Smithsonian collaborates for Día De Los Muertos online exhibit

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The Smithsonian Latino Center has partnered with UTEP to create a Día de los Muertos-themed online exhibit and will celebrate the collaboration on Nov. 1.

The center will be using the Smithsonian Latino Virtual Museum to create an avatar-based 3-D world hosted by Second Life, a company that specializes in digital entertainment.

A festival celebrating Día De Los Muertos will take place with food, live performances and a catrina and calavera costume contest from noon to 4:30 p.m. at the UGLC courtyard and the Chihuahuan Desert Gardens. Performances by students at the event will be streamed live into Second Life and recorded and archived for others to reference later.

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Second Life, a digital entertainment company, creates a 3D Día de los Muertos exhibit in collaboration with UTEP.

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I began my sojourn into the mystical world when I covered Paul Bradford’s School of Paranormal Investigation at the end of September. The event was held at the Museum of History and it involved a two-hour panelist talk and a one-hour electronic voice phenomena session. With the tips and tools of an investigator, I set out for the month of October to do a weekly paranormal investigation.

My first investigation of the rumored haunted Isla Iglesia went horridly wrong with a short chase out of Fábens by Border Patrol agents. Then, under the leadership of the Paso del Norte Paranormal Society, I roamed the dirt paths of Concordia Cemetery and the time-worn buildings of Downtown. The results were promising.

Concordia Cemetery

At Concordia Cemetery I, and about 60 others participating in the tour, met up with Heather Shade of the Paso Del Norte Paranormal Society to investigate the activity in the cemetery. She was incredibly knowledgeable with off-the-cuff information on the entire cemetery. She informed us that a large group of Buffalo Soldiers—who were originally marked as one mass grave—are buried at the cemetery, and they were recently given a full memorial section with individual headstones to commemorate their service. Shade said many people have heard cavalry marching around the mass grave.

Many of our city’s founders have been laid to rest in Concordia Cemetery, including “Lady Flo,” an African-American woman who was the owner of a brothel in El Paso. After the Lord Breesford’s death, his family contested her right of ownership to his company and estate and left her with a mere $15,000. To make ends meet, Wolfe opened one of the most famous brothels in El Paso while funding the police and fire departments at the same time. It’s said she has been observed walking around her grave-site both day and night.

Unlike many ghost encounters, she is considered intelligent as she acknowledges your presence by waving or nodding and then continues her walk. This is just a small example of the important historical figures buried at Concordia.

Downtown El Paso

The Downtown ghost tours are filled with just as many ghost stories, only more violent. Again, I showed up with at least 60 other people. Henry Flores, the founder of Paso Del Norte Paranormal Society, was our tour guide. Like his fellow investigator Shade, he also was extremely knowledgeable about our local history. Before starting the tour he told us how he and his team perform investigations.

As opposed to stirring up spirits with challenges and verbal assault, his team does research on the building and different events surrounding it. With this information, he draws out ghosts through contexts that would be familiar to them. With pauses in between questions, they often get verbal responses that their recordings may catch.

On this tour, we visited the Palace Saloon, where it’s reported that you can hear people call out names and ask for drinks. This place has plenty of ghosts, but none are violent or aggressive. More often than not, the activity here is referred to as residual energy, meaning they don’t interact with the living, but instead act like a recording on a loop replaying constantly.

Finally, we arrived at the scene of John Wesley Hardin’s murder. He was a notorious outlaw and gunfighter who had a higher kill count than both Billy the Kid and Jesse James. Hardin was killed at the Acme Saloon while having a few drinks. After so many people began to visit his corpse still lying on the floor, the saloon owner began having to charge the public. Today, the Acme Saloon stands as the Lerner store on 227 East San Antonio Ave.

Ultimately, it turned out that these investigations turned out to be more of a historical tour than an actual ghost hunt. El Paso is indeed haunted and I would highly recommend any ghost tour you can find. Still, El Paso is only haunted because we have a rich history of Chinese immigrants who died building railroads, violent men who met their end on our streets and women, such as Wolfe, who contributed to the city’s foundation.

To see more of my ghostly adventures, visit theprospectordaily.com and check out my weekly Jaime Picks up video blog.

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Janet Hill, multimedia specialist at Academic Technologies, said the collaboration is important for the university.

