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The Prospector

The time has come for former UTEP students to reunite with their alma mater.

Homecoming celebrations will be held throughout the week of Oct. 3 with the theme of Around The World in Seven Days.

"This year's theme is Around the World in Seven Days," said Sam Rodriguez, student organizations intern and senior organization and corporate communication major. "We're excited about this year's theme, because we are a diverse community and we decided to do something that everyone can be a part of."

Rodriguez said the theme was voted on last spring during a Campus Activities Board committee meeting. Following homecoming traditions, this year's activities will include a parade, pep rally, pageant, lip sync competition and float-making party.

Rodriguez said each student organization picked a country that they would research and represent in all the events, randomly from a hat.

Some of the countries the organizations selected include China, Cuba, Spain, Egypt and South Africa, among others.

This year, around 30 student organizations have registered with the Student Development Center to participate in the activities. During the competitions, students will earn points for their organization based on their skills and talents. The team or organization that finishes with the most points will win a cash prize of \$200. The second-place team will win \$125 and third-place team will win \$75.

Activities began Oct. 3 and will conclude Oct. 8 with a pep rally at Memorial Triangle and the UTEP football game Oct. 9.

The lip sync competition will begin at 11 a.m. Oct. 6 at the Union Plaza Stage. Student organizations will be able to begin the float-making party at 6 p.m. the same day in the P-9 parking lot.

Rodriguez said student organizations, university departments and offices will compete for the most appealing and creative float during the parade at noon Oct. 8 at the university.

The Golden Grads participate annually in the parade by riding in classic cars that represent the year of their graduating class.

"I'm curious to see how this year's homecoming will turn out," said Nicole Martinez, member of Sigma Psi Eta sorority and senior sociology major. "It will be interesting to see what students come up with using their imaginations and creativity for this theme."

For those alumni who have already graduated, the UTEP Alumni Association is organizing various events to get them involved in the homecoming festivities.

"Alumni are really excited to return to UTEP and see how the campus has changed dramatically," said Cristina Escandon, coordinator for student parent alumni relations. "They're very proud to be a part of UTEP and this year we have a Golden Nugget Award recipient that has visited campus regularly for a very long time."

Escandon referred to Bertha Toscano, a 97-year-old graduate who earned her degree in Spanish in 1933 and comes from Mexico City.

For the Golden Grads, the alumni association will host a welcome tour of the Heritage House, which holds memorabilia and documents about the history of UTEP.

There will be a luncheon at the Larry K. Durham Sports Center and a Golden Grad dinner and dance at 7 p.m. at Ardovino's Desert Crossing in Sunland Park, New Mexico.

Multiple events like receptions and luncheons will be held for alumni from various colleges and departments who have made special contributions.

The 2010 Gold Nuggets will be recognized during activities, including the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner Oct. 8 at the Don Haskins Center.

This year, the Distinguished Alumni include Hank Cohen, CEO and partner of Trifecta Entertainment & Media, Mike Loya, president of energy company Vitol Inc. and Ceci Miles Mulvihill, president of RMPersonnel.

The seven colleges of the university will recognize the outstanding recipients, among them

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BOB STULL
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The UTEP football team has a big game in the Sun Bowl on Oct. 9 and needs your support! The Miners will be taking on Rice, and the Owls have always played very well against us. This is an important step in the pursuit of a Conference USA West Division title. No stadium in college football is more electric than when 50,000 fans are rocking the Sun Bowl, and I hope you'll help us pack the place for our 79th homecoming game. It is YOU – the students – who make a huge difference in the team's success!

I know a lot of students are upset about the new tailgating rules, and I wanted to take this opportunity to address the situation. As you know, we have moved the time that inner campus opens for tailgating from noon to 2 p.m. You can still tailgate in the outer lots of campus beginning at the usual time of 8 a.m.

