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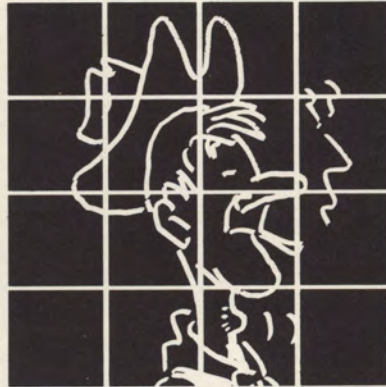
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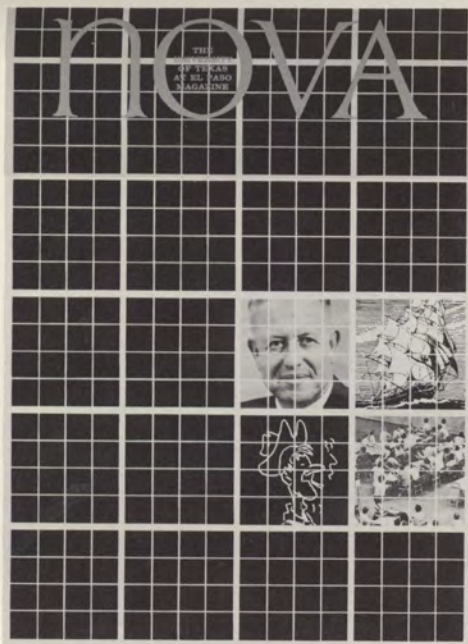
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DESIDERATA

by Max Ehrmann

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Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.

As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit.

If you compare yourself with others you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery.

But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself.

Especially do not feign affection.

Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly to counsel of years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune.

But do not distress yourself with imaginings.

Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfoldish as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

Be careful.

Strive to be happy.

(Editor's Note: The preceding quotation is from the book *Poems by Max Ehrmann*. Just before his death in July, 1965, Adlai A. Stevenson read this message to friends and hoped to use it on his Christmas cards that year. It was reprinted in the Christmas Day issue of the El Paso Herald-Post, 1965, as the lead editorial and I am indebted to Dr. Milton Leech for saving the clipping and calling it to my attention. The author of this eloquent, hopeful, testimonial was an Indiana writer who died in 1945.)

DAVID O. LEESER: OUTSTANDING EX

by Jeannette Smith



David O. Leaser's life is a study in contrasts and a comparison between Leaser the Outstanding Ex-Student of 1969 and Leaser the student-janitor-gardener of TCM in 1939 presents perhaps the most striking contrast of all.

In a 30-year span he has advanced from a mining engineering student to his present position as Chief Scientist, Materials, for Chrysler Corporation's entire Amplex Division in Detroit, Michigan. The essential qualities of the man, however, have little changed and when he steps forward to receive the Outstanding Ex award at the Homecoming Banquet November 15, his words will be gracious, spoken with gratitude and humility, and laced with humor.

The qualities of Leaser the engineer and scientist are something else again. The list of his accomplishments is so extensive that there is simply not enough space to list them all. Even a compendium of his honors and awards, published articles, memberships in prestigious societies and organizations, and assignments of professional and technical importance is hardly feasible. What follows then is an emphasis on the personal, rather than the technical side of David Leaser.

His father, Oscar D. Leaser, left Germany in 1912 after completing his military service under Kaiser Wilhelm II. He traveled to Chihuahua, Mexico, where he worked for a while, then moved to Winslow, Arizona and from there to El Paso where he got a job in a furniture factory. He met and married Rose Goodman in 1916 and in the next few years they became the parents of two sons: David (born August 3, 1917), and Gerald. By 1922 El Paso was in the throes of a depression and Mr. Leaser lost his job. He moved his family to Chihuahua where David's brother Arthur and sister Helen were born. The Leaser family was as at home in Mex-

ico as they had been in the States since they were all trilingual, conversing easily in Spanish, German or English.

When David had barely reached his teens, his mother felt that it was time he had some schooling in the States, so he was sent to El Paso to live with various relatives and to attend El Paso High School. He spent his after-school hours scrabbling for odd-jobs, since a paucity of funds continually plagued him. Recreation was a luxury, and the only kind he could afford was an occasional hour or two at sand-lot football. "I got to see the high school football games by working as a peanut and candy vender at the stadium," he adds. Maintaining an adequate wardrobe was one of his greatest problems, which he partially solved by joining the high school ROTC program. "The clothing that was issued," he explains, "was the major part of my personal wardrobe."

In spite of occasional odd jobs and ROTC-issued clothing, by 1932 David was obliged to return to Chihuahua where he attended school during his junior year and saved every available penny toward his return to El Paso. In 1933 he was back at El Paso High School for his senior year, and graduated in May, 1934.

"I was only sixteen years old," he says, "and as I sat there during com-

ment exercises, I wondered what the future held for me. I had no idea how I would be able to sustain myself. My family was still in Mexico; jobs in El Paso were still very scarce." Through the kindness of a friend, he did find a job—as a shoe salesman. It was short-lived, however, since selling was not his forte, and he decided to return to Chihuahua to look for employment.

"I was lucky," he says. "I was hired by Reuben Taylor to work as an interpreter and to help keep the books for A S & R" (American Smelting and Refining Company). He hadn't been there long before he had asked and received permission to go down into the mines, help load dynamite, and do various other jobs unrelated to the ones for which he was hired. He also saved as much of his salary as he could, for by this time Leeson had developed an appetite for further education. He even hired a math tutor because as he says, "I was weak in math in high school and I knew I would need it if I went into engineering."

There wasn't much "if" about it—only a question of "when." By 1939, he was enrolled as a mining-engineering student at the College of Mines and Metallurgy, living in a boarding house, and working on campus as janitor and gardener under the supervision of a man called "Indian Joe." Leeson describes him as "a full-blooded Indian who would creep up behind me, without making a sound, to make sure I was working." Leeson's salary was issued in warrants instead of cash since, he recalls, "Texas was in bad financial shape at that time. The warrants had to be held for nine months before they could be exchanged at their face value, otherwise ten per cent would be deducted by the bank. I never could wait nine months—I had to eat."

Leeson vividly remembers three people who were particularly helpful to him when he was a student. John W. "Cap" Kidd was one of them. "He was hard as a rock, a tobacco-chewing, cussing miner who really knew his profession," Leeson says. "He helped me to get the gardener-janitor job, and he also paid some of us students to help him with dynamiting tasks." However, Cap Kidd himself always handled the placing of the blasting caps and the first tamplings, leaving the less dangerous duties to the students.

Then there was Prof. John F. "Pop" Graham, chairman of the Department of Mining and Metallurgy, and his wife Elsa who were, according to Leeson, "inspiration and guiding spirits to many students." The Graham home was a hospitable place, always available for the students to visit. "It was Prof. Gra-

ham who insisted that I take a certain course in metallurgy," Leeson says. "He only had one out-of-date book from which to teach it, but he was convinced that if he provided the basic, elementary knowledge of metallurgy, the students could pick up the updated technology later." He adds: "Prof. Graham taught us well—not only the basics of metallurgy, but other things that were not in the book — such as how to acquire self-confidence, how to fit into a profession, even what type of woman to marry. The example he used for the latter lesson was Mrs. Graham."

It was also due to Prof. and Mrs. Graham that Leeson advanced, in his senior year, from gardener-janitor to laboratory assistant in the engineering department. During each summer vacation, Leeson would return to Chihuahua and A S & R, save his money, then return to TCM for the next academic year.

In 1943, Leeson graduated with "a degree in mining engineering, an obsolete textbook on metallurgy, and a slide rule given to me as a graduation present from Reuben Taylor." With a few dollars borrowed from his brother Gerald, Leeson invested in two things—a suit in which to travel, and a bus ticket to Idaho where the Bradley Mining Company was located. He was hired as a mining engineer, but "after a few weeks of hanging my chin on ore cars and falling through ore chutes, I had to agree with my boss that I wasn't the best mining engineer in the company." So he was put to work as a mill hand, separating the tungsten and antimony from the extracted ores. He did the job well, but the plant shut down within a few months and Leeson was on his way again, this time to Chicago.

When he arrived there and went to apply for a job, he was told not only was he late for the interview, but that his knowledge of metallurgy was so obsolete that he had no chance of being hired. Fortunately, instead of an abrupt dismissal, he was given a fast one-and-a-half hour lecture on modern metallurgical methods. Leeson soaked up the information like a sponge, retained it until he got back to his hotel room, wrote it down, and memorized it.

Next stop was Columbus, Ohio, where he succeeded in obtaining an interview at Battelle Memorial Institute, world-renowned technical research laboratories. This time he knew the answers. He not only was hired, but he was considered one of the brightest young metallurgists they had seen in months. When he was asked for one personal recommendation, Leeson gave them Pop Graham's name. When the request was teletyped to Graham, his reply was suc-

cint: "You can't hire a better man."

Wartime intelligence was Leeson's assignment at Battelle—in the form of performing analyses and evaluations on captured German and Japanese materials. He could have given Sherlock Holmes cards and spades in performance. He was able to ascertain such vital information as: the methods by which the materials were made, which items were in critical shortage by the enemy, and even how the enemy was obtaining the raw materials they were using.

He also worked on the development of fissionable and structural materials for the atomic bomb under the Manhattan Engineering Project and if this seems a far cry from a college degree in mining engineering, the impression is correct. But Leeson never worried about embarking upon new and unknown professional paths. As he says: "Education is only a part of it. You have to have the will to succeed in your efforts, and an inquiring and analytical mind."

His capabilities were appreciated; he received two citations for his contributions while working on the Manhattan Project, one from the War Manpower Commission and the other from the U.S. Scientific Research and Development Office.

When it came to romance, however, Leeson was somewhat lacking in self-confidence. He had met a girl, named Marilyn Kalina, at a social function at Ohio State University. He enlisted the aid of a friend of his to obtain a date with her. About the friend, Leeson recalls, "He was a handsome fellow, but he never got very far professionally. I guess maybe it's better to be ugly." Leeson didn't get very far either in getting a date with Marilyn, until one day when he asked her to have coffee with him and she told him she was with eight other girls. Undaunted, Leeson found eight more young men, they all went out for coffee, and by March 17, 1945, Marilyn Kalina was Mrs. David O. Leeson.

He credits his wife with many of his accomplishments. "She was the one who persuaded me to accept a Battelle Fellowship to study for a Master's degree in metallurgy at Ohio State University." He received it in 1950 and comments: "It was nice to get that degree—it helped me to understand better what I had been doing in my profession."

