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Our road to glory

Many of you have heard me say that the UTEP athletic program is a window through which the University's national identity is shaped.

The fortunes of UTEP's athletic teams, especially football and basketball, tell the University's story to a far broader audience than would otherwise ever know about us. Winning teams, national rankings, conference championships, bowl games, and NCAA tournament selections all attract much national media attention, which in turn brings a high degree of recognition to the University.

Few universities—and no other Texas universities—have won the NCAA men's basketball tournament, as UTEP (then Texas Western College) did in 1966. That achievement should have thrust Coach Haskins, the team and this University into a highly favorable national spotlight.

However, it was no ordinary championship game: Coach Haskins' decision to start five black players against Adolph Rupp's top-ranked and all-white Kentucky Wildcats served as a metaphor for the sociopolitical tensions of the 1960s and triggered considerable controversy.

So, instead of enjoying a national celebration of this extraordinary accomplishment, Coach Haskins, the team and the University suffered hostility from many sectors, including such mainstream media as *Sports Illustrated*.

Forty years later, the release of "Glory Road," the Disney/Bruckheimer film that tells the story of our 1966 championship victory, has finally put an appropriately bright and highly positive spotlight on Coach Haskins and the 1966 team.

Extensive media coverage, and experiences such as a Hollywood premiere (with a walk down the red carpet and a standing ovation from the audience at the end of the film) and a dinner invitation from the White House, have given those 1966 Miners the well-deserved recognition that they were so long denied.

And, although Texas Western College changed its name to UTEP in 1967, the year after the national championship—a marketing blunder that I think we would do our best to avoid today!—UTEP has enjoyed participating in the "Glory Road" publicity.

As "Glory Road" is featured in sports broadcasts, movie reviews, feature articles and opinion pieces in publications throughout the country, UTEP is getting its share of glory, too.

Our tribute Web site to the 1966 team had more than 200,000 page views during the month surrounding the release of the film! Such is the power of athletics in today's world.

UTEP alumni all over the country are attending the movie—often proudly wearing their Miner shirts, caps and jackets—and urging everyone they know to see it, too. They have sent us messages describing their thrill at seeing the highly positive response to the film—lots of cheers, some tears, and enthusiastic applause at the end of the film.

And, all of us at UTEP are trying mightily to ensure that everyone understands that Texas Western College in 1966 is UTEP today!

This is a wonderful moment in UTEP's history. The remarkable story of this institution's role in changing the face of college athletics in 1966 has finally and brilliantly been told.

And that story serves as a powerful metaphor for the leadership role that UTEP is playing 40 years later, as we play a leading role nationally in changing the face of higher education. How sweet it is!

Diana Natalicio
UTEP President

UTEP President Diana Natalicio poses with Coach Don Haskins and Josh Lucas, who portrays Haskins in the film "Glory Road," during the Orange Carpet VIP Reception on campus in November 2005.



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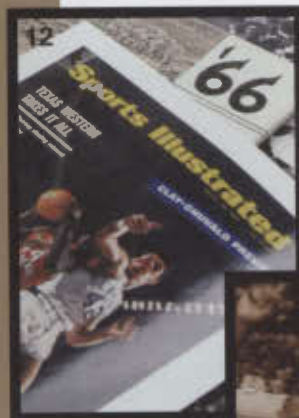
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A breath of fresh air

Asthma research to help border children

by Laura Cruz

On windy days when ozone levels are at their peak, it's not uncommon to see more than a handful of coughing, wheezing and fatigued students in school nurse Michelle Fernandez's office.

"I'll know when the ozone or pollution is high because the kids with asthma will come in complaining that they can't breathe," says the Alta Vista Elementary School nurse. "I think there's a lot of under diagnoses of children with asthma. There needs to be more research. More can be done for children with asthma."

The University of Texas at El Paso and the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center are collaborating to help children throughout the U.S.-Mexico border, like Fernandez's young patients, thanks to a five-year, \$5 million study from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, a component of the National Institutes of Health.

The program, known as ARCH, is officially named the UTEP-UNM Health Sciences Center Advanced Research Cooperation in Environmental Health Program on Border Asthma. It will examine the relationship between air, soil, household environment and asthma in El Paso children.

"El Paso is an extremely understudied, underfunded area," says Maria Amaya, a UTEP health sciences professor and the principal investigator for the research project.

The ARCH program is supported by five pilot projects that will feed into the core research effort. The research includes household health surveys and environmental assessments, innovative testing of lung function in children and in-depth analysis of the area's air.

Other studies include the effects of local pollutants on cells, and geographic analysis of environmental quality and asthma occurrence. UTEP faculty from three colleges and seven departments will work on the project.

"In the core project, we are studying a representative sample of children between the ages of 5 and 17, in order to identify the prevalence of asthma," Amaya says. "In previous studies, the prevalence was thought to be between 5 and 12 percent or higher."

Amaya says earlier studies might not have an accurate count of asthma patients, especially because many El Paso children are treated in Juárez or with over-the-counter medications.

"The advantage our research will have is that we are going into random homes to ask questions and assessing the children," she says. "Once the surveying is complete, the prevalence rate can be applied to the

whole community."

Nicholas Pingitore, Ph.D., the study's program director and a geological sciences professor at UTEP, says in addition to conducting cutting-edge research in asthma and environmental health, the program will help the university compete successfully for future research funding.

"At the heart of the NIH program is the chance to give UTEP and its researchers an opportunity to greatly upgrade our environmental health research capacity," Pingitore says. "In that context, we see the \$5 million – if all aspects of it are funded over the next five years – as a starting point, not an ending point."

Pingitore says he expects the smaller research teams to evolve and in the future "generate their own mega grants, the million-dollar type funding."

Pingitore thinks the program will also allow UTEP to strengthen its ties to the University of New Mexico.

"The partnership with UNM provides UTEP researchers access to specialized biomedical research equipment and facilities not available in El Paso," he says. "UNM has an impressive portfolio of NIH-funded research, and will provide opportunities for training and development for members of the UTEP team who are expanding their research commitment in environmental health and related fields."

Bob Currey, the ARCH program manager and director of UTEP's Center for Environmental Resource Management, says the quality of this research bodes well for UTEP and its students.

"A university that is achieving national recognition, a university with faculty researchers who are significant players in their field of study," Currey says. "What that brings into the equation are better students. Our best product is the graduate student who has worked on the research." ■



Eight-year-old Lazarus Burciaga prepares to take his asthma medication.

photos by J.R. Hernandez

MOVIN' ON UP

Scholarships help students progress

by Laura S. Ruelas

In just eight months, Joe Lomeli and twin sisters Carla and Claudia Ochoa have gone from jittery college freshmen to confident sophomores successfully juggling academics, jobs, family – and even some personal fun time.

“Always keeping my priorities is a continual challenge. The key is reminding myself what is really important, and that usually keeps me on track,” says Lomeli.

The three Miners were well prepared. Through Advanced Placement courses in high school, they earned college credit and tested out of a few courses. They enrolled as UTEP freshmen during the summer 2005 semester.

