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### Men's and women's team on the rise

By JAVIER CORTEZ

The UTEP men and women's basketball team have something in common; both are on the rise with rosters comprised of talented underclassmen and strong returning veterans.

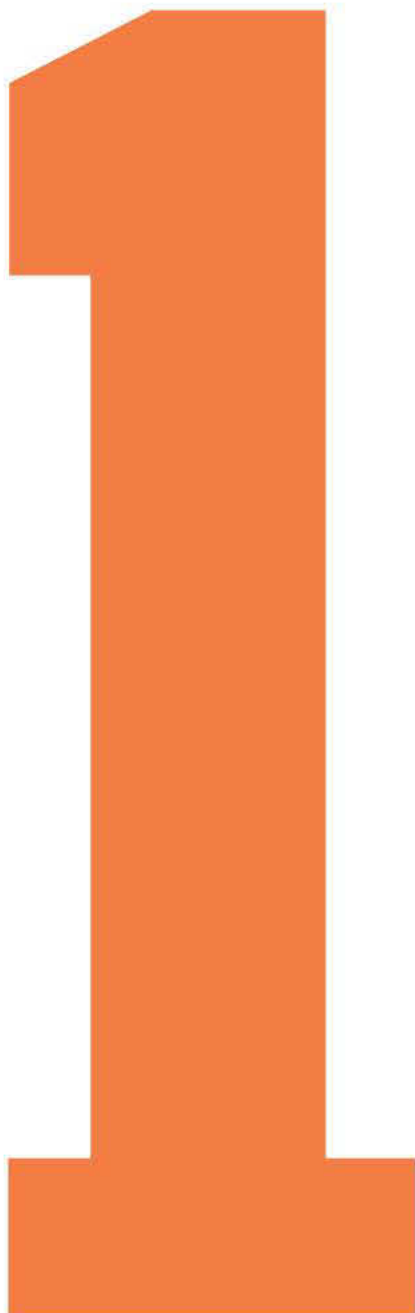
Last season saw both teams take a step back. Coming off one of their best seasons in program history, the women's team went 12-16 after losing their five best players. They were competitive, but not good enough to be a threat in conference play.

The women lost five games by five points or less. They struggled rebounding and shooting the ball from the field, free throw line, and 3-point line, but they once thing they never lost was their ability to compete.

"If you don't compete you get beat," said women's head coach Keitha Adams. "We want a good brand of basketball that El Pasoans and UTEP will be proud of. It's about team ball, it's not about an individual it's about a group being together."

The root of Adams and her 2013-14 Miners was great team basketball, but this season highlights the return of key individuals; three to be exact. Senior guard Cameasha Turner is coming off her best season in the Orange and Blue, as she led the team in points, rebounds, and steals.

Turner was rewarded for her stellar play by being elected to the Preseason



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### The legacy of '66 50 years later

By LUIS GONZALEZ

Even if it wasn't clear to everybody at the time, there would be a before and after to March 19, 1966. At a time when the NCAA Tournament was nowhere near the national spectacle it is today, Texas Western's (now UTEP) victory over Kentucky to claim college basketball's biggest prize was not at the forefront of national issues. It was in El Paso though. El Paso knew how important it was. The city that was home to the new National Champions knew of the game's importance, and it would have as much as of a lasting effect on its community as it did on the nation as a whole.

"It changed everything for us, it's been a wonderful thing for El Paso," said Ray Sanchez, the assistant sports editor at the El Paso Herald Post during the 1966 basketball season. "One of the greatest things that has ever happened to El Paso."

Next March will mark the 50th anniversary of Texas Western's historic victory and UTEP Athletics along with the city as a whole will use the whole 2015-2016 basketball season to celebrate the success the Miners experienced during that 1966 season, in which they won 27 games, lost just one, and would change the city, starting with sports itself.

Today, basketball is one of the marquee programs at UTEP. It holds as much importance and relevance as football, but that has not always been the case. According to Sanchez, before Don Haskins came to El Paso to take over the Miners' bench, basketball was no more than an afterthought at the college and in El Paso.

It was so irrelevant that prior to the 1960s, the coaching duties were even assigned to football trainers or assistant trainers. The coverage was minimal and the interest of the El Paso community in the team was almost nonexistent.

"I wouldn't dare guess how many, but it was very few," Sanchez said when talking about the amount of people who would attend Miner basketball games before the Haskins era. "Hardly ever got any write ups, like football used to. It was considered more like track or more like a minor sport."

The indifference disappeared as the team began to experience success, to the point where all of El Paso was aware and fully invested in the Miners and their quest for glory. The celebration and joy around the city thanks to Haskins and his squad was unprecedented and has yet to be replicated.

"People were out in the street, honking horns," Sanchez said. "Students at the school started burning bonfires, the police and the fire department had to go out and try and extinguish them. The whole city went into a sort of wild crazy thing."

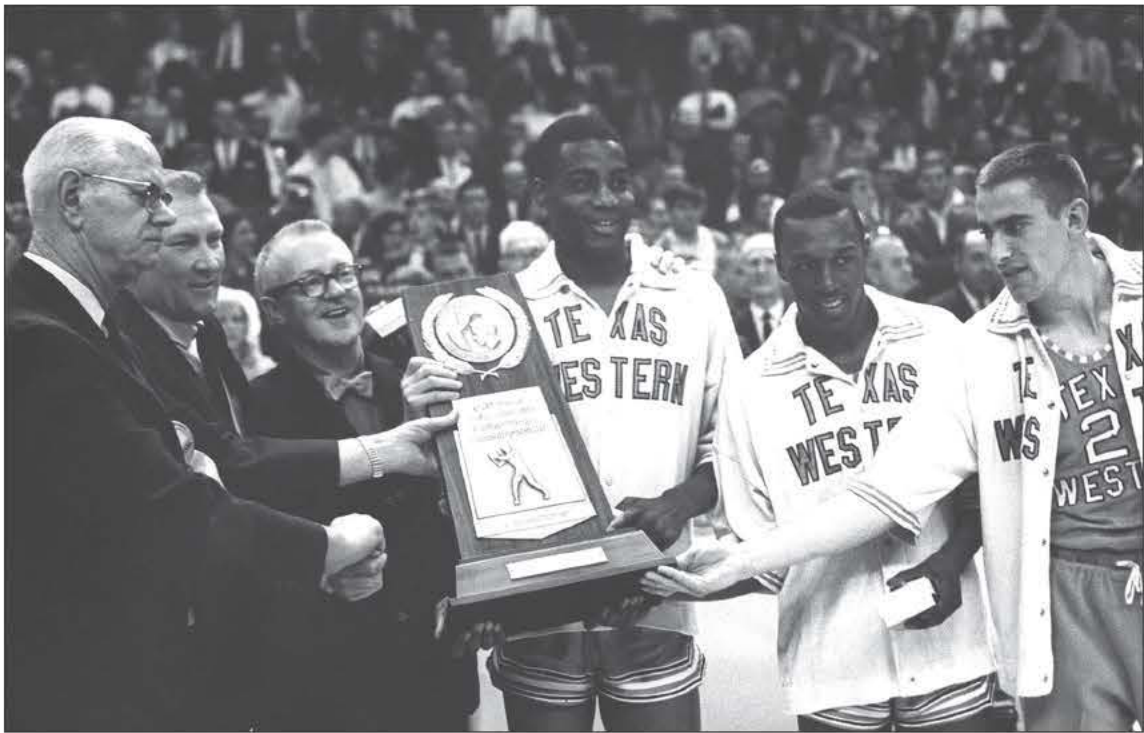
Sanchez vividly recalls the fire department's struggles when dealing with the bonfires created by the students in celebration. As the firemen attempted to extinguish the bonfires, the students would park their cars on the hoses impeding the flow of water.

