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A little growing up every time you do a little letting go

BY KRISSY RIVERA

While I’ve been away from The Prospector for almost a year, the last year of my undergraduate career has given me more time to my studies, I have the privilege to write a farewell column regarding the three years of my time and effort at the student-run newspaper. As I prepare to walk out of UTEP with a bachelor’s degree, I reflect on the experience I’ll be taking with me.

The Prospector has proven to be a gateway to bigger and better things. It’s where students gain valuable experience and the great opportunities that come from it make the experiences memorable.

I always say, “it all started at The Prospector!” I’ve been able to work on stories I’ve been very proud of, had the opportunity to live in Washington D.C. and Sacramento, California as an intern reporter at other publications. Additionally, I’ll be able to write for the El Paso Times, a great opportunity to apply my skills in my hometown and get my name out there.

Aside from what I will be taking from the university, I want to leave behind my contribution to a legacy that dates back to 1915. After doing some research this semester about UTEP’s history, I’ve seen that The Prospector has been the first written draft of the university’s history.

The Prospector is often referenced in facts about events that occurred at UTEP. You can find plenty of information in the archives or at The Heritage House.

I want to thank everyone who has helped me. From The Prospector staff, I’d like to thank Aaron Martinez, Salvador Garcia, Kathleen Flores, Jossmin Aguilar, Aaron Montes and William Vega. From the Scripts Howard Semester Workshops Program, I’d like to thank Jody Beck and Peter Copeland. From the Sacramento Bee I’d like to thank Scott Lebar, Tim Swanson, Janet Vitt, Tom Cousins, Joe Davalos, Matt Kawahara, Jose Luis Villegas, Kim Minugh, Stephen Magagnini, Matt Kawahara, Jose Luis Villegas, Kim Minugh, Stephen Magagnini, Bob Davila and Maury Macht.

I’ve got much to be thankful for, but I will say from the bottom of my heart that what I will cherish the most are the great people that I’ve meet these two years and the great friendships I formed in the process. I want to say thanks to all of my friends and all my colleagues at The Prospector. I’ve learned a lot from each and every one of you and I can’t wait to see you become successful in the “real world” because I know all of you have what it takes.

I did it! I took six long years to get to that degree, but the moment is here and I’m excited for the next chapter and for the opportunity of interning for the San Antonio-Express News this summer.

Mama, si un apoyo y sin sus ocasiones regalo, nada de esto hubiera sido posible. Debo mas de lo que le pude pagar en vida y sabe que este logro era mas que nada para darle esa satisfacción que merece por todo lo que ha hecho por mi. Te adoro mamá.

Thanks everyone. If there is something that I hope you’ve learned from me is to be yourself, believe in yourself and follow your goals, regardless of how crazy they might sound, and of course smile and see the positive side of things. Goodbye everyone, I promise not to let you down. See you on the other side.

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Female students progress through male-dominated STEM workforce

Women remain underrepresented in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, according to a 2013 study done by the National Science Foundation. Women make up 58.1 percent of the overall workforce in the nation, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, but continue to have disproportionate numbers in mechanical engineering (5.5 percent) electrical engineering (8.8 percent) and industrial engineering (8.8 percent) fields, as well as environmental scientists and geoscientists (28.9 percent) among others.

Anahi Marquez, senior cellular and molecular biochemistry major, plans to apply for medical school after graduation. She will also be participating in an internship during the summer in Ireland, where she will conduct research on prostate cancer and radiation therapy treatments.

"After my niece was diagnosed with leukemia, I have a greater interest in cancer biology. So I applied to the program to gain experience on the subject, which I hope I one day get to work with for the rest of my life," Marquez said. "Both of Marquez’s mentors in Ireland will be women. "Although STEM is mostly made up of men, with every year, women are getting up there with them. Many of my female professors at UTEP have done it and they encouraged me to do it as well," Marquez said. "I am not really intimidated, it’s more like a motivation to one day have equal representation in STEM."

Marquez plans to do research in El Paso, but if her education granted her the opportunity to leave the city, she would still return to help her community.

"Hard work will always pay off. (Women) should never get discouraged because we can achieve anything we put our whole heart into," Marquez said. "It also takes a while to get the hang of organic chemistry."

Paloma Muñoz, senior cellular and molecular biochemistry major, will be doing her own research in breast cancer alongside Dr. Giulio Francia, assistant professor in biological sciences at UTEP, once she graduates.

"I’ve always wanted to do research, but I have been so busy these past four years. I did an internship at Texas Tech last summer and I loved it," Muñoz said. "It helped me so much in my see STEM on page A10"
A 2014 report titled "The Graduate Student Debt Review," by New America Foundation, a non-partisan public policy agency, analyzed recent data by the Department of Education and revealed that much of the $1.2 trillion student debt is a result of graduate and professional degrees rather than from the cost of undergraduate education.

Before the report, much of the discussion regarding the rising student debt in America had focused on undergraduate student loan debt. According to the report, debt for students who earned a range of master's and professional degrees has surged in recent years. The trend gained momentum in the years between 2008 and 2012.

In 2004, the median level debt for a student who earned a Master of Arts degree was $38,000, and in 2012 the median was $59,000.

The amount of debt also changes according to the type of graduate program. According to the report, in 2012 law students finished with an estimated $128,125 in student loans, while MBA students finished with approximately $86,000 of debt.

Joseph Flores, a first-year graduate student studying communication, always wanted to go to graduate school. "I've always liked the realm of academia and being in school," Flores said. However, Flores said it was also an economic necessity that brought him back to school.