“It gives UTEP students and faculty the opportunity to add to the Smithsonian collections and share our unique experiences and perspectives relating to living on the border,” Hill said.

Gaby Caballo, a senior double major in metals and graphic design, has been contributing to the organization of the exhibits and events. She invited the Rubin Center and the band Sonido Cachimbo to participate in the festival.

“We wanted to create a lot of material for the virtual world and as well as for the live event that we are going to have here,” Caballo said. “I do have a lot of experience planning and organizing events so I took it upon myself to try to drag some of my interests into the festival. I did pitch in some of my ideas that the staff later on developed more to become actual events.”

She said the Rubin Center’s collaboration would add a contemporary edge to the event.

Those interested in taking part in the festivities may create an account at join.secondlife.com to experience the festivities through the virtual world.

“Second Life is something you have to experience,” Hill said. “It is a virtual world and an immersive technology, so in order to understand it you have to be immersed in it.”

For more information about the festivities or to learn more about Second Life, visit latino.si.edu/education/LVMDayoftheDeadFestival.htm.

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Science jobs abound for workers with BAs or two-year degrees

WASHINGTON—When astronaut Mae Jemison prepared for her launch into space, the chemist and physician had to test her flight suit—working with her personal flight suit technician to keep the special outfit in working order.

The bulky, orange suit helped protect Jemison during launch and reworking order. She and other experts said there is still a shortage of skilled workers for a number of STEM jobs in the United States—and that most of those jobs do not require advanced degrees.

According to the Labor Department’s O*Net database, a person graduating with a two- or four-year degree in STEM can work as a lab technician, making a median salary of $42,000 a year; a computer system analyst, earning about $80,000 a year; or a marine engineer, who can make on average $88,000 annually.

A report released Oct. 22 by Bayer Material Science surveyed 150 talent recruiters from U.S. Fortune 1000 companies.

Jemison, the first female African-American astronaut and Bayer’s “Making Science Make Sense” spokeswoman, said it’s important for schools and local governments to provide students with information about STEM jobs that don’t necessarily require doctoral degrees.

Jemison has a chemical engineering degree from Stanford University and a medical degree from Cornell University. After two years in the Peace Corps in Sierra Leone and Liberia, she practiced medicine in California while she took graduate engineering classes. In 1987, she was selected by NASA for the astronaut program. She flew to space in the Endeavour on an eight-day mission in 1992.

Change the Equation hosted the STEM conference with Bayer.

The survey found that 67 percent of 150 talent recruiters who responded to the survey said there are more STEM jobs being created than non-STEM jobs today at U.S. Fortune 1000 companies.

Talent recruiters said in the survey that job candidates with two- and four-year STEM degrees are “a” or “in demand” for non-STEM jobs than candidates without the science and math background.

Jennifer McNelly, president of the Manufacturing Institute, said it’s time parents, teachers and administrators change the way they view the manufacturing industry and encourage students to think about training for trade jobs.

“We need to engage in our supply chain and offer work-based learning. We need to change how we talk about the world of work and the respect for work and what it means to do and make things,” McNelly said. “I think about how we make life-saving medicine and we make jets fly. But people don’t understand that.”

Kelly Mack, executive director of Project Kalendscope with the Association of American Colleges and Universities, agreed with McNelly—but added that increasing the number of students who decide to study STEM majors and stick with it will only happen once many instructors change their mindsets.

“We still have professors who pride themselves on low pass rates. For many of them, that’s a sign of good teaching,” Mack said. “We need to change the mindset from weeding out talent to cultivating talent.”

A study done by the Brookings Institution breaks down the number of STEM jobs and what education they require.

The study found that 50 percent of STEM jobs—which Brookings defines as any job that requires specialized knowledge in the four areas—do not require a bachelor’s degree. STEM jobs make up 20 percent of all U.S. jobs.

Jonathan Rothwell, associate fellow at the Metropolitan Policy Program at Brookings, worked on the “Hidden STEM Economy” study. He said that, from 1980 to 2010, there was an increase of 4.3 million STEM jobs in the U.S. for workers with some college but no bachelor’s degree and a 10 million job increase in STEM positions at the bachelor’s degree level or higher.

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This mix of cultures becomes more apparent as lines on the bridge surge over the border during Halloween with Juarenses coming stateside to celebrate the holiday.

