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In a guest column appearing in the Winter 2000 issue of *NOVA Quarterly*, R.D. Burck, Chancellor of the University of Texas System, described UTEP as “a university on the move, growing and changing to meet the challenges of a new era.”

The ability to adapt to a changing environment, and to do it well, is the formula for success in any organization, and we are proud that UTEP continues to anticipate and meet each new challenge as we fulfill our mission of teaching, research and public service. Our progress comes in large part from our commitment to planning. Every advance, every new program, every addition — whether to our physical facilities or to our organizational structure — must be the result of careful deliberation by representatives of the university community. We believe that effective planning should be open and inclusive, involving faculty and staff at all levels, and we often invite members of the community to participate in the process. The rewards of this synergistic approach can be seen in such long-range planning initiatives as the UT El Paso 2001 Commission. In 1988, we invited a group of 88 UTEP faculty members and civic leaders to articulate their vision of UTEP in 2001. As was recently reported to you, UTEP has met, and in most cases exceeded, the recommendations presented to us by the 2001 Commission.

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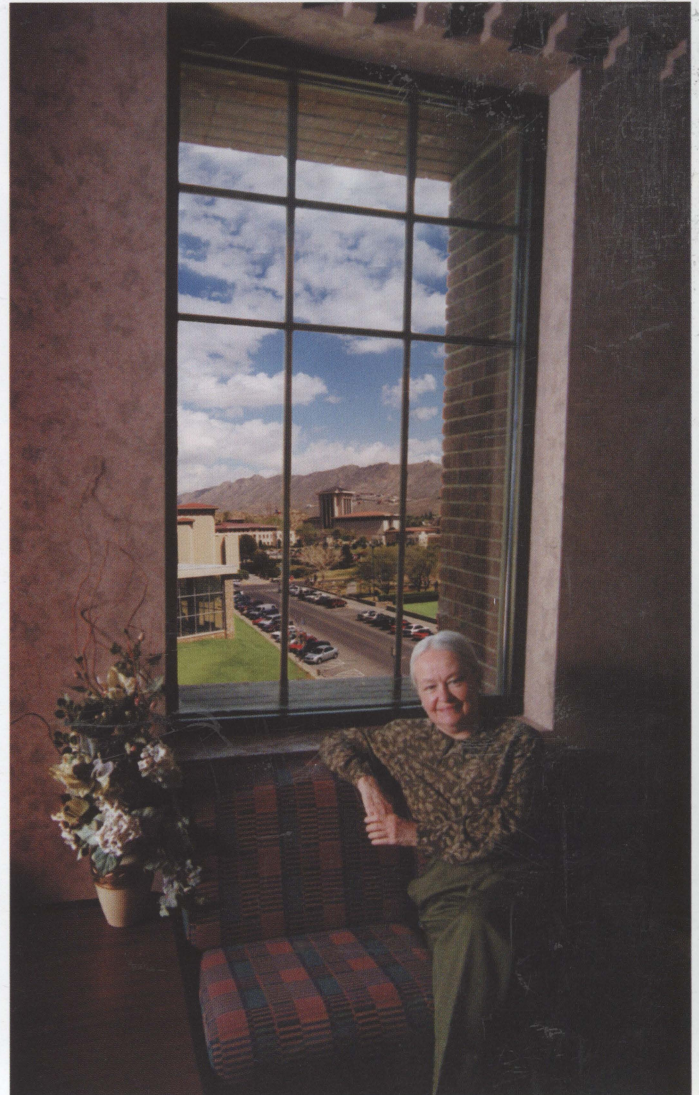
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The 2001 Commission was one of our broadest-based planning efforts. On campus, we continue on a daily basis to build on our momentum, finding new ways to capitalize on our achievements in academic programs, research, and student support. Faculty and staff members plan new strategies and update planning documents. In academic affairs, the provost and deans work together to foster educational and professional development opportunities for the residents of our region. As these academic plans are developed, future program needs must be forecast, and the necessary resources — both human and financial — must be identified.

On the research front, the vice president for research works with the directors of the university’s research centers and the provost and deans to expand UTEP’s research portfolio, and to determine the infrastructure needed for such expansion.

The future of technology on the UTEP campus adds another dimension to planning. We must be ready to adapt to the rapid changes in technology, and the new teaching and learning opportunities that they offer. We must ensure that our students and faculty have all of the technological tools required to be competitive.

All of this work is supported and guided by UTEP’s Center for Institutional Evaluation, Research and Planning, which provides up-to-date data analyses and interpretation, and facilitates overall planning efforts. The center works closely with the entire campus community, and responds to the many requests from the UT System,



the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and a variety of other state and federal agencies and accrediting organizations.

In this issue, you will learn that the UTEP campus is the subject of another major planning initiative: the Campus Master Plan. We have been hard at work envisioning how the UTEP campus can be reconfigured to accommodate the growth in future student enrollment — anticipated to be 30,000 students by the year 2030.

Long-range planning will continue this year, as we begin to prepare for the 100th anniversary of UTEP’s founding as the Texas State School of Mines and Metallurgy. We will once again seek to capture the perspectives of members of the El Paso-Juárez region through the establishment of a Centennial Commission, which will help us create a vision for UTEP in the year 2014. We look very much forward to joining with alumni and friends of the university to chart our course over the next decade. UTEP has much to be proud of, much to build upon, and many exciting future opportunities to pursue!

— Diana Natalicio

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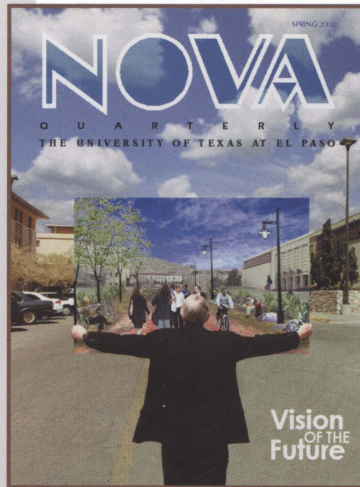
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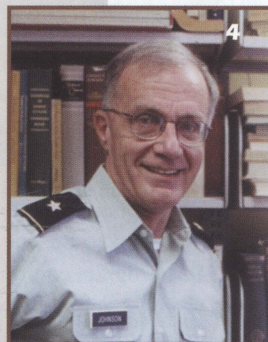
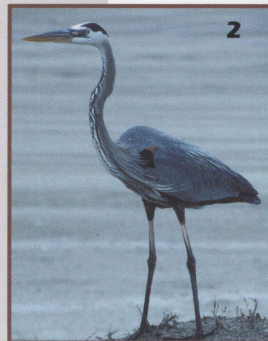
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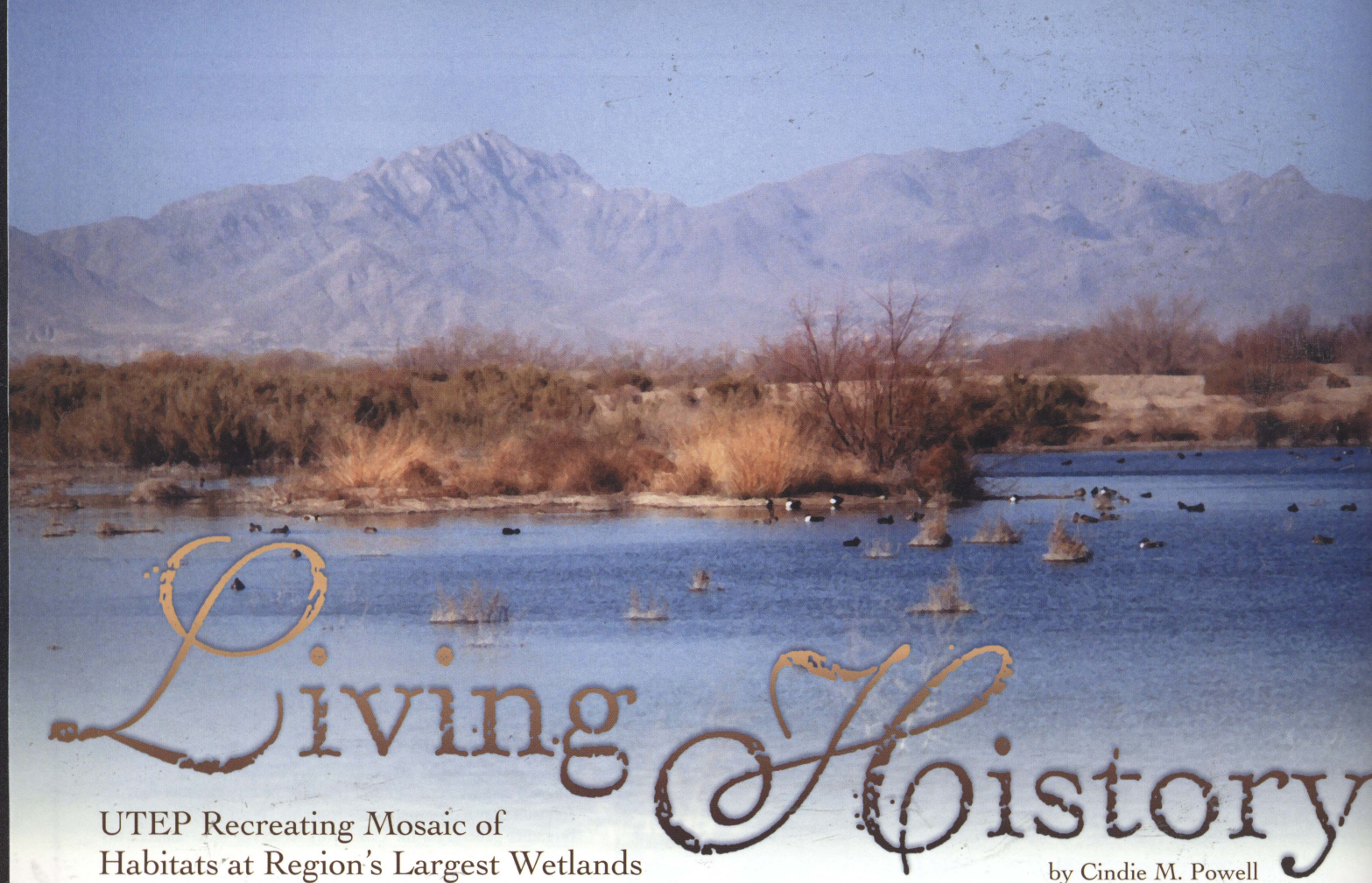
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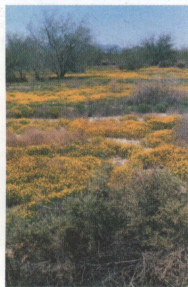
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# Living History

## UTEP Recreating Mosaic of Habitats at Region's Largest Wetlands

by Cindie M. Powell



The Rio Grande once flowed freely through the Paso del Norte, feeding the lush vegetation of wetlands and riverside forests.

