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*Season's
Greetings*



The View from the Hill

by Dale L. Walker

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While the official inaugural of UTEP's 75th anniversary celebration will be the April, 1989, UT System Board of Regents meeting on campus, there have been several pre-Jubilee events this fall. Nancy Hamilton's marvelous book, *UTEP: A Pictorial History of the University of Texas at El Paso*, came out in October; the "2001 Commission," which will help chart the university's future much as did the 'Mission '73' group, has been formed and the 1988 Outstanding Ex, Bob Heasley, is in charge of it; and so many things are being planned and offered up as ideas that we now have a Diamond Jubilee Office on campus to coordinate everything.

Now, Nancy Hamilton was the best possible choice to write and compile the book, Bob Heasley was the best possible choice to head the 2001 Commission and Mimi Gladstein was the best possible choice to run the Diamond Jubilee Office.

Mimi earned her B.A. and M.A. in English at Texas Western, her Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico. She joined the UTEP faculty in 1971 and became chairman of the English Department in 1985. Among her published works are a book-length critical study of novelist-philosopher Ayn Rand and the book, *The Indestructible Woman in the Works of Faulkner, Hemingway, and Steinbeck*.

And, among the many honors she has received, Mimi Gladstein last year earned the John J. and Angeline R. Pruis Award from Ball State University in Indiana as the outstanding Steinbeck teacher of the decade.

El Paso Times reporter Ramon Renteria, in writing of the opening of the Jubilee Office, led his Oct. 28 story this way: "Mimi Gladstein usually teaches about the virtues of soul pleasing literature, but she spends much of her time these days telling people to brace for the biggest birthday bash ever at The University of Texas at El Paso."

And so she does — with gusto. "We've a gem of a university," Mimi says, "a diamond in the desert." Among Jubilee events already planned — the list is growing daily — are these:

- * A lecture in February by Oxford University professor Michael Aris, an authority on Bhutanese architecture;

- * A concert by internationally renowned violinist and former UTEP student Pedro Cortines;

- * Unveiling and dedication of a Texas Historical Marker denoting the 75-year history of the institution, the basic design for the base to hold the plaque done by the winner among several UTEP student concepts (scheduled to coincide with the Regents meeting in April);

- * A documentary history of UTEP, produced by El Paso television station KVIA and narrated by historian Leon C. Metz, to air in April, 1989;



Mimi Gladstein (right) heads the Diamond Jubilee Office at UTEP, working with her assistant Jennifer Evans in planning the "big party" which is officially launched next April.

- * A "Jubilee Night" during the annual El Paso Street Festival.

Mimi Gladstein's Diamond Jubilee Office is located in Room 108 of the Administration Building. There, she and her assistant Jennifer Evans, in addition to sorting through the ideas and making the plans, are also displaying some of the historical memorabilia accumulated by the UTEP Heritage Foundation and private alumni donors.

For information, call the Jubilee Office at (915) 747-5775.

Postscript on Nancy Hamilton's *UTEP: A Pictorial History*: This beautiful large-format book, with its 350 vintage photos and lively text, is available through the Alumni Association (UTEP, El Paso, TX 79968-0524, or call 915/747-5533). The regular edition is \$30, the limited edition, leatherbound — signed and numbered — is \$100. □

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The Way We Were

HOMECOMING 1988

by Bryan Woolley

There are no guys sitting on the dorm steps, swapping jokes and lies and laughing. There are no guys dropping water-filled condoms on them from the third-floor windows. There are no firecrackers exploding in the hall, no pay phone ringing in the lounge, no Four Lads crooning "Moments to Remember" on the radio.

Worrell Hall has changed. They've knocked out the wall between my room and Bob Hughes' room next door and made a small classroom out of them. The whole building is classrooms and professors' offices now. On this first day of Homecoming 1988 it's empty and quiet. Too quiet.

Bell Hall is worse. This is where I used to pick up my dates. On late Saturday nights, the big porch would be crowded with couples wrapped in kissy-face, dreading the stroke of midnight, when the dorm mother would flick on the lights, gather in her lovelies and tick-a-lock all the way around. I once participated in a timid but almost successful panty raid here.

Now Bell Hall is full of cold-eyed scientists and mathematicians, and the old dining hall next door, where we once marched and demonstrated in vain protest against the execrable food, is full of computers.

Thirty years have passed since I graduated from Texas Western College, a cozy body of 4,000 students in a cluster of small buildings perched on a hill in the Chihuahuan Desert, a stone's throw from Mexico. This is the first time I've come back. There are 15,000 students now, and the school is called The University of Texas at El Paso.

On the first day of Homecoming, before the festivities have begun, I wander about the campus, looking for some remnant of my younger self, some sign that I once inhabited this place.

Of all the buildings I knew, not one still serves the purpose it did in my day. They seem small and secondary in the shadows of the huge palaces of learning that have been built beside them.

We've gathered to honor Robert Heasley, UTEP's outstanding ex-student of 1988. He's a local insurance executive who has done a lot for the school. He graduated before I entered Texas Western, so I don't know him.

This is a relief — to know there's someone at this banquet whom I know that I don't know. I'm not sure about the others. I must know some of them, but I don't recognize anybody. Where's Don Maynard, former star of Joe Namath's Super Bowl Jets and the only Miner in the Professional Football Hall of Fame? I would know him. Where's Sue Dickerson, the sex symbol of the Class of '58, who used to prance at the head of the Marching Miners and hurl flaming batons high into the air and catch them? I would recognize her. But Maynard and Dickerson aren't here.

Throughout the cocktail hour, we mill, hundreds of us, peering through bifocals at name tags, then glancing at the faces, trying to remember. Do I know him? Should I?

The class of '58 is one of seven classes being honored this Homecoming. Jim Peak, a big man on campus in '58 and now UTEP's director of development, has reserved a table at the banquet for us and our spouses. Peak and I and four other '58ers show up.

Neil Weinbrenner majored in business and went on to UT-Austin for a law degree. He practices in Las Cruces, N.M. The other three — Sonja Spencer Marchard of Los Angeles, Chuck Cragin of Golden, Colo., and Herb Holland of Tulsa — all



Mary Etta Banks and her twin sister, Mary Ella Banks, upper left, now retired from teaching in El Paso, joined friends at the Golden Grads reception at the Alumni House. Fred Bailey, above, 1920 graduate and the 1960 Outstanding Ex, was the senior Golden Grad at the luncheon, where special guests included, at left, Myrtle Ball, who taught drama and speech from 1929 to 1958, and Dr. C.L. Sonnichsen, who served from 1930 to 1972 in the English Department and as dean.

photos by Laura Trejo

majoring in geology, but none ever worked as a geologist. Geologists, they say, were a glut on the job market in 1958, much as they are now. Cragin is a financial consultant, Holland is an executive with an electronics firm. I don't find out what Marchard does.

I'm nearly sure I've never before laid eyes on Marchard or Weinbrenner. Cragin looks familiar, though. "Didn't we have some classes together?" I ask him.

"It's possible," he replies. He doesn't know me from Adam's off ox.

I don't recognize Holland, either. Then, out of the blue, he says, "Remember the time the cherry bombs exploded in the toilets at Hudspeth Hall?"

Yes! Hudspeth, the dorm next door to Worrell, was run by a granite-faced dorm mother called Ma Ramsey, an irresistible target for pranksters.

"Remember the guy who got mad and drilled the dorm pay phone six times with a .38?" Holland says.

Yes! Yes! Long-unused memory cells begin to warm up and glow, like tubes in an antique radio. "Remember the time we sneaked a goat upstairs and hid it in the Hudspeth tower?" I say. "And smuggled food to it from the cafeteria? And it would go, 'Baaaaah' in the middle of the night, and Ma Ramsey would dash about the halls, looking for it?"

Holland nods, grinning.

"And the time some old boys stole an alligator from San Jacinto Plaza and put it in the college swimming pool?"

Holland and I giggle like fiends. He begins to look familiar. Whether or not we knew each other, we lived in the same territory.

In the Alumni Lodge, some of the Golden Grads are harmonizing on "My Wild Irish Rose." On the patio, Mary Ella and Mary Etta Banks are posing for photographs.

The Banks sisters taught in the El Paso public school system for 34 years. For 29 of those years, they both taught fourth grade at the same school. They're twins. They're dressed in



Homecoming King Brian Mende and Queen Claudia Villars, at left, were crowned at the Homecoming pep rally. Leonard Chant (center), a 1937 cheerleader, stirred up enthusiasm at the same rally. The 1988 Outstanding Ex, Bob Heasley, was accompanied by UTEP President Diana Natalicio (right) in the Homecoming parade.

identical green polyester pants suits. "We're 78 going on 21," they say in unison.

Golden Grads are alumni who graduated 50 years or more ago. The Banks sisters had planned to graduate together in 1938, but some difficulty developed, and Mary Ella didn't finish the Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy — as the school was called before it evolved into Texas Western and UTEP — until 1939. So Mary Etta is a Golden Grad this year, but Mary Ella isn't.

Fifty Golden Grads have returned for Homecoming this year — a record number. They're a lively lot. Leonard Chant of Los Angeles is wearing an orange T-shirt with a big white M on it, white knickers, orange stockings, white shoes and an orange-and-white Miners cap. He was a cheerleader in 1935, '36 and '37, he says.

"My wife Cathy and I are retired," he says. "We travel about six months every year. We drive all over the country in our van. We try to time our trip back to L.A. so we'll hit El Paso at Homecoming time. We've made it for nine straight years now."

