

2010 | UTEP | NOTEBOOK

MINERS KICK OFF SEASON ON SEPT. 4

UTEP will open its 93rd season of football at home versus Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Sept. 4. The Miners will play four of their first six games in the Sun Bowl, where they have posted a 22-14 record under coach Mike Price, before hitting the road for four of the last six outings, including three of the last four. Three of UTEP's last four contests, in fact, are versus teams that played in bowls a year ago – at Marshall (Oct. 30), versus SMU (Nov. 6) and at Arkansas (Nov. 13).

LOOK WHO'S BACK

UTEP returns 44 letterwinners and 11 starters from last year's team that finished 4-8, but lost five games by a touchdown or less. The Miners have seven starters returning on offense and four starters returning on defense. Overall UTEP has 25 players returning who have started games at the collegiate level (17 on offense and eight on defense). QB Trevor Vittatoe has the most career starts of any UTEP offensive player (36), and DL Robert Soleyjacks tops the defense with 33 career starts.

MINERS HAVE EXPERIENCE

UTEP's roster features 26 seniors, including 16 on the offensive side of the ball. The Miners have 23 juniors, 19 sophomores and 40 freshmen (30 true/10 redshirt).

RETURNING PERCENTAGES

UTEP returns players who accounted for 95.9 percent (1,893-of-1,974) of the team's positive rushing yardage, 99.7 percent (3,320-of-3,331) of the passing yards and 59.7 percent (1,987-of-3,331) of the receiving yards. The Miners also return 90.6 percent (1,182-of-1,304) of their kickoff return yards. On defense, UTEP returns 46.6 percent (461-of-990) of its tackles, 38.7 percent (24-of-62) of its tackles for losses and 43.3 percent (6.5-of-15) of its sacks.

TAKING A LOOK AT THE TWO-DEEP

If the preseason depth chart holds, UTEP would start 10 seniors on offense for the season opener versus Arkansas-Pine Bluff. The only non-senior in the projected lineup is junior wide receiver Donavon Kemp. The Miners have three seniors, seven juniors and one freshman listed as first-string defensive players. The only two freshmen in the two deep are Adam Ayala (backup defensive end) and Germard Reed (starting defensive tackle).

DEFENSE GETS AN OVERHAUL FOR 2010

UTEP has a new defensive scheme -- with a 4-3 base -- and a largely new defensive staff for the 2010 season. The Miners employed a 3-3-5 scheme in 2008 and 2009. UTEP's new defensive coordinator is long-time NFL defensive line coach Andre Patterson. Adam Gonzaga takes over coaching the safeties, and former Miner



Robert Rodriguez has been elevated from a graduate assistant to linebackers coach. The only holdover on the defensive staff is cornerbacks coach Allen Johnson.

MINERS RANK AMONG NATION'S TOP RETURNEES

Donald Buckram is the nation's second-leading returning rusher for the 2010 season. Buckram averaged 132.8 yards per game last season. Pittsburgh's Dion Lewis ranks first among returning rushers with 138.4 yards per contest a year ago. Buckram also ranks second among FBS returnees in scoring (10.5 ppg) behind Navy QB Ricky Dobbs (12.5 ppg), and sixth amongst all-purpose backs (170.6 ypg).

QB Trevor Vittatoe ranks fifth among FBS returnees in passing yards per game (275.7), and ninth in total offense per game (268.8). In addition, Vittatoe rates second among FBS returnees in career passing yards (9,683) behind Houston's Case Keenum (12,950). Vittatoe is also second in career passing touchdowns (75) behind

Keenum (102), and third in total offense (9,437) behind Keenum (13,741) and Nevada's Colin Kaepernick (9,982).

VITTATOE ON PACE TO BECOME UTEP'S ALL-TIME LEADING PASSER

Trevor Vittatoe has thrown for 9,683 yards in his collegiate career and needs just 1,402 yards to supplant Jordan Palmer as UTEP's all-time leading passer. Vittatoe is the only quarterback in school history to pass for 3,000 yards in three separate seasons. He needs 1,605 yards to break the UTEP career total offense record, and 14 passing touchdowns to shatter the Miner career standard.

With 2,082 career rushing yards, Donald Buckram has an outside shot at eclipsing John Harvey's school record of 3,576 yards.

EIGHT ALL-CONFERENCE HONOREES RETURN

UTEP has eight players returning who have earned All-Conference USA honors in their careers -- WR Kris Adams (honorable mention in 2008), DB Braxton Amy (honorable mention in 2007 & 2009), RB Donald Buckram (first team in 2009), OL Tanner Cullumber (honorable mention in 2009), OL Rod Huntley (honorable mention in 2009), DL Robert Soleyjacks (honorable mention in 2009), OL Alex Solot (honorable mention in 2009) and QB Trevor Vittatoe (honorable mention in 2008 & 2009).

RECAPPING 2009

UTEP was 4-8 last season and tied for third place in Conference USA's Western Division with a 3-5 mark. The Miners lost five games by a touchdown or less, and were 28 points shy of winning nine games.

UTEP beat two bowl-bound teams in Houston and Marshall. The Miners' 58-41 conquest of the 12th-ranked Cougars on Oct. 3 marked their first win over a ranked opponent in 12 years. UTEP was named the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl National Team of the Week following the win over Houston, and RB Donald Buckram was appointed the Walter Camp Foundation National Offensive Player of the Week after rushing for 262 yards versus the Cougars.

29TH SEASON FOR PRICE

UTEP's Mike Price is 163-160 in his 29th season as a collegiate head coach, including 34-38 in his seventh year at the helm of the Miner program. He has coached seven bowl teams during a career that has taken him to Weber State, Washington State and UTEP, including two with the Miners (2004 Houston, 2005 GMAC).

Price ranks ninth among active FBS coaches with 163 victories behind Penn State's Joe Paterno (394), Virginia Tech's Frank Beamer (229), Ohio State's Jim Tressel (229), Texas' Mack Brown (214), Nevada's Chris Ault (206), South Carolina's Steve Spurrier (177), Notre Dame's Brian Kelly (171) and Arizona State's Dennis Erickson (167).

DEPTH CHART

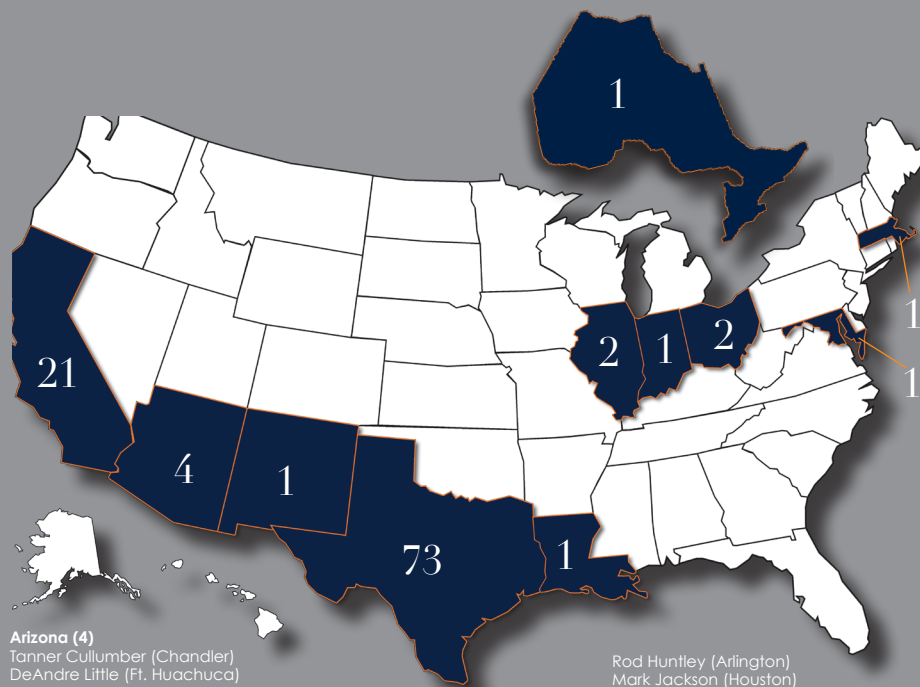
OFFENSE

'A' Wide Receiver					
19	Evan Davis	6-1	200	SR	Los Angeles, Calif.
6	Marlon McClure	5-9	155	SO	Tenaha, Texas
Left Tackle					
54	Will Osolinsky	6-8	280	SR	Phoenix, Ariz.
			-OR-		
75	Lance Egbuomwan	6-4	300	SR	Mentone, Calif.
58	Brander Craighead	6-6	265	SO	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Left Guard					
65	Anthony McNac	6-4	325	SR	Lancaster, Texas
			-OR-		
79	Tanner Cullumber	6-4	300	SR	Chandler, Ariz.
60	Nathan McCage	6-4	275	JR	Spring, Texas
Center					
79	Tanner Cullumber	6-4	300	SR	Chandler, Ariz.
			-OR-		
63	Eloy Atkinson	6-3	295	SO	Los Fresnos, Texas
Right Guard					
74	Rod Huntley	6-3	320	SR	Arlington, Texas
77	Paul Santillan	6-4	290	SO	Crosby, Texas
Right Tackle					
70	Alex Solot	6-8	310	SR	Tucson, Ariz.
68	James Nelson	6-7	320	SO	Ventura, Calif.
Tight End					
36	Jonny Moore	6-5	250	SR	San Antonio, Texas
85	Elijah Goldtrap	6-5	260	SR	Los Angeles, Calif.
Quarterback					
10	Trevor Vittatoe	6-2	220	SR	Bedford, Texas
5	James Thomas II	5-11	190	SR	Palesline, Texas
Tailback					
3	Donald Buckram	5-10	195	SR	Copperas Cove, Texas
20	Vernon Frazier	5-7	170	JR	Duncanville, Texas
'X' Wide Receiver					
84	Donavon Kemp	6-1	195	JR	DeSoto, Texas
7	Pierce Hunter	6-5	235	SR	National City, Calif.
'Z' Wide Receiver					
2	Kris Adams	6-3	195	SR	Fort Worth, Texas
17	Russell Carr	6-2	205	JR	Chino Hills, Calif.

DEFENSE

Left End					
13	Robert Soleyjacks	6-2	260	SR	Amarillo, Texas
92	Adam Ayala	6-5	260	FR	Huntsville, Texas
Left Tackle					
61	Germard Reed	6-1	270	FR	Lufkin, Texas
91	Isaac Tauaeafa	6-1	275	SO	Lake Dallas, Texas
Nose Tackle					
98	Jamie Fehoko	6-2	290	JR	Hayward, Calif.
76	Ruben Munoz	6-0	265	SO	El Paso, Texas
Right End					
46	Bernard Obi	6-2	240	JR	Pearland, Texas
44	Greg Watkins	6-5	220	SO	Katy, Texas
Will Linebacker					
38	Isaiah Carter	6-2	220	JR	Converse, Texas
11	Anthony Morrow	6-0	225	SR	Fallbrook, Calif.
MIKE Linebacker					
4	Jamie Irving	6-0	225	JR	Perris, Calif.
8	Jeremy Springer	6-3	225	JR	Los Fresnos, Texas
SAM Linebacker					
52	Royzell Smith	6-1	220	JR	Missouri City, Texas
42	Greg Holleman	6-0	220	JR	Lubbock, Texas
Strong Safety					
1	Braxton Amy	6-0	205	SR	Richmond, Texas
29	Wiston Jeune	6-3	210	SR	Malden, Mass.
Free Safety					
25	Brandon Miller	6-2	200	SR	Cincinnati, Ohio
2	DeShawn Grayson	6-0	200	SO	Riverside, Calif.
Left Cornerback					
9	Antwon Blake	5-10	185	JR	Jacksonville, Fla.
23	Martel Strange	5-10	190	SR	Palm Springs, Calif.
Right Cornerback					
5	Travaun Nixon	6-1	205	JR	Oxnard, Calif.
10	Drew Thomas	5-10	180	SO	Chicago, Ill.

