UPEP CREATES ITS OWN CRITERIA FOR TIER ONE

BY ALEJANDRO ALBA

The Prospector

Since 2009, when UTEP was designated as one of Texas’ emerging tier-one institutions, the university has been pursuing that status, which would give the institution national recognition and access to millions in funds.

According to UTEP President, Diana Natalicio, the university is getting closer to attaining that designation.

“We think that we and UT Dallas are probably next because we keep developing our research,” Natalicio said. “I don’t think it will take but a couple of years, but it’s based on a (three or two)-year average.”

Across the state, seven universities were classified as emerging tier-one universities by the Texas Legislature: UT Arlington, UT Dallas, UT San Antonio, University of Houston, Texas Tech, University of North Texas and UTEP.

Natalicio said she is not willing to give up the university’s mission of accessibility by trying to become a tier-one institution.

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Although the definition of a tier-one university is not clearly defined, there are still criteria in Texas to gain that status as outlined in House Bill 21. There is also a criteria to be met by universities to receive funding from the National Research University Fund.

A tier-one institution is typically known to be a university that has more than $100 million each year in research expenditures, awards at least 100 doctoral degrees per year, is recognized by respected national organizations and has faculty members who are members of the National Academy.

According to Cathy Delgado, research and policy analyst at UT System, in order to access funds provided by NRUF, the university must meet further requirements provided by the legislature.

The NRUF funding can only be accessed when an emerging university has met the criteria.

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“There was a lot of backup. I think it took too long, but then again it’s a big campus. There’s a lot of us students,” Natalicio said. “It’s all of our duty no matter what. If any of us are in a situation like that, it’s our obligation to help our citizens.”

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Soon after he began directing traffic, Natalicio said he got help from a state trooper, who arrived at the scene. He said a staff member had to call to request help from police.

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**Successful evacuation?**

**BY EDITORIAL STAFF**

The Prospector

Students, faculty and staff made their way off campus at approximately 2 p.m. in whatever possible way they could, all due to an evacuation issued by the UTEP Police Department. The mass departure was due to a bomb threat the university received.

Although officials stated the evacuation was a success, student voices say otherwise. As students, we believe there was a lack of direction during the evacuation and a lack of urgency to the situation.

A police report issued by the UTEP Police Department stated that the bomb threat was reported at 12:38 p.m. Therefore, it took more than an hour for officials to evaluate the situation and alert everyone on campus. Once the alert was sent via text and email, it took another hour and a half to evacuate everyone from campus.

The two hours that it took to evacuate campus and analyze the threat could have been potentially life threatening. If it had been a scenario where a gunman had entered the campus, or an actual bomb had been in place, many lives could have been lost.

We, as students, did not see much of a police presence, neither UTEP or El Paso Police, leaving staff, faculty and students in charge of the evacuation.

We feel that the university emergency procedure could be improved with guidance and assigned evacuation areas. In other schools, hospitals and buildings, there are always evacuation procedures that address certain areas to go in case of a fire or a potential bomb threat.

One example would be to direct students located at the Union to use the University Avenue exit, rather than cutting through the middle of campus to get their cars and go home.

At the time of evacuation, students were trying to retrieve their belongings and reach their cars, whether they parked in a near lot or the remote lots. In hopes of reaching their cars, many students showed up to the shuttle stops, but were not picked up. The bus that provides transportation for disabled students in front of Union East did not pick up any students either.

Students were then left to walk on foot to reach their cars and disabled students were left stranded, waiting for a potential ride home, or had to get on city buses that were still running when the evacuation was taking place.

This was a major inconvenience for many, adding to the student traffic on campus and delaying the evacuation from being entirely successful.

Even after most of the traffic had died down around campus, students could still be seen walking through campus around 3 p.m. It was obvious that the efforts to vacate the campus fully was not enforced at the time of evacuation and after the fact.

Should there be future circumstances similar to this, the campus security should invest in training to increase their response time and efficiency in dealing with the large population of faculty, staff and students.

