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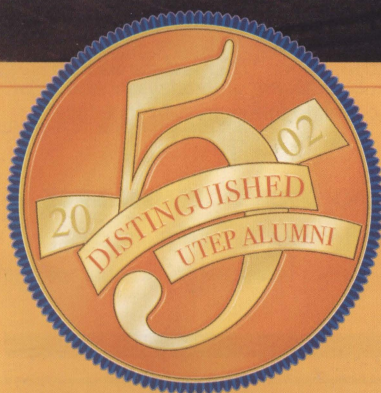
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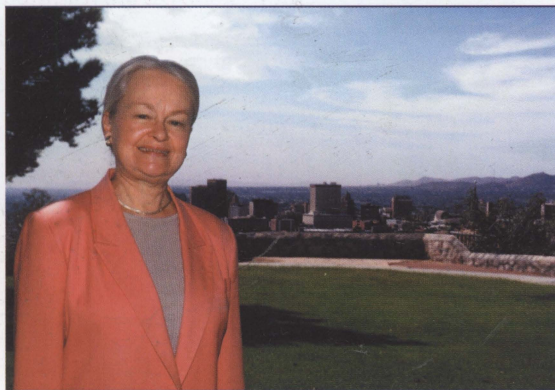
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*“...the quality
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UTEP's Alumni Association recently began to recognize that it had a problem: too many outstanding candidates for the one or two Distinguished Alumni awards that we have traditionally presented each year. What a wonderful problem to have! It is partly a consequence of the growth in the number of UTEP graduates and their many accomplishments. It is also the result of far more successful efforts by the Alumni Association and UTEP's Alumni Relations staff, under Yolanda Ingle's energetic leadership, to connect with UTEP alumni, both here in El Paso and throughout the United States and Mexico.

The solution? Easy! Break with tradition and begin to honor several graduates each year as Distinguished Alumni. This year, we will honor five outstanding alumni at UTEP's Homecoming celebration. All of them have excelled in their professions and all have demonstrated a sustained commitment to this university. And, coincidentally — but significantly — all of them have also remained in El Paso, applying their talents and the benefits of their UTEP education to the future of this community.

It is significant that all of this year's Distinguished Alumni have remained in

El Paso, because so many of our outstanding graduates live and work elsewhere. For example, we just had an alumni reception in New York City, where we reunited with UTEP graduates of many vintages and walks of life: bankers, teachers, equity traders, lawyers, writers, business executives, and artists. How exciting it is to see these proud UTEP graduates competing successfully with graduates of universities throughout the country!

On behalf of the entire UTEP family, I join in congratulating this year's Distinguished Alumni for the excellence of their achievements and for their sustained commitment to this University and the students we serve. I often say that the quality of this University and all others is best measured by the success of its graduates. We thank the Distinguished Alumni whom we honor this year, and the many thousands of others, who confirm through their outstanding accomplishments, the quality of this institution and the academic programs that prepared them.

We are proud of all of you and thank you for all that you do to support UTEP and the talented students who seek to follow in your footsteps.

— Diana Natalicio
President

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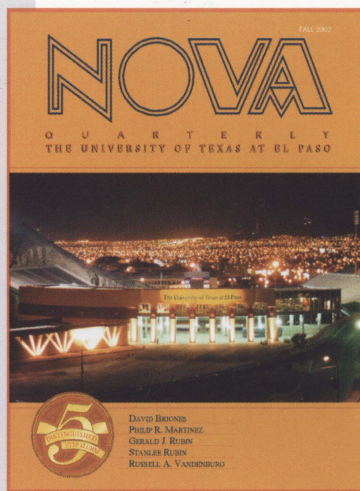
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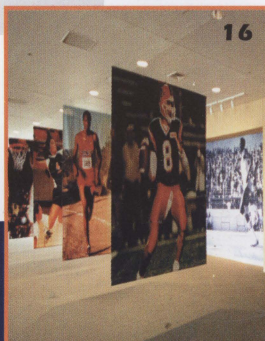
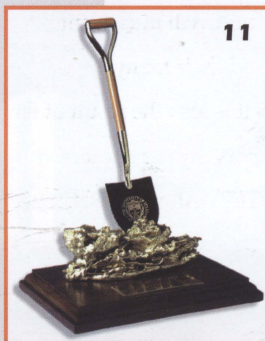
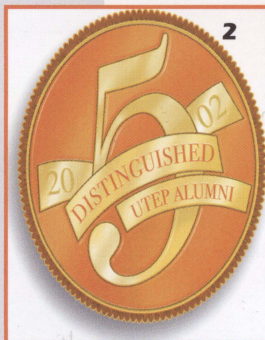
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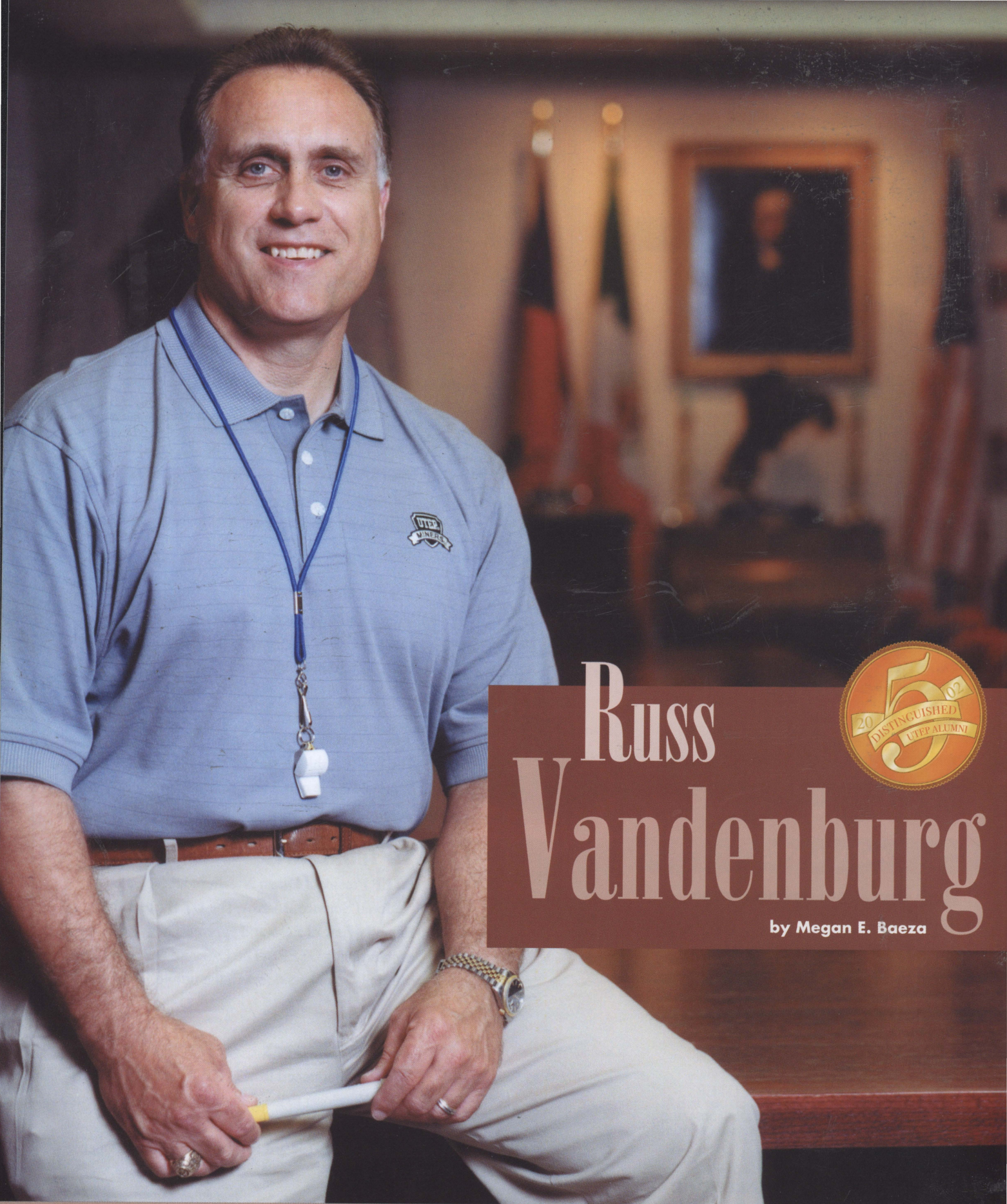
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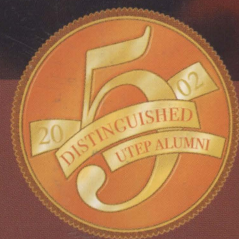


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Russ Vandenburg

by Megan E. Baeza



"WHAT REALLY DRIVES ME is trying to be the best person I can be. Taking care of my family is very important to me."

ALTHOUGH it's been nearly 25 years since Russell Vandenburg carried the title of coach, not a day goes by that he isn't motivating people to do their best, personally and professionally.

"I'm never out of the coaching mode. This is all I've done my whole life," Vandenburg says. "Now I'm just wearing a different hat."

Vandenburg came to El Paso from Chicago in the fall of 1966 to attend UTEP and play football for the Miners. After earning a degree in education from UTEP in 1970, Vandenburg taught English and coached both football and track and field at Burges High School. While at Burges he led the track team to win five district titles.

These days, he heads a nationwide property management firm, EPT Management Company, with his older brother, Wayne Vandenburg. The two began their business with one property in El Paso in 1982. Currently, they manage 84 properties in 14 states.

"When I'm dealing with more than 1,000 employees, I'm coaching them, I'm motivating them," he says. "In business, you've got to do three things: you've got to give somebody the responsibility to do something, you've got to give them the authority to carry it out, and then you've got to hold them accountable. That's how we run our company."

Jerry Wright, an executive assistant at EPT Management, says that she has learned valuable lessons from her employer.

"I admire his leadership style," Wright says. "Mr. Vandenburg leads by example, and he demonstrates his leadership by maintaining a high level of dedication and commitment to his family, his business, his community and his university."

Since coming to work for Vandenburg, Wright says she has learned how to prioritize life and to put what is important into the proper perspective.

In addition to excelling at business, Vandenburg has stayed involved in the community that fostered his success. He is a generous supporter of UTEP athletics, the Miner Foundation, the UTEP Alumni Association and the Larry K. Durham Center. His success, says Vandenburg, is a direct result of being involved in sports from an early age and is the reason he remains a dedicated Miner fan 32 years after his college graduation.

"I learned my values early, when I became involved in athletics," he says. "It's where I learned morals, developed my drive and where I learned to set goals. I'm such an advocate for athletic programs because I want to see others given the same chance to succeed."