“I always recommend staying focused and to not let anything or anybody discourage you. You already took the first step to attain a higher education and now you just have to take the last step and graduate,” says Claudia Ochoa.

But perhaps what really fueled their steady progress – aside from their determination and family support – came in the form of financial aid. The

three students each received a \$3,500 Presidential Excellence Scholarship awarded to the top high school students who display exceptional leadership abilities, achievements and outstanding academic excellence.

“It was absolutely necessary that I get a scholarship. Without it, my parents wouldn’t have been able to afford to send me to college,” says Lomeli.

The Ochoa sisters agree that the financial burdens lifted by scholarships have pushed their academic success.

“I wouldn’t be able to be as focused as I am right now if I hadn’t received that extra (financial) help,” says Carla Ochoa.

Last fall, UTEP awarded 257 incoming freshmen from area high schools more than \$500,000 in scholarships.

“UTEP is seeing larger enrollment numbers and we’re seeing an increase in the number of students who accept our scholarships. Students see the growth and opportunities at UTEP, and they’re starting to see us as one of their top choices for higher education,” says Audrey Price, assistant vice president for Institutional Advancement.

Overall, UTEP students receive more than \$90 million in need-based financial aid a year, as well as some \$6.8 million in scholarships.

Scholarships are typically set up by donors and supporters who hope to encourage and inspire promising students to realize their potential – and their dreams.

Besides becoming a teacher, Carla Ochoa aspires to be a role model for her son. Her scholarship allows her to devote more of her time to raising him.

“I want to graduate in order to give him all that he needs. I want him to look up to me and see that nothing is impossible, that you just need diligence and determination,” she says.

The Ochoas, the top two graduates at Fabens High School last year, and Lomeli, a top Americas High School graduate, chose UTEP for its affordability, scholarship opportunities and strong academic reputation.

The university is continually working on ways to attract outstanding students like Lomeli and the Ochoas and ensure they graduate.

“We must develop a more in-depth understanding of our students, the opportunities and challenges they face, and UTEP’s responses to them,” says UTEP President Diana Natalicio about Student Success in the Middle Years, a new initiative that aims to help students make steady and efficient progress toward their degrees.

Aside from revisiting and restructuring University curricula, policies and procedures – such as providing flexible schedules, increasing financial aid opportunities and improving child care services – the initiative also stresses the concept of validation. Validating students’ worth and efforts helps support and encourage them to succeed, Natalicio says.

That sense of support has long been felt by some students, such as Franco Marquez, vice president of external affairs for the Student Government Association. The UTEP senior is proud of what he has accomplished and believes the same opportunities and support would not have been available to him at other universities.

“Here, you mean something. You matter to faculty, staff, students, and the administration,” says Marquez. “All you have to do is take that first step into your future. You just have to take it.” ■



In 1966, Texas Western changed the face of college athletics. Today, we celebrate the 40th anniversary of that historic NCAA basketball championship — an event that has become much, much more than a game.



SYMBOL OF CHANGE

TEXAS WESTERN MINERS FIND PLACE IN HISTORY

by David Peregrino



t was the mid-1960s.

The civil rights movement to end discrimination against blacks was in full swing. And though the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education decision and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 outlawed institutional racial segregation, it was still common to find all-white college sports teams, particularly in the South.

But in the remote desert city of El Paso, where a melting pot of cultures on the U.S.-Mexico border had existed for years, race wasn't an issue for the Texas Western College basketball team. Winning was.

Led by coach Don Haskins, a hard-nosed disciplinarian with a penchant for brutal workouts, the Texas Western Miners lit up the 1965-66 regular season with a 23-1 record. A tight-knit group of blacks, whites and one Hispanic, the Miners fought their way to the NCAA championship game against Adolph Rupp's No. 1-ranked Kentucky Wildcats, an all-white team.

So history was made on the night of March 19, 1966, in College Park, Md., when Haskins started, for the first time, an all-black lineup in an NCAA championship.

In a game punctuated by David "Big Daddy D" Lattin's thunderous dunks and Bobby Joe



Hill's lightning-quick steals, the Miners upset Kentucky 72-65 for the national title.

Today we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the '66 championship, an event that has become much, much more than a basketball game.

In the years following the Miners' victory, college teams throughout the South began aggressively recruiting black athletes, ending decades of shameful segregation. The '66 game soon grew into a symbol for blacks' breakthrough into college sports. And in January, the Miners were introduced to the world beyond El Paso through the Disney film "Glory Road," which became the country's No. 1 movie over the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend.

Haskins has always said that color of skin was never an issue when he put his Miners on the court against Kentucky.



"I was simply playing the best players I had. It was what I had done all year," Haskins says.

The talented and confident Miners also had their focus on the game, one they knew they would win if they played their best. It was the passage of time, and the perspective and wisdom it brings, that opened the eyes of the players to what they had accomplished, says Nevil Shed, who played in the championship game.

"It's a beautiful story about 12 diverse individuals, seven African-Americans among them, who came together to become the best team in the country," says Shed, who is now a coordinator of student programs at the University of Texas at San Antonio. "It took a lot of courage, perseverance and character to win that championship."

NBA coach Pat Riley, who played on the losing Kentucky team and acted as a consultant for the "Glory Road" filmmakers, has famously described the game as "The Emancipation Proclamation of 1966." As with the other players, the importance of the game didn't hit him until he learned how much the Texas Western squad had inspired young black basketball players.

"Bob McAdoo came to me as a player, when I was coaching the (Los Angeles) Lakers and said, 'I remember that game. It was the turning point of my life,'" Riley tells USA Today. "He was a player in North Carolina, a very highly touted player, and because of that game and the courage he garnered from those players, he decided to go to school in North Carolina."

The role of the Miners in eliminating the scourge of segregation was not lost on President George W. Bush and first lady Laura Bush, who invited the Miners to the White House in February for dinner

and a viewing of "Glory Road." Haskins was unable to make the trip because of illness, but his wife Mary Haskins and a group of friends from El Paso attended on his behalf.

Before the screening of "Glory Road," Laura Bush introduced the team and offered some welcoming remarks.

"'Glory Road' is a reminder to all of us of how times have changed, and of each step in the story of our history as Americans and in the story of civil rights and equal rights for all people," Laura Bush says. "Coach Haskins was special because he didn't let bigotry stand in the way of what he chose to do for his team and for his college." **N**



White House photo by Shealah Craighead

First lady Laura Bush introduced the team and offered opening remarks before a showing of "Glory Road" at the White House in February.



At the White House

(From left) Assistant coach Moe Iba, team representative Steve Tredennick, guard Willie Worsley, forward Harry Flournoy, guard Orsten Artis, center David Lattin, President George W. Bush, forward Louis Baudoin, student trainer Fred Schwake, forward Dick Myers, forward Willie Cager, center Nevil Shed, forward Jerry Armstrong and guard Togo Railey. White House photo by Kimberlee Hewitt

GLORY ROAD'S INSPIRATION

PLENTY MORE TO BE MINED FROM TEXAS WESTERN'S HISTORY

by David Peregrino



No surprise, "Glory Road" was an enormous hit in El Paso on its opening weekend in January, selling out nearly every showing at theaters all over the city.