Chick Walker, Class of '38, was one of the football players Chant used to cheer for. "I played every position but center and guard," he says. "We got the heck beat out of us."

In 1937, Johnell Crimen was elected the school's first football queen — a title that later was changed to homecoming queen. She doesn't remember the team's record that year, but she hasn't forgotten the dances after the games. "We dressed to the nines," she says.

Mingling with the Golden Grads is C.L. "Doc" Sonnichsen, who taught nearly all of them. He was chairman of the English Department in my day, my favorite professor and my mentor. He was a favorite of almost everyone who sat in his classes. In his 80s, he's still writing and publishing.

Sonnichsen arrived at the school on June 3, 1931, a freshly minted Harvard Ph.D. "Four odd-looking buildings out in the

rocky landscape, a mile and a half north of downtown El Paso, were grouped casually around a tall, discouraged-looking hill as if someone had tossed them there," he wrote in *UTEP: A Pictorial History of The University of Texas at El Paso*. "A power house and a small stuccoed residence were in the area (it could hardly be called a campus). That was all. No paving. No landscaping. No people. It was Sunday and the place was deserted, as quiet as a graveyard. I had a hollow feeling in the pit of my stomach as I looked around. I was a tenderfoot from the East and did not yet realize that Southwestern deserts are magnificent."

Sitting quietly at one of the tables on the patio is Fred Bailey, one of the few Golden Grads Sonnichsen didn't teach. The school's enrollment was only 135 when he graduated. He's the lone survivor of the five-member Class of 1920.

Inside, the singers are singing, "There's a Long, Long Trail A-Winding."

Yeah, I'm more than halfway to Golden Gradship.

All over El Paso, on TV, in newspapers, on billboards, on bus placards, UTEP is advertising "Serious Football." That is, football unlike the football that UTEP has played for the last few decades.

In 1956, my sophomore year, the Texas Western Miners won nine games and the Border Conference football championship. In the 75-year history of Texas Mines-Texas Western-UTEP, it's the only football team championship that the Miners have ever won. They don't often even come close. From 1914, when they first took up the sport, until the opening of this season, the Miners had played 648 games. They had won 266, lost 354, tied 28. Last year, they won seven and lost four. It was their first winning season since 1973.

This year, on the eve of Homecoming, they're 5-1, having



Nancy Hamilton (above, left) signed a copy of her Diamond Jubilee pictorial history of UTEP for longtime friend Mary Etta Banks during the Golden Grads reception. At right, the Goldiggers drew cheers for their performance at halftime of the Homecoming game.



lost only to Brigham Young. El Paso is ecstatic. Although the season is only half done, fans are talking of giddy possibilities. The Miners could win the Western Athletic Conference championship. They could be invited to a bowl.

The Miners' Homecoming opponents are the Colorado State University Rams, who are 0-6 for the year so far. They're the doormat of the conference. A crowd of 45,187 — near capacity — has paid to see the Miners beat up on them. The fans are in a good mood. Not many football nights in their lives have they been privileged to cheer so confidently.

I've never watched a game in the Sun Bowl, a beautiful stadium fitted neatly into the side of a rocky hill. It was built since my time. Compared to it, Kidd Field, where I watched Don Maynard streak down the sideline like a greyhound and Sue Dickerson hurl her flaming batons into the air, looked like a high school stadium.

The Miners rack up a quick 10-0 lead, but in the second quarter, the Rams score. The Miners lead only 10-7 at halftime.

"I don't like this," says Bill Mischen, a '58 grad who stayed in El Paso and has suffered through many a miserable football season. "I don't like it at all. They look like zombies."

The Marching Miners and the short skirted Goldiggers drill team take the field, but there are no fire-hurling twirlers. No twirlers at all. I ask Mischen when UTEP stopped having twirlers. He doesn't remember.

The fight song that the band is playing over and over is driving me crazy. It isn't the fight song I remember, but I know I know it. Oh, yeah. "*Out in the West Texas town of El Paso, I fell in love with a Mexican girl . . .*" Marty Robbins. Jazzed up. With pom-poms and sousaphones. Wild. Lovely.

In the second half, the Miners wake up. They beat the Rams, 34-14, but Mischen isn't satisfied. "Good grief," he says, "What if they had been playing a good team?"

You play serious football, you get serious fans.

Homecoming is over, but there's one more building I must visit before I leave — one not on campus, but as dear to my collegiate memories as any dorm or classroom.

La Hacienda cafe is as close to the Rio Grande as you can go without getting your feet wet. In the 1850s, when it was built, it was Simeon Hart's mill, but it was a restaurant and bar when I first saw it, and had been for many years. I recall it as a big, shady, comfortable place, perfect to spend a hot afternoon with a sweating beer bottle. All we had to do was walk down from the hill from the campus, and we were there, in La Hacienda's different, lazy world, and the waiter never asked for ID.

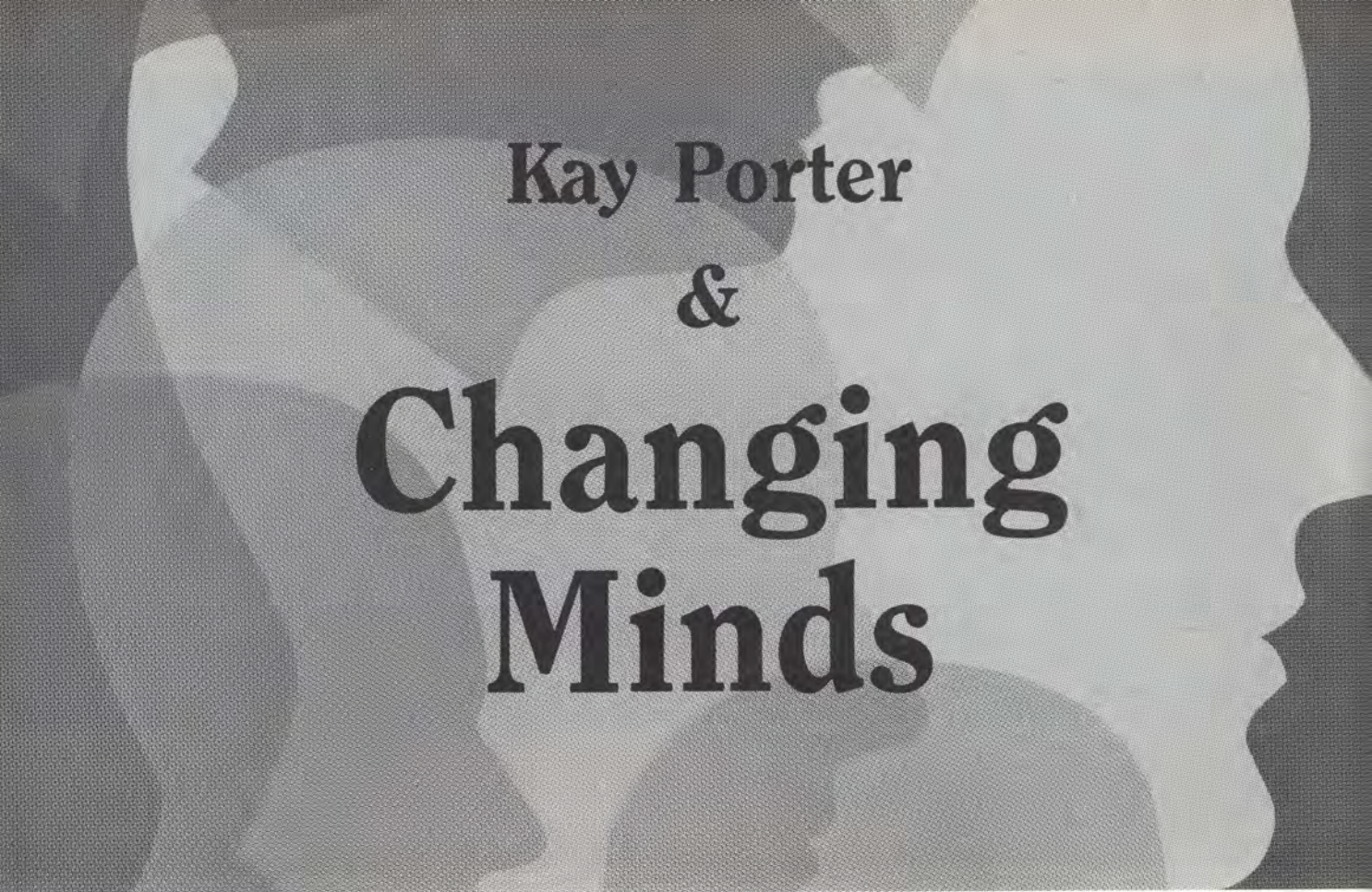
Interstate 10 has been built between the campus and La Hacienda since then, so students can no longer walk there. They probably don't even know about it.

The parking lot is paved now, but the old-fashioned Alamo-shaped facade is reassuringly unimproved. I step through the door into the cool shade. Ah, yes. I take a seat at a table by the window. Ah, yes. The four antique rifles are still hanging above the bar. The same musty old deer heads stare down from the fireplace chimney. Someone has put sunglasses on the stuffed javelina and a cigar in his mouth, but I recognize him. The menu offers the same lunch — soup, salad, Mexican plate and dessert — for \$3.15. It used to be 85 cents, but \$3.15 is close enough.

I order a beer. The waiter is an old man. Ah, yes. I remember him. I know him. I'm sure he recognizes me, but I don't ask. □

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Kay Porter & Changing Minds

“A girl at the Olympics clinic for junior athletes last year had a problem with crying — she thought it wasn’t right for her to feel like crying sometimes. But when the clinic ended and the kids gave me a standing ovation, I cried — and told her, ‘It’s okay.’ Like the games themselves, the Olympics training events are very emotional.”

