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On Aug. 31, UTEP successfully concluded one of the most important initiatives of our history — the Legacy Campaign. Individuals, families, businesses and foundations responded to the challenge of UTEP’s first-ever, comprehensive fund-raising campaign to build a solid endowment base that will provide sustainable, yet flexible, support for UTEP’s many innovative education, research and outreach programs.

I am proud and pleased that the generosity of our many friends and supporters has enabled us not only to reach our $50 million endowment goal, but to exceed it by nearly 20 percent. The benefits are enormous, creating:

- 110 new endowed scholarship funds
- 34 new professorships and chairs
- 48 new departmental excellence funds
- 11 new athletic endowments
- 8 new library endowments, and
- 3 new endowments for technology.

All of these additions enhance the quality and stature of UTEP and increase opportunities for the students and community we serve.

When we began planning the Legacy Campaign nearly eight years ago, some argued that a $50 million goal was not attainable. Fortunately, a more ambitious vision prevailed, and with strong volunteer and staff leadership, we confidently launched the campaign five years ago.

As a catalyst for new ideas, a source of well-trained professionals, and a critical component of our economy, UTEP is vital to the region’s future. Added resources from the Legacy Campaign strengthen this institution and enable us to expand opportunities for human and economic development in our community.

UTEP’s future looks brighter because an enhanced endowment base leaves us better prepared to capitalize on unexpected opportunities and better able to withstand the vagaries of public funding and economic cycles.

These endowments also will help to attract outstanding faculty and students, whose presence on the UTEP campus will foster our future excellence.

We owe a special debt of gratitude to the Development Board, the Board of Fellows and, most of all, to the Legacy Campaign Cabinet for their commitment to the campaign and to the future of UTEP. The long-term and visionary approaches of these groups, coupled with the extraordinary leadership of Peter de Wetter, Charles Leavell, Bob Heasley and Bob Hoy contributed greatly to the campaign’s success.

We thank Jan Cavin and David Madeira and all of the staff members who worked with them for ensuring that the campaign was well-planned and implemented.

Finally, I also want to express my deep appreciation to all of you who have contributed to the Legacy Campaign. Your support is evidence of your commitment to educational excellence. You are our valued partners in UTEP’s continuing mission to provide quality educational opportunities for the young people of this border region.

— Diana Natalicio
President
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When a 60-foot wave comes crashing down on an offshore oil tanker in the open ocean, there is a lot at stake — the equipment, the crude oil and possible damage to the environment, not to mention the lives of the crew.

It is a scenario Bill Kiely focuses on as an engineer, co-founder and president of Specialized Offshore Facilities and Engineered Components Inc., a company that services the offshore oil industry.

For Kiely, what began as a mere interest in the ocean transformed into a career in engineering on the open sea and a successful venture into the world of offshore development.

Traveling to almost every corner and time zone in the world during his 30-year career, Kiely helped develop and oversee construction projects related to the production, transport and storage of oil and its commodities on ocean-going tankers and offshore oil fields.

Under Kiely's leadership, SOFEC has become one of the world's leaders in the design, construction and installation of equipment anchoring vessels in the open ocean for product transfers, and the creation of deep water ports and floating production stations.

A 1964 graduate of Texas Western College (now UTEP) with a degree in mechanical engineering, Kiely helped grow SOFEC into a Fortune 500 company. UTEP is honoring his accomplishments in the field of engineering with the 2000 Alumni Award for Professional Achievement.

SOFEC-built systems are located around the globe and include import and export terminals in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Taiwan, Japan and the United States that service the world's largest oil tankers. Some of the company-installed floating production systems are located off the coast of Malaysia, Indonesia, China, West Africa, South America, Mexico and northeast Canada, in water depths as great as 3,000 feet and in locations subject to violent winter storms, hurricanes and icebergs.

Currently the company is involved in the installation of a floating production system on the Grand Banks off the coast of Newfoundland, Canada, adjacent to where the RMS Titanic sank, and
Kiely joined Ocean Systems Inc. in Arlington, Va., as a project engineer, designing advanced diving systems and developing underwater hyperbaric welding habitats for the construction and repair of sub-sea pipelines and structures. He was the project manager in charge of equipment for the world's deepest underwater pipeline welding project at the time. The project included joining sections of the oil delivery pipeline for Exxon's Halibut Field in 222 feet of water in the Bass Straits off the coast of Australia.

Kiely served with the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam. As a student, Kiely was one of the Top Ten Seniors and received a number of honors, including Outstanding Mechanical Engineering Graduate, Men of Mines and Distinguished ROTC Military Graduate.

Following graduation, Kiely accepted a commission in the U.S. Army and began building tactical support bridges for the Army Corps of Engineers in Germany. He served a tour of duty with the 25th Infantry Division in Cu Chi, Vietnam, where he received the Bronze Star and the Air Commendation Medal.

After being honorably discharged from the military in 1968, Kiely discovered he was a hot commodity in the eyes of many companies: he was a young engineer with several years of experience who had completed his military service as many of the country's young men were heading to Southeast Asia.

In 1973, he helped form the Houston-based SOFEC, and in 1993, Kiely and his business partners, Bob Gruy, Gerald Broussard, Sylvan Schwartz, Jim Hodges and Peter Jackson arranged the sale of SOFEC to FMC Corporation.

With a career that took him to exotic locations and some of the deepest waters in the world, Texas and his former hometown of El Paso were often thousands of miles away. But Kiely never forgot his origins or the school that encouraged a young engineer to pursue those dreams of achievement.
A member of the UTEP Alumni Association, the President’s Associates and the Matrix Society, Kiely has continued to support the university through donations to projects such as the Library Pooled Endowment Fund and the Oral History of

Tom Lea project. In 1995, he was awarded the Gold Nugget Award in recognition for his work as an outstanding alumnus from the College of Engineering.

In 1996, Kiely and his wife Ann established the James and Trula Abernathy Endowment. Kiely has given $5000 in support of the Rollin P. Deleeuw Library. He is a member of the Kiely Endowment Fund and the Oral History of UTEP.

As a trustee on the Committee for Economic Development, Kiely is instrumental in making changes that are important to the community. As president and CEO of Government Employees Credit Union of El Paso, Harriet May oversees $650 million in assets, 195,000 member-owners and 440 employees.

May is a recognized leader throughout the credit union industry. She is advisory director and was elected to the Board of Directors of the Texas Credit Union League. In June, May became the League’s Asset Category Director representing credit unions with $100 million or more in assets. She also serves on the National Credit Union Roundtable Advisory Committee.

Community is important to May. She has served as moderator of her church council and is a strong supporter of the Children’s Miracle Network. She is past president of the El Paso chapter of Financial Women International and a director of the El Paso United Way.