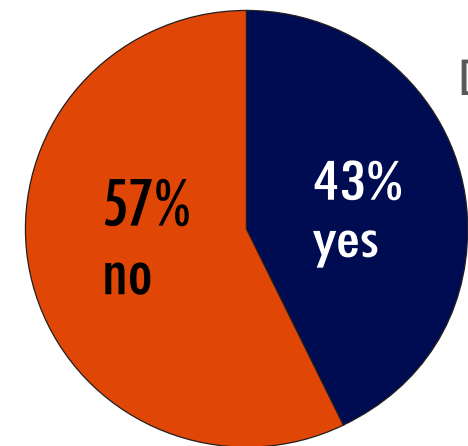
We have always encouraged tailgating on our campus – that's what

makes the UTEP football game day experience special! We want to foster a safe, but fun, environment for tailgating. Unfortunately, in recent years this safe environment has been threatened, particularly with the influx of underage drinkers on campus. We have found that many people are coming to our campus just to party and aren't even going to the game. Sad to say, it only takes a few disruptive individuals to spoil the healthy tailgating experience of responsible fans.

The UTEP athletic department, in conjunction with university police, is working very hard to eliminate underage drinking and re-install a safe tailgating atmosphere on campus. But in the meantime, in the best interest of all of our students – including those who have classes on game day – we have had no choice but to push the inner campus tailgating start time back two hours.

Please understand that we are doing this for your safety. We still want you to tailgate responsibly and rally behind your team ... the UTEP Miners. I hope to see you on Saturday and thank you as always for your support.

Bob stull is the UTEP Athletic Director.



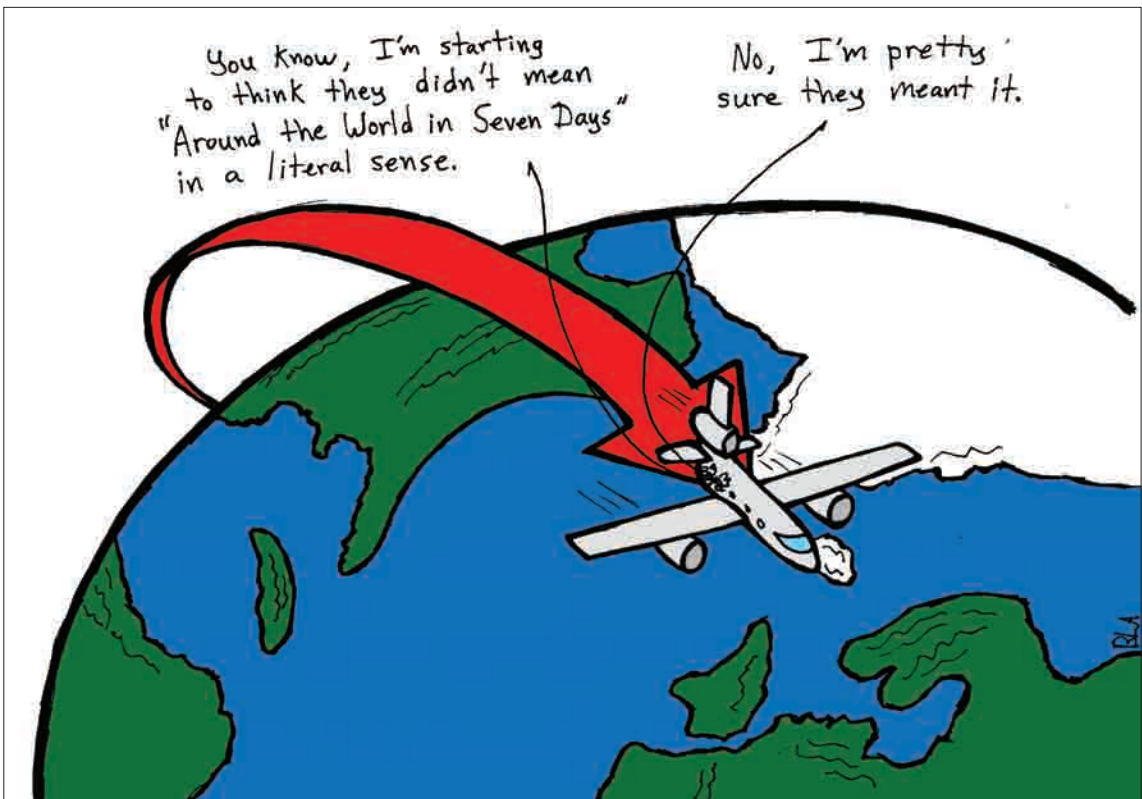
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37 passes for 264 yards and three touchdowns.

