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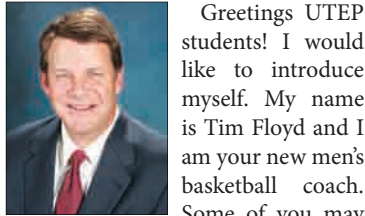
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Column

A message from Coach Floyd

BY TIM FLOYD
Special to The Prospector



Greetings UTEP students! I would like to introduce myself. My name is Tim Floyd and I am your new men's basketball coach. Some of you may know that I was an assistant coach here back in the late '70s and early '80s, working for Don Haskins. Those were some of the best years of my life. I am so excited to be back in El Paso. It is such a beautiful place with the best fans in America!

I have so many fond memories of my first time in El Paso. We won four straight Western Athletic Conference titles from 1983-86, and won the WAC Tournament two of those years. Our team was ranked as high as fifth in the nation during the 1983-84 season. That year the Miners began an unprecedented run, appearing in seven consecutive NCAA Tournaments.

Back then UTEP Basketball was such a hot ticket, the students would camp out before the games. Then 12,222 fans would pack the arena on game day and the visiting team didn't stand a chance. From 1983-86 – my last three seasons on coach Haskins'

staff – we sold out a whopping 25 home games.

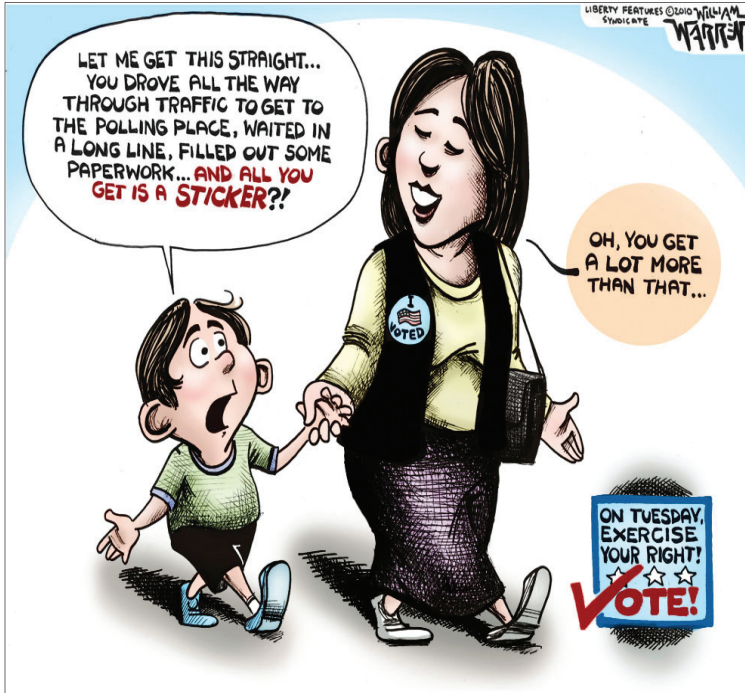
Our staff will work just as tirelessly as we did in the '70s and '80s to build a basketball program that regularly competes for conference titles and NCAA Tournament bids. We will work equally as hard to establish a strong bond between the UTEP basketball program and the student body. But in order to reach all of our goals, we need your help. I want the Haskins Center to be just as rocking night in and night out as it was 25 years ago, and for that to happen a strong turnout from the students is critical!

Your support will help us build an insurmountable home court advantage, one that will pay dividends when the Conference USA Tournament returns to El Paso in March.

We tip off the regular season versus Pacific on Friday, Nov. 12. UTEP hasn't sold out its first home game of the season since 1986, so I'm asking you to play your part in filling the Haskins Center. All students get in free with a valid I.D., so what's stopping you from being there to cheer on YOUR team?

Come early, be loud and be proud! And Go Miners!

Tim Floyd, UTEP men's basketball coach



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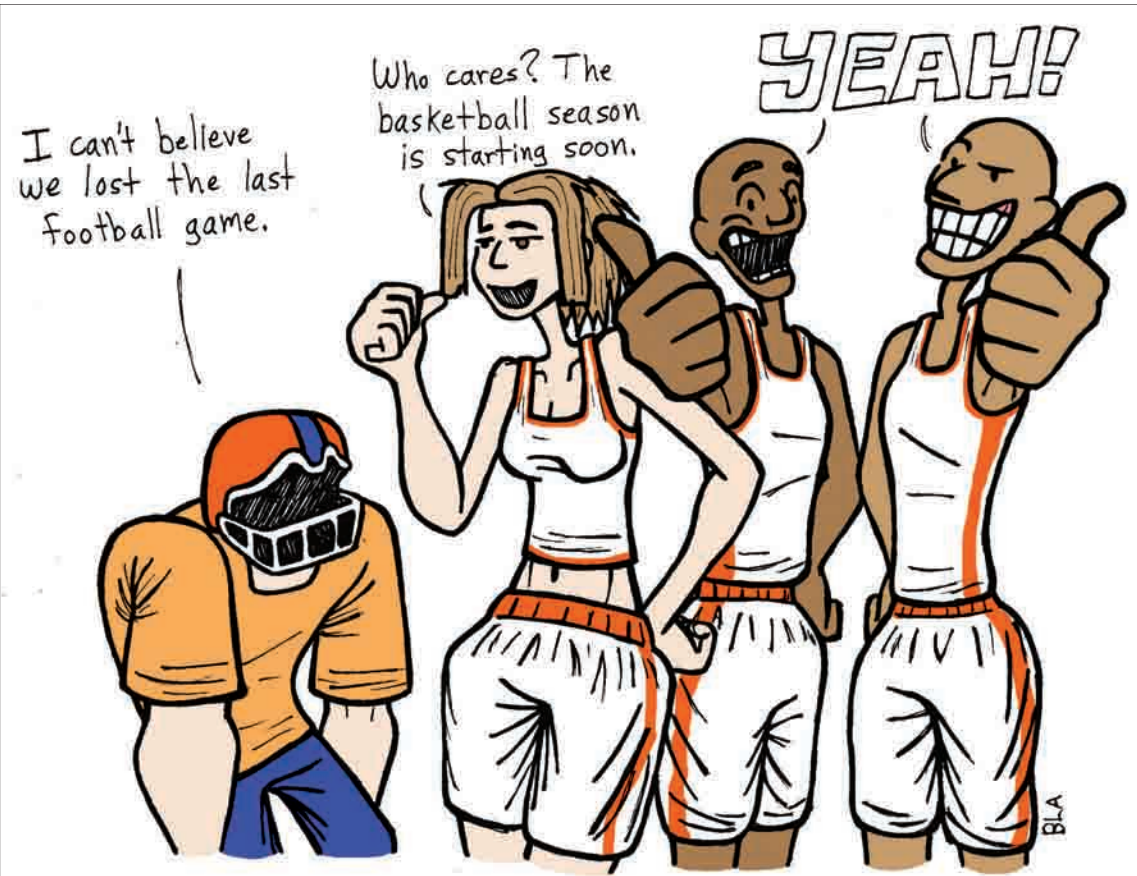
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Safety Alert system questioned

