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AT moves towards innovation

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Instructional Support Services has rebranded as Academic Technologies (AT) with a dedication towards innovation and trendsetting. The move comes as part of a push towards UTEP’s mission of access and excellence.

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The department originally started as a course development-focused unit and has transitioned to a section devoted to enhancing “academic learning environments.”

“Academic Technologies better describes what we do!” Pitcher said. “This is just one segment of it.”

AT provides support to the university community with mobile device applications, smart classroom development and upkeep of technology in the CUGC. They also provide professional development and training for students, faculty and staff.

“Academic Technologies is evolving with the university,” said Didier Hernandez, associate director of Academic Technologies. “We’re trying to make a scalable education model that is still highly individualized.”

This model includes the use of novel classroom tools, such as Interactive Voice (IV), which Pitcher said allows instructors to talk to their classrooms. With a verbal command, instructors can change projection slides, dim the lights or show a movie. Future developments include allowing students to use similar commands to take a screenshot of a PowerPoint and record portions of a lecture.

The full deployment of this smart classroom feature is still several years out, but Pitcher said he believes that it will help both students and instructors.

“We can start to see what students think is important (during lecture),” Pitcher said. “Then instructors can know where students are focusing their attention.”

Pitcher said this will help professors design classes that are more suited to individual needs.

“We’re trying to translate that into how we learn better,” Hernandez said. “We need to provide (students) with technologies to let them focus on the learning.”

In-house technologies and analytical services offered by third-party providers, such as Blackboard, provide AT with the necessary tools to complete their mission.

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Safety precautions for summer heat

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I'm walking down the hill on Sun Bowl Drive, umbrella in one hand, a water bottle in the other, and waves of one-hundred-degree heat have me sweating and regretting ever taking summer classes. It's always the same with me during summer school. I say I won't do it, but there's always that really tempting summer class that has me driving in this weather to school everyday, complaining about the heat.

A record high 106 degrees was reported June 13 and this week highs won't leave the triple digits. So far this year, no heat-related deaths have been reported in El Paso. Last year, two people died of a heat stroke during the summer.

According to the Sierra Providence Health Network, dehydration and heat strokes are two of the most common heat-related diseases. Dehydration occurs when a person loses water and body salts from overexposure to the sun, and failure to drink enough water. Symptoms of dehydration can include thirst, less-frequent urination, dry skin, fatigue, diziness, dry mouth and increased heart rate and breathing.

In most cases of early detection, dehydration can be treated by rehydrating the body by drinking fluids. Sports drink can help to restore electrolytes and salt balance. Dehydration can be treated by rehydrating the body by drinking fluids. However, when individuals don't sweat enough to cool the body, the condition develops quickly and symptoms may include headache, diziness, disorientation, agitation, slaggishness or fatigue, loss of consciousness and hallucinations.

A heat stroke may cause permanent damage and must be treated immediately. While waiting for help, treatment includes getting a person to a shaded area, removing clothing and applying cool water to the skin while fanning, applying ice packs to groin and armpits, and lying down while elevating feet. Preventative methods include, drinking water in lieu of caffeinated drinks, wearing lightweight clothing in light colors, a hat, sunglasses and an umbrella and gradually increasing your time spent outdoors to allow the body to become accustomed to the heat.

While June sees the hottest temperatures of the year—45.3 percent of triple-digit temperatures are seen in June—July and August also see triple digits at 36.7 and 13.3 percent respectively, according to the National Weather Service.

The NWS advises to make a daily call to the elderly or other home-bound relations to ensure their safety. The El Paso Extreme Weather Task Force can be reached at 771-7703 and the El Paso Fire Department is taking fan donations. They can be made at any El Paso fire station. Fans can be attained by calling 211.

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The subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency of the Homeland Security Committee held the hearing to discuss how the DHS could improve communications with the American people.

By CALEIGH BOURGEOS

WASHINGTON – Just a fourth of Americans have heard of one of the Department of Homeland Security’s main security campaigns, according to witnesses at a House subcommittee hearing.

The "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign encourages people to help prevent danger in their own communities by reporting suspicious activity.

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Robert Jensen, DHS principal deputy assistant secretary in the office of public affairs, said the campaign has room for growth. "We will continue to expand the campaign in the coming months and years," he said.

