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BY DAVID ACOSTA

The UTEP football team opens its 93rd season at home Sept. 4 against Arkansas-Pine Bluff. While UTEP hasn’t won a home opener since 2007; they are 3-3 in season openers during the coach Mike Price era.

The Miners come off  a 2009 season in which they were 4-8 overall and 3-5 in Conference USA. UTEP has never faced the Golden Lions before. The Miners who play in the Football Bowl Subdivision don’t have to look too far to know that playing a team in a lower division can still be a challenge.

“New Mexico State beat us a couple of years ago and beat Pine Bluff by only three points so I’m the most concerned with us,” said Price. “I want to see us play to our best against every team and play the best we can every time we come out. It’s just different colored uniforms, it doesn’t matter if it’s Pine Bluff or Fayetteville (University of Arkansas) you have to play the best you can.”

Trevor Vittatoe is one returning starter who brings his extensive experience, heading the offense at quarterback, into his senior season. Vittatoe has 36 career starts the most of any UTEP offensive player. This season he should easily surpass

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Miners kickoff 2010 campaign at the Sun Bowl

BY OMAR LOZANO

What originally began as a small effort to raise student school morale and draw campus participation from alumni has become of the of most colossal block parties in the El Paso area in just two decades. The annual Minerpalooza kicks off at 6 p.m. Sept. 3 at the center of campus.

“Back in the day it started as a small picnic on the lawn with alumni and now look at it 20 years later. We are taking over the center of campus extending each time to Leech Grove and further up Magoffin [Auditorium],” said Shannon Osbun, the entertainment and sponsorship chair of Minerpalooza.

Last year’s bash won the event El Paso Magazine’s 2009 Best Festival award and, according to event organizers, it brought approximately 25,000 students and El Paso Miner fans to enjoy campus festivities.

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Sodexo could do a little greener

Last week, the Prospector published an article about the latest news on campus, one that focuses on the safety of students and the security of the university. Among the scheduled participants for the event was the University’s Women’s Resource Center, the El Paso Police Department, and the El Paso Fire Department, which will give a smoke detector to students who attend the fair.

Unfortunately, the event did not go as planned, as no one showed up to the fair. It was a disappointing end to what was supposed to be a successful event.

On the bright side, the article also highlighted the efforts of the University’s Food Services, which have been working hard to provide healthier options on campus.

One of the innovations that the Food Services has implemented is the availability of vegetarian options, which have been well-received by students. The article also mentioned that the University is considering the possibility of adding more organic options to the menu.

Overall, the article was a positive one, with a focus on the university’s efforts to improve the safety and health of its students.

Letters to the editor

Pedestrian safety awareness

The safety of students and the security of their property are among the highest priorities among UTEP officials, and student leaders will host the first Student Safety and Emergency Response Fair from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 1 at the Gooling Carillon.

The event will offer a host of information and resources for students and parents about safety and security on campus. The fair will feature representatives from the UTEP Police Department, the El Paso Police Department, and the El Paso Fire Department, which will give a smoke detector to students who attend.

Sodexo, the university’s food service provider, will have a booth at the fair, and its representatives will be available to answer questions and provide information about the university’s food service.

The event is open to the public, and all students and parents are encouraged to attend.

Letters to the editor

Dear Prospector staff,

I am writing to express my concern about the lack of pedestrian safety on campus. As a student who frequently walks on campus, I have witnessed several incidents where pedestrians were put in danger by drivers.

One incident that I witnessed was when a driver almost hit a student who was crossing the street. The driver was not paying attention and nearly caused an accident.

Another incident occurred when a group of students were crossing the street and a driver drove through the crosswalk without slowing down. The students had to run to avoid being hit by the car.

These incidents are just a few of the many that I have witnessed on campus. I believe that the university should take action to improve pedestrian safety on campus.

I urge the university to consider implementing safety measures such as crosswalks with traffic lights, increased police presence, and public awareness campaigns.

