

Roadrunner Basketball



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UTSA FAST FACTS

Location	San Antonio, Texas
Enrollment	28,520
Founded	1969
Nickname	Roadrunners
Colors	Orange (1655) and Navy Blue (289)
Home Court	Convocation Center
Capacity	4,080
Conference	Southland (West)
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Athletic Director	Lynn Hickey
Alma Mater	Ouachita Baptist/1973
President	Dr. Ricardo Romo
Alma Mater	Texas/1967
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Ticket Office Phone	210-458-UTSA
Internet Address	www.goUTSA.com

COACHES FAST FACTS

Head Coach	Rae Rippetoe-Blair
Alma Mater	Oklahoma State/1985
Career Record	220-134/12th season
School Record	113-90/eighth season
Associate Head Coach	Lubomyr Lichonczak
Alma Mater	Idaho/1978
Assistant Coach	Courtney Locke
Alma Mater	Rugter/2006
Director of Basketball Operations	Koty Cowgill
Alma Mater	Briar Cliff/2004
Best Time to Contact Coach Blair	Contact SID
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HISTORY FAST FACTS

First Year of Basketball	1981-82
Overall All-Time Record	370-374
Overall SLC All-Time Record	121-143
NCAA Appearances	None
WNIT Appearances	Preseason WNIT/2004

TEAM FAST FACTS

2006-07 Record	14-16
2006-07 SLC Record	9-7/T-4th (West)
2007 SLC Tournament	Semifinals
Regular Season Titles	1 (2003)
Starters returning/lost	3/2
Letterwinners R/L	7/3
Newcomers	7
Runners By Class	Seniors (2) Juniors (6) Sophomores (2) Freshman (4)

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2007-08 UTSA Women's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time (CT)	Date	Opponent	Time
Oct. 31	Houston Jaguars #	7 p.m.	Jan. 17	@ Central Arkansas ^	7 p.m.
Nov. 4	Dallas Diesel #	2 p.m.	Jan. 19	@ Northwestern State ^	2 p.m.
Nov. 9	Huston-Tillotson	6 p.m.	Jan. 24	Texas-Arlington ^	7 p.m.
Nov. 11	Belmont	2 p.m.	Jan. 26	@ Texas State ^	2 p.m.
Nov. 18	Wichita State	7 p.m.	Feb. 2	Texas A&M-Corpus Christi ^	2 p.m.
Nov. 23	New Orleans !	7 p.m.	Feb. 7	@ Sam Houston State ^	7 p.m.
Nov. 24	Georgia Southern !	4 p.m.	Feb. 9	Stephen F. Austin ^	2 p.m.
Nov. 29	@ Missouri State	7:05 p.m.	Feb. 14	Southeastern Louisiana ^	7 p.m.
Dec. 1	@ Tulsa	1 p.m.	Feb. 16	Nicholls State ^	2 p.m.
Dec. 14	@ Florida International	6 p.m.	Feb. 21	@ Texas-Arlington ^	7 p.m.
Dec. 20	vs. Virginia Tech %	6 p.m.	Feb. 23	Texas State ^	2 p.m.
Dec. 21	vs. Robert Morris/Tulane %	5/7 p.m.	Feb. 28	@ McNeese State ^	7 p.m.
Dec. 29	Miami (Ohio) *	4 p.m.	March 1	@ Texas A&M-Corpus Christi ^	7 p.m.
Dec. 30	Weber State *	4 p.m.	March 6	Sam Houston State ^	7 p.m.
Jan. 2	SMU	7 p.m.	March 8	@ Stephen F. Austin ^	6 p.m.
Jan. 12	Lamar ^	2 p.m.	March 12-15	SLC Tournament (Merrell Center)	All Day

schedule subject to change • home games in **bold** and will be played at the UTSA
 Convocation Center • # Exhibition games • ! UTSA Thanksgiving Classic
 % Tulane Tournament • * Wells Fargo New Year's Classic
 ^ Southland Conference games



Media Information

Media Coverage

The UTSA Sports Information office assists members of the media with their coverage of all Roadrunners sports by providing player and coach interviews, feature ideas, pregame notes and updated statistics. In addition to the 2007-08 women's basketball media guide, media members may check UTSA's official athletics Web site — goUTSA.com — for the latest information on all the department's 16 sports.

Interviews

All interviews with coaches and student-athletes must be arranged at least 24 hours in advance by contacting Carlos Valdez. Telephone interviews are available to the media on a "call-back" basis at a time that is convenient for the coach or student-athlete. Interviews with coaches and players will be conducted on the court following a 10-minute "cooling off" period. The Roadrunners locker room is closed to the media.

Media Services

Media members are encouraged to contact the UTSA Sports Information Office photography and media credentials at least 24 hours before a home game. Credentials can be picked up with proper photo identification at the ticket pass table inside the convocation center. A fax machine also is available in the UTSA Sports Information Office. That number is 210/458-4569.



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Practices

UTSA welcomes all media to attend women's basketball practices during the season. Please call the Sports Information office for practice times and requests for interviews. In most cases, coaches and student-athletes are available before and after practice. Pre-game practices are closed to the media.

Internet

Fans and media members can keep up with the latest information on all 16 UTSA sports on the official Web site for Roadrunners Athletics at goUTSA.com. You will find match recaps, box scores, updated statistics, weekly notes, player and coach biographies, schedules, rosters, archives, photos and play-by-play coverage of most basketball games.

WE ARE UTSA

When referencing University of Texas at San Antonio athletics, please use the acronym UTSA and the nickname Roadrunners. Please refrain from using UT-San Antonio, Texas-San Antonio, UT-SA or any other variations.

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In January 2007, UTSA Athletics launched a new Web site created through a partnership with XOS Technolgy. The leading technology partner for maximizing the value of content, commerce and services for sports organizations and fans, XOS serves more than 400 clients representing more than 750 teams in the NCAA, NFL, AFL, CFL, NBA, WNBA, NHL MLB, MLS and NAIA.

For the latest information on all of UTSA's 16 sports, log on to *goUTSA.com*. There, you can find game recaps, box scores, updated statistics, weekly notes, player and coach biographies, schedules, rosters, photos and archives. For just \$5.95 a month or \$49.95 a year, Rowdy Zone premium subscribers have access to live audio for selected volleyball, basketball, baseball and softball games, live video streaming for most home volleyball and basketball games, interviews with coaches and student-athletes, video-highlights and much more.

UTSA Video Streaming Schedule

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Oct. 31	Houston Jaguars	7 p.m.
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Nov. 18	Wichita State	7 p.m.
Nov. 23	New Orleans	7 p.m.
Nov. 24	Georgia Southern	4 p.m.
Dec. 29	Miami (Ohio)	4 p.m.
Dec. 30	Weber State	4 p.m.
Jan. 2	SMU	7 p.m.
Jan. 12	Lamar	2 p.m.
Jan. 24	UT Arlington	7 p.m.
Feb. 2	Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	2 p.m.
Feb. 9	Stephen F. Austin	2 p.m.
Feb. 14	Southeastern Louisiana	7 p.m.
Feb. 16	Nicholls State	2 p.m.
Feb. 23	Texas State	2 p.m.
March 6	Sam Houston State	7 p.m.



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UTSA Philosophy

“Our team philosophy is to be the best team in the conference that will compete for the conference title ever year, but also make sure our players get the most of the UTSA experience.”

— head coach Rae Rippetoe-Blair.



UTSA Gameday Experience

“Game Day experience at UTSA is something our fans look forward to. We have the best fans in the conference and for us to see that support just makes it a fun atmosphere here at UTSA.”
— head coach Rae Rippetoe-Blair.



Home of UTSA Basketball

UTSA Convocation Center (The Bird Cage)

- Built in 1975.
- Features a permanent maple hardwood court which measures 17,900 square feet.
- New seats were added this past summer.
- Home to the UTSA women's volleyball, and men and women basketball teams since 1981.
- Hosted the 1993 United States Olympic Festival Volleyball Tournament
- 1998 RCECA World Volleyball Championships
- 2002 WBCA All-Star Game
- 2004 Nike Hoop Summit.

Home Court Edge

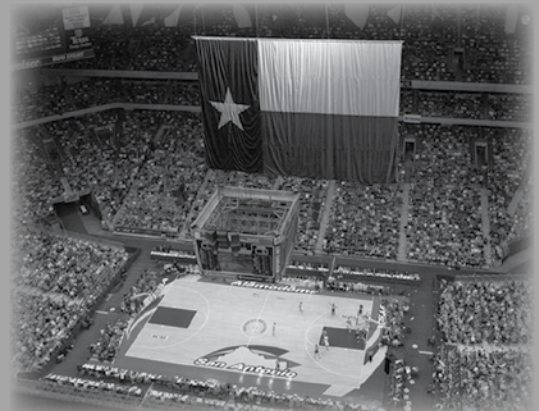
Playing home games in the 4,080-seat UTSA Convocation Center, has traditionally proven to be an outstanding advantage for the Roadrunners women's basketball team, as UTSA has recorded an all-time mark of 216-129 (.626) in the building.



