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# The View from the Hill

The September issue of NOVA traditionally features, on the cover and in the lead story, UTEP's Outstanding Ex-Student. This is *the* Outstanding Ex of the year, a person selected by a committee of the Alumni Association whose contributions to the University, to the community and to the person's profession have been remarkable. Paul Carlton, featured on the cover of this issue and in the story by Jim Stowe herein, is an excellent example of an individual with the qualities sought for the honor of Outstanding Ex.

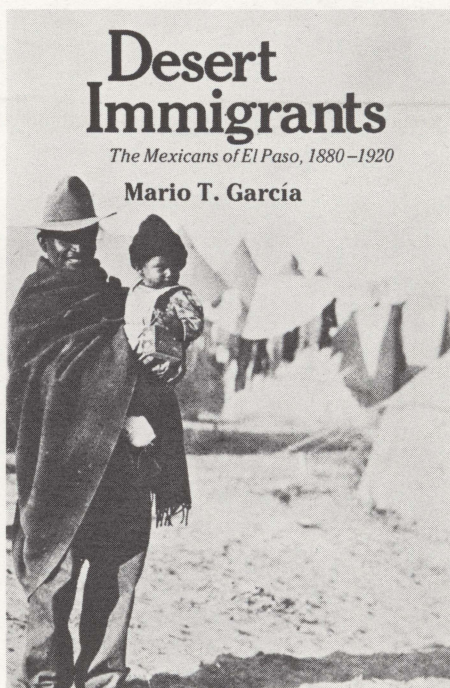
Now, it perhaps goes without saying that we have a good many outstanding exes in lower case but upper accomplishment who come back periodically to visit their alma mater. The NOVA office is fortunate in that many of these exes pay us a visit to change an address or let us know what they are doing.

A recent case in point was a visit from **Mario T. Garcia** who earned his B.A. ('66) and M.A. ('68) in history here and who moved on to San Diego State University where he earned his Ph.D. in American history. Since 1975 he has been on the history faculty of the University of California, Santa Barbara, teaching history and Chicano Studies.

Mario was on campus in April to give a lecture, sponsored by the Institute of Oral History, the 4 Centuries '81 celebration and the Vice President for Academic Affairs' office. He was able to sandwich in a couple of other missions as well: to do a little preliminary research on a book he is planning, and to be interviewed about a book he has recently published. It was on these two matters that I had a most pleasant couple of hours with Mario in the NOVA office, a conversation that ended with my telling myself, "I wish he were back here at UTEP permanently."

*Desert Immigrants: The Mexicans of El Paso, 1880-1920* (Yale University Press, \$15.95) is Mario Garcia's first book and it is a pathmarker, telling the story of El Paso's booming era when the city unfolded from rural hamlet to metropolis, the building of it largely a result of the immigration of Mexicans fleeing poverty and the disruption of their country by the 1910 Revolution. For the most part, it is a sad episode in El Paso's and the border's history, al-

though the end result was gratifying to the boosters and builders. As Mario says, "Mexicans comprised the bulk of employees at the smelter, did most of the construction, built streets and sidewalks, worked in the garment industries. Domestic by the thousands freed middle class Anglos to work in the higher paid positions. Employers made tremendous profits from cheap labor."



His research shows too that the Mexican immigrants were commonly kept in subordinate work, principally manual labor, where wages could be kept lower. "They attended schools like Aoy," Garcia writes, "and rarely got schooling beyond that level. The emphasis, if they did, was on vocational skills rather than on an academic level . . . People meant well, but they thought Mexicans couldn't do any better. The discrepancies existed in order to provide a cheap labor force."

*Desert Immigrants* was six years in research and writing and it has provided Garcia with the inspiration for a second book. He has tentatively titled it "Americans All: The Mexican American Generation of 1930-60," and says it will be about "the politics of Mexican Americanism."

At least two chapters of the book, he

says, will be about El Paso: "I think the stories of Cleofas Calleros and Raymond Telles are important in discussing Mexican Americanism. The 1930-1960 period deals with a generation of Mexican Americans who saw itself integrating into the American political system — not culturally, for they were and are proud of their heritage, but politically. The Chicano activists of the present generation have built on the legacy of their parents' generation, and that is another reason this period of Mexican Americanism is important. There is a vast difference between Mexican American politics of 1930-60 and present-day Chicano politics; the chief difference may be that Chicano politics is not as optimistic as that of their parents."

I am looking forward to "Americans All," just as I am to visiting again with Mario Garcia, one of our truly outstanding exes.

— DLW

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# Paul Carlton, Outstanding Ex '81

by James Stowe



From the offices of Bixler, Carlton Pittenger and Rister, Certified Public Accountants at 1280 Hawkins in East El Paso, Paul Carlton looks out upon the small grassy park separating the office building from the residential district on the opposite side. "After they built this building," he says, "it was decided that it would be a good idea to have a buffer area between the homes and the businesses. So they built this beautiful park." After talking with Paul Carlton, UT El Paso's Outstanding Ex-Student for 1981, one senses that he himself could have been responsible for establishing such a buffer zone. "It's much better for the residents, with all the future traffic they expect in this area," he says.

If there is one thing immediately evident about Carlton, it is his keen and overriding concern for others. Whether this concern manifests itself in his considerable civic and church activities, or in his public and private responsibilities as a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, it is clear that Paul Carlton is deeply and sincerely dedicated to his community and to his fellow El Pasoans — a dedication he has sustained for nearly half a century.

Born on February 23, 1919, in El Paso, Carlton attended Crockett and

Alta Vista Elementary schools, where he soon realized that a career in a math-related field was inevitable. "I always enjoyed figures," he says. "At Alta Vista I had Floride Harris for a teacher. She was one of three sisters who taught there and I suppose I got interested in the subject at that point and just carried on from there."

At Austin High School, Carlton took the usual college preparatory courses, and when he entered the College of Mines in the fall of 1936, he majored in business administration. In addition to his college courses, Carlton found time to continue a sport he began in high school. "I started running at Austin High and enjoyed it," he says. As a member of the College of Mines track team, Carlton became the Border Conference mile and two-mile champion in 1939, and held the mile record for the conference from 1939 to 1943 with a time of four minutes, 29 4/10 seconds.

A job that helped keep Carlton in shape for running was his El Paso *Times* and *Herald-Post* paper route. An article in the May 31, 1939, edition of the El Paso *Times* shows a picture of Carlton with the *Times* pouch on his side, throwing a copy of the morning paper onto the front porch of one of the houses on his five-mile route. The article concludes: "A serious-minded young man,

Paul is studying business administration at the College of Mines and plans some day to become a certified public accountant."

That desire began to be realized the summer of his junior year when Carlton went to work part-time for the firm of Bixler and Robinson. At first, he recalls, he helped out in any way he could, taking care of the typing and any other odd jobs that were asked of him, until gradually he was able to do some accounting work. Those invaluable years of apprenticeship have not been forgotten, and Carlton today places a great deal of emphasis on the importance of hiring accounting students to work for his firm. "We still have one or two students on the staff, usually juniors and seniors, which we find is beneficial for them and for us. By the time they get out of college they have a pretty good idea whether public accounting is for them and also whether they're interested in our firm or not. Likewise, we have a chance to evaluate their abilities."

Another attribute Carlton inherited from his early days with Bixler and Robinson was a respect for the long working hours an accountant must put in: "J.J. Robinson was an Englishman, and a very conscientious individual. During the war he used to work long hours over





*Carlton at the Mines, 1939*

In addition to Mrs. Patterson, Carlton remembers Mack Smith in the business department ("I had a number of very interesting courses under him"); Dr.

William Strain in geology ("He also had a very practical approach"); Leon Denny Moses in English ("A fine individual and a good teacher"); and Dr. C.L. Sonnichsen, also in English ("He was able to keep the class interested in whatever he was trying to teach. And he still keeps putting out the books, you know.")

When Carlton was attending the College of Mines, life on campus was a bit more informal than it is at UTEP today. The Student Union and bookstores were combined in one 20 x 40 building, operated at the time by Lloyd A. "Speedy" Nelson. Everyone congregated there for Cokes and to pass the time of day between classes. Of his time on the track team, Carlton recalls that he would get through with his classes before noon and then go out to practice. "Harry Phillips was our coach then, and he still lives in El Paso. Often I would see the rest of the team only on Saturday afternoon, when we all got together. We all practiced at different hours of the day."

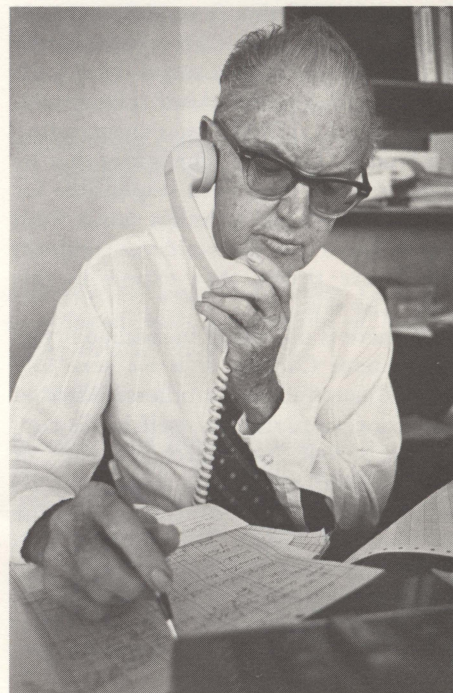
One incident Carlton remembers with amusement happened on a track trip to Albuquerque, for a meeting with the University of New Mexico. "We had a practical joker among us—James Harper—and there were a dozen of us staying in this one room at the El Fidel hotel in Albuquerque. There was a fish pond downstairs in the lobby where they had this small alligator, about two or three feet long. When we got in there in the evening, we 'borrowed' this alligator and put it in his bed. We were, of course, very quiet, and it was dark when he came in. Finally, he let out a little bit of noise, but he was very non-committal about the whole thing. He picked it up and took it over to the elevator. In those days they had elevator operators, so he rang the elevator down, handed the alligator to the elevator operator, and went right back to bed. He realized we were

getting back at him for some of the practical jokes he had pulled on us, but we didn't get as much a rise out of him as we had hoped to!"

When he graduated from the Mines in 1940 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration, Carlton worked full-time for the Bixler and Robinson firm until he was drafted in October, 1941, two months before Pearl Harbor. During World War II he spent four and a half years in the Army as a supply officer, 18 months of which were in the South Pacific — New Guinea, the Dutch East Indies, and the Philippines.

After leaving the service, he married the former Elouise Sundquist (a 1943 graduate of Texas College of Mines), and worked for the firm another six months before moving to Austin. There, in 1946, he entered graduate school at the University of Texas, studying for the CPA exam, becoming too a member of Beta Alpha Psi, the honorary accounting fraternity.

