Academics

Borderland research at risk

BY AARON MARTINEZ
The Prospector

As UTEP proclaims to be a vital and unique research university on the border, a new regulation passed by the University of Texas System is now requiring students and faculty to avoid traveling to Mexico for research purposes. The new policy has left students scrambling to find other ways to carry out their graduate theses or dissertations.

"Since the violence started, UTEP has basically shut down all the research we have been able to do," said Alma Hernandez, graduate sociology student. "Now that this has been created, I have to rely on somebody else who lives in one of the communities to help conduct my interviews, because I can not do it myself. It creates a sort of disconnect since I am not actually there to conduct my research."

The regulation, passed down by the UT-System April 22, states institutional presidents are to "take certain precautionary measures with regard to university-sponsored international travel. These measures are necessary to ensure that the UT System minimizes risk and is in a position to assist faculty, staff or students on university-sponsored trips in the event of an emergency."

According to Benjamin Flores, interim dean of the graduate school, the new regulation is not meant to prevent students from doing international research, but is to help protect students and faculty from areas deemed dangerous.

"The rule is not that they (students, faculty and staff) can't do research in Mexico," Flores said. "My understanding is that travel to Mexico for academic purposes by faculty, staff and students is very restricted, but there are always exceptions. The main concern is the safety of people doing research in areas of Mexico that are in conflict. In the southern states of Mexico that are not in conflict, the university will allow faculty and students to go there to do their research."

As students meet with their advisor to discuss their thesis or research projects, Josiah Heyman, chair of the sociology and anthropology department and advisor, said he strongly suggests students change their topic if it requires work in Juárez or other parts of Mexico.

"I tell them that at this moment we are not authorized to allow them to do research in Mexico. There are expectations and we do collaborate with other colleges in Mexico to help them gather the data they need," Heyman said. "Our graduate program is small in our department, but I have had a student that had to alter her thesis to abide by this rule. This rule is important and I am actually in agreement with this policy, it is very important to keep students' and faculty's safety in mind and it would be very unethical to set a program where they would be at risk."

Eva Moyá's doctoral thesis project was in the early stages when the regulation from the UT System went into effect. Moyá, now an assistant professor of social work, said she did had to alter the gathering methods for her research project, but was lucky enough to have reliable sources to help her complete her thesis.

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Student life

Juárez: A city in distress

BY DIANA ARRIETA
The Prospector

As if the stress associated with regular classes was not enough, hundreds of UTEP students who live or have family in Ciudad Juárez are dealing with the tension and anxiety provoked by the drug war in the border city.

"I'm in Juárez, I don't even want to go out anywhere," said Marcela Aguirre, senior communication studies major. "I live with stress and fear that one day I may find myself to be in the middle of a shootout, it's horrible, you can't even go out to eat or the movies."

The violence that occurs in the neighboring city of Mexico has transcended all levels, ending with the lives of two UTEP undergraduate students, Manuel Acosta and Eder Díaz, as they drove home Nov. 2 after finishing a class on campus.

"What happened with the UTEP students is just petrifying," said Paulina Reyes, freshman linguistics major. "That is the fear that students crossing the border live nowadays, every day, the fear of leaving your house in the morning and not being able to return safely."

According to university sources, the number of students suffering from stress and anxiety as a result of the violence affecting the border has increased in the past months.

"There has definitely been an increase in the number of students with concern about what is going on in Juárez and that have been mentioned as the reason for their stress and fear," said Sherri Terrell, director of the University Counseling Center. "Part of the overall picture of their anxiety is balancing the stress of Juárez with their school work and university life. Students are overwhelmed right now."

The tension experienced across the border is also evident among the students of the University of Ciudad Juárez as Dario Álvarez, a 19-year-old sociology major, was shot by a police officer during a protest against the violence Oct. 29.

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Two more Miners lost to violence

The gritty violence from a broad- way musical hit Footlight Parade has lost to violence. More than 12,000 people have been killed less than 36 miles away from the UTEP campus since 2008. That number continues to steadily increase, and it’s easy to spawn out numbers – 30 dead this week, another 30 dead this month, and 10 dead by next month.

Take everyone in the border, de- dication to drug violence is necessary to continue a productive everyday life. As callous as it sounds, we know the murder of bohmology and salubrious might not take place. We know someone, somewhere, is receiving news of a dead loved one – but the person, numbers don’t come to mind. They don’t have faces, they don’t dream of real, or remembering families. This once, every name in the list, the vi- cinity charts are drawn, and the names are spoken. It’s not just that the names are hard and unhappy truths, but that they may not be the last of this anxiety that loses students to the drug war.

