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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

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This issue's FROM THE PRESIDENT is a guest column by R.D. Burck, who recently was named chancellor of the University of Texas System.

It is a great pleasure for me to congratulate the University of Texas at El Paso and its wide community of friends and supporters on the successful completion of the Legacy Campaign. In less than five years, the campaign has raised \$66 million to help support scholarships, professorships, faculty chairs and other endowment funds.

This outstanding success reflects the excellent leadership of President Diana Natalicio and her team, as well as the broad level of support for the university throughout the El Paso community.

The Legacy Campaign is among a host of recent developments that illustrate the advancement of UTEP and its increasingly important role as a leader among Texas higher education institutions. It is certainly gratifying to see the university continuing to build on its long tradition of service to the state and making vital contributions to the Texas of the 21st century.

This contribution was evident as the 2000 - 2001 academic year got off to a great start at UTEP with significant enrollment gains in the fall semester. Enrollment for the fall was up to 15,224, a 3.5 percent gain, which was the largest increase in more than 10 years. Freshman enrollment was up 10 percent, and approximately 40 percent of the first-time freshmen had been in the top 25 percent of their high school classes. In both quantity and quality, the UTEP student body continues to be a source of great pride.

The university also has maintained its leadership in fostering educational and career opportunities among Hispanic students. UTEP ranks third among all U.S. colleges and universities in the number of bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics and 12th in the nation in the number of master's degrees awarded to Hispanics.

The growth of doctoral degree programs has been one of the most important developments of recent years. In 1990, only one doctoral program was offered at UTEP. Today that number has grown to 10. In the past year alone, the university inaugurated two new doctoral programs — a Ph.D. program in U.S.-Mexico borderlands history and a Ph.D. program in nursing. The nursing program is offered in cooperation with the UT Health Science Center at Houston.

As graduate education has expanded at UTEP, so has the amount of sponsored research, since graduate programs must be offered within a strong research context. UTEP has continued



to move up among Texas institutions in the amount of research funding, now ranking fifth among all Texas public universities in annual research expenditures. Among the nine general academic universities in the UT System, UTEP is second to UT Austin in total contract and grant funding for research.

The extraordinary achievement of UTEP in attracting research funding is best understood in terms of the ratio of federal-to-state research funding. UTEP generates more than \$7 in federal research funding for every dollar of state research support. No other general academic university in Texas has been this successful in leveraging the state's investment in research to attract federal funds.

Other success stories at UTEP include the Law School Preparation Institute, which is having a profound impact on the ability of El Paso area residents to compete successfully for admission at the nation's most prestigious law schools; the El Paso Collaborative for Academic Excellence, through which the university is working with the entire El Paso-area community to enhance the public schools; and the establishment of the Center for Civic Engagement, which brings together students, faculty, and staff to work on a wide range of community outreach and service programs.

All of these developments are evidence of a university on the move, growing and changing to meet the challenges of a new era. I commend the university community for its commitment and energy in responding to these challenges.

— R. D. Burck
Chancellor, University of Texas System

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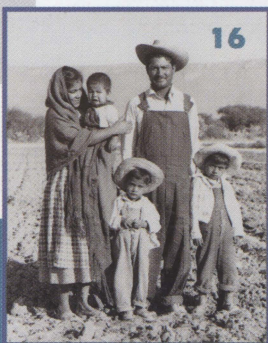
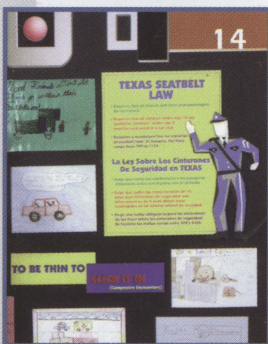
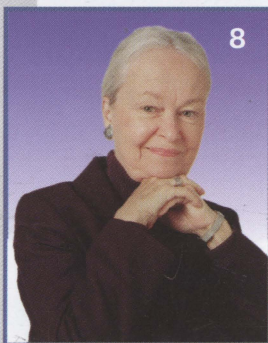
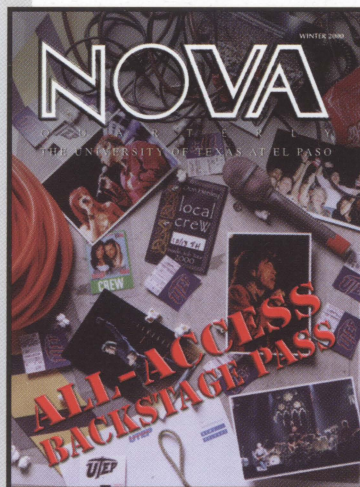
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Creating a Concert

BY HEATHER FELDMAN

THE NOISE IS DEAFENING AS CRATE AFTER CRATE IS UNLOADED AT THE DON HASKINS CENTER. ROADIES BELLOW ORDERS, DIRECTING EACH OTHER AND UNION WORKERS, WHO SET UP HALF A DOZEN STAGE LIGHTS, TWO ROWS OF GUITARS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND HANG GOTHIC-STYLE PROPS IN A BLUR OF ACTIVITY ON THE STAGE. UP IN THE RAFTERS, RIGGING IS SET FOR A PERFORMANCE THAT PROMISES TO ROCK THE UTEP HOUSE.

Amid all the noise and movement, Director of Special Events Carol Roberts-Spence stands quietly near a row of seats – surveying a scene she has watched a hundred times before. She hates going to concerts – but she is an expert at putting one on.

By show time, the stage will be awash in spotlights, the band rocking as thousands of fans sing along to tunes they recognize from the first chord. Gone are the roadies and crates and the hours of work spent setting up the stage. The fans will never know about the elaborate coming-of-stage ritual, but Roberts-Spence knows every detail.

The UTEP theater graduate has seen it all, from the egos to the promoters' agendas to the storm clouds that threaten to drive eager fans from the Sun Bowl. Through it all, she keeps her head, avoids the talent and remembers the big picture – even in the midst of dozens of workers, cables and sound checks.

"I like standing in a stadium of 40,000 people who are collectively having a great

time. They will remember this event for the rest of their lives," Roberts-Spence says. "That is the reward and what makes all of the challenges of preparing for an event worthwhile."

Roberts-Spence still remembers going to her first concert – Gary Lewis and the Playboys at Liberty Hall in El Paso. The experience foreshadowed what has become a challenging and rewarding career that evolved after years of being in live entertainment both behind the scenes and at center stage.

After working in New York as an actress and as an assistant to several producers, Roberts-Spence made her way back to El Paso to finish a degree at UTEP and began working part time in the Special Events Office. She now leads four full-time staffers and two part-time student employees, who coordinate events at the Don Haskins Center, the Sun Bowl and Magoffin Auditorium. This year her team handled more than 30 events, including the sold-out Ricky Martin show in July, which was part of the eighth-largest-grossing tour in the world.

THE TEAM

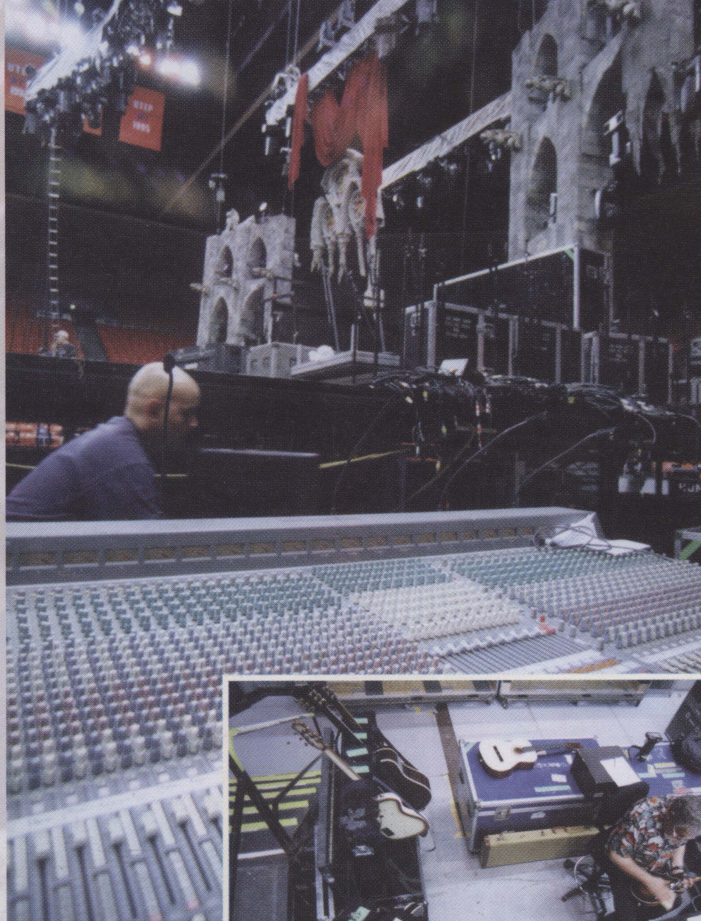
Ground zero on concert day is often the press box at the Sun Bowl, where team members gather for updates on the performance, briefing each other on media coverage, security, parking and logistics. Like a war room, assignments are made and strategies discussed to tackle the night's performance.

On concert day Roberts-Spence relies not only on her own office, but pulls together UTEP staff members from across campus. Each plays an important role in the performance – from event promotion to tickets.

"Teamwork is very important. You have a million things going on, and you cannot do it alone," says Simon Holguin, program coordinator in the Special Events and Union Programs Office. "It becomes essential to delegate, and working with a group like this, whose members know exactly what to do, keeps the event moving."

Program coordinators order everything from the furniture to the catering and work

eat:



The special events team consists of players from departments as varied as facilities services, human resources, university police and communications. These members come together with a common goal – to create an event fans will not soon forget.

Concert masters: (Standing from left) Carol Roberts-Spence, director of the Office of Special Events and Union Programs; Mike Spence, director of the Don Haskins Center; Sgt. Pete Hensgen, University Police; Ron Zuniga, assistant director for Facilities Services; Christian Clarke Casarez, public information officer for University Communications; Robert Almanzan, equal opportunity/affirmative action officer; and Beverley Chapman, administrative associate for Financial Services. (Middle row): Sandra Dominguez, Sodexo Marriott; Norma Rey, box office manager for the Ticket Center; Lucretia Boucher, program coordinator for the Don Haskins Center; Simon Holguin, program coordinator for special events; Greg Wagner, director of the Ticket Center; Fernie Mabini, technical assistant for the Don Haskins Center; and Rudy Chavez, special events graphic artist. (Sitting): Kimberly McCarden, media relations for special events; Sandra Chee, Sodexo Marriott; and Rocio Gomez, program coordinator for special events.

with promoters on the financial aspects of the event, settling the money at the end of the night. Promotions and media relations staff create press packets and coordinate behind-the-scenes tours and concert-day interviews.