Teachers he found influential at UT Austin include Dr. W.H. "Pappy" Newlove, Dr. John Arch White, and Dr. Aubrey Smith, a well-known tax professor at the time. One of the tougher courses he remembers involved "Consolidations and Mergers," with Dr. Newlove. There were only two tests during the semester, each of which took three hours to complete. "I remember taking this one test that I could see was going to take an awful lot of time," Carlton recalls. "There were three problems, I



*Paul Carlton, 1981*

there, so I guess I may have gotten some of my work ethics from him. During some of those years, at income tax season, some of us would work over 300 hours a month. Hopefully we're getting smarter now."

During his days at Texas College of Mines, Carlton was a member of Kappa Sigma Kappa fraternity and president of his junior class. Of his teachers there, Carlton remembers Tom Morris, head of the business and accounting departments at that time, as a "real fine teacher and leader." Morris continually up-dated his courses and implemented practical applications of the theory provided in the customary texts. "In Accounting," Carlton explains, "you often have a practice set which is, in effect, a set of books where you actually do the working and the bookkeeping and accounting. I recall one semester Tom Morris had a General Motors practice set that we all used, and out of that, several people in the class got jobs with various auto dealers. So, his teaching methods were very, very practical."

As for his math classes, Carlton fondly remembers Bulah Liles Patterson as a "real fine math instructor," who retired a number of years ago and still lives close to the campus. "I happen to take care of her tax return, so I see her at least once a year." Another client of the firm is, ironically, John Barnes, Carlton's former district manager on his newspaper route. "I still do work for various clients I knew in school, in one capacity or another."



believe, and I just worked like a beaver on the thing. After about the second hour, Pappy Newlove was checking around the room and he said, 'I see you're not going to make it, so leave off the last problem.' Well, by then I was starting to get into the last problem, and I went ahead and finished it. When he gave back the papers, I didn't get mine. He said, 'Now I realize I gave you quite a bit on this test, but I have one paper here from the only student to complete the whole thing,' and he gave me a hundred on it."

Carlton passed his CPA examination in May, 1947, becoming a registered Certified Public Accountant in Texas and New Mexico. In 1952, he was made a partner in the firm of Bixler, Carlton, Dickenson and Rister. After George Dickenson left in 1972, Norman Pittenger joined the firm. All of the partners are graduates of UTEP, Texas Western College, or the College of Mines. "Gene Rister and I used to go to school together," Carlton says. "He graduated from Ysleta and I graduated from Austin High, but we took every course together in our entire college career. Some people contended that we turned in the same tests or something, but that isn't so; we just happened to take the same classes." Bruce Bixler is the son of J. Glenn Bixler, who started the firm back in the 1920s. Although there are only four names in the company's title, there are four more partners: Raymond M. Larkin, Max G. Viescas, Robert H. Woolley, Jr., and William E. Rister, son of Eugene P. Rister.

After the Second World War, Carlton taught accounting courses at the College in the evenings from 1947 to 1950, and banking courses for employees of El Paso's banks from 1951 to 1952. "I enjoyed the teaching. I don't know whether I'd like it as a full-time vocation or not, but I enjoyed it. I admire good teachers, and of course being on the school board, I'm very conscious of the fact that there are a lot of problems in teaching."

It is indicative of Paul Carlton's concern for the educational system that he has been a member of the El Paso School Board for the past 15 years. He was appointed by the Board of Trustees in 1967 to fill the unexpired term of a retiring trustee, and was subsequently re-elected by the voters of El Paso to serve a six-year term in 1968. He was elected again for a six-year term in 1974, and again for a six-year term in 1980. He presently serves as one of seven



*At home: Paul and Elouise Carlton*

trustees on this policy-making board, and is head of the board's Finance Committee, where he is responsible for reviewing bills and vouchers each month to see that "things are being done properly." The board has its own outside auditors that review the records and, as Carlton says, it is a big business. "This last year our operating budget was \$93 million. We have some 6,000 employees."

In addition to his work on the school board, Carlton has participated in many civic affairs. In 1964, he was named chairman of the City-County Coordination Committee of the Mayor's Advisory Council; he served as a Boy Scout Council committeeman from 1964-65; was past president of the El Paso Estate Planning Council; past president of the El Paso Chapter of CPAs; state director of the Texas Society of CPAs for 1964-66; and is presently on the board of directors of the El Paso Tennis Club, having served four years as treasurer.

For over 20 years, Carlton has been a member of the First Presbyterian Church, where he has been on the board of deacons, an elder, trustee and treasurer. He participated in the development of music and educational programs, and as treasurer he has been involved in setting up the budget for the programs, and helping in the solicitation of funds and the allocation of those funds to the individual departments.

Carlton's sincere concern for others and his willingness to "help out" has

earned him the respect of his colleagues, the members of his church and business community. Occasionally, however, he says he has been known to volunteer for more than he asked for. He recalls the time he saw a notice in the church bulletin for the Divine Savior Presbyterian Church, requesting people to take boys on an overnight fishing trip. He wrote down, "I do not fish, and I'm not much of a camper, but I will be glad to haul people back and forth." As it turned out, he was the only volunteer. "We went up to Caballo Lake that time. The young lady at the Divine Savior got them all fixed up with fishing gear, and so off we sent them. I stayed back and started getting the evening meal prepared. But they were back in 15 minutes and said, 'Well, we've done our fishing, what do we do now?'" He laughs and says, "Finally I got them to switch the trip up to Cloudcroft, where they had a waterfall and places to hike."

Being chosen UT El Paso's Outstanding Ex for 1981 isn't the only thing Paul Carlton will be celebrating this year. The end of August marks the 35th wedding anniversary for Carlton and his wife, Elouise.

A graduate of Ysleta High and Texas College of Mines, Elouise taught history and algebra at the Japanese Relocation Centers in Utah after the Second World War.

Her sister, Thelma, attended the College of Mines and graduated the same year with Carlton. "Paul and Thelma

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# *A Conversation with* **President Monroe**

**Q:** We've learned a great deal from you in your first year here; what have you learned from us?

**A:** Many things. I have learned that most of the things I assumed would be joys and pleasures have been, and the things I feared and hoped would not be, have not been. I have learned that it is hard to persuade students and others here that I don't have any hidden motives or "agenda" that they do not see. I have learned that many do not see that the University, particularly the President's Office, has to face in two directions—outward to the public and inward to the institution. And, I have learned of the enormous amount of support the University has in this community, even among people who have no specific link to it.

**Q:** We may be unique in this regard...

**A:** Yes. I have tried to think of another city of a half-million population with only one senior college or university.

**Q:** Any other surprises?

**A:** There have been many pleasant ones. For instance, I had not realized what a fine physical plant we have. Dr. Templeton left UT El Paso in fine fiscal and physical condition. I see my mission to capitalize on his work by concentrating on the programmatic areas.

**Q:** There is somewhat of a common observation that since our physical plant is ship-shape and since our enrollment appears to have flattened out at about 15,700 students, we can now "concentrate on quality." What does that mean to you?

**A:** On the enrollment matter, I have no specific goal. Of course, I hope it does not drop since that would be perceived by many to be a sign we are doing something wrong. I would far rather have a student body of 15,700 who have the capability to succeed with our programs than a rising percentage of students who cannot succeed here. So, to me, "quality" means an increased effort to attract high-achieving students and high-quality faculty.

**Q:** Does a level enrollment affect us adversely in our concentration on improving program quality?

**A:** It does because there are invariably internal enrollment shifts in our academic programs—business and engineering growing, education and liberal arts declining—so that more faculty are needed in one place together with a need to reduce faculty elsewhere. Thus, when we have tenured faculty in areas of decline which cannot be shifted, we have a mal-distribution of faculty, a

definite handicap.

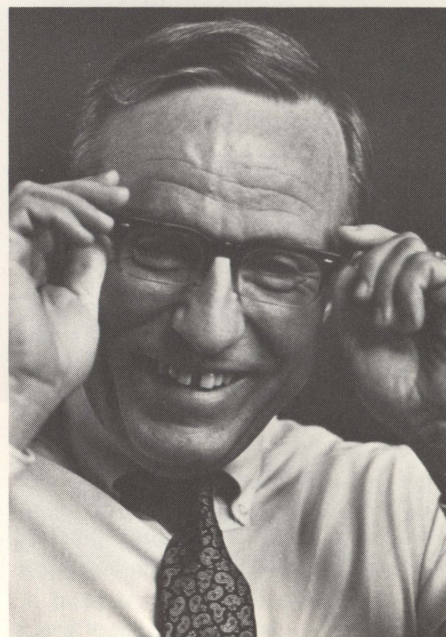
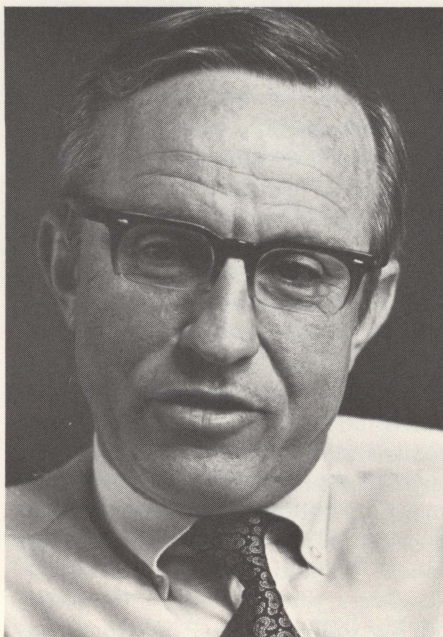
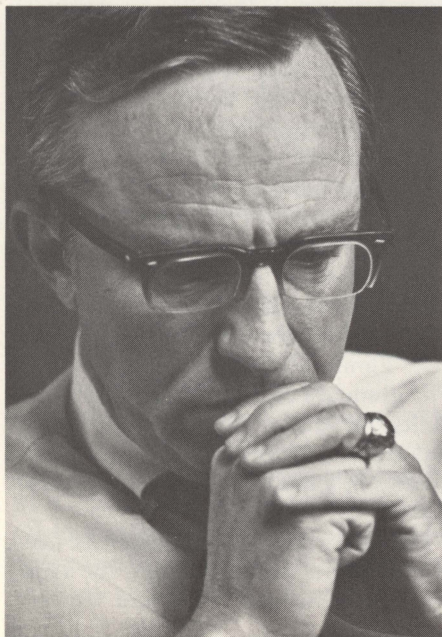
**Q:** What other "quality" problems come to mind?

**A:** One great need is to better serve our provisional and "undeclared" students. We have about 3,000 students who are either provisional or who have not yet selected a major. Many people are trying to advise such students more skillfully, to understand them better and to help determine a program that will help them more effectively.