When it comes to community involvement, Vandenburg follows his heart.

"I believe in three things: time, treasure and talent. I think everybody has them and everybody needs to do something to give back," he says. "Being a coach and raising a family, children are very dear to my heart. I try to involve myself in causes that will benefit youth. They are our future."

In addition to supporting UTEP, Vandenburg serves as a board member for organizations including the El Paso Holocaust Museum and Study Center, the Cathedral High School Board, the Catholic Diocese Foundation and the El Paso Leadership and Research Council.

With daily challenges and goals to be met, Vandenburg is able to keep his priorities straight. His wife, Marty, and children Heather, Joshua and Stephen, remain the focus of his life, regardless of outside demands or pressures.

"What really drives me is trying to be the best person I can be. Taking care of my family is very important to me," he says. "Making sure they have what they need to be successful in life drives me. I think living life to the fullest and being responsible for who you are is what counts."

New EPT employees quickly find themselves adopted into a large corporate family. This is the kind of environment Vandenburg continues to strive for.

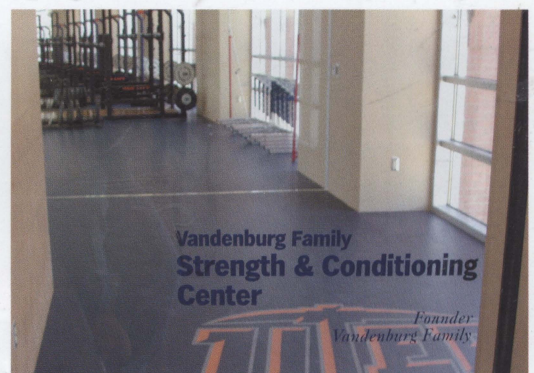
"We started the company in 1982 and we still have some of the same people that started with us," he says. "We built a core of talented and caring people in the company and that's what makes it succeed. Our biggest professional challenge was to keep this company a family as it continued growing, but we've done that and this is truly special."

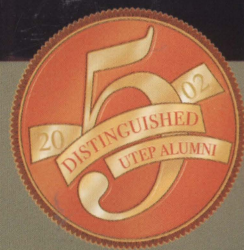
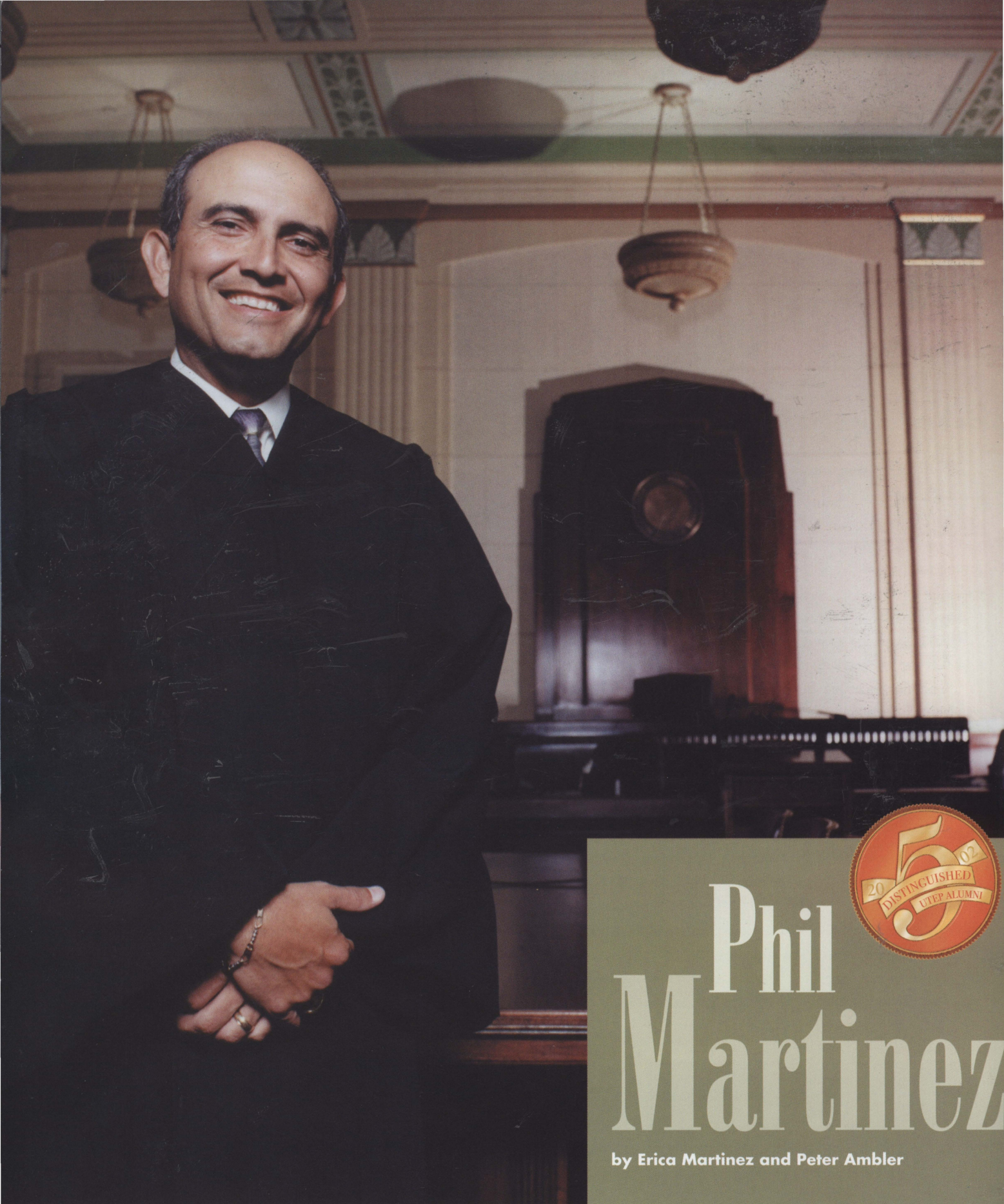
His daughter, Heather, is continuing the Miner tradition. She is pursuing a degree in communications at UTEP.



Russ Vandenburg has always considered himself a coach above all else, even in business.

The Vandenburg Family Strength and Conditioning Center located in the Larry K. Durham Center at UTEP





Phil Martinez

by Erica Martinez and Peter Ambler

"I STILL REACH THE SAME CONCLUSION every day that people are good, and that they want to live in great communities."

AMID three times the typical caseload of a federal judge, Philip Martinez, U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Texas, has a resounding spirit that prompts the federal judge to proclaim his message to youth that “dreams do come true through educational opportunities.”

Martinez recently established the Philip R. Martinez Endowed Scholarship to provide funds to UTEP students involved in the Center for Law and Border Studies and the Law School Preparation Institute.

He began his judicial career presiding over El Paso County juvenile cases. He says his passion for young people and his commitment to help them can be seen through his involvement in various professional and civic organizations relating to juvenile justice, such as chairing the Juvenile Law Section of the State Bar of Texas.

“It’s wonderful to see lives touched in a positive manner by a system,” Martinez says.

His belief in rehabilitation toward juveniles has permeated his optimistic approach as he begins his tenure on the federal bench. He says he once heard of someone “who looked up to no man, and looked down on no man.”

“It is important for judges to recognize their role - to give meaning to laws in existence and to the Constitution,” he says.

Martinez added that he sought to bring some of this attitude toward youthful offenders to the federal bench. “Some people just tend to make poor choices. Generally my admonition is that you can’t change the past, but you can form the future and help it along. And I like to do that if I sense sincere desire.

“I still reach the same conclusion every day that people are good, that they want the same things for their families, and that they want to live in great communities.”

Justice is at work on East San Antonio Street, Federal Courtroom No. Two.

“He is a wonderful judge because of his intellectual ability, patience, fairness, notion of equity, compassion, and humility,” says Enrique Moreno, a prominent Texas lawyer and former colleague of Martinez.

Moreno preceded Martinez at Harvard Law School by one year, and after graduation the two worked together at the Kemp, Smith, Duncan & Hammond law firm in El Paso.

The outgoing Martinez graduated in the top two percent from Burges High School and summa cum laude from UTEP, but found himself in a new and different environment at Harvard. Martinez took full advantage of all the wonderful opportunities Harvard had

to offer. He actively established a strong network with the Harvard community and took time to attend lectures by experts in various fields.

“Once I overcame my insecurities, I found that the world was a pretty friendly place,” says Martinez.

Moreno added that “now, Phil is outgoing and comfortable in any setting. But when I first met him he hadn’t picked up that wonderful polished style. I was able to watch that evolution take place at Harvard.”

Upon graduation from law school in 1982, Martinez returned to his hometown of El Paso. He worked for the Kemp Smith law firm for eight years and distinguished himself in the courtroom as a lawyer, before seeking and winning the judgeship of El Paso County Court at Law No. 1 in 1991.

Nine months later, Martinez was appointed to the state district court and David Briones, now a U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Texas, was named to fill the vacated county judgeship. This was the beginning of a long and rewarding professional relationship between the two men. Martinez swore in Briones to the county judgeship and a decade later, the roles were reversed when it was Martinez who followed Briones onto the federal bench.

“He’s been so helpful and supportive since I came onto the federal bench, lending everything from encouragement to law clerks,” Martinez says of Briones. “I’m so much further along my learning curve because of him.”

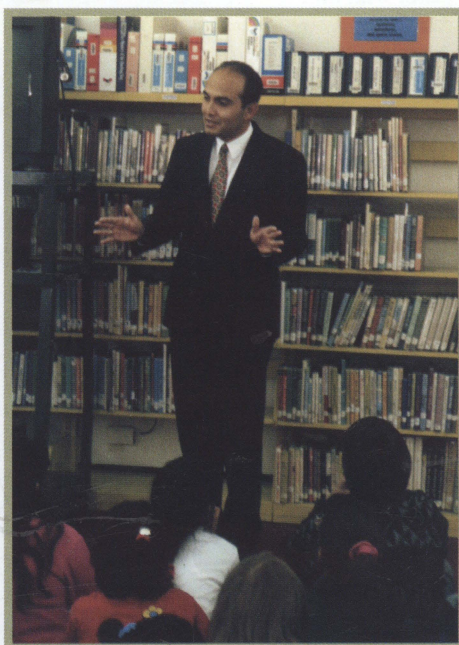
Both Martinez and Briones are currently handling over 2,500 cases a year, in comparison to a typical caseload of 400 to 475 a year for other federal judges. Congress is considering two additional judges for the Western District of Texas and both Martinez

and Briones believe they should be placed in El Paso.