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"There are so many ways that the legislature has carved out. What we try to do was cut through all that detail and say, ‘okay, here are the two things that we have to get done: $100 million in research dollars and the doctorate degrees. If we do that we have quality graduates and all of that," Natalicio said.

According to a chart provided by University Communications, UTEP is close to be declared a tier-one status university, however, to access the NRFU funds, the university has other requirements to meet.

When becoming a leading research institution, a university is supposed to have high standards of admission in order to have an outstanding freshman class. Schools in Texas already considered tier one are the University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University and Rice University. In order to increase UTEP’s standards, higher SAT score requirements would need to be implemented and require a certain academic standing for incoming freshmen.

"I think SATs don’t tells us what students can do, we have proof of that over and over again at UTEP (with successful students), so why would we use a test that we don’t believe in to deny people into the university," Natalicio said.

According to Natalicio, most people don’t think that UTEP can provide both access and excellence, but she begs to differ. "We are trying to develop a new module," Natalicio said. "A lot of people are skeptical about it, (but) we are teaching students that you don't believe is going to work. "Well, if you want to serve your region you can’t be a research university" or "there can’t be a research university in El Paso."

Trying to defy the expectations of a research institute, Natalicio expressed that chasing after prestige might not be the best option.

"What always worries me about these kinds of criteria is that they drive investments, so universities make bad choices because they want to chase after things they think are prestige, so they invest in things like library books and SAT enrollment," Natalicio said.

The criteria set by the Texas Legislature details the number of volumes the library of a tier-one university should have, but according to Natalicio, it’s silly to chase after goals that are not in the best interest for the university.

Instead of investing in different volumes, Natalicio suggested investing in online databases that are used more often than physical copies of books. According to her, purchasing printed materials would be a failed investment.

Delgado said that many universities face the same issue of distress when it comes to qualifying to be tier one. But even though the guidelines are set, universities still find a way to go around them.

"Some institutions go way over the mark for some criteria and others are lagging behind so, (they’re like) ‘can we get more points for one?’, Delgado said.

"In trying to make up for other requirements, UTEP decided to put an emphasis on scientific research. Natalicio said tier-one emerging schools are being lead by research funds, but mainly in the STEM areas (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.).

"Research right now is defined by how many dollars it attracts," Natalicio said. "And right now the focus is on the areas of science and engineering.

By having the focus on the engineering and science buildings—that recently received renovations and new lab installments—Natalicio said that the Liberal Arts buildings are slowly decaying but not much can be done for them.

"We try very hard at UTEP to provide funds for the arts," Natalicio said. "I wish we can have a new building for the arts or a massive renovation for the Fox Fine Arts (Center for Visual and Performing Arts), but the only thing people are interested in funding are the STEM areas."

Paulina Lopez, Collegiate Liberal Arts Senator for SGA and senior corporate and organizational major, said it’s discouraging how the university puts Liberal Arts aside in the road to tier one.

"The fact that it’s done willingly and on purpose is sad because there are students who want a good education, and if they don’t invest in us, then we can’t give them much in return," Lopez said. "Everyone uses the Liberal Arts Building, even STEM students, they use it to do their basics. It serves a very wide population and not a penny has been invested in that building for years."

Lopez said she is attempting to bring more attention to the Liberal Arts by creating projects that would raise awareness and even funds for the college. However, she still feels that the change and commitment should come from the administration.

"It’s not fair for us students to get less attention. I understand that we get less funding, but complete disregard is disappointing," Lopez said.

"In the bio-sciences fields at UTEP, million-dollar grants have been received that have helped the university grow towards the goal of $100 million in research expenditures. Jorge Gardea-Torresdey, professor of chemistry and environmental science and engineering, chairman, is one of the faculty members who have received sizeable funding to continue his research in nano particles."

