had struggled with her entire life.

focusing in school—something she after she was having a difficult time

jor, felt it was necessary to seek help

fuentes, senior Chicano Studies ma-

and Ritalin.

abuse of prescription drugs, Adderall

three part series examining student

The Prospector

By Kristopher rivera

"Living with (attention deficit disor-

derer) is a struggle every day, mainly be-

cause doing simple tasks can become
difficult, such as remembering things

or making decisions, “ Sifuentes, who is

difficult, such as remembering things

studying abroad in South Korea, said.

or making decisions, “ Sifuentes, who is

difficult, such as remembering things

spend too much time inside my head. “

My mind is constantly moving and I

stimulants such as Adderall and Rit-

alinal. Students, who want to use them

to help them concentrate on academ-

ics, often abuse these stimulants.

According to data and statistics

from the Center for Disease Control

and Prevention, 9.5 percent of chil-

dren 4 to 17 years of age (5.4 million)

were diagnosed with ADHD as of

2007. Rates of ADHD diagnosis in-

creased by 3 percent per year from

1997 to 2006 and an average of 5.5

percent per year from 2003 to 2007.

The report also found that the rates

of ADHD diagnosis increased at a

greater rate among older teens as

compared to younger children.

"The availability of medications

for ADHD and the disseminations of

those medications for students, who

see ABUSE on page 4

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA

The Prospector

Editor’s note: This is the first in a

three part series examining student

abuse of prescription drugs, Adderall

and Ritalin.

Upon entering college, Karla Si-

fuentes, senior Chicano Studies ma-

jor, felt it was necessary to seek help

after she was having a difficult time

focusing in school—something she

had struggled with her entire life.

Hernandez is still sore in parts of

his body, but he said he has made a

full recovery.

“The doctors were surprised that I

didn’t die. I have a little pain here and

there. My back still hurts a little bit

near me and right when

I saw me falling and tried to catch

me, but couldn’t, “ Hernandez said.

After seeing a psychiatrist and

After seeing a psychiatrist and

seeing the pill trail

Following

the pill trail

Prescription’s availability increases abuse

on amphetamines

Campus Life

Abuse at parking garage causes complaints

BY AMANDA GUILLEN

The Prospector

Individuals using the visitors’ areas of

campus garages as free parking are

causing upset for staff and students.

Faculty, students, staff and visi-

tors are all allowed to park in a spe-
cific section of the Sun Bowl garage,

which is located next to the book-

store. After 5:30 p.m. every day, any-
one can park in any parking garage

or lots across campus. Those who

parked at the visitors’ lot in the ga-

rage who stay until 5:30 p.m. are able
to leave without paying a fee.

This poses an issue for students,

faculty and staff who do pay for

parking, especially the ones that pay

the $300-$400 cost for the garage

parking decal.

Senior political science major Ga-

niela Bustillos paid for the decal to

park in the garage and said that stu-

dents who park there without it are

breaking rules and are not considerate.

“I think this is ridiculous, I paid

$300, “ she said. “I feel that they

should have more surveillance in or-
der to prevent people from parking

in the garage for free.”

Sophomore microbiology major Jay

Yuvel parks in the remote lots and

said this behavior is unfair to students

who pay for any parking decal.

“Something should be done about

this, “ Yuvel said. “It is unfair because

Parking on page 3

SAFETY

Student survives fall, shares story

BY LORAIN WATTERS

AND KRISTOPHER RIVERA

The Prospector

On Oct. 14, Luis Hernandez, fresh-

man business major and pledge for

the Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity,

fell from the third-floor staircase

ledge at Union East to the middle

second-floor staircase.

After being taken to Las Palmas

Medical Center, Hernandez was re-

leased Oct. 17 with no serious injuries.

Hernandez explained that when he

saw me falling and tried to catch me.

I didn’t break a single thing. The

most that they had to do were those

nine staples, “ Hernandez said.

Hernandez said that when he

sat on the ledge, he had jumped back

to sit but overestimated, thinking the

ledge was bigger than it was.

“My friend was standing near me

and right when he turned around,

he saw me falling and tried to catch

me, but couldn’t, “ Hernandez said.

By Lorain Watters & Kristopher Rivera

The Prospector

"Something should be done about this, “ Yuvel said. "It is unfair because see PARKING on page 3"
Sympathy for the chill pill

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA
The Prospector

Students can find themselves cornered, taking left jabs from a need to graduate with good academic standing and right hooks from student loan debts. The need to perform well in a bout with school can draw students to make exceptions just to pass, under any circumstance.

The use of drugs such as Adderall or Ritalin may be one way students secure passing an exam. It’s similar to an athlete taking a performance-enhancement drug. It’s clear that it’s not fair play for all the other athletes playing by the rules.

The average annual percentage increase in college tuition and fees at public four-year universities from 1982-83 to 1992-93 was 4.6 percent. Now, the average annual percentage increase from 2002-03 to 2012-13 is 5.2 percent, according to a report from the College Board, National Center for Education Statistics, integrated postsecondary education data system.

According to quick facts from the U.S. Census Bureau, the average household income between 2007 and 2011 was $38,259. Twenty-five percent of the city population is below the poverty level.

Students at a commuter school such as UTEP can get overwhelmed by having to attend classes—possibly more than 18 credit hours each semester—then heading to a part-time job and then tending to a family at home. It’s understandable that some may be tempted to try these medications to enhance their concentration and endurance.

Taking these medications should be approached cautiously. Both Ritalin and Adderall are addictive, and may lead to withdrawal symptoms such as extreme fatigue, mental depression, irritability, temporary worsening of ADHD symptoms and insomnia.

Side effects may include increased muscle tension, anxiety, increased heart rate, increased blood pressure, drowsiness, nervousness and insomnia.

The illegal use of Adderall or Ritalin isn’t being encouraged, but the use of a controlled substance isn’t an uncommon thing among students. Of course, drug use probably isn’t anything new to most students.

Students may be getting pushed to their limits and are looking for ways to help ease the stress. Thinking of a happy ending, a successful outcome may outweigh the stress of losing financial aid or having a low GPA.

It’s a competitive job market. Statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor show that as of June 2012, the unemployment rate for persons aged 25 and older with at least a bachelor’s degree was 4.1 percent. The total unemployment rate was 8.2 percent—a total of 12.7 million unemployed persons.

While all of these factors and pressures may cause someone to look for temporary alternatives, they are not enough of a reason to justify the abuse of Ritalin and Adderall, but they are enough to sympathize with it.

I think about how tense it is for our generation of students to cope with school along with other responsibilities such as work. It may be hard to balance various responsibilities.

The average annual percentage increase in college tuition and fees at public four-year universities from 1982-83 to 1992-93 was 4.6 percent. Now, the average annual percentage increase from 2002-03 to 2012-13 is 5.2 percent, according to a report from the College Board, National Center for Education Statistics, integrated postsecondary education data system.

According to quick facts from the U.S. Census Bureau, the average household income between 2007 and 2011 was $38,259. Twenty-five percent of the city population is below the poverty level.

Students at a commuter school such as UTEP can get overwhelmed by having to attend classes—possibly more than 18 credit hours each semester—then heading to a part-time job and then tending to a family at home. It’s understandable that some may be tempted to try these medications to enhance their concentration and endurance.

Taking these medications should be approached cautiously. Both Ritalin and Adderall are addictive, and may lead to withdrawal symptoms such as extreme fatigue, mental depression, irritability, temporary worsening of ADHD symptoms and insomnia.

Side effects may include increased muscle tension, anxiety, increased heart rate, increased blood pressure, drowsiness, nervousness and insomnia.

The illegal use of Adderall or Ritalin isn’t being encouraged, but the use of a controlled substance isn’t an uncommon thing among students. Of course, drug use probably isn’t anything new to most students.

Students may be getting pushed to their limits and are looking for ways to help ease the stress. Thinking of a happy ending, a successful outcome may outweigh the stress of losing financial aid or having a low GPA.