Kay Porter, a 1962 Texas Western graduate in mathematics, now heads Porter Performance Systems, a business in Eugene, Oregon, that counsels athletes and coaches, entertainers, people in the business world — just about anyone who has to deal with stress and failure and loss of self-esteem and coping with pain and psyching up to meet the next challenge.

She and her former partner, Judy Foster, have found enough favorable response to their 1986 book, *The Mental Athlete* (Wm. C. Brown/Ballantine), to produce a second one, *Change Your Mind — Inner Training for Women* which Ballantine expects to bring out in the fall of 1989. They also have produced a videotape on “Change Your Mind” which is available to businesswomen for workshops on “being responsible for your reactions and responses to certain events in your life.”

Since starting in the counseling business four years ago, Kay has found that many of the problems common among athletes, her first clients, are shared by just about everyone else. But while work with athletes continues to take much of her time, she is now doing more business consulting. Last year, Porter and Foster gave a workshop at the U.S. Tennis Open and had the thrill of watching current tennis greats play. Last June they gave a coaches’ clinic in mental training during the NCAA Division 1 track and field championships held at Eugene.

Kay is one of about 50 listed on a sports psychologists’

registry for the U.S. Olympics Committee. Last summer, after a visit to El Paso, she went to Colorado Springs to spend a week with the Junior Elite Women’s Distance Running Camp. She gave two sessions of basic programs and individual follow-up sessions upon request. This was her second year to work with the young athletes aged 14 to 20.

Before going to the Junior Olympics camp, she went to Boston for the 100th anniversary of her sorority, Delta Delta Delta. As keynote speaker for the July 2 banquet, she practiced her own techniques for overcoming stage fright and found herself very much at home before an audience of 1,500. Giving her talk on “Saluting Excellence” was a special thrill because it was a Tri-Delt fellowship that helped Kay complete her doctorate at the University of Oregon.

“But it all started here,” she recalled in the NOVA office. She was in El Paso for the reunion of her El Paso High School class.

Kay grew up in Kern Place, near the University. She was just thirteen when her father died and her mother found work as a public school clerk. After completing high school, Kay applied for financial help in order to attend Texas Western, as UTEP was named from 1949 to 1967. She was awarded Cotton Memorial scholarships and worked in the University Library with Yvonne Greear, a 1988 retiree whom she considers one of her role models. She also was a research assistant for El Paso Natural Gas Co. in its building near the campus. (Acquired by the University, it is now the Brumbelow Building and houses the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics.) One of her mentors there, Bob Brown, became a stock broker in San Francisco and they are still friends.

As for faculty members who had an impact on her life, she



Kay Porter, right, and her coauthor, Judy Foster, held a book signing at a Rochester, New York, bookstore between sessions of a leadership clinic for a school district there. (Photo by Jim Laragy)

remembers Gretchen Gabriel, then in Modern Languages, as "an inspiration to me, the kind of person who teaches from her heart." They still correspond, too.

After completing her degree, which involved "interesting" engineering math, she tried graduate work in math at UT Austin but found it heavier in logic than in practicalities which were more to her taste. She went to Houston where she taught school a couple of years and was a systems analyst for Univac. At the University of Houston, she earned a master's in counseling and did educational programming in the computer center.

After moving to Oregon, she decided to pursue her doctorate, completed in 1972 in human developmental psychology. Kay taught at the University of Oregon for eight years, specializing in gerontology.

Her former business partner, Judy Foster, is also an Oregon graduate. They are both interested in running, an avocation that proved helpful as they counseled athletes.

Kay ran in the Portland marathon this year for the seventh and, she says, last time. "A marathon is hard work," she explained. "It is fun while you are training for it and after you've finished it, but three to four hours of running the race itself are very hard on you."

In counseling athletes, she takes up such problems as handling the ordeal of a competition like the marathon. She has found that men and women have different needs in some aspects of their counseling.

"Women runners, for example, often feel guilty when they defeat good friends or teammates in races," she said. "A man who wins a race doesn't feel that kind of guilt — he just rejoices in winning."

Her advice to athletes includes goal setting, visualization and mental imagery, dealing with problems, handling injury and pain, and designing a program for peak performance. One chapter in the book, *The Mental Athlete*, deals with psychological issues of female athletes.

For women in business, the program utilizes five steps to peak performance:

1. Mental log keeping
2. Goal setting
3. Positive self-statements/affirmations
4. Relaxation
5. Visualization and imagery.

Before starting their book for women, Porter and Foster did a research study that showed women's basic issues to be: never enough time, lives not balanced between work and family, not enough power in the job to effect influence, and lack of confidence to speak up in the work place.

In dealing with both men and women, the counselors explain in the book how to achieve balance between the male and female aspects of one's self. Male characteristics include use of power, analytical thinking, and logic. For women, they are nurturing, supportiveness, and intuition. Although women used to succeed in business by emulating males, said Kay, more and more of them are able to find success by being themselves.

The visualizing technique is used in helping people restore lost self-confidence.

"Remember a time when you were confident and relaxed," advised Kay. "Anchor that experience with a word that represents that state of mind. Then visualize what you want to do in the next two weeks or month and bring your previous resourcefulness into the present and the future."

Another technique is performance evaluation, in which a negative experience — losing a job, for instance — is reframed into a more positive one. "Ask yourself what you can do about this now," she said, "what you can learn from it, and what opportunity it offers for you to build from."

Kay and her coauthor are at work on a third book for Wm. C. Brown on visual athletics.

Most sports psychologists work in university settings, according to Kay. Her own academic background has been a "plus" in developing her unusual counseling business. And she is constantly expanding her interests beyond the field of athletics.

While most of her time is spent in advising others, Kay Porter finds that she can apply her teachings to her own life as well. "A few months ago, I felt the need to analyze a particular business problem, so I used the same techniques I had been suggesting to clients. I'm glad to say, it worked!" □

Kay Porter would like to hear from alumni who are interested in sports and organizational counseling. Her address is: Porter Performance Systems, P.O. Box 5584, Eugene, Oregon 97405, telephone (503) 342-6875.



Antoni Grabowski

A Memorial

by Nancy Hamilton

One day in 1887 Antoni Grabowski, director of a chemical factory east of Moscow, bought a book to read on the train to Warsaw. It was a newly published textbook for a universal language, Esperanto. Grabowski found it easy to master — he already had studied 30 languages and was fluent in 17 of them. Upon arriving in Warsaw, he immediately looked up the ophthalmologist who had invented this new tongue, Dr. Ludwik L. Zamenhof, and they thereupon engaged in the first conversation ever held in Esperanto.

During the ensuing years until his death in 1921, Grabowski wrote original poetry in Esperanto and translated numerous literary works into the language, the most ambitious of these the Polish epic "Pan Tadeusz" by Adam Mickiewicz. He helped bring international attention to the literary qualities of the language — its plastic vocabulary, its sonorous, rhythmic characteristics, its onomatopoeic qualities so appropriate for poetry.

A memorial to his achievements was dedicated in Warsaw in 1933 when his five-year-old grandson and namesake, Zbigniew Anthony Kruszewski, unveiled a plaque on the house where Grabowski had spent his last years. The plaque read:

*In this house lived Antoni Grabowski, chemical engineer, 1857-1921. Indefatigable propagator of the idea of international language, great translator of "Pan Tadeusz" and other masterpieces of Polish literature into Esperanto
Sixth Polish Esperanto Association Congress
Warsaw June 5, 1933*

The grandson, who was born after Grabowski's death, grew up under his influence nonetheless. Kruszewski's mother had

a characteristically Polish respect for scholarship and advised young Anthony that she expected him to become a professor. She also maintained her father's interest in Esperanto. Her own early years had been spent during a dark period of Poland's history when the nation was divided and its people were forbidden to speak in their native tongue in all the schools and offices.

"It was the mothers of Poland who preserved the culture during that 123 years — five generations — of oppression," says Dr. Kruszewski. "The Polish people continue to venerate motherhood, for their language and national identity would have been lost had it not been taught in the homes."

The scholars and literary figures of that period, such as his grandfather, also preserved the sense of nationalism among the Polish people, says Dr. Kruszewski. And he fulfilled his mother's desire after the hardships of World War II by completing a doctoral degree and becoming a university professor. He has been a member of the UTEP Political Science faculty since 1968.

During the war years, Kruszewski's home city, Warsaw, suffered enormous destruction at the hands of the German invaders. Of the population of 1.5 million, some 800,000 were killed. Throughout Poland, 6 million people died, among them his mother, a Catholic, who was taken to and died in Ravensbruck concentration camp for women. During the Nazi occupation of Poland, she helped a Jewish friend escape from the Germans by living in her apartment. The penalty for this was instant death of the whole family.

As an 18-year-old Polish soldier, at the end of the war Kruszewski was demobilized from the British Army in England. With no family or friends there and no cash in his pocket, he looked up the Esperanto Society and introduced himself as the grandson of Grabowski. "I was embraced by people who

*The blessed language appeared to us
As a marvellous gift of heaven
Through love for home, fatherland and nation
We flame in a faithful heart
And just as faithful to the home altar
We feel ourselves sons of the whole of humanity.*
—from *Daybreak* by Antoni Grabowski

Tagiĝo

*La lingvo benata montriĝis al ni
Mirinda donaco ĉiela
Per amo al hejmo, patrujo, naci'
Ni flamas en koro fidela
Kaj same fidelaj al hejma altar'
Ni sentas nin filoj de l'tuta homar'*
(The same verse in Esperanto)

were helpful and friendly to me, who took me in as one of their own despite the English reputation for being reserved with foreigners," he recalls. "I have found that I can feel at home with Esperantists anywhere in the world."

