Athletics—emphasis on physical prowess and ability, students scorn and critics berate the importance of sports to an academic community, but a university is a small world and each part is important to the total outlook.
Cheerleaders

The 1970-71 Varsity Cheerleaders are left to right: Susie Young, Marty Goodwin, Patty Avritt, Karen Minson, head cheerleader, Debbie Jackson, and Verna Plowman.
Golddiggers

As a part of the marching Cavalcade, the U.T. El Paso Golddiggers participate in the half-time events of both football and basketball games. Along with the band, the girls travel out of town once a year to entertain at a game. In their new uniforms, they give the University support and take part in the homecoming parade and talent shows. The hard work and constant drilling experienced by these girls during the endless practice sessions is evidenced by the performances given during the half-time shows.

1. Terry Fitzgerald
2. Joanie Whiti
3. Norma Escajeda
4. Eva Granados
5. Linda Ware
6. Karin Elliot
7. Olga Quintana
8. Anita Hoole
9. Elizabeth Gomez
10. Barbara Aliaga
11. Yolanda Luna
12. Deborah Matthews
13. Jackie Hoyt
14. Betty Flusher
15. Glenda Cook
16. Cathy Odom
17. Leah Rubalcaba
18. Pamela Patneaude
19. Corinne Zubiate
20. Betty Smith
New Season, New Hopes

A new game and a new hope for the Dobbs' Flyin' miners as the seasoned Bill Craigo was handed the reigns for the '70 round. A return to a passing game brought hopes for greater success, but the Tigers from Pacific roared over the Miners in the opening three quarters. Craigo completed 19 of 38 passes for 255 yards, but the 21 point Tiger lead showed the Miners hopelessly behind. The picture was grim and the fans grimmer but as all seemed lost, the flame of hope broke through the chill with a great effort in the last quarter. A one yard TD run by James Berry and a field goal by Jeff White brought hopes for a miner win. The Miners made a last-ditch effort in the closing seconds with a first down on the Tiger six-yard line and needing a TD to win. Craigo sent Berry off-tackle from the three-yard line on fourth down, but the ball ended up just inches from victory.

With dampened spirits, the Miners hit the road for their first visiting game. The trend seemed down hill for the fans back home as the Utah Redskins swept past UT El Paso 44-20. Craigo's luck seemed to fail him as he completed 18 of 38 tosses for 333 yards, but threw seven interceptions.

With two opening losses behind them, the Miners looked, with grim anticipation, toward Brigham Young.
The spark was rekindled as the Miners won the next three games to find themselves strong contenders at the close of the season's half. The 17-0 shutout over the Brigham Young Cougars in Provo, Utah astonished none, but brought the glimmer back to the eye of the fans. The Miners used two first quarter fumble recoveries to score its touchdowns as Paul Adamian carried over the right side of the line for a five-yard touchdown run for the first score. As the luck stricken Miners barreled over the Cougars, Craigo tossed a 44-yard touchdown bomb to Billy Taylor on the first play after a fumble recovery by Tony Perea. The Miners could do no wrong as the bleachers rode the crest of the UTEP wave.

Luck, again, was the line coach as the Miners stole a breath-taking 21-14 victory from arch-rival New Mexico State University in the Sun Bowl. Both teams were locked in a 14-14 tie late in the fourth quarter. NMSU quarterback Rhett Putnam fired three incomplete passes and the Aggies were forced to punt with only seconds remaining. The punt traveled only 26 yards and the Miners took over at the NMSU 46-yard line. Craigo took the ball and dropped back to pass. The NMSU rush forced him to scramble, and just before he arrived at the line of scrimmage, Craigo let loose a long bomb that sophomore flanker Juan Borrego grabbed and raced in the end zone for the winning points.

The crowd went wild and the Miners wilder as Craigo pulled off another victory against Colorado State the following week. What seemed like a repeat of the earlier marks turned to a glory victory as the Miners recovered from a 30-24 third quarter deficit to pull a 41-37 win. Craigo completed 26 of 59 passes for a staggering 507 yards with nearly half of the yardage coming in the third quarter alone.

The time was right and the season had just begun.
Fans Lose Hope

The phenomenal winning streak couldn't last forever, and it came to an abrupt end against Arizona State. Spirits were high for nationally-rated Arizona after the CSU victory, but higher for the Miners after their last three victories. The home fans were hopeful although the Miners had not defeated ASU since 1957. The joy was short lived for the Sun Devils early filled the grim predictions of a Miner defeat.

