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Students react to glitches in insurance exchanges

By S. David Ramirez

The Prospector

Editor’s Note: This is the second in a three-part series on the Affordable Care Act’s impact on UTEP students.

The Health Insurance Marketplace launched on Oct. 1 despite a partial government shutdown. Since the opening of the Marketplace, the website has been inundated with glitches, down for maintenance.

In an Oct. 5 interview, O’Rourke said those who receive assistance through the GI Bill might see a delay in funding should the shutdown extend past October.

"This adds urgency to our efforts to resolve this," O’Rourke said. He also said he is certain Congress can reach a compromise before Oct. 17. Holly Denney, director of the Military Student Success Center, said this could have a detrimental affect on the 1,500 to 1,600 UTEP students who receive GI Bill benefits.

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"If students don’t have other resources to pay their bills, mortgages, installment plans for tuition and fees, then they will feel the impact of GI Bill funding ends in October," said Sheikh. "As students, we heavily depend on it and I would hate to see it go that way."

Sheikh said veterans with disabilities would find it hard to work an extra job and others who experienced a learning gap between high school and college need to concentrate solely on school.

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Construction plays no favorites

BY LORIAN WATTERS

Editor's note: Check theprospectoronline.com for the complete story. It seems like all anyone can talk—or complain—about is construction.

"It takes me twice as long to get to class now!" or "I have to go all the way around campus just to get to Quinn Hall!"

Yet, has anyone stopped to really think about how much time it takes to get to class for someone with a disability?

Whether they have a mental or physical disability, these students are just like everyone else trying to get to their class on time. But whether they are in a wheelchair or use a cane to guide them along the sidewalks, they often get a little trekky.

We’ve all seen how small the pathways are next to the Administration Building. No one wants to be caught in the human traffic jam when classes break, but it is inevitable.

Add someone who uses a walker or has a guide dog to the mix and it is a formula for danger, especially if students don’t dismount their bikes when they are in this area.

According to Bill Dethlefs, director of the Center for Accommodation and Support Services, there are 300 students don’t dismount their bikes when they are in this area.

This means that the only way to reach their class involves going through the construction maze or the construction affects their disability in a harmful way.

For example, a military veteran who has post-traumatic stress disorder can identify as a disabled person or as a disabled student under CASS. Should a student with PTSD have to be reminded of gunfire while walking through the maze when a jack-hammer is going off for construction? Will they feel unsafe as the bulldozer pounds away at the cement?

Currently, there are 70 military veterans registered with CASS, Dethlefs said, and most have been afflicted with PTSD. This number increases every year, increasing the need for awareness to help alleviate the stress of these students.

Risks such as these are something that CASS has to anticipate and prepare for beforehand by helping these students register for classes away from the construction zone.

So how can the campus help rid of some of these inconvenient factors for students with and without disabilities? CASS currently has a partnership with a paratransit system, offering students with disabilities a service of picking them up from their house and dropping them off at the building where their class is located.

If this system had more shuttles available, or was more accessible for students, then those with disabilities could take these shuttles to each of their classes and avoid the construction zone altogether.

However, these services are paid for by the school. Increasing the amount of shuttles or the hours of operation would mean increasing tuition or having the students pay for the shuttles pay for them directly.

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UTEP’s firmness in trying to achieve Tier-1 status has affected its students through this trial-and-error mentality. In the process of trying to improve campus life for students with disabilities, officials are causing more stress than necessary.

Many changes still have to take place in order to make campus safe and to meet ADA regulations, such as replacing the underground plumbing that is currently underway by the Administration Building.

Until then, we can only keep a look-out for our peers, both with or without disabilities, and keep each other out for claims made by advertisers. Additional policy information can be obtained by calling The Prospector at 747-5161.

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WASHINGTON – With the government shut down now for eight days, people all over the nation have been asking, “What is wrong with Congress?” Two congressional scholars pointed to political extremism as the answer. Oct. 3 is a discussion at American University.

The problem – “tribalism.”

