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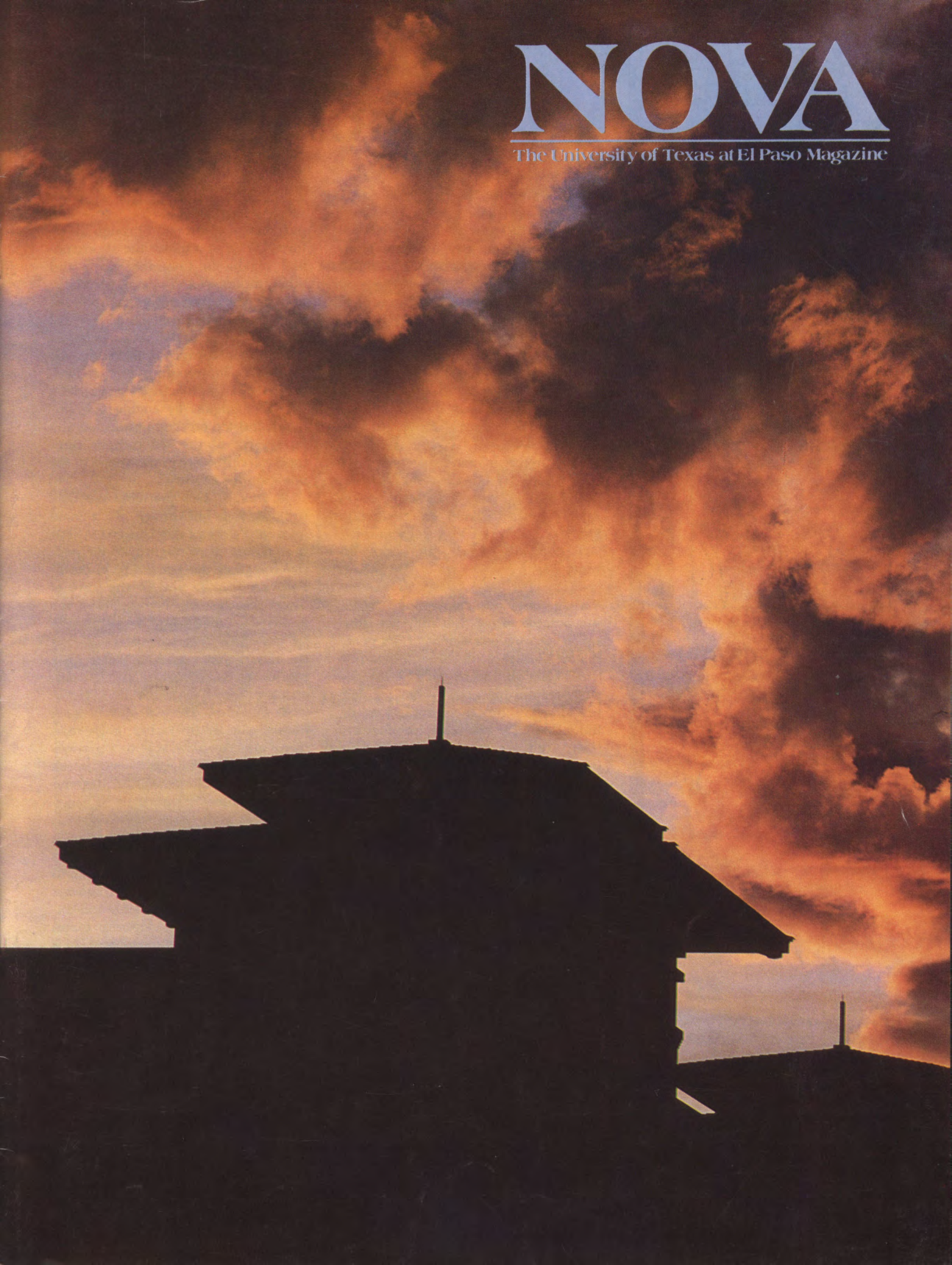
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# The View from the Hill

by Dale L. Walker

## THE PRESIDENT

I don't claim to know Haskell Monroe on any intimate level, but I do have a special vantage point, as director of the News and Publications Office and, more recently, of Texas Western Press, from which to view him. I am one of seven people in attendance at his weekly Monday morning briefing sessions, we go to lunch occasionally, speak on the phone frequently and, necessary in my line of work, I have "access" to him when I need it.

His interest in and appreciation of the work of the News and Publications and Texas Western Press staffs makes my life the easier and I am indebted to Dr. Monroe for it. This is a sentiment shared by all others who work with him.

In the five years of our association there are several accomplishments that are notable to me that may not show up in his own assessment of his presidency, or in those of others, but which should not go unrecorded.

- **Communication.** No UTEP president in my memory has made himself more available to faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends (even occasional foes) of the University than has Haskell Monroe.

- **Recognition.** Dr. Monroe has personally inaugurated a series of awards and award ceremonies which recognize service to the University in all its forms. Most recently, at his behest, all the mundane certificates for the years of service by faculty and staff were tossed out and a lovely new series of artful certificates and prints were designed by El Paso's beloved artist Jose Cisneros.

- **Media.** No president, perhaps in the University's history, has had better press and media relations than Dr. Monroe. He has accomplished this because of his interest in the media and what they can do and actually do, his willingness to talk with reporters on the record, and a proper mixture of caution and openness in these encounters.

- **Tradition.** Haskell Monroe has an extraordinary sensitivity to the im-

portance of tradition. Through his efforts, UTEP now makes use of ceremonial regalia in Commencement and other important and solemn occasions; he has strengthened and expanded Commencement itself and has encouraged wider participation in it; has inaugurated convocational events, assisted in Homecoming celebrations, resisted changes in annual St. Patrick's Day shenanigans by engineering students, insisted on the reinstitution of a pure form of the old campus Bhutanese architecture in the design of the new campus Library.

- **Image.** This president not only projects a public image of "a good man in charge of our University," but in so doing, lends mightily to the positive image of the University in the El Paso community and in the state of Texas. No one has kept track of the hundreds of speeches and appearances he has made in behalf of UTEP, but the effects of these in the public perception of the University and its leadership cannot be minimized.

- **Qualities.** He is a man of keen humor who would rather laugh than frown and awards a "10" to a particularly good piece of wit. He can speak for 10 or 30 or 90 minutes with a couple of hand-jotted notecards for assistance and has the best extemporaneous presence at a press conference I have ever witnessed. He seeks advice as often as he lends it, sorts his options and acts. He is gregarious, always questioning his new acquaintances until he knows enough never to forget them in some future encounter. He is uncomfortable only in handling the onerous duties that attend any university president, listening to somebody bad-mouth UTEP, or writing evaluations, not all of which, all the time, can be all positive, on those who report to him.

He is an abiding family man with a close-knit and loving family.

He is a patriotic American and a bone-marrow-deep Texan.

He is a good man in charge of our University. □



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# The University, the Community & Growth

**A**s a supply-side economist, Timothy P. Roth is oriented toward the theme of growth. This became his topic when, on October 15, he gave a lecture on that subject and was honored as the first person to hold the Arleigh B. Templeton Professorship in Financial Management and Banking.

The regional growth in the El Paso-Juarez-Southern New Mexico Region has been significant in recent years, he said.

"In 1970 El Paso was the 45th largest SMSA (Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area) in the United States," he pointed out. "By 1980 it was the 28th largest — ahead of St. Louis, Atlanta, Pittsburgh and Miami according to the census records."

At the University, he noted similar growth in the background of faculty members during the years since he joined the faculty in 1971.

In comparing the number of professors with doctoral degrees in 1971 and 1984, he found in the College of Business Administration the figures were 22 and 42, up by 91%; College of

Education, 25 and 33, up 32%; College of Engineering, 26 and 46, up 77%; College of Liberal Arts, 100 and 132, up 32% and College of Science, 58 and 78, up 34%. The College of Nursing and Allied Health, which became part of the University in 1976, has 20 with doctorates.

Growth, observed Dr. Roth, offers both benefits and costs to those who experience it.

"It is always painful for someone," he continued. "This is especially true when account is taken of constraints on growth, particularly newly emerging constraints." As an example he cited the position of Texas, confronting a world in which the rate of rise in tax revenue is constrained by the oil market.

On the other hand, he found, growth of non-zero sum gain makes it possible for "losers" to become "gainers" as well. "The idea," he explained, "is that if you grow fast enough and provision is made for losers, everybody may gain."

The reason is, he continued, that over the past decade conventional

wisdom in Washington in certain quarters has been that the U.S. and world economy are playing a "zero sum game." A 1980 book by Lester Thurow, *Zero Sum Society*, held that in the face of an energy crisis, decline in productivity, and increase in international competitiveness, the U.S. had to play a game where anyone who gains does so at someone else's expense.

"I rejected that thesis then and continue to do so," emphasized Dr. Roth. "I hold with the non-zero attitude that if I gain, you do, too. What this means is that constraints can be overcome, and the way they are overcome is by understanding the process of real income growth."

He cited the work of Dale Jorgenson who found that the secular (long-term) growth rate of the real Gross National Product in the United States is 3.5%, which he broke down by source: 1.61% was growth of physical capital (plant and equipment), 1.14% was growth in productivity, and 0.75% was growth in human capital (knowledge and skills).





