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Campus brings Disney homecoming theme

BY AMANDA GUILLEN

The Prospector

Disney characters will roam the campus this week in honor of this year's homecoming theme—Minerland.

Students will be able to participate in Disney-themed events and activities during homecoming week from Sept. 29 to Oct. 5.

Sam Rodriguez, Student Engagement and Leadership coordinator, said Disney was chosen by students who voted at a Campus Activities Board meeting in early Spring.

A new tradition is being implemented in order to increase student participation, Rodriguez said. If students are not active in campus organizations

they will still be able to dress up every day of the week.

Each day will have its own theme and students can dress as their favorite characters: Monday will feature "Toy Story," Tuesday will be "Star Wars," on Wednesday will be "Pirates of the Caribbean," and on Thursday students can wear a sports jersey and the usual Orange Friday remains.

Registered student organizations can compete in the RS Olympics, and can compete in events like Jeopardisney, the lip-sync competition, booty wars, the impressions competition, a Disney writing competition and a float-making party.

The Campus Activities Board holds its annual homecoming meeting, which takes place near the beginning of the spring semester; students are

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- Luis Torres,
sophomore
music theater major

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COLUMN

WEB FIRST

Government shutdown petty



BY JASMINE AGUILERA
The Prospector

Editor's note: This column was written Sept. 30. Due to the subject matter, some facts

may have changed since the time it was written.

The United States Congress has worked 117 legislative days out of 274 days so far this year.

In that time, Congress missed a deadline that lead to sequestration (\$1 trillion in automatic cuts), increased student loan rates (and brought them back down again), split the farm bill into two separate bills (only to cut \$40 billion from food stamp programs), turned the Senate's immigration bill into piece-meal legislation (which will more than likely be put on the back-burner until next year) and is now threatening to shut down the government should the Affordable Care Act be implemented.

Who knew so much could be accomplished in so little time? House members must feel very proud of themselves.

On Oct. 1, a major component of President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act should be implemented—the opening of insurance exchanges. This means those without health insurance can sign up for coverage.

But recent actions by Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and other prominent House Republicans linked Obama's health care laws to a government budget bill. Basically, the budget bill—which the House needs to pass to approve government funding—also contains provisions that would delay insurance exchanges for another year.

The bill has to pass before 12:01 a.m. Oct. 1, but President Obama and the Senate will not approve a bill that would weaken the health care law.

The Senate continues to reject the House bill and Senate Democratic leaders have stated they would strip any health care language from it. And the cycle continues.

Considering Congress's notorious reputation with deadlines, it's a safe bet we'll see a government shut down in the very near future.

Hats off to Cruz for his inspirational effort to be as counter-productive as possible. Kudos, sir.

At this point, it's no longer a matter of for-or-against "Obamacare," it's a matter of common sense.

Should there be a government shut down, members of the military would lose their pay, small business and house loans would freeze, passport requests would not be considered, national parks and other government tourist attractions would close, 800,000 government employees would face furloughs and more than one million will have to work without knowing when they will receive their next pay check.

Obviously, this isn't a complete government shut down, but even a partial shut down can have detrimental economic effects if it goes on long enough.

Despite all of this, it's very unlikely that the Affordable Care Act would just fade away. It will be implemented, even with a shut down.

Congress's petty efforts to show-up Obama are pointless and harmful to the people they are supposed to work for.

Republicans are going to have to give. That is the only way out of this mess, but that is probably wishful thinking on my part. I mean, in what world do politicians actually give way to reason rather than put their pride aside for the betterment of their constituents?

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Distinguished Alumni, Gold Nuggets awards to stall for centennial year

BY AMANDA GUILLEN
The Prospector

This year’s Distinguished Alumni and Gold Nuggets will be the last selected for the next two years.

Next year, in honor of the university’s centennial, the Alumni Association and the university will host a reunion of all past nominees. The traditional awarding of Distinguished Alumni and Gold Nugget awards will commence in 2015.

“This will be a tribute to all of them and to the university,” said Richard Daniel, executive director for alumni relations. “It is a way to introduce all of them to each other and bring this collective success of individuals to campus to celebrate them and also for them to have a chance to celebrate our centennial and to meet with our students.”

Daniel said that he looks forward to the coming centennial year and the reunion of past Distinguished Alumni and Gold Nuggets. This year, the four distinguished alumni—who are selected by the university based on their accomplishments—are Sally Hurt Deitch, CEO of Sierra Provi-

dence East Medical Center, Kathy Patrick, a litigation attorney for Gibbs and Burns Law firm, Gary Wagner, Ameron International Corporation, and Robert Wingo, CEO of Sanders and Wingo Marketing.

“It is quite a diversified group of individuals that are distinguished alumni, but the breadth and depth of our alumni and the achievements that they have accomplished are tremendous,” he said. “We have the largest group of Distinguished Alumni and Gold Nuggets together that we have ever recognized before.”

Gold Nugget awards are given from each college to alumni who have excelled in their respective field. This year, 18 individuals have been awarded this honor.

Daniel said the alumni are prime examples of successful UTEP graduates.

“We have such tremendous alumni across this country and we are trying to recognize as many of them as possible when we can,” Daniel said. “The Distinguished Alumni and Gold Nuggets are those opportunities where we can pay tribute to the col-

“...the breadth and depth of our alumni and the achievements that they have accomplished are tremendous.”

—Richard Daniel,
executive director for alumni relations

lective success and achievements of our alumni.”

For more information on this year’s award recipients, visit alumni.utep.edu/awards.

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SPECIAL TO THE PROSPECTOR
Tony Harper is a recipient of this year’s Gold Nugget award by the College of Health Sciences.

2013 Gold Nugget recipients

- THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION:**
Renard Johnson, John Lapham, David Lindau and Joe Saucedo

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THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING:
Laura Bosworth Bucher, Charles Garcia and Irene Rico
- THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES:**
Tony Harper and Ray Tullius

THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS:
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CAMPUS LIFE

Parade route changes due to inner campus construction

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA
The Prospector

The 2013 annual homecoming parade, hosted by the Student Engagement and Leadership Center, will take place on the perimeter of campus and on a different day due to inner campus construction, which has forced other events such as Minerpalooza to relocate. Traditionally, the parade was held on Friday, but this year, it will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5.

This year's route is different and shorter. Instead of going south on Oregon Street, it will head north and the parade will not enter the center of campus. It will start at University Towers, across from Providence Hospital and go north on Oregon, up to Glory Road. Then the parade will make a left, going west and end on Sun Bowl Drive.

The majority of floats in the parade will be from student organizations. The float-making party will be held at the University Towers parking lot, the same parking lot used for customers at Burger King. In the past, the P-9 parking lot was used for float-making activities, but has been moved in order to keep the participants close to the start of the parade.