It’s a competitive job market. Statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor show that as of June 2012, the unemployment rate for persons aged 25 and older with at least a bachelor’s degree was 4.1 percent. The total unemployment rate was 8.2 percent—a total of 12.7 million unemployed persons.

While all of these factors and pressures may cause someone to look for temporary alternatives, they are not enough of a reason to justify the abuse of Ritalin and Adderall, but they are enough to sympathize with it.

I think about how tense it is for our generation of students to cope with school along with other responsibilities such as work. It may be hard to balance various responsibilities.

The average annual percentage increase in college tuition and fees at public four-year universities from 1982-83 to 1992-93 was 4.6 percent. Now, the average annual percentage increase from 2002-03 to 2012-13 is 5.2 percent, according to a report from the College Board, National Center for Education Statistics, integrated postsecondary education data system.

According to quick facts from the U.S. Census Bureau, the average household income between 2007 and 2011 was $38,259. Twenty-five percent of the city population is below the poverty level.

Students at a commuter school such as UTEP can get overwhelmed by having to attend classes—possibly more than 18 credit hours each semester—then heading to a part-time job and then tending to a family at home. It’s understandable that some may be tempted to try these medications to enhance their concentration and endurance.

Taking these medications should be approached cautiously. Both Ritalin and Adderall are addictive, and may lead to withdrawal symptoms such as extreme fatigue, mental depression, irritability, temporary worsening of ADHD symptoms and insomnia.

Side effects may include increased muscle tension, anxiety, increased heart rate, increased blood pressure, drowsiness, nervousness and insomnia.

The illegal use of Adderall or Ritalin isn’t being encouraged, but the use of a controlled substance isn’t an uncommon thing among students. Of course, drug use probably isn’t anything new to most students.

Students may be getting pushed to their limits and are looking for ways to help ease the stress. Thinking of a happy ending, a successful outcome may outweigh the stress of losing financial aid or having a low GPA.

It’s a competitive job market. Statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor show that as of June 2012, the unemployment rate for persons aged 25 and older with at least a bachelor’s degree was 4.1 percent. The total unemployment rate was 8.2 percent—a total of 12.7 million unemployed persons.

While all of these factors and pressures may cause someone to look for temporary alternatives, they are not enough of a reason to justify the abuse of Ritalin and Adderall, but they are enough to sympathize with it.

I think about how tense it is for our generation of students to cope with school along with other responsibilities such as work. It may be hard to balance various responsibilities.

The average annual percentage increase in college tuition and fees at public four-year universities from 1982-83 to 1992-93 was 4.6 percent. Now, the average annual percentage increase from 2002-03 to 2012-13 is 5.2 percent, according to a report from the College Board, National Center for Education Statistics, integrated postsecondary education data system.

According to quick facts from the U.S. Census Bureau, the average household income between 2007 and 2011 was $38,259. Twenty-five percent of the city population is below the poverty level.

Students at a commuter school such as UTEP can get overwhelmed by having to attend classes—possibly more than 18 credit hours each semester—then heading to a part-time job and then tending to a family at home. It’s understandable that some may be tempted to try these medications to enhance their concentration and endurance.

Taking these medications should be approached cautiously. Both Ritalin and Adderall are addictive, and may lead to withdrawal symptoms such as extreme fatigue, mental depression, irritability, temporary worsening of ADHD symptoms and insomnia.

Side effects may include increased muscle tension, anxiety, increased heart rate, increased blood pressure, drowsiness, nervousness and insomnia.

The illegal use of Adderall or Ritalin isn’t being encouraged, but the use of a controlled substance isn’t an uncommon thing among students. Of course, drug use probably isn’t anything new to most students.

Students may be getting pushed to their limits and are looking for ways to help ease the stress. Thinking of a happy ending, a successful outcome may outweigh the stress of losing financial aid or having a low GPA.

It’s a competitive job market. Statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor show that as of June 2012, the unemployment rate for persons aged 25 and older with at least a bachelor’s degree was 4.1 percent. The total unemployment rate was 8.2 percent—a total of 12.7 million unemployed persons.

While all of these factors and pressures may cause someone to look for temporary alternatives, they are not enough of a reason to justify the abuse of Ritalin and Adderall, but they are enough to sympathize with it.
Campus cats find support through community programs

As UTEP continues to transform, one group of felines has stayed constant in the untold shadows—the feral cat population on campus.

Since its inception in 2000, the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program on campus has operated on-and-off throughout the years. Since December 2012, the TNR program, operated by the Environmental Health and Safety department, has started up again due to a slight increase in the cat population.

A new micro-chipping initiative began this year along with regular procedures, where volunteers set traps to capture the cats, spay or neuter them, vaccinate them for rabies and return them back to campus. “We started seeing kittens again from other places we don’t know,” said Robert Moss, assistant vice president for EH&S. “We have trapped 46 cats in total since. Forty were spayed or neutered and returned to campus, five were adopted and one was put down because he was very sick.”

The goal of the TNR program is to provide a humane solution to the cat population rather than using the catch-kill technique, where cats were trapped and immediately taken to animal services to be euthanized—a technique used in previous years in El Paso communities.

“We do the humane thing,” Moss said. “We have recently associated with El Paso Animal Services because they were willing to expand their pro-gram to us.”

Moss said El Paso Animal Services is called as a last resort if the TNR team cannot care for the cats. “They’re desperate animals that are left alone and because they’re alone, they get hurt,” Moss said. “Especially now with construction, they are spooked.”

Moss and the rest of his staff create spreadsheets of the cats that have already been captured and spayed or neutered. Pictures are taken of each cat and a note is made on where that cat was found. Once the procedure is completed, they are released in the same area.

Anahi Marquez, senior cellular and molecular biochemistry major, is not a fan of cats, but she said she isn’t bothered by the ones that cross her path on occasion. “I feel bad for any people that are all-ergic to them and for the cat themselves, but it would be nice if they found a home to be taken care of,” Marquez said. “I feel that the construction could potentially harm them. I mean we are all a little disturbed by the construction and any shelter they had could have been destroyed or they could get hurt by the machinery.”

Along with the TNR program at UTEP, there are several other organiza-tions around the city that utilize this technique in order to reduce the number of feral cats on the campus.

Sun City Cats was created last year and has been endorsed by the El Paso Veterinarian Association, the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee and Animal Services. The SCC follows strict guidelines in order to deliver humane solutions.

Feral cats are unsuitable and when they are taken to animal shelters, 99 percent of them will be euthanized. “That’s a lot more than we have ever experienced on campus,” Moss said. “We have other problems with feral animals when food is left out. There are people that aren’t being responsible for their animals. I wish they would, but animals are still roaming and they could get hurt by the machinery.”

“We have other problems with feral animals when food is left out. There are people that aren’t being responsible for their animals. I wish they would, but animals are still roaming and they could get hurt by the machinery.”

“Hopefully, we’ll see a reduction in the number of free-roaming cats on campus,” Moss said. “We don’t encourage people to leave animals here. It’s a rough life to be a free-range animal within a city.”

Students interested in helping or volunteering for the feral cat program or the spray/neuter program can visit suncitycats.org.

Feral cats are unsuitable and when they are

by Lorain Watters

Feral cats are unsuitable and when they are...
ABUSE from page 1

don’t really have the diagnosis, that’s prevalent and that’s happening,” said Brian Sneed, assistant director at the University Counseling Center. “It’s not an isolated incident or two.”

Before anyone is diagnosed with ADD or ADHD, a thorough assessment is conducted to help screen out individuals who might not necessarily have it and who might be trying to fake their way through to get the medication.

Sneed said the method for looking for ADHD is to do a multilevel assessment, which could include a combination of self-reports, objective assessments and probably some computerized attention assessments. They do a background investigation—looking into previous high school and grade-school performance.

Sifuentes, however, refused to take the medication. She said through instant messaging that she’s been able to live with ADD most of her life. She said it’s not easy, but manageable.