In the postwar period, he learned that by some miracle, his grandfather's house was still standing in Warsaw. But the Gestapo had taken away the plaque immediately after the conquest of Poland in 1939 because the Esperanto movement, which espouses world brotherhood and understanding, was anathema to the Nazi philosophy. He set as a goal the restoration of that plaque, and finally realized it 49 years later when, on June 5, 1988, he again stood before that house and unveiled the exact replica of the original tablet.

"The street was blocked off for the ceremony," he says. "My family came from all over the country and my wife flew there from El Paso. Five hundred Esperantists came to another ceremony at my grandfather's grave."

His grandfather's reputation continues to be held in high esteem in Poland and elsewhere. The Encyclopaedia Britannica of 1973 cites Grabowski as one of the "early poets of merit" who contributed to an impressive body of original poetry in Esperanto. He started translations into the language in order to prove to its inventor, Zamenhof, that it had literary value.

He spent three years in translating the great Polish epic, "Pan Tadeusz," a task he promised Zamenhof he would finish in his lifetime. The work was begun in 1915, when his wife and children were deported to Russia and he was alone in Warsaw without resources. Friends helped support him. His family returned in 1918, but two sons and a daughter had died. Grabowski, devastated by these losses and the aftermath of war, died of a heart attack in 1921.

In 1918, he had seen the completion of his major work of translation and the collapse of the powers that had divided his homeland; Poland once more had regained independence.

"Antoni Grabowski was a wonderful man," relates Dr. Kruszewski. "He was a chemist by profession, but at the same time a great humanist, devoted to the idea of brotherhood and international language."

As a chemist and linguist, he compiled a listing of official terms in the Polish language for the field of chemical research. He was also a prolific inventor whose patents and other business interests brought him a fortune that was lost due to the war and also through his expenditures on behalf of the cause of Esperanto.

"He could have been a millionaire, but he valued scholarship above personal wealth," observes the grandson.

Dr. Kruszewski emigrated from England to the United States in 1952 and studied at the University of Chicago, where he received his Ph.D. in international relations. He was president of the Polish Academic Association, secretary of the Chicago branch of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences, and was responsible for the creation of a chair of Polish Literature at the University of Chicago.

Since 1968 he has taught at UTEP, specializing in international political systems and ethnic studies. He is also widely recognized for his studies of the phenomena of nationalism and is invited to lecture at universities around the world.

He continues his family's interest in Esperanto, a language in which books have been published every year for the past 100 years, and which is recognized by UNESCO as an auxiliary language.

Professor Humphrey Tonkin, president of the State University of New York-Potsdam, is current president of the World Esperanto Society. He attended the dedication ceremony in June and has advised Dr. Kruszewski that Oriental countries are now becoming very much interested in Esperanto. In China, more teachers of the language are being sought.

"Despite the emergence of English as an international language earlier in this century," observes Dr. Kruszewski, "Esperanto has a chance to become a second language that is not bound by political ties to a particular nation or culture." □



Professor Z. Anthony Kruszewski, right, at the 1988 unveiling of a plaque in memory of his grandfather, Antoni Grabowski, in Warsaw. Next to the UTEP professor is Roman Malinowski, speaker of the Polish Parliament and official of the Polish Esperanto Association. (Photo by Mrs. Kruszewski)

"We have dared to dream the grand dream"

—by Diana Natalicio—

A year ago, in addressing this same gathering, I challenged us all to Share U.T. El Paso's Dream. I stated that perhaps more than any other institution in our society, universities are places where dreams do come true, and I suggested that daring to dream and sharing our individual and collective dreams will create an environment beneficial to us all, and lead to opportunities that, perhaps even in our wildest dreams, might not today seem possible. In reviewing last year's remarks, I was struck by how many of the specific objectives I outlined then have already been attained, many of them far ahead of schedule. I believe there is a twofold reason for our success:

First, we have understood, accepted, and articulated our institutional mission more clearly than ever before. We know ourselves, our strengths and our weaknesses, and we are able to build from that solid knowledge base.

Second, we have dared to dream the *grand dream*, to envision U.T. El Paso as a unique institution capable of great strides in its own development and worthy of serving as an example to other universities that will face the major demographic shifts that are occurring in U.S. society today.

I am pleased indeed to be able to say that last year's dreams may in fact have been too modest. U.T. El Paso has made great progress in achieving its long-range goals, and in the process, we are attracting major national attention and support. U.T. El Paso is clearly on the move!

Let's begin by talking about our students, the real reason we are all here. Enrollments this fall have increased significantly. Although we have not yet reached the official census day, our headcount enrollment for fall 1988 now stands at approximately 15,000 students, nearly 1,000 more than last year. Credit hours, upon which our formula funding for the 1989-91 biennium will be based, are also substantially higher than last year; projections at this time estimate an increase of over 7%. Enrollment increases are observed at all levels, freshman, upper-division and graduate, and in almost all program areas.

These increases are gratifying, for they suggest that the quality of U.T. El Paso's programs is becoming better known, and that the image of this University has improved significantly.

Our Early Awareness Program, which encourages young people in middle and high schools to begin planning early to pursue their education, and ensures that their parents are not misinformed nor intimidated by the financial implications of a university education, is so successful that it has been named one of 18 exemplary programs nationally selected by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

But, we are not merely recruiting *more* students. We are also recruiting more and more *outstanding* students, who, despite offers from major universities throughout the United States, have chosen to attend U.T. El Paso. Nearly 70% of the students who now enter U.T. El Paso are ranked in the upper half of their high school graduating classes, up from 50% 20 years ago. — 41% of entering freshmen today are from the upper quarter of their high school graduating classes;

— Valedictorians and salutatorians, those students who achieve the highest scholastic standing in their high schools, are increasingly choosing U.T. El Paso over other institutions that aggressively recruit them;

— And, thanks to the generosity of so many individuals and businesses that believe in U.T. El Paso, we are increasingly able to offer these outstanding students highly competitive scholarships.

— What is perhaps even more exciting is that 80% of the students to whom we offered scholarships this year accepted them and are attending U.T. El Paso this fall; just a few years ago, our scholarship acceptance rate was only 50%.

I recently had the pleasure to attend a LULAC luncheon at which 67 scholarships were awarded to promising high school graduates in the El Paso area. I was truly impressed with the commitment to El Paso's future that these scholarships represented, and I was particularly gratified that 35 of these young people had declared their intention to attend U.T. El Paso.

U.T. El Paso's student body reflects a broad range of experiences and talents: from an increasing number of National Merit Scholars to students who are not well prepared for university-level work. Some have argued that the underprepared students should not be admitted. This is not a position that can be easily defended in our context: Consider the fact that in El Paso County today, an estimated 45% of the young people drop out of school before earning a high school diploma. Those students who come to us with aspirations for a university degree are true survivors of a system that has permitted the squandering of half of the human talent in this community.

We, then, have an obligation to do all that we can to provide a real educational opportunity to those who have persevered. That doesn't mean, of course, that all of these students will graduate, but it does mean that they deserve a chance to pursue their aspirations as far as their talents and motivations will lead them. To deny admission to a student based upon an SAT score — in which, by the way, we have little confidence as a predictor of achievement — would be to betray our mission to create opportunities for the residents of this region. Instead, we must create programs which respond to our students' needs and provide them the support necessary to enhance their chances for success.

You are familiar with some of these student support programs and the enormous success they have achieved. The Study Skills and Tutorial Services Program has achieved a statewide reputation as a model for student retention. The newly established Academic Advising Center has also begun to have a positive effect on retention.

I am also pleased to report that we have just been notified that the Academic Advising Center has received a 1988 Certificate of Merit from the ACT National Recognition Program for outstanding student support. As the U.T. El Paso story begins to be known, such recognition should become more



frequent, for in many ways we are creating models that will be emulated by other universities in the years ahead.

But, retention is not only a responsibility of designated offices or programs. Retention is a responsibility we all share. The campus climate, the attitudes that you and I express to students, both verbally and non-verbally, either build their confidence and encourage them, or increase their self-doubt and defeat them.

Remember that an estimated 80% of our students are the first in their families to attend college; almost all commute from their parents' or their own homes; and they have major family and financial obligations. Their families and friends who share their lives may have high aspirations for their success, but they may not know how to create conditions for them to succeed. That is our responsibility, and all of us play a role. A faculty member's encouraging word and sincere interest in a student's progress can often mean more than a grade on a homework assignment or test. A sympathetic ear or a kind word from a staff member may provide the extra boost that many of our students need. And, I know that as more of us understand and accept U.T. El Paso's students as they are — rather than recasting them in our image of traditional college students — more of us will become responsive to them. Non-traditional students require — and deserve — non-traditional strategies.

Retention is sometimes mistakenly confused with lowering standards. In fact, retention should reinforce standards, since students who are encouraged to succeed, and who have increasing self-confidence to succeed, will likely be more successful in meeting the standards set by faculty in their classes. And, if the true measure of the success of this and any other university is the quality of its graduates, we must do all that we can to ensure that the academic quality of our programs is not compromised.

