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What a fun and exciting time of the year it is for UTEP athletics. As the 1994-95 athletic seasons begin, there is great optimism for success both on and off the playing fields in the UTEP athletic department.

One off-field success that is making news around the country is the expansion of the Western Athletic Conference. Beginning with the 1996 season, the WAC will add six new teams, making it the largest conference in the country. The six new teams will consist of Rice, San Jose State, Southern Methodist, TCU, Tulsa and UNLV.

Hopefully the expansion will bring increased visibility for the university and the city of El Paso throughout the state of Texas. The added coverage will allow us to showcase UTEP as the "diamond in the desert" that it is.

But the showcasing will start a little earlier this year at UTEP, namely in football. Head football coach Charlie Bailey begins his first year at the helm of the UTEP football program with new turf in the Sun Bowl, some new athletes in Miner uniforms and most importantly, new attitudes among his student-athletes.

Coach Bailey is trying to build a strong foundation of Miner football with athletes who must be students first and athletes second, the kind of people who have the character to make it in the classroom as well as on the football field.

Shining brightly as always is future hall-of-famer Don Haskins. The Bear enters his 34th season as dean of UTEP basketball with a career record of 645-288.

Coach Haskins will be working with a full bench this year after a three-year NCAA suspension left the Miners very thin in the ranks. What is remarkable is that Coach Haskins guided the Miners to a "Sweet 16" appearance and did not suffer a losing season during those three years of probation. Imagine what he can do with a full squad!

Another gem in the UTEP family is Lady Miner basketball coach Sandra Rushing. Coach Rushing has done more for Lady Miner basketball in five years than any coach in the history of UTEP women's basketball. As each season passes, the Lady Miners continue to climb the ladder of success.

The Miners' track and field squad has been returned to its rightful place among the best in the country due largely to coach Bob Kitchens. A second place NCAA finish outdoors and a third place NCAA finish indoors highlighted the past track season. Look for the Miners to remain on top for a long time to come.

Norm Brandl and his Lady Miner volleyball team are showing steady signs of improvement in one of the toughest volleyball conferences in the country. The Lady Miners reached two milestones last season in beating powerhouse Texas Tech and also gaining their first-ever WAC win with a victory over Wyoming. These are two large steps upon which to build.

In tennis, men's coach Ron McGaughy racked up another winning season and returns his top three players from last season. Third-year women's coach York Strother returns all but one of his players from last year's ever-improving squad.

UTEP golf coach Tim Norris has his Miner squad on the right track to the top. After a year of splitting time between the men's and women's teams, Norris will concentrate strictly on the men's squad.

We are also making a stronger commitment to women's athletics at UTEP by hiring full-time coaches for both women's rifle and women's golf programs.

A new exciting prospect for UTEP athletic fans for the coming year is a program called Teamline. This is a service that will allow anybody in the country access to reports and information about UTEP football, men's and women's basketball, volleyball and track by simply calling 1-800-846-4700, access code 7067. Callers will receive live play-by-play action and other sports information by Jon Teicher.

—John Thompson, UTEP Intercollegiate Athletic Director
ON THE COVER

Gouache-wash illustration/photo montage of Nolan Richardson by Carlos Prado.

Above right photo: Paydirt Pete greets some young "future Miners" at the August 27th Minerpalooza festival, the annual welcome back to school picnic.

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Nolan Richardson worked his way through the crowd, a throng of thousands outside and inside the hotel, shaking hands, hugging, shouting, laughing, letting years of his frustration melt away.

It was a typical April evening in North Carolina, but it was a night to remember, to cherish for a lifetime for Richardson—so far from his roots in El Paso. Finally, after years of toiling in the obscurity of the high school and junior college ranks, Nolan was on top of the basketball world.

His Arkansas Razorbacks were NCAA champions—not NIT, not junior college, not city champions. Nolan Richardson, raised in south El Paso, a graduate of Bowie High School and Texas Western College—had taken the final step in a lifelong trip that rivals a trek up Mount Everest.

The latest step seemed so far from those first steps, growing up on East Overland with his grandmother, a wise lady who taught him well about the obstacles facing a talented, intelligent black man in that day's society.

It was a long way from the time when he was not allowed into the movies as a child, when he was not allowed to stay in the hotel with his teammates on a baseball trip to Abilene, when he was barred from playing a basketball game with his Texas Western teammates in Louisiana...a long way indeed from those times to that summit in North Carolina last April.
For making the journey and making it with class, UTEP honors Nolan Richardson during Homecoming Week Oct. 17-22 as its Distinguished Alumnus.

"Despite everything that happened, I think I was extremely fortunate to grow up in El Paso," Richardson said. "El Paso is one of the most colorblind cities in the nation. And now, to be honored by a university I'm so proud of...to see it sitting up there on the hill...well, I've had a lot of honors, but this is one of the greatest. It's special to be considered with all the great people who have gone through that institution."

"This is something that is overdue," said Pat Wieland, Chairman of the Distinguished Alumnus Selection Committee. "Nolan has obviously distinguished himself. He was the unanimous choice of the committee--and that's unusual. Overdue is probably the best word here. It's not just that Nolan won a National Championship and we decided to go out and get him. Nolan has always been a very loyal alum and a very distinguished member of our community."

Nolan Richardson is a big, broad-shouldered bear of a man. Good thing. Those shoulders have had a lot to endure in his 52 years, carrying so much up that long climb.

One thing was certain from the very beginning, though. The gods swooped down and sprinkled gold dust on his athletic career. It was always special, always flirting with greatness.

As for coaching, well, Richardson was simply a natural.

"As a youngster, I was usually the big kid in the neighborhood," he said, laughing one of those booming, infectious laughs of his. "They thought I was too big, too old to be playing with them, so I ended up being the coach.

"I wanted to be a professional athlete, but I figured if I didn't do that, the next best thing was to coach, to stay close to the games," he added.

Oh, he was close all right. His high school athletic career landed him in the middle of things. He was selected all-district three times in basketball, twice in football and twice in baseball at Bowie High School. Rumor has it that Richardson was the first high school player to hit a baseball out of old Dudley Field. He was selected best athlete at Bowie High in the spring of 1959.

But anyone who has been around the man more than a few minutes knows there is far more to him than just athletic ability. He walks in and lights up a room. So, naturally, he was selected class favorite his senior year at Bowie.

He attended Eastern Arizona Junior College as a freshman, then stepped onto the Texas Western campus, continuing that climb up Everest, never missing a stride.

Richardson averaged 21 points per game as a sophomore at TWC. He averaged just 13.6 points per game as a junior and 10.5 as a senior. But his last two years were probably far more important to his development as a coach than was that first one.

Don Haskins arrived on the TWC campus for Richardson's junior year, roaring and growling something about defense.

Laughing again, Richardson said, "Yeah, Coach Haskins took me from a 20-point-a-game scorer to a 10-point-a-game guy. But we learned defense, that defense wins basketball games. It was a great experience, playing for Coach Haskins. He is simply a legend, and he was so instrumental in my career."

Haskins laughed, too, recalling something about telling Richardson he wouldn't be scoring 20 anymore.

On a more serious note, Haskins said simply, "Nolan was a great athlete. He could do it all. He became a great coach and I couldn't be any happier for him that he's won it all. He deserves it. He's earned it."

In 1963, as a senior, Richardson helped Haskins (and Texas Western College) get to his first NCAA Tournament. He also led the Texas Western baseball team in hits, runs batted in and home runs.

Being a tremendous all-around athlete, Richardson was courted by teams from all three major sports—the San Diego Chargers in football, the Houston Astros in baseball and the St. Louis Hawks in basketball.

He gave football a try, was injured and came back to coach junior varsity basketball and baseball at Bowie High in 1963. Almost four years later, the old American Basketball Association opened and Richardson made a comeback. He was among 80 players who tried out for the Dallas Chaparrals (now the San Antonio Spurs) and among 16 the Chaps signed.

Again, though, he was injured and the option of coaching called him back to El Paso. With a few years' perspective, it now seems inevitable that he would wind up on the sidelines, the man in charge, just as he had as a child—the big guy over there, telling everyone else what to do.