Then came centuries of development, culminating in the channeling of the river

in the 1930s, which cut off the natural floodplains supporting the wetlands and caused the great diversity of plant and animal life to vanish.

UTEP's Center for Environmental Resource Management is trying to turn back the clock for 372 acres along the Rio Grande in southeast El Paso County. With help from a coalition of community groups, volunteers and government agencies ranging from the International Boundary and Water Commission, El Paso Water Utilities and El Paso County Water Improvement District #1 to Ducks Unlimited and the Boy Scouts, CERM is managing the city-owned Rio Bosque Wetlands Park and restoring the valuable wetland and riparian habitats for displaced native and migratory species.

"These were historically the most productive habitats in the region, the wetlands and forests we once had along the river," says John Sproul, Rio Bosque project manager and CERM program coordinator. "Today they are virtually gone, and we've almost lost an important part of the natural heritage of this region, a part that is every bit as important as our cultural heritage.

"Our goal in the management of the area is to establish examples of the historic mix of habitats that was found along the river in this region in pre-settlement times. This restoration also is the foundation for a lot of other benefits — educational programs, research, public use, and as a stimulus for ecotourism, which is one of the fastest-growing sectors of the tourism industry."

As the ecosystems of the park are restored, Rio Bosque will develop a comprehensive education program to provide K-12 experiential learning opportunities that will focus on river-valley ecosystems and their importance to biological diversity and improved water quality.

University faculty already are studying the ways physical and biological systems in

the river valley function, and the park's ecosystem restoration work includes mammal and aquatic surveys at the site.

Since taking over management of the park, UTEP has coordinated the long-range planning and fundraising required to ensure its future. The university recently received a \$200,000 grant from The Meadows Foundation in Dallas to support efforts to prepare the park for full public use.



*The Great Blue Heron is just one of the 187 bird species attracted to the park, which also is home to a beaver, muskrats, gray foxes, jackrabbits and cottontails, snakes, and bullfrogs and toads.*



Photos courtesy Rio Bosque Wetlands Park

*From desolation to diversity: Between early 1998 and August 2001, CERM staffers and local volunteers transformed this section of the park's main water-delivery channel into a thriving habitat that includes southern cattail (in water, center), coyote willow (bushy thicket on right), jackass clover (yellow flowers along the banks) and cottonwoods (background). Restoration work in this area included pole plantings of cottonwoods and willows, and manipulation of the water flow in summer 2001 to mimic natural flooding.*

The funding will support a Visitor Contact Station; an education shelter with seating and a workspace where school groups can gather to work on projects or hear an introductory presentation about the park before taking a tour; the installation of interpretive displays; perimeter fencing to better control access; and the Discovery Pond, a permanent pond that will give visitors an opportunity to study water organisms up close.

UTEP is working with the cities of El Paso and Socorro, El Paso County, the National Park Service, the Mission Trails Association, the El Paso Community Foundation, and the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife to link Rio Bosque to other cultural, historical and recreational sites along the proposed Rio Grande Riverpark. Earlier this spring, the Texas Transportation Commission approved funding to help build a 10-mile portion of the riverside hiking and biking trail that will extend from the Rio Bosque trailhead to Ascarate Park.

“Rio Bosque will be one element in a string of tourism ‘pearls’ that should make us a very desirable tourism destination,” Sproul says.

UTEP entered a 30-year agreement with the city to manage the park in 1996. During the first year, work focused on the construction of the wetlands cells, rebuilding the old river channel and installing water control gates. Habitat restoration at the park began in earnest in 1998, and during the past three years, CERM staffers and local volunteers, both individually and as part of groups including the Texas Master Naturalist Program, have planted hundreds of native trees such as cottonwood and willow and removed much of the non-native vegetation that threatens their growth.

The park's success relies heavily on community awareness and support. In addition to twice-monthly walking tours, the park hosts a “community workday” one Saturday a month. Recent volunteer projects have included helping build a Parks

and Wildlife-funded wheelchair-accessible trail, burning out tumbleweeds, and building exclosures to protect recent plantings from jackrabbits and the park's resident beaver.

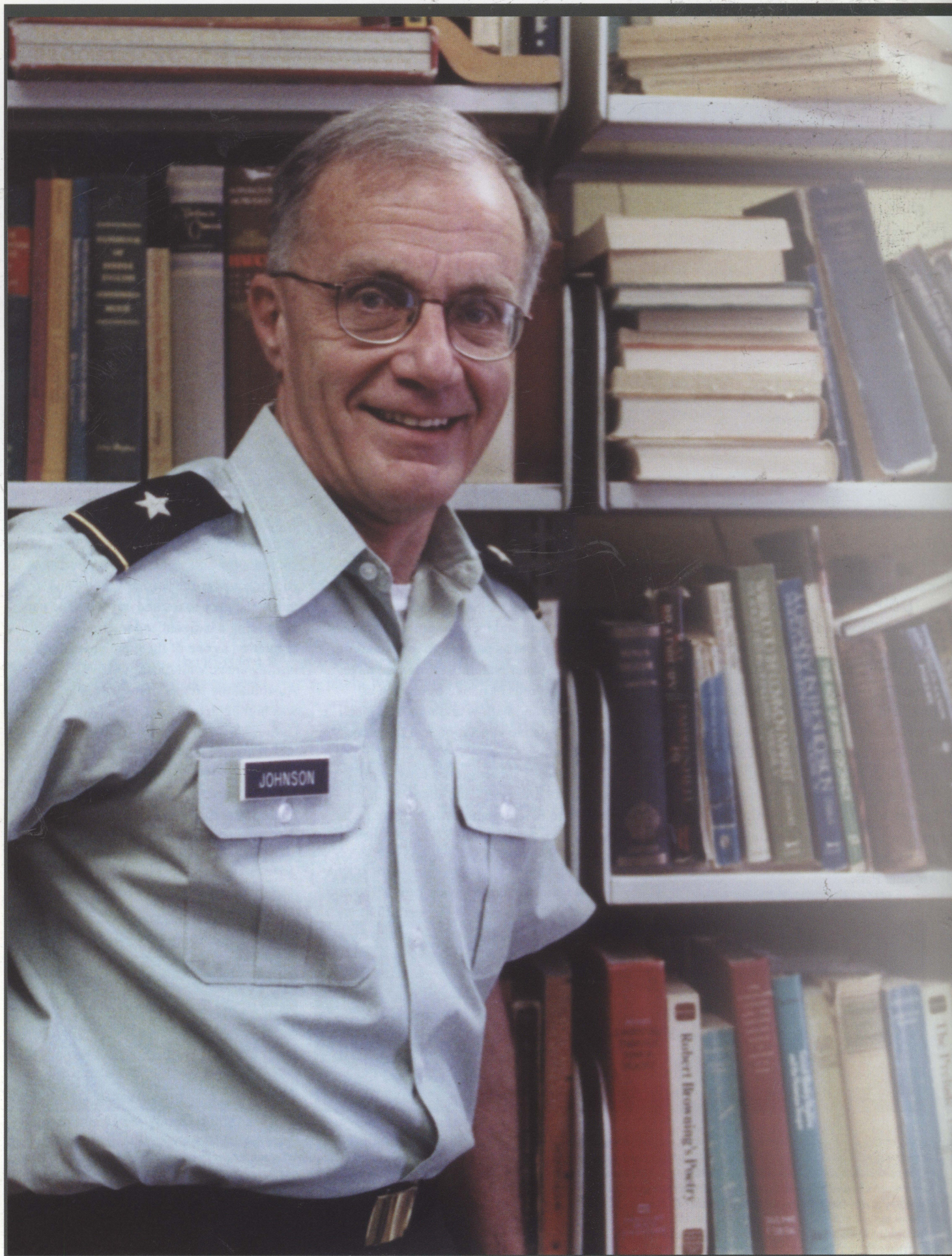
The volunteers' hard work has created a wildlife sanctuary that already attracts thousands of nesting and migratory land and water birds — 187 species so far, including a species of duck that was last seen in the area in 1940 and a bald eagle wintering at Rio Bosque for the second year — and muskrats, grey foxes and coyotes. The park is building a national and international reputation as one of the premier regional birding areas, with recent visitors from Australia, the Netherlands and Japan, and it was highlighted in the 1999 edition of *A Birder's Guide to the Rio Grande Valley*.

“I always tell people that this is a long-term project that is still in its very early stages,” Sproul says. “Natural systems don't just spring into being overnight, they've got to develop over time. But we've made an excellent start.” ■



*(Left) John Sproul (center, in hat), Rio Bosque project manager and CERM program coordinator, leads a group of local schoolchildren on a tour of the park, pointing out native plant and bird species. When more of its ecosystems are restored, the park will be an important educational resource for the region's schools. (Center) Water for the park is supplied by the Roberto Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant, seen in the background. The wetlands park is a model for how the region can use water more creatively and efficiently to realize ecosystem benefits along with industry and agricultural uses. (Right) Rio Bosque provides an essential stop for thousands of migratory birds, including waterfowl like this Cinnamon Teal, which is common in the park from December through February and nested at the park in summer 2001.*

For more information: <http://www.cerm.utep.edu/riobosque/>



# GENERAL

## *Studies*

### Johnson Uses Army Experience to Help Students Be All They Can Be

by Heather Feldman

Larry Johnson lives in two worlds that at first glance seem as far from each other as boot camp from summer camp.

An associate professor of English and Western Cultural Heritage at UTEP, he also answers to General Johnson. It is not a term of endearment from his English students – a 30-year veteran of the Army Reserves, Johnson was promoted to brigadier general in 2000 and is the deputy commander of a four-state regional support command of men and women as numerous as the university's employees and students.