"Tier one is to produce news to the world, and we have research in the biological sciences field that is known around the world. You go to Europe and people know what UTEP is. To be tier one, you need to produce quality students, bring grants and produce scientific world-class research," Gardea-Torresdey said. "You need to follow where the money is if you follow what you like, you are not going to get funded and you need to get funded to get your supplies and to pay your students."

Currently there are 1,400 students who are working at research labs conducting research and getting paid through grants, Gardea-Torresdey said.

The Department of Chemistry is already at tier-one level, according to Gardea-Torresdey. The research being done by his group—about 20 people—is on the effects of nano particles in the environment. For this particular research, Gardea-Torresdey’s group received a five-year grant of $24 million from the National Science Foundation. Currently, they are in the application process to receive five more years of funding.

The high amount of funding for research translates not only into quality education, but also economic impact within the region.

According to the UT System, for every $10 million in annual research expenditures, $34 jobs and $8.6 million in wages are added to the local economy.

"We set the goal at $100 million, we started at $8 million in 1991 and we are at $76 million, so we have made steady progress toward that goal," Natalicio said.

Although it's a different playing field, Natalicio said she understands where the university stands and where it should stand in the near future.

"Really what tier one means is that you are competing with universities that are playing at the top level in research and you do it year after year," Natalicio said. "That is where UTEP will be."

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What do you think of the bomb threat and the evacuation?

Question of the week

Photos by Aaron Montes and Michele Torres

ABRAHAM CARRILLO
Junior graphic design major
"I think somebody just wanted a longer spring break. I guess it could also be an excuse not to do midterms. I actually did have a midterm. I had left my truck on campus because there was a lot of traffic, and when I went back at 5 p.m., there were still cops with their dogs searching. They even stopped me and asked me what I was doing here."

ANA LUNA
Sophomore biology major
"I was at home and my sister called to see if I was at school and I told her I wasn't. She told me there was a bomb threat and that they were evacuating everyone, even in the dorms. I couldn't believe this could happen here or for what reason."

EDITH HERNANDEZ
Freshman psychology major
"Well I think it was kind of unorganized because we are not used to that happening here but I think we did very well getting everyone out in five hours."

ELENA TESTERMAN
Freshman geology major
"I guess the evacuation was like what are we supposed to do? The professor didn't even know what to tell us or what to do. Then there were people still standing around and it's like 'hello we are supposed to evacuate and you are still here?' You never know nowadays what people are capable of doing."

JAQUELINE AREOLA
Junior industrial engineering major
"I don't know. I was just really scared. I saw it on twitter and saw everyone leaving so I started walking to my car. There was a lot of traffic. It took me 10 minutes to get out of the parking lot. Someone created their own line to get out but it still took a while."

MAGAN WEATHERLY
Freshman kinesiology major
"All in all I think it went pretty smoothly. The first text that I got was kind of confusing because there are different kinds of threats so I didn't know what to do. If it was a shooting threat, you aren't supposed to be going outside so they should have clarified."

BRYAN ADAMS
Senior psychology major
"I feel bad for that guy that called in that fake bomb threat. I hope he enjoys 15 years of prison."

CAROLINA DE LUCA
Senior communication major
"I was around UTEP, I don't have a car so I started walking right away. You don't know if it's a fake alarm or not, everyone was freaking out at first, but then everyone came out ok."

HUGO NUÑEZ
Visual art education major
"I feel like we have to take precaution and not just assume that it was fake because one of these days it might just happen, you just never know."

JESSICA JAUREGUI
Junior criminal justice major
"I think it was fake because I feel like things were moving slow and if it were real, things would have happened faster."

MIKE TORRES
Senior biology major
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JANETH ESPINO
Freshman business major
"The first I heard of it was from a message from a friend on Facebook and I also heard it on the radio. I felt like someone wanted more spring break, but I'm glad nothing happened."

KRISTEN HERNANDEZ
Public health graduate student
"I think it was handled well because I received the miner alert, three messages and two emails from the president and campus police. So I think the correct measures were taken."

