By Grecia Sanchez

The Prospector

UTEP women’s basketball has achieved a level of success that ranks it near the top of all teams—male and female—at UTEP. The team was a runner-up in the Women’s National Invitation Tournament in 2014. During the tournament’s final four games, the Miners made history as the first UTEP women’s basketball team to ever sell out the Don Haskins Center, which they did twice.

Even with the team’s success, players noticed the disparity in attendance between their games and the men’s, who averaged 7,386 fans last season—compared to 2,696 for the women—who finished the season with 10 more wins than the men, along with a C-USA championship.

“As far as women’s games, the students don’t come to our games. If you look at the students in the men’s games, you’ll see it’s completely full; said Jenzel Nash, a graduate student in communication and a member of the team. “I promise, you probably don’t get three rows in the students’ section for our games.”

Julie Levesque, senior associate athletics director, said that advertising in sports is based on trade with companies and claimed it is the same for all sports—no matter the gender of the team.

“Basketball is always together. You’ll never see a men’s basketball commercial without seeing the women’s basketball there also. We use a lot of social media, we send schedules, pictures, updates, etc.” Levesque said. “We make a lot of flyers passed around campus or posters at the restaurants. We put them around campus so people can see the schedules.”

However, Nash said that she has not seen equal advertising.

“We don’t get the same (advertising as) the men. You go to restaurants that are close nearby and you only get to see men’s posters,” Nash said.

“And this happens even when we are the ones who are winning. Even with the WNIT.”

Levesque explained that there are many factors for advertising including rivalries, end of season games, events at the university such as homecoming, among others. She says that gender is not one of these factors.

“We don’t say this weekend we are promoting men and the next one women. No, we just do it out of the need and what’s important,” Levesque said. “We decide who needs help based on the events of the sports themselves.”

Roberto Avant-Mier, a communications studies professor, said that this topic is a matter of culture and interest. He believes that the lessons that are learned relating to sports and gender are taught at an early age.

“Sports are a strong factor in culture. Sexism exists in society and in culture. We don’t think what the women do is worth as much as men,” Avant-Mier said. “We have not as much interest for women’s sports. This is just the way it is. This is not fair, but is a matter of culture.”

Avant-Mier also said UTEP makes a large effort to promote women’s games, but that the efforts are not enough.

“I know a lot of times tickets are given away, they sell it for free. But you go to the games and there aren’t many people,” Avant-Mier said. “I imagine the only ones there are friends from the players, family, boyfriends, etc.—but from El Paso, many people don’t show up.”

According to Nash, students who come to women’s basketball games are only friends and other athletes—in other words, not the regular population of students.

“I’m not sure if students don’t show up to our games because they don’t know about them,” Nash said. “I would tell my classmates we are having a game this day and a lot of them don’t even know about our games.”

Levesque agrees with Avant-Mier that no matter the advertising or budget afforded to the sport, people are only going to see what they are culturally inclined to watch.

“People are going to go to a game that they like. If you’re a soccer fan, you’re going to be at every game or if you see the team is winning, you would want...”

See OVERLOOKED on page 6.
America Should Legalize Sports Betting Now

BY JASON GREEN

The Prospector

Former UTEP student Michael Korpus pled guilty recently to charges relating to a gambling ring, which he ran while enrolled at the university. According to court documents, the gambling ring allegedly involved former UTEP basketball players McKenize Moore, Jalen Ragland and Justin Cropley—who were dismissed from the team in January 2014 when their alleged involvement was uncovered.

This type of scandal is the exact reason that most major sport leagues and especially the NCAA have traditionally been staunch anti-gambling advocates. They’ve even gone as far as to spend large amounts of their budgets on lobbying Congress to keep gambling illegal as long as possible nationwide.

America has already bred through the biggest sports betting and game-fixing scandal that the world has ever seen—the Black Sox Scandal. The four major sports leagues will be damned if anything like that is going to happen again.

The Black Sox Scandal was the intentional throwing of the 1919 World Series by the Chicago White Sox, who were heavily favored over the Cincinnati Reds and competed with gamblers to lose on purpose. Many think that without this scandal, gambling could have been legalized nationwide with no problem.

This is the first big reason that sports wagering is not legal across the country. In order to make sure that our sports are on the up-and-up, we cannot allow it. However, this is flawed logic, considering that betting is still legal in places. Just as these players found a way, it can still happen. Games have still been thrown for betting purposes.

The unscrupulous are not worried about betting legally. So, if it is going to happen anyway, why shouldn’t the government get in on the action and tax it like everything else?

Well, gambling comes with all kinds of inherent nastiness. Just ask Pastor Howard Batson of First Baptist Church in Amarillo.

“I think the legislature needs to think long and hard before they subject the people of Texas, to all the seedy underbelly that is going to happen again!”