And the Walt Disney/Jerry Bruckheimer film about Texas Western's historic 1966 NCAA championship drew enough people to theaters nationwide to become the No. 1 movie over the four-day weekend.

But reviews of the movie were decidedly mixed.

Those of us who loved it didn't mind jumping on "Glory Road's" Hollywood train, enjoying the fun and inspirational ride about a team that broke color barriers in the South. Those of us who left the

theater disappointed had problems with the film's historical inaccuracies and the Disney formula that takes a complicated batch of ingredients and distills it into sweet, easy-to-digest bites.

No filmmaker intends to dissatisfy the audience, so the case of "Glory Road" presents this question: Could it have been done better, had it been done in a different way?

For UTEP creative writing and film media students, this could be the springboard for a challenging thesis that might produce a fascinating script or digital video project.

Let's brainstorm:

TWC had recruited black players long before 1966, and Don Haskins won the national championship in his fifth year of coaching at TWC, not in his first year, as the film would have you believe.

And "Glory Road" only hinted at what would be the thousands of pieces of hate mail and grief Haskins would receive after 1966. It would be near impossible to fit all of this into a two-hour feature film, so it looks like we're going to need a made-for-TV mini series.

The series, filmed in black and white, would open with Haskins crumpling up a letter and tossing it in the trash. From there, we would flash back to the roots of TWC and UTEP basketball and work our way to the 1966 championship with unfaltering accuracy.

With a good 12 hours to work with, we could weave these stories into this miniseries: Charlie Brown, TWC's star player, who, in 1956, was the first black basketball player to be recruited into a school located in the Confederate South; Nolan Richardson, the legendary athlete from El Paso's Segundo Barrio who went on to become the only coach to win national junior college, NIT and NCAA championships; and Jim "Bad News" Barnes, the All-American who played on a gold-medal Olympic team and was the Knicks' first-round pick.

Another twist on the story of the '66 champs would be to see it through the eyes of one of the players. How about from the perspective of Bobby Joe Hill, the immensely talented guard who drove Haskins up a wall with his laissez-faire approach to the game?

Or let's see the season from the perspective of David "Big Daddy D" Lattin. A health nut who didn't drink or smoke, Lattin was a Renaissance man of sorts, hosting a jazz radio show on weekends at TWC. Some great source material might come from Lattin's book, "Daddy Lattin's Slam Dunk to Glory," which hits bookstore shelves in March.

In fact, among the remarkable lives of the '66 champions and their coach is a bounty of compelling and inspirational stories. "Glory Road" could be just the first of many paths that lead us to them. **N**



Hundreds of Miner fans lined up to see the debut of "Glory Road" in El Paso.

Photos by J.R. Hernandez



"(The movie is) historic and life changing. The true events did a lot for the black community. Nowadays, seeing five blacks start in basketball is normal, but it wouldn't have happened without the '66 team. It opened a lot of doors for sports today."

— **Nikki Jones**, senior, kinesiology; Miner point guard



"Even as minorities we weren't aware that we were making history. The team members were to us fellow classmates... The memories are unbelievable... The movie shows that UTEP is a forward thinking, ground breaking institution."

— **Alicia Meier**, 1969 UTEP alumna; KCOS, director of special projects and major gifts



"'Glory Road' was really spectacular... It shows that minorities aren't the bottom of the barrel, and that we can succeed in life."

— **Quinton Brown**, sophomore, financial banking

Where are they now? 1966 Texas Western College Miners



JERRY ARMSTRONG
Coached basketball at four schools in Missouri for over 21 years; retired in 1996 after 30 years in education



HARRY FLOURNOY
Works in route sales for Los Angeles-based Bimbo Bakeries



DAVID PALACIO
The native El Pasoan and Austin High School graduate is the executive vice president and chief financial officer of Univision Music Group based in Los Angeles



ORSTEN ARTIS
Retired detective with the Gary, Ind., police department



BOBBY JOE HILL
Made El Paso his home after his Texas Western career, retiring as an executive with El Paso Natural Gas; passed away Dec. 8, 2002, at the age of 59



TOGO RAILEY
The native El Pasoan and Austin High School grad retired from teaching in Port Nechez, Texas, and moved back to El Paso over a year ago



LOUIS BAUDOIN
Retired in 2000 after 33 years as a teacher and coach at Albuquerque Academy



DAVID LATTIN
Lives in Houston and works on a number of business projects, including real estate and public relations



NEVIL SHED
Coordinator for student programs at the University of Texas at San Antonio's University Center



WILLIE CAGER
Coordinator of the Ysleta Independent School District's After School Basketball Program in El Paso; established the Willie Cager Foundation, a non-profit educational program



DICK MEYERS
Spent 20 years in El Paso working for Farah Manufacturing and now lives in Morristown, N.J., and is vice president for Planning and Logistics for Coach Leather, Inc. in New York



WILLIE WORSLEY
Head coach of the Spring Valley High School's basketball team in Spring Valley, N.Y.



"Even though we knew the outcome of the movie, it was still really exciting. It showed Don Haskins and the team's perseverance, and it also painted a picture about our wonderful university."

— **Amphoe Bautista**, sophomore, pre-pharmacy



"The story is very intriguing and it was inspiring to see what they accomplished against all odds... Having the movie out there is good exposure for El Paso and rightful recognition for the team."

— **Gregg Bush**, 1990 alumnus, pre-paid Legal Services Associate



"The story alone inspires a lot of people to continue their dreams and keep going forward, especially minority students. I think this movie is going to change people's lives for the better."

— **Aaron Ponce**, senior, civil engineering

A MINER LEGEND

DON HASKINS' ROAD TO GLORY

by David Peregrino

Don Haskins is a living legend in El Paso, a man so much larger than life that he's already authored – with the prodding of sportswriters – two autobiographies. And now the entire world knows about the basketball coach and his 1966 Texas Western College NCAA championship team, thanks to the Disney film “Glory Road.”

But Don Haskins remains a humble and private man. Retired from coaching basketball at UTEP since 1999, he's happiest when he's with his family or his old friends, out hunting, playing golf or just sitting around and shooting the bull.

So when the press asks him the umpteenth question about “Glory Road,” when hundreds of fans hang on his every word, as they did at “An Evening with Don Haskins” at the El Paso Convention Center in January, the coach is quick to turn the spotlight elsewhere.

“The only thing that bothers me about (the '66 championship and “Glory

Road” media frenzy) is that it distracts from some of the other good teams we had,” he says.

And what teams he's had. During his 38-year reign at TWC and UTEP, he delivered the 1966 crown, 14 Western Athletic Conference championships, and players such as Jim “Bad News” Barnes, Nate “Tiny” Archibald, Tim Hardaway and Antonio Davis. And let's not forget he mentored coaching greats Nolan Richardson and Tim Floyd.

But Haskins still has a soft spot for his lesser-known players, particularly from his teams of the late 70s and early 80s. He



Photos by Chad Puerling

“The Bear” at “An Evening with Don Haskins” in January.

remembers scrappy players like Jim Bowden, Steve Yellen and Tim Crenshaw, who “worked so hard and improved each year” and, like many of his athletes, went on to successful careers and rewarding lives.

