

# 2008 SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

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### UTSA FAST FACTS

Location	San Antonio, Texas
Enrollment	28,533
Founded	1969
Nickname	Roadrunners
Colors	Navy blue (289), orange (1665) and white
Home Court	Convocation Center
Capacity	4,080
Conference	Southland (West)
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Athletics Director	Lynn Hickey
Alma Mater	Ouachita Baptist/1973
President	Dr. Ricardo Romo
Alma Mater	Texas/1967
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### COACHES FAST FACTS

Head Coach	Rae Rippetoe-Blair
Alma Mater	Oklahoma State '85
Career Record	243-144/14th season
School Record	136-100/ninth season
Associate Head Coach	Lubomyr Lichonczak
Alma Mater	Idaho '78
Assistant Coach	Tai Dillard
Alma Mater	Texas '03
Assistant Coach	Koty Cowgill
Alma Mater	Briar Cliff '04
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### HISTORY FAST FACTS

First Year of Basketball	1981-82
All-Time Record	379-368
SLC All-Time Record	133-147
NCAA Tournament	2008, Texas A&M (L, 52-91)
WNIT Appearances	Preseason WNIT/2004

### TEAM FAST FACTS

2007-08 Record	23-10
2007-08 SLC Record	12-4/3rd (West)
Regular Season Titles	1 (2003)
Tournament Titles	1 (2008)
Starters returning/lost	3/2
Letterwinners Returning/Losing	7/5
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	Freshmen (4)

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# 2008 SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

**T**HE UTSA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM COLLECTED THE PROGRAM'S FIRST-EVER SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP AFTER DEFEATING LAMAR, 65-56, IN THE 2008 SLC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ON MARCH 15, 2008, AT THE MERRELL CENTER IN KATY.

## ROAD TO THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

MARCH 12, 2008

FIRST ROUND: W, 80-56, vs. NORTHWESTERN STATE

MARCH 14, 2008

SEMIFINALS: W, 77-67, vs. UT ARLINGTON

MARCH 15, 2008

FINALS: W, 65-56, vs. LAMAR



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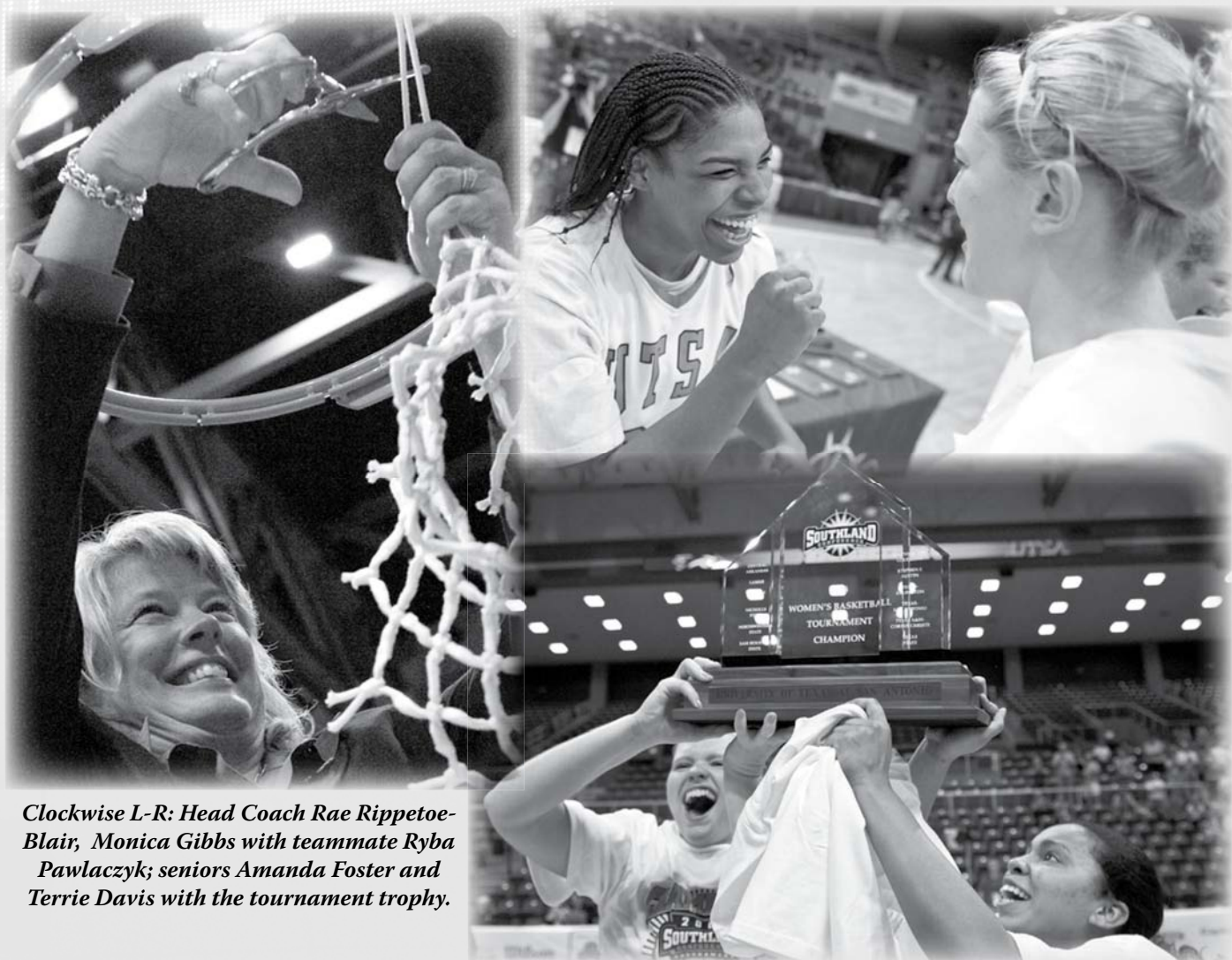
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*Onika Anderson with  
SLC Commissioner Tom Burnett*