Kevin Duran, a junior finance and international business major and a two-year member of the Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity, said the change of location will affect what their entry into parade because the parking lot is smaller and unable to fit the usual 18 or more trailers as in previous home-



FILE PHOTO

In previous years, students built floats in the P-9 parking lot and were able to use trailers as floats. This year students will be limited to using a vehicle as a float. No trailers allowed.

coming parades. There's only enough space for vehicles.

"It affects us in the way floats have been done in the past because we usually have the idea that we're going to be in a trailer and have different types of measurements, but now it changes the complete way of how we make a float," Duran said. "Those are the new rules and something we are going to struggle with. We need to make the most out of it and see it as an opportunity."

The annual homecoming parade traditionally began north of the Sun Bowl area—parking lot in P-9. It then came off Randolph Drive, down Robinson Avenue, onto Oregon Street and from there it went up onto University Avenue.

"We're trying to make an opportunity of still having a parade because of the fact that we have a lot of construction going on in the center of campus," said Richard Daniel, executive director for alumni relations. "We believe that

this alternative will be a very good alternative for us this year."

Alumni Relations takes the lead in everything related to homecoming, including the new parade route.

Daniel said emergency management arrangements have been made with Providence Hospital, which is across the street from University Towers. Arrangements have been made with the UTEP Police Department as well.

"We have our police department that's worked through the city to

make sure we close the streets," Daniel said. "The street closures won't be very long, so we've made sure that there's no disruptions there."

A pep rally will immediately follow the parade on Glory Field. In addition to the pep rally, there will also be a showcase of the 2013 Gold Nugget and Distinguished Alumni recipients, as well as the homecoming court. UTEP President Diana Natalicio is slated to give a brief speech.

"We've taken all the necessary precautions so that we can be successful and that our students—on Friday night when they are at the float-making party—that they feel like everything will be taken care of," Daniel said.

Daniel said the new day and time of the parade should open up more opportunities for students and the community to attend.

"We're hopeful that because it now has moved to a Saturday morning, that more community members, more kids—because they're not in school and we have the parade typically on a Friday morning—that they will be able to join us as well," he said.

Students, staff and residents of the community may watch from all along the parade route near Miner Village, going up to the Brumbelow Building and the Don Haskins Center.

"This year, we're hopeful that many more people can join us on that day," Daniel said.

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NATIONAL

Biometric plan to track entry, exit of foreign visitors won't be ready until 2015

BY NICK PRETE
SHFWire

Editor's note: This story was written Sept. 30. Due to the subject matter, some facts may have changed since the time it was written.

WASHINGTON — Visitors to Washington may not think a government shutdown will affect them, but if they plan to visit the monuments, museums or see the Constitution, they'd be wrong.

The shutdown, which appeared all but certain to happen as of late Monday, would mean the closing of a large number of tourist attractions, including the Smithsonian Institution museums.

"We do know what will happen," Linda St. Thomas, chief spokeswoman for the Smithsonian, said. "We'll be closed."

The Smithsonian museums and the National Zoo attracted 30 million visitors last year.

People from all over the world visit Washington to see the monuments,



NICK PRETE / SHFWIRE

People visit the Natural History Museum before its likely closing due to the government shutdown.

“I think it's a national shame. Why can't they just figure it out and move on?”

- Roberta Kimmel
Boulder, Colo.

and many won't have the opportunity to due to the shutdown.

"I'd be extremely disappointed, because I've only got two more days here on my visit and what I do mostly is go to the museums," Roberta Kimmel, a visitor from Boulder, Colo., said.

The District welcomed a record 17.9 million visitors (including 1.8 million international visitors) in 2011, according to Destination DC, an organization that is funded in part by the District hotel tax. Tourism generated an estimated \$6 billion in spending for the city alone.

Some businesses could benefit from the potential shutdown, such the private International Spy Museum.

We really have to look at the silver lining here, for us," Jason Werden, of the Spy Museum, said. "We are excited to bring in more visitors while our doors remain open."

The Smithsonian National Zoological Park will be closed to the public during a government shutdown, but it will retain essential staff, including veterinarians and animal handlers. Other privately owned attractions feel the same way.

"We're confident that just having our doors open will be enough to bring in people," Mimi Carter, spokeswoman for the Corcoran Gallery of Art, said. "For us, it's business as usual."

The museum is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, but if a shutdown lasts until Wednesday, visitors can see exhibits about an alien's guide to the future ruins of Washington and the museum's reinstallation of part of its collection of paintings.

While the government can't close the National Mall or keep people from visiting the open air monuments such as the Washington Monument (although trips to the top are off limits until damage from the 2011 earthquake is repaired) or the World War II Memorial, any national property with doors or gates around it will be closed to the public.

"Visitor centers would be closed and access to park areas denied, including the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, Independence Hall, Alcatraz, and the Washington Monument," the Department of the Interior said in a contingency plan updated Thursday.

"I think it's a national shame," Kimmel said. "Why can't they just figure it out and move on?"

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FILE PHOTO

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then able to suggest themes and a vote is taken on what the homecoming theme will be.

"I think it's pretty creative, but it all depends on the person's mentality—whether they think it's too childish or if they think they are too cool for it," said Louie Villicana, freshman English and American literature major. "I think it's a start of something new and something different."

Rodriguez said that many students were excited about this year's theme, but acknowledged that there are some who were opposed to it.

"I'd say, let your inner child out of the corner for a week," Rodriguez said. "The RS Olympics and homecoming are about having fun and showing off your school spirit."

Luis Torres, sophomore music theater major, is excited about the

theme and is considering participating in the events.

"This (theme) can kind of get everyone involved and can take them back to childhood memories," Torres said. "In college, you kind of lose that, so I think it is a fun way to get a majority of the students involved in it."

Students such as Humberto Hernandez, senior computer information systems major, think the theme is childish.

"This has nothing to do with school spirit and I think Disney should be for like a middle-school homecoming not for a university, it doesn't make sense," Hernandez said.

For more information about the homecoming festivities, visit sa.utep.edu/selc.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What do you think of this year’s Disney homecoming theme?



BARRON DUENAS
Freshman multimedia journalism major
“I haven’t heard too much about it, all I have been focused on is school and all that fun stuff.”



ALEXIS MALDONADO
Junior health sciences major
“I like it. It kind of goes with the school, such as dreams come true, but you have to work hard though.”



JACOB MARTINEZ
Junior business management major
“It’s something that a lot of people of our time grew up with, so it will bring back those memories.”



ALREDO SAUCEDO
Senior mechanical engineering
“All the organizations have been looking for a theme like this one for years now. Disney is a very flexible one. It’s an open canvas that you can do a lot with.”