Leeson then accepted an invitation to go to the University of Chicago to work at the Argonne National Laboratories, as a member of Captain Hyman Rick-



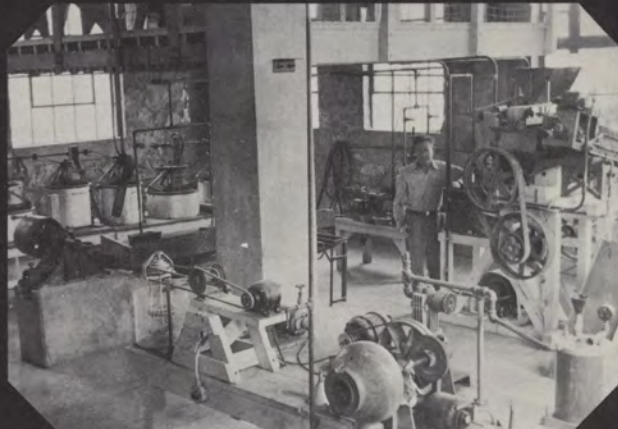
TCM, 1942: Members of Sigma Gamma Epsilon, honorary professional engineering fraternity. From left: Dr. Lloyd A. Nelson, Charles Steen, David Leeser. Fifth from left is Dr. William Strain and at far right is Dr. Howard Quinn.



1945: The former Marilyn Kalina, the new Mrs. Leeser, shortly after marriage. Photo taken at Alligator Flaga, El Paso



1941: Leeser stands next to Senora Luz Corral de Villa, far right, widow of revolutionary general Francisco "Pancho" Villa



TCM, 1942: Leeser among machinery in the mineral beneficiation lab on campus



1967: Dave Leeser exams high pressure test set-up at Chrysler Corporation's Florida Operations. He was named "Engineer of the Year" by Florida Engineering Society that year.



1943: Leeser the TCM grad.



1941: Leeser works on a surveying assignment on a slope above Kelly Hall



1942: Leeser making friends with the Miner Mascot.

over's scientific team, helping to develop the first nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Nautilus. He was materials consultant and engineer for nuclear power reactor systems designed and later built by private industry.

In 1954 he joined Atomic Power Development Associates, Inc., a subsidiary of Detroit Edison Company, where he aided in the development of an advanced-designed nuclear power plant to generate electricity. As head of the Fuels and Structural Materials Section he was responsible for all materials in the plant during design and construction. It was also during this period that he represented the United States at three international conferences: the Second World Metallurgical Congress in Chicago (1957); the Second International Conference for Peaceful Uses of the Atom in Geneva, Switzerland (1958); and the International Atomic Energy Agency Conference in Vienna, Austria (1961).

By 1961, space science had begun to beckon, and Chrysler Corporation was preparing to answer the call. Leeser says: "The corporation was going through a complete reorganization. They were looking for 'bright, young, technical men'. So I put some black shoe polish on my hair and rushed over to see what was going on."

Shoe polish or no, Leeser had read and studied enough about space flight and its accompanying problems and effects on various materials that he was made Chief Scientist, Materials. As such, he helped to develop such things as plastic materials which, in combination with each other, form low and high temperature materials for re-entry into the earth's atmosphere; high temperature resistant plastic polymers; and radar-absorbing materials to discourage the detection of missiles. Once again, Leeser was working in an area far removed from mining or metallurgical engineering. He says: "When I went into atomic work, I didn't know north from south, and it was the same when I went into space work. But the key to conquering any problem is to apply your knowledge by using different methods required of a particular task."

When the Apollo Program began, the Leeser's moved to Florida where he worked, at Cape Canaveral and Cape Kennedy, to such an innovative and competent degree that he was given, by the Canaveral Council of Technical Societies and the Florida Engineering Society, the 1967 Engineer of the Year award. More recently, he has been advised that he has qualified for the Apollo Award of Merit.

Once the Apollo program was well on its way, the Leeser's moved back to Detroit where he is Chief Metallurgist for the Amplex Division of Chrysler Corporation. Leeser doesn't keep regular hours, in fact, he often works all hours. "You can't expect to achieve much if you just work from eight to five," he comments. "I expect performance out of the people who work for me, but I also demand it of myself." "However," he continues, "I've never 'pulled rank' on anyone in my whole career. Anyone who does so usually isn't too good in his own job. I never ask of someone else what I myself can't do."

Challenge is a Lorelei's song to Leeser, and he responds wholeheartedly. For example, when he first came to the Amplex Division, he found that one of its plants had been shut down for months. He had it operating again in four days. The flexibility in stepping from one discipline to another is something that he attributes to his first days at Battelle when, he says, "I learned to use objectivity by looking at the general outline of a problem, then tracking down the small detail responsible for impeding smooth operation."

For all his dedication to his profession, Leeser's family life is the core of his existence. He, his wife Marilyn, and their 15-year-old daughter Joyce (an "A" student and an accomplished musician) reside in a 30-year old two-story Cape Cod house that's surrounded by 13 trees, each over 100 feet tall. Located in a quiet, secluded suburb of Detroit, not only is the house a haven for the Leesers — the backyard is a haven for small wild creatures, and where food is always made available for the visiting squirrels and birds.

There's an older daughter, Barbara, who is married to David Lachar, and both of them are attending the University of Minnesota. She is working toward her MA degree in psychology, he toward his Ph.D. in clinical psychology.

When either Leeser or his wife speak of their daughters, it is with obvious enjoyment and unconcealed pride. When Leeser speaks of his wife, a typical remark is: "Marilyn's not very tall, but she stands high in talent and accomplishments." When she speaks of him, the comments are in the same vein. In short, there's a strong, mutual admiration society functioning in the Leeser household.

Somehow there's time for hobbies and recreation, too. The Leesers take whatever opportunity they can (weather permitting) to pilot their 17 foot Chrysler Courier motorboat up and down the Detroit River. "I enjoy playing tag with the big ocean liners—but I never get too close," Leeser says.

He's also a philatelist, with a rare stamp collection that's unusual in that it represents the chronological histories of the airplane, railroads, communications, and atomic energy. In addition, he enjoys carpentry work.

A man of short-to-medium stature and of slightly stooped bearing, Leeser looks for all the world (and sometimes acts) like the proverbial absent-minded professor. But underneath that shock of white hair is a brain that never idles — and a sense of humor that never quits.

Of all the membership cards in impressive and honored societies, the ones he first displays are the following three:

The C.A.I.C. Club (Christopher, Am I Confused!)

The American Association of Black Magicians and Witch Doctors (he is designated here "Old Goat Emeritus").

Missile, Space and Range Pioneers Inc. (Leeser explains that the third organization is one where "old goats get together annually and reminisce.")

He also writes, and has had more than 20 articles published in scientific, engineering, and management publications, as well as being the author of the first open-literature report published on data regarding nuclear radiation effects on construction materials. More often than not, no matter how technical the article, various bits of plain, garden variety common sense crop up such as: "When you want something done, give the task to a busy man" and "Nobody will argue with you as long as you are reporting facts, but you can be hanged for half-baked or evasive answers."

Although Leeser has received ample recognition for his many achievements, (he's listed in Who's Who in Atoms, Who's Who in World Commerce & Industry, 12th edition, American Men of Science, and Who's Who in South and Southwest) he doesn't toot his own horn. In fact, according to Howard V. Hendricks of Chrysler Corporation's Public Relations Department, "Leeser is so quiet and unassuming that it's a real shock to people when they learn of his brilliant background and depth of knowledge."

Leeser himself comments on his profession: "The thrill and the challenge of solving technical problems is still there. I hope I never become blasé about my work—I would hate that."

And he will not, for David O. Leeser, with his dedication, tenacity and insatiable thirst for "solving problems," is scarcely a man to rest on his laurels.

MULLENS ON BASKETBALL

by Eddie Mullens

They sit in their office at Memorial Gym and draw X's and O's with more arrows than at Custer's last stand. They use the same huge desk which occupies nearly all of the available floor space.

A film rack covers one wall, leaving enough room for filing cabinets. Another wall is almost covered with a picture, perhaps three feet by five feet, which represents the greatest athletic achievement in Texas-El Paso's history.

The office is the headquarters for Don Haskins, the big, personable basketball coach, and his new assistant, Ed Sparling. The picture which confronts Haskins daily, and faces his side of the desk, is that of his 1966 NCAA championship team, an outfit which left opponents as nervous as an alligator near a purse factory.

During the days when Haskins' Miners were higher than a tall cowboy's adam's apple, his teams played defense tighter than a sweater on a Playmate.

At times it would have been easier to steal the Statue of Liberty than to score points against the Miners. Haskins' first four teams were tighter than a miser's pocketbook with points and yearly ranked near the top in team defense.

In fact, until his national championship team (1965-66) issued 62.7 points, the most points opponents could get

from one of Haskins' teams was 57.1 during the 1964-65 campaign.

Another major factor which kept opponents as nervous as a hurdler with a busted belt was Haskins' inside attack. The blond Oklahoman had more height than the New York skyline and more inside beef than a slaughter house.

For two years now, Haskins' defense and height have been shakier than a fly with a double dose of DDT. His record the past two years, 14-9 and 16-9, is the result of no height and little defense which leaves Haskins about as calm as an ape in a barber shop.

The daily X and O drawing session in their office keeps Haskins and Sparling busier than a cook in a lumberjack camp. Sparling, who joined the Texas-El Paso staff after a highly successful engagement at Burlington (Iowa) JC, and Haskins take to losing like a cat does a swimming hole.

Since Oct. 15, when practice got underway, the two coaches spend their time in either the office, drawing their X's and O's, or on the Memorial Gym floor attempting to put their paper work to perfection.

After two seasons of issuing 65.7 and 71.4 points per game, Haskins is as jovial as a sword swallower with a sore throat. Perhaps he could stand to oper-

ate without a big man but a loose defense leaves him as cool as a tour through a hot house.

Haskins is so upset with his defense of the past two years that he has, more or less, issued an ultimatum this season although his eight previous outfits own a combined defensive average of 60.1.

"We will either go back to a more conservative brand of basketball or show great defensive improvement," says the man who has brought Texas-El Paso a sparkling 160-50 record in eight years.

Even an improved defense may be of little help to the Miners this season inasmuch as they will compete, for the first time, in the Western Athletic Conference.

Drew White is the only starter missing from the 1968-69 team which broke from the starting gate faster than a minnow can swim a water dipper, ran up a 12-3 record and then staggered home with a 16-9 record.

By midseason, Haskins' Hares had leaped so hard and often going to the boards against the opposing skyscrapers that they couldn't get high enough to slip paper under their feet.

Dick Gibbs, a gifted 6-7, 215-pounder who came to Texas-El Paso with Sparling from Burlington, is a bigger cinch

Cartoons by R. W. 'Pete' Lee



"...a tall cowboy's adam's apple"



"...a stucco bathtub"



"...sword-swallower with a sore throat"

to help the Miners as the buttered side of bread is to hit the floor first. It has been so long since Haskins has had any height that he has labored under the impression that only the enemy has tall players.

Haskins and Sparling feel Gibbs will fit well into the act headed by Nate (The Roller Skate) Archibald, Mike Switzer and Ples Vann, three returning starters. Archibald, the clever backcourt operator with more moves than a checker tournament, paced the Miners in scoring, 22.4, for the second straight year.

Archibald's ability on the floor has never been questioned. This gifted New Yorker can make a basketball do more tricks than a monkey on 50-foot of grapevine. He has more shots than a pistol team and can keep the nets waving like Maggie's drawers on a rifle range.

Switzer, a talented 6-5 senior, is another certain starter. Also a New Yorker, Switzer could be used in the backcourt if Haskins can afford to move him from a wing.