Things looked good for UTEP as the game opened. Phil Hatch started things rolling by taking a pitchout from Bill Craigo on the first series of downs and racing 44 yards for a touchdown. The short burst of power gave way as ASU came back with a touchdown and a field goal on its next two series of downs. The lead was never relinquished and ASU streaked to a 42-13 win with a total of 383 net yards rushing.

There was little question of the outcome of the University of New Mexico game. A ground attack again took its toll against the Miners' aerial play. The strong showing of Nate McCall, Sam Scarber and Fred Henry rang in the 35-16 demolition of the Miners.

The late running Miners took a beating offensively in the first half. A fourth quarter rally showed promise but ran short of time. Craigo managed to complete 19 of 41 throws for 233 yards and one touchdown, but all in vain.

The hopes for a good national ranking were gone as the Miners stood 3-4 for the season. Three games remained but the most the Miners could hope to salvage was their self-respect.
Dropping their passing game, the Miners managed to pull through the last of the season with a respectable showing. Under the strongest ground attack yet seen by the home fans, the Dobbs' reign almost changed its nickname from the Flyin' to the Runnin' Miners.

The surprise win over Wyoming broke the ice in the Miner game and warmed the season's end. The long season seemed shorter as the Dobbs' boys kicked by the Cowboys to a 47-7 decision. Hatch paced the rushing attack with 184 net yards and three touchdowns on 18 carries. James Berry and Dave Atkins carried the offensive load with a combined 129 yards.

The undecided fans showed poorly, and the weather only aggravated the problem for the Miner's last home game. Arizona took a biting loss against the rushing Miners, but few came to see. Hatch again was handed the ball, but now Berry's rushing of 97 yards seemed the key to the 33-17 Miner win.

The UTEP jerseys stood 5-4 for the season as they left home grounds for Trinity University in San Antonio. Without the services of Hatch, the Miners returned to an aerial game with Craigo in control. Craigo completed 18 of 32 passes for 220 yards and two touchdowns. Junior flanker Ed Puishes nabbed 11 passes for 154 yards and one TD. The Miners pulled out with a season-end victory.

The joyless season brought the Miners a 6-4 standing. Few records were set, but the fine work of Hatch ended his season with 785 yards rushing on 151 carries for the best mark since the 1940's. Craigo completed 138 of 309 passes for 2123 yards and Puishes topped the Miner receivers with 57 catches for 1000 yards.
1970 FOOTBALL ROSTER

Paul Adamian  HB  Ken Koval  DB
Tom Altemus  TE  Jerome Kudisch  QT
Mike Anderson  TE  Neil Lovorn  QB
David Atkins  FB  Richard Luce  DT
Alan Baker  FB  Gene Mack  DE
James Berry  HB  Darby Mayfield  DT
David Black  DT  Dennis Mayfield  OE
Juan Borrego  FL  Mark McDonald  C
Ray Brahm  QB  Merrell Gary  DE
Lewis Brooks  OG  Tom Mitchell  OE
Bernard Chapman  DB  Pat O’Neil  OE
Jaime Chavando  C  Tony Perea  LB
Bill Craigio  QB  Ed Puishes  FL
Don Croft  DG  Jeff Quinn  OG
Dwayne Cunningham  C  Benny Reed  DB
Scott DeSha  LB  Mike Reynolds  DB
Don Dudley  OG  Mike Robinson  LB
John Fletcher  HB  Robbie Rogers  HB
Murray Foster  OT  Steve Rowland  DG
Paul Gibson  FL  Jim Sanson  DG
Levell Girdy  DE  Floyd Scales  OT
Robert Gonzales  DG  Alva Smith  OT
Charlie Gremmel  LB  David Smith  LB
Rick Gunnels  DE  Harold Steele  LB
Tom Harper  C  Gerald Strausbaugh  DB
Phil Hatch  FB  Bob Tackett  OT
Glen Hayner  OE  Billy Taylor  OE
Ed Hochuli  FB  Calvin Taylor  DG
Oliver Holmes  DC  Pat Thompson  C
Jan Hood  OE  Fred Veninga  DT
Glen Horner  OG  Pat Walker  DB
Buddy Hughes  DT  Eric Washington  DB
Steve Jarboe  DB  Brooks West  DT
Clarence Jones  FL  Jeff White  K
Ralph Kale  OG  Mark Whitley  DB
Tom Kelly  OT  Dee Williams  DT
Al Kimball  DB  Paul Wilson  OG

Football Record

University of Pacific  24  UTEP  13-
Utah University  44  UTEP  20-
Brigham Young  0  UTEP  17
New Mexico State  14  UTEP  21
Colorado State Univ.  37  UTEP  41
Arizona State Univ.  42  UTEP  13-
New Mexico Univ.  35  UTEP  16-
Wyoming  7  UTEP  47
University of Arizona  17  UTEP  33
Trinity University  16  UTEP  37