JUAN GRAJEDA
Junior political science major
“I think it’s awesome, everyone is a kid at heart.”



FERNANDA GALVAN
Freshman history major
“With the Disney theme, it is interesting. The Alegria Dance company and I are planning on dressing up the whole week.”



TYLER ARRIOLA
Freshman, pre-business major
“I like it because we get to present our own feel for what Disney stands for. We get to put our feelings for UTEP through our own fun way.”



DANIELA SANCHEZ
Freshman anthropology major
“I think it’s cute. I am in the French Club and we will be using the Hunchback of Notre Dame for our theme.”



ANDREW FRESCAS
Freshman pre-engineering major
“The homecoming theme reminds me of going to Disney World as a child. It’s very comforting.”



ULISSES OROZCO
Freshman pre-engineering major
“I think the school spirit will be the same no matter what the theme is but it’s a good one. A more specific theme like The Avengers would be pretty cool.”

ABILITY AWARENESS WEEK
Oct. 7-11, 2013

Monday 7
October

Ability Awareness Week Kick-Off
Tomás Rivera Conference Center, Union Building East, 3rd floor

Welcoming Reception
8:30-9:00 a.m.

Overview of National Disability Employment Awareness Month
9:00-11:00 a.m.

Plenary session Keynote Speaker

Presentation of CASS Challenge and Opportunity Award Honorees

Follow-up reception by Military Student Success Center
11:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Templeton Suite, Union Building East, 3rd floor

Walgreens Flu Clinics
Monday 7th-Saturday 12th
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Tuesday 8
October

All activities for this day will be held in the Union Building East, 3rd floor

Disability-Related Sensitivity and Etiquette Training
9:00-11:00 a.m. Acacia, Room 102 A

Campus Transformation Update
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Andesite Room 102 B

In Their Shoes: Sensitivity and Awareness Experiential Training
12:00-1:00 p.m. Acacia, Room 102 A

Photo Voice, Perspectives of Students with Disabilities
1:30-2:45 p.m. Acacia Room 102

Wednesday 9
October

Assistive Technology Lab Open House
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. UTEP Library

Resource Fair
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. UTEP, El Paso Natural Gas and Conference Center Demonstrations and Services; Door Prizes

Thursday 10
October

From Combat to the Classroom, Veterans in College
10:00-11:00 a.m. UTEP Library

Tour of Military Success Center
11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. UTEP Library

“Don’t Dis My Abilities”
Ability Awareness Walk and Roll
2:00-3:00 p.m. Meet at Memorial Gym

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Friday 11
October

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PALOMA ROMERO
Junior pre-nursing major
“Disney is a fun theme that brings back memories. Disney movies always taught me valuable lessons growing up.”



ISAMARY SANDOVAL
Freshman pre-engineering major
“I like that the theme is Disney because there are cool dress up days. We get to dress up as the characters we grew up with.”



MATTHEW MUNOZ
Junior criminal justice major
“I think it’s really unique. I like how they incorporate the image of the Disney castle with the Bhutanese architecture.”



ABEGAIL MORA
Sophomore psychology major
“I think it’s adorabel. It’s so cute and it’s something different. Now that ‘Star Wars’ is a part of it—that’s my thing—so it’s even more awesome.”

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OUR VIEW

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KRISTOPHER RIVERA / The Prospector
Students gathered at the the Unoin Cinema Sept. 30 for the Disney-themed jeopardy event. (Top left) Students react after the contestants on stage attempted to answer a question at the same time. (Bottom left) Bianca Burciaga, sophomore pre-pharmacy major, is baffled with one of the questions. (Top right) Alexandra Von Glahn, senior linguistics major, cracks a smile shortly after her friends in the background cheered her on.

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CAMPUS LIFE

Disney princesses are still a favorite, reaserchers discuss negative influence

BY NADIA GARCIA
The Prospector

In research conducted by Dawn Elizabeth England, Lara Descartes and Melissa A. Collier-Meek in their article entitled “Gender Role Portrayal,” the authors explored the feminist criticisms and claims of negative exemplification for young girls through Disney princesses. According to England, Descartes and Collier-Meek, the princess promoted the idea of wanting to explore and was portrayed as independent and assertive.

PRINCESS ARIEL
Freshman linguistics major Luisa Garcia says Ariel is her favorite Disney princess because Garcia loves to swim and do anything related to the sea.

PRINCESS BELLE
“I thought I was Belle growing up,” said Belen Garcia, junior biology major. According to the authors of “Gender Role Portrayal,” Belle was the first princess who displayed high intelligence rates.

“Though, this was used in the film to characterize Belle as strange and

served to separate her from the other villagers,” the authors said.

However, this does not make a difference to interdisciplinary studies graduate student Christina Funkhouser’s admiration towards Belle.

“Belle loves to read. She’s not just a pretty face, even though she’s that as well. She’s intelligent and creative (her dad is an inventor). She’s loving and accepts others for who they are,” Funkhouser said.

PRINCESS CINDERELLA
Charleen Rollins, freshman music performance major, like many of the

students mentioned, chose a princess she most related to.

“I act like Cinderella and can relate,” Rollins said.

In “The Cult of Disney Princesses,” author Anaya M. Baker refers to Cinderella as submissive and that she was displayed this way through her acceptance of excessive domestic work without complaint, seeming to even enjoy it by singing and smiling.

“There’s the passive heroines, the ones that embody goodness, beauty and charm, who do very little besides sit and wait for rescue or true love in the guise of prince charming,” said Baker in her article.

Unable to associate themselves to princesses as much as girls, guys express different reasons for their favorite Disney princesses.

PRINCESS JASMINE
“Jasmine’s more adventurous than the other ones. All the other ones are preppy,” said Anthony Portillo, junior mechanical engineering major.

Rather than relevance, some girls favored princesses for reasons of moral values or lifestyles.

PRINCESS TIANA
Freshman education major Andrea Perez chose one of Disney’s new princesses, Tiana, and said that she was hardworking by taking the first step to getting what she wants.

“Gender Role Portrayal” authors said the princess in “The Princess and the Frog” was “career-oriented, which initially prevented her from socializing and pursuing romantic opportunities.”

They also said the prince was the first to stray from perfection as he was “unable to financially support himself,” along with other characteristic portrayals.

Apart from showing independence and a “hardworking” attitude, there is a greater complexity to the princess.

“She is shown sweeping and cleaning several times, actions not seen since the early Disney films,” England, Descartes and Collier-Meek said.

PRINCESS MULAN
Although not technically a princess, many chose Mulan as their favorite.