Thousands showed up at the airport to greet the national champions, and in Sanchez' opinion the championship would catapult El Paso to grow to what it has become today.

"It seems that ever since they won that championship, El Paso just burst," Sanchez said. "It put us on the map. I'm sure it has attracted students to the school, it has attracted people to El Paso to come here and live."

As it has been well documented, the impact of the game went far beyond the court and reached people well outside the El Paso city limits. Gary Williams was a student and basketball player at the University of Maryland, where the national championship game was hosted. He was present at the game and recalls the social impact it had on those in attendance.

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It's not all on Floyd

BY JAVIER CORTEZ  
The Prospector



I have a sneaky suspicion that Tim Floyd at one point in time ran over a leprechaun or some sort of mythical Irish creature. The man simply has no luck. As much as I would love to write a snarky column about how Floyd needs to "Win and Win Now!" and how his tenure as the men's basketball coach has been a huge disappointment, it would not be right. Maybe it's the year in and year out disappointment of being a lifelong UTEP fan that has subdued me into this dispassionate attitude, but there is some grey area with Floyd entering his sixth year as head coach. To clarify, Floyd's time in El Paso has been a disappointing and the best teams he put on the floor in 2010-11 and 2014-15 were drilled in the National Invitational Tournament's first round. At the same time though, the teams that he has put on the floor are not what he has envisioned during the recruiting season. He has lost more players than you can count, the GOP has a better chance of retaining black voters than Floyd does with his recruits. Maybe you could place some blame on Floyd, considering these are the players he is recruiting, but some of the departures have been ridiculous. Players being kicked off for gambling and star recruits not meeting the academic standards of UTEP are amazingly mindboggling. It's always a sure bet that Floyd will lose one or two key players to injuries, suspensions or other mysterious departures. For whatever reason, Floyd cannot cash in on his investments. So what does this mean? Should we settle in for another 22-win season that results in a poor showing in the Conference tournament? The answer is no. You should expect the men's team to make the NCAA tournament. Not because they have the best team, but for the simple reason that they are good enough to be there, just like they have been the last two years. Despite having some warning signs with their inexperience in the frontcourt, and a tendency to underperform in pivotal games, this team is talented. Instead of being the team from the last two seasons who plays at the top of the conference only in the fall, they should be the team that pulls off the big upset and finishes the season strong. Is it too much to ask for a team that has a roster that stays intact and overachieves? I think not, and Floyd is due for that type of team. At this point, it might be fair to hy-

pothesize the argument that Floyd is not a good coach, and simply just a good recruiter who has lost his touch. That's not the case though. Floyd has won everywhere he's gone. He won at the University of New Orleans, where the Privateers have been to the NCAA four times in their 38-year history, Floyd took them twice. He won at Iowa State and left prematurely. The Cyclones went on to three straight NCAA tournaments under Floyd, and he had Iowa high school recruits Kirk Hinrich and Nick Collison, who are now NBA veterans, both lined up to wear yellow and red. Hinrich and Collison would go on to star at Kansas University, where they helped the Jayhawks reach the 2002 NCAA tournament final. Floyd could have turned ISU into a Big 12 powerhouse if hadn't left for the Chicago Bulls. He took the New Orleans Hornets to the playoffs in his second and shorter NBA stint. Lastly, he took the USC Trojans to three-straight NCAA tournaments, which is a school that is known for football not basketball. The guy can coach and the guy can win. He may not be able to get the same type of players that he once picked up at USC, but that's because El Paso is inconveniently located in a recruiting nightmare. Floyd and company might disappoint once again this season, but he is the best option we have. The Miners could go younger and seek out an up-and-coming coach, like Floyd once was in the '90s. But for younger, and possibly more fruitful coaches, UTEP is just a stepping-stone for a bigger university that pays more. The Miners had three highly successful coaches in eight years prior to Floyd, all of which left for Texas A&M, Nebraska, and Auburn, all in that order. Maybe Floyd is past his coaching prime and his teams do not have the zeal to make late-season push for the NCAA tournament, but Floyd is not just another coach. He has a longer history and connection to UTEP and El Paso than his six years as head coach. His father played for the Miners in the early 1940s, and Floyd served as an assistant for Don Haskins in the 1980s and was influential in turning the Miners into a mid-major powerhouse during that decade. To disgruntled UTEP basketball fans, you might be tired of Floyd, but things could be a lot worse. Try to be patient and give the man another year before bringing out the pitch forks.

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The Prospector's cover after the men's basketball team won the National Championship in 1966.

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By JIMMY PAUL  
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A TASTY TRIP AROUND THE WORLD



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The Office of International Programs hosted the 32nd International Food Fair Monday Nov. 2 at Centennial Plaza. The fair included student-run booths, entertainment and live music.



# Faculty, students and staff voice concerns about gun control

BY ALONSO MORENO  
The Prospector

In a room with about 40 people, a tense atmosphere could be felt as one man rose from his seat and approached the microphone to speak once more. “Free speech is dead,” he said. “This new law has killed it.”

The man delivering the heartfelt speech was Patrick Timmons, political science professor at UTEP, one of the many who participated in the UTEP Campus Concealed Carry Taskforce Town Hall Meetings.

Although tempers flared and emotions ran high, the purpose of the meetings was to hear the concerns from the campus and discuss how the university could make recommendations to the UT System.

“I would like to remind everyone that the task force is not discussing the law, this is happening come August 1,” said Gary Edens, chair of the taskforce and vice president of student affairs. “We want to hear your thoughts, opinions and concerns so we can take them into account when we make our recommendations.”

Faculty members were predominant throughout the meetings and their main concern was almost unanimous—no guns in the classroom.

“The concept of gun-free zones does not exist in the legislation, so UTEP is trying to create something that does not exist,” said Timmons. “To talk about a gun-free zone or an exclusion zone is a misinterpretation of the statute, but what the university can do is establish reasons for why guns aren’t allowed in certain parts of campus.”

When asked about why he felt freedom of speech was dead due to the new law, Timmons said that has been threatened in the past due to his teachings.

“I have been threatened in the classroom for talking to people about history. I talk about the history of gay people in this country, or talk about the history of sexuality, or gender, or discrimination against women,” said Timmons. “If you give someone the possibility to respond to you, when they are upset, using a gun instead of their voice, why are we even in the classroom?”

One of the more popular arguments when the law was still being debated was that armed citizens would deter mass shootings.

“I have seen gun control and it does not work, and I don’t think it would work in a college campus,” said Mariana Prieto, junior public relations major. “Right now we are against guns on every campus and it does not work, we still have shootings, so why do you think more gun control would work?”

According to an FBI study of active shooter incidents in the U.S., between 2000 and 2013, only five incidents

ended after an armed individual, who was not law enforcement personnel, exchanged gunfire with the shooters.

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“When you know there is an active shooter, your adrenaline just goes and you have to be trained, you have to know what to do,” said Giniva Rodriguez, a trained weapons professional who was present at the town hall meetings. “Anybody can stop an active shooter, but you have to be aware how you are going to respond, what is behind your target, what ammo to use. You are going to have a guns, but the debate is going to be that people can cause more danger or casualties instead of helping the situation.”

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, there were 505 accidental deaths in 2013 due to

firearms, which was only 0.3 percent of total accidental deaths in the nation.

Present at the town hall meetings as well, albeit in less numbers, were people supporting guns on campus and constitutional carry as well.