Norman E. Ornstein and Thomas E. Mann, authors of “It’s Even Worse Than It Looks,” spoke about political deadlock and what can be done to fix it. Ornstein is a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, and Mann is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member on the Council on Foreign Relations.

Ornstein and Mann said the government shutdown was caused by a disappearance of moderates in Congress and a widening divide between the parties. The same divide could also lead to an unprecedented default.

They both emphasized that if Speaker of the House John Boehner, R-Ohio, proposes a clean continuing resolution, he could offer up a clean resolution he’s taken, “Mann said. "Now, what they should do is they should cut their surplus because the high percentage of federal workers not making money means less is spent within the community, O’Rourke said.

On Oct. 5, the El Paso Congressmen voted for a bill funding back pay for workers who are not being paid during the shutdown, which was unanimously in the House.

The government shut down on Oct. 1 when the House and Senate could not negotiate a funding bill due to the House’s added provisions that would delay the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

While the default seems ominous, Mann said that he believes Obama still has a trump card that he could play to protect the American economy. "In the end, if Republicans are crazy enough to let it go forward he should exercise what I believe to be his Article II powers," Mann said, referring to a part of the Constitution that he said may give Obama the power to declare the debt ceiling "null and void." "He would be beloved by the country and the world for taking the initiative," Mann said, but it would also invite impeachment proceedings.

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Students say more bike lanes needed around campus

BY AMANDA GUILLEN

Bike lanes have been added to El Paso’s streets in recent years. This has led to the presence of more bike riders around the city. Although more bike lanes have been added, bike riders say there is still need for more, especially around UTEP and surrounding areas.

Campus transformation projects include a proposed idea to add bike lanes to the Sun Bowl Drive widening project. The project will add two additional lanes in each direction.

Currently, the closest bike lanes to the university are located throughout Prospect Street starting from North Santa Fe Street to Heisig Avenue. In 2011 a proposed Bike Master Plan was made public, it displayed the city’s proposed lanes and current lanes. Currently, there are 61 miles of bike lanes around the city, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

Zaida Padilla, sophomore biology major, said there is need for bike lanes around the university area. “Mostly we need bike lanes on Mesa,” Padilla said. “There are some lanes but the roads are narrow and small” Padilla also said she thinks biking is something that everyone should take part in despite the scarcity of designated lanes.

“For one, you get a workout, you are doing something healthy for your body and you don’t have to worry about paying for parking—now that is a burden,” she said.

Alexis Maldonado, junior health sciences major, rides her bicycle every day from her home in Central El Paso to UTEP. She said that bike lanes have made it easier for her when she rides around the city.

“I feel a lot safer with bike lanes because I have my own space and the cars can’t interfere with that,” she said. “So either way, I know I have a space and that I am free to ride and it is wide enough.”

Maldonado also said that a lack of bike lanes has caused her stress when she is trying to ride around town and has forced her to work around the lack of resources for bikers.

“When I would go to EPCC I would find bike lanes and they were very useful, but now coming to UTEP I don’t see any around the area,” she said. “I always try to take the streets that are a one way, and so I am always riding on the contra that way I can see what cars are coming my way” Maldonado also said riding on the side of the street makes her feel safer even without bike lanes in place because unkempt sidewalks are difficult to ride on and can damage her tires.

Both Maldonado and Padilla said that an increase in bike lanes would result in more bike riders on campus and around the city.

“If we have our own lanes I think a lot of us will have more confidence and we could ride more safely and easily” Maldonado said. “It would actually take a lot of weight off our shoulders, and a lot of people would start riding their bikes because it would be a lot safer” For more information on bike lanes in El Paso, visit home.elpasotexas.gov/epdot/resources-links.php.

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Freshman pre-engineering major Robert Portillo is one of many students that have opted to ride their bicycles in order to efficiently get around campus construction.