“I researched on it and also witnessed the effects it had on others,” she said. “Medication can be helpful to some, but I don’t necessarily think medication is always the solution.”

Instead, Sifuentes has developed her own way of coping with her ADD, either from her twin sister’s support or from organizational skills she practices on a daily basis such as writing down reminders so she won’t forget about things she needs to do.

Students can usually find a way to get the medications and they are available on the streets. The abuse of these medications may have serious side effects, which include problems with mood, depression, anxiety and liver damage.

“From my experience, I’ve known more male college students who use these substances than females, at least in my experience within my own community,” Sifuentes said.

THE CDC report found that boys (13.2 percent) were more likely than girls (5.8 percent) to have been diagnosed with ADHD.

It is against the law for individuals to be taking medication that isn’t prescribed to them, and medications such as Adderall and Ritalin—methylphenidate-based—are considered controlled substances.

According to the Texas Controlled Substances Act, a person who possesses a controlled substance such as methylphenidate-based medication, the offense can range from a state jail felony to imprisonment, depending on the weight of the controlled substance.

Sneed said there should be a change in the assessment process to keep the medication from being abused.

“You shouldn’t need to only have an individual’s verbal identification of symptomology. I think that there should be a thorough assessment, a psychological assessment of history done, and make it a little more evidence-based,” he said. “Sometimes ADHD can be diagnosed with a single self-report and then if they identify the right symptoms and things like that, they can get a diagnosis.”

Sifuentes also said she thinks the medication should be more difficult to obtain.

“From my experience, I was easily handed Adderall with a simple questionnaire. I actually think it is one of the easiest to get than most controlled substances,” she said. “I first went to my general doctor and talked about it and then I got recommended to go see a psychiatrist for a test. From that appointment I had with the psychiatrist, that same day I received Adderall samples right away.”

The UTEP Student Health Center’s pharmacy doesn’t currently fill prescription for ADD or ADHD. However, Jacquelyn Navarrate, clinical assistant professor of pharmacy, said she has about one or two students visit each month in regards to getting medication for ADD or ADHD.

“People will bring their ADHD meds to be filled and I have to turn them away because we don’t have that right documentation in order to fill that through state and federal laws, but we’re working towards that,” Navarrate said.

Kristopher Evans may be reached at theprovost@utep.edu.

SAFETY from page 1

"It was so fast, I don't remember the falling, there was no falling sensation." Hernandez believes that the university should not spend money on extending the railings or improving the Union to make it safer.

“I don’t see why the university should go out of their way to spend a whole lot of money. Maybe another sign that says ‘do not sit,’ but I don’t know about raising the ledge. It was my own fault. I don’t want to blame anyone except myself. People need to be careful,” Hernandez said.

Ofelia Domínguez, director of the Union, said the accident was immediately reported to the Environmental Health and Safety department.

“As of today, we have not received a recommendation,” Domínguez said. “Environmental Health and Safety is researching the matter further.”

Oct. 22, 2013

NEW VACCINE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING STUDENTS

Effective as of January 1, 2012, all entering students are REQUIRED to receive the Bacterial Meningitis Vaccine. If you are under the age of 30, Texas State law (SB 1107) mandates for all students (first-time, transfer and/or returning to get this vaccination.) Students are required to receive this vaccination prior to the start of classes and/or at least 10 days before the first day of the semester in which the student has enrolled. Required documents included for all three categories of students are:

* Certification from a doctor or clinic that the student has been vaccinated
* A letter from a licensed medical physician
* An official exemption affidavit either providing the Texas Department of State Health Services for a reason of exemption or non-campus residents of UTEP create a Conscientious Objection.

\[IN BRIEF\]

Karla Sifuentes, senior Chicano studies major

“Medication can be helpful to some, but I don’t necessarily think medication is always the solution.”

Students are required to receive this vaccination prior to the start of classes and/or at least 10 days before the first day of the semester in which the student has enrolled. Required documents included for all three categories of students are:

* Certification from a doctor or clinic that the student has been vaccinated
* A letter from a licensed medical physician
* An official exemption affidavit either providing the Texas Department of State Health Services for a reason of exemption or non-campus residents of UTEP create a Conscientious Objection.

\[Tours, Haunted House & other activities\]

\[Friday, October 25, 2013\]

\[7-11 pm\]

\[Race Del Norte Paranormal Society\]

\[Student Alumni Association\]

\[General Admission $10\]

\[With Student/Military ID or UTEP Alumni Association Card $5\]

\[Cash, VISA, MC, AmEx accepted\]

\[Peter and Margaret de Wetler Center (Alumni Lodge) \] 747-8600 \[saa@utep.edu \[facebook.com/utep.saa\]

\[Website\]

\[THE PROSPECTOR\]

\[October 22, 2013\]
George Takei says, “these are not two cities” in a speech about LGBT equality at the National Press Club in Washington. Takei played Commander Sulu on Star Trek.

Marriage equality beams up to Michigan, New Jersey

BY GAVIN STERN

WASHINGTON - It was a con­sequent­ial week for gay rights, with Michigan and New Jersey moving to­ward allowing gay marriage through the judicial system. Victory in those states would increase the number of states allowing gay marriage to 16, along with the District of Colombia.

“Nationally, there’s this idea that we’re moving forward, like what happened in Michigan and New Jersey. But I don’t want to say it’s inevitable,” said Brant Miller, 27, a program as­so­ci­ate for The DC Center for the LGBT Community.

George Takei, an openly gay actor best known for his role as Commander Sulu (later Captain) in Star Trek, spoke at the National Press Club Oct. 18 to advocate for marriage equality.

“Especially young, straight couples, especially gay babies of tomorrow, “Takei said, to laughter from the lunch audience. “Especially young, straight couples, because they’re going to be making the decisions, to­wards allowing gay marriage. It’s an­other major issue in the LGBT community today.”

Miller warned, though, that while marriage equality is a major issue in the LGBT community today, it’s far from the only one.

“While marriage equality is some­thing that many LGBT people want, there are other issues that LGBT people face and address, like home­lessness, transgendered people and the complex issues that LGBT people of color face. All of those things are important,” Miller said.

“Takei, for his part, said he is hopeful for the future of gay rights because of young people.

“Especially young, straight couples, because they’re going to be making the gay babies of tomorrow,” Takei said, laughter from the lunch audience.

“And it is for them that we have to be change agents today.”

Gavin Stern is the multimedia fellow at the scripps SHFWire.

Two third-place finishes for Fort Bliss at Army Ten Miler

BY ANDRES RODRIGUEZ

ARLINGTON, Va. - The Fort Bliss men’s and women’s teams finished third Oct. 20 at the Army Ten Miler. Spc. Japheth Ng’Ojoy, 25, clocked the men’s team fastest time at 52:13 and 1st Lt. Jasmin Branch, 24, finished first for the women’s team at 1:04:25. About 35,000 people registered to run the 29th annual race on the streets of Arlington, Va., and D.C., skirting several monuments and me­morials. An alternate, Arlington-only route, was planned due to the gov­ernment shutdown, but the original course was reinstated after Congress voted to reopen the government.

Maj. Joe Bucino, 39, the Fort Bliss men’s team captain, said he’s proud of the team’s performance.

“We had a very strong team this year, and it’s very tough to compete with the Fort Carson team because they train at a much higher altitude,” Bucino, the 1st Armored Division deputy public affairs officer, said. “But we came down here and placed third, which is much better than we did last year. We’re all proud of the team.

Last year, the men’s team placed sixth and the women’s team placed third. This year, the men’s team placed behind first-place Mountain Post in Fort Carson near Colorado Springs, Colo., and second-place Joint Base Lewis McChord near Tacoma, Wash.

The women’s team finished behind first-place Fort Bragg in Cumberland, N.C., and second-place Mountain Post.