Sincerely,

[Student Name]

[Year]

Letters to the editor

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Fitness

Ironman races in Hawaii, runs with bulls

BY NICOLE CHÁVEZ
The Prospector

While students spent the summer going to the beach, attending concerts or visiting family, Brian Carter, 50, decided to have a more rigorous summer than many of his students.

Last June, the associate director of the Swimming and Fitness Center traveled to Nice, France to compete in the Ironman Triathlon. The event’s course included a 2.4-mile ocean swim, a 112-mile bicycle ride and a 26.2-mile run. He also ran with the bulls during the annual feria celebrated in Pamplona, Spain.

“It was two things off my bucket list,” Carter said. “Life is too short and I want to get the most of it.”

When Carter was a kid, he watched the Hawaiian edition of the Ironman competition on TV in his home in Waupun, Wisconsin. Immediately, Carter promised his father and himself that he would sign up for the race in the future.

“I was amazed seeing all these people running, swimming and biking for so long,” Carter said.

When Carter graduated from college, he moved from Wisconsin to Texas. Later, he became the director of the UTEP pool, when it was still in the UGLC building.

He started thinking about entering some triathlons, and other sports competitions. One day an application for the Ironman Triathlon was on his desk waiting to be filled.

“In my mind was the idea of, ‘Can I push my body to do this?’,” Carter said.

His first Ironman Triathlon was in Canada in 1986. He completed the race in 12 hours and 15 minutes. After the race, Carter was exhausted. The pain continued him to never do it again.

“It was one of the hardest things in my life,” Carter said. “I was on the plane back home and a man told me that he would see me in the next race for sure.”

Since then, he has competed in Ironman competitions in Germany, New Zealand and now Hawaii.

Carter got married and stopped racing. When he was selected to participate in the Hawaiian edition of Ironman, his wife was upset about all of the training it would take to prepare.

Bike rides and swimming during his lunch hours and running sessions before work were part of his intensive six-month training.

“Training for a triathlon is so demanding, it’s a selfish sport,” Carter said. “That was my last race for a while.”

Early on this year, Carter turned 50, but he didn’t hesitate when he decided to participate in the race. After having participated in four races in about 20 years, he already knew what it took to be an ‘Ironman’.

His wife, who had been urging Carter to abandon racing, supported him during this last competition.

“Things changed, our children grew up, we have a more relaxed lifestyle,” Carter said.

Even though the pain was a lot to take, giving up was not an option during the race. The Ironman experience is something that he will carry for the rest of his life.

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Tailgating for the socially inept

By Matthew Maudsen
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1. Stay away from tailgating spots if those spots include socially inept geeks. If you aren’t sure, try to have fun.

2. Try to find a few spare minutes to use the restroom. Try to drink and eat in the stands that you must leave during the game to go to the bathroom. Because the lines just to get in go on forever and when your business is done, which may happen before you get inside the bathroom.

3. Do not bring your Nintendo DS or PSP with you. If you are realizing this, you are likely to go to a social event that is not a Dragon Quest IX meet up with any type of video game system.

4. Pick up your own trash. The people who work here are not your parents, unless if they are, in that case, still pick up your trash.

5. Refuse the ordinary. A simple click-clack and the controllable shield becomes a controllable bed for two. Red, beige, or black imitation leather

Gloria set to lead student body
First female SGA president in more than a decade

By Nicole Chavez
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President Diana Gloria prepares for her first term as the head of the Student Government Association.

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Gloria will focus her efforts on three things: keeping, improving and growing student life. "The leadership roles the SGA students have to perform, the activities and others try to do their best at the university, which will be hosted in Austin next October. "He is amazing and is a good person. For me, it’s an example of humility and perseverance,“ said Daniel Gunter, senior operations and supply chain management major.
Topping off marks final stage

Disabled Student Services Office
OPEN HOUSE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction of Disabled Student Services Location: DSOS, Room 106 Union East
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Workshop: "The Next Step" Location: Desert Canyon, Room 102 Union East
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Back to School will be served Location: Desert Canyon, Room 102 Union East
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tour of Special Needs Room Location: Library, Room 312

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Dana Nacul, UTEP President, gives the orders to top off the Swimming and Fitness Center, which is in its final stage of construction Aug. 27.

