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The time has come for former UTEP students to reunite with their alma mater. Homecoming celebrations will be held throughout the week of Oct. 3 with the theme of Around The World in Seven Days.

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

Rodriguez said each student organization will determine their theme based on their skills and talents. The team or organization that finishes with the most points will win a cash prize of $200. The second-place team will win $125 and third-place team will win $75.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Escandon referred to Bertha Toscano, a 97-year-old graduate who earned her degree in Spanish in 1933 and comes from Mexico City. She is currently living in Sunland Park, New Mexico.

The seven colleges of the university will recognize the outstanding recipients, among them the Golden Grads, who have already graduated, at the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner Oct. 8 at the Don Haskins Center.

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

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

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

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Column

Stull rallies student support

BOB STULL
Special to The Prospector

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

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

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

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

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

Bob Stull is the UTEP Athletic Director.
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Jose Cardenas is the president of Morris Caribbean Inc., a consulting civil engineering firm based in El Paso. He also serves as a board member of the Alumni Academy of Civil Engineers of UTEP and chair of the engineering advisory board.

"I feel a special connection with UTEP because it was the start of my professional career and because over the past 20 years I have hired a lot of UTEP graduates," Cardenas said. David Rapisand is the director of human resources for ASARCO, which is the parent company of jet fighter manufacturer General Dynamics Co., which is the nation's leading manufacturer of jet fighters based in Fort Worth, Texas. In 1976, he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish at the University of New Mexico and a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering at the University of New Mexico.

"All of my memories are fantastic, especially regarding the professors and the way everyone engaged in campus life, it has turned into part of their lives. It has been a fine institution," said Martha Broadbent, member all those good years. "I want to encourage current students and my goal is to get opportunities for them," Rapisand said. At UTEP because it was the start of my professional career and because of the alumni back at UTEP as I feel proud to study at UTEP, "said Laura Rodarte, freshman pre-engineering major.

Miners tame Lobos for third straight win
BY ALEX MORALES
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For the third straight game, the Miners’ defense did not allow an opponent to gain 300 yards of total offense as UTEP beat the University of New Mexico 38-20 in Albuquerque Oct. 2. "The Miners’ (4-1, 1-1 Conference USA) defense only allowed the Lobos to score one offensive touchdonw in the entire game. UNM’s lone touchdown came after Vernon Finster fumbled on the Miner 28-yard line during UTEP’s opening drive. The Miners limited the Lobos to only 227 yards of total offense. They continued to produce turnovers as they forced UNM to cough up the ball three times, two came via interceptions while the other one was a game-ending fumble. "We only really gave up seven points on defense today," head coach Mike Price said. "They played really, really hard and played well." Senior quarterback Trevor Vittatoe and company were back on track after being out of sync the last week. Vittatoe completed 28 of 50 passes for 382 yards and two touchdowns, and senior wide receiver Kris Adams attempts a catch in the back of the end zone Oct. 2 at University Field in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Miners beat the Lobos 38-20.
Wooden Award watch list

UTEP senior guard Randy Culpepper is one of 50 players on the preseason watch list for the John R. Wooden Award. The list is comprised of 50 student-athletes who, based on last year’s individual performance and team records, are the early frontrunners for college basketball’s most prestigious honor.

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

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

Women’s basketball begins practice

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

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

Senior receiver Kris Adams was Vittatoe’s favorite target of the night as he caught five balls for 141 yards with two touchdowns. He now has 415 yards receiving on the season with three touchdowns.

"I’m just trying to get back to where I was because last year was kind of a bad year for us," Adams said. "It’s kind of hard for me to let that go, and it kind of drives me to play better and it makes me want to do the right thing."

Junior running back Joe Baynard started the game for the Miners as Donald Buckram’s recovering knee kept him on the sidelines. Baynard carried the ball 15 times for 90 yards with one touchdown. His touchdown came on a 10-yard run in the first quarter to make it 14 to 7 UTEP.

Junior running back Lathyn Miles was the second leading rusher for the Miners as he rushed 16 times for 103 yards and one touchdown.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“The emergence of senior wide receiver Kris Adams after a disappointing 2009 season has helped UTEP spread out the defense on the field, so Adams is a big play threat. He has caught 10 balls for 119 yards with five touchdowns and is averaging 25 yards per catch. His longest catch this year is a 68-yard touchdown against NMSU Sept. 18.”

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

Sophomore Michigan transfer and You Tube sensation Sam McGuffie leads the Owls with 68 carries for 255 yards and two touchdowns. He has also caught 24 balls for 201 yards and one touchdown.

“Two of (Rice’s) best players are transfers. Their running back, McGuffie, transferred from Michigan,” Price said. “I know about them, everybody in Texas tried to recruit them. They came to Rice and they are doing a good job.”

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

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

UTEP has struggled against Rice, last year, the Owls were 1-9 entering the game and came back from huge deficits to win.