In 1997, May was honored with the prestigious YWCA Reach Award for her achievements in the business community.

A former Texas Education Flexibility Partnership Committee member, Palko now serves on the Secretary of Labor’s Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills, defining the skills young people need to compete in the working world. As a trustee on the Committee for Economic Development, he serves on the Subcommittee on the Employer’s Role in Linking School and Work.

He is the past director of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce in central Massachusetts and a former trustee of the Fort Worth Independent School District Board of Education.

A 1984 graduate of the UTEP College of Health Sciences School of Nursing, Teresa Steele has been instrumental in developing a home care psychiatric nursing program at Husson College in Maine, where she is the director of the Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nursing Program.

Steele earned her doctoral degree in nursing and organizational behavior from the Union Institute in Cincinnati, a master’s degree in nursing from UTEP and a master’s degree in education from the University of Maine.

Steele is both nurse and educator, supervising psychiatric nurses employed in home care, consulting with health care organizations and nursing and business teaching programs. She received federal funding for an advanced nursing program and the Building Partnerships program, a statewide health planning initiative.

She has published a number of papers, including most recently “Complementary Therapies: Essential Knowledge for Today’s Advanced Practice Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse,” and has conducted lectures with health care professionals as far away as Aomori, Japan.
Each year, UTEP Selects six Gold Nuggets, recognizing distinguished alumni whose accomplishments bring pride to the university and inspiration to its students. In honor of the 25th anniversaries of two of its programs, the College of Health Science is honoring two Gold Nuggets this year.

Edward Ramirez
College of Health Sciences
Clinical Laboratory Sciences
Edward Ramirez, who received a bachelor of science degree in 1986, is the area manager and director of sales for Latin America at the New York office of ImPath Labs Inc., a company that specializes in providing cancer information to physicians.

Prior to this, Ramirez was one of five regional executives for Beckman-Coulter Instruments in Fullerton, Calif., where he became a recognized expert in the area of cardiac enzymes. He also served as territory manager and regional trainer for Johnson & Johnson Medical Inc. in Summerville, N.J., where he was responsible for a $3 million sales territory in the area of cardiac and general surgery products.

Securing Healthy Sales
He began his career at Abbott Labs as a major accounts executive and regional product manager in Illinois, where he was named Major Account Executive of the Year for two years.

A combat arms officer in the U.S. Army, Ramirez was second in command of a Patriot surface to air missile battery, and was the first Patriot officer deployed in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm. He was decorated with the Southwest Asia Service Medal with two clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Army of Occupation Medal and Presidential Unit Citation.

Called a “living legend” in the Ysleta School District, long-time educator Constance (Connie) Hulbert began her career in 1945 after graduating from the Texas College of Mines (now UTEP).

During her more than 40 years as a teacher, Hulbert taught Spanish to El Paso students at the elementary, high school and college levels. She spent the majority of her career in Ysleta, serving in capacities ranging from elementary teacher to administrator to school board representative.

Constance Hulbert
College of Education
She pioneered the development of a Spanish-language curriculum at the elementary school level and was one of the first to implement the new curriculum into the classroom.

As part of her life-long pursuit of education, Hulbert returned to Texas Western College (now UTEP) in 1949 and received a master's degree in Spanish. She has since returned to UTEP to study French and Mexican history. Following her retirement from the school district in 1977, she served on the Ysleta Education Foundation. In 1999, a North Loop Elementary School was named in her honor.

Victor Arias Jr.
College of Business Administration
Victor Arias, Jr., is executive vice president and regional managing director for the Dallas office of DHR International, a leading executive research firm. The search consultant specializes in high-tech, telecommunications and real estate industries with additional responsibilities for Latin America and diversity practice.

Arias, who earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from UTEP and an MBA degree from Stanford University, served as executive vice president and national marketing director for the 12,000-acre, master-planned community of Las Colinas in Irving, Texas, prior to his position with DHR.

Taking Care of Business
Before his Las Colinas assignment, Arias spent ten years at LaSalle Partners in Chicago, most recently as vice president of acquisitions. He was also active in starting up LaSalle's operations in Mexico.

Arias is active in his community, serving on the board of advisors for the University of Dallas and the North Hills School. He is the co-founder and past national president of the National Society of Hispanic MBAs and a past trustee of the Union League Boys and Girls Clubs.

Janice Woods Windle
College of Liberal Arts
Janice Woods Windle, a lifelong Texan, is the author of the best-selling historical novels, True Women and Hill Country, featuring touching stories about the remarkable frontier women in Windle's family. Her novels were transformed into an acclaimed two-part mini-series produced by Hallmark Entertainment.

Windle received her bachelor's degree in political science in May 1979 and attended graduate school at the University of the Americas in Puebla, Mexico, and at UTEP.

In 1995, she was honored with a resolution from the Texas Senate for her achievements as an author and community fund-raiser. She has served as campaign chair for governors, mayors and senators from 1962 to 1990. In 1964, Windle was co-chair of the El Paso County presidential campaign of Lyndon Baines Johnson.

Since becoming chief executive officer of the El Paso Community Foundation, the charitable organization's assets have soared from $95,000 to $100 million.
**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**
Homecoming and Gold Nugget Award Reception
4:30 - 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19
Business Administration Lobby, First Floor
Information: 747-7715 or 747-7718

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**
Gold Nugget Breakfast
8 - 10 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 19
Templeton Suite,
Union Building East, Third Floor
Information: 747-5572

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**
Metallurgical and Materials Engineering Reception
4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19
Home of Dr. and Mrs. Larry Murr
Information: 747-5468

Civil Engineering Lunch Reception
Noon Friday, Oct. 20
Engineering Building Lawn
Information: 747-6913 or 747-8664

Engineering Homecoming Alumni Breakfast
8 - 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
El Paso Natural Gas Conference Center
$8.50 per person.
Information: 747-5460

**COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES**
Alumni Reception
4 - 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20
Fountain Room,
College of Health Sciences, First Floor
Information: 747-7254

Clinical Laboratory Science Alumni Breakfast
9 - 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Information: 747-7243

School of Nursing Alumni Homecoming Brunch
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Information: 747-7254

Alumni Homecoming — Tailgate Party
4 - 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Ross Moore Building,
North end of the Sun Bowl parking lot
Information: 747-2211

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**
ROTC Alumni Cookout
Noon Monday, Oct. 16
Military Science Building
Information: 747-5621

Gold Nugget Award Ceremony and Reception
7 - 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19
Wise Family Theatre
Fox Fine Arts Center, Second Floor
Information: 747-7363

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**English Department Homecoming Reception**
2:30 - 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20
Hudspeth Hall Foyer, First Floor
Information: 747-6240

**History Department Picnic**
4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20
Liberal Arts Building Lawn on Hawthorne Street
Information: 747-5508