*Monica Gibbs with  
SLC Commissioner Tom Burnett*



*Clockwise L-R: Head Coach Rae Rippetoe-Blair, Monica Gibbs with teammate Ryba Pawlaczyk; seniors Amanda Foster and Terrie Davis with the tournament trophy.*

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# 2008 NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANT

**T**HE ROADRUNNERS MADE SCHOOL HISTORY LAST SEASON, AS THEY TOOK THEIR FIRST TRIP TO THE NCAA TOURNAMENT. UTSA FACED NO. 2 SEED TEXAS A&M IN FIRST ROUND ACTION ON MARCH 22 AT THE MARAVICH CENTER IN BATON ROUGE, LA.



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## NO. 15-SEED UTSA ROADRUNNERS VS. NO. 2-SEED TEXAS A&M AGGIES



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# ROADRUNNERS BASKETBALL COACHING STAFF



## **Rae Rippetoe-Blair**

*Head Coach*

*Oklahoma State '85*

- *24th Years Coaching*
- *14th Year as Head Coach*
- *Ninth Year at UTSA*



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**Lubomyr Lichonczak**

*Associate Head Coach  
Idaho '78*

- 30th Year Overall
- Seventh Year at UTSA



**Tai Dillard**

*Assistant Coach  
Texas '03*

- Second Year Overall
- Second Year at UTSA



**Koty Cowgill**

*Assistant Coach  
Briar Cliff '04*

- Fourth Year Overall
- First Year as an assistant

**IN 2007-08...**

- **SCHOOL-RECORD 23 WINS**
- **SECOND 20-WIN SEASON IN SCHOOL HISTORY**
- **FIRST SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP**
- **FIRST NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCE**





# TEAM PHILOSOPHY

**“OUR TEAM PHILOSOPHY IS TO BE THE BEST TEAM IN THE CONFERENCE AND COMPETE FOR A CONFERENCE TITLE EVERY YEAR. WE ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE OUR PLAYERS GET THE MOST OF THE UTSA EXPERIENCE.”**

**— HEAD COACH RAE RIPPETOE-BLAIR**



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# GAMEDAY/ROADRUNNER RUCKUS EXPERIENCE



**“O**UR GAMEDAY EXPERIENCE IS A WAY TO GIVE OUR FANS THE BEST ATMOSPHERE AND A CHANCE TO COME OUT AND SUPPORT ROADRUNNER BASKETBALL.”

— HEAD COACH RAE RIPPETOE-BLAIR

**“R**OADRUNNERS RUCKUS BRINGS OUT OUR SCHOOL SPIRIT AND ALLOWS THE FANS TO COME OUT AND ENJOY A GREAT NIGHT OF FUN EVENTS. IT ALSO GIVES THE FANS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OUR BASKETBALL TEAM.”

