"Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

—RALPH WALDO EMERSON

SPRING 2012 COMMENCEMENT
I am myself, like you, somehow

BY WILLIAM VEGA

"I have never been very public about this, nor

social on social media, but I am a

graduate student. When I met my fiancé, one

person that I have modeled myself

after and wish to thank shows everyone else is

able to see me whenever I need.

My grandma, a person I never met

before, just a few years ago, was

involved in an accident. When I saw her that night, we talked

about everything that was failing, about what I had

finally bought into myself new

shoes and how that went about it.

The next day, she was admitted into

the hospital and we almost back

to the doctor. She decided to

stay for one or two nights, to be

sick, to see if she was ready to

come around the next day.

The following day, my dad, sister

and I went to visit her for about

an hour, or so we hoped. Her condition turned for the worst

from one second to the next. I

can remember being ment to get

her to the hospital, but she couldn’t even take a sip of water

or food. She was being rushed to Intensive

Care Unit. I was there by this time, my

room, other sister and brother were

present along with my aunt, cousins

and uncle.

She put a breathing mask on her

when she was admitted and her con-

dition began. She was deep sleep in the way that I went to get guidance for her.

Then I got the call from our grand-

ma that was in the hospital but I

was not too slowed, as she had been

reassured that she was not going to die.

When I saw her that night, we talked

about everything that was failing, about what I had

finally bought into myself new

shoes and how that went about it.

If you ever had the misfortune

of meeting her, you would

be able to appreciate the

joy of her company.

It was at that time I began

thinking of my grandma, but

for the last time I ever would

have my grandma speak again.

My parents assume that then

after the night, after I left

behind, I got up and we had our early morning

talk. "Your turn to be the

one who learns, it doesn’t look good.”

I got dressed right away, rushed

to the hospital with my mom in an

ambulance behind us. We got

there, but her condition was

so bad, she was barely able to

breathe. I was told to call the

Intensive Care Unit. We stayed

for a few minutes and then the next

thing I knew she was being rushed to Intensive

Care. You didn’t stay that long, your

time at our next day’s only. I

managed to get one last hug and

said, “I love you, too.”

It was at that time I began

thinking of my grandma, but

for the last time I ever would have

her speak. If you ever had the misfortune

of meeting her, you would

be able to appreciate the

joy of her company.

I love reading and have always been

a voracious reader or something like

that. It’s because of her I have

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By Rebecca Guerrero

As the time rapidly approaches for UTEP seniors to don their cap and gown and walk across the stage at the Don Haskin Center, many students took the time to reflect on the sacrifices that made graduation possible.

“I think that the major sacrifice that I had to make is to move out of my house, and move in with my parents to complete my internship,” said Laura Reyes, senior interdisciplinary studies major. “This was a very difficult move for me because I have been living on my own since I was 17, and since I knew that I couldn’t have a full-time job while attending. I had to put my house up for rent and move back into my parent’s house with my son. It was very difficult, even if it didn’t always feel that way. I just feel that sometimes you have to take a step back to be able to move forward.”

“I feel that my age has helped me to be more responsible, almost a sort of role model for my fellow students,” said Steve Reyes, senior digital media production major. “I feel I did have a bit of an advantage, maybe I was a bit more mature than others.”

The decision to commit to school can sometimes mean putting certain dreams and goals on hold, but for most seniors who have reached the archetypal young adulthood stage of their life, it was all about putting things into perspective and focusing on the bigger picture. “I’ve had to leave behind a lot of things at UTEP, my biggest sacrifice has been family,” said Angel Alamo, senior criminal justice major. “I see my family for not even a couple of hours a day. Sometimes I just go to the park to sleep and come back to school.”

The spring semester is almost over, with a few more tests, one or two more papers and finals soon to be out of the way, commencement is in the horizon for seniors. “I see my senior year as a time of all the different ways that I’ve found along the way, a college degree is a priceless asset in today’s world.”