To understand Haskins, you need to know where he came from. He was born during the hard-luck days of the Great Depression, on March 14, 1930, in dusty Enid, Okla.

His family was “neither poor nor rich,” and his father, a truck driver and former semi-pro baseball player, encouraged Haskins' love of sports. Haskins was a good baseball player, but his basketball skills left something to be desired, and he was cut from his seventh- and eighth-grade basketball teams.

“It became sort of an obsession with me. I was determined to learn to play basketball,” he says in “Haskins: The Bear Facts,” his 1987 autobiography as told to longtime El Paso sportswriter Ray Sanchez. He spent his early teens honing his game by playing one-on-one with his friend Herman Carr, a talented black athlete who attended a segregated high school in Enid.

Haskins met Carr when they worked together at a feed store in Enid. As their friendship grew, Haskins' eyes opened to the shameful segregation that was quietly accepted in the South.

“We carried feed all day long. One day we got off work sweatin' and there was a water fountain that said ‘Colored Only’ and the other said ‘White Only,’” Haskins recalls.

After high school, Haskins received a basketball scholarship to Oklahoma A&M, and Carr, without the same opportunities, joined the Army.

“So Herman Carr went into the Army and Don Haskins went over to Oklahoma A&M because of color,” Haskins says. “He's good enough to get shot at in Korea, but he can't drink from the same fountain. That had a great influence on me. I never saw color again.”



(file photo)

Haskins in 1966

“One day we got off work sweatin' and there was a water fountain that said ‘Colored Only’ and the other said ‘White Only.’”

— Don Haskins

After college and a stint with the Amateur Athletic Union's Artesia Travelers, Haskins began coaching, leading some small-town high school teams to big success.

He took a pay cut for a chance to be a college coach, accepting a job offer at Texas Western College in 1961.

It's an understatement to say Haskins' practices were tough. At Oklahoma A&M, Haskins learned from legendary coach Hank Iba how drills were run. Haskins instilled the same discipline and zero tolerance for nonsense that Iba did, and soon many TWC players came to hate and fear the scowling, growling big man nicknamed "The Bear," who filled every cubic inch of Memorial Gym with pain and fury.

But most of his players eventually came to appreciate the discipline Haskins instilled in them as young men – and they certainly loved to win.

And win the Miners did. During his reign at Texas Western and UTEP, Haskins earned a place in the Naismith Hall of Fame for delivering 32 winning seasons.

But it's TWC's 1966 NCAA championship, which shattered a tenacious color barrier in college basketball and inspired a feature movie, that will forever be linked to Haskins.

But don't expect Haskins – this pool-hall gambler, this hunting, pickup-driving product of the American West – to be dazzled by movie stars, red carpets and other Hollywood foofaraw.



No, what electrified him was the turnout of hundreds of El Pasoans at "An Evening With Don Haskins," on the eve of the national debut of "Glory Road." A sold-out crowd of about 2,000 eagerly paid their hard-earned money to spend two hours with a man who's lived enough to fill a dozen lifetimes.

As the event came to a close, Haskins turned to the crowd and said: "Nothing has made me happier than this." ■

Don "the Bear" Haskins

- Born March 14, 1930, in Enid, Okla.
- Graduated from Enid High School, 1948
- Played basketball for three years under Hall of Fame Coach Henry "Hank" Iba at Oklahoma A&M, graduating in 1953
- Coached at Benjamin, Hedley and Dumas high schools, 1955-61
- Accepted a job at Texas Western College (now UTEP) in 1961
- Led the first all-black starting line-up in the 1966 NCAA national championship
- Assistant Olympic team coach, 1972
- Enshrined in Texas Sports Hall of Fame, 1987
- Advanced to the NCAA "Sweet 16" following a huge upset of then-No. 1-ranked Kansas in 1992
- Enshrined in Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, 1997
- When he retired in August 1999, he was tied for fourth place among the NCAA's winningest active coaches with a 719-353 record; and had just five losing seasons in 38 years at UTEP
- Overall, led UTEP to seven WAC championships, four WAC tournament titles and 21 postseason trips (14 NCAA, 7 NIT)
- Haskins and his wife Mary still live in El Paso. They have raised four sons: Mark, Brent, Steve and David. Mark passed away in 1995 at the age of 42.

(file photo)



As we celebrate the spirit and perseverance of the 1966 Texas Western champions, we are reminded that although we have a new name, our spirit remains unchanged.

UTEP TODAY

CHANGING THE FACE OF HIGHER EDUCATION



by Kimberly Miller

The story of the 1966 Texas Western Miners has burst out of old NCAA basketball record books and into the national spotlight.

The Miners' victory was a "mortal blow to segregation in collegiate athletics and beyond," says John Brooks Slaughter, CEO of the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering and former chancellor of the University of Maryland, where the historic game was played.

Photos by J.R. Hernandez

But Slaughter and others recognize that the game changed more than athletics. It set a standard of spirit, perseverance and success for what is now the University of Texas at El Paso.

"The 1966 game is a perfect metaphor for who we are today and what we are trying to do today in higher education," says UTEP President Diana Natalicio. "We are changing the way people think about higher education, about Hispanics."

UTEP's student body of more than 19,000 – about 72 percent Hispanic and nearly 10 percent Mexican nationals – does not look like that of most universities in the United States. The majority of UTEP students are also the first in their families to attend college.

And because UTEP, like the 1966 team's starting lineup, looks different than the norm, it has its naysayers. Natalicio recognizes this, but is convinced that UTEP is starting to change their minds.

"We're underdogs, just like the 1966 team," she says. "So when our students go to national competitions with other students, expectations are just like they used to be for that '66 team. People don't expect them to be stars and they are."

One of the keys to UTEP's success is its commitment to the dual ideals of access and excellence. So while focusing on traditional standards of excellence like research

UTEP was named the No. 1 graduate engineering school for Hispanics by Hispanic Business magazine.





UTEP is a leader in delivering educational opportunities to a diverse community of students.

competitiveness and annual fund development, the university also stays true to its mission of meeting the educational needs of a growing region.

Examples of how these contrasting ideas can work in harmony abound on campus. UTEP's research expenditures, the second largest among the University of Texas System's academic institutions, include projects that engage both graduate and undergraduate students in high-level research.

During an academic year that saw the addition of a 14th doctoral program, the university initiated a program to focus on helping students struggling through the middle years of their undergraduate education, ensuring that they make steady progress toward graduation.

"We've tried to show that being committed to access doesn't condemn you to mediocrity," Natalicio explains, "and becoming a heavily minority university doesn't in any way limit the excellence you can achieve."

Slowly, the UTEP model is garnering attention and impacting higher education trends nationally. The university is recognized among the top three in the nation in awarding undergraduate degrees to Hispanics, the fastest growing minority group in the United States. And in fall 2005, UTEP's College of Engineering was named the top graduate engineering school for Hispanics in the nation.

Author and higher education researcher George Kuh highlighted UTEP in his recent book "Student Success in College."