SEASON’S RECORD—6-4

WAC STANDINGS
U.T. El Paso  4-3
Utah  4-2
Arizona  1-6
Wyoming  2-4
Colorado State  1-3
New Mexico  6-1
Brigham Young  1-6
Arizona State  7-0

Bobby Dobbs, Head Football Coach
Jim Blevins, Defensive Coach
Bob Lee, Defensive Coach
Marshall Brown, Offensive Coach
Bobby Gill, Offensive Coach
Wilson Knapp, Offensive Coach
Ross Moore, Trainer
A Return to Glory

With the roars of the crowd fading into the background, and the ups and downs of the football season now only a memory, thoughts turned to basketball and hopes of a return of glory.

The return of the seasoned Dick Gibbs and Scott English showed the greatest hopes for the already weary Miner fans.

Anxious moments greeted the fans as the Miners opened their season December 2 against Wayland Baptist but flourishes of pride rippled through the crowds when the Miners managed to rack up three for three coming into Las Cruces to meet the Aggies. U.T. El Paso almost managed to overcome a first half deficit when a strong drive late in the second half fell short. The Miners suffered their first loss, 63-61, a forbearance of close scores to come.

The Annual Sun Carnival Basketball Tournament brought out a capacity crowd December 18-19. Temperatures and temperaments were high for the year as El Paso fans saw favored University of Southern California, then ranked number two in the nation, and UTEP score opening round wins to advance to the championship game.

Strong from the onset, the USC Trojans drove to a 40-35 halftime lead and left the courts with a breathless and throat-sore crowd anticipating a good Miner rebuttal. The air was tense as the second half opened, Dick Gibbs put on a good offense as Scott English and Dave Borup, a 6 ft. 8 in. husky junior college transfer, played a mad defense to break up Trojan shots for the bucket.

The sticky Miner defense hurt itself and Haskins had to shift players in and out of the lineup because of foul trouble. The Miners outscored USC in the second half by three points, but fell short in the final outcome as the Trojans went to the charity line for 25 to 36 attempts and edged the Miners 65-63.
Toward the WAC

With a good looking season’s opening behind them, the prospects seemed good for a strong showing in the WAC and a return to the glory of the past.

A sudden change in the Miner’s game began to show in the scoring—win, lose, win. The pattern began to set itself early with several tight squeezes and a few not-surprising large victories.

Wiping away Adams State in a decisive 81-43 decision, the Miners looked good but stumbled on back with a 80-56 victory over Utah, the Miner fans still saw those WAC prospects looming ever better in the foreground.

January 9 brought Brigham Young University to the El Paso Coliseum. UTEP took an impressive 33-28 halftime lead to send the Cougars to the lockers with thoughts of impending doom. The bread did wonders for BYU as they charged back with a 36-33 lead. A great effort by Yugoslavian Olympic star Kresimir Cosic, showed the only bright star of hope on the BYU team. As things seemed to grow better for the Cougars, Rick Warner grabbed the ball and in the final seconds nipped another squeeker for a 66-64 UTEP win. BYU ran three men into the double figures with Cosic paving the way with 19 points. The Miners had balanced scoring after Gibbs’ 19 and Warner’s 11.
Sweet Victory

The victory over Brigham Young put UTEP on top of the WAC race with a perfect 2-0 record and promised a good showing against arch rival New Mexico State University. Ten seasons had found NMSU undefeated in competition against the Minner roundballers and the spirits were rising as the game neared. U.T. El Paso entertained the Aggies who were again on the road to another NCAA championship tournament.

Over 8000 El Paso and Las Cruces spectators filled the Coliseum for this renewed bitter rivalry. It seemed like a replay of the old song as the Aggies pulled ahead with a 29-27 lead at halftime.

The Miners found the right tune in the second half as the Haskins—motivated defense swarmed over the Aggies and the offense opened up. In a joyful last drive the Miners outscored Las Cruces 66-52. The Miners only missed one free throw in 21 attempts that night and managed to rack up the best performance of the season.

On the road again the Miners headed for northern parts where they defeated Colorado State University, 69-68.
Rolling

Having just won their last game on a final buzzer shot by Dick Gibbs, the Miners traveled to Wyoming to lose 69-67 in another buzzer shot—this one by the Cowboy’s Willie Roberson.

Shaken, but not unsettled by their experiences, the Haskins’ boys returned to the El Paso Coliseum to meet middle-rated ASU. In a quick round, the Miners doffed off ASU 74-59, then went on to stomp Arizona 80-66 in Memorial Gym.