Johnson brings both worlds together each week in classroom discussions on issues important both in Chaucer's day and today, including nationalism and the concept of public service.

"The larger issues in Western Cultural Heritage are ideals that still manifest themselves and are still in public debate," Johnson says. "By serving in the Army, I get to see this discourse first hand, and the experience serves as a check to what I am doing and should be doing as a professor."

Johnson says the cross-section of people he encounters in the Army also provides him with insights he can use in his teaching.

"The Army draws people from all sorts of professions. The experience I gain outside these academic walls helps shape what I want to focus on in class and the kinds of skills I want to promote for my students."

An important skill Johnson's students can learn from his example is the ability to successfully manage multiple responsibilities. While he is free from teaching assignments during the summer months, the peak Army training period, the rest of the year sees Johnson teaching during the week

and spending four out of every five weekends at the 89th Regional Support Command in Wichita, Kan.

The command's master planning calendar, which extends 18 months into the future, helps with scheduling, but Johnson, who during his UTEP career has chaired both the English and communication departments and received a Faculty Achievement Award for Teaching Excellence in 1991, says his own planning is based on communication and technology.

"I keep track of what is going on in the Army with e-mail, the Web and the telephone, and conversely, when I leave campus and am in Kansas, I am still totally engaged with my students through the Web board discussions that are ongoing 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"It's not really a matter of personal planning, but of having the electronic tools to meet the needs of the two organizations as they surface," he says.

Johnson says he has no plans to retire from military service anytime soon. He recently learned he has been named as the commanding general of the 70th Regional Support Command in Seattle, Wash. The new assignment, which is expected to go into effect at the end of the summer, will include a promotion to major general, a two-star position.

He says he hopes his exposure to the world outside academia will continue to benefit his students as well as himself.

"My job is to make people more effective as thinkers and doers. In order to do that, I need to know what they will be facing," he says. "My Army experience is of immense value – it is a window into what our students will be doing beyond graduation." ■



## THE DAW FAMILY: BUILDING A LEGACY OF ACHIEVEMENT AND SUPPORT

By Walli Haley

When Yazbik and Rosalie Daw attended Texas Western College in the 1940s and '50s, they didn't know they were creating a brilliant legacy of achievement at UTEP that would span three generations.

The couple, who started Daw's Home Furnishings and Thomasville Home Furnishings, family businesses that still thrive today, instilled in their eight children a burning desire to go to college, specifically UTEP.

But their allegiance didn't stop there. Yazbik's five daughters and three sons not only became UTEP alumni, they established a reputation as champions and proud supporters of the university.

"Our parents and grandparents encouraged every one of us to attend college and obtain an education," says Wade Daw, the eldest of Yazbik and Rosalie's children, who graduated from UTEP with a degree in business administration in 1975.

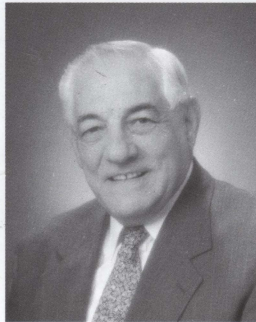
"Attending UTEP was the next step in life after graduating from high school."

The Daw family's involvement with UTEP also reached outside the classroom. Family outings often centered on UTEP football and basketball games.

"They were family-oriented functions that were exciting and fun to attend," Wade says.

His sister Linda, a former UTEP cheerleader, was on the first squad to open the Special Events Center (now the Don Haskins Center) in 1977 and travel to Hawaii with the UTEP football team. Three of Wade's other sisters, Patti, Mary Carol (Deanie) and Teresa, cheered on the Miners as UTEP Goldiggers.

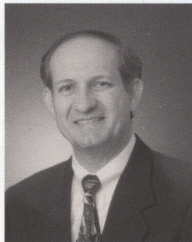
Today, the family's commitment to the university remains as strong. Two other Daw sons, Mark and Greg, also partners in the family businesses, are ardent boosters of the UTEP athletic program. So is their sister Laura, an El Paso schoolteacher whose two sons, Jacob and Nick Boggs, came to UTEP to play college football. Several of the Daws' children — including Linda, the current president of the 700-member El Paso Junior League — also have



Yazbik Daw



Rosalie Daw



Wade Daw: BBA '75



Linda Hudson: BBA '77



Laura Boggs: BSEd '78



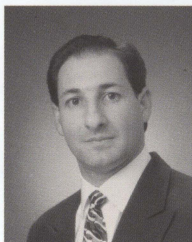
Patti Yetter: BSEd '81



Mark Daw: BBA '82



Mary Daw Quinn: BBA '83



Greg Daw: BBA '86



Teresa Daw Hicks: BBA '87

been active in the UTEP Alumni Association, the Miner Foundation, and several university development campaigns.

Although most of the Daw children stayed in El Paso after graduating from UTEP, Patti moved to Houston with her husband, attorney Paul Yetter, also a UTEP graduate.

While the couple has established roots in their new hometown — Paul is a founding partner in the law firm of Yetter & Warden — they remain loyal UTEP supporters and have created several endowed scholarship funds at the university.

"We have donated money for scholarships for students in need, because education is so important," says Patti, who graduated from UTEP with a degree in education.

"We are proud to be from El Paso and UTEP. You always go back to where you started from to give," she says.

The third generation of Daw children is no less proud of being part of the family legacy.

Wade Daw's daughter Jessica, who graduated from UTEP in December 2001 with a degree in business, followed in her sister Christian's footsteps, who graduated two years earlier with a degree in education.

"I didn't need to leave home to obtain a good education. I knew UTEP was a strong school," says Jessica, a computer information student and 2002 Top 10 Senior who was chosen 2000 Sun Princess for the Sun Bowl Association.

"UTEP has given me the incredible opportunity to learn not only concepts in the classroom, but characteristics to ennoble my life," she wrote in an essay recounting her life at UTEP.

For the 12 Daw family members who graduated from UTEP and the nine who have attended or are attending, Jessica's words ring especially true.

"We are all proud and honored to be Miners! My family has constantly been involved with and supported UTEP, and I will carry on this special tradition," she says. ■

*Sophomore Marco Gallegos (left) and junior Bashar Ibrahim at the WAC Indoor Championships in Reno, Nev.*

# New Season, Old Mantra: *Hard Work Equals Wins*

*By Sonny Lopez*

*A string of victories,* including a championship crown and wins over undefeated rivals, are the fruits of hard work by the athletes competing in UTEP's spring sports.

The Miner track team charged into the Western Athletic Conference Indoor Championships in Reno, Nev., Feb. 23 and nabbed their first WAC title since the 1997 season and the team's first indoor crown since 1989.

"I think we can attribute it to a lot of hard work and focus, and we've really got some good athletes," says UTEP head track Coach Bob Kitchens, who was named the WAC Men's Coach of the Year.

"We had a great performance in every event, and that doesn't always happen. But our team was ready."

Five Miner runners won their events in a field that pitted them against top athletes from Rice, Fresno State, Tulsa, Boise State, SMU and Louisiana Tech. UTEP athlete Howard Jackson also was the co-winner of the WAC Freshman of the Year award.

The track team will be hard at work in May training for the UTEP Open, the WAC Outdoor Championships in Houston and the NCAA Outdoor Championships in Baton Rouge.

Hard work also has been key for UTEP's golf teams as the season heads into local, state and national championships.

The women's golf team, which won the Islander Spring Invitational in Corpus Christi, is expected to build on its four top-10 finishes from last year when the team had no seniors and only one returning letter winner. Those same underclassmen are led by juniors Linda Chen, Amy Willmon and Leslie Hawley, who was named WAC Women's Golfer of the Week February 25.

Teammate Annie Mallory was named WAC Women's Golfer of the Week

March 11 after earning her first ever top-20 finish at the Verizon "Mo" Morial Invitational in Bryan, Texas, March 5.

Last season, the women's team finished seventh at the WAC Championships with Willmon tying for 20th place. In April, the team will again compete in the WAC Championships in Reno.

The men's golf team, which took the No. 4 spot at the WAC Championships last year, also is expected to storm through the spring season.

Miner golfer Chris Baryla won the Herb Wimberly Tournament March 2 in Las Cruces and then jumped from 27th place overall to 10th in the final standings at the John Burns Intercollegiate in Honolulu, Hawaii. The win in Las Cruces was Baryla's fourth top-10 finish.

If play continues at the current level, the team is expected to be a major contender at the WAC Championships April 24-26 in Hawaii.

By that time, 29-year-old UTEP head tennis Coach Alisha Woodroof will have led her team against the likes of San Jose State, New Mexico, Oral Roberts and Hawaii, and will be preparing the team for the WAC Championships in Tulsa.

The UTEP tennis team out-played previously unbeaten Arkansas-Little Rock and Arkansas State during a home stand Feb. 22 and 24.

"There's no substitute for hard work," says Woodroof, who in 1992 was ranked No. 1 nationally in doubles play and then as assistant coach helped lead the University of North Carolina team from a 42 ranking in 2000 to No. 17 in 2001.

"I want to win as many matches as possible and focus on what we can do. I'd like us to be known as the toughest team in the nation," she says. "I want other teams to know that we will fight for every point." ■



By Cindie M. Powell

# Tomorrow

## What will UTEP be like in 2010? In 2015?

With the remarkable growth in enrollment expected over the next 10 to 15 years, the UTEP campus will increasingly resemble a small town. According to projections from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the university's current enrollment of about 16,200 will grow to 25,000 by 2011 and to 30,000 by 2030.

What facilities will be needed for these students, and for the faculty and staff who will teach them and provide them with support services? How much more classroom space? How many more recreational facilities? Living spaces?

What steps must UTEP take now to be prepared?

To answer these and other questions, UTEP commissioned consultants to prepare a Campus Master Plan. The yearlong process, which included faculty, staff, administrators and students from across the campus, ended earlier this spring when the Minneapolis architectural firm of Ellerbe Becket, working with local architects Alvidrez Associates Inc., sent a working draft of the plan to UTEP for final review.