Disney does list Mulan on the official list of Disney princesses, but excludes characters such as Nala from “The Lion King” and Eilonwy from “The Black Cauldron.”

According to Dr. Gail Dines from Wheelock College in her article “Mickey Mouse Monopoly,” Mulan portrays a “real, independent” woman, but that “after the war, she goes home, (and) those expectations of femininity are exactly the same. It’s as if it never happened.”

In an article entitled “Mulan Teaches Us to ‘Be a Man’... Until You Have to Be a Woman,” Jillian Schmidt responded to Dr. Dines.

“‘Mulan’ may have a shitty ending, but that doesn’t mean that the movie holds no feminist merit... she is the girl who tells us we can when society says we can’t,” Schmidt said.

In “Evolution of Disney,” princesses also show societal progress. Author David O’Conner said Walt Disney was not an “anti-women’s rights advocate,” but was simply “a product of his time.”

Whether you relate to, admire or apathetic about the Disney princess franchise, it remains influential and popular within the Disney Company and it’s UTEP’s homecoming theme.

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Homecoming pageant weaves a spark of minerland magic



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UTEP Homecoming Pageant took place on Sept. 29 at 6pm at the Magoffin Auditorium. (Left to right) Duchess Diana Montes, Duke Rodolfo Madero, Queen Danielle de La Paz, King Dominic Chacon, Princess Tanya Maestas and Prince Justin Tompkins.

BY LEONARDO MONTAÑEZ

The Prospector

The 2013 UTEP Homecoming Pageant was truly colorful this year as students ran for king and queen dressed as Disney movie characters with the Minerland theme.

The pageant began at 7 p.m. Sept. 29 at Magoffin Auditorium with a dance number containing all of the 32 candidates (23 females and nine males), with a potpourri of music and choreography by Anai Ramirez and Pamela Isita, Student Government Association senators.

The masters of the ceremony were Monica Castillo, a deejay from Power 102, and Daniel James Veale, director of marketing and promotions for UTEP athletics.

The event included entertainment numbers between the main events of the pageant such as the Allegro Dance Company, the band FEVER and last spring's UTEP talent show winner Arturo Gonzalez.

The pageant continued with the spirit wear competition, where the participants talked about their organizations, UTEP spirit, their theme character and why they chose it. Characters and movies ranged from old-school Disney such as "Jungle Book" and "Pinocchio" to more recent ones like "Up" and "Oz the Great and Powerful."

Many of the numbers included either a scene from their chosen movie, a song whose lyrics were changed to fit the orange and blue spirit or an act, which ultimately revealed each student's experiences at UTEP.

Many of the movies were repeatedly chosen such as "Jungle Book," "Up" and "Wreck-it Ralph," but some students had some more unique choices such as "Mulan," "Pirates of the Caribbean" and "Tarzan."

Cassandra Hernandez, junior organizational and corporal communications major, who represented Zeta Tau Alpha with her "Jungle Book" theme, said that although this was her first time participating in the home-

“
I think Minerland is perfect because it is where dreams come true.”
”
- Paulina Lopez, SGA President

coming pageant, it helped her grow as a student, forcing her to keep track of her daily activities due to the mandatory practices that the event required.

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Homecoming 2013 Calendar

September 29 - October 5

SUNDAY

11am
Soccer Game vs. Southern Miss
@ University Field

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@ Magoffin Auditorium

MONDAY

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SATURDAY

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Homecoming Pep Rally
@ Glory Field

5:30pm
Homecoming Game vs. Louisiana Tech
@ Sun Bowl Stadium

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“It has been a great experience—you get to make many good friends and meet new people because we meet every weekend,” Hernandez said. “However, this actually forced me to have better time management, but it is all a learning experience.”

Jacqueline Macias, senior biology major and UTEP’s 2012 homecoming queen, explained that the king and queen engage in various activities throughout the week to represent UTEP. “We are representatives of the university, so you get to talk to different news media about homecoming week and to promote how great UTEP is,” Macias said. “You also get to be a student voice by visiting the Golden Grads, the Alumni Association, meet with students, among others things.”

According to Macias, the roll of last year’s king and queen at the 2013 pageant was to crown the new winners of the contest.

“It feels great to be crowning someone else, it helps passing the custom of homecoming because we are all about spirit and tradition,” Macias said. “I’m glad to see someone else take the crown for the next year and hoping that they do an equal or better job.”

The show continued with the formal attire walk, and from there on the show stopped the Disney-theme and turned into a UTEP walk.

The judges then decided upon the top five ladies and five gentlemen, who where then asked questions concerning UTEP spirit and how would they represent the university. This was followed by the announcement of the homecoming court.

Danielle De La Paz, sophomore general studies major representing the National Society for Collegiate

Scholars, was picked as queen of the 2013 homecoming court.

“It was quite unexpected because I was going up against some young, great women,” De La Paz said. “They all had what it took to become this year’s queen.”

According to De La Paz, she will represent UTEP by maintaining the great school spirit and energy.

“I will strive to maintain the amazing Miner pride because I love the energy of this school,” De La Paz said. “And now that the centennial approaches, I hope that I can continue on the path of helping others become excited about UTEP.”

Dominic Chacon, junior environmental science major representing the Residence Hall Association and College Republicans, was named homecoming king and said that he feels honored to have won.

“It is such a great time to be the king and I can’t wait to go out there and network with people and represent UTEP in a great way,” Chacon said.

Chacon plans to represent UTEP by speaking about the great potential at the university.

“I just want to talk it up like crazy,” Chacon said. “I want to talk about UTEP, because I feel that its potential is undermined and I think I can help people realize that.”

SGA President Paulina Lopez, senior corporate and organizational communications major, said that she spent many sleepless nights putting together the event with the help of the many organizations.

“Everyone on SGA and everyone who helped organizing this event since early June, contributed enormously. I think that it was worth it,” Lopez said. “This is the biggest pageant that the university has ever had.”

Lopez said that Minerland fits the theme for this year’s pageant since the centennial is near.

“I think Minerland is perfect because it is where dreams come true, the land of enchantment,” Lopez said.

Kassandra Reyes, senior organization and corporate communication and collegiate liberal arts senator said that she loved the Minerland theme.

“I think this years theme since is really cool, it gives us the opportunity to really embrace the theme that all dreams come true,” Reyes said. “As college students we have the chance to feel like kids again and reminisce on our childhood moments; ultimately letting us be engaged in this homecoming week in a very fun way.”

Raul Armendariz junior environmental science major and last years homecoming king said that thanks to his participatio this experience brought him a lot of spirit and pride in himself.

“Being in the pageant last year and winning king definitely took me out of my comfort zone but it ultimately helped me be sure of myself and practice my social skills,” Armendariz said. “I also had the opportunity to attend several events during the homecoming week, meeting a lot of students and UTEP alumni.”

