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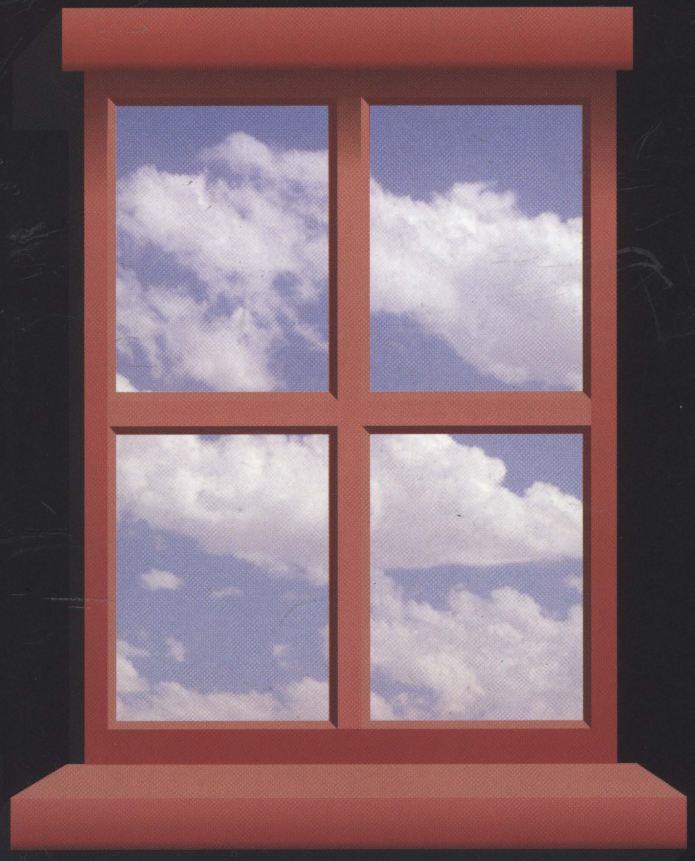

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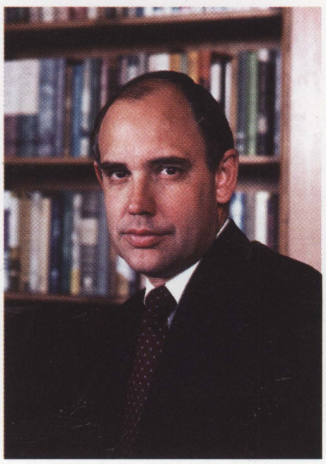
Editor's Note: This issue of *NOVA Quarterly* is dedicated to the university's Legacy Campaign, a major fundraising initiative launched this spring. This unprecedented campaign to raise $50 million in endowment funds will strengthen UTEP and build a foundation to carry the university into the 21st century and beyond. In support of the university's efforts, Chancellor of the UT System William H. Cunningham provided this guest editorial.

FROM THE EDITOR



The University of Texas at El Paso has embarked on an ambitious fund-raising initiative unprecedented in the history of the university and El Paso. This effort to raise $50 million in private support for endowments over the next five years will strengthen UTEP as it moves forward into the 21st Century.

Strong, affordable public universities are essential to the future social and economic health of any state. In Texas, the need for enhanced higher education opportunities is particularly important in light of demographic trends that indicate we will soon be a "minority-majority" state. In order to prepare the state's work force as well as its community and business leaders to compete in the world economy, we simply must increase the rate at which Texans succeed in higher education.

Because of its location, its history, and its areas of expertise, UTEP will continue to play a critical role in the expansion and enhancement of the state's educational system. The central importance of UTEP for the future of Texas is underscored by the facts that 85 percent of its students come from a traditionally underserved region — El Paso County — and that the majority are the first in their families to attend college. It is clear that support for this fund-raising campaign is an investment not only in UTEP, but in the entire El Paso community and in the whole of Texas as well.

The outpouring of local support for this campaign by the citizens of El Paso has been extremely gratifying. Many individuals, businesses and foundations recognize the university's impact on the El Paso community and the surrounding region and have joined in supporting this important initiative.

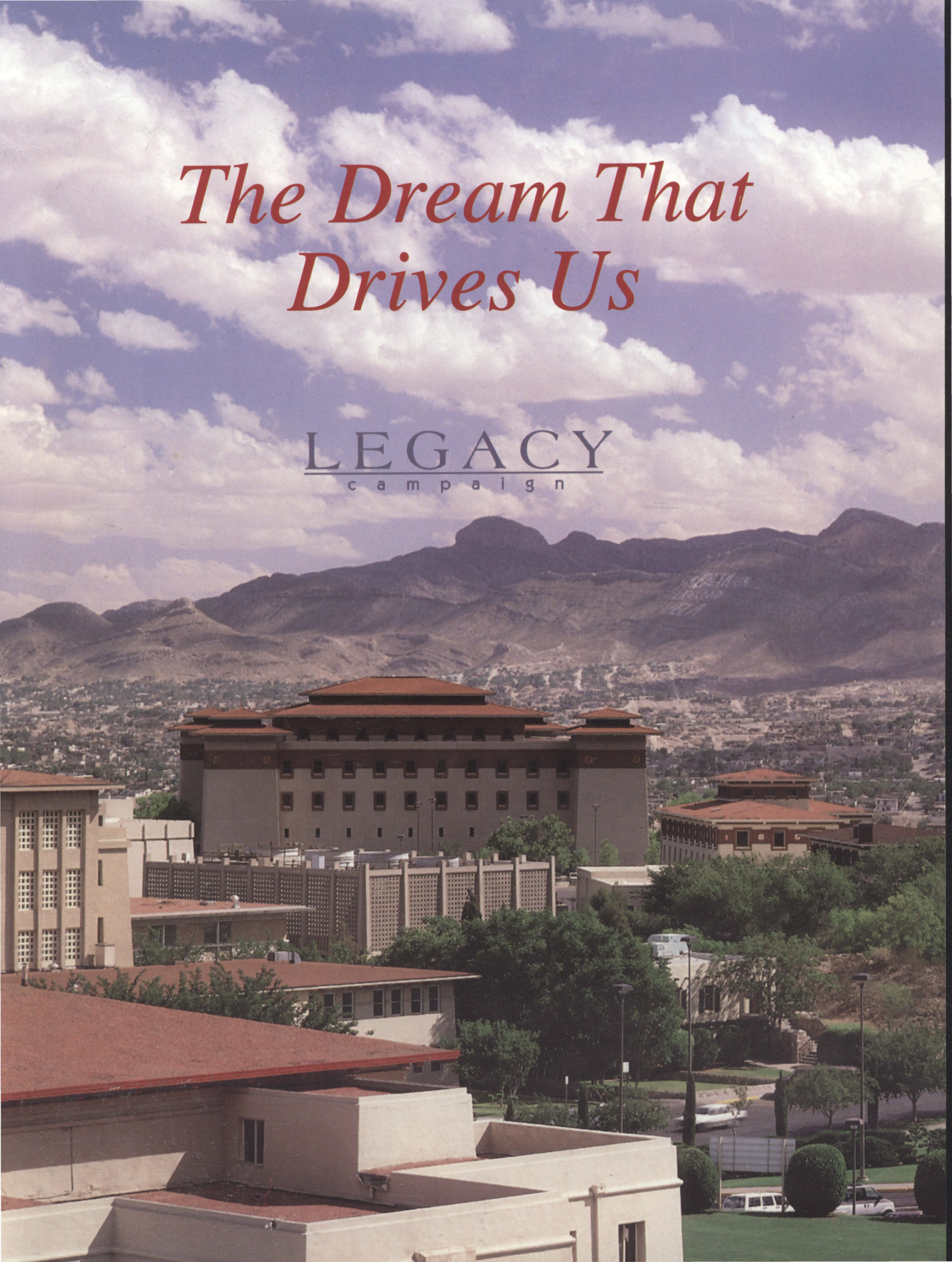
UTEP has a long history of community involvement and service that has tremendously affected the quality of life of the region it serves. Building on that history, the Legacy Campaign is a wonderful illustration of what can be accomplished through the vital partnership between a great university and community. This effort is truly a model for other institutions to emulate.

The UT System fully supports UTEP's efforts and encourages the university's alumni and the citizens of El Paso to join in this worthy endeavor. As a validation of this effort, the UT System Board of Regents approved a substantial challenge grant in special support of the campaign.