Roadrunner Basketball
UTSA Host Institution



The AT&T Center was the site of the 2006 Women's Regional.



The 2004 Final Four was played at the Alamodome.

“For the NCAA to reward San Antonio with two more Final Fours is spectacular,” said **UTSA Athletic Director Lynn Hickey**. **“It’s a testament to the strong local organizing committee of the City of San Antonio and the Alamodome, Sports Foundation and UTSA that we have been able to work together over the years to make this a premier site for future events. We are a proven commodity when it comes to hosting these types of prestigious events and obviously the NCAA feels the same way.”**



The Alamodome is the site of the 2008 Men's and 2010 Women's Final Four.



The Alamodome recently hosted the 2007 Men's South Regional.



UTSA's Championship Legacy
Host institution for

- 1997 Men's Basketball Midwest Regional
- 1998 Men's Final Four
- 1998 Men's Golf Central Regional
- 2001 Men's Basketball Midwest Regional
- 2002 Women's Final Four
- 2003 Men's Basketball South Regional
- 2004 Men's Final Four
- 2005 Women's Volleyball Championship
- 2006 Women's Basketball San Antonio Regional
- 2007 Men's Basketball San Antonio Regional
- 2008 Men's Final Four
- 2010 Women's Final Four

In the Community

The UTSA women's basketball program not only puts forth its best efforts on the court and in the classroom, but in the community as well. Year in and year out, Roadrunners make appearances at the Methodist Children's Hospital, help with Roadrunner Move-In Days and participate in the Read Along Program at Reagan High School.

Roadrunner Move-In Days



Read Along Program



UTSA Golf Scamble



Senior Night



Ana with her brother, cousin and head coach Rae Rippetoe-Blair



Vivian with her father, sister, uncle and head coach Rae Rippetoe-Blair

Year in and year out, great players have made their journey at UTSA memorable. In recognition for their hard work the UTSA women's basketball program honors them on their last home game of the season known as Senior Night. This past season, seniors Vivian Ewalefo and Ana Oliveira were honored.



Ana playing her last game at UTSA.



Vivian taking a shot on senior night against SFA.



Ana and Vivian with their family members.



Ana with her brother and cousin.

Home Sweet Home

The campus environment at UTSA is becoming increasingly residential with the opening in 2004 of Chaparral Village, a \$45 million, 1,000-bed housing complex that increases on-campus student housing to nearly 3,000 beds and has large swimming pool and several computer labs with internet access. Plans are in the works to expand the luxury Olympic-style housing complex by an additional 680 beds with its newest housing addition to the 1604 Campus in Laurel Village, a \$39 million, facility that broke ground in Nov. 2006 and will be completed by May 2008.



Onika Anderson, Ryba Pawlaczyk, Whitney York, Jordan Stark, Cierra Martin and Amber Gregg are hanging out at their apartment in Chaparral Village watching TV.

A 500-seat dining hall, Roadrunner Cafe, opened in fall 2005 with a contemporary feel and two outdoor dining patios. Air Rowdy, the university's wireless Internet service, is live in the cafe, which features a variety of food choices beginning with the Mongolian Grill, homestyle cooking, barbeque and dessert station.



Jordan Stark, Cierra Martin Whitney York and Amber Gregg show their Roadrunner spirit at their home away from home.



The girls hanging out in Jordan's room.



Some of the girls hanging out by the pool at Chaparral Village.



Cierra Martin, Whitney York and Jordan Stark are surfing the internet at one of the computer labs at Chaparral Village.



Jordan Stark serves up an ice cream cone at Roadrunner Cafe.



The team hanging out by the Monogolian Grill at the Roadrunner Cafe.

Whitney York, Onika Anderson, Amber Gregg, Ryba Pawlaczyk, Jordan Stark and Cierra Martin eating ice cream at Roadrunners Cafe.



Rec Center

Opened in January 2003, the UTSA Recreation Center and Wellness has the largest weight facility in the state of Texas for non-football institutions. The Rec Center received an upgrade this past year with the addition of Phase II that features more basketball courts, an indoor track and swimming pools with a lazy river.



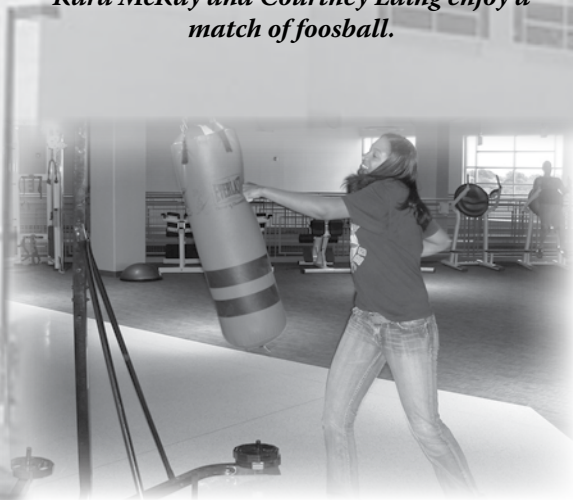
Kara McKay, Courtney Laing and Tia Bogan pose in front of the Rec Center.



Kara McKay and Courtney Laing enjoy a match of foosball.



A look inside the new addition to the Rec Center.



Tia Bogan working on her boxing skills.



Students playing pick-up games at the new courts inside the Rec Center.



Students can work out while watching TV.



Roadrunner Life

Being a part of one of the rising programs in the Southland Conference, the UTSA women's basketball team has time to relax and have fun as a team. Over the years, the Roadrunners have taken part in tournaments all over the country and in Mexico. Some of the places include Cancun, Mexico; Denver, Colo., Las Vegas, Nev., Orlando, Fla., and San Diego, Calif.



On the beach in Cancun, Mexico.



Loveland Pass, Colorado 2004



At the home of Coach Rippetoe-Blair.

One way that Coach Rippetoe-Blair has helped her team develop team chemistry is with team gatherings; such as The Halloween Party and Christmas Party.

UTSA Weight Room

UTSA is running faster and getting stronger thanks to the commitment to an enhanced weight and conditioning program. Strengths and conditioning coach Michael Cox begins his eighth year, while assistant coach Derrick Jenkins is in his second year at UTSA. Also available is the new UTSA Recreation Center Wellness, which opened its doors in January 2003. UTSA athletes now can use the largest weight facility in the state of Texas for non-football institutions.





Runners In The Pros

Under coach Rae Rippetoe-Blair, three Roadrunners have pursued a professional career in basketball. Former player Ana Oliveria is currently playing in her native country of Portugal for the Inixsa Cacere team and is also on the Portuguese national team. Also playing in Portugal, is former standout Katie Sandefur. Sandefur recently signed with a team in the Portugese League. Finally, Viviana Ewalefo played for the Nigerian national team over the summer and participated in the African games, where she won a silver medal.



Ana Oliveria (front row far right) with the Portuguese national team.



Vivian Ewalefo



Ana Oliveria



Katie Sandefur



Roadrunner Basketball
NCAA COMPLIANCE

THE NCAA RULES AND FANS

Compliance with NCAA rules is one of the highest priorities for our athletics program and institution. As a member of the NCAA, the University of Texas at San Antonio is accountable for the actions of its boosters and fans. Even the best-intentioned action on a fan's part may be a violation of NCAA rules. Please contact the UTSA Compliance Office if you have any questions concerning what is permissible. Inquiries should be directed to the UTSA Compliance Office at this address:

UTSA Compliance Office
Intercollegiate Athletics
One UTSA Circle
San Antonio, TX 78249
Phone: (210) 458-4181

REPRESENTATIVES OF ATHLETICS INTERESTS

A "representative of UTSA's athletics interests," or booster, is anyone who:

- Has ever participated in or is currently a member of the various athletics department support groups;
- Has purchased season tickets;
- Has made a donation to the athletics program;
- Has helped arrange summer and/or vacation employment for student-athletes; or
- Has been involved, in anyway, in the promotion of UTSA's athletics program

EXTRA BENEFITS

Prospective and current student-athletes may not receive extra benefits. An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or representative of the institution's athletic interests to provide a student-athlete or his/her family a benefit not authorized by NCAA legislation. Extra benefits would include, but are not limited to:

- An employment arrangement for a prospect's relatives;
- Gifts of clothing or equipment;
- Cosigning of loans;
- Providing loans to a prospect's relatives or friends;
- Cash or like items;
- Use of an automobile;
- Any tangible items, including merchandise;
- Free or reduced-cost services, rentals or purchases of any type;
- Free or reduced-cost housing
- Use of a college's athletic equipment;
- Sponsorship of or arrangement for an award banquet for high school, prep school or two-year college athletes by a college, athletics representative or its alumni groups;
- Employment of a student-athlete at a rate higher than the wages paid for similar work; and
- Payment to a student-athlete for work not performed.