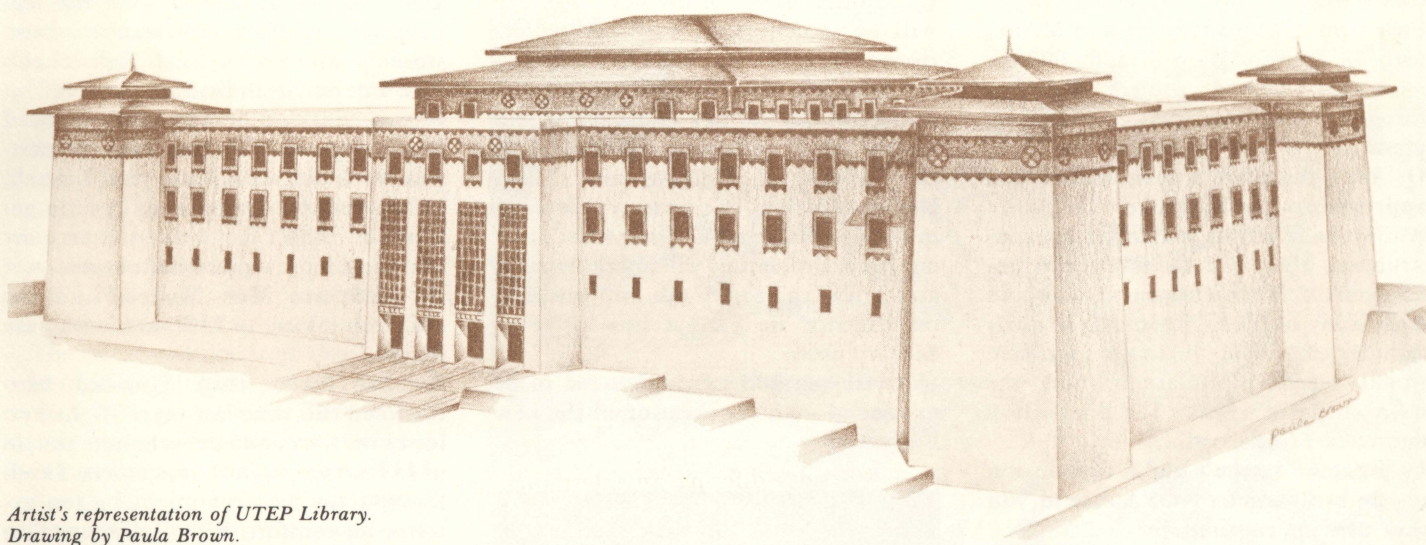
**Q:** Is there any marked difference in academic achievement among our students and others you have taught at Texas A&M?

**A:** I have found no difference here among the A and B-grade-level student than those at A&M or earlier in my teaching at Rice. We have here a higher proportion of freshman and sophomore level and marginal students—that is students whose high school record was not outstanding—than do those schools. But I think we have an obligation here, because of our geographic isolation, to give those students a chance. I think we must maintain appropriately rigorous retention standards and not yield to any temptation to give away degrees.

**Q:** Do you think we have done that in the past?







Artist's representation of UTEP Library.  
Drawing by Paula Brown.

A: No, not at all; the people who hire our graduates are good references and they have high praise for our graduates.

**Q: One more question on enrollment: Is our leveling symptomatic of something going on nationally, or is it a Texas problem or what?**

A: As far as I can tell, it is a national trend. Enrollments are leveling in many areas and even declining in some parts of the east and midwest along with some very painful declines of budgets there. The picture is much more positive in the Sun Belt. Here in Texas, as far as I am aware, the only public senior institutions that are growing very much are UT Austin and Texas A&M. Both of these schools are now implementing new and much more stringent entrance requirements as a means of controlling numbers. This will have some ripple effect on the rest of us.

**Q: UT El Paso should still grow gradually?**

A: Yes, as the population here increases, we should grow. The void in our student body is the low number of non-El Paso County students from Texas. We have slightly more than 1,000 international students, a number which I think is very healthy for us, particularly since 600 of those are from Mexico, including 500 from Juarez. We have something like 700 or 800 out-of-state students but only about 400 Texas students from outside El Paso County. I hope we can do better in this and attract students from West Texas and more from New Mexico.

**Q: What does this do for us?**

A: For one thing, those students and their geographic diversity will help reduce our sense of isolation and insulation. It would also bring to El Paso a larger reservoir of talented young people who might be employed here after graduation. Where a student attends college, after all, has a large effect on where the student goes to work after college. And, a mixture of students lends so much to learning from each other. Many commuter students tend to go to class, then go to work and home. Students coming here from outside El Paso County help to create a more complete campus life, which is much more than attending classes and labs. They live on or near the campus and take part in the events going on here after class.

**Q: In your first year as president, you have already made a contribution that amazes many people. How were you able, in so short a time, to get us a \$28.8 million central Library approved?**

A: A very large number of people share in the credit for the Library project. The story began during the time I was here for interviewing, and again after my selection but before I took office last July. In those visits, I had a chance to talk to many people on campus—students, faculty, staff, administrators. The existing Library was a frequent object of frustration. I never heard criticism of the Library staff or of failure on anyone's part, but it seemed

that appropriations for the Library, both for construction and acquisitions, had not kept pace with the growth of the academic programs here. Combine that with the fact that I claim to be a historian, that I served on the A&M library committee for many years and later was responsible for the library there as an administrator; therefore, I have always been interested in libraries as vital to academic success.

**Q: Were you encouraged to talk library with System Administration people?**

A: System Administration people were interested in my priorities as president of UT El Paso and I learned, in talking about the Library here that they too were concerned about it. A number of Regents, when the Sun Bowl expansion issue came up, wondered about priorities—why Sun Bowl and not Library. I tried to support both projects. One of the key steps was our being able to have the Regents meeting here in June so that they would be very familiar with the present Library when they reviewed the proposal for a new one.

**Q: Did our relative isolation contribute anything?**

A: It certainly did, also the enthusiasm for the project that was demonstrated by the people here, both on campus and in the city.

**Q: At what stage in the Library project are we now?**

A: At the June meeting here, Regents officially authorized construction of a



new Central Library at a total project cost of \$28.8 million. They also approved the proposed site for the building, which is on Wiggins Road, across from the Dining Commons. And they selected as project architect the El Paso firm of Fouts, Gomez and Moore, with an appropriation of \$260,000 for fees and related project expenses through completion of preliminary plans.

**Q: After the plans are submitted and approved by the Regents?**

A: Bids will then be sought for the construction itself and barring some unforeseen delays, construction would most likely begin by the spring or early summer of 1982. A major problem would occur if inflation ruins the reliability of that \$28.8 million estimated project cost.

**Q: Since we haven't had a description of the building in NOVA, could you give us some particulars?**

A: Well, to begin with, if the building is constructed as proposed and on the site approved, it will be the most visible building on campus; it will literally loom over the freeway, particularly for those traveling westward on I-10. The plans prepared by chief design architect Joe Gomez very skillfully follow the directives we gave him—that it be truly Bhutanese in style, using Old Main as a model; that it be “expandable” so that a generation from now, if we need to add library space we will not have to abandon the building as we now have to abandon the current Library; and that the building emphasize utility over luxury.

**Q: Dimensions?**

A: Think of five football fields, one on top of the other, one of them below ground, with the main entrance on the second level facing westward toward Wiggins Road. The sixth level will be a comparatively small floor for rare books and special collections. The four tower-like structures on each corner are decorative but functional since each will contain mechanical and electrical chases as well as stairways.

**Q: Inside, what can we expect?**

A: In the middle of the building will be the elevators, offices and stairways; the bulk of the stack area will be to sides of this area. We will be able to both seat 2,400 faculty and students in the study areas.

**Q: How long do we expect this building to serve our needs?**

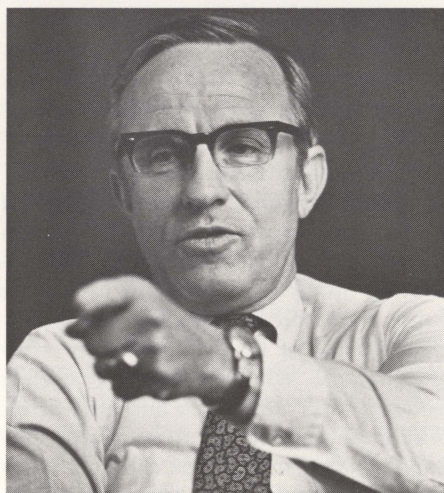
A: At our present rate of acquisitions and the normal increase in that rate, this building would be filled to capacity

in the mid 1990s—that capacity would be about 1.2 million volumes. We have about half that number now and, of course, are far over capacity in current Library space.

**Q: Another effect of the new building will be to centralize scattered collections?**

A: Definitely. We will be able to centralize all our library materials except for the small collection maintained in the College of Nursing and Allied Health, which is, of course, a mile away in the downtown area. Centralization of our library materials will not only save a great deal of money but will create a convenience we cannot now offer to Library users.

**Q: Will our Library staff need to be expanded with the opening of the new building?**



A: Not markedly. Our present staff is almost at the anticipated number we think will be needed to staff the new building.

**Q: When might the new Library open?**

A: 1985, we hope.

**Q: It sounds like the Library might be the most significant construction project we are likely to have for the remainder of this century...**

A: At this point, I do not foresee any significant new construction projects here for a number of years. Of course, we need to refurbish some of the older buildings on campus, but unless our enrollment increases sharply, I think our physical plant will be comparatively stable for a decade or more.

**Q: Two sizable buildings will be freed up when the new Library opens?**

A: Yes, both the present main Library building and the Library Annex on Hawthorne Street will be freed and that will help us a great deal.

**Q: Looking forward to the second year of your presidency, do you have any “priorities” in mind?**

A: I want to spend as much time as I can on the developmental aspects of the University—scholarships and the appropriate students to receive them, working more with local high schools and interested individuals on student recruitment and development efforts. I hope to spend more time here on campus. I felt that in my first year, I should be out in the community, getting acquainted, and I feel I can now turn my attention more to internal matters.

**Q: How are Mrs. Monroe and the children taking to El Paso after a year here?**

A: Far better than I would have dreamed this time last year. We had no idea how warm and generous the people of El Paso are toward newcomers. I even thought the weather might be too extreme for comfort. What I didn't realize was the difference a little humidity makes in comfort. I had assumed that God created the world with 70-80 percent humidity everywhere, but we quickly learned just how comfortable El Paso's weather always is. The two boys who are with us enjoyed their school year, did well academically, and are looking forward to returning to El Paso High this fall, Mark as a senior and John as an eighth grader. Stephen is completing his undergraduate work in architecture at A&M and Melanie is a sophomore in finance there. They enjoy El Paso too when they come out to visit us.

**Q: Have your parents become accustomed to your being here?**

A: You must be thinking of the story I told that when I was selected to come to UT El Paso my father was worried that he would never see the children again. I believe my parents have been out here six times and have proven that Southwest Airlines operates regularly from Love Field to El Paso International. They enjoy it here very much. In his shop in Garland, my father wears an orange and white UTEP cap every day—in fact, he's worn one out and I supplied him with a replacement.

**Q: Any other reflections on the first year?**

A: I'm just grateful for the people who were here when I came who allowed me to join them. All of the credit for this University's success and for its aspirations should go to them for the gracious, patient and generous manner they have welcomed my family and me to the campus and to El Paso. □



Commodore Joe Olander, holding the University flag in his hand after it was blasted off its staff by a water bomb, steered the College of Education raft *Rio Ripple* to victory and a new record in the July 5 Great KSET/-Coca Cola Rio Grande River Raft Race.