Richardson returned to Bowie, this time as head basketball coach—the first black head coach in a racially mixed high school in the state of Texas. Problems? Not really.

"Nolan was ideal," said the late Clay Cox, the former El Paso Independent School...
Richardson (far left) was signed by athlete. He could do it happier for him that Richardson (far right) on the 1963 Nolan was a great athlete. He could do it all. He became a great coach and I couldn't be any happier for him that he's won it all. He deserves it. He's earned it.”

Don Haskins

District athletic director who hired Richardson. “He just fit in like a good-fitting glove. Were there any problems? Lord, no.”

Richardson’s players remember it the same way. They are all still very much attached to the man.

“He just has a lot of charisma,” said Ralph Brewster, who played for Richardson at Bowie before moving on to Texas Tech and professional play in Europe. “I owe my basketball career to him. He’s a remarkable guy and I love him. I know this has been said many times, but most of the guys would do anything for Coach Richardson. Not only was he our coach, he was our best friend. He could just walk into a room and everyone lights up.”

Aurelio Castro, who played for Richardson at Bowie in the early 1970s said, “He just really gets the best out of you. He is really easy to get along with. We knew he went to Bowie, too. So we knew he understood what we were facing every day. He went through it himself.”

Richardson coach 10 years at Bowie, posting a 180-90 record and taking the Bears to the regional finals. But being young and black in Texas in the 1970s was not necessarily conducive to job advancement. It was always a struggle.

It made the peak of Everest, that summit in North Carolina last spring, seem so very far away at times.

Richardson, though, was used to the struggle. He used those broad shoulders—well—the shoulders and his grandmother’s advice.

His mother died when he was only three, and his grandmother, Rose, raised him. She had been through so much that she understood how to prepare her grandson to face the world.

“My grandmother had a favorite saying: ‘You’ve got to do something, so your children can do something. As a youngster, I played on a baseball team that went to Abilene. I couldn’t stay in a motel. I had to stay with an old lady on the other side of town. When I was at UTEP (known as Texas Western College when Richardson attended), we went to play in Shreveport and I couldn’t play because there was a Louisiana state law preventing blacks from playing on the court with whites.

“Those were a lot of embarrassing situations. But I didn’t come out of it with a chip on my shoulder. It’s not going to solve the problem. You just have to be educated enough to handle it. And I always tried to remember my grandmother’s favorite saying,”

Richardson has certainly opened the doors not only for his children, but many other children as well.

He was the first black head coach in Texas at Bowie. He was the only black junior college coach in Texas when he finally got the call at Western Texas. He was one of only 13 black head coaches at major universities when he got the job at the University of Tulsa. And he became only the second black head coach to take his team to the Final Four when he led Arkansas there in 1990.

It was in 1978 when Richardson broke out of the high school ranks. He got the head coaching job at tiny Western Texas Junior College in Snyder. He made the most of the opportunity.

In three years, he put together an amazing 98-14 record, including a 37-0 mark in 1980 to win the junior college national championship. That gave him his next opportunity—his first Division I head coaching job.

Richardson took four of his junior college starters with him to Tulsa and, in that first season, won the prestigious National Invitation Tournament, beating UTEP and his old coach, Haskins, along the way. But just getting to Tulsa was a major accomplishment in his long career climb.

“I just don’t know how to explain the feeling when they told me I was hired,” he said. “That has to be one of the greatest feelings in my life. I’d been wanting it a long time.”

He spent five years there, a mutual love affair between a coach and a city. Richardson went 119-37 during his stay. Before he arrived, Tulsa had not had a winning season in five years.

So, naturally, the big university, the big opportunity, finally came knocking.

It was time for Nolan to move on, to step into the national limelight. But before he could do it, his shoulders were to have their biggest test...a test that sometimes seemed unbearable. Only those big shoulders and a fierce resolve got him over this stretch of the climb.

In his final season at Tulsa, the love of his life, Yvonne, the Richardson’s teenage daughter, was diagnosed with leukemia. The Arkansas job, the fame, was calling. But...

“I sat down with her and asked her what she wanted to do,” he said softly. “She told me it [Arkansas] was a good job. I told her I already had a good job. She just said, ‘No, Daddy, you need to go. Let’s move up. You need to move forward.”

So Richardson continued to move up the mountain, taking an Arkansas program that had been extremely successful under Eddie Sutton—with a completely different style of
play. Richardson needed to get his own style of athletes, and it would take a couple of years.

Yvonne Richardson lost her battle with leukemia Jan. 22, 1987, just shy of her 17th birthday, during her father's second season at Arkansas. The first year, the Razorbacks went 12-16, the next year 19-14.

There were times when the telephone calls were just too ugly to believe. There were bomb threats. There was the time after a game when police advised him not to go home.

But even through all that, Richardson's mind was on a lovely daughter wasting away. "For a long time, it was a day-to-day thing," he said. "Sometimes I was bitter. I saw a beautiful girl mutilated. The chemotherapy burned her. I saw a very pretty girl turned into somebody you could hardly recognize.

"When things aren't right, I'm not going to run." No, he just kept climbing.

And now, at last, he is at the top. He spent 13 years at Bowie and Western Texas, trying to get noticed. In only 14 years at Tulsa and Arkansas, he has more than done that.

This man has already done enough to earn a spot in the Hall of Fame one day. But Nolan Richardson is a fiercely competitive man.

"I want to win another national championship worse than you could possibly believe," he said, the fire still in those deep brown eyes.

To El Pasoans, though, Nolan has always been a champion. He always returns, he always greets old friends by first name. Since Yvonne's death, he has dedicated his off season to raising money for every charity imaginable.

Pat Summitt, a coach who is a pioneer in her own right with three NCAA champion-
Carroll Johnson, associate professor of mechanical and industrial engineering, receives the keys to a new Chrysler Neon from Orval Story of Westside Oldsmobile-Dodge as engineering students look on. (Photo by Joel Salcido)

**Engineers to Convert Chrysler Neon**

An alternative fuels engineering research project being undertaken by the University of Texas at El Paso could have a major impact someday on reducing motor vehicle emissions in the El Paso/Juarez region.

UTEP is the proud owner of a new Chrysler Neon donated by Chrysler through Westside Oldsmobile/Dodge for a research project that will transform the gasoline-powered compact into a vehicle powered by compressed natural gas and electricity.

UTEP was given the Neon by Chrysler because its Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) chapter was one of only 12 university chapters in the nation selected to participate in the SAE 1995 Hybrid Electric Vehicle Challenge. Altogether, 31 chapters submitted proposals seeking entry into national competition to convert a Chrysler Neon into a non-polluting, fuel-efficient hybrid car—an auto that uses more than one source of power.

"Alternate fuels research is very active right now, and has tremendous potential for the El Paso area, particularly where mass transit is concerned," project director Carroll Johnson, associate professor of mechanical and industrial engineering, explains.

Johnson says the research also is important to UTEP because it will provide student support and training that will be "an invaluable experience" for engineering students. Start-up money for the project, which will entail an estimated 10,000 man hours, is coming from UTEP he notes, but the bulk of the $188,000 research project will come from grants and private solicitations of money and in-kind support.

From 12 to 15 mechanical and electrical engineering students and four faculty members will work on the year-long project. The converted auto will be shipped to Chrysler in Dearborn, Mich., on May 14, 1995, to undergo three weeks of testing by the automaker's engineers, Johnson says.

He says that UTEP students will then travel to Michigan to compete against teams from the other 11 university engineering chapters in a number of performance trials similar to those that take place each year at the SAE's Mini-Baja competition held at UTEP.

The hybrid vehicle envisioned by UTEP researchers will have a small, 30-horsepower natural gas motorcycle engine, as well as a bank of batteries and an electric motor. In times of high demand, such as acceleration from a dead stop, the car will operate on electricity supplied by batteries recharged by a natural gas-driven generator. Such vehicles would be ideal in reducing pollution at the international bridges where stop-and-go traffic is the norm.

UTEP plans to employ three engineering teams organized around the three major systems of the auto: 1) electrical power generation, storage and distribution; 2) the engine, body, chassis, suspension and air conditioning; and 3) the drive train. The third team also will have responsibility for fuel and battery storage.