U.S. Air Force Capt. Jeff Covellade, 29, of Oklahoma City, Okla., said he didn’t know what to expect from the race because he injured his leg earlier in the year. He finished in 57:54, one of the top four times. Covellade said he’s hopeful for the future of gay rights because of young people.

“Especially young, straight couples, because they’re going to be making the gay babies of tomorrow,” Takei said, laughter from the lunch audience.

“And it is for them that we have to be change agents today.”

Andres Rodriguez is the multimedia fellow at the scripps SHFWire.

The Army Ten Miler runners make their way to the finish line Sunday morning. Nearly 35,000 runners were registered to run the annual race.

MILITARY
QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is your overall opinion of the government shutdown?

ANA BUSTAMANTE
Freshman music education major
“The government took these issues too far to have still not been able to resolve anything.”

ANDY CHAVEZ
Senior mechanical engineering major
“The only way something will get done is if everyone will compromise and not try to put their opinion above all else.”

BRENDA DENNIS
Junior business administration major
“I think it’s good that the government reopened but they only started caring when it came to their pay.”

DANIEL IBARRA
Freshman business management major
“The government needs to come-up with a more permanent solution because all they’ve done is keep postponing things.”

KRISTEN ARCE
Sophomore biological sciences major
“There has to be other ways to solve these issues than to shut down the government.”

DANIEL RANGEL
Junior business management major
“It doesn’t matter if the government is closed or not, either way nothing will get done.”

MARY MORECK
Freshman electrical engineering major
“As long as everyone gets paid back it should be okay, even though this will probably happen again.”

ISaac TILLEY
Sophomore biology major
“There’s bigger things the government should be dealing with. They shouldn’t have closed it over the issues they did.”

MICHAELE STREEP
Junior computer engineering major
“The government should’ve just defaulted, they’re spending enough money as it is.”

ROMAN AGUILAR JR.
Senior kinesiology major
“I thought the government shutdown was a waste of time. I just don’t know why the government can’t agree on things.”

Brenda dennis
Junior business administration major
“I think it’s good that the government reopened but they only started caring when it came to their pay.”

MATTHEW ENRIQUEZ
Senior metallurgical and materials major
“I think it was a failure in general, but think it was a success for Democrats because the Republicans lost a lot in their polls.”

MICHAEL STREEP
Junior computer engineering major
“The government should’ve just defaulted, they’re spending enough money as it is.”

JOHN HERRON
Sophomore pre-engineering major
“The situation was; here we are in so much financial debt and they refused to do anything about it.”

TENEIL BETHEA
Freshman pre-nursing major
“I think the shutdown failed because it was a waste of time and uncalled for.”

BENJAMIN PROO
Freshman pre-business major
“It was both parties trying to implement their own agenda and holding the American people hostage to implement those agendas.”

ROMAN AGUILAR JR.
Senior kinesiology major
“I thought the government shutdown was a waste of time. I just don’t know why the government can’t agree on things.”
ROCAWEAR
Check out the hottest fall trends!

Stealth Kitchen Tee, $20
Wrecking Crew Jacket, $50

Roc Box Tee, $20
Wrecking Crew Vest, $75
Fashion Jean, $52

Check out some of our other great brands like:

Dillard's
The Style of Your Life.
Selection varies by store.
Call 1-800-343-5273 to find a Dillard's store near you.
LAUDED AUTHOR TO GIVE LECTURE ON U.S. DRUG WAR

Ricardo C. Ainslie, award-winning author, film-maker, psychologist and a professor at the University of Texas at Austin will give a Centennial Lecture at the Undergraduate Learning Center on Oct. 22. A reception is to proceed, which is free and open to the public. Ainslie uses books, documents and photographic exhibits to capture what he believes is interesting in a social or cultural matter. In his latest book, Ainslie points out whatever happens in Juarez will have a lasting expression in both the United States and Mexico. Ainslie was inducted into the Texas Institute of Letters in 2006, named Guggenheim Fellow in 2010 and awarded a Rockefeller Foundation Bel-lagio Center Residency. His lecture is an honor to UTEP’s Centennial Celebration.

UTEPE receives grant from Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

UTEPE was awarded $683,000 from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services through the Title VI-E program. This program is the major source for federal funding for educating and training the child welfare. This grant is mainly to benefit abused and neglected children in the City of El Paso. October to June 2014, five MSW (Master of Social Work) students will receive on-job training at Child Protective Services in El Paso. Another part of the grant includes social faculty members to continue their educational opportunities to strengthen.

Fort Bliss from page 5

dale said he appreciated the opportunity to train with the team for the past five months and to run with the Wounded Warriors.

"Seeing amputees, guys with disabilities, those kinds of guys being able to finish, kind of puts your own race in perspective," Coverdale, an intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance liaison, said. "All the different types of people from all different walks of life coming together to put forth their maximum effort."

The runners included active duty, Reserve, Guard, retired military, veterans and military family dependents from all 50 states, D.C. and other countries, including Brazil and Germany. First place overall runners were Soloneti Silva, 31, of Brazil, at 48:04 in the men’s division, and Kerri Gallagher, 24, a Roslyn, Va., resident, at 54:56 in the women’s division.

A high school and college track and cross country runner, 2nd Lt. Shalela Dowdy, 23, said she was motivated to keep running as she saw the wounded warriors beside her. More than 75 wounded warriors and wheelchair athletes were scheduled to compete in the race. Dowdy finished the race with a time of 1:10:30.

"It’s very inspiring to see them still going on, and I'm wanting to quit and I have two legs. It was very inspiring to be able to have the opportunity to motivate them to finish," Dowdy, of Mobile, Ala., said. "It's not the average race, and I’ve ran a lot of races in my lifetime so I really enjoyed running this race."

Pfc. Antonio Varela, 19, of Pecos, N.M., ran the Ten Miler for the first time. He was a high school cross country runner before moving to Fort Bliss in March. He brushed two minutes from his record, finishing the race in 56:26.

"I feel like it was great. It couldn't have gone any better, I think," Varela, a member of the 3rd Battalion, 43rd Defense Artillery Regiment, 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, said. "I ran a great time, and it was an awesome experience."

The Army has published a list of unofficial results and will update it in a few days.

- Jeff Coverdale, U.S. Air Force Capt.

Andrés Rodríguez is a UTEP senior double major in Spanish and English and American Literature. He is currently participating in the Scripps Howard Foundation Semester in Washington program. He may be reached at theprospectordaily.news@gmail.com.
**COMMUNITY**

**UDT actors save outdated ‘80s musical**

**BY LEONARDO MONTÁNEZ**

Originally written by Patricia Resnick with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton, the UTEP Dinner Theatre’s “9 to 5” delightfully examines the problems women face in the workplace.

Directed by Jaime Barba, UDT’s costume designer, “9 to 5” from beginning to end, was a joyous experience that explored the lives of Violet Newstead, played by Doris Velez, Doralee Rhodes, played by Annie Pennies, and Judy Bernly, played by Megan Hanner.

The musical takes place in the 1980s at Consolidated Industries, where most of the workforce is composed of women, who are constantly nagged and harassed by their boss, Mr. Franklin Hart, played by William Gilbert.

Of course, the female staff in the company conspires to change this. The sound of the show was as good as ever with its live backstage musicians, directed by Patricia Ann Provencio.

Although the voices of the actors and actresses disappointed at the start of the show, by the end of the night, every technical aspect was greatly improved with every singer at the right volume and in coordination of the instruments.

This is where the UTD shines, for the most part, the technicality of “9 to 5” was astonishing— from the music and the acting to the choreography— these were the show’s major pluses.

The main actresses and actors of the musical astonished the audience with their superb acting and singing voices and most of the supporting cast were almost as good.

The score included Dolly Parton’s catchy tunes such as “9 to 5,” the powerful ballad “Get Out and Stay Out” and “Always a Woman,” which were iconic songs from the original movie. Nonetheless, many more of the original score were not memorable enough to be remembered after the final curtain call or to listen to in your spare time, which says a lot about a musical.