Last year Switzer pumped the ball through the nets at a 17.6 clip while taking down 6.8 rebounds. He is one reason the 1968-69 Miners became the highest scoring team (79.6) under Haskins.

Vann is a well-muscled, high-leaping senior who was something of a disappointment in the offensive department last season with a 7.8 average. The Tulsa native hit .529 percent of his shots but had the ball airborne only 136 times. He was the team's top retriever with 8.4 caroms.

After this threesome, it is anyone's guess as to who can climb on top. It

may be easier than cramming toothpaste back into the tube as it is to pick the fifth, or perhaps even the fourth starter.

Switzer and Archibald appear as solid as cement around a flag pole and Gibbs is as certain as flies near a picnic area of making Haskins' starting unit.

Unless Vann's scoring picks up, he may have trouble beating out the likes of good-jumping Len Stewart, who came on stronger than garlic breath at a dental convention late in the season; soph Scott English, who has all of the tools, and Bob Doyle, who laid out the last half of the 1968-69 season because of grade difficulties.

English has more bounce in his legs than a trampoline and owns a good, soft touch although he is an erratic scorer. He once high jumped 7-0¼ for Coach Wayne Vandenburg's track men last spring.

Doyle, like Stewart, had more trouble than the United Nations solving world peace getting started and had just won a starting berth when he ran afoul of grades. How much a spell on the sidelines will interfere with his radar can't be determined until they pump up the ball against Oklahoma City Christian Dec. 3.

It cannot be an easy venture for the Miners. Their first tour into hostile Western Athletic Conference territory will be as dangerous as playing Russian Roulette with six live rounds. Haskins and Sparling must get help from such lettermen as Walt Richards, John Ruud, Tony Marino, Sam Samuels, etc., if success is to be achieved.

The Miners have never had a steady diet of facing the likes of Utah, Wyo-

ming, New Mexico, BYU, Colorado State, Arizona State and Arizona although they have played, and fared well, with every team on various occasions.

Haskins' crew will make two tournament appearances and both appear as rough as a stucco bathtub. In the Sun Carnival thump-thump, played this year at Memorial Gym, the Miners clash with Missouri, Clemson and Texas A&M. At the Jayhawker double dip, the Miners will compete with Kansas, Western Kentucky and SMU.

The Miners have outgrown the handsome court at Memorial Gym and for the third year their home games will be conducted at the El Paso County Coliseum which seats some 8,000.

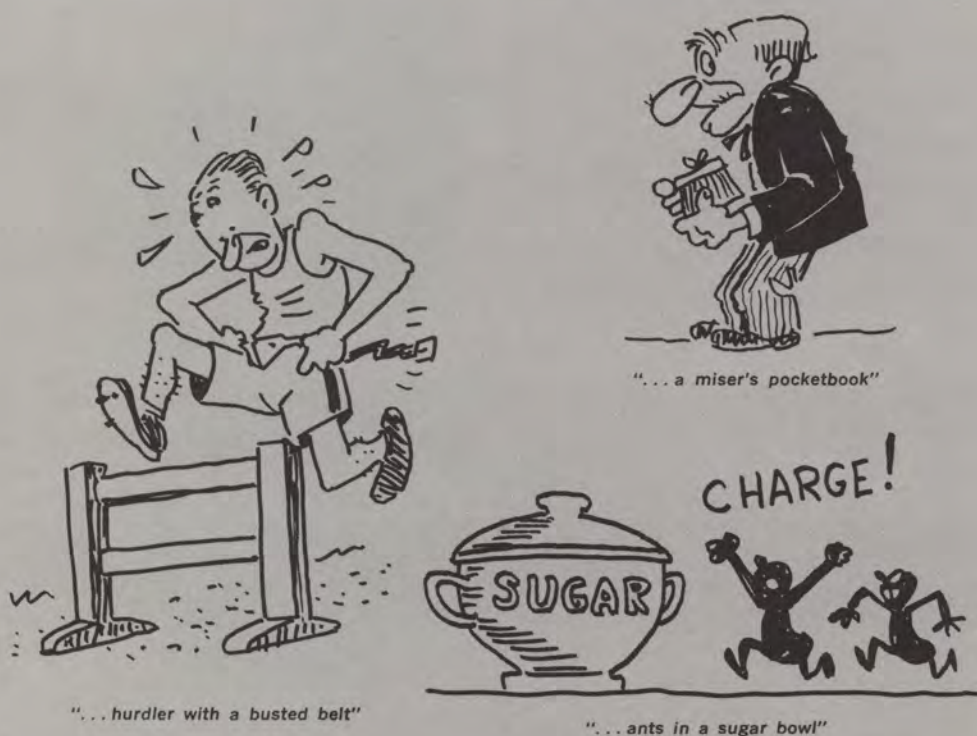
One of the big drawbacks to playing at the Coliseum is the fact the Miners rarely are afforded an opportunity to practice on the portable floor. In some cases, Haskins feels his team has no more of a home court advantage than the visitors.

There are a lot of things hanging fire regarding the outcome of the season. Defense must return and be tighter than the security around Fort Knox and the boards must be attacked like ants in a sugar bowl. Gibbs should give the Miners more strength on the boards and, hopefully, more fire power.

Thus, Gibbs appears to hold the key to the outcome of the Miners' won-lost record. Archibald, Switzer, Vann and Doyle have been to war. If Gibbs comes through, Haskins' X's and O's will mean something.

If not, the season could be longer than a chain letter.

Or a witch's dream.



"...hurdler with a busted belt"

"...ants in a sugar bowl"

THE SCHEDULE

Dec. 3	Oklahoma City Christian College	@ El Paso
Dec. 6	Quincy College (Illinois)	@ El Paso
Dec. 19	Kansas Jayhawker Tournament	Lawrence, Kans.
Dec. 20	Kansas Jayhawker Tournament	Lawrence, Kans.
	(Kansas, Western Kentucky, SMU, Texas-El Paso)	
Dec. 22	Sun Carnival Tournament	@ El Paso
Dec. 23	Sun Carnival Tournament	@ El Paso
	(Missouri, Texas A & M, Clemson, Texas-El Paso)	
Jan. 2	Athletes in Action	@ El Paso
Jan. 3	Southwestern Louisiana Univ.	@ El Paso
Jan. 5	New Mexico State University	@ El Paso
*Jan. 8	Colorado State University	Ft. Collins
*Jan. 10	University of Wyoming	Laramie, Wyo.
*Jan. 15	University of Arizona	@ El Paso
*Jan. 17	Arizona State University	@ El Paso
Jan. 24	New Mexico State University	Las Cruces
*Jan. 29	University of Utah	Salt Lake City
*Jan. 31	Brigham Young University	Provo, Utah
*Feb. 5	University of New Mexico	@ El Paso
*Feb. 12	University of Wyoming	@ El Paso
*Feb. 14	Colorado State University	@ El Paso
*Feb. 19	Arizona State University	Tempe, Ariz.
*Feb. 21	University of Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.
*Feb. 26	Brigham Young University	@ El Paso
*Feb. 28	University of Utah	@ El Paso
*Mar. 4	University of New Mexico	Albuquerque
	*Western Athletic Conference Games	

NATIONAL STUDENT CONGRESS

WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE

WHAT IT ACCOMPLISHED

by Dale L. Walker

There was a light switch just inside a door blocked by an information table and pasted over the switch was a front-on view, scissored from a magazine, of Richard M. Nixon. When you turned the switch on and off you were tweaking the President's nose.

Somewhere, through a wall, there was an incessant throbbing noise—*rap-a-flap, rap-a-flap, rap-a-flap*. It was a mimeograph machine grinding out the daily quota of announcements, broadsides, newsletters, schedules, pithy sayings and inside jokes having to do with Wuffle (who was, I later gathered, Bernie Groffman, an NSA officer and advance man who was always busy-looking.)

Over in a corner and in several other places, girls were folding things. Paper from the mimeography machine, mostly.

Downstairs there were people milling around the lobby, reading *El Fronterizo* and the two *El Paso* dailies. At the little notions counter at the hotel entrance, some students were waiting to buy Life-Savers and cigarettes and copies of *Myra Breckenridge* and other books in the paperback rack. Several people there and in the lobby were definitely not NSA delegates but rather business men off the street or staying in the hotel. Crew-cutted and tab-shirted, some peered anxiously into the lobby but didn't step across the line, others smirked a little as they stood in line with their newspaper waiting to pay a very slow lady behind the cash register. One man, trying to be nonchalant, made himself conspicuous by peeking over the top of his paper at the students passing the notions cubicle to the street.

At the front end of the table in the lobby, upon which were deposited various publications and announcements, there was a poster on the wall containing a "Quote of the Day" culled from something called *Amigos Magazine*. The quote had to do with being thankful that neither *El Paso* nor *Juarez* had many hippie-types in residence and that few of them were being seen crossing the bridges into Mexico. Another poster said in block letters that a meeting on legalized abortion would be held at such and such a room, such and such a time, that day. Another announced a workshop on "War as a Way of Life."

The Plaza coffeeshop seemed to be doing a landslide business, especially in breakfasts and coffee. Over at the Capri Theater, movies were being shown from midnight on: "The Cocoanuts" (Harpo, Groucho, Chico, Zeppo Marx), "No Vietnamese Ever Called Me Nigger," ("The strongest statement yet from the black community . . . a startling cry of rage and despair. A potent documentary. USNSA."), "Never Give a Sucker an Even Break," (W.C. Fields), "Frankenstein," "Oh! What a Lovely War," and others. The Film Festival was sponsored by P. Ballantine & Sons.

There was a lot of hair in evidence and it seemed to attract the attention in the streets more than in the hotel (where everyone apparently got used to it quickly). Beards in various stages of sparseness and bushiness, sideburns shaped like golf clubs and some capable of being combed like those of Big John Cannon on "High Chaparral." There were moustaches of infinite variety—Fu Manchus, walruses, cookie-dusters, Zapatas, and some with beards attached like Monty Woolley's and Gabby Hayes's. Hirsutedness of the head was also commonplace, with hair ranging down from average-long to shoulder length and up to the Marty Allen bush. Some—who, for obvious reasons were not very noticeable—wore no beards or moustaches, had trimmed sideburns and clipped haircuts. When I mentioned this to one delegate I had known previously, he said—only half-jokingly

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by Lionel Cenicerros

After a few months of working with the National Student Association and having had the experience of writing their newsletter during their annual Congress held in *El Paso* August 19-29, there are certain comments I might make to help relate this organization to events current on campuses across the nation and to provide some sort of description of what it is and what it is attempting to do.

The National Student Association, being a relatively liberal group of students, has attempted rather vigorously, but with little success, to give students a larger awareness and voice in what most modern college students, even those with a minimal amount of social consciousness, consider an increasingly irresponsible and alienated society.

In my opinion, NSA is not a radical or revolutionary organization. Even the Student Senate at U.T. *El Paso* would attempt more radical activity had they the skill or support of more students. I would imagine that if anybody could claim to represent the average student in this country, it would be NSA. Its membership roles include over 400 schools, many of them small colleges. It is doubtful, however, whether any small group of students can represent the average student, especially if the group engages in politics and controversy.