BY AARON MARTINEZ
The Prospector

Students have expressed concerns over the fact that a text alert was not sent out to students after an incident involving an alleged gunman on campus.

"I didn't know anything about it until I was told in one of my university classes," said David Portillo, freshman criminal justice major. "It's crazy that nobody was even aware this happened on campus. They did not even send out the text message alert system."

The UTEP Police Department received a report at approximately 11 a.m. Oct. 22 of a man on campus suspected of carrying a handgun by the Liberal Arts Building in the inner campus 2 parking lot. According to Robert Moss, assistant vice president of the environmental, health and safety department, UTEP police responded and declared the campus safe within five minutes of the call.

"A call did go into dispatch and the message that was conveyed to them was the possibility of a weapon, so what they did was dispatch to verify, which is very routine. Essentially, you don't want to cause a panic or an alert, you want to get ahead of what is going on in the situation," Moss said. "I went through a considerable review of the records on this and in my view, the dispatcher did a very thorough job, the officers as well, to check into the immediate report, and within 25 minutes they had concluded there was no issue going on here. In fact, they had concluded that (no suspect was on campus) within the first couple of minutes."

Moss said after UTEP police made the determination that there was no threat to students, the decision not to send out a text message was made by the department. According to Moss, permission from the UTEP police chief is not needed to send out an emergency text message alert when there is an immediate threat.

"The campus dispatchers are really the first parties who could send a message out. What they have to do is make a judgment call about the validity of the situation and whether or not there is a continuing present threat," Moss said. "(This) frequently means some level of validation, had the responding officers pulled up to the parking area and actually had visual of the suspect, that would have initiated a text alert right there."

registered for the text message alert system has gone up to 14,400.

"Since registration began, we have seen the number of students enroll(ed) dramatically increase," Moss said. "We went from a couple of thousand students registered for it to well over 10,000 now, and I believe as students continue to register for their classes, that number will continue to increase. We could be at 18,000 or 19,000 by the time registration is over."

Moss said the alert system will only be used in emergency situations where there is a continuing threat to students.

"The alert system is reserved for use only in valid emergencies where emergency personnel have had the opportunity to ensure there is a credible continuing threat to campus, and it will not be used to send unsubstantiated warnings through the messaging system," Moss said. "Only valid, active threats will be communicated using Miner Alert."

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- 10:55 a.m. One unit at scene, unable to locate car in lot reported (Inner Campus Lot 2, Liberal Arts Building).
- 10:58 a.m. Units searched reported area and IC-11 (behind Liberal Arts Building).
- 11:00 a.m. No red vehicle located, also calls from multiple witnesses in the Department of Liberal Arts office came in wanting to speak with officers.
- 11:02 a.m. Report modified –by either initial caller or from Liberal Arts calls – saying there was a man holding up a gun and looking at the possible gun.
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Delta Lambda Phi

Collects Support for the Gay Community

UTEP Fraternity celebrates National Coming Out Day, Queer History Month, and responds to a recent influx of suicides within the young, sexual minority community.

The UTEP colony of Delta Lambda Phi (DLP), the nation's first and only fraternity for gay, bisexual, and progressive men, is proud to offer the following list of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Queer, and Intersexed (LGBTQI) persons and allies. For the second year in a row, DLP has gathered names of LGBTQI persons so that they may "come out of the closet" and provided a space for allies to show their support of the LGBTQI community at-large. The hope of the fraternity is that this list will serve as an example and reminder of the positive, progressive attitudes across the UTEP campus, and encourage both LGBTQI persons and allies alike to feel accepted, appreciated, and most importantly- safe.

Furthermore, this list serves as a response to the recent influx of suicides which have been documented across the county within the young LGBTQI community; including an eleven-year-old, and a fourteen-year-old who took their own lives after being taunted over their perceived sexuality. DLP hopes that the support shown below can act as a source of hope and an agent of change for anyone who may be thinking of harming themselves.

Delta Lambda Phi would like to thank all who participated in this project, especially those who expressed their support as allies. For more information on the fraternity, please visit www.dlp.org, or email us at utep.dlp@gmail.com. UTEP also offers resources through the Rainbow Miner Initiative (RMI), and the Queer Student Alliance (QSA). Information about these organizations can be found at the Student Development Center.



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Politics

Pivotal races decided Nov. 2

BY DIANA ARRIETA

The Prospector

Texans will decide their future on Election Day Nov. 2, when they will vote for the men and women who will run the state for the next four years.

Safety issues, the state of the economy and immigration are some of the topics drawing El Paso's voters to the polls.

Texans will not be the only ones electing political leaders. The entire country will go to the polls to elect 435 representatives in the U.S. House and 37 of the 100 seats in the Senate. Also 37 states will have a gubernatorial election, while many others will have state legislative elections and local races.

Republican Rick Perry, who is running for his third term in office, and Democrat Bill White, are the two strongest candidates for the position of governor of Texas. Texans will also choose lieutenant governor and state representatives.

