Every October turns pink as different local, national and international charities join the annual breast cancer awareness campaign to raise money for cancer research and offer support to those who are or have been affected by breast cancer.

Breast cancer starts when the cells grow out of control, often forming a tumor that can be seen through an x-ray or be felt as a lump. It is more common in women, but men can get it too.

“When I discovered the little lump, it wasn’t on my breast, it was more on the side of my ribs” said Maria Magdalena Rubalcava, 53-year-old breast cancer survivor. “Within weeks the little lump became larger and moved to the lower portion of my right breast, that was when I decided to go to the doctor, and after a mammography and a biopsy, they told me it was cancer.”

The Zeta Tau Alpha sorority on campus focuses on different activities throughout the month of October to educate others, promote awareness and do fundraising for breast cancer patients such as Rubalcava.

“We want to educate our women, our UTEP students and anyone else who is willing to listen,” said Andrea Luna, senior organizational and corporate communication major and director of philanthropy. “Each semester we try to hold a workshop provided by our nationals and our national partnerships, where it gives a basic rundown of what signs and symptoms to look for and how to perform a breast exam.”

Luna said she found her passion in volunteering for breast cancer awareness from the significant statistics of people who are affected.

“Since 1992, Zeta Tau Alpha has been actively creating awareness for breast cancer through breast health tip cards, self-examination stickers and pink ribbons to create awareness,” Luna said. “Our various partnerships with BrightPink, NFL and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer have allowed us to do more than pass out ribbons. We’ve had the opportunity to interact with survivors and learn their stories, the struggles of their families and how they have had to cope with this illness in their lives and their loved ones.”

According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is more common among women, with one in eight diagnosed.

An early diagnosis and early treatment are the most important strategies, as this can prevent deaths and the cancer is easier to treat successfully.

See BREAST CANCER on page 4
Most students find themselves pulling all-nighters, downing caffeine and energy drinks during the most stress-filled events of college. With midterm deadlines coming up, one might think that the best thing to do is drop a class because you can’t remember a single word inside your textbook. Here are some quick tips that may help you during this stressful week:

1. **No social media**
   The most important tip for studying is to simply put your phone away. You’d be surprised by the amount of time you lose while watching pointless videos. Also, stop posting videos of how tired you are of spending hours in the library. They’re boring and probably not even looking at you.

2. **Stop using a highlighter**
   If you feel that highlighting your text while studying is pointless, you are probably not among the group of students who believe this technique does work. According to the Association for Psychological Science, “two techniques that students frequently report using for studying—highlighting (or underlining) text and rereading text—were judged to be ineffective.”

3. **Avoid study groups**
   According to a study by the University of Oxford, students who ate high-fat meals of attention and thinking speed were probably not among the group that believes this technique is effective. If you feel that highlighting your text while studying is pointless, you are probably not among the group of students who believe this technique does work. According to the Association for Psychological Science, “two techniques that students frequently report using for studying—highlighting (or underlining) text and rereading text—were judged to be ineffective.”

4. **Stick to one location**
   According to the Penn State York Student Success Center, “when you study in the same place every time, you become conditioned to study there. Your mind will automatically kick into gear, even when you don’t feel like studying.” This is very important because it causes your mind to think about the new information and make you trained to think how to operate.

5. **Take multiple breaks**
   Try to take a 10-minute break for every hour you study. Avoid having to pull all-nighters as your brain won’t be able to retain all the information you need for the exam. Plus, all-nighters are very detrimental to one’s health and can cause fatigue, loss of appetite or even early stages of insomnia.

6. **Ask for help**
   While many students might hate working with their classmates, it is always good to ask other students to pick in ideas while studying for a big exam. Talk with your professors and explain to them what you need help with. They can clarify simple doubts that can save you from a failing grade. If there is an emergency or personal problems, you have to deal with, let your professor know. In many cases, they’ll usually take your side and work with you.

7. **Stop complaining**
   Have a positive mentality and tell yourself that you’ll get a good grade. The last thing you need in these types of situations is your negative attitude. Stop telling your best friend how your exam review is. Just do it.

### By Jason Green

It’s time to turn off and tune in

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Garcia brings legal perspective to Congressional race

By Eddie Velazquez

Immigration attorney and El Paso native Enrique Garcia announced his bid for Texas’ 16th United States Congressional District earlier in the summer. Garcia joins a crowded Democratic Party slate, as he is one of five candidates to run as a Democrat.