It is here that U.T. El Paso can be especially proud. At the undergraduate level, our students are provided opportunities to interact with faculty in classroom and laboratory settings that rival those in prestigious teaching oriented colleges and far exceed those at larger, heavily research-oriented institutions where greater reliance is placed on graduate assistants for undergraduate, particularly lower-division, teaching duties. And, such experiences do indeed appear to prepare our graduates well:

- Our pre-professional students are admitted to medical, dental, veterinary, and law schools at rates comparable to or better than those of students enrolled at other major institutions in the State.
 - Our Accounting graduates ranked sixth out of 21 universities in Texas on the State Board of Public Accountancy exam — ahead of graduates from Texas A&M, Texas Tech, and U.T. Dallas.
 - Eight U.T. El Paso students were selected as recipients of the National Consortium of Graduate Degrees for Minorities in Engineering fellowships, worth approximately \$25,000 each. The only institution in the United States with more winners of these prestigious national fellowships was M.I.T.
 - Of 105 Harry S Truman scholarships awarded nationally, a U.T. El Paso student has received one in each of the past two years. The competition for these scholarships is extremely keen. Only two other Texas universities have had consecutive scholarship winners in the past two years — Rice University and Southern Methodist University — both private institutions.
 - Of 20 Summer Internship offers extended *nationally* to graduate students in Business by the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., *three* recipients were from U.T. El Paso.
 - For the past five years, 95% or more of UTEP Nursing students taking the State Board examination passed it on the first attempt. This year, 100% of our Nursing students who took the State Board exam for the first time, passed it.
- These and many other examples point to a record in which we can all take pride. U.T. El Paso provides quality educational programs, and the value we add to students' lives between the time they are admitted and the day they graduate is recorded in their achievements during their years with us and as our alumni.
- Another measure of program quality is accreditation, particularly in professional program areas. In addition to ongoing accreditation in engineering, education, nursing and allied health, music and chemistry, I am pleased to report that U.T. El Paso achieved a major goal during the past year with accreditation of our computer science program. We are one of only three universities in Texas, and 65 nationally, that have met the very stringent standards for accreditation in computer science. On our agenda for this year is the accreditation review of the College of Business Administration; the self-study document has been submitted, and the College's administration faculty have worked tirelessly to ensure that all accreditation criteria have been met.

Looking toward the future, accreditation of our social work program will be a priority, and the program's new director, David Iacono-Harris, will receive our support as he pursues that goal.

The most critical factor in ensuring the success of our academic programs is the quality of the faculty we recruit and retain. Here, too, we can be justifiably proud of U.T. El Paso's accomplishments. We continue to recruit outstanding faculty whose degrees and previous academic experience represent the finest research universities in the United States. These faculty members are increasingly attracted to U.T. El Paso by the excitement of our institutional mission and by the enhanced research environment we have been able to establish through both extramural funding and the Permanent University Fund of the University of Texas System.

A special PUF allocation will soon enable us to renovate the old Library building into a teaching-research facility for the

Geological Sciences Department. Once geology faculty are relocated to the new facility, space they vacate will be renovated to create more modern research facilities for physics and chemistry. The acquisition of research equipment has helped faculty become more competitive in the quest for extramural funding. Library holdings, especially in those areas of program expansion, are a priority, and PUF allocations each year are committed to the acquisition of materials supportive of our program aspirations, particularly at the graduate level. Serials holdings present a special problem as subscription prices continue to rise far beyond normal inflation rates.

The Library's new automated catalog and circulation functions greatly facilitate users' access to our collections and, in the near future, to collections at other institutions as well.

Faculty and professional staff accomplishments at U.T. El Paso continue to be impressive. The past year has been a particularly good one. With strong support from the Office of Sponsored Projects, U.T. El Paso faculty have generated increased extramural support for their research and teaching efforts.

There are some who state that losing a faculty member, temporarily or permanently, represents a weakness at U.T. El Paso. I would like to suggest that, although we clearly prefer not to lose our outstanding faculty to other institutions, the fact that they are being recruited for visiting or even permanent positions suggests that they and UTEP are increasingly visible nationally. Although it is clearly stressful to compete with other institutions for our talented faculty, and it is often painful when we lose in that competition, I would far prefer to be in a position where our faculty are increasingly attractive to other institutions than to have a faculty so undistinguished as to fail to attract anyone's attention!

The quality of UTEP's faculty and its academic programs has enabled us to proceed toward our goal to gain approval for additional doctoral programs. Two programs, in Electrical Engineering and Psychology, were approved this year by the U.T. System Board of Regents, and both will likely be considered during 1988-89 by the Coordinating Board. We are confident that the Coordinating Board will recognize that these programs represent an excellent match between this university's strengths and the human and economic development needs of this region.

Other academic programs in planning stages include doctorates in Materials Science and in Education, and Master's degrees in Manufacturing Engineering, Special Education, and Developmental Education. With a growing enrollment and an increasingly strong faculty, approval of such programs should not present major problems.

U.T. El Paso is also enjoying unprecedented support from the El Paso community. The number of individuals, civic groups, businesses, and industries interested in helping U.T. El Paso achieve its aspirations has increased as this university accepts its partnership with this community. Noteworthy is the fact that we are second only to U.T. Austin among academic components in the U.T. System in both scholarship endowments and endowed faculty positions.

As mentioned earlier, we have developed close working relationships with area school districts and with the El Paso Community College. It might interest you to know that new transfers from the Community College have increased to nearly 500 this year, compared to less than 300 three years ago, largely, it appears, through efforts to facilitate such transfers through collaboration between UTEP and EPCC faculty and staff. Transfer

guides, which explicitly spell out degree plans, are one of the very successful products of such efforts.

The Manufacturing Consortium in the College of Engineering, numerous projects in the College of Nursing and Allied Health, the Institute for Manufacturing and Materials Management, the Centennial Museum, programs in the fine arts, and — certainly not to be overlooked — our highly successful athletic program, all contribute to the renewed sense of pride and the growing partnership between El Paso and its university.

And, UTEP's community extends beyond the boundaries of El Paso, for we continue to be committed to creating higher education opportunities, especially at the graduate level, for our neighbors in northern Mexico. During the past year, we have signed several inter-institutional agreements with universities and technological institutes in the State of Chihuahua, and, in a major recent development, we participated together with the Autonomous University of Chihuahua in the signing of an agreement between the governors of Texas and Chihuahua. Mexican student enrollment also continues to grow, with 555 students registered this fall.

U.T. El Paso has begun the celebration this year of its 75th Anniversary. As we prepare for the second 75 years, we have a new institutional self-confidence, a growing awareness that we really are special.

Obviously, if we are dreaming properly, our agenda is full of new challenges, and the opportunities become ever more exciting — doctoral programs, computer laboratories, research facilities, telephone registration, centers of research excellence — all of this and more can be ours if we believe in ourselves and in our dreams.

For too long, U.T. El Paso, and the El Paso community more generally, have been too hesitant to dream, fearing rejection and disappointment. With the enormous strides we have made over the past year, we have shown that that reluctance is no longer justifiable. With our many assets, we can dare to dream, and expect our dreams to come true. Moreover, dreaming can be contagious, and with more and more of us dreaming and sharing our dreams, we not only have a greater chance of making those dreams come true; we also build our confidence to set our sights even higher. Our assets and our opportunities are numerous and real. The only limitation on our future is our willingness and ability to build upon them with our creativity and self-confidence.

Needless to say, this has been an extraordinary year for me both personally and professionally — and a busy one! In fact, when I heard the announcement at the first football game that John Harvey had broken the UTEP record for yards rushing, I realized that I had failed to turn in my stats!

There have been a few low moments, to be sure, but they have indeed been very few. I have derived enormous satisfaction from the progress U.T. El Paso has made and particular joy in your accomplishments. For it is *you*, through your commitment to excellence and to this university and its mission, who will ultimately determine how far our dreams will lead us. I thank all of you for believing in yourselves and in your dreams, and, especially, for believing in UTEP and its aspirations. Together, our dreams will keep us going. □

Editor's Note: This speech by President Natalicio was presented to the audience at the annual Convocation, marking the opening of the fall semester and new fiscal year, October 8, 1988.

The Cactus Caravan

by Tom Saxon

Prospectors from Mines seldom panned for a “national treasure” east of the Mississippi or carried a load of sand and cacti to trade with “the natives,” but they did in the early 1940s.

Actually, the expedition consisted of five members of the local Kappa Sigma Kappa fraternity who journeyed to the national convention of Sigma Chi in the summer of 1941 to petition the national organization to establish its 100th chapter at the Texas College of Mines.

Marshall Willis organized the tour. He convinced Arnim Polster, me, and two other fraternity brothers (Richard White and Frank McTier, as I recall) that a trip to Detroit at our own expense would bring a national chapter of Sigma Chi to TCM — if we could make a presentation that emphasized a trait which made our college unique among the dozens of petitioning institutions.

What did TCM — a small college of fewer than 1,500 students — have to sell? Sand and cactus. Why not? Sigma Chi didn't have a national chapter in the Southwest in 1941. We'd sell the desert and Mines' unique environment, Marshall decided.

Dr. P.W. Durkee, KSK's faculty sponsor, and Jud Williams, college publicity director, agreed it was worth the effort. The fraternity voted \$20 to pay for the exhibit. The college publicity department gave us photographs of campus life and the lonely ten buildings which constituted TCM. Other expenses and ideas were up to us.

A little desert nursery on the edge of town (about the 4400 block of east Montana Street) sold us a wide variety of cacti for the \$20. And the salesman threw in all the sand “you can shovel.” We filled a four-wheel trailer with sand and “planted” our desert in this mobile garden. It weighed nearly 2,000 pounds by the time we headed east toward Detroit, pulling it with Marshall Willis's old car.

