Campus brings Disney homecoming theme

By Amanda Guillen

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 RSOlympics, and can compete in events like Jeopardy, 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

This (theme) can kind of get everyone involved and can take them back to childhood memories.

- Luis Torres, sophomore music theater major

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Government shutdown petty

By Jasmine Aguilera
The Prospector

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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. This means those without health insurance will have to work without knowing when they will receive their next pay check.

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Should there be a government shutdown, 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.

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Distinguished Alumni, Gold Nuggets awards to stall for centennial year

BY AMANDA GUILLEN

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 bring this collective success and achievements of our alumni to the coming centennial year 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 Provision; Yolanda Berumen-Deines, the President of the UTEP Alumni Association and the University; Charles Garcia and Irene Rico, the President of the College of Business Administration.

The College of Science: Tony Harper, secretary of the College of Science, and Ray Malooly, chairman of the Board of Regents.

The College of Liberal Arts: Ray Malooly, chairman of the Board of Regents, and Susana Navarro, the President of the College of Liberal Arts.

The College of Engineering: Laura Bosworth Bucher, chair of the Board of Regents, and Stan Harmon, the President of the College of Engineering.

The College of Education: Ramon Dominguez, chairman of the Board of Regents, and Ray Malooly, chairman of the Board of Regents.

The College of Health Sciences: Tony Harper and Ray Malooly, chairman of the Board of Regents.

The College of Humanities and Fine Arts: John Lapham, chairman of the Board of Regents, and Robert Wingo, CEO of Sanders and Wingo Marketing.

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

-Richard Daniel, executive director for alumni relations

Tony Harper is a recipient of this year’s Gold Nugget award by the College of Health Sciences.
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 homecoming parades. "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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Biometric plan to track entry, exit of foreign visitors won’t be ready until 2015

BY NICK PRETE
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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, 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 as 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 museums 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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People visit the Natural History Museum before its likely closing due to the government shutdown.

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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
“It like it, kind of goes with the school, such as dreams come true, but you have to work hard though.”

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Freshman anthropology major
“I think it’s cute. I am in the French Club and time grew up with, so it will bring back those memories.”

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

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**JUAN GRAJEDA**
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“I think it’s awesome, everyone is a kid at heart.”
Students gathered at the union 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.
Disney princesses are still a favorite, reasurers 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 princesses portrayed the idea of want, independent and assertive.

PRINCESS BELLE
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.

“She 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 in her article.

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 Annya 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.

“Theres the passive heroine, 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
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 get the image of 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 character-istic 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’Connor 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 despise the Disney princess franchise, it remains influential and popular within the Disney Company and UTEP’s homecoming theme.

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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 homecoming 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.
"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 role 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 were then asked questions into each category of the competition. 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. "I plan to represent UTEP by speaking about the great potential at the university."

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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, 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 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, along with HDMI port, micro USB and SD card slot. The Pro also has Beats Audio built in, with productivity apps preloaded. 

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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, it's 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 Beats Audio features to help create a better experience while using headphones.

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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 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, along with HDMI port, micro USB and SD card slot. The Pro also has Beats Audio built in, with productivity apps preloaded. 

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A winning formula for fashion

By Andrea Acosta

A winning formula for fashion

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

"At first this was just a hobby, 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 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 final measurement of the waist."

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

"I have written a lot of comments to 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."

Although Hamric is a sophomore forensic science major, she said that he would be interested in wearing bow ties 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 not to 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 have 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 shop. He is the one who helps me deliver my packages—he's awesome."

Although it may seem like Hamric has a lot of time for school or even her personal relationships, 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 much she might get dur ing a week."

Hamric said her fashion style is vintage, which she said she has been using as much 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 fashionable, 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 fall 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, has many girls who are looking to sport their guilty pleasure in comics in a more fashionable manner. "I would love to have a 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." I've gotten a lot of compliments on my 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."

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

“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 363 passing yards and rushing for one more. The dual-threat quarterback will have the attention of the Louisiana Tech 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 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

BY ELLISIA SHAFER
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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 debated in conference play with a 3-1 win over Louisiana Tech on Sep. 27, but fell two days later at Tulane in 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 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.

Their first four games, in the UTEP/NSU 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 victory 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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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.
Hawaii native makes final stand

BY ELISSA SHAFER
The Prospector

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 as a result she was voted team captain by her teammates and is one of the team’s leaders.

Patterson was recently named All Conference USA Second Team Setter for her performances 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 definately nice to have on the team."

Originally from Honolulu, Hawaii, Patterson attended Punahou High School, where she played five years of club volleyball. In 1999, Patterson led her team to a ILH (Interscholastic League of Honolulu) Championship, where her team finished second.

Patterson’s middle name is Kawehuakalan, 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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By Edwin Delgado

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 Citaia 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 pressure 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.

"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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INBRIEF

**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 (77-76-77-72). Roberto Ruiz tied for 49th place (76-78-77-72), Martin Simonsen tied for 58th place (75-78-79-73) 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.

**OMEGA HARRIS COMETS 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.