Unfortunately, with the continual violence, these deaths may befall more and more frequently ending another family’s future. Thousands of UTEP student body members are affected by violence and violence from those who have not changed their higher education. It is un- likely that many of our classmates, team members and friends will see a safe road be- fore their final call, when they go home.

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“I was very fortunate, I had already coincided with my parents at home and had already agreed by the united bank. The Civil War on page 1 is already made contact and has a team of trained personnel that use non- conventional instrumental in helping in- quiries to the Civil War. Moreover, knowing a big effect on research because faculty and students aren’t allowed to con- tent, it is difficult to actually con- duct the research that is essential for the entirely being there to collect data.”

In order to conduct research to be conducted in an area deemed remotely, it must please the Advisory Review Board, which results over any ethical and safety concerns regarding research projects, and the Institutional Oversight Committee, which means appear any threat that the research will qualify.

“We (UTEP) have created a review board (Institutional Oversight Com- mittee) that if they do need to do the research, or not, not just in Mexico, they would have to pre- sent their case as well as the Institutional Review Board,” said Allison Flores, administrator of the board.

UTEP President Diana Natalicio was a member of the International Oversight Committee after the UT system regu- lations were determined. The main purpose was to ‘review whether academic program or study abroad opportunities offered by the university in countries which significant health or safety concerns have been raised due to drug violence or other causes identifiable, whether or not to grant the research committee to its decision to expand research in those countries. The research in Mexico and other parts of the world, external and internal, the role of the research that would entail.’

Moya said it is important for UTEP faculty and students to con- tinue to perform research that continues the understanding of the violence that they should not be denied by the regulations.

“I think it’s unfortunate, but I think it’s important to keep going,” Moya said. “We are doing our best to keep going and get- ting enough deep is also important, not only to cope with the stress that they are facing right now, but also to be able to retain information and be more alert.”

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When I come to visit UTEP, I see the horrible things that happen in Juárez, all the students that occurred during the day, the shootouts, the killings, I get scared. I tell them I’ve heard about all these incidents and I won’t be able to work every day, sometimes it’s not even by the drug cartels or crime groups but by the police itself, it’s just a limitation.”

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On May 21, Abraham Ruiz Salas, 19, a second-year journalism ma- jor and Jorge Pedro Contreras, a former UTEP student, were killed as they drove from Villa Ahumada.

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**Falleaded students**

**Business student dreamved of changing politics, business**

BY NICOLE CHÁVEZ

The Appalachian State University senior said she had been working on her political platform for the past year, and she hoped to bring positive change to the community.

The student, who is also a political science major, said she was looking forward to working with the community to make a difference.

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Students mourn loss of classmates

“The feelings that you get are so mixed between the tragedy and loss and sense of anger of why two young people who were doing nothing more than building their dreams and carry their family’s names forward are victims just out of the blue.”

-Richard Padilla, UTEP’s vice president of Student Affairs

By Jackie Deane

The Prospector

Drug violence was heavy, mounting investigation reports and other social issues such as the murder of Border Roots.

“Basically what we do is sort of like folk music, we address the important social issues like the victimization of maritonas,” player Manny Flores said.

Border Roots, a local Chicano reggae band, has automated and reformed audiences in the southwest since 1998 and will play UTEP’s Wednesday Music Café Nov. 18. Their quality sound and love for reggae music has captured national and international acclaim and is gaining fans from all over the world. Living in the borderland has inspired them to put their own twist on reggae music.

Mark Alvarado, lead singer and founder of the group, graduated from UTEP in 1997 with a degree in Chicano Studies. He sings about topics affecting the Chicano community. During this time, he received a City Hall as the Neighborhood Services Direc- tor in the Community and Human Development department. "As long as I keep singing and work for the government, which both talk about social issues," Alvarado said. "The music helped me to be the music to our community." Alvarado said he’s been playing music professionally for 15 years and has always had a love for it, ever since he was a child. "When I was eight years old, I was feeling that I had to play," he said. As I got older, I started to learn what it was really about, and that’s equal rights and justice," Alvarado said. "The sound Alvarado is talking about is the driving drum and bass foundation that is found in traditional reggae music. Mild keyboard grooves with rock and blues guitar licks fused with strong horn melodies characterize their reggae music. This blending of sounds gives it a狠抓音乐, said Ernesto Tinajero, lead singer and rhythm guitarist for Rabadia La Chorita, who played bass with Border Roots 10 years ago.

