New Texas laws to affect UTEP

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The Prospector

The Texas regular and special legislative sessions have ended, and several bills that have recently been enacted will affect UTEP students down the road.

One, in particular, has stirred anger in Texas Representative Dee Margo, R-El Paso.

"I'm not happy. To be honest, I was very frustrated about UTEP in particular," Margo said.

Margo was referring to Senate Bill 2, which excluded UTEP from the Competitive Knowledge Fund and denied the university from using its tobacco fund.

The Competitive Knowledge Fund, which was established in 2007, requires universities to spend at least $50 million toward research and would have allowed UTEP to tap into more funds, which could have helped the institution attain tier-one status. UT Austin, the University of Houston, Texas A&M and Texas Tech University are participants in this fund program. Margo said the University of Texas at Arlington was also excluded.

"They (UTEP, UT Arlington) were, in my opinion, arbitrarily and capriciously removed from participation," Margo said. "Let me just say I consider the reason they were not allowed to be in that fund unfair and ego driven by other legislators. It would be more beneficial to the institutions that are already in this fund, not having to divide the pool of money with a couple more universities."

Richard Adauto, UTEP executive vice president, said that he also thinks that UTEP’s exclusion was a political decision, but he added that he’s optimistic.

“They set up rules for the game and we met those rules, so they should let us in,” Adauto said. “We’ll be fine. We’re going to try to get in the next legislative session in 2013. We’ll keep pushing and fighting.”

Margo also said that he’s going to continue advocating for UTEP to be in the Competitive Knowledge Fund.

“It’s wrong. It’s unfair. UTEP qualifies for this fund,” he said.

Margo said he voted against SB 2. But in the 82nd Texas Legislature Special Session online records, Margo was listed among those who favored SB 2. However, in a statement on that same document,

“Because of the Apple denial, the store could not offer Apple education discounts to students, nor sell Apple products to the university - both key factors in the success of other campus stores,” Cox said.

Due to Apple’s policies, it is very difficult for Apple to allow resellers to sell their products in schools. However there are exceptions. UT San Antonio and other universities, where Apple does give permission to open a store and offer education discounts to students and staff, and sell products to the institution.

“My colleagues who own campus stores elsewhere tell me that their stores could not survive if they were unable to sell Apple to the university,” Cox said. “My financial models support that, and our experience proved it as well.”

By the time Apple denied the application, UTEP had already received and accepted the proposal request by Checkpoint Services and plans of opening the store were already being processed.
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Juárez journalists win the 2011 Knight International Journalism Award

By Dave Acosta
Special to The Prospector

Jujárez journalists, Rocío Ildia Gallegos Rodríguez and Sandra Rodríguez Nieto, were recently awarded the 2011 Knight International Journalism Award for their investigative work on El Diario de Juárez, in the world's most violent city.

The award symbolizes a “valuable recognition” of the work of journalists in Ciudad Juárez, said Joyce Barnathan, president of the International Center for Journalists in Washington, D.C.

“These extraordinary journalists dare to tell stories that few have the courage to address. Because of them, we have an essential understanding of the tragedies faced by citizens in México,” said Erynn Hartman, president of the International Center for Journalists.

Rodríguez and Gallegos’ investigative reporting has done much to expose corrupt government officials and the ruthless drug cartels battling for control in Juárez and other parts of México. The two women have documented the epidemic of violence and lawlessness on the border.

“All others are silenced by threats and attacks, these women have stood up to the most feared cartels imaginable,” said John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

“While others are silenced by the Mexican government and the ruthless cartels battling for control in Juárez and other parts of México, the two women have been exposed by the lawlessness in the embattled city. Mexican reporters on the border have been silenced by the lawlessness in the embattled city.

“I think that journalists are an important component in exposing the ways that the drug war is affecting society that may not be as obvious as the daily violence, such as police corruption and money laundering,” said Graves.

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Rodriguez was also part of a team of journalists that analyzed all the murders in Juárez in 2008 and 2009. She found that, contrary to what Mexican officials are saying, most of the victims were children and teens who were not involved in drug trafficking.

“Rocío and Sandra are brave, tenacious journalists that truly deserve this recognition. Their outstanding investigative reporting has thrown light on many of the causes, consequences and actors responsible for the extreme violence gripping their border city,” said Zita Arocha, director of Borderzine.com at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Both reporters earned master’s degrees in communication from UTEP.