— HEAD COACH RAE RIPPETOE-BLAIR



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# CONVOCAATION CENTER HOME OF THE ROADRUNNERS

## UTSA Convocation Center (The Bird Cage)

- Built in 1975.
- Features a permanent maple hardwood court which measures 17,900 square feet.
- Brand-new maple hardwood playing surface was installed in August 2008.
- 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 has recorded an all-time mark of 229-132 (.634) in the facility.



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# UTSA Host Institution

**“FOR THE NCAA TO REWARD SAN ANTONIO WITH THE 2010 WOMEN’S FINAL FOUR IS SPECTACULAR,” UTSA ATHLETICS DIRECTOR LYNN HICKEY SAID. “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.”**



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- 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
  - 2011 Women's Volleyball Championship







# IN THE COMMUNITY

**T**HE 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 LOCAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, HELP WITH ROAD-RUNNER MOVE-IN DAYS AND PARTICIPATE IN THE READ ALONG PROGRAM AT LOCAL SCHOOLS.



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# SENIOR NIGHT

**G**REAT 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 TERRIE DAVIS AND AMANDA FOSTER WERE HONORED.



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# HOME OF ROADRUNNERS

**T**HE 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 COMPLETED IN **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.



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SOME OF THE PLAYERS ENJOYING THEIR NEW HOME AT LAUREL VILLAGE, THE SWIMMING POOL AND ROADRUNNER CAFE.

LAUREL VILLAGE



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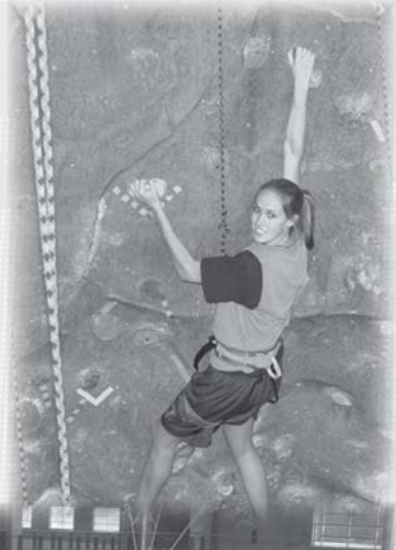




# UTSA WELLNESS/RECREATION CENTER

**O**PENED IN JANUARY 2003, THE **UTSA RECREATION AND WELLNESS CENTER** 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, OUTDOOR VOLLEYBALL COURTS AND A SWIMMING POOL FEATURING A LAZY RIVER.

IN ADDITION, THE REC CENTER ALSO FEATURES A STATE OF THE ART WEIGHT ROOM, RACQUETBALL COURTS, A ROCK CLIMBING WALL AND EXERCISE CLASSES.



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# ROADRUNNERS LIFE

**A**S PART OF ONE OF THE RISING PROGRAMS IN THE REGION, 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.; MIAMI, FLA.; NEW ORLEANS, LA.; ORLANDO, FLA.; AND SAN DIEGO, CALIF.**



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**O**NE WAY THE COACHING STAFF HAS HELPED DEVELOP TEAM CHEMISTRY IS WITH HOLIDAY AND TEAM GATHERINGS; SUCH AS THE **HALLOWEEN PARTY** AND THE **CHRISTMAS PARTY**.



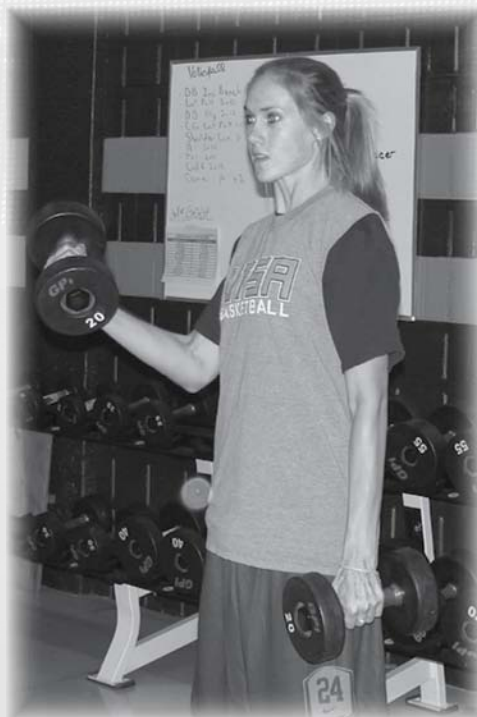


# UTSA STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

**U** TSA IS RUNNING FASTER AND GETTING STRONGER THANKS TO THE COMMITMENT TO AN ENHANCED STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING PROGRAM.