“We are desperately in need of more judges,” says Martinez. “Based on numbers alone, we could easily justify five federal judges in El Paso. Typically, a federal judge averages approximately 70 sentences a year. In six months, I’ve already doubled that.”

Martinez attributes his good fortune to a nurturing home environment provided by his best friend and wife Mayela, a first-grade school teacher and a UTEP graduate, and their two daughters. The family often looks to music to bring them together. Martinez retains an affinity for the piano and sometimes displays his musical talents at church.

“What makes Phil unique is not one quality, but a collection,” says Moreno. “Anyone can be a great lawyer or judge, but often at the expense of other things. Phil succeeds completely.”



Dreams do come true: Judge Phil Martinez donates his time speaking to youth about the importance of education.

DAVID

Briones is the first to admit that he didn't hit the ground running when it came to college. And his road to success wasn't always smooth. But those are distant memories for this United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

Briones graduated from El Paso High School and entered UTEP in 1961. Soon after, he was drafted by the U.S. Army because he wasn't a full-time student. His decision to invest in higher education was reaffirmed during this time.

"It was an experience (the army)," he said. "I knew as soon as I got out of there I'd go back to school and I did."

Briones returned to UTEP in 1966. His interest in the advocacy of the legal rights of underrepresented groups began to surface at about the time that another El Paso icon was getting his start.

In 1967 Texas State Rep. Paul C. Moreno, D-El Paso, was starting his first term and asked Briones to go to Austin with him and manage his capitol office.

In Austin, Briones attended UT Austin part-time and worked full-time in the legislature.

Once the legislative session ended, Briones returned to UTEP where he worked vigorously, completing his degree in 1969. The graduate returned to Austin to staff Moreno's office during the legislative session, then enrolled at the UT School of Law that June.

"I was scared and broke," he recalled.

Briones attended school on a scholarship from the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), money left from his GI Bill, loans, and money earned from working for Moreno, the man who would later become his law partner of 20 years.

He received his Doctor of Jurisprudence in August 1971 and was admitted to the State Bar of Texas that September.

Today Briones enjoys success as a federal judge and is serving the community that gave him his start.

Julie Reynolds can testify to Briones' work ethic and dedication. She worked for him for the 20 years that he was in practice with Moreno.

"He is very sincere and very serious about his work, he was a very good employer," she said. "One thing I remember most is that he always gave his clients the time they needed. He'd sit with them talking and offering information. He was always on top of everything."

President Bill Clinton nominated Briones to the federal bench on Aug. 25, 1994 and he was confirmed by the United States Senate on Oct. 7.

Briones boasts about being the first federal judge appointed to sit on the El Paso Federal Court, who is also a born and raised El Pasoan.

"I think I started a trend, one that I hope will continue," he said. Philip Martinez, a recently appointed United States district judge, is an El Paso resident as well.

Before Martinez was installed, Briones handled the biggest caseload in the country. Today, the two men preside over 2,500 cases per year. The national average number of cases for a U.S. District Judge is 482.

Since becoming district judge, Briones has been active in gaining a new federal courthouse for El Paso, which is planned for 2006. He hopes that this will bring more federal judicial help to this area.

Briones also has been credited with keeping lawyers in El Paso by hiring them as law clerks when they graduate from law school. Each year he receives 70 to 80 applications from students eager for the experience of working for a federal judge.

Former clerks Mark Briggs, Rodolfo Mata, Carolyn Peterson and Chris Antcliff have all opted to remain in El Paso as attorneys.

Briones is married to Delia (Garcia) Briones and they have four sons, one of whom is a UTEP graduate - Nathan Casillas coaches the girl's cross-country team at El Paso High School. Five of Briones' siblings are UTEP graduates, putting their degrees and talents to work in education and on behalf of their communities.

Former El Pasoan Sam Sparks, United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas who now serves in Austin, recently praised Briones for his achievements in the July Fifth Circuit District Judges Newsletter.

"David is one of the hardest working judges I've ever known," he writes. "In the first six months of 2002 he has tried 21 jury cases, closed 695 criminal cases, sentenced 837 defendants and closed 115 civil cases. I doubt that any judge in the country can match these statistics, yet Judge Briones works every day without complaint of any nature."

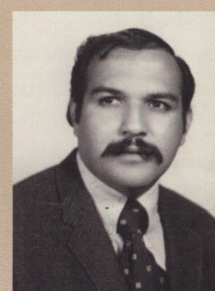
Sparks goes on to say, "He is the best that the Western District of Texas has, and is proud to be a United States District Judge."



One of 10 siblings, Briones said growing up was "very crowded."



Briones was drafted into the U.S. Army in the early 60s and returned to UTEP at the expiration of his military service in 1966.



He entered UT School of Law in June 1969. Briones finished school in two years with academic excellence.

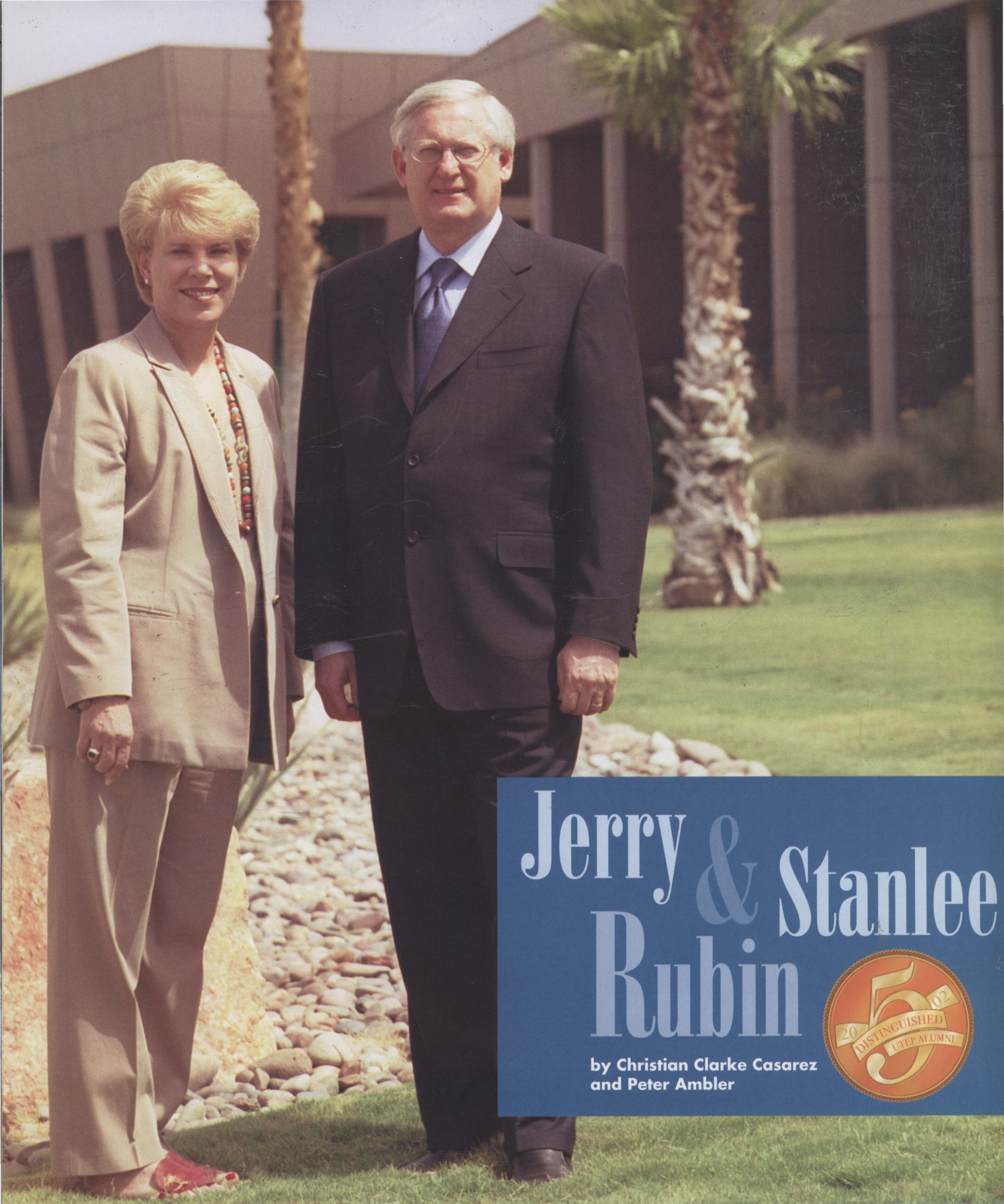
David Briones

by Donna Lynn Dennis



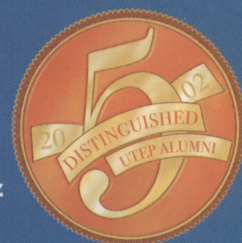
"I THINK I STARTED A TREND,
one that I hope will continue."

Briones (right) refers to Texas State Rep. Paul C. Moreno, D-El Paso (center) as a friend and mentor who taught him that "You can accomplish many things, even with a disability." The two were law partners for 20 years.



Jerry & Stanlee Rubin

by Christian Clarke Casarez
and Peter Ambler



"We can operate Helen of Troy out of any place in the world and we choose to be here."

For more than 30 years, Jerry Rubin and his wife Stanlee have dedicated themselves to building El Paso's only multinational corporation, a beauty and personal care products industry leader that boasts \$500 million in annual sales. Each year, Helen of Troy unveils new products - from fun and fresh hair clips to the newly patented "quiet ion dryers" - that energize and dominate the marketplace.

Although consumers beyond the southwestern United States may not be familiar with the company's name, thousands of men and women begin their daily beauty regimens with the company's products, which are household names: Vidal Sassoon, Revlon, Sunbeam and Dr. Scholl's.

These popular personal care staples, stamped with the inconspicuous HOT acronym, are the products of a no-nonsense strategist who understands the softer and whimsical side of beauty and the rougher, more competitive realm of international business.

Jerry Rubin has crafted his professional mantra from such words as 'quality,' 'innovation,' and 'excellence.'

His global pursuit to develop and market the best beauty and personal care products throughout the United States and worldwide have brought him into contact with pop icons and political leaders from supermodel Cindy Crawford to National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice.

Despite more than three decades of professional success and market dominance, the Helen of Troy CEO exhibits the same energy and vision that he had when he first entered the business world—at age 11. This future CEO worked after school and on the weekends at his father's beauty supply distribution store and by 14, he had assumed many of the buying responsibilities.