One of the good aspects of the show was its comic relief, which took every opportunity it had to make a casual pun or joke—and although it was a 30-year-old musical – the jokes have aged well.

See MUSICAL on page 12

---

**COMMUNITY**

**Shakespeare on the Rocks relocates due to shutdown**

**BY LEONARDO MONTÁNEZ**

National parks such as Chamizal National Memorial were closed during the 16-day government shutdown, and this affected the events and shows planned during this time, including Shakespeare on the Rocks.

The production of “Doctor Faustus,” which will premiere on Oct. 27, had to relocate to the Woman’s Club of El Paso.

Elizabeth Dahl, director of marketing and public relations of Shakespeare on the Rocks and an actress at the company, said that although they had a great partnership with the Chamizal, they inevitably had to find a new venue.

“The people at El Chamizal suggested that we should seek another venue because it would be in everyone’s best interest to look for other places, since we didn’t know when the shutdown was going to be over,” Dahl said. “None of us could predict what would happen with the government next and it was disheartening to see all the events cancelling and we were one of the few very fortunate who were able to continue.”

Dahl also said none of the company’s events were greatly affected by the shutdown because opening night had been scheduled for Oct. 25, but she said they cannot go back to Chamizal even though the shutdown is over.

“We needed to move to The Woman’s Club of El Paso, next to Cathedral High School,” Dahl said. “We had planned to go back to the Chamizal, but we are going to remain at...

See ROCKS on page 12

---

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**Shakespeare on the Rocks**

By Andrea Acosta, 747-7477

October 22, 2013

Michaela Roman/The Prospector

‘9 to 5’ will be playing at the Union Dinner Theatre every Wednesday to Sunday until Nov. 3. The performances begin at 7 p.m. with the exception of the matinee performance on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The audience will enjoy a three-course meal that includes chicken wellington with veloute sauce, pasta rom, garden salad with house dressing, snowflake dinner rolls, coffee, iced tea and apple crisp à la mode.
Twin Peaks: More than just a sports bar

BY MARCUS SEEGERS

The Prospector

When people think of beer, sports, tasty food and a lively environment they often think of a sports bar. But what happens when you add antler chandeliers, mounted deer heads, fishing rods, hunting bows and cheerful and attractive waitresses? The result is Twin Peaks.

Twin Peaks, a national franchise, has just opened a restaurant right here in El Paso, just off Gateway Boulevard close to Cielo Vista Mall.

Twin Peaks is a sports bar just like any other, however, this one is somewhat unique. It appears to be a cross between a ski lodge, man-cave and sports bar. Twin Peaks is proud of their design and they say they carefully designed each of their stores to have a signature mountain-lodge feel.

The walls are covered with items you would expect to see in a hunter’s log book. The restaurant itself has more than 100 TVs and each booth has a TV of its own, surrounded by massive HDTVs to watch any sport imaginable.

The ambiance is designed to be welcoming and attractive. The volume level in the restaurant is low, the music is soft and the atmosphere is relaxed.

When I looked at Twin Peaks’ website, I assumed that it mainly catered to a male crowd with words such as “Twin Peaks is the ultimate man cave.” However, I was pleasantly surprised to see a mixed group of both men and women and I was even more surprised to see families with children sitting down to enjoy a meal and watch some sports. When I asked one of the waitresses about the families, she said that it was not uncommon for families to come. She added that at night, the crowd was mainly single people. However, she also said that at night the crowd is unbalanced with the male patrons outnumbering females most of the time.

Twin Peaks has made it evident that they are different than other male-oriented sports bars like Hooters by stating. “Everything in our kitchen is made from scratch. Our draft beer is served so cold that ice crystals form at the top of the glass.” I decided that I should try their food for myself.

I ordered the chicken-fried steak and it was massive, more than enough food for one person, unless you are really hungry. The meat was tasty, surrounded by a crunchy layer of seasoned crust. It came with mashed potatoes and mixed vegetables. The potatoes were flavorful with a nice buttery taste. The vegetables were good as well, but nothing amazing.

Overall, I was satisfied with the food and it tasted as if it was indeed made from scratch, just as they had advertised. When talking to one of the waitresses, I asked if she liked the food served at Twin Peaks and she said she loved it. She then told me that waitresses were encouraged to eat from a special menu to help insure that the Twin Peaks girls kept their attractive figures.

The Twin Peaks girls are a major advertised aspect on their website. When describing the waitresses, Twin Peaks says “The Twin Peaks Girls are not only beautiful, but are fun and talented, with long-term goals and ambition.”

When I visited Twin Peaks to try their food, I found that all the waitresses I talked to were friendly, cheerful, intelligent and took the time to talk to their customers, some of them even sat down with you to talk. Along with that, their service was good, they checked up on me regularly, refilled my drink — in a timely manner — and insured that I was satisfied with my food and their service.

Besides being a UTEP Gold Digger, Caitlin Cervantes, freshman kinesiology major, just started working at Twin Peaks as a waitress. She said the sports bar is a student-friendly place to work in.

“Twin Peaks is a sports-enthusiast’s paradise. The Twin Peaks Girls are not only beautiful, but are fun and talented, with long-term goals and ambition.”

When I visited Twin Peaks to try their food, I found that all the waitresses I talked to were friendly, cheerful, intelligent and took the time to talk to their customers, some of them even sat down with you to talk. Along with that, their service was good, they checked up on me regularly, refilled my drink — in a timely manner — and insured that I was satisfied with my food and their service.

Overall, I found Twin Peaks to have a lively atmosphere, good food and enough TVs to satisfy anyone’s need for a televised sporting event.

The restaurant has a unique design and felt like a good place to hang out with some friends. The waitresses were pleasant and provided great service. The bottom-line is, if you like sports, a lively environment and good food, you should check out Twin Peaks.

Twin Peaks is located at 8889 Gateway Blvd. West Suite 901.

For more information, call 307-8396.

Marcus Seegers may be reached at theprospectordaily.307@gmail.com.

“Twin Peaks is the ultimate man-cave.”

Cervantes said.

“Twin Peaks is located at 8889 Gateway Blvd. West Suite 901 and is open Mon.-Sun. 11 a.m.-12 a.m. (Above) Smokehouse burger.

“Twin Peaks is the ultimate man-cave.” Cervantes said.

Overall, I found Twin Peaks to have a lively atmosphere, good food and enough TVs to satisfy anyone's need for a televised sporting event.

The restaurant has a unique design and felt like a good place to hang out with some friends. The waitresses were pleasant and provided great service. The bottom-line is, if you like sports, a lively environment and good food, you should check out Twin Peaks.

Twin Peaks is located at 8889 Gateway Blvd. West Suite 901. For more information, call 307-8396.

“Twin Peaks is the ultimate man-cave.”

Cervantes said.

Overall, I found Twin Peaks to have a lively atmosphere, good food and enough TVs to satisfy anyone’s need for a televised sporting event.

The restaurant has a unique design and felt like a good place to hang out with some friends. The waitresses were pleasant and provided great service. The bottom-line is, if you like sports, a lively environment and good food, you should check out Twin Peaks.

Twin Peaks is located at 8889 Gateway Blvd. West Suite 901. For more information, call 307-8396.

“Twin Peaks is the ultimate man-cave.”

Cervantes said.
You all know Apple Inc. right? The massive tech giant that brought classics like the iPod and iPhone. Apple will be having a tech event on Tues. Oct. 22. You are probably thinking, “didn’t Apple just have a big tech conference when they announced the iPhone 5s?” You would be correct in assuming that.

However, this is Apple’s iPad event. Apple usually announces some new computers and software as well. So the major question is what can you expect from this event? Well, I think the following four topics will likely be covered at the conference.

1. iPads

There will be two new iPads if Apple sticks with their usual pattern. There will be an iPad 5, which will sport an upgraded processor and graphics, as well as a complete redesign of it’s exterior. The iPad 5 will take modeling cues from the iPad mini and they will have relatively the same design look. This means the iPad 5 will likely be smaller than its predecessor, but still have the same screen size. This will be possible by making the bezel on the iPad smaller. Although, consumers are hoping that Apple’s new Touch ID will be included in both new iPads, this is yet unconfirmed.