"The media play an important role in promoting concerts. They build excitement before the show," says Christian Clarke Casarez, public information officer for the university. "At UTEP, we are fortunate to have a talented team of professionals who are committed to providing the media with regular updates at any hour of the day – from early-morning shows to live 10 p.m. newscasts."

Other team members provide valuable services, including making sure the event is accessible to the disabled, that concert promoters have needed tickets, that requested equipment is on site and ready, and that there will be facilities management crews available for clean up.

UTEP Police and their security counterparts are critical, tackling traffic and crowd control. Security contractors who work inside the venue make sure ticket holders do not bring in restricted objects such as laser pointers or umbrellas. UTEP Police, who handle traffic and safety considerations, enlist the support of the sheriff's department on larger events.

"We work hand in hand with several different organizations," says UTEP Police Sgt. Pete Hensgen, who coordinates security for events. "At the Ricky Martin show, we knew there were going to be a lot of younger people and close to 50,000 people total, so we brought in additional support, especially for the traffic needs we had that night."

The concert was one of the most challenging the special events team has had so far – the logistics of bringing an indoor show to a stadium setting, coordinating with several dozen staff members and handlers, and worrying about a weather forecast that looked anything but sunny. Filling the stadium was no problem. The university sold more than 37,000 tickets the first day, drawing people from as far away as New York.

Preparation for the sold-out show started a year and a half earlier when Roberts-Spence watched Martin perform at the 1999 Grammy Awards and began making calls to see if the Latin heartthrob would consider making a stop in El Paso.

"There are so many variables to bringing a show here. We had to convince Ricky Martin to do a stadium show, and we were the only stadium show he did," Roberts-Spence says. "We also had to convince them that they could make money in this venue. And they did."

THE DEAL

Roberts-Spence loves making the deal.

It can be the trickiest part of the process – haggling with the promoters, holding a date at one of the facilities, setting up the contract and fulfilling the technical requirements for the show.

Making the concert a reality begins months in advance with a phone call from a promoter and a date and time. It is not completed until after the crates, lights and sound equipment are safely packed away, the performer is on his way to the next show and the money is tallied for a settlement with the promoter.

Even though work on a concert can continue for the special events team a week to two weeks after the event, Roberts-Spence is already looking ahead to other possibilities. She keeps current with an eye on what is hot in pop culture and tries to gauge what type of events the El Paso-Juárez market will support.

"One of the challenges is being aware of what is coming up on the radar screen

and what this community will buy," says Roberts-Spence. "We are in a unique situation. We are the gateway to the United States. We are getting a lot of Hispanic megastars – international talent who have done very well in Latin America and Europe."

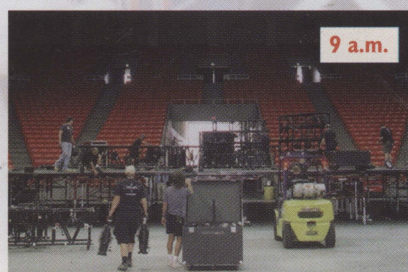
The excitement and challenge of launching events with stars from Enrique Iglesias to the Goo Goo Dolls and Don Henley are a draw, but the demands that accompany them can include the sometimes strange requests of the performers and their handlers.

At a recent concert, one rock star requested the air conditioning units be turned off during his show, which made for a heated performance. Promoters have

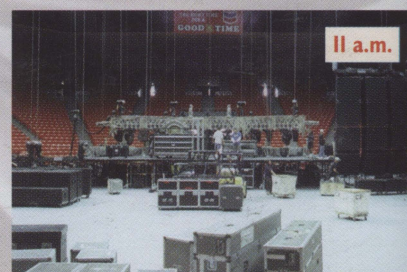
refused to allow photos of the stage set up, and some rock bands have become notorious for wanting special foods and imported drinks.

Keeping track of the talent can be difficult as well. One well-known performer was detained by the Border Patrol and almost missed the curtain call at UTEP after spending the day shopping in Juárez. Returning to the United States, the performer jokingly used a fake accent, which did not amuse border agents.

The artist eventually made it to the performance, and Roberts-Spence had one more strange story to add to the many she has collected during her more than ten years of special events management at UTEP.



Coming-of-stage ritual ...



BACKSTAGELingo

by Sonny Lopez

DON HASKINS CENTER, Concert Day — High above the arena floor, more than 50 feet up, about half a dozen high "riggers" dangle precariously from the rafters, stringing motor points for "par cans, lekos and acls."

The aerial display is temporarily on hold as the "key grip" uses a "persuader" onstage. Meanwhile, the "gaffer" is twirling a rope, cowboy-like, for the "hands," who have been handling the "snake" and everything connected to the three-way, 110-decibel console and rack with its revs, delay and

stereo compressors and wedge monitors.

"Call time" is in less than four hours.

In the world of concerts and theatre, the vocabulary is strange and often doesn't describe the work, the equipment or the person who wears the title.

So to translate: As a crew unloaded four semi-trucks hours before the concert, a half dozen men, known as high riggers, wearing safety belt-like restraints hang tethered from the ceiling as they chain electric, winch-style motors to large metal support beams. The motors support a lighting system that consists of "par cans," "lekos," and "acls," or parabolic reflector, ellipsoidal and aircraft landing lights, respectively.

Below them, a carpenter, or key grip,

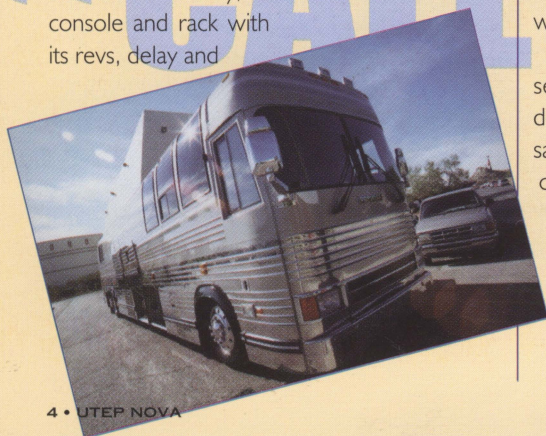
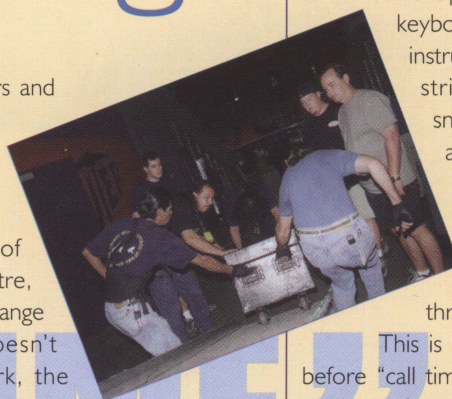
hammers onstage and an electrician, or gaffer, performs rope tricks as he waits. The stagehands are running at least two miles of cable for microphones, amplifiers, guitars, keyboards and other equipment and instruments into one large cable or string of cables known as "the snake." The snake is connected to a control unit known as the console and rack, which is a shelf-like grouping of electronic equipment to add sound effects that will be piped through the speakers.

This is all coming together four hours before "call time," when a stage manager or promoter knocks on the performer's door to announce it is time to take the stage.

This is backstage — the world of gaffers, hands, riggers and crews.

"Each UTEP event is crewed locally by a mixture of International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees union members and members of the UTEP community," says Paul H. Enger, business agent for the El Paso IATSE Local 153 and a 1972 UTEP graduate who started his career as a staff member for the drama department.

"People often mix up the terms or never





Paul Enger, business agent for the International Alliance of Stage Employees, inspects the pre-concert scene.

During the stage set up before the Don Henley concert in the Don Haskins Center, sound specialists prepare instruments and equipment for sound check.



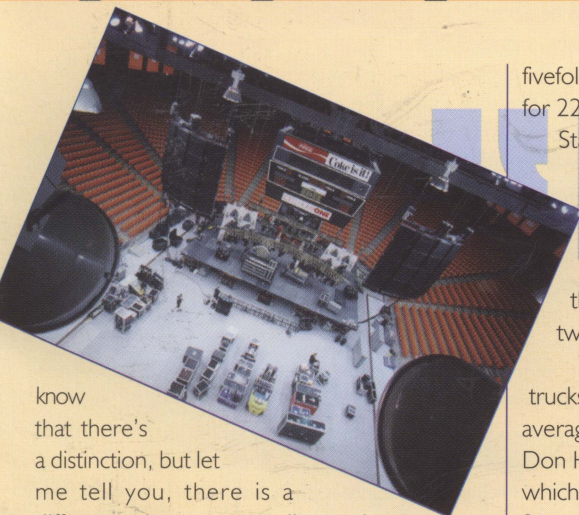
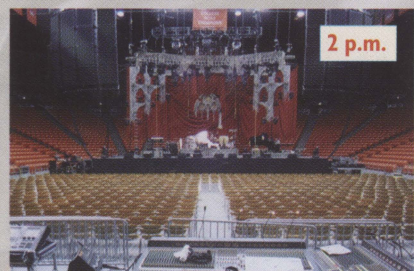
SHOW TIME

Not many people move behind the curtains and backstage barricades. It is the world the special events team inhabits. It is a place of schedules, equipment, contracts, promoters and deals – an environment focused more back stage than center.

"It's the perfect place for a sitcom," says Roberts-Spence.

Or maybe even a drama detailing the long nights and tensions of handling a show from set up to clean up. But those challenges are mixed with the excitement of the concert, the joy of watching people enjoying a few hours of great music and the occasional colorful story to tell.

The success of the special events management team is measured by the faces of the crowd – the laughter, tears or excitement shared by concert goers belting the words out with gusto. When the lights go down, the fans will recall only music memories, unaware of the backstage preparations. They will never lose sight of the hot lights, leather pants and background vocals, and that is just how Roberts-Spence likes it. ■



know that there's a distinction, but let me tell you, there is a difference between roadies and local crews. The jargon and nomenclature of the concert industry and the theater are different, but cover the same jobs," says Enger, an articulate man who can easily be mistaken for one of the members of the Texas rock group ZZ Top.

"A typical concert can use up to 1,000 amps of three-phase power for lights, sound and scenery," he explains. "There would be at least a couple of miles of cable to distribute that power to all the necessary places."

In some cases, like the Ricky Martin show in the Sun Bowl, the number of microphones, amps, cables and other equipment can increase

fivefold or more, says Enger, who wrote checks for 220 people following that concert.

Stadium shows, with the gigantic stages, lighting that seems to be powered by the sun and deafening sound systems, are obviously the monsters of them all, requiring hundreds of people and more than a week to set up and take down for a two-hour performance.

These shows, with their parade of semi-trucks and crews, are far and few between. The average show fits well within the confines of the Don Haskins Center, known as "The Don," which is about 127 feet-by-84 feet at center floor and seats more than 12,000.

