The UTEP Miners’ 2013 season will begin with a home game against the New Mexico Lobos, which will be the first of four matchups between 2013-16. The Rio Grande rivalry has been in hibernation for over a decade now; in the past 12 years only five games have been played between both teams.

UTEP and New Mexico have faced each other every year for more than six decades.

“I love the fact we are playing UNM again,” said Manuel Laguna, sophomore business administration major. “Rivalry games are usually the best and I’m really looking forward for this game.”

This rivalry goes all the way back to 1919. The Miners and the Lobos have played each other a total of 76 times, with the Lobos leading the series 42-31-3.

Head coach Sean Kugler, a former offensive lineman for the Miners, experienced the rivalry first-hand in the ‘80s and he is very excited about the renewed rivalry.

“I think it’s awesome,” Kugler said. “UTEP and New Mexico should play every year, they’re natural rivals, they’re rivals from the past, the fans get into it. I remember playing in that rivalry and I think it’s great for both programs.”

In UTEP’s history, New Mexico is their second-biggest football series, first being New Mexico State with 90 games, and third Arizona State with 42.

Kugler is not the only person on the coaching staff who has experienced the rivalry, but a few of his assistant coaches understand the importance of the game as they themselves are alumni. Among them is nickelbacks/safeties coach and former linebacker for the Miners, Robert Rodriguez, who said he is glad to see both teams play again.

“I grew up in this rivalry, playing in the old Western Athletic Conference and New Mexico was a big deal,” Rodriguez said.

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- Sean Kugler, head coach

QUICK FACTS
• Series began in 1919
• Will play four times between 2013-2016
• 1967-record-high in points (75) UTEP
• UTEP is 19-13-1 at home
• UTEP has won 6 of the last 10 games
• Second-longest football series (76)
• Lobos lead series 42-31-3
Kugler will improve team, but not immediately

By Edwin Delgado

The Prospector

Throughout the offseason I heard many UTEP fans saying that with the new coaching staff, UTEP will become a strong contender in Conference USA. Although it is a possibility, I think most fans are getting ahead of themselves.

The team is coming off a 3-9 season, and the wins came against New Mexico State, Tulane and Southern Mississippi, which had a combined record 33-33 in 2012. The biggest change I’ve seen since the change from Mike Price to Sean Kugler is discipline. Early in his tenure, Kugler has let go of players such as Xay Williams and others for breaking team rules, and others have been disciplined for their actions off the field, which to me sends the right message to the players.

For the 2013 season, I’m really hoping to see what damage the offense is capable of doing. With the addition of Jumilll Shower, the offense got an important boost in a crucial position of quarterback. Kugler, who was tight end himself for UTEP in the late ’80s, also wants to take advantage of the potential that the tight ends here—Craig Westrick, Kevin Perry, Eric Tomlinson and Katable Ford are all good, and I felt that they were weapons that weren’t exploited in the past.

Nathan Jeffery, along with Austin Golden and Jesh Roll, make up a solid group of running backs that can definitely take the pressure off the passing game. I also want to point out that I like the commitment and the way most of the coaching staff works. With a solid coaching staff, things will get better as the games and season go by.

As much as the offense improved, the defense has gone through many changes and it will be interesting to see how the defensive backs perform. The schedule for the 2013 season will bring some challenges for the team, such as the trip to College Station, which to me will bring some challenges for the team. Don’t expect to see the team dominate the competition, but expect them to be a much more disciplined and committed unit.

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Minerpalooza relocates due to construction

BY AMANDA GUILLEN
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The university's biggest pep rally of the year, Minerpalooza, being held at 4 p.m. Sept. 6, will be relocated to the P-9 parking lot North of the Sun Bowl stadium due to campus construction.

Although the location will be different from years past, director of the Student Engagement and Leadership Center, Corey Bailey, said that the event would not be affected in a negative way. “We are definitely not scaling back, we want this event to continue to grow,” Bailey said. “Minerpalooza is a family-friendly event and we want to make sure that there are fun things to do for everyone.”

