

El El Paso Athletic
Hall of Fame
Awards Dinner



To honor those athletes, both men and women, who have in their athletic fields of endeavor brought great credit upon themselves and El Paso County.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1970

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ANDY COHEN—1955



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Past Honorees Posthumous



CHARLES H. LEAVELL, SR.—1967

Athletes of the Year



NCAA CHAMPIONS — Here are the members of the University of Texas Cross-Country team, winners of the NCAA, Western Athletic Conference and United States Track and Field Federation titles: (left to right) top row: Kerry Pearce, Ken Breen, Gary Mazziotti, Dan McKillip and Coach Wayne Vandenburg; kneeling: Robert Doyle, John Bednarski and Bob Walczak.

The 1969 University of Texas at El Paso Cross-Country team won the school's second National Collegiate Athletic Association title in New York City last November 24, adding a handsome trophy to go with the school's 1966 NCAA basketball award. The seven Miner runners captured the NCAA title from 74 other teams including highly-favored Villanova University, which was seeking its fourth consecutive crown.

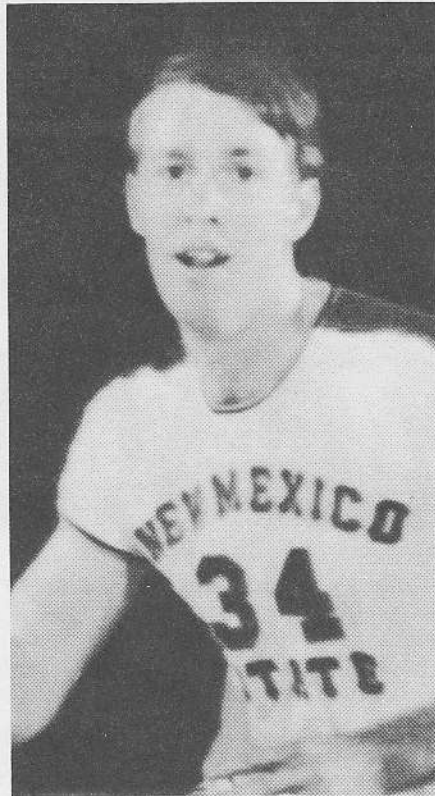
The team won all nine of the track meets in which it was entered in 1969, concluding with a record-shattering performance to capture the Western Athletic Conference title. (The old individual record for four miles in WAC competition was 21:08; both Pearce and Bednarski ran the even in identical times of 20:20.

The team also won the United States Track and Field Federation championship at State College, Pa., again edging Villanova.

The dedication of the cross-country team is attested by their year-round training schedule. Members run seven days a week during the season with 100 miles a week as a minimum; five times a week they run twice a day. During the off-season they run at least 60-70 miles a week. Much of their training is done without direct supervision of Coach Wayne Vandenburg, who summed up his feelings of the team's effort:

"These seven young men are the most dedicated, and sincerest group with whom I've ever been associated. They have brought wide recognition to our school and our city. They have proved that dedication and determination pay off in victory."

Athletes of the Year



JOHN BURGESS

A three-year starter for the Amazin' Aggies of New Mexico State University, John Burgess has been described by Head Coach Lou Henson as the top defensive hand on the front line. John's biggest achievement is a fourth-place ranking among all-time career leaders at New Mexico State University in rebounding with 529 (6.0 per game rebounding average).