**Upward Bound Program Kicks Off Alumni Search**

Since 1966, more than 1,500 students have participated in the UTEP Upward Bound Program and director Sandra Boyd hopes to reunite these individuals by creating the first Upward Bound Alumni Association in Texas.

A 13-member committee has been appointed to organize the alumni search and reunion. The committee is composed of former Upward Bound participants who have become prominent attorneys, politicians, social workers and other community professionals.

The reunion, scheduled this fall, will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Higher Education Act. In 1965, the legislation established Upward Bound and a series of programs to help disadvantaged students enter and graduate from college.

"In high school, my counselors did not talk about college as an option for me," says Regina Ortega, a 1970 program
brought the teaching of Eastern religions to our shores. Today, 12 Vedanta societies and about 2,500 followers call America home.

Assistant Dean Dick's work on *William Tyndale and the Law*, which he co-edited, dates only to 1991, the date of the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference in Philadelphia held on the 200th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights. Four sessions on the outspoken English essayist and Protestant reformist served as the "genesis" of the idea of editing a collection of essays on Tyndale and the law. The result is a book published by 16 Century Press.

In his contribution to the collection, Dick discusses Tyndale's revelatory ideas concerning marriages valid according to the law of God and his argument against King Henry VIII's divorce.

Much more contemporary in nature is Associate dean Sanders' book on San Diego area gangs that is based on data gathered over a 12-year period from the early 1980s to the early 1990s. *Gangbangs and Drive-bys: Grounded Culture and Juvenile Gang Violence*, published by Aldine de Gruyter of New York, examines how and why street gangs have become so much more violent in recent years.

The book explains how drive-by shootings have replaced "rumbles" as the primary form of gang violence, and takes a look at the various forms of gang violence (assaults, knifings and beatings), or "gangbangs," that have evolved as a major part of the gang culture. Sanders admitted the book's release couldn't have come at a better time.

College of Liberal Arts administrators displaying their recently-published books are, from left, Associate Dean Bill Sanders, Assistant Dean John Dick (seated) and Dean Carl Jackson.

"There's been a lot of interest here and from other parts of the country, from law enforcement officials, social workers and others. It's one of those books that came out just at the right time," said Sanders, who is continuing his research in El Paso where gang membership is growing and gang violence is escalating.

**FIVE NEW Ph.D.s IN THE WORKS**

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has approved the university's plans to work toward implementation of five new doctoral programs.

UTEP, which currently offers four doctorates, has done considerable planning toward establishing two Ph.D. programs whose proposals already have been sent to the University of Texas Board of Regents -- one in administration and policy analysis, and another in history.

The administration and policy analysis program would prepare graduates to serve as high-level administrators in government, public education and other career fields, and to evaluate, generate and disseminate policy research. It would be an interdepartmental program with courses taught by faculty from both the political science and the educational leadership and foundations departments.

The proposed doctorate in history would take advantage of the unique resources for historical study available in the El Paso-Juarez region to offer a special emphasis in borderlands history not found at any other U.S. university.

Officials say that additional doctoral degree programs are in the formative stages of planning. UTEP plans to offer a Ph.D. in environmental science and engineering. It would be an interdisciplinary program that addresses, at the highest scientific and technical levels, the environmental issues facing the border region, the nation and the world, Janet Omundson, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, says.

Doctoral degrees in Spanish linguistics and biological and life sciences are also in the early planning stages. The Spanish linguistics degree will take advantage of the university's border location and multicultural student body. The Ph.D. in biological and life sciences will be supported by UTEP's $5 million Border Biomedical Research Center.

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**DEANS PUBLISH SIMULTANEOUSLY**

The three top administrators in the College of Liberal Arts have achieved a rare feat between teaching classes, research and handling administrative chores -- they each published a book during the same month.

The trio -- Dean Carl Jackson, Associate Dean Bill Sanders and Assistant Dean John Dick -- published books in May that explore such disparate topics as Indian mysticism, gang violence and Protestant reform.

"It's rare when a dean publishes a book at all because he's usually so busy with administration," says Jackson, who also teaches "A Survey of U.S. History."

"What makes it even stranger is that it all happened out of one office at approximately the same time," Sanders adds.

The research on Jackson's book, *Vedanta for the West: The Ramakrishna Movement in the United States*, dates to the 1960s when, as a college student at UCLA, he became intrigued with his friends' interest in such Eastern religions as Zen Buddhism and Hinduism.

Jackson's book traces the history of the Ramakrishna movement in the United States, which for the first time in 1893 participant. "I thought about becoming a cotton picker in California and how I would provide the basics for my family for day-to-day living. I never thought about the future."

Ortega, director of the Lee and Beulah Moor Children's Home, says there is a greater need for the program now than when he went through. "Children do not have mentors or hear messages of empowerment and encouragement on a consistent basis," Ortega says. "They need to see what can happen through the stories of what we have done."

Boyd says the reunion is a great opportunity for at-risk youth in El Paso to be introduced to the program and hear the success stories of individuals who have been able to break the cycle of poverty by furthering their education.

"Upward Bound was a turning point in my life," committee chairman John Estrada, a social worker with Child Protective Services, says. "It heightened my awareness of social services and I became intrigued as to why these (social and economic) problems exist."

For more information regarding the reunion, call the Upward Bound alumni phone line at 747-5062.
On the surface, Roberto Villarreal exudes a quiet, courteous manner. Underneath burns a deep inner passion and a commitment to help young people who have come from backgrounds similar to his. Born the son of a migrant farm family in Karnes County, a small rural area in south Texas, young Roberto joined in the seasonal migration throughout much of his childhood.

Villarreal's long journey from a poor, largely uneducated family background to his current position as the associate vice president of academic affairs is a story of family support, determination and a deep hunger for learning. Like most children of migrant farm workers, Roberto rarely went to school in the fall, which was the harvest season for farm workers. All of his brothers and sisters dropped out of school by the third grade. He finally finished high school at age 22.

Roberto had no plans for going beyond high school at the time, but during his senior year his physics teacher brought in a test for the class to find out if any students might be college material. Villarreal took the test, but he recalls, "I was scared, frankly, because I wanted to be college material, but I was very afraid they would tell me I was not. I had always gotten that message before. I was already defeated."

Roberto was surprised to learn he was college material. It lit a fire in Roberto Villarreal to pursue his education. He enrolled in Texas A & I University as a history major. On the advice of an academic counselor, who told him that only coaches taught history and that his surname would preclude his finding a job in that area, he changed his major and got his bachelor's degree in biological sciences. After teaching in the public schools for a few years, his love of learning led him to pursue additional academic degrees. He received two master's degree and a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Oklahoma.

Villarreal's life experiences have fostered a special empathy for UTEP students because he understands the family commitment it takes to support these students in their pursuit of higher education. He observes, "Truly, for me to go to school took my parents and every brother and sister that I have. I am indebted to them for the rest of my life. They were very unselfish."

Martine Flores (B.A. '85; M.Ed. '87), an instructor at Rio Hondo Community College, Calif., was a former student of Villarreal's and found him to be an ideal mentor and a source of personal inspiration. "Dr. Villarreal was a Godsend to me. This was someone I could talk to, who understood the odyssey I was on, the struggles with family, school and finances. He reaffirmed my belief that you can do something in this world and become something no matter what your background."

It was Villarreal's feeling that UTEP was indeed a special place that led him to accept a teaching position in political science in 1976. He recalls his initial experience on the campus: "I went to the cafeteria, and it might seem silly, but I was excited to see that they were selling menudo. I had never seen this on any other campus. I turned around and said, 'Wow!' The point isn't that they were selling menudo, but that it reflected acceptance of someone else's culture."

During Villarreal's 18 years at UTEP, he has served in a variety of administrative posts and has become a leading expert on border politics. He has been chair of the political science department and director of the Chicano Studies Research Center. Despite his administrative roles, Villarreal retains close ties to the political science department. "As a colleague he's a warm, helpful and accessible person. He's in the building at least once a day. He always sets aside time to keep up his relationships with colleagues. That's hard to do for a busy administrator," says Kathleen Staudt, chair of the political science department. Even with his busy administrative schedule, Villarreal has continued to teach classes and conduct research, and he remains active in the community.