A state like South Carolina, for instance, cares so much about her citizens that politicians banned the highly popular video poker machines in the state in 2000. However, not to be left out of the growing popularity of lotteries in surrounding states, the South Carolina Education Lottery began in 2002. But it is for education

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This is all information that is available to the politicians who continue to ban gambling—except for the lottery. Do they really want to do what is best for the people? Or do they really want to bring in the most money possible for the state? We have already established that you cannot stop corruption in sports, because players want to throw games or shave points and put money on it, they will find a way. Would it not be better to legalize it and have ways to monitor the betting—which is how many point-shaving scandals are exposed, when bookmakers notice large sums coming in on insignificant games.

Additionally, gambling is great for sports—just like fantasy sports are. Anything that increases interest in games that otherwise people may not care about should be fully supported by the leagues—thus, NCAA, Commissioner Adam Silver’s 2014 op-ed in the New York Times in support of legalization and the NHL’s recent announcement of an expansion franchise in (GASP) Las Vegas.

The last step would be for the government to admit the hypocrisy in keeping the gambling to themselves. Granted, there is the occasional Native American casino, but hey, you kind of have to give them something for taking an entire continent away from them, right? But even they are not allowed to have sports wagering.

Instead of pretending that you care about people and that the lottery does not take advantage of the pitiful dreams of the poor, how about legalizing sports wagering, a game involving some skill and some luck—or is that not stacked enough in the house’s favor for you? Just think of all the taxes you could do!

MEANWHILE, IN TEXAS ON ELECTION DAY...

Home games in November

Women’s basketball

- vs. St. Mary’s (Nov. 4)
- vs. Northern Arizona (Nov. 11)
- vs. Texas Southern (Nov. 13)
- vs. Western New Mexico (Nov. 17)

- vs. LSU (Nov. 24)
- vs. NC State (Nov. 25)
- vs. Kansas State (Nov. 26)
- vs. Houston Baptist (Nov. 30)

Men’s basketball

- vs. Alaska Fairbanks (Nov. 5)
- vs. Louisiana College (Nov. 12)
- vs. Wake Forest (Nov. 17)

- vs. Villanova/Western Michigan (Nov. 18)
- vs. TBA (Nov. 20)
- vs. So. Louisiana (Nov. 23)
Demolishing more than history as city moves forward with arena location

**BY MICHELA ROMÁN**

The Prospector

Editor's note: This is the first part of a three-part series on the Save the Union Plaza efforts. The quotes from Salvador Ortíz have been translated from Spanish.

Just south of the Clubhaus' Southwestern University Park and the Union Plaza bar scene of downtown El Paso sits four blocks of quiet houses, small businesses and apartment complexes.

The neighborhood—once referred to as “Durangito” because of immigrants residing there from Durango, Mexico in the early 1900s—might be demolished to make room for the foundation of a new arena.

In 2012, the citizens of El Paso voted to pass a quality of life bond. The bond included the creation of a Hispanic Cultural Center, a city swimming pool, libraries and the most expensive effort—a $180-million multipurpose arena.

On Thursday, Oct. 13, the city announced they were going forward with the arena and moving to acquire the area south of Civic Center Plaza, which includes the Convention Center and the Abraham Chavez Theater. The following Thursday, Oct. 18, city council voted to approve the arena’s proposed location.

El Paso Mayor Oscar Leeser stated that he does not support the use of eminent domain, but the city council approved the arena’s location.

The approved area is bordered by West Paisano Street on the east side, Leon Street on the west side, West San Antonio Street on the south side, Leon Avenue and Chihuahua Street. Before he lived across the street at The Mansion, which is now an art gallery. Ortíz has lived in the arena area for 28 years.

"Well, what can I say, the county already won," Ortíz said. "I feel bad, but if they’re going to demolish it, well that’s it."

Despite his disappointment by the sudden news, Ortíz likes the idea of the arena, and the changes he’s seen so far in downtown, with the new Chihuahuas stadium and renovation of San Jacinto Plaza. He’s also excited to see the trolley runs again.

"It’s in favor. It’s going to help a lot of people, and Jaiacers students that go to UTEP can get the trolley and go to school," Ortíz said.

Condemnation projects in the past have been used to address infrastructure such as oil, gas, water, pipelines, roads, highways, parks and public buildings. In recent years, cities have been using eminent domain to build venues such as sports arenas.

In 2005, the city of Arlington, Texas, used eminent domain to condemn and destroy houses and businesses to make room for the Dallas Cowboys stadium.

In 2006, New York City demolished private businesses in order to make room for construction of a new arena for the New Jersey Nets.

Julia Castillo, 72, lives in the building with Ortíz and they were only notified the buildings would be destroyed. However, Castillo says the apartment complex is not well maintained.

"The apartments are in very bad condition and they don’t want to fix them," Castillo said. "During the winter we don’t have a heater and during the summer we don’t have an air conditioner and the bathrooms are falling apart!"