Two years later, Jerry and his brother Irvin opened Star Jewelry in downtown El Paso. As the executive-in-training balanced high school classes with after-school business, Jerry met Stanlee, his future wife and business partner.

After graduating from El Paso High School, the couple enrolled in Texas Western College (now UTEP). Jerry majored in

biological sciences and chemistry in preparation for a possible medical career. Stanlee prepared for her future career as a teacher, majoring in secondary education.

After classes, Jerry and Stanlee met in the old library (now the Geology Reading Room) to study and socialize. They regularly joined friends from the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity and Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority to cheer on the Miner football and basketball teams, sitting behind Don Haskins during the great games of the 1960s.

After graduating in 1965, Jerry pursued graduate studies at Arizona State and enlisted in the Army Reserves. After he and Stanlee returned to El Paso in 1968, they launched Helen of Troy—inspired by the legendary beauty whose face was said to have launched a thousand ships. By 1975, the company was among the largest distributors of wigs and hairpieces in the United States. That year, the Rubins also began selling professional-quality hair dryers and curling irons (two of the company's staple products) to beauty distributors who, in turn, sold them to salons.

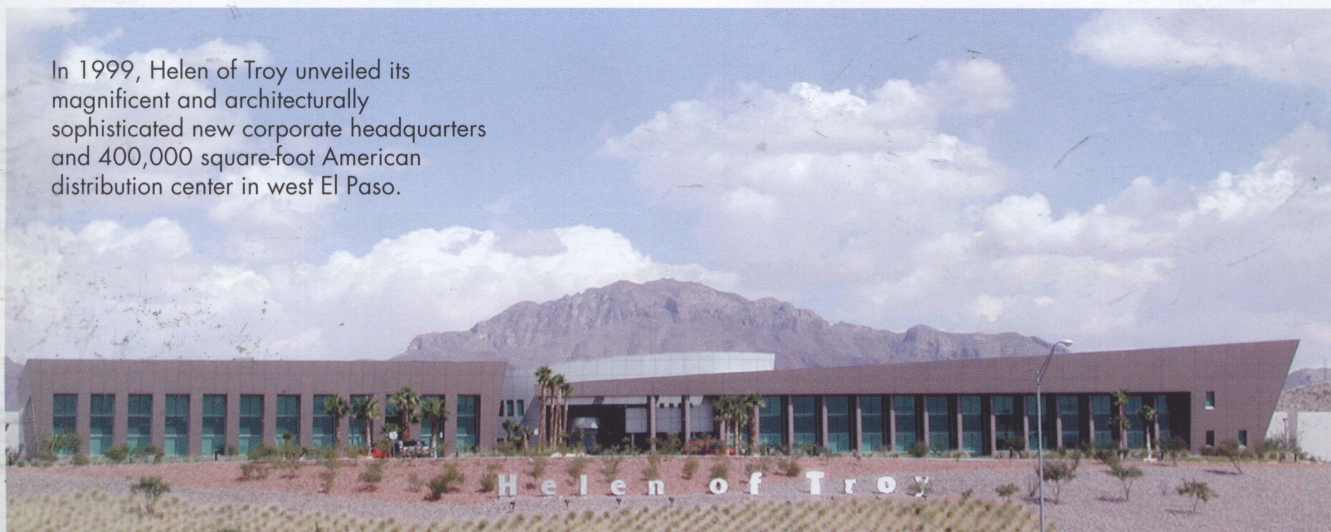
In the early 1980s, Jerry saw an opportunity to sell Helen of Troy products directly to the country's major retailers, but the move would not be easy. The young company had yet to establish a well-recognized name that would translate into strong off-the-shelf sales.

In 1981, Jerry flew to California to negotiate a much-coveted licensing agreement with Vidal Sassoon. The El Paso-based company faced stiff competition from multibillion-dollar corporations. But, Jerry's compelling presentation won Vidal Sassoon's confidence and the contract, bringing the national license for personal care products back home.

"All of the competitors were bigger than we were," Jerry recounts with a smile. "Although we had never sold products in retail distribution, Vidal Sassoon's executives appreciated our high-quality professional product."

The Rubins then set their sights on expanding the Helen of Troy presence in the marketplace.

In 1999, Helen of Troy unveiled its magnificent and architecturally sophisticated new corporate headquarters and 400,000 square-foot American distribution center in west El Paso.



Ten years later, Helen of Troy became a licensee for Revlon, whose representatives originally balked at signing with a company so closely associated with one of their chief competitors. Jerry won over the Revlon executives with his now-patented pitch: "We're the best at what we do. We create the best products, with the best engineering and the best marketing."

Throughout the years, Helen of Troy has maintained its place in the market by capitalizing on global opportunities, manufacturing its products in the United States, the Far East and Mexico.

Jerry also led the development of the company's own line of hair and brush accessories, reestablishing the faltering German brand, Wigo, as a high-end international product. Helen of Troy also acquired a majority ownership in Tactica International, the company that manufactures the popular hair removal cream Epil-Stop.

As the company continued to grow, Jerry and Stanlee could have relocated to anywhere in the world, but the corporate couple chose to stay in El Paso. Three years ago, Helen of Troy unveiled its magnificent and architecturally sophisticated new corporate headquarters and American distribution center-located in El Paso.

When asked why he built the more than 400,000 square-foot distribution center in his hometown, Jerry counters with "Why not?"

"We can operate Helen of Troy out of any place in the world and we choose to be here. I am not sure why that is so hard for people to understand" says Jerry, whose relentless recruitment of the industry's best executives continues to build the intellectual capital of the region.

"Recruiting people has never been a problem for Helen of Troy," Jerry says. "El Paso is a great place to do business. Outsiders see the city's potential, but locally many people do not realize that success is right under their nose."

And the Rubins ensure that Helen of Troy successes profit the community in which they live.

Each year, Stanlee, who is a member of the corporation's board of directors, oversees the company's generous philanthropic support of dozens of organizations, including the El Paso Shelter for Battered Women, the Ronald McDonald House, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, the B'nai Zion Synagogue, the YWCA, the Holocaust Museum, and many others.

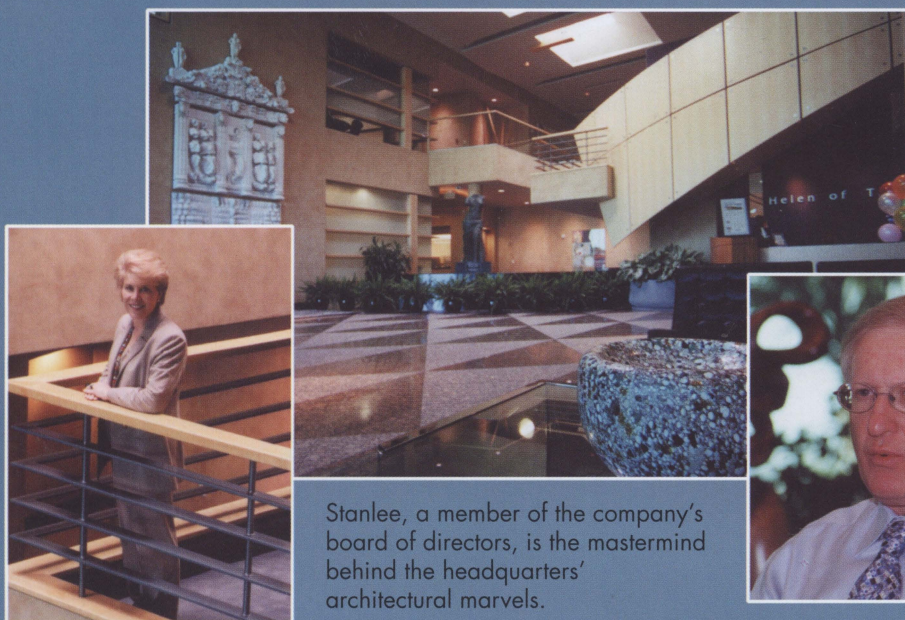
These commitments are only part of the company's many contributions to El Paso. Since Helen of Troy maintains a strong marketplace position due to the lifelong encouragement of beauty and excellence by the Rubins, it is particularly appropriate that the couple generously supports the arts - within their company and throughout the community.

Stanlee is the mastermind behind the headquarters' architectural marvels. As the company prepared to become a gateway to El Paso's Westside business corridor, she recruited one of the country's top architects, Kevin Farrell, to lead the endeavor. Today, museum-quality art work from around the world lines the corridors and decorative details such as curling-iron pillars and hair-comb door handles accentuate any tour of the impressive facility.

Stanlee's cultivated appreciation for the arts also translates into a sustained commitment to cultural pursuits at both the national and local level. Earlier this year, Helen of Troy supported the National Medals Ceremony, at which author Tom Wolfe and illustrator José Cisneros were honored.

Closer to home, the Rubins are generously contributing to the renovation of UTEP's Seamon Hall, which will expand the display space for the university's art programs.

"Beauty - especially through the arts - enriches life," Stanlee says. "Art - whether in a gallery or in one's home - makes each of us stop for a moment to reflect upon our lives."



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Museum-quality artwork from around the world lines the corridors.



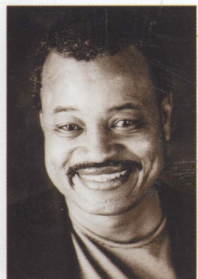
Gold Nuggets

bring recognition
to university and colleges

By Erica Martinez

Each year, the university recognizes an exceptional individual from each college to honor during Homecoming celebrations. This year's Gold Nuggets bring a lifetime of service to the university and their communities, and bestow pride on their alma mater. The 2002 honorees exemplify the quality of UTEP.

"We are very proud of this year's Gold Nugget honorees. They are outstanding representatives of UTEP alumni excellence, and we look forward to recognizing their many accomplishments at Homecoming," says UTEP President Diana Natalicio.



Robert Wingo - College of Business Administration

As president and CEO of Sanders, Wingo, Galvin & Morton Advertising, Robert (Bob) Wingo has launched multi-million dollar marketing and sales strategies for companies such as Savane International Corp., Helen of Troy, Sierra Providence Health Network, Sprint and the 1984 Winter Olympics.

After serving in the Vietnam War, the 1974 UTEP marketing and advertising graduate began his professional career as vice president of sales and advertising for BTK Industries Inc., where he was responsible for implementing marketing sales strategies for a \$45 million sales division.

In 1983, he joined SWG&M Advertising where he has led the national launch of Savane Wrinkle-Free Sportswear, the introduction of Dr. Scholl's line of personal massagers, and other campaigns for Revlon and Vidal Sassoon products under licensing agreements with Helen of Troy.