According to 2012 data from the Census Bureau's Populations survey, about 1.5 million, or 53.6 percent, of bachelor's degree-holders under the age of 25 last year were jobless or underemployed, the highest share in at least 11 years.

Out of the 1.5 million who languished in the job market, about half were underemployed, an increase from the previous year. Despite the costs that come attached to graduate school, some students feel the need to continue onto graduate school out of economic necessity.

"It's not just my story—it's a lot of people's stories," Flores said. "You have kids who are paying large amounts of money for degrees, but are having trouble finding jobs. It's just the way it seems to work now."

Like many graduate students, Flores is paying for graduate school through federal student loans.

"In the world we live in today, the more education you have, the more opportunities you have. But a lot of the access to education is being cut and a lot of the ways people are paying for school now is just school loans," Flores said. "It's a vicious way to exist in the world of education. For many of us that's just the reality of our situation."

The New America report cites that 58.6 percent of students graduating with a master's or professional degree are taking out loans to help them pay for school.

According to Gary Edens, vice president of Student Affairs, a little under 15 percent of loans taken out at UTEP are attributed to graduate students. However, not all graduate students who go into graduate school are guaranteed to leave with debt.

Sylvia Schultz is a first-year graduate student studying counseling, who wants to open her own surgical practice. Schultz plans to go to medical school after graduate school and said she sought an MBA because she wants to open her own surgical practice one day.

"Those business skills are something doctors generally don't have and that's something that's becoming more prevalent and important to have," Schultz said. "In fact, there's doctors going back to school to get their MBA, and so getting it ahead of time, it kind of puts me at an advantage."

Schultz is paying for most of her school through scholarships and fellowships. She hasn't had to take out any loans.

As an undergraduate, Schultz was an athlete on the soccer team and had most of her schooling paid for through an athletic scholarship. "It was just much more difficult if you do it that way," Schultz said.

Flores said that his decision to enter graduate school was a sudden decision and that if he would have done more research ahead of time, his financial situation might be less burdensome.

"There are ways to receive so that you don't have to pay for grad school all on your own," Flores said. "I kind of, from one day to the next, was like it's time to do this. My advice would be to start (researching) early."

Schultz recommends interested in attending graduate school talk to both undergraduate and graduate advisors.

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Graduation is always an exciting and thrilling time for graduates. Celebrating this accomplishment may be important to anyone who has overcome the struggle to earn their degree. However, this spring’s commencement ceremony will be different with the 2014 centennial theme. This means that special features have been allocated for the centennial commencement, and special precautions should be considered.

The annual commencement will be held at the Sun Bowl as opposed to previous ceremonies that have traditionally been held at the Don Haskins Center. This includes changes that all graduates, and their families, should prepare for.

For graduates, the main concern is the extensive walk from registration at the Don Haskins, across Glory Road, through parking lot P-9 and toward their final destination at the south entrance of the Sun Bowl.

The following should be taken into consideration by graduates:

Gloves Road will be cordoned off while the graduates are heading toward the Sun Bowl. So if people are intending to park at parking lot P-9, they should do so with enough time prior to the ceremony.

Minimizing pain, discomfort and injury is primary. Krystal Reyes, assistant coordinator at University Relations, advises graduates to wear comfortable walking shoes to manage the possible injuries or dangers during the ceremony. Expect temperatures in the high 70s or low 80s.

Reducing possible injuries is important. There is a need for volunteers for this event. Both University Relations and CASS are looking to gather a total of 100 volunteers. Individuals interested in volunteering should contact either department to enroll. Volunteering hours range, beginning at 4 p.m. to about an hour after the event wraps up. There is a great need for volunteers to stand in for students with disabilities who cannot make the walk from the registration site to the Sun Bowl.

The shuttle will pick up ADA patrons behind the Sun Bowl Parking Garage in Miner Alley.

To ensure an enjoyable and safe commencement ceremony, it is highly encouraged for all graduates and their families to take the measures needed for all parties involved to assist in making the event a safe and enjoyable one. For more information, Krystal Reyes may be contacted at kjreyes@utep.edu.
Seniors say their good byes to UTEP

AARON MARQUEZ
Senior psychology major
“Thanks for all the great memories, good and bad. I’m glad that UTEP has given me the opportunity to continue my education at grad school.”

JESSICA MENDEZ
Senior environmental science major
“Farewell UTEP! You have been really kind to me and I hope that you continue making people a success.”

ANDY CRESCO
Senior biological sciences major
“I want to thank UTEP for helping me grow in knowledge, and also grow as a person. I’m batman.”

ALYSSA COTTMAN
Senior kinesiology major
“The past four years have literally been the best years of my life and coming to UTEP was the best decision I’ve ever made. I’ll remember the career center and my kinesiology classes, it was a blast.”

ENRIQUE MURILLO
Senior biological sciences major
“Thank you UTEP for all the great experiences you gave me. It was an honor to be a student here.”

ANDREA URANGA
Senior nursing major
“Thanks to UTEP and to my professors because they made this possible. I had excellent instructors and I met good friends. I enjoyed my time in this university and I am proud to graduate from here.”

ERNESTO CONTRERAS
Senior kinesiology major
“I liked UTEP towards the end because I got to experience a lot of things as a senior working at Memorial Gym.”

RENNET MILLER
Senior org. & corp. communication major
“Thank you UTEP for a great experience. Thank you for welcoming me with open arms. Goodbye UTEP and hello new beginnings.”

CAROLINE BAEZA
Senior psychology major
“I’m really excited to finally be graduating and to finally get into the real world and look for a career.”

JONATHAN MUNIZ
Senior chemistry major
“I want to thank everyone that gave me the opportunity to study here, because I came with nothing and I’m leaving with a lot of knowledge and opportunities. My last words to UTEP are ‘keep the chemistry going.’”