RECRUITING

Only coaches and athletics department staff may be involved in the recruiting process. Athletic representatives are prohibited from contacting a prospective student-athlete or members of his/her family by telephone, letter, e-mail, or in person for the purpose of encouraging participation in athletics at The University of Texas at San Antonio. This prohibition remains in effect even after the prospect signs a national letter-of-intent (scholarship offer). You can do your part by forwarding names of any potential recruits to the UTSA coaching staffs.

PROSPECTIVE

STUDENT-ATHLETE

A prospective student-athlete is a person who has started classes for the ninth grade. You can become a prospect even if you have not started the ninth grade, if a college gives you or your relatives any financial aid help or other benefits that it does not give others.

Before a prospect can make an official visit to UTSA, he/she must present (1) a score from a PSAT, SAT or ACT test (through an official high school or testing agency), (2) an academic transcript, and (3) must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center and must be placed on the institution's institution request list with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

VISITING UTSA

OFFICIAL VISIT:

An "official visit" is a visit paid in whole or in part by the university and cannot exceed 48 hours in length. A prospect can make a total of five official visits, with a limit of only one per university.

UNOFFICIAL VISIT:

An "unofficial visit" is a visit made at the prospect's own expense. The university may provide (a) three complimentary tickets to an on-campus athletics event in which the university's team is competing and (b) transportation to view off-campus practice and competition sites within a 30-mile radius. Prospects can make as many unofficial visits as they want.

More information concerning recruiting and initial eligibility can be found online at:

www.ncaa.org
www.goUTSA.com



Roadrunner Basketball ROADRUNNER CLUB



MOVE UP IN LINE!



2008 MEN'S FINAL FOUR

PRIORITY POINTS

As the host institution for the 2008 NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four, UTSA will receive a limited number of tickets for sale to our most loyal supporters. The Priority Points system will be used to determine the rank order among Roadrunner Club members and other Athletics Department donors regarding purchase of these tickets. Donors began accumulating points in September 2005 and will continue accumulating points through February 2008 in consideration for the 2008 Men's Final Four. Please see details regarding point accumulation listed below or contact the Roadrunner Club Executive Director at (210) 458-4909 with questions.

ACCUMULATING POINTS

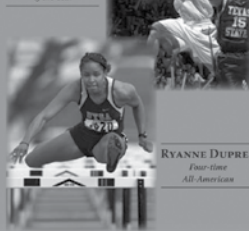
- ✓ 1 point per account for every \$100 donation to the Roadrunner Club and Athletics
- ✓ 1 point per account for every \$100 in new monies raised during the annual Roadrunner Club Membership Drive
- ✓ 1 point per account for each year of consecutive purchase of a season ticket in every ticketed sport
- ✓ 1 point per account for every \$1,000 donated to the University — excluding Athletics donations

As ticket supply is limited, this is not a guarantee that you will be able to access tickets to the 2008 Men's Final Four. Tickets may not be resold or used for any type of promotion or advertising of any kind. This policy is jointly formed by UTSA and the NCAA and is subject to change at any time.

UtSa ROADRUNNER CLUB & VARSITY CLUB DONOR INFORMATION



KURT ATTAWAY
Two-time
Southland Conference
Student-Athlete
of the Year



RYANNE DUPRE
Four-time
All-American

Committed to helping UTSA student-athletes succeed academically, socially and athletically.

THE TEAM BEHIND THE TEAMS

Through their gifts, ticket purchases and participation in special events, Roadrunner Club and Varsity Club donors help create an environment where UTSA student-athletes in 16 NCAA Division 1 sports can be successful academically, socially and athletically.

ROADRUNNER CLUB

In addition to the satisfaction of assisting UTSA student-athletes, a number of valuable annual benefits accompany donations to the Roadrunner Club. Donors receive special event invitations, lapel pins, auto decals, game program recognition and monthly newsletters.

BASKETBALL SEASON TICKETS

By giving to the Roadrunner Club at the \$125 level or above, donors receive a \$25 discount off combined UTSA men's and women's basketball season ticket purchases. Roadrunner Club donors also receive the best available seat locations.

HOSPITALITY/GAME PASSES

With Roadrunner Club identification cards, donors at the \$250 and above levels receive free general admission to all on-campus regular season athletic events in all sports except basketball. They also receive entry into the hospitality area for free beverages at home basketball games.

PREFERRED PARKING

Only Roadrunner Club donors at the \$250 and above levels are eligible to receive priority parking for UTSA home athletic events.

ROWDY BUCKS

Donors who contribute \$125 or more receive gift debit cards for \$10 or more. These "Rowdy Bucks" may be redeemed at the UTSA book store in the University Center.

TAX DEDUCTIONS

Roadrunner Club donors may be able to deduct 80% of their gifts as a charitable contribution after subtracting the value of benefits received. Donors may decline all gifts and discounts, and make a donation to Roadrunner Club in order to take a higher tax deduction. Please consult a tax advisor regarding this tax deduction information.

MATCHING GIFTS

Many companies offer matching gift programs for university donations. For more information about Roadrunner Club corporate matching gifts, please contact the Roadrunner Club Executive Director at 210-458-4909.

PAYMENT PLANS

Roadrunner Club gifts may be paid by check or by credit card using Visa, Discover, Mastercard or American Express. Gifts of \$500 or more may be paid quarterly after an initial payment of 40 percent of the pledged amount. Gift benefits will be awarded after memberships are paid in full.

GIFTS-IN-KIND/TRADEOUT

Products or services that the Athletic Department would normally have to purchase are often welcomed as membership gifts. Printing services, office supplies, hotel accommodations, catering, restaurants and courtesy cars are among current needs.

PLANNED GIFTS

Gifts that provide substantial or long term scholarship support include gifts of real property, securities, real estate, estate gifts (wills, bequests and life insurance designations) and life income gifts (charitable remainder trusts). These types of gifts may provide significant tax advantages for you and will ensure a strong and certain future for the Roadrunners. Please contact the Roadrunner Club Executive Director at 210-458-4909 to discuss planned gifts.

ADOPT-A-ROADRUNNER SCHOLARSHIPS

Adopt-A-Roadrunner Scholarships are annual gifts used to provide scholarship assistance to student-athletes. A gift of \$15,000 provides a full scholarship for one year. A gift of \$6,500 provides a "6th-year" scholarship to a student-athlete who has completed his/her athletic eligibility and remains on scholarship while completing a degree. A \$5,000 summer school scholarship helps student-athletes continue to train during the summer while working toward a degree. Endowed scholarships that provide aid in perpetuity also are available. An endowment gift of \$10,000 or more is placed in a permanent held fund in which only the interest earned is used to cover annual scholarship costs.

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Academic All-American

Varsity Club

The Varsity Club is a Roadrunner Club association exclusively for former UTSA letterwinners. It was formed to give former student-athletes an NCAA approved avenue to support current student-athletes and ensure that this generation of Roadrunners has the best possible chance to succeed.

DONOR BENEFITS

Varsity Club donors receive benefits identical to those received for Roadrunner Club donations with two additions — Varsity Club donors receive VIP parking privileges and hospitality/game passes beginning at the \$125 level. Special events will be held just for Varsity Club members. Auto decals, identification cards and other information also will distinguish Varsity Club donors.

LETTERWINNER RINGS

In the near future, Varsity Club donors will be able to purchase rings identifying their past participation in UTSA Athletics.

FIRST-YEAR GRADUATES

There is no cost to join the Varsity Club for the first year after graduation. First-year former student-athletes receive the same benefits as \$125 Roadrunner Club donors up to the limits allowed by the NCAA.

