward Excellence, Access and Success) grant, struggle to pay their tuition and fees. Most of these students have decided to continue their education, trusting that they will receive this grant for at least four years. UTEP officials have said that they will experience a deficit of $12 million per year until the next legislative session (2013).

By taking a look back at Perry’s 10 years as governor of Texas, you might get the feeling that he has been flip-flopping on both sides of the immigration debate.

In 2001, he signed a bill that allows the children of undocumented immigrants to pay in-state tuition. Some say Perry’s bill inspired the DREAM Act, which offers a path of citizenship for undocumented students, but he has now declared himself against it.

When Arizona’s SB 1070 passed, allowing police officers to question people about their immigration status, Perry expressed his concerns about a similar bill in Texas. Later on, he proposed a bill similar to Arizona’s law during a Texas’ special legislative session, once again changing his mind.

On top of that, Perry declared the city of El Paso as a battlefield. More than once, he attributed events that occurred in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, to El Paso. He said cars bombs had been detonated; hundreds of bullets have been found in this city, and Perry publicly made fun of President Barack Obama when he made his visit to El Paso, that this border is safer than it’s ever been.

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### Student Life

**UTEP, NMSU compete for United Blood Services**

By Christian Guerrero

While they are archrivals on the playing field, UTEP and NMSU have joined forces for a friendly competition that will take place from Sept. 12–16. UTEP's portion of the annual I-10 Coalition Blood Drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at three different locations around the campus. Students, alumni and staff are all encouraged to participate to reach the goal for this year.

Jessica Gomez, senior organizational and corporate communication major, said that the blood drive is a good way for students to give back to the community.

“I think this event is very important because it is for a good cause, not only to help someone in need, but also to set an example for all of UTEP students and the community to come lend a helping hand and save the lives of those in need,” Gomez said.

United Blood Services will have buses parked outside the Undergraduate Learning Center, at the parking lot of Union Building West and will also be collecting donations inside Union Building East in the second-floor lounge. This year, the organization hopes to collect approximately 1,300 pints at both schools.

Richard Daniel, assistant vice president for Alumni Relations said the collaborative blood drive began in 2004.

“It was the first year that the two institutions decided that they would come together and be a part of it,” Daniel said.

The annual blood drive is held during the week before the Miners play against the NMSU Aggies. Both colleges are competing to see how many blood units each university can collect. After the donations are collected, Ruben Talaya, senior donor recruitment representative for United Blood Services, will count the donations to determine which school will win. The winner will be announced at halftime during the football game Sept. 17 in Las Cruces.

“We each get a plaque for the number of units that we raised, but in the end, it is really the region that’s the winner because the blood is helping the residents of El Paso and New Mexico,” Daniel said.

Crystal Valdez, senior electronic media major, said she has witnessed the importance of blood donations, because of that she is always willing to donate.

“Ever since I found out my mom got cancer this summer, I am more prone to giving now,” Valdez said.

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our view

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UTEP remembers 9/11 victims

Students, faculty and staff held a 10 year anniversary commemoration of the 9/11 attacks with the event taking place Sept. 9 at the Union Plaza to honor those that lost their lives during the terrorist attacks and to recognize the men and women serving our country.

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The economy was a topic frequently raised at the GOP debate and Perry repeatedly asserted the economic growth in Texas and his contribution to job creation. A hot-button issue among the candidates, states are also worried about whether the economy will experience growth. Louis Southard, senior political science major, believes the economy will be a deciding factor in favor of Perry come election time.

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Shanae Hubbard (left), and Jasmine Hawes dressed up in costumes for the second-annual Comic Con held Sept. 10–11 at the El Paso Civic Center.

BY JERRY ALDAZ
The Prospector

Presenting cast members from cult classics such as Star Wars and Power Rangers, El Paso’s second-annual Comic Con held Sept. 10–11 attracted sci-fi fans for two action-packed days of graphic novels, art, music and extravagant costumes. Roaming through the tightly-packed aisles, attendees could greet and take photos alongside some of their favorite childhood stars. Walter Jones, original cast member of The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers, was among the special guests at the event.

“People really seem to be enjoying themselves,” Jones said. “I’ve had several people come up and say they met me in the past, and now they’re bringing their kids.”

Tickets are still available at UTEP’s University Ticket Center or www.ticketmaster.com. Ticket prices are $35 and $40 (plus applicable service charges).

“I know I have heard of a few popular songs but their parents grew up with their music,” Jones said. “I don’t really know who they are but my parents want to go, so I think it would be cool to see what they used to listen to in their time,” said Eduard Adame, senior civil engineering major. “I don’t know many songs but I know I have heard of a few popular titles,” he said.

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Event

ABBA tribute band to dazzle Magoffin Auditorium

BY NATALIA AGUILAR
The Prospector

UTEPE and Lola Productions will be presenting “ABBA The Concert”, a tribute in celebration of Sweden’s multi-medium Chihuahua-based artist. “I’ve had several people come up to me and tell me that my work is really cool. Some of them asked for my information so I can work with them on future projects.”