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Special guests and speakers were asked to come and be a part of a kick-off for the annual Ability Awareness Week. Top left: One of the keynote speakers was Dana Bowman, Sergeant First Class, U.S. Army Special Forces, Retired. Top right: Psychology major Brett Conery-Harmsen received the Student Emerging Leader Award. Bottom left: Director of the Center for Assisted Student Services Bill Dethlefs awarded Mary Castillo the Community Member Diamond Amigo Award.
“Everyone has been really nice and just being able to travel and to meet all of these great people and to meet the celebrities it is a dream to me,” Tauaefa said. He explained how his experiences at UTEP helped him prepare for the big competition. Tauaefa played defensive line for the Miners for two seasons before suffering a knee injury.

“I believe more in my abilities and I also wanted to believe that I was a person who took advantage of opportunities and didn’t just let them pass by,” Tauaefa said. “Now it is a real thing, now I can actually say that I pursued something that I believed in and I am finally on the road to being successful!”

Tauaefa said that he wants to continue to pursue music and hopes that his participation in the competition will help him succeed in the industry.

“Now that I did this and made the top 10 of the boys category when there have been thousands of people that auditioned, to be able to do this kind of on a whim and then to be able to see that it was a real thing and that I can do it really inspired me to pursue this 100 percent,” Tauaefa said. “I think I am going to be able to capitalize on this and put stuff out and hopefully use some of this exposure to bring music to people.”

Tauaefa began to find an interest in music in the 6th grade when he heard the song “Flake” by Jack Johnson; he remembered how he loved the song and how it made him feel. From then on he wanted to be a musician. He began to teach himself how to play the guitar which led him to write his own music.

“I wanted to be able to bring music to other people and make them happy and to inspire something in them and make them think of something when they hear the music,” Tauaefa said. Tauaefa wanted to thank the UTEP community for their support throughout his X Factor experience.

“I really am representing the University and I don’t know if it is going to show a whole lot but I did talk about UTEP and UTEP football,” he said. “I am honored to be a part of this university, to have gotten a scholarship to play football here and since I am grateful for that I want to represent them, I am just proud to be getting the chance to represent for the other students.”

X Factor airs every Wednesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Mountain Standard Time.

For more information on the competition visit thefactorusa.com.

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Thursday I’m in love: The Cure world tour stops in El Paso

The Prospector
By kristopher rivera

Eyeliner, lipstick and unruly hair will set the stage Oct. 10 at the Don Haskins Center when The Cure stops in El Paso for the first time.

The British alternative band’s Great Circle Tour is stopping in El Paso between stints headlining at the Austin City Limits Music Festival (ACL).

The group has been touring globally, recently completing their Latin American tour and on the tail-end of a new tour. The Great Circle Tour focuses on major music festivals with recent performances at the Fuji Rock Festival (Japan), Osheaga Festival (Montreal) and Lollapalooza (Chicago).

This marks a return to the U.S. with some of their first shows statewide since late 2011 and the first show in El Paso ever.

“They’re a legend, that’s why I want to see them,” said Eric Chavez, senior commercial psychology major. “I’m pretty stoked.

Just the fact that they’re here is great.”

The Cure, fronted by Robert Smith, has been performing a signature combination of goth, alternative and electronic music since the late 1970s.

The most recent incarnation of the band features the addition of Reeves Gabrels on guitar. Gabrels joined the band in 2012 and previously was a collaborator with David Bowies. Roger O’Donnell, keyboard, rejoined the band in 2011 after working on side projects including new wave band, Berlin.

For decades Simon Gallup and Jason Cooper have performed, respectively, drum and bass for The Cure.

The band will be coming from a show in Mexico at the Santander-sponsored Monterrey Arena.

After the El Paso show The Cure will return to ACL’s main stage. The band will then travel eastward to perform at the Voodoo Music and Art Experience (Voodoo Festival) in New Orleans, La.

The center of the Don Haskins arena will host a prominent general admission area that is standing room only. These seats were among the first to sell out.

Set lists from other shows on this tour have included hits such as “Friday I’m in Love,” “Lovesong” and “Just like Heaven.” The eclectic mix of music has led to concerts lasting almost two hours with some concerts including as many as 25 individual songs.

The Cure has not released a new album since the Bestival Live record in 2011.