Dr. Timothy P. Roth

The importance of this information to our society, our nation and our region, stressed Dr. Roth, is that emphasis must be given to capital accumulation in both forms — non-human and human.

"This demonstrates the role of UTEP, El Paso Community College and New Mexico State University in this region," he continued. "We as a society acquire human capital through formal education and through learning on the job. The critically important thing is formal training, and clearly growth and adaptation at UTEP are critical to the growth of this region."

There are, however, certain internal and external constraints which complicate the growth process at UTEP, he said.

Internally at the University, he cited problems of tenure and isolation.

"Tenure reduces the mobility of resources within the institution," he pointed out. "The corollary is not to get rid of it, but given the restraints, we need to concentrate on reallocation of faculty resources among colleges and departments as attrition and addition of new faculty lines permit." He noted that the administration has taken account of this need and has been particularly helpful to the College of Business, "but more needs to be done."

Endemic to all universities, he continued, are problems of departmental and college isolation. Holders of PhDs in any discipline, by definition, are very specialized, he said. It is difficult for them to talk with people from

other disciplines in part because they use very different vocabularies.

But many problems that confront this region are interdisciplinary in nature, Dr. Roth said. An example is the study of environmental problems. Some obvious needs exist for closer cooperation between the Business and the Engineering faculty members, and "we need to work on it."

Regarding external problems, he mentioned the budget and the Coordinating Board of the Texas College and University System, which has the last word on new programs for the institutions of higher education in the state.

"Our budget," he said, "is credit-hour driven. The tuition increases this fall have hurt not only us, but other institutions in the UT System. The plan calls for additional increases in the future."

He suggested that the community needs to communicate to the Legislature that these increases "must be rethought."

Regarding the Coordinating Board, he said that from their point of view it is critical in the state that there be no duplication of programs. "I understand the logic of that stand, but on the other hand we are clearly different from UT Arlington and UT Dallas. We are so isolated from other institutions in the state that the no-duplication rule, while appropriate statewide, does not apply meaningfully to us."

How can the University and the community help each other?

Dr. Roth said the University can help through obtaining accreditation for the College of Business Administration, an important "plus" in attracting new business and industry; by continuing and expanding the cooperation between the community and the Colleges of Engineering and Education; by developing a regional database involving El Paso, Juarez and Southern New Mexico, and by looking at the forward and backward linkages among incumbent industries in the area.

He cited as of special importance the development and distribution of meaningful information on the impact of the twin plants to El Paso-Juarez. "Most people on this side of the border don't appreciate the importance of those plants," he said. "There is resistance on this side to the plants by those who think they take jobs away from workers in El Paso, but we need more studies that can detail the actual im-

pact of these plants on our communities and our economy."

He also gave a list of ways in which the community can help the University:

1. Help sell the Coordinating Board on the uniqueness of our situation.
2. Help sell the Legislature on the need to rethink the tuition policy and the need to increase funding for higher education.
3. Push for an El Paso member on the UT System Board of Regents.
4. Help us add new faculty lines in critical areas through funding for endowed chairs, for example.
5. Cooperate with faculty members in soliciting grants in subject areas of interest to the community, through providing seed money which is required for some grants, and through making proprietary information available to researchers.
6. Help us set up internship programs which benefit students, the community and the University.
7. Help us set up scholarship funds.

Dr. Roth concluded by expressing his pride in accepting the Templeton Professorship, in being a UTEP faculty member, and in being an El Pasoan.

He is chairman of the Department of Economics and Finance. In recent years he has served as research director for the U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee's Special Study on Economic Change, and as senior economist for the committee, was the author of a number of studies relating to fiscal and monetary policy. He is co-editor of the 1983 book *The Supply-Side Solution*.

More recently Dr. Roth went to Washington as executive director of President Reagan's Steel Advisory Committee and as senior economic advisor in the Office of the Secretary of Commerce.

He is listed in the Heritage Foundation's *Annual Guide to Public Policy Experts* and is a member of the Texas Economic Development Commission's Economic Policy Advisory Committee.

Following his lecture, Dr. Roth was honored at a reception given by the College of Business Administration and the Sunturians. □



# HASKELL MONROE OF UT EL PASO

by Dale L. Walker



**H**askell M. Monroe, Jr. took office as president of The University of Texas at El Paso on July 14, 1980, and the following interview looks back over his five-years-thus-far presidency.

The timing of it, by happenstance, trails on the University's fall 1985 enrollment downturn of 8% — to 14,119, lowest fall enrollment since 1975 — which in turn trails on the 1985 state-wide tuition increase. The tuition hike raised the cost of 12 semester hours from \$185 to \$279 for resident students, \$615 to \$1,575 for non-residents.

President Monroe, to refresh your recollection of his history, is a historian — of the Civil War and southern United States, in particular. He is a native Texan who earned his B.A. degree in history and English and M.A. in history at Austin College, his Ph.D. in history at Rice University. He joined the faculty at Texas A&M University in 1959 and served at that institution 21 years, earning many awards for distinguished achievement as a teacher and administrator.

At the time of his selection as UT El Paso president, Dr. Monroe was dean of faculties and associate vice president for academic affairs at A&M.

He and his wife Jo (profiled herein by Nancy Hamilton) are parents of four children: Stephen, Melanie, Mark and John.



**NOVA:** When you first came to El Paso in 1980 as one of the candidates for the UTEP presidency, what were your impressions?

**Monroe:** My family and I knew very little about the city or about UTEP. We had driven through here twice, en route to California, in July of the year, in a car with no air conditioning. We thought it was hot and dry in that time of the year and that was about the extent of our first-hand knowledge of El Paso until late January, 1980, when we came for that three-day visit.

**NOVA:** At that time, you were being questioned and looked at as a potential UTEP president, and you were able to look at and question others. What did you think of it all when you were flying back home?

**Monroe:** Jo and I matched notes during and after those three days. We thought we might be happy in El Paso: we agreed that we had met many very fine, friendly people in town and at the University, we were greatly attracted to the physical beauty of the UTEP campus and we were deeply impressed by our discovery that the University is so very *important* to this city.

**NOVA:** What was your reaction to Regent Jane Blumberg's key question about your candidacy as UTEP president?

**Monroe:** Her question surprised me a bit and I think my answer may have surprised her a bit. She asked me why I wanted to be president of UTEP and I responded that I was not sure I *did*

## On the Presidency

"Never dull — as in instances when someone sues the University for injuries sustained while stepping off a curb.

"Heartwarming — when a retiring member of the Food Service crew describes his gratitude for God giving him the opportunity to serve students and faculty.

"Frustrating — when our friends and supporters, as well as critics, are not fully aware of the hard work by everyone on campus to make this an even better institution.

"Amusing — when a student asked whether I worked for the University, another student responded, 'No, he's the President.'

"And satisfying — as when, at Commencement, an invitation is given for all new degree recipients to stand if neither of their parents attended college and more than three-quarters of the new UTEP graduates stand."

want to be, at that point. I was still trying to find out if the job seemed right for me and vice versa.

**NOVA:** What would have happened if you had been offered the job right then?

**Monroe:** I would probably have begged off. I needed more time to weigh everything. After all, during the late-January visit, I was one of a group of candidates and didn't know at that point how seriously I was being considered.

**NOVA:** But you soon found out and accepted the job, coming on campus in July, 1980. With five years to look back upon, let's talk first about accomplishments...

**Monroe:** Naturally, I take great pride in what I think is a good record in recruiting and retaining good students here. We are offering better scholarship opportunities than ever before. I would also always point to our new Library as not only a magnificently beautiful and functional building, but a significant symbol as well: of pride in our University System, of our dedication to giving our students the best possible environment and opportunity to learn.

**NOVA:** Other accomplishments?

**Monroe:** The merit salary system for our faculty which says each person will receive, regardless of status, a fair and appropriate salary increase based on performance. The increased gift support we receive from our alumni and friends — funds for professorships, chairs, library and program support. Increased community involvement by the University in the community and vice-versa. A balanced athletics budget — a genuine rarity these days. The recruitment of excellent faculty and staff members, and such administrators as our vice presidents, Diana Natalicio, Bill Erskine and, although he was on-board already, Dean Joe Avila.

**NOVA:** There have been frustrations and disappointments, too?

**Monroe:** Of course. For example, I thought we would have the luxury of fairly consistent enrollment growth, but we have not grown in student enrollment since 1977 and took the most serious dip — eight percent — this past fall semester, as a result of the tuition increase. This pattern of non-growth or more crucially, any pattern of a dropping enrollment, adversely affects everything — budget, program development, research potential, library materials. Everything.

**NOVA:** Other frustrations?

**Monroe:** This is less specific than the enrollment pattern, but the expectation that the University can be all things to all people can be very frustrating. Because of El Paso's isolation from the rest of Texas, there often is a tendency by the public to think our rules are somehow different or more restrictive than those of other universities. Periodically, as an example of



**MONDAY MEETING** — President Monroe's weekly briefing sessions include, from his left, Diana Natalicio (Vice President for Academic Affairs), William C. Erskine (Vice President for Business Affairs), Bruce Collier (Executive Director of Planning), Jose Avila (Dean of Students), Wynn Anderson (Assistant to the President), Dale L. Walker (Director, News & Publications and Texas Western Press), James Peak (Director of Development).



this, there is a clamor that we throw open our facilities to any group who asks for them and is willing to share its "profits" — almost always overstated and under-realized — with the University. We cannot do it nor can any institution in the UT System do it.