"It was great, not only to get a win here, but being 4-1 is really good," Vittatoe said. "The attitude of the team is a big part of it and I feel that everyone has bought into believing in the system and believing in coach Price."

Senior receiver Kris Adams was Vittatoe's favorite target of the night as he caught five balls for 141 yards with two touchdowns. He now has 419 yards receiving on the season with five touchdowns.

"I'm just trying to get back to where I was because last year was kind of a bad year for us," Adams said. "It's kind of hard for me to let that go and it kind of drives me to

play better and it makes me sure I'm doing the right things."


Junior running back Joe Banyard started the game for the Miners as Donald Buckram's recovering knee kept him on the sidelines. Banyard carried the ball 15 times for 90 yards with one touchdown. His touchdown came on a 10-yard run in the first quarter to make it 14 to 7 UTEP. Junior running back Leilyon Myers was the second leading rusher for the Miners as he rushed 10 times for 30 yards and one touchdown.

The Lobos (0-4, 0-2 Mountain West Conference) remain winless on the year. For the second straight week, UNM scored the opening touchdown of a game. The Lobos capitalized on the Frasier fumble with a four-yard run by freshman quarterback Tarean Austin. It was the last lead the Lobos held in the game.

For the first time this season, UNM came back to tie a game, which occurred in the first quarter when they blocked a field goal and junior cornerback Anthony Hooks returned the block 45 yards to the house to knot the game up at 14 apiece. That was the closest the Lobos got in the game as the Miners reeled off 24 consecutive points.

It was not all smooth sailing for UTEP since they were not very good on special teams. The Miners gave up 14 points on special teams as well as putting the ball on the ground. UTEP's special teams allowed a block field, which was returned for the touchdown along with a 101-yard kickoff return. Marlon McClure also lost a fumble on a muffed punt.

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Culpepper is the reigning Conference USA Player of the Year and the only C-USA player on the watch list. He ranks fourth in UTEP history and 15th in C-USA annals with 1,664 points. He is UTEP's all-time leader with 252 three-point field goals and rates second in school history with 180 steals.

The 35th annual Wooden Award ceremony will take place the weekend of April 8-10, 2011.

Women's basketball begins practice

The UTEP women's basketball team will hold its first practice in preparation for the upcoming 2010-11 season from 3-5:30 p.m. at the Don Haskins Center Oct. 5

The Miners return seven letter winners from last year's squad (16-16), including five individuals who started the last 15 games during the 2009-10 campaign.

