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WE HAVEN’T FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU
Three wars, one story

Claudia Boyd in a classroom at the Liberal Arts building.

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- Robert Chisolm, retired Lieutenant Colonel
  U.S. Army 1942-71

Campus prepares for World Diabetes Day, disease rampant in EP

BY AMANDA GUILLEN
The Prospector

Claudia Boyd is always on the move as a full-time communication graduate student, teaching assistant, mother and wife. You would never guess that she is one of 21 million Americans who suffer from diabetes.

According to diabetes.org, each day approximately 4,410 people are diagnosed with diabetes, which means that every 21 seconds someone is diagnosed with this incurable disease.

“If you sat me in a room and in front of my students, nobody would know,” Boyd said. “We are all the same. It is one of those silent diseases. Although you don’t know who we are, it could be the person next to you, it could be someone at home. So I would urge the UTEP community, especially the students that are young, to take care of their health and get tested. I would say also get involved in the community.”

Nov. 14 is World Diabetes Day and the UTEP community is gearing up to help spread awareness about this disease that plagues many in El Paso. Members of the Eta Sigma Gamma National Health Education Honor Society will provide facts and information on healthy eating and healthy food choices that can help prevent the disease from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 14 at Leech Grove.

Chair of the Department of Public Health Sciences, Maria Duarte, is on the Texas Diabetes Council and also specializes in nutrition, women’s and border health.

Membership in the Eta Sigma Gamma National Health Education Honor Society is reserved for undergraduate students. The grant will help biomedical and health studies graduate students. The grant will provide additional training in their research. Additional awards that will help create opportunities for minority undergraduate students. The grant will help biomedical and health studies students by providing mentoring and additional training in their research.

“A team of faculty members at the university were awarded $255,000 by the NIH to propose a plan to receive a larger award that will help create opportunities for minority undergraduate students. The grant will help biomedical and health studies students by providing mentoring and additional training in their research.”

“We need to be importing from abroad,” said Lourdes Echegoyen, director of the Campus Office of Undergraduate Research Initiatives. “It seems that people receiving these grants are usually white males. What they are seeing is that there is a gap in the training of minorities in general, whether it is in teaching, writing or how to be a successful faculty member. We are looking at how we need to train students to be the best researchers.”

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Political involvement a must

BY S. DAVID RAMIREZ

The application of law and politics affect everyone. Even mundane aspects of American foreign policy have the potential for localized repercussions. For example, U.S. policy regarding Palestinian statehood has resulted in the loss of our United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization voting membership. This will prevent some historic Texas missions and landmarks from receiving UNESCO World Heritage status, which halts millions of revenue dollars from entering the state.

The age of armchair activism is upon us. People are more vocal than ever in voicing opinion. And why not when the illusion of political astuteness is a Facebook thumbs-up away?

Take a few minutes each week to dip a toe in the pool of the political process. Our generation habitually has the lowest turn-out rate for each election. We have to live with these decisions longer than anyone else.

It is time we took an interest. Visit fyi.legis.state.tx.us to find your elected representatives and visit the Texas secretary of state website for a list of registered candidates at sos.state.tx.us/.

My suggestion: be involved.

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Students writing 50k-word novel in 30 days for national competition

BY AMANDA GUILLEN
The Prospector

To 514 El Pasoans, completing a 50,000-word novel in 30 days is a daunting, but achievable task.

November is National Novel Writing Month and a national nonprofit organization called NaNoWriMo is helping aspiring novelists achieve a finished tangible novel by the end of the month.

Many first-time writers are feeling the pressure of the competition. Senior multimedia journalism major Luisana Duarte is hoping that by the end of the month she will be considered a novelist.

“If something is going to push me to write, this is it,” said Duarte, a creative student. “I don’t have a lot of time, ” she said. “I work two jobs so this is one of my main obstacles, another would be procrastination.”

Award-winning novelist and a guest instructor, L.C. Hayden, can relate to the worries of being a first-time writer. As an acclaimed author and speaker, Hayden jumped at the chance to take on the month challenge and provide her expertise and guidance to many aspiring novelists.