**NOVA:** And no matter how carefully it is explained, and the Regents' Rules quoted, we come off looking as if we make up the rules ourselves, as we go along.

**Monroe:** Yes, and I think it is related, again, to our geographical isolation. There is a very limited view here for comparing ourselves to other institutions. I do not think, for instance, many El Pasoans appreciate the fact that, unlike most large universities, freshmen students at UTEP are *not* taught by teaching assistants but by regular faculty members, most of whom have the doctoral degree. This is a significant difference between our classroom practices and those of other universities and rather than being a prized difference, is taken for granted here because there is so little basis for comparison nearby.

**NOVA:** Do we have a sort of persecution complex?

**Monroe:** I think we do, and it harms us. We are making much more progress than we credit ourselves for making. Our undergraduate degree recipients rate quite highly — unfortunately, the employment opportunities here are often not competitive enough to keep our best graduates from leaving El Paso. We are a better university than we will admit. Our city is better in many ways than the national norm. But we El Pasoans can be hypercritical of everything local and too often find it easier to criticize than to praise.

**NOVA:** Are you satisfied with the treatment UTEP receives in the local news media?

**Monroe:** By and large, I am. But I am frequently disappointed, particularly in the print media, by its lack of attention to our accomplishments and its focus on what it perceives to be our shortcomings, by its lack of understanding of our budgetary process and our relationship to the Regents and University System. I do not expect the media to be a public relations outlet for the University but I do not think it is asking too much for the media to report as extensively the positive newsworthy events on campus as it does those events it considers negative and

full of conflict. Too often I have found the Dallas or Houston media or even the *Chronicle of Higher Education* running good stories about UTEP that attract little coverage locally. Perhaps all this is part of the insularity created by the isolation we have mentioned. The media sometimes take far too much for granted, just as all of us in the El Paso community do.

**NOVA:** When you meet with other university presidents, what impressions of UTEP do you get from them?

**Monroe:** They invariably admire our physical plant — the beauty of our campus and its architectural harmony. Our Library is the source of questions and admiration. They are curious about our comparatively high Hispanic enrollment and how we cope with our isolation, which they think of as mysterious since none of them are so isolated as we are. And I hear them speak of the unique opportunities UTEP offers because of its border location, its bilingual and bicultural qualities.

**NOVA:** The mysterious quality of our border location, our bilingual and bicultural opportunities, our high percentage of Hispanic enrollment: What are we doing to take advantage of these great pluses?

**Monroe:** To begin with, because of the high-powered recruiting efforts other institutions are making in El Paso to attract Hispanic students, we have needed to sharpen our own recruitment and retention efforts. I think our greatest asset with regard to the Hispanic student is that UTEP, with its classless student body where social cliques and last-name prestige are absent, is a place where the Hispanic student, so often that first-generation college student (such as I was) has the opportunity to succeed. I think UTEP does more to make that opportunity real than any other university, anywhere. Our advising program for provisional students is recognized as among the best in the nation. It encourages students whose high school record may have been less than spectacular to have confidence in themselves.

**NOVA:** Do we have an "open door" admission policy?

**Monroe:** No. We often turn students away who clearly cannot do university-level work. But we make every effort to provide that *opportunity to succeed* and we want every student to know that if the goal is to obtain a bac-

calaureate degree, the place to start is *here*, at a four-year institution.

**NOVA:** How would you characterize the differences, if any, between the Hispanic and Anglo student at UTEP?

**Monroe:** There are no absolutes or constants, but I think we do find, among many of our Hispanic students, a greater *tenacity* — that admirable quality of determination, a hunger to succeed. Quite often that effort toward getting a degree is a *family* goal as well as an individual goal. And it is certainly important to mention that we have a better record of retention among our Hispanic provisional students than our Anglo provisionals.

**NOVA:** What are some of the most frequent myths about UTEP you have encountered in your five years as president?

**Monroe:** There are many. That we have lower standards than other public universities. That we never get our fair share of anything and remain the "stepchild" of the University System. That the Regents and System Administration interfere with us. That we have an "open door" admission policy. That we could reap large profits by throwing our facilities open to any entrepreneur with a big idea. That parking fees are lower in Austin and tuition lower at New Mexico State than at UTEP. The list is very long.

**NOVA:** Looking ahead, we appear to have a bleak time ahead for us if the enrollment decline continues into the second year of the biennium when the numbers will determine our budgetary appropriation for 1987-88. How do you view these near-future prospects?

**Monroe:** It is very true and cannot be overemphasized that if higher education appropriation reductions continue and if our enrollment does not recover or at least remain steady, we will have severe fiscal problems ahead. Our physical plant needs ahead are modest: relocation of our Physical Plant buildings, renovation of the old Library, a laboratory research building. But other needs are more critical, in particular those which support our academic programs.

**NOVA:** In light of this what do you see as your mission in the coming months?

**Monroe:** We all must make the public aware of the need for better funding by the time the Legislature meets in 1987, that we cannot absorb more cuts in our funding level if we are to continue to offer the programs we believe essential to our mission. □



"Our philosophy has been that this is sort of the living room of the campus," says Jo Monroe, wife of UTEP President Haskell Monroe. "What goes on here are the pleasures related to the life of the University."

The petite, charming mistress of Hoover House was well acquainted with the busy life of a university administrator while her husband was at Texas A&M. They were invited to numerous dinners, luncheons and other social activities related to his work. But the pace picked up radically when Dr. Monroe became president of UT El Paso.

"I admit I had some guilt feelings about having to be away from home, especially in the evenings, while the children were younger," says Mrs. Monroe. When they moved to El Paso, Mark was 15 and John was 12. Stephen, then 21, was a senior at A&M and the only daughter, Melanie, was 18 and just entering A&M.

Now only John remains at home, a senior at El Paso High School. The older sons are still at A&M — Stephen in graduate school after completing a degree in architecture and Mark in medical studies.

Melanie's wedding to Joseph Wayne Mullings last June was the occasion for one of the most memorable social events at Hoover House.

"The wedding reception probably seems like the largest party we ever gave, because it rained and everyone had to be inside," Mrs. Monroe recalls.

During their years in El Paso, the Monroes have hosted a number of events that have become traditions, and that have served to bring the University community — active and retired — closer together.

As part of Fall Convocation, they invite all faculty and staff to Hoover House for an open house. More than 350 usually attend this event, says Mrs. Monroe.

Several organizations, among them the UTEP Women's Auxiliary and the University Women's Club, hold social activities at Hoover House during the year. Mrs. Monroe also opens her home to community groups such as the Ballet El

Paso Guild and the El Paso Symphony Guild, on whose boards she has served. In 1981 the El Paso County Historical Society included Hoover House in its annual Tour of Homes.

"The first year we were here, almost 4,500 people came to the house as guests," she recalls.

## Jo MONROE



Not all the events they host are at home; on campus the Monroes entertain emeritus professors at an annual dinner, various groups of guests before football games, and other special groups from time to time. When the Board of Regents meets in El Paso, once every two or three years, the Monroes arrange social activities for the Regents and their spouses.

"We are delighted to be able to open our home to the public," she emphasizes. "It helps relations in the community and also on campus."

The Monroes' hospitality carries the brand of their Southern background, he a Texan and she from Mebane, North Carolina. They met at a Presbyterian summer camp in the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina where she was one of the student workers and he had come to start doctoral research at the church's historical foundation.

They were married in 1957 and moved to Houston where he attended Rice and she majored in English at the University of Houston. He began teaching at Texas A&M in 1959 and they remained there until moving to El Paso in 1980.

In what Dr. Monroe refers to as their "previous life," Jo had several hobbies related to art and needlework, among them stained glass. She created the stained glass UTEP seal that hangs in her husband's office. More recently she dedicated her expertise to preparing Melanie's wedding dress. Although he is the main collector in the family — bricks and postcards — they share an interest in pottery.

"We like Indian and Southern handmade pottery that we collect during our travels," she explains. "We like to buy it from the person who made it and learn something about that person's life and work."

Besides hosting many social events, Jo Monroe has a variety of other activities that relate both to her role as UTEP's First Lady and her own interest in the community.

She is in her fourth year as a board member for the El Paso Child Guidance Center and has served on United Way study committees for three years.

"Working with the United Way is the best education for living in El Paso that anybody could ask for," she avows. "There is no way to be involved in that and be insensitive to what goes on in the city. It helps me much more to do this than it does the people who are served by United Way."

When they moved to El Paso, Dr. Monroe accepted speaking engagements everywhere he was invited, in order to get to know the town and people. He is still a popular speaker, although his schedule has tightened up considerably since 1980 as his responsibilities have increased. Mrs. Monroe, however, says she is not inclined to public speaking, preferring the support role of proud wife and thoughtful hostess.

"I do the handshakes and the personal touch," she reflects, "and leave the speeches and the spotlight to him."





# CONVOCATION!

Convocation in the fall of 1985 was, as in past years, a time for bringing together current faculty and staff members, retirees, and students who joined them for such events as the lecture on the State of the University by President Haskell Monroe and the Faculty/Staff Talent Show.