NATALIE JORDAN
Senior biology major
“I just want to thank all the professors that took the time to really mentor us, the ones that gave us 110 percent to prepare us for the future.”

JORGE LUIS MARTINEZ
Senior chemistry major
“Thank you for these past four years, they have been good. The undergraduate research experience was a great opportunity to prepare me for grad school.”

VICTORIA RAMOS
Senior nursing major
“I want to thank this institution which has made me grow as a person and has helped me change my perspective on life.”

JUAN VÁLDEZ
Senior chemistry major
“Thank you UTEP for everything. Best four years of my life. Goodbye everybody!”

ADRIANA TREJO
Senior psychology major
“It’s been a great experience. I wouldn’t change it for anything.”

CLAUDIA ABRAHAM
Senior health promotion major
“I would like to thank all the teachers and advisors who have helped me through my journey.”

ASHLEY ALVAREZ
Senior kinesiology major
“It is not a goodbye but a see you later UTEP! I will be back for grad school.”

ISRAEL HALL
Senior kinesiology major
“I’ll miss you, period. And we are all loved.”

HEAVAN CARRERO
Senior biological sciences major
“Thank you UTEP for the opportunity and for teaching me all I needed in order to succeed.”
Amber Morrison, senior creative writing major, devotes 10-15 hours per week researching sneakers. Huddled over a computer screen, she tries to learn everything about them. Jordans, Nikes, Rebook, Adidas, Asics, the list goes on. She tries to learn what they look like, how to describe them, how they’re made, etc. It’s not that Morrison is obsessed with sneakers, it’s part of her internship.

“I write articles about upcoming sneakers in the sneaker community, so it’s more of an advertising job, but I still get to write,” Morrison said. “It’s really a whole other art.”

Morrison applied for the internship with an upcoming company called ShoeGame HQ because she wanted to get real-world experience. Before getting ShoeGame HQ, she had applied to five other internships. Her internship runs from April until early June.

Morrison is required to write 13 articles per week, or one to two per day. She is not getting paid and employment is not guaranteed, but Morrison is doing the internship because she wants the experience.

“I realized that I had a lot of writing experience from my classes, but I didn’t have any of the professional experience,” Morrison said. “It’s important to have people in the real world, who can back up your writing, experience, and the work you’ve done for them instead of simply saying ‘hey, I’ve done this.’”

As a creative writing major, Morrison didn’t envision herself writing about sneakers, she thought she would only be writing novels. Howver, after a visit to the University Career Center she realized her degree could be applied to other fields.

“I think I felt pressured because I realized that if I wanted to do something other than writing that’s outside your field of study, you’re still developing professionally in a different way and I think that’s important,” Morrison said. “Like Morrison, O’Neal is a senior who applied for an internship to gain real-world experience.

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REVIEW

Need to find a job? There’s an app for that

By Christopher Zacherl

Sometimes they don’t know where to apply or they might be dealing with that senioritis hangover. But their student loan debts still need to be paid somehow. Here are some apps that might help.

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The best of spring 2014 news photography

1. Baja Sea 2014 took place in April and more than 100 teams competed.
2. Students participate in the annual Project MOVE.

TANIA MORAN, AMBER GOMEZ & ANANDA GUILLÉN/THE PROSPECTOR
Library accommodates for finals week

By Amanda Guillen

Every semester the library and its staff prepare for finals week by opening its doors for 24 hours so that students can prepare for their upcoming exams and projects.

Starting on Sunday and ending on Friday, the library will serve as a temporary home for students.

The library is not the only facility that will accommodate to students needs. Sodexo will keep Jazzman's café open for 24 hours.

Robert Stakes, associate vice president of information resources and planning for the UTEP Library says that the staff is allocated in order to keep the library open and available for students.

“We reassign staff, as well as pay our staff overtime to work the additional hours for finals week,” Stakes said.

Stakes said that hours of operation play an important role when it comes to successfully serving UTEP students.

“They could be students who don’t have access to a quiet place, who might not have the resources and technology to study for finals,” Stakes said. “Also here, they have a place to get together and study with their study groups.

“We make sure that we have our food service staff available as well as security to ensure that our students stay safe. Security escorts will be available for students who stay late at night and need an escort to their vehicle.”

Junior Spanish major Brenda Rodriguez said she is going to use the library services this upcoming week.

“I think this has been a great help,” Rodriguez said. “I prefer to do all my studying here at UTEP than going home because then I tend to procrastinate.”

Although the library is fully staffed and ready, it has had some minor setbacks.

“Handling a large influx of students and a full functioning staff for 24 hours is a difficult task, Stakes said.

“Making sure we have the right staffing that can answer any students questions or concerns is what can be challenging,” he said. “We want to make sure the students are taken care of, we do this for them.”

Stakes said that the library has also doubled the number of study rooms since 2006, which has alleviated some demand for groups seeking a more private venue.

Sophomore multimedia journalism major Amy Licerio is part of the large group of students who are going to the library for finals.

“The only time I use the library is for finals week, and I appreciate everything they offer because I know that it helps,” Licerio said. “I get out of work at 10 p.m. so it is nice to have the library open.”

Congratulations Class of 2014!

We know that your graduation from UTEP is an important event in your life and in the lives of those who have helped you reach this goal. It is important in the life of the University as well, and it should be a meaningful and rewarding experience for everyone. We hope these tips help to ensure that you, your family, and friends have a memorable experience at this joyous event, marking your transition from student to alumnus.