**Political Science Social/Award Event**
9:30 - 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Benedict Hall, Second Floor, Room 205
Information: 747-7968

**Communication/KTEP Brunch**
10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Cotton Memorial Building Lawn
Information: 747-6285

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE**
Gold Nugget Breakfast
9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 20
Geological Sciences Reading Room,
Geological Sciences Building,
Third Floor, Room 310
Information: 747-5536

Geological Sciences Homecoming Brunch
9 - 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
$8 per person.
Information: 747-5501 or 747-6551
Mathematical Sciences
Alumni and Student Coffee
10 a.m. - Noon Saturday, Oct. 21
Bell Hall, First Floor, Room 125
Information: 747-5761

College of Science
Pre-Game Barbecue and Tailgate Party
4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Leech Grove
Information: 747-5536

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Open House
3 - 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20
Graduate School
Administration Building, First Floor
Information: 747-7898

HONORS PROGRAM
Open House
2 - 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19
Honors House
Information: 747-5858

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS
Tailgate Party
4 - 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Heritage House Lawn
Information: 747-5664

UNDERGRADUATE RECRUITMENT
Interactive Leadership 2001
10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18
Magoffin Auditorium
Information: 747-8975

UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE
Information: 747-5594
Web Address: www.utep.edu/ubs/

Super Homecoming Sale
All UTEP Clothing and Novelty Spirit Items – 20 percent off
8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday - Thursday, Oct. 16 - 19
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21

University Bookstore Patio Clothing Sale
Buy 1 get 1 of equal or lesser value free.
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday - Friday, Oct. 18 - 20

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
2000 UTEP HOMECOMING COURT COMPETITION
7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13
Magoffin Auditorium
Tickets available at the UTEP Ticket Center.
Information: 747-5548

SGA FRIDAY NIGHT PARTY
8 p.m. - Midnight Friday, Oct. 20
Fox Fine Arts Center Parking Lot
Information: 747-5584

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT CENTER HOMECOMING PARADE
12:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20
University Avenue
Information: 747-5670.

HOMECOMING RALLY
Features the introduction of the Homecoming court and contest winners.
Following the Parade. Friday, Oct. 20
Undergraduate Learning Center
Information: 747-5670

UTEP ALUMNI BAND
Information: 747-5665
Rehearsal with the Marching Miners
Bring your instrument and wear your UTEP colors.
3 - 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Sun Bowl

Band Alumni Party and Business Meeting
4 - 6 p.m.
Fox Fine Arts Center
March in with the Marching Miners for
Halftime Performance
6:15 p.m.

RECREATIONAL SPORTS
19th Annual Racquetball Tournament
5 - 10 p.m. Wednesday - Thursday, Oct. 18 - 19
Singles $10, Doubles $16.
Information: 747-8130 or 747-5103

ATHLETICS
Information: 747-5347
Volleyball — UTEP vs. Hawaii
7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20
Memorial Gym
Miner Madness 2000
3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Don Haskins Center
Furr’s Miner Town
4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Sun Bowl

Homecoming Football Game —
UTEP Miners vs. Fresno State Bulldogs
7:05 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
Sun Bowl

Women’s Soccer—UTEP vs. Tulsa
1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22
Charlie Davis Field

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EVENTS
Information: 747-8600 or 800/687-8004
e-mail: alumni@utep.edu

Open House
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, Oct. 16 - 20
Registration at the de Wetter Center for all TCM, TWC and UTEP Alumni.

Alumni Association Golf Tournament
Noon Thursday, Oct. 19
Painted Dunes Desert Golf Course,
12000 McCombs Street
$65 per person.
Information: 541-1133

Golden Grads Mixer
2 - 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19
Informal mixer for the class of 1950 as well as classes of ’60, ’70, ’75, ’80, ’90 and ’95.
de Wetter Center

GOLDEN GRADS DINNER
5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19
La Hacienda, 1720 W. Paisano Drive

Honored Classes Luncheon
1:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20
Luncheon to honor the class of 1950 as well as classes of ’60, ’70, ’75, ’80, ’90 and ’95.
de Wetter Center

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARDS RECEPTION
6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20
Undergraduate Learning Center
$35 per person.
Information: 747-5234

GOLDEN GRADS LUNCHEON
Honoring the Class of 1950
Noon Saturday, Oct. 21
Tomás Rivera Center,
Union Building East, Third Floor

Alumni Association Pre-Game Party
4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21
de Wetter Center

Contact the Alumni Relations Office for
information on special rates with Southwest Airlines, Dollar Rent A Car and area hotels.

All events are free unless otherwise noted.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT HOMECOMING 2000 EVENTS, CALL ALUMNI RELATIONS AT 747-8600.
BIOMEDICAL ASSAULT:
BATTLING DISEASE ON THE BORDER

On the Front Line: (from left) Todd Primm, Kristine Garza, Eppie Rael and Siddartha Das.
From using snake venom toxins to cut off the blood supply in tumors to safeguarding the region's water supply, scientists at the Border Biomedical Research Center explore infectious diseases, environmental health and neurological disorders.

Through the BBRC — funded by more than $7 million in grants from the National Institutes of Health — UTEP investigators conduct nationally recognized, state-of-the-art research that has special relevance to the border region and its Hispanic-majority population.

“Border populations have traditionally been ignored by basic biomedical scientists at other institutions,” says Eppie Rae!, chair of the biology department and BBRC program director. “UTEP’s research is important because it targets some of the most prevalent diseases in our region — many of which have implications in other border settings throughout the world.”

Countering Contaminants

Researchers wade boot deep into a murky river to collect samples of bacteria lurking beneath the water surface. Although microscopic, these bacteria are the genesis of some of the most prevalent health conditions in the region.

Todd Primm, a pathogenic microbiologist, focuses his BBRC research on mycobacteria, one species of which causes tuberculosis. However, his research concentrates on a non-tubercular strain of the bacteria.

“These bacteria contaminate water and they’re hard to get rid of,” Primm says. “People get exposed to them, and if someone has a compromised immune system — for example, they are HIV-positive or they’re recovering from some illness in a hospital — the mycobacterium will make them ill.”

Primm says that unlike other bacteria that can make people sick, mycobacteria is unusually hardy. Chlorine usually kills things in water such as E. coli, a bacteria that has caused deaths in some people who have eaten contaminated hamburger meat. But it takes 50 to 100 times more chlorine to kill mycobacteria than it does E. coli, he says.

Primm is particularly interested in studying how the bacteria survive and how they cause disease. His ultimate goal is to develop new therapies for the nontuberculosis strain of mycobacteria and new ways to protect our water systems.

“That’s a tough order,” Primm, formerly a researcher at the National Institutes of Health, says.