“If you are gonna promise 100 percent security and there are no guns coming in within this perimeter, are you also going to be willing to back that up by paying my family a life insurance policy?” said James Penado, a pro-gun attendee.

Although no discussion of economics was brought up, Edens explained to all present that the state would not be providing funding to cover the costs of implementing the new law; it would all have to be covered by the university.

The taskforce and UTEP will submit their preliminary campus plan to the UT System for review on Dec. 4, and will be sending its final plan on Dec. 16. UTEP will begin to implement its plans by February of next year and prepare for the August 1 effective date.

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“There were so many stereotypical notions about black ballplayers then, particularly the farther south you got. Mostly, it was presumed they were undisciplined and stupid,” Williams said in a 2006 interview with Mike Wilbon. “But that night, watching the way Texas Western played, if you had stereotypes in your head about basketball and you were in Cole (Field House), it changed the way you thought, changed the way you felt. It’s very seldom that one event, that something which took less than two hours, could affect people so dramatically.”

The championship game, which was the first time five black players were started against five white players, debunked many of the myths concerning African-American athletes and aided the fight for equality amongst races. In El Paso however, the racial tensions that swept most of the nation, were really non-existent.

El Paso and Texas Western College had a history of progressive thinking and ignorance toward division of races, especially compared with the rest of the south.

In 1956, Charles Brown became the first African-American athlete in the history of Texas Western and the first in any of the major southern institutions. It was not until 1966 that another southern school recruited an African-American athlete.


In fact, it is said that the city, the coach and the team itself was not really aware of the racial implications the game against Kentucky, until much later. Still, it is another source of pride for El Paso and a reason why the championship is so celebrated.

“El Paso has always been at the forefront of civil rights,” Sanchez said. “They (the Miners) lifted us, El Paso, by proving that you know, now we were looked at not only as champions, but as champions of civil rights too.”

Although the social impact or change was not as great in El Paso as it was all over the nation, and was recognized as the most important game in the history of basketball, the result of March 19, 1966 had an important and long-lasting effect on the Sun City and its people, unlike it had experienced prior or has experienced since.

“Nothing like this, this was the greatest thing sports-wise to ever happen to El Paso,” Sanchez said. “It changed everything. It put us on the map, made us proud, made us happy and we’re still celebrating even now.”

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# El Paso Bishop testifies to Congress on immigration

BY MATIAS OCNER  
SHFWire

WASHINGTON – Bishop Mark J. Seitz of the Catholic Diocese of El Paso, Texas, told members of Congress they have a moral obligation to protect unaccompanied children and families from persecution in Central America. He testified Wednesday before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Seitz was among a panel of experts who have either worked with immigrants near the border or traveled to Central America. The hearing was called to assess the causes behind the ongoing migration to the states from Latin American countries. “We are witnessing a humanitarian situation in our hemisphere, in which vulnerable children and families are fleeing for their lives in search of protection,” Seitz said. “If we cannot respond justly and humanely to this challenge in our backyard,



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Bishop Mark J. Seitz of the Diocese of El Paso, Texas, testifies before the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on Wednesday in Washington. Seitz said the violence in Central America is one of the main causes for migration to the states.

then we will relinquish our moral leadership and influence globally.” In 2013, Seitz was asked to lead a delegation of U.S. bishops that traveled to Southern Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras to examine and understand the flight of unaccompanied migrating children and youth. They were among the first to warn of a possible outflow of children and families fleeing from that region, he said.

In 2014, the Department of Homeland Security referred 57,496 unaccompanied children to the Office of Refugee Resettlement. The average length of stay in the program is 29 days and about 85 percent were released to sponsors who are family members. “I will be traveling with several members of the committee to Central America to witness firsthand how both pull and push factors are contributing to this renewed spike in migration from Central America,” said Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., who expects the number of border apprehensions to continue to increase. Johnson, who led the hearing and is the chairman of the committee, said that in August, 3,610 unaccompanied minors from Central America were apprehended at the southwest border of Rio Grande Valley, Texas, up from 2,043 in August 2014. “I think we’re laying out the reality, and we’re exploring these

issues and finding out how difficult the problem is,” he said. Among his recommendations, Seitz encouraged the introduction of a regional system that would screen children and families for asylum in Mexico and other parts of the region. “We are dealing not just with numbers, but with real human beings. Those who are coming here are not simply coming to buy a better car, they’re coming for survival.” Seitz echoed the words of Pope Francis, who spoke to a joint meeting of Congress in September. “The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us,” he said. “Mr. Chairman, I pray that time and history will conclude that we honored this rule in meeting this humanitarian challenge.”

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# UTEP researchers develop low-cost device to monitor HIV patients' health

BY VALERIA TERRAZAS  
The Prospector

UTEP researchers patented a new device that helps HIV patients monitor their health quickly and at a low cost. Tests for people who live with HIV can be complicated, difficult and expensive. Thomas Boland, Ph.D., professor in the department of metallurgical, materials and biomedical engineering at UTEP, and Julio Rincon, doctoral biomedical engineering student, developed the printer with the intentions of making the process simpler, affordable and available to the majority of people, especially those living in third-world countries.

"There's just not enough infrastructure in some places to get these important lab tests done," Boland said in a news release. "Our device can bridge that gap cheaply and quickly. HIV patients can be in and out of the doctor's office in no time for a diagnosis or check-up."

It is recommended for people diagnosed with HIV to have regular health check ups, consisting of blood tests performed every three to six months. Such exams are very costly and may take several days to get the results.

These special blood tests are administered to keep track of the patient's count of CD4 cells, the main target of the HIV virus. A person's CD4 cells count is the strongest predictor on how HIV is progressing in the patient or if treatment is having positive results. A decreased number of CD4 cells a patient has, the closer they are to developing AIDS.

The tests are very important to the health of people with HIV,



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Doctoral biomedical engineering student, Julio Rincon helped develop a new device that helps HIV patients monitor their health quickly and at a low cost.

but performing this test is costly and not affordable for everyone.

The procedure developed by Boland and Rincon involves mixing magnetic particles that detect CD4 cells with the blood sample drawn from a patient. The magnetic particles and CD4 cells stick together. The mixture is then placed in an inkjet printer that has been altered

to print horizontally onto a magnetized microscopic slide. CD4 cells previously latched onto the magnetic particles and attach to the slide, while the rest of the cells in the blood sample trickle into a separate container.

The process is an alternative to the conventional way of testing that involves flow cytometers—large

two million new reported cases of HIV worldwide. Approximately 36.9 million people around the world live with this disease. The CDC also found that the 70 percent of the cases are reported in the poorest regions of Africa, followed by South America and Asia, in marginalized areas of difficult access and decreased resources.

This is exactly what the printer can help address, providing a way to have more affordable tests that provide results in minutes rather than days.

"We selected a small device so we can do this (monitoring exams) in a remote area," Boland said. "So you don't have to send the sample to the city to have it examined in a lab."

Currently, this device is just a prototype that can still be modified to make it even smaller. The developers of this innovative printer are waiting for an offer from a company to license their product and that will help them launch it in the market. Rincon said that several doctors from Mexico have already shown an interest in this invention.