According to Ticketmaster, about 100 tickets remain unsold, leaving the only available spaces in the eaves of the seating chart.

Remaining tickets cost between $35-$47, plus tax and fees.

Doors open at 8 p.m.

There is currently no announced opening act.

Tickets are still available at The University Ticket Office, ticketmaster.com or by phone at 1-800-745-3000.

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Drumming to his own beat

By kristopher rivera

At the age of 15 years old, Lawrence Brown, a sophomore music performance major, was at the Reno Jazz Festival. He saw a performance by Roy Haynes, an American jazz drummer who played with musicians such as Miles Davis, Sarah Vaughan and Charlie Parker.

From then on jazz always had a special place.

“The reason is that it allows the most room for expression. Improvisation is the language, you can be as expressive as you want to be,” Brown, 20, said. “That doesn’t mean you play as much as you want, it just means that you use your expression to the best of your abilities. That’s really where great musicians can shine if they are given the opportunity.”

An opportunity is what Brown desires at this point of his life. That will be a challenge. He was born with optic nerve hyperplasia—a condition where his optic nerve is a tenth of the size it should be. Though it’s not physically visible in his eyes, the condition originates from the brain, therefore making him blind.

Playing music requires the ability to read music, obviously he can’t read, so what he does is he goes home, he takes the track and he listens to it,” said Edgar Evitia, senior commercial music major. “I’m talking about four or five pages of music. He memorizes it. To memorize that much music and to play it well, it takes something else.

There are very technical things that you have to be able to do. Not that many people can do that here in town.”

Shaun Mahoney, a lecturer in the music department, has worked with Brown and describes him as one of the most talented drummers in town who he’s worked with.

“As far as him being blind and a musician, that’s pretty difficult because he can’t read music,” Mahoney said. “So he’s extremely fast at memorizing music and adapting to his disability.”

His character doesn’t dwindle in a space of negativity. To be recognized as one of the best drummers in town is a reputation that comes through his commitment.

“My favorite gig is when I get to play with musicians who are better than me. That’s my favorite type of gig in the world,” Brown said. “When I get to hire guys who are better than me and then kind of get my ass whooped and learn things, you know what I’m saying?”

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The Cure will stop in El Paso for the first time to perform on Oct. 10 at the Don Haskins Center.
Chalk the Block expects to draw more than 40,000 people

BY LEONARDO MONTÁÑEZ

Celebrating its sixth year, Chalk the Block, a three-day art event, takes place from Oct. 11-13 at the Arts Festival Plaza Cleveland Square Park and Sun Down Plaza in Downtown El Paso.

The event begins on Friday at 6 p.m. and continues until 10 p.m. and features more than 40 pop-up galleries by different artists. The events continue throughout the weekend and open at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

This year, the poster for Chalk the Block was designed by a UTEP student and will be announced during the event.

Anne Gianguido, graphic design professor at UTEP, asked her students to design a poster for the event.

“In the spring semester, I assigned five students to do a poster for the event,” Gianguido said. “Then the city of El Paso will be judging and will select one of them for the event.”

According to Gianguido, this assignment will help her students to get recognition in El Paso.

She added that Chalk the Block is attended by almost 40,000 people—this will help them network and to make a name for themselves in the area of El Paso. Her students will also be selling their posters.

Andrea Vick, senior graphic design major, is one of the participating students in Gianguido’s assignment and to make a name for themselves in the area of El Paso. Her students will also be selling their posters.

According to Vick, the experience will help her learn more about her career after graduation.

“This whole experience was very useful for me,” Vick said. “It allowed me the practice I would need in order to interact with future and/or potential clients after I graduate.”

Gianguido and her students will have their pop-up gallery at the event, which will be located at 118 Mills by the San Jacinto plaza.

According to Kayser Doughtery, Downtown Arts District coordinator for the city, the event has something for everybody.

She also said featured highlights include sidewalk chalk art, installations and performances by nationally renowned artists, pop-up galleries, live music performances and children’s art activities.

Each day, Chalk the Block will have special events throughout the day. On Oct. 11, the event takes place at Tricky Falls.