A highlight of the week was a lecture by Larry Temple, chairman of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, on "Higher Education's Contribution to Texas." The Austin attorney welcomed questions from the audience at the end of his presentation. He is also chairman of the state's new Select Committee on Higher Education.

At the banquet for emeritus professors, Dr. Olav Eidbo gave a quick history of the Music Department and provided guests copies of the "Dig for TCM" song that Fred Waring's group used to sing about the College of Mines.

Dr. and Mrs. Monroe hosted their annual faculty/staff reception at Hoover House, where people from all the colleges had a chance to get acquainted.

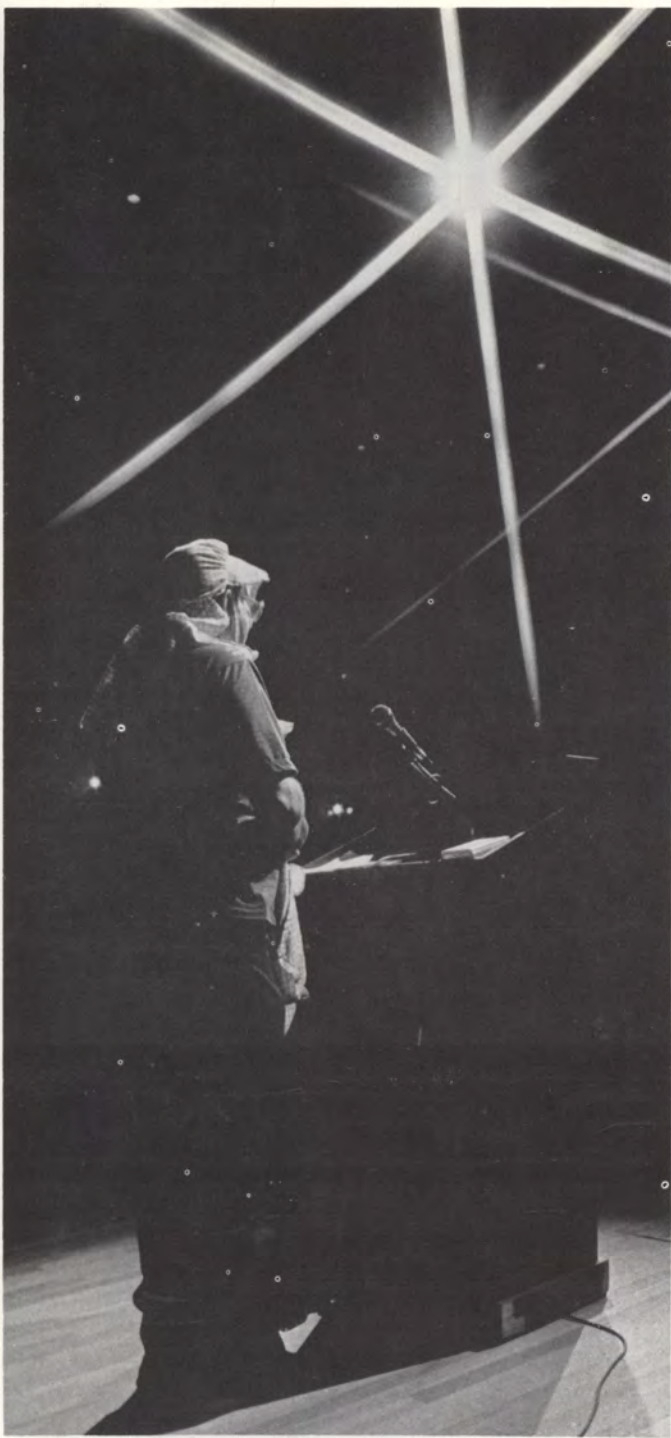
The traditional Fall Convocation program featured an address by Dr. Monroe and the presentation of the Sonnichsen Award to an emeritus professor from another university (see photo at right). The award is offered by Texas Western Press in an annual competition.

The week's many activities wound down with "The Greatest Show on Campus," featuring such stalwarts as Blind Irv



and Jimmy Joe Monkey with their original song, "Speed Bump Blues," and the "Sword Dance" by the exotic Desert Dancers. Folklorist John West was garbed as a sunbonneted pioneer woman for his reading. A fine time was had by all! (Photos by Chad Puerling & Andreas Reiter)





Professor Emeritus Bill Timmons, upper left, played ragtime piano near the display of University banners at the dinner for emeriti. English Prof John West, above, disguised as a pioneer, brought "Mark Twain Alive!" at the talent show. Upper right, music retirees Olav Eidbo and E.A. Thormodsgaard chatted with President Monroe after the emeriti dinner. Among dinner guests were, right center, Myrtle Ball and her former student, Jean Miculka, now both professors emerita. A feature of the University Convocation program was the presentation of the Sonnichsen Award for best entry in the competition of Texas Western Press. The winner was Don Worcester, author of many historical books and emeritus professor of history at Texas Christian University, for *The Spanish Mustang*. At lower left are guests in the patio of Hoover House where Dr. and Mrs. Monroe hosted their annual reception for faculty and staff members.





Dorothy S. Carter

# THE CARTER PROFESSORSHIP

As an example of that vision, she recalls that many years ago, when the University was a small college, her husband predicted that it would one day expand its campus as far as his own land holdings — an extensive area that included the present-day site of the Special Events Center. Now the University operates its Ticket Center where Carter used to have a filling station.

His early success at the Cotton and Montana location had inspired success. In responding to El Pasoans' calls for help, he perceived the need for other services. The 954 Tire and Rubber Company was started, then developed into Carter Petroleum, distributor for Texaco products. Carter served as chairman of the board of Carter Petroleum and Ritter Oil Co. and also was associated with Carter Realty Co. and the C. & F. Realty Co.

In the early 1930s, great Depression years when the College of Mines had about 600 students, Carter and a group of friends organized the Citizens' Athletic Committee, a support group with goals similar to those of today's El Dorados. The football team of 1933 numbered only 12 players for at least one of its season games. The citizens' group helped the school find a house to use as an athletic dormitory. (The building later became the president's home; the Liberal Arts Building now occupies the site.)

The committee was but one of many expressions of Carter's interest in the University over the years. He and his wife joined the President's Associates, on whose executive committee he served, and the El Dorado organization.

As his business interests expanded through the years, he never lost in-

terest in helping athletes, says Mrs. Carter.

One way of helping was by providing part-time employment. Among the many athletes whom Carter hired over the years was a young man who played end on the Miner football team, Jim DeGroat. After completing his B.B.A. in 1950, he remained with the company. At the time of his death in 1983, DeGroat was president of Carter Petroleum.

Mrs. Carter has asked that the new Chair be used to attract and retain the highest quality of academicians possible in the College of Business Administration.

Once a person is chosen for the Chair, a review for continued appointment will be conducted every five years. The Carter Chaired Professor will be expected to teach, to use research talents that have been recognized by the business and the academic communities, and to work with business and professional leaders both locally and nationally.

Plans call for a nationwide search for a person who has superior professional and academic credentials that are recognized both nationally and internationally, with the nominee to be recommended by the dean of the college to the UTEP president. Approval of the appointment also will be asked of The University of Texas System Board of Regents.

"This gift," says Dr. Monroe, "is a demonstration of the close relationship that has existed between the El Paso community and this institution from its inception. One of the University's most valuable commodities is the support and concern of people in the community like the Carters." □

**W**hen Charles R. Carter came to El Paso in 1918, he operated a business at the corner of Cotton and Montana streets that became known by his telephone number: 954.

"That was the only filling station in those days that would send someone out to fix a flat for a stranded driver," recalls his widow, Dorothy S. Carter.

"People always called 954 for help."

During the ensuing years, as Carter's business interests expanded, he continued to be someone community leaders looked to for help, both professionally and through his personal service in many capacities.

This October, The University of Texas System Board of Regents accepted a gift from Mrs. Carter which will perpetuate the concept of helping others that so long has been identified with the family name. With her gift of \$500,000, the Charles R. and Dorothy S. Carter Chair in Business Administration is being established at UT El Paso. Income from the gift is eligible for matching funds under the Texas Eminent Scholars Program of the 68th Legislature.

"I think Charles would be very pleased to know that his name will be remembered in this way," Mrs. Carter told President Haskell Monroe. "He was a man of great vision in business and in the community."



# BOOKS

The C.L. Sonnichsen Book Award has not been given every year. Established in 1974 with a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Brand of El Paso, it is granted by the Texas Western Press Editorial Board to writers whose books exemplify the high standards of scholarship, writing ability, and devotion to the Southwest that the Sonnichsen name represents.

("Doc" Sonnichsen, now living in Tucson, visited *NOVA* in October during an El Paso visit to give a lecture. His wit and curiosity about everything and everyone are enduring commodities.)

The third recipient of the Sonnichsen Award is Shawn Lay, who completed his Master's in history at UTEP, and is currently taking graduate studies at Vanderbilt University under a scholarship. His book is *War, Revolution and the Ku Klux Klan: A Study of Intolerance in a Border City*, released in November by Texas Western Press.