“I think for a first-time writer the hardest thing is actually finishing,” Hayden said. “Everyone can start a novel, but then they give up and that is why you have stuff like this, to encourage people to go ahead and finish and I think that is a big obstacle.”

Graduate social work major Sara Polk is managing writing sessions and coordinating the El Paso chapter of NaNoWriMo. This is her third year participating in the writing month.

“We have grown. Every year we get more and more people—this year we have had so many new people show up as well—but it really just started as a way to write and have fun,” Polk said.

Polk has been able to complete three novels through the competition and calls it a self-rewarding experience.

“When being in charge of things, I feel more motivated to win because I feel like I have to, because I feel like I would let everyone else down who are relying on me,” Polk said. “But really I do this entirely for fun. It has nothing to do with my career or anything so as soon as I finish writing my novels, it is done.”

She also said that it is not too late for students to get involved. Those interested in participating would be able to catch up.

“It is never too late to start and even if you do start and you don’t finish, you have still written more words than you have had before and you are that much closer to having a novel—because really, there are so many people who say ‘I want to write a novel someday,’ but there are a few people that actually start,” Polk said.

For more information on NaNoWriMo and how to join, visit nanowrimo.org.

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Thanksgiving and Hanukkah overlap for the first time since 1888

That really kind of summarizes to some extent why we get up in the morning—to appreciate our blessings, to do things to make this a better world.

- Stephen Leon, Rabbi and lecturer

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"Thanksgiving is one of the most—out of all of the American holidays—the one that resonates most with the setting of Jewish observance because of the idea of thanking God for the blessings that we have and also the giving of ourselves to help others," said Leon, who is teaching a course on introduction to Judaism.

"That's really what Thanksgiving is about, to appreciate our blessings, to do things to make this a better world." Hanukkah is the commemoration of the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, after a victory of the Maccabean revolt over the Greeks. The kindling of the lights celebrates coming from a miracle after a one-day supply of oil lasted eight nights in the Temple. Jewish UTEP student, Esther Kim--

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"If we increase the Native American component and the African American component, we are diversifying not only this campus but our partners too."

El Paso County has an 81.4 percent Hispanic population according to the census, and UTEP's student body is 77.4 percent Hispanic-American. Approximately 40 percent of UTEP students face financial difficulties while attending college.

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According to U.S. census data, in 2010 the population of Arizona, New Mexico and Texas was 23.9 percent Hispanic, 17.8 percent American Indian and 8.5 percent African American.

Renato Aguilera, professor of biological sciences, said that the planning and research for the grant will be done in 2014 and then award colleges an estimated $10 million. "One of the markers for tier-one status is institutions that have research expenditures of $100 million per year or more," Echegoyen said. "If we are able to get something like this it is estimated to be $2 million a year for five years. We will be contributing to the expenditures."

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Chisolm is one of 325 combat veterans who have earned the triple Combat Infantry Badge for service in three wars.

“We haven’t forgotten about you,” Chisolm yells at Oscar, a member of the chapter who was sitting inside the rock-walled building, looking weak and ill. “(Oscar) was in an accident and he’s in bad shape,” Chisolm said. “The gas company just cut off his gas. He just forgot to pay his bill.”

At the age of 17, and fresh out of high school, Chisolm enlisted in the Army on Aug. 27, 1942. Chisolm didn’t pay a lot of attention to the preliminaries of World War II—the invasion of Poland and France—until the attack on Pearl Harbor.

“I had two brothers who had gone into the service and I couldn’t wait to get in,” Chisolm said. “I was giving my family such a hard time that they let me fudge my age and sign the papers and let me enlist. I think they were glad to get rid of me.”

By the age of 18, he had dropped into Normandy on D-Day as part of Operation Overlord.

“When the pilot started getting anti-aircraft fire, they immediately proceeded to climb,” Chisolm said. “We were supposed to go out at around 800 feet and I think we went out around 3,000 feet, above the clouds. I think that’s the reason we were so widely dispersed.”