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH MICHAEL COX BEGINS HIS NINTH YEAR, WHILE ASSISTANT COACH DERRICK JENKINS IS IN HIS THIRD YEAR AT UTSA.

ALSO AVAILABLE IS THE NEW UTSA RECREATION WELLNESS CENTER, WHICH OPENED ITS DOORS IN JANUARY 2003. UTSA ATHLETES HAVE ACCESS TO THE LARGEST WEIGHT FACILITY IN THE STATE OF TEXAS FOR NON-FOOTBALL INSTITUTIONS.



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# ROADRUNNERS IN THE PROS

**U**NDER HEAD COACH RAE RIPPETOE-BLAIR, THREE ROADRUNNERS HAVE PURSUED A PROFESSIONAL CAREER. ANA OLIVERIA CURRENTLY IS PLAYING IN HER NATIVE COUNTRY OF PORTUGAL FOR INIEXSA CACERE TEAM AND IS ALSO ON THE PORTUGUESE NATIONAL TEAM. KATIE SANDEFUR HAS PLAYED IN PORTUGAL AND VIVIAN EWALEFO PLAYED FOR THE NIGERIAN NATIONAL TEAM 2007 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*





# SLC COMMISSIONER'S CUP CHAMPIONS



*Three-Time SLC Men's Indoor Track & Field Champions*

UTSA enjoyed one of its most successful seasons during the 2007-08 academic year. The Roadrunners tied a school record with four Southland Conference Championships en route to winning their first SLC All-Sports Commissioner's Cup and Men's All-Sports Trophy. The last time UTSA won four titles was during the 2003-04 season.

UTSA began its title run when the men's track & field team captured its third consecutive SLC Indoor Championship in February.



*2008 SLC Women's Basketball Tournament Champions*

The women's basketball team followed suit with a 65-56 victory against Lamar in the SLC Tournament Championship Game in March. The win gave the program its first-ever SLC Tournament Championship and NCAA appearance in March.

The final two championships came on May 11, when the baseball team captured its second straight SLC Regular Season Championship with a 5-2 victory against Nicholls at Roadrunner Field. The men's track team completed the first indoor/outdoor sweep in school history with the SLC Outdoor title.



*Faculty Representative Gregg Michel, Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Gage Paine, Athletics Director Lynn Hickey and Associate Athletics Director Elizabeth Dalton are presented the 2008 SLC Commissioner's Cup and the Men's All-Sports Trophy.*



*Back-to-Back SLC Regular Season Baseball Champions*



*2008 SLC Men's Track & Field Outdoor Champions*

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# STAR SHUTTLE & CHARTER-GRAYLINE THANKSGIVING CLASSIC

IN NOVEMBER, UTSA WILL HOST ITS ANNUAL UTSA THANKSGIVING CLASSIC FROM NOV. 28-29. TEAMS TAKING PART IN THE CLASSIC ARE ARKANSAS STATE, CHARLESTON SOUTHERN AND NORTH TEXAS.



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DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov. 28	ARKANSAS STATE VS. CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	5 P.M.
	UTSA VS. NORTH TEXAS	7 P.M.
Nov. 29	NORTH TEXAS VS. CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	3 P.M.
	UTSA VS. ARKANSAS STATE	5 P.M.

# WELLS FARGO NEW YEAR'S CLASSIC

THE ROADRUNNERS ALSO HOST THEIR ANNUAL WELLS FARGO NEW YEAR'S CLASSIC FROM DEC. 29-30. TEAMS TAKING PART IN THE CLASSIC ARE COLORADO STATE, HIGH POINT AND PRAIRIE VIEW A&M.



DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
DEC. 29	HIGH POINT VS. PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	5 P.M.
	UTSA VS. COLORADO STATE	7 P.M.
DEC. 30	PRAIRIE VIEW A&M VS. COLORADO STATE	5 P.M.
	UTSA VS. HIGH POINT	7 P.M.