There will still be booths, food and a pep rally led by the UTEP band, cheerleaders, the Golddiggers dance team and the football team. “I want them to be stimulated every step of the way,” Bailey said. “No matter what entrance you come through, there will be something to do.” Guests will be entertained at every corner throughout the event. Inflatables and game booths will be located around the location. Bands will take the stage throughout the evening and a disc jockey will close the night. Rally towels and glow sticks will be given out at the entrance.

Parking will also be relocated for Minerpalooza attendees. Bailey said that although there are two other events going on that day, there will be plenty of parking. The women’s volleyball team will have two matchups at Memorial Gym starting at noon and 7 p.m., and the women's soccer team will face the University of California, Riverside at 7 p.m. at University Field.

Parking space will be available at the S-3 parking lot across from Kelly Hall, the Sun Bowl parking garage, the remote parking lots and the P-5 parking lot for attendees with disabilities. There will be signs directing attendees to the free parking spaces and to Minerpalooza. UTEP will have a free shuttle service that will run from 5:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. to transport visitors to the event and back to their vehicles.

Freshman criminal justice major, Dominique Pedroza, will be attending Minerpalooza for the first time. “My friends told me about it and since it’s like a big deal here, I thought ‘you know since I’m a freshman, (I) might as well take part in this event’” Pedroza said. “I have pretty high expectations. Bailey also hinted at a special surprise that will be added to this year's Minerpalooza. "There is going to be a special element in the middle, which I am not going to say anything yet, but it is something that has never been done at Minerpalooza before," Bailey said. "If everything goes well, it will definitely be one of the coolest parts of Minerpalooza for sure." The Peace Pavilion, a tented area, will be at Minerpalooza again. UTEP President Diana Natalicio, UTEP administrators, El Paso businessman and city members will be there to socialize with the public.

Entrance to Minerpalooza is free and food vendors accept cash or credit and debit cards. Tickets will be on sale for individual games and booths. Wristbands for the pavilion are on sale with prices at $50 for adults, $25 for children, $300 for a table of eight people and free admission for children under the age of 4. The wristband includes access to food and drinks all night, unlimited use of the inflatables and a t-shirt.

“Minerpalooza is a student event open to all students to come out and enjoy Minerpalooza for sure.” Bailey also hinted at a special surprise that will be added to this year's Minerpalooza. "There is going to be a special element in the middle, which I am not going to say anything yet, but it is something that has never been done at Minerpalooza before," Bailey said. "If everything goes well, it will definitely be one of the coolest parts of Minerpalooza for sure."

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A visitor’s center at the Centennial Museum is scheduled to open Sept. 23, in honor of the 100-day countdown to 2014, the beginning of the celebration of UTEP’s 100-year anniversary.

In addition to being a visitor’s one-stop shop for information regarding the university, the visitor’s center will have a variety of exhibits. Three galleries are currently in the completion process.

The Discovery Gallery will contain an exhibit that will remain open the entire year and showcase UTEP’s 100-year history. The Tom Lea Gallery will have changing exhibits throughout the year.

Guided tours will be offered, as themes will change monthly. A movie theater will showcase films about UTEP, including footage from the 1966 Texas Western College men’s basketball team that won the NCAA championship, and the film “Glory Road.”

Maribel Villalva, director of the Centennial Museum and Chihuahuan Desert Gardens, said the opening of the center at the museum is an other opportunity to celebrate UTEP and the centennial.

“We are excited because we think it will translate to more visitors,” Villalva said. “We love the attention that this is getting. If the centennial celebration is what gets people here, but then keeps them coming back, that is a success for us.”

Some of the exhibits that will be showcased in the smaller gallery include: technology across the decades, UTEP Athletics, UTEP in The News, UTEP and the Chicano Movement and UTEP and the Kingdom of Bhutan. A centennial photo contest will close out the year of exhibits.

Tours will be available to the public to get insight into UTEP’s athletics, architecture, arts and culture. A haunted tour is also planned for fall 2014.

Outside of the museum, there is a secretive black tarp covering what seems to be a new structure.

“We are not allowed to talk about the structure outside, but it is all tied into the big unveiling,” Villalva said. Sophomore criminal justice major Paola Lujan is curious about the big surprise UTEP has under the tarp.

