Safely

Walsh: ‘UTEP is a very safe campus’

BY BEATRIZ A. CASTAÑEDA
The Prospector

When Colton Tooley, 19, opened fire on the sixth-floor of the Perry-Castañeda Library at UT Austin, the incident raised concerns about what UTEP would do in a similar situation.

“In any situation, the most important thing is to identify the individual who has a gun,” said Clark Hulse, provost candidate. “That means people are there to shoot someone else.”

Hulse said if UTEP ever has a situation like that, the chances that people would get out alive are slim.

“I would think, ‘This is the end of my life,’ I mean what are the chances you will survive if they start shooting everywhere?” Sotelo said.

According to UTEP Police Chief Cliff Walsh, UTEP has a system to respond to an eventual emergency like that. He said there are alert notification tests that are conducted every first Friday of every month. There are also several speakers throughout campus that can be heard if a state of emergency actually occurred.

The system text includes a tone and a message that notifies people on campus that it is only a test and not an actual emergency.

“They are strategically located at different locations throughout campus,” Walsh said.

Other forms of alerts include the text messaging service that allows students to be notified of any emergencies that happen at the university.

Walsh said the best way for students to be aware of an emergency is by signing up for Mobile Campus.

“I want to encourage students to sign up and submit their information so that way they have connectivity if something happened on campus,” Walsh said.

Madelein Santibanez, sophomore education major, said she tried to sign up for the alerts, but her service provider did not accept those messages.

“My phone doesn’t allow for those types of services to be sent to my phone, so I can’t get that service,” Santibanez said.

Another form of notification is through e-mail and the UTEP message board screens that are located throughout campus.

Walsh said the messages would contain basic information of the actual emergency such as procedures to follow and tips of what to do next.

Walsh said UTEP has never had a situation like the one at UT Austin and believes the campus is safe for students.

“We’ve been very fortunate and have not had a situation like that, we have a responsible student body and students do report to us,” Walsh said.

Campus

Provost candidates make pitch for position

BY DIANA ARRIETA
The Prospector

Five candidates for the position of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs have spoken at UTEP in the past two weeks to share their vision and plans for the school.

Harold Jones, Clark Hulse, Howard Daudistel, Stuart Bell and Junius Gonzalez are the five doctoral contenders for the position.

The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs reports to the president and provides academic and administrative leadership for the university, among other functions.

This position means an opportunity to help advance UTEP to become a national research university serving a 21st century student demographic, said Howard Daudistel, interim provost at UTEP.

Most candidates talked about the importance of the university advancing its mission to achieve a nationally-recognized research program, by gaining tier-one status.

Harold Jones, dean of the School of Health Professions at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and UTEP provost candidate.

Obituary

Former UTEP basketball player passes away

BY SAL GUERRERO
The Prospector

Former UTEP basketball player Chris Sandle, 44, died Oct. 6 in his apartment in Compton, California.

According to the Long Beach Press-Telegram, Sandle suffered from a variety of health issues.

The 6-foot-6-inch standout played at UTEP for two seasons (1986-88), where he helped lead the Miners to two consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances. Sandle was the second-leading scorer in the 1986-87 season and led the team in scoring the following year, averaging 17.1 points per game.

Sandle, a McDonald’s All-American at Long Beach Poly High in 1984, played two seasons at Arizona State before transferring to UTEP.

He is survived by his parents, his sister Tammi, two sons Jordan and Chris Jr. and his daughter Kirsten.
In the university’s efforts to reach tier-one status, some departments seem to have gotten one of the most important aspects: adequate space and equipment.

The whole staff of a university needs an environment that has not been replaced or fixed. Most, if not all, the individuals interviewed in the press agree that the science departments are in desperate need of attention.

While I understand the importance of athletics, since it brings thousands or maybe even millions of dollars to the university, UTEP officials need to realize tier-one status has nothing to do with the athletic department.

The most important aspect is being able to focus on research. One of the main departments that will benefit from building new science and engineering two-story facilities is the College of Sciences.

Just because they built a new biological sciences and health sciences building does not mean that our students are not facing issues. Without the proper tools, these new buildings mean nothing.

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I agree with the new changes said Jorge Vasquez, interim director for Special Events and game-day management. "Everyone is happy because it’s more of a family-friendly atmosphere. We get compliments all the time now on how clean the campus is and there are less complaints about it to us.”

The past few tailgates have left a mark for Special Events staff who is in charge of keeping the campus clean.

"We have tailgators who are very concerned and love the area,” Vasquez said. “But in the other hand, we have the ones who are antisocial to go to the games and leave behind their containers and trash behind. Special Events has to remove them and place them all over the campus for tailgaters’ convenience and special events. It’s a job that cannot be avoided.”