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— UTEP President Diana Natalicio

## GOOD NEIGHBORS

A key component of the Campus Master Plan is the designation of academic “neighborhoods” across the campus that seek to cluster facilities by academic disciplines, based in most cases on the current location of facilities dedicated to those disciplines.

“In addition to being more efficient for students, this arrangement will create synergy within disciplines and across related academic fields,” says UTEP President Diana Natalicio.

“It also will guide future planning efforts. As our campus continues to grow,

this configuration will help direct where new buildings should be located.”

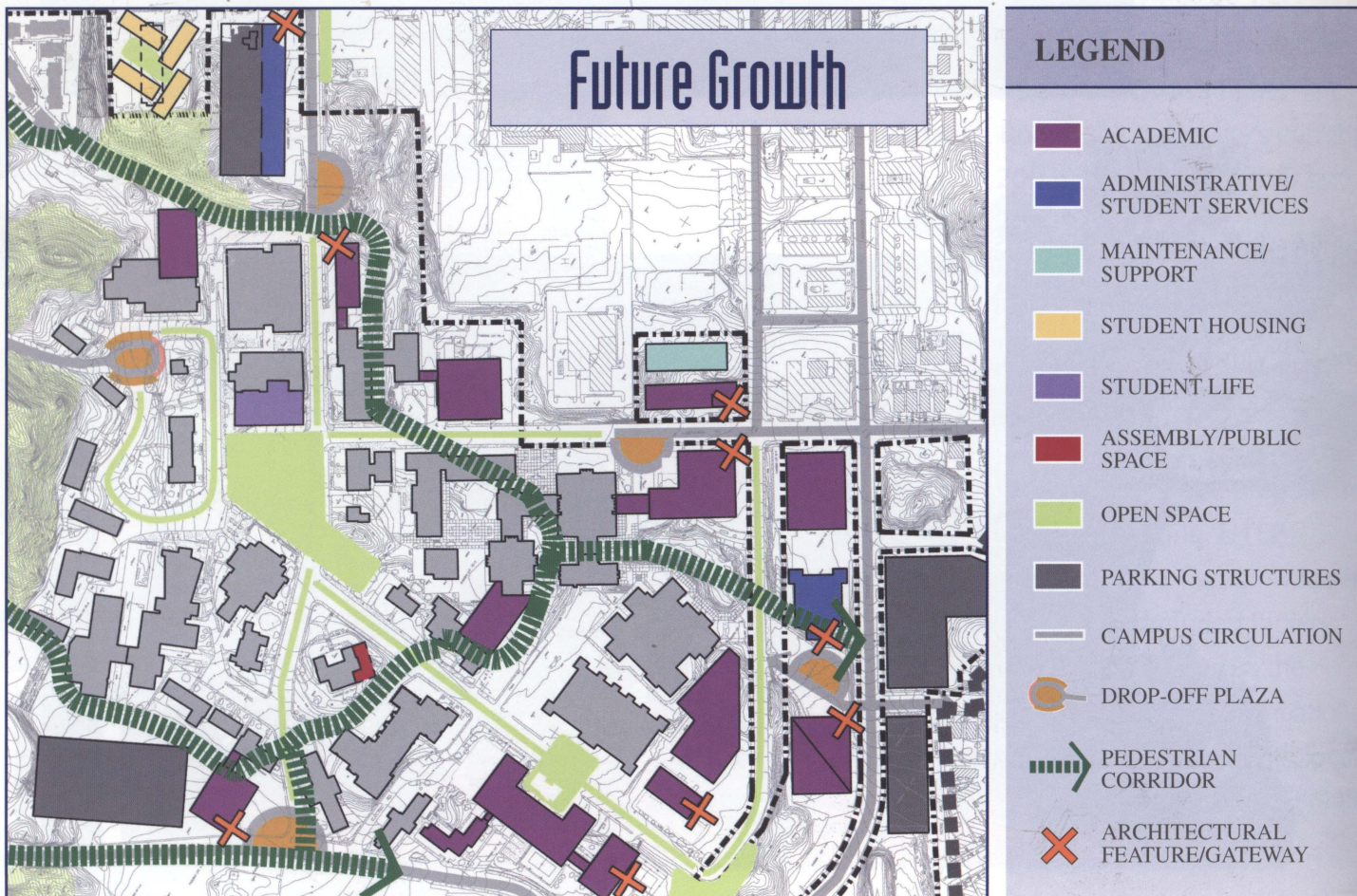
The university has long made use of natural divisions in the mountainous terrain to organize the locations of its facilities. The main campus is divided topographically into two areas, the central Academic Campus containing most of the instructional and administrative facilities, and the northern Athletic/Recreational Campus, which also contains the facilities services complex.

Two colleges, Education and Business Administration, are each located within a single building. Those facilities anchor their neighborhoods, and future expansion in

those fields is expected to be in close proximity to them.

At the opposite end of the spectrum is the College of Liberal Arts, whose departments and programs are distributed across several buildings, most of which are located within a contiguous “neighborhood” on the north side of the academic core of the campus.

Greg McNicol, associate vice president for finance and administration, who served as the liaison between the university and Ellerbe Becket, notes that the Campus Master Plan’s “zoning map” makes neighborhood exceptions easy to spot. The Department of Computer Science, for



example, is currently located on the opposite side of the core Academic Campus from the rest of the College of Engineering, well outside its "neighborhood."

"That tells us that we need to be thinking about pulling them into their neighborhood, and I know there are discussions going on about that," McNicol says.

The Campus Master Plan also recommends moving the College of Health Sciences "neighborhood," which is currently located on four acres near downtown, back to the main campus.

"That would probably happen closer to the end of the 10-year period, when their programs have grown and they're bursting at the seams," McNicol says of the move. "A lot of it is contingent on funding, of course."

At least part of the College of Health Sciences is likely to move to the main campus sooner rather than later. The Department of Kinesiology is slated to move to Memorial Gym in office space that will be vacant when new offices become available for coaches in the Larry K. Durham Sports Center. The new sports center, which should be completed by this fall, will include a Human Performance Laboratory, a research facility where kinesiology undergraduate and graduate students will study biomechanics, exercise physiology and motor behavior.

"Kinesiology's location at Memorial Gym will be very good for them, with the proximity to that research facility," McNicol says.

## GOING WITH THE FLOW

One of the goals of the new plan is to accommodate future parking and circulation needs, ensuring adequate parking spaces while improving the flow of human and vehicular traffic in and around the campus.

As the campus continues to grow, more parking will be needed, especially as current parking areas are replaced by buildings. The Campus Master Plan recommends increasing parking by 4,611 spaces by 2010 and by another 1,609 spaces by 2015. It also proposes the construction of several parking garages.

McNicol says the parking structures are being designed to minimize their presence on the skyline.

"We'll keep them fairly low, so that if people are in their homes looking back at

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the campus, they're not going to have their view obstructed by a parking garage," he says. "We're trying to be sensitive to our neighbors."

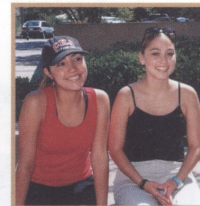
Arguably the busiest intersection on the campus for both vehicles and pedestrians is the corner of University Avenue and Hawthorne Street, but at peak times many other parts of the campus are congested. In

response, the Campus Master Plan proposes a two-part circulation plan.

In the first phase, the centermost portion of campus would be closed to vehicular traffic. Instead, traffic would flow around the perimeter of campus, and vehicles

## Students Have Their Say

When the creators of the Campus Master Plan were getting feedback from members of the university community, they were careful to get input from those



the plan is most meant to serve: students.

"They were very excited about some of the developments in the plan, and they said the university is moving in the right direction," says Richard Padilla, vice president for student affairs.

He says students were especially positive about the plan's recommendations for additional recreational facilities and residence halls.

"They were pleased about having the option for more people to live on campus — and the positive impact it has on campus life," he says.

"They also really liked the idea of making the center of campus more pedestrian-friendly, with areas that are shaded and comfortable, and invite people to meet and relax — like Leech Grove, but on a larger scale and at many more places around the campus.

"The students said the next few years will be wonderful as these changes are being made, even if they won't still be here to see the results," he says. "They're glad the university is looking to the future."

would have limited access to campus, entering only through loops and drop-off points. Some locations would allow authorized access deeper into the campus via electronic card key access, while other areas would be redesigned as pedestrian malls or plazas.

In the second phase of the circulation plan, more of the drives through the academic core of the campus would be converted to pedestrian and service streets. These include Kerbey Avenue, Circle Drive, University Avenue, Wiggins Road, Rim Road leading to a new connection to Prospect Street, and Hawthorne Street. Drop-off "plazas" would be located primarily around the perimeter of campus. Visitors and people with disabilities would have close-in access, however, and most parking would be located within a 10-minute walk of campus buildings.

## WIDE OPEN SPACES

An important goal of the Campus Master Plan is promoting the quality of life at the university. The plan paints a picture of compactly massed buildings in

an attractive environment, with gardens and courtyards that enhance the setting and provide oases from the stress of work and study.

"Attractive open spaces will continue to be important to UTEP," Natalicio says. "They provide a sense of comfort and tranquility for students and visitors, and establish the image of the university within an urban environment."

The conversion of streets within the campus core to wide pedestrian walkways ties into the broader plan to improve the character of the outdoor spaces around the campus. Focus groups recommended adding outdoor seating, dining and study areas, esplanades, common areas, patio spaces, and native plants for landscaping, creating plazas and courtyards around several buildings and maintaining green spaces.

Some of the improvements for pedestrians may be coming quite soon. According to McNicol, development of a pedestrian walkway along the arroyo through the center of the main campus is likely to be linked to construction of the nearby Engineering Complex Addition and

the new Academic Services Building (see *story p. 15*).

The construction of the Biosciences Facility between the Biology Building and Bell Hall creates another opportunity, he notes.