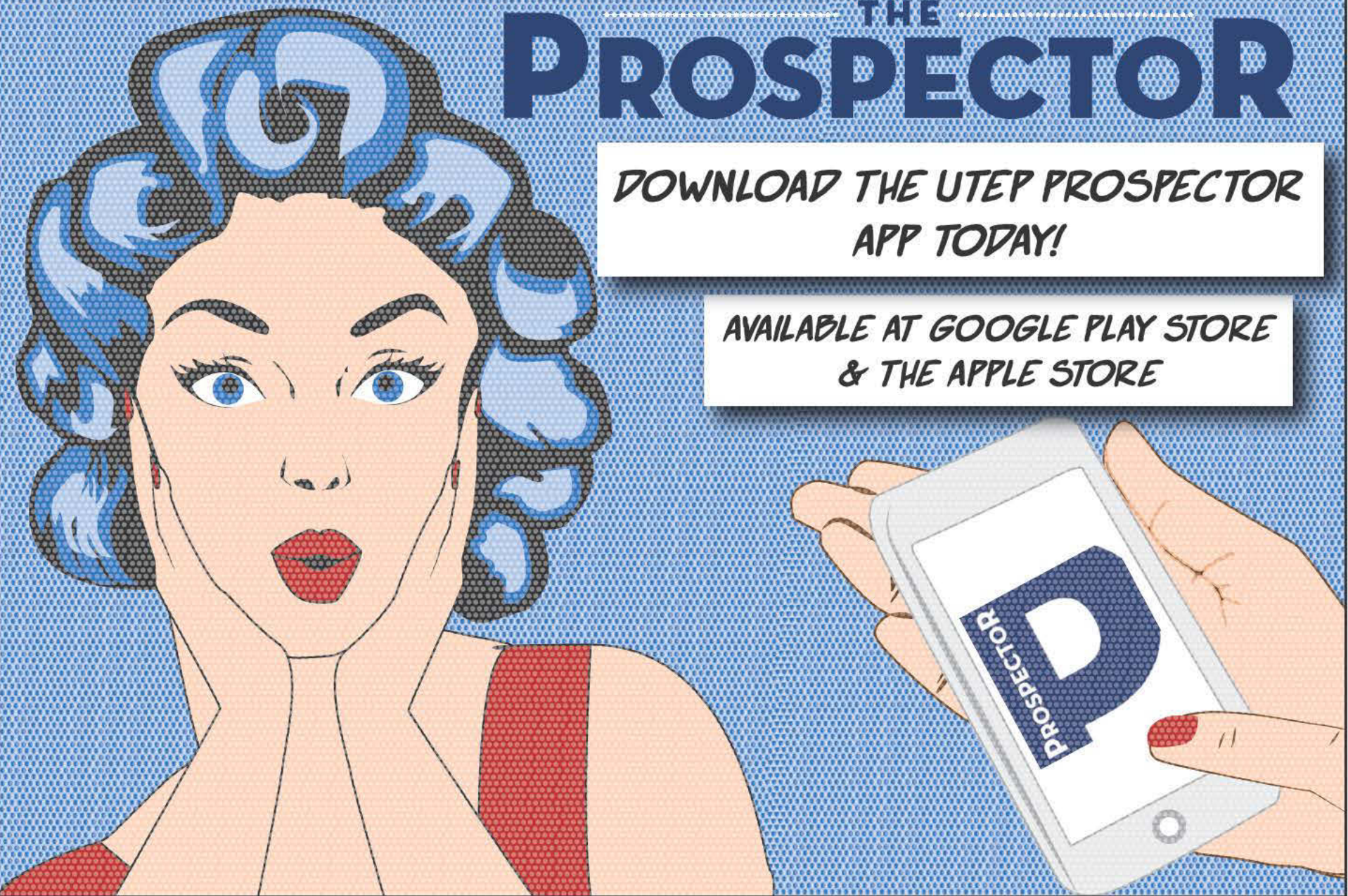
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## Dia de los Muertos: lo que conlleva la traidicion mexicana



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El Día de los Muertos fue celebrado en varios lugares en la ciudad incluyendo el cementerio Concordia.

BY FERNANDA LEON  
The Prospecter

Considerada como una tradición muy representativa de la cultura mexicana, el Día de los Muertos va más allá de los típicos colores llamativos, las flores, las calaveras y la comida. Esta festividad es celebrada durante el 2 de noviembre de cada año con el motivo de honrar la vida de los seres queridos ó personajes importantes que hayan fallecido. Aunque sea uno de los días mas celebrados entre la cultura mexicana, no todos comprenden lo que el festejo conlleva. El Día de los Muertos, a pesar de ser una celebración que festeja la muerte, llega a ser un evento lleno de color, alegría y bastante humor. Eduardo Gutierrez, estudiante de publicidad, dijo que el día es uno de los pocos que “se celebra con corazon.” “A mi parecer es una celebracion honesta y pura en la que nosotros celebramos la vida y la muerte y que nunca se olvida a una persona y permanecen en nuestro corazon” dijo

Gutierrez. “Es un recordatorio de lo especial que alguien puede ser y de lo especial e unidos que podemos llegar a ser con nuestros familiares y amigos.” Varias de las costumbres y actividades que se realizan durante este festejo incluyen el uso de objetos como la flor de cempasúchil, el pan de muerto, prendas coloridas, azúcar, veladoras, calaveras, entre otros. A contitnuación se muestran siete de las varias tradiciones que se relacionan con esta fecha del día de muertos

### Flor de Cempasúchil

Es la flor más usada durante el Día de los Muertos. Con un color amarillo vibrante que, de acuerdo a la tradición azteca, simboliza el sol que servía de guía a las almas de los muertos, esta flor y sus pétalos sirven como decoración y simbolismo durante la exhibición de algún altar.

### Pan de Muerto

Este tipo de pan es tradicional durante esta festividad. Es utilizado como ofrenda para decorar el altar o tumba y viene en distintas presentaciones y distintos tamaños. El pan de muerto es un pan especial que se prepara en el país mexicano durante las fechas del Día de los Muertos. Este pan tiene una apariencia redonda y por lo regular esta espolvoreado y cubierto con azúcar blanca.

### Veladoras

Las veladoras, más allá de ser una manera de adornar las tumbas y altares, son elementos primordiales ya que reflejan el camino que las almas de los difuntos toman para regresar a sus hogares. Durante esta festividad, las veladoras son utilizadas tanto en los altares y tumbas como por las personas que dedican su tiempo a visitar a sus seres difuntos en el panteón durante esta fecha.

### Ofrendas

Una de las partes más importantes de un altar o tumba de muertos son las ofrendas. Las ofrendas constan de preparar e instalar en el altar la comida y bebida favorita de la persona que se le hará honor como una manera de ofrecerlos cuando sus almas regresen durante este día. El uso de juguetes en altares y tumbas también representa una manera de realizar una ofrenda cuando el difunto es un niño.

### Catrina

La Catrina surgió como un personaje creado por Jose Guadalupe Posada y bautizada por Diego Rivera. Hoy en día, la Catrina es utilizada en varios aspectos durante el Día de los Muertos e incluso Halloween ya que las personas pueden vestir y maquillarse de dicho personaje quien es ahora parte de la cultura mexicana y sus costumbres.

### Fotografias

En la realización de algún altar o tumba durante el día de muertos, el uso de una foto-grafia es muy común. Estas fotografías son utilizadas para adornar el altar y dar a conocer a la gente y el publico en general a quien se le esta haciendo honor.

### Humor

El humor es característico de la comunidad mexicana y esta festividad no es la excepción para mostrar ese humor. A diferencia de lo que se puede pensar, el día de los muertos resulta ser un evento lleno de alegría, color e inclusive música tradicional mexicana. El Día de los Muertos es una celebración mexicana que consta de varias actividades compuestas por una variedad de elementos donde la meta principal es festejar y darle un la bienvenida a los seres difuntos de vuelta a su hogar.