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Education

Harry Potter, Old West among summer camps at EP Exploreum

The El Paso Exploreum, an interactive exhibit laboratory, is offering a variety of summer camps for kids to encourage them to learn about chemistry, western characters and the care of magical creatures in the "Harry Potter" camp.

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The six camps created for the young audience are engineering, cultural arts and crafts, science, environment and recycling, Old West and Harry Potter.

Deborah Chaney, education director of the El Paso Exploreum, said that she hopes the summer camps offer a chance for children to learn something new and educational, but also learn in a fun environment that the exploreum provides.

"This is my sixth year doing the camps. I've been doing them for five years when we were Lynx Exhibits and then when we transitioned into the El Paso Exploreum (and) I'm running the camps again," Chaney said. "It's been modified just slightly but that's about it."

Chaney said that she hopes the camps represent the mission of the museum, which are science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), in a way that is helpful towards children as they discover them along with some social sciences.

"I also found that some of the social science camps are very compelling to kids," Chaney said. "Those kinds of things that help the kids relate to other cultures are pretty interesting to kids as well."

One of the most anticipated camps, according to Chaney, is the Harry Potter-themed camp. Running for a week each month through August, the camp will give attendees the chance to experience activities at Hogwarts.

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COOL CANYON NIGHTS LINEUP

June 20
The Dunwells

June 27
The Lusitania
July 11
Prime
July 18
Billy Townes
July 25
The Trailer Band

Aug. 1
Matt Hires
Aug. 8
Brown Betty
Aug. 15
Ribo Flavin
Aug. 22
Team Havana
Aug. 29
Fungi Mungle

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Cool Canyon Nights brings together the community to celebrate nature and music at the amphitheater of McKelligon Canyon. Performances will run until Aug. 29.

The concerts, which are free, include musical acts from different genres. Bands like The Dunwells, Dusty Low, The Lusitania, Brown Betty and Fungi Mungle will perform to the Sun City in an event that will bring musical summer fun.

Veronica Hernandez, live events manager for Townsquare Media, said that while presenting thrilling bands, they also incorporated a free VIP card, which can be picked up at venues like Eloise, The Network or Healthy Pizza.

"The crowd at the canyon can often be quite large. With this free VIP card, patrons have a chance for a shorter line for a drink, seating and access to munchies during the patio show," Hernandez said.

"One of the many things that makes Cool Canyon Nights special, besides the music, is its location, which attracts audiences. "The journey there is one of the coolest things. You have to travel through the Franklin (Mountains) and see a perspective of the mountain that you don’t usually see," Danielle Healey, senior history major, said. "My favorite thing about going was the reward of fresh drink and music. I ran up there last time so I was beat and was ready to relax and have a good time."

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More information about Cool Canyon Nights may be found at coolcanyonnights.com.

"Tell people that an amazing time is waiting for them at Cool Canyon Nights in McKelligon Canyon. It really is breathtaking to be in the middle of the mountains with a cool breeze and great live music, all free of charge," Hernandez said.

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Men’s Basketball

Spight ready for the challenge

By Audrey Westcott
The Prospector

A native from Southern California, guard Andre Spight, is one of five new freshmen from the 2013 recruiting class added to the UTEP men’s basketball roster.

Spight made his start at Burbank High School, but transferred to Pasadena High School his senior year. He wanted to get more playing time in front of college scouts.

Standing at 6'3, and weighing in at 160 pounds, Spight is an offensive powerhouse. He was ranked no. 18 in California, and is the no. 46 shooting guard in the country, as stated on 247sports.com

The three-star recruit is expected to give UTEP back court control and shots at the basket.

Q: What are your impressions of UTEP and El Paso?
A: I think both are really great. I wasn’t expecting to be welcomed the way I was but everyone is really respectful and nice to me, and I like that.

Q: What do you think of the UTEP program and what ultimately helped you make your decision to play at UTEP?
A: What brought me here was the coaching staff has a lot of NBA experience and that drew me.

Q: Are you excited to play for UTEP?
A: Yes, I am very excited. I have never played in a big stadium like the Don Haskins Center and I never got to play for a program that has so much history.

Q: What were your first impressions of head coach Tim Floyd?
A: I met him in the summer time, and my first impression of him was that he was very supportive. He is really serious about his job.