The world within The Don is something all its own, complete with its own language.

"One of our shows will have a pre-rig the night before. The day of the show there will be various meetings by department, and then the doors will be opened about one and a half hours before show starts," said Fernie Mabini, UTEP technical staff assistant.

"This means that the rigging truck will be unloaded and the motors hung before the scheduled load-in the next day. The 'show crew'

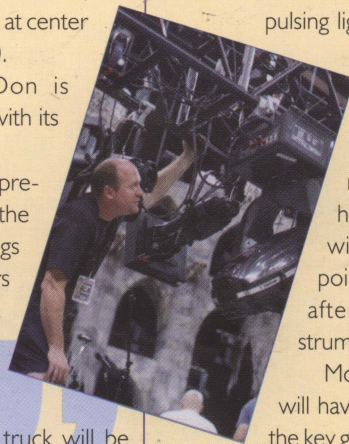
will arrive a half-hour before the show starts and the 'load-out crew' will arrive two and a half hours after the beginning of the show," he explains.

"The last truck should be loaded by three in the morning, at which time the stage will be taken down, the floor covered, cleaned and put away, and the building is prepared for basketball or classes. Basketball practice is as early as 6 a.m. and classes start at 8:30 a.m. All in all, a very full day."

So the next time the par can and acs douse the talent, actors or performers with colored, pulsing light, it only means the show

is going well. And if you decide to wait to greet a performer outside The Don as he or she leaves, remember that the gaffer and his crew of hands and riggers will be loading lekos, motor points, snakes and amps well after the performer has strummed the last guitar chord.

More than likely, the performer will have stepped off the stage past the key grip and hands and into a limo, which then drove out of The Don and to the airport as fans lined up to leave the building. ■



Shakespeare and the Masses ...

Promoting Larger Intellectual Arenas



When it comes to packing the house, historians, poets and policy makers rarely draw the crowds that musicians attract. But these social philosophers and artists help shape people's perspectives, fueling dinner-table debates and national dialogues. Each year, UTEP presents some of the country's most respected leaders in the arts, politics and education. In this issue of NOVA QUARTERLY, a UTEP assistant professor of English and Western cultural heritage, looks beyond the arena-filling artists to explore the value of other cultural presentations.

by David Ruiter

What is the value of literature and the arts? What is the "quantifiable" value of a Shakespeare play, a night at the opera or symphony, a trip to the Holocaust Museum, or 45 minutes at a campus reading or lecture?

Do we attend such events to promote our own narrow specialties, endorse a grand vision of "Western Civilization" or feed our addictions to some fluffy notions of the "beautiful and sublime"?

Maybe. But, there is more to be gained than simply re-enforcing personal preferences and ideals. In fact, the "real" value to attending such events lies in their ability to do just the opposite — to push us out of our comfortable nests of thinking and into more expansive realms of thought and action.

In *As You Like It*, one of Shakespeare's emotionally mature women, Rosalind, tries to adapt to her new life in the Forest of Arden. Disguised as a man to ensure her safety, Rosalind runs into the melancholy and philosophical Jaques.

When she questions his unhappy disposition, he states, "Why, 'tis good to be sad and say nothing." She responds, "Why then, 'tis good to be a post."

Her point is not to discredit Jaques' sadness. Rather, she merely questions his inclination to remain melancholy and disillusioned to the exclusion of all other thought and feeling.

In calling him a "post," she suggests that such a singular perspective makes him unhealthy and inanimate. She suggests that looking at the world through a single lens, being unwilling to adapt one's vision, is dehumanizing and maybe even deadly.

Is it wrong for Jaques to see the world as he does? No.

Is it wrong for him to be unwilling to see it any other way? Yes.

In other words, having already been forced out of one way of living herself, and having now adapted to a new way of doing things, she sees that what makes us capable of dealing with our various worlds is our ability to look at things through a variety of perspectives. Only in doing so will we become able to adapt to the changing worlds in which we live.

At a UTEP campus reading of the novel *El Indio Jesus* by political activists Gilberto Chavez Ballejos and Shirley Hill Witt, I realized that they had grown up in and experienced worlds that I've never really known.

We've lived in the same geographical space, broadly speaking, but not in the same political or ethnic ones. Still, what they said did not exclude me; if anything, it welcomed me into a new perspective.

At one point, Ballejos made clear that his idea was not to have us, the audience, exchange our own perspectives for those presented by the authors, but merely to discuss how these perspectives might fit and not fit together.

He stressed that by recognizing that we all see things from our own perspectives, and by respecting and becoming familiar with these various positions, fashioned from a broad spectrum of backgrounds, we necessarily begin to treat each other with at least a limited generosity.

Recognizing, and hopefully understanding, multiple visions of the world works to humanize both us and those around us.

So, do events such as Shakespeare plays and literary lectures really make us better people, more "civilized" (whatever that means)?

Maybe. Though if they do, they only do so secondarily.

Primarily, they simply give us more life because they provide us with more ways of thinking, imagining and doing.

They offer additional ways of dealing with our lives. In short, they nourish us as living, breathing humans, and keep us, hopefully, from diminishing into single-minded, inanimate posts. ■

Headliners: Oscar de la Hoya, Marc Anthony, Mick Jagger, Don Henley and John Rzeznik from the Goo Goo Dolls are just a few of the performers who have rocked the UTEP house at the Sun Bowl and Don Haskins Center.

MINER ATHLETES AIM HIGH

Rising before the sun breaks the horizon is difficult enough, but then having to push your body through a rigorous weight-lifting session followed by a torturous conditioning workout and finally a two-hour practice is more than enough for any student.

Yet for UTEP basketball players, the workouts and practice are only the beginning.

They still have to attend classes, study, prepare reports and complete homework assignments while learning a playbook that is as thick as a phonebook.

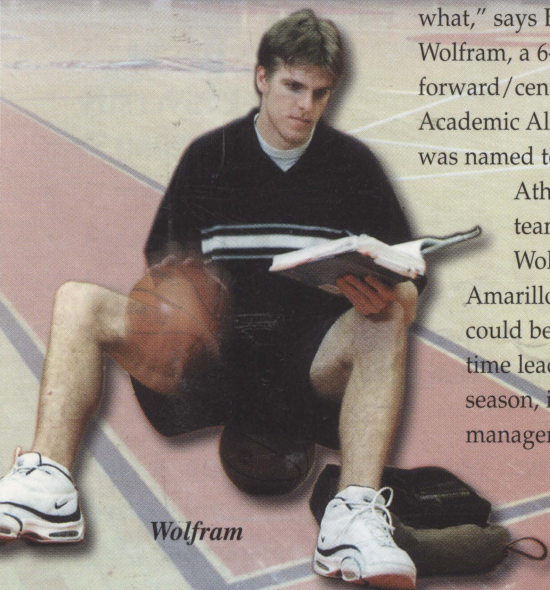
"You just go to class and make time for homework no matter what," says Brandon Wolfram, a 6-foot-9 senior forward/center and Academic All American who was named to the All Western

Athletic Conference team last year.

Wolfram, an

Amarillo native who could become UTEP's all-time leading scorer this season, is studying management.

Despite missing classes when the team



Wolfram

travels to games, Wolfram, who has maintained a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.8, is consistently at the top of the list academically.

Wolfram has led UTEP in scoring 24 times and in rebounding 25 times.

Last year, he was ranked 19th nationally in scoring and second in the Western Athletic Conference, and he has scored in double figures 55 times.

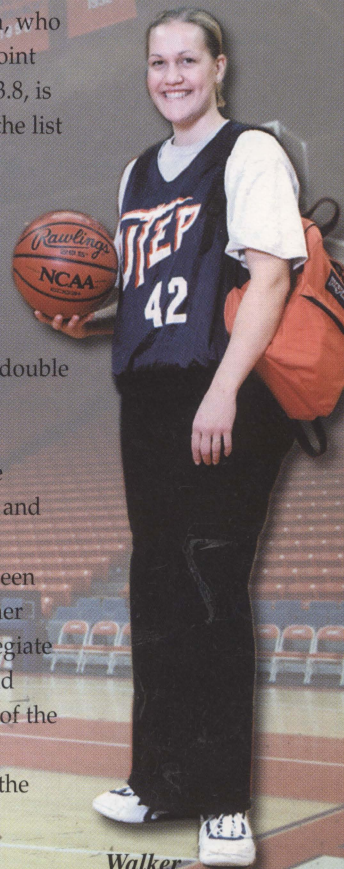
The numbers are just as spectacular for sophomore Heidi Walker, who missed five games last season, first with a broken foot and then a torn ligament.

Walker, a 6-foot-1 forward/center, has been named WAC Player of the Week twice in her short career as a Miner. In her second collegiate game last year, Walker scored 32 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, which led to Player of the Week honors.

Since then, she has been ranked fifth in the league in scoring, sixth in rebounding and seventh in free throw percentage.

The nursing student, who carries a 4.0 GPA, graduated from Mayfield High School in Las Cruces, where she earned straight As. In 1999, she was named the second-leading scorer in New Mexico.

"To me, it's all about managing your time. If you force yourself, you can do it," says Walker. "You just have to understand what you need to do and what needs to be done. I work hard for the goals I've set for myself. My goal is to get straight As in college, and I'm confident I can do it." **N**



Walker

Rabedeaux Prepares Whole Package for Play

Little has changed since last season. It's still dark outside when UTEP basketball players begin grueling weight-lifting sessions at 6 a.m. No one has gotten a good night's rest in about a month.

But there has been a slight change, and it's not the braces that now line the teeth of UTEP head Basketball Coach Jason Rabedeaux. He's still prowling the sideline coaxing and prodding every ounce of effort out of his players as they scurry back and forth across the basketball court during conditioning sessions.

What's changed is that this season Coach Rab isn't a first-year head coach

trying to prove he's got what it takes to lead a Division I college basketball program.

This time, his message is more about working on the whole package.

"Everything takes time to get to that point where things are working, where you know your players and what you're capable of and that you know it's your team," Rabedeaux says. "I've got players that I've coached for a year now as opposed to last year when I didn't know anybody and they didn't know me. Now, we've got a platform to start from. We've put in the hard work and now we can go out and get that whole package."

That "package" is evident in his players, who Coach Rab describes as a good group of self-motivated players with high character who are willing to work hard. It also includes the goal of winning a Western Athletic Conference championship banner and post-season play.