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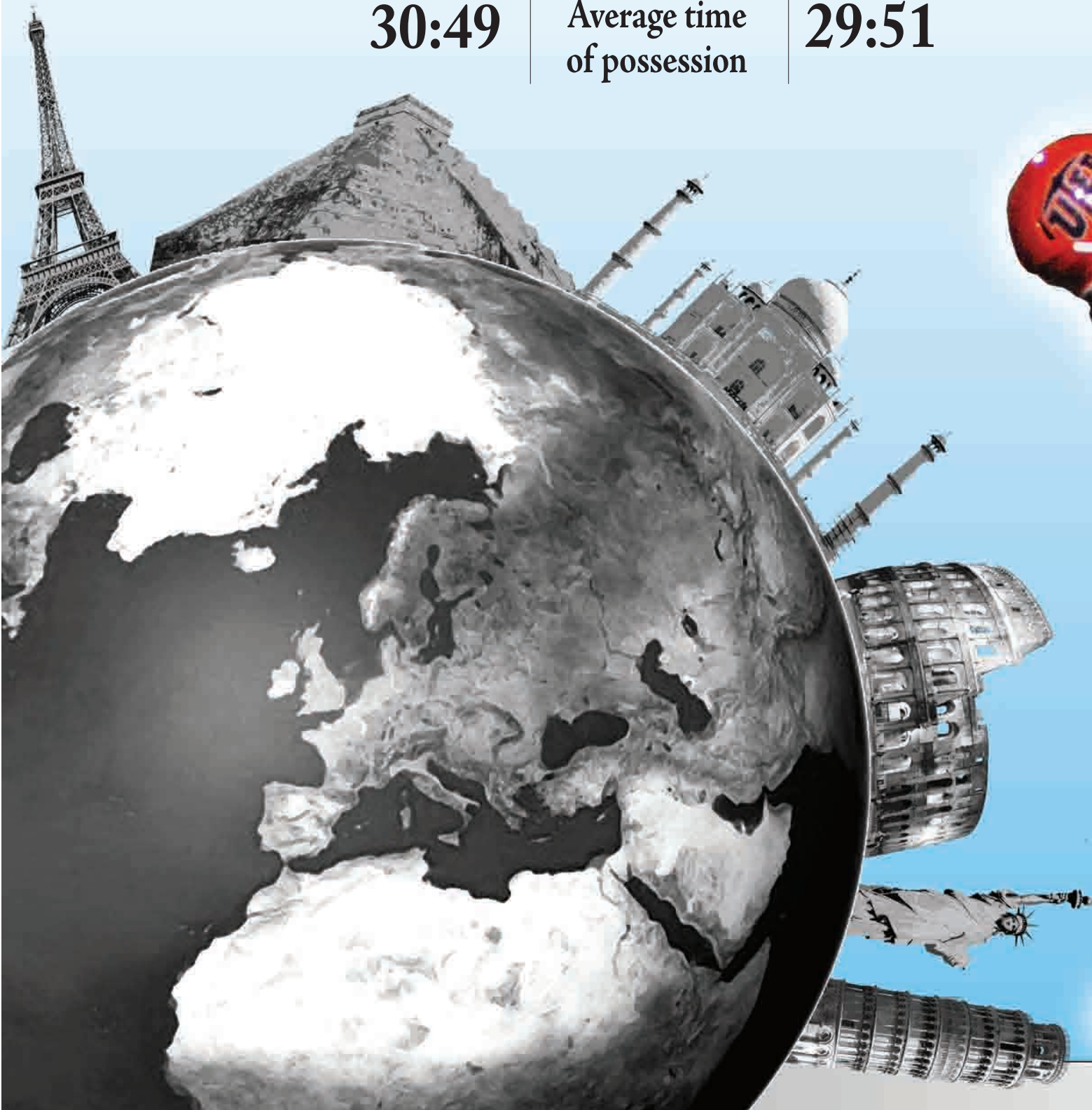
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30:49	Average time of possession	29:51



The Marching Miners and the UTEP Goldiggers perform during opening ceremonies as fireworks and the crowd erupt Sept. 25 at the Sun Bowl.

BOB CORRAL / The Prospector

Miners look to keep Owls grounded

BY ALEX MORALES

The Prospector

UTEP Miners aim to make it their fourth win in a row and start the season 5-1 for the first time since the 2005 season as they welcome Rice for their homecoming game.

The Miners (4-1, 1-1 Conference USA) have been led this year by their defense who has not let an opponent earn over 300-yards in four of their five games this year.

At the Sun Bowl this year, the UTEP defense is giving up an average of 287 yards a game and allowing the opponent to score an average of 11 points. The Miners defense has been stifling and has improved in tackling since last season.

"It's not very often that we don't give up a play of 15 yards or more," head coach Mike Price said. "If you are playing good you're giving up maybe a dozen tackles, to only give up nine means we're really wrapping up."

Senior quarterback Trevor Vittatoe is leading the way on the offensive side of the ball, as senior running back Donald Buckram continues to battle through his knee injury. Vittatoe has completed 56 percent of his passes for 1,250 yards with 11 touchdowns and has only thrown two interceptions. Both of his interceptions have been thrown at home, one against

Arkansas-Pine Bluff and the other against Memphis.

Of his 11 touchdown passes on the year, Vittatoe has only thrown five of them in the Sun Bowl, all coming against NMSU.

The emergence of senior wide receiver Kris Adams after a disappointing 2009 season has helped UTEP spread out the defense on the field, as Adams is a big play threat. He has caught 18 balls for 419 yards with five touchdowns and is averaging 23 yards per catch. His longest catch this year is a 68-yard touchdown against NMSU Sept. 18.