On his 19th birthday, he was on a combat patrol and wounded for the first time by an enemy machine gun. He was released from the hospital just in time to make operation Market Garden. During the operation, he was wounded a second time as he was exiting the aircraft.

“My plane had taken some flack. I’d been hit in the face and body,” Chisolm said.

Chisolm was back fighting in the war during the Battle of the Bulge, where he was wounded for a third time from artillery fire. He had a “million-dollar wound,” which Chisolm said is a term used for wounds that send troops back to the U.S.

“I was never more miserable in my life than I was during the Battle of the Bulge because it was extremely cold,” Chisolm said. “We were committed with no winter clothing at all, we didn’t have any overshoes.”

Chisolm and a few others that survived WWII reenlisted. He believes that people were more deeply touched by WWII than they were in the Korean War or the Vietnam War.

“I think the thing that bothered me most, and maybe the others, is the fact that we lost our close friends,” he said. “It was a relationship forged in the heat of battle. It differs greatly from anything that you’d ever experience before. That’s a relationship that’s probably closer than a blood relationship. It was a terrible loss, something that you’ll never forget.”

He called the current generation “pretty fabulous,” but said troops are going through a lot with current conflicts.

“It’s terrible how many millions of dollars the U.S. government sends to foreign countries that he said ‘hate us,” Chisolm said. “And we can’t get a damn wheelchair for an amputee, who lost his limbs in combat defending our country.”

Besides combat veterans, Chisolm gave a nod to military wives for their duties while their husbands are deployed. He stood upright and clenched his hands together—fingers entwined—and held them up to his face as he spoke about his wife and daughter, both of whom have passed away.

“Man, am I hacked off about this. Let’s take care of our own first.”

Chisolm said. “I had a wife and daughter…my wife was taking care of my daughter, showing her a picture of her dad when she was 3 years old. It was a hardship on them.”

Chisolm’s daughter, Dawn Chisolm, passed away in March 2012 from cancer, and his wife, Margaret Chisolm passed away in 2009 after a heart attack.

“Christ, I’m the last in my line,” Chisolm said. “There’s no greater person in this world than a military wife, ” he said. “I had a wife and daughter…my wife was taking care of my daughter, showing her a picture of her dad when she was 3 years old. It was a hardship on them.”

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“At UTEP and the community honor veterans, Chisolm’s story is a stark reminder of their sacrifice. For a list of events in honor of Veteran’s Appreciation Week, see page ___.

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2013 WINTER COMMENCEMENT

**Commencement Ceremony Times:**

9 a.m.
- Morning Commencement
  - College of Liberal Arts

2 p.m.
- Afternoon Commencement
  - College of Business Administration
  - College of Education
  - School of Nursing

7 p.m.
- Evening Commencement
  - College of Engineering
  - College of Science
  - College of Health Sciences

*All Ceremonies include graduate degrees corresponding to these Colleges.*

**The Day of Commencement**

Saturday, December 14 2013

Don Haskins Center • The University of Texas at El Paso

1. In order to experience an enjoyable Commencement ceremony, please arrive at Memorial Gym at least an hour prior to the ceremony. Check-in will begin inside Auxiliary Gym (room 120) at the following times:
   - For 9 a.m. Ceremony: 8 a.m. (doors open at 7:30 a.m.)
   - For 2 p.m. Ceremony: 1 p.m. (doors open at 12:30 p.m.)
   - For 7 p.m. Ceremony: 6 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.)
   *Please ensure that you have checked-in and picked up your reader card during these times.

2. Arrive early and have a photo taken in Memorial Gym prior to the ceremony.

   For parking recommendations, tips for families and friends and other information: utep.edu/commencement

3. Please leave all personal items (backpacks, cell phones, purses, coats, etc.) at home/automobile. These items (beach balls, balloons, confetti, noise makers, silly string, etc.) will not be allowed in the Don Haskins Center.

