Moving on after adversity

By Javier Cortez
The Prospector

Over the summer, the Miners lost, then received and then lost again. Freshman forward Twymond Howard is gone after one year and nearly no playing time. The same goes for senior forward Malcolm Moore and sophomore Chris Washburn, who left after some controversy involving a bar fight.

As bad as this was for the team, things were still on an upswing because of one highly touted recruit–Isaac Hamilton, who was the first ever five-star recruit to sign a letter of intent at UTEP. This shocked most of the nation and El Paso. It almost seemed too good to be true–and it was. Hamilton left UTEP before even showing up in a highly publicized dispute between

Back in the hunt for title

By Luis Barrio
The Prospector

After a 22-10 season last year, the UTEP women’s basketball team is looking to come back and fight once again for the title in Conference USA.

The Miners return four of their starters from last season, including two key players that are back from injuries, sophomore guard Jenzel Nash and senior center Kristine Vitola—both had ACL injuries that kept them off the court last season. They return this year with high hopes.

Vitola had a longer off season than the rest of the team because of her injury, but is working to get backup to game speed.
I want our fans to know that we take a lot of pride in how we play this game. The game has been good to us, and we need to be good teammates. Have good chemistry and be sisters. It’s really important that for our players the team comes first, and that they take care of one another. We are healthy, which feels great. We have Kristine Vitola and Jenziel Nash back on the court after missing last year with ACLs. Overall we have a very solid nucleus of returners and we are putting a lot of pressure on them at practice. We want them to be the first ones on the floor, to do everything right.

We have seven newcomers and we want them to be able to watch our returners and learn how to do things the right way.

We are really excited about having two players from El Paso who will be on the floor for us in Stacie Telles and Kayla Thornton.

We’ve received great support over the years from El Paso in my 12 years. I’d really like to encourage anyone who hasn’t been to one of our games to check us out. We work very hard to put a good product on the court and our marketing staff does a great job of making our fans a part of the experience through different promotions.

We hope that you’re as excited as we are about the year, and look forward to seeing you at The Don Haskins Center this season!

—Boo Blais is the head coach of the UTEP women’s basketball team.
November 5, 2013

Campus organization plans indigenous history events

BY LEONARDO MONTÁNEZ

The Prospector

Native American Heritage Month will be celebrated in November through an educational program at the university.

Cheyenne Lozano, president of the Academic Review of Indigenous Studies of Education, said the group will be educating students about Native Americans and their history.

“Our main goals are to educate people about indigenous history and to support Native American students... here at UTEP by helping them find scholarships and such,” said Lozano, a sophomore history major and member of the Navajo tribe. “This is not only on the Native American Heritage Month, we try to do this every day at ARISE because we want to inform people about indigenous studies.”

ARISE is raising awareness in November by sponsoring a series of events around campus.

“We will have cultural events such as a panel on cultural sovereignty, guest speakers, dancers and screenings at the Union,” Lozano said. “We will also be discussing the book (‘The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian’) of Sherman Alexie, who is of the Navajo and Wanapum tribes. ‘I think UTEP does an excellent job in including input in the way that society thinks and forms their models.’

Lozano said that educational institutions should spend more time acknowledging the history of Native Americans.

Lozano also said that UTEP doesn’t receive a master’s degree in divinity from Harvard University.

“I think that we all are equal and we need to celebrate each other for the differences we have,” said De Aztlan, who is of the Navajo and Wampanoag tribes. “I think UTEP does an excellent job in creating an environment for people—who are predominantly Hispanic—to find their way and feel comfortable.”

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De Aztlan also said it is important that all students learn about the Native American background of the United States.

“It is important to educate every student about indigenous history and background, but I think it is more important to inform people about how much Native Americans have changed,” she said.

Lozano also said that UTEP doesn’t know how to help Native American students and that’s what ARISE is for.

Contrary to this idea, Cemelli De Aztlan, coordinator of student life and scheduled professor of indigenous spirituality in spring 2014, thinks that UTEP is a place that embraces Native Americans.

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Freshman Octavio Salas said celebrating Native American Heritage Month is necessary to learn more about indigenous people.