"Our vote can really make a difference, voting is really important," said Yvette Hernandez, senior criminal justice major. "Regardless of what party we belong to, voting will determine the outcome."

Early voting for the November election started Oct. 18 and continued through Oct. 29. UTEP students, faculty and staff had a chance to vote at the Union Building East Oct. 19 and 20.

"Students on campus have been supportive," said W.F. Rodriguez, election judge for Mobile One at UTEP's early voting stations. "We had a total of 246 voters on Oct. 19, without counting faculty and staff, so we hope they keep it up from now until Election Day."

According to the El Paso County Election Department, a total of 42,251 people voted during the early voting period, a number that represents 11.1 percent of the registered voters.

While Texas has been a Republican state for many years, students at UTEP said their vote can contribute to the process of change.

"I feel that the changes in demographics that are occurring in our state will influence the vote," said Janet Quiroz, senior industrial engineering major. "With the growth

of the Hispanic population in Texas, I think the Democrats will start getting stronger and stronger."

Among the issues that are most important to voters is border safety.

"I feel border safety really needs to be taken care of, especially when we find ourselves right next to Mexico," said Adriana Hernandez, junior speech pathology major. "Here at UTEP, we have many

students who cross over to Juárez and it's stressful to think about all the violence that is out there."

While border security is an important topic, other issues will also be on voters' minds as they prepare to vote for their candidate.

"I feel that issues such as health care, the economy and education are some of the subjects that will be on peoples' minds before voting," Quiroz said. "I'm really looking forward to what will happen."

For information about local races and polling places, visit El Paso County Elections Department at www.co.el-paso.tx.us/elections/. For information about state races, visit Texas Secretary of State <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/>.

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Left: Pablo Hernandez, freshman printmaking major, decorates the Union for Halloween.
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Right: UTEP Miners dress-up as garden gnomes for Halloween.

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Football

Miners fall short to Marshall, look ahead to SMU



File Photo

Senior wide receiver Kris Adams attempts a catch against Marshall last year at the Sun Bowl.

Basketball

Forward provides experience to young team

BY ALEX MORALES
The Prospector

The women's basketball team struggled last year without having a true presence inside, but that all changed Jan. 10 when Anete Steinberga debuted with 24 points off the bench.

The sophomore forward played in the last 15 games of the season, only to average a little more than nine points a game and grabbing more than seven rebounds. This earned her a spot on the All-Conference USA Freshman team. She hopes to bring qualities to the team that they lacked last year.

"This year, I expect to bring to the team more rebounding, better defense, stronger offense, be good as a teammate, help newcomers and all that great stuff," Steinberga said.

Though Steinberga is new to playing at the college level, she is a veteran when it comes to basketball. She played on the Latvia National Team since she was 16 years old, leading her team to a third-place finish in the U20 European Championship. Head coach Keitha Adams hopes she will bring that leadership to a relatively young team.

"She has played a lot of basketball and has a lot of experience," Adams said. "That is one of the things that does help when you have kids that

have played a lot in the summers, but she gained quite a bit of experience in that one semester last year as a freshman for us."

Even though Steinberga is young, her teammate junior guard Dietra Caldwell thinks she will help the team immensely in places where the team lacked talent and depth. Caldwell has noticed Steinberga's knack to grab rebounds and loose balls.

"Any team would be lucky to have her and just knowing that she is in there with our outside game, it's more of a comfortable feeling," Caldwell said. "It's good to know that you can shoot the ball and 'Burger' is going to hunt it down. She is going to go get it."

Adams expects Steinberga to continue to grow and be a big contributor to the team. She is impressed with the strides she has made during practice with free throws and Steinberga's desire to handle the ball in stressful situations.

"That is an area [free throw percentage] that she has wanted to improve on," Adams said. "For her to want it in the pressure situation, that's good."

If the situation calls for it, Steinberga does not hesitate to take a leadership role, despite being a sophomore to the team. Her teammates realize that she has a lot of ex-



DIANA AMARO / The Prospector

Sophomore forward Anete Steinberga attempts a free throw during practice at the Don Haskins Center.

perience that can be beneficial to the team and make them better.

"Her being very experienced helps the team with the other post players," Caldwell said. "Like I said, she leads with her actions. So by her doing things right the first time, it helps the new people."

Even though the team is young and still green, there is a lot of excitement since El Paso will host the

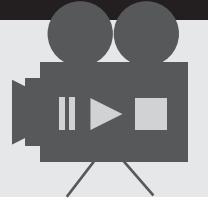
conference tournament for the first time in Conference USA history.

"The most exciting thing is the tournament is going to be in El Paso," Steinberga said. "I think we have a great opportunity to bring all these people who give us support and show our best to them. Give good emotions to ourselves and give them back for their support for us."

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VIDEO

Visit The Prospector's online multimedia section to watch video of the Mike Price press conference.



After the ensuing penalty the Thundering Herd's running back Tron Martinez punched in the winning touchdown from one yard out to seal the game 16-12.

Vittatoe finished the game completing 22 of 40 passes for 229 yards with one touchdown and one interception. Adams extended his streak to 33 consecutive games with a catch. He finished the game with six receptions for 82 yards and a touchdown.

Marshall was only able to score on two possessions, but it was enough for the victory. On their opening drive, quarterback Brian Smith completed a four-yard pass to wide receiver Aaron Dobson for a touchdown. The Thundering Herd offense did not get on the scoreboard again until Martinez's last-minute touchdown run.

"We are just finding unusual ways to make mistakes right now," Price said. "We are going to get away from that. I know there are some of you who think they can help me but if you can write it down on a napkin and submit it."

Next up for the Miners is Southern Methodist University who is coming off a 31-17 comeback victory against Tulane. With the win the Mustangs improve to 5-4 on the year and 4-1 in conference, good enough for a tie with Houston in C-USA's Western Division.

The Mustangs are led by quarterback Kyle Padron who has completed 58 percent of his passes for 2,490 yards with 22 touchdowns. His main go-to receiver is Cole Beasley who has caught 55 passes for 718 yards with five touchdowns.