"This is a good group of kids, who are much more blue collar in terms of how they play," Rabedeaux says. "We have student-athletes who are looked up to on campus and in the community. It's part of that whole package, and on the court, they will be exciting to watch." **N**

Stories by Sonny Lopez



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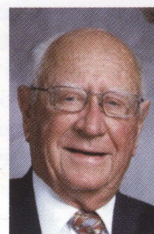
by UTEP President Diana Natalicio

The beginning of another academic year is always exciting. A campus that is relatively quiet during the summer suddenly comes alive as students and faculty members return with new energy, new ideas, and new hopes and dreams. The rhythm of the academic calendar gives each of us at UTEP an annual opportunity to set new goals and to renew our basic commitments to excellence and access.

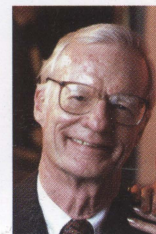
Legacy Campaign:

Investing in UTEP Surpasses Goal

When UTEP's Legacy Campaign came to a close in August, the university not only had met its \$50 million goal but had far exceeded it with pledges totaling more than \$66 million. To put this achievement in perspective, we should recall that UTEP's total endowment prior to the beginning of the



Leavell



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campaign was approximately \$25 million.

Once all funds pledged to the campaign are received, our endowment will have grown to more than \$90 million.

Although there were those who doubted our wisdom — perhaps even our sanity — in establishing

such an ambitious goal for UTEP's first-ever endowment campaign, we were confident that with the support of dedicated community volunteers and Development Office staff, we would succeed.

As in so many situations, leadership was a key to our success, and we could not have found a stronger, more capable leader for the Legacy Campaign than Peter de Wetter. At his side, as chair of the Board of Fellows, was Charles Leavell, another of this community's outstanding leaders. Sadly, we lost both Peter and Charles before reaching the end of the campaign in which they played key roles, and we regret deeply that they will not be able to join us in celebrating this major accomplishment.

The new endowment base provides a solid foundation on which we can build future excellence at UTEP, touching programs and people across campus. Through the campaign, we have established:

- 124 new endowed scholarships,
- 51 new departmental excellence funds,
- 37 new professorships and chairs,
- 11 new athletic endowments,
- 10 new endowed library funds,
- 3 new endowments for technology, and
- 52 new endowments for other purposes to be designated.

Carnegie Classification:

Taking UTEP to the Next Level

The second major milestone that was achieved during this millennium year at UTEP was our designation as a Doctoral/Research-Intensive University in the Carnegie Classification.

The Carnegie Foundation has for many years provided a framework to characterize the more than 3,700 colleges and universities in the United States, placing them in

categories that are primarily determined by the level of academic programs offered.

In that scheme, UTEP had been classified as a Comprehensive University, together with most other regional universities whose

degree programs are limited to the bachelor's and master's levels.

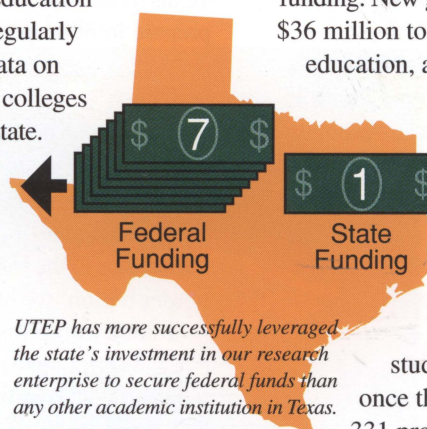
UTEP's re-designation as a Doctoral/Research institution recognizes both the growth in the number of doctoral programs on this campus during the past 10 years as well as in the number of students who have graduated from them.

Research and Sponsored Projects:

Ranking in the Texas Top Five

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board regularly reports comparative data on research funding at all colleges and universities in the state.

In its latest report, UTEP ranked fifth among all public universities in annual research expenditures, and second only to UT Austin among UT System academic components in total contract and grant funding. Perhaps the university's most extraordinary achievement



is in the ratio of federal-to-state R and D funding, where UTEP is the only academic institution to rank in the top five, together with four health science centers.

UTEP generated more than \$7 in federal research funding for each dollar of state funding, compared to \$4 at UT Austin and \$1.25 at Texas Tech. What this ratio means is that UTEP has more successfully leveraged the state's investment in our research enterprise to secure federal funds than any other academic institution in Texas.

During the past fiscal year, UTEP was again highly successful in attracting grant funding. New grants and contracts totaled \$36 million to support our research, education, and outreach efforts.

Such funding represents a collective achievement. We are grateful to all of the faculty and staff members who write competitive proposals

and who, with their students, conduct the projects once they are funded. Last year 331 proposals were submitted, seeking more than \$95 million in grant funding.

2000 HIGHLIGHTS

ENROLLMENT GROWTH

— If the UTEP campus seems busier than usual, it may be because enrollment has grown this fall to 15,224 — a 3.5 percent increase, the largest since 1989.

TOP FRESHMEN

— Freshman enrollment increased by 10 percent, continuing a trend from the previous three fall semesters. Approximately 40 percent of the first-time freshmen were in the top

25 percent of their high school classes, with 11 valedictorians among them. The number of transfer students also increased by more than 7 percent.

BORDER EDUCATION

— UTEP is uniquely positioned to create higher education opportunities for students from Mexico. This fall, 1,481 Mexican students are enrolled at UTEP, continuing the steady growth in this enrollment during the past five years.



Some of the major new grants received during the past year include:

- Five College of Science faculty members — Sid Das, Michael Davis, Barbara Washburn, Rafael Cabeza and Jorge Gardea — received support from the National Institutes of Health for research in biochemistry, bioremediation and sleep biochemistry.
- NASA awarded UTEP \$5 million to continue research being done by the Pan American Center for Earth and Environmental Studies, as well as individual research grants to Larry Murr, Patricia Nava, Javier Rojo and Dirk Schultz-Makuch.
- Three UTEP faculty members — Harmon Hosch in psychology, Verne Smith in physics, and Pat Teller in computer science — received highly competitive research grants from the National Science Foundation.

Biomedical and Health Science Research:

Expanding the Success

Biomedical and health science research has been at the top of UTEP's list of priorities

during the past several years. With the proceeds of a \$25 million tobacco settlement endowment from the Texas Legislature, federal grants to the Border Biomedical Research Center and continued support from the Paso del Norte Health Foundation, UTEP has made significant progress during the past year.

UTEP signed a memoranda of understanding for research and education collaboration with both Texas Tech and the UT Houston School of Public Health. UTEP researchers from the colleges of Science, Health Science and Liberal Arts work with Texas Tech and UT Houston colleagues to prepare joint proposals and conduct collaborative research activities.

As a part of our strategic plan to build the university's capacity to conduct research on health issues of particular importance to the U.S.-Mexico border region, we have submitted as our top priority to the Texas Legislature a request for \$30 million to construct a new biomedical and health science research and teaching facility on the

UTEP campus. These plans represent UTEP's most efficient and effective means of contributing to the goals of the Border Health Institute.

El Paso Collaborative for Academic Excellence



The El Paso Collaborative for Academic Excellence

One of the Collaborative's major initiatives this past year was planning and providing staff support for the El Paso Education Summit, which



UTEP students are actively involved in educational collaboratives throughout El Paso.

PRESS-TIME — *The New York Times*, the *Boston Globe*, the *Philadelphia Enquirer*, the *Dallas Morning News* and other major newspapers have begun to notice UTEP, as have national news magazines such as *Time* and *U.S. News and World Report*. UTEP is a model for achieving excellence, previewing what higher education will be in the future, as student demographics and urbanization increasingly impact where and how education is delivered.

THE FUTURE OF COMMUNICATION —

As the new chair of the Communication Department, Pat Witherspoon plans to establish a Center for Communication Studies that will offer a variety of academic and outreach programs that capitalize on UTEP's bilingual, bicultural and binational context. This begins an exciting new era in communication education, promising to bring international recognition to the university and rich opportunities for our students.

2001 COMMISSION — This year will bring to a close the planning cycle of the UTEP 2001 Commission, which in 1988 targeted El Paso County students who were in the first grade. Those first-graders will enter UTEP next year. UTEP will prepare a report on the university's success in responding to the many recommendations presented by the commission.

UTEP AT 100 — Without skipping a beat, we will look toward the future by establishing another community-university planning partnership, UTEP@100, in preparation for our Centennial Celebration in 2014.

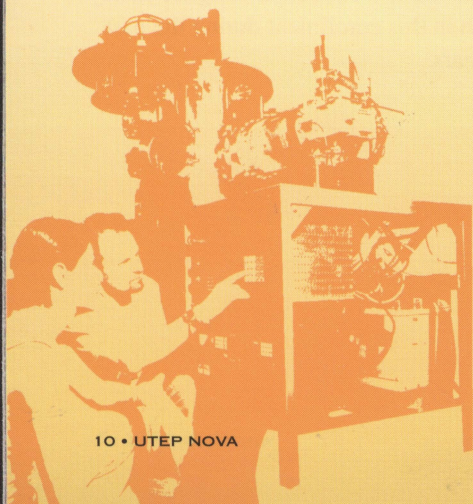
STUDENT FINANCIAL RATING —

Financial Aid's student loan counseling program successfully reduced loan defaults to 7.4 percent, one of the lowest rates among universities in the United States.

STUDY-ABROAD — The Office of International Programs expanded the university's study-abroad offerings, from nine countries on two continents to 38 countries on five continents.

TECHNOLOGY TEAMWORK —

Information Technology worked with faculty and staff across the campus to complete the



brought together more than 300 educators, business leaders, elected officials, and representatives from across the community to review data on El Paso's educational attainment and its critical role in the economic development of this region.

The priority goals set by the Education Summit are:

1. to require all public school students to complete a rigorous, college-preparatory academic core curriculum and be literate in more than one language;
2. to prepare all teachers to teach rigorous courses; and
3. to establish a regional campaign that identifies education as one of the community's highest priorities.

In specific response to the third goal, UTEP launched a communitywide education awareness campaign involving television, radio, newspapers and billboards featuring successful UTEP graduates from all sectors of this community. It was enormously satisfying to see the accomplishments of those alumni recommended for inclusion in the campaign, and therefore extremely difficult for us to select those to be featured.

conversion to a new student information system to provide better service and achieve greater efficiency. Nearly two-thirds of UTEP students use technology to enroll and to access their grades and other academic information.

STUDENT SUPPORT — With a \$2.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education, the Entering Student Program continues to systematically address the challenges that face new students.

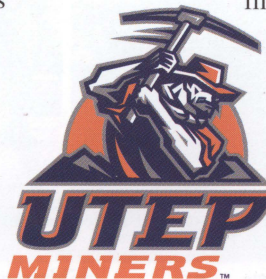
INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL — UTEP's Center for Public Policy Research and the Center for Western Hemispheric Trade conducted important studies during the past year on access to capital and a regional economic forecasting model. Although such studies run the risk of igniting controversy, it is UTEP's responsibility to share the intellectual capital available on this campus with civic, business and community leaders to inform decisions and policy-making.