"We learned many valuable

lessons from UTEP about helping students succeed, particularly how to respond to first generation Mexican-American and Hispanic students," says Kuh. "The university designed a number of programs and services that touch large numbers of students in meaningful ways."

While on campus to speak at commencement, Slaughter called UTEP a "singular and important" institution, citing the role the university is playing in increasing the number of minorities working in technical and scientific fields.

Despite these successes, Natalicio believes there is still a long way to go.

"You can't say 'we've arrived' and take a break," she says. "We have to continue to be hungry, to be competitive, to continue to want the most for the students on this campus whose talent makes them very deserving of everything we can do." ■



From classroom to laboratory, UTEP delivers the tools for its students' success.

TRIBUTE TO THE

University looks to you to create permanent exhibit for historic game

by Laura Cruz

Joe Gomez can still hear the roar of the crowd as they stomped their feet in the stands of Memorial Gym. From the sidelines, Coach Don Haskins growled at his players.



But Gomez's most vivid memory of the Miners comes from a flickering television in a fraternity house on March 19, 1966. That night,

the black-and-white set broadcast the most exhilarating sights, sounds and drama as Texas Western College (now UTEP) stunned the nation by winning the NCAA basketball championship.

"I relive it all the time. It was just incredible," says Gomez, a 1970 UTEP alumnus and member of the university's Heritage Commission. Making history that night in College Park, Md., the Miners started five blacks in the NCAA championship, defeating an all-white Kentucky team 72-65.

A new generation of fans may soon be able to relive that moment – or experience it for the first time – while learning more about the significance and social impact of the game, credited for setting in motion the desegregation of college teams in the South.

The university is planning a permanent display to pay tribute to the 1966 Miners at the Don Haskins Center and is looking for items that might be included, as well as donations to support the 1966 Exhibit Gift Fund.

Gomez, who is helping with the effort, says he can already feel the immensity of such a display, showcasing pieces of history, including the only NCAA men's basketball championship trophy in Texas.

"For years the trophy has been like a foster child, moving from here to there," Gomez says. "It needs a permanent home."

Gomez says the exhibit may bring out of storage a life-size stuffed grizzly donated to Haskins years ago to symbolize the greatness of the coach affectionately known as "the

color barrier and forever changed the face of college athletics.

UTEP history professor Charles Martin, Ph.D., says the significance of the win goes beyond an athletic victory.

"It plays into the role of the university as a leader in the integration of southern colleges and again in the integration of college sports," he says. "I'd like to see the exhibit tell the background story of the integration of the athletic department starting with the story of Charlie Brown."

"For years the trophy has been like a foster child, moving from here to there...It needs a permanent home." — Joe Gomez, Heritage Commission

"The exhibit would expand the mindset of the person who is viewing it and they would learn more about the story." — history professor Charles Martin

Bear." Gomez imagines the net that was cut from its rim after the victory embracing the championship basketball, and envisions worn Converse All Star basketball shoes, orange and white Texas Western jerseys and the era-defining short shorts gloriously displayed behind glass.

"We need to do something that visitors will get excited about, something that creates a lot of oohs and aahs," Gomez says.

Visitors could be inspired as they listen to the play-by-play of the game broadcast through the exhibit. Larger-than-life photographs of the game could grace the walls, while clips of the film "Glory Road" add to the story of a game that broke the

In fact, Texas Western had recruited black basketball players as early as 1956, including brothers Cecil and Charlie Brown. National championship coach Nolan Richardson was a sophomore guard when Haskins arrived at TWC in 1961.

"If you only concentrate on the 1966 NCAA win then you don't contextualize the meaning of the game," Martin says. "The exhibit would expand the mindset of the person who is viewing it and they would learn more about the story."

And they'll learn why Texas Western's place in history grows stronger as the years go by. ■

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CHAMPS



Track team wins C-USA indoor title

Kitchens named Coach of the Year

Stories by David Peregrino

The UTEP men won the 2006 Conference USA Indoor Track and Field Championship at the University of Houston campus in February.

Miner Mickael Hanany's victories in the high jump, long jump and triple jump earned him "Performance of the Meet" honors.

Head coach Bob Kitchens was named C-USA Male Coach of the Year, and UTEP's Jenny Holmroos, who won the 800 meters in a C-USA championship record time of 2:07.43, was named the Female Freshman of the Year. The women's

team placed third in the championship.

UTEP clinched the men's team title after finishing first through fourth in the 3,000 meters. Mircea Bogdan led the foursome of Miners with a C-USA championship record time of 8:17.73. Following Bogdan were Patrick Mutai, Japheth Ng'ojoy and Stephen Samoei. **N**



Miners end season at NIT, make record book

The men's basketball team overcame injury and adversity to finish 21-10 overall and 11-3 in C-USA for 2005-06. The Miners earned a bid to the postseason National Invitation Tournament, hosting Lipscomb in the opening round. UTEP thrashed the Bisons 85-66 at the Don Haskins Center. The team moved on to play Michigan in a first-round game at Ann Arbor, but the bigger and deeper Wolverine squad ended the Miners' season with an 82-67 victory.

Senior John Tofi, who suffered a season-ending knee injury Feb. 22 at Memphis with just three games remaining in the regular season,

was named to the All-Conference USA first team. Before he tore his right ACL, Tofi was leading the Miners in scoring (13.9 ppg) and rebounding (9.2 rpg).

Senior Jason Williams was named to the All-Conference USA second team. In the last home game of the season, Williams became the first player in UTEP history to tally 1,000 points, 500 rebounds and 300 assists. Williams added his name to the record book again in the NIT game versus Lipscomb, becoming the first men's player in Miner history to earn a triple double, with 17 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists. **N**



Lady Miners make mark

The UTEP women's basketball team ended its season with a first-round loss in the C-USA tournament on March 2. The Miners finished 14-15 overall and 6-10 in C-USA.

Junior guard Ana Valtierra played 1,009 minutes in the regular season, breaking Holly Russ' UTEP single-season mark of 989 in 1990-91. Valtierra has played the entire game this regular season 12 times. Valtierra also finished the year with 115 assists, the third-highest mark in school history. **N**



2006 Mike Price football camps

This summer, Head Coach Mike Price is hosting high school football camps across Texas and in Arizona. The camps are an excellent opportunity for high school athletes to improve their skills while having fun and getting to know the Miner coaching staff. For more information, call 915/747-5142.

One-Day Evaluation Camps

For students who will be high school juniors and seniors. Coaches evaluate your skills and help prepare you for the future. \$25.

- June 2** – El Paso: UTEP's Sun Bowl Stadium
- June 9** – Phoenix: Glendale Community College
- June 17** – Dallas: Kincaid Stadium
- June 19** – Fort Worth: Clark Stadium
- June 20** – East Texas: Longview High School
- June 21** – East Houston: Pasadena Memorial Stadium
- June 22** – West Houston: Darrell Tully Stadium
- June 23** – San Antonio: Comalander Stadium

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For high school football teams with students who will be ninth graders through seniors. One day of touch games in round robin tournament format. Championship held under the lights of the Sun Bowl Stadium. \$175 per team.