Lay's research at UTEP led him into a period that had gone almost unnoticed among historians of El Paso — the years in which the Ku Klux Klan became a political power. Hooded, sheeted men met clandestinely in the

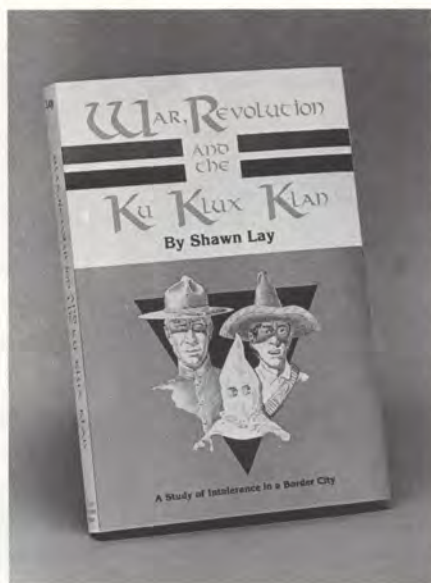
Upper Valley and on the mesa beyond Kern Place, numbering upwards of 2,000. Their force won a majority on the School Board, at that time linked politically and financially to the municipal government, and sought to

expand their influence wherever they could.

Their emphasis on clean living, avoidance of temptation through alcohol (easily available in Juarez during Prohibition), and strict law enforcement drew votes. Their values, though, also involved anti-Catholic and anti-Jewish sentiments which led to some unusual political battles and dissension within the community.

Some of the town's leading citizens were openly identified with the Klan, and certain organizations, with large numbers of Klansmen in their membership, also exerted influence on behalf of the secret organization. Richard Dudley's challenge in his mayoral campaign was a turning point in the Klan's hold over El Paso.

Lay has done a thorough study of the conditions in the city that led to its acceptance of the Klan in political matters and the role of the Klan in shaping attitudes that lasted long after its formal organization had ceased to operate. □



## Groundwater Policy in the Southwest

By Zachary A. Smith

Texas Western Press, \$4 (Southwestern Studies, No. 76).

The Southwest, more than other regions of the country, relies for most of its water supply upon underground water caught in aquifers. Arizona derives 40% and New Mexico 48% of their water from this groundwater resource.

Smith, who has taught political science at Ohio University, the University of California-Santa Barbara and elsewhere, provides his readers the serious data that indicate the states of the Southwest are depleting their supply of groundwater faster than it is being replaced by nature.

Although New Mexico has had statutes regarding groundwater since 1927, there was no formal policy in Arizona until 1980; in California, groundwater management is under local control.

An increasing problem is the pollution of groundwater from toxic substances, saltwater intrusion and other sources, due in part to the technological advances that have made possible significant increases in removal of groundwater. □

## The Val Verde Winery: Its Role in Texas Viticulture and Enology

By Robert C. Overfelt

Texas Western Press, \$4 (Southwestern Studies, No. 75).

The Val Verde Winery was founded in 1883 by Frank Qualia and is still a family business, operated by his grandson Thomas. While Texas's history of grape-growing and wine-making dates back to the Spanish settlers, Qualia brought his interests in agriculture from Italy. He emigrated in the

1870s, stopping first in Mexico and then moving to Texas to work with other Italians on railroad construction.

Qualia moved to the San Felipe del Rio area in 1881, leased land for farming, and included in his crops Lenoir grapes, which with Herbemont are

mainstays of the wine production business today. With new interest in wine manufacturing being developed in West Texas and the Mesilla Valley, this book is a timely addition to the lore of the grape in the Southwest.

The author is a history professor at Sul Ross State University. □



# Park Right, Andesite, Dynamite

**P**aved roads and sidewalks were rarities around the College of Mines campus in the early 1930s — so much so that Ruth Dyer Fisher of Missoula, Montana, recalls that she wore out a pair of shoes about once a month.

Of course, she added, her shoes were never very sturdy because the Depression “came to El Paso with a vengeance.”

She was among 23 members of the Class of 1935 who shared their memories during the fourth annual Golden Grads luncheon at Homecoming on November 2.

“Like most freshman girl English majors,” she continued, “I had a crush on the young, handsome Dr. (C.L.) Sonnichsen. He wrote on the margin of my theme, ‘I am surprised that you would misspell this word.’ I was so flattered that he thought so highly of me, I managed to misspell several more words after that.”

Among the six engineering graduates (five of whom are still among us and all attended the luncheon) was Dr. James Cady of Glen Ellen, California. He told the group that tremen-

dous changes were taking place in the 1930s, when the direction of the school changed from concentration on engineering interests to a broader curriculum.

“Cap” John W. Kidd, who had been a member of the original faculty in 1914 and highest administrator — dean of the college — from 1922-27, continued to wield great influence in the 1930s, according to the class members. Dr. Cady remembered Cap’s manner of enforcing his personal standards for proper parking places for cars.

“If he didn’t like the place you parked on campus, there were several things he could do. One day he moved a large timber under a car he considered to be illegally parked. I don’t know how the student got it out of there. He carried a piece of yellow chalk in his pocket that carpenters used to mark lumber. He would write on the windshield ‘Don’t park here’ and it took soap and water to get it off.”

Dr. Cady was joined by Beulah Liles Patterson, one of three faculty members of that period attending the



Ruth Dyer Fisher

luncheon, and others in remembering Cap’s penchant for blowing up andesite. There was an old campus joke about a fellow falling down from an airplane meeting a student shooting up into the sky after one of Cap’s dynamite blasts. The most memorable occasion, cited by several, was Cap’s removal of rock from behind Main Building for expansion of what was to become the Coop, the one-room predecessor of today’s Union Building.

Dorothy Sparks Bryan of Jefferson, Louisiana, related her experience as a student helper for Berte Haigh, who with Myrtle Ball comprised the rest of the 50-year-ago faculty members present. “His desk looked like a whirlwind had hit it,” she said, “and he was called out to a meeting and had not left me any work to do — so I decided to clean up his desk. When he got back and found everything put away in drawers where he couldn’t find it, he asked me in a very kind way not to clean his desk again.”

Woodrow W. Leonard, of San Angelo, who had been president of the junior class, made a confession: At year’s end the treasury had \$1.41 and “we couldn’t figure out what to do with it. We surely didn’t want to pass it on to the sophomores. So a bunch of my cronies and I went to Juarez and squandered it.”

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Five engineers from the class of 1935 got together at Homecoming under the banner of the UTEP College of Engineering. From left are William Jackson “Jack” Jones of San Francisco, Dr. James R. Cady of Glen Ellen, California, Woodrow W. Leonard of San Angelo, Texas, Charles H. “Red” Coldwell of Dallas, who was senior class president, and William H. Orme-Johnson of El Paso.

## The Class of '35 Remembers



# EXTRACTS

by Marianne Fleager

## DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS

As part of Homecoming 1985, the newly elected officers and directors of the UTEP Alumni Association were announced at the annual banquet honoring the Outstanding Ex-Student of the University (Maury Page Kemp). This year there was a runoff for the position of treasurer and the outcome of that runoff will be announced in the Spring issue of *NOVA*.

Officers of the Board are elected to one-year terms; directors-at-large serve for three years.

For the alumni who are not members of the Alumni Association, the following information is provided on nominees for the 1986 Board:

### **PRESIDENT**

Steve DeGroat, B.B.A., 1972, M.B.A., 1975. Chairman of the Board of InterFirst Bank El Paso. President-elect of the 1985 Alumni Association. Served as chairman of the alumni Fund drive in 1978. Member of Leadership El Paso, Sun Carnival Association, United Way. Director of El Paso Chamber of Commerce.

### **PRESIDENT-ELECT**

George Butterworth, B.B.A., 1963, UTEP, B.A., L.L.D., University of Houston. Attorney/Partner Ainsa, Skipworth, Zavaleta, Butterworth. Served as first vice president in 1985, and as chairman of Homecoming.

## **Alumni Board Nominees Named**

Served as chairman of the Alumni Fund Drive in 1981.

### **1ST VICE-PRESIDENT**

Patrick Wieland, M.E., Metallurgical Engineering, 1968. Co-owner Wieland Realtors/Investors. In 1985, he served as ways & means chair, Top Ten Senior selection chair. Was chairman of the Alumni Fund drive in 1982. Past president El Paso Board of Realtors.

### **2ND VICE-PRESIDENT**

Cheryl A. McCown, B.A., English/Spanish, 1965. Served as scholarship chairman and treasurer on the 1985 Alumni Board. Past president El Paso Junior League. Leadership El Paso, board of directors First City Bank West, member UTEP Matrix Society.

### **SECRETARY**

Nancy Hamilton, B.A., Journalism, 1945, M.A., English, 1954. Associate director of UTEP News and Publications Office. Life Member of UTEP Alumni Association.

### **RUN-OFF CANDIDATES FOR POSITION OF TREASURER:**

Ralph Chavez, B.A., Journalism, 1959, M.A., 1969. Marketing support manager, Holguin Corporation. In 1985 served Alumni Association as publicity and promotion chair, and as student recruitment chair. President El Paso

High Alumni Association, 1983 Outstanding Ex-Student of El Paso High.

### **AND**

William S. (Bill) Stevens, B.Ed., 1970. President Texas Commerce Bank-First State. Served in 1985 as chairman of UT El Paso's Corporate and Business Gifts Campaign. Past director of the Alumni Association.

### **DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE**

#### **Luis Cortes**

T.Ed., History, 1960, M.Ed.,

1968. Principal, El Paso High School.

#### **Irma Rosas,**

B.A., Business, 1958. Served on the Alumni Association, in 1985 as Outstanding Ex-Student Committee member.