ROADRUNNER CLUB BENEFITS

	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP						
	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500	\$250	\$125
SPECIAL EVENT INVITATIONS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
AUTO DECAL	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BASKETBALL PRIORITY SEATING	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
\$25 BASKETBALL TICKET DISCOUNT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BASKETBALL VIP PARKING	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HOSPITALITY/GAME PASSES	6	6	6	5	3	2	
ROWDY BUCKS	100	\$100	\$100	\$75	\$35	\$20	\$10

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ACADEMICS SUCCESS

All too often, the term “student-athlete” ends up just becoming “athlete.” However, the UTSA Department of Athletics takes tremendous pride in the academic achievements of its student-athletes, in addition to their accomplishments on the playing field. Several student-athletes have found a way to balance athletics and academics, defying stereotypical expectations of their roles on the UTSA campus.

This is particularly evident by the number of Roadrunners who have earned Southland Conference (SLC) Student-Athlete of the Year honors since the award’s inception in 2002. During that time, 12 Roadrunners have combined to collect 18 awards.

“It is always an honor to have our student-athletes considered the best individual in their respective sport when combining athletics and academics,” UTSA Athletics Director Lynn Hickey said.

Last year, Jessica Rogers (softball) earned the award for the third time during four-year career. That came on the heels of three other UTSA student-athletes collected four awards in 2005-06 — Kurt Attaway (men’s basketball), Meagan Daniel (volleyball) and Bryan Wolfe (indoor and outdoor track & field) — and a SLC-record eight Roadrunners earning awards in 2004-05.

The award is presented annually to the top student-athlete in each of the conference-sponsored 17 sports. It is voted on by the head coaches, sports information directors and academic/compliance administrators from each SLC school. The winner must have earned at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average to meet the minimum academic requirement. Athletics standards include superior achievement, having brought significant recogni-

UTSA Southland Conference Student-Athlete of the Year Honorees

2006-07 (1)

Jessica Rogers _____ Softball

2005-06 (4)

Kurt Attaway _____ Men’s Basketball

Meagan Daniel _____ Volleyball

Bryan Wolfe _____ Men’s Indoor Track & Field

Bryan Wolfe _____ Men’s Outdoor Track & Field

2004-05 (8)

Kurt Attaway _____ Men’s Basketball

Meghan Chance _____ Women’s Indoor Track & Field

Nicole Dunson _____ Women’s Basketball

Matt Johnston _____ Men’s Golf

Ashley McDonald _____ Women’s Cross Country

Jessica Rogers _____ Softball

Bryan Wolfe _____ Men’s Indoor Track & Field

Bryan Wolfe _____ Men’s Outdoor Track & Field

2003-04 (2)

Meghan Chance _____ Women’s Indoor Track & Field

Jessica Rogers _____ Softball

2002-03 (3)

Svenja Fuhrig _____ Women’s Tennis

Katie Poindexter _____ Women’s Indoor Track & Field

Mike Srp _____ Baseball

tion to the institution and having competed in at least two seasons. The final component is the service requirement, for which the winner must have demonstrated significant contribution to the campus or community through service.

Additionally, UTSA has had four Academic All-Americans since 2004, 13 *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District VI honorees the past three years and 45 academic all-conference selections the last three seasons.

UTSA Team Academics

Mission Statement

Team Academics was established in order to provide academic services for student-athletes. We provide the necessary academic support services for all student-athletes to be successful in the classroom and pursue an undergraduate degree while competing as an athlete. The center is dedicated to the academic and personal development of all student-athletes.

Consistent with the mission of the University of Texas at San Antonio, the Athletic Department is committed to provide an environment in which student-athletes can be successful academically, athletically and socially. In doing so, the Department dedicates itself to absolute compliance with the rules of the University of Texas System, the University, the Southland Conference and the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Vision Statement

The UTSA Athletic Department will be successful in its mission when ...

- Student-athletes achieve academically and compete athletically at the highest level, and are prepared with skills for life.
- It achieves a level of social responsibility, honesty and integrity higher than is expected by the public and is required by laws, policies, guidelines and rules.
- Athletics is the focal point for school identity, pride and spirit among students, faculty, staff, alumni and the surrounding community.
- The community benefits from public service, affordable entertainment and economic growth derived from athletics.



Home Tournaments

In November, UTSA will host its annual UTSA Thanksgiving Classic from Nov. 23-24. Teams taking part in the classic are Arkansas, Georgia Southern and New Orleans.



Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 23	Arkansas vs. Georgia Southern UTSA vs. New Orleans	5 p.m. 7 p.m.
Nov. 24	Arkansas vs. New Orleans UTSA vs. Georgia Southern	2 p.m. 4 p.m.

The Roadrunners also host their annual Wells Fargo New Year's Classic from Dec. 29-30. Teams taking part in the classic are Miami (Ohio), Chattanooga and Weber State.



Date	Opponent	Time
Dec. 29	Chattanooga vs. Weber State UTSA vs. Miami (Ohio)	2 p.m. 4 p.m.
Dec. 30	Miami (Ohio) vs. Chattanooga UTSA vs. Weber State	2 p.m. 4 p.m.



*USA and
San Antonio*



In 1969, San Antonio was a 250-year-old city famous for its historic Spanish missions, the River Walk and military bases. The University of Texas at San Antonio existed only in the minds of the visionaries who pushed for its creation that year by the Texas Legislature.

Today, the city and its only public university have reached levels of maturity not even dreamed of 38 years ago. With a population of more than 1.2 million, San Antonio is the eighth-largest city in the United States and UTSA is among the fastest-growing universities in the nation (an enrollment of more than 28,000 students).

These rising stars of Texas – one in its third century and the other in only its fourth decade – are now making history together.

Today, UTSA is rapidly moving toward premier research university status while remaining committed to its original mission of providing affordable, accessible higher education to the people of Texas and beyond. Balancing excellence with access is a challenge that has been embraced by the university community as both a goal and a responsibility.

History

Governor Preston Smith founded the University of Texas at San Antonio on June 5, 1969. The university has come a long way in just 35 years. Administrative offices for the first UTSA president, Arleigh B. Templeton, were set up in 1970 in Hemisfair Park, and architects Ford, Powell and Carson Inc. began developing a conceptual master plan for the campus.

In 1973 Peter T. Flawn was appointed UTSA's second president, and by this time, more than 670 students had enrolled in graduate level courses taught by 52 faculty members.



The Main Building on the 1604 Campus

UTSA's earliest students attended college at the Koger Center, an office park. Master's degrees were offered in business administration, education, bicultural-bilingual studies, English as a second language, environmental management, Spanish, biology, mathematics and systems design.

In 1973 construction began on UTSA's original campus — the 1604 Campus — on 600 acres at the intersection of Interstate 10 and Loop 1604 near the northwestern edge of San Antonio. As enrollment grew, five colleges — Business, Fine and Applied Arts, Sciences and Mathematics, Humanities and Social Sciences and Multidisciplinary Studies — opened in 1975. One year later, the John Peace Library Building, which also served as the new administration building, opened.



University Center located at the 1604 Campus

James W. Wagener was named UTSA president in 1978, and in the 1980s, four new colleges were put in place and new undergraduate programs were offered in civil, mechanical and electrical engineering. Later in the decade, the College of Sciences and Mathematics was reorganized to form the College of Sciences and Engineering. Also,



The Student Recreation/Wellness Center

Engineering, Liberal and Fine Arts, Sciences, and Public Policy. A School of Architecture, Honors College and The Graduate School were subsequently developed.

New construction and additions to the campuses recently completed include the Downtown Campus Durango Annex, home of the UTSA Institute for Economic Development; a \$19.3-million Recreation and Wellness Center and Child Development Center; the Main Building, a \$52 million facility located just east of the John Peace Library Building on the 1604 Campus; and a \$23 million Margaret Batts Tobin Laboratory Building that will be used to study emerging infectious diseases.

UTSA's athletics teams began competing as San Antonio's only NCAA Division I sports program.

More than 12,000 students enrolled at UTSA in this era and a recital hall, university center and the first on-campus residence — Chisholm Hall — opened. The Institute of Texan Cultures also became a part of UTSA during this period. Samuel A. Kirkpatrick became the fourth UTSA president in 1990.

UTSA began offering classes downtown in the Institute of Texan Cultures, and as enrollment increased, the university began looking for a new location. Bill Miller Bar-B-Q Enterprises purchased the Fiesta Plaza site for the new campus. The Texas Legislature-funded South Texas Border Initiative allocated \$71.5 million to UTSA, with \$20 million stipulated for the Downtown Campus.

The 11-acre Downtown Campus was dedicated in fall 1997 and now has four academic buildings. A growing number of undergraduate and graduate degrees can be completed on-site at the Downtown Campus. Other facilities constructed or opened during the 1990s included the Engineering-Biosciences Building, Business Building, a campus visitor center, and a computer lab. The student-centered University Center has tripled its original size.