The ten-day affair held in *El Paso* in August — "The Border Incident" as one student sarcastically termed it — was the culmination of a year's activity for the NSA. While moving ahead in certain programs such as drug studies and legal assistance for students, the outgoing national officers had to report that the financial deficit, of around \$120,000, still remained and that many programs started had been unproductive or that foundations had denied grants for them.

NSA's annual budget is around \$750,000 with a sizeable amount coming from foundation grants for special projects in student affairs and civil rights work. Last year NSA experienced increasing difficulty in receiving grants because of the national reaction against college students. Even with this consideration the departing national officers were harshly criticized for not applying for more grants and for financial mismanagement of the central NSA office in Washington.

While most of the students arrived for the conference with high expectations, they soon realized that most of what could be done would be done in a meaningful dialogue with each other and in attempting to restructure NSA to bring more attention to the individual campuses.

Three main problems seemed to come into focus during the Congress: first, NSA would have to redefine its relations with the non-white minorities (the Third World) and push its own program in combating institutional racism; second, with NSA in serious financial trouble, member schools would have to be made aware of the extent to which deficit financing had already been carried by previous administrations; third, there was a pervasive feeling of irrelevancy, of not being able to get down to basic issues that heightened the cynicism and confusion of the delegates.

Regarding the problem of minorities, the delegates to the Congress found that the blacks and *chicanos* were even more frustrated than the white students in attempting to follow parliamentary procedure. The blacks and *chicanos* attempted to make demands of the majority of white students, asking that priority be given their respective problems and giving support of activities that the non-whites thought necessary to fight their problems.

Simply stated, the blacks wanted to get out of NSA and

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—that they were probably FBI or Secret Service men or assistant deans.

The eye is naturally drawn to the outre, so to speak, so one noticed the cut-offs, bleach-spotted Levis, thong-sandals, Indian moccasins, shirt-tails, minis, micro-minis (or whatever they are called—and who cares when he is looking?), boots, bell-bottoms, Bermudas, brassierelessness, *dashikis*, jumpsuits, sneakers. Outfits varied from the commonplace to the truly memorable. One young man in a phone-booth wore a combination Hopi Indian and brocaded skullcap layout that was colorfully superb.

In the various meeting rooms of the Congress, particularly at Congress headquarters in the Plaza Hotel, there were fascinating publications for the taking. Some of them were ground off the mimeo machine, others professionally printed. "You're Pregnant . . . Now What?" one of them asked. It was an announcement for "America's Dynamic Abortion-Birth Control Crusader Bill Baird." Another, headlined "No Smoking or Homer Contemplating the Bust of Aristotle," was a sheet warning against the commuting of marijuana across the border. "The USNSA Congress News," edited by Lionel Cenicerros, was always interesting and newsworthy, a day-to-day survey of what was happening in the Congress. Copies of the V.F.W. "American Security Reporter" were available, mostly reprints of the articles "ROTC Under Attack" and "Underground Press." There was one notice called "Homosexual Liberation (freedom to be)" which called attention to a resolution in which NSA affirmed its support "of the Homosexual Liberation Movement." And copies of "The Progressive" magazine, containing a "Historic Dialogue on Foreign Policy and National Priorities" called "The Power of the Pentagon", were quickly snapped up. So were copies of the booklet "Student Power—getting it all together" which depicted on its cover a group of National Guardsmen advancing on some unknown target, bayoneted rifles at the ready.

In Memorial Gym where the Congress plenary sessions were held, it was hot and close at times (the hottest summer in El Paso history was being recorded at the time) but not unbearable. Coke bottles, Arby's sandwich wrappers, and miscellaneous plastic and wax cups and paper littered the maze of delegate tables and folding chairs on the gym floor. People milled around the bleachers and on the floor, the most conspicuous making themselves more conspicuous by constantly parading from one end of the floor to the other. A KTEP radio station crew, in the upper level spectator section of the gym, broadcast the entire proceedings (often to their surprise). In the rear of the gym were several men with coats and ties, arms folded across their chests, who were plainly not students.

During the rollcall of states and regions, some interesting information was offered. One state was identified by a delegate as being the prophylactic capital of the U.S. and the home of Paul Anka. There were frequent references to "Chicago-type politics," and strange names cropped up when nominations were being called from the floor. On one ballot, LBJ, Washington Irving, Walter Jenkins, Mickey Mouse, Wuffle, and a football player each from the Dallas Cowboys and Houston Oilers, got a vote.

Of those who came to the microphones on the floor, a student named Steve Feinstein appeared to be among the most popular. A handsome young man with a striking Biblical appearance, he was a principal candidate for one of the NSA posts. He removed his name from nomination, however, and delivered an eloquent speech in which he said he was "going back to the streets to relate to the People." When he strode from the mike through the lane between tables and to the door, he raised his fist and said "Power to the People." Later I was told this was a slogan of the Revolutionary Youth Movement, a faction of Students for a Democratic Society.

On the campus itself, the delegates were barely noticeable. One afternoon toward the close of the Congress and

when the campus was nearly deserted, three students walked from Leech Grove toward the hill in back of the Union. Each had a frond of pampas grass picked from the Grove and were gently swatting one another with them. After a while they relaxed on the grassy hill by the Union and were there, relaxing and laughing, when the rest of us were turning off lights and air conditioners, putting on our coats, and getting our car keys poised, ready to go home.

(photo by Lee Cain)





the *chicanos* wanted to get in. The blacks demanded \$50,000 to start their own national organization with their own priorities. The *chicanos*, who have little representation in NSA because there are so few Mexican-Americans in schools that are members of the Association, asked that more of them be hired by the national staff and that NSA endorse their activities in the California grape boycott and Coors Beer boycott.

An interesting analogy can be made to explain much of the confusion in the minds of the white students: they were being put in the same role that radical students put the so-called "Establishment." The Third World students were accusing the whites of having an organization that was irrelevant to non-whites and had to be changed to accept the *chicanos* and to give back what it had taken away from the blacks—their own identity.

In the plenary session following the one that was totally disrupted because the blacks saw themselves being slighted and unable to present their petitions, all the legislation drafted by both minority groups was swiftly passed. The white students had almost complete sympathy with the blacks and *chicanos* but must have realized that the resolutions carried more rhetorical and perhaps spiritual weight than anything else. The NSA had neither the \$50,000 to give the blacks nor more than their resolutions to solve the problems of the Mexican-Americans.

Along with the passing of the resolutions, a group of amendments was introduced by the National Supervisory Board which lowered the dues paid by member schools and directed the new national officers to decentralize the organization and spend more effort strengthening the individual regions and schools in NSA. By then the atmosphere had cleared considerably and the elections of new officers the following day concluded the Congress.

If the conference ended in an optimistic light, which it did in my personal view, it was because of the election of excellent officers for next year. They seem to be realistic enough not to push NSA closer to financial bankruptcy and committed enough to provide the leadership which was obviously absent at the Congress this year.

There should be no doubt, however, that it will continue to stretch its resources to the limit and conduct chaotic conferences because it is so involved in pushing reforms and liberalization in a society that provides considerable room for dissent and considerable reason to justify it.



U.T.ELPASO'SSOLDIERSTUDENTS

by Rhoda Milnarich

There was a time when about the only real requisite necessary for soldiering was a strong back. A strong back still helps but now for carrying books as well as a field pack. The modern soldier is more and more a finely trained and educated man with skills in engineering, accounting, psychology and a host of other college-level subjects in addition to his tactical learning.

When the armed forces upgrade their various requirements for officers, commissioned and non-commissioned, they also institute programs to help the men gain the education necessary for their promotions. Among the best of such programs are those involving a military-university cooperative effort.

The first university to develop a program to enable military personnel to obtain a college degree was the University of Maryland. Its program was never given a specific name as it was then—and still is—an outgrowth of the institution's night school. During World War II, the work of the night school was extended to include the military men at the Pentagon and the program was so successful that Maryland extended the school even further, offering its educational opportunities overseas, giving college-level courses and awarding degrees earned.

Dr. Joseph M. Ray, former president of U.T. El Paso and now H. Y. Benedict Professor of Political Science, was Dean of Special and Continuation Studies for the University of Maryland and served with the original commission that planned the overseas program in 1947.

In 1952, Dr. Ray left Maryland and became Chief of Education and Libraries for the U.S. Air Force. In this post he continued his activities in the field of off-duty educational programs for Air Force personnel. In 1960, when he became president of Texas Western College, he was admirably qualified to further the progress of the then newly formed cooperative program between Fort Bliss and TWC.

This El Paso program had been in effect since 1959 when Mrs. Lois Godfrey, Education Officer of the U.S. Army Air Defense Center at Fort Bliss, made arrangements with the University of Texas at Austin to offer extension work at the post. Two courses were offered, one in educational psychology and the other in personnel management.

Dr. James F. Day, now professor of education at U.T. El Paso, taught the

educational psychology course to about 30 students. Since then he has taught classes at Bliss many times and even when not actively engaged in teaching he has remained available for advice on teacher certification. Many of his former students at the Army post are now teaching in El Paso schools.

The extension courses at that time did not offer college credit but Mrs. Godfrey believed that students taking college courses taught under college conditions by college professors should receive degree credit for their work. She thanks Dr. Joseph R. Smiley, president of U.T. El Paso (and president of TWC in 1959) with starting the crediting process. She took the problem to him just before he left the College, and, she recalls, "his interest and his efforts pointed us toward a degree program."

Dr. Ray followed President Smiley and continued work on the project. With his experience and knowledge of both military and university systems and educational requirements, he was able to cut through red tape and firmly establish the program that permits students at military installations in El Paso to take courses on the bases for college credit.

Through the work of Dr. Ray, El Paso's was one of the first university-military cooperative educational programs in Texas. It is now one of three such programs. The others are Mary Hardin Baylor which gives courses for degree credit at Fort Hood and Texas Lutheran College which offers courses at Randolph Air Force Base.

Three times a year the University of Texas at El Paso offers its courses to the military. Usually the classes are held at Fort Bliss, Biggs Air Force Base or at William Beaumont General Hospital. At times, however, they are held outside the immediate area and Dr. Edward Richeson of the U.T. El Paso English faculty remembers that one semester he made two 80-mile round trips weekly to teach Freshman English at McGregor Range.

A variety of courses are offered. Each year, Mr. William A. Phillips, an Education Service Officer in charge of the college program at USAADC, searches the University's catalog and studies each degree program. From these he chooses basic courses, usually on the freshman and sophomore level, and sends the announcement of the courses to be offered to all Army personnel. Each course is offered at least once a year. Among this year's offerings are:

Freshman English, Principles of Accounting, Appreciation and Analysis of the Novel and Short Story, Introductory Mathematics for Business and Social Science, Differential Equations, Introduction to Psychology, Public Speaking, Fundamentals of Statistics, History of Western Civilization to 1648, Analytical Geometry and Calculus, Principles of Economics, and American Government.

Those who take the courses form a neat cross-section of the population. Dr. James Day of the University's Department of English, believes they are, perhaps, "more mature and attend classes with more definite purpose," but are otherwise little different from on-campus students. Military men are in the majority in the classes although WACs and nurses also enroll. The students range in rank from private to upper-grade officers; they range in age from teens to over-fiftyish.