Describing his work at UTEP and in the community, he says, "I think my work has been about how to build a better bridge between the two culturally dominant groups in this community. It is not a question of being on either side, but being in the middle. That is the roughest part. You have to give each side a fair share. I think that concept has made this university strong."

"Roberto is called upon often by the community for his knowledge and input on border issues and politics. He's a real bridge builder, he's always building coalitions. There are too few people like that in this world," adds Kathleen Staudt.

Villarreal is proud he has been able to be a part of the progress UTEP has made in providing an education to minorities. "It has not been an easy task, nor executed flawlessly. But we are making progress and it is definitely far better than a generation ago. UTEP has offered me a wonderful opportunity to give and to take. I hope only that I have given as much as I have taken."
THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

UTEP's Alumni Association is an organization of former students and faculty members that promotes the interests and general welfare of the university. The association assists UTEP in its mission of achieving academic excellence by supporting and sponsoring valuable programs, projects, and activities. The Alumni Association also serves as a conduit for fellowship. In sponsoring several activities, the association provides opportunities for alumni to come together and participate as a group in the growth of their alma mater.

Joining the Alumni Association is one way UTEP graduates have demonstrated their commitment to the university and its past, present and future students. If you aren't a current Alumni Association member and wish to join, send a minimum annual contribution of $25 per person to the academic program of your choice. Mail your donation to the UTEP Alumni Association, Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Tex., 79968. Include your year of graduation or the years you attended UTEP on your check, and indicate the college, department, academic program or scholarship for which your donation is intended. A membership card will be mailed to you upon receipt of your contribution.

THE NOMINEES ARE...

The Alumni Association is currently accepting nominations for the 1995 Distinguished Alumnus Award. Do you know a UTEP graduate who
• demonstrates a continuing interest, loyalty, and pride in UTEP;
• is distinguished in his or her business, profession, life work, or other worthy endeavor;
• has made contributions to the community, state, and/or nation;
• faculty, staff, students, and alumni will take pride in and be inspired as a result of this individual's recognition; and,
• will be able to personally accept the award (except in cases where the award is being conferred posthumously)?

If so, send us your suggestion. You could be the one to nominate our next winner. For more information or a nomination form, call the Alumni Office at 747-5533.

MINERPALOOZA—'94 Kick-off Picnic and Festival

On Saturday, August 27, the Alumni Association held its annual picnic to kick off the new school year. This year the Association joined forces with the Union Programs Office to create a street festival event, complete with six hours of continuous music, ranging from country to alternative rock, plus dramatic entertainment, family games, arts and crafts, and food. Families of alumni, students, faculty and staff gathered on the alumni, geology and museum lawns, Leech Grove, and on the blocked streets of Hawthorne and Kirby to picnic and enjoy all the festivities, including trying their skills at volleyball, basketball toss, and even sumo wrestling.

Our incoming freshmen and families turned out in great numbers to celebrate their arrival at UTEP. After a day of building spirit, the cheerleaders led the crowd in an evening pep rally where coaches and athletes mingled with the fans.

Great fun was had by all.

TRAVELS ACROSS TEXAS

President Diana Natalicio, alumni coordinator Marcia Cohen, representatives of the athletic department, and members of the Alumni Association were in Dallas September 12 to attend the annual meeting of the UTEP Alumni Association's North Texas Chapter. More than 75 alumni from the Dallas area were in attendance. The group re-elected the current chapter officers (Robert Jimenez, president; Manny Arciniega, vice-president; Robert Vargas, secretary/treasurer) and listened to an update from Natalicio on the University.

The UTEP envoy then headed on to Houston the following day where they hosted a reception for area alumni. Natalicio, Cohen, and others greeted and socialized with a group of over 70 UTEP grads. The group's enthusiasm and Miner spirit led to plans to establish an Alumni Association chapter in Houston.
LEADING THE WAY IN '94: UTEP'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

We are pleased to provide a more in-depth look at our current Alumni Association officers and directors. These dedicated individuals are leaders in their chosen professions and are not only sharing their expertise but providing direction and leadership to our Alumni Association:

JOSEPH MULLINGS, President (B.B.A Finance, 1984)

Mr. Mullings is vice-president of commercial lending for Texas Commerce Bank. Since graduating from UTEP, he has actively participated in numerous University committees such as student recruitment, homecoming, and top ten seniors. His service as an Alumni Association officer began in 1991 as treasurer, and continued in '92 as vice president and in '93 as president-elect. Mr. Mullings also served as a member of the Westside Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Westside Library Building Committee, El Paso Jaycees, and Junior Achievement.

MARTINI DEGROAT, President-Elect (B.A. Business Administration, 1978)

Mrs. DeGroat is the area manager of public affairs for Southwestern Bell Telephone. She chaired Homecoming in '93, the annual picnic in '91, and top ten seniors in '90. Mrs. DeGroat's service as an Alumni Association officer began in '92 as treasurer, followed by her appointment as vice president in '93. She also serves on the following boards: Chamber of Commerce, Executive Forum, and Junior Achievement.

JOHN SHAW, Vice President (B.S. Metallurgy Engineering, 1968)

Mr. Shaw is the general manager of American Smelting and Refining Company (ASARCO). Last year, he served as treasurer of the Alumni Association, and from 1986-88, was a member of the Alumni Association Board. He is also involved in the Rotary Club and serves on the CrimeStoppers Board.

RON RUSH, Treasurer (B.B.A. Business, 1970)

Mr. Rush is the president of Lawyers Title Company and has held various professional positions with the Texas Land Title Association. He has served as a board member of the Alumni Association.

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ROMELIA RAMOS JUAREZ, Secretary (B.B. Computer Science, 1988)

Mrs. Juarez is the vice president of Han-D-Pac Products. She is also active with the Austin High School Alumni Association.

DORIS GOODMAN, Past President (B.A. Psychology, 1980; M.A. Clinical Psychology, 1982)

Mrs. Goodman is the owner of Training Partners, a firm specializing in training and human resource development. She has served as president ('93), president-elect ('92), vice president ('91), and treasurer ('90) of the Alumni Association. She is a board member of the American Heart Association, El Paso Mental Health Association, American Association of Training and Development, and the American Society of Personnel Administrators.

RAFAEL ADAME, Director (B.B.A. Business, 1980)

Mr. Adame is the president and CEO of Federal Systems Group. He is a graduate of Leadership El Paso and is active in the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Boys and Girls Club, the American Heart Association, and the Public Utility Regulation Commission.

TONY G. CONDE, Director (B.S. Civil Engineering, 1953)

Mr. Conde is president of Conde, Inc., a consulting firm that provides services in architecture, engineering, planning, and surveying. In 1978, he was selected the Small Businessman of Year for El Paso. He has served as a member of the UTEP 2001 Commission and is an active member of the El Paso Art Museum, Home Builders Association, and American Society of Civil Engineers.

KEN GEORGE, Director (B.A. Education, 1957; M.Ed. Education, 1960)

Mr. George, formerly an assistant football coach at UTEP, is assistant superintendent with the El Paso Independent School District. He is an officer of the newly formed College of Education Alumni Association and is past president, as well as an inductee, of the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

MICHELLE MCCOWN JOHNSON, Director (B.B.A. Accounting and Finance, 1987)

Mrs. Johnson is the comptroller for KVIA-TV. As a UTEP student, she was named Outstanding Junior Accounting Student. Since graduation, she has been named as the 1992-93 Outstanding Active of Junior League of El Paso and was nominated in '92 by the United Way as Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. Mrs. Johnson has been involved in numerous civic and charitable organizations including the Ronald McDonald House, Junior League of El Paso, UTEP Centennial Museum Children's Program, and the Sun Carnival Association.

MCCOWN JOHNSON, Director (B.B.A. Business, 1971; J.D. University of Texas Law School)

Ms. Rivera is a judge for the 168th
District Court. She has worked as a Family Law Court Master and as an assistant district attorney. She is a member of numerous organizations including the Mexican-American Bar Association of El Paso, Texas Bar Foundation, District 17 Committee on Admissions, Texas State Bar Association, El Paso Commission for Women, El Paso Domestic Violence Task Force, and El Paso Country Day School.