4. Though your family and friends are an important part of commencement, childcare services will not be provided, and children may not accompany graduates during the commencement ceremony. Please make appropriate plans for the care of your children.

5. Wear regalia and comfortable shoes, and out of courtesy for your fellow graduates, please remain for the duration of the ceremony.

**Congratulations to all the graduates!**

Meditation Pack available at University Bookstore
(Includes cap, gown, tassel, alumni membership, t-shirt, and mug).

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“This is an opportunity to reflect on the burden of this chronic disease, its cost and complications of uncontrolled diabetes,” she said. “People with diagnosed diabetes have health care costs 2.3 times higher than for people without the disease.”

Hispanics have a genetic predisposition to develop insulin resistance and abdominal obesity, Duarte said.

This predisposition and multiple nutritional, lifestyle and cultural factors influence the development of type 2 diabetes among Hispanics.

U.S. Census data shows that El Paso has an estimated 82.2 percent Hispanic population, making the disease common to this region.

“Studies indicate that it is possible to delay or prevent type 2 diabetes by adopting healthy eating habits, engaging in physical activity and losing weight,” Duarte said.

Boyd, who is dedicating her research to diabetes awareness, was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes when she was 37 years old. Now at age 40, she said that she is proactive and is eager to spread awareness about this disease to her community. She said diabetes awareness and funding for outreach programs is lacking in El Paso.

“It is through education that one can help build a healthy community, and to that end, I am doing what I can to make a difference in my community,” she said. “I was sad to learn that diabetics in our community are led by Hispanics—which I am—and further that many are not making the lifestyle changes necessary to combat the disease effectively.”

For more information on World Diabetes Day, visit idf.org/worlddiabetesday.

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**Illustration by Diego Burciaga / The Prospector**
Nine Inch Nails amazed with their ‘Tension’ tour at the Don Haskins Center with their versatile stage, the incredible and unique lighting and their most recent material from the album “Hesitation Marks.”

The concert started with a black curtain falling, smog covering the pitch-black stage and white lights coming from the top as each band member slowly appeared on stage.

The show opened with their recent album’s single “Copy of A,” and as recent as it may be, the live version was better than the studio version.

Nine Inch Nails came up with a combined set list from their past albums and their most recent material such as “1,000,000,” “Terrible Lie,” “March of Pigs” and “All Time Low,” showing off both old and new colors, with dynamic changes within their new songs staying very true to their industrial rock side.

“Tension” is NIN first tour since 2009, but (their) sound was still top quality and as loud as anyone would expect from a NIN show.

We all know that a sign of a good concert is when the audience, no matter how far away, can feel the vibrations due to high volume and good quality of the music—and NIN delivered. The music was loud, the many instruments played were distinguishable and the voice, although at times lacking, was there. Having acoustic drums definitely complimented the performance very well.

The repertoire consisted of 26 songs with “The Day the World Went Away,” “Reptile,” “While I’m Still Here,” “Black Noise” and “Hurt” as encore, making the concert well worthy of the price it demanded.

Opening the show for NIN was Explosions in the Sky, whose instrumental music felt in sync with the music and ambiance of NIN, but not many hardcore NIN fans could have seen the connection because of the experimental side of the former.

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El Paso, an exemplary example of fusion and diversity, will host its annual Taste of El Paso at 6 p.m., Nov. 13-14 at the Judson F. Williams Convention Center. Providing a one-of-a-kind experience, 12 of El Paso’s finest restaurants and three local dessert shops will be featured, all under the same roof.

According to Veronica Hernandez, live events manager for KLAQ and KISS FM, the restaurants were chosen by a committee of people who produce the event. “We wanted to make sure that our selection process included a wide variety of cuisine that conveyed the diversity of the city of El Paso,” Hernandez said.

The restaurants selected this year were Red Mountain Bistro, Julio’s Café Corona, SuZu, Garufa Argen- tinian Restaurant, The Garden, Nu- oro Cappetto, Mesa Street, Pelican’s Steak and Seafood, The Iuchador, Pho Tre Bean, Magic Bistro and The Hoppy Monk.