"Kris Adams sucked it up the week before against Memphis. He hurt his back but came up with the big catch in the final drive," Price said. "The (Lobos) couldn't cover him. Trevor had great protection so we were able to hold the ball until (Adams) got open."

Rice (1-4, 0-1 C-USA) is coming off their first conference loss against SMU, where they fell 42-31. But the Owls have shown resiliency this season playing their opponents tough.

"Rice hasn't been blown out by anybody," Price said. "They scared me against Texas. I turned to that game at the beginning of the year and said, 'Oh my god they look great' but Texas wasn't looking so good."

Sophomore Michigan transfer and YouTube sensation Sam McGuffie leads the Owls with 68 carries for 255 yards and two

touchdowns. He has also caught 24 balls for 210 yards and a touchdown.

"Two of (Rice's) best players are transfers. Their running back, McGuffie, transferred from Michigan," Price said. "We knew about them, everybody in Texas tried to recruit them. They came to Rice and they are doing a great job."

At Michigan, McGuffie had a break out game against Norte Dame where he rushed for 131 yards and had 47 yards receiving with one touchdown. During the year, he suffered three concussions playing for the Wolverines.

In last year's meeting, the Owls squeaked by the Miners 30-29 in Houston. Buckram had two costly fumbles in the fourth quarter, once at the goal line and the other soon after.

UTEP has struggled against Rice, last year, the Owls were 1-9 entering the game and came back from huge deficits to win. The Owls have reeled off four consecutive wins against the Miners. UTEP has not beaten Rice since the 2005 season when they won 38-31.

"They run pretty much the same offense they've been running the last four years," Price said. "They seem to be pretty good against us. We're 0-4 against them, no one has to remind me that. I would personally like to change that. They won two games last year and we were one of them."

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Wide receiver Evan Davis avoids tacklers after making a catch.

BOB CORRAL / The Prospector

Volleyball

UTEP falls in conference home opener

BY DAVID ACOSTA
The Prospector

Miner volleyball opened its home conference schedule Oct. 3 at Memorial Gym, versus the Houston Cougars. The Miners, who were looking to bounce back from a 3-1 defeat at Rice Oct. 1, were defeated in straight sets by the quicker, more experienced Houston team.

"We saw a lot of really good plays on our side of the net and we saw several of our players work at a really high level," head coach Ken Murphy said. "But it seemed like what we also saw today was a player make a really good play and then make an error."

The Miners had 21 errors in the match, with 11 coming in the third set alone. The Cougars capitalized off those errors and poor blocking by the UTEP frontline. The Cougars out-blocked the Miners 13 to 6.5.

In the first set, the Miners got off to a slow start, opening the match with a service error, which became the first of three in the set. UTEP was able to keep it close in the first, behind the starting play of senior setter Patty Jarmoc, who registered 23 assists in the opening set. But, after leading for most of the way the Cougars battled back. The score was all tied up at 20-20, following another Miner error by redshirt freshman blocker Jeanne Horton. The Cougars took advantage and went on to win the set, 25-22.

"Nothing was really clicking for us today, maybe we weren't ready," senior setter Patty Jarmoc said. "I'm disappointed in the loss, and wish we could have played better but we have to get back in the gym this week, work hard and pull it out for Marshall."

The Cougars came out swinging in the second set, running off to a 6-0



DIANA AMARO / The Prospector

The Miners lost 3-0 to Houston Oct. 3 at Memorial Gym. UTEP (10-7 2-2 C-USA) has struggled as of late, losing two games at home.

lead off two service aces by junior setter Amber Brooks and two attack errors by the Miners. UTEP finally got on the board when redshirt freshman

outside hitter Melissa Toth was assisted by Jarmoc.

"There's some inexperience out there and they need to take those swings and

learn how to be better," Murphy said. "But, in the short term it's frustrating when you give away that many easy points."

UTEP was able to close the gap, coming within four points to make the set 14-19. However, it was once again back-to-back errors on serves by Toth and redshirt freshman libero/defensive specialist Ashley Mullens that put the lead out of reach once and for all.