THE DAY OF COMMENCEMENT

1. In order to experience an enjoyable Commencement ceremony, please arrive at the Don Haskins Center no later than 5 p.m. Please enter through the East doors. Check-in will begin inside the Don Haskins Center at 4:30 p.m.

2. Have a green screen photo taken, in full regalia, after you check in.

3. Please leave all personal items (backpacks, cell phones, purses, coats, etc.) at home or in your automobile. These items (along with beach balls, balloons, confetti, noise makers, silly string, etc.) will not be allowed in the Sun Bowl Stadium.

4. Though your family and friends are an important part of Commencement, childcare services will not be provided, and children may not accompany graduates during the Commencement ceremony. Please make appropriate plans for the care of your children.

5. Wear regalia and COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES. Please take into consideration that you will be walking from the Don Haskins Center to the Sun Bowl Stadium along uneven asphalt. Out of courtesy for your fellow graduates, please remain for the duration of the ceremony.

6. The student procession will depart for the Sun Bowl Stadium as early as 6 p.m. Please ensure that you have checked in and picked up your reader card before departing the Don Haskins Center.

For parking recommendations, tips for families and friends, and other information:

www.utep.edu/commencement

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room before the bell rang—she’s a special education teacher—and play with her students. I was intrigued by their illnesses and wanted to learn more about them,” Abu-Issa said. “I’ve also got the opportunity to shadow pediatricians and I really loved it.”

Abu-Issa believes that women can change the face of medicine and the STEM field. In the instance where she encounters a mother as a pediatrician, she believes that it can create a more trusting patient-doctor relationship.

“It’s great that our society is moving forward to some extent in terms of gender equality. It’s empowering that women now have the resources and advantages to be on the same playing field as men,” Abu-Issa said. “I think that having more women working in the STEM field will help the field progress. Who knows? Maybe the cure to cancer is locked inside the mind of a woman.”

Abu-Issa’s female cousins in the Middle East are engineers, computer scientists or have a math degree. She believes that women do have the potential and that America needs to catch up with other countries.

“When I was in middle school, I feel that if I do continue with research, I will be prepared because of my professors, but difficult because of my gender,” Muñoz said. “This is still a man’s world. I will truly have to challenge myself to prove that I am capable.”

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Muñoz believes that it is always going exactly what they were doing. “One of my professors told me that when she was doing research, her principal investigator paid no mind to her when she wanted to voice her opinion. I feel that if I do continue with research, I will be prepared because of my professors, but difficult because of my gender,” Muñoz said. “This is still a man’s world. I will truly have to challenge myself to prove that I am capable.”

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“There is no other feeling than proving people wrong. I say this in the most humble way possible, especially proving men wrong intellectually,” she said.

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“I will be prepared because of my professors, but difficult because of my gender,” Muñoz said. “This is still a man’s world. I will truly have to challenge myself to prove that I am capable.”

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Top events of spring 2014

1) Students took part in the annual TCM Day on March 21.
2) Beck visited El Paso on April 23 and introduced his latest album “Morning Phase.”
3) Students participated in the third-annual Miner Soak Down having more than 20,000 water balloons.
4) HOLi festivities where students had fun interacting with their friends.
5) Fabian Uribe was selected as one of the artists to showcase his work for the Pick-Axe centennial project.
6) Sun City SciFi attracted fans to the El Paso Convention Center on March 15.
Entertainment

Review

UDT does justice to Broadway’s renowned production

By Andrea Acosta
The Prospector

Patience is a virtue, and the UTEP Dinner Theatre proved this to be true when they finally got the extraordinary opportunity to stage the premier of Victor Hugo’s novel “Les Misérables.”

The atmosphere was filled with excitement as the audience waited anxiously in the lobby for the clock to strike seven so they could make their entrance into the theater—the place where goose bumps would be raised and constant aching would echo just a few seconds after the curtains were lifted.

It’s no surprise to say that “Les Misérables” has captured audiences’ hearts around the world, with Herbert Ketzmer and Claude-Michel Schonberg’s heartfelt music and lyrics. That would be the least you could say about El Paso audiences’ reaction to the UTEP Dinner Theatre cast and crew’s extraordinary job on the renowned and highly acclaimed production.

The audience members were at the edge of their seats as they witnessed the curtains go up and saw the beautifully decorated and innovative set that was displayed before their eyes. Every set change throughout the play was done very smoothly. Set designer Michael Spence and video/sound designer Don Cieslik did a remarkalbe job considering the theater’s limited space. It was impressive to see how much work and effort was put into each and every set, prop, curtain drop and costume.

After waiting 28 years to have the approval to stage “Les Misérables,” UDT lost no time in planning the idea on how to stage this production. A lot of thought put into this by Director Greg Taylor and the team in order to share this production in the best light possible. The execution was done very meticulously, considering the adaptation and modification the show had to undergo.

The cast is a very dedicated and versatile group of people, including current UTEP students, alumni, fans of the show and kids, who were cast for the roles of young Eponine, Cosette and Gavroche.

Jean Valorso, who was played by Joe Estala, interpreted every song with emotion and made our hearts stop with his two-octave-range falsetto at the end of “Bring Him Home.” He brought the audience to complete silence, which was followed by a much earned round of applause. He demonstrated his range of voice through every song and his acting was just as versatile and engaging to watch.

Jossey Mitchell, who has been involved in various productions at the UDT, played the important role of Fantine. She gave a very heartfelt performance throughout the show. As she began “I Dreamed a Dream,” the clarity of her voice and interpretation made the audience shiver.