Armendariz said that the pageant also shows the effort that contestant put into each category of the competition.

“SGA has worked really hard to makes sure that this event is a really cool experience for everybody on stage as well as the students on the audience. This event is certainly something not to be taken lightly,” Armendariz said.

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Brand new line of HP tablets

BY MARCUS SEEGERS

The Prospector

When the iPad came out everyone wanted to get their hands on one. Other companies caught on to this and found that tablet creation was the new game. There is a huge list of Android tablet producers, and now consumers can add Hewlett-Packard to that list. HP recently announced four new Android-run tablets: HP Slate 7 HD, HP Slate 10 HD, HP Slate 7 Extreme and HP Slate 8 Pro. Along with HP's inability to name products, they brought four devices with industry standard specs, which are to be expected, but aren't impressive.

HD Slates

Both the HP Slate 7 HD and the HP Slate 10 HD are the same as far as features go. The only difference is that the 7 contains a 7-inch display and the 10 has a 10-inch display. However, the displays both have the same resolution of 1,280 x 800 pixels. They both run Android Jelly Bean 4.2 with a dual-core processor with 1 GB of RAM and 16 and 32 GB of built-in storage. They both sport a micro SD port, a micro SD card slot, a sim card slot, a 5 MP rear-facing camera and 2 MP front-facing camera. The price of these devices has not been announced, but the cellular models,

which will likely cost more, have an incentive. They come with two years of T-Mobile 4G data for free. Unfortunately, its only 200 MB a month, but you may find it's enough if you spend the majority of your time using WiFi. The tablets also come with Beat Audio features to help create a better experience while using headphones.

Extreme Slate

The HP Slate 7 Extreme has a 7-inch display with a resolution of 1,280 x 800, which is the same as the lower-end models previously discussed. The more impressive feature is the Nvidia Tegra 4 processor with 1 GB of RAM and greater speed compared to the HD models. The device was built more for multimedia with its ability to use Bluetooth controllers for game play, HDMI for TV mirroring, front-facing speakers and included stylus. The Extreme also has a 5 MP rear-facing camera and 2 MP front-facing camera and comes with 16 or 32 GB internal storage capacity with a SD card slot for storage expansion.

Pro Slate

The HP Slate 8 Pro is for more of a professional/business customer. It comes with the Nvidia Tegra 4 processor, but is bumped up to 2 GB of RAM, which is a nice touch. It has a 7.9-inch display, the same as the iPad Mini, with a better resolution,

at 1,600 x 1,200 pixels, than the iPad Mini. The Pro has an 8 MP rear-facing camera and 2 MP front-facing camera, along with HDMI port, micro USB and SD card slot. The Pro also has Beats Audio built in, with productivity apps preloaded.

While all these devices are a step in the right direction for HP in the tablet community, they are nothing to be that impressed about. They contain hardware similar to their competitors and have no wow factor of any kind. Before deciding on if you should buy one, wait until full reviews and greater testing of the products has occurred.

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CAMPUS LIFE Necessary Upgrade? Probably not

BY MARCUS SEEGERS

The Prospector

It seems like there are constantly new smart phones on the market tempting you to upgrade. It does makes sense that companies want you to upgrade, after all they are trying to make money. So should you upgrade to a new smartphone? Before you decide, here are five things you should consider.

Is your phone old?

The first thing you need to consider is the age of your phone. If you bought it just last year, now is probably not a good time to upgrade. Having a phone for a year might seem like a long time, but it's really not and technology does not change as much as you may think in just one year. It is more likely there will be something way better if you wait.

Does your cellular contract allow you to upgrade?

Most contracts with the bigger companies are for two years. This means that you can't upgrade to a new phone until your contract expires. If

you want to upgrade early you have to pay a fee. Don't pay the fee; just wait until your contract allows you to upgrade. You'll save money that way and probably get a better phone.

Could new phones come out after you upgrade?

The answer is yes. You need to be aware that companies are likely to release new phones when you have just upgraded from your old one. Then, the only new thing you're stuck with is buyers' remorse. It's hard to know what will be released and when, so try and stay ahead of the game by following tech news surrounding phones. Just remember, companies like to release new gadgets around major holidays and right when students are going back to school.

Do you have the money?

This fact seems not to matter to people very much. It often seems like a good deal to get a payment plan on a phone or just toss some of your savings toward a new phone. However, this can often put you in a situation

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Ashley Hamric models her top marvel seller dress along with comic book and Star Wars dress. Hamric sells them locally for \$40.

BY ANDREA ACOSTA

The Prospector

Comic books—you buy them, read them and collect them. However, who said anything about wearing them?

With homecoming festivities finally here and with this year's theme being Minerland, Ashley Hamric, sophomore mathematics major, is not just collecting, but she has started her own personal design line of comic book dresses. She thinks her dresses are perfect for this week's Disney-themed activities.

Hamric first started sewing this past May and over the course of five months, she has sold more than 40 comic book dresses.

"At first this was just a hobby, I would make a dress every night for myself—making me have the 30 that I have right now," Hamric said. "But then I saw some comic dresses online that I liked and that's when I got the idea of making them, so that way

I wouldn't have to pay for them at a high price."

Never having sewn before, Hamric decided to give it a shot, and little by little, she transformed this hobby and her love of arts and crafts into a fashionable business.

"Although my first time sewing a dress was rather difficult and the outcome was terrible, I got the hang of it pretty fast and got really good at it after watching tutorials on YouTube," Hamric said. "After some time, more people started asking me where I had bought my dresses and after I told them that they were handmade, I got a lot of compliments and they wanted to buy them from me."

After this success, Hamric decided to sell them online through a website called Etsy—an e-commerce website that offers people the opportunity to sell homemade or vintage items, as well as art and craft supplies—and within her first official month of selling, Hamric got a total of 20 orders.

"This account helped me keep track of all the orders, making it much easier for me," Hamric said. "It was really cool to see that lots of people were looking at my account and were interested in buying these dresses from me. I got five purchases on my first week."

Hamric said that it usually takes her about six hours to finalize a dress, but purchasers usually expect their package to be delivered in approximately five to seven business days.

"I'm very nit-picky, I strive to have every dress as precise as possible," Hamric said. "Customers have the chance to send me their exact measurements, so that way the dress fits them like a glove."

Although Hamric's major is very different from being a fashion designer, she said that her major has come in handy when she's in the process of cutting the skirt.

"I use a lot of math during this process," Hamric said. "To make the skirt,

I fold it in four sections, then I get the waist measurements and divide it by the circumference— 2π , giving me the radius. I cut, and this gives me the final measurement of the waist."