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WHAT WAS THE SCORE?
SOCCER: UTEP 3, UTAH VALLEY STATE 1

BY DAVID ACOSTA
The Prospector

Coming off his sophomore season in 2008, not a lot was known about UTEP running back Donald Buckram. While he showed signs that he could one day be a star’s shoes, rushing for 348 yards in 75 carries, Buckram was still under the radar of most teams going in to his junior year.

That will change this season, as Buckram comes off the 2009 season as the nation’s second-leading returning rusher.

“My first year my goal was just to try to get on the (season) poster,” Buckram said. “After that I thought, ‘Where do I go from here?’ Now I’m just trying to get a championship. That’s my next focus.”

In his breakout 2008 season, Buckram amassed the record for single season rushing yards, topping out at 1,394. The previous record of 1,354 yards set by Fred Wendt stood for 61 years. He also tied Wendt for 100-yard games in a season, with 9, and set a new standard, shattering all-time high 100-yard games. Buckram averaged 135 yards per game and 6.3 yards per carry, scoring 16 rushing touchdowns. He also touched on 652 receiving yards and caught 3 more touchdowns.

Leading Conference USA in rushing yards, ranking fourth, in the nation in rushing yards per game (2.134.38 3rd in the country in scoring (8.154.29) and 112 total all purpose yards per game (179.38 4th), Buckram’s new role as captain and team leader gives him a new role.

By default, he must now be a leader. “It’s that much harder,” Buckram said. “I have to set the tone every time. If you don’t have a leader, it’s going to be tough. I have to be a leader.

Buckram comes off the 2009 season as a team leader, but he is always looking to improve, as well. “That’s my main focus,” Buckram said. “After that I thought, ‘Where do I go from here?’ Now I’m just trying to get a championship.”

Buckram said that UTEP is a great running back corps, so we can focus on your family and then football and everything else.”

Even with last season Miners ranked 2nd in the nation in total offense (428.7). They were also the 2nd highest-scoring team in the conference, behind only Houston, where the Miners checked last year against the Bears 59-61. By that game against Houston, Buckram carried the ball 12 times for 262 yards and four touchdowns. Following that weekend performance, he was named the Walter Camp Foundation National Offensive Player of the Week.

Buckram currently ranks 6th on UTEP’s all-time rushing list with 2,082 career rushing yards. If he can repeat the same numbers he put up last year, he has the potential to be a part of John Harvey’s team. “I think he’s primed to have a great year,” Harvey said.

That record is one is sure to be passed by many years, but he is happy for Buckram to have UTEP and Coach Mike Price.

“We are going to use him as much as it takes to win,” Price said. “We are going to use Buckram is a challenge because he’s pretty fast so sometimes making up with him downhill is tough.”

“I think he’s primed to have a great year,” Harvey said. “That record is one is sure to be passed by many years, but he is happy for Buckram to have UTEP and Coach Mike Price.”

“Buckram, however, stresses that personal accolades and records are not something he thinks about when he takes the field.

“H-E-A-U- is not known for defense so I’m going to try to take advantage of that and run for a lot of yards,” Buckram said. “But it would be great to bring the city a (conference) championship. Last season is over, I’m hoping to make some new memories this year.”

The 2010 UTEP football season kicks off Saturday September 4 against Arkansas-Pine Bluff. The game will be held at 7:05 p.m. at the Sun Bowl.

This season, Donald Buckram will be chasing the UTEP record book.

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Donald Buckram, running back

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Depth and experience not lacking on the offensive front

for the first time in the Mike Price coaching era, the Miners have six fifth-year seniors on the offensive line and much of the experience of the team will roll over on the shoulders of these players. I don’t have to ‘coach a team with six fifth-year seniors on it,’ Price said. “They know the drill, they have been around and should know what they are doing.”