“I’m feeling insanely emotion- al—graduating from college is very overwheming and bitterness,” said Caroline From, senior organizational and corporate communication major. “I’m sad to be leaving UTEP and my amazing professors and friends, but at the same time I’m so excited to be starting a new chapter in my life.”

UTEP’s first commencement was held on May 30, 1916, when the university’s first graduating class of 12 students received their diplomas. “Our colleges and universities have evolved as equalizers, and a way of opening the horizon for seniors,” said Natalicio in the magazine, the demographic includes low-income students, first-generation college students, non-native students whose first language is not English and older students.

“UTEP has been an historically underrepresented region, and the more than 350,000 degrees that UTEP has awarded have had a huge impact on the region. Just imagine El Paso without UTEP and the lost set of opportunities we would offer students of this region.”

Natalicio’s mission is to make UTEP a university that serves a diverse student demographic—meaning a student body consisting of more than just the archetypal young college student. Defined by Sharyn Pat Stackhouse in University Business magazine, the demographics includes low-income students, first-generation college students, non-native students whose first language is not English and older students.

“Young college freshmen have an increasingly critical social responsibility to address the growing need to educate this more diverse group of students,” Stackhouse said in the article. “Education is a higher good, an equalizer, and a way of opening doors for all those seeking to make the American dream a reality.”

Located on the border and featuring a Hispanic majority-minority population, UTEP serves what could be described as a historically underrepresented student demographic.

“I feel that my age has helped me to be more responsible, almost a sort of role model for my fellow students,” said Steve Reyes, senior digital media production major. “I feel I did have a bit of an advantage, maybe I was a bit more mature than others.”

Reyes is the first in his immediate family to graduate, and is doing so at the age of 33. Having spent some time in his own high school, he feels his experiences make him better prepared for life after college than a younger person who may be more susceptible to stress or peer pressure from being away from home.

“Life after graduation can be scary, but part of college should teach you survival skills,” Reyes said. “Some graduates still aren’t ready and perhaps are lost, but one thing college should teach is to step out of their comfort zone, towards the road of success, even if the right job doesn’t come right away.”

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Graduating UTEP students have more to look forward to than finally clicking the graduation gabs and waving the cap into the air. While many of them are getting ready for the job market, some are preparing for their next step. Business and engineering students said they were excited about the job opportunities for them.

"I am the first in my immediate family to graduate from college and I serve the years in the military before attending UTEP and focused on my field, their best bet is to look for a job in another city," said Jesus Coronado, senior graphic design major. "For graduating students, I think being prepared and flexible is key."

"It's probably better to be gainfully employed here in El Paso," said Amber Watts, economy section editor. "In terms of UTEP students, there are probably going to be a higher number of graduates in 2013 and 2014. Fullerton said, "Compared to the overall economy, El Paso's market is doing well, but this is simply as a consequence of the higher unemployment rate that is in this region relative to what is shown elsewhere." The purpose of the Borderplex Economic Outlook Report for 2011-2015 is to plan for future economic conditions of the region. The report covers four different local economies, including El Paso, Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua City and Las Cruces. According to the report, the region's economy, as well as the national economic climate, that affected El Paso.

"These factors combined with the prices in Europe all contribute to our generally low economic outlook," Fullerton said. "The overall downtown of the economy affected everyone in some way, although students in particular have concerns about post-graduation plans."

"Overall, the findings of the report are encouraging for graduates, but it does imply that there could be many students staying in the area due to the lower overall national job outlook, because the El Paso economy is doing slightly better than the national one due to activities of Fort Bliss and El Paso.

"It's probably better to be gainfully employed here in El Paso," Fullerton said.
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PLTL program to stop after this semester

BY ANDER WATTS

An another semester comes to a close, so does a peer-leading program that UTEP has employed over the last two years for its introductory chemistry, biology, physics and math students.

"Peer Led Team Learning has been going on in chemistry with the support from external funds," said Amy Maravall, dean of the College of Science. "These funds are now depleted. To get them back, the faculty has to submit grant proposals to the funders."

