Conflictos civiles en Venezuela son difíciles de comparar frente a manifestaciones más pacíficas, como las de César Chávez en Estados Unidos. Sumando sus particularidades, estas se pueden retroalimentar una de la otra. Medios de comunicación son herramientas clave para que las manifestaciones aumenten o ayuden a desaparición de los conflictos y peticiones de los manifestantes.

La inestabilidad económica, falta de productos básicos y el incremento de la violencia causa en la población un sentimiento de angustia. "Mi mamá me estaba diciendo que una amiga de ella estuvo esperando cuatro horas para poder comprar harina de arepas y esta harina es esencial en la dieta Venezolana," dijo Hernández.

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FRONTERA

Impacto de protestas Venezolanas afecta a estudiantes

Por Cassandra Adame

El conflicto en Venezuela ha tenido un impacto en estudiantes venezolanos que estudian en UTEP. La falta de alimentos básicos y productos ha afectado a los estudiantes y ha dejado a muchos sin acceso a leche, un producto fundamental para el crecimiento de los niños. Esto ha llevado a una serie de protestas en el país, que han afectado a los estudiantes venezolanos que estudian en UTEP.

"Nosotros somos el futuro de una nación que no tiene futuro," dijo Daniel Centeno, profesor de idiomas y lingüística.

"Esa es una situación desesperante, una sensación semejante a la leche en el supermercado y piensas, ‘¿Por qué estoy aquí?’", dijo Daniel Centeno, profesor de idioma y lingüística.

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COLUMN

God bless gay marriage

BY JAVIER CORTEZ
The Prospector

Among the things that make the United States great—the pursuit of happiness, freedom of speech and increasing diversity—equality is not one of them, specifically marriage equality.

Where the US might be progressive and liberal in one aspect, equal rights for the LGBT community is one issue that is moving slower than a snail’s pace.

Yet another state has denied gender equality, with gay marriage being ruled unconstitutional in Michigan last week on March 21. Thanks to something written in the Bronze Age (the Bible), gay marriage in all 50 states will have to wait just a little longer.

We can all have our opinions about gay marriage and what effects it might have on our society, but the one reason why we can’t move forward on this issue is religion.

Religion has slowly but surely impeded progress. The US is one of the most modern religious countries in the world. According to the Pew Research Center, 73 percent of the US population identifies as Christian, which includes Protestants, Evangelicals and Catholics.

The religious text that most Christians follow is the Bible. It clearly states its opposition to homosexuality. Leviticus 19:22 of the Catholic Bible states: “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; such a thing is an abomination.”

Leviticus 20:13 of the same Bible states: “If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them shall die; they have forfeited their lives.”

Now in today’s society we might not feel the need to execute people who practice these “abominable” acts, but we still condemn and show bitterness to the LGBT community. We might not articulate our feelings about homosexuality in the same fashion as the Bible, but we still do spew our negativity.

Whether you think so or not, if you have negative feelings towards homosexuality, it stems from the Bible. If you voted against gay marriage, it stems from the Bible. If you have ever made fun of or patronized a gay man or women, it stems from the Bible.

Religious text is the sole reason for prosecution of gay marriage and gender equality.

There are no Atheistic, Buddhist or Humanitarian groups that protest gay marriage on street corners and spread propaganda about the connection between homosexuality and bestiality.

Only 17 states have legalized gay marriage. It is in progress in comparison to past years, but it is not a number that we as a society should be proud of. Gay marriage has been legal in all of Canada since 2005.

Religion has only been a toxic hurdle to the US. The majority of Americans have pushed what should be their private beliefs onto society. Thomas Jefferson said more than 200 years ago that the majority should not decide the rights of the minority.

In conclusion, we need to understand that it is okay to have our own personal beliefs. We have freedom of religion in this country—which I am all for—but using your religion (Christianity) to perpetrate lies, myths and hate is not what this country is about.

Especially when it comes from a book that is homophobic, pro-slavery, misogynistic and has no scientific backing whatsoever as our reason to impede rights for all in the US.