Intercollegiate Athletics:

Driving Post-Game Success

A highly visible UTEP activity, affecting the climate on the campus and indeed the mood of the entire community, is Intercollegiate Athletics.

The two highest profile sports, football and men's basketball, have both undergone a major transition. In the case of the latter, Jason Rabadeaux had the daunting challenge of following in the footsteps of UTEP's Hall of Fame basketball coach Don



Throughout the season, Miner fans filled the Sun Bowl to cheer on El Paso's team.

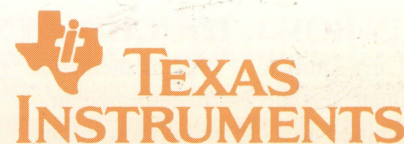
Haskins. All of us, including Coach Haskins, are absolutely delighted with his success in filling those big shoes.

In football, Charlie Bailey continued his efforts to build a stronger program. El Pasoans responded to that progress by filling the stadium to capacity for the New Mexico State game, the first sell-out in the Sun Bowl's history, and boosting the average home-game attendance to more than 36,000, representing the second largest increase in the country. Nord, who was strongly recommended for the head coaching position by the retiring Charlie Bailey and the football players themselves, has brought new energy and enthusiasm to the program. With the

HISPANIC GRADUATES — UTEP ranks third among the 3,700 U.S. colleges and universities in the total number of bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics, and 12th in the total number of master's degrees. With the growth in doctoral programs, UTEP also will be among the top universities in the number of Hispanics who earn Ph.D.s.

COMMENCEMENT — During the past year, more than 2,000 graduates received their degrees. Richard Riley, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, and Sara Martinez Tucker, president and CEO of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, spoke at the winter and spring commencements, respectively.

ENGINEERING A COMPETITIVE EDGE — Last year, 300 companies sought to recruit 150 UTEP engineering graduates. This is one example of how eager recruiters are to hire our students because they are so well prepared for their professional careers.



DIGITAL SIGNAL — The Texas Instruments Foundation committed \$1.4 million to the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Al Griffin, a 1984 UTEP metallurgical engineering alumnus and TI employee, recognized that the foundation could be helpful in building the university's teaching and research program in digital signal processing, one of the fastest growing segments of the semiconductor industry.

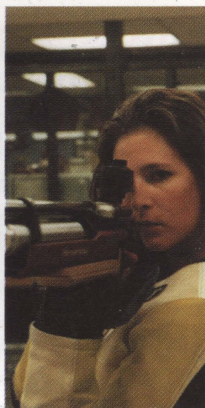
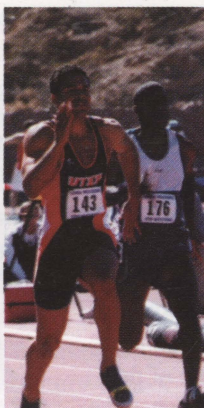
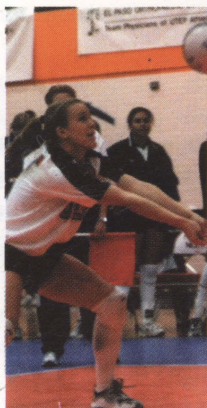
ALUMNI CHAPTERS — UTEP is making great strides in strengthening its ties with alumni throughout the United States and Mexico. Alumni chapters are growing in locations such as Dallas/Ft. Worth, Houston, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Juárez and Chihuahua City.

university's first WAC championship and an invitation to a bowl game, we have already begun to see just how exciting Miner football will be under his leadership.

Athletics capitalized on the splendid challenge that former football player and UTEP graduate Larry Durham placed before his fellow alumni — to match every dollar they donated to the new Sports Center facility — by building communitywide support for the program.

The marketing team has greatly raised the visibility of UTEP athletics throughout this community with Fan Clubs and a variety of promotions. Coaches have conducted a host of camps for children of all ages, both in El Paso and in Juárez, and they and student athletes, cheerleaders and Goldiggers have reached out to the community with more than 600 appearances at area schools, hospitals, nonprofit events, and other community functions.

The addition of a Miner Town area for



UTEP's student-athletes are bringing pride to the El Paso community.

children at all home football games has helped attract more families. New colors and a new logo have generated new excitement and boosted sales of UTEP items locally and among UTEP alumni across the country.

What is sometimes less visible, but perhaps most gratifying, about our progress in Intercollegiate Athletics is that it has all occurred in a context of improved academic performance. Coaches have made clear to student-athletes that their academic work has a high priority, and the graduation rate of student-athletes climbed by 39 percent from 1998 to 1999, with 45 WAC All-Academic awards.

Texas Higher Education:

Increasing the State's Competitiveness

Texas is at a critical crossroads in its development. Demographic changes have been and will continue to be profound, as Hispanics move rapidly toward becoming the largest segment of the Texas population. At the same time, the educational attainment of this fast-growing population remains unacceptably low.

Projecting toward the future, it is obvious that if Texas hopes to compete in the world economy and improve the quality of life of its citizens, the educational preparation of Texas' Hispanic population must become a higher statewide priority. UTEP is well positioned to take the lead in such an effort.

Texas leaders also have expressed dissatisfaction with the state's performance in attracting federal research and development funds, ranking fifth nationally behind not only California, but smaller states such as Maryland and Georgia. UTEP's demonstrated ability to attract federal dollars, our remarkable success in leveraging the

SUN BOWL TOUCHDOWN

— Larry Durham, a 1964 mathematics graduate and successful entrepreneur, committed up to \$5 million toward the construction of a new facility for intercollegiate athletics and kinesiology.

ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY

— Through the Center for Civic Engagement, UTEP students and their faculty and staff mentors are engaged in such diverse projects as helping restore the Socorro Mission and working with the Mexican

Consulate in El Paso to provide basic education skills to Mexican adults living in El Paso.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

— Scheduled to be completed by August 2001, UTEP's new \$15 million student apartments will accommodate 428 students in two-bedroom, four-bedroom and efficiency units. The complex features many amenities, including hard-wiring for 24-hour computer access, that will offer students an appealing lifestyle.

ON THE DRAWING BOARD

— Through Permanent University Fund bonds, the UT System approved a new \$10 million Academic Services Building, to consolidate all Enrollment Services departments in a single location, and a \$6 million addition to the Engineering Building, to accommodate rapid growth in enrollment and research activity in that college.

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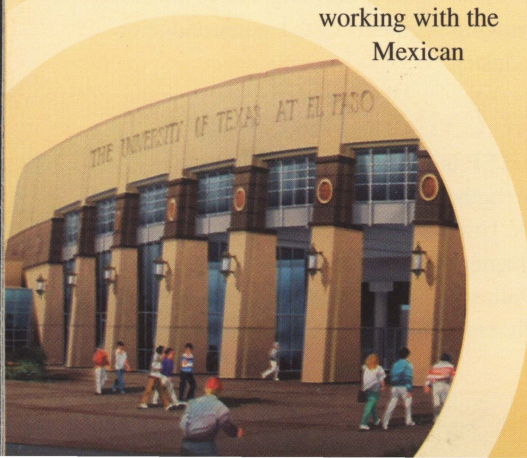
is a major participant in the UT System Telecampus, contributing courses for an online MBA program, an MS in kinesiology and a certificate program in nursing.

INTERNET 2

— Joining 170 other research universities throughout the country, UTEP is connected to the Internet 2/Abilene high-speed, broad bandwidth research network. UTEP will be able to serve as a host connection to Mexico's Internet 2 network, retracing with technology the backbone known for centuries as the Camino Real.

TEACHER PREPARATION

— Recognizing that teacher turnover has become a serious challenge to area school districts and the profession nationally, UTEP is working hard to increase its production of new teachers. In addition to expanding its undergraduate programs, participation in the Alternative Certification Program has increased this year by 37 percent.



state's small investment in our research enterprise, will surely be viewed by state leaders as a strategic asset.

Perhaps more importantly, UTEP's success in combining research competitiveness and a commitment to access for students who have been historically under-represented in the state's colleges and universities makes us a compelling model for future higher education planning in Texas. Large, urban, and demographically diverse universities — in Dallas, El Paso, Houston and San Antonio — are clearly where Texas should invest its higher education dollars.

The current pattern of concentrating the state's higher education resources at only two flagship institutions reduces Texas' capacity to compete with multi-flagship states such as California and jeopardizes our ability to respond to the higher education needs of the fastest-growing segment of the Texas population.

UTEP will continue to advocate the model of excellence that we articulated during the past year, to ensure that the legislature, the Coordinating Board and other statewide organizations engaged in higher education planning are fully aware of the huge potential



that UTEP and other urban institutions offer in meeting Texas' human and economic development challenges.

The Next Horizon

Finally, as we look back over the millennium year and celebrate the university's many special accomplishments, it is important to recognize that most of them are not the result of the efforts of a single individual, nor of a single year.

Reaching the Legacy Campaign goal or

being categorized as a Doctoral/ Research-Intensive University is the result of years of planning, preparation and just plain hard work.

Becoming nationally known for our commitment to both equity and excellence is the result of a decade or more of consistent action on the part of faculty, staff and students on this campus and our many alumni, friends and supporters.

Together we made it happen.

Thank you. ■

RAISING THE BAR — The Law School Preparation Institute has received growing recognition as a model for a creative and highly successful response to the post-*Hopwood* environment in Texas. Eight of the top 10 law schools in the United States admitted at least one UTEP student this year. Program graduates are now enrolled at such prestigious law schools as Columbia, Harvard, Cornell, Duke, UT Austin, the University of Virginia, University of Chicago and Northwestern University.

BORDER LAW — Chief Judge Carolyn King of the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals joined the university at the inauguration of the Center for Law and Border Studies, which promotes education and research on legal issues of importance to the U.S.-Mexico border region.



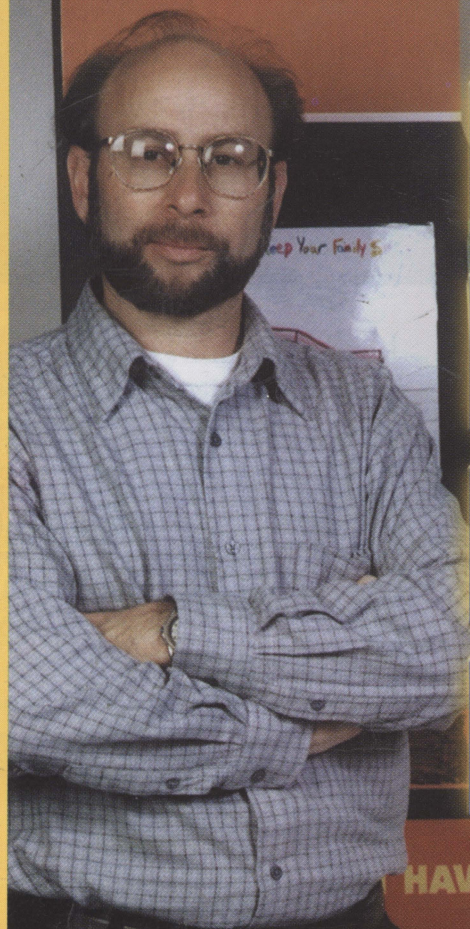
BORDERLANDS HISTORY — UTEP launched the country's first doctoral program in U.S.-Mexico borderlands history, welcoming another impressively diverse group of new students to campus. The program capitalizes on UTEP's location, faculty expertise and library and archival collections.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION — The environmental science and engineering doctoral program grew significantly, attracting a large and diverse group of applicants, particularly from Mexico. Several students enrolled in this program have won highly competitive fellowships from the EPA and CONACyT (Mexico's National Science Foundation).