Hamric said that while Marvel characters continues to be her top sellers, she has a variety of themed dresses to choose from such as "Star Trek", "Star Wars", Minnie and Micky Mouse, Batman, Pi, Wonder Woman, and she recently added "Dragon Ball Z" to the bunch. Hamric is looking into also targeting men in the future and also to adding accessories such as hair bows.

"I've gotten a lot of compliments from some guys and they always ask me if I also make any clothes for men. Unfortunately I don't, but I would love to start on making ties and bow ties," Hamric said. "However, this would probably be down the line, when I have more free time."

Thomas Rodriguez, sophomore forensic science major, said that he would be interested in wearing bowties made by her girlfriend.

"Although I usually don't dress up, I would consider wearing them to a special occasion, and what's better than to not pay for them right?" Rodriguez said.

Hamric decided to sell her dresses online, not only for fun, but also considered this an opportunity to pay for college.

"It helps me a lot, I use the extra money to buy materials for my classes," Hamric said. "I'm also saving up to buy a car, since right now my boyfriend is the one who takes me to and from UTEP and drives me to the fabric store. He is the one who helps me deliver my packages—he's awesome."

Although it may seem like Hamric might not have time for school or even her personal relationship, Hernandez says that she's very good at managing her time.

"She is very organized in how she spends her time," Rodriguez said. "Ashley usually finishes making the

dresses really late at night, so I keep her company while she finishes up. So we do spend time together, no matter how many orders she might get during a week."

Hamric said her fashion style is vintage, which she brings to her dresses such as the high-waisted skirt, halter, v-cut and the sweetheart neckline.

"I personally think that these techniques flatter a girl's body a lot better," Hamric said. "Through my dresses I want to tell girls that they can sport their geeky side apart from buying regular logo shirts. Girls like to be more fashion forward, so having a dress with your favorite comic is a great way to express your feminine side, while still showing your fan side."

According to Jennifer Jimenez, freshman pre-pharmacy major and customer, said that although she just purchased her first dress, she will definitely be ordering a Batman dress next.

"I love her idea on making comic dresses. Not very often do you see girls wearing comic book-designed dresses," Jimenez said. "I'm very happy with my purchase, the dress fits perfectly. It was beautiful and I felt like a doll for the night."

Fashionably Geeky, Hamric's Etsy account name, targets all women who are looking to sport their guilty pleasure for comics in a more fashionable manner.

"I would love to have my own boutique in the future," Hamric said. "My parents have been very supportive of me continuing to do this along with school and I just couldn't be happier about this."

Hamric will continue selling dresses online at etsy.com/fashionablygeeky247 for \$60 and locally for \$40. For more information, contact her at (915) 215-2101 or email at ashley-hamric@yahoo.com

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Just remember that these companies want you to spend money, and they don't care how you do that as long as you are buying their products. Be smart, do the research and think logically before you upgrade to a new phone.

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Miners host Bulldogs in battle of one-win teams

BY JAVIER CORTEZ

The Prospector

UTEP is set for a rematch against old WAC foes Louisiana Tech on homecoming Oct. 5. It is a must-win game for both schools in order to keep their season hopes alive.

Almost halfway through the season, the Miners stand at 1-3, and in most cases any team losing three of their first four games would be in panic mode. Whereas the Miners are slowly losing out on their chance of winning a Conference USA championship, a win over the Bulldogs could give the team a much-needed boost.

“They (Louisiana Tech) are a good athletic team with a lot of speed. They are a lot like us in the sense that they lost a lot of players from last year,” said head coach Sean Kugler. “They have very fast and active linebackers and they have used two different quarterbacks this season, so we need to be ready for either one.”

The Bulldogs and the Miners were both part of the Western Athletic Conference from 2001-04, and Louisiana Tech leads the series with a 6-1-1 record. UTEP holds a 37-43-1 record all-time for homecoming games, but have won their last five homecoming games. Their most recent one was against another team from the state of Louisiana, Tulane in 2012, which is also the last time the

Miners were able to come away with a win at the Sun Bowl.

This week’s game against Louisiana Tech is the second conference game for the Miners, as they get deep into their conference schedule going into the second half of the season. In theory, the Miners are still in the hunt to represent the West in the Conference USA championship.

The Bulldogs are coming into this game at 1-4, with their only win coming against a Division 2 school, Lamar University, 27-14. Despite the Bulldogs’ unimpressive record they do pose problems for UTEP’s defense. The Miners rank 115th in the country, giving up 38.5 points per game, and last week the Miners gave up 250 rushing yards against Colorado State. The Bulldogs have two steady running backs in Kenneth Dixon and Tevin King, who are both averaging more than 5.5 yards per carry.

“Tackling has been an issue for our defense, we have given up too many long runs,” Kugler said. “We need to work a lot on our fundamentals, but also the players need to be willing and dedicated to get better.”

Saturday’s game will be full of give and take from both teams and should be another high-scoring game. Louisiana Tech, statistically coming into this game, is not intimidating by any means—they only average 16.4 points per game—but the Miners’ defense has

thus far shown the inability to defend against the pass or run plays of any of their opponents. The Miners have allowed a touchdown on the very first offensive drive of the game in all of their first four games.

Despite the Bulldogs coming off their third-straight loss, their defense is the team’s strongest side of the ball, as they have only given up 25.2 points per game, and they rank in the top half in defense in the country. Unlike the Miners’ deficiencies on defense, they have proven they can put points up on the board, going for 30 or more points in three of their last four games.

At the end of the day, the Bulldogs’ lackluster offense will take advantage of UTEP’s bad defense, and Louisiana Tech’s defense will give in to the Miners’ prolific offense.

The Miner to watch in Saturday’s game will be none other than quarterback Jameill Showers. Last week against Colorado State, the junior quarterback accounted for all six UTEP touchdowns, throwing five touchdown passes on 365 passing yards and rushing for one more. The dual-threat quarterback will have the attention of the Louisiana Tech’s coaching staff this week.

Once again, the Miners have a great chance to get back on track with a win against a below-average opponent in Louisiana Tech, but one thing is for



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UTEP has a 37-43-1 record in homecoming games and has won their last five.

certain, if the Miners don’t play better defense, their chance of winning this game and salvaging their season is very unlikely.

“We are going to keep on working hard all week, we are excited to play at

home in homecoming,” Kugler said. “Our fans have been outstanding the first two games and we are going to do our best to reward them with a win.”

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Volleyball comes back after opening conference play on the road

AARON MONTES / THE PROSPECTOR

The Miners split their first two games of conference by defeating Louisiana Tech and falling to Tulane, UTEP will come back home Oct. 4 to face the Florida Atlantic Owls at Memorial Gym.