The first night we reached Bowlegs, Oklahoma, where my uncle and aunt, who owned a large general store on the edge of an Indian reservation, fed us, put us up for the night, and gave us sufficient provisions for several days.

We drove straight through from Oklahoma to Michigan for two reasons. First, it saved the cost of tourist courts and, second, it protected our exhibit, because we had to guard our trailer from “cactus rustlers.”

The further east we drove, the more novel people thought our trailer. Wherever we stopped — for gas or food — a crowd of curious spectators would gather. “Look at the thorns on those things.” “Are those cactus?” “Do these things stick you, mister?” “Can I buy the big green one with arms (saguaro), son?”

We actually had to post a guard over the trailer at every stop to keep souvenir hunters from stealing the plants.

Of course, the signs we'd tacked to the trailer probably attracted some of the people. “Texas College of Mines Desert Express. Kappa Sigma Kappa's Cactus Caravan. Sigma Chi and Detroit — Here Come the Miners. The Sand Mobile.”

Nevertheless, the entire 2,500-mile trip went smoothly, except for the night we woke a relief driver for his turn at the wheel. At dawn we discovered he had turned the wrong way and driven

200 miles back toward El Paso while the rest of us slept. From then on we used both a driver and a navigator.

The Sigma Chi national convention met in Detroit's Book Cadillac Hotel and the Miner exhibit had a central spot in the main lobby. Photographs of the college's singular architectural beauty, its striking setting and KSK's contributions were displayed amid the Texas sand and desert vegetation.

The success of this unusual display was not limited to delegates to the convention. The Detroit Free Press featured the TCM display, describing it as the biggest collection of western flora ever seen east of the Mississippi. The Detroit News, not to be outdone, focused on the “valuable souvenirs distributed by the Texas Miners” to Sigma Chi delegates.

The News considered it our scheme to counteract the slick brochures and photographs passed out by other local fraternities campaigning for national affiliation with Sigma Chi. We didn't have any handouts designed to sell delegates on TCM. So we gave them what we had plenty of — sand.

Each delegate who stopped at our exhibit got a small paper bag of “real Texas sand” and a cactus thorn, along with our sales pitch.

The idea was a huckster's dream. Delegates asked for “seconds” and Detroit residents who read about our presentation came by the hotel to “see Texas” and get their bags of sand.

At the end of the three-day convention, Sigma Chi's national officials told us, unofficially, that Kappa Sigma Kappa would be the next national chapter. The announcement would come “early next year.”

We drove back to El Paso with an empty trailer and full expectations.

In January 1942 the national officers of Sigma Chi made their announcement. Expansion of the fraternity would be suspended until after the end of World War II.

After the war, Kappa Sigma Kappa did go national — but as an affiliate of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

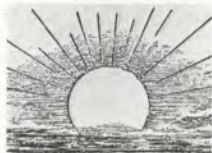
Nevertheless, a bit of that chapter's heritage includes a dusty trail to Detroit, through the lobby of the Book Cadillac Hotel, where 2,000 pounds of sand and “the biggest collection of Texas cacti” introduced easterners to the wonders of Mines and its southwestern splendor. □

Tom Saxon, having earned 72 hours toward his degree, left the College of Mines to enter the Marine Corps in 1942. Never stationed in one spot long enough to fulfill senior year residence requirements, he appealed to TCM President Wilson Elkins who got legislators to waive the requirement for Saxon. Before he could meet his goal of a degree from TCM, however, he was offered a college completion program by the Marines and completed a B.A. in journalism at San Diego State in 1960. He later earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in government and politics from the University of Maryland (where Elkins had gone as president). Upon retiring from the Marine Corps, he taught at Kalamazoo (Michigan) Valley Community College for 15 years. In 1985 he took emeritus status and moved to Fairfax, Virginia.

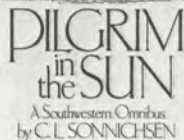


Books from TWP

Recent Titles from Texas Western Press



Pilgrim in the Sun
A Southwestern Omnibus
by C.L. Sonnichsen
288 pps., cloth, \$25; paper, \$15



The foremost "grassroots historian" of the American Southwest for 46 years (beginning with publication of his first book, *Billy King's Tombstone* in 1942), a beloved professor at UT El Paso, author of 25 or so distinguished books, one of the most delightful after-

before-, or during-dinner speakers ever to grace an occasion — well, to introduce Charles Leland "Doc" Sonnichsen to any audience in this part of the country is like introducing sand to the desert.

In *Pilgrim* is a taste of the Old Southwest such as no other writer can offer so deliciously. Here are memorable portraits of Roy Bean, Geronimo, Col. William Greene the copper magnate, crusty old rancher John Prather who stood off the U.S. Army's attempt to encroach on his land; here is a profile of El Paso's wild times ("Six-Shooter Capital"); here are Texas feuds and the quiet little story of Miss Sue Pinckney who lost everyone she loved and wrote novels nobody knew about.

In a review of *Pilgrim in the Sun* that appeared in the New Mexico Book League newsletter, *Book Talk*, it is said, "... this book becomes both the capstone and the cornerstone of any Sonnichsen collection, to be read both first and last, as you sample the joys of a lifetime of devotion to repartee as well as the printed word." □



Shalam
Utopia on the Rio Grande
by Lee Priestley
Southwestern Studies No. 84
64 pps., \$5 paper, \$10 cloth

Founded in 1884, Shalam Colony in Dona Ana County, New Mexico Territory, became a model agricultural development under the leadership of its founder, John Ballou Newbrough — a group of people guided by the words of a strange new bible, *Oahspe*,

which Newbrough claimed to have been written under the guidance of spirits.

Lee Priestley, a long-time Las Cruces resident and historian, has for the first time traced the whole history of this remarkable group of utopians — many of them orphan children — through 1907 when Andrew Howland, Newbrough's successor, closed the door on the last occupied building of Shalam, and through today, when adherents of *Oahspe*, known as Faithists, remain active in many parts of the world. □

—Reviews by Dale L. Walker



Literature and Landscape
Writers of the Southwest
by Cynthia Farah
166 pps., cloth, \$35

This gallery of photographs of 50 eminent Southwestern writers — each portrait accompanied by the authors' words describing the impact of the Southwestern landscape on their work — earned the 1987 C.L. Sonnichsen Book Award from Texas Western Press.

Farah, a native New Yorker and Stanford graduate who has lived in El Paso since 1959, originally created her gallery of revealing photographs of Southwestern writers for exhibit at the El Paso Public Library. The portraits subsequently were taken "on the road," always with popular appeal.

Writers represented include Edward Abbey, Rudolfo Anaya, Elroy Bode, Denise Chavez, Max Evans, Rolando Hinojosa-Smith, Dorothy B. Hughes, Elmer Kelton, Tom Lea, N. Scott Momaday, John Nichols, Lawrence Clark Powell, Jack Schaefer, Marc Simmons, C.L. Sonnichsen, Frank Waters and Jeanne Williams.

Martha Peters, writing in the *El Paso Times*, said of Farah's book, "... an absolutely first-class production, with laser-printed photographs that sparkle on the 100-pound bond stock. This book is beautiful in every way, a collector's item from its first printing, and one that will be in demand by scholars, libraries and bibliographers for decades to come." □



The Territorial History of Socorro, New Mexico
by Bruce Ashcroft
Southwestern Studies No. 85
72 pps., \$5 paper, \$10 cloth

Seventy-five miles south of Albuquerque lies the town in which, nearly 400 years ago, when it was a tiny Indian pueblo along the Rio Grande, Spanish explorer-colonizer Don Juan de Oñate found "succor."

Over the decades and centuries that followed Oñate's visit, Socorro became an important stopping place in the Santa Fe trade route and later, significant in the mining and smelting industry.

In 1850, when New Mexico Territory was created, Socorro (although then with a population of but 450), became county seat of Socorro County — one of but seven counties then extant. By the 1880s, with the discovery of gold and silver in the nearby mountains, Socorro enjoyed a time of boom, with the population swelling to over 2,500 and the railroad arriving to deliver new boomers and to take away the ore.

The boom lasted until 1894, then died.

Ashcroft's emphasis in this excellent and well-researched study is Socorro in its hey-day, that of the time of territorial New Mexico. □

Extracts

Development & Alumni Association News by Marianne Fleager



Cheryl McCown Becomes 1989 Alumni President

Cheryl Azar McCown was elected 1989 president of the UTEP Alumni Association, the second woman to hold this prestigious appointment.

A 1965 graduate with a B.A. in English/Spanish, she has served as a volunteer for the Alumni Fund for Excellence, on the Alumni Board, and in many other programs to benefit the University. She also serves on the advisory board of El Paso Community Foundation, and as president of the El Paso Diabetes Association. She is past president of the Junior League of El Paso.

Cheryl is a member of the Symphony Guild, El Paso Board of Realtors, United Way Planning Committee, and First City Bank West advisory board. She and husband Mike are members of the Matrix Society and the Alumni Association and are Associates of the University Library.

Also elected to the Alumni Board were President-Elect William S. Stevens, who will chair the 1989 Membership Committee; J. Rene Nunez, first vice president and Homecoming 1989 chairman; Steve Tredennick, second vice president and ways and means chairman; Ricardo Rios, treasurer, and Stanlee Rubin, secretary.