She says the owner of the apartments is squeezing the money out of them before they get kicked out.

"We’re still questioning what we’re going to do when this happens," Castillo said.

Before the city can move forward with the arena, they first need to purchase every property within it. This process could take up to a year. According to Jaiers, Durangito residents heard about the plan when the rest of El Paso did.

"They heard about it in the news. Supposedly the city had talked to a few people, but we don’t know who," Jaiers said.

"How would you like it if you read in the newspaper that your neighborhood was going to be demolished?"

Jaiers said he suspects the city has had its eyes set on the area for longer than they say. In the fall of 2014, Debbie Nathan, a journalist from New York, was eating at the Camino Real Hotel when she first heard about the city’s interest. "I overheard Josh Hunt having a conversation about what he was calling a soccer arena, and specifying that he wanted to be in the area now being claimed by the city for the arena," Nathan said.

Josh Hunt is the CEO of Mountain Star Sports Group, who owns the El Paso Chihuahuas. Jaiers said if they had known for so long, the city could’ve used that extra time to notify the community. He speculates that the reason they didn’t let it out publicly was because then the property values would shoot up because the sellers might want more money.

"I think the city has known for several years, that’s why they denied the architectural survey because the architectural survey would have found those buildings and determined, ‘Yes, this is a historic neighborhood and we need to preserve it’,” said Jaiers.

The city will soon begin a relocation program that guarantees residents housing for six months for the 47 people and 17 families in the area.

For now, Ortíz is waiting to hear from the city himself.

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**For the creation of the Spaghetti Bowl, which connects Interstate 10 and U.S. Route 54, along with the rest of El Paso’s highway system, the city enacted eminent domain to obtain property for construction. Jaiers has played a key role in efforts to successfully save the historic Lincoln Center, which was proposed for demolition under the Interstate 10’s Spaghetti Bowl in 2008.**

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**This is an issue where not everyone knows about eminent domain because you haven’t experienced it in your lifetime.**

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**Miguel Jaiers, doctoral candidate in borderlands history**

Julia Castillo lives in the apartments at the corner of Overland Avenue and Chihuahua Street. The apartment complex sits in the center of the arena El Paso has approved to be demolished for a new arena. Castillo is not sure when she’ll have to leave her apartment.
Long lines break El Paso early voting records

BY RENE DELGADILLO
The Prospector

Within a week, the next president of the United States will be announced, and in the state of Texas, El Paso is breaking rec-
cords in voter turnout in the first days of early voting.

Early voting started Monday, Oct. 17, and as of Sunday almost 91,000 El Paso citizens have cast their vote, a 71 percent increase from the 2012 presi-
dential election.

An El Paso Times analysis of county voting records shows that El Paso voters continue to be younger and that more fe-
voting records shows that El Paso voters

week, “Villalobos said.

He also said that if parking had been
made public at UTEP, they would have
had more voting booths and more people
could have helped voters to cast their vote,
cutting down wait times.

“We got one Thursday,” said Villalobos.
“Teddy said for the students who couldn’t
be here on a Thursday to vote.”

Villalobos said that polls show Clin-
ton is not far from Trump in Texas, and
that voter turnout during early voting
could create a more competitive race in
the state.

Data by RealClearPolitics shows that Texas could be one the biggest battle-
ground states of this election. Clinton, who is five points away from Trump,
changed a state that has voted Re-
publican since 1976.

Villalobos said Texas has had a much
closer race this year because voters are
unsure of their party candidates, mak-
ing them reconsider their vote. He also
said that voters are turning out to vote in higher numbers because of
Trump’s offensive language to both
women and immigrants.

“Most experts still would say that Texas is still going to go red, but just the
fact that it’s that close, it just goes to show that this is big news,” Villalo-
bo said. “It’s a big incentive to not take
for granted this election.”

He said that voters should take this
news seriously, and that if Democrats
want to change Texas color they must
give voters the option of early voting,
very close race that may end up turning Texas into a blue state.

“The same message goes to the other
side (Republicans),” Villalobos said.
“Don’t feel apathetic and not vote be-
cause you just think it’s going to go red–
ithin shooting range, it is within
striking range of perhaps going blue.”

Villalobos also said that the presi-
dential race in Texas could be decid-
ed by just a few points, making this
election as one of the most important
for both candidates.

CNN’s electoral map shows Donald
Trump winning 20 states that are solidly
Republican, giving him 157 electoral
points out of the 270 needed to win.
Texas is among the states that Trump
is hoping to win, in one of the higher
valued with 38 electoral points.

Clinton has 17 solidly Democratic
states, and is leading the poll with 200
electoral points out of the 270 needed to
win.

Villalobos said that if Texas voters turn
out in higher numbers, Trump and Clin-
ton could have a very close race, and
that Texas could be the decisive state in
deciding the next president.