Safeguarding the Streams

Siddartha Das, associate professor of biology, is finding new ways to protect people against Giardia lamblia, a protozoan commonly found in streams and lakes. Hikers who drink from a giardia-laden stream are vulnerable to severe vomiting and diarrhea.

The current treatment for the illness is a drug called Flagyll, but it does not specifically treat Giardia, Das says, adding that antiprotozoal drugs have potentially toxic side effects.

His work is aimed at looking at how Giardia adapts to use fatty materials from the small intestine and makes its own lipids from the host environment,” he says.

Das’s theory is that by inhibiting the ability of Giardia to remodel lipids, he can neutralize them. Through the center, he also researches the role of fatty acids in causing colon cancer, which is common in minority populations.

Triggering Treatments

Kristine Garza is on a mission. The immunology researcher is working to unlock the secrets of the human immune system and discover new ways to fight a killer — diabetes.

Garza’s research, which focuses on what turns the immune system on and off, has far-reaching implications.

She not only researches treatments for diabetes, a prevalent disease among El Paso’s Hispanic population, but also searches for means to prevent autoimmune diseases such as lupus, rheumatoid arthritis or multiple sclerosis. She also explores ways to use the immune system to fight off cancer.

“The purpose of the immune system is to protect us from pathogens,” Garza says. “In some cases, however, the immune system attacks your own body to cause autoimmune disease. In other cases, like in cancer, the immune system won’t attack at all. If we can find what are the regulatory mechanisms of immunity, we could much better manipulate the immune system to prevent and cure many diseases.”

Using genetically altered mice, Garza has developed an experimental model for diabetes, defining potential triggers that may lead to new therapies.

“Autoimmune diabetes occurs when T cells, the antigen-specific arm of the immune system, attack insulin-producing cells of the pancreas,” she says. “Our model is set up so we know what T cells are attacking and what the target is. This way, we can focus on what triggers the T cells to attack.”

by Walli Haley

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UNIVERSITY Living 101: by Walli Haley

Felipa Ruiz presses the snooze button on her alarm clock to catch 10 more minutes of sleep before class. Luckily for the UTEP political science junior, her class is only minutes away from her apartment-style residence on campus.

Before leaving, Felipa logs on to the Internet to check her e-mail and download some information she needs for her 8:30 a.m. class on legal research.

It's Wednesday, so Felipa and some of her friends meet for lunch at UTEP's weekly Music Cafe to catch the trendy tunes of an alternative rock band while enjoying pizza and sipping lattes at a Union Building eatery.

After class, Felipa heads to the University Library, where she leads an afternoon study group. She returns to her campus home to check her e-mail once more before walking a few blocks to meet her boyfriend for dinner at a Kern Place restaurant...

UTEP's newest on-campus residential community will offer students a true picture of campus living, a lifestyle that provides after-hours activities ranging from movies and musical performances to sports events and lectures.

UTEP's new $15 million residence for more than 400 students is scheduled to be completed by August 2001. The 125,000 square-foot apartment-style units, under construction at Robinson Avenue and Oregon Street, are centrally located between the Union Building and Memorial Gym and are within walking distance of Mesa Street merchants.

"This is going to be one of the country's premiere residential communities," says Dean of Students William Schafer. "It's not a tower with group showers, it's a beautiful Bhutanese-style building with courtyards and private units with private baths and sleeping rooms."

The university embarked on the project, which will replace the traditional dormitory-style rooms of Kelly Hall, in response to student needs identified in a campus survey conducted by an external consulting firm last year.

"Housing is an important service for a university to offer," Vice President for Student Affairs Richard Padilla says.
"The fact that we're doubling the number of students who will live on campus adds greatly to the community experience of a university for residents and non-residents alike, because it becomes a hub of social and academic activities."

UTEP students who elect to live on campus will soon have their pick of brand-new efficiency units and two- and four-bedroom units with a sand volleyball court, outdoor gazebos and picnic areas.

The complex includes a lecture hall and a workroom linked by a common foyer. The new complex also will feature hard-wiring for 24-hour computer access to the UTEP mainframe, cable television and a large meeting room.

UTEP's residential community, which is an extraordinary living environment dedicated to learning, is only part of the picture. UTEP students will now have more options when it comes to getting or staying in shape. The popular Swimming and Fitness Center currently includes a 1,700 square-foot exercise room and draws an average of 200 students and faculty members each weekday. About 5,000 people use the fitness center each month.

A new $800,000 exercise room — which will enlarge the area by 5,000 to 6,000 square feet — will open next year and will feature:

- a large assortment of free-weights,
- more than 40 exercise machines, and
- a cardio theater area with more than 25 pieces of fitness equipment.

Student-athletes also will be able to pump up at the new Larry K. Durham Sports Complex, slated to open in December 2001 at the north end of the Sun Bowl. The $9 million, 60,000 square-foot center will feature a 10,000 square-foot strength and conditioning area, a sports medicine center, a kinesiology lab, laundry facility, a locker room for 120 players and a "Hall of Champions."

"These are three major changes to our campus life, and students both on and off campus will say 'wow' as they see these new state-of-the-art facilities," Schafer says. "It's going to mean many more exciting opportunities for fun for our students and will really beef up campus living."
People may not know that the acronym for Russ Vandenburg's realty management company, EPT, stands for "excellence, pride and teamwork," but it's apparent those three words sum up his attitude toward life.

They also explain the success he's carved out along with his brother, Wayne, a highly respected former UTEP track coach.

After graduating from UTEP with a bachelor of education degree in 1970, Russ coached at Burges High School before forming EPT Management Inc. with his brother in 1983. The former Miner football player now oversees the family business, which is the 37th largest realty management company in the nation.

Together and separately, the brothers had a string of prosperous businesses, starting with The Vandenburg Organization in 1978. The real estate management firm, with holdings totaling 25,000 apartment units across the country, recently became affiliated with Coldwell Banker Realty's European operation.

To keep an eye on their venture, Wayne, who lives and works in Chicago, regularly travels to Paris, where he keeps an apartment near the Champs Elysées.

Though the Vandenburg brothers and their families live nearly 1,500 miles apart, they keep close ties and are in frequent communication involving their businesses. They also combine efforts to support UTEP as a way of helping the community that fueled their success.

"As an alumnus, I believe in giving back to the university," says Russ, a member of the Alumni Association board and former president of the Miner Foundation board.

"When you give something to the university, the most significant thing is seeing young men and women prosper, seeing the pursuits they've had and the successes they've generated — and knowing that you had a hand in their success."

As part of the Legacy Campaign, the Vandenburgs helped finance the resurfacing of the track at Kidd Field. They've made a commitment to help fund the soon-to-be-built Larry K. Durham Sports Center and, each year, they donate a generous amount for season tickets.