The courses are not limited to members of the U.S. armed forces. Men from all over the world train at Bliss and if the length of their duty tour permits, they also may participate in the schooling. At present, some classes have men from the German Air Force and Vietnamese who are teaching at the Defense Language Institute. Civilians and Army dependents also enroll but in lesser numbers.

The program has been in effect for ten years and Dr. Smiley says it has "grown substantially in number of participants and in the range of courses



SFC Jerry C. Hollnagel studies in a Ft. Bliss English class. Sergeant Hollnagel is a drill sergeant on the post.



Mrs. Lois M. Godfrey, Education Officer, USA-ADC, Ft. Bliss, and Jack C. Hynds, Deputy Education Officer, in an English 3101 class-

room at Biggs AFB. At left is 1st Lt. George F. Francioni, Air Defense Artillery, a student in the class.

offered." Specifically, the number of courses has gone from two to 30 and the number of students has increased from about 50 to almost 700 in the decade.

The cost to the student is \$15.00 per semester hour. Dr. Ray points out that expenses must be met and one of the conditions of the cooperative effort is that the State of Texas does not contribute financial support. Therefore each class must have a minimum enrollment. Usually 15 or 20 students will "make" a class. The civilian employees, dependents and foreign students pay the entire cost. Military men (and women) pay 25% of the cost and the Army picks up the tab for the balance. The only stipulation is that the student must attend all classes and finish the course (even with an F) unless he is prevented from doing so by official duties, or is transferred or reassigned. There are few dropouts. To allow for the possibility of transfer, the courses are somewhat accelerated. Students attend class about four hours a week and the semester is a few weeks shorter than the campus term.

Most of the courses offered are on the junior college level. There have been requests to include more advanced work, up to and including the graduate level, but such courses are not generally feasible. Army people come and go

and it is the rare soldier student who stays long enough to complete the work for a degree. Therefore, the Army feels that students are best served with basic courses with credits transferrable to any college.

There are exceptions. Dr. Smiley points out that the University sponsors two programs at the graduate level. One is at William Beaumont General Hospital (in Clinical Psychology). The other is a graduate program at Fort Bliss, focused primarily in engineering, in which three students have already been awarded the Master's degree.

Of the general courses, the most popular have been English, history, government, and business. The first three are necessary to all degree plans but business is purely a "voluntary" course.

Dr. John Richards, Dean of the U.T. El Paso School of Business Administration, says this is undoubtedly because the "Army uses many of the techniques and skills of business such as handling of personnel, keeping of accounts, and budgeting." These courses not only help the student in his daily work, they also provide him with a background for a career after retirement. The School of Business Administration is one of the few which offers courses beyond the sophomore level.

The newest of the cooperative programs is at Beaumont Hospital, provid-

ing training for medical technologists. It was first discussed about four years ago but the actual implementation was begun only two years ago. The knowledge required to set up the school came from the American Society of Clinical Pathologists which supervises all schools for medical technologists.

The initial work was done by Lt. Col. Claude Burdick. When he left El Paso, Lt. Col. Philip D. Stansifer took over and worked for a year and a half to set up a curriculum and arrange for approval from the ASCP. Col. Stansifer has been transferred and the work is now carried out under the direction of Lt. Col. Donald S. McNair.

Major General Kenneth D. Orr, Commanding General of WBGH, is particularly pleased because the program will benefit the community as well as the Army. He noted that the degree training program may help alleviate the critical shortage of medical technologists in El Paso. "Before this," he said, "because of the limited number of intern spaces, most medical technologists went out of town for their internships and never came back. Now, we may be able to keep them here."

The number of intern spaces is small and so the students must be carefully chosen. From among the students majoring in medical technology, the University chooses those most suitable for the fourth year internship. Then Beaumont interviews all candidates and selects the best qualified. These students will then attend classes at Beaumont, taught by members of the Pathology Department, eight to ten hours a week and work about 30 hours a week in the laboratory. At the end of their training, they will receive a B.S. degree in Medical Technology.

At Fort Bliss and U.T. El Paso, the soldier and the professor work hand in hand to provide educational opportunities to all military people in the area. Dr. John O. West, head of the University's Department of English, says that these classes are "challenging to our teachers. They face students who are world travelers, perhaps combat veterans. The students, on the other hand, get a glimpse of life that differs from their military point of view. The two complement each other."

Not only do the students get the benefit of trained college teachers and college level course work, they also become a part of a campus community even though they do not leave their posts. And the college teachers are enriched by their participation in a program that is world-wide in its scope. Dr. Smiley sums it up when he says "All of these programs, we feel, are important to us and represent a desirable cooperative effort with the military."

A Dispatch From the MONTE CRISTO

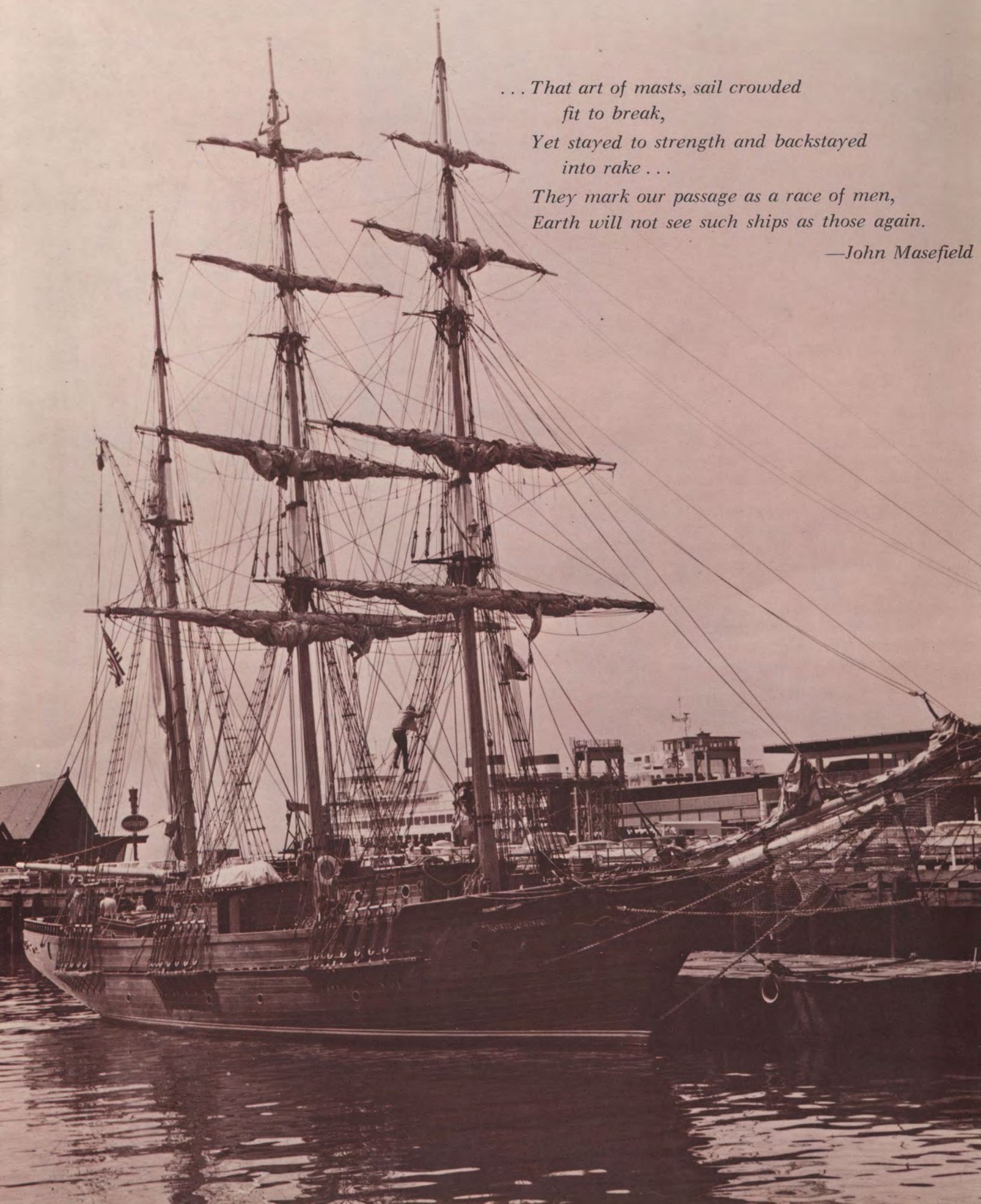
by Jeff Berry

*... That art of masts, sail crowded
fit to break,*

*Yet stayed to strength and backstayed
into rake ...*

*They mark our passage as a race of men,
Earth will not see such ships as those again.*

—John Masfield



(Moored, Lake Union Dry Dock Co., Seattle, Wash.)

Next Monday, September 15, 1969, the barque Monte Cristo, Vancouver, B.C. registry, will stand out of Lake Union bound for sea. Through the Government Locks into Elliot Bay under power and tow with yards cockbilled. Then, sometime around noon with an ebb tide helping and hopefully a strong southerly, we will square our yards, brace them onto the wind and make sail. Bound for San Francisco and eventually around the world.

North through Admiralty Passage we can expect a southerly wind to help us, towboats, ferries and occasional wind to hinder us. Then, west of Smith Island, we square away on a port reach up the Strait of Juan de Fuca. When the straits fall away before the open sea we shall most likely have to beat all the way south to the Golden Gate. But with the autumn gales there is no real way to predict which way the wind will be blowing till we get there.

Actually it does not really matter which way the wind is blowing. Nobody is in any hurry and five days to San Francisco or fifteen are immaterial. In fact, I think that most of our crew of ten (eight including the Captain and myself, the mate-navigator, our cook and her helper) would just as soon the trip be lengthy. We have been working toward this end for a long time.

Monte Cristo has been in Lake Union Dry Dock yards for a month now. We have had the bottom scraped and painted, the old auxiliary extracted and a new GMC 6-71 installed, additional navigational equipment and life-saving gear laid aboard and, most important, all rigging has been checked and anything questionable replaced.

Items which come directly from the page of Dana's *Two Years Before the Mast* include: flying jib downhauls, main course bowline lizards, main tops'l reefing tackle, boom vangs, crane lines, ratlines, futtock shrouds, gaskets and jackstays—all we have checked over in preparation for this voyage. More than 3,600 feet of running rigging has been renewed.

While in San Francisco we will be moored at Fisherman's Wharf in hopes of making a few dollars. About the middle of November we plan to sail slowly down the West Coast, stopping at all the large ports. Then across the border to Mazatlan and Acapulco. Sometime early next year we should be in mid-Pacific en route to Osaka, Japan, for Expo '70.

From there we plan to go westabout around the world. Details of this are

yet to be worked out. Estimated time of arrival in the Caribbean is sometime in early 1972.

From now on I am responsible for the safety of the Monte Cristo at least 12 hours a day on my watch. I worry about how to claw off a lee shore under tops'l by club hauling; how to try to outwit the wind and waves by heaving to under main lower stays'l and lashing the wheel; or how to pick my way through the coral atolls of the Pacific.