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Trained students prepare free charge of taxes to those with low income

BY HELEN YIP

April 15 is just around the corner, and for students, taxes may be last on the proverbial plate. But it may not be that bad this season since students can now have taxes prepared by a professional or by a trained student for free. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, or VITA, is a program being offered by the College of Business students at UTEP and the Internal Revenue Service.

Juan Pena, senior accounting major, has been helping with this year’s VITA program and is grateful to have the experience. “We went to a course for a total of 16 hours, then we had to take an exam to get certified,” Pena said. “It was a great experience. I had a gentleman who was very pleased with the money he got back.”

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program provides a free way for students to prepare taxes to low-income families. The program offers assistance to those with a gross income of less than $40,000.

Carmen Gonzales, program coordinator in the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at UTEP, said the partnership was initiated because lower-income families might not be able to afford help to ensure they filed their taxes before the FAFSA deadlines.

“We started last year in a two-pronged program, which involves FAFSA, and now free tax service for those households of $52,000 or less,” Gonzales said.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid applications are due April 15. Gonzalez said the sooner the better for students and their families.

According to Gonzales, anyone who has a domestic tax return and makes less than $52,000 a year may take advantage of the free tax return service.

“There are professionals doing this too,” Valenzuela said. “People who already work in accounting firms—they just do it voluntarily.”

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program is a pronged program, which involves FAFSA, and now free tax service for those who haven’t filed their taxes in order to complete their FAFSA.

“VITA was formalized in 2000 into a separate division from the IRS. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program and Community Division handles the VITA program. “We are the community organization of the IRS,” said Erik Nevarez, a tax consultant for the IRS-SPEC program. “The earliest example we have is the Tax Reform Act 1969, basically allowing tax payers to gain knowledge and education.”

Nevarez said the act was instituted to allow for educational services to make it easier to file taxes.

“The (VITA) evolved, it provided more of a community service—somebody who knew the actual aspect of a tax return, which provides the service to somebody who had no means to access to any service without a fee,” Nevarez said.

Arturo Valenzuela, graduate student and president of Beta Alpha Psi, an honor organization for financial information students, has been helping with this program for two years.

“Not everyone asked if we wanted to participate,” Valenzuela said. “We go to the designated sites.”

Valenzuela said that although TurboTax is a nice piece of software, he said he has seen occasions where the tax preparers have gotten the client more of a refund than when they did it on their own.

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What are you going to do on César Chavez day?

**Angela Simental**  
Freshman cellular & molecular biochem major  
"I’ll probably just go to the gym and catch up with things I need to do like getting my license."

**Eddie Rosales**  
Junior digital media production major  
"I made no plans for the day so I’ll probably catch up on my film class with editing and shooting."

**Fabian Marquez**  
Junior psychology major  
"I’m just going to spend it studying and preparing for my classes. I have a test that same week so that’s basically all I’m going to be doing."

**Francis Ortega**  
Freshman mathematics major  
"I’m going to be spending the day studying for my calculus test."

**Jennifer Rincon**  
Freshman biological sciences major  
"On César Chavez day I’m going to go out to dinner and the movies with my friends."

**Jessica Martinez**  
Junior psychology major  
"I will be studying for my psychology quizzes and my classes. Also sleep and catch up on relaxation time."

**Luis Reza**  
Freshman pre-pharmacy major  
"I’m just going to go to the gym as usual and spend some time with friends."

**Ruben Ramos**  
Senior physics major  
"I will be spending César Chavez day reading about his history and a lot of things we should be grateful for because of him."

**Valerie Nunez**  
Freshman biological sciences major  
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WASHINGTON – A new program will allow women around the world to receive emergency care by simply pushing “send.”

A victim of extreme physical abuse can send an email message to the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Women to ask for emergency funds of up to $5,000 for medical care, legal assistance, shelter or evacuation. She will also be connected to a long-term care provider.

The partnership, a collaboration between Vital Voices Global Partnership, the Avon Foundation for Women and the U.S. Department of State, announced the Gender-Based Violence Emergency Response and Protection Initiative Thursday in an effort to end violence against women.

“As advancing gender equality is not only the right thing to do, it is the smart thing to do,” William Burns, deputy secretary of state, said. “The initiative builds on these efforts.”