“We think that this is a great way for the El Paso community to experience the great cuisine we have in the market. We are very lucky to have such great local restaurants that focus highly on great food.”

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It has been a while since I formed a Pokémon team and considered being part of a doubles team.

Using Klefki, was my first op- tion, since it is the only dual-screen prankster in the whole Meta, as well as the addition of Thunder Wave and Skull Play. Klefki is also a prankster, which boosts his Special Defense and lowers his Special Attack. Lastly, he spread his EVs something like 220 on HP and Defense and 64 on Spe- cial Defense, and there you go.

That’s what I tell people who say professional gaming is a joke, be- cause it can be as demanding as any other game out there.

While “esports” may be a preten- sion game, competitive gaming can really mean serious business to gamers and can have the potential to become a professional form of entertainment.

Video games have come a long way since their early years, to the point of being considered a form of high art as an effect of their im- proved graphics, music and sto- rylines. But now, more than ever, their competitiveness comes under debate—which in reality there’s not much to debate. Games such as “World of Warcraft” and “League of Legends,” have grown to earn rec- ognition from the gaming commu- nity because of their unique design for replay value beyond the video game itself, and its high competi- tiveness among the many gamers around the world.

Why should people recognize them? Well, because most of these games do demand extreme analytical thinking and strategy in order to suc- ceed; just as chess does.

Contrary to popular belief, many of these games require prior prepara- tion, meaning that gamers can’t just sit and play “Super Smash Bros,” press some buttons and expect to win. They require you to know the game, form a strategy and know everything about each character or piece.

They are very different from chess, where strategies are pretty much de- fined by the pieces and can be limited sometimes, or in the case of poker, in which luck plays a huge role.

I’m not trying to demonize chess or poker here; being that I love them both. But competitive gaming can be by far more intense, entertai- ning to watch and to know about, thanks to its more flashy graphics, its uncertainty, its unexpected re- sults without luck, but mostly skill.

Speaking of which, that’s the beauty of it all; that it requires skill to play competitively. It is practically impossible to become a professional by playing one day, all day. It would take more than that; it would take real effort to learn and master—you said it, master the game. For those who don’t believe me, I hereby chal- lenge you to a “Super Smash Bros.” brawl match to prove my point.

Sure, gaming has the Internet for streaming, but in order to gain the mainstream recognition it deserves, television streaming is needed. We have big tournaments with big prizes already, such as EVO, Apex and the Pokémon Video Game World Cham- pionship, but we could have more.

Honestly, I just long for the day when we get a professional game live on television or maybe even participate in a huge gaming event, it would be nice—right gamers? It is a really great workout for the brain and, hey, some people do need it.
Miners face Aggies for first real test of season

BY JAVIER CORTÉZ

After an easy routing of the Loyola New Orleans Wolfpack on Nov. 9, the Miners are heading to Las Cruces to face their rivals the New Mexico State Aggies on Nov. 15.

This game is one of the most anticipated UTEP-NMSU games in recent history. Both teams are coming in with high expectations and have aspirations to earn a berth to the NCAA Tournament.

One thing that stands out for both teams is their impressive height in the front court. UTEP comes in with 6-foot-11-inch senior forward/center John Bohannon and 7-foot-1-inch freshman center Matt Williams. Not many teams in the nation can match-up with UTEP’s height except for New Mexico State.

The Aggies come in with two heavyweights down low, Sim Bhullar at 7 feet, 5 inches and his younger brother Taivoe Bhullar at 7 feet, 3 inches, are as big as it gets in college basketball and both weigh over 300 pounds.

“They have a lot of size. We’re going to have to front the post. They are very tall, so we have to keep them out of the post as much as we can.” Williams said. “Last Saturday’s game was a great win to start for us, but we’re going to keep getting better, and this week in practice we’ve been getting after it. We going to put in things and keep working hard, and I feel like we’re going to be ready.”