Wingo led SWG&M Advertising in a vital launch of its own in 2000, opening its first branch office in Austin to continue its personalized and professional services to local, regional and national clientele. The company has more than 60 employees and \$39 million in annual revenues.

As a Silver Medal Award recipient from the American Advertising Federation, Wingo was inducted into the El Paso Business Hall of Fame in 2001. He serves on the Texas Finance Commission, and as chair of the Economic Development Committee for the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce, and as an advisory board member for UTEP's colleges of Business and Liberal Arts. His wife, Paulette, and daughter, Leslie, also are UTEP graduates in education and marketing, respectively.

"Being selected as a UTEP Gold Nugget has been one of the highest honors I have received," says Wingo. "UTEP's College of Business Administration and its professors had a profound effect on my business career. They gave me the confidence and prepared me for my career."

Charles Zartman Jr. - College of Education

Upon graduation from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles with a bachelor's degree in history, Charles Zartman Jr. embarked on a journey to the southwest corner of Texas that would define who he is today.

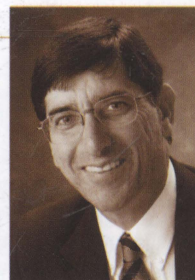
With a desire to teach, Zartman was accepted to the Volunteers for Educational and Social Services program of Austin and placed in El Paso at the Jesus and Mary Academy in 1975. He taught social studies and English, and was the school's guidance counselor. For his full-time services, he was compensated with \$75 a month and one meal a day. A year later he went on to teach for El Paso Independent School District.

Teaching during the day, he attended UTEP in the evening and in 1978, earned his master's degree in education with a concentration in guidance and counseling. Working in a clinical setting developed his sensitivity to the needs of individuals and families along the El Paso-Juárez border. Zartman went on to work with Project BRAVO, or Building

Resources and Vocational Opportunities, a community action agency. He continued his education and earned his doctoral degree in social, multicultural and bilingual foundations of education from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1981.

Zartman is now a professor at California State University-Chico. His expertise in bilingual education, teaching strategies and programs to meet the needs of limited English proficient students has allowed him to secure millions of dollars in research grants from the U.S. and California departments of education.

He has served as chair of the Joint Delegate Assembly at the 1994 California Legislative Action Session and is a renowned lecturer on bilingual education program development.





Robert Malone - College of Engineering

At the helm of U.S. operations, Robert Malone regional president for British Petroleum, known as BP, oversees exploration, refining, transportation, environmental remediation and investments for the company.

BP is the largest producer of oil and natural gas, the second largest gasoline retailer in the United States and the third largest energy company in the world. Company sales totaled more than \$174

billion last year, with products sold in approximately 100 countries, representing sales to more than 10 million customers daily.

Malone earned his bachelor's degree in metallurgical engineering from UTEP in 1974 and a master's degree in management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1989 as an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow. He began his professional career in 1974 with the Kennecott Copper Corp. in Ely, Nev. After BP's purchase of Kennecott, Malone was appointed to director

of health, safety and environment for BP America.

He went on to serve as vice president of operations of Carborundum Co., a company subsidiary, and later was named vice president and president of BP Pipelines in Alaska, where he administered the company's assets in the Trans Alaska Pipeline System and other North American Slope pipelines. In 1996, Malone was appointed president and chief operating officer of Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., partially owned by BP. Headquartered in London, British Petroleum also has operations in Europe, North and South America and Africa.

Throughout his career Malone has been active in the community, serving on the board of directors of the California Business Roundtable, the Los Angeles World Affairs Council, board of directors for the Alaska Oil and Gas Association and as campaign chairman for the United Way of Anchorage, Alaska. Malone recently was appointed by California Governor Gray Davis to the Board of Directors of the California Climate Action Registry, which establishes emissions baselines.

Michael Lyman - College of Health Sciences

Michael Lyman's humanitarian hand has touched those in need from the deserts of Somalia to polar Alaska.

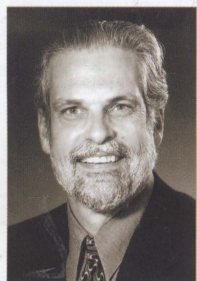
His philanthropic deeds include directing health services to a refugee camp of 5,000 along the Kuwait-Iraq border, and serving as an epidemiologist for the Centers for Disease Control in Angola and Armenia. As a member of the Commissioned Corps Readiness Force, Lyman was part of the Y2K emergency preparatory efforts by FEMA and the Office of Emergency Preparedness in Washington, D.C. He recently was senior international health officer for the Office of International and Refugee Health, leading the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services interactions with the U.S.-Mexico Binational Commission.

Lyman began his college education at UTEP, where he earned his bachelor's degree in nursing in 1978. He went on to obtain his master's

degree in public health from the University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston in 1989.

This past July, Lyman transferred to Africa where he is now the deputy director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Global AIDS Program in Mozambique.

Fluent in Spanish, Russian, Portuguese, French, Italian and Yupik Eskimo, Lyman's efforts to improve medical services and disease prevention in the Western Hemisphere have earned him many notable awards. These include the National Emergency Preparedness Award, the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Commendation Medal and Award for Distinguished Service, two Isolated Hardship Service Awards and four Foreign Duty Services Awards.



James Rohack - College of Liberal Arts

A nationally recognized author and lecturer on medical education and delivery of health care, James Rohack received his bachelor's degree in psychology with high honors as a Stevens Scholar from UTEP in 1976 and his doctor of medicine degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch-Galveston in 1980.

An East Rochester, N.Y., native, he is a senior staff cardiologist at Scott and White Clinic and a professor of medicine at Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine. Rohack also serves as director for the Scott and White Plan, a nonprofit community-based health plan that has received national recognition for quality medical service and delivery. His area of research includes lipid metabolism, exercise physiology and health care delivery.

Since the beginning of his medical career, Rohack has been involved at the national and state level, serving on the board of trustees for the American and Texas medical associations. He also served as chairman of the National Board of Medical Examiners, the Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education, the Liaison Committee on Specialty Boards, and the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, which accredits doctor of medicine degree programs in the United States and Canada.

Rohack is a Who's Who Award recipient in the fields of medicine, health care, science, and engineering. He has been recognized by the American Heart Association with numerous awards, including the Regional Volunteer of the Year, for Distinguished Service and the Paul V. Ledbetter Physician Volunteer of Year. In addition, he has been a guest speaker for UTEP's Journey into the New Millennium lecture series, Texas Tech University System Health Science Center, and the Scott and White Corporation.

Martha Medrano - College of Science

As one of eight children, El Paso native Martha Medrano recognized the importance of education early. She obtained her bachelor's degree in biology from UTEP in 1977, doctor of medicine degree from the University of Texas Health Sciences Center-San Antonio in 1981 and master of public health degree from the University of Texas-Houston Health Sciences Center in 1997.

As the director of the Medical Hispanic Center of Excellence at the UT Health Science Center-San Antonio, Medrano has served on the faculty of the Department of Psychiatry, and its alcohol/drug addiction and child psychiatry divisions, since 1986. She also is the south-central regional director for Redes en Accion, a multi-site grant funded by the National Cancer Institute for cancer research and training within Hispanic communities. Medrano also serves on both the Minority Women Panel of Experts for the National Office on Women's Health and the National

Advisory Board for the National Hispanic Medical Association. She is the University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio representative to the National Association of Hispanics Serving Health Profession Schools.

Medranos medical research, including a study on the effects of childhood trauma on female drug addicts, has earned her national recognition by the American Academy of Family Physicians, the National Medical Fellowship Distinguished Award, the President's Award for Child Advocacy and the National Hispanic Medical Association Advisory Board Award. Medrano also is a San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame inductee and recipient of UTEP's Men and Women of Mines award for service.





UTEP President Diana Natalicio, along with members of the UTEP Alumni Relations Office, meet members of the Colorado alumni chapter in Vail. The Colorado chapter raised \$1000 to benefit UTEP students.



Juan Roberto Job, 2001 Gold Nugget recipient, hosted a reception in New York City at the Mexican Cultural Institute. He is pictured with fellow UTEP alumni (from left to right) Cecilia Cosca and Patricia Brunson.

Calendar

Alumni Association Away Pre-Game Parties

UTEP at San Jose State in San Jose, CalifSept. 28
Party: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Kick-off: 7 p.m. (Pacific)

UTEP at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.....Oct. 5
Party: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Kick-off: 6 p.m. (Mountain)

For more information, please contact the Alumni Relations Office at 915/747-8600, or toll-free at 1-866-GO-MINERS. E-mail us at alumni@utep.edu.

Season of Lights

10th Anniversary CelebrationDec. 5
Center of Campus

WANTED:

Miner memorabilia from the '66 basketball season

In 1966, the Miners, playing for what was then Texas Western College, stunned the nation by defeating the highly favored Kentucky Wildcats for the NCAA title in men's basketball. As the first university to start a championship game with five African-American players, TWC broke the color bar in college sports.

UTEP is creating a traveling exhibit that will document this athletic achievement and its contribution to social change in America. If you have any items

you would like to donate, please stop by the De Wetter Center during Homecoming (Oct. 14-19) and visit with local exhibit curator Joe Gomez or one of our staff

members. Some of the memorabilia donated will be used for the traveling exhibit. For more information, please e-mail us at alumni@utep.edu.



In Memoriam

Josefina A. "Pipina" Salas-Porras

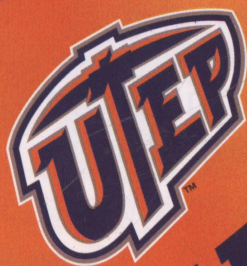
Josefina A. "Pipina" Salas-Porras (B.A. '46)

June 7, 2002. She was one of only 14 Hispanic women at Texas Western College (now UTEP) when she enrolled. She taught elementary school for several years and, in 1970, founded the Bilingual Institute, an international language school that provided training in second-language acquisition and cultural awareness. She held appointments, often as the first Hispanic woman, on key boards, including The Freedom Forum, the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas-El Paso Branch, the El Paso Electric Company, and the Mountain Bell-Texas Advisory Board. The 19 boards on which she served included many in El Paso: KCOS Public Television, El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau, El Paso Diabetes Association, and Los Pobres Community Theater. She also was a



member of the advisory councils for the Business Department of the El Paso Community College and the College of Communication at the University of Texas at Austin. Through The Freedom Forum, she brought recognition and financial support to the communication department at UTEP, the

communication college at U.T. Austin, and Cathedral High School in El Paso. She was a strong supporter of the UTEP Mother-Daughter Program. In addition, Salas-Porras was a member of the UTEP Women's Auxiliary, the UTEP Alumni Association, the UTEP Matrix Society and chair of her 1996 UTEP class reunion. Her book *El Ratoncito Pequeño*, based on a children's tale she learned in her youth, was illustrated by artist Jose Cisneros and published in 2001.