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## UTEP students reach their dream of opening fitness center

BY JULIA HETTIGER  
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Inspired by their love for fitness and strong desire to give back to the community, three UTEP students have decided to pursue their dreams and have open their own gym. Peak Fitness, which had its grand opening on Oct. 31 at 5450 Hurd on the Westside of El Paso, is the result of husband and wife, Pamela and John Paul Buchanan, both UTEP students and a UTEP alumni Kimberly Rayner. “The inspiration came from my partners,” Rayner said. “We really have a passion for fitness and helping others, so that’s something that really brought us together.” The trio hopes Peak Fitness becomes more than just a gym and is seen as a second home, with a friendly environment for everyone who works out there.

“We decided to do something friendly, where everyone here is a member of a family, and that’s one of the main reasons we started it,” Rayner said. Rayner received her degree in marketing, but never imagined she would be using her business skills as a means to run her own fitness center. “It was put in front of me, and that’s what motivated me to go through it with it,” Rayner said. “I’m just so glad to be here because it’s a positive environment.” Peak Fitness will feature personal training sessions that focus on unique training methods and the development of close relationships with everyone involved. “What’s cool about this gym and what separates us from other gyms is that we are a personal training gym,” Rayner said. “We have sessions every hour on the hour, and there are no more than four clients

per hour per trainer, so you can build a relationship with the trainers.” Because all three of the owners have a UTEP connection, they hope to one day create programs and specials for UTEP students. “I haven’t spoken to my partners about that yet, but once we speak about it, hopefully we can come up with something for students,” Rayner said. “At other gyms, you may go and workout and then leave, but here you can stick around and talk to everyone.” During this new journey, the three business owners hope to help out the El Paso community the best way they can and assist anyone on the path to lead a healthier life. “What I’m looking forward to the most is helping everyone build confidence with their body image and helping people in general,” Rayner said. “I’m so glad to do be doing this partnership with Pamela Buchanan and John Paul Buchanan,

because they’re amazing people and they have motivated me so much.” Pamela Buchanan, senior multidisciplinary studies major, said she’s excited for this next step in their lives because they can help members of the community in a way that is uniquely their own. “We have a passion to help people and we wanted to do it on our own, instead of under somebody else,” Pamela said. “We just love helping people and motivating them and being around people.” As someone who has been into fitness since she was young, Pamela said she is excited to share her love for sports through the gym. “I’ve played sports all my life and I started doing CrossFit in 2012, and I loved being a part of a gym,” Pamela said. “I started coaching and training, and it felt so good hearing things like you ‘changed my life’ or

‘I’ve lost so much weight and I’m eating better,’ it’s a really good feeling.” John Paul Buchanan, senior kinesiology major, said what he’s looking forward to most about the start of Peak Fitness is having another place to call home and sharing that feeling with others. “I’ve always dreamt of having my own gym,” John Paul said. “I’m doing it with two of my good friends, one of them being my wife. I’m excited about having people feel like it’s their place, it’s their home. I’m looking forward to growing and being able to impact the community.” Peak Fitness is open Monday through Thursday from 5 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. On Friday they’re open from 5 a.m. to 11 a.m., and on Saturday from 7 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 585-1777. Julia Hettiger may be reached at theprospectordaily. ent@gmail.com.



# New brewery lives up to the hype



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Deadbeach Brewery is located at 406 S. Durango St. in downtown El Paso.

BY JOSE SOTO

The Prospector

Some people might recall a time when 406 S. Durango St. was once the trendy nightclub called the Motel Bar. Now, the location is home to a newly opened brewery, giving El Paso its second much-needed brewery house. In a city like El Paso, which has various bars that cater to craft beer enthusiasts and hosts multiple festivals dedicated to the crafted alcoholic beverage, it was quite the wonder why we didn't have any at all.

Deadbeach Brewery officially opened their doors for business on Nov. 1 after much anticipation.

Plans to open the microbrewery began in 2013, when the owners obtained the copyright for the business' name. They broke ground in 2014 in downtown El Paso. Alongside Ode Brewery, Deadbeach is the only other brewery in town.

Once a trendy and posh building while it was still the Motel Bar, Deadbeach has now changed the façade of the location. The place is now a bit more rustic, but still has the relaxed and modern ambiance that made the Motel Bar among the best clubs in town. The place is following the trend with bars such as Blackbird Cantina and Grey Dog to fuse Arcadian décor with contempo-

rary layouts. For Deadbeach it works marvelously. The place is inviting, which it will need as a business that only serves beer and not cocktails. The interior is rather dark, but that is expected at a tavern. The chalk-written menu board is friendly and inviting, making it difficult for you not to order one of their specialty beers.

And special they are. Deadbeach offered four specialty beers on opening night. The Deadbeach IPA was the brewery's main offering. This IPA is extremely hoppy, so if you dislike other IPAs for this specific feature, it would be best to pass. The IBU—or International Bitterness Units—is high with Deadbeach's IPA, making it an

acquired taste, but it is one whose taste profile is as prolific as any of the best IPAs. Deadbeach IPA has a plethora of flavor since it is brewed with three different types of hops. Their Brown Bonnie is similar to a Guinness, with a taste similar to espresso. This makes this offering a distinctive one. The Brown Bonnie is arguably the best of the four craft beers currently being offered at Deadbeach. It is dense and aromatic, but also sweet. This makes the beer either highly enjoyable or hard to swallow, depending on what kind of beer you prefer. Again, if these are descriptions that aren't favorable, then perhaps Deadbeach is not a recommendable place for you.

The brewery is also currently offering their take on pumpkin ale with their Great Calabaza. Although it didn't have a notable pumpkin taste profile, the ale was crisp and refreshing. It was made with actual local pumpkins and seasoned with a series of pumpkin spices. Of the four, this is probably the one that will be most popular. It is suitable for those who do not want such a featured beer. Their Prost Pale is also a good option if you want a subtle adult beverage.

Overall, the brewery did not disappoint. The outside patio—once an open-air large dance floor while still the Motel Bar—is now occupied by the brewers and fermenters. It does not take away from the experience, however. It is actually quite interesting to see how Deadbeach makes their exceptional beers. Deadbeach Brewery will be offering tours of their facilities on Saturdays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The brewery will surely thrive as they continue to offer beers that are actually mastered by design as they did on opening night. It seems that Deadbeach Brewery has their beer recipes down extremely well, which is good for the growing craft beer enthusiast population of El Paso.

Deadbeach Brewery Tavern is open on Thursday, Friday and Sunday from 3 p.m. to midnight and on Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

For more information, visit their official website at [www.deadbeach.com](http://www.deadbeach.com)

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# Rubin Center celebrates a decade of art



A gala will be held in honor of the Rubin Center's 10 year anniversary at the Epic Railyard Center.