Miners Coast-to-Coast



Arizona (4)

Tanner Cullumber (Chandler)
DeAndre Little (Ft. Huachuca)
Will Osolinsky (Phoenix)
Alex Solot (Tucson)

California (21)

Corin Brooks (Riverside)
Russell Carr (Chino Hills)
Chancey Dariso (Oceanside)
Evan Davis (Los Angeles)
Lance Egbuomwan (Mentone)
Jamie Fehoko (Hayward)
Elijah Goldtrap (Los Angeles)
Jarret Gooden (Benicia)
DeShawn Grayson (Riverside)
Pierce Hunter (National City)
Jamie Irving (Perris)
Jim Jones (Redlands)
Nick Martin (Rancho Cucamonga)
Wesley Miller (Fresno)
Anthony Morrow (Fallbrook)
Leilyn Myers (Compton)
James Nelson (Ventura)
Travaun Nixon (Oxnard)
Richard Spencer (Moreno Valley)
Martel Strange (Palm Springs)
Corey Trisby (San Diego)

Canada (1)

Brander Craighead (Ottawa, Ontario)

Illinois (2)

Sam Quintanilla (Rockton)
Drew Thomas (Chicago)

Indiana (1)

Yahchaaroh Stuart (Warsaw)

Louisiana (1)

Kevin Perry (Opelousas)

Maryland (1)

Horace Miller (Baltimore)

Massachusetts (1)

Wiston Jeune (Malden)

New Mexico (1)

Matt Camilli (Las Cruces)

Ohio (2)

Quentin Jones (Columbus)
Brandon Miller (Cincinnati)

Texas (73)

Saul Adame (El Paso)
Kris Adams (Fort Worth)
Aubrey Alexius (Cypress)
Geoff Amato (El Paso)
Braxton Amy (Richmond)
Eloy Atkinson (Los Fresnos)
Adam Ayala (Huntsville)
Marcus Bagley (Mesquite)
Joe Banyard (Sweetwater)
Josh Bell (Sugarland)
Antwon Blake (Houston)
Richard Spencer (Moreno Valley)
Cooper Brock (Copperas Cove)
Kyle Brown (Conroe)
Donald Buckram (Copperas Cove)
Isaiah Carter (Converse)
Cameron Choice (Tenaha)
Austin Contreras (El Paso)
Justin Cordova (McKinney)
Tim Curry (Elysian Fields)
James Davidson (Huntsville)
Blake Dubose (Houston)
Katrae Ford (Houston)
Brandon Forge (DeSoto)
Vernon Frazier (Duncanville)
Wayne Frazier (Refugio)
Gabriel Garza (El Paso)
C.J. Haley (Dallas)
Javia Hall (Dallas)
Jermaine Hicks (El Paso)
Greg Holleman (Lubbock)

Rod Huntley (Arlington)
Mark Jackson (Houston)
Adrian James (Dallas)
Nathan Jeffery (Caddo Mills)
Donavon Kemp (DeSoto)
Jordan Leslie (DeSoto)
Julio Lopez (El Paso)
Kevin Lopez (El Paso)
Terrl Mark (Lufkin)
Nathan McCage (Spring)
Marlon McClure (Tenaha)
Anthony McGhee (Dallas)
Anthony McNac (Lancaster)
Carson Meger (Plano)
Chad Moncure (Houston)
Jonny Moore (San Antonio)
Luis Morales (El Paso)
Ruben Munoz (El Paso)
Hunter Nix (Prosper)
Bernard Obi (Pearland)
Devin Patterson (Mesquite)
Kevin Perez (El Paso)
Michael Pickett (Cedar Park)
Germard Reed (Lufkin)
Cameron Richards-Lee (Dallas)
Traun Robertson (DeSoto)
Paul Santillan (Crosby)
Mike Scott (El Paso)
Royzell Smith (Missouri City)
Tate Smith (Odessa)
Robert Soleyjacks (Amarillo)
Jeremy Springer (Los Fresnos)
Isaac Tauaeafa (Lake Dallas)
James Thomas II (Palestine)
Eric Tomlinson (Klein)
Trevor Vittatoe (Bedford)
Dakota Warren (Austin)
Greg Watkins (Katy)
Jerel Watkins (Channelview)
Craig Wenrick (Flower Mound)
Chris Whatley (El Paso)
Jason Williams (Tyler)
Lavorick Williams (Odessa)



SPECIAL TEAMS

Punter					
8	Dakota Warren	5-11	185	SO	Cedar Park, Texas
16	Kevin Perez	5-9	160	JR	El Paso, Texas
Kicker					
8	Dakota Warren	5-11	185	SO	Cedar Park, Texas
39	Mike Scott	6-1	150	SR	El Paso, Texas
Kickoffs					
8	Dakota Warren	5-11	185	SO	Cedar Park, Texas
16	Kevin Perez	5-9	160	JR	El Paso, Texas
Holder					
13	Carson Meger	6-0	195	FR	Plano, Texas
Kick Snapper					
57	Matt Camilli	6-4	235	JR	Las Cruces, N.M.
89	Geoff Amato	6-2	240	SR	El Paso, Texas
Kickoff Returners					
6	Marlon McClure	5-9	155	SO	Tenaha, Texas
84	Donavon Kemp	6-1	195	JR	DeSoto, Texas
Punt Returners					
1	Braxton Amy	6-0	205	SR	Richmond, Texas
6	Marlon McClure	5-9	155	SO	Tenaha, Texas

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NUMERICAL

No.	Name	Pos.
1	Braxton Amy	DB
1	Javia Hall	QB
2	Kris Adams	WR
2	DeShawn Grayson	DB
3	Donald Buckram	RB
3	Chancey Dariso	DB
3	Traun Roberson	DB
4	Jamie Irving	LB
4	Corey Trisby	WR
5	Travaun Nixon	DB
5	James Thomas II	QB/WR
6	Marlon McClure	WR
7	Pierce Hunter	WR
8	Jeremy Springer	LB
8	Dakota Warren	K/P
9	Antwon Blake	DB
9	Jordan Leslie	WR
10	Drew Thomas	DB
10	Trevor Vittatoe	QB
11	Tim Curry	QB
11	Anthony Morrow	LB
12	Anthony McGhee	WR
13	Carson Meger	QB
13	Robert Soleyjacks	DL
14	Tate Smith	QB
15	Devin Patterson	WR
16	Kevin Perez	K/P
17	Russell Carr	WR
18	James Davidson	LB
18	Katrae Ford	TE
19	Evan Davis	WR
20	Vernon Frazier	RB
20	Adrian James	DB
21	Joe Banyard	RB
22	Chad Moncure	DB
22	Leilyon Myers	RB
23	Cameron Richards-Lee	DB
23	Martel Strange	DB
24	Richard Spencer	DB
25	Saul Adame	DB
25	Brandon Miller	DB
26	Michael Pickett	DB
27	Terr'l Mark	DB
28	Jarret Gooden	DB
29	Wiston Jeune	DB
30	Josh Bell	RB
30	Wesley Miller	DB



ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
25	Saul Adame	DB	5-10	190	SR-OL	El Paso, Texas (Clint)
2	Kris Adams	WR	6-3	195	SR-3L	Fort Worth, Texas (Everman)
48	Aubrey Alexius	LB	6-0	205	SO-1L	Cypress, Texas (Cy Springs)
89	Geoff Amato	DL	6-2	240	SR-2L	El Paso, Texas (Americas)
1	Braxton Amy	DB	6-0	205	SR-3L	Richmond, Texas (Foster)
63	Eloy Atkinson	OL	6-3	295	SO-1L	Los Fresnos, Texas (Los Fresnos)
92	Adam Ayala	DL	6-5	260	FR-RS	Huntsville, Texas (Huntsville)
99	Marcus Bagley	DL	6-2	320	FR-HS	Mesquite, Texas (North Mesquite)
21	Joe Banyard	RB	6-0	205	JR-OL	Sweetwater, Texas (Sweetwater)
30	Josh Bell	RB	5-11	200	FR-HS	Sugar Land, Texas (Kempner)
9	Antwon Blake	DB	5-10	185	JR-2L	Houston, Texas (Thurgood Marshall)
51	Cooper Brock	DL	6-4	220	FR-HS	Copperas Cove, Texas (Copperas Cove)
94	Corin Brooks	DL	6-3	270	FR-HS	Riverside, Calif. (Arlington)
62	Kyle Brown	DL	6-2	265	FR-HS	Conroe, Texas (Conroe)
3	Donald Buckram	RB	5-10	195	SR-3L	Copperas Cove, Texas (Copperas Cove)
57	Matt Camilli	LS	6-4	235	JR-1L	Las Cruces, N.M. (Mayfield)
17	Russell Carr	WR	6-2	205	JR-2L	Chino, Calif. (Don Antonio Lugo)
38	Isaiah Carter	LB	6-2	220	JR-2L	Converse, Texas (Judson)
38	Camaron Choice	RB	5-7	160	FR-RS	Tenaha, Texas (Tenaha)
31	Austin Contreras	DB	5-10	190	SR-2L	El Paso, Texas (Americas)
97	Justin Cordova	DL	6-2	265	SO-TR	McKinney, Texas (McKinney Boyd/SE Oklahoma St.)
58	Brander Craighead	OL	6-6	265	SO-1L	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (Mother Teresa Catholic School/ Fork Union Military Academy)
79	Tanner Cullumber	OL	6-4	300	SR-2L	Chandler, Ariz. (Hamilton)
11	Tim Curry	QB	6-4	210	SO-OL	Elysian Fields, Texas (Elysian Fields)
3	Chancey Dariso	DB	5-10	185	SR-OL	Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside)
18	James Davidson	LB	6-3	220	FR-RS	Huntsville, Texas (Huntsville)
19	Evan Davis	WR	6-1	200	SR-3L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Oceanside)
40	Blake Dubose	RB	5-7	190	JR-2L	Houston, Texas (Hightower)
75	Lance Evbuomwan	OL	6-4	300	SR-1L	Mentone, Calif. (East Valley/Bakersfield College)
98	Jamie Fehoko	DL	6-2	290	JR-OL	Hayward, Calif. (Mt. Eden/College of San Mateo)
18	Katrae Ford	TE	6-5	230	FR-HS	Houston, Texas (Westfield)
90	Brandon Forge	DL	6-5	240	FR-HS	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)
20	Vernon Frazier	RB	5-7	170	JR-2L	Duncanville, Texas (Duncanville)
66	Wayne Frazier	OL	6-3	315	FR-RS	Refugio, Texas (Refugio)
41	Gabriel Garza	DB	5-10	175	FR-HS	El Paso, Texas (Chapin)
85	Elijah Goldtrap	TE	6-5	260	SR-3L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Serrano)
28	Jarret Gooden	DB	5-10	170	JR-TR	Benicia, Calif. (Benicia/College of San Mateo)
2	DeShawn Grayson	DB	6-0	200	SO-1L	Riverside, Calif. (Rancho Verde)
35	C.J. Haley	DB	5-10	180	FR-RS	Dallas, Texas (Jesuit Prep)
1	Javia Hall	QB	6-1	180	FR-HS	Dallas, Texas (Skyline)
97	Jermaine Hicks	DL	6-2	260	FR-HS	El Paso, Texas (Andress)
42	Greg Holleman	LB	6-0	220	JR-2L	Lubbock, Texas (Monterrey)
7	Pierce Hunter	WR	6-5	235	SR-3L	National City, Calif. (Bonita Vista)
74	Rod Huntley	OL	6-3	320	SR-3L	Arlington, Texas (Sam Houston)
4	Jamie Irving	LB	6-0	225	JR-2L	Perris, Calif. (Citrus Hill)
33	Mark Jackson	WR	5-9	185	FR-HS	Houston, Texas (Milby)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
20	Adrian James	DB	6-0	180	FR-HS	Dallas, Texas (Skyline)
32	Nathan Jeffery	RB	5-11	190	FR-HS	Caddo Mills, Texas (Caddo Mills)
29	Wiston Jeune	DB	6-3	210	SR-1L	Malden, Mass. (Malden/Moorpark JC)
86	Jim Jones	WR	6-0	180	FR-HS	Redlands, Calif. (Aquinas)
56	Quentin Jones	DL	6-0	315	FR-HS	Columbus, Ohio (Northland)
84	Donavon Kemp	WR	6-1	195	JR-2L	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)
9	Jordan Leslie	WR	6-3	205	FR-HS	Houston, Texas (Tomball)
53	DeAndre Little	LB	6-3	230	FR-HS	Ft. Huachuca, Ariz. (Buena)
80	Julio Lopez	WR	5-11	175	JR-0L	El Paso, Texas (Montwood/New Mexico State)
49	Kevin Lopez	K	5-11	190	JR-0L	El Paso, Texas (Chapin)
27	Terr'I Mark	DB	5-11	165	FR-RS	Lufkin, Texas (Lufkin)
72	Nick Martin	OL	6-5	300	FR-HS	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Los Osos)
60	Nathan McCage	OL	6-4	275	JR-0L	Spring, Texas (Klein Collins)
6	Marlon McClure	WR	5-9	155	SO-1L	Tenaha, Texas (Tenaha)
12	Anthony McGhee	WR	5-11	185	FR-HS	Dallas, Texas (North Garland)
65	Anthony McNac	OL	6-4	325	SR-2L	Lancaster, Texas (Lancaster)
13	Carson Meger	QB	6-0	195	FR-RS	Plano, Texas (Plano)
25	Brandon Miller	DB	6-2	200	SR-1L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Withrow/Bakersfield College)
33	Horace Miller	DL	6-1	220	SO-TR	Baltimore, Md. (Dunbar/Louisville)
30	Wesley Miller	DB	5-10	175	FR-HS	Fresno, Calif. (San Joaquin Memorial)
22	Chad Moncure	DB	6-0	180	FR-HS	Houston, Texas (William B. Travis)
36	Jonny Moore	TE	6-5	250	SR-3L	San Antonio, Texas (John Marshall)
73	Luis Morales	OL	6-4	280	FR-HS	El Paso, Texas (Andress)
11	Anthony Morrow	LB	6-0	225	SR-3L	Fallbrook, Calif. (Union)
76	Ruben Munoz	DL	6-0	265	SO-0L	El Paso, Texas (Eastwood)
22	Leilyon Myers	RB	6-1	235	JR-0L	Compton, Calif. (Lynnwood/Palomar JC)
68	James Nelson	OL	6-7	320	SO-TR	Ventura, Calif. (Buena/Ventura JC)
55	Hunter Nix	LB	6-1	225	FR-HS	Prosper, Texas (Prosper)
5	Travaun Nixon	DB	6-1	205	JR-TR	Oxnard, Calif. (Hueneme/Ventura JC)
46	Bernard Obi	DL	6-2	240	JR-2L	Pearland, Texas (Pearland)
54	Will Osolinsky	OL	6-8	280	SR-3L	Phoenix, Ariz. (North Canyon)
15	Devin Patterson	WR	6-0	180	FR-HS	Mesquite, Texas (North Mesquite)
16	Kevin Perez	K/P	5-9	160	JR-TR	El Paso, Texas (Hanks/New Mexico Military Institute)
82	Kevin Perry	TE	6-5	225	FR-RS	Opelousas, La. (Houston Westbury Christian)
26	Michael Pickett	DB	6-1	195	FR-HS	Cedar Park, Texas (Vista Ridge)
67	Sam Quintanilla	OL	6-7	285	FR-HS	Rockton, Ill. (Hononegah)
61	Germard Reed	DL	6-1	270	FR-RS	Lufkin, Texas (Lufkin)
23	Cameron Richards-Lee	DB	6-2	190	FR-HS	Dallas, Texas (Hillcrest)
3	Traun Roberson	DB	5-11	180	FR-HS	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)
77	Paul Santillan	OL	6-4	290	SO-1L	Crosby, Texas (Crosby)
39	Mike Scott	K	6-1	150	SR-0L	El Paso, Texas (Franklin)
52	Royzell Smith	LB	6-1	220	JR-2L	Missouri City, Texas (Thurgood Marshall)
14	Tate Smith	QB	6-1	200	JR-TR	Odessa, Texas (Permian/Cisco JC/New Mexico)
13	Robert Soleyjacks	DL	6-2	260	SR-3L	Amarillo, Texas (Highland Park)
70	Alex Solot	OL	6-8	310	SR-3L	Tucson, Ariz. (Rincon)
24	Richard Spencer	DB	6-2	205	SO-1L	Moreno Valley, Calif. (Rancho Verde)
8	Jeremy Springer	LB	6-3	225	JR-2L	Los Fresnos, Texas (Los Fresnos)
23	Martel Strange	DB	5-10	190	SR-2L	Palm Springs, Calif. (Cathedral City [Texas])
95	Yahchaaroah Stuart	DL	6-3	270	JR-TR	Warsaw, Ind. (Warsaw/Taylor University)
91	Isaac Tauaefa	DL	6-1	275	SO-1L	Lake Dallas, Texas (Lake Dallas/Air Force Prep)
10	Drew Thomas	DB	5-10	180	SO-1L	Chicago, Ill. (Ottawa Township)
5	James Thomas II	QB/WR	5-11	190	SR-3L	Palestine, Texas (Thurgood Marshall)
87	Eric Tomlinson	TE	6-6	220	FR-HS	Klein, Texas (Klein)
4	Corey Trisby	WR	6-2	195	SO-1L	San Diego, Calif. (Herbert Hoover)
10	Trevor Vittatote	QB	6-2	220	SR-3L	Bedford, Texas (Trinity)
8	Dakota Warren	K/P	5-11	185	SO-TR	Austin, Texas (Cedar Park [Texas]/Ventura College)
44	Greg Watkins	DL	6-5	220	SO-0L	Katy, Texas (Cypress Springs)
69	Jerel Watkins	OL	6-3	255	FR-HS	Channelview, Texas (Channelview)
81	Craig Wenrick	TE	6-5	250	FR-RS	Flower Mound, Texas (Flower Mound)
96	Chris Whatley	DL	6-2	225	SO-TR	El Paso, Texas (Hanks/Grambling State)
34	Jason Williams	RB	5-10	220	SR-3L	Tyler, Texas (Robert E. Lee)
88	Lavorick Williams	WR	6-2	190	SO-0L	Odessa, Texas (Permian/New Mexico State)