As first I thought it was just part of the construction sites so I simply overlooked it, but walking by it every day I got curious about what it could be,” Lujan said.

Villalva said the tarp will be removed on Sept. 23 along with the opening of the visitor’s center. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony as well as a party for the students.

Lujan said she is excited for the centennial kick-off and the unveiling of the big surprise.

“For more information on the center or to find out about guided tours and galleries, visit utep100years.com or stop by the museum, located on the corner of Wiggins and University Ave. "We want the students to get into the spirit of the celebration and we hope this gets the students excited about the university and its centennial," Villalva said.

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WALK TO END ALZHEIMERS
A charity event for the local Alzheimers Association will be held at the La Vina Winery in La Union, New Mexico on Sept. 28. For more information on the event or registration, contact Susie Gorman at (915) 544-1799 or susie.gorman@alz.org.

I-10 COLLEGE COALITION BLOOD DRIVE
NMSU and UTEP plan to hit the 10,000 pint mark on the 10th anniversary of the I-10 blood drive. Kickoff is 11:15-11:45 a.m. Sept. 9 and will feature the student body presidents, student association groups, cheerleaders, pep bands and the presidents of both schools. Anyone can donate and donors will get a “Keep Calm and Donate Blood” t-shirt. Alumni are encouraged to go to campus or any United Blood Services blood center to donate during the week in honor of their school.

UTEP: patio area of the Union Building. Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 9-13. NMSU: Outside of the Corbett Center. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sept. 9-13.

EL PASO’S MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR ARTISTS
The City of El Paso Public Art Program is seeking artists or artist teams in El Paso County to create a mural on the City Development Center’s four-story stairwell, located at 801 Texas Ave. The commissioned artist or artist team will be required to gather research and present an original design reflective of the city departments located at 801 Texas Ave. Artistic themes for possible design proposals could include, but not be limited to, art that is abstract, urban, geographic, topographic, and vibrant. The four levels of the building will house the following departments:

- City Development Center
  Planning
  Building Permits and Inspection
  Economic Development
  Historic Preservation
- Community and Human Development
- Parks and Recreation Administrative Office

To apply, visit www.callforentry.org. Applications must be submitted at 5 p.m. by Sept. 6. For further questions, contact Patricia Dalbin, public art program manager, at (915) 541-4894 or dalbinp@elpasotexas.gov or Jeff Howell, public art CIP associate, at (915) 541-4257 or howelljb@elpasotexas.gov.

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FOOTBALL

Campus renovations lead to tailgate changes

BY S. DAVID RAMIREZ

The ever-popular pre-game tradition of tailgating will face some changes as construction continues on campus.

As a result, university officials put together a tailgate plan.

"Although we are going through a construction period, we don’t anticipate any issues with tailgating," said Chris Park, associate athletics director.

The plan limits general tailgating to the south and west parts of campus, including areas around the Centennial Museum, the Undergraduate Learning Center, the library and the College of Engineering building.

Donor tailgating will take place north of the Sun Bowl, around the Don Haskins Center and Memorial Gym. RV tailgating will only be allowed in Remote Parking Lot 5 across from the Physical Plant Complex.

The changes also include a refocus on student involvement.

"Miner Alley is going to be the new hot spot," said Daniel Veale, UTEP athletics director of marketing and promotions.

Veale said the space between the Sun Bowl parking garage and Fox Fine Arts Center will be home to food vendors, student organizations and even a hookah lounge.

Students can expect contests and live music, plus free items and information provided by representatives of the It’s All Good El Paso campaign.

"Miner Alley is going to be the new hot spot," said Rebecca Robinson, sophomore psychology major. "I’m interested to see what else is there. I’ll be there."

Free parking will begin at 8 a.m. Most parking lots off Schuster Avenue will be used for tailgating and will have open parking.

Lots S-6, S-4 and S-3 will be the prime locations for students attending Miner Alley. The Sun Bowl garage will be limited to paid parking and current permit holders.