#### **John Shaw**

M.E., Metallurgical Engineering, 1968. General plant supervisor, ASARCO.

#### **Doris Sittig**

B.A., Psychology, 1980, M.A., 1982. Training director, MBank.

## **Tax Benefits With Your Gift**

The Development Office reminds its alumni and friends in the community that gifts made on or before December 31, 1985 qualify for an income tax deduction on your 1985 return.

You can reduce your taxable income whether you itemize or not. Tax proposals currently pending would eliminate the deduction for non-itemizers next

year. So, 1985 may be the best year ever to give if this change would affect you!

As you count down the days left in 1985 and plan your year-end giving, remember the University and our current giving theme, then "Target Your Support" for an area of the University's academic programs which most appeals to you. □

## **Alumni Association Approves Fourth Scholarship**

The Board of Directors of the Alumni Association recently approved the establishment of a new scholarship which will be available to the daughter or son of a *dues-paid* member of the Association. Preference will be given but not limited to junior and senior students. The scholarship will be awarded annually in the amount of \$750 or \$375 per long semester. Candidates must meet the eligibility requirements of the University's General Scholarship Program. They should contact the Alumni Office for a validation form (747-5533) and then complete their applications at the Scholarship Office in the Administration Building on the campus (747-5890).

This is the fourth scholarship offered by the UTEP Alumni Association. The others it provides

are the James D. DeGroat Memorial Scholarship of \$750 annually for an outstanding senior of any major or college; a Guaranteed University Presidential Scholarship of \$750 renewable annually which, in accordance with program guidelines, is restricted to a freshman student with a 3.5 grade point average and in the top 10% of her or his graduating class, and the Thomas I. Cook Scholarship awarded to a student from the Dallas/Fort Worth area who is attending UTEP. The Association provides \$250 in matching funds to those provided by the Dallas/Fort Worth alumni chapter.

The funding for all scholarships provided by the Alumni Association is received from dues paid by the members and amounts to \$2,500 annually. □

## **Mrs. Samuel Goldwyn Will Speak at Matrix Dinner**

Mrs. Samuel Goldwyn will be the featured speaker at the annual Appreciation Dinner for members of the 1985 Matrix Society. The dinner is hosted by Dr. & Mrs. Haskell Monroe and will be held on Friday, January 10, 1986 at the El Paso Marriott Hotel.

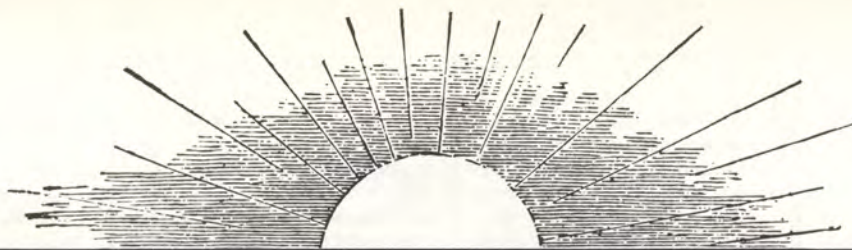
Mrs. Goldwyn, a 1959 graduate of Texas Western, serves as Vice President for the Samuel Goldwyn Foundation. She was instrumental in establishing the George A. Krutilek Graduate Fellowship in

memory of her father, a 1935 alumnus of the College of Mines.

The Krutilek Fellowship provides \$4,500 a year to a graduate student selected by the University Graduate Research Committee from a pool of applicants.

Members of the Matrix Society should plan to attend the dinner at which outgoing members of the Society's Executive Committee will also be recognized for their years of service to the Society and the University. □





# ALUMNOTES

by Sue Wimberly

## 1950-1959

**Lou W. Cope** (B.S. '50), Denver mining engineer, sent *NOVA* a card from Baoji, China, where he spent the summer as a consultant, working with Chinese professionals and visiting mine sites. "It's an unbelievable experience!" he commented. "They have literally moved mountains over time, by the small human-pulled carts."

**Bernard W. Farwick** (B.A. '50) and his wife, Jacqueline Farwick, are residing in Ruidoso; he will be teaching in the Mescalero School District.

**Evelyn D. Bell** (B.A. '51), assistant superintendent for instructional services for the Ysleta Independent School District, is co-author of a high school textbook, *Mathematics Skills for Daily Living*, published by Laidlaw Brothers. She was honored last April by the College of Education with the 1985 Gold Nugget award for her achievements in education.

**Mary Margaret Davis** (B.A. '52), first woman president of the Alumni Association in 1979 and columnist for the *El Paso Times*, received the National Genealogical Society's Award of Merit for 1985 for her weekly column, "All in Your Family." The award was presented to her in August at the society's fifth annual conference in Salt Lake City.

**Garry Owen** (B.A. '52), a Roswell, New Mexico, business executive, has been appointed to the Advisory Council of Financial Institutions by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

**Rosie Edwards Phillips** (B.A. '52; M.Ed. '73), assistant principal for guidance and instruction at Jefferson High School, El Paso, was selected for a fellowship for the Texas Education/University of Texas at Austin Cooperative Superintendency Program for 1985-1987. She will earn a doctoral degree in educational administration from UT Austin.

**William T. Jones** (B.B.A. '53) is retiring after 16 years with the Atlantic Richfield Company. He worked as a senior training specialist on the King Salmon offshore oil platform in Cook Inlet near Kenai, Alaska. He and his wife, the former Frances Autry, now make their home in Fort Davis, Texas.

**Marion E. Spitler** (B.S. '53) is vice president of exploration, Petroleum Corporation of Delaware, in Dallas.

**Hughes Butterworth** (B.S. '54), president of Lawyers Title of El Paso, was named 1985 Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the El Paso Board of Realtors.

**Ray Espersen** (1956 etc.), former director of sales administration for the Greater El Paso Civic Convention and Tourist Center, is the city manager for Pride Air in Denver. The new airline, which will serve the western states, expects to start operations in 1986.

**Robert T. Prenskey** (B.A. '58), media director for Mithoff Advertising in El Paso, who was honored as Ad Club Member of the Year for 1978-79 and 1983-84, was presented the Aid to Advertising Education Award for 1985 from the UTEP Advertising Club.

**Ruben Torres** (B.S. '58) is managing an apartment complex in Inglewood, California.

## 1960-1969

**Peter Boor** (B.S. '60), a former aerospace scientist and engineer (*NOVA*, March 1982, "The Human-Powered Path") is teaching math at San Marino (California) High School and doing graduate work in education at Pacific Oaks College (Pasadena) and USC.

**Richard Holt**, Capt./USN (B.S. '61), has been assigned to the headquarters of the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Washington, D.C. He will be the director of the Tactical Embedded Computer Office.

**K. Bernard Schade** (B.A. '61), professor of music at East Stroudsburg University, Pennsylvania, is the director of the Singing Boys of Pennsylvania, a choir of youngsters ages 10 to 14. The group performs more than 100 concerts a year.

**Kay Porter** (B.S. '62) is president of Porter Foster Sports & Organizational Psychology, a sports counseling firm in Eugene, Oregon. She and her partner, Judy Foster, have written a book, *The Mental Athlete: Inner Training for Peak Performance*, published by W.C. Brown, and have developed a videotape, "Mental Training for Peak Athletic Performance." (See *NOVA*, November 1983, "Running Through Time.")

**Dale L. Walker** (B.A. '62) was appointed by President Monroe director of Texas Western Press at UTEP in September. Walker is also director of the University's News and Publications Office and has been employed in that capacity since 1966.

**Rod Christian** (B.A. '63) is employed as market manager for Kodak Copy Products in San Antonio, Texas.

**Robert L. Washington** (B.A. '63), a grant officer for several large Texas foundations, has been appointed trustee of the Federation of World Health Foundations in Geneva, Switzerland.

**Karen Parks Robbins** (B.B.A. '64) received her doctor of psychology degree from Baylor University in August. She is presently employed as a counselor in Waco working with disturbed children. Her master's in psychology was granted at Texas A&I, Kingsville.

**Margaret G. O'Donnell** (B.A. '64) is the author of *The Educational Thought of the Classical Political Economists* published by the University Press of America, Inc., last October.

**Howard N. Aycock** (M.Ed. '65), former principal at Hillcrest Junior High School, El Paso, has been named principal of Bel Air High.

**Keith D. Murray** (B.B.A. '65) is senior vice president of operations with Surety Savings in El Paso.

**Joe Varro** (B.S. '66; M.Ed. '70), former assistant principal at Grants High School, New Mexico, has been named principal at Hatch (New Mexico) Valley High School.

**Richard Eason** (Cdr./USN (B.S. '68), who served as operations officer of Attack Squadron 174 at Cecil Field, Jacksonville, Florida, has been awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service and is attending the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington, D.C.

**Margaret Rosemary Ingle** (B.S. '68) has received a doctor of jurisprudence degree from Texas Tech School of Law.

**Anne M. Rogers** (B.S. '68) is employed by The MITRE Corporation in Seabrook, Texas.

**Richard E. Godfrey** (B.B.A. '68) has been transferred from Las Vegas, Nevada, to Atlantic City, New Jersey, with the U.S. Labor Department, Office of the Inspector General/Labor Racketeering, as a supervisory criminal investigator. He is also a commander with the U.S. Navy Reserve.