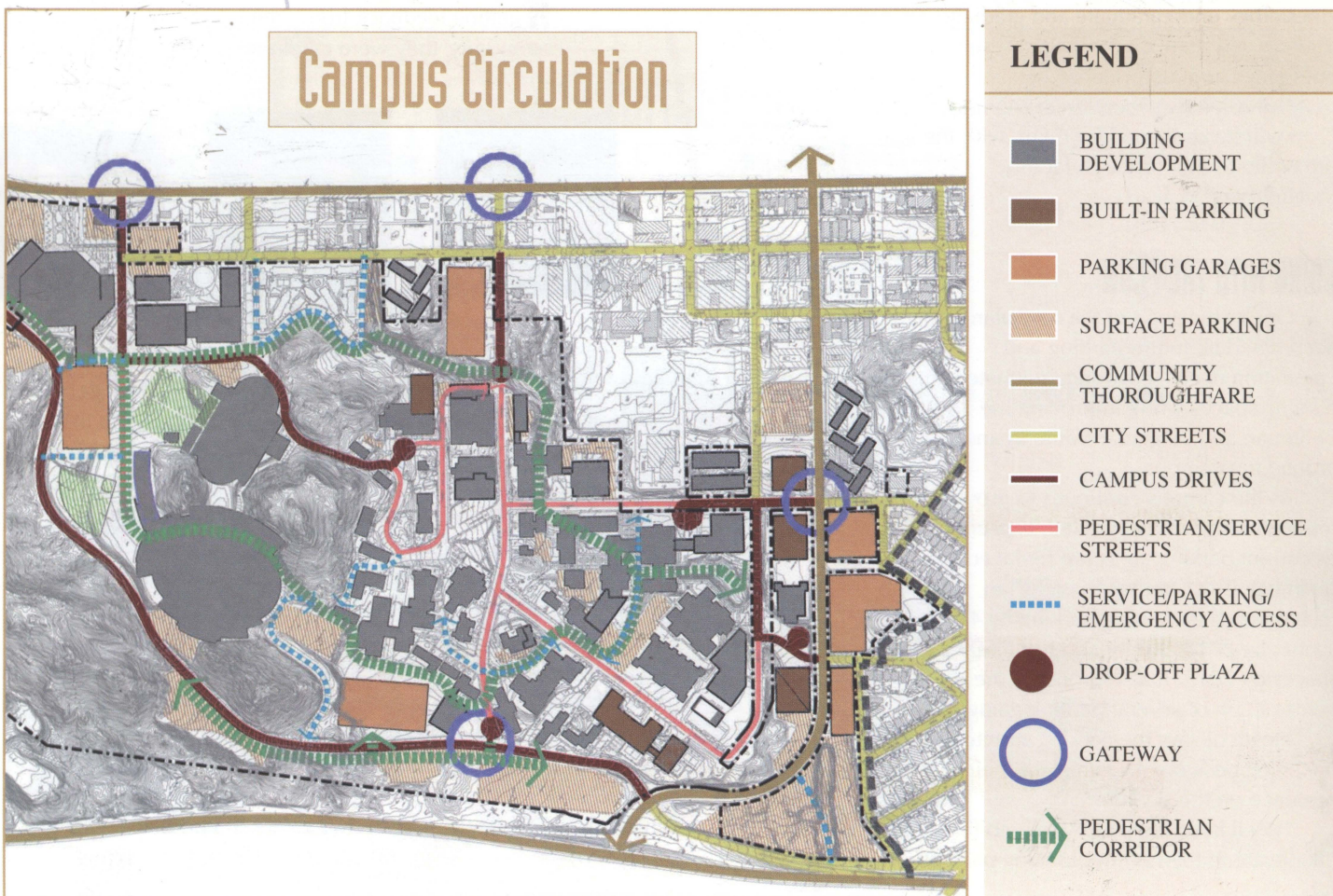
"The plan says we should develop some kind of pathway through that area, so we'll probably do that as part of the project," McNicol says. "The piece that goes from Rim Road along that arroyo, up through Engineering and then turns west towards Wiggins Road, will probably be in place within the next four or five years."

All new construction will conform to the Bhutanese-style architecture that currently characterizes the campus, and also incorporate the mountainous topography and native vegetation that make this campus unique.

## ROOM TO GROW

With thousands of additional students on campus, UTEP will need a significant amount of new building space.

If the enrollment projections hold true, by 2010 the university will need an



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Memorial Triangle - Today



Memorial Triangle - Future



additional 967,832 square feet for academic buildings, plus 210,075 square feet to move the College of Health Sciences to the main campus, 56,844 square feet for assembly and public space, 98,760 square feet for student life, 51,516 for administration, 163,858 for athletics and physical education, and 41,644 for the physical plant and storage....

...not to mention 327,600 square feet for new student housing, two multi-purpose recreation fields, an outdoor soccer/flag football arena, four outdoor basketball courts, a practice soccer field, practice football field, a varsity softball field, and six tennis courts.

Where will UTEP find space for all these new facilities?

"Actually, until 2015, we have enough space on the campus to accommodate everything, with our current holdings and

property currently under consideration," McNicol says.

The Campus Master Plan earmarks the recently acquired Rudolph Chevrolet property on Sun Bowl Drive for future student housing. McNicol says that, although there is no immediate need for the housing, the acquisition and others like it are "opportunities you just don't pass up."

## A LIVING DOCUMENT

A key attribute of UTEP's Campus Master Plan is its flexibility.


"In this plan, the buildings deliberately are not identified, they merely indicate the amount of space needed," McNicol says. "Some people might be a little frustrated because they want to find specific buildings. But the plan's not really meant to do that.

"Master planning should be more like putting your hand in a mitten; with a lot of flexibility for your fingers, versus putting it in a glove, which is more specifically defined.

"A good master plan never quits — it's a living document," he says.

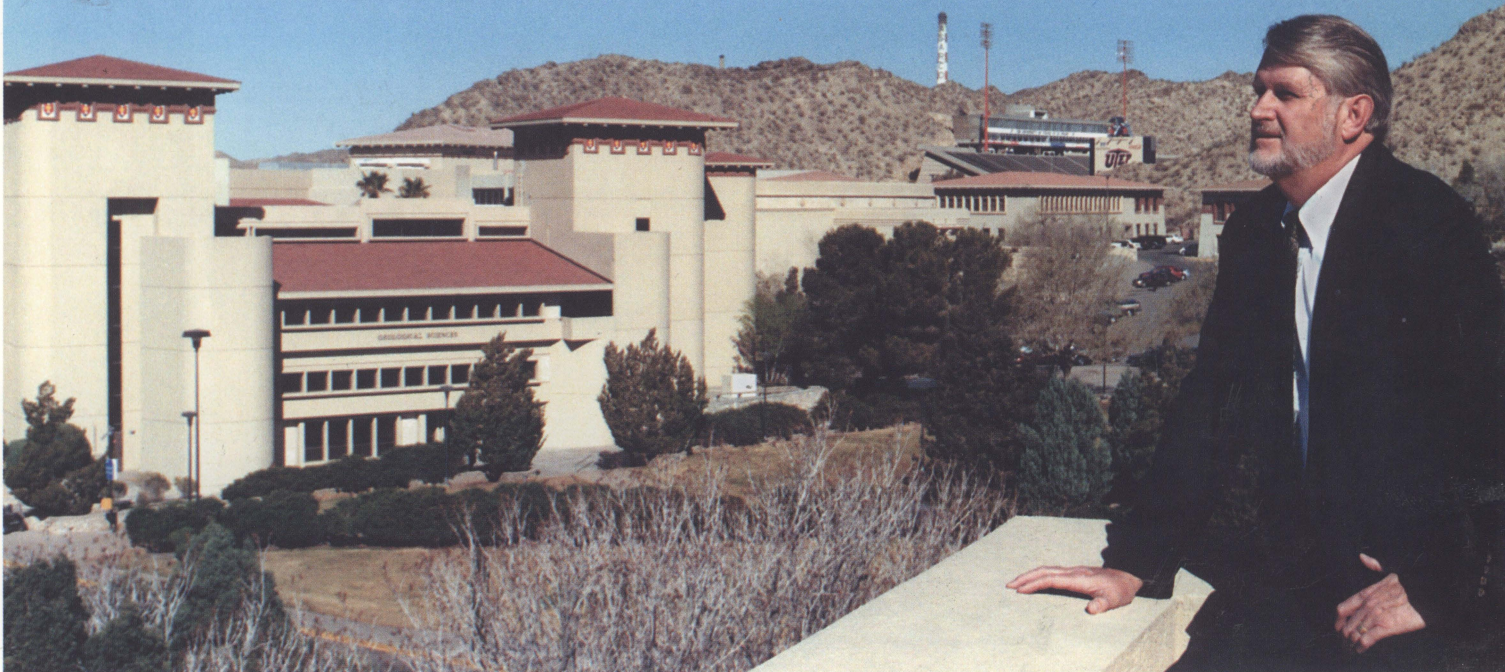
The plan is designed to be easy to update and to evolve with the ongoing development of the university's educational programs and the changes in teaching, learning and research.

"When making a plan that looks 10 and even 15 years into the future, as this one does, you have to stay flexible," Natalicio says. "Ten years ago, we could not have imagined the changes in technology or health professions programs that have transformed this campus. Who can say what the next 10 years will hold, and what new programs UTEP will offer?" ■



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—Greg McNicol



# Here Comes the Neighborhood

by Cindie M. Powell

While the Campus Master Plan will support UTEP's long-term development strategy, more immediate needs have prompted several construction projects that are already on the drawing board.

- Work is set to begin in January 2003 on a 44,000-square-foot Academic Services Building that will bring the components of the new University College – including the offices that handle recruitment, admissions, registration, financial aid, and new student orientation – under one roof with the Graduate School and the Scholarship Office. The \$10 million facility, which will be located between Rim Road and Schuster Avenue on the southeast edge of campus, should be completed in March 2004.

“Locating the building there is convenient for students from the inside of campus, since they can get there easily, and it especially serves people coming from the outside – there’s easy parking and they don’t have to go into the center of campus,” says Maggy Smith, dean of the University College.