PLTL, or Peer Led Team Learning, has been a staple in the core curriculum for freshmen and sophomore students entering into large-annunciation house provides shelter, safety for those in need

Community

Annunciation House provides shelter, safety for those in need

BY LEORAN MARRIOTT

The Annunciation House tries to connect people who have been affected by violence or suffer from poverty with supporting groups and spreading awareness of these issues throughout the El Paso community.

Annunciation House was founded in 1978, when a group of individuals sought to connect more with poverty-stricken individuals and the Gospel. With weekly meetings and study, they were able to come up with a plan of how to help people - whether religious or not – who were struggling with poverty, unemployment, abandonment, violence or oppression.

Annunciation House has opened its doors to many individuals who have all suffered in one form or another, whether it is losing their family and having homeless or being subjected to the violence surrounding the drug epidemic.

Many families go to Annunciation House as refugees after escaping the violence that corrupted their homes in Haiti, as in the case of one family who requested to stay anonymous.

"After leaving work, I left to pick up my wife and son. I went to human resources and the Federal Police to see my wife, after my son and I were kidnapped by the Federal Police."

After being taken away from their home, the family was beaten, flogged and asphyxiated and received death threats while facing gun at point-blank range. They were told to withdraw the complaint and collect 15,000 pesos for their freedom.

"They stuck needles in my nipples and gave me electrical shocks while they took my wife from bed to bed to collect the money." So said "They told us that they would take us to the Federal Police the next day so we could drop the complaint."

The annunciation house staff dropped the complaint and was let go soon after. However, the fear of being tortured by the government was still strong, so that day in El Paso and went to the Annunciation House for refuge.

"We asked for political asylum and the only support that we felt that we got was through Annunciation House. Our lives were destroyed and we cannot return to our country, we cannot see our families," he said. "We are afraid that the police will one day find us here - we live in daily fright."

Like any family, individuals are faced with torture and violence from their own government. They often find themselves lost and abandoned.

"I worked at the Annunciation House for 20 years," said Mary Darling, a former director and founder of the Annunciation House Support Coalition (TASSC) member. "Some years as a volunteer living with the tenants, other years as a member of the director committee, and other years we spent as a friend and neighbor."

However, TASSC helps individuals and families find safety and social service resources.

"The coalition organization was funded by Sister Diana (Ortiz), who was tortured in Guatemala. The torture is specific to governments who are not stable and for those who do not have a democracy," Harding said.

Many tenants currently are coming from the African continent, specifically from Eritrea.

The coalition organization, like the Annunciation House, helps individuals who are poverty-striken and have suffered from violence or have been exiled from their own country. They assist with food and transportation, and are also sent to conferences about human trafficking and violence.

"We have learned that these conferences have impacted the lives of the community."
What are your plans for the summer?

KARINA VALDÉZ
My sister is in the process of having her 3rd baby. I won’t have a job this summer but I plan to go back home to North Carolina for a week. I’m going back home for my younger sibling’s graduation. I’ll be taking death and dying courses and got a job at ENI Petroleum in Houston. I’m just gonna pull a Charlie Sheen.

ERIK HAJDUN
Physical therapy graduate student
“I’m going to do an internship at the VA hospital and I’m also going to go to Albuquerque for the Tan-Greater.”

TIM BURGANDER
Physical therapy graduate student
“I’m going to work with my younger brother who graduated from UNM. I’m taking death and dying courses and I’m also going to take an exam for Civil Engineering. By participating in recruiting experiences have only pushed me forward out of my comfort zone.”

OSCAR SAENZ
Senior biology and computer science major
“I’m going to do research at different university databases for Apache history.”

TERRA ACANTHUS
Sophomore accounting major
“I’m in grad school so I only have a week of break, probably just play hacky sack the whole time.”

JACEY CLARK
Geology graduate student
“I’m just going to work at SandRidge Energy.”

KATHRYN TOMAHA
Senior business administration major
“I’ll be taking death and dying courses and I’m also going to take an exam for Civil Engineering. I’m going to go to Ruidoso and camp for three nights, then go to Albuquerque for the Tan-Greater.”