“If Trump loses Texas, there is no
way he’ll be president at all,” Villalobos
said. “Based on the electoral map, Tex-
s is something that Trump definitely
has to count on.”

Besides voting for the next president,
voters have other important decisions
to make when casting their vote. State
representatives, county attorney, sher-
iff and the El Paso ISD bond initiative
are among many other issues that are
on the ballot.

“The best thing right now is social me-
dia and the internet, that is our best
tool,” Villalobos said. “You can go online
and you can just type in El Paso vote guide
and that will give you links to all the dif-
ferent places that are up to election and
the issues that you have to vote for.”

Early voting will continue through
Nov. 4 in other parts of the city. For more
information about where to vote, visit
epCountyVotes.com.

920 El Passans participated in early voting in Union East on Thursday, Oct. 27.

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Nov. 4 in other parts of the city. For more
information about where to vote, visit
epCountyVotes.com.
QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Are you planning on attending a basketball game this season?

VIANNEY ROMO
Junior biology major
“Yes definitely, I love going to the games with friends. It’s always a good time, a great way to socialize and show school spirit. I especially like going to the women’s basketball games, it’s become a tradition.”

ARMANDO ABILA
Freshman physics major
“Yes, I plan to attend the basketball games, as a kid I used to go with my friends all the time. Her and her family were really big UTEP fans. So I got into the habit of going, especially to women’s basketball, they always have a good game.”

VALERIA QUEZADA
Senior biology major
“Yes, I do plan on attending the basketball games this year. I’ve been to a lot of men’s basketball games, which have been really fun. So I am going to try attending the women’s as well this season.”

VICTOR VASQUEZ
Junior business major
“The games are and attended because I take pride in my school. I want to not only support the men’s but the women’s especially because I feel like they don’t get that much attention too. I believe the women’s basketball team deserves just as much support as the men’s.”

CHRIS MAULDIN
Junior kinesiology major
“I plan on attending the men’s basketball games, because I think the men’s games are more intense, so I prefer those games.”

CYNTHIA GOMEZ
Sophomore, engineering major
“No, I don’t plan on going to any basketball games this year. I don’t have the time.”

ARIAN CASTILLO
Freshman, mechanical engineering
“I do plan on attending both men’s and women’s basketball this season. I’ve been to a couple of football games already which has been a good time so I’m sure the basketball games will be as well.”

TAMARA ROCHA
Freshman biomedical major
“No, because I’m trying to focus on my homework and I usually volunteering at the shelter, so I usually don’t have that much time.”

SAMANTHA TORRES
Freshman forensic science major
“I will be attending to the basketball games. Because I am a part of the GoldDiggers, I tend to perform at those games. It is a very fun experience.”

SIRIA MARTINEZ
Sophomore criminal justice major
“I am planning to see both men and women basketball games because I hear the basketball team is really good, so I’m excited to definitely see a game from both men and women.”

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to be there,” Levesque said. “It’s about how’s the team and if you like the sport. You can advertise all you want for women sports, but if you aren’t interested in it—you won’t go.”

Avant-Mier teaches a class called communication in sports and said that people do not often discuss sexism in sports outside of academia—they either have not thought about it or they do not want to.

“We want our entertainment and we don’t want to think. There are men in class who easily say ‘well, women in sports suck, so why should I go?’ But they don’t think they are saying something bad or anti-feminist,” said Avant-Mier. “They just think that’s the way it is.”

After six years on the team, Nash is well-versed in the attention each team receives.

“If the men are doing something, people are just going to show up. But us, on the other hand, we have to do something spectacular to be talked about as much. This has always been like this,” Nash said.

Attendance is not the only area where disparity often exists. The gender pay gap still exists in the United States and even exists in college coaching.

“Coach Floyd makes more than Keitha, but their resumes are really different. Keitha has only been at UTEP while Floyd has been a coach in the NBA,” Levesque said. “When looking for coaches, we don’t make decisions based on gender. We try to get a diverse pool, and it just depends on your experience.”

This is not what Avant-Mier thinks when talking about the gender wage gap. He said this is a form of inequality that still happens in the United States.

“We haven’t reached that equal pay. From what I know, women are paid 78 percent of what men earn,” Avant-Mier said. “If for example a man gets paid a dollar, a woman will receive 78 cents. There is no equality even if the people perform the same.”

As another basketball season is set to begin, attendance trends will most likely continue as they have—and no matter the reasoning behind the UTEP coaching salary disparity, that is likely to continue as well. Perhaps another winning season by the women’s team may make an increase in the attendance numbers, perhaps leading to an increase in salary numbers.
Office of Student Life hosts the sixth-annual Halloween costume contest

BEST INDIVIDUAL COSTUME

1. Junior industrial engineering major David Paradis won best individual costume. 2. Professional and public programs arcade themes won best department group costume. 3. Freshman pre-nursing Bazzilla Christian and freshman psychology Yamil Rivera won best student group costume.