The future of higher education is one of the most pressing issues that Texas faces. Public support of higher education is crucial, especially for institutions such as UTEP, which offer excellent academic opportunities to a region that is increasingly becoming an industrial and manufacturing focal point for the border area.

I encourage you to support this effort and the university as it strives to fulfill its mission of offering the opportunity for the future generations of El Paso to achieve their dreams. Thank you for your understanding of the importance of public higher education and your willingness to be part of this exciting campaign.

— Dr. William H. Cunningham
Chancellor, The University of Texas System


The Dream That Drives Us
LEGACY
campaign

Imagine

a university where every hard-working student who needs a scholarship or a campus job receives one. A university where no one is denied an education due to a *lack of funds*.

IMAGINE a university which consistently recruits and retains quality faculty members — outstanding and committed professors who love to teach and advance knowledge through research.

Imagine a university with a library and a technology system capable of delivering the wisdom of the world to its campus and community on a daily basis.

IMAGINE the University of Texas at El Paso in the 21st century.

Three years ago, a group of thoughtful citizens and UTEP President Diana Natalicio envisioned a future UTEP, undaunted by economic turbulence and erratic state funding. Their vision manifested itself in a diligent, multiyear fundraising campaign to increase UTEP's only permanent source of support — its endowment. These leaders carefully assessed UTEP's needs and determined that for the learning community to prosper, its endowment also must grow to support the institution's needs. As a result, they embarked on an unprecedented fundraising effort realized in the Legacy Campaign, an initiative to triple the university's endowment to $75 million.

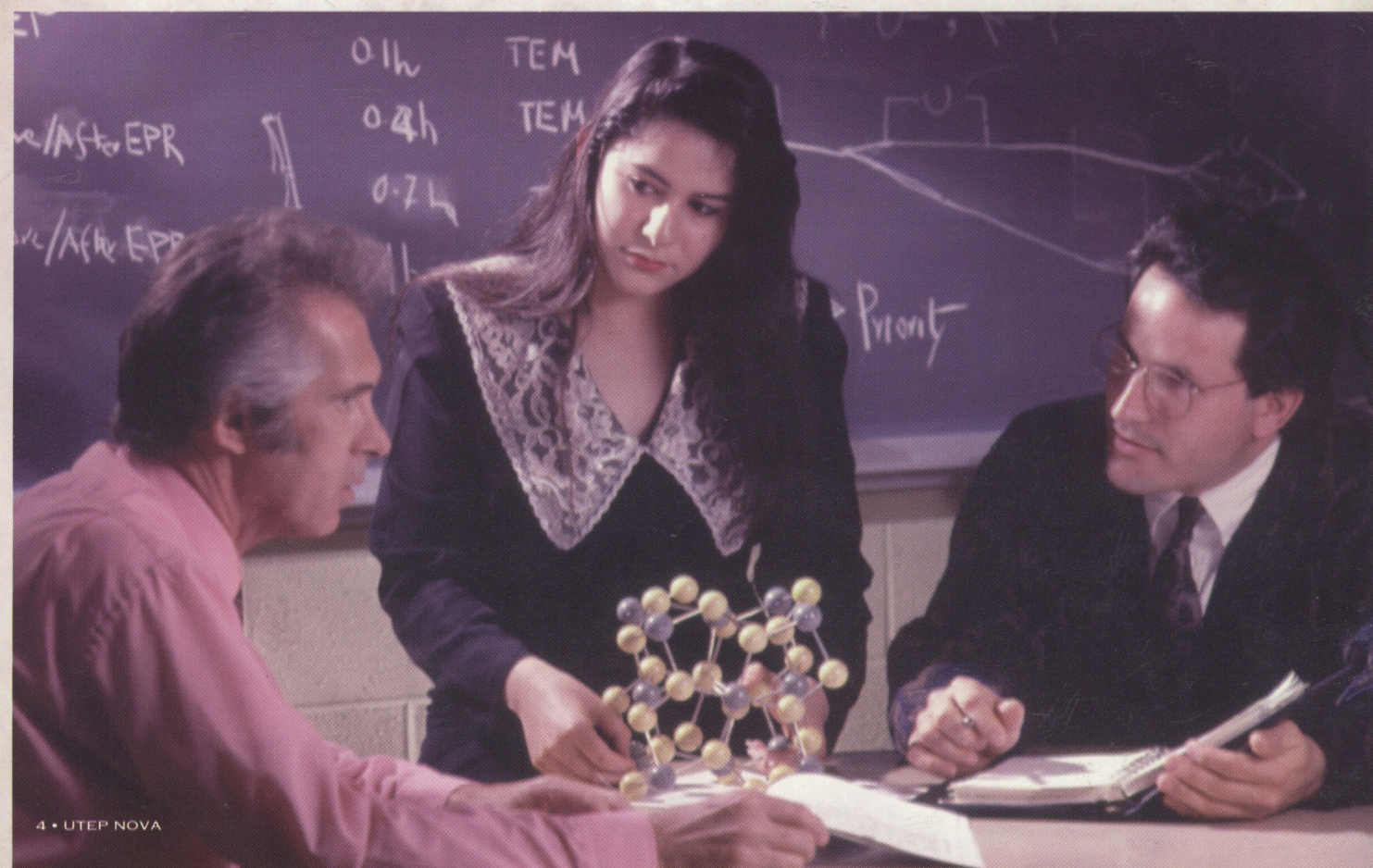
by Karen Kilgore
with contributions by Catherine Reynolds

A university's endowment acts as a permanent savings account which is never spent. Endowed funds are invested wisely and a portion of their interest income is distributed each year. Endowment income supplements operating funds and reduces reliance upon other funding sources, such as state appropriations, federal grants and tuition income, which are often unpredictable.

As UTEP completed a thorough assessment of its needs, seven key areas were identified for endowed funding: faculty positions, scholarships, the library, technology enhancement, research, athletics and academic program development.

Legacy Campaign Chair Peter de Wetter, who has provided strong and steady leadership to this effort, recalled the skepticism he and others faced during the initial discussions about the campaign's ambitions:

"If we had told someone five years ago that UTEP was going to adopt a $50 million fundraising goal, they would have thought that we were out of our minds! However, we knew that with proper planning and follow-through, the campaign could be successful, and that its success would convey a powerful message to El Paso and to ourselves!"



Steve and Martini DeGroat

Steve and Martini DeGroat exude a remarkable loyalty and devotion to their hometown — El Paso.

"We embrace the diversity of El Paso," Martini said. "We are always going to give our lives to El Paso because we treasure the relationships we have here and take the opportunity to help others whenever we can."

The DeGroats' loyalty to El Paso includes a remarkable commitment to their *alma mater*, UTEP. The memory of a poignant UTEP tradition nourishes that commitment.

"One year, at a UTEP graduation ceremony, former UTEP President Haskell Monroe asked every person who was the first in their family to graduate to stand and be recognized," Steve recalled. "That tradition continues to this day, and it touches us deeply when almost every graduate stands up."

To help those students and honor a special family friend, the DeGroats established an endowed scholarship in tribute to Robert C. Heasley, a former El Paso mayor and UTEP's 1988 Distinguished Alumnus.

"He worked patiently with me when I wanted to buy his Lincoln Financial Group insurance agency, but in our discussions I discovered he had known my family for a long time," Steve explained. "In fact, he was my grandmother's paper boy!"

The Heasley Endowment is part of a longtime family tradition of involvement at UTEP. Steve's mother, Carolyn DeGroat, established an endowed Presidential Scholarship in memory of her late husband, James, who graduated from UTEP (then Texas Western College) in 1950 and served as president of the Alumni Association in 1958. Martini and Steve, well aware of their UTEP heritage, have followed suit. Steve served as president of the Alumni Association in 1986, and Martini completed her term as president in 1995.

As former students, the DeGroats recognize the need for alumni participation in the Legacy Campaign. Their gift is an unusual gesture for younger alumni faced with the expenses of raising a family. The DeGroats are balancing payments across several years. Corporate giving programs, which will help their endowment grow, will triple the impact of the DeGroats' contributions. Southwestern Bell, where Martini is general manager, and Lincoln Financial Group will both match their contributions.

"One of the things a campaign like this must convey is the importance of everyone giving something," Martini said. "Especially when you are helping people who are working hard to help themselves."

Steve recognizes the benefits of giving, which fuel economic, intellectual and cultural activity.