MINERS

Traditions Start Here

HOMECOMING 2002 OCTOBER 14-19

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Annual Alumni-Faculty Mixer

4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17
Home of Dr. and Mrs. Larry Murr
Information: 747-6929 or
747-5468, or e-mail:
fekberg@utep.edu

Civil Engineering Alumni Reception

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday,
Oct. 18
Engineering Lawn
Information: 747-6913 or
747-8664, or e-mail:
oeyhong@utep.edu or
msgomez@utep.edu

Mechanical and Industrial Engineering Barbecue

6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18
Engineering Building Lawn
Information: 747-5450, or e-mail:
leverett@utep.edu

Engineering Homecoming Alumni Breakfast

8:15-10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19
El Paso Natural Gas Conference
Center
\$12 per person
Information: 747-8801 or
747-5460, or e-mail:
lrios@eng.utep.edu or
eng@utep.edu

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Gold Nugget Luncheon

9-11 a.m. Friday,
Oct. 18
Fountain Room, College of Health
Sciences
Information: 747-7201, or e-mail:
pdumond@utep.edu

Alumni Homecoming Tailgate Party

4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19
Pavilion across from Memorial
Gym
Information: 747-8204, or e-mail:
jgriffen@utep.edu

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Military Science Department Racquetball Tournament

Oct. 15-17
Racquetball Courts, Memorial
Gym
Information: 747-6692, or e-mail:
cdroen@utep.edu

Art Exhibit

8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 12-Oct. 17
Wise Family Theatre, Fox Fine
Arts Center
Information: 747-7837, or e-mail:
bonansin@utep.edu

Military Science Open House

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17
Military Science Building
Information: 747-6692, or e-mail:
cdroen@utep.edu

Gold Nugget Award Ceremony and Reception

5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17
Wise Family Theatre, Fox Fine
Arts Center
Information: 747-7363, or e-mail:
cwell@utep.edu

English Department

Homecoming Reception

2:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17
Foyer, Hudspeth Hall
Information: 747-6240, or e-mail:
crhymes@utep.edu

Language and Linguistics Reception

Noon-3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18
Liberal Arts Building, First Floor,
Room 109
Information: 747-7019, or e-mail:
arismen@utep.edu

History Department Reception

4-6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18
History Department, Liberal Arts
Building, Third Floor
Special honorees: Professor
Cheryl E. Martin, recipient of the
Dr. and Mrs. W.H. Timmons
Borderlands History Professorship
Information: 747-5508, or e-mail:
eyanez@utep.edu

Political Science Homecoming Reception

9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19
Thomas I. Cook Seminar Room,
Benedict Hall, Room 205
Information: 747-7968, or e-mail:
dpancoast@utep.edu

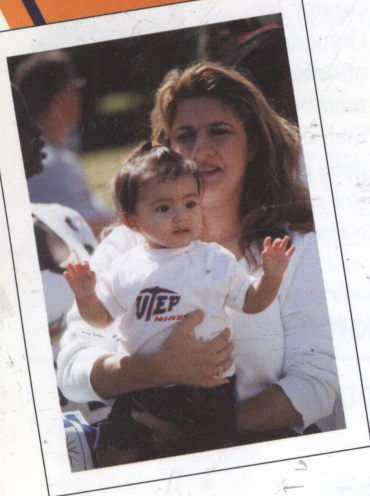
Communications Department Homecoming Brunch

10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20
Cotton Memorial Building Lawn
Information: 747-5129, or e-mail:
julie@utep.edu

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Gold Nugget Breakfast

9-11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 18
Geology Reading Room,
Geological Sciences Building,
Third Floor



COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION Homecoming and Gold Nugget Award Reception

4:30-6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17
Lobby, Business Administration
Building, First Floor
Information: 747-7715 or
747-7718, or e-mail:
jwillems@utep.edu

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION Gold Nugget Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 18
Templeton Suite, Union Building
East, Third Floor
RSVP required
Information:
747-5572, or
e-mail:
jpayan@utep.edu



Information: 747-5536, or
e-mail: mcadena@utep.edu

Physics Department Homecoming Picnic

5:30-7 p.m. Friday,
Oct. 18
Leech Grove
RSVP required
Information:
747-7527, or
e-mail: twebber@utep.edu

Mathematical Sciences

Homecoming Coffee

10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 19
Bell Hall, Room 125
Information: 747-5761, or e-mail:
jguthrie@utep.edu

Geological Sciences Brunch

9-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19
Geology Reading Room,
Geological Sciences Building,
Third Floor
\$8 per person
Information: 747-6551 or
747-5501, or e-mail:
hart@geo.utep.edu

College of Science Pre-Game Tailgate Party

4-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19
Leech Grove
Information: 747-5536, or e-mail:
mcadena@utep.edu

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

For information on Alumni events,
contact Jeannie Johnston or Doreen
Black at 915/747-8600 or toll free
at 866/GO-MINERS, or e-mail:
alumni@utep.edu or log on to
www.utep.edu/alumni.

Contact the Alumni Relations Office
for information on special rates with
area hotels. Visit the de Wetter
Center during Homecoming to
purchase your 2002-2003 UTEP
Collectible for only \$15.

Alumni Association Golf Tournament

1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11
Emerald Springs Golf Course

Golden Grads Welcome Luncheon

Noon-2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17
de Wetter Center

Golden Grads Dinner and Sock-Hop

7-10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17
Holiday Hall

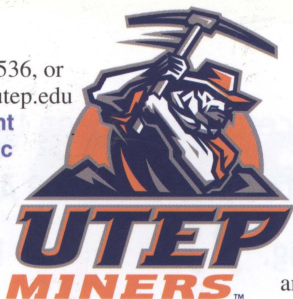
Open House

8:30 a.m.-noon Friday Oct. 18
de Wetter Center

Honored Class Luncheon to
Honor the Class of 1952

1 p.m. (after Homecoming
Parade) Friday, Oct. 18

Geology
Reading Room,
Geological
Sciences
Building,



Third Floor Reunion Luncheon

Special event
honoring the
Distinguished
Alumni, Gold
Nuggets and the
anniversary classes of
1962, 1972 and 1977.

2 p.m. (after the Homecoming
Rally) Friday, Oct. 18
de Wetter Center

Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Event

6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18
Don Haskins Center
Tickets available at the UTEP
Ticket Center, 747-5234

Golden Grads Luncheon Honoring the Class of 1952

11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19
Tomás Rivera Conference Center,
Union Building East, Third Floor

Alumni Association Pre-Game Party

4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19
de Wetter Center

FACILITIES SERVICES

Float Building Workshops

3-5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27
3-4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3
Physical Plant Classroom, 3120
Sun Bowl Dr.
Information: 747-7104, or e-mail:
ygarcia@utep.edu

HERITAGE HOUSE

Exhibits on university history
featuring a special jewelry
exhibit.

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday-Friday,
Oct. 16-18, 10 a.m.-noon
Saturday, Oct. 19.
Information: 747-5592

HONORS PROGRAM

Open House

2-4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17
Honors House
Information: 747-5858, or e-mail:
macarnie@utep.edu

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Homecoming Parade

12:20 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18
University Ave.

Pep Rally

1:15 p.m. (following the
Homecoming Parade) Friday,
Oct. 18

Undergraduate
Learning Center
• Information: 747-
5670, or e-mail:
matsoto@utep.edu

STAFF COUNCIL

Breast Cancer Awareness Fun Walk/Run Race

8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12
Leech Grove. Registration starts
at 7 a.m.

Information: 747-8630, or e-mail:
odominguez@utep.edu

UTEP ALUMNI BAND

Marching Band Rehearsal

3-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19
Meet at the Sun Bowl Stadium for
rehearsal with the Marching
Miners. Bring your instrument and
wear your UTEP colors.

Alumni Band Party and Business Meeting

4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19
Fox Fine Arts Center

Football Game Halftime Performance

6:15 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 19
Information: 747-
5665, or e-mail:
ctredway@utep.edu

UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE

Second Annual

Bookstore Fashion Show

Noon Wednesday, Oct. 16
Union Building Plaza
Information: 747-7427, or e-mail:
melendez@utep.edu.

ATHLETICS

HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME

UTEP Miners vs. Rice University
Owls
8:05 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19
Sun Bowl
For tickets, call the UTEP Ticket
Office at 747-5234.

All events are free unless otherwise
noted.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Homecoming Pageant

6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16
Wise Family Theatre
Information: 747-5584, or e-mail:
sga@listserv.utep.edu

Homecoming Celebration

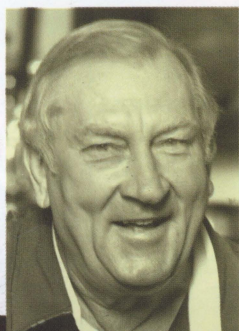
4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19
Center of Campus
Information: 747-5584, or e-mail:
sga@listserv.utep.edu

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS AND RECRUITMENT

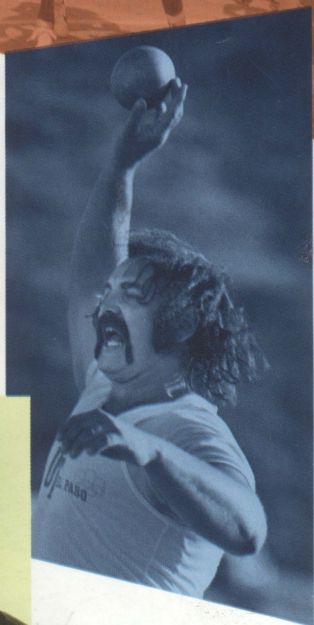
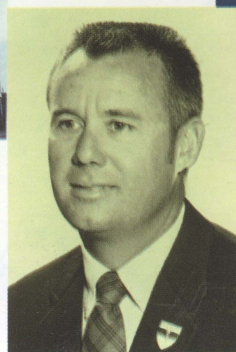
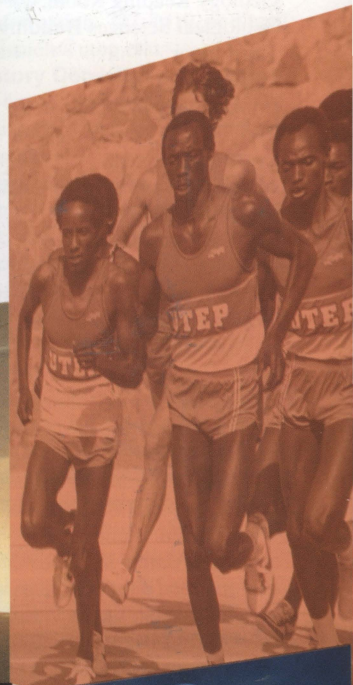
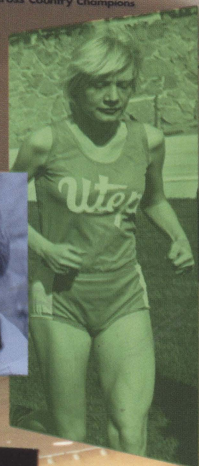
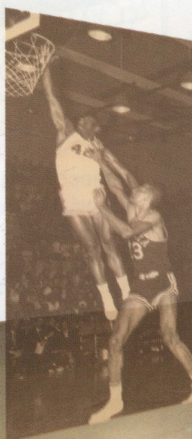
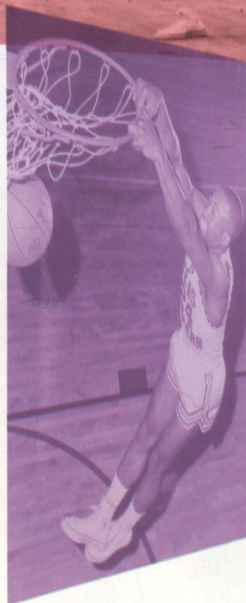
Leadership "U" High School Juniors and Seniors