Dr. Ricardo Romo became UTSA's fifth president in 1999 and was the first Hispanic president in the university's 30-year history. Academic reorganization the following year included a move to six colleges — Business, Education and Human Development,

Academic Strength

UTSA serves more students than any other higher education institution in South Texas, offering 58 undergraduate, 42 graduate and 13 doctoral programs through eight academic divisions: College of Business; College of Education and Human Development; College of Engineering; College of Liberal and Fine Arts; College of Public Policy; College of Sciences; School of Architecture and Honors College.

As the region's largest generator of engineers, artists, business professionals, teachers, scientists and technology managers, UTSA has produced nearly 60,000 graduates since awarding its first degrees in 1974.

While continuing to strengthen its undergraduate academic offerings through such initiatives as the Learning Communities and expanded student success program, UTSA has made the commitment to become a premier research university. Enhancing the prospect of Top 100 Public Research University status are ever-expanding, state-of-the-art teaching and research facilities, the recruitment of outstanding faculty and students and strategic collaborations with both public and private partners throughout the region, state and nation.

Development of new doctoral programs, which are designed to address the socioeconomic concerns of the region, is occurring at a rate unmatched by other Texas institutions. UTSA recently implemented doctoral programs in English, business





administration, environmental science, electrical engineering, cellular and molecular biology, biomedical engineering, counseling and physics, as well as a master of social work program.

Student Life

The campus environment at UTSA is becoming increasingly residential with the opening in 2004 of Chaparral Village, a \$45 million, 1,000-bed housing complex that increases on-campus student housing to nearly 3,000 beds. Plans are in the works to expand the luxury Olympic-style housing complex by an additional 700 beds. The newest housing addition to the 1604 Campus will be the Laurel Village, a \$39 million, 680-beds, broke ground in Nov. 2006 and will be completed by May 2008.

A 500-seat dining hall, Roadrunner Cafe, opened in fall 2005 with a contemporary feel and two outdoor dining patios. Air Rowdy, the university’s wireless Internet service, is live in the cafe, which features a variety of food choices beginning with the Mongolian Grill, one of the first of its kind on a university campus.

Also enhancing campus life at UTSA are a new Recreation and Wellness Center, Health Services Clinic and Child Development Center, which provides care for the children of students, faculty and staff.

The dynamics of the student learning experience are enriched with such state-of-the-art facilities as the newly opened \$52 million Main Building, which provides more than 150,000 square feet of lecture halls and teaching labs.

For many students, their university experience is centered at UTSA’s Downtown Campus, which offered its first classes in temporary facilities in 1994. Today, three beautiful new buildings in the heart of San Antonio provide instructional service and activities space for more than 6,000 undergraduate and graduate students. The university plans to keep pace with the rapid growth through an expansion program that includes the addition of new facilities and eight acres of land, which will almost double the size of the Downtown Campus.

In spring 2004, UTSA’s students approved the Campus Life Initiative that will provide

additional revenue to enhance the student experience outside the classroom. One beneficiary is the university’s NCAA Division I athletics program, which has grown to 16 sports with the recent addition of women’s golf (started play in 2005-06) and women’s soccer (began in fall 2006). In the planning stages are a new track and soccer complex and major facility upgrades for baseball, men’s and women’s basketball and softball. The initiative will also fund a \$38 million expansion to the Recreation and Wellness Center and enhance student services and programs.

Research and Service: Building Partnerships

There are certain accepted requisites for a city to be considered a “great city,” and one of those is a premier research university. Though home to five universities, San Antonio remains the largest city in the nation without a major research university. UTSA is committed to filling that void by becoming, in the next 10-15 years, one of the top 100 public research universities in the United States.

To reach this goal, the university will build on the strengths of its current 450 tenure and tenure-track faculty by hiring at least 75 new professors each year for the next eight years and increasing the amount of research funding it attracts from \$15.5 million to \$100 million a year. These are significant steps since premier research universities are, in part, measured by the quality and size of the faculty and annual funding for research.



The San Antonio skyline as viewed from the Downtown Campus



UTSA has already made great strides in the research arena. The newly-opened \$83.7 million, 227,000-square-foot Biotechnology, Sciences and Engineering Building is one of the largest science-related educational facilities in Texas. Phases II and III of the facility, scheduled for completion in 2007 and '09, will add \$150 million in instructional and research space for undergraduate and graduate programs for these in-demand academic areas.



Chaparral Village opened in 2004 and houses more than 1,000 students.

Among life science programs, UTSA's Department of Biology ranks 22nd in the nation and second in Texas in research funding from National Institutes of Health. An example of the impact of such funding is the Cajal Neuroscience Research Center, established in 1999 through a \$6.3 million NIH grant.

To address one of the nation's greatest concerns, the Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security was designed to leverage San Antonio's security strengths as part of the solution to the nation's homeland defense needs. With the support of UTSA's congressional delegation, \$8 million has been invested in the center.

In 2004, UTSA also became a major center for demographic research with the creation of the Institute for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research and the relocation of the official state demographer, Steve Murdock, and the State Data Center to the university.

UTSA: Making an Impact on the Community

UTSA is a crucial component of the state and regional economy. Not only is the university graduating thousands of well-prepared professionals into the

workforce each year, the institution also is taking a leadership role by partnering with public schools in San Antonio to increase the number of high school students going on to college.

University events and athletics bring in an estimated \$30 million annually to the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area – including revenue from NCAA Championship events hosted by UTSA.

The university's own impact on the local economy during the past five years has approached \$1 billion annually, an amount that should increase dramatically in the next decade. Fueling the growth will be a projected \$500 million construction program and the hiring of 600 new faculty members.

UTSA will continue to provide access to higher education for growing numbers of students, while embodying the concepts of service to society and creation of new knowledge.



The Engineering Building is located on the 1604 campus.





The School Colors

Official colors for The University of Texas Systems are orange and white. Upon recommendation from the UTSA Student Representative Assembly, the Board of Regents approved the addition of navy blue to the orange and white for UTSA's colors for athletic competition.

The Mascot

The Roadrunner, a bird representative of the Texas Hill Country and the Southwest, was voted by the student in 1977, to become the official mascot of UTSA. The Roadrunner was officially adopted one year later.



The Alma Mater

Music to "Hail UTSA" the alma mater of the University of Texas at San Antonio, was composed by Dr. Joe Stuessy, Professor of Music, and lyrics were written by Dr. Alan Craven, Director of the Division of English, Classics and philosophy at UTSA.

"HAIL UTSA"

*From our hills of oak and cedar
To the Alamo*

Voices raised will echo

As, in song, our praises flow.

Hail Alma Mater!

*Through the years our loyalty will grow.
The University Texas at San Antonio.*

The Fight Song

"GO ROADRUNNERS GO"

Go, Roadrunners, Go!

On to victory with all your might.

Fight Roadrunners, Fight!

For the Blue and the Orange and the White.

We fight for U-T-S-A

Alma Mater proud and strong.

Win, Roadrunners, Win!

and unite in our battle song.

(Repeat for second version)



Roadrunner Basketball

Born a small Indian camp along the banks of a gentle river nearly 300 years ago (1718), the city of San Antonio has grown up into one of the most diversified cities in the United States.

A favorite of tourists, the “Alamo City” has kept its small-town feel while becoming the eighth-largest city in the country with more than 1.2 million people calling it home.

It is easy to see why people love the ambiance of San Antonio. Its modern amenities are interwoven into the rich-history of the city’s past. A multicultural center of the Southwest, San Antonio ranks among the lowest in cost of living for metropolitan areas with at least one million people. A 1998 survey showed it as 10 percent below the national average. San Antonio is a young city. The median age of its citizens is just under 30 years old, almost three years younger than the national average (32.6).

It is a multi-cultural center with seven museums, including the first museum of modern art in Texas, the Marion Koogler McNay Art Museum. Historic downtown landmarks include the Alamo, Majestic Theatre, River Walk and the Tower of the Americas. Among all tourist attractions in the state of Texas, the Alamo is ranked as the top attraction, while the River Walk is the second-most visited.



The RiverWalk is one of San Antonio’s tourist attractions.



The Alamo is the top tourist attraction in San Antonio.

The town also boasts popular tourist attractions Six Flags Fiesta Texas and Sea World (the world’s largest marine-life theme park). More than 20 million tourists visit the city per year.

The city also hosts concerts by George Strait, Eric Clapton, Tony Bennett and Janet Jackson to name a few. Broadway touring productions perform at the Majestic Theatre, while musicians perform at the SFX Verizon Amphitheatre.