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FOOD

Recipes for tailgating fun

ORANGE AND BLUE SALAD

Ingredients:
- Salad greens (spring mix, spinach or romaine)
- Tomatoes
- Cucumbers
- Shredded carrots
- Sliced avocado
- Bleu cheese crumbles
- Miner Orange Dressing

Directions:
Compose salad as preferred. Liberally drizzle with Miner Orange Dressing and top with bleu cheese crumbles. Best served with sliced meat or grilled veggies during tailgating season.

MINER ORANGE DRESSING:

Ingredients:
- 1 12 oz. can of mandarin oranges (drained)
- 2 cloves of chopped garlic
- ¾ cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 ½ cups extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tbs. course-grain or whole grain mustard
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 ½ tbs. of cumin (optional)

Directions:
Whisk or blend garlic, vinegar, mustard, salt, pepper, and cumin.
Break up or lightly chop mandarin oranges and whisk into dressing.
Add additional mustard a teaspoon at a time if a thicker dressing is preferred.
Keep cool before serving.
Makes about 2 ½ cups of dressing. (Can be prepared up to 24 hours ahead of time)

MEGA-MINER NACHOS

Ingredients:
- 1-2 large bags blue corn chips
- ½ lb. grilled brisket
- 1 lb. shredded cheddar or American (or other orange/yellow cheese)
- Beans, jalapenos, avocado or other toppings as preferred.

On large platter, pile chips and top with favorite ingredients.
Share with the nearest Miner fan.

PICKAXE COCKTAIL

2 oz. blue curacao
1 oz. citrus vodka
6 oz. cold orange soda

In the center of a martini glass or clear plastic cup add blue curacao. Gently add vodka, then top with orange soda.

Directions:
If you’re having trouble making this two-tone cocktail, place a bar spoon over the curacao, then pour vodka and orange soda gently onto the spoon.

REMINDER:
Glass containers and vessels are not allowed on campus during tailgating.

The Prospector encourages the UTEP community to drink responsibly.
Sahara Leos: ‘the show must go on’

BY NADIA GARCIA
The Prospector

Sahara Leos have been scheduled to perform at the annual El Paso Comic Con (EPCON) taking place Sept. 27 at the El Paso County Coliseum after being together for only four months and having seven original songs under their belt.

The Sahara Leos came together as a final attempt for most of the members to prove their talents.

“They’re all working on something else,” said Erik Duran, junior computer science major and bass player. “I’m just joking, we are pretty excited. The time we get to spend with each other, along with music is greater than all that we would ever hope to gain.”

However, the Sahara Leos had to go through some difficult times before arriving to this moment, when guitarist and lead vocalist Joel Chavez and lead guitarist Rudy Cabello found themselves striving to continue making music for the recent break-up of their previous band, Jolly Moors.

“We have high hopes for this band, especially since most of us are in our mid-20s,” Cabello said.

The oldest of the group, synth player and back-up vocalist Christopher Ray and drummer Gabriel Estrella, both agree.

Although bass player Erik Duran has just as much faith in the band as the other members, he is the youngest in the group. He said his focus is on school as he is a junior computer science major.

Besides school, most of them have jobs and girlfriends, but they believe it to be quite easy to find time for what they have a passion for—music.

“I only ask for two to three hours a week for practice,” Cabello said. “Being in music must come from a love of it, since it hardly pays off financially.”

“While in the Jolly Moors, we worked on the song ‘70s, at about $25 each,” he said.

Apart from being the lead guitarist, Cabello also acts as the manager of the group, being that he recruited almost all of the other members.

Durán and Ray had recently split from their previous bands, as had Cabello and Chavez, when they joined the band. They said this decision was made so that Sahara Leos wouldn’t run into the same hindrances.

“We are a new band with chemistry and unique music,” said Cabello. “If you want to stand out, bring something new that hasn’t been heard before.”

Fahain Barraza, junior education major, said that Saraha Leos have a great sense of originality and can’t wait to hear them at EPCON.

“I like how they incorporate jazz chords into their music and how they can play different styles, such as when Joel raps for example,” Barraza said.

“Overall, I think they’re all great musicians and I certainly see them having a bright future, since they’re starting to expand into bigger stages.”

From the Strokes to Rage Against the Machine, each member has a different taste in music, yet they still find unity in Sahara Leos.