- June 10** – El Paso: UTEP's Sun Bowl Stadium



Price

2006 Miner football schedule set

Head Coach Mike Price has announced UTEP's 12-game 2006 football schedule, which features match-ups against 2005 bowl teams Texas Tech and Memphis, as well as Rio Grande rivalry games against New Mexico and New Mexico State.

"It's a very competitive schedule – probably one of the most competitive

schedules we've had," Price says. "We have an awesome home schedule with Texas Tech, New Mexico State, SMU, Tulane, Rice and ending with Memphis, which will probably be a big game. It's going to be one of our best home schedules." **N**



DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Thur. Aug. 31	San Diego State	San Diego
Sat. Sept. 9	Texas Tech	El Paso
Sat. Sept. 23	New Mexico	Albuquerque
Sat. Sept. 30	New Mexico State	El Paso
Sat. Oct. 7	SMU*	El Paso
Sat. Oct. 14	Tulane*	El Paso
Sat. Oct. 21	Houston*	Houston
Fri. Oct. 27	Tulsa*	Tulsa
Sat. Nov. 4	Rice*	El Paso
Fri. Nov. 10	UAB*	Birmingham, Ala.
Sat. Nov. 18	Marshall*	Huntington, W. Va.
Sat. Nov. 25	Memphis*	El Paso

*Conference USA game



TV spots show transformation of Texas Western to UTEP

The "Glory Road" buzz has brought the legacy of the Texas Western Miners to millions of moviegoers and sports fans across the nation.

But the story of the 1966 NCAA basketball champions is more than good movie material. The game changed the face of college athletics, leading to the desegregation of college athletic teams in the South.

Texas Western is now UTEP, an institution that's changing the face of higher education.

To help make the connection between TWC and UTEP, the university has introduced two television public announcement spots now playing across the nation.

To watch the spots online, log on to www.utep.edu and click on the TWC/UTEP highlight button.

\$2 million grant helps study border environment

The National Science Foundation has awarded UTEP's College of Science a three-year, \$1.78 million grant to develop a partnership with the El Paso Independent School District to explore the border's environment.

The project aims to significantly improve science learning among middle school students by teaming EPISD teachers with UTEP science and engineering graduate fellows. The program begins in August.

The fellows will serve as scientists and mentors to students in the classroom. They will also enhance their own graduate training by learning about teaching in local public schools.

As part of the project, teacher-fellow teams will develop and deliver hands-on science lessons relevant to the environmental challenges in the border region.

Program promotes math, science among Hispanic girls

The Colleges of Education and Engineering and the School of Public Health at UTEP are collaborating with eight local school districts to promote equality in math and science education for Hispanic girls.

The collaboration, known as Project ACE (ACtion for Equity), was created with the help of a four-year, \$885,000 award from the Women's Educational Equity Grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Students and parents currently participating in UTEP's Mother-Daughter program and students in kindergarten through 12th grade from various schools will participate in the project. Some 800 girls and women will participate in workshops, hands-on events and motivational presentations as part of the program.

The project will also introduce service-learning elements and efforts to promote gender equality in pre-service teacher preparation at UTEP.



photo by J.R. Hernandez

Parking garage construction begins

Construction of UTEP's first-ever parking garage began in January in the lot behind the Fox Fine Arts Theatre south of the Sun Bowl Stadium.

When completed, the multi-level parking garage will give students, faculty and staff access to 1,700 parking spaces. The lot formerly accommodated 625 vehicles. Construction will be divided into two phases. The first phase is scheduled for completion by April 2008 and will accommodate about 850 vehicles.

Medical research to extend into Juárez

Graduate and undergraduate students preparing to enter the medical field will research Hispanic health disparities in Ciudad Juárez this summer, thanks to a new grant awarded to UTEP by the National Institutes of Health – National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

The \$1.26 million, four-year grant will allow UTEP's College of Health Sciences to collaborate with the Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez and the Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social to develop the new project, formally known as the U.S.-Mexico Border Interdisciplinary Research Training Project.

Spring semester breaks enrollment record

UTEP registered the highest ever spring enrollment this semester, with 18,284 students attending – a 4.5 percent increase over last spring.

In addition to record spring enrollment, the census figures show a strong return of students from the fall semester to the spring semester. The data also show strong demand for UTEP's academic programs across the board, with every college reporting record numbers for the spring semester.

Enrollment this semester includes 700 new students and more than 800 new transfer students.

"More UTEP students are making steady progress toward graduation by enrolling every semester," Provost Richard Jarvis says, "and we are proud that each semester additional students make UTEP their first choice in higher education."



An ore cart display tells of UTEP's rich history at Mining Heritage Park on campus.

photos by J.R. Hernandez

History on display

When Larry Murr was approached by a retired miner selling a used ore car in 1989, the metallurgy professor didn't hesitate to pay \$450 out of his own pocket.

"My original thought was that it would make for a good piece of history for the College of Engineering," says Murr. "It was in really good shape and I have a natural interest in these types of things."

The ore car spent several years stored away in UTEP labs and storage closets. Last year, Murr and his wife, Pat Murr, donated it to the university.

During Homecoming last October, the ore car was formally introduced as a new exhibit in Mining Heritage Park near Old Main on campus. The Rio Grande Mining Company of Shafter, Texas, donated a high-grade silver ore to place in the car and add authenticity to the display.

The Alpha Phi Omega (APO) Social Fraternity Alumni Group collected more than \$5,000 for the installation of the ore car and placement of the signs recognizing the donations.

Innovative degree approved

UTEP's Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies will give students whose college careers have been interrupted by financial, family or military obligations a new option for moving closer to degree completion. The new program was recently approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

"This broad-based program will offer UTEP students a degree with considerable flexibility leading to a wide range of

future possibilities," says Commissioner of Higher Education Raymund A. Paredes.

The degree will allow students to select 15 credit hours from each of three concentration areas in place of a pre-planned major.

University officials said the program will also benefit students who are looking for individualized programs of study not available in most majors.

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A VISION FOR THE FUTURE



**CENTENNIAL
COMMISSION**

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

As UTEP counts down to the celebration of its centennial in 2014, the Centennial Commission report released in November provides an external stakeholders' vision of the University on its 100th birthday.

by Cindy Ramirez

Co-chaired by UTEP alumni U.S. District Judge Philip Martinez and retired business CEO Larry K. Durham, the Centennial Commission brought together the perspectives of 100 alumni, supporters and community leaders.



Martinez

"The vision and recommendations presented will ensure that UTEP's future development is aligned with the aspirations of our external stakeholders, both in this region and elsewhere," UTEP President Diana Natalicio says.

The commission put forth numerous recommendations, from offering more flexible courses at satellite

classrooms and introducing more border-related courses to developing joint programs with the proposed medical school and enhancing curricula for biomedical research.



Durham

Others included capitalizing on incoming industry and contributing more to the local community and culture scene; creating partnerships with area military bases, space and defense security industries; forming a University District Council to improve land use and transportation around campus; and creating degree programs in opera, hotel/restaurant management, film and art history.