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STACEY EARRON
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"I think it took a long time to develop because there were still people-including me-walking around wondering what was going on."
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“This kind of situation affords us the opportunity to go back and look at our plans and see how we can do better,” Walsh said.

Walsh said he was content with the response and evacuation time, but some students said they had some trouble.

“On foot a lot of people got out, but by vehicle, not very fast,” said Henry Rayback, senior kinesiology major.

Sandia Kidd, junior multidisciplinary studies major, said she thinks people driving out of campus is effective, but only done in an orderly manner. She was observing the traffic from the roundabout area on campus.

“If people just get in their cars and not try to race to get out faster than the next guy… I’ve seen some near accidents,” Kidd said.

Kayla Villegas, sophomore social work major, said the evacuation went very slow and some students did not seem to take it seriously.

Everybody was really slow and you’d think being threatened by a bomb, but a lot of people were just standing around– by the bookstore it was completely jammed,” Villegas said.

Villegas also is a disabled student with a rare condition called Morquio Syndrome, which causes an inability to walk. During the evacuation, she had no assistance, much like other students who said they did not have access to the Miner Metro shuttles to get to their vehicles.

“I had to go all the way around the roundabout area on campus. I was a resident at Miner Village and it was really hectic because I wasn’t given any assistance,” Villegas said. “I am very independent, but I thought to myself that there are other students who need more assistance and I thought it was shameful that people weren’t as courteous as they should be.”

She also said she thought UTEP and El Paso police responded slowly to the threat.

“I was a very upset because it’s a bomb threat, there should be assistance right then and there, not an hour later. It’s ridiculous,” Villegas said.

“We want (people) to know about this cultural aspect of India and we also want to know what kind of vibes they get from it after having participat ed in it,” Narayan said. “There is one component that is getting to know a little bit about the Indian culture and the second aspect is just to have fun and enjoy themselves.”

This year, Holí’s official date of celebration is March 27, but the festival date can be changed. Originally, ISA planned to host the celebration on March 30, but chose to put it back a week because of possible conflicts with other events in accordance with Easter weekend.

“Most of the Indian celebrations here have to do with not only the day of the celebration because of jobs and everything,” Majumdar said. “In India we get holidays on those days but here we don’t get holidays on those days so we are forced to celebrate them on the weekends.”

This is the first year ISA will host a Holí celebration at UTEP.

“We are excited. We want everyone to participate with us and that is why we are excited to play it safe with everyone in the community,” said Arka Tahalder, graduate student and event coordinator.

“We have provided food in previous events (at UTEP) and people’s response is pretty good so we hope this time they will be excited to have Indian food. We are trying some different items this time, so hopefully everyone will like it,” Tahalder said.

The event will also feature Indian music from famous Bollywood films.

“In many movies, Holí is featured as a theme around which the song and dance routines have been based. There are several popular song and dance routines in Bollywood history, which is known to all of us growing up back in India, so we’ll probably just use one of those song numbers to play on that day and everybody knows it and everybody knows to sing to that tune so it’s pretty popular,” Narayan said.

Despite the cultural aspect of Holí, Majumdar said celebrating the traditions of the festival will remind her being back in India.

“It will make me miss my home less so I will kind of get the smell of India again and I would just like to have that taste that we are celebrating. It’s not only my friends in India celebrating, it’s me too, even though I am so many miles away from India,” Majumdar said.
**New tea house offers variety of flavors and classes**

BY LEONARDO MONTÁÑEZ

New to the downtown area, Tea + Garden offers several organic teas in a relaxing and smooth environment. Kaya Smith, owner of Tea + Garden, felt the need to help the local business scene and decided to open her tea house last January, offering organic tea and baked cooking.

“We offer organic and loose leaf tea, all fair trade and all of our lids are biodegradable, and our cooking is also organic,” Smith said. “We have over 36 kinds of teas, including green tea, red tea, oolong, white tea and yerba mate.”

Tea + Garden also sells equipment for making teas, such as teapots, and also provides other services to their customers.