“Late Night Love,” an original song by Sahara Leos, is a band favorite that includes a special rap by Chavez, yet has an easy-listening feel to it.

Although every band has their drama, the Sahara Leos seem to conquer every problem.

“Joel convinced Gab and gave him ‘Joel Fever,’” Cabello said.

“The band jokingly refers to ‘Joel Fever’ as an explanation of when a member of the band frequently misses practice to spend time with a girl.

“But no one ever misses a show,” said Raya as a confirmation of the loyalty of all the band members.

Despite all difficulties of time management, drama, artistic differences and more, the Sahara Leos are making their way to the top.

“We consider The Sahara Leos to be a quality band,” Cabello said. “We not only have strong stage presence, but a strong bond between members as well. Happiness equals success.”

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Learn Japanese at local bohemian cafe

BY JAIME QUESADA
The Prospector

A small group of reluctant college students have come together to learn Japanese without the time capsuling nature of a classroom lecture. They take place at Joe, Vinny and Bronson’s Bohemian Cafe.

Joaquin Gutierrez-Murgia, senior operations and supply chain management major, is a regular attendee of the weekly Japanese lessons.

“Even though I’m doing this for fun, I hope to eventually do business in Japan,” Gutierrez said. “Which is why learning the language is the first step in making that happen.”

Fernando Gonzalez, a graduate who studied language and linguistics as a major, has been a Japanese language teacher for more than a decade and he has taught a small group of interested individuals since March.

“I lived in Japan for a year,” Gonzalez said. “I began to catch up on it and I have been speaking Japanese for almost 13 years now.”

Not only has Gonzalez received his third Japanese proficiency certification, he is now in the process of working on obtaining a more difficult fourth certification.

“Although I currently work as a barista at the Starbucks downtown, I became a linguistics teacher every Tuesday night from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Joe, Vinny and Bronson’s Cafe,” Gonzalez said. “I work on my weekly lesson plan, set up my projector and white board, ready to teach strangers and friends some Japanese phrases, pronunciation and important vocabulary.”

The class itself started as a personal trade between Gonzalez and a friend. In exchange for art lessons, Gonzales would give her Japanese lessons. Consequently, the classes would always take place at Joe, Vinny and Bronson’s Cafe out of convenience and for the relaxed setting.

“It was because of our frequent visits to the cafe, when people started taking note of our regularity and one day some individuals came up to me and asked me if I could offer a class lesson,” Gonzalez said. “After that, the word of mouth spread and every Tuesday I saw one more person add to the original group, coming for a quick one-hour class.”

The class costs $5 per class with the first lesson being free. Aside from this, the cafe gives out a 10 percent discount to anybody attending the class and being the cafe serves both coffee and imported beers, anybody with a particular drinking habit is invited to join.

“The bar itself, though an unorthodox classroom, has definitely done its part to help with the class,” Gonzalez said.

Split in two, the cafe is arranged where one half of the bar is strictly for ordering beverages with small tables nearby, while the other half is solely dedicated to seating, which serves as a classroom every Tuesday. The cafe also plays very light electronic jazz that filters through any conversation, providing a rhythm that doesn’t break the concentration of the students.

“The reason I decided to come, was because I heard that the cafe was being offered at a pretty cool place and thought why not just try it out?” said Chris Fernandez, a UTEP alumnus.

“Also, I thought it was a good opportunity since UTEP or EPCON offers a Japanese course.”

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Sequel challenges gamers to change tactics

BY LEONARDO MONTAÑEZ

"Plants vs. Zombies 2" continues to keep the game attached to its roots, maintaining its classic and cartoonish visuals after receiving critical acclaim back in 2009

With just a few improvements made to its game play, the formula is the same. The player’s purpose is to plant seeds while a wave of zombies attack. However, this time around more plants have been added that have special abilities and the battle-field changed to a front yard. It is now a journey through time and space more precisely, the Wild West, an ancient Egypt and the pirate seas. The player’s purpose is to keep the game attached to its roots, the formula is the same. The player’s purpose is to plant seeds while a wave of zombies attack. However, this time around more plants have been added that have special abilities and the battle-field changed to a front yard. It is now a journey through time and space more precisely, the Wild West, an ancient Egypt and the pirate seas.