Q: What are your impressions of your new teammates a week into meeting them?
A: My teammates are funny. They are really funny. They are good guys. They are good supporting. Everybody is supportive, very nice and helpful.

Q: Where do you fit into the team and what do you bring to the court?
A: My game is all around. I like to play offense. But I have never really had a defense strength coach until my senior year in high school, so I think that is what brought me to El Paso, my defensive mind set.

Q: What do you feel is your natural position on the court?
A: I have played shooting guard my whole life, but my senior year I became a point guard. So I am a combo guard, in between.

Q: What are your thoughts about the 2013-2014 Conference USA Championship Tournament being held at UTEP? Does that add more pressure to your first season as a Miner?
A: No, it does not put more pressure. I just have to elevate my game better and it will help me be a better basketball player in front of people. I get to show my talents and I am glad that the Conference Championships are here.

Q: What is your main focus for this summer?
A: My main focus is just to get better every day, to get stronger. I am in the weight room every day. I want to help better my shot and better my defense, and just be a better person.

Q: Anything you want to say to the UTEP fans?
A: We are going to try our best. We are going to get back to the tournament, and we are going to push ourselves, try hard everyday and get better.

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Weight-160 lbs
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(Top) Freshman, Andre Spight during his training at the Foster Stevens Center.
(Bottom) Spight talks to the media about his expectations for his first season as a Miner.

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In Group E, Congo is surprisingly at the top. A win on the road to Niger will see them through, but a draw means that Burkina Faso will need to win to advance to the final round.

In Group F, Nigeria has a two-point edge on Malawi, a win or a draw at home is enough for the Super Eagles to advance.

In Group G, Senegal just needs a win or a draw at home against Uganda to go through.

In Group I, Libya is unexpectedly two points ahead of favorites Cameroon. The only good result for Cameroon is a win or a home draw, as a tie will see Libya advance instead.

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Summer Activities

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BY AUDREY WESTCOTT

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For basketball players, the women’s basketball team will host a mini Miners camp and a teen camp from June 24 through the 26. “With each camp, the athletes realize that they are mentors,” said assistant basketball coach, Eva Laszkowska. “Being around kids and being able to work with them, they take more pride in what they do. They want to set the best example for those looking up to them and for the kids that any dream is possible with hard work.”

Junior guard Marissa Rodriguez was once a member of the mini Miners’ basketball camp. Now a part of the women’s basketball team, Rodriguez provides an example of how the camps can offer more than just a summer activity. “Marissa came to the very first camp that coach Adams and I hosted,” Laszkowska said. “She started off as a little kid attending our camps, and now she is on the team. She even brought a picture of coach Ad- ams, her and myself from one of the camps. It was a nice memory to reflect on with each other.”

Keeping in the spirit of family and making memories, the men’s basketball team recruited fathers for their first camp on June 15 as part of their father and son day camp. “Their boys and girls camp began on June 17 and will run through the 20,” said assistant soccer coach, Heather Clark.

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For basketball players, the women’s basketball team will host a mini Miners’ camp and a teen camp from June 24 through the 26. “With each camp, the athletes realize that they are mentors,” said assistant basketball coach, Eva Laszkowska. “Being around kids and being able to work with them, they take more pride in what they do. They want to set the best example for those looking up to them and for the kids that any dream is possible with hard work.”

Junior guard Marissa Rodriguez was once a member of the mini Miners’ basketball camp. Now a part of the women’s basketball team, Rodriguez provides an example of how the camps can offer more than just a summer activity. “Marissa came to the very first camp that coach Adams and I hosted,” Laszkowska said. “She started off as a little kid attending our camps, and now she is on the team. She even brought a picture of coach Ad- ams, her and myself from one of the camps. It was a nice memory to reflect on with each other.”

Keeping in the spirit of family and making memories, the men’s basketball team recruited fathers for their first camp on June 15 as part of their father and son day camp. “Their boys and girls camp began on June 17 and will run through the 20,” said assistant soccer coach, Heather Clark.

The UTEP football team held satellite camps for the areas of Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and El Paso, from June 11-15. “We really enjoy doing these camps. They provide a great way for our staff to connect with the community and with all the young players in the area.” — Angela Money, assistant volleyball coach

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