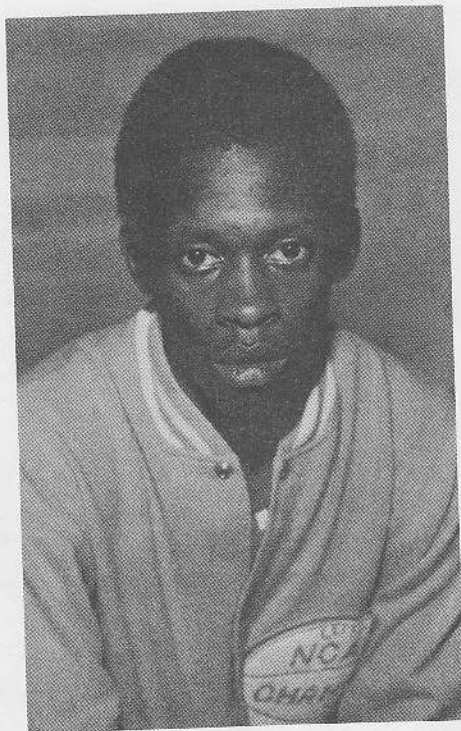
The six-foot, five-inch, 195-pounder from El Paso, Texas, is best remembered for his 15-point scoring and 12 rebounds against nationally-ranked Purdue in an 87-80 Aggie win in the 1967-68 season.

He recorded the fewest fouls of any Amazin' Aggie regular this last season (55). He averaged 4.8 points and 5.5 rebounds per game his senior season and ranked fourth on the squad in assists — with 58. During his junior season he averaged 6.3 points and 7.1 rebounds per game; during his sophomore season he averaged 7.6 points and 4.8 rebounds.

He was graduated from Burgess High School in El Paso where he was an all-district performer for Coach Jerry Cook and was the first player signed by Lou Henson when Henson accepted his present Aggie coaching job.

John plans on a career in teaching and coaching and will receive his education degree from NMSU in 1971. He is married to former NMSU cheerleader Betty Warnecke. The couple have one son.

Athletes of the Year



NATE ARCHIBALD

Nate (The Skate) Archibald rewrote University of Texas at El Paso basketball scoring marks during his three years as a Miner standout and was one of the chief reasons the Miners won the Western Athletic Conference cage title this season, the first in which they were eligible.

While fans applauded his scoring prowess, Nate's ball-handling ability and his brilliant floor leadership were sources of kudos. One of the most unselfish players he has ever coached, according to UTEP mentor Don Haskins, Nate was a consistent leader in assists: in his three UTEP seasons, he fouled out only one game—the Miners' losing effort against Utah at Salt Lake City this season.

The six-foot, 155-pounder from New York City averaged 15.6 points during his sophomore year, 22.4 as a junior and 21.4 as a senior. In his varsity career he totaled 1,459 points to better the former all-time Miner scoring mark of 1,308 points, set by Jim (Bad News) Barnes during the 1962-63 and 1963-64 seasons.

Nate was not only a favorite in El Paso. He was named to every All-Star team in every tournament in which the Miners appeared: Sun Bowl, Trojan Invitational, Jayhawker Classic and Pan-American Center tournaments. He was twice named most valuable player in the Sun Bowl competition and was chosen on the first team All-WAC Conference squad this past season.

Hall of Fame Living Awards

Special Awards

BEN COLLINS



Ben Collins was an outstanding player at West Texas State where he was a Little All-American halfback and called the Buffaloes "one-man team". He established running and scoring records in his three seasons and was highly sought by the pros. However, World War II intervened.

Collins served in the U.S. Marine Corps in several of the major Pacific campaigns during World War II and after discharge in 1946 came to University of Texas at El Paso (then Texas College of Mines) as an assistant to Head Coach Jack Curtice, who had coached Ben in college.

As Curtice's assistant, and later as aide to Mike Brumbelow, Collins developed some of the finest performers in UTEP's history. Among these luminaries were Fred Wendt, who held the national rushing record for many years; Dick Shinaut, Clovis Riley, Jesse Whittenton and Don Maynard.

Collins became head coach in 1957 upon the resignation of Brumbelow. During his first year he had a fine six won, three loss record, but in subsequent seasons a one-man staff and lack of an adequate athletic budget, made his teams no match for the other Border Conference competitors. Ben resigned in 1961 to become associate professor in the UTEP Department of Health and Physical Education. Today he heads that department.