"Plants vs. Zombies 2" is free-to-play and takes any opportunity to sell to the player many of its different improvements. Some of the good ideas that "Plants vs. Zombies 2" added to its formula are a narrative and the Star challenge. The player beats the enemy with a fixed amount of plants and restricts the gamer to plant on certain spots. Other changes are based on the boards themselves. For example, in the Wild West, railroads have been added to the level. These allow shifting a plant up or down, as if it was on a cartwheel giving a new sense of strategy to each level.

Moreover, "Plants vs. Zombies 2" adds two gameplay mechanics, which are plant food and power-ups. Collect-ed during the game and used whenever the player desires, the food is used to unlock their super-attack power. On the other hand, power-ups are "all-mighty" attacks that sway enemies completely by using in-game money, while useful, it is unnecessary and defeats the purpose of the game. However, this addition can be fully ignored and it is not required to enjoy the game.

Another thing that made the sequel feel different from the original version is that in several levels, the player will be stuck with a definite set of plants, meaning that the players can choose their own weapons, changing the strategy completely. Whether it is planned or not, it can go both ways: add a challenge to the game by forcing the player to change tactics or simply make it worse because the plant army doesn’t suffice.

"Plants vs. Zombies 2" can be played without paying any real dol-lars and it will surely guarantee some good levels to the player. Still, it is not the same when the player has to beat the game without some of the most enjoyable weapons. It can become quite frustrating at times because it feels as if the game is punishing the player for not buying their content. Overall, "Plants vs. Zombies 2" is a sequel that really deserves old and new fans alike to try it out. It is free, and if you don’t really mind the purchasable content, then this game will definitely give players an enjoyable time with challenging levels and new improvements.

SPECIAL TO THE PROSPECTOR

Lexicon features liberal arts secret agents

BY S. DAVID RAMIREZ

Are you a cat person or a dog per-son? What is your favorite color? Pick a number from 1 – 10. Do you love your family? Why did you do it? Properly answer these questions and you too could be chosen as a poet/se-cret agent tasked with manipulating individuals, world governments and the media.

In Max Barry’s new novel, “Lexi-con,” dual plots follow the rise and fall of rogue agent “Virginia Wolfe.” Rather than hyper-athletic, military meatheads, the top operatives for the shadowy academy are students of the literary disciplines. Students can find study literature, linguistics, forensics and communications. By advancing their academic study, they can de-velop the skills to invoke words of power that force listeners to submit and obey. Each graduate is granted a title based on their skills with the most powerful given names such as Eliot, Brontë and Yeats.

When Wolfe releases an untamed word that destroys a town in Aus-tralia, the Academy attempts to recover the lone survivor. The word now only exists in his brain and they will extract it with or without his permis-sion. This survivor must navigate the labyrinthine Academy’s bureaucratic systems that exist just below the sur-face of society.

This book moves swiftly, trapping the reader in a world where the word is king. It seems to offer validation for the oft-scorned fields of the liberal arts, which is a pleasant change of pace. Though the focus is certainly on literary discourse, the novel still has car chase scenes, shoot-outs and murder.

Fans of Barry will find references to his past works, but the novel feels quite different from his previous texts. Barry has matured as a writer and brings a clean sharp edge to the book. Parts of the novel can feel murky, but they combine to create a celebration of language manipula-tion. With references to a variety of literary disciplines, students can find what can only be described as Easter eggs in the book. News clippings and blog posts, used as epigraphs, create a deconstruction of backstory that shows the abilities of the poets.

Their knack for controlling the media pushes the novel from simple spy-thriller to the border of an Orwellian dystopia. The book is a must read for any English major, but will be fun for any fan of literature and communication.

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Miners kickoff 2013 season as Kugler takes charge

BY EDWIN DELGADO
The Prospector

The Miners are set to start their 2013 campaign on Sept. 7 against old rivals, the New Mexico Lobos, at the Sun Bowl. It will also be the kickoff for the beginning of the Sean Kugler era as head coach.

"I'm looking forward to the game," Kugler said. "Having been a player here, having been a coach here and to go back out in the Sun bowl as a head coach, of course there is that extra energy."