Natalicio

The recommendations – and plans to implement them – are key to UTEP's future success and will impact more than the students who enroll here.

"The future development of the university is of crucial importance to the Paso del Norte region," Martinez says. "The success of our students ensures the economic and social development of our region, and the contributions our students have made, are making and will make to the world are immeasurable."

The Centennial Commission was modeled after the highly successful UTEP 2001 Commission formed in 1989 on the occasion of the University's 75th anniversary.

"We've compiled an enviable record of accomplishments and now we are poised for even greater success in years to come," Durham says. "This Centennial Commission report will serve as a catalyst for strategic planning on the UTEP campus." ■

Counting to 100

UTEP's Centennial Commission made recommendations for long-range goals and strategies for the University's future development in the following areas:

- PreK-16 Educational Collaboration
- Undergraduate Education
- Graduate and Professional Development Programs
- Health Professions Education/Health and Biomedical Research
- U.S.-Mexico Border and International Programs
- Regional Economic Development
- UTEP's Neighborhood
- El Paso's Quality of Life
- UTEP's Image
- Alumni Relations and Development

The entire report can be read online at

www.utep.edu/centennialcommisson



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Miner orange fills theaters across the nation

From Washington to Austin, from New York to Los Angeles, UTEP alumni around the country gathered to celebrate the premiere of "Glory Road."

In February, the Houston Chapter had a treat during their gathering at the Alamo Drafthouse. They were joined by special guest David "Big Daddy" Lattin, a member of the 1966 Texas Western College NCAA basketball championship team.

In San Antonio, TWC player Nevil Shed attended the movie premiere in a theater packed with UTEP alumni. In New York City, alumni had the opportunity to attend a special taping of ESPN's "Quite Frankly," which featured six of the '66 team members.

A group of alumni donned TWC and UTEP gear as they gathered to celebrate the movie's premiere in Lawrence, Kan.

But perhaps the biggest and loudest turnout

of Miner orange was in El Paso's Tinseltown Theatres, where more than 250 alumni, faculty, students, staff and supporters cheered on Texas Western on the big screen.

The alternately cheering then tearful crowd gave a standing ovation to Coach Don Haskins' cameo as a gas station attendant. They rose to their feet again at the end of the film.

For more about the 1966 Miners and the film "Glory Road," visit www.utep.edu/gloryroad

GLORY ROAD



MINERS ON THE MOVE Ceci Adriana Villa



Miners on the Move: Ceci Adriana Villa is a survey statistician for the U.S. Census Bureau in Washington, D.C. After completing her undergraduate degree in Austin, Villa returned to her hometown of El Paso to receive a master's in public administration at UTEP.

What drew you back to El Paso and UTEP for your master's degree?

After graduating and completing my internship, I was at a crossroads. My decision was to be surrounded by my family while I pursued a master's degree at UTEP. The university has always offered a great education and I wanted to join the legacy that has become UTEP.

How did you decide that the Census Bureau was the place for you?

It was the (thought) of being able to do what I was taught and enjoyed doing on a grand scale...working for the largest statistical organization in the United States. I would be a part of the process that traces changes in America and part of the story of that change.

Many people believe the Census Bureau's only task is to tally the number of people in the United States.

The general public doesn't realize that we collect information from various surveys. We provide information that enriches the data we collect, ensuring it is widely accessible to those in Congress as well as grassroots organizations writing grants for their communities.

Growing up, did you ever think you would leave El Paso?

I think I imagined it. As a young girl, I visited my uncle in New York City and I remember so vividly walking down the streets of Manhattan. I embraced the urban life, the fast pace and the energy. I fell in love with that feeling. So I feel lucky to say I am able to live my life to the fullest.

What do you miss most about El Paso?

Without a doubt, my family. And in a close second, the food. I know we have all (heard) this from others who live far away, but if it wasn't true we wouldn't all say it.

-Kimberly Miller

Are you a Miner on the Move? If you're a UTEP grad and would like to be featured in this column, please send us your name, occupation/title, year of graduation and your daytime phone number and e-mail address. Please include a high-resolution color photo. E-mail us at nova@utep.edu or write us at Nova Quarterly, University Communications/Hertzog Bldg., 500 W. University Ave., El Paso, Texas, 79968.

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- Nov. 3-17: Colonial and Pre-Columbian Mexico with air, from \$2,395 by June 28
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For more information: E-mail Lee Nelson, lnelson@utep.edu or call 915-747-8600 or toll-free 1-866-466-4637. Visit www.utep.edu/alumni and select Movin' Miners Travel Program to view the current schedule, and photos and recaps of past trips.



60s **Linda De Bona** (B.S.Ed. '68) retired from the El Paso Independent School District after 38 years of teaching.

Julia Lord Peak (B.S.Ed. '60) is a retired teacher who resides in El Paso.

Alejandro Sundermann (B.S.C.E. '68) is under contract with the U.S. Agency for International Development, serving as director of infrastructure, engineering and energy in Afghanistan.

70s **Col. Juan Guadalupe Ayala** (B.B.A. '79), chief of staff with the 1st Marine Logistics Group at Camp Pendleton, Calif., is serving as an advisor to the Iraqi 1st Army Division in Iraq. **Francisco V. Baltier** (B.S.E.E. '70) is a project engineer with the Iraq Project and Contracting Office of the U.S. State Department, which is responsible for the reconstruction of the electrical infrastructure in Iraq.

Jan Bombach Schonberger Bernard (B.A. '78) retired as a claims representative and claims manager from Allstate Insurance Co. after 23 years of service. She resides in Tijeras, N.M. **Margaret Bublis-Kowalski** (M.Ed. '75) is a nutritionist for the Women, Infants and Children Program at the Cook County Department of Public Health in Oak Park, Ill.

Jamie Kaye Coppenbarger (B.S. '76; M.Ed. '79) retired as an assessment counselor after more than 30 years in the El Paso and Ysleta independent school districts.

Douglas E. Judd (B.A. '73; M.Ed. '80), a resident of Manassas Park, Va., is vice president of the Acquisition & Management Support Division of Camber Corp., an information technology and training services company.

Robert A. "Bob" Malone (B.S.Met.E. '74) is a resident of Sonora, Texas, and the group vice president of BP Shipping, headquartered in Sunbury-on-Thames, England.

Michael E. McKenzie (B.A. '75) was inducted into the Nevada Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame in August. He is the owner and president of Dateline International Broadcast Services, and a program producer and announcer on KLAV-AM 1230 radio in Las Vegas.

Robert J. Nava (B.S. '79) is the associate vice president for university development at UTEP. **Robert Vargas** (B.A. '71) is president and chief executive officer of Disability Resources Inc., a non-profit corporation in Abilene, Texas, that provides residential and vocational services to adults with developmental disabilities.

Donald Leon Williams (B.A. '73), an El Paso attorney, is chair of the Black El Paso Democrats.

80s **Debra J. Covert** (B.A. '84) is the vice president of publishing operations and serves on the global supply chain board of directors for Harcourt Assessment, a San Antonio-based publisher of educational, workplace and other testing products.