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College Republicans, county GOP join forces

Nov. 5 elections will allow voting on the following propositions

PROPOSITION NO. 1
“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action.”

PROPOSITION NO. 2
“The constitutional amendment eliminating an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is operational.”

PROPOSITION NO. 3
“The constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision of this state to extend the number of days that aircraft parts that are exempt from ad valorem taxation due to their location in this state for a temporary period may be located in this state for purposes of qualifying for the tax exemption.”

PROPOSITION NO. 4
“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization.”

PROPOSITION NO. 5
“The constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend lender disclosures and other requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan.”

PROPOSITION NO. 6
“The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources.”

PROPOSITION NO. 7
“The constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less.”

PROPOSITION NO. 8
“The constitutional amendment repealing Section 7, Article IX, Texas Constitution, which relates to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County.”

PROPOSITION NO. 9
“The constitutional amendment relating to expanding the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.”

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BY AMANDA GUILLIN

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Students have the chance to work with the county of El Paso in collabora-

the Republican Party.

tion with the College Re-

publicans in order to fill the positions of election clerks for the county’s up-

coming elections.

All students are eligible to apply if they are registered voters. After applying, students will be contact-

to determine if they will work for the upcoming elections.

Although it is too late to work for the Nov. 5 election, students may still apply and be hired for the primary election on March 4, 2014.

A special election will take place on Nov. 5, and registered voters can vote on nine constitutional amend-

ments. These amendments were sub-

mitted by the 83rd Legislature of the state of Texas.

Junior history major and chairman of the College Republicans Moises Blankenship, said helping with the elections is a great opportunity.

The election administrator for the El Paso County Republicans Robert Peña, is working with the College

Republicans to find students for the clerk positions.

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Students interested in applying for the clerk position or becoming involved with the College Republicans should email utpecollegerepubli-
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INBRIEF

DONATION FROM THE CONSUL GENERAL OF MEXICO IN EL PASO

UTEP President Diana Natalicio will accept a check for $10,000 from Jacob Prado Gonzalez, the Consul General of Mexico in El Paso, during a ceremony at the Mexican Consulate as part of the Institute of Mexicans Abroad (IME) Becas Scholarship Program at 9-30 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 6 at the Consul General of Mexico Building, located at 910 E. San Antonio Ave. The funds will provide scholarship opportunities for Mexican students attending the University. The IME-Becas (Spanish for scholarship) program was established in 2005 through a bilateral agreement between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico through IME and the University of California-Berkeley. Program officials have launched a new call this during academic year to promote academic opportunities for individuals of Mexican origin attending institutions of higher education in the United States.

THE HEALTHY EXCHANGE

Noon - 1 p.m.
Health Sciences and Nursing Building, room 135
Roger Gonzalez, Ph.D. director of the Leadership Engineering Program and professor of mechanical and biomedical engineering at UTEP, will talk about “Assessing Intersegemental Kine Kinetics via Musculoskeletal Modeling and Experimental Techniques” during the brown bag lunch. Free and open to the public, the Healthy Exchange is an interdisciplinary forum for health research organized by the Center for Interdisciplinary Health Research and Evaluation (CIHRE) in the College of Health Sciences. Information: 915-747-7294

THIRD ANNUAL GRADUATE RESEARCH EXPO

The University of Texas at El Paso Graduate School and the PUENTES program are hosting the third annual Graduate Research Expo on Thursday, Nov. 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Union Building East. Graduate students from all disciplines across campus will present their original research. Faculty judges and mentors will offer valuable feedback to each presenter, and students will practice their presentation skills, in addition to experiencing the environment of a typical academic conference. The best three projects will be announced at the awards ceremony at 5 p.m. and will receive prizes of an iPad mini for first place, a $150 Barnes and Noble gift card for second place, and a $75 Barnes and Noble gift card for third place.

NATIONAL

Protesters rally against NSA’s bulk data collection

Brewer Tiernan, of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, addresses the group he will be helping to lobby at the Capitol. The group leaders wanted everyone to focus on personal stories of why data collection mattered to them. “They take note of that,” Chris J. Lewis, vice president of government affairs at Public Knowledge, said.