"We give our hearts and souls to the university, primarily to pay back the immense benefits we have received and to honor the people we love," he said.

he College of Engi-eering sponsors pre-ollege outreach pro-rams aimed at foster-ng underrepresented tudents' interest in cience and engineer-ng careers. These stu-ents are mentored by ationally recognized aculty members at TEP.

The planning committee, originally the endowment study committee of the UTEP Development Board, was transformed into the initiative's Campaign Cabinet. At the same time, the university's development office established an internal system to efficiently support the massive campaign effort, which concludes Aug. 31, 2000.

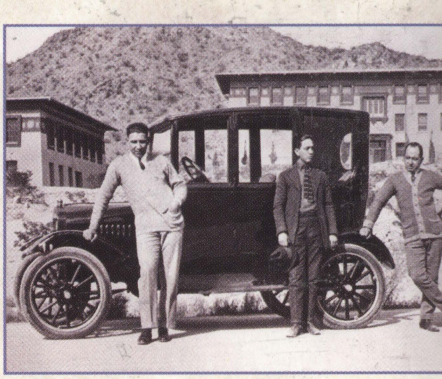
With well-defined priorities and a comprehensive fundraising plan, the Campaign Cabinet translated its resolve into action. The Campaign Cabinet and the Development Board set an example of generous personal giving by contributing more than $15 million to the campaign.

As other El Paso families and businesses joined the effort, the campaign total soared to the $30 million mark before the goal was announced publicly.

"At slightly more than $30 million, the 'quiet phase' total changed our $50 million dream into an attainable, if somewhat ambitious, goal," de Wetter explained.

To celebrate this record-breaking achievement, a jubilant crowd of more than 600 donors, visiting dignitaries and friends joined the university at the Camino Real Paso del Norte Hotel May 15.

Among those formally endorsing the campaign during the celebration festivities were UTEP Development Board Chair Jim R. Phillips Sr., UT System



Texas College of Mines students used their academic training to analyze the mechanical engineering problems of their day.

Engineering students from across the world joined UTEP students preparing their dune buggies for the Mini-Baja student competition, which was hosted by UTEP for several years.

Tommye Duncan

When UTEP health science students become Tommye Duncan Scholars, they receive more than financial assistance. They gain the opportunity to interact with a woman whose good will and compassion influence everything she does. In fact, Tommye's joy of living and helping others is contagious.

Like many who love El Paso, she arrived via the military. Major Tommye Duncan, an occupational therapist in the Army Medical Specialists Corps, began her assignment at William Beaumont General Hospital in 1967.

Tommye fondly remembers her arrival to El Paso. "The afternoon I drove into town I thought, 'Those mountains aren't going anywhere. This place is for me!'"

When Tommye retired from the military, she plunged into civilian life with vigor, determination and a wry sense of humor.

"I worked hard to become a citizen of El Paso, since I had never been a citizen of anywhere before, due to my career in the Army," she laughed. "I became a real professional volunteer!"

Her early volunteer experiences fostered alliances that nourished Tommye throughout the two decades following her retirement. Her volunteer service with the El Paso Rehabilitation Center led to Tommye's current position as the center's chair of the board of directors. Her membership at the Pro Cathedral of St. Clement led to an enduring friendship with Susan and Ellis Mayfield.

The Mayfield's friendship has brought a sense of community and opened new avenues for service.

"Susan and Ellis became my friends through church," Tommye said. "When my mother died in 1982, I was designated as executor. As my attorney, Ellis counseled me during a very difficult time."

It was shortly after Tommye had settled her mother's estate that the Mayfields began what Tommye describes as "seed planting."

"Ellis and Susan told me how much they enjoyed creating their endowed scholarships at UTEP and suggested it might be something I would like to consider," Tommye said.

Taking their advice, she established the Tommye Duncan Endowed Scholarship, which assists an outstanding occupational or physical therapy student every year.

While Tommye takes delight in her scholarship endowment, she is involved as a donor of time and talent as well. Tommye serves on the advisory council for UTEP's occupational therapy department of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

This ardent UTEP supporter intends to assist more healthcare students in the years to come, and Tommye has made a provision in her will to ensure that UTEP will be able to train more healthcare professionals in the future.

Tommye takes great pleasure in knowing her estate gift will extend her philanthropy beyond her own life. She reflected upon the special evening when the UTEP community celebrated her endowed gift:

"The night we had the reception to accept the scholarship, I could not believe all of those people were there because of me. I told the group gathered that my scholarship was really a repayment for the incredible kindnesses given to me my entire life!"

Board of Regents Chair Donald L. Evans and UT System Chancellor William H. Cunningham.

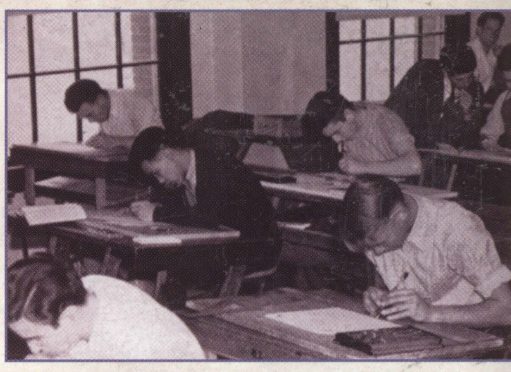
President Natalicio attributes the initial success of the campaign to the overwhelming positive response of the El Paso community.

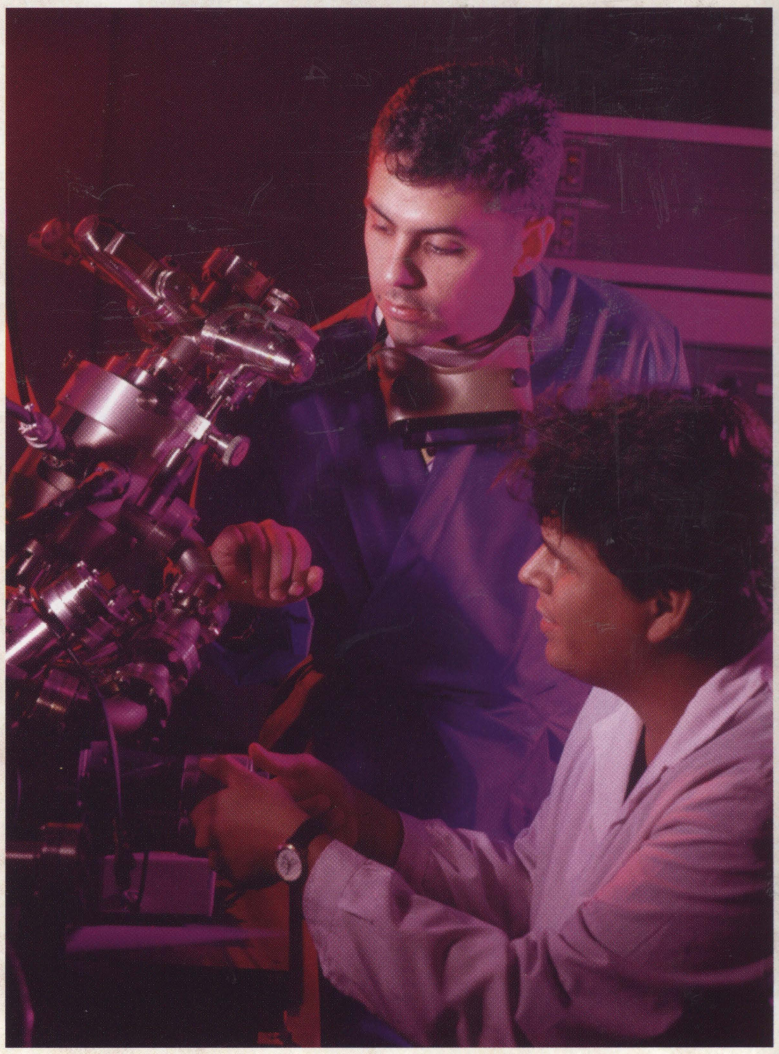
"This community has demonstrated a capacity and a willingness to give that far exceeds what almost everybody believed possible," she said. "In the past, we have been very successful in raising funds from foundations and federal agencies, but this is the first time we have really set our sights on a major campaign of any kind, certainly one that begins right here in El Paso."

Director of Development and Alumni Relations Jan Cavin said that the variety of giving-options available has fueled a vigorous momentum for the campaign.