Both the Miners and Lobos are in the process of making adjustments and both are coming off losing seasons—UTEP finished 3-9 and New Mexico 4-9. Lobos head coach Bob Davie is in his second year at the helm and has only 10 returning starters from last season.

"UTEP playing New Mexico and NMSU back-to-back, it's outstanding," Kugler said. "All of us should play each other every year and it's great for the three cities. El Paso, Albuquerque and Los Cruces."

The Lobos are also coming off a 21-13 home loss in the UTSA Roadrunners on Aug. 31. Sophomore quarterback Cole Gautsche, who started for the Lobos, was pulled from the game in the fourth quarter after experiencing concussion-like symptoms and is questionable for the game against the Miners.

The Lobos bring a triple-option offense, in fact Gautsche has proved to be a better runner than passer. In 2012, he completed only 42 percent of his passes, and during the Lobos first game Gautsche completed four out of 12 passes, but managed to gain 118 yards rushing in 16 carries.

New Mexico has a very difficult defense to defend. It's a triple-option offense with some pricips of the pistol," Kugler said. "Last year they rushed for 301 yards per game which made them one of the best in the country."

The Lobos lost their three starting wide receivers from last year and don't seem to have the weapons to challenge a new and somewhat inexperienced secondary of the Miners. "Their secondary, it's a lot like our own, made up of players who are not too experienced," Kugler said. "The players that return for them are very good and know how to make plays."

The Lobos only obtained 84 yards through the air and 277 yards of total offense in the game against UTSA. The Miners, who had their first week of the season off, are trying to use the extra week of preparation to their advantage.

"It's great, at first it didn't seem as it was going to be a big deal, but now it really is," said Scott Stoker, defensive coordinator. "We needed the extra week to prepare for their triple-option offense."

The Miners seem to have the upper hand, especially on offense, being led by Texas A&M transfer quarterback Jaceel Shoemake, wide receiver Jordan Leslie, junior running back Nathan Jeffery and senior tight end Craig Wenrick.

"The Miners offense has a core of experienced players, who had the opportunity to work with each other throughout the summer. I'm very pleased with our players preparation," Kugler said. "There is still work to do but the players have done a tremendous job during the offseason and in Alpine."

One of the questions marks for the team was the kicker and punter positions. Gautsche stated on Sept. 2 that Freshman Jay Mattox will be in charge of kicking field goals, extra points and kickoffs, while Brandon Moss will be in charge of the punts for the Miners.

"I'm looking forward to the game, but he might take an extra week to fully recover."

The moment many fans have been waiting for has arrived as the new era for UTEP football, led by Kugler, will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Sun Bowl. "It's always exciting to play at the Sun Bowl, there is always a lot of energy at the Sun Bowl," Kugler said.

"The fans here are outstanding and I can't wait to watch the players go at it on Saturday night, " Edwin Delgado may be reached at theprospectordaily. sports@gmail.com.

UTEP cross country preparing for a new season

BY LUIS BARRIO
The Prospector

The UTEP cross country team is about to open their season, and the coaching staff held tryouts for the team on Aug. 30 seeking to build a more competitive team.

Led by head coach Paul Ereng, gold medalist at the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, the cross country team will try to repeat its recent success. Coach Ereng has the Miners squad reinvigorated following a tremendously successful showing at the 2012 NCAA Championships, with members from both the men’s and women’s team each finishing in the top five.

For the fourth time in Conference USA history, one program took home both men’s and women’s cross country Athlete of the Year Award. The honors went to UTEP All-Americans Risper Kimaiyo, who graduated from UTEP in May, and sophomore Anthony Rotich. In his first year, Rotich was the first freshman to cross the finish line last year and he finished fourth with a time of 29 minutes, 17.5 seconds in the 10,000-meter run.

"The only bad thing is when you do that well, everybody expects super performances," Ereng said. "With Ramiaye gone, the women’s team is in a rebuilding mode, and Ereng said that they are still a year away from their target goal. Coach Ereng recently had tryouts for hopeful walk-ons.

"We are trying to open the team as much as we can," Ereng said. "We want to bring whoever is available that can contribute to the team.