Being a sung-through musical, Patricia Ann Provencio, musical director, had the very complex task of directing the live orchestra through a variety of overlapping duets such as “The Confrontation” and “In My Life,” as well as songs such as “One Day More,” which was reprised on various melodies and involved the entire cast. Provencio did a phenomenal job overall that the orchestra sounded identical to that of the original score and had such a clear sound that the audience wondered if it was a pre-recording.

However, there were some instances where the entire cast could have been a stronger group when interpreting such powerful and inspiring songs like “One Day More” and “Do You Hear the People Sing.” They lacked just a little bit more of a courageous stage presence. Although, the blocking might have contributed to this factor, the cast shined through with their satisfying singing ability.

Everyone involved in the musical gave a stellar singing performance. From Enjolras and the army students’ interpretation of “Red and Black” (played by Ricardo Parra) to Marius’s touching song—played extraordinarily by Thaelon Stonecipher—“Empty Chairs and Empty Tables,” who sang it an octave higher when it reached the climax of the melody. Eponine’s much awaited, “On My Own,” was played by Avery Segalipoli, where she interpreted the songs with much ease.

A pinch of more sadness in her voice and exasperation in her interpretation would have been nice to witness, but overall her performance was as emotional.

“Les Misérables” will have its last performance on May 25 at the UTEP Dinner Theatre.

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COMMUNITY

A canvas of colorful opportunities

BY LESLY LIMÓN
The Prospector

Every Saturday, artists, local farmers and business owners gather at the Union Plaza to share their latest crafted art and products with the community. Additionally, the Downtown Artist and Farmers Market has also attracted UTEP alumni, allowing them to showcase their work in a broader spectrum, network with other professional artists and give back to the El Paso community.

“The farmers market is important for the community, because they provide an outlet at an artist’s price. The booth fees are affordable and it’s just a really good platform for fine artists to begin with,” said Sarahaunmghird Johnson, UTEP alumni. Johnson, who graduated with a bachelor’s degree in painting and has participated in various local art markets, said that it takes a certain confidence and pride to sell artwork, but it has been a good place to practice.

“I assume many fine artists would like to find their work in gallery space with respectable meaningful prices on their work, but finding that here is hard to come by,” Johnson said. “So, I think it’s a wonderful place to begin and grow. Farmers’ markets are all about roots, and I think it’s a place to find yourself and bloom, at least for me.”

Farmer’s markets are all about roots, but finding that here is hard to come by, said Adriana Hernandez, junior communication major. “For example, the theme right now is fashion. Just imagine how students in 100 years will be dressing and what they will think of how we dress.”

“Universities in general provide a massive melting pot of possibilities to pick from. They are important for youth, even when they may not know what they want to be or do with life,” Johnson said. “The amount of perspective provided in meeting professors and intermingling with other people from all over the world and sharing in openness for knowledge, is profound.”

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“My experience here is that it’s kind of a place to find yourself, and I think it’s a place to find yourself and bloom, at least for me.” - Lesly Limón

The Downtown Artists and Farmers Market takes from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday at the Union Plaza.

The time capsule will play an important role to come in the next century. The students of the future will be able to look back in time and observe what they will think of how we dress.

“I am part of an organizational communication class that is in charge of creating a time capsule in order to celebrate the university’s centennial year. To do so, they created a Facebook page for students to submit photos of the campus regarding a theme. “I am part of an organizational communication class that is in charge of creating a time capsule in order to celebrate the university’s centennial year. To do so, they created a Facebook page for students to submit photos of the campus regarding a theme. “I am part of an organizational communication class that is in charge of creating a time capsule in order to celebrate the university’s centennial year. To do so, they created a Facebook page for students to submit photos of the campus regarding a theme.

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Students reminisce on their academic journey

Jorge Luis Banos Gomez, 25, who recently received his bachelor’s degree in accounting in December 2013, is excited that all of his hard work has paid off.

“UTEP top ten senior recognized”

UTEP recently recognized its Top Ten Seniors at the annual Honors Convocation on April 13. These awards were honored before during the spring Commencement May 17. The seniors were given some amazing opportunities during my time here and he really tried to make the experience as good as possible for us,” Martyn said. “I’m so appreciative of him because I got to focus on my studies because of the scholarship I got from him.”

Martyn received the Peter and Margaret DeWetter Academic Scholarship as well as an athletic scholarship. Among her achievements in athletics and academics, Martyn was also a part of a committee to create the Miners Helping Miners Scholarship for the kinesiology program.

MHH is a scholarship that was developed by the team, including Mar- tyn, under the direction of Dr. George King, associate professor of the kinesiology program. It is a system based on donors, who consist of students, alumni or anyone who can give a small amount of fund to accumulate enough for a scholarship.

Martyn was also part of the American College of Sports Medicine Student Bowl, which is a society dedicated to health aspects of persons engaged in sports and exercise.

Another Top Ten Senior is Tanya Sue Maestas, 21, senior in biological sciences. After she graduates, Maestas will be leaving for the UT Health Science Center School of Dentistry in Houston.

“I had to choose three people that really helped me, it would be Mary Wells, Dr. Stephen Aley and Dr. Robert Hernandez,” Maestas said.

Maestas was born and raised in El Paso and said she wants to specialize in periodontics.

“The common thing they do are ring now is putting implants on people to replace a tooth, essentially,” Maestas said.

Maestas was in 25 different student organizations throughout her UTEP career. Maestas had the honor of being a senator at large for the Student Government Association during her sophomore year. In her junior year, Maestas became president for SGA.

“If I had to pick my top favorites, it would be Student Government Association and The American Society for Microbiology,” Maestas said.

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Jeremiah Steed, 22, senior physics major, will be making UTEP proud when he enters medical school at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock, Texas, this August.