Nuñez encourages students to show-up and partake in these cultural traditions.

“It is not sadness, it is a celebration of life,” Nuñez said. “It is an opportunity to get to know a different culture.”

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It is a choice,” Nuñez said. “I can dress my kid as Iron Man and I can have an altar in memory of my father’s departure.”

The opportunity to explore both sides of the coin is appealing to some students.

“I like being here in El Paso for Halloween,” said Regina Munoz, junior accounting major. “I get to spend one night getting candy and then go put Calaveras (usually candy skulls) in the graveyard.”
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OUR VIEW

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The Prospector staff travels to New Orleans for media awards

The Student Publications staff paid a visit to the Big Easy Oct. 23-27 for the AIP-CMA Annual Convention. (Above-left) The Halloween Parade takes place in the French Quarter of New Orleans. (Top to bottom-right) The Prospector was recognized as a Newspaper Pacemaker finalist and took home a 3rd place prize for Newsmagazine Special Edition Cover for Minero Magazine. The Prospector copy editor Kristopher Rivera stands in the French Quarter. The Prospector assistant managing editor Lorain Walters poses in front of Huck Finns, a local eatery. A crowd gathers in front of Cafe Du Monde, a local hot-spot that has been in New Orleans since the early 1860s.
Halloween is mostly seen as a holiday to get free candy, dress up like Darth Vader for fun and tell chilling stories about legendary monsters and ghosts who go bump in the night. Yet another holiday follows close behind — the traditional Mexican holiday of Day of the Dead (Day of the Dead) will be celebrated at 4 p.m. Nov. 2 at Concordia Cemetery.

“Is our honor to celebrate and remember those who have helped make El Paso what it is today,” said Collete Maes, Concordia Cemetery’s third place will receive a special prize. 2013. “It was like watching the movie all over

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Halloween is coming up and if you are left picking out a costume at the last minute, you have a decision to make—either go to the nearest Halloween store and pick out a costume, or go to your local Savers or Wal-Mart and find individual pieces to create the best costume anybody has ever imagined.

This leads us all to answer a difficult question—to be or not to be. The problem with paying that much money on a store-bought costume is that you can’t help but feel screwed. The costume will be a one piece suit with painted on buttons and chest plates that resemble Captain America or Iron Man. Expect to be freezing for the rest of the night as the material is too thin and will tear at the slightest indication of friction.

Halloween is a time of year. It’s extremely simple for start-up entrepreneurs: much like the drive-thru dollar menu at McDonald’s. You look at an array of choices, find the appropriate size, purchase and be generally disappointed with yourself that same evening. Unlike the McDonald’s dollar menu, the prices for a costume don’t usually go for under $30 and some reach up to the hundreds.

The best part about DIY costumes is that if you don’t know what to do or how to do it, the Internet is a valuable resource that we should not forget—a quick Google search and you are linked to step-by-step instructions on sites like YouTube, blogs and other websites. No more going to the thrift shops, Hobby Lobby, or better yet, an array of stuff you already had from previous costumes—just some old clothes from your late 90s days.

If you are going to do this, however, it will take a decent amount of research and thought. Once that is done, the execution will take up another hour or two, depending on how meticulous and picky you are. Remember, buy it at the store and you will most certainly be paying for convenience. DIY will cause you to waste time, but will make you save money, depending how frugal you are.

If you do decide to do this, however, don’t expect to be watching a mainstream horror movie. Creating a list of top five horror movies is difficult because of how many famous and appreciated ones there are. Here is a list of some of the most famous and top-rated horror movies, along with one bonus movie.

#1: “Psycho” (1960)

This may not come as a shock to you, but anyone who is a fan of horror movies will tell you that you have to see it. This movie was directed by the legendary Alfred Hitchcock and is probably his most famous horror movie of all time. It received above 90 percent from both critics and the general audiences on Rotten Tomatoes.

#2: “Alien” (1979)

“I have heard a great deal of talk about "Alien" in the last couple weeks. People seem to really enjoy the movie and I haven’t met one person yet who doesn’t like this movie.” "Alien" was directed by Ridley Scott, the same director who gave "Blade Runner" (1982) and "Black Hawk Down," which are both good movies as well. "Alien" also received above 90 percent from both critics and general audiences on Rotten Tomatoes.