"The most immediate and certain way to establish a legacy gift is an outright contribution of cash or stock," Cavin explained. "The campaign also has enjoyed many fine deferred gifts which take advantage of life-income gift plans, as well as testamentary and life insurance gifts."

To assist alumni and friends interested in learning about these giving options, the Legacy Cabinet created a planned-giving committee. Headed by respected El Paso attorney Julian Bernat, this committee offers prospective donors free consultations with approximately 35 attorneys, accountants and financial planners. These





UTEP students participate in exciting materials science research through cross-disciplinary engineering and science programs.

CLASSNOTES

by Judy Jimenez

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Marjorie Watkins Black (B.A. '59) received the Farmington, N.M., Citizen of the Year Award, the New Mexico Governor's Award for Outstanding New Mexico Women and the Paul Harris Fellow Award from the San Juan Rotary.

Edward V. Bravenec (B.S.MET. '56) was named a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers International.

Hughes Butterworth (B.S. '54) was honored as Citizen of the Year by the El Paso Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars.

Mary Lacy (B.A. '59) was nominated by the El Paso Commission for Women's Hall of Fame, education category.

Olga "Cookie" Mapula (B.A. '58; M.A. '73) was elected to the 1997 board of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Joy Rash (B.A. '56) was awarded the 1996 Million Dollar Producers Award by Sellers Buyers & Associates Real Estate.

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Waldo Allen (B.B. '69) was elected council commissioner for the Yucca Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Nick Binyon (B.B. '66) was named executive vice president, senior loan officer and member of the board of directors for Continental National Bank.

Mario Garcia (B.A. '66; M.A. '68) was inducted into the El Paso Herald-Post Writers Hall of Fame.

Beverly Kelly (B.S.Ed. '68) was nominated for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

Bill Lovelady (B.A. '68) was elected president of the National Cotton Council and will be featured in *Cotton Grower.*

Julian Lombard (B.A. '69) will serve a four-year term with the experimental cardiovascular sciences study section in the research grants division of the National Institutes of Health.

Ron McDaniel (B.B.A. '61) was elected vice president for the Yucca Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Armando R. Ruiz (B.S.Ed. '66; M.Ed. '69) was appointed to the national advisory panel for the Hispanic Border Leadership Institute.

Sam Snoddy (B.B. '64) was elected as the national council representative of the Yucca Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Kristy Wilson (B.S.Ed. '69) was nominated for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

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Irma Aguilar (M.Ed. '77) was nominated for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

Lorenzo Aguilar (B.A. '74) was elected to the 1997 board of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Dionicio Alvarez (B.S. '71) was installed as the 1997 treasurer for the El Paso County Medical Society.

Carlisle Ardoin (B.S.Ed. '81) was nominated for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

Robert T. Attridge (B.B. '62; M.Ed. '70) was promoted to director of claims for the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company.

Sharon Azar (B.S.Ed. '75; M.Ed. '86) was a nominee and finalist for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

Dr. Elaine Barron (B.S.N. '78; M.S.N. '80) is the 1997 president of the El Paso County Medical Society.

Katherine Brennand (M.B.A. '79) was nominated by the El Paso Commission for the Women's Hall of Fame, civic leadership category.

Priscilla Davis (B.S.Ed. '70) was nominated for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

Carmen Gaudin (B.A. '73) was nominated for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

Martini de Groat (B.B. '78) was named general manager for Southwestern Bell and will oversee Texas locations in El Paso, Abilene, Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland and Odessa.

Cecilia Garcia (B.S.Ed. '76) was nominated for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

Maria Jaquez (B.A. '71) was nominated for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

Hilda Lopez (B.A. '76; M.Ed. '80) was a nominee and finalist for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

Perla Maldonado (B.A. '78) was elected as a community representative for the State Bar of Texas Advertising Review Committee.

Toni Moreland (B.S.N. '79) was promoted to infection control manager at Providence Memorial Hospital.

Lydia Omohundro (B.S.Ed. '74; M.Ed. '79) was nominated for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

Craig Patton (B.A. '73) was named to the Socorro Independent School District Board.

Pete Payan (B.B.A. '71) was elected to the 1997 board of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Ernst Roberts (M.A. '75) was elected executive vice president for the Yucca Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Don Schulte (B.S.Ed. '77; M.Ed. '80) was named superintendent of the Socorro Independent School District.

Lorraine Yuengel (B.B.A. '81) was nominated for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

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Yolanda Anchondo (B.S.Ed. '87) was nominated for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

Lisa Breiten (B.S.N. '81) has been appointed director of quality resource management at Providence Memorial Hospital.

Stephanie Chonoles-Einhorn (B.A. '88; M.Ed. '90) was nominated for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

John D. Cordova (B.S.I.E. '88) was named 1996 Young Engineer of the Year by the El Paso Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers.

Brenda Denham (B.S.N. '81; M.S.N. '91) was promoted to associate administrator of support services at Providence Memorial Hospital.

Chuck Geddes (B.B.A. '84) was named senior vice president of operations for Peter Piper Pizza Inc.

Frank J. Guzman (B.S. '88) was elected to the 1997 board of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

James Kelch (M.Ed. '83) was named principal of Montwood High School.

Armando J. Magallanez (B.B.A. '89) was named manager of State and Local Tax in the Sales and Transaction Tax Department of the El Paso office of KPMG Peat Marwick LLP.

Steve Meador (B.B.A. '80) was named planned giving officer in the UTEP Development Office. He also was named the outstanding controllership student by the Institute for Management Accountants.

Paula Medrano (B.S.Ed. '89) was a nominee for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

Pat Mora (B.S.Ed. '83) won the Southwest Book Award for her poetry collection "Communion."

Celia Najera (B.S.Ed. '87; M.Ed. '91) was nominated for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

90s ▼

Antonio Acuna (B.I.S. '93) was a nominee and finalist for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

Milner Carballo (B.B.A. '93) was named vice president of sales and agent of the month for January for the Goodman Financial Group.

Bertha Chavez (B.S.Ed. '91) was nominated for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

Sylvia Gonzalez (B.S.Ed. '90; M.Ed. '93) was nominated for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

Elizabeth Green (B.I.S. '95) was nominated for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

Graciela Jauregui (M.Ed. '96) was nominated for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

Michele Jessen (M.Ed. '91) was nominated for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

Tim Johnson (B.B.A. '94) was elected as the council attorney for the Yucca Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Chris Knackstedt (M.B.A. '96) has been promoted to assistant chief financial officer for Sierra Providence Network.

Ron Lambert (B.S.Ed. '90) was a nominee and finalist for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

Argelia Martinez (M.Ed. '91) was nominated for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

Esther McCarthy (M.Ed. '92) was named principal of Elfida P. Chavez Elementary School, scheduled to open in January.

Debra Patin (M.Ed. '94) was named principal of Montwood Middle School, scheduled to open in July.

Elizabeth Sunderland (B.I.S. '95) was nominated for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

Alex Valmana (B.B.A. '92) has been named the new business manager at Casa Ford.

Carlos Vela (B.I.S. '94) was nominated for the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year Award for the Ysleta Independent School District.

LEGACY CAMPAIGN

ENDOWMENTS

1

FACULTY SUPPORT

$10 MILLION

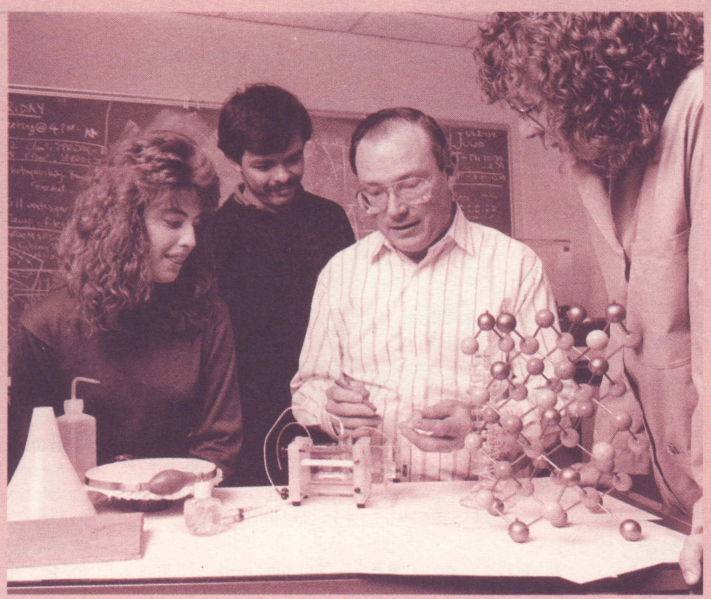
By the turn of the 21st century, UTEP will have at least eight Ph.D. programs. UTEP must recruit and retain the best faculty to nurture and sustain these programs and to educate and inspire its students. UTEP educators also are committed to teaching non-traditional students in an active learning environment. Endowed chairs and professorships will ensure the quality and stability of the university's academic programs.