“Bioshock Infinite:’ new utopia for gamers

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Strategies her own sense of style using vintage and modern clothing. Andrea Vargas, heavily influenced by vintage fashion from a young age, demonstrates her own sense of style looking her best and showing off the latest in vintage fashion. She sat down with The Prospector to discuss the history behind her style.

Q: How would you describe your style?
A: I would say I have different types. I have from 1940s to 1960s type of dresses. I tend to go for the vintage look—Peter Pan colors, bows, etc.

Q: Where do you get your inspiration?
A: Old movie stars like Grace Kelly and Audrey Hepburn. Dita Von Teese has good stuff, Goodwill, Urban Outfitters has some cute stuff sometimes, Forever 21, Betsey Johnson, those stores mainly.

Q: What influenced you to wear this outfit?
A: Since I was little I’ve always liked old movies and ‘70s shows, like the Twilight Zone, and I’ve always liked the Housewives and how they even dress better even if they’re just at home. I’ve just always liked that look. I feel like you should always dress your best and you should always over-dress than under-dress.

Q: Where do you like to shop?
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Q: What is your favorite clothing brand?
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Q: Why do you like to dress up for school?
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MARVEL UNLIMITED
Marvel Unlimited is a subscription-based app that offers over 13,000 issues of old and newer comics, and a catalog that is constantly being renewed. It adds five new issues every week, but it has a six-month delay on the newest releases.

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Instapaper grants the ability to download articles with 3G coverage or a WiFi connection when available, enabling offline reading.

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However, the most important feature of Instapaper is the amount of articles that can be saved at a time, 500, making it a must have for many readers. The app also allows users to adjust fonts, font size, margins, line spacing and optimized text.

CONVENIENT AND ENTERTAINING APPS FOR SMART PHONES

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AVAST MOBILE SECURITY

Avast! Mobile security is a free security app for Android devices that protects the device from malware and other harms.

Rating great part of the competition with more protection features, avast! Mobile Security offers an anti-theft system that allows users to lock, locate and/or wipe their data from a remote location like a laptop.

ZEN BOUND 2

The sequel to the multiple-award winning game, Zen Bound 2 is a meditative puzzle game that consists of wrapping wooden sculptures of different objects in a rope, giving them color using the tactile screen of the device while playing along soothing music for a soft atmosphere.

The game is available for Android and Apple devices and costs $2.99. Zen Bound offers beautiful graphics and visuals for the user as well as low tempo soundtrack for a smooth ambiance.

According toZenBound.com, Zen Bound 2 features over 100 levels, music by Ghost Doctor for over 45 minutes of soundtrack, with visual upgrades, new gameplay and the Tree of Tribute.

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CHUBBY’S BRONX DELI OFFERS FOOD CHALLENGE FOR THOSE WHO ACCEPT

STEVEN MANSFIELD
The Prospector

Students looking for a bite to eat may have stumbled upon Chubby’s Bronx Deli near campus. What most students don’t know however, is that the restaurant offers a food challenge. Located at 2400 N. Oregon, Chubby’s Bronx Deli offers a wide range of meat sandwiches, subs, and burgers as well as a mammoth meal included with the Chubby’s challenge.

The challenge was started in conjunction with a local radio station’s morning talk show and quickly became a hit.

“KLAA created the challenge,” said Mike Annabi, owner of Chubby’s Bronx Deli. “It was a thing with Buzz Adams. We did it with the morning show and we put it together as a Buzz theme and it worked out pretty well so we decided to carry the challenge on.”

Little did they know that this challenge would soon begin to conquer all who dare try it.

“It is a 30-inch Joolie Mamoolie sandwich,” Annabi said. “It is roast beef, grilled onions, grilled jalapeños, cooked with deli mustard and melted provolone cheese.”

Two and a half foot-long sub sandwiches are not the only thing that makes this food so challenging.

“It comes with three baskets of fries, a large drink and it has to be done in 30 minutes,” Annabi said. “After signing a consent form, the portions are brought out to you slowly, half a sandwich and one basket of fries at a time.”