They had more than 50 meetings scheduled with legislators, including members of the Senate Judiciary and Homeland Security Committees, throughout the day. On Saturday hundreds gathered in front of Union Station and marched to the Capitol Reflecting Pool. Steve Lane, 73, a retired resident of Bethesda, Md., came to the rally because he said inaction spoke as loudly as rallies did. “If I don’t say anything, it’s like I’m saying that spying is OK,” Lane said.

For more information on the day’s events, please visit www.shFWire.com/nick.prete.39397.
Don Haskins gets new floor and design

By Luis Barrio

The Prospector

After 25 years, the Don Haskins Center has a new floor for the 2013-14 basketball season as well as for the 2013 Conference USA Basketball Tournament.

UTEP completed the project by installing a new floor and design that will be used for the 2013-14 season and the 2014 Conference USA Basketball championships in March.

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Don Haskins

Aiming for a conference title

By Edwin Delgado

The Prospector

After falling 2-1 to North Texas on the road, the UTEP women’s soccer team looks to turn the page as they prepare for the 2013 Conference USA Women’s Soccer Championship on Nov. 4-10 in Houston, Texas.

The Miners will make their first appearance in the conference tournament since they reached the final in 2011 and failed to make the field in 2012.

UTEP, who finished third overall in the West Division, will face the second-place team from the East Division the East Carolina Pirates in the quarterfinals at 10 a.m. on Nov. 6. The semifinals will be played on Nov. 10 and the final on Nov. 12.

“We played them last year and they are a good team,” said senior forward Azia Nicholson. “We know that they are good on the air. They usually play 4-5-1, so they’ll probably try to counterattack, which we can counter by keeping possession of the ball.”

Head coach Kevin Cross said that the Pirates have a strong team defensively and on set pieces, which makes their rival dangerous.

East Carolina comes into the tournament having won four of their last five games. The newly found success are good in the air. They usually play 4-5-1, so they’ll probably try to counterattack, which we can counter by keeping possession of the ball.”

Looking back, the team feels proud of turning things around after a disappointing 2012 season, but they are still looking to make a run for the conference title.

“We finished third place out of 16 teams. Our primary goal was to get back into the tournament and we did,” Cross said. “We have been taking it one game at a time, but we really feel that we can make a good run in the tournament.”

The Miners come into the tournament having won three of their last five games. Their loss was in the final game of the regular season to North Texas, but the players feel that their mistakes could be easily mended before facing East Carolina.

“It was a tough game, we couldn’t really develop our game and tactically we could’ve been better,” said senior defender Tori Marty. “It’s just something to learn from and we need to learn to adapt, which I think is the most important aspect we are taking from this game.”

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“The Miners defeat the Pirates, they will most likely have a rematch with regular season champions Colorado College, the team the Miners defeated 2-1 on Oct. 27.

“We are pumped. The first game was great and we feel like we can beat them again. We need to play hard and play as a team and we can get far in this tournament,” said freshman midfielder Aleah Davis. “If we were to get to the final, it’s going to be awesome for our seniors to leave on a really good note, regardless if we win or lose as long as we come out there and give it our all, they are going to leave on a good note.”

Five seniors are on their final stretch of their collegiate career and want to make the most out of it. Defendants Martyn and Kenzie Linger, midfielder Gina Soto and forwards Nicholson and Jade Babcock hope to play at least three more games.

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BASKETBALL

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The new floor replaces a 25-year-old floor that saw many UTEP legends, including Tim Hardaway play during their collegiate career. The floor was installed in a 10-week period and had an estimated cost of $150,000.

The new design comes with some exciting basketball to be played in El Paso. It’s a new season with new players, new jerseys and a new court.

The seniors begin in their season opener on Nov. 8 against Texas Permian Basin. The men play Nov. 9, against Loyola New Orleans.