LINDA RIOS TRONCOSO, Director
(B.A. Journalism, 1969)

Mrs. Troncoso taught journalism at Riverside High School for 4 years. She has also worked for the Texas Employment Commission. Mrs. Troncoso, who is actively involved in the Auxiliary for the El Paso Rehabilitation Center, has served as president of the Harold Wiggs Middle School PTA, a board member of the Young Matrons Auxiliary, president of the El Paso High School Alumni Association, and chair of the Community Advisory Board at KCOS.

ANA LUISA WALCUTT, Director
(B.A. Spanish and History, 1971)

Mrs. Walcutt, former marketing director for the El Paso Symphony, has co-produced award winning education video tapes and is a trained CASA volunteer. She is a sustaining member of the Junior League of El Paso and a board member of the Center for the Deaf and St. Francis Episcopal Church.

DONALD L. WILLIAMS, Director
(B.A. Political Science, 1969)

Mr. Williams, associate municipal court judge, currently has a private law practice. As a UTEP student, he served as president of the Student Association and was selected in 1973 as a Top Ten Senior. He is actively involved in the community, participating in organizations such as Black El Paso Democrats, El Paso Bar Association, El Paso County Ad Litem Council, Leadership El Paso Alumni Association, Junior Achievement of the Desert Southwest, and UTEP 2001 Commission.

Tony Woo, Director
(B.S. Electrical Engineering, 1968; M.A. Electrical Engineering, 1972)

Mr. Woo is the plant manager for Rockwell International in El Paso. His civic involvement includes the following: TAME (SCIAD Program), Private Industry Council, UTEP Industrial Advisory Committee, El Paso Community College Electronics Technology Advisory Committee, and the Manufacturing Committee in the El Paso Chamber of Commerce.

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Michael L. Epstein, M.D. (B.A. ’67) formerly chief of pediatric cardiology at the University of Florida College of Medicine in Gainesville, has been appointed director of cardiology at Children's Hospital of Michigan, in Detroit. Dr. Epstein serves on research and scientific sessions for the American Heart Association. He earned his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, and completed his training at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center in Tucson and the University of Minnesota Hospitals in Minneapolis.

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Federico Bernal (B.S.E.E. ‘70) moved to Costa Rica in 1993 and is currently general manager of Gillette de Costa Rica S.A. a local subsidiary of the Gillette company.

John Franklin Bash, Jr., C.M., Ph.D., LTC/USA (B.A. ’71; M.B.A. ’75) graduated from the U.S. Army War College in 1989, St. Mary’s Seminary & University with a master’s degree in 1993 and St. Ignatius of Antioch School of Theology with a Sacred Scripture Licentiate in 1994. He received his board of regents certification from the University of Arizona in 1996. Bash is currently a professor of administration, associate graduate faculty at Central Michigan University.

Estella Valencia Gonzales (B.A. ’71) has completed her master’s in library and information science (MLS) from the University of Texas at Austin, and is working as a librarian at Cathedral High School in El Paso. She is a member of the American Library Association, the Texas Library Association and the Border Regional Library Association.

John Ryan, LTC/USMC (B.A. ’72) executive officer at Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity, Marine Corps Systems Command, Camp Pendleton, Calif., was awarded the Bronze Star medal for his service as a HAWK anti-aircraft battalion commander during the Gulf War. His wife, Angela Ryan, (B.S.N. ’81) completed the neonatal nurse practitioner’s program at Georgetown University in 1984 and received her master of science degree in pediatric clinical nurse-specialist from UCLA in 1991. Currently working in the Infant Special Care Unit at the University of California at San Diego, she is a faculty member of the UCSD Medical School, is president of the Southern California Association of Neonatal Nurses, and is a member of the Special Interest Group Education Committee of the National Association of Neonatal Nurses.

Hector Delgado (B.A. ’74) is a partner in the newly formed Delgado & Acosta L.L.P., a law firm with correspondent offices in Juarez and Mexico City. Delgado, who specializes in international business and taxation, is board certified in tax law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, a member of the State Bar of Texas and was admitted to the U. S. Tax Court. He earned his doctor of jurisprudence degree from the University of Texas School of Law in 1976.

Raphael St. John (B.B.A. ’73) resides in Dallas, Texas. He has been promoted to state director, administration, with responsibilities covering all administrative functions for the 275 banking centers of a $106 billion dollar banking company throughout Texas.

Alejandro Acosta, Jr. (B.B.A. ’74) is a partner in Delgado & Acosta L.L.P., a newly formed international law firm with correspondent offices in Juarez and Mexico City. Acosta’s practice will include general, commercial and international litigation, products liability and personal injury. A graduate of George Washington University School of Law in 1976, he is a member of the State Bar of Texas and the State Bar of Arizona. Acosta was president of the El Paso Young Lawyers Association in 1980, the Texas Young Lawyers Association in 1987-88, and was voted Outstanding Young Lawyer in 1985.

J. Morgan Broadus III (B.B.A. ’75) an attorney in El Paso for 15 years, has become board certified in civil appellate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

J. Adan Gutierrez, LTC/USN (B.A. ’76) recently graduated from a 10-month postgraduate course at the Naval War College, Newport, R.I. He has been in the Navy since 1983.


Martha Medrano, M.D. (B.S. ’77) recently participated in a national teleconference for health professionals with U.S. Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders. The conference, at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia, addressed the problem of tobacco use among young people. Dr. Medrano is a faculty member in the substance abuse division of the psychiatry department at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

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Heidi Beginski Peña (B.A. ’84) was one of the first legal assistants to complete the Legal Assistant Specialty Certification Examination administered by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization for the first time in March 1994. Ms. Peña is certified in the area of personal injury law and is a legal assistant with the firm of Hicks and Associates, El Paso.

Manuel Paillas (B.S. MET ’82) has been appointed by Gov. Ann Richards to the board of directors of the upper Rio Grande Private Industry Council which administers the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) program in the region. An associate director of the Institute of Manufacturing and Materials Management (IM3) at UTEP, he directs engineering outreach programs through the dean’s office in the College of Engineering.

Cynthia Peak (B.B.A. ’85) of Ballwin, MO has been named associate director of development at Maryville University of Saint Louis. Peak, who has done graduate work at Webster University and Washington University, both in Saint Louis, was formerly associate director of development in charge of special gifts and projects at Webster University. She was also associated with the Saint Louis Ballet where she worked as assistant to the general director, wardrobe mistress and dancer.

Edward Campos (B.A. ’91) was named marketing coordinator for Herman-Miles Trucking Inc. in El Paso. Campos worked as a design and layout artist before moving to Herman-Miles where he worked in the customer service department until his promotion.

Anthony V. Beer, Ensign/USN (B.S.N. ’93) has completed the Officer Induction School at the Naval Education and Training Center, Newport, R.I. The course prepares students for duty in the naval staff field corresponding to their civilian profession. Beer joined the Navy in August, 1992.

Michael R. Thering (B.S.M.E. ’93) has been employed by Texas Instruments since December of 1982. Recently he received an official army commendation for his contribution to the development of the SOFRAIR 480k Detector Development Line-of-Sight Anti Tank (LOTAS) Project.

OBITUARIES

Harold S. Oswalt (B.A. ’55) March 24, 1994 in Victoria, Texas. During his years at the University he was a member of the football team, track team and rodeo club. He taught school for 38 years before retiring in 1991. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a grandson.

Icle Jean Stevens (retired UTEP associate professor and librarian) May 29, 1994. She was a member of the Assistance League, the Border Library Association, the Childcare Literature Group and the Ysleta Retired Teacher’s Association and had been a resident of El Paso for 37 years. Preceded in death by her husband, Jackson, she is survived by her mother and three sons.