SMU has a back who is capable of running the ball in sophomore Zach Line who has rushed the ball 138 times for 936 yards and seven touchdowns this year. Padron is the second leading rusher on the team with 347 yards with two rushing touchdowns.

"(June Jones) is real simple with everything he does. He just does it really good," Price said. "You know they're going to run a draw...he doesn't change plays all the time, they just run them better."

The last time SMU and UTEP faced off, the Mustangs defeated the Miners in Dallas 35-31. The Mustangs see SMU on page 11

Column Basketball memories

BY DAVID ACOSTA
The Prospector



I credit my uncle for making me a Miner fan at a very young age. My father wasn't a huge sports fan and sports just weren't that big around my house. But after school, at my grandparent's house, sports were very important, especially "los Miners," as my uncle called them. At the time, he was in his late twenties and attending UTEP.

In March 1987, I was in the fifth grade (yes, I am dating myself) and it was the first year I actually kept up with the Miners basketball team. The Miners, led by a quick senior guard by the name of "Jeep" Jackson, who passed away later that summer due to a heart condition, upset the Arizona Wildcats, on their home court, in overtime in the first round of the NCAA tournament. Also on that team were two future NBA stars, up and coming sophomore point guard Tim Hardaway and sophomore forward Antonio Davis.

I had to run home from school, just hoping to catch the fourth quarter. I could hear my uncle yelling from half a block away. When I walked in the house, out of breath, I was stunned, the Miners were down by one point with six seconds left in the game. As I threw

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Dribble, shoot, score

2010-2011 Men's Basketball schedule

Date	Opponent / Event	Location/Time
11/05	vs. Texas A&M	Home 7:05 p.m.
11/12	vs. Pacific	Home 7:05 p.m.

Legends Classic Regional Rounds

11/14	vs. Mercer	Home	12:00 p.m.
11/20	vs. Western Carolina	Home	8:30 p.m.
11/23	vs. New Mexico State	Home	7:05 p.m.

Legends Classic Championship Rounds

11/26	vs. Georgia Tech	Away	3:30 p.m.
11/27	Michigan/Syracuse	Away	TBA
11/30	at NMSU	Away	7:00 p.m.
12/12	vs. Arkansas - Pine Bluff	Home	7:05 p.m.
12/15	vs. Louisiana-Monroe	Home	7:05 p.m.
12/18	vs. Texas Tech	Home	8:00 p.m.
12/20	vs. Stephen F. Austin	Home	8:30 p.m.
12/23	at BYU	Away	7:00 p.m.

Bank of the West Don Haskins Sun Bowl Invitational

12/28	vs. Western New Mexico	Home	7:00 p.m.
12/29	vs. Air Force	Home	7:30 p.m.
01/02	vs. Sam Houston State	Home	2:00 p.m.
01/05	vs. Tulsa *	Home	7:05 p.m.
01/08	at UAB *	Away	2:00 p.m.
01/12	at Tulane *	Away	6:00 p.m.
01/15	vs. Rice *	Home	7:05 p.m.
01/22	at Houston *	Away	6:00 p.m.
01/26	vs. Tulane *	Home	7:05 p.m.
01/29	at Tulsa *	Away	6:00 p.m.
02/02	vs. UCF *	Home	7:00 p.m.
02/05	at Rice *	Away	1:00 p.m.
02/12	vs. SMU *	Home	7:05 p.m.
02/16	at Southern Miss	Away	6:00 p.m.
02/19	vs. Houston *	Home	7:05 p.m.
02/23	at East Carolina *	Away	5:00 p.m.
02/26	vs. Memphis *	Home	1:00 p.m.
03/02	vs. Marshall *	Home	7:05 p.m.
03/05	at SMU *	Away	1:00 p.m.

* = Conference game

Men look to defend C-USA title as season begins

BY DAVID ACOSTA

The Prospector

New basketball head coach Tim Floyd has put his team through demanding practices in the last several weeks in preparation for their final exhibition game against Texas A&M-Kingsville Nov. 5 at the Don Haskins Center. The Miners begin the long road to defend their regular season Conference USA title and earn a second straight NCAA Tournament bid on Nov. 12, in their non-conference home opener against Pacific.

"Every game is going to be a tough game, even the exhibitions," senior small forward Jeremy Williams said. "We're going to learn new things throughout the (non-conference schedule) and I'm pretty sure by the time we get to conference, we'll be good."

The Miner's hopes of again extending their season into March rests on a veteran squad that returns seven seniors from a team that finished the season 26-7 overall and 15-1 in C-USA in 2009-10. The backcourt of Julian Stone, Christian Polk and 2009-10 C-USA Player of the Year Randy Culppepper all return for their senior season in orange and blue. The trio started in a combined 81 games last season, with Culppepper and Stone starting every game for the Miners. Stone enters this season needing just 33 assists to surpass UTEP legend Tim Hardaway as the school's all-time assists leader.

"No two seasons are the same, and no two games are the same," Floyd said. "We've got a bunch of guys that are veterans in the backcourt. In college games you typically have a chance to win if you've got a good backcourt, I think we do."

During preparations for his first season, Floyd has said he hopes to impose a pro-style set offense, which relies on the ability of the guards to get the ball down low to its big men early and often. This offseason, the Miners lost two of its three best frontcourt players, forward/center Derrick Character, who is now with the Los Angeles Lakers, and forward Arnet Moultrie, who transferred to Mississippi State following former head coach Tony Barbee's departure.

"Last year was really the only year with a legitimate big man," junior guard/forward Gabe McCulley said. "We've been playing together, the majority of us, for two or three years, so we're not really worried about that."

Returning for their senior season in the paint are Williams and center Claude Britten. Last season, Williams averaged 10 points a game, third best on the team, playing in every game and starting in 18. While Brit-

ten and senior center Wayne Portalatin were mainly used off the bench last year, the Miners hope that their sizes (6 feet 11 inches and 6 feet 10 inches, respectively) and depth can be a factor in the post. Waiting in the wings is 6-foot-10-inch freshman center John Bohannon from Dallas, Texas. Bohannon was rated a top 20 prospect in the state by TexasHoops.com.