The Vandenburgs' commitment to the university also is reflected in the number of UTEP graduates who work at EPT management throughout the country.

The brothers view this support of the university and its graduates as an exciting extension of their investment portfolio.

"As investors, we entrust the direction of the university to those who run it," Wayne says. "Seeing our investment grow, watching the direction that (UTEP President) Diana Natalicio has the university in right now, from academia to athletics, is so exciting."
Mexico’s Election and Educational Reform

by Sonny Lopez

Located along the U.S.-Mexico border in the world’s largest binational metropolitan area, UTEP is the largest Mexican-American-majority university in the United States. This unique setting provides researchers and students with special perspectives on a wide range of national and international issues.

Last year, presidential hopefuls Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush made trips to UTEP to address issues affecting Hispanics and binational communities such as El Paso and Juárez. In this issue, NOVA Quarterly examines the recent Mexican elections, which have once again focused the national spotlight on the border region.

Education will more than likely be the key to Mexican President-Elect Vicente Fox’s success as the first democratic leader from an opposition party to govern Mexico, UTEP experts say.

“We (Mexicans) have been waiting for this change for more than 70 years. The PRI (Revolutionary Institutional Party) has always been in power, and this change isn’t just one party removing another. It’s the beginning of a peaceful democratic interchange of power. That is extremely important because it will have an affect on everything else, including education.”

Mexico is working hard to improve its educational system. As in many countries, key issues are financing, quality and access to educational opportunities.

U.S. universities in communities with close ties to Mexico assist in many ways. At UTEP, Mexican students may qualify for in-state tuition. Once enrolled, students may take content courses such as history and political science in Spanish while developing their English skills.

Nine percent of UTEP’s more than 15,000 students are Mexican nationals, most of whom commute daily from Ciudad Juárez.

“The opportunity to study in the United States builds bridges between the two countries and allows Mexican students to develop language skills and study in academic areas that are still developing in their own country,” says Jon Amastae, director of UTEP’s Center for Inter-American and Border Studies.

“The future of El Paso and the future of northern Mexico are closely tied; education and human development are the keys to both.”

In a joint effort to set education standards, UTEP, Centro Nacional de Evaluación para la Educación Superior (CENEVAL), the Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez and the Preparatoria Federal por Cooperación “El Chamizal” of Mexico will stage the Fourth Forum on Educational Evaluation in the fall.

The conference will cover a variety of topics, including institutional evaluation, test design, program evaluation and computer-aided evaluation.

So, as American and Mexican academicians review education issues relevant to both their countries, President-Elect Fox will focus his attention on education and other reforms.

“Fox has a big challenge ahead of him,” Barraza says. “He’s raised the expectations of his countrymen, and now he has to deliver.”
During his summer visit to UTEP, Lt. Gov. Rick Perry met with educators such as Ana Tinajero, a teacher at Ramona elementary, and (sitting from left) Lonnie Jones, a teacher at Wiggs Middle School, and Jerry Urquiza, technology coordinator for the College of Education.

SHAKE YOUR BON-BON

Martin Mania Comes to the Sun City

Latin heartthrob Ricky Martin shook his world-famous bon-bon at his high-energy, sold-out concert at the Sun Bowl this summer.

Martin led more than 47,000 fans from throughout the southwestern United States and Mexico — and from points as far away as New York — through a hit parade of dance songs in both English and Spanish.

The stage was specifically designed for the Sun Bowl performance, which was Martin’s only stadium show in the United States and the only date in Texas, New Mexico and northern Mexico on this leg of the world tour.

“Ricky Martin’s World Tour stop in El Paso is a great example of the major events that the university — with some of the finest facilities in the Southwest — can help bring to the community,” UTEP President Diana Natalicio says. “It was great to see the El Paso and Juárez communities come together for such a fantastic show. This was clearly the event of the year!”

Martin’s long-awaited concert broke the first-day ticket sales for any UTEP event when 41,000 tickets were sold — 25,000 in the first two hours.

Turning to Teachers to Make Reading a Texas Priority

Lt. Gov. Rick Perry met with faculty and students from UTEP’s Master Reading Teacher program, designed by a task force of literacy and bilingual educators from the university’s College of Education and El Paso-area schools. This summer, 30 teachers joined UTEP’s first class, which is part of a statewide initiative to create stronger reading education programs.
UTEP Ranks Among Top Schools for Hispanics

Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education lists UTEP third among the nation’s universities in the number of bachelor’s degrees awarded to Hispanic students.

According to the magazine’s annual “Top 100 Colleges for Hispanics” survey, UTEP ranked:
- second in business and marketing,
- second in health sciences,
- second in multi/interdisciplinary studies,
- sixth in communications,
- seventh in English literature,
- eighth in protective services,
- ninth in engineering/engineering tech, and
- 10th in biological sciences.

The university also is 12th in the nation in the number of master’s degrees awarded to Hispanics.

UTEP Enrollment Increases by 500+
Increase Largest in More Than 10 Years

Fall enrollment at UTEP is 15,224 — an increase of 529 students since last year — according to preliminary figures released in September.

UTEP officials said this year’s growth, which is the largest increase in overall enrollment since 1989, reflects the university’s successful recruitment efforts to attract outstanding students, especially at the freshman level.

For three years, freshman enrollment has increased at UTEP. This year, overall freshman enrollment increased 8.1 percent and the number of first-time freshmen increased 10.1 percent.

The 2000 entering freshman class contains high-school valedictorians and other high-achieving students who are choosing UTEP over other quality institutions.

Of the first-time freshmen enrolled at the university last year, 42 percent were in the top 25 percent of their high-school classes — of those 18 percent were in the top 10 percent. These students indicated that the quality of the UTEP faculty, the academic and research opportunities, and the university’s affordable tuition made UTEP their number one choice.

On-the-Air Anniversary

It’s been 50 years since National Public Radio station KTEP 88.5 FM signed on as 10-watt radio station WCTM, broadcasting weekly from Kelly Hall.

Since then, the station has changed call letters twice, increased its signal strength to a robust 100,000 watts, and served as a training ground for aspiring journalists, most notably ABC newscaster Sam Donaldson, who began his broadcasting career as the station’s student manager in 1954.

In recognition of the station’s 50th anniversary, KTEP will showcase the history of KTEP in a Heritage House exhibit in October.

The station also is calling out to former employees and volunteers to share their stories and donate memorabilia, including old program guides, letters from KTEP staff and tapes of broadcasts. The tapes will be part of a one-hour show describing KTEP’s history.

To be part of the celebration, contact KTEP at 915/747-5152 or log on to ktep.org.