# 2008-09 SEASON OUTLOOK

The 2007-08 season was a memorable year for head coach Rae Rippetoe-Blair and the Roadrunners women's basketball team, as they captured their first-ever Southland Conference Tournament Championship, made their first trip to the NCAA Tournament and set a school record with 23 wins, which was the program's first 20-win season since 1983-84.

Rippetoe-Blair has her team poised for another run at the SLC Championship and a return trip back to the Big Dance. She welcomes back seven letterwinners, including UTSA's all-time assists leader and first-team All-SLC performer senior guard Monica Gibbs and SLC Newcomer Of the Year and first-team All-SLC honoree senior forward Onika Anderson. Also coming back for their senior year are guard Andrea Garcia and forward Ryba Pawlaczyk. A trio of sophomore guards in Amber Gregg, Jordan Stark and Whitney York also return.

"We have a good and experienced team coming back," Rippetoe-Blair said. "The nucleus of our team is back. This team had a taste of success last season in making the NCAA Tournament, and they want it back again."

The Roadrunners also welcome seven newcomers in junior transfer Valencia Cottom, sophomore transfers Alysse Davis and Rachel Schlosser and freshmen Cori Cooper, JaMorgan Davis, Cierra Martin and Shantel Nwanguma.

UTSA lost all-time 3-point leader Terrie Davis and Amanda Foster to graduation, so Rippetoe-Blair will look at her senior quartet to take over the leadership role.

"I expect leadership from them and that's what I've seen so far. They have come into our workouts in shape and ready for the long season. They've also let the newcomers know that they want another championship before they leave."

### The Frontcourt

Anderson and Pawlaczyk give UTSA the presence they need along the front line. Despite the loss of Foster, the addition of four newcomers will add depth down low.

Anderson made an immediate impact last year, as she led the squad in scoring (13.5 ppg), rebounding (8.8 rpg) and field goal percentage (52.0 percent). The Pine Bluff, Ark., native also recorded a team-best nine double-doubles, while playing in 26 games. In conference play, Anderson posted a double-double with 15.8 points and 10.2 rebounds per contest, which ranked second and fifth in the league, respectively. She capped off her inaugural year as the 2008 SLC Newcomer of the Year and first-team All-SLC.

"Onika had a great year and surprised a lot of people around the league," Rippetoe-Blair said. "She has come into this season focused and ready to play. She's a great rebounder, a good post defender and a great scorer."

Joining Anderson in the post is Pawlaczyk. Despite missing the beginning of the season due to injury, the Wroclaw, Poland, native came on strong in the latter part of the year. She appeared in 27 games and posted 78 rebounds and 48 points.

"Ryba struggled with the injury, but she overcame a lot to be one of our key role players late in the season," Rippetoe-Blair said. "She's an excellent defender, who can block or alter shots and also is a good rebounder."

Looking to back up Anderson and Pawlaczyk is Cottom, Cooper, Davis and Nwanguma.

### The Backcourt

Losing UTSA's all-time 3-point scorer and the leader of the team in Davis was tough, but the return of five letterwinners will look to fill in the void.

Entering her final season is Gibbs, who is UTSA's all-time assists leader with 472. The Stillwater, Okla., native, currently sits third with 681 career rebounds and ranks sixth with 63 career blocks. She also is on pace to become the 11th Roadrunner to score more than 1,000 points. Gibbs garnered first-team All-SLC and SLC Tournament MVP honors a year ago. She averaged a league-best 5.91 assists per contest and also posted 7.5 rebounds and 11.2 points per game, which ranked second and third, respectively, on the team.

"Monica has meant so much to our program the last three years," Rippetoe-Blair said. "She worked really hard this summer and is in the best shape of her career. She's also improved her jump shot and I think she has the potential to have her best season yet."

Also look for the trio of Gregg, Stark and York to see a lot of action.



ONIKA ANDERSON

UTSA



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York was one of two players who appeared in all 33 games as the point guard during her freshman season. The Bryan native became the first Roadrunner to garner back-to-back SLC Player of the Week honors. She ranked second on the team in assists (2.42 apg), third in field goal percentage (43.9 percent) and fourth in scoring (9.6 ppg).

“Whitney had an incredible season for us and it was a surprise to see a freshman be our starting point guard,” Rippetoe-Blair said. “She handled the situation well and ran our offense without a hitch. She will be more vocal and lead the offense again this season.”