Elizabeth Passage Judd (B.A. '84), a program officer for the State Formula Division in the Office of English Language Acquisition of the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C., is listed in the 2005 edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. She is a resident of Manassas Park, Va.

Michael D. Marin (B.A. '89) received the 2006 Spirit of Excellence Award from the American Bar Association in February. He is a partner at Vinson & Elkins law firm in Austin, Texas.

90s **Maj. Victor Frausto** (B.B.A. '94) graduated in December from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., with a master of business administration. He is a defense systems analyst at Marine Corps Systems Command in Quantico, Va.

David A. "Ted" Kennedy (B.A. '98) is the curator of the Cody Firearms Museum in Cody, Wyo. His first book, *"Guns of the Wild West: A Photographic Tour of the Guns that Shaped Our Country's History,"* was recently published.

00s **Patricia D. "Pat" Adauto** (B.B.A. '00), deputy city manager for El Paso, received the YWCA El Paso Del Norte Region REACH (Recognized Achievement) Award in November. She was recognized in the executive category.

Diane M. Kenney (B.M. '03), a resident of Honolulu, is an education advisor for the Navy College Office at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Sean Jerome Vasquez (B.A. '02) is a tactical firearms and defensive tactics instructor with U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Las Cruces, N.M., where he

resides. He received the Director of Field Operations Challenge Coin for representing the Customs and Border Protection, El Paso District, in Police Pistol Competition with the 2005 National Pistol Team.

In Memoriam

Barbara Roland Baggs (B.S.Ed. '65) Greenwood Village, Colo.; June 26, 2005.

Charles "Charlie" Alspaugh (B.A. '66) Spencerport, N.Y.; July 27, 2005.

Dr. Raymond Angel Gardea (B.A. '51) El Paso; Aug. 20, 2005.

Cmdr. Alan R. Bradford (B.A. '64) Camarillo, Calif.; Sept. 18, 2005.

Lt. Col. James J. Webber Sr. (B.B.A. '53) Phoenix; Sept. 21, 2005.

William C. "Bill" Coffin Jr. (B.B.A. '73) El Paso; Sept. 27, 2005.

Dianne T. "Dee" White (M.A. '67) El Paso; Sept. 29, 2005.

Louis L. Chavez (B.B.A. '55) Spring, Texas; Sept. 30, 2005.

James Robert "Jim Bob" Hendrickson (B.A. '62) Albuquerque, N.M.; Oct. 1, 2005.

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Carrie Lee White (B.A. '43) El Paso; Oct. 5, 2005.

Jimmie H. Williams (B.A. '52; M.A. '55) Lovington, N.M.; Oct. 9, 2005.

Arlene Joyce Hutman (B.S.Ed. '72; B.B.A. '78) El Paso; Oct. 10, 2005.

Leslie Wayne Harrington (B.S.Met. '59) Houston; Oct. 17, 2005.

Peter Michael Moya (B.A. '91) Houston; Oct. 20, 2005.

Kay Grimminger Light (B.A. '62) El Paso; Oct. 21, 2005.

Judith E. DeShazo (B.S.Ed. '70) Sun City West, Ariz.; Oct. 25, 2005.

Marilyn S. Macdonald (M.Ed. '94) Brigham City, Utah; Oct. 28, 2005.

Gabriel Abraham Ekery (B.S. '47) El Paso; Oct. 30, 2005.

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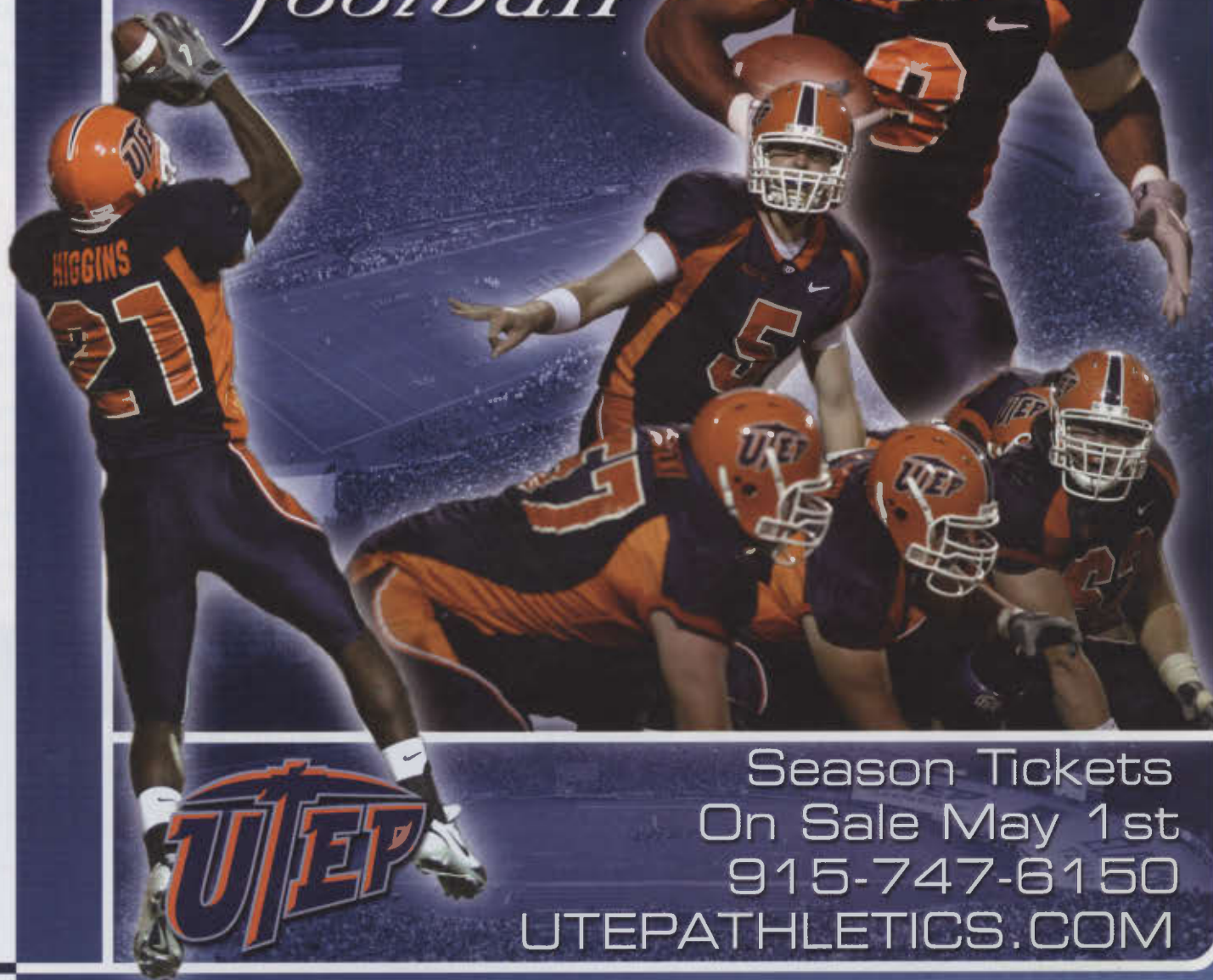
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