"Our identity this year is going to be all about defense," freshman guard Michael Perez said. "Coach Floyd has been preaching that to us in practice and we've been working really hard on that end of the court."

In its non-conference schedule, the Miners will face up to nine teams that had 20-plus wins last year. Their first opponent of the season, Pacific, finished with a 23-12 record, a tie for the Big West championship and a loss in the CollegeInsider.com Tournament finals.

"It's a very challenging schedule, teams that the casual fan might say, 'well that team may not be very good,'" Floyd said. "Pacific won 23 games last year, Sam Houston State gave Baylor all they wanted in their first round game a year ago in the NCAA, Stephen F. almost won their conference final... it's a bunch."

Following Pacific, the Miners will face Georgia Tech (23-19 in 2010, lost in second round of NCAA Tournament) Nov. 26 in Atlantic City at the 2010 Legends Classic. The runner-up and championship games take place the following day; UTEP would face either Michigan or Syracuse.

UTEP takes on I-10 rival NMSU Nov. 23 in El Paso and Nov. 30 in Las Cruces. Last season NMSU won the WAC Tournament to earn a bid to the NCAA Tournament. This will be the team's 199th and 200th meeting. In December, the team faces 19-game winner Texas Tech and renews a pair of rivalries from the old Western Athletic Conference against BYU and Air Force.

Last season, the Miners were able to take the regular season title from perennial champion Memphis. In doing so, UTEP ended the Tigers' 64-game conference win streak with a dramatic 72-67 victory in Tennessee. On Feb. 26, Memphis comes to The Don looking to avenge that loss. With the game coming late in the season, this could be a battle of the two best teams in C-USA.

On Jan. 22, the team travels to face Houston. The Cougars handed the Miners their only loss in C-USA last season, defeating UTEP 75-65 at Houston. UTEP evened up the series, defeating the Cougars 65-58 in El Paso. The rubber match came in the C-USA tournament final with the Cougars defeating the Miners by a score of 81-73, giving the Cougars an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

"It's going to be hard to get to the point where people start to see us as (defending) C-USA champion...but last year is over with. We have to focus on this year," Williams said. "We are definitely good enough to win another championship. Its just all about how we take each game."

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File photo

Junior guard Dietra Caldwell returns as a starter for the 2010-11 season.

Women gear up for winning season

BY SAL GUERRERO

The Prospector

In less than one week the UTEP women's basketball team will gear up for the start of the 2010-11 season.

Last year the Miners finished the season 16-16, posting an impressive 12-4 record at home. Under the direction of head coach Keitha Adams, UTEP looks to better that mark this season and contend for a Conference USA title.

Adams is heading into her 10th year as head coach of the Miners. Her 139-129 overall record made her the winningest coach in program history.

Over the last two weeks, Adams and her assistant coaches have been preparing the team for their debut in an exhibition game Nov. 7 against St. Mary's University.

"We've been working hard. We've had some grueling and hard practices, and we've been going after it," Adams said. "Where we are at this stage, I like our mix."

The Miners return three starters from last season and seven letter-winners. Leading the pack at point guard is junior Briana Green who has been a starter over the last two seasons.

Green has battled a lingering knee injury over the last two years, but the guard has not let that deter her play, averaging 8.2 points per game.

"(My knee) is never going to be 100 percent, but I am just going to play through it," Green said. "I am not going to let that hold me back and I know what I can do, so I am just going to keep bringing it every game."

Junior guard Dietra Caldwell and senior guard Svitlana Trukshanina also return this season. Caldwell has been a force at guard, shooting 45 percent from the floor. Last season she recorded the second triple-double in school history against Tulsa. Trukshanina is one of four seniors on the squad and the only three-year letter-winner on the team. She is a career 44-percent three-point field goal shooter.

The Miners look solid at the forward position with six players over 6-feet tall. Sophomore Anete Steinberga looks to head the game in the paint. She was selected to the All C-USA Freshman Team playing in only 15 games last season, averaging 7.4 rebounds per game.

"I like our presence inside and I think we can go inside and score. I like to think that we have a balanced attack," Adams said. "We just need to get better defensively."

The Miners have already suffered a setback this year losing Colorado transfer guard Whitney Houston to a knee injury for 2010-11 season.

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2010-2011 Women's Basketball schedule

Date	Opponent / Event	Location/Time
11/07	vs. St. Mary's (Texas) #	Home 2:05 p.m.
11/13	vs. UC Irvine	Home 2:05 p.m.
11/17	vs. New Mexico State	Home 7:05 p.m.
11/20	vs. Eastern New Mexico	Home 6:05 p.m.
11/22	vs. Alcorn State	Home 7:05 p.m.

Fourth-Annual UTEP Thanksgiving Classic

11/26	vs. Idaho State	Home	4:35 p.m.
11/27	TBD	Home	TBA
12/03	vs. Cal State Northridge	Home	7:05 p.m.
12/11	vs UC Santa Barbara	Away	8:00 p.m.
12/17	vs. Texas State	Home	7:05 p.m.
12/20	vs. New Mexico	Home	6:00 p.m.
12/22	at Denver	Away	7:00 p.m.
01/02	at New Mexico State	Away	2:05 p.m.
01/06	vs. East Carolina*	Home	7:05 p.m.
01/09	at Marshall *	Away	3:00 p.m.
01/13	at Memphis *	Away	6:00 p.m.
01/16	vs. Houston	Home	2:05 p.m.
01/20	vs. Rice *	Home	7:05 p.m.
01/23	at SMU *	Away	1:00 p.m.
01/27	vs. Tulsa *	Home	7:05 p.m.
01/30	at Tulane *	Away	1:00 p.m.
02/06	vs. UAB *	Home	2:05 p.m.
02/10	at UCF *	Away	5:00 p.m.
02/13	vs. Tulane *	Home	2:05 p.m.
02/17	at Rice *	Away	7:00 p.m.
02/20	at Houston *	Away	1:00 p.m.
02/24	vs. Southern Miss *	Home	7:05 p.m.
02/27	vs. SMU *	Home	2:05 p.m.
03/03	at Tulsa	Away	6:00 p.m.