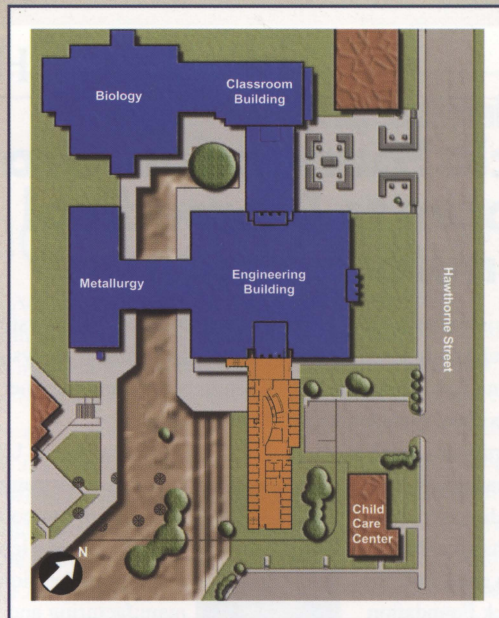
She says discussions about the building have prompted the creation of a pilot one-stop student service center, primarily for incoming freshmen, that will begin operation this summer.

“One individual will handle all of a student’s enrollment needs, unless there are circumstances that require the expertise of a specialist, such as in financial aid or admissions,” Smith says. “The discussions about the building really inspired people to change the way we do business to make it more convenient for students.”

- The upcoming 28,770-square-foot, \$7 million Engineering Complex Addition should begin construction in February 2003 and be completed by June of the following year.

“This will provide a main entrance to the Engineering Complex, which we didn’t have in the past,” says Andrew Swift, dean of the College of Engineering. “This building represents a new central location for engineering personnel – an intellectual core for the whole college.”

- Another upcoming major project is the \$25 million Biosciences Facility. If all goes according to plan, construction will begin in April 2003 and be completed by October 2004. The building will be located between the Biology Building and Bell Hall, close to existing biology research and teaching facilities and faculty offices.



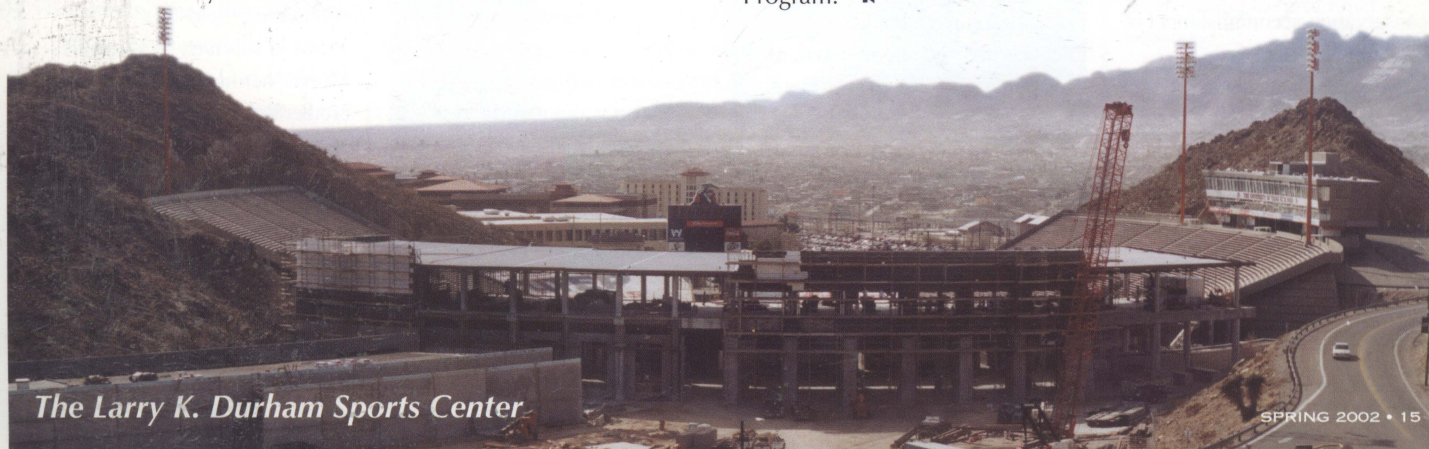
*The Engineering Complex Addition is scheduled to begin construction in February 2003.*

“This new building provides us with an unbelievable opportunity to expand the quantity of research that we do and, with the quality of the facility that we’ll be building, the quality of the research that we can do,” says Tom Brady, dean of the College of Science. “It gives us an opportunity to hire additional faculty members to do border health-related research, which in turn will give us more opportunities for undergraduate research experiences and for more graduate education at the master’s and doctoral level.”

Meanwhile, the university is making steady progress on its current major building project, the Larry K. Durham Sports Center.

The new sports center on the north side of Sun Bowl Stadium is expected to be completed by this fall. The 60,000-square-foot, \$11 million facility is funded in part by a \$5 million donation from mathematics alumnus and Miner football standout Durham, who built his company, Durham Transportation, from a struggling bus company to a multimillion-dollar corporation.

The complex will house physical and academic support facilities for the nearly 300 student-athletes competing on UTEP’s 15 Division I teams. The center will include a 10,000-square-foot strength and conditioning center, a student-athlete lounge and computer center, coaches’ offices, locker rooms, a “Hall of Champions” exhibit area, and a laboratory for the 250 undergraduate and 30 graduate students in UTEP’s Kinesiology Program. ■



*The Larry K. Durham Sports Center*

## Keck Foundation Grant Supports Biomedical Manufacturing Lab

UTEP's innovative Border Biomedical Manufacturing and Engineering Laboratory, where researchers develop anatomically accurate artificial models ranging from human spines to entire cardiovascular systems, has received a \$1 million grant from the W.M. Keck Foundation of Los Angeles.

The grant will fund new equipment and software that will result in a state-of-the-art facility, now known as the W.M. Keck Border Biomedical Manufacturing and Engineering Laboratory, where researchers from engineering, science and medicine will study cardiovascular hemodynamics,

computational and physical modeling, human analysis and engineering, and polymer science and engineering.



Wicker

“This grant will give UTEP equipment, instrumentation, and facilities to compete with the world's leading institutions for biomedical manufacturing and engineering grants,” says Ryan Wicker, associate professor of mechanical and industrial engineering, who directs the lab.

The lab's researchers use medical imaging data to generate three-dimensional geometric computer models that are combined with the lab's rapid prototyping technologies to manufacture three-dimensional



Ph.D. student Erasmo Lopez studies a model of a human spine created with the W.M. Keck Border Biomedical Manufacturing and Engineering Laboratory's rapid prototyping technology.

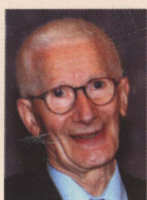
replicas of clogged aortas and other human body parts.

The models, which feel lifelike but are sometimes developed 10 times actual size, have been used by doctors to examine illness without first having to operate on a patient.

The W. M. Keck Foundation is

one of the nation's largest philanthropic organizations. Established in 1954 by the late William Myron Keck, founder of The Superior Oil Company, the foundation's grants are focused primarily on the areas of medical research, science, and engineering.

## Millennium Lecturer Unveils Michelangelo's Masterpieces



Persegati

To a standing-room-only audience, Walter Persegati, former secretary general and treasurer of the Vatican

Monuments, Museums and Art Galleries, described the 14-year project to clean Michelangelo's frescoes in the Sistine Chapel, an effort that has been hailed as the conservation accomplishment of the century.

Persegati's Millennium Lecture Series presentation Feb. 20 was illustrated by 200 slides taken by the restorers as they painstakingly removed centuries of grime, glue and soot that obscured the paintings, revealing the brilliant colors of Michelangelo's palette.

“I had the privilege of being



on the scaffolding when The Last Judgement was unveiled,” he said. The painting, which contains 400 figures, depicts mankind with Christ at the center of all existence.

“Each figure is distinct, unconcerned and unemotional, as if unaware of the tragedy of the human condition,” said Persegati, adding that each figure represents man's essential solitude on judgment day. “Michelangelo wanted to tell us that one day we would also be dead, and we would take the place of these figures that seem to go on into eternity.”

## In Memoriam:

### Thelma Elenor Morris

The UTEP community was saddened to mark the passing of Thelma Elenor Morris, a devoted friend and benefactor, on Jan. 3, 2002.

Morris, an enterprising woman who started her own beauty shop at age 19 in her hometown of Cloquet, Minn., was a strong believer in the work ethic. She worked in war plants during World War II and, following her marriage in 1948, worked as a waitress, owned and operated a convenience store, and ran a bed and breakfast in her home.

She also was a dedicated Republican and interested in current events. In 1999, she received special recognition from former U.S. Sen. Bob Dole when he appointed her to raise money in the El Paso area for the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Recognizing the need for higher education in today's competitive business world, Morris and her husband established four endowed scholarship funds at the university benefiting graduate and undergraduate students in several science and engineering fields.

She is survived by Everett F. Morris, her husband of 52 years; brother Robert W. Lee; sister Alyce Marlin; niece Nancy Searcy Gunter; and nephew Sid Searcy.

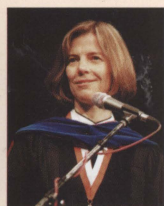
Memorial contributions may be made to the Thelma Morris Endowment Fund at UTEP or the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.



Morris

# Astronaut, Author Address UTEP Grads at Winter Ceremonies

The commencement speakers at UTEP's two graduation ceremonies Dec. 15 had messages of inspiration for the university's 1,200 December and summer graduates.



DUNBAR

NASA astronaut Bonnie Dunbar, who addressed graduates from the colleges of Engineering,

Liberal Arts, and Science, recalled her parents and grandparents telling her that "there was nothing I couldn't become if I was willing

to work hard enough for it and to set those goals."

Dunbar, one of the nation's first female astronauts, is a NASA engineer and veteran of five space flights who has logged more than 1,200 hours (50 days) in space during her 20-year career. She currently is assistant director of the NASA Johnson Space Center, where she focuses on university



JOB

research. UTEP alumnus Juan Roberto Job addressed graduates of the colleges of

Business Administration, Education and Health Sciences. The son of Mexican immigrants, Job is an authority on change management and cultural diversity and is the author of *Just Because I'm Latin Doesn't Mean I Mambo*.

Job urged graduates to "be passionate in everything you undertake. Be passionate about your lives and your life's work."

A corporate vice president of the New York Life Insurance Co., Job oversees the company's strategic initiatives in the Hispanic and Asian markets. He was last year's Gold Nugget for the College of Education.

## Spring Enrollment Reaches 15,333

Enrollment rose 8 percent this spring to total 15,333 students, the largest spring enrollment at UTEP since 1995.