Special Events, Office of Student Life and UTEP’s Police Department recently came out with new tailgating regulations. These departments are in charge of making sure everyone has everything in place and keep order on gameday.

“Student safety is what’s most important to us,” said Alex Moner, former President of the Student Government Association and senior double major in Finance and accounting. “We still want people to have a good time and enjoy the tailgates, because it’s part of UTEP’s tradition, but we also want the campus to be well taken care of, have a good atmosphere and promote school spirit.”

“Sure there are three cases of undrinkable drinking water and Class A assaults reported; 16 allegations were non-UTEP affiliated individuals.

“A few student said they had a lot of trouble from high school students and people not affiliated with UTEP. Students said “Guys the students are well behaved, they clean up and take care of the campus, but for people from outside they came to play football and have some fun and leave the campus dirty. I think during the NHSO game things went out of hand.”

Many officers during the Sept. 18 and 25 tailgates were non-UTEP affiliated individuals and breached regulations. At these tailgates, more than 40 non-UTEP affiliated individuals were cited for underage drinking, Class A and Class B assault, auto theft and public intoxication.

“I think it’s a downer,” said Josh Monier, freshman engineering major. “Everything was pretty good until the witnesses were done and we have kind of had been here for some time so I don’t want to see it happening anymore.”

The role of any police department is public safety. UTEP police try to maintain a lawless atmosphere while promoting the tailgates,” Walsh said.

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“If all of us let the administration know what we need, no matter what major.”
Concordia residents dying to tell stories

Her name is Beatriz A. Castañeda, and she has been a volunteer for more than 15 years as portrayed characters at the event for 12 years. She says that she is a part of the 12th annual "Walk through History" at Concordia Cemetery. "It's a way to honor those who came before us and to remember the sacrifices they made," she said. "It's also a way to educate the public about the rich history of Concordia Cemetery.

Shakira sacude a los paseros

Review

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Shakira presentó dos canciones emblemáticas el 12 y 13 de octubre en el Don Haskins Center. El concierto de Shakira incluyó canciones de su nuevo disco "Sale el Sol" que está a la venta en El Paso. "Sale el Sol" es una de las más importantes en su carrera musical y ha contribuido a su enorme popularidad en el mundo, en particular en Latinoamérica.

Shakira sacude a los paseros con la presentación de la canción "Sale el Sol". La canción es la más importante del disco y ha sido criticada por su ritmo y su letra. Sin embargo, la canción ha tenido un gran éxito en el mercado y ha sido uno de los éxitos más destacados del disco.

Concordia Cemetery opens its gates for El Pasoans to attend the annual "Walk Through History" Oct. 16.

"The walk will take people through history and experience El Paso's past from the 1800s and 1900s," said Beatriz A. Castañeda, president of the Concordia Cemetery Association. "It's a way to honor those who came before us and to remember the sacrifices they made."
Lowbrow Palace offers musical oasis

BY OMAR LOZANO

New venue to open Oct. 31

Lowbrow Palace, a new venue, is opening Oct. 31 at 2217 N. Oollections.

"It’s going to open up a lot of different opportunities for bands," said Allen. "It’s going to be one of the biggest, biggest venues in town," Allen said.

Austin Allen, Lowbrow Palace’s headliner, said he is building the venue to help local bands.

"It’s going to give a chance of local bands to play on a bigger level," Allen said.

Lowbrow Palace plans to host a variety of musical acts, from local bands to touring artists.

"We plan on getting a lot of music," Allen said.

Local bands are excited about the venue.

"The Kilohertz," a local band, said they are excited about playing at the new venue.

"We’re awesome and shouldn’t be driving through town, bands that are awesome and shouldn’t be driving through town. We want to be that venue," Allen said.

Although most venues around the university area shy away from under-18 crowds, due to the handle associated with them, Lowbrow Palace is looking to embrace underage and underage audiences.

Lowbrow organizers also said they hope to bring in more music acts to the area.

"I think it’s something that El Paso needs, local bands don’t really have many places to play and it’s tough for these bands to want to stay in this town and want to keep creating their art because it’s hard to get exposure," Allen said. "It’s going to give a chance of local bands more venues to play on a greater controlled and upstairs area."
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Football

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Volleyball

By Paul Acosta

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Junior college transfer shines in first season

Junior defensive specialist Stephanie Figueroa attempts a bump during a game at Memorial Gym.
Football
Lineman excels in the classroom and on the field

By David Acosta
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Growing up with six brothers and three sisters, competition just comes naturally to freshman defensive linemen Marcus Bagley.

Sharing an older brother who was also a high school football standout and is currently playing for Alabama State and other siblings who excelled both in sports and in the classroom, has led him to overachieve in both areas.

And right now, the mountain coming out of high school straight to a Football Bowl Subdivision without setting a season as a redshirt is something Bagley says he was always prepared for.

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