31	Austin Contreras	DB
32	Nathan Jeffery	RB
33	Mark Jackson	WR
33	Horace Miller	DL
34	Jason Williams	RB
35	C.J. Haley	DB
36	Jonny Moore	TE
38	Isaiah Carter	LB
38	Camaron Choice	RB
39	Mike Scott	K
40	Blake Dubose	RB
41	Gabriel Garza	DB
42	Greg Holleman	LB
44	Greg Watkins	DL
46	Bernard Obi	DL
48	Aubrey Alexius	LB
49	Kevin Lopez	K
51	Cooper Brock	DL
52	Royzell Smith	LB
53	DeAndre Little	LB
54	Will Osolinsky	OL
55	Hunter Nix	LB
56	Quentin Jones	DL
57	Matt Camilli	LS
58	Brander Craighead	OL
60	Nathan McCage	OL
61	Germard Reed	DL
62	Kyle Brown	DL
63	Eloy Atkinson	OL
65	Anthony McNac	OL
66	Wayne Frazier	OL
67	Sam Quintanilla	OL
68	James Nelson	OL
69	Jerel Watkins	OL
70	Alex Solot	OL
72	Nick Martin	OL
73	Luis Morales	OL
74	Rod Huntley	OL
75	Lance Evbuomwan	OL
76	Ruben Munoz	DL
77	Paul Santillan	OL
79	Tanner Cullumber	OL
80	Julio Lopez	WR
81	Craig Wenrick	TE
82	Kevin Perry	TE
84	Donavon Kemp	WR
85	Elijah Goldtrap	TE
86	Jim Jones	WR
87	Eric Tomlinson	TE
88	Lavorick Williams	WR
89	Geoff Amato	DL
90	Brandon Forge	DL
91	Isaac Tauaefa	DL
92	Adam Ayala	DL
94	Corin Brooks	DL
95	Yahchaaroah Stuart	DL
96	Chris Whatley	DL
97	Justin Cordova	DL
98	Jermaine Hicks	DL
98	Jamie Fehoko	DL
99	Marcus Bagley	DL



MIKE PRICE

HEAD COACH | PUGET SOUND '69

One of the winningest active coaches in the NCAA, Mike Price enters his seventh season at the helm of the Miner football program.

Price has compiled 163 victories in a 28-year career that has taken him to Weber State, Washington State and UTEP. Only Penn State's Joe Paterno (394), Virginia Tech's Frank Beamer (229), Ohio State's Jim Tressel (229), Texas' Mack Brown (214), Nevada's Chris Ault (206), South Carolina's Steve Spurrier (177), Notre Dame's Brian Kelly (171) and Arizona State's Dennis Erickson (167) have posted more victories entering the 2010 campaign.

The 1997 National Coach of the Year, Price has coached seven teams to bowls, including Washington State to the "Granddaddy of them All," the Rose Bowl, in 1997 and 2002. Price again worked his magic at UTEP, resurrecting a program that had suffered through three straight two-win seasons and engineering bowl appearances in 2004 and 2005.

Price has posted 34 wins at UTEP – the most in a six-year period for the Miners in nearly 40 years.

The Miners have annually ranked among the nation's most prolific offensive teams under Price, averaging 31.9 points and 407.5 yards in the 72 games he has coached. UTEP has had more 30-point games (44), 40-point games (19) and 50-point games (six) under Price than any other coach in school history.

The Price era has produced UTEP's all-time leader for passing yards (Jordan Palmer), total offense yards (Palmer), receiving yards (Johnnie Lee Higgins, Jr.), all-purpose yards (Howard Jackson) and the single-season rushing champion (Donald Buckram). Buckram has an outside shot at becoming the Miners' career rushing leader in 2010, and Trevor Vittatoe is on pace to shatter Palmer's passing and total offense records.

The 2009 Miners knocked off then-no. 12 Houston in El Paso, 58-41, for their first win over a ranked opponent in 12 years. Buckram rushed for 262 yards versus the Cougars, and added seven more 100-yard games over the course of the season en route to being named a Doak Walker Award semifinalist.

Buckram's 1,594 yards broke a UTEP seasonal rushing record that had stood for over 60 years.

Buckram ranked third in the country in scoring (10.5 ppg), fourth in rushing yards per game (132.8) and 11th in all-purpose yards per game (170.6). He and Stanford's Toby Gerhart were the only players in the nation to rush for 200 yards in three separate games. Buckram also became one of only four players in NCAA history to post 200 yards rushing and 100 yards receiving in the same game, achieving the feat versus Tulane (234 rushing, 109 receiving).

Vittatoe threw for a career-high 3,308 yards last season, including a UTEP record 517 in the season finale versus Marshall. He is the only player in Miner annals to pass for 3,000 yards in three separate seasons.

Wide receiver Jeff Moturi, meanwhile, put the finishing touches on a stellar UTEP career. He caught a pass in his last 36 collegiate games, tied for the ninth-longest streak in the country. He rates third in school history in TD catches (26), fourth in receptions (170), tied for fourth in 100-yard games (10) and fifth in yardage (2,527).

When the ink was dry on the 2009 campaign, UTEP had three first team All-Conference USA players (OL Mike Aguayo, Buckram and DB Da'Mon Cromartie-Smith). The Miners established a school standard with 5,144 yards of offense, and once again rated among the national leaders in total offense (18th, 428.7 ypg), passing offense (20th, 277.6 ypg) and scoring offense (35th, 29.8 ppg). While the Miners finished 4-8, they lost five games by a touchdown or less, and were 28 points away from a nine-win season.

UTEP also had three first team All-Conference USA picks following the 2008 season. Center Robby Felix, kicker Jose Martinez and linebacker Adam Vincent were all so honored, and Josh Ferguson was a second team All-Conference USA choice as a punt returner.

The Miners recovered from an 0-3 start to finish 5-7 and a win shy of bowl eligibility. UTEP was 4-4 in Conference USA play with two losses by five points. The Miners fell 49-44 to Rice and had a 19-point lead at Houston late in the third quarter before the Cougars rallied for a 42-37 victory.

UTEP also dropped a tough 34-33 decision to rival New Mexico State in the Sun Bowl, a game in which the Miners lost their starting quarterback (Vittatoe), leading rusher (Terrell Jackson) and no. 2 receiver (Moturi) due to injuries.

UTEP faced one of the most demanding schedules in school history in 2008, squaring off with seven teams that ended the season in bowls (Buffalo, Texas, Southern Miss, Tulsa, Rice, Houston, East Carolina). An eighth opponent, Louisiana-Lafayette, was bowl-eligible. UTEP took on seven teams that ended the year rated in the top-35 nationally in scoring offense. The Miners, meanwhile, rated 25th in the NCAA in scoring offense (32.9 ppg) and 31st in total offense (406.5 ppg).

Leading the charge for the Miners was Vittatoe, who set a school record by throwing 33 touchdown passes. UTEP had an explosive receiving tandem in Kris Adams and Moturi, who teamed to make 101 catches for 1,613 yards and 23 touchdowns.

Martinez was a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award for the second year in a row and nailed a 64-yard field goal against UCF, the second-longest without a tee in NCAA history. He was tied for sixth in the nation in field goals (1.7 avg.) and 16th in scoring (8.8 ppg) at season's end.

Price's young 2007 Miners finished 4-8, but were just eight points shy of being bowl-eligible as they dropped three games by a total of 11 points. Following a 4-2 start--including a thrilling 48-47 win over eventual Conference USA Western Division champion Tulsa -- UTEP ended the season on a six-game losing streak. Four of the six losses came at the hands of teams that ended the year in bowls.

Other highlights from the 2007 campaign included UTEP knocking off New Mexico, which went on to post nine victories and shut out Nevada in the New Mexico Bowl. The Miners also set school records for total offense (5,074 yards) and kickoff return yards (1,327) while tying the school standard with five 40 point games. It was the most 40-point games for UTEP in 57 years.