Senior quarterback Trevor Vittatoe and senior running back Donald Buckram are the two who get all the attention when the team toes the line. What goes in the mix is the offensive line production, which creates the running lanes and protection for the quarterback. Buckram broke multiple records last season, one that stood for three decades. He is always one of the top five in the nation in rushing and should know what they are doing with six fifth-year seniors on it, “ said offensive line coach Bob Connelly. “We’re a team within a team and when you have five guys around forever at UTEP, “offensive line-guard Huntley. “The first game will set the tempo for the entire offense. “Last year we had guys who had been around forever in 2007, 2008, 2009 and I feel like we’re more consistent now.”

Vittatoe is confident that the line protecting him this year will give the Miners what they need to go out and hump. “The offensive line is a strong unit now, they have a strong bond with each other and they give me a lot of confidence that they are going to be able to work well together,” Vittatoe said. “I don’t feel I was rushed a lot last season and I feel like we’re more consistent now.”

Vittatoe also hopes that last year’s breakthrough performances by senior running back Donald Buckram will lead to a more balanced offense, while at the same time opening up the passing game even more. “I feel that’s how good they are, and I feel like we’re more consistent now.”

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Football
Journey for Miners begins and ends with consistency
BY ALEX MORALES
The Prospector
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Soccer

Making up for loss, soccer wins big 3-1

BY SAL GUERRERO

Some fast and score early. That was the principle the UTEP soccer team lived by as it routed Utah Valley State 3-1 on Friday.

“We knew what we had because the team did not play really felt bad about ourselves after the game, “ head coach Kevin Cross said. “I defeated Utah Valley State 3-1 to a lopsided affair as the Miners (2-1) to.

“We came together as a team today, “ UTEP lost 2-1 at home to Fresno Dorman said. “Jessie got a great back-pass there for the put-back, giving the Miners a 1-0 lead.

“The Miners would not stop there. Ten minutes later the first goal, Pettit scored both through Brown deflected the shot attempt but the Miners did not stop there. Ten minutes after giving up a score, Kindzierski scored the second goal of the match giving UTEP 3-1 lead in the 66th minute. It was a true score for the ball that gave Kindzierski her goal. UVS’ minutes after going up a score, Kin-

“Th e Miners did not stop there. Ten minutes against Stephen F . Austin at 6 p.m. Sept [Saturday] and told them what they kept Chandra Morden off guard. She

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Students, artists work to install 'Contra Flujo'

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Left: Joias Castorena, senior art history major, assists with installing 'Líder de Opinión.'
Middle left: Castorena sketches outline drawings on the wall.
Right: Giberto Espinosa, one of the seven Mexican artists, arranges bullet casings for his exhibition.
Bottom left: Cynthia Evans, senior drawing major, sketches running horses along the wall. Far right: Evans prepares a graphic design blueprint model of what the artists want for the exhibition.

Hellpaso provides streetwear

Bad Name, Good Karma

BY SARAH GARCIA

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"I am impressed with everything local artists, designers, musicians, and promoters are doing these days. We're all helping to create something great. Forget Austin, it's going to be all about the El Paso music scene," Arce said.

"It's a design collaboration that represents the violence in the border region. Creativity emerges, bringing out a wide diversity of inspired artists, whether it be through music or poetry. Local artists have recognized with Hellpaso in proclamation of a more creative community."

"It is not to belittle this city, but rather to show my love for it. El Paso has blood through many beautiful, and horrible, strange times, good and bad. It is what it is" said Gustavo Aguilar, sophomore mechanical engineering major. "For every nickname given there is a meaning behind it. El Pasado is an authentic, one-of-a-kind product. "I felt that I could offer some of my ideas and designs while attempting to help create a counter culture in the process. Superbly adding to what is taking place in El Paso," said Arce.

Arce graduated from UTEP with a bachelor's degree in graphic design. Most people neglect to recognize the culture emerging from El Paso. Compared to bigger, more urbanized cities, the fashion scene in El Paso has struggled to keep local clothing businesses in town.