The initiative is the first emergency response program of its kind, Cindy Dyer, vice president of human rights for Vital Voices, said.

“Advancing gender equality will not significantly vary from country to country, but the resources available to help women recover do. The initiative is building an advocacy support training program for cities in India, Nepal, South Africa and Mexico.”

Dyer said in an interview that the rate of domestic violence doesn’t significantly vary from country to country, but the resources available to help women recover do. The initiative is building an advocacy support training program for cities in India, Nepal, South Africa and Mexico.

Click on photo to enlarge or download: Uzra Zeya, assistant secretary of state for democracy, left, Alyse Nelson, president of Vital Voices, Fergie, William Burns, deputy secretary of state, and Sheri McCoy, chairman of Avon Products Inc., are part of the group launching the Gender-Based Violence Emergency Response and Protection Initiative. SHFWire photo by Cathryn Walker

Although the initiative launched Thursday, efforts began at the end of January.

Two victims have used the emergency resources in the past month. When a 15-year-old Syrian girl and a 3-year-old Somalian girl were raped in separate incidents and left with serious injuries, the initiative provided immediate financial assistance for medical care. Both girls are now in shelters with their mothers and have been paired with service providers.

Speakers at the event launch event said that, although emergency funds and shelters are crucial to advancing their efforts, the only way to end violence against women is prevention.

“There are laws to protect women and punish their abusers in many countries, but they aren’t always enforced consistently,” Fergie said.

“The new Justice Institute on Gender-Based Violence is designed to ensure that laws achieve their purpose and their promise.”

Dyer said she is confident that the training program will teach lawmakers and community members how to enforce punishment and promote a culture of nonviolence.
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Rubin Center to showcase 100 artists for 100 years of UTEP history

BY LESLY LIMON

The Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts and the Department of Art have joined in the centennial celebration by inviting 100 artists to be featured in this one-of-a-kind Project Space exhibition.

Local artists, past and current faculty and art department alumni will participate in an art show entitled, “10 Squared: 100 Artists Celebrate the Centennial.”

There will be 100 artists working on art pieces that are 100 cm x 100 cm—essentially embracing UTEP’s 100 years.

Photos documenting the history of the Department of Art and the Rubin Center will complement the art works as well.

“This show will serve as a catalyst for raising funds for future education and outreach programming, bringing contemporary art to a new generation of artists and audiences from around the city,” said Kerry Doyle, director of the Rubin Center.

Doyle also said that the university has commissioned a selection of original artworks by past visiting artists, UTEP faculty, outstanding alumni, local artists from El Paso and Juárez and even several pieces of art by youth and teens, who have participated in the Rubin Center’s educational activities.

“There are so many good artists coming out of the region. I think more people need to be involved in the art exhibits and even attending art shows locally and at the Rubin,” said Marco Sanchez, senior studio art major. “I would like to see these shows have some more exposure. I heard of this exhibit through faculty at the art department, and I’m looking forward to supporting friends involved in the show and seeing what art everyone is working on.”

Aside from the university’s centennial celebration, the Rubin Center is predestined to be the best restaurant in town. With many busy and interesting restaurants to compete with, the Rubin Center is made to look like a restaurant that is made to look like a restaurant that is made to look like a restaurant that is made to look like a restaurant.

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The appetizer menu also included a set of three, the lettuce wraps were both delicious and satisfying. Served with its own 10-year anniversary in 2015. During those 10 years, the center has hosted visiting artists from around the world in more than 100 exhibitions, commissions and installations.

“We are thrilled to be a part of UTEP’s centennial celebrations,” said Doyle. “The Rubin Center has a particular affinity for UTEP’s commitment to access and excellence in the border region and we have created this show to reflect the artistic and academic practices on campus.”

The “10 Squared: 100 Artists Celebrate the Centennial” exhibition will open on March 27 and continue until April 26 at the Rubin Center. Open hours will take place from 4-7 p.m. April 10.

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BY JOSE SOTO

Anson 11 is located right at the heart of downtown, next to the Plaza Theatre and across from San Jacinto Plaza. It opened in December 2013.