The season was chock-full of individual achievements. Quintin Demps set an NCAA record by recording two 100-yard interception returns for touchdowns -- one at New Mexico State and another at UCF. Martinez was UTEP's first-ever Lou Groza Award finalist. Moturi tied the school record by making a touchdown catch in 10 consecutive games. Marcus Thomas became only the fourth player in school history to score 100 points in a season, and established a school standard with five straight 100-yard rushing games. Vittatoe set school freshman records for passing yards (3,101) and passing touchdowns (25).





At year's end, UTEP joined Southern Miss and UCF as the only schools with at least four first team All-Conference USA players. The Miners' first team selections were Demps, Martinez, Moturi and offensive lineman Oniel Cousins.

The Miners ranked 15th nationally in punt returns (13.6 avg.), 17th in turnover margin (0.75), tied for 20th in turnovers gained (29), tied for 21st in interceptions (18), 26th in passing offense (275.2 ypg) and scoring offense (33.6 ppg), 31st in passing efficiency (134.95) and 36th in total offense (422.8 ypg). Individually, Braxton Amy was tied for 41st nationally in tackles (9.3 avg.). Demps was 15th in punt returns (13.3 avg.) and tied for 28th in interceptions (0.4 avg.). Martinez was tied for 31st in field goals (1.4 avg.). Moturi was 47th in receiving yards per game (74.3). Thomas was ninth in scoring (9.8 ppg) and 26th in rushing (106 ypg). And Vittatoe was 32nd in passing efficiency (135.87) and 43rd in total offense (247.4 ypg).

The 2006 Miners were fifth in the nation in passing offense (312.8 ypg), 18th in passing efficiency (149.25), 38th in scoring offense (27.3 ppg) and 39th in total offense (370.4 ypg). Leading the aerial assault were Palmer and Higgins Jr.

Palmer ended his senior year rated sixth in the country in total offense (292.4 ypg) and 15th in passing efficiency (149.60). He compiled 88 touchdown passes and 11,084 yards passing during his Miner career. Palmer joined Higgins in the 2007 Under Armour Senior Bowl, where he was the leading passer for the South team.

Higgins became UTEP's first All-American in six years in 2006, earning distinction by both the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) and the Associated Press. He was second nationally in receiving yards (109.9 avg.) and third in all-purpose yards (156.1 avg.). Higgins was chosen the 2006 Conference USA Special Teams Player of the Year after leading the circuit in punt returns (23.4 avg.).

With the electric Higgins leading the way, UTEP was second in the country in punt returns (20.0 avg.) in 2006.

UTEP led Conference USA by having five first team all-league selections in both the '06 media and coaches' voting. The media honorees were Higgins (as a wide receiver and punt returner), linebacker Troy Collavo, safety Demps and placekicker Reagan Schneider. The coaches' picks were Collavo, Demps, Higgins, Schneider and long snapper Aaron King.

In the first two seasons under Price, the Miners racked up 16 wins and appeared in back-to-back bowl games for the first time in 50 years, while earning rankings in both top-25 polls late in the season.

The 2005 Miners rated ninth nationally in passing offense (300.6 ypg), 31st in total offense (422.8 ypg), and 33rd in passing efficiency (136.82) and scoring offense (31.8 ppg). In its first year as a member of Conference USA, UTEP led the league in passing offense and ranked second in scoring offense.

Ten Miners earned all-conference accolades in both 2004 and 2005. In 2004, linebacker Robert Rodriguez was chosen the Western Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year.

Highlights from the 2005 season included UTEP setting a school record for consecutive home wins with nine. The Miners shattered school records for total home attendance (287,394) and average home attendance (47,899).

UTEP has posted 19 victories in the Sun Bowl under Price, while averaging over 41,000 fans in the 51,500-seat stadium.

The Miners set the school season record for first downs (270) in 2005. Palmer was 16th in the country in total offense (287.8 ypg) and 25th in passing efficiency (140.54).

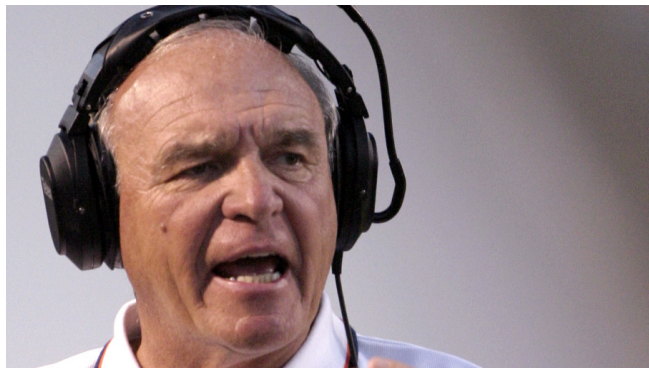
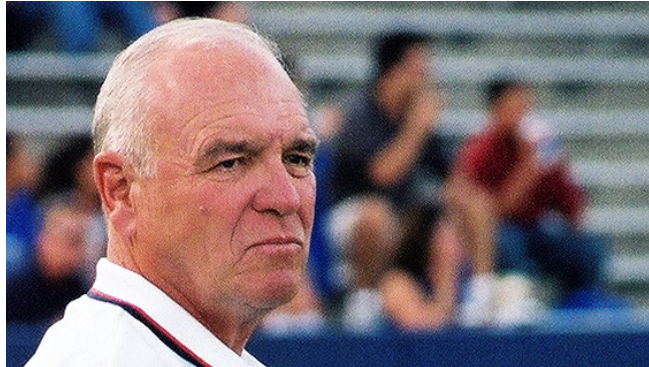
Several other Miners rated among the nation's best at their respective positions in 2005. Linebacker Thomas Howard was appointed the preseason defensive player of the year in the state of Texas by *Dave Campbell's Texas Football* magazine. He was chosen in the second round of the 2006 NFL Draft by the Oakland Raiders. Wide receiver Chris Francies was 46th in the NCAA in receiving yards per game (77.4). Linebacker Jeremy Jones was 14th in tackles (10.8 per game), and tied for 15th in forced fumbles (0.3 per game). Schneider was 21st in field goals per game (1.5) and tied for 36th in scoring (7.9 ppg), and Higgins was 43rd in punt returns (9.4 avg.).

In his first season with the Miners Price, the 1997 National Coach of the Year, engineered the nation's most amazing turnaround. UTEP posted an 8-4 record and earned a bid to the EV1.net Houston Bowl following three-consecutive two-win campaigns.

Price was a finalist for numerous national coach of the year awards in 2004, including the Eddie Robinson Award and Paul "Bear" Bryant Award. He was tabbed the Region 4 Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA), and was named the first-year coach of the year by Scripps and the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA).

Not only did Price enjoy a great deal of success in his initial year at UTEP, but he also put the Miner football program on the national map. Writers from the *Albuquerque Journal*, *Arizona Republic*, *Dallas Morning News*, *Denver Post*, *ESPN The Magazine*, *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Daily News* and *USA Today* paid visits to the UTEP campus during the season. ESPN analyst Kirk Herbstreit and a GameDay crew led by Tom Rinaldi also checked in with the Miners.

The achievements on the field were extraordinary. UTEP earned rankings in both national polls (*Associated Press*, *ESPN/USA Today*) for the first time in school history. UTEP's highest ranking was 23rd by the *Associated Press* on Nov. 14. The Miners were also listed in the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) standings for the first time in 87 years of football. UTEP won seven straight games late in the season, tying the longest streak in school annals. The Miners also tied the school record for Western Athletic Conference road wins with three, including a 24-21 triumph at Fresno State on Oct. 9. It was the only home defeat of the season for Fresno State, a nine-game winner that beat Virginia in the MPC Computers Bowl. The Miners also routed Hawaii, another 2004 bowl participant, 51-20 in the Sun Bowl.



The Miners rated 11th in the country in scoring offense (35.8 points per game), 14th in net punting (38.6 average), 20th in punt returns (13.4 average), 22nd in passing efficiency defense (108.7 rating), 26th in passing efficiency (138.0 rating) and 29th in passing (251.3 yards per game) in 2004.

Individually, Bryce Benekos was seventh nationally in punting (44.1 average), DB Jahmal Fenner was 10th in punt returns (15.4 average), DB Adrian Ward was 16th in interceptions (0.4 average), RB Howard Jackson was 14th in all-purpose yardage (149.3 average) and 25th in rushing (98.9 yards per game), Schneider was 24th in scoring (8.1 points per game) and Palmer was 28th in passing efficiency (136.5 rating).

First-team All-WAC selections included Benekos, Jackson, Ward, DL Chris Mineo and LB Robert Rodriguez. Second-team honorees were Schneider, TE Jonas Crafts, WR Jayson Boyd, Higgins and Howard.

Rodriguez was tabbed the league defensive player of the year after leading the WAC in tackles for the third time in four seasons. Demps was named to the Scripps/FWAA Freshman All-America Team, and was a third team freshman All-American by *The Sporting News*.

The Miners also tied the school record with seven WAC Players of the Week during the season (four defense, two special teams, one offense).

UTEP fans immediately embraced Price and his high-flying Miners. UTEP's average home attendance more than doubled from 20,009 in 2003 to 41,209 in 2004.

Price was the head coach at Washington State University from 1989-2002. During his stint with the Cougars he compiled an 83-78 record, with three 10-win seasons and five bowl appearances. His last two teams at Washington State combined for a 20-5 record (13-3 in the Pac-10 Conference). Price's 2002 unit was the Pac-10 co-champion with a 7-1 mark, and met Oklahoma in the Rose Bowl.

Price was the head coach at Weber State from 1981-88, registering a 46-44 record. His career record is 163-160 in 28 years of coaching, with three conference titles.

The 2002 Cougars finished 10-3 under Price, including a 30-27 overtime victory over USC. Washington State ranked eighth nationally in rushing defense (87.2 ypg), 13th in passing offense (292.7 ypg), 16th in total offense (421.9 ypg) and 17th in scoring offense (33.2 ppg) at year's end. The Cougars were second in the Pac-10 in total offense, third in total defense (342.5 ypg), and rated among the national leaders in sacks with 55.

Quarterback Jason Gesser tallied a 146.44 passing efficiency rating, seventh-best in the country. He completed 236 of 402 passes for 3,408 yards with 28 touchdowns and 13 interceptions.

The Cougar defense was anchored by defensive tackle Rien Long, winner of the Outland Trophy and a first team All-

American by the Football Writers Association of America. Long totaled 21.5 tackles for losses and 13 sacks in 2002.

Another standout for the Cougars was defensive back Jason David, who was second in the nation with 0.7 interceptions per game.

Washington State was 10-2 in 2001, tying for second place in the Pac-10. The Cougars beat Purdue 33-27 in the Sun Bowl in El Paso. Price was named the Pac-10 Coach of the Year for the third time, and was one of three finalists for the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award. Nineteen Cougars earned All-Pac 10 recognition, and 14 were selected Academic All-Pac 10. Senior free safety Lamont Thompson was chosen a first team All-American by the Associated Press after rating second nationally in interceptions (0.73 per game).

Price's 2001 squad ranked 10th in the country in passing offense (300.9 ypg), 13th in scoring offense (35.2 ppg) and 17th in total offense (438.6 ypg).

The 1997 Cougars posted a 10-2 mark, the first 10-win season for Washington State in 68 years. Washington State tied for first place in the Pac-10 with a 7-1 record. Price was tabbed the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year, Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year and *The Sporting News* Coach of the Year. The Cougars dropped a narrow 21-16 decision to eventual national champion Michigan in the Rose Bowl.

Price guided Washington State to a 6-5 record in 1989, his first season at the helm of the program after taking over for Dennis Erickson. He was appointed the Pac-10 Coach of the Year by *The Sporting News* that year.

During his 14 years at Washington State, Price coached five players who were selected in the first round of the NFL Draft - running back Steve Broussard (20th pick by Atlanta in 1990), quarterback Drew Bledsoe (first pick by New England in 1993), linebacker Mark Fields (15th pick by New Orleans in 1995), quarterback Ryan Leaf (second pick by San Diego in 1998) and defensive back Marcus Trufant (11th pick by Seattle in 2003).

Price orchestrated four winning seasons at Weber State, including a 10-3 campaign in 1987. The Wildcats were Big Sky Conference

co-champions that year, and reached the quarterfinals of the I-AA playoffs.

Weber State fashioned a 7-4 ledger in 1981, Price's first year as a collegiate head coach. The Wildcats lost to eventual I-AA champion Idaho State in triple overtime.