2

STUDENT SUPPORT

$10 MILLION

Most UTEP students hold down jobs while they pursue their studies. Scholarship endowments will help these students spend as much time as possible on their education. These resources also will provide teaching assistantships, research internships and other work-for-pay arrangements, allowing students to combine an academic focus with making ends meet.



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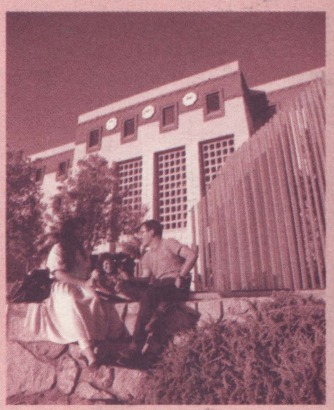
LIBRARY

$5 MILLION



A library is the heart of any university — its center of learning. As the need for information in the electronic age grows, it is imperative for the university to develop an endowment to meet these needs, including access to video conferencing and the information superhighway. With this endowment, UTEP will continue to meet the need for increased resources for its new and anticipated master's and doctoral programs.

4

TECHNOLOGY
$5 MILLION

A technological environment is no longer a luxury, but a reality of everyday academic life. This endowment will enable UTEP to maintain its campus-wide network and its links to other institutions, libraries and sources of information around the world. It also will fortify the Undergraduate Learning Center, a facility that enables students to learn in ways they never dreamed possible.

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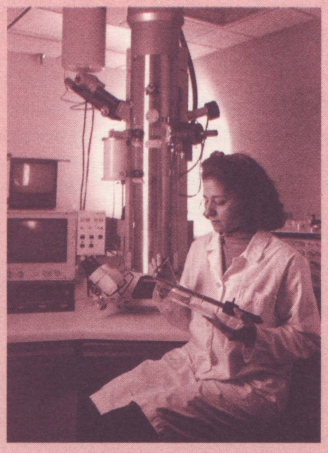
RESEARCH
$10 MILLION



A research endowment will provide support for faculty and student research projects critical to the university's mission and the future of El Paso. This endowment also will enable the university to leverage additional resources from outside funding sources by providing matching funds for research grants.

6

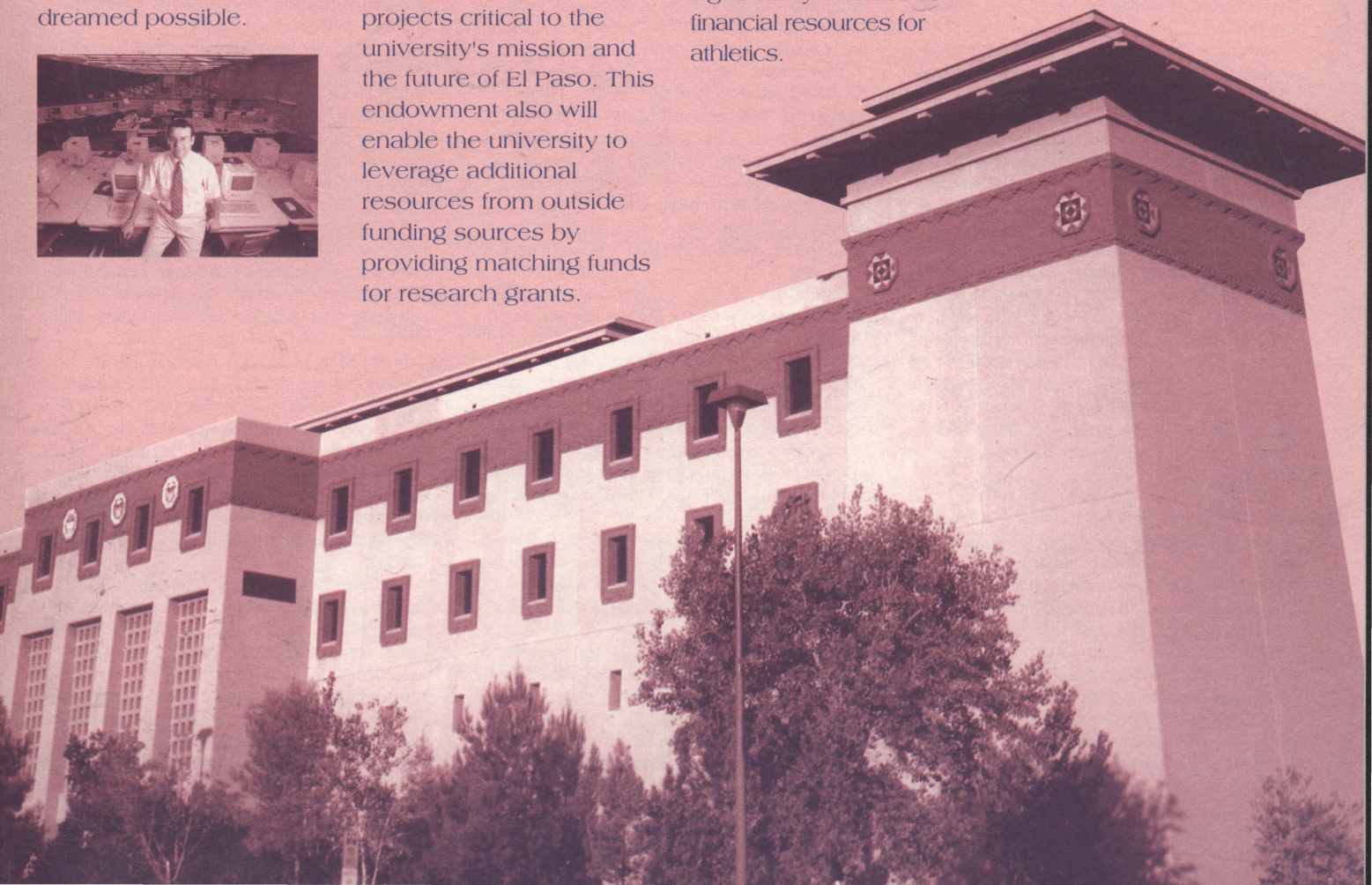
ATHLETICS
$5 MILLION

UTEP has long been distinguished by its world-class track teams, its barrier-breaking basketball program, and its other intercollegiate team sports. These programs are not only vehicles for the development of student-athletes' personal capabilities, but also are a part of the culture of the university and El Paso — a focal point for the community to come together. To remain competitive, UTEP must significantly increase its financial resources for athletics.

7

ACADEMIC PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT
$5 MILLION

Because UTEP educates students for the future, the university must be prepared for knowledge increases, new discoveries and new inventions. An Academic Program Development Endowment will allow UTEP to stay on the cutting edge of the pursuit of knowledge.



OBITUARIES

by Judy Jimenez

Douglass Kelley Ballentine (B.A. '37) June 13, 1996. Ballentine was a resident of Oak Grove, Calif., for 20 years and a partner in the Management Assistance Associates of Fredericksburg before his retirement. He also worked in the State Department and Foreign Service. During World War II he served in the Army and the Office of Strategic Services. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Merrill; a son, Douglass III; two daughters, Patricia and Sandra; his brother, John; sister, Lily; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Ellen Coogler (Faculty) July 30, 1996. Coogler was a professor in the art department of the College of Mines in 1942. As one of the first female faculty members, she was nicknamed the "Powder Puff Professor." Coogler was preceded in death by her mother and father, Suda and James; she is survived by her nephews, James and Allen; and nieces, Sandra, Kathryn and Evelyn.

Martha Salazar (B.B.A. '81) Oct. 9, 1996. Salazar was a medical records administrator for Oak Park Convalescent Hospital in Pleasant Hill, Calif. She is survived by her husband, Mark; sons, Gregory and Phillip and her parents.