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A first look at UTEP’s basketball teams

1. Freshman center Matt Willms comes up with a dunk in the men’s exhibition game on Nov. 2 against Southeastern Oklahoma State. 2. Junior guard Cameasha Turner drives the ball to the rim on the Women’s basketball exhibition game on Nov. 2 against St. Mary’s (TX). 3. Senior guard Jalen Ragland had a dunk of his own during the exhibition game, he contributed with 15 points. 4. Senior center Kristine Vitola came back from an ACL injury last season and scored nine points in the 17 minutes she played against the rattlers. 5. Jenzel Nash scored 10 points in the 17 minutes she participated in the game.
Miners face division leader North Texas

The Miners will attempt to break their six-game losing streak on the road against North Texas before hosting Florida International on Nov. 16.

North Texas is 6-3 this season, with third-year head coach Dana McCa- ney leading the way and having his best season thus far in Denton. Despite a tough schedule, McCahey has kept the Mean Green in the race for the Conference USA Championship and has exceeded expectations.

Senior quarterback Derrek Thomp- son leads the offense with a steady and balanced attack. The Mean Green don’t have a strong passing attack, but their running attack has been strong. The Miners will have a hard time stopping this offense.

UTEP has not experienced a losing season since the 2005-06 campaign. They have the most impressive offense the Miners have faced this season with a powerful running back in Brandin Byrd leading the way. The North Texas defense has a formidable pass rush and a solid secondary. The team has six players with at least one interception. They also have 12 players who have recorded at least one sack. Overall, North Texas has the 20th- best defense in the nation in points per game out of 125 teams.

“their quarterback has a 67 percent completion rate. They move the ball down the field, they are very efficient and balanced. They are probably play- ing the best football team in our con- ference right now,” Kugler said. “We had too many turnovers and too many three-and-outs on offense, so we need to correct that as soon as possible.”

For UTEP, things keep getting worse, with the season-ending injury to starting quarterback Jameil Show- ers, the Miners’ offense has become completely stagnant. UTEP will have to rely on freshman running back Aar- on Jones, who is first in Conference USA in rushing yards with 805 yards. Sophomore quarterback Blaire Sul-ivan will have his hands full this week with the best defense in Conference USA. He had his first snaps of the season against Texas A&M. He threw three interceptions, and only had nine completions out of 17 pass attempts, cumulating with a total of 71 yards. Although North Texas does not have the most impressive offense the Miners have faced, their balanced at- tack will pose problems for UTEP’s defense. The Miners statistically have one of the worst rush defenses in the nation, but last week the Ag- es exposed the lack of experience in the UTEP’s secondary. Texas A&M scored on wide-open touchdown passes and took advantage of mis- communication in the UTEP defense. The Miners are in the midst of their toughest schedule, playing five of their last six on the road and have dealt with a string of bad luck, but according to Kugler one thing the Miners won’t lack is effort. Despite their 50-point loss to the Aggies last week, UTEP was praised for its effort throughout the game.

With another loss this weekend, the Miners will have the longest losing streak the team has faced since 2003. Win or lose, the Miners will have one positive after facing North Texas—they’re going home. This is UTEP’s third-straight road game before they play their last home game Nov. 16 against Florida International.

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The Prospector

By Javier Cortez

For the first time since 1980, the UTEP football team will face off against the North Texas Mean Green on Nov. 9 at the Apogee Sta- dium in Denton, Texas.

This game will be the first time both teams have played each other in 33 seasons, and UTEP was last in 1966, the Miners and the Mean Green played each other every year before North Texas left to the Mis- souri Valley Conference. Both teams are at different situations in their season. The Miners just came off their worst loss, losing to No. 2 Texas A&M, 36-7. The Miners are marking their sixth-straight loss.

“I thought that the defense com- petitors did a good job. That was a shootout in the second quarter when we had three turnovers in a row and they scored 20 points off them,” said head coach Sean Kugler. “Being such a talented team as they are, they took advantage and scored 20 points off them, but it was our own fault.”

North Texas just came off their biggest conference win of the season and fourth straight-win of the season. They beat the Rice Owls, 28-16, to date a shred of the SBC West Divi- sion lead with Rice and Tulane.

“(North Texas) have done a great job offensively, they are a senior-based team, especially on defense,” Kugler said. “They play really good defense, they run the ball efficiently on offense and don’t make a lot of mistakes.”