BY ELLISIA SHAFER

The Prospector

The UTEP volleyball team closed their non-conference schedule with a 5-5 record before traveling to Louisiana to open their Conference USA slate.

UTEP debuted in conference play with a 3-1 win over Louisiana Tech on Sep. 27, but fell two days later at Tulane 3-0. The Miners will now return home for homecoming week.

“We start over right now at 0-0, the preseason is over now,” said head

coach Holly Watts “We have the conference season to focus on now.”

Competing in several invitational tournaments during the offseason, the Miners also faced several highly ranked teams such as San Diego, Texas, Hawaii and Oral Roberts, where they fell to all four.

Now, returning home, the Miners hold a 6-6 overall record and remain 4-1 at home.

“We played some tough opponents and did well against them,” Watts said. “The quality of teams we face in the

non-conference, it’s really going to help us have a good run in our league.”

The Miners continue to receive a lot of help from seniors Malia Patterson and Xitali Herrera, who have both been key contributors for the Miners this season.

Recently competing in the UTEP/NMSU Invitational Tournament, the Miners looked good early, defeating both South Dakota State and Hampton University (3-0) to begin conference play.

Herrera led the Miners with 29 kills, 19 digs and 12 blocks in the vic-

tory over South Dakota State (3-0) and Hampton University (3-1)

Senior middle blocker Herrera, who argues the Miners have benefited from their preseason struggles, said she is looking forward to going into the conference season.

“Coach Watts has done a great job in keeping us all on track and focused,” Herrera said. “Preseason helped us to gain confidence in ourselves. Playing those teams made us realize we have to fight every game, but also made us better. All of us

know now we need to be working hard going into conference play.”

Watts says now it is time to re-focus and prepare for what is to come.

“Every area of the game, we can do better,” Watts said. “I think our intensity and competitiveness is good, but we can always work on executing those skills better.”

Now, with a 1-1 record to begin conference, the Miners look forward to hosting Florida Atlantic on Oct. 4 and Florida International on Oct. 6.

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Perry embracing a new role

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Being a collegiate athlete is a distinguishing mark in someone's life, but being a two-sport athlete puts you in the upper echelon of athletes. Kevin Perry is part of that upper echelon of student athletes on this campus, being that he is a football and basketball player.

Now in his senior year, Perry is ready to give up that label of two-sport athlete, and give all of his focus to football. Giving up playing basketball can't be easy for someone who's been a multi-sport athlete for most of his life.

"I started playing football at the age of 5," Perry said. "All the way through high school I did football, basketball, track, and I also did AAU basketball. My whole life I've always been doing more than one sport, I've never had an offseason."

With his sole focus on football now, Perry has captured the attention of his coaches and teammates and has been named team captain this year. Tight ends coach Brian Natkin is excited at the prospect of having Perry at his full disposal.

"He provides leadership to our football team, he was voted team captain by his teammates, and more importantly, he's starting to understand about working hard," Natkin said. Being



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Senior tight end Kevin Perry is in his last season with the Miners. After his college career he will try to follow his father's footsteps in the NFL.

ing named team captain is something that does not go unnoticed by Perry, but as one of the team's leaders he doesn't fall into the typical cliché of boisterous football team captain.

"He's not really a big talker," said tight end Eric Tomlinson. "He goes out and shows people what to do and how to do. He goes hard and everyone follows."

"Being named team captain means a lot to me because it means I've earned the respect of my teammates,"

said Perry. "The only thing I don't try to do is give a lot of lip service. I go out there and try to lead by example."

Focusing strictly on football does not go without reason for Perry. he said he still plays basketball at the Student Recreation Center, but this offseason, Perry will be working toward a shot at the NFL.

Professional sports is by no means foreign to Perry, being the cousin to NBA swingman Stephen Jackson and, more importantly, son of former pro-

fessional football player Gerald Perry, who happens to be the reason why Perry started playing football.

"I wanted to play football because my dad played football," Perry said. "I was a little kid and he was who I looked up to. Watching him play in the big stadiums, with the Raiders and all that came along with that."

Whether Perry makes it to the next level or not, when his sporting career at UTEP ends, he doesn't want people to focus on the numbers or

accomplishments, but what kind of person he was.

"I just want everyone to remember me for having great character and a respectable guy," Perry said. "At the end of the day, stats really don't matter, fans will remember and appreciate you for the passion that you had and the respect that you gained."

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Hawaii native makes final stand

BY ELLISIA SHAFER
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Now in her final season with the UTEP volleyball team, senior setter Malia Patterson is one of the major contributors to the team. Her consistency and hard work have paid off and now she is considered one of the best in Conference-USA.

Patterson was recently named Conference USA Second Team Setter of the Week for her performance against South Dakota State and Hampton on Sept. 20 and 21.

"It's nice to have a player like Patterson," said head coach Holly Watts. "She is so resilient, she comes to play every day, works hard everyday. Whether people are here to watch practice or in a match, she brings her best every time. So that's definitely nice to have on the team."

Originally from Honolulu, Hawaii, Patterson attended Punahou High School, where she played five years of club volleyball. In 2009, Patterson led her team to a ILH (Interscholastic League of Honolulu) Championship, where her team finished second.

Patterson's middle name is Kawehiokalani, a Hawaiian word that means the opening of the heavens, and she credits her hometown culture for getting her involved in the sport.

"I got into it because one of my best friends wanted to try it. In Hawaii, volleyball is definitely a popular sport and a big part of the Hawaiian culture," Patterson said. "There is a volleyball court always available, so it's always around and it became a big part of my life in that way."

Patterson said the pace of the game is definitely faster at college.

"It made me definitely challenge myself to work harder," Patterson said. "Not playing so much as a freshman, I was able to prepare, observe the game a lot and work with the coaches and see what they wanted as far as offensively, so that helped a lot."

As a sophomore, Patterson recorded 12 double-doubles, picking up a career-high of 63 assists against the University of Houston.

In 2012, as a junior, Patterson became the second player to be named All Conference USA, ranking 57th nationally, while leading the team with 1,177 assists.

Now as a senior, Patterson continues to contribute with the most assists, and she credits her accomplishments to her poise.

"I try to bring to the team a calm attitude, try not to bring too much drama," Patterson said. "I see myself as seeing both sides of the story. I think that's why our team works so well because we all want the same thing and we all are playing for the same goal, and we all are communicating better this year."

Senior and middle blocker Xitlali Herrera, who has been a teammate with Patterson for two years, said Patterson plays an important role on the team.

"It's nice to play with Patterson—she is always very calm on the court," Herrera said. "She helps to motivate and give confidence to everyone around her to keep doing good during each game."