"We made it in one hour, 56 minutes, beating last year's record by 30 minutes," boasted Olander. He commanded the raft in his capacity as acting dean of the College of Education, a temporary assignment while a dean search is completed. He is better known as UT El Paso vice president for academic affairs.

The raft, fashioned from three canoes held together by planks across the top, rode high in the water. The crew of faculty and students steered it close to the shore in order to miss the sandbars, although Everett E. Davis was among oarsmen who fell into the water a few times when the going was not so smooth.

The worst problem, said Olander, came not from the river itself or from other rafts, canoes and inner tubes—since the *Rio Ripple* far outdistanced its competitors. The problem, he said sternly, where he was located as helmsman, came in the form of water balloon attacks from people he knew—people from the University's own Physical plant staff—poised on bridges along the course between Anthony and Borderland road.

"They knocked our flag off its staff," he complained, "broke my sunglasses, and damaged our styrofoam cooler."

The attacks were unsuccessful in slowing the raft, however, and it was a clear victory over the Physical Plant entry, the *Flying Coyote*, and about 200 others.

"How could he say that?" protested Joe Rodriguez, director of the Physical Plant, who then added smugly, "Especially when it's true."

He admitted the foul deeds of his staff in zapping the Education raft, then explained why the *Coyote* was one of the last in the pack to finish the race.

"You know, they had categories for the race—one for homemade rafts, one for commercially built rafts, and so on," said Rodriguez. "Our people thought there would be different starting times for the different categories, but the gun only went off once."

As for conscience about the water bombings, Rodriguez (a retired colonel) observed, "All's fair in love, war and raft races."

Olander promises retaliation next



## River Rats & the "Rio Ripple":

# RAFT RACE!

year. "We're going to have people on the bridges next time to get the Physical Plant," he vowed. "We'll fill our balloons with dye and make them look like purple people eaters for two weeks!"

"We accept the challenge," Rodriguez said. "And we'll have a better craft next year." His crew, led by Richard Webster, built a raft from old inner tubes. The other builder-rowers were Alfredo Campa, Eugenio Campa, Gus del Rio, Hector Dominguez, Alfredo Rodriguez, George Flores and Luis Hernandez. Albert Padilla helped build but didn't ride the raft.

The College of Education builders were headed by Brian Kelly and Steve McGugan who also arranged for a test trip around the University swimming pool. Assisting Olander on the raft were Davis, Artie Hernandez, Dick Hinojosa, Randy Johnson, Frank Flores, Bonnie Brooks, Don Hardin and Lewis Aptekar.

Their trial run in the University pool became a news event in advance of the race itself. Local TV stations filmed Olander and his crew trying valiantly to keep from running into the sides of the pool, and a photo of them appeared on

the front page of the *El Paso Times*. Another photo in the *Herald-Post* drew the title, "A raft of fun." Bonnie Brooks was waving an orange pompon (very carefully, so as not to upset the raft) and Olander held in his arms a huge blue inflated dolphin. A more subdued crew was pictured in the *Prospector*, with everyone rowing including the commander.

Jim Milson was in charge of refreshments for Education faculty, staff and their families in a victory celebration at the end of the race.

The Sunday afternoon event drew crowds of thousands along the river bank in the Upper Valley. Missing from the field was the New Mexico State University College of Education, which turned down Olander's challenge. NMSU Dean David Byrne said, "This is off season for our team [meaning between semesters], but should UT El Paso want to pull its act together and seriously compete, we're more than ready for raft racing or any other competition they have in mind."

Olander contends his crew's ability is now "a matter of record. We challenge all comers next year." □



# Can I Say Hello to My Mother?

30 Years  
of  
KTEP  
at  
UTEP

by Jeanette Kirby

**E**ras in media come and go, and technology inexorably advances, but radio stays strong at The University of Texas at El Paso in the form of KTEP-FM, a public radio station this year celebrating its 30th anniversary.

Radio came to the Texas College of Mines in 1942, via a remote control wire from local radio station KTSM, which was located in the penthouse of Hotel Paso del Norte at the time. Four weekly programs were broadcast on campus from the El Paso Centennial Museum, with each program conducted by a different department of the College. A series of talks entitled "Education in Wartime" was given by Dossie M. Wiggins, president of the College, to initiate the programs.

Even before that first broadcast from the campus, though, students "experi-



enced" radio. KTSM annually, beginning in 1942, invited interested students to its studios for "Radio Days." Students received first-hand experience during a whole day of broadcasting. Programming, which was local, consisted of wartime topics ("National Defense Forum") and romantic readings and music ("Time for Romance" and "Elizabethan Music").

The year 1944 marks the true advent of radio at the College. KTSM staff members were invited to present a series of lectures about radio over a one-month period. Karl Wyler, Virgil Hicks, Conrey Bryson, and Willard Kline explained to interested students the various aspects of radio operation, funding and ethics. Later that year, the first radio course was listed in the catalog: Radio Processing. Students attended classes and a weekly four-hour lab at KTSM studios for three hours of credit.

Karl O. Wyler, president of Tri-State Broadcasting Co., parent company of KTSM, was instrumental in the inception of radio on campus. Through his interest and encouragement, students became familiar with a professional station's setting. Students also benefited from the advice and concern of the professionals who worked for him.

Six additional radio classes were introduced in 1945, and a year later, a four-year degree plan for radio-journalism majors, and the addition to the faculty of a broadcasting teacher—Virgil Hicks.

Hicks has since received University-wide recognition for the enormous amount of talent and vision he brought to the endeavor. As the extension service director at KTSM, and with seven years' previous experience as a sales manager (at KGLO, Mason City, Iowa), Hicks began teaching courses. At the same time, he was gaining credit hours to complete the degree in radio broadcasting he had begun at Drake University in his home state of Iowa. Students were to draw on Hicks' knowledge and experience in the industry for years to come—26 in all.

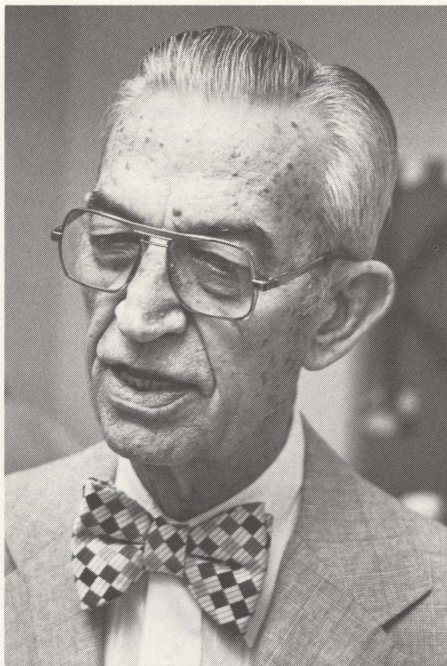
Named emeritus professor of Mass Communication in 1972, Hicks remembers when radio classes were "played out" by putting an amplifier in the classroom, running a microphone wire under the door, and having a student "broadcast" from the hall outside. Later, with the purchase of more advanced equipment, he would have his students conduct "Man-on-the-Campus" interviews, where the novice

broadcasters were invariably asked, "Can I say hello to my mother?"

Techniques Hicks also stressed included using one breath of air for each sentence uttered, so as not to draw a breath in the middle of a sentence, and practicing play-by-play calls for would-be sports announcers during football practice on Kidd Field.

John Phelan, vice president and sales manager at KTSM, was one of those early radio students. He well remembers practicing at Kidd Field, which prepared him well for his years as a professional sports broadcaster. He also salutes the kindness of Virgil Hicks. "He was very understanding," the "Old Irishman" says. "He taught us things we could never learn on the job."

Jim Peak, director of development at UT El Paso, also remembers Hicks among his professors. Peak's dream then was to be a sports announcer, and he calls his radio background invaluable today.



Wyler

Murray Yeager, now a professor of broadcasting and film at Boston University, calls Hicks his "mentor" during his undergraduate radio class days ending in 1950. Yeager went on to program the daytime hours of KVOF-FM for the El Paso Public Schools from 1950 to 1953 and taught a graduate radio education course one summer. A Fulbright scholar at the British Broadcasting Corporation in London in 1954, he received his doctorate from the State University of Iowa in 1956 and has taught since then at Boston University.

Rudy Tellez, 1970 Outstanding Ex, is

another former student of Virgil Hicks. Radio came alive for Tellez when he first experienced the "practical aspects" of radio. After those first boring radio history classes, he says, "they moved you upstairs to the KVOF lab—close to the microphones, at least." After other students "waxed enthusiastic" about his "chocolately, syrupy voice," he realized nothing else would have satisfied him. Tellez has gone on to branch out in many areas of media, including a stint as producer of the "Tonight" show, starring Johnny Carson. He now operates his own company, Telco Productions, in California, and is managing various actors.

Hicks says one of his biggest problems was the lack of women students in broadcasting. "I had trouble assuring parents their daughters could find jobs. They wanted them to be teachers or go into business courses." Hicks is encouraged by the number of women in the field today.

Jean Miculka, assistant professor of speech and drama at UT El Paso, after one radio class in the early 40s, became one of the few female announcers at KTSM: "One week, all the men were drafted!" She says women on the air were very unusual then, but working in radio supported her during college.

Things were going well for the growing radio station in the late 1940s. Station WTCM (for Texas College of Mines) broadcast weekly at 25 watts of power and at frequency 670, and TCM was one of only six colleges in the nation to offer a degree plan in radio.

Jobs at the station were open to students of all departments, and often Hicks had to "drive them away at night." He knew the radio bug had bitten when he discovered some of his students cutting classes for a chance at the control board. "It seemed to have taken hold," he reflects.

In 1947, the call letters had to be changed when it was discovered that Travis City, Michigan, had acquired "WTCM" earlier than the Texas College of Mines. KVOF became the new name of distinction—short for Voice of Freedom.

Another large and timely contribution to the College in 1947 was an Associated Press teletype donated by Dorrance D. Roderick, owner and publisher of the El Paso Times, and Val Lawrence, manager of Roderick's station, KROD.

On September 14, 1950, KVOF received its Federal Communications Commission license, becoming the first



FM station in the city. It was a grand occasion, with an inaugural event held in the College ballroom the following January to celebrate. Great progress was made during the 1950s. To radio classes was added the high technology of closed circuit television, and while the name of the school had become Texas Western, the department name was changed to the Radio and Television Department.

Because television captured the broadcasting spotlight during the late 50s and early 60s, some thought radio might "fade out" completely. But not so at Texas Western College. Radio marched on in a daily potpourri of campus news, Shakespearean plays, sports, and classic, folk, jazz and "underground" music.

In 1965, KVOF's power was upped to 38,000 watts. The transmitter had been moved to the KROD radio tower on top of Mt. Franklin, giving the station a potential to reach a wider area than before.