The Miners will have to deal with a string of bad luck, but UTEP has proven to work for her squads in pre- season. In 2011-12, she led the team to a school record for most wins in women’s and men’s basketball, with a 28-4 season. Fans are in for some bonus home- court basketball games. For the second time in four years. The Miners will host the Conference Tournament that leads to the Final Four. Last year, the Miners lost in the quarterfinals to Houston. The con- ference, however, has been complete- ly revamped, and with home-court advantage the Miners could be one of the favorites based on their returners and preseason ranking.

To make sure that her team is pre- pared for this jam-packed season, Adams sticks to an old-school men- torial system where everyone is on the same page. She said that in college basketball is the concept of a team that is in success. Individuals cannot win games on their own. It’s a solid founda- tion that must be sustained and embedded in the players.

“We’re excited about having Jerica Coley back, and Kristine back,” Adams said. “It feels great having them on the floor. We’ve got a good nucleus of return- ing players that are comfortable and I’m extremely excited about our newcomers.”

One of those newcomers is fresh- man point guard Racie Telles, who will be playing as a junior this season. She is a local girl who played at Burg- es High School. She transferred from New Mexico Junior College, a team she helped get back-to-back Western Junior College Athletic Conference championships.

“Racie has been a real bright addi- tion to our team, Annette (Kirsteine) Stuck is a good shooter and we’ve got size in Marta (Olekkda) and Agata (Do- broselskaya),” Adams said. “Overall, I like the talent we have on the court, it’s just a matter of all of us working and figuring things out.”

Among the pool of talent, an- other key player to keep an eye on this season will be senior forward Kayla Thornton, who was dubbed preseason first team for the second consecutive year. Thornton averaged a solid 15.3 points per game to go along with a strong rebounding pres- ence at nearly nine per game.

“She just does what coach wants me to do for the team, to be a blue collar player and work hard and pro- duce every night,” Thornton said. “To maintain her high level of play each year, Thornton said it is the little things that matter. “Not getting frustrated, moving off bad plays and worry about what I have to do,” Thornton said.

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This year Conference USA has been revamped, with teams coming in and out of the equation. Most notably Memphis, Houston and Central Florida are leaving, which means Conference USA took a step backward in terms of quality teams.

“We have some good teams coming in. We obviously lost Memphis, but that’s okay,” said junior guard McKenzie Moore. “It doesn’t matter who we play. I don’t think we really care who we get in the conference, we’re just trying to win.”

The Miners might face an easier conference schedule, but they will be in one of the best tournaments in college basketball. From Nov. 28-30, the Miners will be in the Bahamas for the Battle 4 Atlantis tournament. UTEP will open the tournament against Tennessee, then play the winner or loser of the Xavier/Uni game. Depending on the outcome, they will play Kansas, Wake Forest, Villanova or USF.

“It is a great tournament,” Willms said. “Hopefully we can go to the finals and play Kansas, so I can play against my fellow Canadian (Andrew Wiggins).”

At the end of the season, the Miners will be looking to play in the Conference USA championship. With the tournament returning to El Paso, the Miners will be one of the favorites to win the conference and tournament this year.

“We were committed to this group and this group is working hard,” Floyd said. “We won’t sell them short and we’re going to see what they end up doing. We want them to come out here and play hard every day.”

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Q&A

A 3-D experience that will make you feel ‘In the Air’

BY ANDREA ACOSTA

The Prospector

Stand-up comedian Anjelah Johnson will perform live at 8 p.m. on Nov. 8 at Magoffin Auditorium for the first time in El Paso.

She became an Internet sensation with her viral video "Nail Salon," which reached four million views within the first four months of being posted, and surpassed 11 million views on YouTube as of Nov. 4.

After Johnson’s "Nail Salon" performance, projects began to quickly appear on her path, which has led to other comedy performance opportunities, such as being a part of the "MADEr" series during its 13th season in 2007. In the series, she portrayed her own original character, Bon Qui Qui, a fast-food employee who is rude to her customers. This performance led to Johnson’s nomination for an ALMA Award for Outstanding Female Performance in Comedy Television Series just a year after being part of the "MADEr" cast.

With only four months of stand-up comedy experience, Johnson recorded a one-hour special for Comedy Central and Warner Brothers Records.