Garcia, the son of a seamstress for Levi Strauss and a taxi driver, decided he wanted to go beyond his parents’ professions at an early age.

“Early on, I kinda knew that I needed to do something. I had to better myself and I had to basically take a step further than my parents did,” he said.

His summers were spent in Ciudad Juarez with his grandmother, where he learned to perfect what he referred to as “street Spanish.” While the binational relationship between the United States and Mexico was different during his childhood, Garcia’s personal exposure to the border and the relationship between both countries is something that would later resonate with him once he became an immigration attorney.

“You didn’t really think about it, and in fact it didn’t dawn on me until I became an attorney that I said ‘okay, this is really an issue that affects our community,’” he said.

After graduating from UTEP with a bachelor’s degree in finance and marketing, and a graduate degree in computer information systems, Garcia decided to attend Capital Law School in Columbus, Ohio, a place where his perception of national ethnic tensions shifted.

“My brother had just gotten out of the Marines and we were out there trying to rent an apartment. We waited for about 30 minutes for somebody to come help us and we had some lady come up to me and say ‘we don’t need our lawn cut today’ and she was very upset,” he said. “I said ‘okay I’m not here to cut your lawn, I’m here to rent an apartment.’ At that point, she was shocked that first of all I spoke English, and then I told her I am going to law school so I needed a place to stay.”

Garcia also experienced a Ku Klux Klan rally outside the state capital in Ohio, which opened his eyes to the racial division faced in places outside of El Paso.

“We drove right by it and I just couldn’t believe my eyes. It was a KKK rally with people in their full garb. I realized then that I understood why we were treated so differently in Ohio,” he said. “So we weren’t either black or white, we were the gardeners of this city, I really just wanted to finish my education and get back here as soon as I could.”

Once he came back to El Paso, he struggled to find work as an attorney and bounced around jobs in the financial and tech sectors. He even went on to work as a plant comptroller at a Phillips maquiladora plant, where he learned to speak a more “professional Spanish,” and started to develop the idea of delving into immigration law.

“I first started with the business immigration side of it and then got into the family and the litigation side, and then that’s how I started seeing how immigration affects everything that we do in this community,” he said.

His cases and prior experience were a couple of factors that led to his decision to run for the spot soon to be vacated by Congressman Beto O’Rourke, as he takes on Ted Cruz for the Texas Senatorial spot. His perception of local government made it also decide to run for a position at the federal level.

“I would keep looking at how city council, the little meaningless things that they would do, like ‘I don’t wanna sit next to this person because they’re doing this,’ and it was just petty things in the way they city was running,” Garcia said. “What I’m doing now is more so federal, so I said this is the opportunity because it is an open seat—basically it is for everybody.”

Despite running against opponents with established political careers, Garcia believes that his experience with law interpretation and understanding is one of his strengths for the 2018 race.

“You got to most importantly understand the consequences that these laws will have on the country as well as your community, so I have been doing that for over 10 years,” he said in reference to his career as an immigration attorney. “If you are looking for management, if you are looking for IT or accounting, I’ve done that. I understand the consequences that these laws will have and I understand how it affects everything that we do in this community.”

In terms of the policies that he would like to see implemented at a federal level, Garcia believes an affordable higher education is a priority.

“The military sector is another one of his focuses—more specifically on veterans’ welfare,” he said.

“I want to make sure Fort Bliss remains a viable force for our country, meaning no budget cuts so that they can remain strong,” he said. “I also want to take care of the veterans and look at the systems that are running the VA (Veteran Affairs), because with the system’s background and talking to the people that I’ve talked to, it is clearly a system problem, and I don’t understand why it hasn’t been fixed seeing that you need to streamline the process.”

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Wednesday
8:30 - 10:45 a.m. 
Tomas Rivera Conference Center; Union East Special program will feature keynote presentations from Dr. Jeanine Cook from Sandia National Lab and Dr. Dean C. Hines from Space Telescope Science Institute

Wednesday
Centennial Plaza, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 
Employers, disability support and technical assistance exhibitors will be present with information, activities and prizes

Friday
Natural Gas Conference Center 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. “Pillow Talk” Topics: online dating, body image and more 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. “State Violence & the Disability Community”

IN BRIEF

LEADERS JOIN TO TALK HIGHER EDUCATION FOR HISPANICS
Local and regional leaders in the fields of business, government and academia will converge on the importance of educating the Hispanic population at the 2017 Southwest Diversity Summit on Friday, Oct. 20, from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Tomas Rivera Conference Center, located in Union East.