KTEP-FM became the campus station's designation in 1967.

Until 1971, when KTEP-FM became one of eight stations in Texas to become an affiliate of the National Public Radio system—a charter member, in fact—facilities were still in the old Kelly Hall. But in 1979, it was time to expand the studios. So, along with a move to the Cotton Memorial Building, which now houses the entire Mass Communication Department, came the ability to use the satellite facilities of KCOS-TV, located outside the Education Building. This capability went into full use in 1980.

KTEP-FM has operated at 100,000 watts of power—which translates into a listening range of 100 miles—since April, 1980. KTEP has been heard as far away as Lincoln, Nebraska. Not only is the power increased, but the power of KTEP-FM as a true "public servant" are evident in the various programs conducted by the station.

The ability to broadcast in stereo, which was achieved in 1976, allows KTEP to operate "Simulcast," in cooperation with KCOS-TV. Live programs can be featured on both television and radio simultaneously.

The El Paso Lighthouse for the Blind uses KTEP's power to broadcast the new Radio Reading Service for the print handicapped. This program has been on the air, two hours each evening, since last December. Volunteers read daily news items from local papers. What is special about this service is that the broadcasts can only be picked up on receivers in the subscribers' homes;

broadcasts are made at 67 kilohertz, not audible to the human ear on the main line. This service does not interfere with KTEP's program at the time.



Hicks

KTEP's own programming consists of mainly classical and jazz music, with more than 24 hours of news and public affairs programs throughout the week. Miguel Contreras, program director, also points out that the KTEP Spanish-language programs are unique in this area—"not even Juarez broadcasts them," he says.

KTEP has a professional staff of eight. Several unpaid students work as mass communication interns or for part-time, on-the-air experience. Radio students have their own lab in the form of KVOF—which is broadcast on carrier current and reaches only certain campus buildings. The equipment at KVOF (located on the fourth floor of Cotton Memorial) is not as sophisticated as KTEP's, but serves its purpose well.

KTEP-FM, which extended its on-the-air time to 24 hours a day in the summer of 1980, is funded as a University licensee. UT El Paso is responsible for upholding FCC regulations. Operating funds come from various sources, says station manager Robert Barrientos: a "sizable portion" from the University, additional state money, community service grants, and federal funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting in the form of forward funding. An unfortunate reflection for the public station, says Barrientos, is the fact that studies, done mainly by the CPB, show that only 20% of the listening audience gives monetary support to the station.

Barrientos, formerly associated with both public radio and television at Wichita State University, plans to make funding and budget matters of top priority as he becomes more familiar with KTEP's methods of operation.

Because of its status as a public radio station, paid commercials are not a part of KTEP's format, but annual fund drives and direct mail announcements are. Without them, Contreras surmises that some programming would not be available to KTEP.

Studies done by the parent Corporation for Public Broadcasting rank KTEP with other public stations, in the areas of listening audience, size of budget, and certain program standards. The Arbitron ratings, which include all radio stations that pay for their services, also rate KTEP-FM. According to the last Arbitron results in August, 1980, KTEP has a listening audience of about 20,000. This relatively small number is generally considered a "loyal audience," though; most who have heard NPR stations in other cities know these stations are usually located between 88 and 91 on the dial.

Nearly 200 students, enrolling in seven specific radio courses, call broadcasting their major. The Department of Mass Communication has produced two Outstanding Exes: Rudy Tellez (1970) and Sam Donaldson (1976). A newly organized Mass Communication Alumni Association is headed by Henry Rettig of DeBruyn-Rettig Advertising, who also has taught part-time in the department for several years.

Wilma Wirt, chairman of the Mass Communication Department, says three things are of "immediate necessity" for the station to maintain its position: an adequately trained staff to provide the guidance to introduce more public affairs programming; the incorporation of top mass communication students into key positions, whether voluntary, part-time, or as internships; and to see programming expand to parts of the community not being presently reached.

In an age of space-age technology, satellite programming, and sophisticated audiences, KTEP strives to serve the University and the El Paso community in ever-expanding ways.

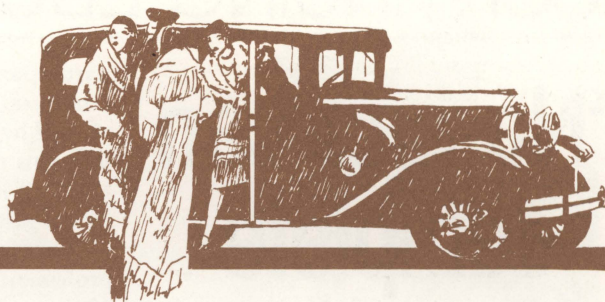
Radio at UT El Paso is "...KTEP-FM, 88.5 on your listening dial." □

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# Remember when...



**T**extbooks, notebooks, soft drinks, cigars, chewing gum—just about anything you wanted to buy on campus—all came from the one-room Coop in the basement of Old Main? (It was just Main then, not yet Old.)

Or, when the Student Union Building opened in 1949 with a real coffee and snacks shop, a ballroom, and lounges where students played marathon bridge games?

Homecoming 1981 will center on these memories and many more with the theme of "Remember when..." during the first week of November. With the opening of a grand, brand new addition to the Union, many activities for alumni will be focused in that building in celebration of the expanded facilities.

The banquet honoring Outstanding Ex Paul Carlton will be held Friday, November 6, in the Union's new banquet hall. (This fall the Union also will have a permit to serve wine and beer.)

Students are planning a homecoming parade for November 6 on campus. Organizations entering floats will vie for first place honors which will bring the possibility of having the winning float in the Sun Bowl Parade at Thanksgiving.

Since the game against the University of Hawaii will begin at 1:30 p.m. November 7 in the Sun Bowl, Saturday's activities will be centered on the morning hours.

The Alumni Association, the Student Association and others involved in Homecoming plans anticipate such activities as departmental breakfasts or brunches, some of them scheduled at

the Union, and a general reunion of all alumni during the morning. Registration headquarters will be at the Union and student guides will be available there for campus tours. Colleges and departments are being asked to hold open house during the morning Saturday for campus visitors.

Besides offering an interesting location for the get-together, the newly enlarged Union will offer refreshments at reasonable prices (Hugo Bustamante, Jr., Homecoming chairman, and his committee remember when Cokes and ice cream cones were a nickel, for instance). Entertainment in the Union Theater has also been proposed, preferably old-time Saturday serials.

Former cheerleaders and ex-band and Golddiggers members again are being invited to take part in half-time at

the game. Ron Hufstader will put them through their paces at a rehearsal, with participants to be informed of the time when they sign up.

Special attention during Homecoming will be given to the Golden Grads, those whose diplomas were dated 1931 or earlier. Jim Peak of the Development/Alumni Office says about 45 alums are eligible for that honor.

Classes being given special attention are those of 1921, 1931, 1941, 1951, 1961, 1971 and 1956, the 25th anniversary class.

Remember when it was the College of Mines? . . . Texas Western College? . . . The University of Texas at El Paso?

If you do, you will enjoy Homecoming. Come to the campus November 6 and 7! □

The campus Union, center of so much 1981 Homecoming activity, has been expanded by 48,657 square feet in its East Wing (cost: about \$4 million). Total space in the Union is now over 200,000 square feet. Some highlights of the newest expansion project:

- The 2nd floor Food Service Cafeteria/Snackbar has been doubled in size to nearly 28,000 square feet of facilities and service area. A new Faculty and Professional Staff Lounge and Dining Room is also located on the 2nd floor and a 3rd floor dining room has been remodeled into meeting room and banquet space and is now called the Union Suite.

- The Bookstore has been expanded by 6,800 square feet.

- A new Conference Center is located on the 3rd floor with a seating capacity of 500. The Center has the capability of being

divided into several rooms. It will have catering services available for luncheons, dinners and other functions.

- Student Publications will be moved from the Education Building temporary quarters to the 1st floor of the new East Wing addition. The Post Office will also be moved to this area.

- Lounges have been altered and expanded on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors.

- Student Association and Student Organizations offices have been remodeled and expanded.

- The Information Center on the 1st floor is now a Sundries Center and has an additional 425 square feet of storage and service space. (The Information Center is now located on the 1st floor of the West Wing lobby. Phone number is 747-5455.)

The annual Engineers Breakfast will be held Homecoming Morning, November 7 at 8:30 a.m. at Mesa Inn. Advance payment will be required with reservation. Further information is available on this from the Dean of Engineering Office at UT El Paso.



# CONTINUING EDUCATION AT UT EL PASO:

## "No one can complete an education."

by Pat Mora  
Burnside

Though it is early morning, the glare of the desert sun promises another hot El Paso day. But some travelers are not daunted by the heat, distance, dust. Sister Aloysius, for example. This white-haired nun, opening her van in the parking lot of the UT El Paso College of Nursing and Allied Health, is ready to begin one of her numerous treks across Texas.

Sister Aloysius Williams, director of continuing education at the nursing college, is part of a growing national trend. More and more universities are illustrating their commitment to their graduates and community by offering non-credit classes, workshops, and seminars as support to professionals, and as intellectual and cultural opportunities for the general public. Harvard and MIT advertise courses that "take up where your professional education left off." Graduates can take courses such as "Realities in Historic Preservation" or "Effective Client Presentations." In Texas, Austin residents can attend a wide variety of classes from "The Use of Minicomputers in Libraries" to "Acting for the Closet Ham." The UT Arlington Continuing Education bulletin lists "Exploring Clay for Children," "Country and Western Dancing," and "Music Appreciation."

The continuing education trend, then, can offer citizens an introduction to the university, an update on professional knowledge and skills, or stimulating leisure activities. At its best, a continuing education seminar can remind

participants of the complexity of life — a necessary reminder to an age hooked on self-help theories that promise easy solutions to all problems.

UT El Paso has three continuing education programs. The office directed by Sister Aloysius strives to increase the professional competency of nurses in a 40-county West Texas area. Since nurses in small, rural communities are often unable to attend workshops on new techniques held in urban centers, Sister and her staff go to the rural areas in their custom-built van, a 32-foot classroom on wheels, serving 72 hospitals and 66 nursing homes. Whether the topic for the day is "Assertiveness for Nurses" in Kermit or "Care of the Aged" in Big Spring, the instructor has her teaching materials — a manikin for practicing resuscitation, or a video program — within easy reach. Nurses in the El Paso area can attend classes in this program on the seventh floor of the College of Nursing, an area devoted entirely to continuing education. Nurses are also encouraged to visit individually and make use of the filmstrips and cassettes on management, and on clinical and critical nursing.

Another continuing education concept at UT El Paso is the Center for Executive Development in the College of Business Administration. I. Thomas

Sheppard, director of the Center, has organized numerous programs to provide participants with improved management skills. David A. Schauer, associate director, believes the Center "provides a lifetime learning experience — not just theory, but practice and skills as well — to enhance the managerial expertise of business leaders in the El Paso-Juarez community."