In the third set, the Cougar's quick offense once again proved to be too much for UTEP. With the Miners trailing 13-18, Houston put together a 10-2 run to take the set and the match, 25-15.

While the Miners defense, which was led by junior transfer libero/defensive specialist Stephanie Figueroa, continued to play well. It was errors and the lack of finishing power that led to UTEP's defeat. Figueroa finished the game with a team best of 10 digs. However, the team was not able to score on any of its blocks and registered 30 kills to Houston's 42.

"We need to focus on our blocking and putting the ball away," freshman outside hitter Taylor Nix said. "Our defense is doing a great job on the back

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- Patty Jarmoc, senior setter

row. Patty is doing an awesome job, but we as hitters need to put it away."

After starting off the season 2-0, the Miners now fall to 2-2 in Conference USA and 10-6 overall. The team will look to bounce back as they continue to wrap up their three-game home stand with a two game series against Marshall Oct. 8 and 9 at Memorial Gym.

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Homecoming court crowned at pageant



SOFIA DE ANDA / The Prospector

Female contestants line up during the 2010 homecoming pageant Oct. 3 at Magoffin Auditorium.

BY OMAR LOZANO
The Prospector

A loud roar of UTEP pride from a packed house at the Royalty Pageant Oct. 3 at Magoffin Auditorium kicked off homecoming week.

"Homecoming is kind of like a holiday in any family. Your mother prepares a huge dinner and looks forward to having the family at home," said Mary Helen Padilla, president of the UTEP Alumni Association and judge for the pageant. "So in essence, having all of our alumni here on our campus is like reconnecting our family."

The event proved to be more ram-bunctious than your average pageant, which was sponsored by the Student Government Association. The crowd actively waved large, painted, neon colored signs and shook the house with their intense chants for their organization representatives.

"It's a lot of fun stuff. It's just a whole new insight to UTEP on a different level," said Claudia Vargas, who was crowned queen and represented the Student Alumni Association. "It's very important for students to know where their university came from and look to the future to where it's going."

Alejandro Ortiz of Alpha Kappa Lambda was named king, alongside Vargas.

Pageant participants embraced this year's theme, Around the World in Seven Days, with open arms, utiliz-

ing creative and internationally-based costumes in front of a string of local UTEP alumni celebrities.

Several judges from KFOX news anchor Martina Valverde and County Commissioner Veronica Escobar to Viva! El Paso's own artistic director Jaime Barba, guided contestants through two rounds. The spirit wear round was first and the formal wear round was second.

The final five contestants were put on the spot for a series of questions asked by the judges and were graded on their ability to represent UTEP in a confident and positive light.

"We (judge) how they present themselves, how poised they are, their ability to connect with the audience and also to see it in their eyes how much they want to win and represent the UTEP student body," Padilla said.

From a total of 27 male and female contestants, those crowned as part of the Homecoming Court are King Ortiz, Queen Vargas, Prince Daniel Veale of UTEP Athletics, Princess Kristina Kniest, who participated independently, Duke Ricardo Galindo of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and Duchess Ashley Olivas of Alpha Xi Delta.

"I woke up this morning and almost didn't believe it. It's such a honor. I fell in love with the university from day one," Vargas said.

Each winner received a prize package and scholarship from SGA in the

amounts of \$250 each for the king and queen, \$150 each for the prince and princess and \$100 each for the duke and duchess.

Through the victory, the homecoming court gains new responsibilities. Homecoming organizers said this is only the beginning.

"(Winners) have a year of duties but their primary focus is homecoming week," said Terrance Martindale, SGA pageant organizer. "They will be with alumni all week, go to alumni events, be involved in football games and occasionally they will make appearances throughout the year."

Martindale said the actual responsibility is in providing a respectful

image for the university and being an ambassador.

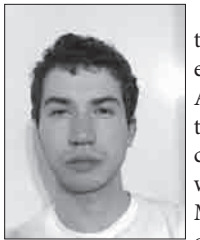
"You represent yourself, your family and your organization and you get to be the student face of UTEP," Martindale said.