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A week left, and it can’t be over soon enough

BY CHRISTIAN VASQUEZ
The Prospector

Seven days left, or six depending on how you measure it, and the race hasn’t slowed down one bit. New scandals and new revelations keep coming out. October surprises are turning into November surprises—more emails against Clinton and more allegations against Trump.

On Friday, Oct. 28, FBI Director James Comey released a statement to several congressmen stating that new emails have potentially been found, and the FBI will take “appropriate investigative steps.” Trump jumped on the event with an opening speech in Manchester, New Hampshire, complimenting the FBI and Department of Justice for “righting the horrible mistake that they made,” referencing the initial findings that concluded without any criminal charges against Clinton. While Clinton called for the release of all known information to stop any potential rumors that might spring up with just a week left in the election.

The emails were supposedly found in a separate investigation against Anthony Weiner, former congressman and estranged husband of a top Clinton aid Huma Abedin, for his sexting to an underaged female.

A 12th woman accused Trump of sexual assault. Former Miss Finland Ninni Laaksonen said that in a 2006 Miss Universe pageant, Trump “grabbed my butt. I don’t think anybody saw it, but I flinched and thought: ‘What is happening?’” Laaksonen reported. While a string of articles has come out condemning Trump for these actions, it’s unclear if they have had a tangible effect on the public as polling data has not changed drastically.

Public opinion has drifted with Clinton ahead by 5.5 points on Oct. 23, to Clinton being ahead by 4.3 points on Oct. 29. Meanwhile, RealClearPolitics reports that Clinton is likely to win 263 electoral votes with only 7 more needed to win the election. Trump is far behind at 164 and needs to pull off all the states leaning toward red and change some swing states leaning blue as well.

However, 270towin.com paints a slightly different picture with 258 electoral votes on Clinton’s side and 157 on Trump’s side. Either way, Trump has a longer road to win and can’t afford to make any mistakes.

At a minimum, Trump must win Florida, Ohio, Georgia, North Carolina and Arizona to have a shot at the presidential seat. Except for Arizona, if Clinton can win just one of those states and lose the rest, she can still win the election. Early voting has taken off with more than 20 million votes already cast. For those voters no matter what new scandal bursts out into the scene unless they live in a state that allows a second vote they are out of luck.

Unless something major is found in new emails, or another scandal somehow overcomes people’s fear of a Trump presidency it is hard to imagine how Clinton can lose on Nov. 8. It’s been a long election, and one that will not be soon forgotten. Books and dissertations will be written about this election, but the president that the rhetoric and media-driven campaigns has set will be felt for many elections to come.

The Electoral College is scheduled to convene to cast the official votes, for president and vice president.

Jan. 6
Congress counts the electoral votes and Vice President Biden formally announces the president and vice president.

Jan. 20
Inauguration day, the president-elect takes the Oath of Office in front of the U.S. Capital Building.

Important dates:
Nov. 8
Election day.

Dec. 19
The Electoral College is scheduled to convene to cast the official votes, for president and vice president.
Student organizations Theta Chi and Alpha Sigma Alpha win homecoming competition

BY ERIC VASQUEZ
The Prospector

Saturday’s kick-off marked the beginning of homecoming week, with student organizations competing in a variety of physical and mental events such as ping pong, human foosball, trivia— all stylized for this year’s Pete’s Arcade theme.

Daniela Almarez, the student organizations management intern, organized a few of the events. “The competition between the teams was incredible,” Almarez said. “You could feel the excitement from all the participants.”

This year’s winners, a partnership between fraternity Theta Chi and sorority Alpha Sigma Alpha, took home the trophy after racking up participation and spirit points when their competition points faltered.

“It was rewarding,” said Janneth Mendoza, homecoming coordinator for Alpha Sigma Alpha. “All the hard work from staying late learning the lip sync dance and waking up early for Miner Morning Mania was worth it in the end.”

“A lip sync competition, triathlon and arcade tournament were among the many events on the list throughout the week, but a first place in every event means nothing without member support, a tactic that didn’t slip by Team Pac-Man when strategizing for the win.”

The end of homecoming week proved to be a grind, as ignored homework and sleeplessness begins to build.

The event that took the most out of us would be the float making party, “ Escobedo said. “Due to the fact that we had minimal time on Friday. However, once again thanks to our participation we managed to get the job done.”
Pop punk bands The Front Bottoms, Modern Baseball and Brand New are making El Paso the second stop of their international tour at the County Coliseum at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, allowing concert-goers to relive their teenage angst and young love heartbreak. Despite the furiously high tempos and energetic guitar playing, these bands all share a common attention to lyrics. Friendships, romances and struggles with identity are usually these bands’ focus, and are treated as deeply personal and real problems with such flare that one could make the claim that the second person. For every accusation, some bits are poetry.