Owners say the establishment offers a dining experience that will cater to the metamorphosis of downtown El Paso into a modern social hotspot.

According to history, Anson Mills, who served as an Army officer in the early 1900s, was an inventor, entrepreneur and land surveyor. He named our hometown and constructed the Anson Mills Building in 1911.

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One thing that is immediately apparent is its outstanding customer service. Upon entering, you are greeted by a well-dressed, well-groomed and well-mannered hostess. This quickly sets the sterling tone for the visit. Once you are seated, the waiter warmly introduces himself and promptly offers to get you a drink. This exemplary service was exhibited throughout the whole visit. The waiter was always attentive and consistent with his friendly service.

The cocktail and wine menu at Anson 11 is superb, offering a variety of refreshing and interesting spirits and an extensive list of wines. The dining experience commences with a small loaf of bread, complimented by a vinegar and spice fusion as a condiment, courtesy of the house. The list of appetizers, although not many, all sounded exquisite. I settled for the lettuce wraps a sublime medley of yellow fin tuna, celeriac, avocado and spicy peanut salsa. Crisp and fresh, the wraps were both delicious and satisfying. Served in a set of three, the lettuce wraps were ideal for a light choice while waiting for your main dish.

The appetizer menu also included quesadillas and a frito pie—which sounded equally as appetizing as the lettuce wraps. For my main dish, I chose the oven-roasted chicken. At first glance, it seemed rather dull, but upon initial bite, it was moist and flavorful.
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ing no sale to accompany it, but once I began to dig in, I was delighted to see that there wasn't the case.

The chicken itself was slightly roasted, tender enough to glide through with a knife and juicy enough to sat- isfy the taste buds. Smothered in a bed of its own natural juices, it came with roasted Brussels sprouts, dates and a creamy col- ory sauce.

Priced at $18, however, it wasn't that grand of a chicken to cost that much. This is where Anson 11 dis- appoints. Yes, the food is highly recom- mended, but the prices, however, are not.

The oven-roasted chicken was one of the most expensive dishes on their menu yet it wasn't as cost-distinc- tive to what is served elsewhere for a more reasonable price.

That's not to say that it wasn't good, it just wasn't spectacular. The let- tuce wraps were priced at $12 and although the yellow fin tuna was a surprising twist to other wraps found around town, it seems a tad pricey.

Don't get me wrong here, Anson 11 does offer and serve tasty food, but so do other places. It was expected that they would blow other local restaur- ants out of the water. Instead, An- son 11 overpriced the IDO. Its menu was designed by Justin Sears, who has an impressive history of working in places like Florida, Indo- pan and Thailand. Previously, Sears worked at The Greenery. Surpris- ingly, however, the food doesn't live up to the hype. As broke college students, we'd be better off opting to catch some food on campus and save up for this dining experience.

"The purpose of having mini health fairs is to increase health and well- being awareness, through providing screenings, education and prevention materials for the UTEP faculty, staff and students," University Wellness Manager Eileen Aguilar said.

The first health fair presented in the semester was on Valentine's Day to promote American Heart Month. This month is National Nutrition Month. At this mini fair, students can expect to get their blood pressure checked for free, have cholesterol and glucose screenings and nutrition information will be available along with other activities including raffles, games, giveaways, free snacks and oral and cognitive screenings. There is also one more surprise.

"UTEP faculty and staff who are UTEP health plan members have the opportunity to take a 15 minute confi- dential survey that asks questions about their current health, diet, fit- ness, safety and lifestyle. Laptops will be available onsite, and if they do take it, they will receive a Centennial Por- tion Plate. Everyone will also have the opportunity to win prizes like water bottles, yoga mats, centennial salas, and more," Aguilar said.

Students, faculty and staff are en- couraged to attend this event to get to learn more about staying well and living a healthy lifestyle.

"I'll try to make it out to this fair because it does a lot of good for the campus community," senior clinical laboratory major Derrick Kalt said. "Preventive measures are important in healthy living and getting screened at the fair will let a lot of people know where their glucose and cholesterol levels are at. Health screenings and adopting lifestyle changes are simple steps everyone should take to live along healthy life.