Conrey Bryson (B.S. ’54, M.A. ’59) May 26, 1994. He had been a resident of El Paso since 1929 and was a member of the 13th Ward, Mt. Franklin Stake, L.D.S. Church. He was well known as an author of numerous books, a former TV 4 Chihuahua Radio station and press secretary to Congressman Richard White. He was past president and editor for the El Paso Historical Society and a member of the UTEP Heritage Commission, Pioneer Club and Western Writers of America. He is survived by his wife, Mariliza, and daughter and two stepdaughters, a stepson, a sister, two brothers, five grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Alfonso Lopez (B.B.A. ’50) May 31, 1994. A lifelong resident of El Paso, he received a Purple Heart and Victory Medal for his service in WWII. He was a member of V.F.W. Post #5615. He is survived by his wife, Elisa.

Malcolm D. Dunklee (B.B.A. ’78) June 4, 1994. He retired from the U.S. Army after 27 years of service and had lived in El Paso 22 years where he had been employed as a supervisor for G.T.E. and Siemens. He is survived by his wife, Elaine, two daughters, two stepdaughters, stepson, a sister, two brothers, five grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Harvey Hal Greenberg (B.A. ’71) June 7, 1994. He was a resident of El Paso for 36 years and worked as a nurse for the Life Management Center. In spite of health problems he excelled in sports, particularly bowling and Karate. He was an Eagle Scout and was awarded the Ner Tamid Jewish award for Religious Observance and service to the Boy Scouts of America. He is survived by his wife, Lurrie Ann and his parents.

Peggy Dean Himmelstein, Ph.D. (A. Psychology ’71) June 11, 1994. She had been a resident of El Paso for 29 years and was a clinical psychologist and family and marriage therapist. A New York native, she was a member of B’Nai Zion Synagogue, Hadassah, American Psychological Association, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy and the Society for Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis. She was listed in Who’s Who in America and Who’s Who in the South and Southwest. Survivors include her husband, Phillip, her daughter, two sons, her parents, a brother and five grandchildren.

John R. Cate III (B.S.Ed. ’79) June 14, 1994. A Los Angeles, CA native, he had lived in El Paso since 1970 and was a teacher at South Loop Elementary School. He was a member of V.F.W. Post #6550, M.O.C. PT 75, American Legion Post #58, A.A.N. and A.R.P. He is survived by his wife, Josefina, a stepdaughter and three grandchildren.

Robert Howard Dahl (B.S.Ed. ’73) June 14, 1994. He was well known in El Paso as the spelling bee coach who coached a 1981 winner and several high ranking students at the National Spelling Bee, an achievement for a small school in the heart of a state of tribes. He had been a teacher at the Ysleta School District in May, 1994. He had been in Woodbury, New Jersey and was a professional stage and television actor in New York City before moving to El Paso to begin his teaching career in 1976. He was a Vietnam veteran and a member of Actor’s Equity and Y.T.A. and participated in the National Endowment for the Humanities summer institutes. He is survived by his wife, Corrine Leighton Kohloff Dahl, and their daughter.

Javier Emilio Baca (B.S.N. ’92) June 21, 1994. He was a lifelong resident of El Paso and a nurse at Providence Memorial Hospital. He was a member of the UTEP Alumni Association. Survivors include his wife Raquel, three sons, his parents, three brothers and three sisters.

Howard H. Brokate (B.A. ’67) May 26, 1994. He taught history for 23 years for the El Paso Independent School District, and 15 years at the El Paso Community College. He was a member of Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity. He is survived by his long-time companion, Samuel, his mother and two sisters.

Joseph Anthony Camacho (B.S. ’50) July 7, 1994 in Tucker, Georgia. He was a veteran of WWII and was most recently employed by the Atlanta VA Hospital. After medical school he served with the U.S. Public Health Service-Coast Guard as Lt. Commander. He is survived by his wife, Christine, a daughter and son, and his sister.

Carlos McDonald, Ph.D. (B.S. ’58) July 7, 1994. A lifelong resident of El Paso, he was twice named Outstanding Ex at Jefferson High School. He was a professor at UTEP, for 35 years, a consultant and researcher for the National Science Foundation and a member of the National Science Foundation Fellowship and the International Electrical Engineers. He is survived by his wife, Armida, three daughters, a son, his parents, four brothers, two sisters and twelve grandchildren.

Vernon Dale Bowman, LTC/USA Ret. (B.A. ’29) July 19, 1994; a native of El Paso, Arizona. He was a WWII veteran who served with Gen. Patton’s tank troops and later served as advisor to South Korean Troops in the Korean War. He was decorated with the Soldier’s Medal, the Bronze Star and the Silver Star and retired from the Army in 1961. He also worked as a teacher in the El Paso school system and with the Army’s Disaster Preparedness Program in Tucson. Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth, a daughter and son and a sister.

Udell R. Tarpley, LTC/USA Ret. (M.Ed; ’69) July 15, 1994. He had resided in El Paso for 35 years, was a counselor at Irvin High School and a member of Trinity First United Methodist Church. He was a veteran of WWII and the Vietnam war. Survivors include his wife, Irma, two daughters, a son, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ralph V. Weeks, CW3/USA Ret. (B.B.A. ’78) July 15, 1994 in Midwest City, OK. A former resident of El Paso for 19 years, he had retired from the U.S. Army and the Civil Service. He is survived by his wife, Mary, six daughters, two brothers and eight grandchildren.

Daniel A. McCollack (B.B.A. ’60) July 17, 1994. He was a lifelong resident of ElPaso. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann, two daughters and two brothers.

Joe L. Gardea, Jr. (B.S. ’43) July 18, 1994. He was a WWII veteran and served in the U.S. Navy in Guam. He retired from ARSARCO with more than 20 years service and had been a lifelong resident of El Paso. He is survived by his sister, an aunt and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Annie M. Childress (retired secretary to UTEP dean of engineering) July 21, 1994. She had been a resident of El Paso for a year as a member of St. Luke’s United Methodist Church and Beta Sigma Phi. Preceded in death by her husband, John H., and son, John D., she is survived by her daughter, two brothers and a grandson.

Alda A. Armendariz (B.S. Ed. ’65) July 27, 1994. She was a lifelong resident of El Paso and was a former teacher at Fabens Junior High and Capistrano Elementary schools and a UTEP media host. She was a member of K.K.I., N.E.A. and T.S.T.A. She is survived by her husband, Richard, a daughter and a son, her mother and a sister.

Vivian Boddeker Hertzog (friend of UTEP) August 5, 1994. Born in Bryan, Texas, she had resided in El Paso for 75 years. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Associates of the Library at UTEP, the UTEP Women’s Auxiliary, Sunset Heights Garden Club, El Paso County Historical Society and El Paso Woman’s Club. She was a homemaker and the widow of noted book designer J. Carl Hertzog who was instrumental in the outstanding success of UTEP’s press. She was preceded in death by her husband and her son, J. Carl Hertzog, Jr.

Robert F. “Bob” Andrews (B.B. ’71) August 8, 1994 in Austin, Texas. Formerly of El Paso, he worked for Communication Specialist Inc., Dell Computers and was currently with Select Marketing of Austin. He is survived by his wife, Jere, a daughter and son, and two nieces.

Jean Mary McGhee Orme-Johnson (B.A. ’34) August 9, 1994. She was born in New York City but had lived in El Paso for 75 years. She was Student Association president at UTEP, a member of the University’s academic and athletic activities. In addition, she volunteered at the El Paso Public Library and was co-founder of a school teaching English to Spanish-speaking adults. She was preceded in death by her husband, William, and is survived by a daughter, two sons, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.
WARTIME ON CAMPUS

by Nancy Hamilton

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The December 7, 1941, bombing of Pearl Harbor by Japan rocked the entire United States. Repercussions reached the Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy (now UTEP), where campus life changed dramatically between 1941 and 1945.

Enrollment revealed these changes most dramatically. While the college boasted more than 1,000 students each year from 1939 through the fall of 1941, that number plummeted to just 561 by 1943.

During the months before the United States entered World War II, several students at the Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy enlisted in National Guard units and were called into service. Others waited anxiously to see whether their numbers were picked in the draft.