Apple will probably add a faster processor to the iPad mini. The big news in what the iPad mini 2 will be sporting is a retina display. Apple decided to exclude this feature from the first model and Apple’s competitors have been creating tablets with higher resolution displays. However, Apple will need to add a new retina just to keep up.

2. New Macs

It has been Apple’s policy to show off new Macs during the iPad event. Which is why, it is very likely that they will introduce the new upgrade for Macs this year as well as the price of the new Mac Pros. I do not expect huge changes in the Mac area this time around, but if Apple is doing their job right they will surprise me with something unique and all new. It is almost certain the computers will get some new hardware such as better battery life, faster processors, and more ram or hard drive options. It is also possible that Apple could cut the prices of their computers as they have done in the past.

3. OSX Mavericks

OSX Mavericks is Apple’s latest version of their computer software. It would be very surprising if they did not release this product right after the event, especially since they already gave us a sneak peak of the software several months ago. This is why I don’t think Apple will announce anything mind blowing in the computer department because I think it will be more focused on the software.

4. iPods

Honestly, I am waiting for iPods to stop selling. The only ones I have seen people use are the iPod touches and the shuffles. There are a few nerds who wear the Nano’s on their wrist. Other than that, I don’t see very many people using music players because we all have them on our phones. Of course, Apple still produces them so they must be selling a few here and there. The event could see new iPods.

The only reason I think it has such a high chance is because Apple has released new iPods every year. Who knows, maybe they’ll change that and not release a new iPod line, but I doubt it.

The Apple event is just in time for the holidays. If you have been waiting for some new tech to hit the streets before Christmas this is going to be one of the bigger events leading up to the holidays. I am hoping for big news in the Apple TV department or maybe an iWatch, but I am not expecting either of those things. Even if Apple doesn’t have anything jaw dropping to show to the world, there will still be some good upgrades and fun gadgets. Enjoy the new tech.

Marcus Seegers may be reached at theprospectordaily.ent@gmail.com.
Nexus 7: The sequel that’s better than the original

The Nexus 7 is a 7-inch tablet created by Google and built by ASUSTeK Computer Inc. Just when we thought normal-sized tablets were the last piece of technology we would need, they come out with this. I have to say normally we would like to go back and work with El Chamizal again, we can’t because we sent the advertisement out and we can’t extract them, but hopefully someday.

Let’s start with pixels. It has an impressive 1,920 x 1,200 resolution with over 300 pixels per inch (ppi). As consumers, we demand quality and don’t necessarily always get it. This is not the case with the Nexus 7, since its impressive resolution translates to HD quality and makes it one of the highest resolutions on the mini-tablet market right now.

A plus for smaller tablets is their weight. With a slimmer body than last year’s model, the new Nexus 7 weighs under one pound. The lighter body means they had to shave down the battery life, but it still works for a beefy nine hours of HD video playback and 10 hours of web browsing or e-reading. The battery also has a built-in wireless charging, which means with the right accessory, you can charge, grab and go.

This tablet was also built for speed and power. With a quad-core Qualcomm Snapdragon S4 Pro processor and a cool 2 GB of RAM, everything simply runs faster, compared to its previous establishment—making this tablet great for 3-D gaming.

With dual band Wi-Fi and 4G LTE, you can stay connected almost anywhere. It is important to note though, that this option is only available with the 32 GB LTE version. Obviously, it is the most expensive of its two other siblings, a 16 GB and a 32 GB with a basic Wi-Fi band. This is probably where the flaws begin to appear. While it does have a USB port, it doesn’t provide an SD card slot to offer more memory. Furthermore, the new Android 4.3 OS runs at a glorious 6 GB, which means if you purchase the cheaper 16 GB, your memory is already almost half full.

My suggestion would be bump up to the 32 GB. This is the issue that has many consumers tilting towards the Microsoft Surface or the iPad due to construction language. Yet, as much as the jokes and characters a little something for everyone, despite its mature subject and language. Yet, as much as the jokes and

the Women’s Club because we don’t think it would be fair for the community, and it would be very confusing from a marketing standpoint, so we will go with our new venue.

Dahl said that the impact has not been big and that their transition has been smooth because of help from the Women’s Club of El Paso.

“It was all thanks to the president of the Women’s Club, who stepped right in, looked at the calendar and said ‘let’s go ahead and do it’,” Dahl said. “It was also a good way to promote the Women’s Club, the Chamizal Memorial and us.”

Although Shakespeare on the Rocks has been working with the Chamizal for more than 30 years, Dahl said that they feel positive about performing at the Women’s Club and “I don’t think there’s always a chance that we will re-evaluate the people about our location and also the Chamizal will help us inform anyone that we have moved,” Dahl said. “Hopefully, in a near future we will return to the Chamizal, but also keeping our shows at the Women’s Club.”

Priscilla Duran, former teacher’s assistant at UTEP and actress for Shakespeare on the Rocks, felt disappointed when she received the news that the company would need to change their venue.

“This is going to be my debut at Shakespeare on the Rocks!” Duran said. “I’ve been following them since their early productions and it was extremely hard for me because I loved the Chamizal stage, but luckily we found a new place.”

Despite these changes, Duran feels comfortable with their new venue, but would love to go back to Chamizal someday.

“The theater is beautiful and we needed to take this new opportunity, besides it is a historic venue,” Dahl said. “Although we would love to go back and work with El Chamizal again, we can’t because we sent the advertisement out and we can’t extract them, but hopefully someday.”

Alina Anchondo, sophomore linguistics major and scout at Mesen- gers of Peace, said that national parks are the one thing that shouldn’t have been shut down.

“National parks are a very important part of the lives of every individual,” Anchondo said. “Not only do they help protect and preserve the flora and fauna that are risk of disappearing, but they also hold our history and memories.”

Anchondo said national parks can be great means of escape for everyone and offer more than people know about.

“Parks such as Big Bend National Park and Guadalupe Mountains National Park or even the Chamizal are great to spend great family time. Breathing fresh air and being in contact with nature are important activities that teach us the values of life.”

The show will be running through Nov 3.

For more information, please call (915) 747-4060.

MICHELLE ROMAN/the ProSPECTOR

Due to construction on campus, free parking for theater patrons is available in the surface lots next to the Education and Liberal Arts Buildings. Five parking spaces for people with disabilities are available near the theater entrance.

MUSICAL from page 9

The production had a very dynamic stage, which changed from a generic office to a fancy executive’s office as well as to a home bedroom and was highlighted with impressive lighting directions done by Adam Bishop. But frankly, the staged version of “9 to 5” had too many set changes, which worked well in the film version, but not so much on stage—I found it distracting.

Choreographer Lisa Lopez made the production feel more like a daily-life routine with some elements of dance, rather than a full-on dancing show, which, not to discredit the dancers, but this made it a lot more enjoyable to me because it felt more realistic.

The costumes of “9 to 5” created by Barba, accurately matched the 1980s, which impressed the audience. Which in some seemed to be composed of mostly people from that time period. They seemed to know the musical through and through and their enjoyment was obvious by their frequent laughter.