There will be another health fair on April 11 at the Union East breezeway that will focus on Alcohol Awareness. "Attending health fairs are impor- tant because it serves as an effective, convenient way to provide students, faculty and staff with valuable health information and screenings," Aguilar said. "These health fairs offer a range of health information, screenings, and referrals that may help to iden- tify potential health problems before they develop or worsen. Learning more about your health is essential to a healthy lifestyle because the sooner a threat is detected, the better."

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INDIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION—“HOLI”

Patio joining CCSB and Engineering Bldg 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Indian Student Association presents “HOLI,” a famous Indian festival that marks the arrival of Spring, the season of hope and joy. This festival will take place Saturday, March 29, and friends and family are invited to attend. Entry ticket can be bought at the Ticket Center by March 28 for $7 and $10 at the door. Each ticket includes one packet of color, two bal- loons, one samosa (Indian snack) and a coke. It is free for children under the age of five. The colors are non-edible and non-hypoallergenic.

GET REEL FILM SERIES—“GRAVITY”

March 28-29 / 7 p.m.

UTEP Union Cinema/ East Wing 1st Floor

Get Reel Film Series invites you to come watch “Gravity.” UTEP students, faculty, staff and Alumni members are welcomed to watch this film with valid ID. General Admission $2, movie combo includes hot dog, and small soda.

LIVING

Promotes campus health

BY AMBER GOMEZ

The Prospector

UTEP will celebrate National Nutrition month with a mini health fair 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. March 26 at the El Paso Natural Gas Conference Center. This will be the second of six fairs that the UTEP Wellness program and UTEP Human Resource Services Employee Benefits and Retirement Programs Office will offer during the spring and summer semesters.

"The purpose of having mini health fairs is to increase health and well- being awareness, through providing screenings, education and prevention materials for the UTEP faculty, staff and students," University Wellness Manager Eileen Aguilar said.

The first health fair presented in the semester was on Valentine’s Day to promote American Heart Month. This month is National Nutrition Month.

At this mini fair, students can expect to get their blood pressure checked for free, have cholesterol and glucose screenings and nutrition information will be available along with other activities including raffles, games, giveaways, free snacks and oral and cognitive screenings. There is also one more surprise.

"UTEP faculty and staff who are UTEP health plan members have the opportunity to take a 15 minute confidential survey that asks questions about their current health, diet, fitness, safety and lifestyle. Laptops will be available onsite, and if they do take it, they will receive a Centennial Portion Plate. Everyone will also have the opportunity to win prizes like water bottles, yoga mats, centennial salas, and more," Aguilar said.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend this event to get to learn more about staying well and living a healthy lifestyle.

"Learning more about your health is essential to a healthy lifestyle because the sooner a threat is detected, the better."

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Bad Words

In Select Theaters March 21

The end justifies the mean.

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1. Winners of the obstacle course Alicia Trejo, Sofia Martin, Elisa Carrillo and Donato Kava Jose Luis Arias. 2. Senior mechanical engineering major Josh Garcia hands out buckets to whitewash the “M.” 3. Senior mechanical engineering major Carlos Gonzalez Rivera spray paints shamrocks on participants’ shirts. 4. Students chant a song in honor of St. Patty. 5. Sophomore computer science major Jade Garcia climbs up the mountain to dump a bucket of white paint. 6. Senior electrical engineering major Armando Ortiz and junior civil engineering major Erick Reyes walk around campus during TCM.
Learning to cope with adversity

Thornton finishes as the best in school’s history

Players come and go—it’s a cyclical process that happens every four years. There are fan favorites and good players that come along, but senior forward Kayla Thornton is one of those players where in no sense of the word has her season been a typical one.

"We overcame a lot of things," said senior center John Bohannon. "We had 23 wins and that’s something to be proud of. It didn’t quite end how we wanted it to, but through the circumstances I am proud of this team." Along with Tyler Tafaya, Bohannon’s career at UTEP has now come to an end. Bohannon, to no one’s surprise, was emotional with the conclusion of the season, but ultimately he said he was grateful for his time at UTEP.