“Steed was born in Durango, Colo- rado, and he said he has always want- ed to be a doctor.”

“I was home-schooled, so I gave my mother a lot of credit for how much she taught me and how much she cared,” Steed said. “My father was also very motivating and very encourag- ing to help me have a vision of what I could be and what I wanted to be.”

Steed said he grew up with drive and determination to do the things that were a challenge.

He said excelling academically at UTEP became second nature because of his upbringing.

“When I felt like it was too much or was incapable, I would fall on my knees and pray,” Steed said. “I know without a doubt that is solely responsible for my success.”

Steed started shadowing a doctor in Pt. Worth before he came to UTEP. The summer between his freshmen and sophomore year, Steed went to the Philippines and worked for Hab- bitat for Humanity for two months.

Steed also worked on the financial aid committee, and was also a teaching assistant for the physics department his sophomore year.

Steed said he목 to credits a lot of success to his dad.

“He taught me to try and do more than just choose what it is now,” Steed said. “To have a dream, something that’s worth living for something that matters rather than just the status quo.”

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Jeremey was brilliantly played by Jaime Batta (who was also a costume designer) who made him very believable and gave him a very charming personality. He con- tinued to demonstrate throughout the show until his last soliloquy.

Despite his many problems keeping up with the orchestra, he didn’t lose focus on his overall performance. The cast demonstrated a top act and character growth throughout that is not to be missed.

The lead played by Selena Stair and Danny Lopez, had fantastic moments of pure comedy that forced the entire audience to stop eating their de- licious desert to properly laugh.

The audience enjoyed a very tasty menu that included a French onion soup, chicken Marsala as the main entree complemented with potatoes au gratin, French-style green beans, a dinner roll and the tasty chocolate éclair for dessert.

“The Miserables” has extended its showing until May 25, because of the positive feedback from the au- dience. No matter if you are a fan of Hughie’s monster or not, take the opportunity to become part of this great show, as it will leave you in awe and flabbergasted with the immense talent you will witness.

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Chihuahuas get back on track, win four straight

Tiffany in the first round.

Keitha Adams ended impressive year with Hall of Fame induction

In her 13 years, she has compiled a 213-155 record and led the Miners to play Rutgers at the WNT Champion-ship game and drawing back-to-back sellouts in their final two games.

It was so much fun, it was electrify-ing," Adams said. "There was so much energy and enthusiasm, the energy in the Haskins Center was amazing.

Kayla set records for most career points, rebounds and double-dou-bles, Kelli Willingham became the Miner with the most made three-pointers and the team obtained the first and third biggest win in school history against Northern Arizona and Kansas State respectively.

Our players really fed off the fans and I think there was a connection between our fans and our players," Adams said. "People were leaving the arena so happy for being part of the game and helping us and I think there was a unique connection.

Adams said that the success from this year will enable them to recruit even better and the WNT will defi-nitely have a positive impact for the program moving forward.

"When we bring recruits in, we are going to be able to show them footage and video and pictures and tell them how El Paso is a very passionate com-munity that can really get on fire and be very, very loud and supportive," Adams said. "It's something that I will always treasure for ever, it was a great experience.

"It's amazing, I'm extremely honored, it's something that I'm very thankful for, it means a lot.

Keitha Adams, women's basketball head coach

Keitha Adams signs a women's basketball poster for a local fan at the Hall of Fame induction.
End of a long difficult road for Hohman, Leasau

By Luis Barrio

Softball

Leaders come in all forms. For some people, it’s about being vocal and encouraging to teammates. For others, they might be a little more of the silent type, but make up for it by simply leading by example.

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"She is the most vocal person we have and the loudest person we have," said head coach Tobin Echo-Hawk. "You can’t replace that, you just hope someone will come in and have that same passion." Hohman is the team leader in homeruns with 11, along with being a big hit at the plate. Hohman spends her time on the pitcher’s mound. She won five games this year, along with a team-high 57 strikeouts.

"All great things come in pairs, and for the UTEP softball team this year, it was Hohman and her teammate Leasau. Leasau was second to Hohman in homeruns with seven. She was walked more than any other batter on the squad. She talked more doubles than anyone on the team besides Hohman. While the two players seem to be a contrast of personalities, with Leasau being more reserved than Hohman, both players share one distinct and crucial characteristic. They both get the job done.

"Usually seniors are comfortable and are not necessarily used to change. They have done a great job of embracing me and my coaching staff," Echo-Hawk said. "They are a huge part of the team." The road to success is never easy. Hohman and Leasau have both shared the sport too much to stress. Realizing about it was best to enjoy it instead of stressing. Echo-Hawk said.

"He had a really big impact on my life. He is the reason why I play," Leasau said. "Me and him could sit for hours and talk about baseball and softball. I want to do it for him." For Hohman, it was overcoming her own mind that caused her current success. "I’ve come a long way. I was a head case. I was negative and had no confidence," Hohman said. She began her softball career playing for the Kansas Jayhawks. She had achieved what she desired and that was playing at a high-caliber program. Then things got tough, her coaches told her that she would not get to pitch ever. She only appeared in seven games for the Jayhawks. She then decided to transfer to UTEP, but things remained difficult at first. "She struggled mentally at having that confidence both defensively and offensively," Echo-Hawk said.

"When I first started is when I had a lot of doubts. Where I grew up, you had to build a name for yourself," Leasau said. "It was out there trying to have fun and they said ‘you are not good enough. If you make up to it’. She chose not to quit, but disproved all the naysayers. Leasau stayed quiet and simply showed them with her actions, just as she does now.