Price has had extensive experience coaching in postseason All-Star games. He was the head coach of the West team in the 2003 East-West Shrine Game. He was also the West head coach in the 1998 Hula Bowl. He was the associate head coach for the West team in the 1995 East-West Shrine Game, and the offensive head coach for the North team in the 1993 Kelly Tires Blue-Gray All-Star Football Classic.

He previously was an assistant coach at Washington State (graduate assistant, 1969-70 and running backs, 1974-77), Missouri (quarterbacks and receivers, 1978-80) and Puget Sound (offensive coordinator, 1971-73). He coached in three bowl games as an assistant (1978 Liberty, 1979 Hall of Fame, 1980 Liberty).

Price played collegiately at Washington State (1965-66) and Puget Sound (1967-68), seeing time at quarterback and defensive back. He earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from the Puget Sound in 1969. He added a master's degree in physical education from Washington State in 1970.

A native of Everett, Wash., Price was an all-conference quarterback and three-year varsity letterwinner at Everett High School.

Price is married to the former Joyce Taylor. They have three children - Eric, Aaron and Angie -- all with football ties. Eric played football at Weber State and coached under his father at Washington State at UTEP. He is currently the offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach at Memphis. Aaron played at Washington State for two years, and also assisted his father as the Cougars' quarterbacks and kickers coach. Aaron is co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks/kickers coach at UTEP. Angie graduated from Washington State in 1997, and is married to a high school president.





The Mike Price File

BORN
April 6, 1946 (Denver, Colo.)

HOMETOWN
Everett, Wash.

EDUCATION
Everett High School, Everett, Wash.
B.A., physical education
Puget Sound, 1969
M.A., physical education
Washington State, 1970

WIFE
Joyce

CHILDREN
Eric, Aaron, Angie

COACHING CAREER
Washington State, 1969-70
Puget Sound, 1971-73
Washington State, 1974-77
Missouri, 1978-80
Weber State, 1981-88
Washington State, 1989-02
UTEP, 2004-Present

HEAD COACH BOWL HISTORY

1992 Copper
Washington State 31, Utah 28
1994 Alamo
Washington State 10, Baylor 3
1998 Rose
Michigan 21, Washington State 16
2001 Sun
Washington State 33, Purdue 27
2002 Rose
Oklahoma 34, Washington State 14
2004 Houston
Colorado 33, UTEP 28
2005 GMAC
Toledo 45, UTEP 13

PROMINENT PLAYERS COACHED

Drew Bledsoe - Dallas
Steve Broussard - Atlanta
Oniel Cousins - Baltimore
Quintin Demps - Philadelphia
Mark Fields - New Orleans
Johnnie Lee Higgins, Jr. - Oakland
Thomas Howard - Oakland
Ryan Leaf - San Diego
Jeff Moturi - Green Bay Packers
Jordan Palmer - Cincinnati
Marcus Thomas - San Diego
Marcus Trufant - Seattle

Career Head Coaching Record

Year	School	Overall W-L	Home W-L	Away W-L	Neut. W-L	Conference W-L	Non-Conference W-L	Bowl Results
1981	Weber State	7-4	5-1	2-3	0-0	5-2 - 4th	2-2	—
1982	Weber State	4-7	3-2	1-5	0-0	2-5 - 7th	2-2	—
1983	Weber State	6-5	4-1	2-4	0-0	3-4 - 5th	3-1	—
1984	Weber State	5-6	3-3	2-3	0-0	3-4 - 6th	2-2	—
1985	Weber State	6-5	3-3	3-2	0-0	4-3 - 4th	2-2	—
1986	Weber State	3-8	3-2	0-6	0-0	2-5 - tie 6th	1-3	—
1987	Weber State	10-3	5-1	5-2	0-0	7-1 - tie 1st	3-2	—
1988	Weber State	5-6	4-2	1-4	0-0	4-4 - tie 4th	1-2	—
1989	Washington State	6-5	3-2	3-3	0-0	3-5 - tie 7th	3-0	—
1990	Washington State	3-8	1-4	2-4	0-0	2-6 - 9th	1-2	—
1991	Washington State	4-7	2-3	2-4	0-0	3-5 - tie 6th	1-2	—
1992	Washington State	9-3	5-1	3-2	1-0	5-3 - tie 3rd	3-0	Copper (defeated Utah 31-28)
1993	Washington State	5-6	4-1	1-5	0-0	3-5 - 6th	2-1	—
1994	Washington State	8-4	3-2	4-2	1-0	5-3 - 4th	2-1	Alamo (defeated Baylor 10-3)
1995	Washington State	3-8	3-2	0-6	0-0	2-6 - tie 8th	1-2	—
1996	Washington State	5-6	3-2	2-4	0-0	3-5 - tie 5th	2-1	—
1997	Washington State	10-2	6-0	4-1	0-1	7-1 - tie 1st	3-0	Rose (lost to Michigan 21-16)
1998	Washington State	3-8	2-4	1-4	0-0	0-8 - 10th	3-0	—
1999	Washington State	3-9	2-5	1-4	0-0	1-7 - 10th	2-2	—
2000	Washington State	4-7	1-5	3-2	0-0	2-6 - tie 8th	2-1	—
2001	Washington State	10-2	5-1	4-1	1-0	6-2 - tie 2nd	3-0	Sun (defeated Purdue 33-27)
2002	Washington State	10-3	6-1	4-1	0-1	7-1 - tie 1st	3-1	Rose (lost to Oklahoma 34-14)
2004	UTEP	8-4	5-1	3-2	0-1	6-2 - 2nd	2-1	Houston (lost to Colorado 33-28)
2005	UTEP	8-4	5-1	3-2	0-1	5-3 - 2nd West	3-0	GMAC (lost to Toledo 45-13)
2006	UTEP	5-7	3-3	2-4	0-0	3-5 - 5th West	2-2	—
2007	UTEP	4-8	3-3	1-5	0-0	2-6 - 5th West	2-2	—
2008	UTEP	5-7	3-3	2-4	0-0	4-4 - 4th West	1-3	—
2009	UTEP	4-8	3-3	1-5	0-0	3-5 - tie 3rd West	1-3	—
Totals	28 years	163-160	98-62	62-94	3-4	95-107	58-40	Bowl Record: 3-4



Bob Connelly

Associate Head Coach | Co-Offensive Coordinator | Offensive Line |
Third Season | Texas A&M-Commerce '94

Bob Connelly's second stint with coach Mike Price has produced offensive numbers on par with the first time they joined forces. Connelly was the offensive line coach at Washington State from 2001-02, a period in which the Cougars averaged 34 points, 426.9 yards of offense and 131 yards rushing. Connelly has served as co-offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at UTEP since 2008, with the Miners producing single-game averages of 31.4 points, 417.6 yards and 136.7 rushing yards during the two-year stretch.

With Connelly calling the running plays, Donald Buckram shattered a UTEP single-season rushing record that had stood for over 60 years last season. Buckram ran for 1,594 yards on 259 carries, ranking third nationally in scoring (10.5 ppg), fourth in rushing (132.8 ypg) and 11th in all-purpose yards (170.6 avg.). Buckram set a UTEP record for 100-yard games with eight, while tying the school standard with three 200-yard performances. He was one of 10 semifinalists for the Doak Walker Award, presented to the nation's top running back.

For the second year in a row, Connelly coached a first team All-Conference offensive lineman, as Mike Aguayo earned the honors while starting all 12 games at left tackle. Aguayo played a crucial role in UTEP setting a school record by piling up 5,144 yards of offense. The line allowed just 25 sacks in 422 pass attempts. Aguayo, meanwhile, parlayed his exceptional season into an NFL free agent tryout with the Green Bay Packers.

UTEP's 2009 season was filled with offensive highlights, as the Miners pinned 50 points on a pair of bowl teams (Houston and Marshall) and received a school-record 517 yards passing from quarterback Trevor Vittatoe against the Thundering Herd. The Miners were particularly potent offensively in Conference USA play, averaging 36.1 points, 521.6 yards and 188.1 rushing yards in league action.

The 2008 Miners piled up 4,878 yards of offense and averaged 32.9 points per game. Anchoring the line was Robby Felix, who concluded a brilliant college career as a four-year starter at center and a first team All-Conference choice. He is currently with the New York Jets in the NFL.

Injuries took their toll on the line late in the 2008 season, but Connelly adjusted accordingly. His patchwork unit still produced 37 points and 464 yards at Houston, as the Miners came within a touchdown of upsetting the Armed Forces Bowl champions. UTEP averaged 36.9 points and 427.5 yards versus Conference USA teams. The Miners had a season-high 277 yards rushing versus New Mexico State when Vittatoe went down with an ankle injury early and they were forced to implement an option attack around shifty signal-caller James Thomas.

Connelly has coached in the Rose Bowl, Sugar Bowl and Cotton Bowl. Besides Felix, he has also coached current pros Antoine Caldwell

(Houston), Evan Mathis (Cincinnati), Justin Smiley (Jacksonville) and Andre Smith (Cincinnati). Smith was the sixth player selected in the 2009 NFL Draft.

Connelly joined the Miners after spending the 2007 season as offensive line coach at UCLA. He helped the Bruins to a Pioneer Las Vegas Bowl appearance in 2007. Among UCLA's victims on the way to a six-win season were nationally ranked BYU, California, Oregon and Oregon State.

He was offensive line coach at Alabama from 2003-06. The Crimson Tide appeared in three bowl games during this span, including the 2007 Independence Bowl, 2006 Cotton Bowl and 2004 Music City Bowl. In 2006, running back Kenneth Darby rushed for 835 yards, Smith earned first team Freshman All-America honors and Caldwell was named second team All-SEC.

Connelly was selected one of the nation's Top 25 recruiters by Rivals.com in 2005. Darby was second in the SEC in rushing and became only the fourth back in Alabama history to rush for over 1,000 yards in back-to-back seasons. Additionally, Caldwell and guard B.J. Stabler were both appointed to the SEC All-Freshman Team.

A pair of Crimson Tide offensive linemen, Britt and Mathis, garnered All-SEC honors in 2004. Alabama finished the '04 campaign ranked 26th nationally in rushing (185.1 ypg) and second in the SEC in fewest sacks allowed.

In 2003, Connelly's line led a rushing attack that produced 2,067 yards and two All-SEC linemen.

Connelly was on staff at Washington State when the team put together back-to-back 10-win seasons. The Cougars played in the 2001 Sun Bowl and the 2003 Rose Bowl. The 2002 Cougars allowed just 24 sacks in 424 pass attempts while winning a share of the Pac-10 title. The 2001 squad surrendered 27 sacks in 434 attempts. Derrick Roche - a former UTEP graduate assistant -- was a first team All-Pac-10 choice in 2001 and 2002, and Calvin Armstrong was a first team honoree in 2002.

A graduate of Newman-Smith High School in Carrollton, Texas, Connelly attended Texas A&M-Commerce, where he was a four-year letterwinner and three-year starter in the offensive line. He was a three-time All-Academic selection, a two-time Academic All-America and garnered All-Conference honors as a junior and senior.

He earned his bachelor of science degree in kinesiology and sports studies from Texas A&M-Commerce in 1994, and added a master's degree in health, physical education and recreation from the school in 1995. He started his coaching career as the offensive line and tight

ends coach at Texas A&M-Commerce, while finishing his graduate degree. He spent the 1996 and 1997 seasons at Cisco Junior College, again coaching the offensive line and tight ends. He was a graduate assistant at Texas A&M in 1998, helping the Aggies to a Sugar Bowl berth. He coached the offensive line and tight ends at Cal State Northridge in 1999, and the offensive line at San Jose State in 2000. The Spartans rushed for 29 touchdowns in 2000, and the offensive line yielded just 11 sacks in 12 games.

Connelly and his wife, Racquel, have two daughters, Taylor and Paige.





patterson Andre Patterson

Defensive Coordinator | Defensive Line | First Season | Montana '83

Andre Patterson takes over as UTEP's defensive coordinator and defensive line coach for the 2010 season. Patterson brings a wealth of experience to the Miner program, including 10 years as an assistant coach in the NFL. Patterson also enjoyed a successful stint as the head coach at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo from 1994-96.

The 2010 season marks the third time that Patterson has aligned himself with Mike Price. He also worked with the UTEP head coach at Weber State (1988) and Washington State (1992-93).

Most recently Patterson spent two seasons at UNLV (2008-09), serving as assistant head coach while overseeing the defensive line.

His NFL career included stops at New England (1997), Minnesota (1998-99), Dallas (2000-02), Cleveland (2003-04) and Denver (2005-06). He coached the defensive line at all five places, with Chris Doleman, Ebenezer Ekuban, La'Roi Glover, John Randle and Gerard Warren among his protégés.

While in Denver, Patterson was involved with a defensive unit that finished second in the NFL in rushing defense (85.2 ypg) and tied for third in points allowed (16.1 avg.) in 2005. The Broncos were eighth in the league in points allowed (19.1 avg.) in 2006.