"It was a great four years and a great experience," Bohannon said. "It’s had its ups and had its downs, but throughout it all I loved it and I am appreciative of UTEP." From a faraway view it would seem that the Miners undershot. For the fourth-straight year the Miners missed out on playing in the NCAA tournament and finished the last 10 games in a tail spin. The usual Miners fan is probably disappointed by the results of this season.

"We are greedy and wanted more," Floyd said. "I’m proud that our guys didn’t fold in December. We had a great group of kids and this team gave a lot of people hope. Hope is a great thing and it’s something to look forward to." After the December 28 debacle that saw UTEP lose three players, the Miners, to most people’s surprise, played their best basketball during the aftermath. The Miners had an eight-game winning streak and at one point were on top in the Conference USA standings.

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"I give thanks to God because without him none of this would happen," Thornton said. "My dedication and competitiveness and how much I love this game has made everything fall in place." With all the individual accolades and record-breaking numbers, Thornton will be the first to tell you she did not foresee the constant success in her future.

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OUTDOOR SEASON OPENS WITH SPRINGTIME MEET

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Coming off a successful indoor season for both the men’s and women’s track and field team, the Miners hosted their first outdoor meet — the UTEP Springtime Meet at Kidd Field.

The meet was a great start of outdoor season for the Miners. It was a learning experience. “I could have had a better performance, but I think I did my best,” Onakoya said. “I have been practicing for the past three weeks and I didn’t help, but I am working hard to get it right.”

Despite Onakoya’s disappointment, there were still good results to go around. The Miners swept first through third in the women’s 100-meter hurdles and took second in the women’s 4x400-meter relay. Junior Monica Lopez took first in the women’s triple jump.

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UTEP Swept by North Texas, Fall to Tenth Place

BY LUIS BARRIO

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UTEP was riding the momentum of a three-game sweep March 15 and 16 against Louisiana Tech, coming into the three-game home series against North Texas. This Mean Green team was at the top of the Conference USA standings.

The Miners dropped all three games of the series, but would not walk away without having learned something from the defeat.

“This weekend was a setback,” said senior Collen Homan. “But it was also a learning experience.”

The action began March 21 with a doubleheader. The Miners put themselves in great position to climb back and win the ball game. The Mean Green went up 5-1 early going into the bottom of the third inning by North Texas’ Brooke Foster hitting a solo homer in the first, followed in the top of the third by a Jackie Miller three-run triple.

The Miners felt no despair and the rally mode turned on when junior Ashley Eldridge found the gap on a single and brought in her teammate, junior Samantha Alvillar. The Miners trailed by two runs with one out. Soon after that, the excitement grew yet again as the bases were loaded, but UTEP left all three runners stranded.

A triple by Eldridge was followed by a run scored, as sophomore Kave-hokali-Nate Nane lined a single off the hurler to score major injuries. Everyone was healthy so that is a good thing. I know this meet doesn’t necessarily mean anything so the team will get it together and pick it up for the weeks to come.”

One Miner who was not happy with his performance was senior Abhida Onakoya. The Nigerian native finished second in the men’s 400-meter dash. Onakoya led most of the race but was tracked down by Western Texan Colonel Rashard Clark. tracked down by Western Texan Colonel Rashard Clark.

I could have had a better performance,” Onakoya said. “Sometimes you feel like you can do a lot better but today was not my day. I’ve had back issues that I have been battling for the past three weeks so that did not help, but I am still here. I am working hard to get it right.”

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In addition to the success on the men’s side, former Miners All-American and two-time Olympian Mikael Hanany set the French national record in the men’s high jump with a jump of 2.36 meters (7.74 feet). Boit finished with a time of 3:18.11 in the men’s 1500-meter run. Boit finished with a time of 3:18.11. Boit was out of the men’s 800-meter run and dominated the men’s 1500-meter run. Boit finished with a time of 3:18.11.

I felt pretty good,” Boit said. “Overall, I think I did my best. I didn’t have the best day, but I had the best day of this season.”