"It uplifts the spirit and consciousness. Reggae music was originally religious and the global language of the tribal people in Jamaica," Tinajero said. "As a pedestrian, I say there are many contemporary genres that come from reggae music, one of them being the unity of music. What it comes to their own music, Alvarado said it’s honestly more introspective and personal. They sang about things that affect them personally, but on a level that everyone can relate to."

Border Roots released its debut album "Barrio Reggae" in August 2009. The album was recorded at La Sirena Studios in El Paso, which holds one of the highest quality production studios in the area. Their first musical effort as a band was successful with sales recorded as far away as Japan, Germany, and Saudi Arabia. Their recognition and reputation got them noticed by high-profile magazines, newspapers and internet sites.

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Music

Border Roots’ social beats to stir UTEP

Border Roots has written and performed songs about social issues since 1998. The band performs at the Wednesday Music Café at noon Nov. 10 at the Union Plaza.

By Audrey Russell

Art

Artists gain exposure at long-standing exhibit

Vivid paintings, pastels, colored pencil and dark charcoal pieces from artists all around the country will be displayed this year in the southwest’s longest running art exhibit. The Sun Bowl Art Exhibit, which originally began as the Sun Carnival Art exhibit in 1968, will open Nov. 3 at the International Museum of Art.

This exhibit is open to the public from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Thursday through Sunday until Dec. 30. The event is rich in history and has enabled El Paso-based artists to gain recognition.

"I’ve worked with these Sun Bowls, and it’s wonderful to see all of the different style of art and meeting all of the different artists,” said Delia Horn, manager of the International Museum of Art. "The International Museum of Art is in the essence of El Paso couple Mr. and Mrs. Turney. The museum now holds collections by city, national and international artists. Seventy three pieces from artists around the country and El Paso artists will be included at the exhibit. "Artists enter from all over the country. We have art from Alabama, Maine, New York, Arizona, New Mexico and Montana," Horn said. "Many have been adding to our collections every year. It has grown up to 10 this year. I would definitely say the community is getting more and more involved in the Sun Bowl. We have a lot of new artists, which is fantastic.”

A prize itself was awarded to the Best of the Best winner by artist Berenice Pena, who entered a life-like drawing of two lions entitled, “Love You Forever.”

"I’m very excited about winning," Pena said. "The Best of the Show award was awarded $1,050, the El Paso Times Award of Excellence was $1,063 and the winner of the Blue Ribbon Award received $1,090."

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Column
A little too late for Price
BY ALEX MORALES
THE PROSPECTOR

The Miners finally beat first-time Stamps, but in a little too late for them. Yes, the seniors will be taking it off the shelf provided if they manage to win other games and clinch a bowl berth. This could mean playing some other teams, but that's a different story. First, they will be taking on New Mexico, who are currently riding the high of being winners, to see if they can continue their winning streak.

Winning games is wonderful, but they need to focus on the present. The Miners have lost five of their last six games and it appears that they know the chance of that happening is unethical.

The Miners head to Fort Worth, Texas, where they will face off against the Mustangs who have made a strong run this year in the Big 6 conference. The Miners need to step up their game and win this game to clinch a bowl berth. It's a do or die game for the Miners.

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Perez finds niche on team as point guard

BY DAVID ACECTA
The Prospector

As a freshman joining a basketball team full of seasoned and backcourt talent, guard Michael Perez knew he would have to work hard to earn a spot.

Fortunately, hard work is something he has no aversion to. In fact, it’s something he seems to welcome.

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Big role for freshman center this season

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Basketball

Freshman center John Bohannon attempts a layup against Texas Tech.

BY ALEX MORALES

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Mary’s to just 27 percent from the field and nine percent from the three-point line allowing the Miners to score just 16 points.

The second half was no different for the Miners, scoring 41 points and shooting 57 percent from the field. Bowers started off the half for the Miners grabbing a rebound and scoring on the put-back. On the other end of the court, she added a block and strong defensive play giving the Miners a 30-18 lead two minutes into the second half.

Freshman guard Kelli Willingham played solid, stealing the ball with 13 minutes remaining, driving the ball down court and drawing a foul. She made both free throws giving UTEP a 41-21 lead. Willingham finished the game with six steals, nine points and shot perfect from the field.

Adam said as of right now, Willingham and Green are her two point guards for the season.

“I thought Briana had a really good first half offensively, shot the ball well,” Adams said. “Kelly did a nice job of passing the ball to the players and did some good things.”