Stark, will look to fill in Davis’ shooting shoes this year. The Weatherford, Okla., native saw action in 31 contests and also made five starts. She averaged 8.7 points and hauled in 4.4 boards per game in her rookie campaign. She also tallied 56 3-pointers, which ranked second on the team, and collected 42 steals and 19 blocks.

“Jordan had a good freshman year, but I am looking for her to come in and take on the shooter role for us,” Rippetoe-Blair said. “She’s just one of those players that isn’t shy to shoot the ball from anywhere on the court.”

Gregg, who hails from Austin, made three starts in 32 games of action last season. She averaged 4.6 points per game, while connecting on 30 3-pointers. Gregg also recorded 20 steals, while dishing out 30 assists.

“Amber was one of our key players coming off the bench and provided a spark to the team last season,” Rippetoe-Blair said. “She’s a good shooter who can handle the ball and defend.”

Garcia begins her final season in a Roadrunner uniform. The



## MONICA GIBBS

Mathis native had her best season in 2007-08. She played in a career-high 24 games, totaled 20 points and was 83 percent from the free throw line.

“Andrea had a great junior year and I think she will have a better senior season,” Rippetoe-Blair said. “She has contributed in so many different ways from leading the practice team to coming in to games and providing a boost.”

Looking to see action is a pair of transfers in Davis from Memphis and Schlosser from Collin County CC, and redshirt freshman Martin.

### The Schedule

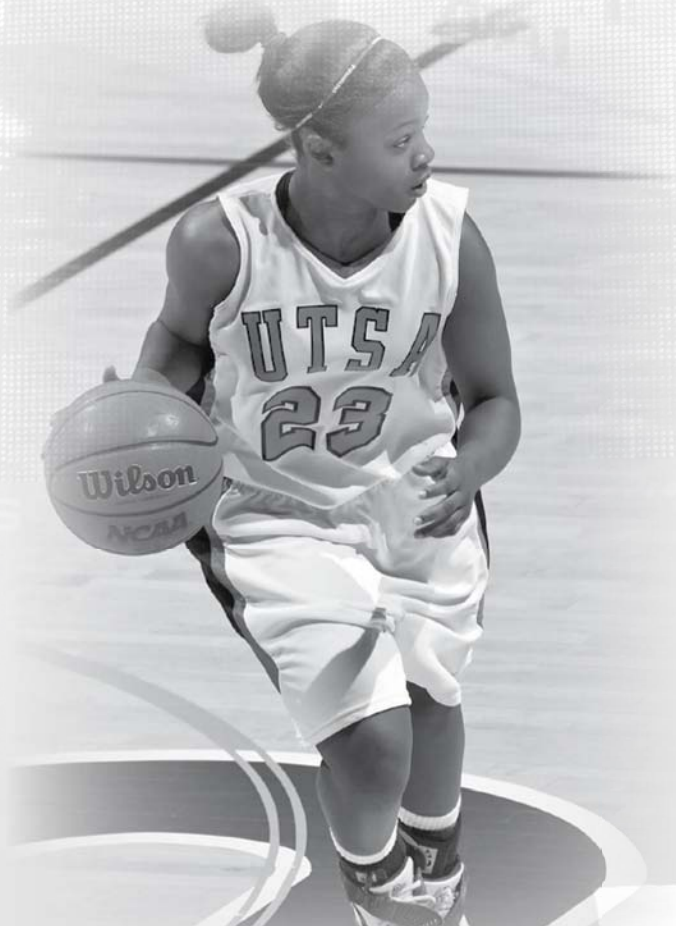
The 2008-09 schedule is highlighted by 18 home games, three tournaments, a full slate of 16 Southland Conference contests and five teams that played in the postseason last year (Kansas State, Oral Roberts, Prairie View A&M, TCU and Texas State).

“This year’s schedule is going to be tougher than our previous ones,” Rippetoe-Blair said. “We are playing teams with postseason experience on the road and it’s going to be a challenge, but I think this will be a benefit for us. We want to see where our program stands against bigger schools, because that’s where we want to be. It also gets us ready for conference play.”

UTSA begins the year with a pair of exhibition games against Dallas Diesel on Nov. 2 and St. Edward’s on Nov. 8. The Roadrunners then open the regular season at home versus Texas A&M International on Nov. 14.