Patterson coached La'Roi Glover to his third straight Pro Bowl appearance in Dallas, while working with a Cowboy defense ranked fourth in the league in yards allowed (287.4 avg.) in 2001.

In 1997, Patterson helped New England rate fourth in the NFL in rushing defense (101 ypg).

Patterson spent nine seasons (1988-96) in the college coaching ranks prior to his extended stay in the NFL. He was an assistant at Weber State, Western Washington (as defensive coordinator in 1989), Cornell (1990-91) and Washington State prior to landing the head job at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Patterson directed Cal Poly to a 7-4 record and league title in 1994 en route to being named the American West Conference Coach of the Year.

He helped Washington State to a nine-win campaign in 1992 and Copper Bowl win over Utah. Patterson was also a part of an Ivy League championship team at Cornell in 1990.

A native of Camden, Ark., Patterson launched his coaching career as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Montana, in 1982. He was the defensive coordinator at Renton High School in Washington (1983-86) and head coach at St. Monica High School in California (1987) before returning to the college level.

He earned his bachelor's degree in Secondary Education from Montana in 1983. His playing career included stints as an offensive lineman at Contra Costa College and Montana before sustaining a career-ending knee injury.

Patterson and his wife, Donna, have a son, Andre Jr. and a daughter, Ashmera.





Aaron Price

Co-Offensive Coordinator | Quarterbacks | Kickers | Seventh Season | Washington State '94

Aaron Price enters his seventh year as a member of the UTEP staff, and his second as co-offensive coordinator. "A.P." was the Miners' quarterbacks and kickers coach from 2004-06, and wide receivers and kickers coach in 2007.

Since Price took over calling the plays in the passing game, the Miners have racked up 10,022 yards of offense, including 6,741 passing, while averaging 31.4 points per game. Quarterback Trevor Vittatoe set a school record for touchdown passes with 33 in 2008, and last year established a Miner single-game standard by throwing for 517 yards in the season finale versus Marshall.

Vittatoe is on pace to become UTEP's all-time passing leader this fall, needing 1,402 yards to surpass Jordan Palmer's 11,084. Vittatoe is the only quarterback in UTEP history to throw for 3,000 yards in three separate seasons.

The Miners also received big offensive years from running back Donald Buckram and wide receiver Jeff Moturi in 2009. Buckram set a school record by rushing for 1,594 yards, won the Conference USA individual rushing title and was a Doak Walker Award semifinalist. Moturi made a catch in 36 straight games to cap his career, and his 2,527 career receiving yards rate fifth in UTEP annals. He is currently with the Green Bay Packers in the NFL.

The 2009 Miners put 50 points on the board versus a pair of bowl teams, beating Houston 58-41 and Marshall 52-21. UTEP ended the year ranked 18th nationally in total offense (428.7 ypg), 20th in passing offense (277.6 ypg) and 35th in scoring offense (29.8 ppg), while setting a school record with 5,144 total yards. UTEP was the only school in the country to have a 400-yard passer, 200-yard rusher and 150-yard receiver in multiple games in 2009.

Taking Moturi's lead from 2007, wide receiver Kris Adams had a breakout campaign in 2008. Adams racked up 958 yards on 50 catches with 14 touchdowns, second-most by a wideout in Miner history.

Kicker Jose Martinez staked his claim as one of the greatest kickers in NCAA history by nailing a 64-yard field goal against UCF in 2008. He was a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award after becoming UTEP's first-ever finalist for the honor in 2007. A first team All-Conference USA honoree for the second year in a row, Martinez was 37-for-47 on field goals and 89-for-92 on PATs in two seasons with the Miners.

In 2007 Price oversaw the progress of Moturi, a first team All-Conference choice who led the Miners with 65 catches for 891

yards and 13 touchdowns. Moturi tied the school record by making a touchdown reception in 10 consecutive games, and his 13 TD catches marked the second-best seasonal total in UTEP annals.

UTEP also received productive years from receivers Lorne Sam (42 catches-589 yards), Joe West (41 catches-734 yards-6 TDs) and Fred Rouse (25 catches-379 yards) in 2007.

As quarterbacks and kickers coach from 2004-06, Price was instrumental in the development of record-setting performers Palmer and Reagan Schneider.

Palmer owns every UTEP career passing and total offense record. He threw for a school standard 3,595 yards in 2006, ranking sixth nationally in total offense (292.4 ypg) and 15th in passing efficiency (149.60). Palmer was selected by Washington in the sixth round of the 2007 NFL Draft and is currently with the Cincinnati Bengals, playing alongside his brother and former Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer.



Schneider is the Miner all-time leader for kicking scoring (287 points), field goals (50) and PATs (137). He earned first team All-Conference USA accolades in 2006. Schneider was a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award as a junior and senior.

Price is in his 12th year working with his father, Miner head coach Mike Price. He also played for Mike Price at Washington State from 1991-93.

He was the quarterbacks coach at Washington State from 2001-02. He was also a graduate assistant at Washington State from 1995-97, working with the punters, kickers and quarterbacks.

He coached several players who went on to the NFL during his time in Pullman including kicker Rian Lindell, who is with the Buffalo Bills.

Price spent two seasons at Idaho State University (1999-00), coaching the quarterbacks and kickers. In 1999 quarterback Kevin McCarthy set a school record with 23 touchdown passes and over 3,000 yards through the air. Shane Griggs threw for over 2,800 yards and 18 TDs in 2000.

Earlier in his career Price was the special teams coach at Cal Poly (1994) and the quarterbacks/kickers coach at Missouri Western State (1998).

He was Washington State's regular kicker for two years (1992-93). He hit three field goals against Arizona as a junior, including a 51-yarder and the game-winner from 47 yards with 31 seconds remaining. He also made a 22-yarder to beat Utah in the Copper Bowl, and a career-long 52-yarder versus Temple. He scored 77 points as a senior. Price was a perfect 26 for 26 on PATs as a senior and added 17 field goals, the second-best total in Cougar history. He was honorable mention All-Pac 10 and Academic All-Pac 10.

In just three seasons at Washington State he scored 147 points. He was 57 for 59 on PATs and 30 for 50 on field goal tries.

Following his collegiate playing career, he saw brief action with Edmonton of the CFL and Sacramento of the World League in 1994.

Price earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Washington State in 1994. He has two daughters, Andi and Blakeanne.



Jeff Woodruff

Assistant Head Coach | Tight Ends | Seventh Season | Kent State '79

Beginning his seventh season as a member of the UTEP staff, Jeff Woodruff was elevated to assistant head coach in 2007. He also serves as the Miners' tight ends coach. Woodruff's administrative responsibilities include coordinating the Miners' highly successful summer camps across the state of Texas.

Woodruff has over 30 years of coaching experience, including four as the head coach at Eastern Michigan University. He has coached in 14 bowl games.

Last year Woodruff's two primary tight ends, Jonny Moore and Elijah Goldtrap, teamed to make 16 catches for 181 yards while also blocking for Conference USA rushing champion Donald Buckram. Both Moore and Goldtrap return for the 2010 season.

Woodruff's prized pupil in 2008 was Jamar Hunt, who parlayed a solid senior season into a free agent signing with the Dallas Cowboys. Hunt was third on the team in catches (31) and receiving yards (367). Hunt, Goldtrap and Moore all scored touchdowns from the tight end position.

Woodruff coached the tackles and tight ends in 2007. Under his guidance, right tackle Oniel Cousins blossomed into a first team All-Conference USA player and was chosen by the Baltimore Ravens in the third round of the NFL Draft. Cousins played an integral role in the line as UTEP set a then-school record with 5,074 yards of total offense. The Miners also tied a 57-yard old school record by scoring 40 points or more five times with the line paving the way. UTEP rated 26th nationally in scoring offense (33.6 ppg) and 36th in total offense (422.8 ypg). Tight ends Hunt and Jake Sears teamed to record 25 catches for 243 yards and three scores.

Woodruff doubled as UTEP's safeties coach and special teams coordinator from 2004-06. During that span he oversaw the development of free safety Quintin Demps, a first team All-Conference player in 2006 and 2007 who is now with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Demps was credited with 67 tackles and seven interceptions in 2006. He tied for fifth nationally in interceptions with 0.6 per game. Demps' running mate in the secondary, Joe Fleskoski, ranked second on the team in tackles with 75 in '06.

UTEP was second in the country in punt returns in 2006 (20.0 avg.) led by Johnnie Lee Higgins Jr., who averaged 23.4 yards per return. Higgins was selected the C-USA Special Teams Player of the Year and is now a member of the Oakland Raiders.

The Miners were also fourth in the NCAA in punt return coverage in 2006 (3.5 avg.).

UTEP's special teams were also special in 2005. UTEP ranked 36th nationally in punt returns. The Miners were also outstanding on coverage, yielding 4.2 yards per punt return (third-best in the country) and 19.9 yards per kickoff return (52nd-best).

Demps and Fleskoski had a knack for making big plays in 2005. Demps came up with a huge interception to clinch a 44-41 double overtime win against Houston, and Fleskoski scored six of UTEP's 21 points on a 68-yard pick versus New Mexico.

Demps was chosen the co-WAC Freshman of the Year in 2004. He was also selected a third team freshman All-American by The Sporting News after recording 58 tackles and two interceptions. He was honored as a freshman All-American by Scripps and the Football Writers Association of America. Demps scored two touchdowns as a rookie.

Senior Mark Dowdy and sophomore Fleskoski also put up solid numbers from the safety position in 2004, teaming for 90 tackles. UTEP ranked 20th nationally in punt returns (13.4 avg.) in 2004 led by senior defensive back Jahmal Fenner, who was 10th with a 15.4 average.

Woodruff was the head coach at Eastern Michigan from 2000-03 before coming to the Sun City.

He was the running backs coach at Arizona from 1998-99 before landing his first collegiate head coaching position. His stint with the Wildcats included a Holiday Bowl appearance in 1998. That year Arizona was 12-1 and ended the year with a No. 4 national ranking following a 23-20 victory over Nebraska. Woodruff was the head coach at Cholla High School in Tucson, Ariz. from 1996-97.

He spent 13 years on the staff at Washington. He was a graduate assistant from 1980-82, and offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach as well as wide receivers coach from 1984-94. He was a

part of the 1991 Washington squad that finished 12-0 and won the national title.

The Huskies were also selected to play in the 1992 Rose Bowl, marking the fifth time that Woodruff coached in the granddaddy of the bowl games.

In 1983, he was the defensive backs coach at Nevada before returning to Seattle.

A native of Ravenna, Ohio, Woodruff got his start in coaching at Kent State in 1979, where he was a graduate assistant working with the tight ends.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Kent State in 1979. He lettered in football for the Golden Flashes and, as a senior, received the George J. Altman Award, presented to the top student from the school (of H.P.E.R.).

Woodruff and his wife, Jill, have four children - Jared, Jessica, Jordan and Janessa.





Jeff Banks

Running Backs | Punters | Recruiting Coordinator | Special Teams Coordinator | Seventh Season | Washington State '98

Jeff Banks wears four hats as a member of the UTEP staff. He coaches the running backs and punters, and also serves as the team's special teams coordinator and recruiting coordinator.

Most recently Banks has aided in the development of Donald Buckram, who broke a UTEP single-season rushing record that had stood for over 60 years in 2009. Buckram went over the century mark in eight of 12 games en route to tallying 1,594 yards -- eclipsing the previous school standard of 1,546 yards, established by Fred Wendt in 1948. Buckram ranked third nationally in scoring (10.5 ppg) and fourth in rushing yards per game (132.8), while winning the Conference USA individual rushing title. He was one of 10 semifinalists for the Doak Walker Award.

Banks also coached Greg Hiett, who rated 26th in the country in punting last season to earn honorable mention All-Conference honors.

The Miners averaged 122 yards rushing per game in 2008 behind a balanced attack that saw four backs gain over 100 yards for the season. Senior Terrell Jackson led the way by rushing for 451 yards. Additionally, punter Kyle Petersen averaged 43.0 yards per attempt to garner honorable mention all-league accolades.

Banks coached Marcus Thomas from 2004-07, who ended his stellar career as the Miners' fifth all-time leading rusher with 2,615 yards.

Thomas is also third in school history in rushing touchdowns (26), fourth in 100-yard games (11) and seventh in all-purpose yards (3,660). He put together a banner senior campaign in 2007, ranking ninth nationally in scoring (9.8 ppg) and 26th in rushing (106 ypg). Thomas' 16 rushing TDs tied are for the third-top seasonal total in school annals, and his seven 100-yard rushing games rank second in school history. He participated in two postseason all-star games, the East-West Shrine Game and the Hula Bowl.