The number of freshmen increased 7.8 percent, while the number of sophomores grew by 10.7 percent and juniors by 6.9 percent, demonstrating the success of UTEP's efforts to retain students — a critical issue as one in four freshmen nationally do not return for their sophomore year.

"Across the state and country, universities are working hard to retain more students by rethinking the way we do business," says Maggy Smith, dean of the University College, a new unit created last summer to integrate the university's recruitment, admission and other student service functions.

## UTEP Changes Summer Schedule, Adds Short Semesters

Beginning this May, UTEP will offer students two accelerated 10-day semesters and two summer sessions.

Students will have the opportunity to earn additional credit hours each year during the Maymester (May 13-24), Summer I (June 3-July 3), Summer II (July 10-Aug. 12) and the Wintermester (Dec. 30, 2002-Jan. 10, 2003). Students can take one course during each 10-day semester and a total of six credit hours during each summer session.

"We created these options in response to UTEP student surveys," says Pablo Arenaz, associate vice president for academic affairs. "Students who choose to enroll in one or more of these sessions can move forward more quickly in their degree plans."

# FINE PRINTING, LIBRARIES HONORED AT HERTZOG EVENT

UTEP and the Friends of the University Library in February presented Sara T.



Sauers, designer of *No Shortcuts: An Essay on Wood Engraving*, with the 2002 Carl

Hertzog Award for Excellence in Book Design.

The book, written by Barry Moser, was published in 2001 by the University of Iowa Center for the Book.

Before the presentation of the biennial award for excellence in fine printing, more than 100 book enthusiasts heard author Frank Vandiver give the Carl Hertzog Lecture. Vandiver, whose presentation focused on the importance of libraries as touchstones to history and culture, is president of the American University in Cairo and the former president of Rice University and Texas A&M. He

is the author of 26 books, including *Shadows of Vietnam: Lyndon Johnson's War*.

The Carl Hertzog Award, named for the founder of Texas Western Press, was created to recognize fine printing as an art. Hertzog, a premier

printer, created more than 250 books and pamphlets for Texas Western Press and publishing houses such as Knopf and Little, Brown & Co.

The award competition is coordinated by the Friends of the University Library.



UTEP and the Friends of the University Library honored designer Sara T. Sauers with the Carl Hertzog Award for Excellence in Book Design. Pictured are, from left, author Frank Vandiver, Sauers, University Librarian Patricia Phillips, and Robert Skimin, author and president of the Friends of the University Library.

## A Letter from the Alumni Relations Office

“Progress Being Made” would be a fitting phrase for the signs that will soon go up to mark new construction on campus. As UTEP



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expands to meet current and present needs, the Alumni Relations Office will continue to keep our alumni informed about campus news and events.

Today, when UTEP graduates live around the globe, we know that one of the best ways to keep in touch is through our national and international alumni chapters. With the assistance of alumni living in these areas, we now have active chapters in Washington, D.C., San Diego, the San Francisco Bay area, Austin, Houston, North Texas, Colorado, Arizona and Juárez.

We invite you to keep that Miner momentum going by helping us to start an alumni chapter in your area. Just call 1-800-GO-MINERS!

— Yoli Ingle  
Assistant Vice President for  
Institutional Advancement,  
Alumni Relations

## Reunions

Interested in working on a class reunion? Contact the Alumni Relations Office at: [alumni@utep.edu](mailto:alumni@utep.edu), 1-866-GO-MINERS or 915-747-8600.

We especially want to hear from the classes of 1977 and 1992.



Paydirt Pete Logo, 1982-1999.

The UTEP Heritage Commission would like to add to the collection of memorabilia in the Heritage House, and they need your help. Do you have any old *Flowsheets*, group photos, uniforms or any other TCM, TWC or UTEP keepsakes you would like to donate to the Heritage Commission? If so, please call Jeannie Johnston at the Alumni Relations Office.



Heritage House

## Come Home for Homecoming

Make plans now to attend UTEP's Homecoming 2002 Oct. 14-19.

Highlights of this year's celebration will include:

### Distinguished Alumni Reception

Friday, Oct. 18, with time and location to be announced;

### Golden Grads Luncheon

at noon Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Tomas Rivera Conference Center;

### Pre-Game Party at 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 19 at de Wetter Center (the Alumni Lodge); and

### Homecoming Football Game

vs. Rice University at 7:05 p.m. Oct. 19 in Sun Bowl Stadium.



October 14-19

Look for more details in the next issue of *NOVA Quarterly*, or log on to <http://homecoming.utep.edu>.

## Did You Know ...

... **former students can join** the UTEP Alumni Association even if they did not complete their degree at UTEP?

... **current and retired university faculty members can join** the association?

**Well, now you know!** By joining, you can help support projects and activities such as Homecoming, Season of Lights and the association's scholarship program. Your membership also will entitle you to special members-only discounts and events.

To join the association, or to renew your membership, please send a check for \$25 made payable to: **UTEP Alumni Association**

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## UTEP Honors 1966 NCAA Champions with Reunion Dinner, Planned Exhibits

Enthusiastic fans packed UTEP's Memorial Gym Feb. 27 for a reunion dinner honoring the Miner team that won the 1966 NCAA men's basketball title. Playing for what was then Texas Western College, the Miners triumphed in an upset victory over the heavily favored University of Kentucky Wildcats.

"That win continues to resonate because it defines the moment when the color bar was broken in college basketball. Americans watching the game in the stands or on TV saw TWC's five African-American starting players defeat the all-white University of Kentucky team. This was the first major sporting championship in which an all-black starting team had played, let alone beaten, a white one," says UTEP President Diana Natalicio.

Also at the reunion dinner was *Philadelphia Inquirer* sportswriter Frank Fitzpatrick, who chronicled the game in his critically acclaimed *And the Walls Came Tumbling Down: Kentucky, Texas Western, and the Game That Changed American Sports*. He observed that the '66 game, and its role in civil rights history, has garnered fame in some unlikely places. While covering the 2002 Winter Olympics for the *Inquirer*, Fitzpatrick swapped stories with a fellow reporter from Croatia. Upon learning that Fitzpatrick was the author of *Walls*, the reporter broke into a wide grin and nodded vigorously. "Yes, yes. Western Texas. Very great game. Very great," he said. Later in the day, when U.S. bobsledder Vonetta Flowers became the first African-American athlete to win a gold medal in the history of the Winter Olympics, the same reporter waved at Fitzpatrick and shouted "Western Texas. Flowers. History!"

UTEP plans to preserve the history of the '66 game through the creation of two exhibits. The first will be a permanent installation at the Haskins Center — a building named in honor of UTEP's legendary basketball Coach Don Haskins. During his nearly 40 years at UTEP, Haskins not only coached the '66 championship

game, but also achieved an outstanding record of more than 700 victories — and a place in the Basketball Hall of Fame.

The second exhibit will be a traveling display that focuses on the social and historic significance of the '66 championship. The exhibit also will profile the college and community who cheered the winning team to victory.

The 1966 Exhibit Committee, comprised of representatives from UTEP, the '66 team and the community, already is working on



UTEP revisited a historic and triumphant moment in its history as members of the 1966 NCAA Championship basketball team came together in late February for a reunion dinner in their honor. Seated, from left, are 1966 team members Willie Cager and Bobby Joe Hill, former Athletic Director Eddie Mullins, former Assistant Coach Moe Iba, and former Coach Don Haskins; and, standing, from left, are team members Dick Myers, David Lattin, Nevil Shed, Harry Flournoy, Togo Railey, Louis Baudoine and Jerry Armstrong.

implementing the proposal submitted by an ad hoc committee of UTEP faculty and staff members.

"In 1957 Texas Western led the way in the desegregation of university education in the deep South. In 1966 TWC once again challenged bigotry — this time on the basketball court. We need to educate today's youth about this aspect of civil rights, and we will do that through the traveling exhibit that will carry this remarkable story to cities across the nation," Natalicio says.



Legendary Miner basketball Coach Don Haskins addressed a crowd of 500 in Memorial Gym at the Feb. 27 reunion dinner honoring the 1966 NCAA Championship team.



## 50s

**John D. Mundy** (B.S.E.E. '56) retired from Wachovia Bank as a computer contract consultant. Mundy also retired from AT&T as a member of the technical staff in 1995 after 37 years of service. He currently serves as secretary of the Executive Committee for Hispanic Ministries in the Winston-Salem, N.C., District of the United Methodist Church.

## 60s

**Luis A. Mendez** (B.M. '60), of Lake Alfred, Fla., teaches vocal and instrumental music for grades K-8 at the Jewett School of the Arts in Winter Haven, Fla. Jewett's show choir sang the national anthem on opening day at the Cleveland Indians spring training camp in February. Mendez also is the pianist-leader of his own band, which plays in the Orlando-Tampa area, and was a guest pianist with the Guy Lombardo Orchestra during their Florida tour.

**Philip T. Smith** (B.A. '64) is a professor of history who teaches courses on Britain and the British Empire at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. Smith, who received his Ph.D. from Columbia University, has been elected chair of his department, a position he had held previously.

## 70s

**Victor Arias Jr.** (B.B.A. '78), executive vice-president and regional director for the Dallas office of DHR International, a leading executive search firm, was appointed to the Board of Directors of AFC Enterprises, the franchiser and operator of Church's Chicken, Popeyes Chicken and Biscuits, Cinnabon, Seattle's Best Coffee, and Torrefazione Italia. Arias also serves on the Board of Trustees of Stanford University and was the co-founder of the National Society of Hispanic MBAs in 1994.

**Francisco V. Baltier** (B.S.E.E. '70) is the chief of electrical maintenance at the Saline Water Conversion Corp., the world's largest desalination plant, in Al-Jubail, Saudi Arabia. The plant generates 2,000 megawatts and produces 2.4 million gallons of drinking water per day.

**Dian A. Cassidy** (B.S. '75; B.S.N. '78; M.S.N. '78) has been named senior vice president of patient care services at Thomason Hospital in El Paso. She has 23 years of nursing experience and had served as Thomason's assistant administrator of nursing before her promotion.