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Throughout an entire decade, one of UTEP's buildings has showcased an array of artwork, spread creativity and given students the opportunity to learn and express themselves through their art. This year, the Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts, which has been the art mecca of the UTEP community, is celebrating its 10th anniversary. The celebration will feature art galleries, exhibitions and even a gala that will take place at the Epic Railyard Center, located at 2201 E. Mills Ave. The Rubin Center has been home to more than 100 exhibitions of contemporary art. Along with new exhibitions, the celebration will feature guest speakers. "With each exhibition, we host a roster of visiting artists and curators, offering our geographically isolated community a direct experience with contemporary practitioners of international recognition and importance," said Kerry Doyle, director of the Rubin Center. "Visiting artists create site-specific installations, give public lectures and conduct workshops for UTEP students, high school students and local artists." Some of the artwork showcased in this center comes from artists who come from the United States and Latin America. Artists from Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East have also been showcased at the exhibits. All of the art galleries at the center have been supported and recognized by various organizations such as the Texas Commission on the Arts, the

National Endowment for the Arts, the Andy Warhol Foundation for Visual Arts, the Lannan Foundation and the Leonard Nimoy Foundation. According to Doyle, the Ru-

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- Alonzo Martinez, senior art major

bin Center has offered three shows that signify their best work; "Contra Flujo," "Maximo Gonzalez: Magnificent Warning" and "CUADRO with Machine Project." "Contra Flujo" represented the relationship of contemporary art in Latin America, having a strong cross-border component in partnership with a Ciudad Juárez museum. "Maximo Gonzalez: Magnificent Warning" was a visually strong exhibition that consisted of a light installation of 300 individual light elements. Finally, "CUADRO with Machine Project" was an exhibition that por-

trayed the work of students and emerging artists in the community. All these exhibitions have represented an opportunity and a resource for art students and the general public to have more exposure to different artistic themes. "The Rubin Center is a resource place for students, it has a great accessibility for all students, especially from the art department," said Alonzo Martinez, senior art major at UTEP. "I include myself since they gave me the opportunity to be an intern through means of a class elective, and granted me with the opportunity to work closely with some of their events to come." From Nov. 5 through Nov. 8, the Rubin Center will offer a series of exhibitions and art presentations. Nov. 5 will open with an exhibition called "Territory of the Imagination," a collective art project by Tomás Saracén. The Rubin Center Auditorium will hold a conference on Nov. 6 called "Space Without Rockets." To close the celebration, on Nov. 8, the center will have the public unveiling of a sculpture called "Becoming Aerosolar" by Tomás Saracén. The Rubin Center gala, which will take place at the Epic Railyard Center, took about 18 months to create, according to Doyle. There will be live artistic performances by Knee Jerk and Xochitl Rodríguez, live screen printing by Jason Lucero, Zeke Pena and Los Dos. "The gala promises to be a very exciting event. The location will be one of a kind," Martinez said. "The Epic Railyard Center is an old factory of windows and doors built in 1917, which

has been restored to be a chic rustic event venue. The place is stunning." Musical performances will include Grau Jazz, DJ Souldies, and a concert from The Chamanas. "As we prepare to celebrate our 10th anniversary in 2015, we are reaffirming our commitment to bringing world-class contemporary art to our border community, and simultaneously taking some important steps to expand the impact and resonance of that programming," Doyle said. "We have tripled our audience in the last three years and have a great mix of students, faculty and community members at all of our events." Tickets for the gala cost \$50 for the entire evening and \$10 after 10 p.m. for UTEP students. For more information about the Rubin Center gala and their 10th anniversary exhibitions, visit [rubin.utep.edu](http://rubin.utep.edu) or call at (915) 747-6151. Fernanda Leon may be reached at [theprospectordaily.ent@gmail.com](mailto:theprospectordaily.ent@gmail.com)



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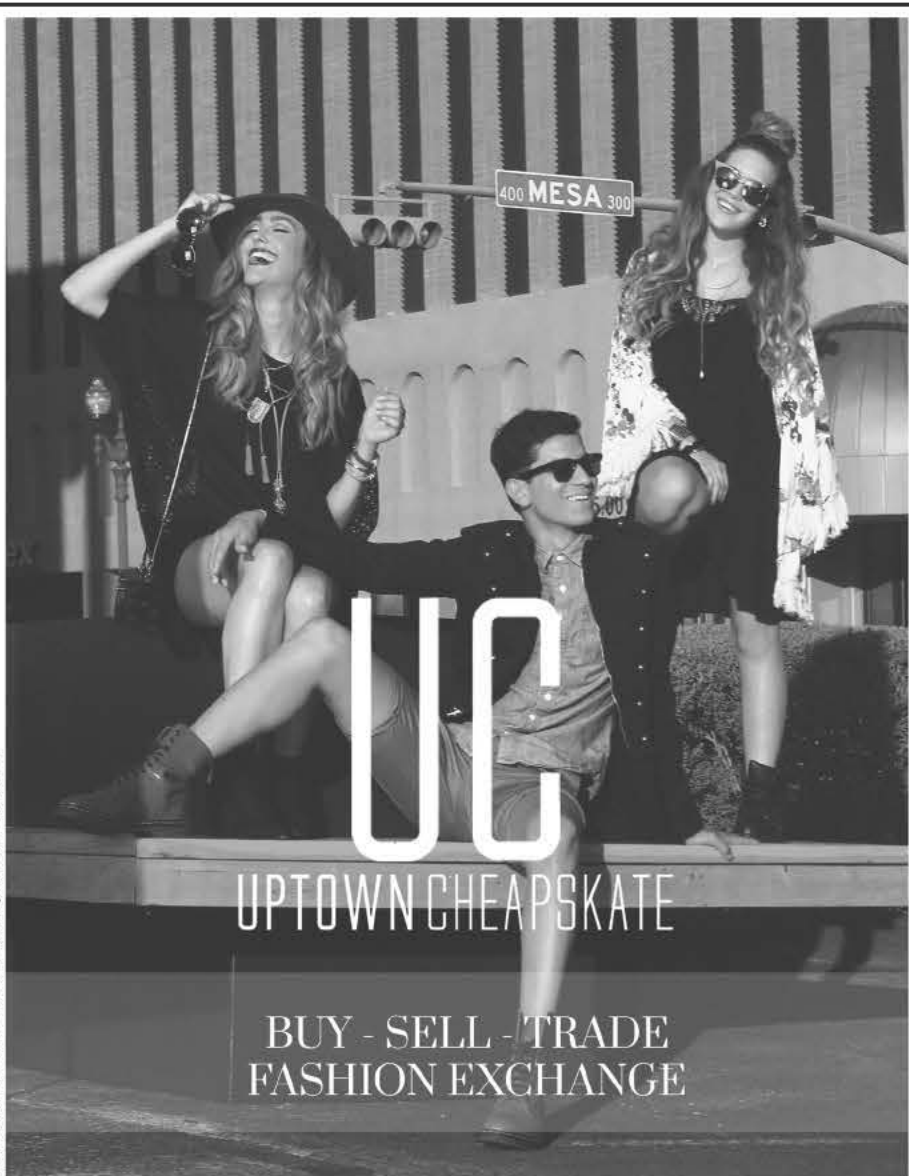