New directors-at-large who serve three-year terms beginning in January are Rene Casavantes, D.D.S. (Biology '71), Martini C. DeGroat (Business Administration '78), Algie A. Felder (Physics '72) and Mary Alice Prendergast (Education '56). □

Pictorial History Of UTEP Available

Over the 75 years since the Texas Legislature authorized the creation of a school of mines in El Paso, the institution has grown from a small regional mining school to a doctoral degree-granting institution with more than 40,000 graduates. Now, as the University looks toward the next 75 years, a pictorial history has been produced as an Alumni Association project.

Nancy Miller Hamilton (B.A. '49, M.A. '54), a life member of the Alumni Association, is the author of the book which celebrates the University's colorful past and the people who helped develop the history of the institution.

The photos include long-time faculty members, marching bands, cheerleaders, football teams, classroom scenes, Homecoming celebrations, and many other aspects of campus life.

The introduction is by Professor Emeritus C.L. Sonnichsen.

The book is not available in bookstores. Orders may be sent to the Alumni Association. The price is \$30 for the regular edition (1,800 copies published), \$100 for the numbered leatherbound edition (200 copies only), plus postage of \$2 per

Matrix Society Offers Membership Benefits

Many donors to the University give annual gifts ranging from \$100 to \$175. An additional gift during the calendar year to bring the total to \$200 would qualify them for membership in the Matrix Society.

In an effort to reach them and encourage their acceptance of membership, prospective members were invited to attend a Matrix brunch hosted by President Diana Natalicio and members of the Society's Executive Committee chaired by Dr. Rene Rosas. As a result, 25 new memberships were established, and a number of comments and ideas were exchanged for the betterment of the University.

Membership in the Matrix Society offers benefits to members, such as opportunities to attend selected special programs. A brochure listing these benefits and requirements of membership is available by writing the University Development Office at UTEP (79968) or by calling 915-747-5533.

The Matrix Society was formed in 1969 for the purpose of recognizing and organizing a special group of alumni, faculty and staff whose loyalty, concern and interest in the institution were expressed through their generous support of the academic programs. Membership has grown from fewer than 80 to more than 300 members in 1982.

The original membership basis was \$100 per year in gifts for academics. In 1983 the Executive Committee changed the base to \$200 per year. Memberships have continued to increase since that time and in 1987 numbered nearly 500. □

Fund Raising Council Cites Record High

Gifts to charitable organizations and causes in 1987 reached a record high — an estimated \$93.68 billion, according to the American Association of Fund Raising Council (Trust for Philanthropy).

What is particularly outstanding relative to this record is that of that total, \$76.82 billion, or slightly more than four-fifths, came from individuals. By contrast, personal income, which is the usual major determinant of giving, grew by less than 6 percent over the same period, as did the nation's gross national product.

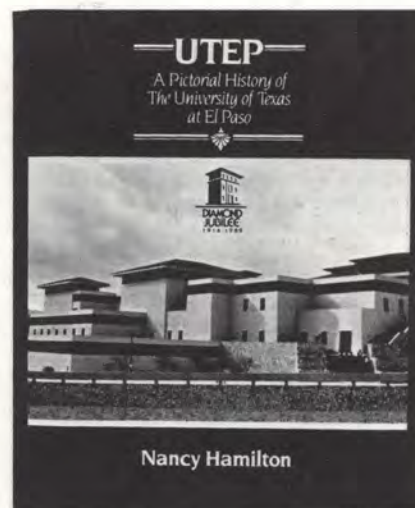
What this means to The University of Texas at El Paso is that our alumni and friends — both individuals and organizations — reflect this national trend in giving by continued interest in academic excellence. □

Never Too Late For Eighty-Eight

If you haven't yet made your gift to the 1988 Excellence Fund, it's not too late. Gifts received by December 31 are usually the ones that take the campaign "over the top" to reach the annual goal.

An envelope for 1988 contributions was enclosed with the 1987 Annual Gift Report for the University. It may be used to make gifts for the Diamond Jubilee Endowed Fund for Academic Resources. Gifts to this fund, left unrestricted, assist the president in assigning support to academic areas of the institution with the greatest needs. Any gifts to academic areas are always appreciated.

Your gift, in any amount, to the annual Alumni Fund campaign also qualifies you for membership in the UTEP Alumni Association. Dues are no longer separate, and membership benefits information will be mailed to donors with their gift receipts. □



book. Checks should be made payable to the UTEP Alumni Association.

If you wish to purchase the book in person, visit the Alumni Lodge on campus. □



Alum i Notes

by Sue Wimberly

1940s

Vernie A. Stenbridge, M.D. (B.S. '43; Outstanding Ex 1978) chairman and professor in the department of pathology at Southwestern Medical School, the University of Texas Health Science Center in Dallas, has been appointed acting dean of the Allied Health School at Southwestern Medical.

Cora Norman (B.A. '49), vice president for development for AAUW (American Association of University Women) Educational Foundation, will be a candidate for president of the organization next year. Dr. Norman, who is executive director of the Mississippi Humanities Council in Jackson, received her Ph.D. in education administration from the University of Mississippi in 1975.

1950s

Julie Williams Eastman (B.A. '52), a visitor to El Paso last summer, has been teaching U.S. military dependents at Sullivans School in Japan, for the last 17 years. She has published two books of poetry in conjunction with Dainana Gallery of Tokyo which displayed her poems with the illustrations by Japanese artists.

Ithaca College and the Department of Theatre Arts recently named a theatre in the Dillingham Center for the Performing Arts in honor of the late **Richard M. Clark** (B.A. '57). Clark was serving as chairman of the Ithaca Department of Theatre Arts at the time of his death in 1987 in the crash of a New York-bound Polish airliner.

T.C. Prewitt (B.B.A. '57) has been named president of Government Employees Credit Union, El Paso. He had held the position of executive vice president since 1977.

Hector Holguin (B.S. '58; Outstanding Ex 1982), president of Accugraph Corporation of El Paso and Toronto, has been appointed an advisory director to the board of the First City National Bank of El Paso.

John A. Taylor (B.B.A. '59) has joined the Dallas office of Johnson & Higgins Company, an international insurance brokerage firm, as vice president.

1960s

Ernest Vass Jr., Maj./USA, ret. (B.A. '62; M.Ed. '67), retired El Paso teacher, has been named a winner of the prestigious George Washington Honor Medal by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Vass received the medal for writing a series of articles entitled "On the Constitution" which were published during 1987 in the El Paso *Herald-Post*.

Mayda Nel Strong (B.A. '63) is a clinical psychologist in La Junta, Colorado.

Keithley Piatt Wagner (B.S. '63) is vice president of Wagner & Company, a decorative hardware and plumbing fixture showroom, in San Antonio, Texas.

Roger V. Peters (B.B.A. '63) is vice president and general manager of Nalley Honda in Brunswick, Georgia.

Jack Elder (B.A. '65), executive director of Tennessee Special Olympics, has been named a regional field director for Special Olympics International. He is establishing an office in Nashville and will provide training, technical assistance, and leadership to the Special Olympics state chapters in nine southern states.

Larry W. Langberg (B.A. '66), a special agent with the FBI in Simi Valley, California, has been elected president of the FBI Agents Association. Langberg has served as the association's Western Regional Director and a member of their National Executive Board since 1981.

Jeannie K. Todaro, CDR./USN (B.A. '67), retires from the U.S. Navy on November 1. She will reside in Kaiserslautern, West Germany.

Bert Schreiberstein, LTC/USA (B.A. '68), a resident of Herndon, Virginia, is currently assigned to the U.S. Army Inspector General Agency at the Pentagon. **Richard Schreiberstein** (B.A. '69) is editor of the Altamont (New York) Enterprise. **Bob Schreiberstein**, LTC/USA, ret. (M.Ed. '76) lives in Safety Harbor, Florida.

Charles L. Smith (B.B.A. '68; M.Ed. '77) and **Julie Adkins Smith** (B.A. '75; M.A. '77) are living in Lubbock where he is working on his Ph.D. in finance at Texas Tech University. Julie is employed by the Lubbock Independent School System.

Roy C. Rodriguez (B.A. '69; M.A. '72) has been named head of the Department of Educational Management and Development at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces.

1970s

Florence K. Thomas, LTC/USA (B.A. '70), is stationed in Heidelberg, West Germany. She is listed in the 1987-88 edition of *Marquis Who's Who of American Women*.

Paul Strelzin (M.S. '71) is principal of Lincoln Junior High School, El Paso.

Harriet May (B.S. '71) has been promoted to executive vice president/controller of Government Employees Credit Union, El Paso, succeeding T.C. Prewitt (see alumni 1950s).

David A. Morman (B.S. '72; M.A. '74) has been appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans Employment Training, the highest career level a civil servant can attain.

Gloria Pena (B.S. '74; M.Ed.'86) is nurse manager for the day surgery unit of Providence Memorial Hospital, El Paso.

John G. Lapham III (B.B.A. '74) has been named regional vice president of the Prudential Insurance Company of America and will head the Los Angeles office.

Joe Felicetti (B.B.A. '74) is president and owner of Felicetti, Inc., a construction firm in Orlando, Florida.

Joseph B. Gilbert, Maj./USMC (B.A. '75), recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Camp Pendleton, California.

Mary Jo Moeri Burton (B.A. '76), manager of media services for St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri, recently received a Silver Reel of Excellence at the 20th Annual Video Festival of the International Television Association in Las Vegas, Nevada. The award recognized excellence in video communications for her production of "Victims," a public service announcement on sexual abuse.

Terry W. Simon (B.B.A. '76) has been elected to partnership with Peat Marwick. Simon, who is based in Jacksonville, Florida, serves in the firm's audit department.