* = Conference game

= Exhibition game



Basketball

Floyd eager to succeed in first season back

BY DAVID ACOSTA
The Prospector

Much has been written about new UTEP basketball coach Tim Floyd's career coming full circle.

By now most fans and students know that he started his coaching career as an assistant under legendary UTEP head coach Don Haskins in the 70s and 80s. They know he resigned from his last coaching job at USC amid allegations of NCAA rule violations, which he was later cleared of. They know his credentials include over 300 wins at the collegiate level, spread between four universities: Idaho, New Orleans, Iowa St. and USC. They may know about his two stints as an NBA coach, a job he once told the L.A. Times he "wasn't very good at." His first NBA coaching job was as a replacement for Phil Jackson for a Jordan-less, Pippen-less Chicago Bulls and then for the New Orleans Hornets for a season.

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But the question most Miner basketball fans still want to know is, can he lead this veteran Miner team back to the NCAA Tournament in his first season as the Miners' head coach? "We would love to have another two months, the guys obviously want to play but we're not ready and won't be ready for another two or three weeks," Floyd said. "We've done about one-fifth about what we want to do. But there's no real reason to move forward until we do what we're trying to do, and do it well."

When it comes to dealing with the media and motivating his team through his comments to them, it's obvious that he learned from the best. Floyd's mentor, Don Haskins was well known for criticizing his team's lack of effort, especially on the defensive end, even after a Miner victory.

For the most part, Miner basketball practice has been closed to members of the media during the weeks leading up to the 2010-11 season. Dur-

ing warm-ups and shooting drills, however, it is obvious Floyd is eager to impart his system and teach this team his style of hard-nosed, defensive basketball.

"(His coaching style) is absolutely similar (to Haskins) especially on the defensive side, offensively he's very different, but defensively, a lot is alike," UTEP undergraduate assistant Greg Foster said.

Foster played under Haskins for two years alongside fellow future NBA stars, Tim Hardaway and Antonio Davis. Foster helped lead the Miners to two WAC titles and two NCAA tournaments. This is also his first year on the sidelines as a UTEP assistant.

"I think (Haskins) would be flattered by all the stuff (Floyd) uses of his," Foster said. "If you look at the game of basketball and coaching, guys might tweak certain things, but there are basics to every sport. Coaches use what other coaches before them have used, especially the successful ones, and they have a way and a knack of implementing it so that the personnel that they have can be successful with it."

As a collegiate coach, Floyd is known for putting teams in the national spotlight and doing it quickly at schools that aren't historically known for their basketball programs.

At the University of New Orleans, he compiled 127-58 record, and took the team to the post-season five out of the six years he coached there, including two NCAA appearances. At Iowa State, his teams had three consecutive 20-win seasons and three straight trips to the NCAA tournament.

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Head coach Tim Floyd looks on from the sideline Oct. 30 at the Don Haskins Center.

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"Losing Whitney was definitely disappointing...we were so excited about her because she is probably one of the fastest players I've had in terms of flat speed," Adams said. "It might just mean that we have her around longer for the future. We're going to try and turn it into a positive."

UTEP is in transition this year replacing two-time C-USA player of the year Jareica Hughes and four-year starter Timika Williams, who both graduated last season.

Hughes and Williams combined for most of the Miner offense the last four seasons, but the team is not concerned with the loss because it gives others a chance to fill the positions.

"Life and basketball together is about adjustments," Caldwell said. "It's just not me but all the returners have stepped up so it has been a fairly easy job because I am not alone."

The Miners have a long road ahead of them. Last year they won one game on the road, going 1-10 away from the Don. This season they have 10 away games, eight of them C-USA play. One bright spot for the Miners this year is they play host to the C-USA Tournament at the end of the season.

Adams said her team has yet to shake the rust off but her team will be prepared for the season opener Nov. 13 against UC Irvine.

"There are very few teams at this time of the year that look like well-oiled machines," Adams said. "Its five people working together and that takes time."

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my books on the living room floor, junior center Chris Blocker dribbled up court and sunk a two point shot to go into overtime. My uncle and I went nuts, and the rest was history.

From then on it seems Miner basketball has followed me just as much as I followed it.

My uncle took me to my first UTEP basketball game the following year for my birthday. The Miners took on Air Force in the old Western Athletic Conference, and the Don was rocking that night. It was electrifying.

Then there was the 1992 team that lost in the Sweet 16 to Cincinnati. I watched the game with a friend of my mom, Juan Avila, who had played high school basketball under former Miner (and then-current Arkansas head coach) Nolan Richardson.

Avila told me a story about being UTEP's team statistician for a brief time. He talked about how tough coach Haskins was on his players and staff. Avila said he almost lost his job one time for giving the entire team bubble gum during a practice. Players promptly threw gum wrappers all over the floor at the Don Haskins Center.

"He cussed me out and made me clean almost the entire stadium," said Avila, as we laughed and tried to cheer the Miners to victory from my mom's living room.

In high school, one of my first jobs was selling soft drinks at UTEP basketball games. Although those were the last years of Haskin's career, when UTEP took on rivals like NMSU, the place still rocked. If the game was close, I would usually forsake my sales and find a seat near the back to watch the final quarter.

When I was in my mid-twenties, I waited tables at Olive Garden. My last table of a long afternoon shift was former UTEP head coach Jason Rabe-deaux and his family. I was excited and made sure to wish the coach good luck on his upcoming fourth season. He accepted politely and shook my hand, and when I left work, I told all

my friends. The next day he resigned as head coach of the Miners.

Those are just a few of my favorite memories as a Miner basketball fan, but this column could take up our entire basketball issue if the editors allowed it. This year, with UTEP coming off their first Conference USA championship, many returning veteran players and a new coach at the helm, some people are cautious about their expectations. Mine remain high. It's time to create some new memories.

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are 1-3 in their last four meetings against the Miners.