The Battle of I-10 is more magnified when both basketball teams go head-to-head. Within the last few years, the Miners and Aggies have had some thrilling finishes and a close margin of victories.

Last year the Miners went 1-1 against the Aggies, winning 55-54 at home, then losing 55-53 in Las Cruces. Junior forward Julian Washburn wants to come home from Las Cruces with a win more than anything.

“When we play them (NMSU), we’re going to have to play a lot better,” Washburn said. “They’re bigger than us inside, but we have bigger guards. We’re going to have to run and play to our advantage. If we do those things we’ll win.”

Washburn also said the rivalry means a lot to him and this year he hopes the Miners win both games.

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UTEP hosts FIU in final home game of 2013

BY JAVIER CORTEZ

After three weeks on the road, the UTEP football team is finally back home. On Nov. 16, the Miners will host the Florida International Golden Panthers in their final game of the season.

The Miners and Golden Panthers both stand at 1-8 and this game pits two teams looking for solace at the end of the season. The Miners are favorites for the first time in eight weeks since they played New Mexico State.

"Right now we're sitting at 1-8 and certainly not where we want to be, but it's reality," said head coach Sean Kugler. "We have a game coming up against Florida International that has the same record as us right now. If the two teams looked in the mirror, they would probably be staring at the same picture. The team that goes out there Saturday night and competes the hardest and commits the fewest mistakes will have the best chance to win that game."

Coming in with a 1-8 record, a win on Saturday will give the Golden Panthers their second conference win. Florida International's only win this season came against Southern Miss, which they won 24-23 on a late fourth-quarter field goal. Besides a close loss to UAB in mid-October, the Panthers have been blown out in every game. Their biggest loss came against Louisville, 72-0.

Offensively and defensively, the Golden Panthers rank in the bottom quarter of almost every major statistical category. At quarterback, the Panthers have used two sophomores throughout the year—Jake Medlock and E.J. Hilliard. FIU doesn't have any primary offensive players so throughout the game the Miners may see many running backs, receivers and possibly two quarterbacks.

While the Miners are similar in record, they have similar statistics as well. UTEP has one of the worst defenses and overall offenses in the nation. Where the Miners differ from the Panthers is in its rushing attack. UTEP ranks in the top half in the country in rushing yards per game.

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The biggest storyline for the Miners the past two weeks is the change in quarterback. After a bad showing against Texas A&M, sophomore quarterback Blaire Sullivan was benched and third-string quarterback Garrett Simpson was bypassed by redshirt freshman Mack Leftwich.

"Any quarterback under those circumstances is already facing a difficult battle, but it didn't faze him. He kept competing and he'll continue to do that," Kugler said. "I was nothing but pleased with his efforts."

The Miners might not be playing for a possible bowl bid or chance at a conference championship, but winning the home finale and sending the seniors out in style would bring a light to what has been a dark season.

"I know it's been tough for those guys. It's been tough for all of us, but those guys in particular, I want to see the seniors go out in style. I'd love to see them walk off the Sun Bowl field for the last time with a victory," Kugler said. "I think it's important that the fans come out and support these seniors. Even though the results haven't been the best for them, they have been working hard and they deserve to go out as winners. We're going to try to do everything we can to make that possible."
Parker also said that the key is to rebound and only allow one shot on each of the Aggies' possessions. The Miners are in the midst of a six game home stand, the second largest in program history. The Miners are 14-10 against the Aggies under Keitha Adams' watch. She is the only coach to have a winning record in the Battle of I-10. The Miners are 9-3 at home under Adams and 5-7 on the road. Since the 2011-2012 season, the Miners have a 12-1 record in the month of November and 39-22 all time in the month of November under Adams.

The Aggies are an extremely young squad. They bring in eight newcomers, but are still picked to finish third in the Western Athletic Conference. They have no seniors on the team and Miners’ junior transfer Stacie Telles knows this is a great advantage and as a local girl, she really wants to beat New Mexico State.