Tricky Falls will have a One-Night Only Art Installation open from 6 p.m. until midnight, curated by Erica Marin. Also, the official Chalk the Block launch party, featuring Mikey G from the Fox Jukebox will take place Friday night in front of Tricky Falls starting at 9 p.m.

The pop-up galleries and artwork installations and performances by artists from New Mexico, Colorado and Texas will be featured on Sunday, Oct. 13.

Doughtery said artists such as Christian Rivas from New Mexico, Jen Lewin from Colorado, the Austin Bike Zoo from Austin and fire and dance performances by Project in Motion from Las Cruces will be at the event, all starting at 11 a.m.

The event will also feature many different vendors on Sunday and Saturday.

Food, drinks and art vendors will be selling their art all day throughout the event.

Live music performances by:

- 10 a.m.-4 p.m. – DJ Neil Mac
- 4 p.m.-10 p.m. – DJ Fresco
- 10 a.m.-noon – Los Traqués
- Noon-6 p.m. – La Ruda
- 6-8 p.m. – La Santa Cecilia

For more information, call 541-4481 or visit www.chalktheblock.com.

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Homecoming wraps up with no happy ending

BY JAVIER CORTEZ

Editor’s note: Make sure to check for the Tulsa vs. UTEP game preview at theprospectordaily.com later this week.

As homecoming came to a close, the Miners fell to the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs 38-35. UTEP fell short of the game after a close battle after leading by 17 points in the second quarter. The story of the game was once again the Miners’ shortcomings on defense, with the offense carrying the load.

Head coach Sean Kugler said the Louisiana Tech running backs are possibly the best UTEP has faced all season. The Bulldogs rushed for 386 yards, averaging 7.1 yards per carry. Running back Kenneth Dixon led the Bulldogs in the rushing attack with 206 yards, averaging eight yards per carry.

“We didn’t execute, we didn’t tackle and that’s the story defensively,” Kugler said.

The Miners had worse showings statistically on defense, but Saturday’s game was undoubtedly the worst game the defense has played all year. The two biggest mishaps came on third downs. Twice the Miners had the Bulldogs at third and 21 and in both occasions they gave up huge runs. The first was a 30-yard run by Kenneth Dixon, and the second was a 62-yard run also by Dixon—the Miners simply missed tackles all night long.

“We had them pinned back deep in their territory two times, but the end result with those two long runs killed us,” Kugler said.

After the game the UTEP defense was withheld from talking to the media. Through five games, UTEP has shown from the opposing team’s perspective is simple–this season for her is about playing well and soaking it all in.

“Trying to hold onto the moment, enjoying it and playing to the best of your abilities and knowing this is the last time on the field,” Martyn said.

“I’m a kinesiology major and I will be cooking for the master’s program in occupational therapy.”

Her teammate, senior forward Jade Babcock, admires Martyn’s dedication to her education and to the team.

“If our apartments were on fire, the thing she would grab would be her textbooks,” Babcock said. “She carries a 4.0 GPA. Tori is one of the most respected players on the team by far. When she says something, everyone shuts up and listens. She succeeds at everything she does.”

A member of the Canadian Women’s National Soccer team, Kelly Parker recruited Martyn to UTEP.

In the western portion of Canada during the summer time, the National Training Center for the Prairies (NTCP) hosts soccer games for all the best soccer players from the area. This is where Parker first caught a glimpse of Martyn.

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BY LUIS HABBO

The Prospector

A native of St. Albert, Alberta, Canada, senior midfielder Tori Martyn is in the final season of her soccer career at UTEP.

Martyn’s perspective is simple—this season for her is about playing well and soaking it all in.

“Trying to hold onto the moment, enjoying it and playing to the best of your abilities and knowing this is the last time on the field,” Martyn said. “I’m a kinesiology major and I will be applying for the master’s program in occupational therapy.”

Her teammate, senior forward Jade Babcock, admires Martyn’s dedication to her education and to the team.