While some students gasped at the thought of the food challenge, others seemed ready to take it on.

“I can finish the sandwich but not the fries,” said Vianey Chaparro, junior accounting major. “I eat foot-long sandwiches like nothing, and if the sandwich is really spicy I can eat the fries in between and it won’t be so spicy.”

Beating Chubby’s challenge brings more than a full stomach and the fame. The challenge costs $30 but if the participant wins, they are refunded their money along with a $100 gift card from Chubby’s Bronx Deli and a "Made-Man" t-shirt.

“I can barely eat a foot long from Subway and that doesn’t include the fries,” said Julio Ramirez, graduate public health major. “It could also be dangerous for somebody that doesn’t eat or doesn’t exercise as often. They eat too much and it will go over their calories per day. I personally wouldn’t want to do that because I try to keep my diet and watch my calories.”

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Miners have new offensive look

BY EDWIN DELGADO
The Prospector

After a disappointing 2012 season for the Miners offense, head coach Sean Kugler and his new staff will try to get the offense going once again. After former head coach, Mike Price's departure, Kugler named Patrick to get the offense going once again.

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Men’s Basketball

UTEP’s season, one of growing pains

BY AUDREY WESTCOTT
The Prospector

While the Miners did not bring home a conference title, the season gave the young team experience, as they finished 18-14 overall. The team has grown and made progress both defensively and offensive, said head coach Tim Floyd in a press release. The team was able to improve on being able to close out games, something they could not do earlier in the season.

Floyd, who is currently out of town recruiting, stated that he was excited about the recruiting class he has coming in and the players that he has coming back.

Floyd has a strong recruiting class coming in the fall, including Isaac Hamilton, a McDonald All-American.

UTEP’s team roster had only one graduate student, three seniors, one junior and the rest of the roster combined for eight sophomores and freshmen in the 2012-13 season.

In November 2012, the Miners had a tough pre-season schedule against the team’s very competitive conferences. The Miners went up against Arizona (PAC-12), Oklahoma (Big-12), Clemson (ACC) and Vanderbilt (SEC).

The absence of graduate student, Konner Tucker from a hand injury, and eligibility rules that kept sophomore transfer, McKenziè Moore, off the court until the end of the fall semester, also added to UTEP’s struggle in the depth chart returned two kick-offs for touchdowns last season. Among the other young running backs that will see action next season are sophomores Xay Williams, LaQuintus Dowell and junior Josh Bell.

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One of the clear changes Higgins is planning for the Miners in the 2013 season is the fast-tempo offense, which could be similar to what Boise State and Oregon are used to but probably not as fast.

“We’re going to change tempo, we are looking to go to a tempo that is good for us, we’re trying to get as many quality reps as possible during practice and tempo is a part of it because I hate people standing around,” Higgins said.

Last season the Miners offense averaged only 21 points per game, which made it the 102nd offense out of 124 in FBS (Football Bowl Subdivision).

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On Feb. 27 Jamell Shaw, backup quarterback at Texas A&M transferred to UTEP. He is the leading candidate to get the starting spot as quarterback for the Miners over freshman, Garrett Simpson, sophomore Blaire Sullivan and senior Carson Meyer.

“He repeated to me ‘You are our guy and we need you to come and work hard, study film and be the best quarterback you can be for the team’ and (I) intend to do just that,” said Showers in a phone interview Feb. 27. Possibly the strongest and most reliable position in the offense for the Miners is in the running back position. Sophomore running back Nathan Jeffery ran for a total of 920 yards for seven touchdowns for the Miners in 2012, despite having a groin injury that limited his touches for several games.

“I want to perform to the best of my ability, help the team and each other,” Jeffery said. “All running backs are better than last year”

Audrey Golden usually the No. 2 back in the depth chart returned two kick-offs for touchdowns last season. Among the other young running backs that will see action next season are sophomores Xay Williams, LaQuintus Dowell and junior Josh Bell.