**Irene Chavez** (B.A. '79), vice president of

business-development services for Sierra Providence Health Network in El Paso, was appointed vice president of the executive committee for the Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions of Texas, a group dedicated to the physical, emotional and social health of Texas children.

**Dee W. Cramer** (B.A. '71), assistant principal at Pebble Hills Elementary School in El Paso's Ysleta Independent School District, is president of the Texas State Reading Association for the 2001-2002 school year. The TSRA promotes high levels of literacy by improving the quality of reading instruction and actively encouraging lifetime reading habits.

**William F. Gregersen** (B.B.A. '75), a longtime firefighter and five-year assistant fire chief, was named acting chief of the El Paso Fire Department, overseeing a \$55 million budget and more than 950 employees.

**Shaw Nicholas Gynan** (M.A. '78), a professor in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Wash., received a Fulbright Scholar Grant for the 2001-2002 academic year. This is Gynan's second Fulbright to Paraguay, where he recently helped the government develop a language policy program and lectured on sociolinguistics.

**Karen C. Lyon** (M.S.N. '79), whose private El Paso practice specializes in the care of patients with chronic wounds primarily due to diabetes and vascular insufficiency, was elected president of the American Heart Association Texas Affiliate.

**Manny Najera** (B.B.A. '70), state representative from El Paso, was presented with a plaque by the El Paso Humane Society on behalf of the Texas Humane Legislative Network for his dedication and work in drafting, sponsorship and passage of the Animal Felony Cruelty Law.

**Robert Seipel** (B.S. '71), owner and president of Robert Seipel Associates Inc. in El Paso, was elected to the board of directors of the Texas Society of Professional Surveyors at the group's recent annual convention.

## 80s

**Stephen Ainsa** (B.S.C.E. '80) is a corporate associate in the Lubbock construction firm of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper Inc. Ainsa joined PSC in 1990 as a resident project representative for the construction of the Jonathan Rogers Water Treatment Plant in El Paso.

**Victor Ayala Jr.** (B.A. '84), a team leader for American Express Travel Related Services

in Albuquerque, N.M., received his master's degree in organizational management from the University of Phoenix, Albuquerque campus.

**Judy A. Balmer** (B.B.A. '82), senior vice president specializing in commercial real estate lending at the First Federal Bank in El Paso, received the Top Producer for 2001 award from the Capital Certified Development Corp.

**Saturnino Gonzalez Jr.** (B.B.A. '86; M.Acc. '95), a certified public accountant and accounting lecturer at El Paso Community College, was honored by the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants as one of four 2001 Outstanding Accounting Educators.

**Gustavo Ortiz** (B.S.N. '89), a registered nurse, is the day-shift supervisor for the Critical Care Unit at Medical City Dallas Hospital.

## 90s

**Michael Aceves** (B.B.A. '90) is the director of information technology for the Dallas-based Heritage Bag Co., an institutional plastic bag manufacturer for food, health care and janitorial markets.

**Maria Begeman** (B.A. '90) received her M.A. in linguistics from Georgetown University in 1993 and taught English as a second language in Texas and California, and now is teaching in Dayton, Ohio.

**Roberto Blanco** (B.B.A. '98) was named a member of the 2001 President's Council of New York Life Insurance Co., distinguishing him as one of the company's top producers in El Paso.

**Alejandra L. Briceno** (B.S.N. '95), a registered nurse, has been named assistant director of surgery at Sierra Medical Center in El Paso, with new duties that include daily operations and coordination of cardiac, neurosurgery and gamma-knife services.

**Maj. Patricia E. Ervin** (B.S.M.E. '90), a C-5 aircraft commander at Travis Air Force Base in California, was selected as a presidential advance agent. As an advance agent, she goes to areas to which President Bush or Vice President Cheney will travel to coordinate efforts necessary to bring in Air Force One or Air Force Two and other aircraft associated with the trip.

**John E. Hobbs** (B.B.A. '93) has been promoted from business banking associate to business banker with the Wells Fargo Business Banking Group in El Paso.

**Rosalia Slape** (B.S.N. '96), a registered nurse, has joined Del Sol Medical Center in El Paso as nurse manager for the Pediatric Unit. She has received her chemotherapy, pediatric advanced life support and professional rescuer certification.

# OBITS

**Olivia Irvin Bell** (B.A. '50)  
Oct. 23, 2001. Bell, of Fountain Hills, Ariz., was a longtime resident of El Paso

who taught for 32 years at Cadwallader Elementary School in the Ysleta Independent School District.

**Kenneth Aubrey Jones** (B.M. '56)

Oct. 30, 2001. He was a retired band teacher in the Ysleta Independent School District and was the first band director for Eastwood High School, where he wrote the school's *alma mater* and fight song. Jones also played in the El Paso Symphony Orchestra for 30 years.

**Floyd Kenneth Stopani** (B.A. '73)

Nov. 6, 2001. Stopani, a licensed pastor with the Vineyard Christian Fellowship, was the manager of the El Paso Independent School District's James Gamble Warehouse. He also was an active master judge for the American Iris Society.

**Richard H. Surlis Sr.** (B.B.A. '63)

Nov. 10, 2001. He was a resident of Onalaska, Texas.

**Katherine I. Robinson** (B.S.Ed. '64)

Nov. 12, 2001. A longtime resident of El Paso, Robinson was a retired teacher from the El Paso Independent School District.

**Mary L. Ford** (B.A. '38; M.A. '49)

Nov. 14, 2001. Ford taught in Canutillo, Texas; in the El Paso County School District; and, from 1948 to 1961, at Ysleta High School. During World War II, she was a court stenographer at Biggs Army Air Field in El Paso. In 1961 she was named the supervisor of choral music for the Ysleta Independent School District, and in 1969 she was named the director of music education. At her retirement in 1980, she was director of the Fine Arts Department. Ford also was a private piano and voice teacher, and served on the Texas State Board of Music Educators and the El Paso Symphony Orchestra board.

**Dorris F. Van Doren** (B.A. '59)

Nov. 14, 2001. An elementary school teacher for 22 years, Van Doren was instrumental in starting El Paso's Westside Branch Library and was the only emeritus member of the Friends of the Westside Library Association.

**Salvador S. Martinez** (B.S.Ed. '81)

Nov. 16, 2001. Martinez, a resident of Fabens, Texas, was a Vietnam War veteran who taught in the Clint Independent School District for 19 years.

**Jane A. Simon** (B.S.Ed. '78) Nov. 17, 2001.

She was a teacher at Crockett Elementary School and a lifelong resident of El Paso.

**Audrey D. Morris** (B.A. '50) Nov. 21, 2001.

A native of Rockford, Ill., and a retired teacher after 29 years of service, Morris taught at Lone Star, Cooley and Hillside elementary schools, and MacArthur Junior High in El Paso. In

1973-74, she was Hillside Elementary Teacher of the Year. Morris was a member of Chi Omega, Phi Alpha Theta, Alpha Chi and Kappa Delta Pi.

**James Edward Waters** (M.Ed. '75)

Dec. 1, 2001. Waters was a Vietnam and Korean war veteran with 20 years of service in the U.S. Army. His last duty assignment was with the Allied Student Battalion at Fort Bliss. He was a basic education director with the El Paso Job Corps and was a member of the High Performance Team of the Department of Labor, the Disabled American Veterans Post #187, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2451, and Gideons International, and he was past president of the Parent Teacher Association of Stanton Elementary School and a cub master for Troop 185.

**Georgia Mae Jones Young Martin**

(M.Ed. '76) Dec. 5, 2001. Martin, a resident of Henderson, Nev., was an elementary teacher in East Baton Rouge Parish, La.; the El Paso Independent School District; and the Louisiana Bossier Parish School System, where she retired as a parish curriculum coordinator. She was a member of Delta Sigma Theta.

**Harry William "Bill" Anderson** (B.A. '50)

Dec. 11, 2001. Anderson, a third-generation owner of Anderson Food Stores in El Paso, also was a manager for Tri-State Wholesale Grocers and partner/owner of R.S. Palmer Lumber Co. in Deming, N.M.

**Jeanne "Jill" Webb** (B.A. '58) Dec. 14, 2001.

A resident of Midland, Texas, Webb was vice president of Engineered Equipment Inc. of Midland and a member of the Daybreak Rotary Club and the Greentree Country Club.

**Frank G. Trew** (B.A. '49) Dec. 15, 2001.

Trew, a resident of Las Vegas, Nev., was a retired real estate broker and a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

**Chester William McNamara** (B.B.A. '77)

Dec. 17, 2001. A longtime resident of El Paso, he was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8919 and the Wallace Houston Masonic Lodge.

**John Howard Estes III** (B.A. '47; M.A. '52)

Dec. 23, 2001. Before moving to San Antonio, Estes was a math teacher for the El Paso Independent School District, where he also served as the assistant principal of El Paso High School and principal of Lamar Elementary School. He was a member of the East El Paso Lions Club, the Masonic Lodge #1111 and the Woodworkers Club of El Paso.

**Kenneth E. Nordin** (B.A. '49) Dec. 23, 2001.

He was a resident of Overland Park, Kan.

**Earl Lightbourn Harbeck** (B.S.Ed. '80)

Dec. 25, 2001. Harbeck, a longtime resident of El Paso, was a special education teacher at Alta Vista Elementary School. Retired from the U.S. Army, Harbeck earned a Silver Star, a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. He was a disabled rights activist and a member of Desert American Disabled for Attendant Programs Today and Grupo D.I.O.

**Luis A. Montes** (B.S. '69) Dec. 29, 2001.

Montes was a professor of computer science at UTEP, El Paso Community College and Park College, and had retired as a computer analyst from the Department of Defense. He was a U.S. Army veteran and an ordained deacon for the Catholic Church.

**Jack N. Duke** (B.A. '38) Jan. 4, 2002. Duke

served as an investigator for the Department of the Treasury and during World War II was in the military police attached to the 14th Army Air Force at General Claire Chennault's headquarters. Upon returning to El Paso, he was employed as a supervisory inspector with the U.S. Customs Service until his retirement. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #130, Scottish Rite and the El Maida Shrine.

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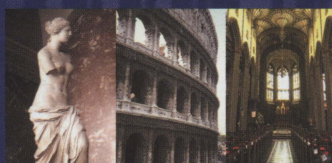
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