San Antonio is also a sports town. It is the home of the four-time NBA World Champion Spurs and four professional sports franchises overall. In addition to the Spurs, the Missions are a member of the Texas League and the Double-A affiliate of the San Diego Padres. The Rampage compete in the American Hockey League, and the newest addition to the professional ranks in San Antonio are the WNBA Silver Stars, who opened play in 2003.

The city also hosts the Alamo Bowl each December and two professional golf events — the PGA Tour Valero Texas Open at the Resort Course at La Cantera Golf Club and Champions Tour AT&T Championships at Oak Hill Country Club.

The Alamodome has brought numerous sporting events to the city, including the 1998 and 2004 Men’s Final Four, 2002 Women’s Final Four, four NCAA Men’s Basketball Regionals the 1998 Big 12 Conference Football Championship Game and the 2007 NCAA Men’s Basketball South Regional.

Future events at the dome include the 2007 Big 12 Football Championship Game, 2008 Men’s Final Four and 2010 Women’s Final Four. By 2010, the city will have hosted 11 NCAA Championships events in a 13-year period.

The town’s newest arena, the AT&T Center, became the new home of the Spurs in 2002 and it hosted the 2006 NCAA Women’s Basketball San Antonio Regional. The arena also is home to the Silver Stars.

In 2005, the city served as the temporary home of the New Orleans Saints, who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina. The Alamodome hosted three of the Saints’ regular seasons games and averaged nearly 63,000 fans per contest, including a facility-record 65,562 against the Atlanta Falcons. Former NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue stated



Roadrunner Basketball

the city was successful in hosting the team and it would be on the short list for any future NFL expansions.

San Antonio also has hosted the Dallas Cowboys and Houston Oilers preseason camps in the past. In 2006, the city announced they came to an agreement with the Cowboys and the team will hold its preseason workouts in San Antonio from 2007-11.

UTSA graduates do not have to look far to find careers. San Antonio is the corporate home of Valero Energy Corporation; USAA, one of the nation's largest insurance providers; regional grocery giant H-E-B; LaQuinta Hotels; Taco Cabana restaurants and communications giant AT&T.

It also is the home of Clear Channel Communications, the largest media conglomerate in the United States. Clear Channel owns more than 1,200 radio stations worldwide and is the owner of Eller Outdoor Media, the largest outdoor billboard company in the United States and SFX Entertainment.

At the entrance of the rolling Hill Country, San Antonio is a few short hours by car to the Gulf of Mexico beaches and the Mexico border.



The Alamodome will be the site of the 2008 NCAA Final Four and it has hosted three Final Fours since 1998.



The AT&T Center is home to the San Antonio Spurs and San Antonio Silver Stars.

Did you know San Antonio is ...

- The filming location of 36 movies including *The Alamo* starring Dennis Quaid and Billy Bob Thornton; *All the Pretty Horses* featuring Matt Damon; *Miss Congeniality* with Sandra Bullock; *The Newton Boys* starring Matthew McConaughey; and *Selena* featuring Jennifer Lopez.
- The home of four professional sports teams. The 1999, 2003, 2005 and '07 NBA Champion Spurs; the 2002, '03 and '07 Texas League Champion Missions, the Double-A affiliate of the San Diego Padres; the Rampage of the American Hockey League; and the Silver Stars of the WNBA.
- Located in a mild climate that averages more than 300 days of sunshine, 68.8 degrees and less than 30 inches of rain per year. Most residents spend most of their free time enjoying the outdoors.
- The cultural center of South Texas with seven award-winning museums, including the Alamo and the historic Majestic Theatre.
- The location of the 1968 World's Fair. As a permanent reminder, the Tower of the Americas overlooks downtown.



Six Flags Fiesta Texas features several roller coasters and a water theme park.



SeaWorld San Antonio is the world's largest marine-life theme park.

UTSA President Dr. Ricardo Romo

One of the most decorated athletes in San Antonio history, Dr. Ricardo Romo returned to his roots and is making UTSA one of the most highly-regarded universities in the region.

In February 2002, President George W. Bush appointed Romo to serve on the 21-member President's Board of Advisers on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The group advises the President on issues and challenges facing many of the country's historically black institutions of higher education, including an expanding need at all institutions for additional scholarships.

Romo was inducted into the San Antonio Sports Hall of Fame on Oct. 8, 2001 along with former UTSA Athletics Director Rudy Davalos, Robert Quiroga, Charley Parker and Nelson Wolff.

Beginning his ninth year as the President of the University of Texas at San Antonio, Romo has made education a top priority. Under Romo's direction, UTSA ranks fourth nationally among U.S. colleges and universities in the number of bachelor's degrees to Hispanic graduates, according to a survey by *Hispanic Outlook* magazine.

Romo holds a master's degree in history from Loyola Marymount University and a doctorate in history from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA).

He began his university teaching career at California State University at Northridge, then taught at UC San Diego. In 1980, Romo returned to his undergraduate institution, the University of Texas at Austin, to teach history. Before he assumed the UTSA presidency, he served as vice provost for undergraduate education at UT.



Romo has earned national respect as an urban historian and is best known for his 1983 book, *East Los Angeles: History of a Barrio*. Now in its eighth printing, the book details the growth of the largest Mexican-American community in the United States and describes its contribution to Southern California's early 20th-century development.

From 1987-93, Romo directed the Texas office of the Tomas Rivera Center, housed at Trinity University in San Antonio. The Center is a national organization that evaluates the impact of governmental policies on Latinos.

As an athlete, Romo gained fame while competing for San Antonio Fox Tech High School. He won the mile at the University Interscholastic League (UIL) Class 4A state

meet as a junior and senior in 1961 and '62. He also won the 1961 UIL Cross Country Championship.

Romo won the mile run at the 1964 and '66 Southwest Conference Track and Field Championships and became the first Texan to run a mile in less than four minutes, clocking a time of 3:58.8 at a meet in Los Angeles. He earned All-America honors in 1966 and finished third in the mile at the NCAA Championships. He also earned a bronze medal in the mile for the U.S. Track & Field Team at the Commonwealth Games.

Romo met his wife, Harriett, when they were students at UT-Austin, where she earned an undergraduate degree in elementary education. She holds a doctorate in sociology and is a UTSA associate professor of sociology.

Their son, Carlos, graduated from Stanford University in 1999 and their daughter, Anadelia, is a doctoral candidate at Harvard University.



Dr. Romo speaking at the UTSA Athletics Banquet.



Dr. Romo was inducted to the San Antonio Sports Hall of in 2001. Joining Dr. Romo were (left to right): Robert Quiroga, Rudy Davalos and Nelson Wolff.

UTSA Athletics Director Lynn Hickey

Lynn Hickey has made student-athlete welfare one of her top priorities as she continues to work to bring the UTSA Athletics Department to the upper echelon of the NCAA Division I standings.

Under Hickey's direction the last eight years, UTSA has claimed two Southland Conference all-sports championships while consistently winning both team and individual awards in all 16 sports sponsored by the university.

Hickey has led the charge for UTSA and its hosting of numerous NCAA Championship events. Since her arrival on campus, UTSA has served as host institution for the 2001 NCAA Men's Basketball Midwest Regional, the 2002 Women's Final Four, the 2003 Men's Basketball South Regional, the 2004 Men's Final Four, the 2005 Women's Volleyball Championship, the 2006 Women's Basketball South Regional and the 2007 Men's Basketball South Regional. Future championship events include the 2008 Men's Final Four and the 2010 Women's Final Four. When the calendar is turned to 2010, UTSA will have hosted 11 NCAA Championship events in a 13-year period.

In 2007, Hickey was named to the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee, one of the most prestigious appointments in all of collegiate athletics. The 10-member committee oversees administration of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship, including the selection and seeding of teams for the tournament. Hickey became just the second female ever selected to the committee, joining UNC Charlotte Athletics Director Judy Rose, who served from 1999-2003.

Hickey has been honored nationally for her hard work at UTSA. She was named the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators 2005 Division I-AAA Administrator of the Year. Hickey earned her second national award in June 2006 as the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA)/GeneralSports TURF Systems Division I-AAA West Region AD of the Year (ADOY). She also was selected to and completed the Masters Leadership Program of San Antonio and Bexar County.

"UTSA is very fortunate to have an athletic leader with both the administrative and coaching experience of Lynn Hickey," UTSA President Dr. Ricardo Romo said. "Lynn not only is a leader who can take our athletic program to the next level, but she is also well respected nationally and serves as an excellent role model for all student-athletes at this university."