UTEP will look to become bowl eligible for the fourth straight week, having failed to do so over the last three games.

The game marks the home finale for the Miners and the seniors on the team. Kickoff is set for 7:05 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Sun Bowl.

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get my hands dirty and I'm eager to learn."

Due to his ties to UTEP's basketball history and his track record of quick success, UTEP Athletic Director Bob Stull said hiring Floyd was practically a no-brainer, even with the allegations that surrounded the USC program at the time of Floyd's departure.

"Any time you hire someone you think about it, but really from the beginning he was our first choice," Stull said. "It's great to have Tim back... everybody in the community knows him and we're real fortunate to get him back, I think its great for the university."

Tim Floyd has come full circle. For his part, however, he is ready to move on from talking about his past and go forward with the business of winning games as head coach of the Miners.

"I put (the past) aside as soon as I walked down the tunnel the first time," Floyd said. "We don't come down and sing Kumbaya every morning, you know? That's not what's going on."

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Rodolfo Rincones, sophomore graphic design major, and rapper Rogelio Vasquez collaborate under the moniker The Next Level.

Review

‘The Walking Dead’ devours primetime TV

BY MATTHEW MUNDEN
The Prospecter

This season of television has been extremely lackluster, but one new series on AMC is looking to change that.

"The Walking Dead," based on the Robert Kirkman comic book series, is the latest show from AMC, a channel that is quickly becoming known for groundbreaking series like "Mad Men" and "Breaking Bad."

Executive produced by Frank Darabont, writer/director of "The Green Mile" and "The Shawshank Redemption" and Gale Anne Hurd, producer of "The Terminator" and "Aliens," "The Walking Dead" follows sheriff deputy Rick Grimes, played by Andrew Lincoln ("Love Actually"), after he wakes up in a deserted hospital from taking a gunshot to the chest. As he stumbles out of there, he discovers that the dead are walking the earth and would like nothing more than to eat him and any other normal human and animal still around.

The series shows a lot of promise, but the pilot did have a few problems. One of which is the pacing that seems to follow the J.J. Abrams and Christopher Nolan school of thought, which means starting with a random scene and then flashing back to show how things got messed up. The sequence, which involves Grimes shooting a little zombie girl with no hesitation, is well executed, but the first 30 minutes that follow it seem to move by very slowly. I almost wish they did not have the opening scene at all because then I would not have been waiting for more zombie carnage.

Speaking of zombie carnage, this show has some insane violence. Zombies get their brains blown out, horses get devoured and not everyone has all their limbs or skin left. Anyone fearing that the messed up visuals from the comic book series would not survive the journey to becoming a television show need not worry. This might just be the most violent show on basic cable.

The pilot episode shows glimpses of the full cast of the series, but really this episode belongs to Andrew Lincoln. Lennie James (from the series "Human Target") has a guest role in the episode as a fellow survivor, Morgan. His wife is now a "walker," and he is faced with the struggle of raising his son alone in a "zombified" world. I couldn't help but wish that James did not have the thankless role of the exposition character, the one that basically catches Grimes and the audience up to what has happened. I always have to wonder if zombie movies exist in realities where zombie outbreaks actually happen. Shouldn't people make the connection that these things are like the creatures in "Dawn of the Dead"?

Viewers will be sure to point out some things that may seem clichéd in zombie movies. The scene where Grimes wakes up in the hospital is reminiscent of the hospital scene in

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Music

Self-expression at The Next Level

BY ALEJANDRO ALBA
The Prospecter

You can't write if you don't relate. That's how the rappers of Next Level Records see it.

"Our rapping is self-expression," said Rodolfo Rincones, sophomore graphic design major. "We don't just rap about random things."

Rincones, known as Wox, along with two fellow rappers Rogelio Vasquez (also known as Croh) and Gustavo Dueñas (also known as Saik), are trying to bring a new beat to the city.

Rincones' rapping community is composed not only of rappers, but also of DJs (producers), graffiti artists and break-dancers.

"It is a big community where everyone helps each other," Vasquez said. "You will find a lot of support from everyone."

Born in Ciudad Juárez, Vasquez and Dueñas find no soul in El Paso. They said most of their inspiration for writing songs comes from their hometown across the border. Rincones, who was born in El Paso, thinks similarly. He said El Paso is too tranquil to get any material from it.

"Disregarding all that is going on in Juárez at the time, Juárez has more life than El Paso," Dueñas said.

Coming from different backgrounds, these three rappers find one similarity in their musical relaxation. Vasquez said each time he writes a new song, he gets rid of all his worries. Dueñas and Rincones agree that writing songs has been personal therapy for them.

"Although it is serious material that goes into our songs, we still have fun with it," Rincones said.

With their different backgrounds and personalities come dynamic styles in their writing and rapping, Rincones said. He said his style is more poetic. In fact, he was inspired to rap after a poetry class he took.

Vasquez and Dueñas, on the other hand, said they feel their style is more aggressive and mocking. Vasquez said that his style of rapping came from the need to protect himself when he was young. He said that when people made fun of him, he would get back at them by rapping about it.

"I began by making fun of people, but little by little I started to take rap more seriously," Vasquez said.

In the rapping community, battles or competitions are often held to increase each other's talent and potential by trying to top each other's raps. Vasquez said they also use the battles to tell their opponents all their flaws without malicious intentions.

"We see the battles as constructive criticism," Rincones said. "We don't insult our peers."

With some members of the rapping community living here in El Paso, and some living in Cd. Juárez, Vasquez said all the border problems are of no interest to them. Rincones added that they have nothing to do with it, so they choose to disregard it.

Dueñas said he only had one song that dealt with the violence in Juárez, but said that it's not regarding or lamenting any of those who lost their

life. The song is more of a complaint about the government.

"We really don't have any material dealing with all the violence," Rincones said. "We don't want to promote what is happening in any way."

The three rappers long for the day when they will tour, but until then, they are developing their first demos, Rincones said.

He said his demo is going to be named "El Liricista Sobre El Tejado." Dueñas and Vasquez, who are working together, will name their demo "Rarcoticos."