“Despite the brazen murder of two fellow journalists, they continue the excruciating work of collecting and publishing stories about the complex social puzzle that is the daily war on Juárez,” Arocha said.

“His leadership with these and other journalists has given a voice to the poverty-stricken people of Juárez who live in constant fear of the drug cartels and the Mexican government,” Dance said.

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The Pulitzer Prize-winning Drama, “Topdog/Underdog” is currently being presented by the Glass House Theatre Collective at the Glass House Studio in Downtown El Paso. Current and former UTEP students make up the cast.

Jean-Luc Parker’s play takes audiences through the life of two African-American brothers, Lincoln (Brandon Graves) and Booth (Brandon Graves), who deal with poverty, women and most importantly the rivalry among themselves. Their names are rich in symbolism, and the play’s final scene is wrought fiendish retribution.

As straightforward as the play is, the actors are able to engage with their characters and create a complex, personal performance.

“Telling finding memories and experiences in my life that I could relate to that of Booth,” Graves said.

He said that he knows how Booth felt leaving Cisco because he himself has loved that one girl who does not have normal feelings. Graves also re-created Booth by having an absent parent in his childhood.

“The more we got to know the character towards the end of the play,” Graves said. “I also relate to Booth in the way that I was always picked on growing up, and always being put down.”

Clarice Smith-Hernandez, producer and director of the play, said that she used this play for a class.

“I was really interested in the play,” Smith said. “I knew the actors, I asked them if they were interested and we began the production.”

Smith mentioned that in order to break the ice between the actors and for them to begin trusting each other, she asked them to play some games.

“It was a good way to bring them together, although none of us knew how to play the games,” Smith said.

As any other occasion, the first challenge the production went through were mainly scheduling, according to Smith.

“I was glad to see that the actors were able to rehearse at other times,” Smith said. “We were able to rehearse at UTEP, and the play right was fairly easy to pick up.”

Ocegueda, stage manager, agreed that the biggest challenge was scheduling. Smith noted that scheduling didn’t allow one of the actors to proceed with his role.

“We had to find some actors to fill in,” Ocegueda mentioned that he was not familiar with understudies until they had to find one just in case scheduling didn’t allow one of the actors to proceed with his role.

“The local of the story gets lifted. It was hard to see,” Ocegueda said. “I am very proud of everyone though. We all have gone a long way with this production.”

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Students keep cool despite the heat

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BY ASHLEY HICKS
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It’s El Paso, it’s July and it’s hot. In the dog days of summer, in one of the driest and hottest on record, humans and general beware are forced to face the heat.

Most are going to go outside when temperatures are in the triple digits. For many UTEP students, being the heat is part of living in the Sun City.

“During summer session one was when I had the hardest time with the heat, said Cameron Smith. “I went from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and it pushed me at the top of University Avenue,” said Cameron Smith, senior history major.

“Always carry a water bottle with me to stay hydrated and be a big purple polka dot umbrella,” added黎明, senior history major.

Walking through campus is impossible sometimes with the blazing heat, but being prepared will make going to class a little more comfortable. Living in the desert takes some preparation.

Marilu Rotwein, nutrition educator and sports dietitian, offers complimentary individual nutrition consultations at the Student Health Center. During visits, Rotwein helps students develop a hydration plan suitable to their lifestyle.

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**Sports**

Roller Derby

**From Penny Piston**

Engineering student, former marching band member making impact on the rink

**BY KRYSTON RIVERA**

The Prospector

Her freshman year, Sarah Leon was occupied by school, marching band and a full-time job. But, when Leon made the time to be in her shoes, she became “Penny Piston” and an alter janne for the Chuco Town Chulas.

“Penny is like a skating wiz,” said Diana Pinkerton, the Chuco Town Chulas co-captain. “She’s very enthusiastic. I’ve never seen her walk or run.”

Outside of her alter ego, Leon is a new music major attending UTEP full-time and a former smoker for the marching band.

Earlier this year, she even took her musical talent from the field to the stage, performing with the El Paso Symphony Orchestra.

Leon, whose names of responsibilities have not been easy to manage, Leon wishes to drain some of the pressure from her daily routine. She had to make a difficult decision—she had to lose music or skating.

“I was running empty and I just hit the bottom. The only thing I had left was a good skating stance. Practice,” Leon said. “Take it any way you can. It helps me a lot.”