Sailing in a square rigger is the only job in the world I know of where one absolutely cannot escape immediate responsibility. You have to go aloft to the t'gallant yard to clear a jammed block at 2 a.m. and stay there until you complete the task—even if rain and sea spray are leaking through your oilskins and down your back.

Still, it's a life that appeals to me.

A publication I have that shows the Monte Cristo and describes her says "Designed to sail the Seven Seas without restriction, the Monte Cristo also duplicates, in her dimensions, the more renowned ships of an even earlier age. Her mahogany hull is 94 feet in length (with a length of 138 feet from jibboom head to mizzen boom collar), a beam of 22'6" and a draft of 11 feet. She displaces 184 tons.

"Under full sail, a graceful pyramid from her courses through tops'ls and t'gallants to royals, a poem from flying jib to spanker, the Monte Cristo carries 8,500 feet of canvas.

"There's no experience quite like the adventure of sailing in a square-rigger. The senses are keener—the sense of harmony with the elements, and at the same time the spirit is aroused against the eternal challenge of the sea."

That's all true and it's a ship that appeals to me and a life that appeals to me.

NOTE: Jeff Berry ('66) is an adventurer—there is no other word as appropriate. When he was a student at Texas Western he corresponded with the famous sailor—author Alan Villiers, studied sailing ships and was determined then to go to sea aboard one. In the three short years since he received his degree (in journalism) from the University, he has sailed over most of the Pacific with the U.S. Navy (his articles on Micronesia were published in NOVA two years ago) and he is now the mate-navigator on the barque Monte Cristo, a beautiful three-masted vessel designed from an 1835 merchantman, "Albatross," reputed to have been a slaver.

Before the dispatch published here, the last letter we received from Berry was from Hong Kong (he had just returned from a tour in Vietnamese waters), the one before that was from Bangkok.



Berry in the fore rigging



Figurehead—the Count of Monte Cristo.



A maze of rigging: 140 lines leading to belaying pins on deck.



WESLEY MARTIN OF REF-CHEM

by William Crawford

The customary method of becoming a president of a multi-million dollar corporation consists of getting a specialized degree, going to work as a very junior engineer or accountant, or office assistant. Then you behave. You make no waves, acquire seniority, and learn corporate in-fighting. By the time you reach retirement age, perhaps you become president.

It is also possible another way: through study and application and personal initiative, without the specialized degree; and even when your background includes such supposedly non-intellectual pursuits as playing college football and becoming a Navy fighter pilot.

Wesley K. Martin (TWC '52-'55) was born in Amarillo but grew up in El Paso's lower valley and graduated from Ysleta High School. He came to Texas Western on a football scholarship. He majored in business and in March, 1955, accepted an appointment in the Naval Aviation Cadet Program.

Wes took his basic and primary flight training at Corry Field, Pensacola, Florida, flying SNJs, where he also played a season of football with the Pensacola Goshawks. Operational training and carrier qualification were taken at Saufley and Barin Fields in Pensacola. Advanced training was completed at Cabi-niss Field, Corpus Christi, Texas. Martin flew almost every kind of single-engine airplane in the Navy's line-up, both prop and jet: Corsairs, Hellcats and Bearcats, Panthers and Cougars, T-28Bs, the Douglas AD Skyraider, a single-engine airplane capable of carrying more payload than a World War Two B-29, yet was flown off and landed on carriers; the Banshees, Furies, and others. The last airplane Wes checked out in was the world famous MacDonnell F-4, the 1,600 mile-per-hour Phantom II, which still holds almost every speed and altitude record in the world and is much used in Vietnam.

In addition to maintaining his personal flying proficiency in such a wide variety of aircraft, Wes was assigned as the LSO — Landing Signal Officer — aboard carriers in the Pacific. His main responsibility was in working with the new pilots during carrier qualification.

The LSO is that lonely man in a flight suit who stands at the approach end of a carrier flight deck, fluorescent strips on his arms and legs, neon paddles in his hands, wagging his arms to guide the pilots down along the final glide-slope to land on the heaving deck of the carrier cutting 30 knots across the

water. The LSO is the man who must instantly judge the airplane's speed, rate of descent, alignment with the flight deck, and know precisely how that sweating pilot feels. He must make the final decision for the pilot to land several tons of airplane, traveling over 100 miles an hour, on the equivalent of a pool table, or pull up and go around to try again. Wes Martin performed this duty almost daily for much of the last four years of his Naval service. He became accustomed to making decisions that could definitely be regarded as important.

Upon ending his tour of service in the Navy, Wes Martin worked for the Air Transportation Division of El Paso Natural Gas Company, flying the 10,000 miles of pipelines in the Southern Division: from the Permian Basin of Texas to Blythe, California; and from San Juan Basin in New Mexico to Needles, California. When not flying the pipelines, he flew the Gas Company's multi-engine aircraft. He holds commercial, multi-engine, and instrument aviation ratings.

After two years, Martin decided to return to Texas Western and pick up seven hours which would qualify him to read law under the sponsorship of the late Judge Charles Windberg.

During his employment by the Gas Company, Wes became acquainted with Mr. J. L. "Jim" Baker, Chairman of the Board of Ref-Chem Corporation (Ref-

Chem is an acronym for "refinery-chemical"), and when Martin went back to college, Mr. Baker put him on a small monthly retainer to fly Ref-Chem's new Cessna 310. So, while not attending classes, Wes flew either for Ref-Chem or at odd times doing the charter work around El Paso International Airport.

This arrangement grew better once Martin was no longer tied to the routine of daily classes, and he went to work full-time for Ref-Chem. He was employed as a pilot, but was also charged with the company's personnel and insurance affairs. He also read law the required 30 hours per week for two years until Ref-Chem moved its offices to Odessa. The third year of law study was under sponsorship of Thornton Hardie, Jr., in Midland.

Meantime, while he continued to be Ref-Chem's chief pilot, Wes Martin's corporate responsibilities grew. In May, 1966, he became corporate secretary and kept his duties with insurance and personnel. He passed the bar exam in April, 1967, and was licensed to practice in May. He is a partner in the El Paso law firm of Paxon & Santiesteban.

Ref-Chem Corporation has now returned its executive, administrative, and sales offices to El Paso, located at 4141 Pinnacle in Executive Center. The corporation has the capability for design, engineering, and building from grass-roots to production of any kind of plant or refinery in the various process industries: petroleum, petro-chemicals, chemicals, mining and minerals, cryogenics (refining by the use of extremely low temperatures). Ref-Chem also provides maintenance for refineries.

Ref-Chem operations are of such a nature that its executives are almost continuously on the move. It has jobs, projects, maintenance work crews, refinery and plant overhauls and industrial cleaning going on all over the western United States — from Bushton, Kansas, to California and throughout Texas, in New Mexico, Utah, Idaho and other locations. The management of these diversified affairs requires the attention of top-echelon officers of the corporation, which often means Wes Martin.

Ref-Chem at present owns a Queen Air and an Aero Commander Shrike. The Shrike alone is utilized a minimum of 50 hours a month, with Wes Martin averaging 35 hours of that time at the controls. So, while Wes Martin has gone from part-time pilot for Ref-Chem to president of the corporation, he keeps on flying.



ALUM NOTES

On your calendars, if you please:
Homecoming for 1970
 will be held
 on November 14.

Brigadier General S. L. A. Marshall, military historian, columnist, and a student at the Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy from 1920-23, revisited the campus in September to address the University's ROTC Corps of Cadets, the faculty, and the students. General Marshall, who was U.T. El Paso's first Outstanding Ex-Student in 1950, enrolled at TCM in 1920 after serving in four major World War I campaigns. He began his newspaper career with the El Paso Herald in 1922, his military column is currently syndicated by the Los Angeles Times and the Washington Post. General Marshall's newest books, on the Vietnam war, are *Battles in the Monsoon*, and *Combat*.

Hugh Henning ('20 etc.) retired recently as project engineer with the Planning and Construction Department of the El Paso Public Schools. From 1945 to 1965 he was chief draftsman with El Paso Natural Gas Company. **Marshall G. Mustain** ('27 etc.) has been appointed to the California State Electro Data Processing Policy Committee by Governor Ronald Reagan. **Walter Kingelin** ('29) is retired from Youngstown Steel Company and lives in Kingsland, Texas. **Dr. M. D. Hornedo** ('31 etc.), El Paso City-County health director for the past 16 years, submitted his resignation effective November 1. **Miss Bertha Fernandez** ('33) is personnel director for ASARCO Mexicana, S. A., in the company's home office in Mexico City. **Dr. Erwin J. Cummins Jr.** ('35 etc.) is a medical missionary in Kano, Nigeria and is also leprosy consultant for West Africa.

Douglas K. Ballentine ('37) is with the United States Foreign Service as Commercial Attache in Mexico City and is translator for the recent publication, by Texas Western Press, of Fernando de Alva Ixtlilxochitl's account of the Conquest, *Ally of Cortes*. **Lee E. Beahler** ('37 etc.) is an army officer stationed in Waynesville, Mo. **Mrs. Alma Poske Ballard** ('37 etc.) teaches at St. Clements School. **Ed Cashon** ('39) is safety director in Farmington, N. M. while **Bill Howard** ('39) is manager of the Right of Way Department for the Gas Company in El Paso. **Lee Tinnin** ('39) and his wife Wanda ('40) reside in Salt Flats, Texas.

Other Class of '39, all residing in El Paso, are: **Annabell Cunningham Hamilton** who teaches at Rusk Elementary School; **Mildred Boyer Callison** who works at the family's Callison's Department Store; **Lloyd Johnson**, associated with DeWitt and Rearick Real Estate Co., and **Bob Benson** who works for Ingersoll Rand. Also, **Margaret Barnes Armstrong**, whose husband is with American Life Insurance Co., and **Herb Gore**, vice-president for First State Bank and also class Alumni Fund chairman this year.

Capt. C. C. Heid ('42 etc.) is commanding officer for Construction Battalion Center in Davisville, R. I. **John E. Healy** ('42) is involved in real estate and ranching in Wichita Falls. **Airman Don A. Williamson** ('43) is in

the Naval Air Corps, stationed at San Diego, Calif. **Cornelia Bynum Hill** ('44) resides with her husband and three children in Florissant, Mo. **Mrs. Rita McLaughlin Damon** ('45) and her husband **Arthur** ('46 etc.) are in St. Paul, Minn. where he is Quality Control Engineer with Honeywell, Inc.

Hal Woodul ('47) is a manufacturer's representative in St. Louis, Mo. **Rolen Snowden** ('47 etc.) is with Stanley Brown, Architects, in Dallas. **Winston J. Farquhar** ('47 etc.) is a teaching pro at the Racquet Club in Midland. **Conrad Ramirez** ('48) recently received the Prudential Insurance Company's National Community Service Award. **Mrs. Pat Burnett Allen** ('48 etc.) is director of scholarships and financial aid at the University of Houston. **Miss Delfina Duran** ('48 etc.) is a registered nurse, doing private duty cases in Santa Monica, Calif.