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Best photos of spring 2012

1. Former U.S. President Bill Clinton visited UTEP’s Basin April 2 to support Congresswoman Silvia Reyes as she fights to get re-elected as El Paso’s congressional representative.
2. Students participated in community service as part of Project Promise.
3. Pablo Padilla, Student Government Association president, was caught parking his vehicle on the sidewalk in front of Union Building East. A police log and transportation officer drove by with out citing the vehicle for illegally parking.
4. U.S. Representative and GOP presidential nominee Ron Paul held a town meeting meeting April 25 at Magoffin Auditorium.
5. UTEP President Diana Natalicio discussed at a press conference April 27 the conditions UT System chancellor said in order for the Luke Ganoe Center to Andrew Lee boxing match to take place at the Sun Bowl.

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Bowing off the stage

Seniors say goodbye to the Wise Family Theatre

BY CHRISTOPHER RIVERA

There is something special about the rings for Noelle Molinar and Clarissa Smith-Hernandez, two senior theatre arts majors, the Wise Family Theatre is more than just a stage to these students.

“They both have an amazing potential,” said Adolfo Dominguez, director of theatre development at UTEP’s Department of Theatre and Dance. “I know that both will accomplish great things in their profession as a stage manager and Clarissa is going to be an amazing teacher and I know she is going to be instrumental to the growing art scene in El Paso.”

Both students are graduating this spring.

Molinar began as an actress at UTEP, but later progressed into stage management. “No one asked me to change a show and I had no idea what I was getting into,” Molinar said. “But once I found stage management and it was something that I had naturally. I was interested in organization, patience, initiative and responsibility. It’s the best of both worlds because I’m still interested in the theater process and there is a better possibility of creating a career and a life.”

Molinar has managed productions such as “Of Mice and Men,” “A Christmas Carol,” “The Homecoming” “Doubt” and “Pacific Overtures.”

“Theatre has recently recognized my excellence as a stage manager and included in the National Stage Management Fellows at a regional competition, the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. She was one of eight participants selected for the honor out of a thousand participants from Texas, Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Missouri and Louisiana.”

“We have a solid and strongoperating theatre arts program and I can tell the best is yet to come,” Molinar said. “I am not only challenged, but supported as well.”

Upon graduating, Molinar will relocate to Santa Fe, New Mexico where her new career will begin working at the Santa Fe Opera house.

Smith-Hernandez’s role focused more on the production, which transitioned to her performing in productions at UTEP such as “Father,” “Kiss,” and “Leader of the Pack.”

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Sports Bar. Cover is $4.

Friday, May 4

4 at The Lowbrow. Cover is free.

Saturday, May 5

Calle 13 will be performing at 3:00 p.m. May 5 at the Calle 13 Performance Center. Come on in. It's been a while.

Sunday, May 6

The Prospector: Softball

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By William Vega

The Prospector

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Carrera said she is relieved to see Troupe’s departure at the end of the season. “The team was able to settle in and just play ball,” Carrera said.

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I would like to say goodbye to all the people I’ve met and made a difference in my life. All the people in FAUSA, CAS, and CASA have been great. Thanks for opening my eyes and my mind. You all have been awesome and I consider you all family in some way. I will never forget you. Though I also want to say I love you to all my family. Thanks for getting me through the years and putting up with me especially.
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Take advantage of your time here! Kids, and keep on learning! There’s a whole wide world out there so best of luck! I’m out.
-Henry Arrambide

Take care, love to everyone.

Best advice I can give is to always listen to your surrounding and learn from your mistakes.
-See ya! Good luck.
-Krystal Oblinger

Goodbye is only painful when you know you’ll never say hello again.
-Hasta la vista baby!
-Oscar R. Cardona

Take care of your family and everyone. Thanks to my friends and family. For making these 4 years the best possible!
-Jennifer Rowden

Thank you to all my family, friends, and teachers that helped me throughout my entire career at UTEP. I especially want to thank the people that helped me get to where I am today.
-Miriam Bencomo

Big thanks to my parents, my sister, my bestfriend (and boyfriend Neil), and to all the wonderful people I met along the way. Thank you to all my family and friends. You’re the best! Love ya! Thanks for getting me through the years and putting up with me especially.
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-Marissa Montilla
Life-long learner: El Pasoan puts the word ‘student’ in student-athlete

BY DANIEL RENNELS

The term student-athlete may often carry misconceptions about how the word athlete comes before student. In the case of senior sprinter Shane Hamm, the term stays true to its description.