Leon said she is doing just fine, and has been happy about the move since her decision was made. She is doing fine in the sport and wants to spend as much time as possible on the ice, in the end, she just wants to be happy and have fun.

Leon, who will now have the opportunity to devote more time to the sport and teammates, when she considers a second family.

Her interest in skating began as a child, she picked up the sport as her hobby. Eventually, at the age of 17, Leon was exposed to the roller derby scene after her sister, Sylvia “Polly” Piston, began to compete in roller derby.

Eventually, Leon was noticed by her sister’s teammates and began getting involved in the sport. From there on, Leon, would take her skating into another atmosphere. In honor of her sister’s job and her alter janne role, Pinkerton chose “Penny Piston” as her alter janne name.

Nearing the end of her second season with the league, Leon is making a name for herself among fans and skaters in the roller derby scene. Especially from her teammates who have made her the go-to janne in numerous bouts, the respect is genuine.

“I’ve been 15 percent. I don’t think anything, I’ll say it right out,” Leon said. “Before I use to go around it. In the end no one cares if you’re not or not. You have to fight for yourself because no one is going to fight for you and that is what I learn from these ladies even though it is a game.”

One example of her rarely acquired attitude came during the Chucos Chicks recent bout against Las Carmelas June 26 at the El Paso County Coliseum. In the second quarter, Leon was involved in an altercation with opposing jammer Diane “Blayz berry” Ortiz.

During a penalty, the two competed in a pillow fight to decide who would recover the points from the most recent jam. The penalty quickly turned into this, the bench nearly cleared when Leon moved on to confront Ortiz and a handful of players were ejected.

“Then, and the end, the Chucos received the points for the jam and ultimately came out on top winning 15-12. Leon and the Chucos will take the month off as they mourn their wounds and make room for the next bout. The next roller derby match will be between the San Antonio Chicks at 7-3 July 24 at the El Paso County Coliseum.

Meanwhile, the coaching staff has been working the summer by hosting the Miner Invitational Academy Summer Camps. Attendees are local soccer athletes between the ages of 8 and 18.

Their first camp began June 13-17.
**Former player takes over team in first year as manager**

BY WILLIAM VEGA

The Prospector

Once upon a time, a field manager Jorge Alvarez was winning awa
ds and sending the El Paso Diablos to the postseason as a player. Four years after his memorable performance, Alvarez will be closing the 2011 cam-
paign coaching the same team he left a mark on.

“It feels almost the same, not too much has changed. The only differ-
ence is that I played and I manage now,” Alvarez said. “Why do I want to play? I’m old and not getting younger. I have to start something new and look to the future.”

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and the final camp is has set for July 18-21.

“The camp went really well this summer. We had record numbers and we broke 300, which is the most we’ve ever had, so I think there’s a lot of excitement for soccer and for UTEP soccer,” Cross said. “We’re really thankful for the community and hopefully a lot of these kids will come out and watch us play in the fall.”

The camp represents one of the final stepping-stones for the soc-
cer team as they prepare for training camp and ultimately, its season opener. Cross expects the team to meet his expectations once the sea-
son commences with a rivalry match against NMSU in the battle of 1-10. The game is set for 7 p.m. on Aug. 19 at University Field.

After an improving year, everyone within the soccer program is moti-
vated to make no mistake of coming in missing opportunities for a win.

“We feel we can really build upon last year. We had a real young team and had a tough schedule because we had four home games and seven on the road so it made it tough,” Cross said. “This year it changes because we have seven home games and four on the road, which should give us the advantage because our record here at home is incredible and our support from UTEP is incredible.”

Last season, their total record at home was 8-2, and their away record was 3-6. Players on the team feel the same in regards to the new fall schedule.

“That’s definitely going to be a good change. Last year we were ba-
sically living out of a suitcase our fall season because we traveled so much,” Babuscio said. “It’s definitely going to be better for us to play at home with our fans.”

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**Runner named Athlete of the Year**

Sophomore Risper Kimaiyo has been named the women’s cross country Conference USA Scholar Athlete of the Year.

“Our program is very proud of Risper receiving this award,” head coach Paul Everg said. “She is just one of those few athletes whom every program would want to have.”

Kimaiyo is a nursing major and has a 3.68 cumulative GPA. She was named the University of Texas at El Paso • College of Education

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