In serving as the fourth athletics director in UTSA history, Hickey assumed the lead athletics role at one of the youngest



NCAA Division I universities in the country (UTSA began athletic competition in 1981). The only female Division I athletics director that oversees both men's and women's sports in the state of Texas, she served as President of the Southland Conference in 2002-04 and as the SLC's representative to the NCAA Championship/Competition Cabinet.

"It has been an exciting eight years," said Hickey, who served on the Women's Basketball Rules Committee from 2003-06, the last two as Chair. "We have made some good strides to bring the program to prominence nationally. San Antonio is an outstanding city and is a tremendous asset to the unlimited potential of the UTSA athletics program."

Hickey came to San Antonio from Texas A&M University, where she served as senior associate athletic director/senior woman administrator since 1994. At Texas A&M, her responsibilities included event management and marketing and promotions for 16 of the university's 19 Division I sports. She also represented the Big 12 Conference as a member of the NCAA Championship Cabinet.

From 1984-94, Hickey served as head women's basketball coach for Texas A&M. She directed the 1993-94 Aggies basketball team to the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16, becoming the lowest-seeded team to ever reach that milestone. Texas A&M finished the year ranked No. 19 in the CNN/USA Today Top 25 poll. Following the season, Hickey relinquished her coaching duties to accept the promotion to senior associate athletic director. She finished her coaching career with an overall mark of 279-167 in 15 years of collegiate coaching.

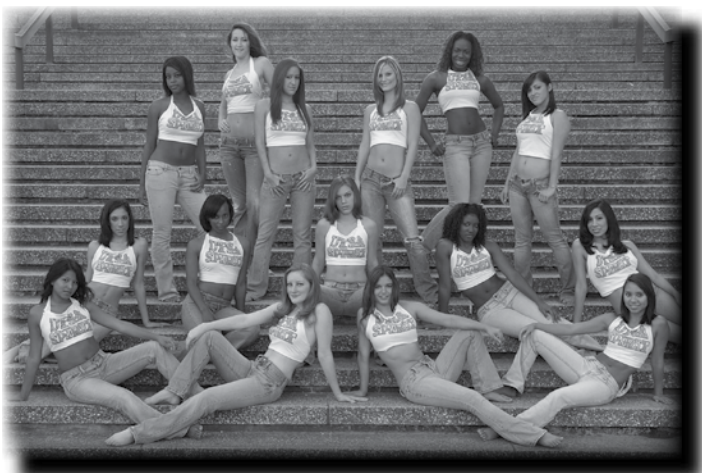
Before her stint at A&M, Hickey was head women's basketball coach at Kansas State University from 1979-84. She averaged more than 23 wins per season in posting a 125-39 (.762) record over five years and led the Wildcats to five consecutive NCAA Tournament berths. She was inducted into the Kansas State Athletics Hall of Fame in September 2004.

A native of Welch, Okla., Hickey graduated summa cum laude from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., with a bachelor's degree in education. She was an All-American for OBU's nationally-ranked basketball team and a member of the USA National Team in 1973. Hickey and her husband, Bill, have one daughter, Lauren Nicole.



Lynn Hickey speaking at the UTSA Athletics Banquet.

Roadrunner Basketball
UTSA Cheer and Dance



Top (left to right): Jasmine Walkes, Courtney Jones, Kasey Rodriguez, Brittney Mathews, Doris Perry and Brittany Fellwock
Middle (left to right): Aline Gonzalez, Cierra Johnson, Leighanne Sanders, Jasmine Hill and Alyssa Garza
Bottom (left to right): Crystal Esquivel, Ashley Starkweather (capt.), Tiffany Martinez (capt.) and Meghan Ramos



Fourth Row (Left to Right): Zachary Zernick, Gibran Solis, Benjamin Castro
Third Row (Left to Right): Delissa Uresti, Kimberly Litzler, Amber Sanders, Kyle Zambrana, Jennifer Perez, Emilia Trevino, Jennifer Lopez, Victoria De La Garza, Elizabeth Kotara, Andrea Terrell
Second Row (Left to Right): Emily English, Ashley Mirakian, Coral Dawson, Emily Polasek, Lauren Mirakian, Emily Blankenhorn
First Row (Left to Right): Gabrielle Westfield, Riplee Ganaway, Brittany Modisette, Stephanie Maldonado, Shun-Taye Williams, Amber Adams, Kendra Bratcher



Head Cheer and Dance Coach Melissa Martinez and Assistant Cheer Coach Nicole M. Nava

Season Outlook



A Look at the 2007-08 Season

Two words come to mind for eighth-year head coach Rae Rippetoe Blair when she thinks about this year's Roadrunners, athleticism and depth.

With six letterwinners returning that have plenty of playing experience, Rippetoe-Blair will rely on them to lead. Seven newcomers will provide an immediate impact and that has Rippetoe-Blair and her staff feeling this is the team that will compete for a Southland Conference Championship and an NCAA berth.

"Our returning players and newcomers, it gives us a strong nucleus," Rippetoe-Blair said. "The one thing about them is they're starting to come together and realize early on they can win it all and that's a great boost of confidence as we head into the season."

The Roadrunners are excited about the start of the season and look to improve from last year's 14-16 mark. UTSA made the SLC Tournament for the seventh consecutive season but were eliminated by top-seeded UT Arlington in the semifinals.

UTSA did collect some postseason hardware with Vivian Ewalefo earning first-team All-SLC honors for the second straight season, while junior Monica Gibbs collected second-team All-SLC accolades for the first time in her career.

With the loss of Vivian Ewalefo and Ana Oliveria, Rippetoe-Blair looks upon her senior Terrie Davis and Gibbs to fill the leadership role. Helping Davis and Gibbs will be juniors Tia Bogan and Andrea Garcia and sophomores Regan Burks and Courtney Laing.

Joining the Roadrunners this year are senior transfer Amanda Foster, a pair of junior college transfers in Onika Anderson and Ryba Pawlaczyk and freshmen: Amber Gregg, Cierra Martin, Jordan Stark and Whitney York.

The Frontcourt

After losing the team's leading scorer in Ewalefo, who averaged 16.0 points per game, Rippetoe-Blair will rely

heavily on the trio of junior Tia Bogan, sophomore Regan Burks and Courtney Laing to step up. She also expects the three newcomers in Foster and Anderson and Pawlaczyk to be ready when called upon.

"The strength of this team will be our post players," Rippetoe-Blair said. "Tia, Regan and Courtney are coming back and they know what it takes to compete at this level. Our three newcomers do bring collegiate experience and addition makes our post position deep and talented."

Bogan posted a career season in points (7.8 ppg) and rebounds (3.8 rpg) a year ago. The Livingston native appeared in all 30 games, while making 24 starts.

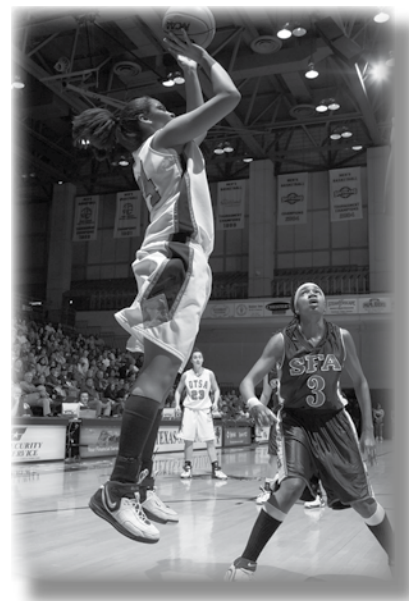
"Tia was such a huge boost for us," Rippetoe-Blair said. "She played through pain most of last season, but was able to have a productive season. Tia is the type of player who will score on her own, but she also is an excellent post defender."

Also providing post experience are Burks and Laing, former Abilene Wylie High School teammates. Burks began last season starting the first four games, but was sidelined midway through the season with a leg injury.

Laing, a 6-1 forward, played in 26 games last season and averaged 4.7 points per game. She posted her first career double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds against Cal State Bakersfield on Dec. 8, and recorded her second double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds against Central Arkansas on Jan. 11.

"Courtney and Regan were asked to do a lot last season, especially being freshman, but I think they handled the situation well and produced for us," Rippetoe-Blair said. "With a year under their belt, they will surprise some people around the league."

Bringing in Big 12 Conference experience is Foster. The Utica, Kan., native transferred from Oklahoma State during the 2005-06 season and sat out the 2006-07 year due to the NCAA transfer rule. She was named a WBCA/Kodak All-American and an honorable mention NJCAA All-America at Seward County College. During her one-year stint at Oklahoma State, Foster appeared in 27 games, including 15 Big 12 contests. She averaged 2.6 points and 2.6 boards per game.



Bogan collected a team-leading 17 blocks last season.