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Since when did “I wanna hear your voice” not become a good excuse at calling you at three in the morning? It’s straight forward punk rock, much like “12 Feet Deep.” The song is dripping with resentment as Lacey sings with acid on his lips. It is straightforward punk rock with driving guitars and drums, but it isn’t until the break when Lacey reveals his lyrical potential.

“So is it what you call a getaway Tell me what you got away with. Cause I’ve seen more space in jellyfish. I’ve seen more guts in 11-year-old kids. Have another drink and drive yourself home. I hope there’s ice on all the roads. And you can think of me when you forget your wild throb, and gain when your head goes through the windshield. And is that what you call sad? Write as subtle as a bird in the small of my back. So let end this call, and end of this conversation.”

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The UTEP Theater and Dance department has a new production titled “In-Between,” stylized as such. The production is a dance concert reflecting on immigration, choreographed by Darylyn Sourlock and Sandra Paola Lopez-Ramirez, who is also the director.

With this production, Lopez-Ramirez explained how it means to be an immigrant living in the U.S. but going back to the previous life before becoming an immigrant. Elaborating on being an immigrant and migrating to the U.S., one may feel like they live “in between” their home country and the U.S.

“I’m not from here,” said Lopez-Ramirez. “As an immigrant, you always feel you are in between cultures, in between lifestyles, and ways of being.”

Like every production that Lopez-Ramirez creates, “In-Between” is very personal to her. Developing the production and going through the interview was a satisfying experience in relation to the production.

The production consists of eight sections. Each section is created by Lopez-Ramirez, who is also the director. The production deals a lot with immigration but many other topics that individuals may struggle with such as gender, race and our self-identification.

“There are actors that dress up in drag to give a real life feeling out what it means to be “In-Between” with gender identity. In another movement, there are women with mustaches, representing the strong woman in society. The main goal of this section is to let the audience know that just because they are women does not mean that they are weak but can be as strong as a male.”

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‘Desierto’ a political thriller on immigration

By Andres Gallegos

"Desierto" is the first full-length film by Mexican director Jonas Cuaron. After co-writing the award-winning "Gravity" with his father, Alfonso Cuaron, Jonas co-wrote, produced and directed "Desierto." The thriller is about immigrants crossing the desert while an American vigilante and his dog hunt them down. Cuaron collaborated with actors Gael Garcia Bernal and Jeffrey Dean Morgan, who both play their characters well. Garcia Bernal plays Moises, a Mexican immigrant doing his second run across the border after being deported. Moises wants to reach the United States, not for the prospect of living a better life, but for his son, who he promised to come back for.

Morgan plays the character Sam, the embodiment of the staunchest of Republicans. He’s an alcoholic, who exercises his second amendment right and owns a dog with no name. His truck waves the Confederate flag and booms with country music, and he does not approve of the sloppy job done by the Border Patrol. He’s an American citizen, who feels strongly about undocumented immigrants crossing the border and the crimes they commit once they cross.

In our current political state, immigration is a provocative topic that both the left and right feel strongly about. "Desierto" comes at just the right time because it literally represents the current state of affairs and the radical mentality that some individuals have concerning undocumented immigrants. Although the message of this movie is important, the strength of its delivery may be coherent, but they still lack something. There’s an essence missing. It seems at times that what’s on the screen are images, not something significant going on and to achieve that takes special talent or time. There is no doubt that Jonas Cuaron will bring forth important films in the future with better production.

The movie was not awful. It was entertaining and had good production value, but the vitality of its topic deserved more. "Desierto" is at most a B-movie. Even though "Desierto" has opposing characters share the screen, their effect feels stunted. The motives that drive each character could have been explored, but there’s little to know about them and almost nothing that makes them relatable. Sure, the movie is fast paced—it is a chase after all—but there’s no time to dig into the back story of each character, and this leaves only the hunter and hunted on the screen.

The characters may be flawed and have their shortcomings, but the sense of reality they have with the film is important. For one, the characters speak Spanish and not accented English. There’s little Hollywood glamor in the faces and clothes of the actors. They sweat and bleed, they get dirty when they fall and they’re no match for an armed vigilante. They don’t try to outmatch him because in the real world there is not much an immigrant can do against a sharp shooter.

"Desierto" forgets about the glamor and focuses on the story. Its setting, which gives this film its title, is a character as well. The film was shot in Baja California, Mexico. Not only does it represent the hardship that many immigrants go through under the scorching sun and over the boiling sand, but it also plays the role of the neutral character. It does not care about the immigrants and it does not aid the hunter either.