Thomas Rush (B.A. '50; M.A. '51) Feb. 5, 1997. Rush lived in El Paso for 52 years. He was a retired superintendent of the Canutillo Independent School District. He served in World War II as a captain in the 821st Tank Destroyer Battalion attached to the 29th infantry in Europe and was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star and three Purple Hearts with two Oak Leaf Clusters. He was active in youth baseball with the Lion's Club, El Paso Jaycees and the YMCA. Rush is survived by his wife, Lillie; daughters, Pamela and Janet; son, Thomas; and grandchildren, Sean, David, Anthony and Peinado.

John Gray (B.S. '48) Feb. 11, 1997. Gray was a resident of El Dorado, Ariz. He discovered several oil fields and valuable mineral deposits, including the world's largest deposit of bromine in Russia. He received the 1992 American Association of Petroleum Geologists Service Award in recognition of his 44 years as a geologist and humanitarian. Gray was a commissioner of the Arkansas Geological Commission and the Society of Independent Earth Scientists. He is survived by his wife, Cora; daughter, Melanie; and son, John Jr.

Clay Specht (B.M. '87; M.A. '89) Feb. 15, 1997. Specht was a lifelong resident of El Paso and a teacher in the El Paso Independent School District and at El Paso Community College. Specht was a harpist and bassoonist with the El Paso Symphony Orchestra, El Paso Ballet, El Paso Opera Co. and El Paso Pro Musica. He is survived by his mother, Nancy; brother and sister-in-law, Craig and Lynda; and nephew, Jason.

Rodolfo L. Villareal (B.S.M.I. '40) Feb. 16, 1997. Villareal was a resident of Monterrey, Mexico. He worked for American Smelting at Mina La Prieta in Parral, Chihuahua, Mexico, and for San Francisco Mines of Mexico in San Francisco del Oro, Chihuahua. Villareal is survived by brothers, Federico and Jaime; and sister, Alice.

Lynette Glardon (B.A. '51; M.A. '52) Feb. 27, 1997. Glardon was a resident of El Paso for 61 years. She was an assistant professor of education at UTEP from 1952-1985 and the artistic director of the Student Programs Office. In 1954 she was named Outstanding University Professor by the Associated Women Students at UTEP. Glardon was president of the Junior Women's Club of El Paso, Delta Gamma Sorority and the American Red Cross Aquatic Section. She is survived by her son, Le Roy; daughter, Margaret; and grandchildren, Curtis, Katheryn and Rita.

Russell Harper (B.A. '65) March 4, 1997. Harper was a resident of El Paso for 50 years. He served two tours of duty in the U.S. Army and worked for National Supply. He joined his father's business, Harper's Furniture, where he built custom furniture and restored antiques. He was preceded in death by his father, Rodney. He is survived by his mother, Edith, and her friend, Charles; sister and brother-in-law, Andra and Gary; brother and sister-in-law, Stephen and Minnie; sister and brother-in-law, Catherine and Patrick; and cousin and friend, Linda.

Enrique Escudero (B.S.M.I. '42) March 5, 1997. Escudero was a resident of Salvador, Brazil, where he worked for the American government facilitating the mining of quartz crystals for use in military communications equipment. After World War II, Escudero was in charge of shipping coffee and coconut for a Swedish trading company. In 1942 he was selected to receive the UTEP Men of the Mines Award. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne; a daughter; and three sons.

Dr. Carlos Fernandez (B.S. '47) March 6, 1997. Fernandez was a lifelong resident of El Paso and retired in 1993 after practicing medicine and surgery for 42 years. He was a member of the American Medical Association, Texas Medical Association, and the American Academy of Family Practice; chief of staff of Hotel Dieu Hospital; and president of the El Paso County Medical Society. He is survived by his wife, Delfina; sons, Luis, Daniel, Carlos and Michela; daughter and son-in-law, Christina and Dan; and sister, Elena.

Dr. Richard Thomas (B.S. '70) March 10, 1997. Thomas lived in El Paso for 38 years. He was named the 1996 outstanding-ex of Andress High School. He was a member of Alpha Chi medical fraternity and Beta Beta Beta biological society. He is survived by his wife, Johnna; sons, John, Timothy and Christopher; daughter, Angela; grandsons, Joshua, Cory and Christopher; parents, LTC (retired) and Jean Thomas; and brothers, John and Gary.

Pablo Ulloa (B.B.A. '72) March 10, 1997. Ulloa was a lifelong resident of El Paso. He was an insurance agent and professor of business administration at El Paso Community College. Ulloa was active in baseball in the United States and Mexico and was a nominee for the El Paso Baseball Hall of Fame. He is survived by his wife, Margarita; mother, Nicolasa; daughters, Pauline and Rita; step-son, Roberto; brother, Armando; nephew, Armando Jr.; niece, Ashley; and sister-in-law, Julie.

Yvan Rechy (B.B. '50) March 16, 1997. Rechy was a lifelong resident of El Paso and had worked for the Popular for 48 years as the purchasing agent and distribution manager. He was inducted into the El Paso Athletics Hall of Fame in 1993, the El Paso Softball Hall of Fame in 1973, and was selected as Mr. Softball in 1962. He was a decorated Army veteran of WWII and earned two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart and Cluster. He was preceded in death by his sister, Olga; He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Dolores; sons, Yvan Jr., Dennis and Jon; daughters, Debbie and Teri; brothers, Robert and John; and sister, Blanche.

Elizabeth Dodson (M.S. '65; M.A. '78) March 19, 1997. Dodson lived in El Paso for 30 years and was employed as a teacher with the El Paso Independent School District until her retirement. She initiated and served as director of Project Redirection for the YWCA and served as administrator for the School - Age Parent Center for the El Paso Independent School District. Dodson was Woman of the Year for the El Paso Women's Political Caucus in 1985, a nominee for the Texas Women's Hall of Fame in 1987 and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Kappa Alpha Theta and Beta Sigma Phi. She is survived by her husband, Lee; brothers, George and John; daughters, Susan and Jan; and sons, John and William.

Nick Martinez, Jr. (B.S. '78) March 19, 1997. Martinez was a lifelong resident of El Paso. He was an assistant district attorney for El Paso County for ten years and a member of the State Bar Association. He was preceded in death by his father, Nick. He is survived by his mother, Mary; sisters and brothers-in-law, Rose Mary and Alan, Anna and Xavier, Mona and Ignacio, and Estrada and Mary; and sister, Mary.

John Haggard (B.A. '71) March 27, 1997. Haggard was a longtime resident of El Paso. He was a veteran of WWII, Korea and Vietnam. He retired as a chief warrant officer in the U.S. Army after 31 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Eva; son, John; and brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Colleen, and Ralph and Joy.

Jewell Risinger (B.A. '57) March 31, 1997. Risinger worked as a teacher in the Ysleta District for 35 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, John; and daughter, Joann. Risinger is survived by her daughter, Lahoma; sisters, Irene and Nell; and brother, Gifford.

Hugh "Sonny" Holderman, Jr. (B.A. '51) April 11, 1997. Holderman was a resident of Terlinqua, Texas. In 1993 he retired as a deputy and was elected to the office of constable of South Brewster County in November 1996. Holderman served in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he received a purple heart for service in Korea. He is survived by his brothers, Bob and Drew; sister, Barbara; and godson, Hugh.

Edward Light (B.A. '62) April 18, 1997. Light was a lifelong resident of El Paso. He had retired from the insurance business and was an Army veteran. He is survived by his wife, Kay; daughter, Ann; son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Kima; sister, Reba; and sister-in-law, Dorothy.

Harry Kincaid, Sr. (B.A. '65) April 19, 1997. Kincaid was a resident of El Paso and a locomotive engineer with Southern Pacific Railroad. He is survived by his wife, Willie Mae; sons, Harry Jr. and William; daughter, Debra; and four grandchildren.

Opal Phillips (B.A. '38) April 21, 1997. Phillips lived in El Paso 80 years and retired after ten years of service as a teacher in the El Paso public schools. She is survived by her sister, Mary; and nephew, Donald.

Feliberto Trevizo (B.B.A. '72) April 21, 1997. Trevizo lived in El Paso for 31 years and was self-employed as a realtor and business consultant. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Trevizo was preceded in death by his parents, Jose and Margarita. He is survived by his wife, Josefa; sons, Paul and Phillip; daughter, Maria; brothers, Manuel, Ramon, Raul, David, Oscar and Joe; and sisters, Irene, Ester, Bertha, Virginia and Hilda.