UTSA’s first road tests start on Nov. 16 at TCU, a 2008 WNIT participant, followed by visits to Wichita State (Nov. 21) and defending Big 12 Conference Regular Season Champion and WNIT participant Kansas State (Nov. 23).

The Roadrunners return to the Convocation Center to host the Star Shuttle & Charter-Grayline Thanksgiving Classic on Nov. 28-29. UTSA opens the tournament against Arkansas State and closes out the event versus North Texas.



## WHITNEY YORK

UTSA





UTSA is slated to play five games in December. The Roadrunners host Huston-Tillotson on Dec. 6, then head to Mexico for the Cozumel Cup on Dec. 19-20 and end the calendar year with the Wells Fargo New Year's Classic on Dec. 29-30, against Colorado State and High Point.

UTSA enters the new year with its final two non-conference games against Conference USA members Rice (Jan. 3) and Tulsa (Jan. 5).

The Roadrunners open SLC competition on the road at McNeese State on Jan. 10, then return to the Alamo City to host Nicholls four days later. The Birds' next five contests are against West Division foes — at UT Arlington (Jan. 17), against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi (Jan. 24), at I-35 rival and WNIT participant Texas State



## AMBER GREGG

(Jan. 28), versus Lamar (Jan. 31) and at Sam Houston State (Feb. 4).

A Feb. 7 contest against Southeastern Louisiana, is followed by a road game at Central Arkansas on Feb. 11. UTSA then will play four of its final seven regular season games in San Antonio, beginning with UTA on Valentine's Day. The Roadrunners travel to Corpus Christi for a showdown against the Islanders on Feb. 18 and then host their only back-to-back home tilts of the league ledger versus Sam Houston State (Feb. 21) and Northwestern State (Feb. 25).

UTSA plays its final home regular season game against Texas State on March 4 and then travels to Nacogdoches to face Stephen F. Austin on March 7 to close out the slate.

This year's SLC Tournament will be played March 11-15 at the Merrell Center in Katy.



## JORDAN STARK

### 2008-09 UTSA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.-Exp.	Hometown/Last School
10	Amber Gregg	G	5-6	So.-1L	Austin, Texas/McNeil HS
11	Jordan Stark	G	5-11	So.-1L	Weatherford, Okla./Weatherford HS
13	Ryba Pawlaczyk	F	6-3	Sr.-1L	Wroclaw, Poland/Casper College
14	Andrea Garcia	G	5-5	Sr.-3L	Mathis, Texas/Mathis HS
21	Rachel Schlosser	G	5-11	So.-TR	Southlake, Texas/Collin County CC
22	Cierra Martin	G/F	5-8	Fr.-RS	Pflugerville, Texas/Pflugerville HS
23	Whitney York	G	5-5	So.-1L	Bryan, Texas/Bryan HS
24	Alysse Davis	G	6-1	So.-TR	Corpus Christi, Texas/Memphis
30	Valencia Cottom	F	6-0	Jr.-TR	San Jose, Calif./Casper College HS
31	Onika Anderson	F	5-10	Sr.-1L	Pine Bluff, Ark./Carl Albert JC
33	Monica Gibbs	G	5-8	Sr.-3L	Stillwater, Okla./Stillwater HS
34	Shantel Nwanguma	F	6-0	Fr.-HS	Katy, Texas/Cinco Ranch HS
40	JaMorgan Davis	F	6-1	Fr.-HS	Nacogdoches, Texas/Nacogdoches HS
55	Cori Cooper	F	6-1	Fr.-HS	Copperas Cove, Texas /Copperas Cove HS

**Head Coach:** Rae Rippetoe-Blair/Oklahoma State, '85/9th season  
**Associate Head Coach:** Lubomyr Lichonczak/Idaho, '78/6th season  
**Assistant Coach:** Tai Dillard/Texas, '03/2nd season  
**Assistant Coach:** Koty Cowgill/Briar Cliff, '04/1st season (4th overall at UTSA)  
**Director of Operations:** Laura Skeen/St. Edward's, '02/1st season

#### Pronunciation Chart

JaMorgan - Ja-MOR-gan  
 Onika - O-NEEK-a  
 Rachel Schlosser - SHLOSS-er  
 Ryba Pawlaczyk - REE-ba PAW-la-chic  
 Shacoria - Sha-CORE-ee-a  
 Shantel Nwanguma - ONE-u-gume-a  
 Lubomyr Lichonczak - li-KON-zak