Words on a piece of paper failed to encompass what occurred at the El Paso Civic Center this September weekend. Although attendance figures could not be obtained, the genuine sense of enjoyment which emitted from the crowd could be an indication that this is the beginning of an epic journey for the city.

**Chismiz ready to launch as a social network site**

New website will allow users to blog, video chat, and make friends.

**By Alejandro Alba**

The Prospector

Derived from the Spanish word “chisme”, a new social website called Chismiz.com will be launched Sept. 24.

“It is like all the other websites social networkers already use combined into one website,” said Crystal Orquiz, sophomore pre-business major. “It’s neat.”

The idea behind Chismiz came after creating a website for a construction company, said Marcos Larranaga, president and founder of the site.

“I started working with my programmer to remodel my construction website,” Larranaga said. “We ended up creating a social network.”

Chismiz allows users to social network, blog, video chat and even enter an online marketplace, among 21 other activities, Larranaga said.

He confirmed that the website is in preface but will officially launch Sept. 30 with a new appearance and additional applications.

“So far we have more than 500 users, and that is worldwide,” said Ray Villanueva, project manager. “We have set the server for one million worldwide users.”

Larranaga said, “We really want it to have success.”

The team behind the project also mentioned that they are not creating this to compete against the big names like Facebook or Twitter. Instead, they are trying to start a new website, thousands of dollars have been invested.

“We have invested not only lots of money to this website, but a lot of time and effort,” Larranaga said. “We really want it to have success.”

According to Villanueva, they also want to setup a foundation and give out scholarships in the future to local graduates.

“I don’t only want to do this for personal gain,” Villanueva said. “I want to help our locals, too. They are the ones who will make this site grow.”

**Technology**

**Chismiz gives students chance to showcase their work**

New website will allow users to blog, video chat, and make friends.

**By Kimberly Silva**

The Prospector

For local musicians, writers and poets, opportunities to showcase and workshop new pieces can be few and far between. One local organization is providing a venue where all are welcome to bring their work and showcase it at an open mic event.

The Barbed Wire Open Mic Series takes place on the last Saturday of each month at The Percolator, a coffee house located in downtown El Paso.

Four years ago, creative writing graduate students Veronica Guajardo and Trent Hudley saw the need to create an event that would allow El Paso’s myriad of creative people to come and showcase their work. The event is now organized and hosted by Roberto Santos.

“Before she left, Veronica Guajardo wanted to find a way to merge street poets and musicians with academics who shared their enthusiasm,” Santos said. “She was able to do that by allowing her to provide further help and act as an umbrella organization for the event.”

“It is not uncommon to attend one of the popular West Side Open Mic Series and see poets reading new work, a new band and even local dance troops and theater companies perform,” Santos said.

“Our mission is to provide performance space for the people in the El Paso/Juarez area,” said their Facebook page.

Since its inception, Barbed Wire has been helped by Bordersenses, a local nonprofit literary organization which also publishes its own magazine.

Santos said that both organizations have worked hard to produce a quality show that has pleased and host guests such as poet Griselda Liz Mouton, better known as La Rama, The Smash and The Border Theatre.

For students on a budget, the monthly open mic night provides an evening of free entertainment at a venue that is known for its affordable coffee and food.

“This is something I enjoy and try to get to,” said Brian Loe, senior education major. “El Paso has a lot of talent and we need to get out and support our local artists.”

Other students such as Sandra Silva had never heard of the monthly event, but was told about it by fellow students.

“I am always impressed by the tremendous student and local talent of El Paso and Juarez,” Silva said.

Santos said September’s event promises to be quite exciting.

In addition to featured group Echo Pies, Santos will share the stage with a new co-host, Little Brother of Wisdom. There will be a Free-style Cypher at 5 p.m. followed by open mic, at 7 p.m. during which aspiring rappers will be welcome to come out and perform. This part of the evening will feature the group The Heavy Heads.

“We would like to see a few more stand-up comics at the event, it is the perfect place to try new material,” Santos said.

He stressed that this event is always open mic and is intended to be a welcome environment for all local artists, musicians, and writers.

“We want to encourage people to come out and network with other artists, to support one another,” Santos said.

Students interested in performing their work can sign up on the Barbed Wire website at www.barbedwire.bordersenses.com.

The next Barbed Wire Open Mic night is scheduled at 7 p.m., Sept. 24 at The Percolator, located on 2127 El Paso St. Further information about The Barbed Wire Open Mic Series, visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BWOMS.
Volleyball

play with a tough 28-17 road loss

BY DANIEL ORNELAS

Miners lose first game, starting QB

BY KRYSTAL OBLINGER

The UTEP volleyball team practices Sept. 12 at Memorial Gym, just one day before they continue their rivalry with NMSU in Las Cruces.