Assistant Coach Ed Sparling took over the reigns of the varsity team on Feb. 11 in Provo while Haskins was away. BYU stomped the Haskins-less Miners 75-48. Haskins returned with the team in Salt Lake City, but UTEP lost another close one to Utah, 69-64. The pattern started early in the year, had followed the Miners through the season and now promised real action going into the WAC finals. Tight scores and fast action seemed the key words as the fans looked forward to New Mexico.
Almost A Season

The Miners, needing to win its last five WAC games to get a chance to repeat as champions, were pitted against tough New Mexico in the Coliseum.

New Mexico poured the basketball through the nets with ease in the first half to lead 33-29. The second half was just as close as both teams traded back the lead for the 20 minutes.

The Lobos grabbed a three-point lead with 25 seconds left and fans began to leave the Coliseum. Charlie Brakes pushed through a short jumper to close the gap to one with 15 seconds left.

The ball was thrown into usually-sure handed Petie Gibson, who lost control as did everyone else until Brakes grabbed it.

Brakes took a few steps from the half-court line to the top of the key and shot. He made it with :01 left, giving the Miners a 68-67 victory.

UTEP then came through with victories over Wyoming, 66-65 and Colorado State, 77-74. Arizona killed the Miners WAC hopes with an 82-77 victory. The Miners closed out the year with a great second half over Arizona State 83-81.
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Kerry Pearce has grown ambitious in his old age. In 1969, Pearce, as a junior, finished in a deadheat tie with freshman John Bednarski for first place in the WAC cross country championships. Early in 1970, Pearce crossed the finish tape in an important race in a tie once again with Bednarski. In the WAC cross country championships of 1970, senior Pearce and sophomore Bednarski were running neck-and-neck out in front of all opposition as they headed down the back stretch. Pearce then sprinted ahead close to the finish line to win the individual title with a time of 29:10.6 over the six mile course at El Paso Country Club. Bednarski was second at 29:13. U.T. El Paso grabbed the team title for the second straight year by compiling the lowest amount of points (scoring is done by adding the individual finished of the top five men of each team). Rod Hill was fifth at 30:15 and was followed by Peter Romero, 30:30, eighth, and Bob Doyle, 30:44, twelfth. Bednarski grabbed his revenge in the nationals and finished fourth in team scoring to pace the Miners to a third place finish. The Miners finished behind Oregon and Villanova. Following Bednarski were: Pearce, ninth; Doyle, 29th; Romero, 40th; and Hill, 42nd. Bednarski finished second in the United States Track and Field Federation meet as U.T. El Paso again was third. The Miners, for the second year in a row, were undefeated in dual and triangular cross country meets.
A Good Effort

UTEP and Brigham Young, in the first semi-annual WAC championship meet, battled for the indoor track and field title all the way to the final wire with the Miners winning. Harrington (J.J.) Jackson, 60-yard dash; Greg (Skyking) Jones, 1000-yard run; Fred DeBernardi, shot put; Larry Vanley, triple jump; Paul Heglar, pole vault; Paul Gibson, 60-yard high hurdles and the Miners’ two-mile relay team brought home top place honors for UTEP. Jackson’s time in his specialty nearly tied the world record of 5.9 seconds, but his mark of 5.93 was rounded to 6.0, tying the WAC record held by ex-UTEP sprinter Mike Fray. Jones, Vanley and DeBernardi all established records in their events at the indoor event held in Salt Lake City. A third-place finish in the final event of the day, the Distance Medley relay, garnered Villanova the 1971 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championship by 2⅞ points over UTEP. The Miners were leading the team standings until that point.
Close, but . . .

Fred DeBernardi became only the sixth collegian in history to hurl the discus over 200 feet with a toss of 201-8 in the California Relays in Modesto, Calif. in May. He followed that toss with a 200-7 fling the following day in the Pacific AAU meet, but the next week dropped to 199-4. DeBernardi, Vince Monari and John Birkelbach became only the third collegiate trio to heave the shot put over 60' in the same year. The Miners finished second to BYU in the second half of the semi-annual track and field duel for the two teams. BYU's title came in Tucson May 15 in the WAC Outdoor Track and Field Championship. UTEP fell six points short of victory in the outdoor meet. Vanley won the triple jump at 50'5" and was followed by top finishers: DeBernardi, first, shot put; Monari, second, shot put; Romero, second, mile run; Jackson, first, 100-yard dash and 220-yard dash; Jones, first, 880-yard run; Ron Rondeau, second, 440-yard intermediate hurdles; English, second, high jump; Heglar, first, pole vault; and the 440-yard relay team was first.
The U.T. El Paso cross country team, for the second year in a row, finished the season undefeated in dual and triangular cross country meets. Led by Miners Kerry Pearce and John Bednarski, the team also took the WAC cross country championship for the second time in the WAC meet held at the El Paso Country Club.