Hamm, a graduate of Burges High School in El Paso, had a long road to graduation. He always placed a premium in academics as well as receiving his Bachelor’s degree in multimedia journalism, when he took track and field as a driving force to his education.

Q: What has your experience as a student-athlete been at UTEP?
A: That’s going to be a momentous occasion. It sure took me long enough. It’s all really tied in, I got into track and field helping some other kids and that led me to UTEP. I took two years off from training, I didn’t even think about running. I was involved in a club I coached helping some other kids and that led me to coaching high running. I knew I had more left in my tank. I didn’t have any direction before that, and track gives me everything where I can physically find my way and challenge myself and journalism gives me a way to challenge myself everyday. Both of those things, they just go hand in hand. It’s been an opportunity to get to college. I didn’t have any direction before that. I think there’s a budding job market here. There’s so many opportunities here locally and some people don’t realize it. It’s good to get experience and really make a name for themselves and that’s something I really want to do.

Q: Why did you decide on UTEP?
A: It’s a long story. Out of high school, I wasn’t the mostly recruited kid, but I always wanted to go to UTEP and I took an opportunity to go somewhere else my freshman year to a small private college. I left there and I thought I was done. I always considered UTEP and I took an opportunity to go somewhere else my degree from here. I have a great education. I’m graduating, so I’m happy to say I’m getting a degree from here.

Q: What sparked the interest in journalism?
A: It’s all really tied in. I got into track my sophomore year in high school and coincidentally, I got into the journalism program at Burges. I got into it around the same time and both of those things continued really changed my life.

Q: What was your experience as a student-athlete like at UTEP?
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**Women’s basketball vs. Memphis**

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**Player of the game:** Nash (17 points, all in the second half, in 17 minutes of play).

**Changing moment:** After trailing by 19 at the half, head coach Keitha Adams’ group re-focused and came out of the tunnel with a 17-0 run, led by nine points from Nash. Stat of the game: 30.6 percent for the Miner reserves.

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**Men’s basketball vs. Southern Miss**

Head coach Tim Floyd’s squad was heading into their second-round matchup with the league’s top team with some confidence on the heels of a three-game winning streak. But it didn’t last long at the beginning of the game. With 12:22 to go, Southern Miss stretched their lead to 16, which forced an UTEP timeout. The Miners answered with a 17-4 run, allowed just 10 points to close regulation and forced one more overtime. In the second overtime, it was all UTEP, even though starting forward Gabriel McCulley and center Johnathan Adams fouled out in the final frame. The four-game winning streak would be the longest of the season for the Miners.

**Player of the game:** Freshman guard J.J. Cooper (16 points off the bench, including the game-tying jumper with 16 seconds left in regulation).

**Changing moment:** The Miners’ response after a 30-second timeout was called and down 16 resulted in a 17-4 run.

**Stat of the game:** UTEP’s 59.1 percent shooting in the second half.

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**Best games of the 2011-12 academic year**

**Soccer**

**Nov. 4, 2011**

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**Player of the game:** Dilling (saved three of four attempts in penalty kicks).

**Changing moment:** Dilling turning back three legitimate scoring chances in the second half, which built momentum from that point on.

**Stat of the game:** Rice outshot UTEP 13.4 over the second half and extra time, resulting in three total saves.

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**Football**

**Sept. 29, 2011**

**Game: UTEP vs. Houston**

Senior wide receiver Russell Carr said before the game, “I like older women, so bring on them Cougars.” That comment, along with the mindset of other players really gave the impression that UTEP and Houston was a rivalry game, especially with sixth-year quarterback Case Keenum set to run into town.