MIKE LOYA WEEKEND STARUP RETURNS THIS WEEKEND
To serve as an entrepreneurship education initiative, UTEP’s Mike Loya Center for Innovation and Commerce will host their weekend startup in the College of Business Administration from Oct. 20-22. The objective of the startup is to give students a hands-on experience involved with creating a company. They will also hope to start technology companies over the three days and show students real-life experiences to develop abilities through business strategies.

HOMELAND SECURITY TALKS STOPPING CRIMINAL NETWORKS
On Wednesday, Oct. 25, Brandon Behrendorf, Ph.D., and assistant professor in the College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity at UTEP, will present the university’s Homeland Security Symposium. This presentation is titled “Disrupting and Dismantling Transnational Criminal Networks,” which will discuss the reason why criminal networks fail and new strategies for law en-
forcement to destroy these criminal organizations.

UNIVERSITY RESEARCHER MOVES FORWARD WITH LUNG CANCER STUDY
Rachid Skoua, Ph.D, research assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry, was given $109,300 from the Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología with the UT system in a two-year study. He will focus his study on the identification of small molecules that inhibit proteins in non-small cell lung cancer. His goal is to under-
stand the proliferation of lung cancer cells using medicinal chemistry.

Tuesday
Educational seminar 
College of Education, Rm 302 9 - 10:20 a.m. or 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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Freshman communication studies major  
“I haven’t had a midterm yet, but I know all of my friends in class will get together and study. I hope it works.”

DAYANNA HUERTA  
Freshman communication studies major  
“I’m a very independent person, so I usually study on my own in a very secluded area.”

DILAN TORRES  
Freshman studio art major  
“I try to change technical or difficult concepts into more simple words.”

JONATHAN MCKEE  
Senior operations and supply chain management major  
“I go over all my notes and study my previous exams.”

KAREN ROCHA  
Freshman public relations major  
“I am a very big procrastinator, so I’ll probably have a cram study session the night before.”

KASSANDRA LOPEZ  
Sophomore education major  
“I like studying with a group of people because they motivate me to focus and help me when I don’t understand the problem.”

CANDY CASTELLANOS  
Freshman molecular biochemistry major  
“I just study and not try to freak out. I study better if I study by myself.”

JAVIER RODRIGUEZ  
Senior creative writing and psychology  
“You have to study but you cannot cram. So, you’ll have to study two weeks prior to the midterm.”

LUCY TAYLOR  
Freshman graphic design major  
“I try to change technical or difficult concepts into more simple words.”

TASHA BERGSTRAND  
Junior rehabilitation sciences major  
“I go over the important things. If there is something I do not understand, I go over it in depth.”

VANESSA SANCHEZ  
Freshman graphic design major  
“I listen to peaceful music. I also study saying everything aloud. What I also do is re-write my notes in order to memorize every concept.”

MANUEL ROCHA  
Junior mechanical engineering major  
“I like to find time in my schedule to go to the library and study on my own.”

ANDREW ORTIZ  
Freshman business major  
“I plan to study for midterms by doing study groups. That is the best way to study and learn the information. As well, I’ll be using Google.”

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SALE EXTENDED! $5 DOWN $10 A MONTH ENDS NOV 2
Kaedama looks to expand on ramen success story

BY ELENE GONZALEZ

It's 6:30 p.m. on a Saturday night and multiple cars begin pulling into an empty parking lot across the street from the Monarch and Prickly Elder bars just off Mesa Street—except people are not going to the bars. Instead, they begin forming a line right in the middle of the lot, but there's nothing there.

If you happen to be passing by, you might find yourself wondering what these people are lining up for. It must be something important, especially if the people are practically running to get in line and it continues to grow.

Around 30 minutes later, a white van pulling a green 1976 VW bus with Japanese lettering and the word "Kaedama" plastered in the center pulls up and cheers erupt from the crowd.

Three young guys jump out of the white van and into the green bus and get to work.