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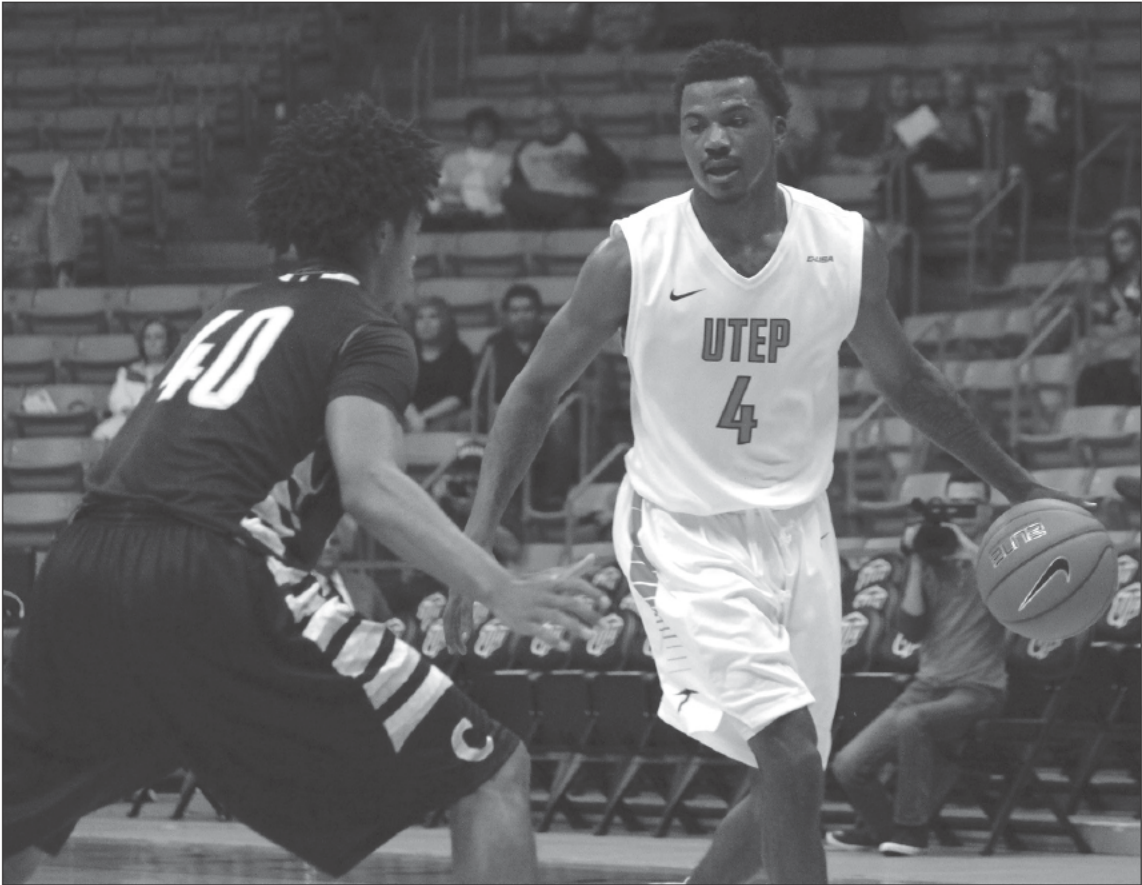


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# Men’s team tops Cameron Aggies in exhibition opener 78-69



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Junior guard Lee Moore led the Miners in points and rebounds in their exhibition game against Cameron.

BY ADRIAN BROADDUS

The Prospector

Despite a stagnant, sloppy start, the UTEP men's basketball team was able to slither past the Cameron Aggies 78-69 in their opening exhibition game.

Six players in total missed did not play in the game, along with head coach Tim Floyd who was not in attendance. Assistant coach Phil Johnson took the reigns for the game.

With the inexperienced players in action, mistakes were made on both ends of the ball.

"It was our first time out and a lot of new guys out there playing a

lot of minutes," Johnson said. "Not great, but the effort was good. That wasn't an issue at all. I thought we fought and tried to run and tried to execute and tried to defend. Just a lot of breakdowns in how we guard, screen and roll. Obviously we didn't rebound the ball versus a Division II team like we need to. We're going to have to improve."

It was a poor start offensively for the Miners, who shot 40 percent from the floor, while making only one-of-eight 3-pointers in the first half. The offense could not get anything rolling against the Aggies. Lee Moore led the Miners with 15 points in the half, but he seemed to be the only spark for

the team. At the end of the first half, Cameron led the Miners, 37-35, after a buzzer-beating jump shot to break the tie .

Coming out of the break, the Miners started with a 10-2 run to give them a 45-39 lead. Cameron continued to use the pick-and-roll play to their advantage, and responded to the Miners with 10 unanswered points. Then, guard play for the Miners aided the comeback, more specifically from Victor Mbachu and Trey Touchet. With eight minutes left in the game, the two guards made back-to-back jump shots, followed by a layup by Moore, which gave the Miners the go-ahead lead at 56-55.

Then, in the final nine minutes, Moore closed the game for the Miners. With nine-straight points late in the game, Moore was able to help extend the lead to as much as 11. Moore led the team in points and rebounds, with 28 and 11 to finish the game. Following Moore, Mbachu totaled with 14 points and Hooper Vint racked up eight.

"Overall, it was a rough game," Mbachu said. "We could have played a lot better. But it was our first time out and we knew there would be mistakes. We'll learn from it defensively. And we had a lot of turnovers. But we're still a new team. We're still getting used to each other."

A contributing factor to the closely contested win was turnovers. The Miners finished the game with 19 total turnovers.

"I thought there were some really bad decisions," Johnson said. "When you have 19 turnovers in a game, that's not good. Our ultimate goal is to be single digits. We just got careless in transition, we got careless in trying to feed the post."

Johnson also credits a major factor in the turnovers to the new shot clock, which was lowered from 35 seconds to 30 seconds this season.

"When you go from playing 35 seconds to 30, things speed up a lot," Johnson said. "The possession goes by a lot quicker. You find yourself with nine seconds, eight seconds to go quicker. And it just seems like it gets on you. So you have to be a little more aggressive in everything you do. I think that aggressiveness, with this team having so many new guys, created some turnovers for us."

Vint, a returning veteran on the younger squad, claimed that despite the quiet start, the resiliency the team showed made a big difference.

"I thought we started a little slow, but I thought we played hard," Vint said. "And I liked how we fought at the end. Lee played great, obviously.

And Vic came in and did a good job. Our screen and roll defense wasn't good. We have a different way of doing it and a lot of the new guys aren't used to it yet. We'll have to go back and work on it."

Although the Miners dwelled on the absence of their inactive players, Johnson saw promise amongst the younger players.

"We have a lot of guys out that I hope will be playing for us at some point here pretty quick," Johnson said. "But I thought it was good that we gave a lot of time to these other guys like Trey Touchet, Jake Flagert, Brodricks Jones, Victor, Tevin (Caldwell) and Paul Thomas, who I think is going to be a real nice player as a freshman. I thought he rebounded the ball and tried to play."

Coming into the game, the Miners were missing the talents of Dominic Artis, Earvin Morris, Josh McSwiggan, Omega Harris, Christian Romine and Terry Winn. Also, the Miners were without head coach Tim Floyd.

Morris, Winn, and Romine did not participate in game for reasons where Floyd said "individualism became a bigger part of who they were than our team". McSwiggan was absent due to knee surgery, Harris is not academically eligible until next semester, and Dominic Artis is going through a recent eligibility issues.

Floyd was not in attendance for the game because of a tragedy in his family; his sister past away an hour before the game and he left to be with family.

Next, the Miners will open up play against East Central Oklahoma at the Don Haskins on Nov.7.

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# Bet smart this NBA season and go with the Golden State Warriors in June

BY JAVIER CORTEZ

The Prospector



Yes the NBA season has already begun, but that does not mean I can't give out a belated prediction. Last season's story lines were filled with injuries to star players, while this season's early story lines seem to be more team centric.

The Cleveland Cavaliers are unsurprisingly the favorites to win the championship after their impressive run to the NBA Finals; then there is the Western Conference. The West has four legitimate contenders to win the title: San Antonio Spurs, Los Angeles Clippers, Oklahoma City Thunder and the Houston Rockets.

Lastly, the Chicago Bulls, Miami Heat and Memphis Grizzlies all have outside chances. All of these teams seem to be very good, which makes for an interesting season to say the least, but there is one team that should be the large favorite.

The defending NBA champions, the Golden State Warriors. Picking the defending champs in not a bold prediction, but it's amazing to see how they have gone unnoticed prior to the start of the season.