#3: “Jaws” (1975)

What kind of list would this be without the movie “Jaws?” It may seem like this movie is more appropriate for Shark Week, but it has always been listed under the category of horror. It was directed by Steven Spielberg, a director every movie lover knows. He is famous for a large list of movies, which include “Saving Private Ryan” (1998), “Jurassic Park” (1993) and “Schindler’s List” (1993).

#4: “Nosferatu” (1922)

“Nosferatu” was the original vampire movie, no matter what anyone else says. It is considered a classic and often makes it on the list of best all-time movies. It was directed by F.W. Murnau, who went on to direct “City Girl” (1930) and “Sunrise: A Song of Two Humans” (1927). “Nosferatu” was given above 90 percent by both the critics and 80 percent from general audiences on Rotten Tomatoes.

Bonus: “The Blob” (1958)

“The Blob” is my bonus movie because it is a fun movie to watch. I watched it when I was a kid and have very interesting memories of it. It is worth watching at least once. However, don’t expect to be watching a masterpiece, it is not the most highly rated movie of all time. Have fun with the list and if you watch the classics, you can brag to your friends later that you are more sophisticated than they are.
Soccer secures a spot in C-USA tournament

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The UTEP soccer team ended their home schedule with style and earned a spot in the Conference USA Tournament by defeating the Texas San Antonio Roadrunners on Oct. 25 and the Colorado College Tigers (ranked 27th in the polls) on Oct. 27 respectively.

“Those two games meant a lot to me. I got a little sentimental before the games,” said senior defender Ke-nah Lingier. “There were my last two games on this field, and it’s always good to go out with a win, with a good crowd like we had today.”

The Miners and the Roadrunners came into the game with the same record, sitting in fourth place in the West Division.

UTSA focused on conserving the tie for as long as possible, making it difficult for any team to create chances. However, in the 22nd minute, junior midfielder Mackenzie German’s cross found senior midfielder Gina O’Brien’s header hit senior midfielder Kaytee O’Brien’s header hit the crossbar. In the 79th minute, sophomore forward Angela Catuia’s header in the 64th minute ensured a 2-1 victory over Colorado College on Oct. 27.

“Put pressure on the Tigers and just two minutes into the game, senior forward Jade Babcock had a one-on-one with Colorado College goalkeeper Katelyn O’Brien’s header hit the crossbar. In the 79th minute, sophomore forward Angela Catuia eluded the goalie and took a shot that hit the post and rolled along the goal-line before it was cleared. UTEP managed to hold onto a 2-0 win on Senior Night, which was an emotional win for the Miners.

“We are ecstatic about our win, it was great for us to play in front of this crowd, play for El Paso, to put us on a good position,” Martyn said. “All of us are so thankful for what El Paso has offered us. We need to carry the momentum and finish strong.”

On Oct. 27, UTEP hosted the best team in the conference, Colorado College, who have been undefeated in their last 11 matches.

From the start, UTEP was able to put pressure on the Tigers and just two minutes into the game, senior forward Jade Babcock had a one-on-one opportunity. "We need to carry the momentum and finish strong.

In the 37th minute, after a cross to sophomore forward Angela Catuia’s (not pictured) header in the 64th minute ensured a 2-1 victory over Colorado College.


Aaron Jones to lead an offense that has a powerful attack,” Cross said. “We have to play our best and stay focused to play a good game.”

The Miners lost by 38 points, which is not only their biggest loss in points, but also biggest loss in personnel. During the game, junior quarterback Jamel Shaw left the game with a shoulder injury, fullback Dar-rin Laufasa suffered an ankle injury and corner back Adrian James suffered a leg injury.

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“North Texas is a really good team and we don’t have a lot of options.” Cross said. “We have to play our best and stay focused to play a good game.”

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FOOTBALL

Miners up against Manziel and Texas A&M Aggies

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The Miners, 1-6, will face the tough- est challenge of the season yet on Nov. 2 when they travel to College Station, Texas to take on the 12th-ranked team in the nation, the Texas A&M Aggies. Texas A&M is the only nationally ranked team the Miners will face this season and their first ranked team since opening their 2012 season against then fourth-ranked Oklahoma Sooners.