Green finished the game with 10 points, two assists and shooting 50 percent from the field.

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With the loss of Derrick Caracter and Amed Moubi, two contributors to last year’s Conference USA championship team, the Miners were left thin when it came to big men.

With the season beginning soon, head coach Tim Floyd found a replacement in the form of a big-time recruiter.

Freshman center John Bohannon was a highly prized standout playing at Lancaster High School in Lancaster, Texas. Leading his team to the state championship game in his senior year, he was tabbed as an All-State selection. He was pegged as a three-star prospect by Rivals.com and ranked 29th in the country by ESPN.

Bohannon chose UTEP over in-state rival schools like SMU and TCU.

His decision to come to UTEP was easy when he came and visited the city and saw the UTEP campus, Bohannon said.

“I just felt like El Paso was home,” he said. “I was just comfortable with everything around here, the coaching staff and the community, so I just thought it was the right choice and place for me.”

With the senior big men not playing extensive roles in their careers, Floyd will be using a platoon at the center position, giving Bohannon some playing time.

“Bohannon is a guy that, because he has been in two, big has never played extensively minutes and at this point of the season is capable of playing ex-

utensive minutes, we are going to have to rely on him,” Floyd said. “He’s got great length obviously, he’s a guy that catches the ball fine. He needs to get a little stronger and we need to define his role.”

Senior Claude Britton will be the starter when the season begins, but is also playing a huge role in the maturation process of Bohannon.

“He’s got a lot to learn, he has got to play a lot more,” Britton said. “His getting to be a nice player and we are just teaching him in practice. We go at each other to make him better and to make me better.”

With senior back-up center Wayne Portalatin also in the mix, a bevy of competition is only going to give Bohannon the much-needed experience at the college level, especially when the two men in front of him are seniors.

Britton has noticed the intensity of practice between the three of them.

“Th e second half was no different for the Miners, scoring 41 points and shooting 57 percent from the field. Bowers started off the half for the Miners grabbing a rebound and scoring on the put-back. On the other end of the court, she added a block and strong defensive play giving the Miners a 30-18 lead two minutes into the second half.

Freshman guard Kelli Willingham played solid, stealing the ball with 13 minutes remaining, driving the ball down court and drawing a foul. She made both free throws giving UTEP a 41-21 lead. Willingham finished the game with six steals, nine points and shot perfect from the field.

Adam said as of right now, Willingham and Green are her two point guards for the season.

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“I needed to learn a lot about our newcomers... I think the depth can be one of our strengths,” Adams said. “I wanted to see how these young ladies were going to step up and perform under the real lights.”

Next up for the Miners is the season opener against UC Irvine at 2:05 p.m. Nov. 13 at the Don Haskins Center.

UTEP will head back to its rigorous public service career fair on November 16, 2010.

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Senior quarterback Trevor Vittatoe was back on track completing 17 of 28 passes for 183 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions. During UTEP’s three game losing streak Vittatoe threw six interceptions, but against SMU he made sure he took care of the ball to finally get over the hump and become bowl eligible.

“It feels real good. We haven’t been able to get over that hump since I’ve been here,” Vittatoe said. “I think everyone of us has been saying that we finally get it off the board and get over that hump and it feels so good.”

Sophomore Marlon McClure finally made it into the end zone catching a touchdown pass with 17 seconds before halftime to give the Miners a 21-7 lead.

McClure did not envision it taking this long but he finally scored his first career touchdown as a Miner.

“Yeah it was the longest,” McClure said. “Every touchdown I got was called back, so I got a good touchdown tonight to get over that hump.”

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“We’re viewing these two games as an opportunity to give our guys out of the game, talk to them, instruct, teach so that when they go back into the game they understand what we’re looking for, what they did wrong, and try to improve it,” Floyd said. “It’s about a coaches trying to identify who can and who can’t. Unless our conditioning is so poor, I don’t anticipate having to do that (during the regular season).”

According to Floyd one area of concern was the play of his big men, Bohannon and senior center Claude Britton, who started the game. Britton scored 10 points and pulled down three rebounds in 13 minutes of playing time.

“I thought Bohannon did some positive things defensively for us,” Floyd said. “But, we’ve got to get more rebounding out of our centers, that was a really tiny team that we out-rebounded by six.”

UTEP will head back to its rigorous practice schedule to prepare for the regular season home opener on Nov. 12 against Pacific.

“We’re not a fine-tuned machine at this point, but we’ve got another week to try to get us there,” Floyd said.

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