Cinematographer Damian Garcia shows the beauty of the desert through shots at dawn and dusk, through the color of its shale rock and sand and in the vast collection of cacti that inhabit the desert. In one scene, the American vigilante talks about a time when he loved the desert, but now he loathes it. Whether it hates it because of the immigrants, is not mentioned, but this scene explains in detail the sentiment toward the desert, a love-hate relationship. Nature is not just beautiful for its sights, but for its indifference as well. Cuaron displays a sense of story-telling in his first full-length film. The shots and editing of the film are messy and quick, it shakes and stops to breathe. Cuaron takes his time. He stops to look at the characters. He explores various points of view. He allows the audience to hang around with the immigrants, with the vigilante and even with the dog and gives the audience their own view, where they can see all the players. His shots may be coherent, but they still lack something. There’s an essence missing. It seems at times that what’s on the screen are images, not something physical.

It’s easy to sit here and criticize a young director’s first film. But despite the flaws, there is a promise. Cuaron chose to deal with real subjects. He approaches a story and pays close attention to the reality they face, not a Hollywood fantasy. There is something significant going on and to achieve that takes special talent or time. There is no doubt that Jonas Cuaron will bring forth important films in the future with better production.

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Her energy is infectious no matter what it is that she is talking about; and it is no surprise that people send their daughters from around the world to play for her.

UTEP women’s basketball head coach Keitha Adams’ statistics are noteworthy by any measure: three Conference USA championships—most recently in 2016; two NCAA tournament berths and two WNIT tournament berths—most recently in 2016; three seasons of 29-plus wins in the last five years; and back-to-back sellouts of the Don Haskins Center in 2014.

However, it is Adams’ love for her players that keeps them coming back even after their careers in the orange and blue are over. Recently, two-time C-USA Player of the Year Jareica Hughes was back at the Miners’ practice.

“She genuinely cares about you outside of basketball, what you’re going to do with your life,” Hughes said. “I know there’s other coaches out there who have that mentality, but she has a very, very genuine way of showing that to her players and her staff—everyone that’s around her.”

Adams has a huge heart for her players and an even bigger smile. It is clear being around her that she loves her players and staff. Just watch one Keitha Adams practice and you will notice that the 15-year UTEP head coach knows when to turn the fun on and off and get down to business.

“I’m a big believer in preparation and how you prepare and how you practice. I’m very focused on the game, so I think my intensity and focus is really there when you’re (on the practice court),” Adams said. “That’s something you’ve got to be good at. You’ve got to be good on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday to play well on Thursday night.”

It will take all of Adams’ coaching ability to get this year’s Miners together in time for a difficult schedule this season and had some nice shots from Arismendi, who is slated for 1 p.m. MT at the Don Haskins Center.

The UTEP basketball team, head coach Tim Floyd believes that his team is not ready for the regular season based on their first exhibition game against Southeastern Oklahoma State, which the Miners slipped away with a win, 80-73.

“We’re not (ready),” said Floyd. “There are a lot of things that didn’t look beautiful. It might not all be on the downsides, however, Floyd said the exhibition games could help the team grow, learn their weaknesses and then improve from there.

“There are a lot of things that I love about exhibition games, is that we can see players maybe try to do things that they don’t do in practice, just because there are a few people in the stands and a few people sitting on press row,” Floyd said. “We’ll go back and address all of those things!”

Against Southeastern Oklahoma State, the Miners struggled at first. They were flat offensively, taking too many shots to start off. The Savage Storm even started the game with a 12-4 lead. In the first half alone, there were 13 lead changes and the score was tied nine times.

After the half, the Miners clawed back into the game after the 11-minute mark when they went on a key 8-2 run. From then on, the Miners extended a lead that they could hold onto for the rest of the game.

But the fact of the matter was they should have won easily. Instead, it seemed like the Miners had to scrap for the victory.

Senior guard Dominic Arista led the charge on Saturday with 17 points and two steals. He scored the outside jumper as well as made plays inside. Forward Terry Winn had a double-double for the day as he scored 14 points and accumulated 10 rebounds. Winn also debuted his outside jump shot that he perfected during the off-season and had some nice shots from beyond the paint.

“I felt we played hard,” Arista said. “That was a chance to see where we are and where we are Offensively, I think we got in our groove after a while, and we just have to continue doing that.”

Starting center Matt Williams was inactive during the game, and will probably be out this week against Alaska Fairbanks. Williams, who was sidelined due to an ankle injury last season, was inactive due to a heel injury.

“Matt had a stress reaction on the same foot,” Floyd said. “We sat him—it was doctor recommended. The other problem is at his arch, but this one is at his heel. We are hoping to get him at the start of the season and them have him back!”

The man who filled in for Williams down low, other than Winn, was 6-foot-11 freshman forward Kelvin Jones. Jones had six points and six rebounds coming off the bench, and he added an extra spark to the Miners.

“Coach was on Kelvin hard during this week at practice,” Winn said. “I think he responded well and he looked good!”

This week, the Miners will take on Alaska Fairbanks Saturday, Nov. 5, in their second exhibition game. It will be a test to see how the Miners adapt after watching film from their first practice game.

“We have to work on some defensive adjustments, like working too close and forcing the outside shots,” Arista said. “They made a lot of shots, so we have to be ready for that against some of the better teams.