Robert and Jackie Skov

When Jackie and Robert Skov talk about the nation's need to convey ethical values to the next generation, they speak with quiet conviction and act with financial resolve.

"Jackie and I have talked at length about the lack of ethics in the business and political world today and have wondered what we could do about it," Bob said.

These discussions manifested themselves in the creation of a professorship in business ethics for UTEP's College of Business Administration.

"We want to encourage those coming after us in the business world to set a higher standard than just meeting legal requirements," Bob explained. "There is not a contract today that an attorney cannot undo. We need to do things not only because they are legal, but because they are right."

Bob graduated from Stanford University in 1962 and he yearned to continue his formal education in business or law. However, Bob's cotton-farming interests in El Paso's Lower Valley, military service in Vietnam, and obligations to a young family placed that dream on hold.

Jackie's steady support motivated Bob to pursue his 30-year dream of earning a master's degree. Once their children grew up and left home, she convinced her husband that the time had come to pursue his dream.

Bob re-entered college life at UTEP as a nontraditional student. Bob earned his master's degree in economics in 1992 and is both an active alumnus and satisfied customer.

"The personal attention I received at UTEP was immense. All of my professors had their doctorates and the courses were demanding," Bob said. "I absolutely worked my keister off!"

His experience in graduate school also had a dramatic and lasting impact on his family's financial health. For one of his classes, Bob conducted a feasibility study on one of his own businesses. Bob realized the business he was scrutinizing needed a capital investment of more than $1 million or should be sold.

"Based upon the insights I learned from the feasibility study, we sold the business. The decision turned out to be a very timely one," Bob said.

During his graduate career, Bob also observed the sacrifices his younger classmates made to stay in school.

This motivated the Skovs to support the university's students' pursuit of an education, which they feel is the common denominator for improved quality of life throughout the region.

"If there is one thing that holds the potential of bringing El Paso up to the standards of cities we admire across the nation, that one thing has got to be education," Bob explained. "Can you imagine El Paso if UTEP weren't here?"

UTEP's ability to serve the community is directly related to its financial strength, and its financial strength is directly related to the growth of its endowment.

Jackie and Bob have accepted the responsibility for helping to increase UTEP's endowment and are funding their professorship through a multiyear commitment.

"We appreciate UTEP's willingness to accept a pledge which may take six or seven years to complete," Bob said. "Because we are cotton farmers, we cannot even predict an orderly payment schedule."

Once the Skov Endowed Professorship in Business Ethics is fully funded, it will support the university's progress with steady income. But more importantly, Jackie and Bob Skov hope their example will help UTEP produce graduates who can lead the country into a new era of honorable business conduct.

professionals tailor specific planned gifts to match a family's circumstances and needs. In many instances, planned gifts enable donors to make larger contributions while lowering their taxes at the same time.

As major gift solicitation continues, a Family Fund Campaign is being introduced on campus. Community volunteers Susan Mayfield and Eddie Egbert, leaders of the UTEP portion of the campaign, anticipate 100 percent participation from the faculty and staff who serve UTEP.

"As chair of the UTEP Family Fund for faculty and staff, I have been impressed with the positive and enthusiastic response from the people who work at UTEP," Mayfield said. "This is a powerful vote of confidence for the campaign and for UTEP, and one that has special meaning to prospective supporters not intimately involved in the day-to-day work of the university."

With more than 85 percent of UTEP's students coming from El Paso County, friends and alumni of the institution celebrate the common thread that ties the College of Mines and Metallurgy, Texas Western College and UTEP together — *this is El Paso's university.*

The university began as a mining college, that provided practical, hands-on experiences for engineers ...

... Today, that tradition continues — students are engaged in applied and relevant research projects that address the environmental problems of the area, such as water and hazardous waste management, and developing and implementing renewable energy sources.

KEITH FONG

Keith Fong's enthusiasm for his profession is readily apparent as he sprinkles almost every conversation with declarations of his passion for engineering.

"I hope I can help others to recognize how much engineers contribute to society by finding workable solutions. Engineering is vital to life!", Keith, 1991 UTEP graduate with degrees in both mechanical and metallurgical engineering, said.

Keith's exposure to UTEP's engineering programs began when he was a teenager growing up near the campus. At an early age, Keith knew he wanted to become an engineer, so when he was an El Paso High School sophomore, he eagerly enrolled in UTEP's Junior Scholars program.

Keith's familiarity with the College of Engineering and its professors made it easy for him to choose UTEP. As a full-time student, Keith participated in the Freshmen Leadership Program, a weekly afternoon seminar that helps gifted students develop their leadership skills.

As an upperclassman, Keith became a member and then president of the engineering honor society, Tau Beta Pi. Under his enthusiastic leadership and with considerable help from his professors, the engineering fraternity completed 28 outreach projects, which included an after-school program for the public schools.

Both in and out of the classroom, UTEP engineering professors fostered Keith's personal and professional growth. In particular, Professor John Levoski made a profound impression on the fledgling engineer.

"John set the tone for the entire department. He was totally focused," Keith said. "He demonstrated technical competence, outstanding character, and very strong teaching abilities. He also underscored the need for product designers to consider society's safety and well-being."

After Keith learned that Levoski had retired, the young engineer established a scholarship in his professor's honor.

According to Keith, fellow engineering graduates enjoy retelling dozens of old stories about their former mentor. These alumni also realize the best way to honor Levoski is by assisting other students with the completion of their education.

The Levoski Endowment campaign is going well, due in part to corporate sponsorship.

"Many engineering graduates work for companies that have matching gift programs that are helping the fund grow," Keith said.

General Motors Research Center, where Keith designs anti-lock brake systems, is matching his gift.

UTEP can be proud to call Keith Fong an alumnus. He possesses a lively mind and sound technical skills. He also demonstrates the spirit of volunteerism so needed in America's newest generation of leaders.

"I hope this scholarship helps cultivate the seed in students, which, once planted, will instill a sense of responsibility to perpetuate the principles which strengthen our society," Keith said.

Organizers of the Legacy Campaign anticipate hearty participation from former UTEP students in Texas, the nation and throughout the world. The alumni portion of the campaign, which begins this fall, will be chaired by current and upcoming Alumni Association presidents Ralph Adame, Linda Rios-Troncoso and Larry Trejo.

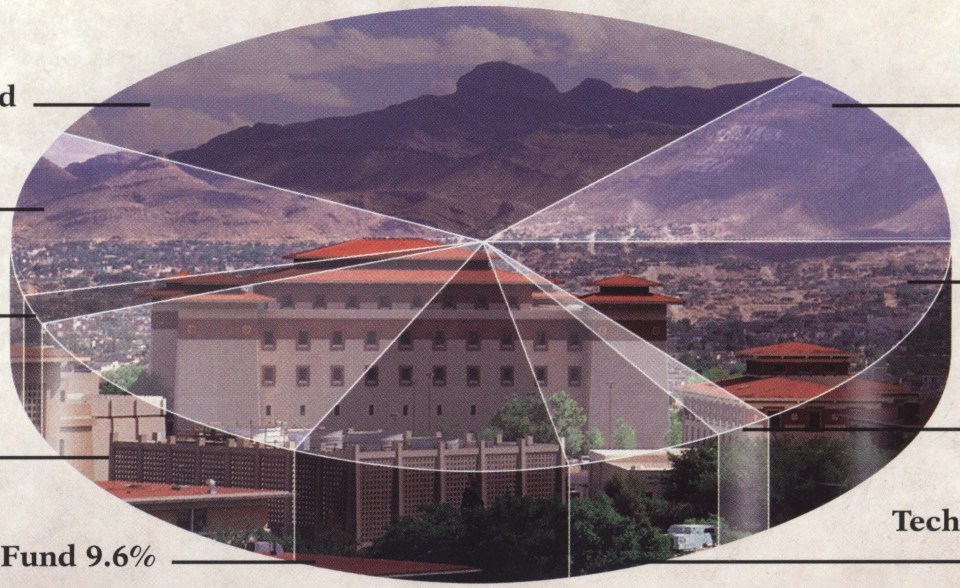
"There are thousands of UTEP alumni in this region and thousands more outside the region," de Wetter said. "UTEP is their *school; they should have more passion than anyone else! We're counting on an enthusiastic response from UTEP's former students."*

For the university's leadership, the success of the multimillion dollar campaign lies in the institution's ability to remain true to its identity.