"I took a joke-writing class—more like a stand-up comedy class in 2005," Johnson said. "It was my first time doing it, but I had a lot of fun and it came natural to me."

According to Johnson, El Paso should expect to hear a lot of her own personal stories along with real-life anecdotes that people can relate to.

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"I think it can work for all the genres, but for me I really enjoy the concept of it, and the animators worked on an avatar and did some really amazing movies. So we've had 30 animators over the past two months developing the concept over the summer. It's going to be really cool to show depth to the songs, and its high resolution LED basically that is 3D that allows us to project media images."

You're really changing the way people go about seeing movies.

Yeah, it's a whole new avenue and it's just amazing to see the reactions from people. Nobody has seen anything like it, they think they know what they're going to see going in but they have no idea. You can't really capture it on YouTube or in a still photo, you can get a taste of it but nothing can really capture it because it's in 3D. You really have to be at the event.

Because you mainly play progressive house, do you feel that this 3D concept is based for your genre as opposed to dubstep, electro house, or drum and bass?

I think it can work for all the genres, it just depends on the concept you develop. I think it can work well with other genres, with dubstep it's probably more "noisy" and you would use more futuristic images.

What do you like about El Paso when you come here?

I wish I could clone El Paso. It's the loudest market I've ever played in the world probably, and talking to other DJs, it's everyone else's favorite too. It's always something I look forward to. I love seeing people on social media talking about it. All the DJs talk about El Paso, and El Paso knows how to party.

Let's back track a little and talk about your roots. You're originally from Vermont, is there a big EDM scene there? How did you get from there to here?

I ask myself the same question. There is not much of a scene there, there used to be a weekly and monthly party that would bring in big name DJs. There was a local vinyl shop, and a college music station, and that's what got me into everything, college radio.

I heard electronic music on the air one day, and I never heard of electronic music before. There were no blogs, no social media, no ways to discover music like that, radio was the only entry point, and that's how I found it.

Today it seems that in more of an intimate setting, big bass electro house has taken over, and melodic progressive house has taken a back seat. Do you feel like dance music is dead?

There is a division there, yes there is a more underground deeper sound that is thriving in smaller venues. In bigger capacity venues you'll see MORGAN on page 12
The Latina Dance Project will be at UTEP to conduct a workshop for any students, faculty and staff who are interested in multidisciplinary projects. The project titled Latinos Over the Top Collaborative Arts will be held Nov. 8 and 9. The company will perform their highly regarded performance, “Slumber of Reasons,” which was ranked as one of the top 10 performances in Dallas, Texas in 2011. “Slumber of Reasons” is based on a series of vignettes inspired by Francisco de Goya’s “Los Caprichos.” This performance is open to the public and will be held at 7 p.m. in the Fox Fine Arts Center in room A452.

According to their website, the production is a contemporary take on an old work of literary art, using powerful images to create a new set of modern day “Caprichos” and exploring contemporary demons that affect our world. It will range from the darkest to the most absurdly humorous, including immigration, environmental degradation, racism and technological alienation.

The Latina Dance Project brandishes humor as a tool of social criticism. A series of 10 vignettes explore contemporary superstitions and social abuses using movement, texts—spoken and sung—and haunting video.

The core members of the Latina Dance Project are Eluza Santos, Eva Tessler, Licia Perea and Juanita Suarez. Andrea Vazquez, visiting assistant professor of theater and dance at UTEP, has helped with the coordination of bringing this workshop and performance to the university.

Vazquez shared a collaborative project that would be based on the knowledge that will be shared during the workshop and performance. The project would be for the spring of 2014 and would involve UTEP students from all art backgrounds.

“Under my guidance or my colleagues’ guidance, we can guide the students in the spring to follow through with the ideas that could bloom out of this workshop,” Vazquez said.

Gabriela Moreno, sophomore dance major said she will be attending the workshop to expand her knowledge in contemporary dance.

“This is a great opportunity for aspiring dancers,” Moreno said. “Not only will I get a chance to learn choreography and technique, but we can ask questions at a professional level.”

For more information about the Latina Dance Project visit latina-danceproject.com.

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