“We have seniors like Kayla (Thornton) and Kelly (Willingham), who help lead this team. So anytime you have seniors, it’s to your advantage and I think we have a step up on them,” Telles said. “Me being from El Paso, I’ve always cheered for UTEP. I can’t stand NMSU.”

Last Friday against the Falcons, the Miners had 20 turnovers and put the Falcons in the bonus all throughout the game.

“We need to have fewer turnovers and play better defense,” Telles said. “We need to try and not have as many fouls. On offense we need to be a little bit more patient and move the ball around.”

Telles had a good first outing in her first regular-season game with the Miners as she led in minutes played and added 12 points and made all three of her shots beyond the arc. Head coach Keitha Adams said that the blueprint to beating the Aggies is limiting their dribble penetration and kick-out to the open shooter.

“Although the Aggies are young, Adams emphasized the preparation that goes into each game. “This is a big week for us, traditionally the games against the Aggies have been great games. Half of the games we played against them in the past 12 years have been decided by seven points or less,” Adams said. “I treat every game like it’s our biggest, this week we really have a lot to work on. It’s going to be a big week for us.”

The next game between the Miners and Aggies will come down the road on Dec. 3 when the Miners travel up 1-10 to the Pan American Center for the second match-up.

After hosting the Aggies, the Miners will face the Kansas State Wildcats on at 2 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Don Haskins Center.

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Sophomore guard Jenzel Nash scored only four points in her return to the court for the Miners.
The UTEP cross-country team is preparing for the NCAA Mountain Region Finals on Nov. 15 in Ogden, Utah.

The Miners were edged by Rice by one point and landed in fourth place at the Conference USA Championships on Nov. 5. Tulsa finished on the top spot of the standings for a record fourth time in a row. Although the Miners finished just outside of medaling, sophomore All-American Anthony Rotich snagged first place as an individual in the Conference Championship for the second year in a row.

"We tried our best," Rotich said. "We gave it our best effort and I was able to defend my title, so that was good."

Rotich clocked in a time of 24:31.57 in the 8-km race. This was also his fifth victory overall in the 2013 season. Rotich took the gold, but freshman teammate Cosmos Boit was not far behind, finishing third with a time of 24:53.62. Boit was also the first freshman to cross the line at the meet and was dubbed "Freshman of the Meet."

Also with a solid showing came from sophomore Elphas Maiyo as he finished sixth out of 96 competitors.

The Miners had three members make the First Team All-Conference honors. Tulsa took the remaining four spots.

On the women's side, the Miners had a tough showing as they failed to place. head coach Paul Ereng is still confident in this squad, as he said earlier in the year that they are still in a rebuilding process, but will be ready next year to compete.

However, the focus now is on the NCAA Mountain Regional as Rotich and the Miners try to earn a spot in the NCAA national championships in Terre Haute, Ind., Nov. 23.

"Going to regionals, everybody is trying to fight for nationals. The competition will be very strong, but we are going to try our best," Rotich said.

"Most of the team from last year were freshmen. Now they're experienced and have a better understanding of regionals. I'm ready for it and my teammates are ready for it."

Since the end of the C-USA championships, the Miners have been preparing for a 10,000-meter run instead of the usual 8,000 meters, but have had a short time to prepare for the tougher competitions that lay ahead.

"When the season started, we did lighter workouts and now coach (Ereng) has been preparing us for the 10,000-meter format," Rotich said.

As every runner will tell you, it's how you finish, not how you start and Rotich has been learning this.

"Last year, I was just running and not caring where I finished. Right now I know when to start slowly and when to run fast. I have learned to pace myself. I know how to finish it strong," Rotich said. "At regionals there was a lot of competition. The leaderboard is always tightly packed. We know that we have to be at our best all the time. Coach Ereng prepared us well."

Last year, Rotich not only made the NCAA Championships, but also managed to finish fourth and hopes that the preparation, mindset and experience will help him out this year to have an even better performance.

Rotich seems to have the right mindset not just for track, but for life in general. His blueprint is very simple.

"Being focused will get you anything in life," Rotich says. "Being focused helps me be determined."

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