The Miners held their ground with the Cougars the entire game but fell 49-35 with 9:42 to go off Keenum’s second touchdown pass of the game. UTEP clawed their way back and even had a chance to tie it but junior quarterback Nick Lamaison’s pass to junior wide receiver Mike Edwards missed his hands.

**Player of the game:** Senior running back Joe Banyard (240 yards rushing).

**Changing moment:** Down two scores, Lamaison hooked up with Donavan Kemp to put UTEP on the 2-yard line, setting up their final touchdown to cut the deficit to seven.

**Stat of the game:** Houston’s 710 total offensive yards to UTEP’s 538.
Recapping the Chávez-Lee fight cancellation and battle to get it back

By WILLIAM VEGA And

The prospector

Editor’s note: Between The Prospector’s last issue April 24 and this issue May 3, the Julio Cesar Chávez Jr-Andy Lee fight set to place June 16 at the Sun Bowl was deemed unsafe, cancelled, fought for us, “Cook said. “We haven’t been that there is no known credible threat.”

UTEP President Diane Natalicio

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**Track & Field**

**C-USA Championship, NCAAs, Olympics highlight conclusion of outdoor season**

**BY DANIEL ORNELAS**

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As the 2012 outdoor track and field season winds down, some athletes are preparing to travel May 5 to Lubbock for the Texas Tech Red Raider Open while most are waiting to compete in the Conference USA Outdoor Championships May 11-14 in New Orleans. The team has competed in seven outdoor meets so far and as the conference championship approaches, sprinters, throwers and long- and mid-distance runners are looking to peak right in time for the upcoming events.

Assistant coach Scott Roberts is pleased with how the team has performed since the end of indoor season saying he’s hopeful some of the runners can run well in the conference championships and beyond.

“We’ve progressed very nicely throughout the season. I’m excited over the next couple of weeks now that we’ll be cutting back on or volume of training and trying to really sharpen up for the conference meet,” Roberts said. “I was really proud of our relays last weekend (April 26-28). We made the finals in both the 4 x 100 and 4 x 200 meters. We got fourth place at the Drake relays and did that without our No. 1 (senior) sprinter Endurance (Abinuwa)”.

Roberts joined the UTEP coaching staff this spring after spending time at Alabama as an assistant working with sprinters, hurdlers and jumpers.

“I’ve been fortunate to work with a real nice group of young people and I’m really excited about the future of the program here,” Roberts said. “We don’t lose too many people to graduation this next year so a lot of these younger kids are going to be stepping up over the next couple of years and carry on the tradition.”

The 2012 Summer Olympics will begin July 27 in London, England. For some of the Miners, the focus is currently on conference and the event following that if they qualify for regionals and the NCAA championships, but there is still a possibility some athletes can compete for their respective national teams.

“For the Olympics, it’s hard to say right now because most of the junior athletes are not until June or July” assistant coach Leon Settle said. “So they go there and place top one or three at their country national championships, then they have an opportunity to go to the Olympics based on their country’s rules.”

Settle said he expect a good showing since the majority of athletes are healthy and the team has more depth than it did last season, making the outdoor season more successful than the past indoor season.

“Indoor is always kind of tough for us because we don’t have an indoor facility,” Settle said. “Since our training is done outdoors on a wider curve and then we go indoor, which is a tighter curve so it takes a while for our guys to adjust to that. Now we’re more in an environment that everybody is used to training with.”

Settle added that some of the athletes should have a chance to advance to regionals based on how they have been performing lately. Roberts also said that expectations are high for the team going forward.

“I really feel like we’re really starting to round into shape. Feel like (junior sprinter) Magen Del Pino looked very good on the relays. (Sophomore sprinter) Janice Jackson is certainly rounding into form, I think she’s run under her previous season’s personal best (13.48 seconds in the 100-meter hurdles) three or four times,” Roberts said. “So they go there and place top one or three. If they can run real low 13 (seconds) and do some nice things for us at the conference, regionals and hopefully national levels.”

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