

GLOSSARY

ALPHA PHI OMEGA, the first social fraternity on campus, was organized in 1919. Until it was disbanded in 1972, the group took its members from the engineering and geology disciplines. It was never affiliated with a national organization.

RUTH AUGUR served as registrar from 1917 until about 1927. She designed the school seal showing the burro with pack, shovel, and the letters "TSM."

FREDERICK W. BACHMANN was professor of modern languages, serving on the faculty more than thirty years, starting in 1933. He died in 1967.

MYRTLE BALL taught drama and speech from 1929 until 1958 and was named professor emerita in 1981. Her husband, William H. Ball, was also a long-time faculty member, teaching chemistry. Mrs. Ball died in 1989.

TED BANKS headed the track program from 1973 to 1982, during which time the Miners won seventeen NCAA and twenty-seven Western Athletic Conference titles.

JOHN G. BARRY was the first president of the College of Mines when it was no longer headed by a dean who reported to The University of Texas in Austin. A mining engineer, he had gained professional experience and taught at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Nebraska before serving as president of the College of Mines from 1931 to 1934.

ANTON H. BERKMAN, professor of biological sciences, also served as dean and in 1960 was acting president. He taught from 1927 until 1960 and was named professor emeritus at his retirement. He died in 1973.

DIAMOND DAYS

COORDINATING BOARD, Texas College and University System, was created by law in 1965, with eighteen members appointed by the governor. It represents the highest authority in public higher education in the state. The board's approval is required for major construction projects, new course offerings and degree programs, and similar major steps taken by universities and colleges of Texas.

EMMET A. DRAKE became associate professor of English and economics at the College of Mines in 1919. He had previously taught at mining schools in Missouri and New Mexico. He remained in El Paso until 1933.

TOMMY DWYER, a civil engineering graduate of Texas A&M, became instructor in engineering in 1914 and also served as the Miners' first football coach. He left Mines in 1920.

NORMA EGG taught English and served as dean of women during her years at the College, 1929 to 1954.

WILSON H. ELKINS was the third president of the College, serving from 1949 to 1954. A star athlete during his student days at The University of Texas, he was also a Rhodes Scholar. He left Texas Western to head the University of Maryland.

GLADYS GREGORY, a faculty member from 1928 to 1962, taught government courses. In 1952 Dr. Gregory became the first female to attain the rank of professor at the college. She died in 1977.

BERTE R. HAIGH, after serving in France during World War I, attended the College of Mines and completed his degree in 1925. After working for an oil company, he returned to teach geology from 1928 to 1934, then became associated with the University Lands Office. He was ultimately geologist-in-charge of the University of Texas' vast land holdings whose income made possible the construction of numerous buildings. Named Outstanding Ex in 1955, he retired in 1976. He died in 1986.

DON HASKINS became basketball coach in 1961, starting his career with a winning season and in 1966 taking the Miners to the national championship. He was twice named Western Athletic Conference Coach of the Year.

VIRGIL HICKS founded the program in radio/television broadcasting and served on the faculty from 1944 to 1971, when he retired as professor emeritus. He died in 1987.

ROBERT HOLLIDAY, an El Paso attorney, served on The University of Texas Board of Regents from 1927 to 1933, the period during which the College of Mines absorbed the former local junior college and greatly increased its course offerings, faculty, and enrollment. Holliday Hall was named in his honor.

HOLLIDAY HALL was built in 1933 as a basketball gymnasium. It also has served as an assembly hall, ballroom, and office building. In recent years it has been used for gymnastics.

ALLEN H. HUGHEY came to El Paso to practice law in 1910 and taught part-time at El Paso High School. His fascination for education led him to the principalship of that school in 1913 and his service as superintendent of El Paso Public Schools from 1919 until 1951.

BURT FRANKLIN JENNESS became a lieutenant commander in the Navy where he served in the Medical Corps for twelve years before joining the Mines faculty in 1918 as lecturer. He was assistant professor of biological sciences and health officer at the time of his retirement in 1957. His hobby was writing poetry, and he wrote a song for the College of Mines. He died in 1972.

KENO HALL was the nickname given by students to the original Burges (now Graham) Hall, built in 1917 as a dormitory. Keno was a popular gambling game in the 1920s.

JOHN W. "CAP" KIDD was a member of the School of Mines' original faculty in 1914 and served as the chief administrative officer (dean) from 1923 to 1927. He was later dean of engineering and superintendent of buildings and grounds. Kidd Field and the Kidd Memorial Seismic Observatory bear his name. He died in 1941.

R. MILTON LEECH headed the Department of Drama and Speech for many years, was vice president (1966-68), and served as acting president in 1968-69. Leech Grove at Wiggins and University is named for him. He joined the faculty in 1949, and upon his retirement in 1984 he was named professor emeritus.

LIBRARY was located on the top floor of Kelly (now Vowell) Hall from 1921 until 1938, when it moved to the top floor of the Administration/Library Building. Upon completion of a separate Administration Building in 1956, the Library expanded to use all of the building it occupied. It was replaced in 1984 by the six-story University Library.

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WILLIAM N. MCANULTY was a geology professor from 1964 to 1979, named emeritus upon his retirement. He was instrumental in starting the University's first doctoral program. He died in 1980.

HASKELL MONROE served as president from 1980 to 1987, leaving to become chancellor of the University of Missouri at Columbia.

ROSS MOORE, a 1939 graduate, was associated with the institution for forty-one years as student, coach, teacher, and trainer. He was Outstanding Ex-Student of 1975. The Ross Moore Building was named for him in 1985.