The UTD made “9 to 5” a great ex-}

0
Miners go on the road to face Rice

Rice has not lost to UTEP at home since the 2005 season, when UTEP came away with a 38-31 victory. Rice has a three-game winning streak against the Miners when playing at Rice Stadium and has won the last two meetings between both sides, including the 33-24 win last year at the Sun Bowl, which was the last game of former head coach Mike Price. Rice’s senior quarterback Taylor McHargue and company look to continue their success in Conference USA. McHargue has thrown for 1,098 yards this season for six touchdowns and four rushing touchdowns (three from McHargue) in the Owls’ 45-19 rout over the New Mexico State Aggies in Las Cruces, N.M. “I think they are a very well coached, David Bailiff has done an unbelievable job there,” Kugler said. “They are very solid on both sides of the ball and if we are going to use a model to build a program the proper way, they would definitely be a good example for us.” Rice can also do some damage in the passing game. Their two starting wide receivers, junior Jordan Taylor and sophomore Dennis Parka, have combined for 44 receptions, over 600 yards and four touchdowns so far. The week off has helped the Miners to get some extra time to study and prepare for this game and also to get players back. Running backs Aaron Jones, LaQuintus Dowell and Nathan Jeffery are recovering from injuries. Jamell Showers is the Miners’ key to success. The junior quarterback has completed 106 of his 185 pass attempts for 1,259 yards and 11 touchdowns. The Miners have averaged just over 200 yards rushing and passing per game, and junior wide receivers Jordan Leslie and Ian Hamilton have combined for 492 yards so far this season. Once again, the key to the game will be UTEP’s defense. As of now, it is the eighth-worst defense in the country, allowing 37.7 points per game, and has had many problems stopping the run. The Owls will be the toughest opponent the Miners have faced this year, and if they lose this game, the Miners will have lost any glimmer of hope to become bowl eligible. “When you are struggling, going on the road can help you out sometimes,” Kugler said. “It helps you out to eliminate distractions and you just go out and play.” After the Owls, UTEP will have two additional tough contests on the road. The first will be against national powerhouse Texas A&M at College Station, followed by North Texas at Denton before coming back to play their last home game of the season against the Florida International Golden Panthers on Nov. 16.

File photo / the Prospector

By Javier Cortez

The Prospector

With the first half of the football season in the books, the Miners are 1-5 overall and 0-3 in conference play. Going into UTEP’s football history, how much of a surprise can that be? If you had told me that this would be the case six weeks ago, I would have been shocked and here’s why. Entering this 2013 season, Conference USA had a huge realignment with quality teams like Central Florida, Houston, Memphis and Southern Methodist leaving. Going into this year, the Miners would be one of the weakest conferences in college football. Some of the worst teams in the nation were joining Conference USA; Florida International, Middle Ten- nessee State, Florida Atlantic and North Texas. The Miners have shown consistency and playmaking ability on offense and have arguably the best defense in the nation when you looked at the schedule. Despite UTEP losing their top four leading tacklers from last year on defense and their top wide receiver on offense, UTEP looked like they would be able to compete for a Conference USA title because of their defeated conference. I thought the Miners would win four to five games and at best they would top out at seven to eight wins. With six games left, the Miners will be lucky to win one more game. This year the Miners have one of the worst defenses in the nation. UTEP ranks 115th in opponents’ points per game. By giving up 38 points per game at 37.7, they rank 107th in opponents’ total yards per game. But where the Miners really struggle is in rush defense—UTEP ranks 119th in the nation, giving up 247 yards per game on the ground. So far, under the Sean Kugler era, the Miners have started some bad habits. Throughout six games, the Miners have given up a touchdown on each of their opponents’ opening drive. One streak that might last longer is the Miners’ wireless home record, as this year the Miners are 0-4 at home and they have lost six straight going back to last season. With five of their next six games being on the road, the Miners have their last chance to get a home victory against Florida International. I’m thinking that perhaps they might get their first home win under Kugler in 2014.

With all that’s bad with the 2013 UTEP football team, there are some bright spots in a dark picture such as quarterback Jamell Showers, freshman running back Aaron Jones, wide receiver Jordan Leslie and kick returner Audrey Golden. These four Miners have shown consistency and good playmaking ability on offense and special teams. The Miners’ offense ranks in the top half of the country in points per game—but good is not good enough when your defense is horrendous. At the end of the day, UTEP’s offense can produce points, but throughout four
A slow transition under Kugler

BY JAVIER CORTEZ
The Prospector

Every season starts with certain expectations, optimism, dreams and goals, but as the season progresses some of those expectations change. Optimism may turn into pessimism, dreams into nightmares and goals are unmet.

After a 1-5 start to their 2013 season that is what the UTEP football team must be going through. UTEP has been in a tailspin, losing four straight games before going into their bye week. At the beginning of the season, many of the players were talking about competing for a Conference USA championship and a possible bowl game bid, but the rut has been around.

“My main focus for this team is to just improve. I want to see improvement from the defense in tackling, to see improvement from the offense in executing,” said defensive coordinator Steve Kugler. “I never put a number on wins going into the season, I just want to see improvement on a weekly basis.”

Despite the Miners’ losing record, in theory they could still make a bowl game, if they win five of their next six games they will be bowl eligible.

If coach Kugler has done one thing right so far at UTEP, it’s changing the focus of the team, but the players would be lying if winning wasn’t on their minds.

“It’s definitely in our minds right now,” said defensive back Wesley Miller. “I know what the magic number is, we have to win and it’s in our minds right now.”

Unlike last season, the Miners have done a solid job with its offense, averaging 34.2 points per game, but the defense—with many new faces—has allowed an average of 37.7 points per game. If they want to have any chance of salvaging this season, the defense has to step it up for the next six difficult contests ahead of them.

Going into the second half of the season, the Miners are up against stiff execution, “Showers said. “We got to get through the first half of the season, one thing they would like to change is the attitude of the defense. “Changing the culture of anything takes time,” Kugler said. “It takes patience, it takes hard work and it takes guys buying in. It’s a process that we’re going through right now, but we’re willing to work at it. We’re patient and the kids are willing to work at it, and we’ll get it turned around.”

On Oct. 26, the Miners play Conference USA co-west division leader Rice in Houston—a well-equipped team that can play defense, and that has the ultimate Achilles’ heel for the Miners—a solid running back. If the UTEP players and coaching staff have made anything clear to their fans, it’s that they’re focusing on improvement. Whether that comes with wins or more losses, only time will tell.

Javier Cortez may be reached at theprospectordaily@gmail.com.

FILE PHOTO / THE PROSPECTOR

Mid-Season Recap

OTHEPROSPECTOR OCTOBER 22, 2013

Sports

Mid-season Recap

BY JAVIER CORTEZ

A slow transition under Kugler

The Miners have begun the Kugler era with a 1-5 record on the first half of the season. UTEP will play five of six the remaining games on the road.

In particular, it took two weeks and it took guys buying in. It’s a process that we’re going through right now, but we’re willing to work at it. We’re patient and the kids are willing to work at it, and we’ll get it turned around.”

On Oct. 26, the Miners play Conference USA co-west division leader Rice in Houston—a well-equipped team that can play defense, and that has the ultimate Achilles’ heel for the Miners—a solid running back. If the UTEP players and coaching staff have made anything clear to their fans, it’s that they’re focusing on improvement. Whether that comes with wins or more losses, only time will tell.

Javier Cortez may be reached at theprospectordaily@gmail.com.

FILE PHOTO / THE PROSPECTOR

FOOTBALL from page 13

quarters, there are patches of inconsistency and varying play calls.

While this may be attributed to this Miners’ defense, the offense always looks panicked, rushed and desperate. The passing game still hasn’t found its rhythm and when they either look very timid or very aggressive. Showers is averaging 6.8 yards per pass attempt, but his top wide receiver is averaging 18.7 yards per catch—the contradictions in the passing game need to be fixed.

Which will hold the defense, which alters the play calls on offense.

With six games left this season, there are three ways you can look at this, optimistically, pessimistically, or realistically. Sometimes reality lines up with optimism, sometimes it lines up with pessimism. In this case the realistic outlook on the Miners’ second half of the season should be pessimistic. The Miners won one game against six teams with losing records, and four of their next six opponents have winning records, and they are away games for the Miners.

It’s never good to see the attendance drop below 50%, but I won’t say it’s going to get better any time soon. I won’t tell fans to stop showing up, mid of the season if you want results, then you’re probably going to have to wait until next year.

Javier Cortez may be reached at theprospectordaily@gmail.com.