Not only students went to war. Young faculty members such as Eugene O. Porter (history) and Gene Hemmle (music) were called to serve. Fortunately, remaining faculty members were able to fill in for these losses in extraordinary ways. Dr. B. F. Jenness, a retired Navy lieutenant commander and medical doctor, for example, taught such diverse courses as mining, biology and zoology, while also serving as a health officer.

By the spring of 1942, class offerings were being influenced by the war. A supplementary list of courses "in connection with the national emergency" included trigonometry taught by Bulah Liles "for students planning to enter United States service."

One tradition that students kept up was "M" Day. An unofficial time out from morning classes was called for freshmen to climb the face of Mt. Franklin from Scenic Drive. They whitewashed the large letter "M" that had originally been painted there in 1923. The Coed Association provided lunch afterward and Phratereis (women's social organization) sponsored a dance.

Another campus tradition that persisted during the war was Hi-Jinx. Freshman girls were singled out for the first six weeks of the fall semester by making them wear green hair ribbons and socks. The activity culminated in Hell Week when the girls wore ridiculous clothes and could not curl their hair or wear make-up.

At least two social traditions were adversely affected by the lack of men on campus. Sadie Hawkins Day, named after a character from the Al Capp comic strip Li’l Abner, and the Coed Dance, when girls made dates and paid expenses, had to be abandoned.

In the spring, freshman engineering students were initiated on St. Patrick's Day, and the engineers managed to maintain the tradition throughout the war. It remains the oldest tradition still practiced at UTEP. After being subjected to such indignities as kissing a Blarney Stone covered with green paint, they would be treated to a bean feed. Spring was also the season for the Hard Luck Dance for which men students grew beards months in advance in the hope of winning an engraved spitoon for the best facial hair.

As the war progressed, intercollegiate sports were canceled for several reasons – mainly the shortage of men (women's sports were not yet in vogue), but also the lack of gasoline and tires for travel. Public transportation was of course out of the question. Austin Fryer was director of intramurals for several years but left for the Army Air Corps before the end of the 1942-43 year. He was around long enough, however, to stir interest in the physical training emphasis that became part of the war effort.

The 1942 football team's captain, Wesley Cantrell, a tackle from Mexia, TX, and the most valuable player, and end Freddie Salem both entered the Army Air Corps. A freshman on that team, Fred Wendt, entered the Coast Guard. He would later return to Mines to set records in rushing.

Women students tried briefly to replace men's sports with their own brand of football. Hazel Cooper Haynsworth (1979 Outstanding Ex-Student) was a member of the Chi Omega Coyotes in the Women's Football Conference. They played 10-minute quarters on a field 60 yards long, with the standard 11-member teams. The first game, she recalls, was against the Zeta Tau Alpha Zombies. A member of the Zeta team was running so fast she couldn't stop and ran into a parked car, knocking out her front teeth. A report in the Prospector indicated that women's football came to a battered end due to an "epidemic of crutches and lost teeth."

Student social organizations channeled most of their energies into special war effort activities. Sorority girls rolled bandages for the Red Cross. Chi Omega sent money to help an 11-year-old English refugee child.
The Tri-Delts established a blood bank for the college. Phi Kappa Tau's membership declined by 15 members in 1943, all of whom were in the service, with the remainder of the members in the Army, Navy or Air Corps reserves. Rho Sigma Tau announced that its parties were "modified to harmonize with the war effort."

Many groups that specialized in entertainment had their performance schedules curtailed by an inability to travel during the war. Instead, they performed at Fort Bliss and William Beaumont General Hospital, which became a military plastic surgery center.

Glen Johnson, head of the Department of Music, founded what he called "a new kind of outreach" for TCM. The Gold Diggers not only did fancy marching; they also sang as they marched. Each Friday night of the school year, he took a marching-singing unit to Beaumont Hospital. The students would sing popular songs and show tunes, encouraging patients to sing along.

Johnson was called to serve in the military on three occasions, each time being sent back to resume teaching at the college. He was somewhat embarrassed that the farewell parties and gifts had been for naught, though he was glad to be able to continue his activities on behalf of the soldiers in El Paso.

Not all of those leaving school were men answering Uncle Sam's call. Some of the coeds opted for war-related jobs. Betty Slack Seabrooke (B.A., 1947) spent the spring of 1942 in classes, then went to San Antonio with about 20 other El Paso young women to be trained as aircraft mechanics. She ended up at Biggs Field and Municipal Airport, servicing planes for the Ferry Command for about a year. The work involved shifts—6 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., and 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.—eight hours on, eight hours off, six days a week. After being replaced by a soldier in that job, she worked at the downtown censorship office which processed mail to and from foreign countries.

With men disappearing from the work force, many coeds found jobs that ordinarily would have gone to men. In 1942, radio station KTSM began remote broadcasts from the Centennial Museum four times a week, with different college departments responsible for each one. Dr. Dossie M. Wiggins, TCM president, gave a series of talks on "Education in Wartime." Students gained experience in broadcasting and several young women became employees of KTSM. Coeds also found jobs at the El Paso Times and the Herald-Post, but as happened nationwide, relinquished their positions to former servicemen at the war's end.
The editorship of the weekly student newspaper, the *Prospector*, was exclusively female during the war years: Betty Barbara Long, 1941-42; Mary Jackson and Lace Kitterman, 1942-43; Aileen Marston, 1943-44; Martha Bullington, 1944; and Barbara Adams, 1944-45. Marshall Willis was editor of the yearbook, the *Flowsheet* in 1942, but in 1943 it changed to a paperback format and Kelly Hunt became the editor. Soon the publication’s business manager, Louis Vaughn, and his assistant, Jack Chapman, left for the service. Film was not available for the yearbook’s faculty section, and Hunt had to pinch-hit for several missing staffers by the end of the year.

The lack of men on campus was temporarily eased when the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) sent 200 young men to the Mines from July 1943 to March 1944. The Mines was one of 227 colleges and universities across the country picked by the War Department to provide specialized training to selected servicemen.

“We girls would line up in front of Old Main and watch the ASTP group march past us to lunch and back,” recalls Jean Miculka (B.A., 1944). “That was about the only time we saw any fellows during the war.”

The program was cut back in early 1944, and most of the Army Miners were assigned to the 12th Armored Division. The Alumni Office is encouraging members of this group to attend Homecoming this October and march in the Homecoming parade.

The changes that affected the campus during the war years were reversed dramatically after peace was achieved. The tiny college, which had 765 students in 1945, counted a thousand more in the fall of 1946 as veterans poured in to take advantage of the GI Bill. They refused to wear freshman beanies; many had wives and children to support. But that’s another story....

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Charlie Bailey:
Loyal, Dedicated, Tough, Sharp, Experienced...
UTEP's Football Coach
Takes the Reins

by John McFall
How do you turn around a losing football program, a program that hasn't had a winning season in the past six years or a winning tradition since the 1950s?

Well, you don't do it overnight. But you can start with the right coach, the right attitude and a group of young men who believe they can win.

That's the combination the University of Texas at El Paso believes will start Miner football on the long climb upward beginning with the 1994 season. The football program has already begun to make that climb one step at a time, starting with the most important step of all: the hiring of new head coach Charlie Bailey.

According to a story in the current Miner pre-season football program, Bailey is loyal, dedicated, tough, sharp and experienced. He commands respect, is a great organizer and gets the job done. These qualifications and attributes have been thoroughly demonstrated over his 22 years of coaching on all levels — from high school to college to the professional ranks. And while he has not always met with success, he's made valuable contributions to every team with which he's worked. "Charlie Bailey is intense, tough, dedicated, and experienced," John Thompson, UTEP athletic director, says. "His discipline and football knowledge, together with his ability to make his athletes mentally tougher, is what the University of Texas at El Paso needs. He is a winner on the same level of ethics as Ara Parseghian at Notre Dame and Joe Paterno at Penn State. Winning is important, but winning with student-athletes and with high standards is more important."

One of the more insightful comments on Bailey comes from a former player and now an assistant coach under him. Sean Kugler was a standout on UTEP's 1985-88 teams and never gave up hope for a winning season. With Bailey at the controls, Kugler now sees light at the end of the proverbial tunnel.

"Having played at UTEP, I feel he is the only coach who has what it takes to turn this team around and gain respectability. I know he'll do it," Kugler says.