In national competition, the Miners finished third. Members of the cross country team are left to right, front row: Peter Romero, Kerry Pearce, John Bednarski, Rod Hill, and Bob Doyle. Second row: Coach Wayne Vandenburg, Bob Crowe, Kerry Ellison, Bob Walczak, Ken Breen, and Assistant Coach John Korky.
## UTEP Track Results

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Some NCAA team members are, kneeling: J.J. Jackson and Ron Rondeau. Standing, left to right are Coach Wayne Vandenbarg, John Birkelbach, Vince Monari, Fred DeBernardi, Bill Curnow, Paul Heglar, and Paul Gibson.

Thirteen members of the Miner track team qualified for the NCAA Outdoor championships held in Seattle, Washington. The group left with the hopes of bringing another NCAA trophy back to U.T. El Paso.
With a veteran outfield, a new infield (save senior third baseman Gary Molberg), a veteran catching corps and a young pitching staff, the team under coach Andy Cohen's hand, set out to better its 25-23 1970 mark.

Senior hurler Marc Bombard got things hot for the Miners by pitching a 6-0 opening game shutout victory over Ranger Junior College. The Miners took three out of the next five games, blanking West Texas State 2-0 in the final game of that series. Cohen's diamondmen ventured to Odessa for their first road game of the season against Texas Tech. U.T. El Paso's pitchers experienced arm troubles and lost four straight to the Red Raiders. They came back to Dudley Field, only to lose five out of the next six games at home. U.T. El Paso's hitting and pitching regrouped in the next series against Denver and came up with nine straight wins.
Hope Gives Way

The Miners lost 8-10, won 7-10 and then closed the season by dropping four of five contests. Bombard was the squad’s hero for the year as he set numerous single game, season and career marks. Bombard was named to the All-Western Athletic Conference team, All-District 7 squad and was a candidate for All-American honors. Bombard was the only hurler to defeat Southern Division champion Arizona State twice in one year with his last win over the Sun Devils coming in Phoenix 5-4 as he struck out the last batter Roger Schmuck, ending his 45-game hitting streak, with runners on the base paths. Senior Bob Prokopowicz closed out his collegiate career with the NCAA batting crown. Senior Rick Butler outdueled junior college transfer Barry Alburts for the homerun crown 9-7. U.T. El Paso’s 1972 team will find returnees at first, second, shortstop, and catcher with a young and sometimes wild pitching staff based behind Tommy Douglas, 2-9, and Phil Darwin, 1-4. U.T. El Paso finished 1971 with a 24-26 record and was 6-12 in WAC play.
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John Birkelbach
William L. Farlow

Beverly Ann Knox
Carmen Leal
Thomas McKay

Albert J. Moreno
Dawn Morton
Diana Wilkerson

Not Pictured
Robert Malone
Men and Women of Mines

Denise C. Abraham
Dionicio Manuel Alvarez
John Steven Birkelbach
Bernie del Hierro
William LeNaire Farlow
Dawn Marie Ingram
Deborah Lynn Jackson
Guy Wayne Johnson
Michael Byron Loader
Robert John Malone
Janet Lynn Markowitz
Katherine June Metcalfe
Bruce E. Newell
Diane Ellen Nielsen
John William Nielson
Ronald Odell Commer
Ervin Arnold Pickle
David Mills White
Diana Louise Wilkerson
Bruce Yetter
Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

Denise Abraham
Norwood Eugene Barnhouse
John Birkelbach
Mary Ellen Boiter
Barbara Comerford
Mary Gay Fairchild
Ethel Galzerano
Mary Ellen Hagans
Paul Allen Hiebert
Dawn Ingram
Guy Wayne Johnson
Randy Johnson
Jerald David Malone
Robert John Malone
Samuel McLellan
Dawn Morton
Bruce Newell
Diane Nielson
John Nielson
Calvin Oblack
Ervin Pfeifle
Ernest Reynolds
Jesus Rodriguez
Thomas Rosell
Jerry Seyre
Christopher Schatzman
Carole Snyder
David Walleu
David M. White
Diana Wilkerson
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Stevens Scholars

John Bean
Charlton Brice
William Brown
Shaun Dwyer
Rodolfo Echeverria
Terry Engbrecht
Willie Eliot
Fernando Flores
Lionel Jacques
Ransom Jones
Robert Malone
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Jerry May
Terry May
Vernon Miller
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Philip Sobey
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Dan Stuckey
Charles Swegler
Don West