Anticipation fills the air, along with the sound of a noisy generator. The hunger is real, as Kaedama creators Gabe Valencia and Andres Romero and their employee Luis Hernandez began preparing their famous ramen that draws fans from across El Paso and Juárez. Kaedama in El Paso’s first authentic ramen shop—only it’s not a shop, it’s a food truck.

Romero and Valencia, both El Paso natives, met in 2013 when they began working at Saberthorn Food Co., a small eatery located next to Hope and Anchor patio bar on the westside. Immediately, they formed a friendship that would change the course of their future. The two men, who were once roommates, began talking about their dreams of one day opening their own restaurant.

Today, that dream is almost a reality. In 2013, Romero bought the VW bus simply because he liked the vehicle. It was actually his second bus he had purchased after the first one burst into flames on the freeway. After buying the second bus, Romero and Valencia had come across some pictures of other food trucks that were made out of the same vehicle that sparked an idea.

They began transforming it into a food truck before even knowing what type of cuisine they would serve. “We turned it into a food truck before we even knew what we were going to sell, what our menu was, what our concept was,” Romero recalls. “We thought, you know what, let’s cut the bus open, turn it into a food truck, and we’ll worry about the rest later.”

Valencia, 30, has a background in culinary arts after obtaining an associate’s degree from Le Cordon Bleu, the world’s largest culinary and hospitality institution. Romero, 23, has been serving at restaurants since he was 16 years old.

They began experimenting with traditional Japanese-style ramen and made the decision to serve the dish because there was nothing like it in El Paso. According to the guys, El Paso didn’t need a Ramen food truck, they just needed ramen.

For the name of the food truck, Kaedama, it has a meaning behind it that ties right into their ramen concept. It means an extra portion for the customer. The spicy miso ramen and sukiyaki miso ramen and sukiyaki burrito are their favorite.

Aside from the four different types of ramen they serve, Kaedama is also known for their monster sukiyaki roll called the sukiyaki burrito. A 6 by 3-inch roll packed with cucumber, cream cheese, carrot, purple cabbage, crab and served with their homemade eel sauce.

About a year and a half has passed since the duo launched their food truck, but their dream isn’t over yet.

Now that they have drawn in a cult fan base, it is time for Romero and Valencia to open up a standing restaurant, the one they were originally planning for before the food truck came to life. On Oct. 13, 2017, they officially launched their Facebook and Instagram pages, that they will be opening a restaurant. It will be located directly across El Paso and Juárez.

“Alright! We’re selling tonight,” Valencia said. “On the day of, we woke up, got inspected, we passed— ‘Alright! We’re selling tonight.’”

Romero said they had parked on an incline and that caused the generator not to work. “We only had about 10 people that day, but it took us hours to set up and prepare, Valencia said. “After a few weeks of going out there, we got our system going and each week got smoother. Now it takes us 10 minutes to set up.”

The first day may have started with just 10 people, but now the lines have grown longer and longer, and most nights they sell out. “It’s going to be an awesome opportunity for us to change the course of our future,” Valencia stated.

These owners were about to see their dream unfold after two years of hard work and taking this from a food truck to a restaurant will help remedy that. "If they don’t meet their goal within 30 days, they plan to re-launch a fundraising campaign to keep the momentum going.

"It’s going to be an awesome thing for everyone, especially in the university area,” Valencia said. “Any support in getting us there is greatly appreciated, even the smallest amount helps. If everyone who follows us donated just $1, we would be almost there.”

You can find the green 1976 VW bus in a lot across from Monarch and Prickly Elder on 204 E. Rio Grande Ave. every Wednesday through Saturday from 7 p.m. until sell out, which usually happens around 9:30 p.m. or sooner.

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Comedic variety and notable performances make ‘The Addams Family’ shine

BY EDDIE VELASQUEZ
THE PROSPECTOR

Despite the themes of “darkness, grief and unspeakable sorrow” that Morticia Addams mentions during a scene with her husband Gomez, the UTEP Dinner Theatre’s rendition of “The Addams Family” musical dazzles thanks to its commitment to comedy and some standout performances. “The Addams Family” is an adaptation of writer Marshall Brickman and lyricist Rick Elice and musician and lyricist Andrew Lippa’s 2009 Broadway production of writers Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice. The musical tells the tale of the eccentric Addams family and their unusual familial interactions. Conflict arises when the anomalous Wednesday Addams, played by senior English major Lauren Pena, starts to fall in love with Lucas Beineke, a less idiosyncratic boy, played by Hugo Arreola. She tells her father Gomez—played by Danny Lopez—to keep it a secret from her mom, Morticia—played by Josey Mitchell, doctoral student of teaching, learning and culture.