Members of the media who have heard him talk and seen him in action are impressed with his straightforward approach and honesty. And Miner fans who aren't easily taken in by miracle cures view him as the best hope for renewing the health of UTEP football and their faith in the program.

"He has said it's not going to be
easy, and he’s not expecting any miracles. All he wants is a chance to prove that what he knows he can convey to his players. I believe he can do it. He reminds me of former Miner Coach Mike Brumbelow, who took a bunch of kids that others didn’t want and turned them into winners. I think Bailey can do the same,” Sam Kobren, a UTEP graduate, booster and fan, says.

What really sets Bailey apart is how he views the job: “I’m the head coach. I like the pressure of being a head coach. I’m a tough guy and I expect my coaches and players to be the same. We’re going to do things the Charlie Bailey way,” Bailey says.

The pressure began in earnest at the opening game in September when Charlie Bailey’s charges faced the always dangerous, always loaded Wyoming Cowboys at Laramie. After the Cowboys follows a tough schedule with a few “possibles,” several “maybes” and some that could go either way, with proper crowd support.

Bailey is not new to adversity. While this will be his first full season as head coach at UTEP, he’s been here before. He was the highly successful Miner defensive coach for now-departed David Lee in 1990-91. He moved on to the defensive coach position for the Orlando Thunder in 1992 but returned to UTEP last year as the defensive guru. Unfortunately, injuries decimated his thin line of defenders who were unable to halt opposition offenses.

Bailey previously was head coach at Memphis State, where his teams went from 1-10 to 5-5-1 and 6-5-1 against some of the nation’s top football teams.

He knows what it will take to turn the Miner football program around. He and his staff are well aware of the task that lies ahead, both on the field and on the recruiting trail. He describes his first recruiting class in this manner:

“I feel we recruited some outstanding student-athletes. The young men we signed have a good chance to stay in school and stay with this program for years to come.”

Bailey says he wants men who will do whatever it takes to succeed, both as football players and as students. He wants “players who are going to play four quarters of football, good disciplined football, and win games they are supposed to win.”

Succeeding in the classroom is a given for Bailey’s players.

Although not a particularly strong suit in 1993, defense may be the ace
in the hole for Bailey’s team. He was the defensive coordinator at Tampa, Miami, Rice, Kentucky, Pittsburgh, and Florida, and with the Tampa Bay Bandits of the USFL and the Orlando Thunder of the World League. He was successful in all outings, some more than others, and some tempered by either injuries, caliber of opposition, or just plain luck.

Luck, always improved by some good, solid planning, may be on Bailey’s side this time around. He has surrounded himself with proven assistants. He has Pete Kuharchek as the secondary coach and Mickey Mays as the defensive line coach. Kuharchek has been with Bailey for the better part of 25 years, either as a player or coach, and served as Bailey’s defensive coordinator at Memphis State. Mays is another veteran coach who brings discipline and knowledge to his tasks.

Bailey is also fortunate in gaining the talents of Darrell Dickey from LSU to serve as offensive coordinator. Dickey was Bailey’s offensive coordinator at Memphis State, and his departure from LSU was greeted with alarm; he is a proven quality, but also a friend and admirer of Bailey. Several other schools in addition to LSU wanted the services of Dickey, but he chose to go with an old friend in Bailey.

Just prior to the season, Bailey rounded out his staff by adding Charles Harbison as his defensive secondary coach. Harbison, a native of North Carolina, was last with the Charlotte Rage in the Arena Football League. He played for the Buffalo Bills in the NFL and also had seasons with New Orleans and Boston in the USFL. He is also a friend of Bailey’s, having coached against him in the World League.

Friendship may be forever, but the relationship can grow tenuous if you are not successful as a team. Bailey knows this and has surrounded himself with men who are determined to climb with him one step at a time, men who have been with him or whom he has known for several years.

But in the end, all of the pressure, the blame and/or the credit will fall on Bailey. And Charlie Bailey likes it that way.

He intends to show an upward trend at UTEP. Judging from his past record and his positive outlook, Bailey could be in Minerland for a long time — hopefully a happy, winning time.

But Bailey is also a realist.

"If I can’t show improvement in three years, they won’t have to fire me because I’ll be outta here. If I didn’t think I was going to be successful, I wouldn’t be here," he concludes.

And with that the Charlie Bailey era begins for UTEP football.
Nearly 30 UTEP alumni are employed at Phelps Dodge El Paso. A few of the company's Miner fans are, from top left: Phelps Dodge manager George Bailey, plant superintendent Ernesto Arriola, and department representatives Jesus Reza, Aileen Law and Richard Gutierrez. In front are department representatives Jean Fernandez, Brad Wesstrom and Mike Yarish.

Nothing adds to a community more than a university does," says George Bailey, manager of Phelps Dodge El Paso. The truth is that it's a partnership: Friends such as Phelps Dodge make it possible for UTEP to continue to grow as an asset for El Paso and the entire Southwest border region.

Phelps Dodge's long-held philosophy of good citizenship has led to their contributing more than $230,000 to UTEP through their foundation and refining corporation over the past twenty years. Bailey characterizes these gifts as the natural outgrowth of two institutions working to be good neighbors.

"The university is such a great source of talent and much-needed research for us," he explains. "And as our business grows and prospers, we can provide help such as scholarships to UTEP."

In light of this partnership, the company has established the Phelps Dodge Foundation Scholarship Fund for Undergraduate Engineering Students and the Phelps Dodge Foundation Graduate Scholarship Fund for Graduate Students. These scholarships provide significant support for incoming undergraduates as well as graduate scholars in engineering. Lawrence E. Murr, chair of metallurgical engineering, says the Phelps Dodge scholarship programs have been a tremendous benefit to his department: "We usually have around five undergraduates and one graduate Phelps Dodge scholarship recipient annually, and this is a significant fraction of our small department. In many cases, we can provide support for incoming students so they can concentrate on their studies as they get started."

At the same time, Murr is excited about the training and job opportunities afforded UTEP metallurgical engineering students through a copper refining and rod mill giant such as Phelps Dodge right here in El Paso. "The Phelps Dodge company is a real example of a modern, high-tech organization of metallurgical capability," he explains. "We do annual field trips and a number of our graduates work at Phelps Dodge as supervisors, quality control and laboratory personnel."

With approximately 30 UTEP graduates currently employed at El Paso's Phelps Dodge plant, the connection between Phelps Dodge and UTEP's College of Engineering is a natural. But the company doesn't limit its support to industry-related programs.

UTEP Development Director Jan Cavin cites Phelps Dodge's contributions to KTEP, the Diamond Jubilee Fund for Academic Resources, the Athletic Program Enhancement Fund and the Alumni Fund for Excellence as just a few examples of the company's interest in the well-being of the El Paso community and the university as a whole.

"Year after year, Phelps Dodge has been a remarkably responsible citizen of the El Paso community and an especially good friend to UTEP," Cavin says.

The way George Bailey sees it, a business grows and prospers in a community that grows and prospers, and the best way to nourish the community is through the many resources of a university: "UTEP is very central, not only to the economic health of El Paso, but to our cultural and spiritual growth as well. So we at Phelps Dodge can't think of a better investment in the future than helping the university."
John Arbuckle left college in 1860 to join relatives in the wholesale grocery business, little dreaming that he would become a multi-millionaire or that his name would become synonymous with coffee in the American West.

In addition to recalling the colorful origins of this popular beverage, Francis Fugate has traced the personal history of John Arbuckle and the history of his famous company. Arbuckle's innovative marketing techniques included the issuing of premiums in exchange for the signatures printed on coffee packages and printed trading cards which provided an education on many subjects.

Full-color reproductions of trading cards and black-and-white and color photographs of Arbuckle Brothers Company memorabilia provide a valuable reference to collectors of Western Americana. Included is a list of patents granted to Arbuckle Brothers which revolutionized the coffee industry. Today, Arbuckles is being produced again in a variety of gourmet coffees, blends and flavorful teas by Arbuckle Coffee Company of Tucson, Arizona. Arbuckle Coffee ordering information is enclosed.

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