AFTER-HOURS MANUFACTURING — Working professionals in the region may pursue advanced training through a recently approved certificate program in international manufacturing.

MASTERING MOLECULAR BIOLOGY — The College of Science is developing an innovative master's degree program in computational molecular biology as part of a national initiative by the Sloan Foundation to provide sophisticated graduate-level professional training for talented science students who can contribute significantly to the revolution in biomedical research without earning doctoral degrees.





Putting the Brakes on Destructive Behaviors

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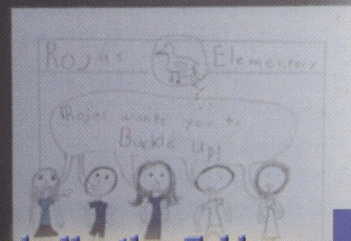
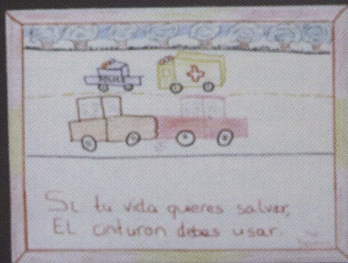
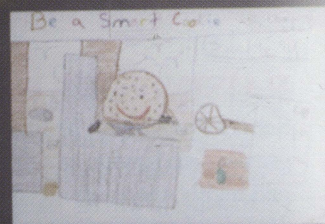


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(Campeste Elementary)



by Heather Feldman

SO RO SEAT

"Most of today's health problems, be it cancer, heart disease or traffic fatalities, involve voluntary behaviors. These health issues don't require fancy scientific interventions. We need to look for simple ways to encourage people to change their own behaviors."

— Lawrence Cohn

First, Lawrence Cohn wins the children over with magic tricks — a few sleight of hand moves and the old quarter-behind-the-ear maneuver. Then, he introduces them to the "magic" of seat belts.

The associate professor of psychology and his graduate students work their wizardry at elementary schools throughout Socorro, showing youngsters the benefits of using seat belts.

Promoting safety is the top priority, but all the while Cohn and his students are testing a theory — that many public health threats, including injuries sustained in car accidents, are preventable through simple behavior modifications. Cohn and his students judge the effectiveness of their presentations by counting the number of students wearing seat belts when they arrive at school, compared to the number two years ago when his team conducted a similar measurement.

"Most of today's health problems, be it cancer, heart disease or traffic fatalities, involve voluntary behaviors. People eat fatty foods, they smoke, drink and they do not exercise," says Cohn, who holds a Ph.D. in social psychology from Washington University. "These health issues don't require fancy scientific interventions. We need to look for simple ways to encourage people to change their own behaviors."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, at the start of the 20th century, major health threats included infectious diseases such as tuberculosis or influenza and injuries associated with unsafe working conditions.

Today the public health landscape is vastly different. Aggressive vaccination programs have lowered the incidence of diseases such as tuberculosis, but chronic diseases are on the rise and motor vehicle deaths and diabetes are among the top 10 leading causes of death in the United States.

The culprit — our own behavior — is easy to spot, but solutions are less tangible. Cohn's Socorro Seat Belt Program and subsequent research may serve as a model for simple plans

that alter perceptions and ultimately change voluntary and self-destructive behaviors.

Putting theory into practice, Cohn's program encourages students to develop slogans and posters to convince family and community members to buckle up. The children responded with brightly colored drawings of youngsters in mini-vans and cars wearing their seat belts. They created slogans such as "If you stick with the belt, you save yourself" and "If you want to take a drive and stay alive — buckle up."

As part of the drive to make safety a consideration, Cohn reaches out to parents through a newsletter in both English and Spanish that provides information on child safety seats and statistics on seat belt usage and accidents. The monthly bulletin offers personal stories from well-known school and community leaders who have survived an accident because they wore a seat belt or who have lost a loved one who did not wear the safety device.

"We thought we could get the children to be vehicles of change by having them work with their families on the slogans and posters," says Cohn, who specializes in research on personality development, adolescent risk taking and injury prevention. "These type of activities, we hope, will get people talking and thinking."

Seat belt use is just one of a number of behaviors Cohn points to when he discusses public health threats to young people in their teens and 20s. Risk behaviors such as drinking, overeating and smoking all contribute to some of the country's top killers, including heart disease and cancer.

"'We are our own worst enemy' has clearly become the mantra for teenagers," says Cohn, winner of UTEP's Outstanding Faculty Achievement Award in 1999. "These behaviors need to be changed. You may have medicine to combat tuberculosis, but you have to take it first and that is a behavior issue, not a scientific issue." **N**

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Ticket Master: Greg Wagner

Before radio stations announce the details surrounding a much-anticipated concert or sporting event, Greg Wagner prepares to answer hundreds of phone calls—understanding that everybody wants the best seats available.

Wagner is the director of the UTEP Ticket Center, which sells approximately 800,000 tickets each year for events in Texas and Southern New Mexico.

Wagner and the university's ticket team put in some long hours, working evenings and weekends to ensure that customers receive quality services—in person, on the phone or via the Internet.



Miner Basketball 2000 - 01 Schedule

Men

- Dec. 18: Florida A&M; 7:05 p.m.
- Dec. 20: UNC Charlotte; 7:05 p.m.
- Dec. 23: New Mexico State; 7:05 p.m.
- Dec. 27 - 28: Sierra Providence Sun Classic Basketball Tournament
- Jan. 4: Nevada; 7:05 p.m.
- Jan. 6: San Diego; 7:05 p.m.
- Jan. 11: at Hawaii; 10:05 p.m.
- Jan. 13: at San Jose State; 8:30 p.m.
- Jan. 20: Tulsa; 7:05 p.m.
- Jan. 22: SMU; 7:05 p.m.
- Jan. 25: at Fresno State; 8:05 p.m.
- Jan. 27: at Nevada; 8:05 p.m.



Women

- Dec. 16: UC Riverside; 7 p.m.
- Dec. 22: UT Pan American; 7 p.m.
- Dec. 30: Sul Ross State; 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 2: at San Jose State; 8 p.m.
- Jan. 7: at Fresno State; 3 p.m.
- Jan. 12: San Jose State; 7 p.m.
- Jan. 14: Hawaii; 2 p.m.

For a complete schedule, visit Miner Central at athletics.utep.edu.

*Home games in blue.



Miner Buzz Bin

Fitness for All



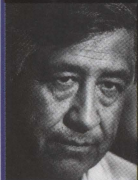
A new era in campus living continues to unfold with the expansion of the university's Student Recreation Complex by an additional 6,000 square feet. UTEP students are getting pumped up about the center, which features 12,000 pounds of a large assortment of free weights, more than 50 exercise machines, and a cardio theater.

Mural Memories

In November, UTEP and the city of El Paso unveiled a mural depicting the university's long and rich history — from the historic 1966 NCAA basketball championship to the expansion of educational opportunities for the region's students. The mural is on display at the El Paso International Airport.



Creating the "Ellis Island of the Southwest"



More than 20 million people living in the United States trace their roots to Mexico. UTEP is working with community members to establish the first museum in the United States dedicated to the history of Mexican Americans. The Paso al Norte Immigration History Museum will

commemorate the histories of thousands of individuals and families from diverse backgrounds and nationalities who moved northward into the present-day United States. For more information, please call 915/747-8679.

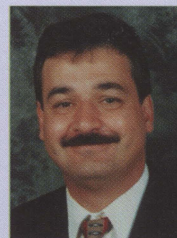


Bowl-Bound Miners

UTEP football fans boarded buses and planes, traveling across the state to cheer on the Miners against the Horned Frogs of Texas Christian University. UTEP's 8-3 record won the Miners a place in the Humanitarian Bowl, which will be held Thursday, Dec. 28, in Boise. For information about pre-game festivities, please contact Alumni Relations at 800/687-8004.



ROAD-WISE RESEARCH



Osegueda

The Texas Department of Transportation recognized UTEP researchers with a 2000 Top 10 Innovation Award for their work to lessen the burden on Texas highways.

Roberto Osegueda, a civil engineering professor, and Octavio Melchor-Lucero, a researcher at the university's Center for Highway Materials Research, have developed a Geographic Information System, which automates the route selection process for overweight and oversize vehicles traveling through the federal highway system.

From Campus to Community

This fall in Austin, retired Gen. Colin Powell applauded the 20 institutions involved in the Texas Campus Compact, which is part of a national initiative to extend institutions' educational reach beyond their campuses. Kathleen Staudt, political science professor and director of UTEP's Center for Civic Engagement, will serve as liaison to the Campus Compact.

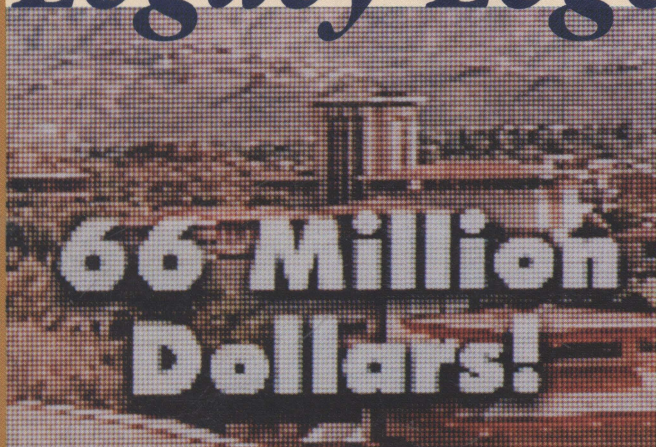
Engineering the Future

More than 800 middle- and high-school students learned about career opportunities in science and engineering at the 2000 Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Awards Conference, which UTEP hosted in October. HENARC presented its top honor, the Chairman's Award, to El Paso mayor Carlos Ramirez, a UTEP alumnus.



Legacy Legend

The Face of the Campaign



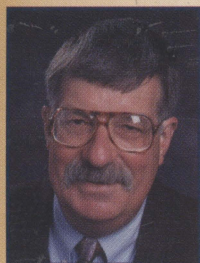
Jumbotron - screen announcement at the Homecoming football game.