With the Conference USA Championships taking place in November, Ereng is preparing his runners for a physically demanding season.

"I want them to get the training going. Cross country is a very strained event because the season is so sudden," Ereng said. "Two weeks after school begins and the team will be competing. I’m trying to get the team in good shape for conference."

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Fall brings new faces to UTEP athletic programs

(Top left to right): freshman midfielder Aleah Davis broke into the Abilene Christian penalty box and managed to beat freshman goalkeeper Kelsey Dombrowski at University Field on Sept. 1. Senior tight end Craig Wenrick and freshman defensive back Leon Hayes fight for the ball during a scrimmage in Alpine, Texas on Aug. 17. (Middle): UTEP quarterback Jameill Showers shows his passing ability during the scrimmage in Alpine. (Bottom): Davis wins the ball over Abilene Christian defender Whitley Lindholm in which the Miners and Wildcats tied 1-1. Head coach Sean Kugler addresses the media about the Miners first rival of 2013, the New Mexico Lobos.
SIMPLY STATED

MINERS CONCLUDE ACTION AT THE CHEVRON RAINBOW WAHINE INVITATIONAL

Honolulu, Hawaii– The UTEP volleyball team suffered its third loss at the hands of #11 Hawaii, falling 3-0 (20-25, 25-15, 25-10) at the Chevron Rainbow Wahine Invitational.

UTEP was led by setter Malia Patterson, who secured 20 assists, while Tala Jones registered nine kills.

Hawaii took the lead in the first set, as two kills from middle blockers, Jade Vorster and Emily Hartong capitalized off a Miner attack error. The Miners responded with two kills put up by Xitali Herrera and Patterson, bringing the score to 3-2.

Keeping on the heels of the Warriors, UTEP kept Hawaii from capturing a substantial lead with three kills put up by outside hitter Taylor Nix, two by Tala Jones and two more by Herrera and Madison Morris. With the score set at 18-17, Hawaii closed out the set with four straight points, winning the set, 25-20.

Much like the first set, the Warriors took a 3-0 lead with three consecutive kills; two delivered by Taylor and one by Hartong. Staying in the game UTEP posted eight kills with Herrera, Jones and Nix delivering two each, and Lindsey Larson and Morris each posting one, bringing the score to 13-10.

Overcoming the Miners defense, Hawaii took off, hammering eight of the set’s final 10 points. Two consecutive kills by Ashely Kasti and Kristiana Tuaniga allowed the Warriors to take a two set lead as they committed seven attack errors and one service error, resulting in eight unearned points for the Warriors. UTEP could not recover and fell, 25-18.

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The Miners will return to Memorial Gym to hold their first home matches against Southern and Oral Roberts at the UTEP Invitational on Friday.

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Most of the players on this year’s UTEP football team haven’t played against New Mexico or truly experienced the rivalry, but alumni such as Kugler and Rodriguez emphasize the intensity of the rivalry.

“With coach Kugler, at the very least, he appreciates what this rivalry means to the true fans,” Rodriguez said. “The fact that the fans care about this rivalry, that we’re so close to each other and the long history with our two programs is enough.”

Junior running back Nathan Jeffery said, “I’m trying to work to make the team come together and win conferences.”

The other members who competed last year for the men’s team, Ramon Garcia and Elphas Maiyo, are seeking space in the running back group.

Garcia was a second team all-conference selection, while Maiyo was a second team all-conference selection.

Male Athlete of the Year Award. Since 1969, the Miners have won the conference title twice. They also had a four-peat from 1978-81.

“Tulsa has always been our nemesis, they are very competitive,” Enrge said. “The conference has added competition with schools such as FIU and North Texas joining the conference”

Rodriguez is the obvious favorite to shine this season, as he’s coming off winning the 2012 Conference USA Male Athlete of the Year Award. However, Rotich will have a strong supporting cast running beside him.

“Soloman (Gardens) was injured last year, but the year before, he was a very good athlete for us,” Enrge said. “We are excited to have him back.”

The other members who competed last year for the men’s team, Ramon Garcia and Elphas Maiyo, are seeking to have strong 2013 campaigns.

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