MORTAR BOARD, originally as an honor society for senior women, opened its membership to men in 1975.

LLOYD A. NELSON, a member of the first graduating class at the School of Mines in 1916, returned in 1920 to teach geology, staying until his retirement in 1964. An endowed professorship was established in his honor after his death in 1964.

H.D. PALLISTER was professor of geology and mining from 1915 to 1920. A man with wide professional experience, he taught at the Pennsylvania State School of Mines before coming to El Paso.

PEEDOGGIE was a term coined by Cap Kidd from "pedagogue" to describe nonengineers. It is still in use, especially during the annual St. Patrick's Day observance.

EUGENE O. PORTER, professor of history, was a faculty member from 1940 until he retired in 1969 as professor emeritus. He died in 1979.

C.A. PUCKETT served as dean of the college from 1927 to 1931, when the chief administrative position was changed to president. A professor of education, he also was acting president in 1934-35. He retired in 1960 and died ten years later.

HOWARD QUINN taught geology from 1924 to 1965, retiring as professor emeritus. He died in 1976.

JOSEPH M. RAY was president from 1960 to 1968 and continued as professor of political science until his retirement in 1975, when he was named president emeritus and professor emeritus. He died in 1991.

FRANKLIN H. SEAMON taught chemistry and assaying from 1915 to 1941.

WILLIAM H. SEAMON, brother of F.H. Seamon, was professor of mining and geology from 1918 to 1928.

JOSEPH R. SMILEY served two terms as president, 1958-60 and 1969-72. A professor of modern languages, he remained on the faculty until 1980, when he retired as professor emeritus. He died in 1990.

CHARLES LELAND SONNICHSEN taught English from 1930 to 1972 and was dean of the Graduate School. He retired as professor emeritus and moved to Tucson, where he continued to write books until his death in 1991.

CHARLES STEEN, a 1943 graduate, was named Outstanding Ex-Student in 1958. He was celebrated as the United States' foremost uranium developer.

SUMMER ENGINEERING INSTITUTE was started in 1976 by W. Lionel Craver, Jr., and Leland Blank, professors in the Mechanical and Industrial Engineering Department, in an effort to introduce Mexican-Americans and other minorities to engineering and to recruit these students for UTEP. The program was originally funded with a \$240,000 grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation of New York and is still active today.

ARLEIGH B. TEMPLETON was president from 1972 until 1980, a period of significant growth in enrollment and construction.

TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL) is the means by which foreign students demonstrate their English proficiency in order to qualify for admission to American universities.

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT RULE under the 1945 appropriations bill prohibited payment to husband and wife teaching at the same state-financed institution. The 1947 appropriations bill did not carry that provision, so Mrs. Mary Kelly Quinn, wife of Professor Howard Quinn, was able to resume her faculty position. William H. Ball and his wife, Myrtle, also on the Mines faculty, were similarly affected by the bill; she taught at Loretto Academy during the two-year period.

TEXAS INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONSORTIUM was a program involving UTEP and nearly a dozen other Texas universities from 1985 to 1989. Faculty members spent periods in Malaysia preparing students there to enter the Texas universities they represented.

EUGENE M. THOMAS, a 1926 graduate, served on the faculty from 1930 to 1966, much of that time as dean of engineering. He also was ad interim president in 1948. He was 1964 Outstanding Ex-Student and professor emeritus. He died in 1980.

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E.A. THORMODSGAARD was professor of music from 1949 to 1978, when he retired as professor emeritus. He died in 1989.

SALVADOR F. TREVINO, a 1941 graduate, had a distinguished career as a mining engineer in Mexico and in 1961 was honored as Outstanding Ex-Student.

JOHN L. WALLER, history professor and chair of the department for many years, served on the faculty from 1931 to 1958 and was then named professor emeritus. He died in 1978.

DOSSIE M. WIGGINS, second president of Mines, served from 1935 until 1948, when he left to become president of Texas Tech. He died in 1978.

JUDSON F. WILLIAMS was dean of student life and a member of the journalism faculty from 1940 to 1956. He became a prominent El Paso businessman and served as mayor. He chaired the Mission '73 Committee, which pointed the way toward university status for the college.

VERA WISE was a faculty member from 1939 to 1962 and chaired the Art Department, the first woman department head. She died in 1978.

STEVEN H. WORRELL was the first head (dean) of the College, serving from 1914 to 1923. He left to pursue his engineering career in Mexico and Hawaii, where he died in 1938.

ZETA TAU ALPHA LODGE was built in 1941 and acquired by the University in 1969 as the Administration Annex. It is now the Alumni and Development Building. Three other contemporary sorority lodges were razed for construction of the Education Building.

Dean Kidd and his students would prove their manhood by sitting on the steps of Old Main chewing tobacco and seeing who could spit the farthest. That was supposed to put the Peedoggies in their place, I guess.

— C. L. SONNICHSEN

I remember going to campus one day and finding an alligator floating in our campus swimming pool. They had to close down the pool. I guess the Health Department was a little concerned. How they got the alligator in there I'll never know.

— HECTOR HOLGUIN

Oh, how I can remember those last seven seconds. When that clock started ticking off, it seemed like the whole world just stood still and the only thing that I could see was that five, four, three, two, one. Hey, we were Number One! I was part of a team that was the best in the United States.

—NEVIL SHED

I remember that when I got elected [as the first female student council president] there actually was a *Prospector* reporter who said, "Do you think you're going to be able to keep order in council, being a woman?" I told him. "Well, I'm very familiar with parliamentary procedures, and I can bang that gavel as loud as anybody."

— LUZ VILLEGAS

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