The Miners have lost five straight games and are coming off their biggest loss of the season against Rice on Oct. 26.

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During the game, junior quarter- back Jamel Shaw left the game with a shoulder injury, fullback Dar-rin Laufasa suffered an ankle injury and corner back Adrian James suffered a leg injury.

“We suffered a difficult loss on Sat- urday, not only because of the result, but because of the key players we lost to injuries,” said head coach Sean Ku-gler. “Depth will be a huge issue for us and we don’t have a lot of options.”

Shaw’s shoulder separation inju- ry will not only keep him out for the game against the Aggies, but will also keep him out the rest of the season. Laufasa and James are also expected to miss extended periods of time.

The Miners will have to depend on sophomore quarterback Blair Bul- livan and freshman running back Aaron Jones to lead an offense that had only 20 points of offense in their
Sophomore Martin Simonsen took the individual crown and helped UTEP to a fifth-place finish at the UTEP Invitational Oct. 25-26.

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Frederick Dreier, freshman golfer

GOLF

Simonsen leads Miners to fifth place finish at UTEP Invitational

BY LUIS BARRIO

It was a bit of a bittersweet ending for the team as they finished fifth out of 15 teams. The New Mexico State Aggies were crowned as champions of the tournament ahead of Colorado, San Jose State, Kansas State and UTEP.

"I think we did make some progress in the fall," said head coach Scott Lieberwirth.

"All in all, things are head ed in the right direction. I'm pleased that the guys aren't just satisfied with finishing in fifth place."

The UTEP men’s golf team hosted the second-annual Price’s ‘Give ‘Em Five UTEP Collegiate Golf Invitational’ Oct. 25-26 at the Butterfly Trail Golf Club, which capped off the fall season for the team.

During the tournament, sophomore Martin Simonsen shined for the Miners when he received his first career individual championship, firing a 12-under-par 204 to preside over the 88-player field.

The mens golf team made strong showings in its spring season with two second-place finishes in its first three tournaments.

"The team looks pretty good this year. We've had some good results and I think we did well this tournament," said freshman Frederik Dreier.

Dreier had a strong showing as a freshman this year with a second-place finish for the Miners in their opening tournament this season at the Gene Miranda Falcon Invitational, which took place Sept. 9 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dreier had a pair of second-place finishes this season and he credits his coach for his success.

"Coach (Lieberwirth) has had a big part in it and he's always believed in me," Dreier said. "I'm just trying to do my best every time."

Coming into the tournament the Miners hosted, there were some positive and negative aspects to the home-course advantage.

"There is a lot of pressure on us because the people from El Paso think we're going to win this tournament," Dreier said. "Of course there is the advantage because we know this course. I think all the guys know what to do here, so I think we'll have a good tournament."

This was the only tournament the Miners played at home this season. Play ers, such as Mexican native Jose Manuel Romeros, said the team has progressed and will get better for the spring.

"Our strong season is the spring," Romeros said. "We have seven tournaments and also regionals and nationals if we make it that far. Our goal as a team is to make it to nationals."

The Miners will not see action again until they participate in the Arizona Intercollegiate tournament Jan. 27-28 in Tucson, Ariz.

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The UTEP defense will have to contend with all of Texas A&M’s offensive components. The Aggies rank fourth in points per game at 48 and third in total offense, averaging 584.9 total yards. This game will pit one of the leaders in the nation against one of the worst defenses in the nation.

"There’s a lot to prepare for. Individually, Johnny Manziel is a special player. There’s a lot of things that he does that you don’t coach. He has a natural God-given ability to play football," Kugler said. "When things aren’t going his way, he can make things happen, probably more so than anybody I’ve seen. He’s a special player. We’ll have our hands full, just like everybody else has had their hands full with him."

Texas A&M’s offense is full of big playmakers starting with sophomore quarterback Johnny Manziel, the reigning Heisman trophy winner. Manziel leads the team in passing yards and ranks fifth in the nation in passing yards. Senior running back Ben Malena, along with Manziel, leads the rushing attack for the Aggies. Malena leads the team in plays from scrimmage and rushing touchdowns.

In the passing game, sophomore wide receiver Mike Evans is the Aggie’s biggest vertical threat. Through eight games he has eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark in receiving and ranks second in the nation in receiving yards, fifth in the nation in yards per catch and third in the nation in receiving touchdowns.