By the spring of 1982, the Center hopes to be hosting its on campus courses in the new College of Business Administration building. Executives on both sides of the Rio Grande will be able to make use of such sophisticated equipment as that which allows simultaneous translation of programs into three languages. The international potential of the Center for Executive Development is practically limitless. As Jeanette L. Head, Industrial Director of the El Paso Industrial Development Corporation, says: "The Center for Executive Development has been highly advantageous to our community in its short period of existence and will continue to be of major benefit to El Paso and Juarez industries as well as the commercial and banking sectors in the future."

Although credit toward a degree is not given for continuing education courses, CEU's (Continuing Education Units) are recorded. Many professions



*A class in the Center for Executive Development*



now encourage, and some even require, that their members accrue these units to indicate participation in seminars on new developments. One unit is awarded for each ten hours of instruction.

Anthropologist Margaret Mead wisely stated, "In today's world no one can complete an education." The growing national popularity of continuing education programs testifies to this attitude of learning as a lifelong process and at UT El Paso, non-degree offerings will be expanded this fall. James C. Parker, director of continuing education, and his staff recently moved to a set of offices, classrooms, and seminar rooms in the newly renovated Miners Hall. University faculty members and other qualified instructors will offer courses in their areas of expertise at this new site. Cooperative programs, in which the instructors go to a business or organization, can also be scheduled.

In the past, the National Executive Housekeepers, the Public Relations Society of America, the Junior League, the National Council of Jewish Women, and other organizations have offered courses in conjunction with UT El Paso's Office of Continuing Education. Topics have varied from "Principles of Real Estate" to the "Criminal Personality," a seminar prepared for judges, social workers, and probation officers. And occasionally these programs have surprising impact. In 1976, a course on "the science of design, evaluation, and



James C. Parker, director of continuing education (left), with John Haddox, who has taught C.E. courses for seven years.

fitting of prosthetic devices for the hard-of-hearing" — audioprosthology — was taught through Continuing Education. Members of that class then established a national professional organization. Today UT El Paso offers a graduate course in this field.

Jack Smith, a retired journalist and public relations executive, is one of the many instructors who enjoy teaching in continuing education. After a career in the East, Smith chose to retire in El Paso. He writes a nationally syndicated, bi-weekly column titled "Time of Your Life." Because of his interest in persons facing retirement, Smith is intrigued by what continuing education can offer them. Acquiring a new skill is one incentive. Thus, a retiree might want to take "Conversational Spanish" to increase his effectiveness in volunteer work. Even more important, Jack Smith believes that learning is one of life's more stimulating experiences and is a means of continuing to view this world as an adventure.

Another teacher who values the adult learner and the informal interaction which is a key facet of continuing education is philosophy professor John Haddox. He has taught in the program for seven years, discussing with his students topics such as "Western Civilization: Past and Present," "Greece: Our Multiple Heritage," and "Twin Cities — Twin Cultures." This last course combines presentations on the cultural, historical and philosophical elements of the United States and Mexico with movies, speakers, and field trips to museums and the Chamizal Memorial.

"I think it's important for me to keep in touch with the community by teach-

ing in this program," says Dr. Haddox. "And it's wonderfully rewarding. People who take these classes attend because they want to learn." This fall, Dr. Haddox will be teaching "The Renaissance and the Modern World."

Other courses for fall vary from "Public Speaking for Executives" to "Career Directions for Women." The Center also has an on-going program in gymnastics and ballet. Residents, organizations, and businesses can call Jim Parker to plan new classes or to initiate cooperative programs. Dates, locations, and specific needs and goals are key factors to be discussed. Usually 15 to 20 students constitute a class. The size of the class can affect the course fee.

Who profits? Individuals profit, whether they are attending the University for the first time, or are maintaining their professional accreditation, or are pursuing new skills and ideas. University faculty profit, for they are able to pursue topics of personal interest with students who don't ask, "But what's my grade?" The University profits by extending its mission to include more of its community. And organizations and businesses profit, for when they motivate their employees by providing effective learning experiences, these leaders and employers tap their key resource — the productive human being. □

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The Continuing Education Program at UT El Paso offers non-credit courses in health care, executive development, and general education. Continuing Education Units are awarded to participants. Individuals, organizations, and businesses are encouraged to call the appropriate office for information on fall course offerings. The continuing education directors welcome suggestions for new courses.

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# Alumnotes

by Sue Wimberly

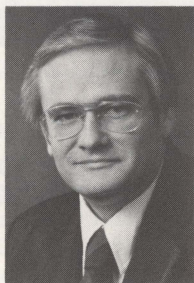
Two UT El Paso graduates were recognized by *Texas Monthly* in July as among the ten best members of the 67th Texas Legislature.

The magazine editors saluted Ronald Coleman (B.A. English, '63) and Wallace E. "Pete" Snelson (B.A. Journalism, '46), the Outstanding Ex of 1973 and former teacher of journalism at the College of Mines.

Criteria for selection of the Ten Best (and Worst) in the Senate and House chambers placed value in a legislator's abilities to use power without malice and to exhibit "unassailable" integrity, something both the El Paso representative and the Midland senator accomplished unquestionably, wrote the editors.

Coleman, El Paso Democrat, was cited for his "sheer natural ability and hard work," especially in the area of defending urban school districts. Also noted was his own fight to "clean up last session's bill" to fund an El Paso park, saving \$24 million for taxpayers. Additional amendments and pulling of provisions (on other members' bills) earned Coleman the reputation of being "acerbic" and "earthy."

Coleman is the son of Ralph M. Coleman, professor emeritus of engineering graphics at UT El Paso, who joined the faculty in 1946.



Coleman



Snelson

Snelson, the conservative Democrat from Midland, was merited by *Texas Monthly* for being "involved in more worthy projects than any member of the Senate this session, and in no unworthy ones." The Education Committee chairman was cited "the best social legislator of the session," for an early childhood intervention program he helped pass, to help children with learning disorders achieve normal development. Snelson is known for his insistence that bilingual education programs have the "primary purpose of turning Spanish speakers into English speakers." Yet, with a compromise, he managed to appease proponents of a bill that would have left Texas at the mercy of the federal judiciary.

Snelson was also praised for his plan for redistricting the Senate that managed to satisfy "24 of the 31 pickiest people in the universe." Other virtues attributed to him: openness, honesty, no hidden agenda, and his "total integrity and sweeping policy interests." □

## 1920-1949

**Johnell Crimen** (B.A. '38) conducts the Crimen School of Arts and Crafts in El Paso. She is an active member of the El Paso Art Association and the National League of American Pen Women of El Paso.

**Herbert C. Gore** (B.B.A. '39) recently retired

as senior vice president of the First State Bank in El Paso. His wife, **Ellen Gore** (B.S. '66) is a teacher at East Point School.

**Mollie Gossett Smith** (B.A. '45) has retired from the El Paso Natural Gas Company after 28 years.

**Ralph H. Fellows** (B.S. '48) was recently promoted to senior vice president of Ryder Scott Company, petroleum engineers, in Houston.

**William C. Collins** (B.A. '43), past president of the El Paso Bar Association and a partner in the law firm of Collins, Langford & Pine, has been elected to a three-year term as a director to the Texas State Bar. Active in civic work, he served as president of the UT El Paso alumni, chairman of the El Paso area Red Cross, and president of Rotary Club West of El Paso.

**Roy Althaus** (B.S. '49) is a seismologist with Exxon USA, Houston. His wife, Betty, is a director of an adoption agency. They are parents of three children.

**William Y. Lee** (M.S. '49) is with the LBJ Space Center, Houston.

## 1950-1959

**Ignacio Noguera** (B.A. '50) is Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Officer for the San Antonio Community College District.

**Gloria M. Leon** (B.S. '51) has returned to UT El Paso to study toward a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts.

**Hubbard G. Polk** (M.S. '51) retired as deputy superintendent of the El Paso Independent School District in June, having served 42 years in the education field. He received his B.A. from Hardin-Simmons University.

**Kenneth Chesak**, Col./USA, (B.B.A. '51) retired in May at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, after serving 30 years with the U.S. Army. He is currently manager of the manufacturing planning and production control group, SCI Systems, Inc., Huntsville.

**J. Tod Meserow**, Col./USA, ret., (B.A. '51) and his wife, **Phyllis Hale Meserow** (B.A. '42), live in Prairie du Lac, Wisconsin. Tod retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1970 after 29 years of service, and was a management analyst and trainer for the State of Wisconsin until 1976. Phyllis has retired as executive director of the Black Hawk Council, Girl Scouts of America, in Madison.

**Ysela O'Malley** (B.A. '51; M.Ed. '61), whose art has been shown in Los Angeles, Austin, Albuquerque and Las Cruces, recently exhibited at Tiara Gallery in El Paso.

**John T. Bracey**, Col./USA, (M.Ed. '52) retired from military service in July. He and his wife, Vivian, are owners of Wheels Plus of Texas, Ltd., El Paso.

**Mildred Broom** (M.Ed. '54) retired from the El Paso public schools after 36 years.

**Martha Valadez** (B.B.A. '55) and her husband, **Rudolph Valadez, Sr.**, (B.A. '55) reside in El Paso. She is a teacher at Hillside; he is director of maintenance and food service personnel with the El Paso Independent School District.

**Cesar Fourzan, Jr.**, (B.A. '51; M.Ed. '55) retired July 1 as an assistant superintendent with the El Paso Independent School District, completing 30 years of service.

**Geraldine O. Ray** (M.Ed. '56) completed her 24th year of teaching at Ramona Elementary School, Ysleta Independent School District, last May.

**Gilbert Rodriguez** (B.S. '58), who lives in Lakewood, Colorado, has been named senior engineer with Dames & Moore, engineering and environmental consultants.

**Hector Holguin** (B.S. '58), president and founder of Holguin and Associates, has been named the Person of the Year by the Small Business Administration, El Paso-Lubbock region. His engineering firm maintains offices in seven cities in the United States and five countries abroad.

**Jesse W. Armstrong** (B.A. '59) has been promoted to assistant vice president with First Savings and Loan Association, El Paso.

**William T. Bartlett, Jr.**, (B.S. '59) is an operations manager with Exxon Corporation in Colombia, South America.

## 1960-1965

**William S. Creighton, Jr.**, (B.A. '60) and his wife, the former **Genet Sue Stull** (B.A. '69), reside in Vienna, Virginia. He is director of corporate planning, Tetra-Tech International in Arlington; she is an administrative aide at Fort Hunt High School, Fairfax County.

**Jeff Gates** (1961 etc.) has returned to KTSM-TV, El Paso, as news director. He served as news director at KTSM from 1970-77, was editorial director for KGTV, San Francisco from 1977-80, and returned to the El Paso station in 1980. He and his wife, Janet, are parents of four children.

**Richard H. Holt**, Capt./USN, (B.S. '61) has accepted a command at the Naval Shipyard, Pearl Harbor. His wife is the former **Susan Hall** (B.S. '61).