Hilarity ensues when the family of misfits tries to host a normal dinner for the Beinekes, with Wednesday’s secret starting to tear her parents’ marriage apart runnning parallel.

In terms of musical numbers, “The Addams Family” doesn’t rely on heavy prop usage, or inventive production tricks. However, the great balance between the characters and the witty, confident and organic performances make up for what otherwise feels like a safe, solid set of musical numbers. For example, the second musical segment “When You’re An Addams” which features all but three of the members of the ensemble, manages to showcase every character’s personality. It is impressive to balance the way. It is impressive to balance the way.

The production values are simplistic, but do just enough to keep the atmosphere immersive. The set design, both interior and exterior, blend well with the symbolic use of shadows and spotlights. One of the more meticulously crafted scenes inside Addams manor features fog and a more sinister Wednesday Addams, played by a new addition to the ensemble, while Wednesday’s secret starting to tear her parents’ marriage apart runnning parallel.

Some of Pena’s scenes with Mango, a mysterious new character brought into the family dynamics, with Wednesday organically using the same mannerisms as her father, further adds to the immersion factor. Lopez delivers one of the better, surprisingly sober jokes in the whole production, with constant cracks at political alignment, bureaucracy and his sex life.

One of the more surprising performances is Ivan Cano as Uncle Fester, a role he considers the most rewarding in the show.

The musical is led by Danny Lopez to keep it a secret from the audience, while delivering witty lines along the way.

Thematically, the musical takes a broad approach, but never loses sight of what it wants to convey and how it wants to do it. It necessarily includes a stream of delivery of lurid dialogue and the outrageous onstage antics of the family members. It offers some of the more meticulously crafted scenes inside Addams manor features fog and a more sinister Wednesday Addams, played by a new addition to the ensemble, while Wednesday’s secret starting to tear her parents’ marriage apart runnning parallel.

While the production values may not rival those usually found in previous Dinner Theatre productions, and while not all the musical numbers are memorable, the family dynamics between all the characters, the hilarious script complemented by consistently great delivery make “The Addams Family” a production worth checking out.

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Staff Picks: 7 of the best seasonal beers to enjoy during the fall

BY PROSPECTOR STAFF
THE PROSPECTOR

Fall has rolled through and most brewing companies are taking advantage of the season to showcase their respective collections of fall beers. From pumpkin twists, to fruit filled craft beers, fall beers are the peak of some of the brewery’s most anticipated seasonal beers. It also calls up on the breweries themselves to make a unique drink that will create a cult-like following for it. Below are the best fall beers to try before the season ends:

Samuel Adams • Octoberfest ABV: 5.3% Samuel Adams’ Octoberfest selection is the grandaddy itself in fall beers. Even though it has a lower ABV percentage than most, this beer is one of the longest running fall selections and is a consumer’s favorite each year. When getting a six pack sampler at the nearest store, this beverage is a must-grab.

This beer fuses five different roasts of malt, which then makes for an appreciating fall drink. Its short-lived traces of caramel and toffee add the extra incentives to make a lasting impression on taste buds. The bitterness derived from Bavarian Noble hops also brings forth a different taste to this beer to be best paired with an orange slice.

Rating: 4/5

Six Point Brewery • Autumnation ABV: 6.7% Low in calories and rich in taste—Six Point Brewery did itself with its fall creation of Autumnation. For any pumpkin fans, this New York beer is a taste-grabber that satisfies any fall beer craving.

The ale has a spicy pumpkin dominant flavor with a twist of ginger and cinnamon flavor. The gold orange beverage is one of the top in its kind of pumpkin beers if the consumer doesn’t mind paying a little more. However, anyone looking for a lighter taste should steer clear of this heavy hitter.

Rating: 4/5

Founders Brewing Co. • Harvest Ale ABV: 6.0% Rooted in Michigan, Founders Brewing has been generating some of the top ale beers in recent history, and this fall they are bringing the Harvest Ale. This beer is one of the most anticipated beers due to its hearty taste and seasonal appearance.

Everything about this amber ale feels like the fall season. The crisp ale features a distinct taste of citrus and pine. This is an especially good ale to take with a group of friends to sip on and enjoy. Even the fun plaid printed cans are worth adding to the cart before checking out at the grocery store.