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16
Union Building East, Third Floor
Information: 747-5890, or e-mail:
lalarcon@utep.edu or
christinep@utep.edu





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“ It’s a real honor for me to be inducted into the first class, especially with Don because of what he did in 1966. ” — Ted Banks

UTEP Athletic Hall of Fame Opens Doors

By Jeff Darby

UTEP's proud athletic heritage will be showcased in the Larry K. Durham Sports Center at the inaugural

induction ceremony and banquet for the UTEP Athletic Hall of Fame on Sept. 20.

The Hall of Fame will be permanently housed in the Durham Center.

"We have a UTEP Track Hall of Fame and an El Paso Hall of Fame, but not a Hall of Fame specifically for all Miner sports," says UTEP Director of Athletics Bob Stull. "The beauty of it is that we now have a location where we can recognize all of these standout teams and student-athletes."

The first set of inductees includes men's basketball coach Don Haskins, men's track and field coach Ted Banks, the 1965-66 men's national championship basketball team, and four men's and women's track and field squads which captured national team titles.

"The question for us was, 'Where do you start with the first year?' We've had 17 national championships in track alone," Stull said. "We assembled a group of people who knew all about the history of UTEP athletics to help us identify who should be honored initially. Don and Ted stood head and shoulders above all other individuals because of their accomplishments and dedication to UTEP."

Haskins recorded 719 wins in 38 seasons as the Miners' head coach, making him the 13th-winningest coach in NCAA history. Banks led UTEP to 17 NCAA team titles from 1972-81, leading 189 All-Americans during that span.

"I'm really flattered," Haskins said. "I've had a lot of nice things happen to me, but to be among the first inducted into the UTEP Athletic Hall of Fame is most gratifying."

Banks shares Haskins' sentiment.

"It's a real honor for me to be inducted into the first class, especially with Don because of what he did in 1966," he says. "I have a lot of good friends in El Paso, and I'm looking forward to seeing them again."

The 1965-66 Miners won the national championship in a game of tremendous historical and social significance. Haskins became the first coach to start five African-American players in the title game.

The track teams being recognized include the 1975 men's outdoor, 1980 women's indoor, 1980 men's indoor and 1981 men's cross country squads. To this day, the 1980 AIAW (Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women) champions remain the only Miner women's athletic team to claim a national title. Suleiman Nyambui, a 15-time NCAA men's champion, was a renowned member of the 1980 and 1981 teams. The 1981 unit posted an NCAA record-low score of 17 points, only two shy of perfection.

"We talked to former track coaches like Ted Banks, Wayne Vandenburg and John Wedel about which teams were the most outstanding," Stull said. "We didn't want to put everybody in at the same time. We wanted to make it special. Eventually, we'll get all of the teams into the Hall of Fame." **N**

Natalicio re-elected vice-chair of National Science Board

UTEP President Diana Natalicio was re-elected to a two-year term as vice-chair of the prestigious National Science Board.

"I have enjoyed very much my service on the National Science Board, and I am honored that my fellow board members have again elected me as their vice-chair,"



said Natalicio, who has served on the board since 1995.

The science board directs policy for the National Science Foundation which is an independent U.S. government agency responsible for promoting science and engineering programs.

The board is made up of 24 of the country's top academic and

industry leaders. Members, who serve six-year terms, are appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate.

In addition to her duties as UTEP president, Natalicio has served on numerous national boards and commissions, including the Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans, the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities, the U.S.-Mexico

Foundation for Science (Board of Governors), and the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future.

Dr. Natalicio also serves on the boards of Sandia Corporation, Trinity Industries, and the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering (NACME). She is a past chair of the board of the American Association for Higher Education.

UT System Board of Regents visit El Paso



Chairman Charles Miller, UT Board of Regents

The UT System Board of Regents met in El Paso Aug. 7-8 for the first time in five years. The board unanimously approved UTEP's plans to construct a \$10 million academic services building and a \$25 million biosciences center. The Regents also approved doctoral degrees in civil engineering and international business.

These doctoral programs are now under review by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and are expected to be in place by next year.

The nine-member Board of Regents for the University of Texas

System governs the system's 15 components, which includes UTEP. Duties include setting policy for the system, appointing the chancellor and presidents of the system's institutions, overseeing university investments and serving as advocates for higher education in Texas.

Also approved was a \$7.09 billion budget for the UT System. UTEP's portion of the system's budget is \$208 million, a six percent increase over last year's budget.



A reception was held at the Durham Center honoring the UT System Board of Regents.



Larry K. Durham Center officially opens

The Larry K. Durham Center officially opened to the public with a ribbon cutting ceremony held on Aug. 30 which featured speakers UTEP President Diana Natalicio and Larry K. Durham.

Construction of the center began in January, 2000. The 60,000-square foot, \$11 million complex features a strength and conditioning center, a student-athlete lounge/computer center, a football locker room, first-class coaches' offices, a separate kinesiology laboratory, a multi-purpose meeting center, a "Hall of Champions" recognizing building and campaign donors, and the display of memorabilia from UTEP's past and current athletic accomplishments.

Durham lettered four years at UTEP from 1961-64. He was a standout performer for the Miners on the gridiron. A halfback who also saw time on the UTEP

defense, Durham concluded his career with seven interceptions for 150 yards. The 150 interception yards rank fifth on the UTEP career list, and the seven interceptions are tied for the sixth-best total in school annals.

On Sept. 21, 1963, Durham made history when he scored the first-ever touchdown in the Sun Bowl. His score came off a 54-yard run on the first play from scrimmage against North Texas State.



Durham's 100-yard interception for a touchdown against New Mexico on Oct. 6, 1962 is tied for

the longest interception return in UTEP history.



State Rep. Pat Haggerty, UTEP President Diana Natalicio, Larry K. Durham, and UTEP Athletic Director Bob Stull officially open the Larry K. Durham Center.

• A L U M N O T E S •

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Robert Borunda (M.A. '56) was presented the Gene Wilkins Honor Award for outstanding contributions to driver education and traffic safety in Texas at the 2002 annual convention of the Texas Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association. A retiree from the Region XIX Education Service Center, Borunda has supervised driver education at the El Paso Community College for the past 12 years.

Jose Luis Carrera (B.A. '59) retired from the FBI and is a director for the First Credit Union in Tempe, Ariz.

60s

John J. Fiol (B.A. '66; M.Ed. '80) is the bilingual/ESL coordinator for the Channelview Independent School District in Texas. The former Ysleta Independent School District administrator served as a middle school assistant principal, assistant principal for dropout recovery and as a change agent for Project Mariposa.

Howard F. Moeck Jr. (B.A. '65) is counsel with the law firm of Haworth and Hundley in Dallas. He is certified in oil, gas and mineral law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Ralph D. Reynolds (B.S. '66), a resident of Las Cruces, N.M., is retired from the federal government and New Mexico State University.

Sandra "Sandy" Fernandez Suhr (B.A. '66) retired from criminal law practice and raises Arabian horses near Silver City, N.M. She is president of Crime Stoppers for Grant County, N.M.

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Cecilia M. Cervantes (B.A. '71; M.Ed. '73), former associate vice president for lifelong learning at El Paso Community College, is president of Alameda Community College in California.

J. Thomas Dukes (B.A. '75; M.A. '77) was named the 2002 Outstanding Teacher at the University of Akron in Ohio, where he has taught for 18 years.

Erle S. Gooding (B.A. '78), who served as park manager with the Tennessee State Parks for 20 years, is parks manager for the city of Sugar Land, Texas.

Juergen Justin Knoop (B.B.A. '72), who retired from Bell Helicopter Textron Inc., teaches accounting at Tarrant County College in Fort Worth, Texas.

Philip Martinez (B.A. '79), a U.S. district judge, was named Outstanding Jurist by the El Paso Bar Association at its first Special Law Day Awards Luncheon in May.

John E. Ryan (B.A. '72), a resident of Marlboro, Mass., is the director of the Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile Program for Raytheon Electronic Systems, Air and Missile Defense

Systems.

Timothy D. Shelfer (B.A. '73), an employee of Sprint Communications for 16 years, manages the company's data processing facilities in Dallas and Reston, Va. He is a resident of Arlington, Texas.

Manuel Soto Jr. (B.A. '73; M.Ed. '75), former associate superintendent for the Ysleta Independent School District, is chief operating officer (deputy superintendent) for the Oklahoma City Public Schools.

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Rebecca Mares (B.A. '82), a fourth-grade teacher in the bilingual Gifted and Talented program, is Roosevelt Elementary School's Teacher of the Year. She also was a top 10 finalist for the El Paso Independent School District's Teacher of the Year.

Robert A. Martinez (B.S. '80), a resident of Albuquerque, N.M., has been promoted to brigadier general and is the deputy adjutant general of the New Mexico National Guard.

Katherine A. Metzger (B.B.A. '85) is associate dean of the Business Division of Milwaukee Area Technical College. She was elected to the school board of Wauwatosa, Wis. She earned a doctorate in education from Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee.

Eugene C. Pease (B.S.N. '82) earned a master of science in nursing degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and is a faculty member at Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing in Charlotte, N.C.