Although picking the Cavs to win is a smart move considering their roster of a healthy and weak conference, but the Warriors not being proclaimed as the betting favorites to win the title is absurd.

They have retained basically the same roster, with the exception of David Lee. Their three best players have not peaked, and most importantly, they are healthy.

Opening week was just a sample, but the Warriors have not missed a beat so far this season. Last season they won 67 games, had the league's best offensive and defensive efficiency and the biggest point differential.

Even after a sterling regular season there were doubters, and even after winning the championship, once again there are doubters.

They have the best template for success for three reasons. They can play faster and score more efficiently than any team in the league. They can defend in the half court with good perimeter defense, the ability to switch on pick-and-rolls and protect the rim. Lastly, they can cut into a lead within a matter of a few possessions because of their otherworldly 3-point shooting.

Another 67-win season with league-leading efficiency and point

differential seems a little farfetched considering the improvement some teams in the Western Conference have made, but do not take a possibly slight step back by the Warriors as a reason to bet against them.

They will probably win fewer games and still be a better team than last year. Only three teams have a legitimate chance of beating the Warriors.

First is Cleveland. The Cavs pushed the Warriors to six games in last season's NBA Finals with a depleted roster and a rudimentary style of basketball. If the Cavs are healthy in June they could rectify last year's defeat.

They do one thing against the Warriors that most teams have trouble with; slowing the pace of the game. Cleveland plays a vastly slower brand of basketball in comparison to the Warriors and they do it well. They have three of the best offensive players for their positions in Kyrie Irving, Kevin Love and LeBron James, and contrary to popular belief, they have the ability to defend with these three on the floor together.

Second is Oklahoma City. The Thunder, like the Cavs, if healthy are another strong threat. They can score with the best of them, and basically all of their offense runs through two players—Kevin Durant and Russell

Westbrook alone make this team a title contender.

Then throw in Serge Ibaka; a premier shot blocker and a legit stretch four, Enes Kanter; offensive juggernaut, and Anthony Morrow; one of the league's best 3-point shooters and that puts OKC over the top.

Westbrook, specifically, could give the Warriors hell. Stephen Curry got a break in last year's playoffs because he did not have to defend the likes of Chris Paul, Ty Lawson, Tony Parker, Kyrie Irving and the monster Russell Westbrook.

Curry is not a bad defender, but he probably won't catch a break this season if the Warriors play teams with healthy guards in the playoffs. Curry won't be able to solely focus on bludgeoning teams with 3-pointer after 3-pointer if he has to worry about Westbrook speeding down the court.

Third is San Antonio. The Spurs have the best chance because they are the originator of the Warriors' style of play. The constant cutting and moving, pass-happy offense that leaves defenses in a pretzel is still running smoothly, while their stout defense, which never commits fouls unless it's against poor free throw shooters, is still intact.

They added LaMarcus Aldridge, just to pepper an already well-seasoned offense, and Kawhi Leonard looks like he is ready to lead. Leonard is the best perimeter defender in the league and his offensive game seems sharper through opening week.

They usually stay healthy because of their platoon-swapping rotations, and they are always are strong bet come playoff time because of their years of experience. If all goes well for the Spurs, they will have a date with the Warriors in the Western Conference Finals.

These three teams will make the Warriors' title defense extremely tough. While the Rockets, Clippers and Grizzlies from the West are not good enough to really challenge them, despite the betting odds.

The Rockets don't defend well enough, the Grizzlies play too slow with no shooting, and the Clippers are not reliable after Blake Griffin and Chris Paul.

In closing, do not get bogged down by hot takes, nice paper rosters or ESPN. The Warriors are the best team with the best roster makeup in the league. The Warriors will be the team to beat in June.

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## Miners Open season with exhibition win



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(Top) guard Trey Touchet started the game for the Miners at point guard. (Bottom) guard Victor Mbachu finished with 14-points in the exhibition.



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All C-USA team. Starting forward Chrisauna Parker is back after leading the 2013-14 squad in offensive rebounds, before missing the 2014-15 season with multiple concussions.

Last is the return of Jenzel Nash, who sat out last season after having a child. Nash was named C-USA Sixth Player of the Year for the 2013-14 season. Her scoring off the bench was pivotal to the Miners deep run in the women's NIT in 2014.

The return of talent and experience from last season has given the women's team high expectations for this year.

"Coming off last year's season, we understand that we have to stay together," Turner said. "Our expectations are always to win conference and get to the big dance (NCAA tournament)."

Despite a lackluster offense last year, the emphasis in preseason practices has been on defense, defense and more defense.

"We've been working on our defense," Adams said. "Really having the sense of urgency to guard the basketball, sprinting back in transition, communication, and obviously finish with rebounding."

Last season's team was in stark contrast to the product that Keitha Adams puts out on a year-to-year basis. This year's team looks to wash away their deficiencies from last season. They want to be more physical and rebound the ball.

"We want to do a good job of rebounding," Adams said. Right now, we are not a very physical team. We got to get more aggressive and more physical.

Even her players cited the emphasis being on rebounding.

"That's always big," Turner said. "If we don't rebound, we run. Playing good defense and rebounding the ball puts icing on the cake."

The women's team has plenty of kinks to work out, but a more physical brand of basketball can be expected for this season.

Albeit a slighter step back in comparison to the women, the men won 22 games and made an NIT appearance. Nevertheless, their season failed to meet their expectations of winning the conference title and getting to the NCAA Championship Tournament.

The men come into this season with an even younger group than the women; nearly half of the roster is comprised of freshmen. El Paso has already been given a sample of what to expect this season with their public intersquad scrimmage on Oct. 24 and their first exhibition game last Saturday.

If the two games showed anything, it is that they are loaded at the guard position. Transfers Dominic Artis and Lee Moore showed off their scoring prowess and will likely start once the men open with regular season play.

But it does not stop there, Earvin Morris and Omega Harris showed last season that they could beat teams from outside and finish at the rim, while freshmen Trey Touchet and Josh McSwiggan are interesting prospects.

The men's team finally seems to have depth at the guard position, which is what they need to be competitive.

"We're hopeful that our guards are going to be good players," said head coach Tim Floyd. "All college teams have to have them. For this team, given what we lost a year ago, to really be a very competitive team we're go-

ing to have to have exceptional guard play from some of our newcomers."

The abundance of depth at the guard position does come with a price though. The men's team is very thin in the frontcourt. Senior center Hooper Vint is the lone veteran up front, while junior center Matt Willms will be used sparingly this season because of a chronic foot problem.

Freshmen Brodricks Jones, Paul Thomas, Christian Romine and Terry Winn round out the big men who will see the floor this season. The lack of depth and inexperience upfront has proved costly so far through both exhibition games.

The Miners screen-and-roll defense and rim protection were both below average, which is a drastic change from last year's team. Floyd echoed his concerns with his young team after the Orange and White scrimmage two weeks ago.

"I was concerned with a lot of things," Floyd said on Oct. 24. "We saw something's that resembled what we are trying to do, but most of it did not. We'll go back, practice and try to improve. When you watch the scrimmage it doesn't look like there is much teaching going on, but we are trying, we really are."

Although talented, the men's team has a lot of work to do before they can cash in on their guard-centric roster.

The men's team opens their regular season against Loyola on Nov. 14 at the Don Haskins Center. The women's team will be in action this Saturday, Nov. 7, against St. Mary's in their only exhibition game of the season before opening their regular season against Houston Baptist on Nov. 15. Both games are at the Don Haskins Center.

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Senior guard Camesha Turner is the returning leading scorer from the Miners last season.

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