Rating: 3/5

Harpoon Brewery • Flannel Friday ABV: 5.7% Harpoon Brewery is known for their tight and crisp beer selections, and their Flannel Friday selection doesn’t shy away from what they are notorious for. Everything about this amber ale feels like the fall season.

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Blue Moon Mango Wheat ABV: 5.4% Brewed under the prominent Blue Moon selection, the Blue Moon Mango Wheat is probably the most popular among the majority of the fall. The brewmaster of the drink, Keith Villa, spent a good amount of time working on this drink, deriving inspirations from Puerto Vallarta, Cancun and other Mexican hotspots. This fall beer feels nostalgic of the summer with the present-day taste of the autumn weather.

What makes Mango Wheat so special is the distinct mango taste that transitions to the consumer. But what most wouldn’t expect when tasting the drink is the modest price point and the fact you add it to the beer to make the drink a little sweeter. Its yellow-orange color makes it clear like the drink is a light beer, but upon taste the drink makes it clear that Mango Wheat is far from it.

Rating: 4/5

Ballast Point Brewing Co. • Dry Dock Oktoberfest ABV: 5.7% Found at local Whole Foods and Sprouts is the autumn favorite beer from Ballast Point known as Dead Ringer Oktoberfest. This lager is an old-fashioned beer with a reddish brown look.

The beverage features a nice caramel taste with a spice and stone fruit kick. At just 5.7 percent, the beer is a delightful day drinking beer while watching some sports or a movie.

Rating: 3/5

Saint Arnold’s Oktoberfest ABV: 6.4% Combining three different types of Munich-style malts, this beer has a rich caramel taste to it without being too sweet.

The Houston-based brewery’s website recommends consuming this beer at 40 degrees Fahrenheit. The malty taste of this beer and sunburst color are perfect to pair with a nice book and a Deen sandwich as the sun sets.

Rating: 3/5

New Belgium • Ben & Jerry’s Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Ale ABV: 6.4% Despite having iterated on this formula with different ice cream flavors, popular Colorado brewery, New Belgium and Ben & Jerry’s created a tolerable, an nuanced ale in their original beer-ice cream fusion. This pours cloudy when poured into a little carbonate. It is a smooth beer with a hint of brown sugar and a mild bitterness that is meant for curious consumers of beer-worlds, who want to taste a sort of cult following in terms of collection.

Rating: 3/5

New Belgium • Apricot Ale ABV: 6.4% Despite the themes of “darkness, grief and unspeakable sorrow” that Morticia Addams mentions during a scene with her husband Gomez, the UTEP Dinner Theatre’s rendition of “The Addams Family” musical dizzles thanks to its commitment to comedy and some standout performances. “The Addams Family” is an adaptation of writer Marshall Brickman and lyricist Rick Elice and musician and lyricist Andrew Lippa’s 2009 Broadway production of writers Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice. The musical tells the tale of the eccentric Addams family and their unusual familial interactions. Conflict arises when the anomalous Wednesday Addams, played by senior English major Lauren Pena, starts to fall in love with Lucas Beineke, a less idiosyncratic boy, played by Hugo Arreola. She tells her father Gomez—played by Danny Lopez—to keep it a secret from her mom, Morticia—played by Josey Mitchell, doctoral student of teaching, learning and culture.

Hilarity ensues when the family of misfits tries to host a normal dinner for the Beinekes, with Wednesday’s secret starting to tear her parents’ marriage apart runnning parallel.

In terms of musical numbers, “The Addams Family” doesn’t rely on heavy prop usage, or inventive production tricks. However, the great balance between the characters and the witty, confident and organic performances make up for what otherwise feels like a safe, solid set of musical numbers. For example, the second musical segment “When You’re An Addams” which features all but three of the members of the ensemble, manages to showcase every character’s personality. It is impressive to balance the way.

The production values are simplistic, but do just enough to keep the atmosphere immersive. The set design, both interior and exterior, blend well with the symbolic use of shadows and spotlights. One of the more meticulously crafted scenes inside Addams manor features fog and a more sinister Wednesday Addams, played by a new addition to the ensemble, while Wednesday’s secret starting to tear her parents’ marriage apart runnning parallel.