Angela H. Ryan (B.S.N. '81) is the director of neonatal nurse practitioners at Massachusetts General Hospital for Children in Boston and a member of the Harvard Medical School faculty.

Pamela A. Palmer-Smith (M.S.N. '84), who earned her Ph.D. in nursing from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is manager of the Trauma Rehabilitation Medicine Unit at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, Wash.

Sharon E. Sumner (B.B.A. '89) is senior vice president of marketing for the Fort Bliss Federal Credit Union in Las Cruces, N.M.

Roberto "Bobby" Villa (B.A. '88) received the National Association of Federal Defenders Outstanding Federal Defender Award. He has been an investigator with the office of the Federal Public Defender, Western District of Texas, El Paso branch for 12 years.

90s

Julie E. Aragon (B.A. '99) was a 2001 recipient of the *Homenaje a la Mujer* Hispanic Award given by the *Que Bonita Familia* volunteers for her leadership in MEChA, UTEP's Mother-Daughter and "Take Back the Night" programs, and the "El Paso-Juárez Mayoral Forum: A Vision of Future Cooperation." The award recognizes

the influential role of Hispanic women in fostering cultural traditions and the positive impact they have in their communities through volunteerism.

Fred O. Haiman (M.P.A. '92) joined the law firm of Ray, Valdéz, McChristian and Jeans in El Paso.

Michelle I. Humphrey (B.B.A. '95) joined the Roy F. and Joann Cole Mitte Foundation in Austin, Texas, as assistant vice president of community affairs. She will serve as liaison to non-profit organizations, evaluate community grant proposals and handle media and public relations.

Claudia A. Knight (M.P.T. '99) received the 2002 Dorothy Briggs Memorial Scientific Inquiry Award from the American Physical Therapy Association for her article on planta-flexors in *Physical Therapy*. She resides in Albuquerque, N.M.

Bradley N. McKean (M.B.A. '96) is director of plant quality for Delphi Energy and Chassis Systems, a division of Delphi Corporation in Troy, Mich. He will lead quality improvement activities throughout the division's worldwide manufacturing facilities.

Monika Poessiger Miles (B.B.A. '90) formed Labhart Miles Consulting Group in San Jose, Calif. The company specializes in helping corporations comply with state tax requirements. Miles previously worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers for 11 years.

Diana Bruce Oosterveld (B.A. '94) is the senior policy analyst for the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association in Washington, D.C. She is responsible for lobbying Congress and government agencies on reproductive health issues and mobilizing the association's membership.

Roderick G. Ramirez (B.B.A. '90), a district sales manager for Citicapital Commercial Corporation - Industrial Equipment Finance Division in Albuquerque N.M., a member of Citigroup, is responsible for El Paso and New Mexico territories.

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Jihoon P. Choi (B.S.M.E. '01) received his commission as a U.S. Navy ensign after completing Officer Candidate School at the Naval Aviation Schools Command in Pensacola, Fla.

OBITS

Jack Young Walker (B.A. '52) Nov. 11, 2000. Walker was a resident of Odessa, Texas.

Edna Jean Ferguson Tipton (B.A. '47) Jan. 31, 2001. Tipton, a longtime resident of Albuquerque, retired from a teaching career with the Albuquerque Public Schools.

Sandra Louise Toro (B.A. '73; M.A. '90) Sept.

7, 2001. She taught history at El Paso Community College since 1986.

Jackson B. Brown (B.S. '49) Dec. 14, 2001. Brown was a medic in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a geologist for Continental Oil Co., where he supervised projects in Midland. Brown was a member of the American Association of Professional Geologists, the West Texas Geological Society and the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists.

Guy Milton Decker (B.S. '77; M.S. '81) April 3, 2002. Decker was a resident of Edmond, Okla.

Treva T. Abramson (B.S.Ed. '62) April 4, 2002. Abramson was a retired teacher from the Scottsdale Unified School District in Arizona. She was a docent for the Phoenix Art Museum and a member of Phi Delta Gamma; Delta Kappa Gamma; the educational puppeteer group, "Kids on the Block"; and Oasis, an organization for senior citizens.

E. David Harlan Jr. (B.S.Ed. '62) April 11, 2002. In El Paso, Harlan worked in the banking industry for 20 years and taught at Coronado High School for 14 years. He served in the U.S. Army in Manheim, Germany. A resident of Topeka, Kan., he was a member of numerous railroad associations.

The Rev. E. Hubert Ruble (B.A. '76; M.A.I.S. '80) April 12, 2002. After serving in World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars, Ruble retired from the U.S. Army. He received the Good Conduct Medal with two Silver Knots, the American Defense Theater Ribbon, the Army Reserve Medal, the Southwest Pacific Theater Service Ribbon and the World War II Victory Medal. He was a priest in the Episcopal Church serving the Trans Pecos Region in Van Horn and Horizon City, and an associate priest at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in El Paso. Ruble was a 66-year, 32nd degree Mason; a Scottish Rite Shriner in El Paso and Mooreland, Okla.; and a member of the American Legion, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Loyal Order of the Moose, and the Lions Club.

Adolphus Oferal Wynn Jr. (B.A. '37; M.A. '48) April 15, 2002. Wynn of Chandler, Ariz., began his career in the El Paso public schools in 1938, serving as teacher, counselor, principal, supervisor and director of records. He retired as an assistant superintendent for special services and employee benefits. Wynn was chair of the Task Force on Elementary and Secondary Education Goals for El Paso, and the Mayor's Committee for the Handicapped. He was a member of the El Paso Retired Teachers Association and served as an officer of the Lions Club. He was Austin High School's 1974 Outstanding Ex-Student.

Pierre George Greenwood (M.Ed. '63) April 20, 2002. Greenwood was a retired teacher from the El Paso Independent School District and was an active lay-member of the Marian Movement of Priests since 1986. He served in the U.S. Army as both public information and legal clerk.

Dr. Antonio Dow April 22, 2002. Dow opened his El Paso practice in general surgery in 1953 and retired in 1991. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army in the Panama Canal Zone. He was chief of surgery at Hotel Dieu Hospital, and chief of staff and chief of surgery at Sun Towers and Thomason hospitals. He spent 38 years at Providence Memorial Hospital, serving as chief of staff, chief of surgery and on the board of directors and many committees. Dow was a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery; a fellow of the American College of Surgeons; and a member of the Texas Surgical Society, the American Medical Association, the Texas Medical Association, the El Paso Surgical Society, the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society and the El Paso Medical Society.

Jose L. Ocon (B.A. '83) April 29, 2002. Ocon managed an Aerus Electrolux branch, where he received numerous awards. He was a Boy Scout master for Troop 727 and a baseball coach for the St. Pius Rams.

Carlos Chavez (B.A. '71) May 6, 2002. Chavez, a musician for more than 70 years, owned the Conservatory of Music in El Paso and taught classical guitar for more than 45 years. He served in World War II with the U.S. Army and retired from the Chamizal National Park Services as a cultural affairs specialist.

Sara "Sadie" Sams Hanna (B.S.Ed. '78) May 6, 2002. Hanna retired from the El Paso Independent School District after teaching for 17 years. She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association and a former member of the Association for Childhood Education.

Gilbert Schrier (B.S. '55) May 9, 2002. Schrier, a World War II and Korean War veteran, was a financial advisor and a chartered life underwriter.

John Daniel "Dan" Adams (B.B.A. '70) May 12, 2002. Adams, of Martinez, Calif., retired from Chevron Oil Co. after nearly 40 years of service. He served in the U.S. Army and was a Korean War veteran.

Robert A. "Bob" Thornhill (B.A. '52) May 12, 2002. A resident of Odessa, Texas, Thornhill retired as a right-of-way agent with the Texas Electric Service Co. He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a Mason and a member of the Tri-Service Lions Club, Scottish Rite and the Shriners.

Jana Stevenson Jones (M.A. '97) May 26, 2002. Jones, a teacher in Arlington, Texas, was named the 2000 Teacher of the Year at Hale Elementary School.

William S. "Bill" Patton Jr. (B.A. '55) May 31, 2002. Patton, an El Paso businessman, served on the City of El Paso Zoning Board and as a charter member of the board of directors of Cielo Vista Bank.

Gary Lane Thompson (B.B.A. '68) June 10, 2002. He was the chief executive officer of Employment Administrators Inc. and a pioneer

in the staff leasing business. He also was a founding member of the National Association for Alternative Staffing, serving two terms as president. Thompson was a past member of several Sun Bowl committees and the Savane All-American Golf Classic. He was a Texas champion chili cook and served as a finals judge at the World Championship Chili Cookoffs, and was a volunteer coach and umpire for little league baseball, football and softball.

Jose M. Salas (B.S.W. '80) June 20, 2002. Salas was a decorated Vietnam veteran and a founder of Centro Medico Del Valle. He was affiliated with the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Aliviane, Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo, Thomason Hospital, the Department of Human Resources, the Texas Association of Community Health Centers, the Region II Health Planning Association, the El Paso Health Task Force, the El Paso Oral Health Commission, the El Paso AIDS Coalition, the Texas Rural Primary Care Association, the National Rural Primary Care Association, and the El Paso Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program.

Abel Salazar (B.S. '80) June 21, 2002. Salazar, a longtime resident of El Paso and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, retired as an assistant chief patrol agent with the U.S. Border Patrol after 26 years of service.

Ernest A. Guinn Jr. (B.A. '65) June 22, 2002. Guinn was a retired assistant professor of sociology and anthropology at UTEP. Prior to beginning his career at UTEP, he served as a chief deputy in the Sheriff's Department and as an administrative assistant to former Texas Gov. Preston Smith.

Salvador Vela (B.B.A. '50) June 23, 2002. Vela, a director at State National Bank and president of Vela Construction Enterprises, was a founder and former chair of the board of Continental Bank and a World War II Navy veteran.

Lt. Col. Richard Elvin Hamilton (B.B.A. '80) June 30, 2002. Hamilton was a certified public accountant who worked with Lauterbach, Borschow and Co. for 20 years. He served 22 years in the U.S. Army, including two tours in Vietnam and two in Germany, retiring in 1975. He was involved with the Tres Rios Area Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Team and was moderator of the Tres Rios Area Christian Church in the Southwest. He served on the board of the El Paso Community Concert Association.

Jean Downer (M.Ed. '72) July 4, 2002. Downer, a teacher and school administrator, was a resident of San Angelo, Texas.

Ruby Mae "Peggy" Eggleston (B.S.Ed. '65) July 9, 2002. Eggleston taught for 21 years at Scotsdale Elementary School before relocating to Alamogordo, N.M., where she was a member of the Retired Teachers Association and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program at the Alamogordo Senior Center.

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