"Even though places are always closing down, I like what El Paso has to offer," said Miguel Valdez, junior print-making major. "You have to look for fashion on your own, you can't expect them to come to you, because we all know that's the way it is in E.P."

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For miner newcomers, Minerpalooza is basically a giant block party on campus to welcome students back from the summer and to kick-off the UTEP football season.

“What is so cool about Minerpalooza is that it gets you excited about school and it gets you excited about sports, not just football but soccer and volleyball because all the sports are represented,” Osborne said.

For its 20th anniversary, organizers plan to bring back many of the crowd favorites such as the student organization hosted carnival. The carnival will let the crowd play everything from traditional carnie games such as dunk tanks and ball tosses to having the ability to get “married off,” in the more unique marriage booth hosted by the Queer Student Alliance.

“With the marriage booth, it’s going to be our fourth year. It’s been really successful. It’s an equality marriage booth and we allow everyone that comes and big groups that come, it’s really fun,” said Jesus Smith, graduate sociology student and vice president of QSA. “We have lots of couples but we also have friends that come and big groups that come, it’s really fun.”

For the younger Miner fan, there will be the Minerpalooza Kid Zone, which will run from 6-10 p.m. It will have kid-friendly games.

Also, a group of students have organized a secret flash mob that will perform randomly during the festivities.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening will be KVIA Channel 7's own sports anchor Paul Cicala.

As the sun sets, Cicala will introduce Minerpalooza's musical guests to the stage. The night's headliners include El Paso's favorite border roots act Radio La Chusma and local ab country rock group Sleepyhead, headed by local legend Jim Ward.

The opening acts will be a local band Pan 8, made up of UTEP students from the steel drum ensemble, and Brown Betty, a classic rock tribute band.

“We are pretty excited,” said Michael George, UTEP employee and Brown Betty’s drummer. “I know this year there are some really cool acts so it’s really going to be a good night.”

The event is free and parking spots in the garage will also be available free of charge.

Students are advised to bring their Miner Gold Card to receive a free bracelet that will grant them access to all obstacle course activities. Students should also make sure to get booth and food tickets early.

For more information call 915-747-5670 or visit www.utep.edu/minerpalooza.

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Miner fans crowd the UTEP Cheerleaders perform during Minerpalooza.

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The Grau Jazz Quintet plays at 10:30 p.m. Sept. 2 at The Tap, located at 408 E. San Antonio Ave. and that same day at 10:30 p.m. at The Tap.

Currently, the collection includes custom t-shirts and hoodies for men, women, children and small dogs. The hand printed designs reflect the cultural diversity of the city shown in the brand. Each Hellpaso line purchase includes free products such as limited edition stickers.

"The 'Translation' shirt idea actually came from a friend who is of Middle Eastern descent, who joked about being stereotyped for being a terrorist. The shirt is a sarcastic statement in the face of ignorance," Arce said.

In the future the company plans to expand the skateboard and clothing line to include skateboard wheels and accessories, fitted baseball caps, jackets, backpacks and even women's handbags. There is no limit for the Hellpaso Street Wear Company, Arce said.

The company will continue manufacturing more apparel in hopes of expanding their business across El Paso. For now they continue to create a unique brand of style for local people.

"Hellpaso represents our diverse community in all of its gritty as well as sophisticated aspects. 'Pachuco' town is another reason why we should be proud of where we're from and where we're going," Arce said.

Arce is currently in the process of getting studio space for his work. His clothing line is available at www.hellpasostore.com.

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What: Barbarian "Heart Failure" CD Release Show Where: The Spot, 9068 Socorro Rd. When: 6 p.m. Sept. 3

"We are just starting to work toward more original material because that's the only way we can get gigs outside of town. They wouldn't call a band from another town if they are playing the standard repertoire," Berumen said.

The Grau Jazz Quintet will play at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 2 at Chelsea Street Pub and that same day at 10:30 p.m. at The Tap.

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