"To say we’ve got our work cut out for us is an understatement," Kugler said. "We’re going to have to play our best and be mistake free to even have a chance to be in this game. That’s not sugar coating it."

Coming into this game, the Miners are big underdogs and the Aggies are a 46-point favorite at home. The Miners are a 46-point favorite at home. The Miners are a 46-point favorite at home. The Miners are a 46-point favorite at home. The Miners are a 46-point favorite at home. The Miners are a 46-point favorite at home. The Miners are a 46-point favorite at home. The Miners are a 46-point favorite at home. The Miners are a 46-point favorite at home. The Miners are a 46-point favorite at home. The Miners are a 46-point favorite at home. The Miners are a 46-point favorite at home. The Miners are a 46-point favorite at home. The Miners are a 46-point favorite at home. The Miners are a 46-point favorite at home. The Miners are a 46-point favorite at home. The Miners are a 46-point favorite at home. The Miners are a 46-point favorite at home. The Miners are a 46-point favorite at home. The Miners are a 46-point favorite at home. The Miners are a 46-point favorite at home. The Miners are a 46-point favorite at home. The Miners are a 46-point favori...
Volleyball drops consecutive games at home

BY ELLISIA SHAFER
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The Miners came in this week full of confidence after sweeping Rice and Grand Canyon on Oct. 20 and Oct. 23, however, their spirits was dampened after a loss at home.

“We worked hard, but were unable to execute when needed,” said head coach Holly Watts. “We had a nice crowd, we just wish we could’ve sent them home happy.”

The UTEP volleyball team fell to Conference USA’s second-place team the Texas San Antonio Roadrunners, 3-0 in the final game of their four-game home stand, Oct. 27 at Memorial Gym.

Things didn’t go so well for the Miners after winning the first set against the Blazers. Seven errors in the third set and 15 kills for Alabama Birmingham in the fourth helped secure a 3-1 victory for the Blazers on Oct. 25.

The Miners continued to struggle against the Roadrunners who held the Miners to a .225 point percentage and outscored them in more than three categories in their sweep against the Miners (25-20, 25-22, 27-25).

“I thought we did a lot of things well. We hung with them in a lot of ways, but we just weren’t able to finish the sets,” Watts said. “As far as overall kills go and digs, we were really hanging in there with them and I thought we fought really well.”

UTSA, who holds a 15-7 overall record in Conference USA, dominated the Miners early with help from freshman Jessica Waldrip, who posted all 15 of the Roadrunners assists in the first set and combined with senior Mckenzie Adams and freshman Dana Boskovic for 11 kills, that caused UTEP to fall in the first set, 25-20.

The Miners responded in the second set, by taking a five-point lead. However, UTEP’s efforts were not enough as UTSA rallied back with six kills from Adams to take a four-point lead that would result in a 25-22 final in the second set.

The Roadrunners continued to dominate the Miners at the start of the third set, taking an early three-point lead that turned into several missed opportunities from the Miners. Looking to respond, UTEP rallied back to tie the game at 25 in the third set, but this was not enough to hold UTSA and they ultimately fell in the third, 27-25.

“Coming off this game, I think we need to work on our defense a little more,” said senior Xitlali Herrera. “We struggled with our blocks, which was key in this game, a little on our passes and more than that I think it was our intensity too. We need to keep our intensity high every time.”

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The Miners are now 12-9 overall and 5-4 in Conference USA. They are looking to improve during a four-game road trip from Nov. 1-12, where they will face Marshall, Charlotte, North Texas and rivals New Mexico State.

Senior Malia Patterson said the Miners will look to respond through better execution.

“Going forward into these four road games, we need to take into consideration our execution,” Patterson said. “We have really good fight, but we need to execute better between points and finish.”

Watts said the Miners will also look to refocus themselves mentally.

“Going forward, we have a lot of hard work cut out for us,” Watts said. “We have lost six sets in a row. That makes it rough–we have to now get back mentally and be confident in ourselves again as volleyball players.”

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UTEP volleyball came into this week’s games with a home record of 7-1. The losses to UTSA and UAB caused the Miners to drop from fifth to seventh in Conference USA standings.
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**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

**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

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[ ] Bulletin Boards  [ ] Other

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