Karen Beaman (BSN '95)

Development Director, Visiting Nurses Association
Gift: Check

Why I gave: "As a student, I received scholarship money that helped me through school. Now, I am in a position to give a little. Somebody helped me and I want to help others."

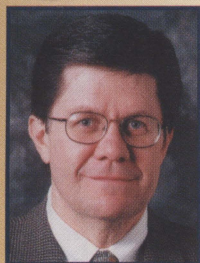


Jack Bristol

UTEP professor emeritus of biological sciences and former administrator

Gift: Life insurance policy naming UTEP as the beneficiary

Why I gave: "For more than 30 years, my wife, Lillian, and I have had a very pleasant experience working at UTEP. We believe in the university and its ability to provide educational opportunities for students."



Joe Cardenas (BS '74)

President of Moreno Cardenas Inc., a consulting engineering firm

Gift: Check

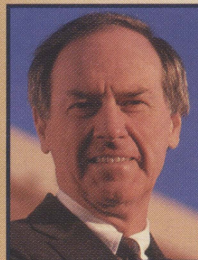
Why I gave: "Both my business partner and myself are UTEP graduates. As a business owner, we hire many UTEP grads, so we have an interest in ensuring the quality of education at the university remains high."

Mike Rosales (BBA '66)

Senior Agency Consultant with State Farm Insurance

Gift: Annual contribution, part of which is matched by State Farm

Why I gave: "If it hadn't been for UTEP, I would never have had the opportunity to live the kind of life I've enjoyed. I'm a strong believer that at some point in your life you have to give back so others can seek their dreams."

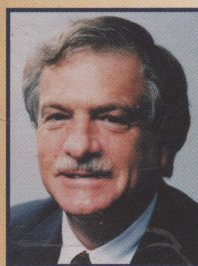


Bob Heasley (BBA '53)

Financial planner with Lincoln Financial Advisors

Gift: Life insurance policy naming UTEP as the beneficiary

Why I gave: "Access to higher education is very important. It's heartwarming to see the students who stand to be recognized at each commencement ceremony as the first in their family to attend college."



Mervin Moore

Principal owner of Moore, Nordell, Kroeger Architects Inc.

Gift: Annual contributor to the President's Associates

Why I gave: "I'm from El Paso, and a good number of my business associates, friends and family graduated from UTEP. I've been a supporter since I can remember. UTEP is a major asset. It contributes to the cultural, economic and educational climate of El Paso."



Carolyn Mora (BBA '84)

Principal owner of Carolyn Mora, CPA, PC

Gift: Planning to set up a scholarship fund. She has given scholarships to the children of small business owners.

Why I gave: "I had a good experience as a student. As a professional, I have been impressed with many of the programs initiated in the College of Business Administration. I've been pleased with what I've seen at the university."



Antonio Woo (BSE '68; MS '72)

Vice president of operations for Pollak Electronics Division

Gift: Annual contribution

Why I gave: "Out of eight people in my family, five earned degrees from UTEP. My two daughters are UTEP grads who went on to become doctors. One of them graduated from Harvard and the other from the UT Health Science Center. They are testimonials to UTEP's ability to provide an outstanding education."

Bill Quinn (BS '54)

Retired civil engineer from El Paso Natural Gas Co.

Gift: Along with 11 fellow UTEP civil engineering graduates, established the Alumni Academy of Civil Engineers to enhance instruction, research and development programs

Why I gave: "I wanted to help the faculty in an advisory capacity and help the students with scholarships."

2001 Alumni Association Board and Officers

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Homecoming 2000



Homecoming 2000 was a global success — both on campus and on the Internet. Throughout the university, Miner fans showed their spirit by incorporating the "Goin' Global" theme into an international fashion show, food fair and decorating contest.

For those who weren't able to come home, Homecoming came to them via the Internet. Homecoming week ended with a bang when the Fightin' Miners defeated Fresno State 23 - 13 at the Sun Bowl. After the game, a spectacular fireworks show lit up the sky to celebrate the end of the Legacy Campaign.

Log on to homecoming.utep.edu for more Homecoming highlights and to learn more about next year's celebration.



The UTEP Alumni Association is working to increase its membership throughout North America. During the past year, the association restructured its Board of Directors to allow

for more directors and representation by chapter presidents.

All former students of TCM, TWC and UTEP are eligible for membership, which provides access to the Swimming and Fitness Center and University Library.

The \$25 membership dues support traditions such as Season of Lights, pre-game parties and Homecoming.

We hope to hear from you soon.

Tom Meece
 2000 President

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YOUR NEWS _____

50s **Gerald Rogers** (B.A. '52; M.A. '55), a basketball player for Texas Western College (now UTEP), retired as the public address announcer for Texas Tech University, where he announced more than 700 football and basketball games during a 31-year period. He also served as executive director of the Region XVII Education Service Center in Lubbock, from which he retired in 1989 after 37 years in public school education.

60s **Margarita Fresquez** (B.S.Ed. '64) is one of the first three full professors at Palo Alto College in San Antonio. She received the award for Teaching Excellence, Dedication and Persistence from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development.

Patricia "Pat" Mora (B.A. '63; M.A. '71) received the 2000 Alice Louise Wood Memorial Ohioana Award for Children's Literature. Her latest book, *The Night the Moon Fell*, is based on ancient Mayan myths.

Patricia L. Palafox (B.A. '66), an attorney-mediator and arbitrator, was elected to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Council of the State Bar of Texas.

Patricia Walshe (B.S.Ed. '64) was named Campus Teacher of the Year at Desert Hills Elementary School in El Paso.

70s **Trinidad Virginia Pérez Barnes** (B.S.Ed. '79) is a fourth-grade teacher at Logan Elementary School in El Paso.

Mary Brock (B.A. '72; M.A. '75) was recently elected as a director of the El Paso Estate Planning Council for the 2000-2001 term.

Norma Luna De La Rosa (B.S.Ed. '76; M.Ed. '86), a sixth-grade reading and language arts teacher at San Elizario Middle School, is the president of the San Elizario Educators Association and the Loretto Academy Alumnae Association.

Gary Hedrick (B.B.A. '77; M.B.A. '82) was promoted to executive vice president, treasurer, and chief financial and administrative officer for the El Paso Electric Co.

Michael E. "Mike" Merkin (B.B.A. '76), of Sugar Land, Texas, was appointed chair of the B'nai B'rith Senior Housing Committee. Merkin, a banker, has served as vice president of finance for the B'nai B'rith Texarkoma region, president of the Goldberg B'nai B'rith Towers in Houston, and treasurer of the Julius M. Israel Unit of B'nai B'rith. He also is an active volunteer for the March of Dimes Walk America, the Gulf Coast Blood Center, the United Way, Habitat for Humanity and the Boy Scouts of America.

John Navidomskis (B.A. '74) was named Clint High School's Campus Teacher of the Year.

80s **Gloria Contreras** (B.S. '84) was promoted to oncology nurse manager at Del Sol Medical Center in El Paso.

Mark French (B.A. '85) lives in New York, where he is a vice president in equity derivatives at Lehman Brothers, a leading full-service global investment bank.

Tamara Gladkowski (B.B.A. '87) is the president of the El Paso Estate Planning Council for 2000-2001.

Souraya Hajjar (B.S. '89) is the new coordinator of the El Paso Community College Health Careers Opportunity Program.

Travis J. Hughes (B.S. '86) is first vice president of the El Paso Chapter of the Society of Financial Service Professionals.

Ruthan Josten (B.S.Ed. '80) is a criminal investigator in Wasilla, Alaska, with the State Troopers, where she is assigned to the major crimes unit. Josten travels throughout the state of Alaska providing domestic violence training to other police agencies. She also is a competitive bodybuilder who won a gold medal at the World Games for Police and Fire in 1997 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Douglas S. Lillebo (B.B.A. '84) is the new tax manager at F.C. Napier and Co. in El Paso. He is a certified public accountant with more than 16 years of experience and a member of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Norma T. Madden (B.S.Ed. '81) is in her third year as an administrative intern at South Elementary School in Midland, Texas, where she is working toward becoming an elementary school principal.

María S. Téllez Marris (B.S.W. '87) received her master's degree in social work from the University of Denver in June and is a general medicine case manager at Denver Health Medical Center.

Jesus A. Rodriguez (B.S.E.E. '86) is the technical on-site representative for the Federal Aviation Administration at the Albuquerque Air Route Traffic Control Center.

Enid Seguinot (B.S.N. '88) was named director of surgical services at Del Sol Medical Center in El Paso and is working toward her master's degree in public health.

Greg Taylor (B.A. '86; M.A. '90) director of the UTEP Dinner Theatre and an assistant professor in the Music Department, was honored as the Outstanding Ex-Student for 2000 at Parkland High School in El Paso.

Dennis Vasquez (B.S. '83) was named superintendent of the Bandelier National Monument in New Mexico. A 23-year veteran of the National Parks Service, he was superintendent of the White Sands National Monument near Alamogordo, N.M.

90s **Laura Castro de Cortes** (B.S. '90) was among 13 U.S. citizens who were invited by Vice President Al Gore to help him prepare for the presidential debates with Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

Stephen A. Engel (B.B.A. '90) is the director of services and programs for Cambio Inc. of El Paso, a global supplier of software, integration and implementation services to the telecommunications industry.

Mark A. Gallardo (B.B.A. '95) was promoted to associate director of finance (Smart Moves) and consumer sales operations for Southwestern Bell in Dallas.

Christine Brandl Sifuentes (B.S. '92), a former UTEP Academic All-American in volleyball, has joined the physicians' staff at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso.

Usha Tobias (B.S.N. '95) of El Paso earned her certification from the American Cancer Society to teach breast cancer awareness classes.

Stacie Wilson (B.A. '92) is the training and business development manager at the Human Element of Business. She is pursuing a master's degree at UTEP and teaches public speaking courses.

Sheela D. Wolford (B.A. '90, M.A. '92) is the director of communication for the Vanderbilt YMCA, the flagship for the YMCAs of Greater New York. For the past three years, she served as the publications coordinator for the New York Foundling, a social services agency that helps New York's poorest children and families.

OBITS **Barbara J. Schafer Gross** (B.S. '66) Aug. 7, 1998. Gross taught special education at Andress High School in El Paso for 13 years.

Theodore "Ted" Hamilton Hodges II (B.S. '49) Nov. 10, 1999. Hodges, a resident of Garden Grove, Calif., was a native of New Jersey. He served in the Marine Corps during World War II and received his master's degree from UT Austin. Hodges, an independent consultant, was in the retail tennis business in Costa Mesa, Calif.