Tip off against Alaska Fairbanks is slated for 1 p.m. MT at the Don Haskins Center.
Cosmas Boit: racing into UTEP’s record book

BY MIKE FLORES

In the USTCCA and all of Division I cross country programs around the nation, the UTEP Miners’ cross country team is ranked #1, and they have one of the hottest runners in the country—Cosmas Boit.

The 2016 season happens to be Bot's last year of competing for the Miners as it's his senior year. He is majoring in Criminal Justice and has been one of the must-watch athletes at UTEP.

And, over this weekend, Bot and the UTEP cross country team brought home the Conference USA championship trophy for the second year in a row.

Boit traveled over 9,000 miles from Eldoret, Kenya, to El Paso, where he has called the city home for four years. The star sprinter from Kenya never competed in a competitive cross country match until he stepped foot in the borderland.

"I never ran in my life—I didn't run in elementary, high school or anything. When I was finishing school, my sister told me that her coach was interested in me! Bot said, "My coach now used to be my sister's too!"

Head coach of the Miners' cross country team Paul Ereng saw the potential Bot could bring to the university. "The kid out of East Africa was so thin as it gets and worked hard to achieve his goals.

"When Cosmas came over he was more of a track and field guy, he brought a lot of speed from that," Ereng said. "He has become a very reliable long distance runner as well. He has improved nicely and has always been a great team player."

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It is easy to say that Bot set the bar higher for UTEP athletics and will go down as one of the top players to put on that cross country jersey for the Miners.

"The team that I have now, it's a super team, I always wish I had one extra year. I've never seen work ethic like the team this year," Bot said. "We want to be a top five team in the nation. I'm 100 percent confident my team and I can make the NCAA Regionals this year!"

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Seniors cross country runner Cosmas Boit and the Miners anticipate NCAA Regionals on Nov. 11.

BY ADRIAN BROADUS

It's win or go home time for the Miners football team. After they were rolled over by Old Dominion, 31-21, the Miners have their backs against the wall at six losses, and are forced to win all of their remaining games to have any hope at post-season play.

However, the remaining four games will not be a walk in the park. In fact, it seems like a long shot for the Miners to win them all due to their previous eight games, including their most recent frustrating loss to OSU. They will have to play Houston Baptist, Florida Atlantic, Rice and North Texas.

"I'd like to take a knife and stab myself," said head coach Sean Kugler in a frustrated manner after their loss to Old Dominion. "Why would I be happy? We're 2-6. Other than light myself on fire, I don't know what to do."

To their advantage, they will take on FCS Southland conference affiliated Houston Baptist. The Huskies (3-5) have had a struggling year thus far, much like the Miners. They are currently eighth place in the Southland conference and have lost four of their last five games.

To head coach Sean Kugler, this is a chance to catch a breather for his squad and a confidence boost going into their final three conference games. The Miners (2-6, 1-4 C-USA) fell to the Monarchs this past Saturday based on more defensive mistakes than the efficient ones. Defensive tackle Ryan Metz took the charge for the night and made some pretty nice plays during his 202-yard day. Running back Aaron Jones carried the ball for 94 yards and totaled two touchdowns—one rushing and one, surprisingly, through the air.

But in the end, it was the defense that allowed 393 total yards of offense for the Monarchs. They scored 21 uncontested touchdowns in the second half, which really put the game out of the Miners' reach.

"We didn't step up to the task," said linebacker Andrew John, who totaled nine tackles throughout the game. "We let them run the ball. They pounded the ball down. We missed a couple of tackles. We struggled during the first half. There was no energy, no emotion."

The bad news is obvious—the Miners cannot find another game, but the good news is that Old Dominion is probably the toughest team left on the Miners' schedule.

The next game on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 6 p.m. in the Sun Bowl is a must-win game that the Miners desperately need.
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UTEP soccer embarks on C-USA tournament

BY MIKE FLORES

The Miners will take on the Rice Owls in the first round of the Conference USA tournament. Coach Cross is among the top 40 in coaches with the highest wins in Division 1 soccer. Under Cross, the Miners have earned 12 wins in the conference tournaments and have appeared in three conference title showdowns.

He also has coached in one NCAA playoff game in 2005. It was the program’s first tournament berth in history. The Miners advanced to the second round after losing to a top-10 team—the California Golden Bears.

El Pasoans are hoping for a repeat of that season, the best year yet in the program. There is still a lot to be written with UTEP’s future in soccer, and it starts now.

“There are no ceilings with this team, it’s as high as it gets,” Thomas said. “If we play UTEP soccer, we are unstoppable.”

Kickoff time will be at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2, in Charlotte, North Carolina. The winner will face off against the victor of the Western Kentucky (3)-Charlotte (6) matchup.

The UTEP women’s team will take on the Rice Owls in the first round of the Conference USA tournament.