The court will represent UTEP during the various homecoming activities planned for the week, including participating in the upcoming homecoming Miner football halftime show and the exclusive Distinguished Alumni dinner reserved for UTEP faculty and alumni.

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Column
Pageant mirrors drunken glee

BY MATTHEW MUNDEN
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Eisenberg playing Mark Zuckerberg" and "glad to see I overdressed for this thing."

I saw people wearing dress shirts on their heads, a few people wearing things that would not be out of place in "The Nightmare before Christmas" and a mime. Not that I'm a fashion model or something, but what bet did the guy dressed like a mime lose?

Since the theme for this pageant was Around the World in Seven Days, all the vaguely racist stereotypes were in full force. Some of the contestants looked like they fit in with the fighters from Nintendo's "Punch Out."

The SGA also brought out the ethnic stereotypes with light stencils that had pictures of the Eiffel Tower, the Statue of Liberty, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, what was either Moscow or the castle in "Aladdin" and a man on a camel next to a palm tree. The man on the camel was holding what appeared to be the staff Indiana Jones used to find the location of the Ark of the Covenant, but

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Student Life
Clubs gear up for global themed parade

BY ALEJANDRO ALBA
The Prospector

Over 30 UTEP organizations will come together to take part in the homecoming parade at noon Oct. 8. In observance of this year's Around the World in Seven Days theme, each organization's float will be themed according to various countries throughout the world.

"This is a great way for organizations to show what they've got," said Fernando Salcedo, senior political science major and Campus Activities Board intern.

Before the floats can hit the streets, participating student organizations will have a float party from 6 p.m. to midnight Oct. 7 in the P-9 parking lot. The organizations will construct the floats

to make them reflect the country they randomly picked.

"We are ecstatic to be part of this for the first time," said Aileen Martinez, freshman pre-business major and member of Alpha Xi Delta. "It might be a little overwhelming, but it will be worth it."

Plenty creativity is needed to decorate the floats. Many of the materials used by the organizations are either donated or bought through fundraising.

After all the hard work and floats are done, three awards will be given to the organizations who win the contest. Awards to be given include the Campus Activities Board award, the Athletics Award and the Most Beautiful award, given by the president.

"The winning organizations get their awards in the form of trophies," said Erika Portillo, Campus Activities Board

coordinator. "They also get their bragging rights."

The float party is not just for organization members, and all students are invited to attend and participate. There will also be free food and music.

Student Development Center Coordinator Aimee Maczko is looking forward to the event. She said it is a great way to show school spirit and bring UTEP's past and present together by recognizing all that UTEP has to offer.

"The parade brings everyone in UTEP together," Maczko said. "It is just a big way of celebrating every aspect of UTEP."

The Student Advertising Federation (Ad Fed), which is participating for the first time, wants to get more involved with activities around UTEP, president Monica Almeida said. The float-



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Student organizations participate in the Homecoming Parade, which takes place at noon Oct. 8.

making party is just one way of getting involved.

Although they are excited, the Ad Fed students are nervous about their float containing any content that will be looked at as offensive, Almeida said.

"We also appreciate how other organizations helped us out," Almeida said. "They gave us a lot of advice on what materials to use."

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instead it looked like he was trying to burn the tree down.

Before the show began, the audience was treated to a lot of awful techno music. It felt like I was in an elevator that took me to a nightmare Daft Punk cover band's studio.

When I finally sat down, I was in front of a man that smelled of gasoline. I was happy that the show had

no pyrotechnics, or I would have been cremated.

The show opened with a performance that seemed reminiscent of something students from the show "Glee" would do if they were drunk and had no dancing abilities. They started bringing out contestants not long after the drunken dance sequence. One looked like she was wearing an orange towel. Maybe she was here representing Towel Land. That exists, right?

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La Union Maze co-owner Lucy Sondgeroth sells maze wristbands at the entrance.

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Gomez said the position also allows her to meet people.

Sondgeroth said they have gotten to know the employees that return annually, like Gonzalez.

"He wanted to work here, he likes working here, and he still works here," Sondgeroth said. "He's become family now. He's probably one of our oldest employees."

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