"We really want people to listen to the new genre we are creating," Rincones said.

The rappers with Next Level Records will be performing at 8 p.m. Nov. 6 at The Percolator.

Rincones said the event is for charity. There will be a \$3 cover charge, but all proceeds will go to the Helping Hand Foundation.

"We really hope that people will relate to our songs and enjoy our material," Vasquez said.

The Next Level rappers will be performing at more events. A list of upcoming events is posted on their MySpace pages at www.myspace.com/Croh352, www.myspace.com/Saikone1 and www.myspace.com/fonyka.

While other plans are being developed in their musical career, these

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three wordsmiths said they will keep writing soulful songs.
“It all evolves around seeing, experiencing and living, then we get to write about it,” Vasquez said.
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Community

Intense workout for charity, toys for children

BY JACKIE DEVINE
The Prospector

CrossFit and kids have one thing in common – they both require a lot of energy.
This year the Human Laboratory Strength and Conditioning gym will use CrossFit, one of the nation's fastest growing exercise programs, to buy dolls, miniature trucks and other toys for children.
The Human Laboratory, along with The Delta Battery from the United States Marine Corps, will host W.O.D. (Work Out of the Day) for Tots to raise money and donations for the Toys for Tots program.
“What sets us apart from other gyms is that we help out the community, people care when they come in here, and they're not just a number,” said gym owner David Kneip, who is also a UTEP alumnus.
The gym is familiar with giving back to the community. In October, they raised \$1,300 during a fundraiser called Barbells for Boobs, which benefited Mammograms in Action, a program that brings awareness to breast cancer. This time, they want to help children who may not get any toys this holiday season.
The idea to help Toys for Tots started when a couple of marines began to work out at the Human Laboratory. Kneip said they put out boxes in front, so when other gym members would come by, they could donate a toy.
“Since there are 100-plus members here, and each one tells their friends,

that's about 150 people who would donate toys to 150 kids,” Kneip said.
Once the donation effort became official, more contributions came in, which is something that Kneip didn't expect. Kneip's own childhood memories of donating toys to children in Ciudad Juárez encouraged him to help Toys for Tots.
“In Juárez you see a lot of poverty,” Kneip said. “Giving back to kids is still instilled in me, my parents still do that.”
For the W.O.D. for Tots event, participants will get fit to “CINDY,” a CrossFit workout that entails 20 minutes of AMRAP (As Many Rounds As Possible) of five pull-ups, 10 push-ups and 15 squats. CrossFit is a brand of conditioning, with over 2,000 affiliates around the world. CrossFit combines strength and conditioning for physical preparedness, and it consists of weightlifting, sprinting and gymnastics.
CrossFit pushes the body to the limit, but that is the secret to its success, said Kneip, who is the only Level 2 certified CrossFit coach in El Paso and one of 13 throughout Texas. It's a different kind of gym environment, where there are no mirrors or machines, just your mind and body.
“I have (become) comfortable with being uncomfortable and I know that all of my coaches at The Lab have my best interest at heart,” said Jessica Escalante, who practices CrossFit at the Human Laboratory. “The Human Laboratory's primary intention is to make each and every person stronger,

healthier and happier, month after month.”
CrossFit also tests for a person's endurance, stamina, flexibility, power, speed, agility, balance, coordination and more. Some of the workouts CrossFit athletes do include running, jumping rope, climbing rope and carrying heavy objects such as tractor tires. CrossFit athletes also use dumbbells, gymnastics rings and pull up bars to help them gain muscle.
“They have motivated me in all aspects of my life. They inspire me to surpass my everyday goals both in and out of the gym,” said Jessica Saenz, another human labber. “The lab's coaches and students have become more than frequent names and faces, they have become family.”
Through these vigorous workouts, the Human Laboratory displays dedication to enriching the lives of others, physically, emotionally and spiritually. Kneip said they want to continue to work with other fundraisers in the future and help the El Paso community as much as possible.
“Those who have more should give to those who have less,” Kneip said.
The W.O.D. for Tots event begins at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 6 for participants and spectators at The Human Laboratory Strength and Conditioning gym, located at 1057 Doniphan Park Circle. Participants can also register there.
For additional information, visit www.thehumanlab.net.
Jackie Devine may be reached at prospector@utep.edu.



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you may be under the impression that the words healthy, Mexican and fast food could not possibly coexist, the Blue Pepper Grill has made it a reality for El Pasoans. Thanks to Blue Pepper Grill, we can now indulge in the guilty pleasures of delicious Mexican food without feeling guilty. The grill's concept is simple—when you go to Blue Pepper, no matter what you pick from their menu, you are making a healthy choice. The diner offers a large selection of burritos, veggie wraps, bowls, tacos, soups and salads. Blue Pepper is also known for its large burritos and use of natural ingredients, such as the freshly made 13-inch flour tortillas stuffed with hot-off-the-grill chicken and beef.

Blue Pepper's Chef Hassan Amin has developed his passion for cooking for more than 18 years and is now delighting all of El Paso with his cooking. He strongly recommends that diners try his specialties, which are the brisket and adobo chicken. Chef Amin says that what makes Blue Pepper unique and healthy is that the food is cooked with canola oil and sea salt, and that nothing is fried.

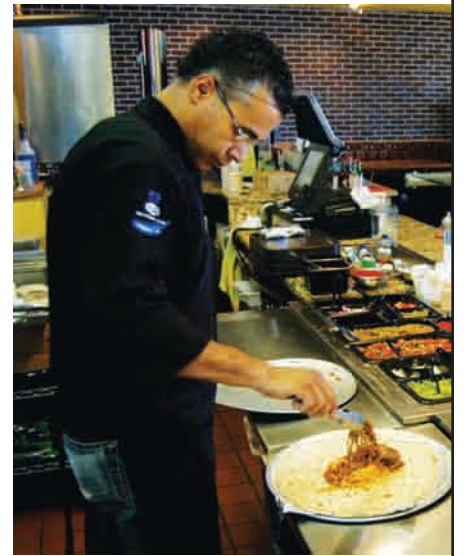
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