"Alanna is that consistent kid. She is not flashy, but does all the little things right. She does not need to be in the limelight and praised. She does it because she loves the game," said Echo-Hawk. "It’s sad that you have such a short time with these girls. It’s been a wonderful year and I couldn’t have asked for a better group of kids to come and be my seniors in a transitional year.”

Both Hohman and Leasau had that special someone to just simply talk baseball with. In the summer, Hohman and her father would spend hours realizing they would come and be my seniors in a transitional year.”

"Now I know I can get it done. I am more of a batter you can rely on. I realized I wanted to enjoy the game," Hohman said. "It is so much easier to play with girls you know will support you no matter what.” At times, these two were down in the dirt. ‘They seemed out. It was a “double play” between Hohman and Leasau that came from within each player to not strikeout, but to earn their runs.

IN BRIEF

Simonsen to Compete in NCAA Regional

Junior Martin Simonsen was one of 45 individuals selected to participate in the 2014 NCAA Division I Men’s Golf Championships on May 5.

Six 54-hole regional tournaments will be conducted May 15-17. Simonsen will compete at the San Antonio regional at Briggs Ranch Golf Club. The native of Gistrup, Denmark, will be making his second NCAA regional appearance. He tied for 27th place at the Norman (Okla.) regional as a freshman in 2012.

The low five teams and the low individual not on those teams, from each regional, will advance to the finals, slated for May 23-28 at the Prairie Dunes Country Club in Hutchinson, Kansas.

The San Antonio regional features participating teams College of Charleston, Columbia, Georgia, Georgia Southern, Georgia State, Northwestern, Southern Methodist, Texas Christian, Central Florida, UCLA, South Florida, Vanderbilt and Virginia Commonwealth.

The individuals in the San Antonio regional, besides Simonsen, are Sacred Heart’s Peter Bello, Southeastern Louisiana’s Grady Brane, San Diego’s Grant Forrest, U.S. Military Academy’s Peter Kim, Louisiana Tech’s Victor Lange, Arizona’s Alex McMahon and Eric Oja, Texas State’s Stuart Smallwood and Houston Baptist’s Preston Stanley.
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1) Freshman forward Vince Hunter gets a layup against FAU during opening night on April 28. 2) Senior Rebecca Calvillo hits a running forehand. 3) Senior forward Kayla Thornton celebrates UNT semifinal win against South Dakota State with sophomore guard Jenzel Nash. 4) Distance runners Anthony Rotich and Elphas Maiyo run at the UTEP Invitational on April 12.

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Local athletes boost UTEP athletic programs

BY EDWIN DELGADO  
The Prospector

The 2013-14 academic year was a great one for the local athletes to give a boost to all UTEP athletic programs. This season in particular was arguably one of the best when it comes to success from athletes from the borderland.

The team that benefited the most from having El Paso natives in its ranks was the women's basketball team, who had forward Kayla Thornton and guard Stacie Telles, who came out of Irvin High School and Burges High School, respectively. This season alone, Thornton accounted for 663 points, 344 rebounds and 19 double-doubles this season on her way to becoming the Miners' leading scorer, rebounder and having the most double-doubles in school history. She was also part of the winningest class in program history and enjoyed a historic run to the title game in the Women's NIT, drawing back-to-back sellout crowds.

"She is amazing—one of the best in our program and I'm really proud of what she accomplished," said women's head basketball coach Keitha Adams. "I think there has only been one year in the time that I've been here that I didn't have any El Paso athletes, we've had great players in Natasha Lacy, Ana Valtierra, Monica Carrasco, and of course now, Kayla Thornton and Stacie Telles. That's our philosophy, it's something we've done and will continue to do here."

Despite not having as big of an impact on the men's basketball team, guard Tevin Caldwell saw a good amount of minutes on the floor. Alvin and Aaron Jones, along with Caldwell, came in handy after three players were expelled from the team.

"It has been a blessing for me personally. It feels good to be playing in front of friends and family that can come watch me," Caldwell said. "It just gives me motivation to work hard and do the best I can."

Despite not having extended minutes or scoring a lot, Aaron Jones helped bring excitement into the games as the crowd stood up and cheered every time he went into a game and every time he made something happen.

"El Paso athletes never give up," Caldwell said. "They are usually underrated, they are not highly praised, but they never give up and let that stop them."

Aaron Jones' role on the basketball team was primarily to give a breather to C.J. Cooper, but where he really had an impact was on the gridiron. Jones immediately contributed to the football team in his freshman season. To the surprise of everyone, he was the leading rusher of the team last season with 111 yards to go with four touchdowns in six and a half games.

In his debut against the New Mexico Lobos, he scored twice, the first a 65-yard run, and in the final moments of the fourth quarter, he got the touchdown to tie the game and send it to overtime.

"Playing at UTEP I feel like it's an honor playing in front of our friends and family," Aaron Jones said. "UTEP was the only school that really gave me an opportunity."

Kugler, throughout the season, said he was a fan of Aaron Jones' work ethic and said that is why for him and his staff, when recruiting they always have to get the best El Paso players first. In his first two years at the helm, Kugler has recruited six local players...

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A team that will be loaded with El Pasoans is the UTEP soccer team. Last season, midfielder Gina Soto was a starter and freshman Brianna Barreiro steadily increased her number of minutes, despite Soto graduating, the miners will have another four locals in the mix.

"It’s great. I love having the opportunity to be playing for my hometown," Barreiro said. "The first year was a really good experience for me. I love this team and we are really close."

Freshman forwards Brianna Thomas, Briana Williamson and Atzimba Casas, alongside midfielders Barreiro and Stephanie Suuo, are the players that will represent El Paso this upcoming season.