“It’s exciting about the group of running backs that I have,” said running back coach, Cornell Jackson. “It is a very talented group and all I want from them is to perform. Run hard and learn the new offense.”

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Jacques Streeter, senior guard

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Miners have new offensive look

FILE PHOTO / The Prospector

The UTEP football team ran plays on the first day of spring drills, March 4, at Glory Field.

“The key is to get the young team experience, as they finished 18-14 overall. The team has grown and made progress both defensively and offensive, said head coach Tim Floyd in a press release. The team was able to improve on being able to close out games, something they could not do earlier in the season.”

FILE PHOTO / The Prospector

Guard McKenzie Moore drives the ball to the basket past Tulane’s Josh Davis. The Miners won 62-50 at home, Feb. 2.

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Injuries weighed down on team

BY ALBERT GAMBOA

The Prospector

UTEP ended the season with its second consecutive 20-plus win sea- son, finishing at 22-10, going 14-3 at the Don Haskins Center.

Starting the season with adversity, the women's team lost two of its key players, senior center Kristina Vindla and sophomore guard Samiel Nuch in the first two weeks. That didn't stop them from getting off to a school rec- ord 17-2 start, beating notable teams such as Arizona State, Arizona, New Mexico State and Kansas State. "I don't think a lot of teams would have done what we did this year and how we've handled it with two play- ers going down with ACL injuries, with limitations and not that much depth on our bench. These guys battled and we handled it," said head coach Keisha Adams.

A third injury affected the Miners midway through the season, when freshman guard, Zuberi Allen, tore her ACL, putting an extra load on the Miners' starting unit.

The team went on to finish 3-7 to conclude the regular season and their injuries came back to get them in the C-USA Tournament.

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There was no dancing this year for UTEP women's basketball team, as a loss to the UCF Knights in the semi- finals in the conference tournament brought their season to an end.

Entering the tournament as a 5th seed and the defending champions, UTEP needed to win four games in four straight days to try and get back- to-back NCAA tournament bids. Miners started day one hot, taking care of the lowest seed, Marshall. The following day, down by eight with six minutes left in the game, UTEP came back to beat 4th seed UAB by two points to advance to the semifinals.

Meanwhile, UCF came in as the 8th seed and surprised everyone after they upset the top team in confer- ence, the SMU Mustangs in the sec- ond round of play. When the Knights and Miners met, each got off to a hot start as neither team could miss in the first half and UTEP held a three-point lead at halftime. UCF continued its hot shooting but the Miners couldn't keep up in the second half as fatigue set in to shoot and the Knights went away to the game with the advantage to the conference finals, where they would lose to Tulsa.

"We could have played better de- fense. They have some good guards, good perimeter and have some good inside people," said junior guard Kelli Willingham. "But, when we scored or made it to the line, they came back and answered, we needed to play better defense.

The only senior on the court was Anete Steinberga. The 6-foot-6 cen- ter out of Latvia soared in her final year at UTEP. Steinberga became the leader on the scoring team averaging 16 points per game and grabbing seven rebounds a game. She finished her career at UTEP with 1,024 total points (8th all-time in school histo- ry), earned first team all conference honors this season and finished the year with a school record 23 straight double digit scoring games.

"She's been a coach's dream. Her work ethic is unbelievable, great in the classroom, great teammate, great focus, took basketball really serious- ly, great student, never caused me a problem off the floor, and she pro- duced," Adams said. "She's helped us win games. It's been an honor to have her and coach Anete."

Most of the players look to be com- ing back next season as it was an- nounced that Vindla would return for another senior year as well as second leading scorer, junior forward Kayla Thornton. UTEP left a big mark on Steinberga as she emotionally recalls being there for four years. "I told them in the locker room that I would not want to play for any other team. I loved their work and hustle, they never give up," she said. "The school has been great, I've learned so much, not only about basketball but about my teammates and outside of basketball. Coach Adams has always been good to me and my teammates have been great. I'm going to miss my school and playing again. I wish them the best of luck next year."