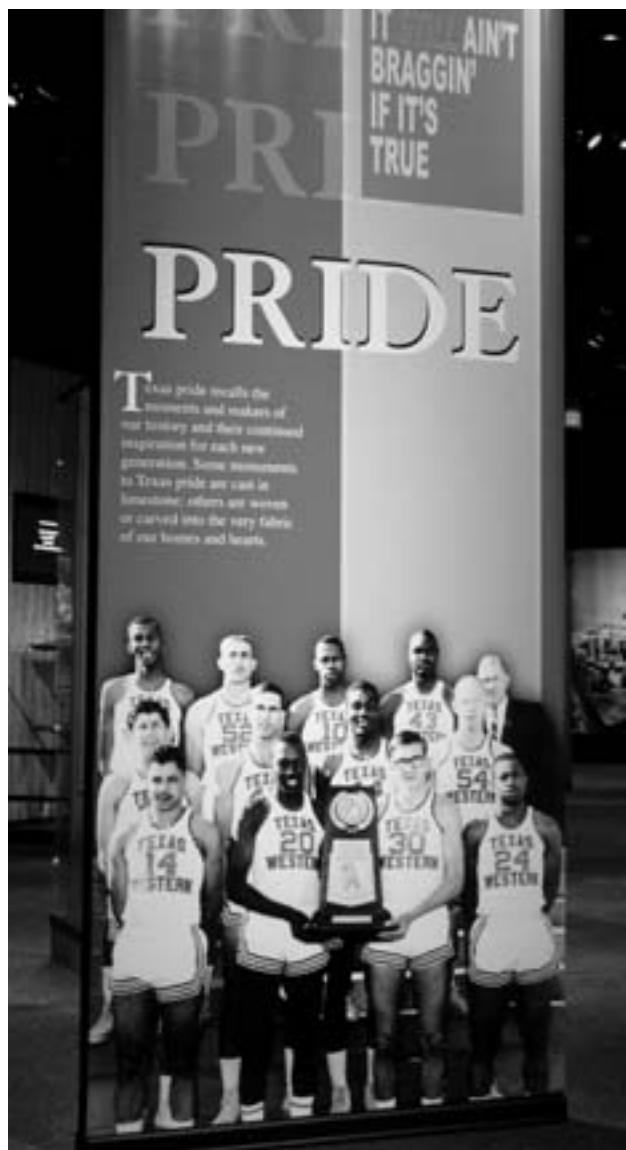


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This is an introduction to the "Pride" section at the Texas State History Museum in Austin.

'66 Champs a source of El Paso pride at Austin exhibit

Team memorabilia on display at Texas State History Museum

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Texas Western College's 1966 men's basketball team is back in the spotlight. Memorabilia from their legendary season is now on display at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin.

Team pictures, the NCAA championship trophy and other items are featured in the "pride" section of "It STILL Ain't Braggin' If It's True," an exhibit honoring events and people that make Texas great.

The exhibit, which will run through September, focuses on themes of vision, friendship, perseverance, pride, showmanship, and swagger. The history of the Texas Western team joins many other stories in this eclectic exhibit, including that of Mary Kay Cosmetics founder Mary Kay Ash, a state flag flown on the moon, and what may be the world's largest fruitcake in the shape of Texas.

In 1966, UTEP, then known as Texas Western College, changed the face of collegiate athletics by starting an all-black lineup for the first time in NCAA championship history. The Miners, led by Hall of Fame Coach Don Haskins, upset the University of Kentucky 72-65 for the national title. The win became a symbol for the breakthrough of blacks in college sports.

For information about the exhibit, visit www.thestoryoftexas.com or call (512) 936-8746.

For information about the 1966 champs, visit www.utep.edu/gloryroad.

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'Glory Road' earns 2006 ESPY Award nomination for "Best Sports Movie"

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EL PASO – "Glory Road" is one of four films nominated for "Best Sports Movie" in the 14th annual ESPY Awards presented by ESPN.

The Walt Disney Pictures and Jerry Bruckheimer Productions' film is based on the story of Texas Western College's – now UTEP – legendary 1966 NCAA basketball championship team.

Hall of Fame coach Don Haskins started, for the first time ever in an NCAA championship game, an all-black lineup. The Texas Western Miners defeated an all-white Kentucky team 72-65 in a historic game that has come to symbolize black athletes' breakthrough in college sports.

Other nominees in the category include: "Dreamer," "The Greatest Game Ever Played," and "Four Minutes." All of this year's movie nominees were inspired by true stories.

Fans of "Glory Road" and the TWC team can go online to <http://espn.go.com/espy2006> to vote for the film which will be determined by Internet vote. Winners will be announced during the awards show, which airs at 7 p.m. El Paso time July 16 from the Kodak Theatre in Los Angeles.

Cyclist and seven-time Tour de France titleholder Lance Armstrong will be the first athlete ever to host the ceremony that honors outstanding athletes and sports performers.

"Glory Road" opened nationwide in January, during the four-day Martin Luther King holiday, and took first place at the box office. The movie is now available on DVD.

For more information about "Glory Road" and the Texas Western team, visit www.utep.edu/gloryroad.



Within the "Pride" section of the exhibit this area tells the Glory Road story. The entire exhibit is on display at the Texas State History Museum in Austin.

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