J. James Rohack, M.D. (B.S. '76), has been elected to Fellowship in the American College of Cardiology. A graduate of the UT Medical Branch, Galveston, he is currently senior staff cardiologist with the Scotland White Clinic and assistant professor of medicine at the Texas A&M Medical School in College Station.

Mary Langford (B.A. '77) has been appointed assistant director of development, public relations, for the TASIS Schools in Europe. She will be based in England.

Martha P. Karlsruher (B.B.A. '78) is vice president and cashier of Continental National Bank/El Paso.

Kathleen Garcia Knous and her husband, Kirk Knous, reside in Roswell, Georgia. She is a consultant with IBM.

Sandra Wade (B.S.N. '79; M.S.N.'86) is director of ambulatory care services at Providence Memorial Hospital/El Paso.

1980s

Marco Barros (B.A. '80), former marketing director for the Valle Vista Mall in Harlingen, Texas, has been appointed mall marketing director for Rivercenter in San Antonio, Texas.

Tom Fullerton (B.B.A. '81), is an international economist with the WEFA Group (Wharton Econometric Forecasting Associates) in charge of forecasting the economies of Venezuela, Ecuador

and Peru. He previously served as an economist in the office of the governor of Idaho.

Lloyd Burrows III (M.S. '84) is head of the physics department at J.H. Hanks High School/El Paso.

Eileen Driscoll Rubens (B.S. '84), former loan officer at MBank/El Paso, is employed by Marine Midland Bank, Syracuse, New York. She is working toward her master's degree in finance at Syracuse University.

Mike Wiedel (M.B.A. '81) is a computer system analyst with the U.S. Corps of Engineers based in New York City. His wife, **Charlotte Wiedel** (M.A. '80) is an instructor at Kingsborough Community College.

Gilberto Guillen (B.S. '85) is a Fortune 500 corporate marketing executive for the A.O. Smith Water Products Company, El Paso, in the international global marketing division.

Maria Eugenia Alvarez (B.B.A. '86) completed her M.B.A. at Columbia University where she was awarded the Roger F. Murray Fellowship in Finance for Academic Merit.

D.J. Carrillo, Ens./USN (B.A. '86), recently completed the Basic Surface Warfare Officer's Course in Newport, Rhode Island.

Ruth K. MacDonald (M.B.A. '87), former associate professor of English at New Mexico State University, has been appointed head of the Department of English and Philosophy and professor of English at Purdue University/Calumet. In addition

to her degree from UTEP, she holds bachelor's and master's degrees in English from the University of Connecticut, and a Ph.D. in English from Rutgers.

Hector A. Arellano, Ens./USN (B.S. '87), com-

pleted the Seabee chief petty officer management course at Port Hueneme, California. Arellano was trained for duty as a first-level manager in the Naval Construction Force. □

Deaths

Walter Leroy Hulen (1946 etc.), May 10, in El Paso. Survivors include his wife, Ann Prager Hulen, and several children.

Charles Kenneth Ruhl (1964 etc.), a resident of Saint Helena, California, in San Francisco in September. His wife survives.

William J. McClenahan (B.A. 1975), retired electrical engineer, in El Paso, June 10. His wife, Irene McClenahan, and two daughters survive.

Clayton Lawrence Casteel (1954 etc.), July 1, in Dallas, Texas. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Casteel, and three daughters.

Jose R. Sambrano (B.S. 1956), an electrical engineer with Hughes Tool Company, July 3, in Culver City, California. Survivors are his wife, Lillian Sambrano, and a daughter.

George Omo (B.S. 1962), a mining engineer and president of Sierra Corporation, July 10, in Austin, Texas. He is survived by two children.

Elizabeth Worthington (B.S. 1941), retired El Paso teacher, July 18. She is survived by a son and a daughter.

John Paul Savage (B.S. 1921), retired mining engineer, in El Paso, July 25. His wife, Grace M. Savage, and a son survive.

Paul Andrew Oliver (B.S. 1980), associate warden at Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility in Las Cruces, August 3, in Houston. Survivors are his wife, Susanne Oliver, and two children.

John Charles Hanna (B.A. 1966), a public relations employee of Boeing Aerospace Company, in Seattle, August 6. His wife, Joni Hanna, and three children survive.

Pearl Olive Ponsford, who taught at UTEP from 1936 until 1961, August 18, in El Paso. A graduate of Wellesley College, she received her Ph.D. from the University of Southern California. Several sisters and brothers survive her.

Kathryn V. May (M.Ed. 1971), retired El Paso teacher, August 29.

William Tyler Bartlett, LTC/USA, ret. (B.S. 1932), in September, at his home in Bonsall, California. Survivors include his wife, Eleanor Markham Bartlett, a son and two daughters. □

Calendar of Events

Winter 1988

ART/MUSEUMS/EXHIBITS

EL PASO CENTENNIAL MUSEUM: Hours 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, closed Sundays and Mondays, free admission. For more information, call 747-5565. Through Jan. 28 Poster exhibit "Mexican Architecture," co-sponsored with the Universidad Autonoma de Cd. Juarez.

DANCE

Jan. 28 8 p.m. Magoffin Auditorium, Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble presents modern dance by new choreographers, as well as Alvin Ailey. Ticket information from the Student Programs Office at 747-5481.

EVENTS

Dec. 16 7 p.m. Winter Commencement
Jan. 16 Classes begin
Jan. 31 Classes day
Feb. 6-12 Times TBA, National Collegiate Drug Awareness Week, Series of films and information on drug related problems. For more information contact Elon Cohen, Program Coordinator, Drug Education and Prevention Program, 747-5568.
March 15 Comedy, magic and hypnosis by Tom DeLuca, called the best one-man show in America today. Time TBA, in Magoffin Auditorium.

SPORTS

Basketball games, ticket information 747-5234.
December 17 Time TBA, away, Indiana

21 7:35 p.m. at home, Mississippi Valley State
27 7:35 p.m. at home, South Carolina State
29-30 6:30 and 9 p.m. Sun Bowl Tournament, guests Maryland, Cleveland State and Lamar
(following are Western Athletic Conference games)
January
5 9:30 p.m. at home, Utah
7 3 p.m. at home, Brigham Young
12 7:35 p.m. away, Wyoming
14 7:35 p.m. away, Air Force
19 7:35 p.m. away, San Diego State
21 7:35 p.m. away, Hawaii
24 7:35 p.m. at home, Colorado State
28 3 p.m. away, New Mexico

February
4 9:30 p.m. at home, New Mexico
9 7:35 p.m. at home, Air Force
11 7:35 p.m. at home, Wyoming
16 7:35 p.m. away, Brigham Young
18 3 p.m. away, Utah
23 7:35 p.m. away, Colorado State
March
2 7:35 p.m. at home, Hawaii
4 7:35 p.m. at home, San Diego State
7-11 WAC tournament at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City

THEATRE

UNIVERSITY PLAYHOUSE: Second level of Fox Fine Arts Center, admission charge, information 747-5118:

Feb. 17 & 18, 24 & 25 at 8 p.m., matinees Feb. 19 & 26 at 2:30 p.m., "The Cherry Orchard" by

Anton Chekhov, directed by Gifford Wingate.

April 21 & 22, 28 & 29 at 8 p.m., April 23 & 30 at 2:30 p.m., "Ah, Wilderness!" by Eugene O'Neill.

NATIONAL MARIONETTE THEATRE, a synthesis of sculpture, drama, music, dance and mine. Artistic director David Syrotiak brings his internationally renowned marionette theatre to UTEP March 4, cost and times TBA. For more information, call Student Programs at 747-5481.

STUDIO THEATRE: Downstairs in the Fox Fine Arts Center, admission charge, information 747-5118:

Feb. 2-4 at 8 p.m., Feb. 4 & 5 at 2:30 p.m., "Vainities," a comic drama by Jack Heifner about the whims, wishes and woes of three high school girlfriends entering adulthood, directed by Jack Allen Foster (student production).

April 6-8 at 8 p.m., April 8 & 9 at 2:30 p.m., "Tooth of Crime" by Sam Shepard, a cruel and biting view of American life.

UNION DINNER THEATRE: Union Building West, time and ticket information 747-5711:

Dinner performances Jan. 20 & 21, 26-28 (Thursday discount night), matinees Jan. 22 & 29. "Cloud 9," described as a play that takes a zany look at the white man's burden as the British empire brings civilization to a new low in Africa. Written by Caryl Churchill.

Dinner performances March 3 & 4, 10 & 11, 16-18 (Thursday discount night), matinees March 12 & 19. "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" an irreverent romp through a Catholic school education. Music and lyrics by James Quinn and Alaric Jans, based on a novel by John R. Powers.



Surviving spouses of prominent UTEP faculty and staff members gathered for a luncheon on campus Sept. 9 with President Diana Natalicio. Front row, from left: Mrs. Scott Cooper, Mrs. William McAnulty, Dr. Lurline Coltharp, Mrs. William Strain, Mrs. George Ayer, Mrs. Dossie Wiggins, Mrs. Joe Daley, Mrs. Carl Hertzog. Back row, from left: Mrs. John Creighton, Mrs. Ross Moore, Mrs. Earl Lovejoy, Mrs. James Zajic, Mrs. William Russell, Mrs. W.W. Lake, President Natalicio, Mrs. Vulli Gupta, Mrs. Wallace Brucker, Mrs. John J. Middagh, Mrs. W.G.N. Heer, Mrs. Philip Gallagher.

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