MINER BUZZ BIN

COSBY AND THE COACH

Basketball fan Bill Cosby met with legendary basketball coach Don Haskins, who led the Miners to an NCAA championship in 1966. During a summer visit by Cosby to the Sun City, UTEP President Diana Natalicio presented the comedian with a one-of-a-kind ‘66 jersey, commemorating the historic win.

TEXAS-SIZED GRANTS

During the 1999-2000 school year, UTEP so efficiently disbursed almost $900,000 under the Texas Grants program that state officials reallocated funds from less successful schools to increase UTEP’s share to more than $1.1 million. In addition, the university received more than $800,000 to continue its highly effective efforts to help first-time freshmen pay for tuition.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Patricia Witherspoon, former chair of communication studies at UT Austin, is the founding director of the university’s new Center for Communication Studies and chair of the communication department. The new center will feature a Latin American Media Institute, an internship program for students and a visiting lecturer program.

INVESTING IN ENTERING STUDENTS

A $1.7 million grant under the Hispanic-Serving Institutions program will help bolster the university’s efforts to encourage and retain new students. The grant, part of a U.S. Department of Education program called Title V, will be used to support the Entering Student Program’s University 1301 seminar, a theme-driven course designed to help students make the transition to college and provide them with the tools to do so.
LSAT Score!
UTEP Senior Aces One of the Nation’s Toughest Tests

Scoring in the top percentile for Hispanics — and all test takers — on the Law School Admissions Test, Jerry McLain has been accepted to some of the nation’s most prestigious law schools, including NYU, Duke, the University of Chicago and UT Austin.

McLain scored a 174 on the LSAT, which places him in the 99.6 percentile for all test takers. During the semester he took the standardized test, McLain was enrolled in 20 hours — one hour shy of the maximum course load — and served as a peer mentor, tutoring students who also were preparing for the LSAT. Balancing his studies with his LSAT preparation, he earned a 4.0 that semester.

At UTEP, McLain works with William Weaver and Robert Webking, co-directors of the Law School Preparation Institute, which holds great promise for widening the pool of fully qualified applicants to the nation’s top law schools.

“The institute curriculum helps a great deal. But, I think that Dr. Weaver’s and Dr. Webking’s confidence in us is what matters most,” the senior political science student says.

“Here are two professors who know the score, who have seen many undergrads pass through the law school process and know what it takes to succeed. Before the institute, many of us felt that we might not get accepted into a good school. They had confidence in us before we had confidence in ourselves.”

The number of UTEP graduates admitted to the nation’s top-50 law schools, including Harvard, New York University, Cornell and Columbia, for this fall is almost triple the average admitted to those schools in previous years — 20 this year compared to an average of seven each year in the past.

The program — which has been applauded throughout the state by UT System regents and Texas legislators — provides intensive instruction in analytical skills, preparation for taking the LSAT and applying to law schools.

The LSAT scores of the institute’s graduates have risen by an average of more than 13 percent (eight points over their initial practice tests on a 60-point scale), and more UTEP graduates are being admitted to highly prestigious law schools than ever before.

Rebecca Salcido: Staffing Solutions

For Rebecca Salcido, helping people is part of what makes her tick.

As the director of Human Resource Services, Salcido creates opportunities for university employees to grow — from developing work-related, educational training to designing a program that helps staff members complete their UTEP degrees.

Each day, Salcido networks with other UT System schools to stay up-to-date on state policies, procedures and benefits packages to provide university employees with the best information about their human resource services.
In recognition of the close ties between UTEP and Bhutan, the Asia Society in New York gave the university a Bhutanese altar, which is on display at the library.

UTEP shares a long-term link to the landlocked country in the eastern Himalayas through its campus architecture, which was modeled on Bhutanese temples pictured in a 1914 National Geographic photo essay.

Lopen Dago, a Buddhist monk known for his expert restorations of Bhutan's cultural artifacts, traveled from his homeland to reassemble the altar to create a unique educational opportunity for UTEP's students.

"Often works of art speak to us in meanings and nuances not glimpsed in writing," Rex Koontz, assistant professor of art history, says. "Altars, as central religious statements, are particularly important in understanding any culture that uses them."

Painted primarily in the deep rich colors of red and yellow — colors that have a religious significance in Bhutan — the altar is decorated with fantastic renditions of mythological birds, serpents and flowers.

The altar's windows, framed by fanciful carved and painted woodwork, are meant to reflect light from butter lamps as an offering to the gods, although fruit and other foods are also given as offerings in the Buddhist faith.
It's a bright, cloudless day and the 90-plus temperature is reflected in the faces of the 28 young women turning, bumping and dashing across the field in this cleat-and-shin-guard ballet known as soccer.

This is training camp and none of the women — 15 of whom are returning for another season on the UTEP Women's Soccer Team — is ready to give up. Despite the wilting heat and punishing daily weightlifting workouts, the inter-squad games that coaches use to prepare and assess the players are a bruising, head-on test of wills.

Throughout the summer, UTEP's sports programs — from volleyball to soccer and football — are gearing up for a new season.

The freshmen on the UTEP football team join the women's soccer team out on a nearby practice field. Groups of reporters gather to watch the players, who are dressed in football jerseys, shorts and helmets, for a day of running through obstacle courses, passing drills and defensive maneuvers.

The team spends about two weeks in Soccoro, N.M., for training camp. There, they are molded and shaped under the tutelage of new Head Coach Gary Nord, who is excited about the El Paso-area players who passed on offers to other schools to join UTEP's football team.

It's a new season for each of the Miner athletic teams. The players are excited and full of bravado ... and hopes are high. 

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Upcoming Alumni Events

**Oct. 5 - 8**
Chihuahua Alumni Reception and Copper Canyon Tour in Mexico

**Oct. 14**
Alumni Away Pre-Game Party
UTEP vs. San Jose State

**Oct. 29**
Alumni Reunion: Temecula, Calif.

**Nov. 18**
Alumni Away Pre-Game Party
UTEP vs. TCU

**Dec. 5**
Season of Lights

For more information, please call the Alumni Relations Office at 747-8600 or 800/687-8004.

Winery Tour
The UTEP Alumni Association is hosting a reunion from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, at the Thornton Winery in Temecula, Calif., for alumni who reside in southern California.

Pre-Game Parties

Sept. 9 – SMU
Sept. 23 – Hawaii
Sept. 30 – NMSU
Nov. 11 – Rice

All Pre-Game Parties start at 5 p.m. at the Alumni Tent in Miner Town at the North parking lot of the Sun Bowl.

NEWS ABOUT YOU...

Do you wonder what happened to your ex-classmates and friends? We’re sure many of our readers do... so update us on what’s going on in your life or send in any interesting news you may have about a former classmate. Send us an e-mail at alumni@utep.edu or fill out this form (or attach additional pages as needed) and send to:

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A. Johnell Crimen (B.A. '38) displayed her works at the first exhibition of the El Paso Sculpture Society.