Optimistic for the season and her own future, Patterson looks to graduate and receive a degree in psychology in May. For now, Patterson hopes to return home to Hawaii and continue her education closer to her family.

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Senior setter Malia Patterson sets teammate Xitlali Herrera for the kill against Hampton.

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UTEP soccer splits first two conference games

BY EDWIN DELGADO
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The UTEP soccer team split its first two games of conference play after falling 2-1 to Rice and defeating Southern Miss 1-0 in overtime.

“I was really proud of our team being able to bounce back and get a win,” said head coach Kevin Cross.

The Miners closed their non-conference schedule with four-straight road wins before they faced Rice in their first Conference USA game Sept. 27.

The game was a tale of two halves, the Miners were the team that dominated through the first half, taking shots from all over the box and forcing Owls goalkeeper Amy Czyz to come up with three important saves to keep the game scoreless.

The second half started slow for both teams, but as time went on the Owls started to control the game and pushed forward, but without creating many chances.

UTEP had a lucky break on the 73rd minute as defender Tayler O’Hayre took a free kick from more than 50 yards away, O’Hayre’s long free kick was looking for a teammate who could head the ball, but the wind made the ball sail further. It bounced inside the box and went over the head of Czyz and into the back of the net to put the Miners up 1-0.

However, the team lost focus and Rice immediately tried to take control of the game once again. Finding gaps on the left side, the Owls sent crosses into the box, and junior Gabriela Iribarne got on the end of one. At the 75th minute, the Owls tied the game at one.

Rice, with the momentum on their side, was able to find space through the left flank, which allowed Holly Hargreaves to push the cross into the net, securing a narrow 2-1 win over UTEP.

“We just lost focus, and we make it a point not to lose focus after scoring a goal or after getting scored on, and that’s exactly what went wrong today,” said senior forward Jade Babcock. “I can assure you that this won’t happen again to us the rest of the season.”

Two days later, UTEP hosted the Golden Eagles and were in search of their first conference win. UTEP tried to break the deadlock early in the game, and just after five minutes, Babcock broke free of the defense and had a one-on-one with the goalie.

“We just need to work on keeping the ball in the box and getting those finishes early on.”

—

- Azia Nicholson, senior midfielder

Babcock chipped her shot over her, but it hit the crossbar.

UTEP kept pushing throughout the rest of the match, and despite having a prolific attack, the Golden Eagles only managed to test Miner goalie Sarah Dilling twice.

UTEP had eight shots on goal and seven corner kicks in their favor, but couldn’t manage to score in regulation. After 90 minutes, the game was still scoreless.

In overtime, UTEP kept the pressure on Southern Miss and in the 94th minute, sophomore Angela Cutaia flicked a ball through senior Azia Nicholson, who had her first effort blocked by goalkeeper Taylor Brittany, but headed the rebound into the empty net to give the Miners the win.

“The defense was awesome today once again,” Nicholson said. “We had a great preseason and a good couple of conference. We just need to work on keeping the ball getting in the box and getting those finishes early on.”

With the win, the Miners are now 8-3-1 and 1-1 in Conference USA. The next two upcoming games for the Miners will be on the road, where they will face Alabama-Birmingham on Oct. 4 and Florida Atlantic on Oct. 6. Their next home match will be against the Charlotte 49ers on Oct. 11.

“I told them to have confidence and that we are going to play well, I didn’t want to put too much pressure on them or panic them,” Cross said. “This was a game we really needed to get, being at home.”

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(Top) senior midfielder Gina Soto drives the ball through the right flank against Southern Miss on Sep. 29 at University Field. (Bottom) freshman midfielder Nicole Lindsay takes on a Golden Eagles defender. The Miners won the game in overtime.

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UTEP MEN’S GOLF TEAM NOTCHES A 10TH PLACE SHOWING AT WILLIAM TUCKER

The UTEP men’s golf team capped the William H. Tucker Invitational on Saturday in Albuquerque, N.M. by finishing in 10th place.

The Miners carded rounds of 305, 306 and 308 for a total of 919.

Leading UTEP was Jere Pelletier, who tied for 27th place with a 10-over-par 226 (77-74-75). Frederik Dreier tied for 40th place (77-76-77-230), Roberto Ruiz tied for 49th place (76-78-77-231), Martin Simonsen tied for 58th place (75-78-79-232) and Jacob Loya tied for 84th place (77-81-82-240).

The champion of the 17-team tournament was New Mexico (290-292-281-863).

The Miners will continue their fall season at the Utah Invitational Oct. 7-8 in Park City, Utah.

SHOWERS NAMED EARL CAMPBELL TYLER ROSE AWARD NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK, HONORABLE MENTION LIST

UTEP’s Jameill Showers earned a spot on the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award National Player of the Week Honorable Mention list for the fifth week of the college football season.

The quarterback established career-highs for passing attempts (43), completions (26), yardage (365) and passing touchdowns (five) against Colorado State. The junior is the first UTEP player to throw for five TDs since Trevor Vittatoe against NM State in 2010. Showers is also one of nine UTEP quarterbacks to throw for five TDs in a game. He joins former Miners Brooks Dawson, Sammy Garza, Howard Gasser, Bob Laraba, Jordan Palmer, John Rayborn, Billy Stevens and Vittatoe.



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UTEP CROSS COUNTRY DOMINATES KACHINA CLASSIC

Las Cruces, N.M.— Sophomore All-American Anthony Rotich claimed his third title of the 2013 season at the Kachina Classic after coming in with a time of 15:12 in the 5K at Centennial High School.

Freshman Cosmas Boit crossed the line at 15:41 securing his third silver finish with the Miners. Fellow teammate and sophomore Elphas Maiyo finished third with a time of 15:54. The men’s team finished on top with 21 points, defeating I-10 rival New Mexico State and Navajo Tech.

On the women’s side, freshman Truphena Sum captured fourth place out of 18 competitors with a time of 20:12 in her debut with the Miners. Senior Laura Delgado took seventh in the 5k finishing at 20:58. Mariah Bowers landed tenth overall at 22:20.

“The terrain was tough because they were running in the desert, so I could tell that, that tired them out but they still kept focused. This has been our best meet of the season thus far,” said head coach Paul Ereng. The team will be competing at the Notre Dame Adidas Classic on Friday, Oct. 4 in South Bend, Ind.

OMEGA HARRIS COMMITS TO UTEP

The 6’2” shooting guard from Putnam West City High School at Oklahoma City, verbally committed to play basketball for the Miners in 2014.

Harris visited UTEP Sept. 27-28 and it was during his visit that he expressed his desire to play for the Miners to coach Tim Floyd.

Harris is considered to be a three-star recruit by scouts and ESPN and is considered the 35th best shooting guard of his class.



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