William J. Casarez ('49 etc.) is director of admissions at the College of Santa Fe. **Mrs. Pauline Manker Gay** ('49, MA '69) and her husband **Hubert** both teach in the San Diego Unified School District in California. And, **Jeanne Oltman Casteel** ('49) resides with her husband, **Judge Herbert Casteel**, in Carthage, Mo. **JoAnn Mason Black** ('49, ME '68) and her husband **Charles** ('36 etc.) own **Black's** Nursery. **Stelle Ann Hesler Rosch** ('49) and her husband **Lee** ('48) reside in Costa Mesa, Calif. where he is on the faculty of Golden Mist College. **Mary Elaine Derrick Libbey** ('49) has children, lives in Hot Springs Arkansas, and is still painting; her work can be found in over fifty private collections.

Other "49ers" are: **Ernie Holmes**, with Texas Instruments in Dallas, and past president of the Dallas Exes' chapter; **Clifford Bruce**, now in Lybia, North Africa; and **Maurice M. Haines**, a United Methodist minister and missionary on the Navajo Reservation in Shiprock, Arizona. Also, **O. T. Ward**, a metallurgist at the Quality Evaluations Laboratory at U.S. Naval Weapons Station in Concord, Calif.; and **Robert J. Salazar**, with the agency for security evaluation in the field of guided missiles in Littleton, Colo.

Joseph M. Herrera ('49 etc.) is a vice-president of the State National Bank. **Mrs. Evelyn Bell** ('51, ME '65) is supervisor of mathematics in the Ysleta Independent School District. **William A. Ramirez** ('51 etc.) is sales manager of Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Texas. **John R. Chandler** ('51 etc.) and his wife **Dana Sue** live in Westboro, Mo. **Wallace M. Lowenfield** ('51), local real estate developer and partner in both Belk-Schuster Agencies and L & M Joint Ventures, is new president and co-owner of the El Paso Ford automobile agency. **Audian H. Paxson** ('52) is also a new president, of White & Shuford Advertising, Inc.

Richard E. Schneider ('53) is market manager for the Nordson Corporation in Sarasota, Florida. **Harris Cantrell** ('54) is a new assistant principal at Riverside High School in Ysleta, as is **Richard C. Pickett** ('60). And, **Mrs. Edythe S. Cruze** ('54) is supervisor of libraries in the Ysleta School District. **Mrs. Betty Broome Thompson Renshaw** (MA '54) is the new chairman of Division of English at Prince George's College in Largo, Maryland. **Dr. Sherrod V. Anderson** ('54) is with the Federal Aviation Agency in Washington, D. C., specializing in aerospace medicine.

Robert M. Cave ('55), former Ex's President and Alumni Fund Chairman of U.T. El Paso, is in charge of Agency Development for nine states in the Southwestern area for Prudential Life Insurance Co., and will reside in Houston. **Mrs. Virginia Sjolin** ('55) is a seventh grade English teacher at a junior high

school in Burkburnett, Texas. And, **Richard V. Romero** ('55; M.Ed. '68) teaches at Jefferson High School, and attended the University of Southern California Institute for Teachers of Disadvantaged Youth, under an NDEA scholarship, last summer.

Maj. Alan Lee Phelps ('55 etc.) is an assistant professor of military science at Southwest Missouri State College in Springfield, Mo. **Maj. Kenneth E. Ratcliff** ('55) is attending the University of Texas from which he will receive his MA degree in business administration in January, then will be assigned to Headquarters Air Force Logistic Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. **Lt. Col. Pyne A. Gramly Jr.** ('55) is a member of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications and Electronics, Headquarters, ENT Air Force Base, Colo.

Maj. William I. Huff ('55 etc.) and his wife **Julia Baker Huff** ('56 etc.) make their home in Gilbert, Arizona. Maj. Huff is now serving a second tour with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Vietnam. **Mrs. Johnette Fulton Todd** ('56) is a public school teacher in Las Vegas, Nev. **Marshall G. Mustain** ('56 etc.) has been appointed to the California State Electro Data Processing Policy Committee by Governor Ronald Reagan. Back in El Paso, former assistant City attorney **Weldon S. Copeland** ('56) is judge of the new County Court-at-Law No. 3. **Mrs. Ralph Tyrrell** ('56) teaches art in the elementary and secondary schools in Amherst and Hollis, New Hampshire.

John W. Donohue Jr. ('57), a former president of the Ex-Student Association, recently was elected secretary of the Texas Association of Life Underwriters, the only El Pasoan besides **H. T. Ethridge Jr.** ('31 etc.) to have held an executive position with that group. **Mrs. Leslie Ann Dauth Davidson** ('57 etc.) lives in Greeley, Colorado. **Mrs. Helene Tighe Boursaw** ('57) is a first-grade teacher in Johnson County, Kansas and resides with her husband **Lyman E. Boursaw** in Kansas City, Mo. **Jack H. Miller** ('57) is a teacher in Manzanola, Colorado.

Two alumni, **John B. Thompson Jr.** ('57) and **Richard C. Graves** ('59) were involved in the recent Apollo 11 Lunar Landing Mission. Thompson is chief of checkout automation operations in the Launch Vehicle Operations Branch of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Kennedy Space Center in Florida; Graves is Quarantine Control Officer in the Lunar Receiving Laboratory of the NASA Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston, and was the man who signed the receipt for the sample box, delivered by the couriers from the USS Hornet, that contained moon samples estimated to be worth some \$25 million.

Billy Ray Morgan ('58) is a coach at Arlington Heights High School in Ft. Worth, Texas. **Mary Ellen Roberts** ('58) was choreographer for the Festival Theater's recent production of "The Sound of Music," in El Paso. **Richard F. Cook** ('58) is Division Technical Services Engineer with El Paso Natural Gas Co. **Allan Jay Friedman** ('58) is the creator, producer and composer of the "Young America" series for ABC, also "The Young Man From Boston," based on the life of John F. Kennedy, which won an Emmy Award.

Sherrod L. McDaniel ('58) is with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Chicago, Ill. **Ray Dutchover** ('58) is a bilingual specialist in Santa Barbara, Calif., having spent five years in Caracas, Venezuela. **William A. Loewenstein** ('59 etc.) is teller to the assistant cashier at State National Bank. **Rev. J. DeWayne Richardson** ('59 etc.) is pastor of the Highland Park Baptist Church. **Mrs. Hubert**

L. Gay Jr. ('59) is teaching in the San Diego Unified School District in California. **Luis Garcia Jr.** ('59), project engineer with Hughes Aircraft Company in California, is a teacher-tutor in an engineering remedial program for minority students at U.C.L.A. and is also completing his first year of law school.

News of the Class of '59: **Thelma Williams Marble** is teaching retarded children in Burton, South Carolina; **Bill Deragisch** teaches in El Paso and will be taking tickets at Gate 4 during the Homecoming Game in the Sun Bowl November 15; **Bruce Black** and his wife **Marjorie** are in Farmington, N. M. where he is a senior geologist with Shell Oil Company; and **Seth Lobdell** is with Sun Oil Company in Midland. Also, **Javier Montes** can be described as actively involved with the growth of U.T. El Paso, since he was chief engineer on the construction of the new Union building on campus.

More Class of '59 are: **Francis Shunk** who is author of the recently published "Constitution of Binary Alloys;" **Vernon Mitchell** and his wife **India** ('56 etc.) who reside in Kilgore, Texas where he is vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce; and **Don Ward**, with Bailey and Ward Contractors and building over 100 homes a year. **Irene Holland Sample** is living in New York City where her husband is with the American Broadcasting Company. And, **Martha Palafox Frink** utilizes her time by taking care of foster children. **Mrs. Rosalie D. Enriquez Morrison** lives in Ciudad Ojeda, Venezuela, and taught for two years there with the Creole Petroleum Corporation. **James Owen** is the new president of the Ysleta Classroom Teachers' Assn. and is a social studies teacher at the new Bel Air Junior High School.

Miss Hortensia Sandoval ('60) is an instructor of beginning Spanish at the University of Redlands in California. **William H. Welsch** ('60) is supervisor for the Lewis J. Grasberger and Associates Agency of the Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. in San Francisco, Calif. **Michael Goldman** ('60) is concertmaster of the El Paso Symphony Orchestra, also orchestra director at Coronado High School. **Irv Prell** ('60 etc.) is general manager of KROD Radio. And, **Raymond Cedillo** ('60 etc.) is employed at Southern California Edison Company, Mechanical Engineering Division. **Mrs. Patricia Kay Bellamy** ('60 etc.) is teaching in Sunnydale, Calif.

Among those of the Class of '61 are: **Gabriel Morales**, professor of cello at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan.; **Maj. Robert D. Orton**, instructor, Department of Chemistry, at West Point Military Academy; and **A. J. Koller**, recently promoted to materials manager of the Knapp-Monarch Division of the Hoover Company for the St. Louis, and Holly Springs, Miss. plants. Also, **Reeves E. Tevis Jr.** is now the manager of El Paso Natural Gas Company's Hueco Club in El Paso, and **Roger S. Livingston** has joined Ayer-Jorgenson MacDonald Advertising Agency in Los Angeles as account supervisor. **Mr. and Mrs. William F. Ford Jr.** reside in Amarillo, Tex.

George Rodriguez Jr. ('62) was recently elected judge of Corporation Court, while **Frank B. Walker** ('62), recently admitted to the Texas Bar, has been appointed to the staff of the County Attorney's office. **Larry Keith MacDonald** ('62) recently received his Ph.D. in business administration from the University of Utah. **John Hogan** ('62 etc.) is Curator of Collections, a position recently established at the El Paso Museum of Art. **Maj. Michael B. Howe** ('62) is stationed at Yuma Proving Grounds in Arizona. **James Sutton Witt III** ('62) recently moved to Tacoma,

Washington. And, **Margarita Elena Esparza** ('62) earned an MA degree recently from the American University.

Concerning members of the Class of '63: **Ronald D. Coleman** is assistant County Attorney in El Paso. **Paul B. Mitchell** is a United Methodist minister in Silver Lake, Kansas; **Ray Caballero** is an attorney with the Tax Division of the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C.; and **Capt. Maureen S. O'Brien** is with the Air Force Nurse Corps, temporarily stationed at Wilford Hall, USAF Medical Center, San Antonio. **J. Edward Okies** is a resident doctor of general and thoracic surgery, with Baylor Affiliated Hospitals in Houston. **Capt. William D. Doran** recently received the Air Force Commendation medal at Tan Son Nhut AB, Vietnam.

States (and countries) heard from, concerning members of the Class of '64 are: New Mexico—where **Ray Will** is a Registered Professional Engineer with the Utah Construction Company in Farmington; Virginia—where **Capt. Dennis W. Marrin** is attending an Engineer Officers Advanced Course after which he will return to Vietnam; Colorado—where **Claude Karstendiek** is research leader in the Materials Technology Department at the Dow Chemical Company's Rocky Flats Division; and California—where **Charles Whitson** is with State Farm Mutual Insurance Co. in Santa Ana.

Then there's Florida—where **H. E. Hutcheson** is working on his doctorate in music at Florida State University; Canada—where **Mrs. Lonnie D. Kliever** resides with her husband, a former philosophy professor at U.T. El Paso, who is now teaching at the University of Windsor. And, embarking on a three-year tour of overseas duty is **Dr. A. L. Humphrey Jr.** In Kansas, **Gerald Lee Snyder** recently earned an MA degree in philosophy from the University of Kansas; while in Missouri, **Mrs. Charles Mauldin** took time out from her voluntary job as our alumni correspondent from that state to become the mother of a baby girl (a new sister for the Mauldin's two-and-a-half year old son, Beau.)