Team looks to rebound from weekend setbacks at NMSU

BY KRYSTAL OBLINGER

The UTEP volleyball team practices Sept. 12 at Memorial Gym, just one day before they continue their rivalry with NMSU in Las Cruces.

The Miners would eventually jump to a 10-7 lead late in the first quarter but it would be the only time the Miners would lead in the game. The Mustangs would answer with two consecutive touchdowns to take a 21-10 halftime lead.

The game marked the second consecutive time the Miners would allow the run defense to take over. The game began with a four-play, 60-yard drive that was capped off by a one-yard touchdown run by junior running back Zach Line.

BY KRYSOAL OBLINGER

The UTEP Miners will take on the New Mexico State Aggies in the Battle of I-10 Sept. 13 at Las Cruces.

UTEP head coach June Jones said on the SMU athletic site. "In the first half we didn't play well defensively. We had struggles in the first half. We have to come out and make plays," junior linebacker Ja'Gared Davis said on the UTEP athletic site. 

"Big players make big plays in big games are the things we need to get done," sophomore middle blocker Xitlali Herrera said. "We still have a lot to learn and practice but we're off to a good start."
Soccer
Keeper takes on responsibilities in first year

BY FRANKIE RODRIGUEZ
The Prospector

One would assume a true freshman would be uneasy when asked to fill in the shoes of a Division-I goalkeeper, but Sarah Dilling has risen to the occasion.

She has taken over the spot from returning goalie and senior Chandra Morden who placed third in saves in Conference-USA last season.

Head coach Kevin Cross gave Dilling the start because Morden was not 100 percent healthy going into training camp.

"Chandra came in with a sports hernia and she was really hurting in training camp and Sarah was playing really well," Cross said.

Dilling has played well this season, starting in all seven games and allowing only two goals out of 21 shots. At home, she has shutout all five opponents as the Miners have outscored them 14-0. Her save percentage is .905 while the opposing team's goalkeeper's average is .703.

"Individually, I feel I have been pretty consistent," Dilling said. "I know I have really improved a lot on my communication, but I think I have been pretty consistent in my goalkeeping saves and distribution."

She clearly remembers how worried she was when she was announced the starter for the opening game of the season.

"When I first found out I was starting the first game, I was taken aback because I wasn't expecting to get the start as a freshman with Chandra being a senior and a solid keeper," Dilling said. "I was really happy but also nervous."

Cross mentioned that as the season has progressed, he has noticed an improvement from Dilling. She does not seem to be as tense as she once used to be, Cross said. However, he still believes she must work on certain things.

"We want her to be more of a leader. Her goals are high and the keeper needs to be the biggest leader so we want her to be even more vocal and demanding of her team," Cross said.

"I think the more games you get under your belt, the more confidence you have. It is just like a quarterback in football," he said.

Dilling feels there is always room for improvement whether it is as a team or an individual.

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Morden is very humble about the whole situation and does not hold anything against Dilling getting the start due to her injury. Morden can see what Dilling brings to this team and believes that they are in fact helping each other become better players.

"She brings maturity as an incoming freshman and she works hard. She is a really good keeper," Morden said. "She brings the fight out of me and we help each other by pushing one another. I try to help her out when I can."

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Miners stay undefeated at home

BY WILLIAM VEGA

Rivalry Renewed

The Miners continued their dominance at home after a 2-0 victory against the Northern Colorado Bears Sept. 11 at University Field.

After taking an early 1-0 lead, the Miners were unable to get a shot on goal until they added an insurance score late in the game. “It was a little nerve-wracking. We started off slow, which I’m not proud of by any means, we have to fit that,” junior midfielder Tess Hall said. “But as shown by the score, we came back and we were able to get a goal. Our defense played very well this afternoon.”

Sophomore midfielder Tori Martyn found freshman midfielder Mackenzie German streaking to the goal, threading the needle between two Bears defenders. German, who separated her shoulder in warm-ups prior to the game, was left wide open and scored on a breakaway in the right corner.

The shot was the one of four to connect with the goalie in the second half as the Miners had nine shots in the period. UTEP finished with a total of 17 shots and seven on goal.

“We need to score more. I think we all saw we could have scored five goals if we were really sharp on it,” Cross said. “I think sometimes it just by inches and it’s not that they’re playing bad. We’ll just keep working on it...we went from getting shut out playing bad. We’ll just keep working and improving this week on having more of a will to win and finishing the ball, ”cross said. “I think that showed to our mistakes and finishing the game so that we can learn how to be a better team.”

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This is also the third time the Miners have placed a player on an all-tournament team. Junior outside hitter Bridget Logan was named to the Cornell Invitational All-Tournament team Sept. 2-3 in Ithaca, New York with Herrera as the tournament MVP.

At the El Paso Sports Commission Invitational Aug. 26-27, Figueroa took home the tournament MVP on route to her first C-USA player of the week. Herrera and sophomore middle blocker Jearst Horton were named to the All-Tournament squad.

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