**William L. Wilson** (B.B.A. '64) has been elected assistant vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, El Paso Branch.

**Manuel Cameros** (B.B.A. '64) has been named director of residential living for the El Paso Job Corps Center.

**B. Philip Boswell**, D.D.S., (B.S. '64) was elected president of the El Paso District Dental Society for 1981-82.

**Howard Crook** (B.A. '65) is author of the novel *The Brownstone Cavalry* published in July by Summit Books.

## 1966-1969

**Barbara Schafer Gross** (B.S. '66) is a teacher at Andress High School, El Paso. She and her husband, Robert, who teaches in the Ysleta Independent School District, have two sons.

**Richard W. Myers** (B.B.A. '67) is vice president of distribution with Farah Manufacturing in El Paso.

**Carol Ann Myers** (B.S. '67) and her husband, **Baxter E. Myers** (B.S. '81) live in El Paso. Baxter, who received his degree in computer science, is continuing his graduate studies at UT El Paso.

**Jean E. Nance** (B.A. '68) is in her 14th year of teaching English at El Paso High School. Her son, **John Nance** (B.A. '69), an attorney, and his wife Cindy are parents of a son, Christopher John.



**Bert Schreibstein**, Maj./USA, (B.A. '68), who earned his Master's from Troy State University in 1979, is serving with the 127th Signal Battalion at Ft. Ord, California.

**Robert P. Molder** (B.A. '68; M.A. '77), former director of public affairs for Petroleum Equipment Supplies, Houston, has accepted a position with Rice University. He will be involved in a program, endowed by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, which will develop career opportunities in business for humanities majors.

**Pat Ellis Taylor** (B.A. '69; M.A. '76) is author of *Border Healing Woman*, the biography of Jewel Babb, folk healer, published by the University of Texas Press.

**William N. Puckett** (B.B.A. '69) has a private law practice in Austin.

**Thomas O. Swindle**, Capt./USAF, (B.S. '69) completed his Master's in business administration at Louisiana Tech University in May.

**Charles Vass** (B.S. '69) is teaching in the public schools in New Albany, Indiana. His father, **Ernest A. Vass, Jr.**, (B.A. '62; M.Ed. '67), formerly of New Albany, has retired from teaching and lives in El Paso.

**Rick Vesper**, Ph.D., (B.A. '69), who received his doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh in 1980, is manager of special health services for Trans World Airlines in Los Angeles.

**Jose Antonio Burciaga** (B.A. '69), of Menlo Park, California, is a freelance artist, writer, muralist and author of two books of poetry.

**Guy B. Gray, Jr.**, (B.S. '69) is a senior designer with Fish Engineering & Construction, Inc., Houston. He and his wife, Martha, who are parents of a two-year old son, live near Katy, Texas.

## 1970-1975

**Hector Lopez** (B.A. '70) and **John Christensen** (B.S. '71) received their doctor of osteopathy degrees in May at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**Colleen Leonard** (B.S. '70; M.Ed. '77) is teaching the visually impaired in the El Paso public schools.

**Louis Baumwoll** (B.S. '70; M.Ed. '74) has completed his first year as librarian at Socorro Intermediate School.

**Stephen M. Valdez**, Capt./USA, (B.A. '71), who is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, is executive officer, Fourth Battalion, Third Basic Training Brigade.

**Carmen A. Leal** (B.A. '71; M.Ed. '76) is division chairman of mathematics and science at El Paso Community College. Also teaching at EPCC is **Stephanie Wood Garmon** (B.A. '70; M.S. '71).

**Russell K. Zeigler** (B.B.A. '71) and his wife, the former **Maddie Corea** (B.A. '72; M.Ed. '77), live in Albuquerque where he owns and operates two restaurants; Maddie is a marriage counselor.

**Joseph T. Jones, Jr.**, Capt./USAF, ret., (B.S. '71) has joined Hughes Aircraft Company in Tucson.

**David N. Ikle** (B.S. '71), who holds a Master's in statistics from Colorado State University, recently completed his Ph.D. in biometrics at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. He is employed by the University of Denver and the University of Colorado as a consulting statistician in bio-medical research applications.

**Bruce Yetter** (B.B.A. '71), who received his doctor of jurisprudence at Texas Tech in 1974, has been promoted to vice president and general counsel of Bowen Industries, Inc. El Paso. His wife, the former **Jackie Guadagnoli** (B.A. '71; M.A. '77), is clinical supervisor at Southwestern Community House.

**Jerry Grodin**, M.D., (B.S. '71) has begun a fellowship in cardiology at Baylor Medical Center, Dallas. His brother, **Sanford** (B.B.A. '75), is Eastern regional manager for quality control, Levi Strauss, Knoxville.

**Ignacio "Nacho" Garcia, Jr.**, (B.A. '71) has been named art director of Admar Inc., in El Paso.

**Ernest Reynolds III** (B.A. '72; M.A. '74), an attorney with Orgain, Bell and Tucker in Beaumont, Texas, is president-elect of the Jefferson County Young Lawyers' Association. He is also teaching part-time at Lamar University.

**Barbara Comerford Krieger** (B.A. '72), manager of Iron Tender Restaurant, has been named Outstanding Restaurateur of the Year for El Paso.

**Gloria A. Hernandez Owens** (B.S. '72) is assistant educational director of the Big Spring Correctional Facility, Texas.

**Henry B. Kelly**, Capt./USA, (B.S. '72), presently studying at the Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, California, has been assigned to Europe.

**Ed Roder**, Maj./USA, ret., (B.B.A. '72) is a logistics engineer with Emerson Electric Company, St. Louis. He completed a Master's in management at Webster College in 1978.

**Joe E. Tarin** (B.B.A. '72) is an assistant regional administrator for the West Texas region of the Texas Department of Human Resources.

**Marie Leola Antweiler** (B.A. '73) is librarian for Sea Pines Academy, Hilton Head Island, Georgia.

**C.A. Klamborowski** (B.S. '73) is publications department chairman at Bel Air High School, El Paso.

**Kathryn Kennedy Matheson** (B.A. '73), who received a doctor of jurisprudence degree from University of Southern California in May, is a corporate attorney with Hanisen Imhoff Investment Corporation in Los Angeles. She and her husband

# Deaths

**Louise Gaither Mordecai** (B.A. 1971), in El Paso, April 27. She is survived by her husband, Martin Mordecai, a daughter and son.

**Raymond Koogler** (B.B.A. 1968), executive vice president of the Sun Carnival Association, in El Paso May 18. Survivors are his wife, Irene Koogler, and daughter, Cathy.

**Belle Russell** (M.Ed. 1952), a retired teacher, May 19, in El Paso. She is survived by several brothers and sisters.

**Edwin P. Engledow** (1950 etc.), in Houston, May 27. Former city editor of the El Paso Times from 1955-59, he also had edited newspapers in Seminole and Lamesa, Texas, and worked for the Honolulu Star-Bulletin and Houston Chronicle. He was press secretary to the governor of Guam 1961-64 and director of the government office of information of American Samoa 1968-73. Survivors include his wife, a daughter and a son.

**Helen J. Todd** (M.Ed. 1978), in El Paso, May 30. She is survived by her husband, two daughters and a son.

**Timothy Higgins**, Maj./USA, ret., (1967 etc.), in El Paso, June 2. Survivors are his wife, Esther Higgins, and a daughter.

**Harry Moore, Jr.**, (1937 etc.), vice president in charge of the agricultural department at the El Paso National Bank, June 8, in El Paso. A native of Sierra Blanca, he served as executive vice presi-

dent of the El Paso Valley Cotton Association and general manager of the El Paso County Farm Bureau before joining the El Paso National Bank in 1955. He is survived by his wife.

**Joseph C. Cleveland** (B.S. 1960; M.S. 1968), June 16. A resident of Metairie, Louisiana, he was employed by the U.S. Corps of Engineers. He is survived by his wife, Tommie Cleveland, and two sons.

**Ramon Rojas** (B.B.A. 1953), June 16, in El Paso. He was employed by the City of El Paso. Survivors are his wife, one son and four daughters.

**John M. Franklin**, sophomore student of electrical engineering, in El Paso, June 22. He is survived by his parents, two sisters, and three brothers.

**Tom Mahoney**, author and benefactor of the University, in Poughkeepsie, New York, July 17, at age 75. Mr. Mahoney, a Dallas native, served as city editor of the old El Paso Post (1927-30) and with United Press International (1930-34), before moving to New York where he began a series of important sub-editorships on such magazines as *Look* and *Fortune*. A prolific contributor to national magazines and authors of many books of popular science and history, he returned to El Paso frequently to visit friends, and was a regular contributor to the S.L.A. Marshall Military History Collection at UT El Paso's Library.

**John W. Winston, Jr.**, (M.S. '74) is a medical physicist at the El Paso Cancer Treatment Center.

**Harry Barren** (B.B.A. '74) has been promoted to vice president and cashier, Bank of Ysleta, El Paso.

**Charles Hardgrave** (1975 etc.) has been made division marketing manager in Austin for the Southern Union Gas Company.

**Daniel L. McKeever** (B.B.A. '75) is operations officer for the State National Bank, El Paso.

## 1976-1980

**Cynthia E. Reyes**, M.D., (B.S. '76) is serving a residency in pediatrics at Emory University Affiliated Hospitals, Atlanta.

**Martin Joseph Callery, Jr.**, (B.S. '76) is a systems engineer with Singer-Link Aerospace in Houston. He was honored with the Outstanding Quarterly Engineering Award in 1980.

Three UT El Paso graduates received Master's degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth this spring. They are: **Cindy Ann Varela** (B.S. '76), **Paul L. Shelton** (B.A. '76), and **Richard O. McGee** (B.B.A. '73).



**Ana Alicia Ortiz** (B.A. '76) was featured in an article in the *El Paso Herald Post* recently. Her most recent part in films is in "Halloween II." She has appeared in numerous television series including "The Sacketts" with Gilbert Roland, "Condominium," "Quincy," and "Sheriff Lobo."

**Carlos H. Amato** (B.S. '76), biology and physical science teacher at Andress High School, El Paso, attended the Annual Petroleum Institute for Educators seminar at the University of Houston in June.

**David Arredondo**, M.D., (B.S. '77) is serving a surgical internship in New Haven, Connecticut.

**Kimberley Brown-Bailey**, M.D., (B.S. '77), a graduate of UT Medical Branch, Galveston, has entered Eastern Virginia Graduate School of Medicine, Norfolk, for her residency in surgical pathology.

**Timothy J. Hourigan**, Capt./USA, (B.A. '77), who is attending Advanced Officers School at Ft. Huachuca, expects to be assigned to duty in Hawaii in October.

**Martha Alicia Medrano**, M.D., (B.S. '77), a May graduate from UT Health Science Center Medical School, San Antonio, is interning in pediatrics in San Antonio.

**Robert Carlton Osborne, Jr.**, M.D., (B.S. '77), who received his degree in medicine from Baylor College of Medicine in June, has entered a residency in radiology at Baylor.