Banks coached a pair of 500-yard running backs in 2005. Late in the season, Thomas set a school record by rushing for 100 yards

in four straight games. He ended the year with a team-leading 791 yards on 149 carries. Tyler Ebell, who began the year as the starting tailback before having his season cut short due to injury, still managed to earn third team All-Conference honors. He rushed for 536 yards, moving over the 2,000-yard mark for his career.

Banks' first season coaching the Miner running backs and punters was quite a success. He mentored Bryce Benekos, who finished seventh in the nation in punting, as well as Howard Jackson, who was 25th in the country in rushing. Both players earned first team All-WAC honors under Banks' tutelage. Jackson ended his career as UTEP's second all-time leading rusher with 3,466 yards. Both Benekos and Jackson signed NFL free agent contracts at season's end.

Banks had similar coaching assignments at Idaho State from 2001-03. With Banks on staff, Idaho State won a Big Sky Championship and had back-to-back eight-win seasons for the first time in 77 years. Banks tutored three All-Conference players in 2003 and helped running back Isaac Mitchell become the all-time touchdown leader in Idaho State history. Mitchell rushed for 1,851 yards from 2002-03.

In his three seasons at Idaho State, Banks was part of a Bengal offense that averaged over 400 yards and 28 points per game. Idaho State ranked in the top-16 nationally in total offense each of his three seasons.

Banks also tutored Eddie Johnson, who led Division I-AA in punting in 2001 and was taken in the fifth round of the 2002 NFL Draft.

Banks began his coaching career as a graduate assistant under Mike Price at Washington State, mentoring the Cougars' kickers and punters from 1999-00. He supervised the progression of Kareem Anderson and Rian Lindell, who later enjoyed stops in the NFL. Lindell is currently with the Buffalo Bills.

A two-year letterwinner as a punter at Washington State, Banks posted a 42.8-yard average as a junior and 43.4 as a senior. He led the Pac-10 in punting as a senior and registered a 53.0

average versus Boise State, earning him the national AT&T Long Distance Award for the week. He was selected to play in the Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala.

He started his collegiate career at Citrus College in Glendora, Calif., where he was a first team All-Conference kicker and punter. Banks played his prep ball at Bishop Amat High School in La Puente, Calif. He lettered in soccer as well as football. He was a member of Bishop Amat's state championship team, going 51-for-51 on extra point attempts.

He and his wife, Kori, have a daughter, Sydnei and a son, Tanner.





Robert Rodriguez

Linebackers | First Season | UTEP '04

One of the greatest linebackers in UTEP history, Robert Rodriguez returned to El Paso as defensive program coordinator for the 2008 campaign. He has been elevated to linebackers coach for the 2010 season.

Rodriguez ranks fifth on the all-time Miner tackle chart with 443 stops, including 33 for losses. He led the Western Athletic Conference in tackles in three of his four seasons at UTEP. Rodriguez was appointed the WAC Defensive Player of the Year in 2004 after being credited with 121 tackles and 16 tackles for losses.

Following his stint with the Miners (2001-04), Rodriguez spent time with the Carolina Panthers and Tennessee Titans in the NFL (2005) before playing for Cologne in NFL Europe (2006) and Calgary in the CFL (2006-07).

He was a prolific running back at Montwood High School in El Paso, earning All-City Offensive MVP honors as a senior when he rushed for 1,690 yards and 25 scores.

The El Paso native and Montwood High School graduate is married to the former Holly Taylor, who played soccer for the Miners from 2000-03. He graduated from UTEP in 2004.





Adam Gonzaga

Safeties | First Season | Azusa Pacific '92

Adam Gonzaga joined the UTEP staff on Jan. 15, 2010. He brings 18 years of college coaching and recruiting experience to El Paso, including 10 years at the Division I level.

Gonzaga has been a part of teams that won three conference championships, earned two bowl berths and made four playoff appearances. Four of his former players are currently in the NFL.

He comes to UTEP from Ohio Northern University, where he spent the 2009 season as defensive backs coach and defensive coordinator. The Polar Bears were 8-2, ranked 13th in the nation, and ended the year on a seven-game winning streak. Ohio Northern was particularly stout defensively, yielding an average of 19.3 points and 300.3 yards per game. The Polar Bears surrendered 14 points or fewer in five of their last six games and picked off 15 passes on the year with 31 sacks.

Gonzaga was also a member of the staffs at Stanford (1992), Pacific (1993-95), Montana State (1996), Lafayette (1997), Connecticut (1998), Greenville College (1999-2000), Navy (2001), Northwood (2002-06) and Bowling Green State University (2007-08). He was a recruiting assistant at Stanford.

As defensive ends coach at Connecticut, Gonzaga was part of a team that was ranked eighth in the nation and reached the second round of the NCAA playoffs.

He helped Greenville College to the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SLIAC) title in 1999, and a Victory Bowl appearance in 2001, while serving as defensive coordinator and secondary coach.

Gonzaga was defensive coordinator at Northwood, as well as linebackers and secondary coach. The Timberwolves earned NCAA Division II playoff berths in three straight years (2004-06) and won the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) crown in 2004. Gonzaga coached five All-Americans, 10 first team All-Conference players and three conference defensive players of the year during his time in Midland, Mich.

He worked as secondary coach at Bowling Green State during a period in which the Falcons won the 2007 Mid-American Conference East Division title and played in the GMAC Bowl. The team finished 21st in the country in pass defense in 2008.

Gonzaga started his playing career as a defensive back at San Joaquin Delta College (1987), before moving on to Pacific (1988-89) and Azusa Pacific (1989-90). He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Physical Education from Azusa Pacific in 1992.

He and his wife, Heidi, have two daughters, Alexis and Addison.





Kirk Davis

Speed, Strength & Conditioning | Ninth Season | Akron '98

Kirk Davis is in his 18th year in the strength and conditioning profession, and his ninth year in charge of the UTEP speed, strength and conditioning program. Davis and his staff develop programs tailor-made for each of UTEP's 16 Division I-A sports. They also oversee the state-of-the-art Vandenburg Strength and Conditioning Center in the Larry K. Durham Sports Center and the Foster Stevens Basketball Center.

Under Davis' tutelage several Miners have realized their dream of playing in the National Football League, including current pros Cornelius Brown (Chicago Bears), Oniel Cousins (Baltimore Ravens), Quintin Demps (Philadelphia Eagles), Jon Dorenbos (Philadelphia Eagles), Robby Felix (New York Jets), Johnnie Lee Higgins Jr. (Oakland Raiders), Thomas Howard (Oakland Raiders), Jeff Moturi (Green Bay Packers) and Jordan Palmer (Cincinnati Bengals). Davis also coached Trey Darilek and Marcus Thomas while at UTEP, as well as Charlie Frye and Jason Taylor at Akron – all of whom went on to NFL careers.

Davis served as an assistant with the Miners during the 2002-03 athletic year prior to being elevated to the head position. He was involved in all facets of the strength and conditioning program as an assistant, including working specifically with the men's and women's basketball, women's soccer and track and field teams.

A former member of the United States National Weightlifting Team, Davis is a member of the NSCA,

where he is certified as a strength and conditioning specialist. He is also certified as a senior coach by USA Weightlifting and as strength and conditioning coach by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association. He qualified for, and competed in, the 1996 Olympic Team Trials.

Davis was the first assistant strength and conditioning coach at the University of Akron for six years. He also had a four-year stint as a staff member at the Crystal Palace National Sports Center in London, England, working under the direction of the British National Team coach. During his career Davis has

had a hand in developing numerous conference champions, All-Americans, national champions and many professional athletes.

A native of New Philadelphia, Ohio, Davis served in the U.S. Air Force from 1987-91 and received his degree in athletic training from the University of Akron.

He and his wife, Cheryl, were married in January 2009. Davis has three children -- Andrew, Annalexis and Abigail.





holliday GUY Holliday

Wide Receivers | Third Season | Cheyney '87

UTEP's passing attack has been one of the most prolific in the country over the last two seasons, thanks in large part to the coaching expertise Guy Holliday has brought to the Miner wide receivers.

While in El Paso, Holliday has had a couple of big-play performers at his disposal in Kris Adams and Jeff Moturi.

Adams put together a breakout campaign in 2008, reeling in 50 catches for 958 yards, while adding the second-best touchdown reception total (14) in school history. He enters his senior year with 97 receptions, 1,587 yards and 16 scores on his college resume. Adams rates eighth on UTEP's career touchdown receptions chart and has averaged 16.4 yards per catch as a Miner.

Moturi closed out his career on a high note in 2009, compiling 53 receptions for 974 yards. He made a catch in his last 36 collegiate games. Moturi is third in school history in TD catches (26), fourth in receptions (170), tied for fourth in 100-yard games (10) and fifth in yardage (2,527). He has taken his talents to the Green Bay Packers, making him the 18th player that Holliday has coached to sign a professional contract.

Over the last two years, UTEP receivers have combined to reach the end zone 40 times. Adams and Moturi teamed for 23 TD catches in 2008, when Trevor Vittatoe threw for a school-record 33 scores.

Holliday was the wide receivers coach at Cornell for the 2007 season. Under his direction, Zac Canty earned honorable mention All-Ivy League honors after registering 49 catches for 447 yards. Canty was Cornell's first All-Conference wideout in four seasons. Holliday worked with a young wide receiver corps whose top 11 pass catchers were underclassmen.

Holliday also coached the wide receivers at Mississippi State from 2003-06. His 2003 wideouts combined to make catches totaling 2,424 yards, the fourth-best single season total in school history. Justin Jenkins recorded 62 receptions, tied with NFL All-Pro receiver Eric Moulds for fourth place on the Bulldogs' single-season list.

Holliday was the tight ends and receivers coach at Western Michigan from 2000-02. Under his tutelage, Mo Afariogun was a three-time All-Mid-American Conference tight end. He caught 39 passes for five touchdowns as a senior. Holliday was also in charge of the special teams area at Western Michigan, with his kickoff and punt return units ranked among the conference's best. Holliday helped the Broncos to a 9-3 mark and the MAC Western Division title in 2000. Western Michigan won at Iowa that year and dropped a narrow 19-14 decision to Marshall in the league championship game.

Holliday was offensive coordinator at Alabama State from 1995-99, directing a Hornets passing attack that ranked first in the Southwestern Athletic

Conference. He was also offensive coordinator at Tuskegee from 1992-94. The Golden Tigers rated second in Division II in scoring in 1992, averaging 38 points per game, and were in the national top 10 in passing offense for all four years.

Holliday's coaching career began at Clark Atlanta University.

He earned his bachelor of arts degree from Cheyney in 1987.

Holliday and his wife, Pat, have a daughter, Skyler and a son, Justin.





Allen Johnson

Cornerbacks | Third Season | Texas A&M-Commerce '99

Entering his third season as cornerbacks coach at UTEP, Allen Johnson has already coached two players – Cornelius Brown and Melvin Stephenson II – who earned NFL free agent tryouts.

Brown, the regular starter at right corner last season, inked a free agent contract with the Chicago Bears in the spring of 2010. He was credited with 41 tackles as a senior and closed out his Miner career with 24 pass break-ups – tied for the second-highest total in school history.

Stephenson manned the left corner slot in 2009 and produced 58 stops and four pass deflections. He signed with the Washington Redskins.

In 2008, Johnson also coached Clarence Ward, who posted 31 tackles and six pass break-ups before moving to safety his senior year. Ward was the Miners' second-leading tackler in 2009 with 73 stops.

Johnson spent the 2007 season as the defensive backs coach and recruiting coordinator at Midwestern State University, which had the top defense in the Lone Star Conference. MSU led the league in scoring defense (18.6 ppg), total defense (294.2 ypg) and rushing defense (93.9 ypg), and ranked third in passing defense (200.3 ypg). Johnson coached first team All-Conference cornerback Patrick Roberts and second team All-League safety Ryan Craven. The Mustangs posted an 8-3 record in 2007.

Johnson served as a quality control assistant at Oklahoma State in 2006, helping the Cowboys to seven wins and an Independence Bowl victory. Oklahoma State achieved national top-10 rankings in rushing offense (208 ypg, seventh), scoring offense (35.2 ppg, seventh), kickoff returns (24.6 avg., eighth) and tackles for losses (7.7 per game, eighth).

He started his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Texas A&M-Commerce, his alma mater, in 1999 and 2000. He spent the next four years in the prep ranks at Gaither High School (Tampa, Fla.), Plant High School (Tampa, Fla.) and Newman Smith High School (Carrollton, Texas).

Johnson worked at Blinn College in 2005, doubling as secondary coach and recruiting coordinator, where he was a part of an NJCAA playoff qualifier.