Betty Dahlke Donovan (B.A. '52; M.Ed. '72) teaches the visually impaired for the Rockwall Independent School District in Richardson, Texas.

J. Walsh Hanley (B.B.A. '56) owns three Ford dealerships in Hawaii. He is a charter board member of the Battleship Missouri Memorial Association, which is converting a battleship into a museum to commemorate the peace following World War II.

Howard L. McCord (B.A. '57) retired after 42 years of university teaching, the past 29 at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, where he served as director of the Creative Writing Program. Author of more than two dozen books, his latest is The Man Who Walked to the Moon, a novella. Coming later this year is Bone/Hueso, a collection of 14 pairs of poems in English and Spanish.


Gary Crowell (B.A.; M.Ed. '72) was named the area II superintendent for the Fort Bend Independent School District in Sugar Land, Texas.

Paul Danigeglis (B.A. '69), a retired El Paso Natural Gas employee, is the biographer of Urbici Soler, sculptor of the Mount Cristo Rey monument in El Paso. His article, "Those Heavenly Bronêtes," was published in the April issue of the Bronte Society Gazette.

Veronica Riley Powell (B.S.Ed. '69) received her doctorate in education from Texas Southern University.

Ida Steadman (B.M. '62), an orchestra instructor at Coronado High School, received the 1999 Elizabeth A. H. Green Award for outstanding leadership in school strings.

Sandra R. Tutor (B.S.Ed. '66), a teacher at Loma Linda Elementary in Anthony, N.M., received the 1999 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching from the National Science Foundation. The prestigious award is given to the top 200 teachers in the sciences nationwide.

Michael W. Wiseman (B.A. '69; M.S. '78) is a project manager with the Rimkus Consulting Group in Houston.

Lucy E. Antone (B.A. '72) is a senior human resources consultant with the U.S. Office of Personnel Management in Washington, D.C.

Jim Brundage (B.S.Ed. '74), executive vice president of Rogers and Belding Insurance Agency, was recently appointed to a two-year term on the Board of Directors of the National Advisory Council of PENCO-Hartford Insurance Co.

Nick Cobos (M.Ed. '78), a principal at Coronado High School in El Paso, was awarded the 1999 Administrator Excellence Award by the Texas chapter of the American String Teachers Association.

Rich Downs (B.S.; M.Ed. '79) is an assistant professor of education at the University of South Florida and a school counseling consultant for the Florida Department of Education. He recently completed training to become a certified trainer for the American School Counselor Association's National Standards for School Counseling Programs.

Stanley E. Green (B.A. '77) is the new commanding general of Fort Bliss and the U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center in El Paso.

David G. Hansen (M.A. '72) received his Ph.D. in biblical studies and archaeology from Trinity College and Seminary in Newburg, Ind. He is president of the Board of Associates for Biblical Research and a lecturer with Bible World Seminars in Millersville, Pa.

John Korky (M.S. '72), a biology professor at Montclair State University, has collaborated with UTEP Professor Emeritus Robert G. Webb to publish their research on amphibians.

Judy Krohn (B.A. '71; M.Ed. '76) is the director of Texas school improvement for the Texas Education Agency.

Gary McCarrell (B.B.A. '71) has worked for James Kone & Co. in Amarillo, Texas, for 28 years and is planning to retire to Angel Fire, N.M.

Mark McDonald (B.A. '72) had his fourth book released, Pocket Guide to the Brush Country: 101 Plants and Animals of South Texas.

Christine Pasanen Morris (B.A. '77) received her M.D. from the University of New Mexico School of Medicine, where she will begin her residency training in pathology.

Carlos Ramirez (B.S.C.E. '77; M.S. '86), mayor of El Paso, was elected to serve on the advisory board for the United States Conference of Mayors.

Dallas Connor (B.S. '89) is in a residency program in pediatrics at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

Arturo Dominguez (B.S.Ed. '82) was named the head varsity volleyball coach at Austin High School.

Linda K. Dotson (B.S.; '82) is a paralegal in child support enforcement for the Buchanan County, Mo., prosecuting attorney's office.

Víctor R. Hernandez (B.B.A. '83) was elected president of the 2000 Board of Directors of the Hispanic Elected Local Officials, a public officials constituency group of the National League of Cities. He is a member of the City Council of Lubbock, Texas.

Luis H. Ito (B.S. '88) was promoted from senior environmental scientist to environmental affairs manager at the El Paso Electric Co.

Miguel Juarez (B.A. '85), who received his M.L.S. from the State University of New York at Buffalo, is the fine arts and photography librarian at the University of Arizona.

Elizabeth Passage Judd (B.A. '84) received her M.Ed. in curriculum instruction, multilingual and multicultural education from George Mason University.

Georgia Keith (B.S.Ed. '84) is named the Ysleta Independent School District's Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Chris Michael Mendoza (B.Ed. '86) is a senior marketing manager at the Allstate Insurance Co.'s corporate office in Northbrook, Ill.

Gary A. Norton (B.S. '87), of Scott, Hulse, Marshall, Feulle, Finger and Thurmond, P.C., was honored as Outstanding Young Lawyer by the El Paso Young Lawyers Association.

Louie Romero Jr. (B.S.Ed. '85) is a management executive for Wards in Las Cruces, N.M.

Marie Rose (B.A. '89; M.A. '91), who received a Walt Disney fellowship in screen writing in 1995, has been selected to direct her original short film for the American Film Institute's Directing Workshop for Women.

Jim Sides (B.B.A. '82) was promoted to director of customer relationship management at the Standard Register Co. in Dayton, Ohio.

Melissa Springer Wiseman (B.B.A. '84; M.A. '89), who completed her Ph.D in economics at Texas Tech University, is an assistant professor of economics at Houston Baptist University.
Beatriz Benitez (B.S. '97) is a health planner for Lutheran Social Services of the South in El Paso. Jer-Yuan Chang (M.S. '93) is director of a tutoring school in Fenchau, Taiwan. Shannon E. Gaspard (B.S. '98) is an astronaut strength conditioning and rehabilitation specialist for Wyle Laboratories, a contractor for NASA. Rebecca Telas Gonzales (B.A. '91) is a federal probation officer in El Paso. Todd M. Gower (B.B.A. '92) is director of finance for a Marriott Hotel in Panama City. Ricardo Lopez (B.A. '95) was named the Ysleta Independent School District's Secondary Teacher of the Year. Diana Bruce-Oosterveld (B.A. '94) is associate director of clinical services at Planned Parenthood of New York City. She also is adjunct professor at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, where she teaches a practicum in gender policy. Uriel Posada (B.A. '98) is a reporter for the Univision Spanish-language television network in Albuquerque, N.M.