From thought-provoking theater productions to the professional and lively musicals presented by the award-winning Union Dinner Theatre, UTEP has been a source of cultural and artistic enrichment for the community since 1914.

UTEP LEGACY CAMPAIGN

Total Commitments by Targetted Objectives as of May, 1997



Henrietta "Penny" Lewis

Penny Lewis leads quietly.

Shy by nature, she would be difficult to spot in a crowd. Uncomfortable in the limelight, Penny offers soft-spoken encouragement and gentle humor from an inconspicuous corner.

This unpretentious lady's generosity is so consistent and complete that UTEP will be forever changed because of her gifts of weekly volunteerism and genuine friendship with university students and staff. Also, Penny's consistent annual giving and estate planning will strengthen UTEP's engineering programs into the 21st century.

Penny deflects the credit for establishing two endowments for the electrical engineering department to her late husband, Forrest O. Lewis.

"Before my husband died in 1989, he shared many discussions about UTEP with an attorney (now deceased) named Texas Ward," she said. "Texas was interested in UTEP, too, and he affirmed my husband's idea to share some money with the engineering department."

Forrest, known as "Frosty" to his friends, had enrolled in Texas Western College (now UTEP) in 1950. He earned a degree in electrical engineering and enjoyed a successful career. Through the years, he maintained a friendship with two of his former professors, Eugene Thomas and Floyd Decker.

After Forrest's death, Penny decided to carry out his wishes to create an endowment for the electrical engineering department that would honor his mentors and friends. The Forrest O. Lewis Electrical Engineering Endowed Fund provides a cash award in the names of Thomas and Decker to salute outstanding teachers and students. The endowment also provides an annual income for scholarships, fellowships and library materials.

Penny has continued to give to UTEP in other ways. She established the Forrest O. Lewis and Henrietta Lewis Professorship in Electrical Engineering to help new faculty advance their careers. The diminutive 80-year-old also has created a bequest to leave her entire estate to the electrical engineering department.

Penny is most proud of the fact that she shows up at the Development and Alumni Affairs office by bus "every Thursday without fail." The lucky UTEP students and employees who work alongside her are quick to point out that Penny rarely arrives empty-handed — she usually brings a tray of freshly baked sweets.

Penny has made steadfast friends throughout the campus at all levels, from hard-working engineering students to the university's committed president.

"I think [UTEP President] Diana Natalicio works so hard. I am pleased to do what I can to help," Penny said. "No matter how little or how much a person earns, everyone can find something to contribute."

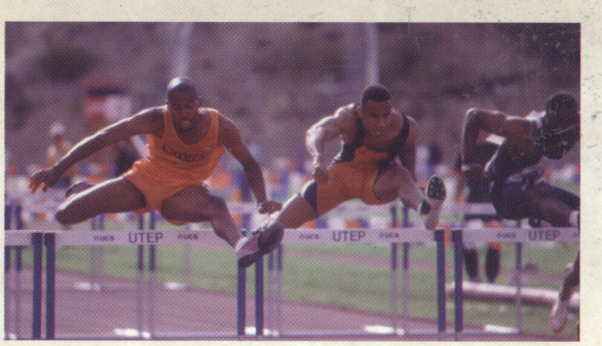
With a glint of humor, she offers a gentle sales pitch:

"If you have a good education, why not, in return, help the people who helped you to achieve it?"

"We set forth a vision of what our university could and should be, and we have worked very hard, very smart, as a team to make it happen," Natalicio said. "The important thing is to recognize that we aren't, and shouldn't want to be, 'Harvard on the Border.' We are UTEP on the Border — the best possible UTEP we can be."

The best that UTEP can be, according to its president, is achieving excellence in academic programs, in cultural and artistic programming, and in intercollegiate athletics. UTEP proudly accepts its role as a "living laboratory," which is nationally recognized as a model for higher educational institutions undergoing major demographic changes in their student populations.

"As UTEP continues to prosper — having first-class courses, a growing number of Ph.D. and master's programs, and an enlightened, educated student body — imagine what that will do for this community in terms of continually raising aspirations and standards," de Wetter said. "Companies will want to relocate and invest here because they will know there's a fine university and a well-trained, educated work force here. UTEP is the cornerstone of this region!"



Through the years the university has provided opportunities for students to develop their athletic skills and for home crowds to rally around the Miners.

John and Luz McFarland

Throughout his impressive career as a newspaper reporter, Ruben Salazar put his life in jeopardy hundreds of times as a newspaper reporter. Although the international journalist often covered dangerous war zones, the 1954 UTEP alumnus was killed far away from the strife-torn Dominican Republic and war-torn Vietnam.

His sister, Luz Salazar McFarland, remembers Aug. 29, 1970, when Salazar was killed by a police tear gas projectile while covering the Chicano Moratorium, an anti-Vietnam demonstration in east Los Angeles. Luz and her husband, John McFarland, have pledged their entire estate in memory of Ruben, who, in the words of UTEP President Diana Natalicio, "became one of this city's most beloved sons and respected journalists. Today, he is an honored and cherished part of our heritage."

Luz fondly remembers growing up with her serious brother in El Paso.

"Ruben loved to study; I loved to sleep," she said. "When I was in nursing school, Ruben would tell our mother, 'You are wasting your money, Mom! Luz is never going to graduate!' "

In 1948, Luz did graduate from Hotel Dieu School of Nursing. During her busiest clinical rotation — surgery — she joined her fellow nursing students at a reception at the Ft. Bliss Officers' Club, where she met her future husband.

After getting married, the McFarlands' creative careers took them around the world. After John retired from the U.S. Army in 1968, the couple created McFarland Medical Consultants, a firm which recruited sorely needed healthcare professionals from overseas. Their business took them to London, where they lived for 18 years. After returning to the United States, the couple tackled yet another joint career: real estate in Tucson, Ariz.

Their busy schedules did not stop them from pondering what would happen to the fruits of their lives' work. Luz remembers the evening when they turned their discomfort about their estate into a finite action plan.

"One night we stayed up until 1 a.m., talking and waiting for something to occur to us," Luz said. "Then John recalled how Ruben had served in the Korean War and attended Texas Western College (now UTEP) on the G.I. Bill. Ruben always said he could not have gone to college without the G.I. Bill."

The idea to honor Ruben and help hard-working students filled Luz and John with a sense of purpose. In addition to leaving their estate to UTEP, the couple is making annual contributions to establish a university reading room to promote border media studies. The writings and memorabilia of Luz's brother will be among the materials available. The McFarlands hope their gifts will challenge others, especially journalists, to contribute to UTEP.

The Salazar-McFarland Endowed Excellence Fund is a worthy testament to Ruben's life. Every year, the interest income from this endowment will support students, who, like Ruben, aspire to international journalism careers.

Those who loved Ruben Salazar see this tribute as a positive and hope-filled tribute to a life which illumined the world brightly, if briefly.

chool spirit has ng been a tradi- on at the univer- ty, whether you new it as TCM, WC or UTEP.

The promises of opportunity and fulfillment are the dreams which drive UTEP students to achieve more than ever before. Their collective achievement as future leaders of El Paso offers the promise of a higher quality of life for everyone.

Today, this dream of opportunity drives us to reach for more: to produce the next generation of strong and insightful leaders for El Paso; to raise the quality of life in our city and region; to make a significant impact on higher education in America.

This is

The dream that drives us.

Opportunity is knocking,

and you are invited to respond.

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The UTEP Family Fund

The UTEP Family Fund, an integral part of the Legacy Campaign, consists of funds raised from the university's family of faculty and staff. The goal of this portion of the campaign is 100 percent participation. You, the faculty and staff of this institution, provide the strength needed for the university to offer excellent opportunities to the people of this region. Your participation is extremely important to the campaign and makes a powerful statement to foundations and corporations who may wish to invest in UTEP — that you believe in the university enough to invest in it yourselves.

For more information on the various ways you can participate contact a faculty or staff chair, or call the Development and Alumni Affairs Office at 747-5533.

The faculty and staff chairs of the Legacy Campaign's UTEP Family Fund are (from left) Pat Dominguez, inventory supervisor in Facilities Services; Jack Bristol, dean of the College of Science; Tim Roth, chair of economics and finance; Beto Lopez, executive director of external relations; Norma Ontiveros, administrative secretary in Facilities Services; and Gary Edens, director of the Student Development Center.

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