**Lisa Slusher Magers** (B.A. '77) has joined the staff of Johnson County Memorial Hospital, Cleburne, Texas, as patient representative and public relations director. She was previously employed as managing editor for the Johnson County News.

**Jose M. Banales**, Ens./USN, (B.A. '77) has completed Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island.

**Thomas J. Hopkins** (M.B.A. '77) has been named vice president of Mercantile National Bank, Dallas.

**E. Barnard Polk** (B.A. '77) is a loan officer with El Paso Federal Savings and Loan. His wife, Kathleen, is a student at UT El Paso.

**Tim M. Jorgensen** (B.S. '77), who received his Master's in sports administration from Ohio University in 1978, is presently employed in Saudi Arabia.

**Charles N. Taylor, Jr.**, (B.S. '77) is an assistant superintendent and director of the Skyview Maximum Security Unit at Rusk State Hospital, Texas.

**Michael A. Ludeman** (B.B.A. '78) is an account executive and telecommunications consultant with Mountain Bell, El Paso.

**Lynne Niemiec** (B.S. '78) is assistant sports information director, intercollegiate athletics for men, at UT Austin.

**AnnMarie Kajencki** (B.A. '76; M.A. '78) is studying for her doctorate in education at the University of Northern Colorado.

**Melanie Thomas** (B.B.A. '78) has been promoted to buyer for Dillard's Department Stores, Inc., San Antonio.

**Clarence T. Tanner, Jr.**, (B.S. '78) is a district engineer with The Western Company of North America in Bryan, Texas.

**William R. Wray** (B.S. '78; M.Sc. '80), a structures engineer with General Dynamics in Fort Worth, plans to enter law school at UT Austin this fall.

**Thomas Anderson** (B.B.A. '78) has joined El Paso National Bank as vice president in administrative services. Also at El Paso National is **Vernon McDonald** (B.B.A. '78), vice president and commercial loan officer.

**Richard A. Gonzales**, 1st Lt./USA, (B.A. '79) is stationed at Ft. Stewart, Georgia.

**Mark T. Joosse** (M.Ed. '79) is with civilian personnel at Ft. Bliss. His wife, **Martha Carcamo Joosse** (B.A. '71), who completed her Master's in education at North Texas State last year, is vocational office education coordinator with the El Paso Independent School District.

**Tina M. Copeland** (B.A. '79) is a copy editor with the *El Paso Herald Post*.

**Patti Anne Strachan** (B.S. '80) is a resource teacher in the Fabens school system.

**Larry A. Maguire**, Ens./USN, (B.B.A. '80) received his commission this spring at the Naval Education and Training Center, Newport, Rhode Island.

**Charlotte M. Wiedel** (M.A. '80) teaches at El Paso Community College.

**Joel Salcido** (B.A. '80) is a darkroom technician and photographer with the *El Paso Times*.

**Lawrence M. Downum, Jr.**, (B.B.A. '80) has been appointed assistant vice president for the Mesilla Valley Division, El Paso Electric Company. He had previously been manager of the company's public affairs department for six years, and has held positions of junior engineer, assistant distribution engineer and assistant to the vice president.

**Carlton...**(from page 3)

ran around in the same crowd together. In fact, when Paul first called me, I thought he was really looking for Thelma, but Thelma was married, so he took me out instead! At least," she laughs, "that's what I told Paul I thought he was doing, and he insisted, 'No, no, that's not true!'" Elouise took courses at UT Austin while her husband was studying for his CPA exam, and when the Carltons returned to El Paso she worked for several years for the International Boundary and Water Commission, and is presently active in various church and charitable activities. She was involved in the Drive-a-Meal Program for five years, one year as president. She does a great deal of the cooking and catering at First Presbyterian Church. "If somebody needs a dinner for 50 or 550, she puts it on," says Carlton proudly. She has also done work at the Newark Maternity Hospital, and, on a fairly regular basis, works at the information desk at the airport for the Woman's Department of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Carltons have two children, Edy Sue, 27, and Dale, 30. Both attended Mesita School and Coronado High. Although Edy took some courses at UTEP, most of her college work was done at Texas Tech. Married to Jim Chambers, an El Pasoan and an equipment engineer with Gulf Oil, Edy lives with her husband in Lafayette, Louisiana, where she has worked as a dietician. Last year she worked for the catering company that serves the Southwestern Louisiana University at Lafayette, putting on banquets and luncheons. A couple of months ago they had a dinner for their students and, among other things, she was in charge of getting 11,000 pounds of crawfish boiled and served for the occasion. "She said they used all but about 600 pounds of it," Carlton laughs.

Dale went to SMU and later majored in choral work in Oregon. He taught two years in the Dallas school system, then went back to SMU for a year of accounting, and is presently with a CPA firm in Longview, Texas. In his spare time he and his wife, Cindy, a choral music teacher in a junior high school, have been building a home. They subcontracted the slab, plumbing and brick work, and are doing everything else themselves — including the woodwork on their kitchen cabinets, a hobby Dale enjoys.

In his own spare time, Carlton tends to his garden at their house in Kern

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Place, where he and his wife have lived for 31 years, and plays tennis regularly. "I play with Steve Curl, a loan officer at the State National Bank and a neighbor. On Wednesdays I usually play with Dr. Rene Rosas, a dentist and an active UTEP Ex; Friday I play with Dr. Jim Patton, also a dentist, and comparatively new in the city; Saturday I sometimes play with Ron McLeod, the superintendent of our El Paso Public Schools, and on Saturday I usually play with Loren Fresh, who runs the computer down at the El Paso National Bank. I enjoy singles basically for exercise and fun, and it helps me get away from the confinement and the stresses and strains at the office."

The Carltons don't travel that often, but one trip they won't soon forget is last year's hiking vacation to Yosemite Meadows, where they hiked 43 miles in five days. "I think Paul was ready to throw me out before it was all over!" says Elouise. The next to the last day they were there, they decided to go over the Volgelsang Pass. "If you went over the Pass," says Elouise, "and got up there 10,600 feet, you could see *forever*. It was absolutely beautiful, but you had to go that way. The only problem was, for an hour and a half before we got to the top, we were walking in rain, thunder, lightening, and snow. So by the time we got to the Pass, it was snowing so hard all we could do was hope that we could find a path through the rocks to get down. We had to ford six streams, and at the last one . . . well, they had some great big logs, and I guess that's what we were supposed to go across on. But at that point they had an inch of snow on them. Paul said, 'Well, I'll see if I can't find us another place,' and I said, 'Paul, camp is right over there. I'm wet and I'm cold, and I'm going across right here.' So with that, I walked right across, with my shoes on, where it was about 12 inches deep, and finally got to camp. We didn't get to see the view at all!"

As for his accounting firm, Carlton says, "Right now we're trying to get departmentalized. Up until now we've more or less taken care of our own clients, and supervised whatever junior and senior accountants that are necessary to do the various types of work. And then whenever there is a particular problem in which someone else has more experience, we go to that individual. Right now we're developing a tax department. We have Walter Barr, who was formerly with Peat Marwick, and we're trying to channel most of our

major tax problems through him. The rest of us take care of the accounting and auditing work, business and estate planning. Our clients go back to the 30s — people who started with us and have been with us ever since."

Through his business, civic and church activities, Carlton is able to remain in contact with many of his UT El Paso associates. "I know a number of professors who attend our church, so I stay in touch with them there. Naturally, I like to keep up with what's going on. And with the involvement of the local school board and all the educational facilities at UTEP, we often cross paths. For instance, Paul Hassler, who's in the civil engineering department, is treasurer of our Christian Education program at First Presbyterian. Max Bolen, in the physics department, is quite active in our church and is an income tax client. Ken Bailey and Wayne Fuller in the history department are also active members. So through these associations, and the fact that I only live a half-mile from campus, I get close to the University and the people there. I'm a continuing supporter of the University in any way possible, in their funds solicitation when they need that, and for any help in their business or accounting areas."

Carlton is a charter member of the Matrix Society at UT El Paso, and served as chairman of that organization in 1970. Along with other past chairmen, Carlton was honored with an award of appreciation at a banquet in September, 1978. For the Alumni Fund for Excellence, he served as chairman of the CPA's division and class chairman for its 30th anniversary reunion during Homecoming, 1970. Carlton's business also takes him on campus frequently, as auditor for KCOS, the public television station.

The campus has changed, of course, since his early days at the College of Mines, but he says, "I think the University is doing a fine job of educating the youngsters of our city, West Texas and the surrounding area. They've been blessed with good leaders and good professors. Through their various presidents, and working with the Board of Regents, they've been able to obtain an excellent physical plant. I know that the College of Business with its new facilities now under construction will be working closer with the community. They'll have more interaction with business leaders, and have symposiums for the community, and things of that sort.

"I think there is also a lot of coopera-

tion between the public school district and UTEP" he continues. "I know that the College of Education held a seminar some time back. I was invited because of being on the school board, and a number of our teachers were there. That type of interaction is very beneficial. Sometimes little things are important. They've finally arranged the school calendar and the UTEP calendar so there is no conflict. Also, we get a good portion of our teachers from UTEP, so I think it's healthy for everyone to work together."

Carlton says he is "impressed" with UTEP's new president, Haskell Monroe, and his activities. "In addition to his work at UTEP, he happens to teach a Sunday School class from time to time at the First Presbyterian Church. My wife reports that he is an excellent teacher."

A modest, somewhat shy man, Carlton is gracious and appreciative about being chosen UT El Paso's Outstanding Ex — the first time in history of the University that a certified public accountant has received the award. He describes himself as being "one of those more or less ordinary people who do things day by day." He enjoys participating in his various activities, and says he is "the kind of person who tries to contribute his talents and abilities — whatever they may be — to help whatever organization he is involved in." He is quick to add, "I'm not particularly a *joiner* of things . . . I guess it's the time limitation. I realize there are only so many hours available."

With his ever-present accountant's sense of time and numbers, Carlton has nevertheless been able to work hard for those organizations and projects he believes in. "My philosophy is that you've got the time for anything you really want to do. Along with that, I think if one is able to manage his time, then he can cover more bases. So I do a lot of planning ahead and hopefully I utilize my time fairly effectively."

UT El Paso is grateful that Paul Carlton has indeed managed to devote so much of his time and abilities to serving his city and University, and is therefore proud to present him with the highest honor the University can bestow, that of Outstanding Ex-Student for 1981. □

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James Stowe (M.A. '78) is a novelist working in his hometown of El Paso. Earlier contributions to NOVA include last year's cover story on Outstanding Ex Don Henderson.





*Golden Grads of 50 years or more met on the steps of Old Main at Homecoming last year. From left: Hoot Gibson, '29; Hugh D. McGaw '29; Royal Jackman, '30; Berte Haigh, '25; Lydia Clements, '22; Thomas Clements, '22; Harold Kersey, '29; Dean Bevan, '29; Albert Viescas, '30; Ed Douglas, '30; and Tom O'Connor, '30. Golden Grads will be honored at a luncheon and other activities this year.*

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