Sandray Reyes (B.B.A. '95) was awarded a J.D. degree from Western State University College of Law. Daniel Sanchez (B.B.A. '96; M.B.A. '99) joined the State Farm Insurance Co. as part of the management team that is opening a call center in El Paso. Susan E. Sena (B.A. '93) received an M.Ed. from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque and is pursuing a license in educational diagnosis. David Lee Telas (B.S. '95) is an eighth-grade math teacher and coach at Valley View Middle School. Kenneth E. Thompson (B.S.M.E. '96), who received his master of science degree in mechanical engineering from Stanford University, works for Motorola Corp. in Austin. Pete Valdez III (B.A. '94) received the Children, Adolescent and Adult Therapist Rookie of the Year Award from the Southwest Counseling Center in Las Cruces, N.M.

Shelly Ann Peinado (B.S.Ed. '68) Nov. 13, 1999. Before moving to Plano, Texas, Peinado was a schoolteacher and was an interior designer with J.A. designs in El Paso. In Plano, she managed more than a million square feet of property for Crescent Real Estate, where she worked for the past 10 years. John D. Finnegan (M.A. '65) March 14, 2000. Finnegan was professor emeritus of English at West Liberty State College in Virginia, where he served as faculty senator and chair of the English department and of the Honors Program. He also was vice president for public institutions of the West Virginia Conference of the American Association of University Professors, and an extensively published author.

Aurora Garcia (B.S.Ed. '65) March 16, 2000. Garcia was a retired teacher and longtime El Pasoan. Solomon Mirabal Jr. (B.B.A. '65) March 28, 2000. After 30 years of service, Mirabal retired from the U.S. Army Audit Agency, where he was supervisory auditor for the Southwest region and earned numerous awards for his professional leadership. Albert Peña Jr. (B.S.E.E. '54) March 28, 2000. Peña was a Holocaust liberator during World War II and earned the Bronze Star by parachuting behind enemy lines with the 101st Airborne Division. He was a member of the Downtown Lions Club, the Institute of Electrical Engineers, the Texas Society of Professional Engineers, Alpha Phi Omega and the Association of Old Crows. Jose Chavira Jr. (B.S.E.E. '74) April 2, 2000. Chavira was employed as a consultant for the Environmental Safety and Health Department. Martha McCall (B.A. '46; M.A. '57) April 3, 2000. McCall, a retired teacher, taught school in Silver City, N.M. She was a reading and language arts consultant for Houghton-Mifflin Publishing in Atlanta, Ga., and principal of Yickery Elementary School, L.L. Hotchkiss Elementary School and Jose Navarro Learning Center in the Dallas Independent School District. Melton Wayne Baker (B.B.A. '79; M.B.A. '82) April 9, 2000. He was a U.S. Army retiree who lived in El Paso for 28 years. Michael Tatroult (B.S.N. '90) May 1, 2000. A resident of Austin, Tatroult was a registered nurse who had worked for Emergency Medical Services of El Paso. Esperanza A. Moreno (B.A. '54) May 6, 2000. Moreno was the first Hispanic female professional librarian at UTEP and served on the boards of several professional organizations, including the American Association of University Women. In 1967, she was the first recipient of the Librarian of the Year Award from the Border Regional Library Association, which honored her again in 2000. Fanny W. Lane (B.A. '37) May 7, 2000. Lane was a longtime member of the El Paso Women's Club, Chapter M of the PEO Sisterhood, Beta Sigma Phi and the Assistant League. Sherman Armwood (B.B.A. '81) May 10, 2000. Armwood was a minister of New Hope Faith Center Church of God in Christ and had spent 20 years in the U.S. Army. Patricia Ann Herman (B.A. '58; M.Ed. '79) May 12, 2000. Herman was a principal at Our Lady of Assumption School and taught at St. Joseph's Catholic School, Oshea Kelleher Elementary School and Montwood High School. She rated movies and reviewed TV shows on the radio for four years, and was a volunteer with Birthright. Robert E. "Gene" Jordan (B.A. '37; M.A. '50) May 17, 2000. A retired colonel in the U.S. Air Force, Jordan was a football coach at Ysleta High School and later assistant superintendent of athletics at the Ysleta Independent School District. He played in the first Sun Bowl game at the Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy (now UTEP). Frances Adele "Pam" Lowry Feuille (B.A. '46) May 21, 2000. Feuille taught in El Paso public schools until 1948 and returned to teaching in 1982. She served on the Rio Grande Girl Scouts Council for 16 years, and was a president of the El Paso Country Club Women's Golf Association and member of the Junior League of El Paso. George F. Davis Jr. (B.A. '52) May 24, 2000. A resident of Dallas, Davis was a retired certified public accountant. He was president of the El Paso chapter of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, a member and president of both active and alumni chapters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and a decorated World War II B-29 pilot. Thomas Matthew "Matt" Mattox (B.A. '68) May 24, 2000. Mattox was a state officer in the Future Farmers of America, a trainer and breeder of thoroughbreds and quarter horse racing horses, and a team roper in Southwest rodeos. He worked with disabled children and was an avid golfer and winner of many tournaments. Ruben Martinez (M.S. '96) May 25, 2000. Martinez was a teacher for the Ysleta Independent School District and the Academy of Science Technologies.

W. Turrentine "Turpie" Jackson (B.A. '35) May 28, 2000. Jackson, UTEP's 1984 Distinguished Alumnus, was a professor emeritus of history at the University of California at Davis and founder of Jackson Research Projects, a consulting firm. He was the first Fulbright professor to the United Kingdom in 1949-50, and he was designated a "master teacher" by the National Endowment for the Humanities. He was both elder and dean of the Davis Community Church. Martha Lee "Tita" Gale Lyle (B.A. '74) June 2, 2000. Lyle was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and was involved with the Child Crisis Center, the Houchen Community Center, the American Lung Association, Ronald McDonald House, the El Paso Rehabilitation Guild, the Mission Trail Association, the Junior League of El Paso, the El Paso Historical Landmark Commission and the El Paso Symphony Guild.

Carroll Ann Dibler (B.A. '66) June 11, 2000. Dibler was a speech teacher at Bel Air High School and was the sponsor for the Bel Air Class of 1999. Ellen G. Meadows (B.A. '52) June 15, 2000. Meadows was an elementary school teacher at Hillside and Bonham. She was a member of the El Paso Retired Teacher's Association and of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society. Meadows also was president of the American Council on Education and a life member of the National Education Association.

Corrections: The Summer 2000 issue of NOVA Quarterly incorrectly stated degree information for Laura P. Holguin, a private bank officer at Chase Bank of Texas in El Paso. Holguin is a non-graduate alumna. "Alumnotes" stated that Daniel Grant received a B.B.A. in 1975. Grant received his degree in 1987.
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