While the production values may not rival those usually found in previous Dinner Theatre productions, and while not all the musical numbers are memorable, the family dynamics between all the characters, the hilarious script complemented by consistently great delivery make “The Addams Family” a production worth checking out.

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Miners looking for answers heading into bye week

By Adrian Broaddus

It seems pretty unlikely that a bye week is what the dismantled Miners need going into this week, but facing another team in seven days is the absolute last thing the Miners want after their recent loss. So, a week to get healthy and find some much-needed solutions to their problems could be the answer for the Miners, who are 0-7 for the first time since 1973. They are coming off their most recent loss on the road to Southern Miss, 24-0, and looked completely unmatchable to the Golden Eagles. Below are the keys for the Miners to focus on during their bye week.

Recruit their rushing game

Last week, the Miners rushed for 22 carries and most would think the Miners would at least amass over 75 yards on the ground. The Golden Eagles stumped the Miners to 132 yards total on the ground. With the loss of Quadraiz Taliyd due to an injury sustained against Western Kentucky, the rushing game is definitely going to be a challenge. But under no circumstances should a “run-first team”—as offensive coordinator Brian Natkin likes to refer to his team—gain such few yards in one game.

The Miners handed the ball off to three rushers in Kevin Dove, Ronald Awaat and Joshua Fields but none of them could get anything going offensively.

Throughout the next week, the Miners need to find an identity in the rushing game, whether it’s giving the ball to Awaat or Dove to start, or splitting the carries between the three and placing them in opportunity runs. One of the biggest questions that their opponents obviously read as a running play: If you get Wadley back, what will his game against UTSA on Oct. 28, the Miners might be in a lack of because how strong is he as a player.

Score more points

UTEP is back to the bottom five in all of FBS, averaging just 12.3 points per game. With a shutout delivered by Southern Miss, the Miners have to evaluate that situation and see what’s causing them to not score points.

One component, not being able to gain first downs, has a lot to do with it. They are actually the third-worst team in the nation in first down offense, gaining only 83 this year. On Saturday, the Miners had just six first downs.

The bottom line is that they have been calling conservative plays all season. Natkin said early on that he would be switching the offense up to be more fundamentally sound and simple. But how much more simple can it get?

This is where interim head coach Mike Price comes in. He called his offense “awful” after the 24-0 loss, so there’s no doubt he’ll be stepping in and giving feedback about Natkin’s scheme to help improve it.

Get healthy

Just before former head coach Sean Kugler resigned from the team, he indicated that 11 players suffered season-ending injuries. Now, that list seems to have grown larger and players have been hauled up even more since.

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Men’s basketball returns in Orange versus Western Kentucky

By Mike Flores

The UTEP men’s basketball team will host their seventh-annual pre-season scrimmage of Orange versus Western Kentucky. The Miners are coming off their most recent loss on the road to Southern Miss, 24-0, and looking completely unmatchable to the Golden Eagles. The Miners need a break. They are coming off their most recent loss on the road to Southern Miss, 24-0, and looking completely unmatchable to the Golden Eagles. The Miners need a break. They are coming off their most recent loss on the road to Southern Miss, 24-0, and looking completely unmatchable to the Golden Eagles.

Reed was first on the team in assists (187 total assists), first in minutes played (1,168 minutes), first in steals (80), first with 6.5 rebounds per game and second in scoring (15 points per game). It’s safe to say head coach Tim Floyd will take a close look during his vacation year, he paved the picture to see which guard is climbing the depth chart. It’s a toss-up between Frazier, Gil- yard or Magee.

Frazier is a transfer from SMU and North Texas. He’s a former All-American guard and a four-star prospect coming out of high school. At SMU, Frazier averaged 7.8 points per game, 2.8 rebounds per game and shot 43 percent from the field.

Gilyard comes from one of the weaknesses for UTEP last year, will be accompanied by 6-foot-9 forward Smith, who was recognized as a junior-college All-American in 2017.

Smith was an Ole Miss commit before changing his mind to come to UTEP. He averaged 14.2 points per game, 9.5 rebounds per game and posted 10 triple-doubles his senior season. Floyd already had the opportunity to figure out how his team will play together for the first time in a pre-season game.

For the meantime, Harris said he’ll be running the point guard position—probably more than he has in the past three years. And he’s more than ready to be the leader of this team as he begins his senior campaign starting Saturday.