“If our apartments were on fire, the thing she would grab would be her textbooks,” Babcock said. “She carries a 4.0 GPA. Tori is one of the most respected players on the team by far. When she says something, everyone shuts up and listens. She succeeds at everything she does.”

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IN BRIEF

**UTEPI SOFTBALL DOMINATES EPCC**

El Paso, Texas – A day after losing to New Mexico State twice in Las Cruces, the UTEP softball team bounced back after defeating the El Paso Community College softball team 24-3 in game one and 21-16 in game two Sunday afternoon at the Helen of Troy Softball Complex.

“It was nice to see them get out and play and, obviously, we still need a lot of work to do, but we had some positive things happen,” said head coach Tobin Echo-Hawk. “Our pitchers rebounded nicely from Saturday after getting beat up little bit, but did a great job keeping (EPCC) off balance.”

Senior Alanna Leasau connected on two grand slams, both to left center in the second inning of game one. Leasau is no stranger to the feat as she hit two grand slams in a win over Mississippi Valley State on March 15. Her eight RBI in that game is currently a school record. Leasau finished with nine RBI on that day.

In game two, junior Tahla Wade, senior Colleen Hohman and sophomore Kawehiokalani Netane each notched an RBI, while Laura Ramos contributed two. Kawehiokalani Netane, Ashley Eldridge and senior Miraya Montiel each stole a base.

The Miners return back to action on Oct. 11 against Midland at the Helen of Troy Softball Complex. Game one of the doubleheader is set for a 3 p.m. start and game two is slated for 5 p.m.

WEEKEND SCORES

**VOLLEYBALL**

Oct. 4
Florida Atlantic 1-3 UTEP (25-17, 16-26, 21-25, 16-25)

Oct. 6
Florida International 0-3 UTEP (27-29, 15-25, 24-26)

**FOOTBALL**

Oct. 5
Louisiana Tech 38-35 UTEP

**SOCCER**

Oct. 4
UTEP 1-1 UAB

Oct. 6
UTEP 2-1 Florida Atlantic (OT)

Source: AP

COLLEGE FOOTBALL TOP 25

Alabama
Oregon
Clemson
Ohio State
Stanford
Florida State
Georgia
Louisville
Texas A&M
LSU
UCLA
Oklahoma
Miami
South Carolina
Baylor
Washington
Florida
Michigan
Northwestern
Texas Tech
Fresno State
Oklahoma State
Northern Illinois
Virginia Tech
Missouri
The UTEP women’s tennis team will go to Tucson to compete in the University of Arizona Tournament Oct. 11-13. The Miners are looking forward to the competition ahead as they get ready for their second tournament of the year.

“We were excited to get another tournament in,” said head coach Mark Roberts. “We’re excited to get back in high pressure matches that really count as opposed to practice. We’ve had a real good work of practice so we’re excited, expectations are high.”

There’s some really good schools playing in this tournament, so it should be a good test for us.”

Sophomore business major Davina Meza said that the team is expecting to do their best in Tucson.

“We want to get good results and everyone on the team is really competitive and wants to do well,” Meza said.

The Miners opened the 2013-14 season with a good result at the New Mexico State Invitational, season as she had the best singles record in singles and a 43-21 record in doubles.

“They’re three very important seniors—all three are great players with a lot of experience,” Roberts said. “They’re very important leaders for the team, they set the example. Overall, they’re all good leaders for the team.”

Calvillo will most likely be the number one player on the team this season as she had the best singles record last year as a junior at 23-9 and was named to the All-Conference USA third team last season.

“As a senior, I want to win all of my matches,” Calvillo said. “I’m a really competitive person and I don’t like to lose. I really appreciate this team and coach Roberts and how he supports us, so I really want to do great this year and give my best.”

Although the Miners’ season isn’t in full flux until the spring, the team has been working hard trying to improve their 12-12 record from last year. The Miners’ 12 wins last year were their most since 2009. They also had an undefeated home record of 6-0.

This Tucson tournament will be a gauge of how good the Miners may be this year. They are returning three of their four leading singles players, and with the addition of transfer Meza and Visscher, the Miners’ pool of talent only gets bigger.