Jose S. Garcia (B.S. '42) May 5, 2000. A lifelong resident of El Paso, he served as an Army captain during World War II, receiving the Bronze Star for valor. He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and was retired from the International Water and Boundary Commission.

Veronica Marie Minnerly (B.A. '82) July 5, 2000. Minnerly, a resident of El Paso for 54 years, passed away in Madera, Calif. The Philadelphia native was a speech therapist with the El Paso Independent School District for 11 years and was active in the American Legion, the American Red Cross and the Girl Scouts of America.

Dorothy Dean Haslett (B.S.Ed. '71) July 14, 2000. She was a longtime resident of El Paso and taught at Jefferson High School for 25 years.

Jack G. Stoltenberg (B.B.A. '76) July 14, 2000. Stoltenberg served in the Marine Corps during the Korean conflict and was stationed in Germany, Panama and Thailand while serving in the U.S. Army. After managing Aramid Property Management Co. in California, he returned to El Paso in 1982. He was a member of the Military Officers of World Wars, the Retired Officers Association, the El Paso Dressage Society and the Fort Bliss Golf Club. Stoltenberg also volunteered at the William Beaumont Army Medical Center pharmacy for 17 years.

Myer Erlich (B.A. '33) July 19, 2000. He was a member of a pioneer El Paso family and owner of Geneva Loan and Jewelry. He served in the Philippines during World War II. He was a member of the El Paso Country Club and past president and trustee of Congregation B'nai Zion.

Norman W. Pittenger (B.B.A. '58) July 21, 2000. A longtime resident of El Paso, Pittenger was a certified public accountant for 40 years and a partner in Bixler, Carlton and Pittenger. He was a staff sergeant in the Army National Guard. He was the first runner to complete a marathon on each continent within one calendar year.

Lois Davenport (B.A. '43) July 24, 2000. She was a lifelong resident of El Paso who retired from the Ysleta Independent School District after 35 years of service.

Mildred Louise Floyd (B.A. '37; M.Ed. '52) July 25, 2000. Floyd was a WAVE in the U.S. Navy during World War II and a teacher for the El Paso Independent School District for 17 years. She was a member of the St. Joseph Hospital Women's Auxiliary.

Theo J. Wagner Sr. (B.S.Ed. '73; M.Ed. '78) July 28, 2000. Wagner was a retired Eastwood High School teacher and a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. A resident of El Paso since 1967, he was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the Kiwanis of Vista Hills, the Knights of Columbus #638, the Ysleta Lions Club and the Vista Del Sol Optimists Club.

George A. Reynolds (B.A. '43) Aug. 6, 2000. Reynolds, a resident of Newark, Del., and a longtime resident of El Paso, received his medical degree from St. Louis University. He served in the U.S. Army in the occupation of Korea and Germany and was a staff psychiatrist in Marion, Ind., and Perry Point, Md. He also was chief of psychiatry at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Elsmere, Del.

Kathie J. Lassiter (B.S.Ed. '77) Aug. 19, 2000. A resident of El Paso for 40 years, Lassiter was a teacher at Stanton Elementary School.

Stephen Michael York (B.A. '72) Aug. 19, 2000. York, a longtime El Paso resident, was a former corporate tax lawyer for El Paso Energy.

Mary Dave Mitchell Renner (B.S.Ed. '66;

M.Ed. '70) Aug. 20, 2000. Renner was a special education teacher with the El Paso Independent School District for 10 years and a diagnostician for 19 years. She was a registered professional educational diagnostician and worked for the Ysleta Independent School District. She was president of the Texas Diagnosticians Association, which presented her with the Wilma Jo Bush Award in 1997 for outstanding contributions and dedicated service. She also was a member of the Pleiades Order of the Eastern Star, and active in the Rio Grande Girl Scouts Council.

Chief Warrant Officer (Retired) Keith J. Navarre (B.B.A. '72) Aug. 22, 2000. Navarre, a citizen of the Potawatomi Indian Band of Oklahoma, served in the U.S. Army during World War II, the Korean War, the occupation of Japan, and again in Korea during the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster. He retired from the Army after 31 years. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, the Retired Officers Association, the 75th Infantry Division, the French Army Rhine et Danube Association and the Kateri Tekakwitha Indian Conference.

John Ross Thompson (B.B.A. '88) Aug. 23, 2000. Thompson, a longtime resident of Plano, Texas, and formerly of El Paso, was a database administrator for GTE.

Lylia P. Franco (B.S.Ed. '68; M.Ed. '72) Aug. 25, 2000. Franco was a teacher at Cooley and Burleson elementary schools who retired from the El Paso Independent School District in 1985. She was a member of many civic organizations, including the Girl Scouts, and was a volunteer instructor for the Lincoln Center.

Fernando "Fernie" Luis Cordova (B.A. '56; M.Ed. '66) Aug. 30, 2000. A U.S. Air Force Korean War veteran with the 29th Bomb Division, he survived being shot down twice behind enemy lines and received the Korean Service Flying Cross. He was a member of the White Sands Missile Range teaching department. He was employed as an administrator, teacher and coach with the El Paso Independent School District for more than 30 years. He also was a member of the Kiwanis, Texas PTA and Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Norma Martinez Adkins (B.A. '64) Sept. 1, 2000. Adkins was a resident of Fort Worth, Texas. While living in El Paso, she taught nursing at Hotel Dieu School of Nursing, Spanish and English at El Paso schools, and Spanish at the Cesar Chavez Academy. A licensed social worker, she was a counselor at the Women's Haven of Tarrant County for five years. Earlier in her career, she was a psychiatric nurse for adolescents, a visiting nurse and a school nurse.

John A. Shamaley (B.A. '41) Sept. 1, 2000. Shamaley, a lifelong El Paso resident, worked in real estate.

Timothy Wayne Delmont (B.S. '87) Sept. 4, 2000. Delmont was employed at Allegiance Healthcare Corp. as a sterility assurance manager. He was a member of the Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society, the American Society for Testing and Materials, the American Society for Quality and the Institute for Validation Technology.

George Howard Rasor (B.S. '84; B.A. '91) Sept. 6, 2000. Rasor was self-employed in Austin and previously lived in El Paso for 20 years.

Franklin P. "Kiko" Schuster Jr. Sept. 12, 2000. Schuster was a third-generation physician in El Paso. His grandfather and father, along with his grandmother and uncle, were pioneers in medicine in the Southwest, founding Providence Memorial Hospital. He founded and ran the first community mental health center in El Paso at R.E. Thomason General Hospital in the mid-1960s and was instrumental in establishing the El Paso Mental Health Center and the El Paso Psychiatric Center. In addition to four decades of private practice, he was an associate professor at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center at El Paso School of Medicine.

Charlotte "Mac" Tolbert McGrady Mayfield (M.A. '64) Sept. 19, 2000. Mayfield, of Honolulu and formerly of El Paso, was instrumental in the development of the Mountain Park subdivision in El Paso. She was a graduate of Kent Place School for Girls and Cornell University.

Opal B. Sellman (B.S.Ed. '68) Sept. 27, 2000. Sellman, a longtime resident of El Paso, retired after 15 years of service with the El Paso Independent School District.

Yolanda Tirre (B.B.A. '82) Sept. 27, 2000. Tirre was an employee at the Socorro Independent School District.

Mozelle Harris Dumm (B.A. '41) Sept. 29, 2000. Dumm was a resident of Tucson, Ariz. She had worked at Biggs Army Airfield and also in Long Beach, Calif., in support of World War II. In El Paso, she worked for El Paso Water Utilities, G.M. Wallace and Co., Beltone Hearing Aid and Miracle-Ear Hearing Aid.

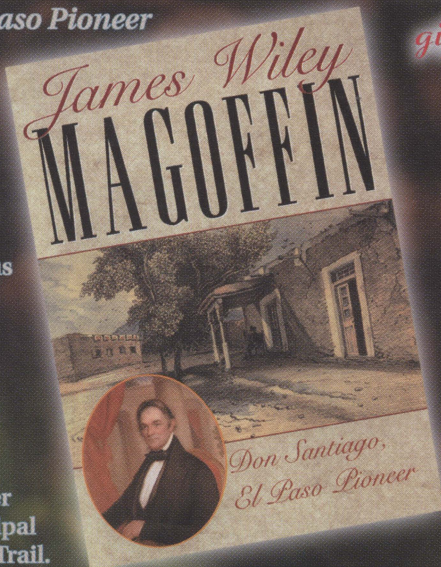
Mary Elizabeth "Vivette" Morris Fulton (B.S.Ed. '58) Oct. 2, 2000. Fulton, a native of Parral, Chihuahua, Mexico, and a longtime resident of El Paso, was a graduate of El Paso's Austin High School.

John D. Baldwin (B.S. '62) Oct. 3, 2000. Baldwin was a resident of El Paso since 1954, when he was stationed at William Beaumont Army Hospital. He worked at White Sands Missile Range in research and development with much of his time spent in the Electronic Missile Warfare Division. He received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service from the Department of the Army. After retirement, he was active in the El Paso Genealogical Society, the Knights of Columbus, the Old Crows and Sigma Phi Sigma.

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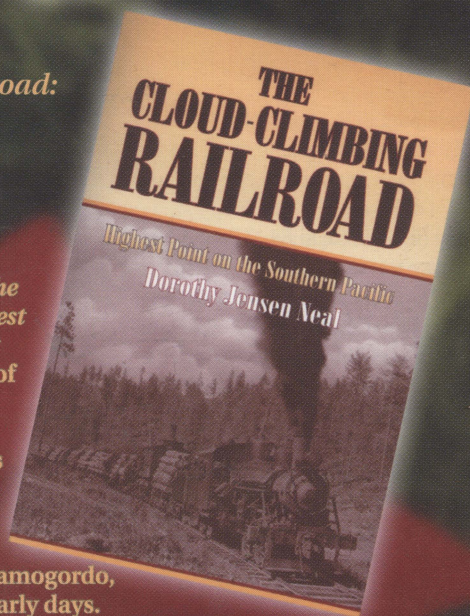
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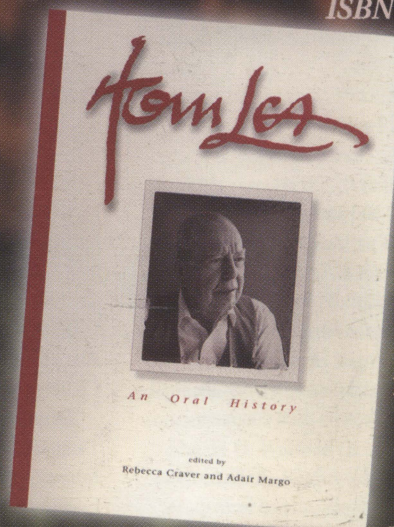
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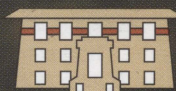
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