**Howard V. Nichols**, Maj./USAF (B.S. '69) has completed the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College Regular Course at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

**Michael R. Collier** (B.A. '69), a hydraulic engineer with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, received his master's in civil engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington last August.



# 1970-1979

**Florence Kathleen Thomas** (B.A. '70) was awarded a master's in administration of justice from Wichita State University last May.

**Fernando Carrasco** (B.A. '71; M.Ed. '76), former assistant principal at Cooley School, has been promoted to principal at Clendenin School, El Paso.

**Pat Vargas** (B.S. '71; M.Ed. '83), a fifth grade teacher at Mesita School, was selected one of the top ten teachers in the El Paso Independent School District for 1985-86. **Victor Vargas** (B.S. '79) is coaching the varsity soccer team at Coronado High School, El Paso.

**Kathleen Paxson** (B.S. '71) has joined the staff of the El Paso YWCA as associate director. Her duties include supervision of the YWCA's five branches.

**Marc S. Wittenberg** (B.A. '71) has an insurance agency in Mesquite, Texas.

**Richard Terry** (B.A. '71) is a staff appraiser for Normand Terry & Associates in DeRidder, Louisiana, in commercial real estate. His wife, **Kay Hickman Terry** (B.A. '74) is a second grade teacher. Since 1980 she has earned two master's degrees in education from McNeese University, Lake Charles, and is currently a candidate for Doctor of Education at Northwestern State in Natchitoches.

**Kenneth Oefelein** (B.M. '72) is attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary working toward his master's degree in communication arts. His wife, **Patricia Oefelein** (B.S. '75) teaches kindergarten in the Fort Worth Independent School District.

**Robert LeRoy Giron** (B.A. '73), former El Paso Community College English instructor, is employed as a communications associate with T.J. Schmidt and Associates, Inc., Washington, D.C.

**Clifford Whetten** (M.Ed. '73) was recently named associate director of the Office of International Coordination at Texas A&M University.

**David I. Arrambide** (B.B.A. '73) has been named executive director of Junior Achievement of El Paso.

**David E. Combs** (B.A. '73) is senior pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Hamlin, Texas.

**Dwight Deter** (B.S. '73) is president of the Texas Academy of Physician Assistants. He is employed by Southwest Endocrine Consultants in El Paso.

**Benito Gallardo Jr.** (B.S. '74) has been promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Army. A medical officer, he is with the Martin Army Community Hospital, Ft. Benning, Georgia.

**Charles C. Eaves, Jr.**, Maj./USA (B.S. '74), has completed the graduate medical education program at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

**Henry Quintana Jr.** (B.A. '75) is currently the director of news and public information with the El Paso Electric Company.

**Martin Gallery** (B.A. '75) has been named vice president of Emery Advertising, El Paso.

Two UTEP alumni have been appointed to the staff of Charter Hospital of Santa Teresa (New Mexico). **Dana McRimmon** (B.B.A. '75), a certified public accountant, has been named controller; **Patrick Coulehan** (B.A. '75) is employed as support services director.

**Russell S. Autry** (B.A. '75), executive editor and publisher of *El Paso Magazine*, has been elected to the national steering committee of the American Chamber of Commerce Communication Council and was named chairman of the council's national Publications Advisory Committee. He is director of economic development and communications for the El Paso Chamber of Commerce.

**Stuart L. Leeds** (B.S. '76), who served as assistant district attorney in El Paso for over five years, is now in private practice in the law firm of Scoggins and Bustamante, El Paso.

**Juan R. Sandoval** (B.B.A. '76; M.B.A. '80) has been named assistant controller of accounts at UTEP.

**Timothy J. Hourigan**, Capt./USA (B.A. '77), has been reassigned from Ft. Shafter, Hawaii, to Ft. Huachuca, Arizona.

**B.J. Nicholson** (B.S. '77) has been named executive director of the El Paso Diabetes Association.

**Christine Pasanen Morris** (B.A. '77) is the owner of Bibli-Oddities, a new and used art, fantasy and horror bookstore in Albuquerque. She also works as a staff assistant at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. A short story of hers, "Manuscript in Amethyst," was featured in the Small Press Writers and Artists Organization annual collection, *Showcase 1984*.

Two alumni were among the May graduates from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Fort Worth. They are **Dempsey Deleal Gordon Jr.** (B.S. '78) and **Dennis L. Ortiz** (B.S. '77).

**Peter Gerald Como** (M.A. '77) received a Ph.D. in philosophy at

the 1985 commencement of the University of Delaware.

**Brooke Stenicka** (B.B.A. '78), former account executive for Emmett and Chandler Texas, an insurance company, is now associated with the insurance office of Rogers and Belding, El Paso.

**Ann M. Gardea** (B.A. '78) received a doctor of medicine degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch/Galveston, last May. She will continue residency training in psychiatry.

**Jaime Grijalva** (B.B.A. '78) is vice president for finance for KASCO Ventures, El Paso. He was previously associated with El Paso Exploration Company.

**Ray Mancera** (B.B.A. '78), who is associated with his brothers in the Mancera Corporation, El Paso, was selected Man-of-the-Year by the Texas state League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC).

**John K. Nakamura**, Capt./USA (B.A. '78) has relinquished command of the 62nd Air Defense Artillery and has been reassigned as plans officer, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

**Larry Romero** (B.B.A. '78) has been promoted to consumer loan officer at First State Bank, El Paso.

**John W. Cain Jr.**, M.D. (B.S. '78), has accepted a psychiatric fellowship from the University of California/La Jolla. He was graduated from the UT Medical School/Houston and served his medical and psychiatric residency in Houston.

**Jose M. Palacios**, Capt./USAF (B.S. '79), has been decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal, which is awarded for non-combat achievement or service, at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada.

**Joel Mosier** (B.A. '79) is teaching journalism at Burges High School, El Paso, and supervising the high school newspaper and yearbook staffs.

# 1980-1984

**Wayne Davis** (B.B.A. '80) has been named terminal manager for the El Paso office of Colorado-Denver/Delivery.

**Richard Hobbs** (B.A. '80) has been appointed interim artistic director of Southwest Repertory Organization in El Paso.

**Guillermo L. Diaz**, Capt./USAF (B.S. '81), is a missile combat crew commander at Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota.

**Michael J. Klancher** (B.S. '80) and his wife **Barbara Beckage Klancher** (B.B.A. '81) live in

Bakersfield, California. Michael is a senior production engineer with Shell California; Barbara is a CPA on the staff of Fox and Company.

**Fred B. Williams**, Capt./USA (B.A. '81), is on duty at Ft. Hood, Texas, serving with the 2nd Armored Division.

**Maria G. Saucedo**, Sgt./USA (B.S. '81), a microwave systems repairer stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, recently participated in Solid Shield 85, a U.S. Atlantic Command exercise involving all services in the Department of Defense and the U.S. Coast Guard.

**Sharon J. Sharp**, Sgt./USAF (B.A. '81) is an aerospace ground equipment mechanic with the 64th Field Maintenance Squadron, assigned at Reese Air Force Base, Texas.

**Judy A. Balmer** (B.B.A. '82) has been promoted to assistant vice president and credit coordinator for First Financial Bank Center, El Paso.

**Claudia B. Wilke** (B.S. '82) is an account systems engineer with IBM in their Dallas suburban branch.

**Carol Davis** (PFC./USA (B.B.A. '83) has completed her basic training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina.

**Diane H. Cano** (M.A. '83) is director of the El Paso State Center, Texas Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

**Deborah Jean Michel** (B.S. '83) was graduated *magna cum laude* this spring from the University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work.

**James Michael Briggs** (B.S. '84) is a graduate student at Purdue University, working toward his doctorate in organic chemistry.

**Michael J. Rackovan**, 2nd Lt./USA (B.S. '84), graduated from the U.S. Army engineer officer basic course at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia.

**Daniel M. Perich**, 2nd Lt./USAF (B.S. '84) has been awarded his silver wings following graduation from U.S. Air Force navigator training at Mather Air Force Base, California.

**Nancy Martinez** (B.S. '84) has joined Embassy Suites in El Paso as a corporate sales representative. She previously was sales and marketing director for Executive Inns.

**Twila Lowe** (B.B.A. '84) has joined Employers Personal Resources, El Paso, as a counselor.

**Michael H. Bassett** (B.B.A. '84) is a law student at St. Mary's University, San Antonio.

**Patricia Enriquez** (B.B.A. '85) has been promoted to director of marketing for the El Paso Orthopaedic Surgery Group.



# DEATHS

**P. Kay Odell** (B.B.A. 1953), who retired in 1984 as assistant vice-president of the El Paso Exploration Company, in El Paso, June 2. He is survived by his wife, Sally Odell, and a daughter.

**Ruben Blas Muro** (B.S. 1962; M.S. 1974), in El Paso, June 15. He was employed at White Sands Missile Range. Survivors are his wife and several children.

**James Hart Ponder** (1929 etc.), president and chairman of the board of Hicks-Ponder Clothing Manufacturing, El Paso, June 21. Survivors include his wife, Betty Brooks Ponder, two sons and three daughters.

**Robert E. Redman** (1944 etc.), who served as purchasing agent of American Smelting and Refining Company for 16 years and was associated with Ryerson Steel, June 23. Surviving him are his wife, Isela Redman, and several children.