Senior runner Alisia Kinsins sprang in the final stretch of the 400-meter run on March 22 at Kidd Field. It was the fastest time in the 1500, so I feel pretty good about it.”

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On March 22-23, the UTEP women’s tennis team fell short during a rivalry weekend. On March 22, the Miners lost 6-2 to No. 66 New Mexico, and on March 23, New Mexico State beat the Miners by the slimmest of margins.

Despite a good individual play over the weekend by senior Rebecca Calvillo and junior Davina Meza, the overall mood of the team after Sunday’s loss was gloomy.

“It was really tough,” Meza said. “We were really looking forward to these matches. Individually I am happy with myself, as a team though, it still hurts, but we will have to look forward to next week.”

Meza’s individual success, along with her doubles partner Rebecca Calvillo, cannot be stressed enough. Over their past 10 matches, both Calvillo and Meza are a combined 6-4 and 12-2 in dual matches for doubles. Overall Calvillo and Meza are 20-8 in doubles together, which is impressive knowing that they have been partners for less than a year together.

“They have been doing really well together,” said tennis head coach Myraam Sopel. “They have a great chemistry and they play really well together. They know what to expect from each other and they have each other’s back.”

Sadly the same thing cannot be said for the rest of the Miners. Even though Calvillo and Meza went undefeated over the weekend, the rest of the team struggled at times and lost some heartbreaking matches.

Against New Mexico, the doubles team of Marie Leblanc and Daphne Visscher lost 8-7 (10-8) in the super tie-breaker.

Minors were a win short of sweeping the Miners, but they’re going to rise from this and keep working really hard.”

After finishing February on a strong note, winning five of their last six matches, the Minors have now hit a dry spell. The Miners are 2-5 in the month of March, playing on the road and playing against tougher opponents can help explain, but the team is not setting.

“There is something that has to be changed on the team,” Calvillo said. “Hopefully we can get motivated and believe in ourselves a little more, but we need to find out what is happening to why we can’t win these close matches.”

Luckily for the Miners, for the rest of March and part of April they will be at home for the rest of the season. After their four-week home stand the Miners will travel to Norfolk, Va., for the Conference USA Championships.

Even though the Miners lost two heartbreaking matches to their rivals, Sopel is going to take the positive out of the weekend and motivate the team to get better.

“We’re going to keep working really hard and keep going strong,” Sopel said. “The focus right now is conference play, these close losses mean that we can sure up and play well against the best teams. The mood is still positive and the girls know we still have work to do.”

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ning mishap by the Miners resulted in a double-play for North Texas, which ended the game at 8-5.

"It was right there," said head coach Tobin Echo-Hawk. "That one mistake, base running at the end, killed the rally late for us. But there were some crucial plays here and there that we probably should have made."

In the end, the run support was not there against a good hitting team of North Texas.

In game two of the double-header, the Miners were no match. North Texas’ Lauren Poole was on the mound. She pitched a shutout in six innings. She walked no batters and allowed just three hits. A little help from her teammates and this contest was over early.

The Miners fell 8-0, allowing the Mean Green to get 12 hits.

On Saturday in the final bout, the Miners dug a hole in the first inning that proved too deep to dig out of. North Texas jumped to a quick 4-0 lead in the first inning.

Runners need to be in a scoring position to give teams a chance to score. Hohman walked six batters and three straight batters in the first inning. With Hohman being a pitcher and a big power hitter for the Miners, in the second inning, she smashed the ball to deep left center field that ricocheted off the mountain. This was Hohman’s sixth homer of the season.

The other part of the Miners’ offense came from senior infielder Miraya Montiel. She went 3-3 with a double. Another homer in the game came from Alanna Leasum.

“We didn’t hit back,” Echo-Hawk said. “We had 10 hits, which equaled their hits. Our hits weren’t timely hits like we’ve had in the past, but we got ourselves into trouble giving up too many walks.”

Hohman pitched four and a third innings in the 11-4 loss. This game completed the sweep for the Green Wave.

The Miners move to 12-20 overall with a 4-5 conference record. They will move forward and rematch with the New Mexico State Aggies in Las Cruces on March 25.

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