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

Miners look to keep Owls grounded

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Wide receiver Evan Davis avoids tacklers after making a catch.

The Marching Miners

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Miner volleyball opened its home conference schedule Oct. 3 at Memorial Gym, versus the Houston Cougars. The Miners, who were looking to bounce back from a 3-0 defeat at Rice Oct. 1, were in contention straight out of the gate, with quick, experienced Houston.”

“We saw a lot of really good players on our side of the net and we saw several of our players work at really high-level,” head coach Kim McFarley said. “But it seemed like what we saw today was more of a player make a really good play and then make an error.”

The Miners had 21 errors in the match, including 11 in the third set alone. The Cougars committed 12 of those errors and four points blocking by the UTEP frontline. The Cougars blocked the Miners 13 times. 

“Nothing really clicking for us today, maybe we weren’t ready,” senior setter Patty Jarmoc, who registered 23 assists in the opening play of senior setter Patty Jarmoc, said. “I’m disappointed in the loss, and we could have been better, but we have to get back in the gym this week, work hard and pull out a win in the Mandarin.”

The Cougars came out swinging in the second set, taking off to a 6-0 lead. The Miners had two errors by the Miners. UTEP finally got on the board when redshirt freshman blocker Jeanne Horton, who registered 23 assists in the opening play of senior setter Patty Jarmoc, registered a kill. Horton had three in the set. UTEP was able to keep it close in the first, behind the starting lineup of senior setter Patty Jarmoc, who registered 23 assists in the opening play of senior setter Patty Jarmoc, but was able to cut the deficit in half at 13-15.

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The Chalk the Block festival along with the El Paso Community Foundation are partnering to host the free event.

"Chalk the Block is a great opportunity for local artists to let their talent unfold before our eyes," said Nancy Lopez, El Paso Public Art Program specialist.

Over 100 local chalk artists will put their unique twist on the practice of street painting, a traditional art form that originated in Europe during the 16th century.

"This festival is specifically designed to help local artists promote their work," Lopez said. "The festival doesn't just include great chalk art. Live music, interactive sculptures, theatrical puppet shows, costumed stilts walkers, aerial acrobatics, dance performers and professional skaters participating in a demo will be set up for the festival. Artists will take over everything from jewelry to photography."

"Chalk the Block is a great opportunity for local musicians it can give them a way to get the community more involved in the music scene." said Marisol Lopez, El Paso Public Art Program specialist.

"We get to crush cars with a 30-foot tall robotic hand that can be controlled interactively from a glow. This artwork will give people moments the chance to crush cars through the power of the substances."

"I'm excited about the fused sculptures this year. It's something to look forward to," Lopez said. "Who gets to crush cars with a 30-foot tall robotic hand everyday?"

"Chalk the Block complete schedules can be downloaded from the website www.chalktheblock.com/detials.html before they reach next year's event."
Clubs gear up for global themed parade

BY ALEJANDRO ALBA

Over 30 UTEP organizations will come together to make part in the homecoming parade at noon Oct. 8 in the P-9 parking lot. The parade brings everyone to show what they’ve got, “said Fer- nandez, freshman pre-business major and member of Alpha Xi Delta. “It might be a little overwhelming, but it will be worth it.”

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“This is a great way for organizations to show what they’re up to,” said Erika Portillo, Campus Activities Board coordinator. “They also get their bragging rights.”

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

Student organizations will construct the floats used by the organizations are either donated or bought through fundraising. “Th ey gave us a lot of advice on what materials to use,” said Alejandro Alba, an engineering student.

Some girls came out and tried to touch the audience chairs and even a few foreign phrases. The audience were pretty well continuing repeating of one or two words over and over. They made it feel vaguely cultish. Two of the other girls took to the microphone stand, not realizing the microphone was not theirs. I chuckled. Then they started to come out. One started to sing and then forgot the words. One came out and sang the same song perfectly. The same man also made a James Bond pose during the formal section.

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

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Best Movie Theater__________________________
Best Place to Bowl__________________________
Best Billiards__________________________
Favorite Store__________________________
Best Car Wash__________________________

CAMPUS & CLASSES
Favorite Mode of Transportation__________________________
Best Professor__________________________
Best Department__________________________
Best Major__________________________
Best Make-out Spot on Campus__________________________
Best Place to Catch a Nap__________________________
Best Place to Park on Campus__________________________
Best Place to Work on Campus__________________________
Best Place to Eat on Campus__________________________
Best Place to Hangout on Campus__________________________
Best Place to Study on Campus__________________________
Best Place to Tailgate__________________________

SERVICES
Best Place to Work__________________________
Best Phone Service__________________________
Best Customer Service__________________________
Best Supermarket__________________________
Best Bakery__________________________
Best Tattoos__________________________
Best Bank__________________________
Best Place to Buy Textbooks__________________________