The UTEP tennis team is preparing for their toughest challenge so far this season at the University of Arizona tournament in Tucson.

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“I always had an agreement with my mom,” Martyn said. “If I was going to get a scholarship, it was going to be all or nothing.”

Upon entering as a freshman, it was Martyn’s humility that helped her create the mindset for her career at UTEP.

“I didn’t know what to expect. I convinced myself that it’s going to be hard for me to prove myself on the field,” Martyn said. “That was the biggest thing I wanted to do was prove myself and set myself into a rhythm.”

She wanted to use her scholarship to play sports and make the most of her education. She described her character in one word—consistency.

“She has been consistent in her academics along with her soccer skills. Last season, she earned All-Conference USA Second Team honors and maintained her high GPA. The team has an 8-3-1 record and they are tied with UAB for most wins in C-USA, 2-1-1 in conference, which has the Miners currently fourth in the West Division of Conference USA.

Senior midfielder Gina Soto, Martyn and Babcock all said that the biggest improvement the soccer team has accomplished was achieving the strong team chemistry, which the players said they have not felt before.

“The team is completely different from last year. We’ve a lot more connected in ways than ever before in the past,” Martyn said. “Off the field, we’ve always been great teammates, but on the field, we’ve always been missing that extra something and this year we have it.”

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Miners pick up two conference wins at home

BY ELLISIA SHAFER
The Prospector

The UTEP volleyball team came away with two victories in their opening Conference USA home stand as they defeated both Florida Atlantic and Florida International.

The Miners opened their conference slate on Oct. 4 against the Florida Atlantic Owls. Despite losing the first set, 25-17, the Miners, led by seniors Xitlati Herrera and Talia Jones with 17 and 15 kills respectively, won the next three sets and the game.

"FIU is tough. They play a little bit of a different style than we are used to, but I thought we did a really good job in keying in on their big guns and working hard on defense to give ourselves another chance," said head coach Holly Watts. "I am happy with the way we pushed during the sets. However, I am not happy with the way we were down such that we needed to come back but I am happy we did. I thought Morris went in and did a great job and then Larson on the right side, both did a great job in their roles."

UTEP dominated early, led by Herrera, Malia Patterson and other key contributors such as Taylor Nix, Madison Morrison and Lindsey Larson, who helped to combine for a total of 49 kills, 39 digs and 48 assists (39 from Patterson).

The Miners were in control throughout the game, as Herrera scored early, off an assist by Patterson, who helped to lift the Miners in the first set with six kills and three digs. Led by a margin of five throughout the first set, the Miners rallied defensively to hold FIU, 29-27.

Going into the second set, the Miners continued to dominate FIU with the help of Nix, who had a total of six kills, followed by 13 assists from Patterson, which helped UTEP finish 25-15 going into the third set.

The Miners struggled in the third set and were down by at least five in the beginning of the third, but they rallied back to tie the game at 24 with help from a serve by sophomore Talia Jones, which allowed Herrera to score (25-24). That was followed by a serve from Jones that was returned by a kill from Herrera, which helped the Miners take game three (26-24).

"The last point was a good one; it was a great serve from Talia, who made them pass it over," Herrera said. "I thought it was going to be over the net, but it was one of those plays I just wanted to return it anyway, and it turned out to be a good combination of serve and me being right there."

The Miners are now 3-1 in conference play, and they will now go on the road to face Middle Tennessee State and Southern Miss on Oct. 11 and 13, respectively.

"Definitely, we need to keep our intensity up," Patterson said. "We know we can beat a lot of these teams, so it's mostly our confidence in ourselves and just as a team, and keeping that intensity on the court throughout the whole match is our main goal."

UTEP will return to Memorial Gym on Oct. 20 to take on Rice. Watts said the team would be ready to take on these upcoming rivals.

"Going forward, we are going to continue to work on execution. I think, overall, our game plan is good, our system is good, so we just have to keep working on making our system better," Watts said. "I thought the intensity was really good, and certainly with the compact and the two serves, we had to have some intensity so that we don't give too many things away."