Guest Column

An exciting new season for UTEP basketball

By Tim Floyd

Guest to The Prospector

Dear UTEP students,

Basketball season is right around the corner! I wanted to thank you for all your support last season and invite you back for another exciting season of UTEP Hoops.

Our student support was incredible last year! You played a major role in our team finishing 13-3 at home with three losses by a total of eight points, including to NCAA Tournament teams UNLV and Memphis.

This year we’re looking forward to the home opener versus Loyola New Orleans on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 7:05 p.m.

You should expect an exciting contest. This Miners’ defense, the offense showed some promise, but no one is happy with the passing game need to be fixed.

As always, we need you to be our 12th man. As always, we need you to be our 12th man.

Thank you for all your support.

Tim Floyd

2012-13 UTEP Miners Basketball Coach

1000 W. University, El Paso, TX 79968

Floyd on page 15
Miners began a four-game homestand

BY ELISSIA SHAFER
The Prospector

After having lost to Southern Mississippi on the road on Oct. 13, the Miners began a four-game homestand on Oct. 20 and defeated the Rice Owls in three sets in the first game.

“We started a little slow in the first set, but in the end we pushed well and everyone did a good job,” said head coach Holly Watts. “For the most part we played well, the intensity was good throughout the game and I think the defense was good.”

With the help of a kill from junior outside hitter Taylor Nix and senior middle blocker Xitlali Herrera late in the third set, the Miners swept the Owls.

“This is the first time we beat Rice in three games,” Herrera said. “It was awesome. I think our energy and intensity was really high in the three sets. It was team work, I think every single one of us played our hardest and it showed we wanted to win this game.”

The Miners held the intensity throughout, and from the outset the Miners looked to be focused, trading back-to-back points with the Owls. Herrera, Nix and senior setter Malia Patterson combined for a total of 13 kills in the first set to help lift the Miners and take the first set, 25-23.

Going into the second set, the Miners continued to dominate, with help from Nix, Talia Jones and Herrera, who all combined for a total of 28 kills. Then followed by 22 assists that were added by Patterson, which helped the Miners outscore the Rice Owls 25-15.

The Miners continued to dominate going into the third set, carried by Herrera, who had 26 of the Miners’ 48 kills, while Patterson posted 31 assists. The Miners took the lead by a margin of four and sealed the win with an assist from Patterson, followed by a kill by Nix, which helped the orange and blue take the third set, 25-20.

“The last play was just a result of our fight,” Nix said. “Our focus going in was one more dig, one more kill, one more block, one more of everything—just to push so we could get that next point. We didn’t let the ball drop, when there was an opportunity, we killed it.”

With the win, the Miners are now 11-7 overall and 5-2 in Conference USA, which pushes the Miners up to fifth place, behind Tulsa, Texas San Antonio, Tulane and Marshall.

“Definitely, going into the next three home games we are looking to carry in some of the same intensity and focus from this win over Rice and get the same results,” Patterson said.

The Miners will play their next three games at home at Memorial Gym, first a non-conference game against Grand Canyon on Oct. 23, followed by two more conference games. On Oct. 25, they will be pitted against the Alabama-Birmingham Blazers and on Oct. 27 they will go up against the Texas San Antonio Roadrunners.

“Home matches are always so big and so important, but when we’ve struggled this year it’s been on the road and we want to make sure we take advantage of home court,” Watts said. “We should not give anything away here at home.”

Watts said that it is crucial to get results in the upcoming games because the Miners will next play four-straight road games against Marshall, Charlotte, North Texas and New Mexico State before closing the regular season at home on Nov. 17. The year’s Conference USA tournament will take place in Murfreesboro, Tenn. on Nov. 20-23.

Watts said that it is crucial to get results in the upcoming games because the Miners will next play four-straight road games against Marshall, Charlotte, North Texas and New Mexico State before closing the regular season at home on Nov. 17. The year’s Conference USA tournament will take place in Murfreesboro, Tenn. on Nov. 20-23.

“Definitely, going into the next three home games we are looking to carry in some of the same intensity and focus from this win over Rice and get the same results,” Patterson said.

The Miners will play their next three games at home at Memorial Gym, first a non-conference game against Grand Canyon on Oct. 23, followed by two more conference games. On Oct. 25, they will be pitted against the Alabama-Birmingham Blazers and on Oct. 27 they will go up against the Texas San Antonio Roadrunners.

“Home matches are always so big and so important, but when we’ve struggled this year it’s been on the road and we want to make sure we take advantage of home court,” Watts said. “We should not give anything away here at home.”

Watts said that it is crucial to get results in the upcoming games because the Miners will next play four-straight road games against Marshall, Charlotte, North Texas and New Mexico State before closing the regular season at home on Nov. 17. The year’s Conference USA tournament will take place in Murfreesboro, Tenn. on Nov. 20-23.

WITH SHAFEY
The Prospector

On behalf of UTEP basketball, thank you for the role that you play in our team’s success, and I’m looking forward to seeing the best student section in the United States in action again soon!

Go Miners!

Tim Floyd is the head coach of the UTEP men’s basketball team.
WIN BIG!

Participate for a chance to win a new iPad Mini, UTEP Basketball season tickets, free food, and more!

Register your vote in The Prospector’s 2013 Pick Awards on this page. Prizes will be awarded to winning entries*, to be selected at random. Entry deadline is November 1, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Results will be published in The Prospector’s 2013 Pick Issue on November 19, 2013.

One entry per student only. At least 30 blanks must be filled in order for entries to be valid. By participating you agree to have your name published in The Prospector (print and online editions).

*You must be a registered UTEP Student to participate and will be required to present your valid Miner Gold card to claim your prize. Answers MUST BE places or businesses located in El Paso.

Eat & Drink
Best place to dance ____________________________
Best sports bar ______________________________
Best drink specials ___________________________
Best bar to end the night ______________________
Best margaritas ______________________________
Best wings _________________________________
Best coffee _________________________________
Best international food ________________________
Best Mexican food ____________________________
Best Chinese food ____________________________
Best Vegetarian food __________________________
Best late-night food __________________________
Best sushi _________________________________
Best pizza ________________________________
Best burritos ________________________________
Best buffet _________________________________
Best fast food ______________________________
Best breakfast place _________________________
Best spot for a romantic dinner _______________
Best ice cream shop _________________________
Best music venue ____________________________

Services
Best phone service ____________________________
Best supermarket ___________________________
Best bakery _________________________________
Best tattoos _________________________________
Best bank _________________________________
Best place to buy textbooks ____________________
Best salon/hairdressers _______________________

Campus & Classes
Favorite mode of transportation __________________
Best make-out spot on campus ________________
Best place to catch a nap _____________________
Best place to work on campus __________________
Best place to eat on campus __________________
Best place to hangout on campus ______________
Best place to study on campus __________________

Where do you find out about events on campus?
[ ] The Prospector  [ ] UTEP E-mail Newsletters  [ ] Bulletin Boards  [ ] Other

How often do you read The Prospector?
[ ] Weekly  [ ] Monthly  [ ] Once in a while  [ ] Never

Which version of The Prospector do you prefer?
[ ] Print edition  [ ] Online edition  [ ] Both equally

What is your favorite section of The Prospector?

Would you like to read The Prospector through a mobile App?
[ ] YES  [ ] NO

Play & Shop
Best car shop ________________________________
Best bike shop ______________________________
Best shopping center/ Mall ____________________
Best gym _________________________________
Best spa/ Massage ___________________________
Best movie theatre __________________________
Best place to bowl __________________________
Best billiards ______________________________
Favorite clothing store _______________________
Best car wash ______________________________

Name ________________________________
Email ________________________________
Class level ____________________________
Phone number __________________________

Please send this completed entry form to:
The Prospector’s Pick Awards,
105 Union East
El Paso, TX 79968

You can also drop it off at the Student Publications office located at 105 Union East or submit your vote online at:
www.theprospectordaily.com/the-pick-2