His stellar collegiate playing career included stops at Kilgore (Texas) College and the University of Central Oklahoma before taking a detour in the U.S. Air Force. He spent his senior year at Texas A&M Commerce, earning All-Lone Star Conference South Division honors and a trip to the 1999 Snow Bowl, which was the NCAA Division II senior all-star game at the time. Johnson also competed for the Texas A&M-Commerce track and field team and, off the playing field, served as president of the school's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

He earned his bachelor of science degree in Kinesiology and Health in 1999 before receiving a master's degree in the same field a year later.

Johnson and his wife, Jennifer, have three daughters - Olivia, Jayla and Kyra.





Nate Poss

Assistant Athletic Director for Football Operations | 14th Season | Rice '78

Nate Poss joined the UTEP staff in March 1997 as director of football operations. Now the assistant athletic director for football operations, Poss' duties are wide-range, most importantly helping head coach Mike Price in the day-to-day operations of Miner football.

Poss is responsible for organizing and implementing team travel, arranges and coordinates UTEP's preseason camp both in El Paso and Socorro, N.M., and is responsible for the Miner football players' summer job placement around El Paso.

He also helps arrange community service appearances for Miner players and coaches, particularly with local schools and the Children's Hospital. The football team has annually ranked among UTEP's top sports programs in community service hours.

A West Texas native, Poss also helps the coaching staff in other areas, including assisting with the training table, compliance, academics and recruiting weekends. He is also involved with the Miners Across Texas summer camps, helping arrange stadium sites, hotels and other logistics.

Poss graduated from Big Spring High School in Big Spring, Texas, where he was named to the school's "Team of the Century" for football. His performance as a wide receiver and defensive back gained him

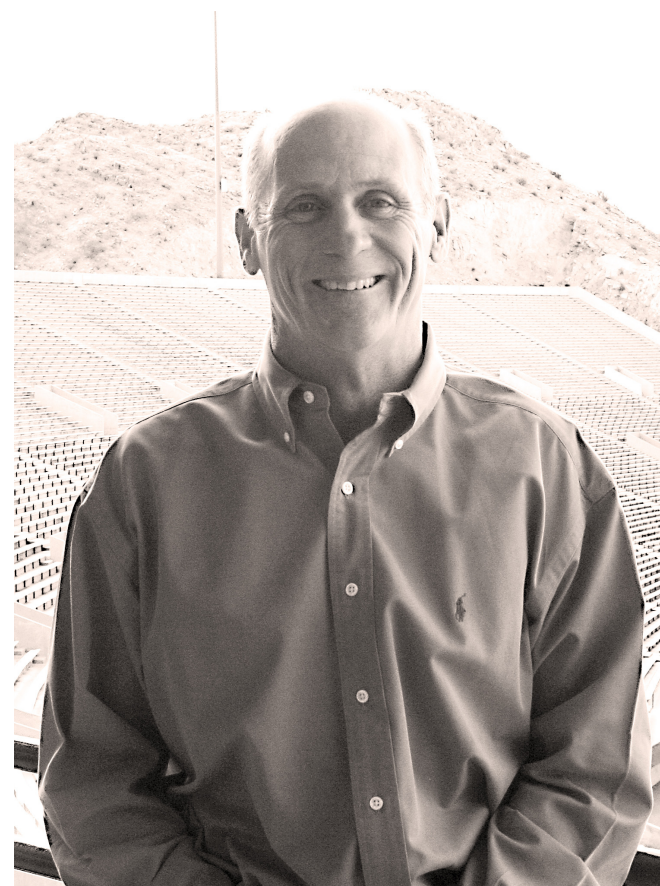
a scholarship to Rice. At Rice, Poss played defensive back for coordinator Charlie Bailey, former head coach of the Miners. Poss earned four letters (1973-76) and was in the starting lineup two years (1975-76) for the Owls.

Upon receiving his B.A. in commerce and religion from Rice in 1978, Poss spent three years as sports editor of the Big Spring Herald and one year as editor of Big Time Sports magazine that served the Permian Basin. From 1984-88 Poss lived in Miami, Fla., where he was a marketing representative for the Fina Corp. In 1988 Poss returned to school at Sul Ross State University and worked on his master's degree in education, which he received in 1989. During his stay at Sul Ross, Poss served as running backs and defensive backs coach, as well as assistant basketball coach.

Poss also coached in the Texas prep ranks at Kermit High School (1991), Greenwood High in Midland (1992-93) and Coronado High in El Paso (1994-96). He was president of the El Paso Coaches' Association in 1996-97.

Nate's father, Delnor Poss, served as director of athletics at Midland Junior College for 17 years. In 1995 the elder Poss was honored as NJCAA Athletic Director of the Year. He has coached four national championship golf teams at Midland College.

Delnor Poss was also inducted into the College Golf Hall of Fame in the summer of 2009.





TROY COLLAVO

**Program Coordinator Defense
UTEP '07**

Troy Collavo has returned to UTEP as a defensive program coordinator after playing linebacker for the Miners from 2003-06. He was a first team All-Conference USA player as a senior, and third team as a junior. Collavo led the league and ranked 11th nationally with 125 tackles in 2006. He rated sixth in the conference and tied for 35th nationally with 112 stops as a junior. Most recently Collavo served as an assistant coach for AC Jones High School in Beeville, Texas, working with the varsity linebackers. Collavo earned his bachelor's degree in Marketing from UTEP in May 2007. He is pursuing a master's degree in Educational Leadership.



JAKE HALES

**Graduate Assistant Defense
UNLV '08**

Jake Hales is in his first year as a defensive graduate assistant at UTEP. He was a three-year starting defensive lineman at UNLV, totaling 86 tackles, 11 tackles for losses and six sacks. Hales played under new Miner defensive coordinator Andre Patterson for part of his career. As a senior he was recipient of the Tom Wiesner award for displaying courage, enthusiasm, dedication and toughness. Hales was a strong student as well, garnering placement on the Mountain West Academic All-Conference team all four years. He earned a bachelor's degree in University Studies, with an emphasis in Spanish and Physical Education, from UNLV in 2008. A Las Vegas native, Hales is seeking a master's degree in Bilingual Education at UTEP.



GARY HYMAN

**Graduate Assistant Offense
Humboldt State '00**

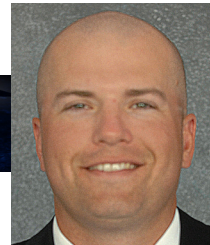
Gary Hyman is in his first year as an offensive graduate assistant with the Miners. Hyman ventured to the Sun City after working as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at USC from January 2009 until April 2010. Prior to his stint with the Trojans, Hyman wore many hats in nine years as a member of the Delta College football staff. Hyman was a standout receiver at Humboldt State from 1994-96. He earned his bachelor's degree from Humboldt State in 2000 and completed work on a master's from Cal State Stanislaus in 2004.



DEMETRIOUS MAXIE

Undergraduate Assistant Coach

Demetrious Maxie is in his second stint with the Miners, joining the coaching staff for the 2010 season. He will work with the linebackers and defensive line. Maxie was a two-year starting linebacker at UTEP from 1993-94 after transferring from Long Beach Community College. He totaled 95 tackles, including five for losses, with four sacks during that span. After leaving El Paso, Maxie spent 14 seasons playing professionally between the CFL, AFL and NFL, winning a total of four championships in Canada. Three of the championships were as a player, with the fourth coming as assistant director of player personnel for the Calgary Stampeders. He and his wife, Mari, have a son, Dominic, and a daughter, Miranda. Maxie is on track to earn his degree in Sociology from UTEP in May, 2011.



CHAD RAYMOND

**Program Coordinator Offense
Tarleton State '06**

Chad Raymond is in his second season with the Miners, serving as offensive program coordinator. Raymond served as an offensive GA/tight ends coach at Midwestern State University in 2007, where he worked with Miner cornerbacks coach Allen Johnson. As a member of the Midwestern State staff, Raymond was involved with all facets of the football operation including assisting with recruiting, coaches' films and camps. Raymond played tight end at Cisco Junior College and Tarleton State University. He earned his bachelor's of Business Administration degree from Tarleton State in 2006 and is working on his master's in Kinesiology.



DONNA CHANDLER
Administrative Assistant

Donna Chandler has worked in the UTEP athletic department since 1998, starting in the business office before joining the football staff in September, 2005. She was a football volunteer from 1998-2005.

Chandler is responsible for the reception area in the football offices. She also performs essential office duties to support assistant coaches and staff, and works with the players to provide complementary game tickets. Chandler compiles contact information for the players, assists Assistant Head Coach Jeff Woodruff as a liaison to NFL scouts and, on game day, helps the video staff.

She received her bachelor's degree in Finance from UTEP in 1999. She also graduated from Eastwood High School in El Paso.



MONA GARRIDO
Administrative Assistant

Mona Garrido became a member of the UTEP football staff on March 24, 1982, and is beginning her 29th season with the Miners. As an administrative assistant, Garrido oversees, supervises, and delegates all facets of administrative day-to-day operations of the football office, football staff and Larry K. Durham Sports Center. She also serves as the personal assistant to coach Mike Price.

She received a Distinguished Achievement Award in Service to the University in 1999.

Garrido attended UTEP after graduating from Coronado High School in El Paso in 1976.

She and her husband, Elias "Lee" Garrido, have been married for 29 years. They have a son, Nathan, who is majoring in Kinesiology at UTEP and serves as an equipment manager with the football team.



DAWN HEARN
Head Athletic Trainer

Dawn Hearn is entering her 23rd year as an athletic trainer for the UTEP football team. She started in 1988 as an assistant to David Binder. In April of 1995, Hearn was promoted to head athletic trainer. At the time she was one of only three females in charge of the training room at a Division I-A athletic program, and one of two in charge of football. Hearn supervises four full-time assistants, five graduate assistants and approximately 20 undergraduate student trainers at UTEP. Nearly 50 of her former workers are currently serving as athletic trainers.

In December 1985, she graduated from Iowa State with a bachelor's degree in Physical Education and minors in Athletic Training and Coaching. Upon passing the national exam, she became a certified athletic trainer in April, 1986. Hearn attended graduate school at Ohio University, where her graduate assistantship consisted of covering Jackson High School athletics. She graduated in June 1987 with a Master's of Science Degree in Physical Education with an emphasis in Athletic Training, and spent three summers with the U.S. Volleyball Association.

Hearn loves spending time during the summer months at Elephant Butte Lake on her boat with her two dogs -- a husky named Tequila and a golden retriever named Kahlua. Her hobbies also include fishing, skiing and camping.



JUERGEN KARP
Video Coordinator

Juergen Karp has served as UTEP's video coordinator since 1997. He and his staff film practices and games for the UTEP coaching staff, while handling video exchange with opponents and providing tapes to referees and NFL scouts.

A native of Hildesheim, Germany, Karp came to the United States after working in the medical field from 1990-97. He founded an American Football Club in his hometown, the Hildesheim Invaders, and was a starter and team captain from 1983-94. The first player in club history to have his jersey retired, Karp was a two-time MVP and two-time first team All-State selection. He was also a head coach and assistant coach with the team.

Karp has two degrees from UTEP – a Bachelor of Science, which he received in 2003, and a Bachelor of Communication, which he added in 2007. He has a daughter, Ve-Denise, and a son, Eric Justin. His daughter works in the UTEP Football equipment room.



NORMA POSADA
Administrative Assistant

Norma Posada is in her 11th season as a member of the UTEP football staff. Posada works with assistant coach Jeff Banks on all aspects of the recruiting process, including arranging coaches' travel, official recruit weekends and recruiting film. More importantly, she is responsible for yearly maintenance of the football office's national recruiting database, Cyber Sports. Posada also provides daily administrative support to assistant coaches and other staff members.

An El Paso native and Riverside High School graduate, Posada received her bachelor's degree in Business Management from UTEP in the spring of 2010. She received the UTEP President's Staff Scholarship Award in 2005.

She and her husband, Mike, have been married for 16 years. They have two daughters – Cynthia Adame, a 2005 UTEP graduate who recently added a second degree from the school's "Fast Track" nursing program, and Naomi Posada, who is 10 years old.



SEKOU WALKER
Equipment Manager

Sekou Walker begins his eighth season as UTEP's equipment manager. He and his staff are in charge of outfitting the Miner football team.

Walker got his start in the UTEP equipment room as a student assistant while pursuing his bachelor's degree in Finance, which he received in 1992. Upon graduation, he served as assistant equipment manager for the Birmingham Barracudas in the Canadian Football League in 1995. Walker also was an equipment intern at Dallas Cowboys Training Camp in 1997.

Walker and his wife, Jacqueline, have two daughters – Kyra (five years old) and Kaitlin (two years old).