Rae Rippetoe-Blair is UTSA's all-time winningest coach 113 career victories.





Gibbs was named to the 2007-08 Southland Conference Preseason First Team.

A pair of junior college transfers — Anderson and Pawlaczyk — will see plenty of action at either the power forward or center position.

Anderson began her collegiate career at Carl Albert JC in Potedu, Okla. An All-America selection last season and a two-time NJCAA All-Region II honoree, she averaged a double-double with 17.9 points and 11.7 rebounds per game.

Pawlaczyk played her junior college ball at Casper College in Wyoming. The Wroclaw, Poland, native posted 14

points and 7.5 rebounds per game a year ago. She was named honorable mention last season, then first-team All-Region in 2006 and '07. Pawlaczyk also collected Academic All-America honors in 2007.

“Onika and Ryba are two players that have college experience already,” Rippetoe-Blair said. “Onika is a strong and physical player who is a great rebounder. Ryba is more of a driving post player and has a good first step, with excellent shooting range”

The Backcourt

The backcourt is stacked with seven players capable of playing a lot of minutes.

Leading the way is Gibbs, who was named to the Preseason SLC First Team. Last season, she averaged a career-high 12.9 points and 8.1 rebounds per game and led the league with 13 double-doubles. The Stillwater, Okla., native scored in double figures 22 times last season. Gibbs led the team in rebounding and assists (4.9) and her 12.9 points per contest ranked second on the squad.

“Monica brings a lot to the table for us,” Rippetoe-Blair said. “She can put the ball on the floor, create her own shot and rebound. One word that best describes Monica is competitive. She’s the type of player who will do everything possible to get a win.”

Davis returns for her final season, after posting a career-high 10.6 points per game a year ago. The Houston native was the only player to start all 30 games last season and the sharpshooter connected on a career-best 54 3-pointers. Davis currently stands second on UTSA’s all-time list with 113 3-pointers. She also recorded two double-doubles and scored in double digits in 16 contests a year ago.

“Terrie is our most experienced player,” Rippetoe-Blair said. “She can carry the team when we need her to. I think our team will look for Terrie to lead them.”

Also, look for junior Andrea Garcia to see action off the bench. The Mathis native played in 20 games, including 12 during SLC play a year ago.

Waiting in the wings for the Roadrunners are a quartet of freshmen in Amber Gregg, Cierra Martin, Jordan Stark and Whitney York. With seven guards, Rippetoe-Blair will have a deep bench this season.

The Schedule

This year’s schedule features three tournaments, including two at home, games against Atlantic Coast Conference member Virginia Tech and two Conference USA schools (Tulsa, SMU) and a full slate of 16 Southland Conference games.

“Our schedule is as tough as it has been in years past, but the only difference is we have more home games than away games,” Rippetoe-Blair said. “We do play good opponents on the road such as Missouri State and Tulsa, who are always competing for a conference championship and a trip to the NCAA Tournament. The Tulane Tournament will be a good test for us, especially opening against Virginia Tech, a school from a big conference. We feel that our schedule is competitive enough to get us prepared once conference starts.”

UTSA warms up with a pair of exhibition games against the Houston Jaguars on Oct. 31 and Dallas Diesel four days later (Nov. 4). The Roadrunners open the regular season with a five-game home stand beginning with Huston-Tillotson on Nov. 9 and conclude with the annual UTSA Thanksgiving Classic on Nov. 23-24. Arkansas, Georgia Southern and New Orleans comprise the field. The Roadrunners will be tested midway through their non-conference schedule with a five-game road trip beginning at Missouri State on Nov 29, followed by Tulsa two days later.

After a two-week layoff, UTSA continues its five-game road swing at Florida International on Dec. 14 and at the Tulane Doubletree Tournament in New Orleans on Dec. 20-21. UTSA closes out the calendar year with the Wells Fargo New Year’s Classic on Dec. 29-30. Miami (Ohio), Chattanooga and Weber State will take part in the classic.



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UTSA opens the new year with a home game against SMU on Jan. 2 and then begins SLC play against Lamar on Jan. 12. The Roadrunners make their first visit to Conway, Ark., to face Central Arkansas on Jan. 17 and then make their way to Louisiana for a game at Northwestern State

Roadrunner Basketball

(Jan. 19). UTSA returns home to host defending SLC Champion UT Arlington on Jan. 24 before hitting the road to take on I-35 rival Texas State on Jan. 26.

The month of February features eight games, including a three-game home stand that starts with Stephen F. Austin on Feb. 9 and concludes against SLC East Division members Southeastern Louisiana and Nicholls State on Feb. 14 and 16, respectively.

The Roadrunners then travel to Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on March 1, return home to host Sam Houston State on March 6 and end the regular season at SFA on March 8. The SLC Tournament is scheduled for March 12-15 at the Merrell Center in Katy.

2007-08 Southland Conference Preseason Women's Basketball Teams

First Team

Joyce Ekworomadu _____ Texas State
Monica Gibbs _____ **UTSA**
 Brittney Williams _____ Lamar
 Maryann Abanobi _____ UT Arlington
 Nikki Carr _____ Stephen F. Austin

Second Team

Tiffany Riles _____ UT Arlington
 Elisa Beagle _____ Texas A&M-Corpus Christi
 Ashli Barnum _____ Northwestern State
 Tena Matthews _____ Northwestern State
 Whitney Cormier _____ Stephen F. Austin

2007-08 SLC Preseason Women's Basketball Polls

Coaches Poll

East Division

1. Lamar (7) _____	58
2. Southeastern Louisiana (3) _____	56
3. Northwestern State (1) _____	43
4. Central Arkansas (1) _____	38
5. McNeese State _____	26
6. Nicholls State _____	25

West Division

1. UTSA (5) _____	52
2. Stephen F. Austin (3) _____	49
3. Texas State (2) _____	46
4. UT Arlington (1) _____	44
5. A&M-Corpus Christi (1) _____	39
6. Sam Houston State _____	16

SIDs Poll

East Division

1. Southeastern Louisiana (4) _____	57
2. Lamar (6) _____	54
3. Northwestern State (2) _____	47
4. Central Arkansas _____	37
5. Nicholls State _____	28
6. McNeese State _____	26

West Division

1. Stephen F. Austin(3) _____	50
2. Texas State(3) _____	50
3. UT Arlington(1) _____	47
4. UTSA (3) _____	42
5. A&M-Corpus Christi (2) _____	41
6. Sam Houston State _____	16

2007-08 UTSA Women's Basketball Roster

Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.-Exp.	Hometown (Last School)
4	Regan Burks	F	6-0	So.-1L	Abilene, Texas (Wylie HS)
10	Amber Gregg	G	5-6	Fr.-HS	Austin, Texas (McNeil HS)
11	Jordan Stark	G	5-11	Fr.-HS	Weatherford, Okla. (Weatherford HS)
13	Ryba Pawlaczyk	F	6-3	Jr.-TR	Wroclaw, Poland (Casper College HS)
14	Andrea Garcia	G	5-5	Jr.-2L	Mathis, Texas (Mathis HS)
21	Terrie Davis	G	5-8	Sr.-3L	Houston, Texas (Spring Woods HS)
22	Cierra Martin	F/G	5-8	Fr.-HS	Pflugerville, Texas (Pflugerville HS)
23	Whitney York	G	5-5	Fr.-HS	Bryan, Texas (Bryan HS)
24	Amanda Foster	F	6-3	RS-Sr.	Utica, Kan. (Oklahoma State)
30	Kara McKay	F/G	6-0	Jr.-2L	Rush Springs, Okla. (Rush Springs HS)
31	Onika Anderson	F	5-10	Jr.-TR	Pine Bluff, Ark. (Carl Albert JC)
32	Courtney Laing	F	6-1	So.-1L	Abilene, Texas (Wylie HS)
33	Monica Gibbs	G	5-8	So.-1L	Stillwater, Okla. (Stillwater HS)
34	Tia Bogan	F	6-1	Jr.-1L	Livingston, Texas (Livingston HS)

Head Coach: Rae Rippetoe-Blair/Oklahoma State, 1985/8th season

Associate Head Coach: Luby Lichonczak/Idaho, 1978/5th season

Assistant Coach: Courtney Locke/Rutgers, 2006/2nd season

Director of Operation: Koty Cowgill/Briar Cliff, 2004/3rd season

Associate Athletic Trainer: Brenna Ellis/Indiana State, 1998/7th season

Pronunciation Chart

Onika - O-nik-a
 Ryba Pawlaczyk - REE-BA PAW-LA-CHIC
 Lubomyr Lichonczak - LI-KON-ZAK