"It’s awesome to have such good talent, having El Pasoans representing UTEP soccer is phenomenal," said soccer head coach Kevin Cross. "We always want to keep the best players in town and I think we accomplished that this year, but there are a few more that we had wanted to sign."

Virtually all of UTEP’s athletic programs had a handful of El Pasoans—volleyball had Victoria Valencia and Sarah Villa, and also Juarez native Xitlatli Herrera, who was the heart and soul of the team.

The rifle team, who had an 8-shooter squad, had six locals, Jasmine Juarez, Jessica Kindel, Areli Ornos, Jessica Rodriguez, Korrina Rodriguez and Montserrat Serna.

Track and field had more than 15, the most successful being distance runners Daniel Tarango, Solomon Gardes and jumper Jallycia Pearson, and the softball team had six more.

At the end of the day, the more successful the local athletes get, the better the athletic programs at UTEP get, the better the athletic programs at UTEP get, the better the athletic programs at UTEP get, the better the athletic programs at UTEP get, the better the athletic programs at UTEP get, the better the athletic programs at UTEP get, the better the athletic programs at UTEP get, the better the athletic programs at UTEP get, the better the athletic programs at UTEP get.

"I think El Paso loves it when they see that local player being a part of it, there is an extra volume there when their names are called," Adams said. "Javier Cortez and Luis Barrios contributed in this story."
Meza finds immediate impact on the court

BY JAVIER CORTÉZ

Players coming in and leaving are part of the process in collegiate sports. As three players left the tennis team last season, there were two newcomers for the 2013-14 season. One of them was junior transfer Davina Meza. Meza proved to be a shining light in a dim and dark season for the UTEP women's tennis team.

In her first year with the Miners, Meza has already left her mark on the team—finishing with a team-best 24-11 singles record, and winning her last nine singles matches. Meza has helped her worth with a 23-9 doubles record with senior partner Rebecca Calvillo. In total, Meza won a combined 47 matches, which ranks third best in a single season in program history.

Ultimately, Meza was rewarded with All-Conference Honors to go along with her record-setting marks.

“I feel so proud because my hard work is paying off,” Meza said. “I am glad that I transferred and made an impact right away. I hope I can keep it up and win more matches next season, but I am very happy with the results that I had.”

Meza’s results are even more impressive considering the trials and tribulations she and her fellow team-mates had to go through with a coaching change weeks before the start of the season.

“Personally, I found it very tough,” Meza said. “It was not a good time for a new coach to come in, so it was tough for everyone. I struggled a lot, but even though that happened to us, I think everyone was focused on winning matches and representing UTEP.”

Having to go through struggles is nothing new for Meza. In her junior career prior to college, Meza traveled all around South America and Europe playing against stiff competition.

“I have played girls all over the world—from Europe to South America, but just playing has given me a lot of experience,” Meza said. “I’m happy I did it because I know how to deal with it, and now in college we play girls from all over the world.”

Through her years of traveling as a junior player to her first year playing Division 1 tennis, Meza has seen her game improve tenfold.

“Transferring to UTEP was a huge change and definitely helped my game,” Meza said. “There is so much competition and the competition is stronger here. I am surprised I have won so many matches at the No. 2 spot. So I am definitely happy with my game right now.”

With all the success Meza has had this year, one thing that she has retained is humility. Meza will most likely be playing No. 1 for the Miners next season, but taking things for granted is not her style.

“If I do move to No. 1, I need to improve,” said Meza. “I will need to get stronger and I need to be more consistent. I am excited for it and I am looking forward to being more.”

Win or lose, Meza is going into next season with the intention of working hard, and leaving a legacy as the girl who worked for people’s respect and ultimately succeeded.

“When people talk about me I want them to be inspired,” Meza said. “I just want people to talk about me with respect, and know me as a nice girl that was hardworking and always worked hard for what she wanted.”

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I am glad that I transferred and made an impact right away

-Davina Meza, junior tennis player

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(Top) Junior Davina Meza hits a serve at the El Paso Tennis Club. (Bottom) Meza (right) consoles senior partner Rebecca Calvillo on senior day.
The University of Texas at El Paso congratulates the Class of 2014!

Thank you Mom and Dad! So glad you could be there to celebrate with me.

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Thank you for being a part of my journey.

Thank you for being a part of my future.

Thank you for being a part of my life.
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Thank you to all my beautiful family and friends who supported me. Estos es para todos! I love you!
end; it is the beginning.”
"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the patience, the passion to reach for the stars."

- Harriet Tubman
Daniel D. Cordova

A most admirable accomplishment. A job well done! Although at times there were challenges along the journey, it taught you perseverance, endurance, and yet your remained humble. Remember to embrace the moment.

Love,
Dad and Mom

Mr. Edwin Delgado

Thank you Mr. Edwin for all your great work and dedication at The Prospector. Have a great internship in San Antonio!

The Prospector Staff

Alejandro Alba

Dear Alex,

The last many years have been filled with fun, laughs, travel, conflicts and more, but one thing that hasn’t changed is our friendship.

You have always been there with me since middle school, through high school and college, and now that we are about to graduate, I am certain that distance will not be a limitation.

We know what it is to have miles and a sea in between us, and regardless of this, we are still close friends.

Now that we departing to a new start, remember that I will be as close as a call, video chat or a few driving hours away. I wish you the best in all your endeavors. Know that I will be right behind you to show my support, in front of you whenever you need guidance and next to you to celebrate all your successes.

To many more years of traveling, happiness, and an awesome friendship!

Itzel D. Figueroa

Kristopher Rivera

Dude! You rock! Even though you turned to the Dark Side, we still love you.

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