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Top memorable moments in Price’s coaching history

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Interim head coach Mike Price is now embarking on his third week with the Miners, and although he hasn’t helped the team record a win, he has helped the team regroup from the departure of former head coach Sean Kugler and grow more as a team.

Before his return, Price was one of the most storied coaches in program history, being the second coach to lead the school to three bowl appearances. The team struggled at the beginning, but went on a seven-game winning streak to close out the year. Sophomore quarterback Jordan Palmer emerged as a threat through the Miners’ passing game toward the end of the season and the team made a complete 180-degree turnaround.

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Here’s a look back at some of Price’s top moments while he was head coach for the Miners.

Going from 2-11 to 8-4

Under head coach Gary Nord, the Miners were abysmal, posting a 6-30 record from 2001-03. Along with the decision for the program moving from the Western Athletic Conference to the Conference USA in all sports, the Miners decided to hire Mike Price, the former Washington State head coach, to help revitalize their program.

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Men’s soccer club builds winning tradition as a close-knit group

BY DANIEL MENDEZ

Although UTEP doesn’t offer an official athletic men’s soccer team, the men’s soccer club, a close-knit group, offers an opportunity for male students to play organized soccer competitively. The club has also built itself a dynasty in the Recreational Sports Department. They compete in the sixth region of the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association tournament each year. The club competes against the likes of Arizona State University, University of Arizona, Grand Canyon University, Northern Arizona University, University of New Mexico Tech. After dropping their only home game of the season on Oct. 1 to Arizona State (2-0), the Miners hosted the best and worst team in the league this past weekend.

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Volleyball Takes on Western Kentucky

The UTEP women's volleyball team (4-16, 1-6 C-USA) will hit the road to take on Western Kentucky this Friday, Oct. 20, and Sunday, Oct. 22, against Rice. The Miners have lost their last six games since beating Rice on Sept. 22.

Women's Soccer Looks to Finish Season Strong

After the 0-5 start, the Miners surprised fans with five straight wins.

The streak carried over into Conference USA play when the Miners beat Southern Miss 1-0 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Since then, UTEP (6-10, 2-5 C-USA) has gone the other direction again. The Miners have lost four consecutive games, five of their last six, and have just three games remaining.

The star for the Miners this season on defense has been junior goalkeeper Alyssa Palacios, who has a total of 98 combined saves in 16 games this season.

Palacios tied her career high in saves with 10 against New Mexico on Aug. 27 and Old Dominion on Oct. 1. Ironically, Palacios is coming off her roughest outing of the season, where she allowed the most goals in a single game this season with three to Middle Tennessee. The junior made just one save in the 3-1 loss to the Blue Raiders.

Offensively, it has been two freshmen who have led the way for the Miners so far in 2017—forward Vic Bohdan and midfielder Anna Jimmerson. Both players tie for the lead with five goals scored this season.

Two of Bohdan's five goals this season came 12 minutes apart in the second half against Stephen F. Austin on Sept. 10. Bohdan's two goals helped give head coach Kevin Cross his 200th win and sealed her team's come-from-behind 2-1 victory.

Jimmerson scored all five of her goals in September. She scored a goal in three straight games from Sept. 1 through Sept. 7, with the remaining two coming in a single game against Division 2 New Mexico Highlands on Sept. 13. The Miners defeated the Cowgirls 8-0.

Palacios, Bohdan and Jimmerson, as well as the rest of the Miners' squad, will try to take their positives and turn their season in the other direction again when they take on Marshall at home on Thursday, Oct. 19 for Senior Night before heading on the road to take on Florida Atlantic on Sunday, Oct. 22, in Boca Raton, Florida.

Three seniors will be playing for the final time as a Miner at home this Thursday against Marshall—midfielders Deyrin Hunley and Kennadie Chasudhay and forward Jeanna Mullen.

The Thundering Herd are currently 5-9-1 overall and 3-4-1 in Conference USA play and are coming off a 3-0 loss to Florida Atlantic. Meanwhile, the Owls are now 8-7-2 overall and 3-4-1 after the shutout win against the Thundering Herd.

Opponents of the Miners have set up for a total of 281 shots, with 123 coming on goal. While the Miners themselves have earned just 201 shots and 94 on goal. That is 29 less opportunities for a UTEP team that had this statistic been flipped, would tell a much different story.

Kickoff against Marshall is set for 7 p.m. at University Field.

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