On the local scene, other Class of '64 alumni include **Jack Chapman**, newest member of the Texas Bar and recently sworn in by Justice William E. Ward in the Eighth Court of Civil Appeals; and the **Rev. Edward J. Schmitt III**, former Irvin High School teacher who has been named as the new Chaplain for St. Clement's Episcopal Parish School.

William F. Allen ('65) is a pilot with Northwest Orient Airline based in Seattle and residing in Bellevue, Washington with wife **Patricia** ('68). He writes: "We enjoy receiving NOVA, it is one of our few remaining ties with the wonderful Southwest." **Victor K. Sizemore** ('65) is associated with a trial law firm in Dallas, and his wife **Ann Glover Sizemore** ('67) is working with their advertising agency. **S/Sgt. Kenneth D. Burdick** ('65) recently was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal in ceremonies at Takhli Royal Thai AFB, Thailand, and is now serving with a unit of the Pacific Air Forces. **John C. Ayres** ('65) is senior associate engineer at International Business Machines' Federal Systems Division in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Thomas A. Lynde, DDS ('65) is serving with the U.S. Navy in Vietnam. **Charles F. Tupper Jr.** ('65) is now associated with the offices of attorney Sam Blackham and Associates. **Capt. Vincent J. Sepich** ('65) is an F 102 Delta Dagger pilot in a unit of the Pacific Air Forces and recently was awarded the Air Medal at Clark AB, Philippines. And, **Pvt. Steve Lewicke** ('65 etc.) recently com-

pleted basic training at Ft. Bliss, is also a member of the Cincinnati Bengals of the American Football League. **Armando R. Ruiz** ('66; M. Ed. '69) is teaching educable mentally retarded children in Orange County, California and resides in Long Beach.

Mario Garcia ('66) is an instructor of Mexican-American history at San Jose State University in California. **Lt. John Terrill Casady** ('66) is flying C 130's out of Tan Son Nhut, Vietnam. **Kenneth E. Calabrese** ('66) is a senior student at Kansas City College of Osteopathy & Surgery while his wife **Jan** ('66) is a third-grade teacher in Kansas City, Mo. **S. Oliver Paredes Jr.** ('66), using the name Ollie Raymond, is program supervisor for KMOX-TV in St. Louis and also teaches American history at the University of Missouri.

Mrs. William Gormly ('67) teaches high school in the San Francisco area; her husband is employed by Wells Fargo Bank. **Mrs. Genevieve Sewell** (ME '67) is elementary school supervisor for the Ysleta School District. **2nd Lt. Aurelio Matamoros Jr.** ('67) is serving as a weapons controller at Udorn Royal Thai AFB, Thailand. **James P. Montgomery** ('67) is a member of the technical staff of Texas Instruments, Inc. in Dallas. **Mrs. Kenneth O. Danz** ('68) teaches 6th grade in Stillwater, Oklahoma. She and her husband are working toward Ph.D.'s at Oklahoma State University.

2nd Lt. Charles L. Gant ('68) was named the outstanding flight student in his class of 132 officers at the Army Primary Helicopter School at Ft. Wolters, Texas. **Fred James Fraser** ('68) is special agent for the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co. in El Paso. **Jacque T. Bridge** ('68) is an assistant professor of psychology at Radford School for Girls. And, **Paul John Logan** ('68) has been promoted to assistant cashier at the Southwest National Bank. **Patricia Seitsinger** ('68) is a Continental Airlines stewardess on the planes which transport service men to and from Vietnam. **Lou Belmont** ('68) is assistant personnel manager and acting head of public relations for the Frieden Division of Singer Co. in Albuquerque, N. M.

From the Class of '69: **Malcolm A. Whyte** is currently attending Purdue University and is the recipient of a Doctoral Fellowship for Black Students, effective through the Ph.D. level. **Don Alexander** is working for Western Electric Co. at the Bell Telephone Laboratories in Whippany, N. J. **Reginald L. Matthews Jr.** is a computer programmer with Lockheed Electronics Company in Galveston. **Richard C. Vesper**, formerly with the Peace Corps in Paraguay, is now with the Development and Training Center in Escondido, Calif. And, **Marta M. Aguilar** is the recipient of a full Prospective Teacher's Fellowship and is working toward her MA degree at Stanford University in California.

Others from the Class of '69 are: **Melvyn Witkoff**, assistant business manager of El Paso Chamber of Commerce; **Elva Duran**, teacher at Putnam Elementary School; **Pat Lockett**, safety engineer for Texas Employers Insurance Association in San Antonio; **Seaborn E. Connally**, with the Texas Department of Public Safety Training Academy in Waco; **Judith Kay Moir**, an accountant at Motorola in Tempe, Arizona; and **Gary Brinkley**, working toward his MBA degree at The University of Texas at Austin. Also, **Ken Flynn**, former executive director of the County Board of Development, is now the coordinator of the Mayor's Youth Program.

Joe L. Tessandori ('69), named a Top Ten Senior while at the University, is a metallurgical engineer with Alcoa's Rockdale Works. **Miss Rosa Linda Rascon** ('69) is in Quito, Uruguay where she will serve for two years as a Southern Baptist journeyman missionary.

Miss Vera Wise, former chairman of the Art Department at U.T. El Paso and faculty member for 22 years before her retirement in 1962, informs NOVA that "painting is my main interest and occupation . . . still a constant challenge." She has had several individual exhibitions of her works in California and locally, and has taught classes in painting for the past two summers at the Pomona Art Association Gallery. "I love to teach," she says, "and can't get away from it." Miss Wise resides in Pomona, Calif.

Dr. John L. Waller, former chairman of the University's history department and dean of the Graduate School, writes that, since his retirement from the faculty, he spends his time traveling, golfing, and doing "considerable browsing in the archives of the University (at Austin) and State." Dr. Waller joined the faculty of Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy in 1931 and retired in 1958. His book "Colossal Hamilton of Texas," was recently published by the Texas Western Press. Dr. Waller and his wife reside in Austin.

CAPSULES

News Briefs From The Campus

David W. Tappan has been elected President of the Ex-Students' Association for 1970. He is assistant general agent for the El Paso agency of the Massachusetts Life Insurance Company.

Tappan holds a Bachelor's degree in economics from U.T. El Paso, awarded in 1940. He is active in civic and business affairs, having served as President of the El Paso Association of Life Underwriters, President of the General Agency Managers Conference of El Paso, and President of the El Paso



Chapter of Chartered Life Underwriters. Tappan has been designated a senior instructor by the Life Underwriters Training Council and is presently instructing classes for the American College of Life Underwriters.

Tappan is now First Vice President of the Ex-Students' Association and is the 1969 Homecoming Chairman. He is married to the former Clarice Sherwood, also a former student. They have three married daughters and five grandchildren.

Other elected officers for 1970 are **Cole Holderman** ('63), first vice-president; **Sanford Cox** ('54), second vice-president; **James Peak** ('58), treasurer; **Mrs. Morgan Broadbudd** (Martha Lou Florence, '60), secretary. In addition, three positions on the Board of Directors were filled by election.

The report of the Athletic Re-evaluation Committee at U.T. El Paso was recently released by President Joseph R. Smiley. The committee was appointed in July, 1968, by former President Joseph M. Ray to evaluate practices and rules governing the institution's athletic program. The committee has found the program to be "generally sound" and that segregation in dormitories on campus is more the "athletes versus non-athletes" than blacks versus whites. The study of the program was the result of a series of articles which appeared in Sports Illustrated magazine concerning treatment of black athletes at various colleges.

In answer to some student complaints about the raise in the building use fee (from the former \$7.50 to \$35 now charged to enrolling students), University officials issued a statement explaining the necessity of charging the higher rate. The \$35 fee is one of three sources of funds for building construction, renovation, and land acquisition by the University. The other two sources are the University of Texas Available Fund (which was used to construct the Library and the Physical Science building), and the federal government which sometimes provides partial funds for a specific building. According to Vice-President Milton Leech, "The Student building use fee was approved more than a year ago by the Board of Regents . . . announced in the public news media and printed in our catalog last year." The fee is underwriting the new Union, is paying for two-thirds of the cost of the Education Building now under construction, and provided most of the \$1 million used to modernize five classroom buildings last summer. It will be used to construct additional buildings within the next few years.

Quality entertainment will be offered on campus during the 1969-70 academic year by the University Concert Series, sponsored by the Student Association, and the Goff Lyceum Series, sponsored by the Cotton Estate Fund, the Robert L. Goff Bequest, and student activities fees. The Concert series will include "Fiesta Mexicana," Josh White Jr., and Pat Paulson and the First Edition. The Goff series will offer eight performances during a seven-month span, including the appearances of Marian Anderson, the National Players, Dr. Ashley Montagu, and Pulitzer Prize poet Anne Sexton.

As NOVA goes to press, the unofficial registration figure for Fall, 1969 is 10,500.

DEATHS



Mr. Jack C. Vowell, El Paso contractor and former football and basketball coach at the College of Mines and Metallurgy, died September 16. He was president of Vowell Construction Co., and Vowell Material Co. and was also an outstanding leader in civic affairs. Mr. Vowell had a sustaining interest in the progress of U.T. El Paso. A past chairman of the Study and Advisory Committee at the University, he was the recipient, in 1964, of the Distinguished Service Award presented by the Ex-Students' Association, and in 1966 received the Medallion of Merit, the highest honor given by the University.

Mr. Mayo C. Seamon ('20 etc.), advertising director for the Newspaper Printing Corporation, died August 23 while vacationing at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jay Gaenzle, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Mrs. L. C. Woodul of Mexico City died recently in San Antonio. She attended the College of Mines and Metallurgy from 1928 to 1930.

NOVA recently learned that **Mrs. Alice W. French**, Class of '39, passed away several years ago.

Mr. Ed Flynn, journalism major at U.T. El Paso, died in late July. Mr. Flynn had worked on the campus variety magazine "El Burro" and in 1964 was editor of a free press type of publication called The Bulletin. He was a reporter and weekly columnist for the campus newspaper The Prospector, and last fall was honored as the Top Student Journalist for 1968 by the University's Press Club.

Mr. Bert C. "Butch" Johnson died September 11 when the mail plane he was piloting crashed in San Francisco Bay. He was attempting a landing at the San Francisco Airport when the control system of the plane failed. Mr. Johnson attended U.T. El Paso from 1964 to 1966.

U.T. El Paso is one of two universities in Texas recently awarded a Department of Health, Education and Welfare grant to establish a program of undergraduate social work education. The program is designed to assist in developing social work programs to contribute to the solution of a critical manpower shortage in social work and social welfare throughout the country. Emphasis will be placed on recruitment and education of bilingual Mexican-American students, particularly those who are economically and educationally disadvantaged. The undergraduate social work project will be offered by the sociology department to sociology majors as part of their majors and as a minor to other liberal arts students.



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