**Michael C. "Mickey" Diaz** (B.S. 1977), a teacher and coach in Odessa, Texas, June 25. He is survived by his parents of El Paso, and several brothers.

**Dennis Babjack** (B.S. 1980), June 25. A victim of multiple sclerosis, Babjack retired from the U.S. Army as a chief warrant officer in 1966, enrolled at UTEP in 1967, and with help from the vocational rehabilitation program of the Veterans Administration, began a degree in elementary education. He was named Outstanding Individual in the United Nations' Year of the Handicapped, and was active in volunteer work with the Veterans Administration and the Optimist Club. Survivors are his wife, Mary Babjack, a son and two daughters.

**Leslie Jones Belk** (B.A. 1968), a resident of El Paso, June 26. She is survived by two children.

**Robert A. Richter** (B.A. 1948), in Port Charlotte, Florida, June 30. Survivors include his wife, Dorris Richter, a son and a daughter.

**Dean Stathis Lempke** (B.A. 1973), in Dallas, July 22. She received her master's degree in audiology from Kansas University Medical School in 1976, and had

been director of marketing for the R.E. McKee Corporation. Survivors are her husband, Jack Lempke, her parents of Dallas, and one brother.

**Richard M. Baron** (B.S. 1974), a teacher at Sageland Elementary School, El Paso, July 22. He is survived by his wife, Edna Baron, and a daughter.

**John L. Woods, Jr.** (B.A. 1937), in El Paso, July 25. Survivors are his wife, Marjorie Hackney Woods, two sons and a daughter.

**Leon F. Lavoie**, Col./USA. ret. (M.A. 1963), former professor of military science at UTEP, July 29, in El Paso. His wife, Mildred Lavoie, and three children survive him.

**Thelma White Camack**, first black undergraduate student to enter the UT System, who enrolled at Texas Western College in 1955 after a lawsuit against TWC and the UT System resulted in desegregation of the system's colleges, August 9. (See *NOVA*, March 1985, "Thelma White and Black History.") She is survived by several children.

**Ruth McCall Freiburger** (M.Ed. 1952), a teacher for 35 years, August 16, in El Paso. A son survives her.

**Ray Kelso** (M.Ed. 1950), retired Crockett School principal and an El Paso teacher for more than 30 years, August 21. He is survived by a daughter.

**Richard Hatch** (B.A. 1971), executive vice president of Hatch, Inc., El Paso, August 22. His wife, Susan Hatch, a daughter, and his parents, all of El Paso, survive him.

**Jesus D. "Chuy" Talamantes** (B.A. 1950), president of Tekita House Foods Inc., in El Paso, August 31. His survivors include his wife, Yolanda Talamantes, and several children.

**Roy D. Edens, Jr.** (B.B.A. 1956), an accountant and resident of Antioch, California, September 2. He is survived by his wife, Shari Edens, and three children.

**Grace M. Chesser** (M.Ed. 1956), a retired teacher, September 12. A daughter survives her.

**Altanell Oden Neece** (B.A. 1971), a retired teacher and resident of El Paso for 45 years, September 13. Several daughters survive her.

**Hans Brockmoller** (B.A. 1935), distinguished jurist whose 40-year law career included 10 years as assistant El Paso city attorney and 21 years as district judge, September 22. Surviving are his wife, Janet Brockmoller, a son and daughter.

**Edythe Threadgill**, of El Paso, a math professor at UTEP from 1946-1967, in September. Her husband, Earl Threadgill, survives her.

## Tinajero

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reading in Spanish; the books recently adopted are supplementary readers. Dr. Tinajero already has been asked by Macmillan to be one of the six authors for the second series of books.

Her co-authors for the supplemental readers are Ana Margarita Guzman, Goose Creek ISD (near Houston); Sheron Long, Carmel, California; Reynaldo F. Macias, University of Southern California; Ramon L. Santiago, Washington, D.C.; and Eva O. Somoza, Dade County, Florida.

Dr. Tinajero received her B.S. in elementary education and reading in 1973 and her M.Ed. in 1976, both from UTEP. She taught in the Anthony and Ysleta school districts from 1973-78, then went to Kingsville to teach at Texas A&I University, where she became assistant professor. She completed her Ed.D. in elementary education and bilingual education at A&I in 1980.

In 1981 she returned to UTEP as a visiting professor for Project BETO,

the bilingual education teacher training program, during the summer. She joined the Teacher Education faculty as assistant professor and has remained in El Paso.

She has written articles for *The Reading Teacher* and other publications and has conducted research on the teaching of reading skills in Spanish. She is a member of the Southwest

Association for Bilingual Education, International Reading Association, Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, and other professional groups, and is often called upon by school districts in Texas and California to serve as a consultant in bilingual education, English as a second language, and related teaching specialties. □

## Dynamite

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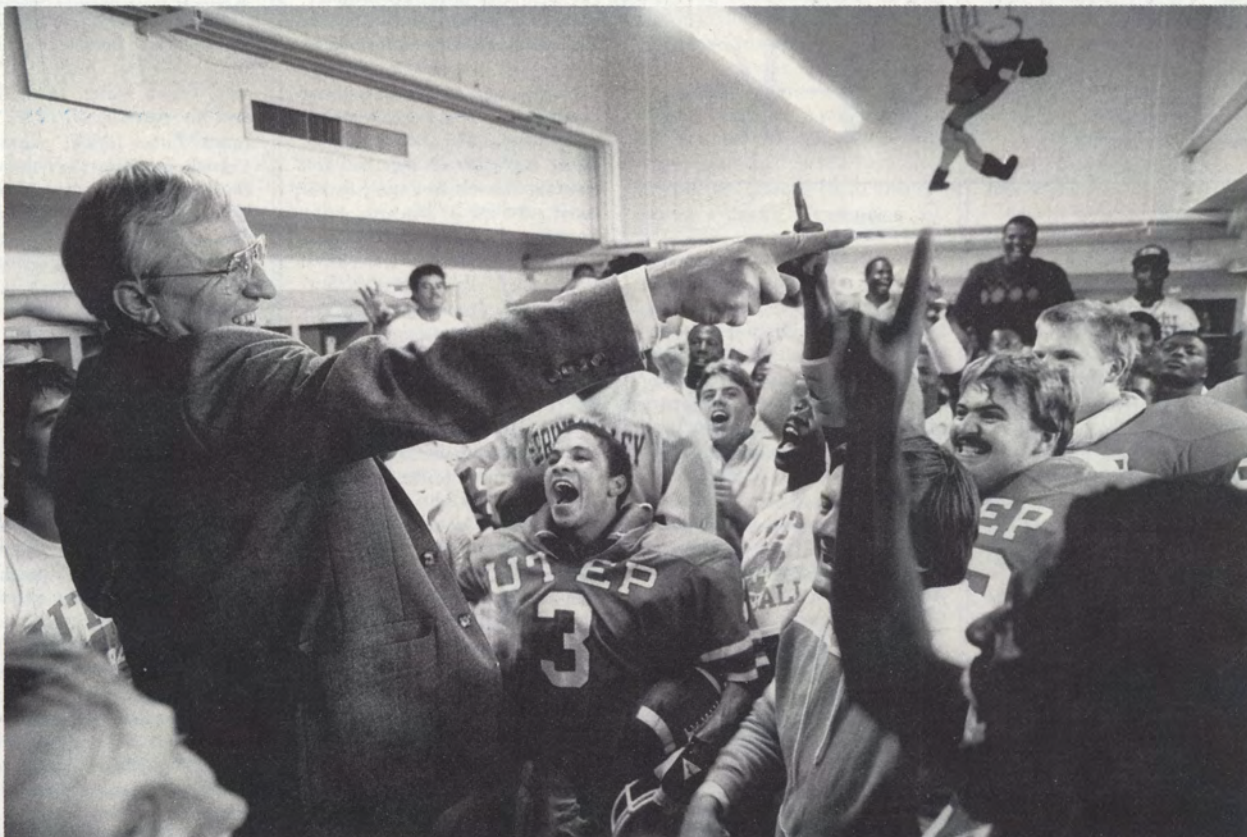
Charles Davis told of being one of the students who helped Cap Kidd blast behind Main Building, and on another occasion, open a shaft close to the Metallurgy Building. "Prof (John F.) Graham was sitting at his desk when the blast went off and a boulder two feet in diameter landed on his desk."

Several who had worked as students related that the going pay rate was 35 cents a day. Maurine Smith Jerrell of Pueblo, Colorado, confirmed the figure; she appeared not only as a senior

in the 1935 *Flowsheet*, but as an employee of the bursar's office which paid those wages. She was on campus, as student and staff member, from 1928-1943.

The senior class president, Charles H. Coldwell of Dallas, had yet another story on Cap Kidd. When Kidd Field was built, there was considerable pressure from the "local downtown people" to name it after Dr. Hendricks, a benefactor of the College of Mines. "But we engineers got pretty mad about it and raised a fuss and it was named Kidd Field. Later on I married Dr. Hendricks's daughter." □





NOVA's Chad Puerling was the only photographer in the locker room after the October 26 stunner — UTEP 23, BYU (ranked 7th in the nation at the time and 1984 defending national champs) 16, and took this picture of the joyous Bill Yung team with President Monroe leading the cheers. The Miner victory was the first over BYU since 1970.

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