DALE WATERS

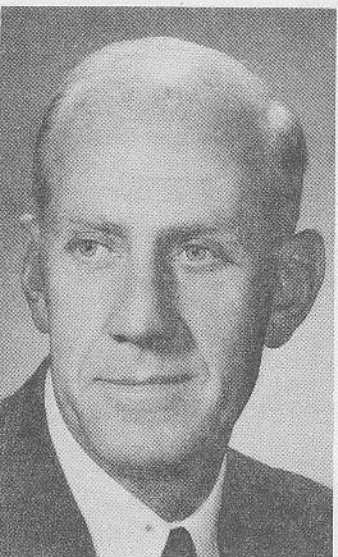
Dale Waters had a brilliant collegiate playing and coaching career and is now achieving widespread recognition for his direction of the athletic programs of the El Paso Independent School District, one of the ten largest school systems in Texas.

Waters was an all-time great at Florida University as a star tackle and captain of the Gator basketball team. The six-foot, three-inch 215 pounder, who had a nickname of "Muddy", played professional football with the Boston Redskins and Cleveland Indians for three years. He quit pro-ball to coach Miami Edison High School. During his tenure his teams won four of six Big 10 Florida High School championships.

After serving in the U.S. Navy, he joined the coaching staff of Jack Curtice at University of Texas at El Paso (then Texas College of Mines).

Although he was in his early years at UTEP head coach of the Miner basketball team, football was his first love. As Miner line coach he helped develop such standouts as Wayne Hansen of Chicago Bear fame; Harris Cantrell, John Howle and a host of others. He also served as chief scout for the Miners. He continued as chief assistant to Coach Mike Brumbelow when Curtice resigned his Miner post in 1950.

Waters became athletic director for El Paso Independent School District in 1958. He has been an important factor in the steady enlargement of the district's athletic teams and raised the system to a place of prominence in Texas schoolboy athletics.



Hall of Fame Living Awards

Participating Athletes

GEORGE BALL

George Ball has been synonymous with tennis in El Paso since he captured his first high school championship in 1932.

He has won nearly every Southwestern tournament and has been nationally ranked seven times in men's play, as well as gaining national stature for his doubles play. He ranked fifth at one time in junior singles.

Ball, in the 1930's, won the Southwest Junior Singles and Doubles championships, Southwest Men's Open, Big 10 Singles and Doubles and he and his brother, Russell, were National Collegiate double semi-finalists.

He was runner-up to Bitsy Grant in the 1943 Texas Open and won the Texas Open singles crown the following year.

His national Men's Open rankings began in 1942 when he was placed 15th. He moved to the 12th ranking in 1944 and was ranked fifth with Dick Oddman in doubles play in 1944. He won the New England championship in 1953 and in 1963 was a finalist in the National Over 35 Year Division. He was a semi-finalist in the National Eastern Clay tournament in 1963, losing to Arthur Ashe in five sets. He won the National indoor championship in singles and doubles, for players over 45 years, in 1961 and again in 1962. He was runner-up in senior competition in the National Clay Court singles in 1963 and was a finalist in the National Clay play in 1964, losing to his old nemesis, Bitsy Grant. He came back, however in 1966, to win the National Clay Court championship.

Today he plays in the National 55 year and over division.



MIGUEL (MIKE) IZQUIERDO

Miguel (Mike) Izquierdo has proved you can combine a superlative athletic career with an equally outstanding scholastic record to establish a strong base for a successful life.

Born in Juarez, Mexico, he emigrated to the United States (and El Paso) at an early age. He became an outstanding sophomore player on El Paso High School's 1939-40 team which was runner-up in state championship play. As a junior, he led the El Pasoans to the state championship in 1940-41, winning all-city, all-district and all-state honors. Writers covering the state tournament named him the most outstanding player in the tournament and his play earned him placement on the National Federation Basketball Association squad.

At the University of Texas at El Paso (then Texas College of Mines), he was an outstanding player, three times gaining Border Conference recognition.

Following graduation from UTEP with a bachelor of science degree, he attended University of California at Los Angeles for graduate work in Physics. He has designed various electronic equipment and systems throughout Mexico and the United States. He has written numerous scientific articles and received commendations from the National Science Foundation and the United States Army Atmospheric Science Office.



Hall of Fame Living Award Participating Athlete

AGATHA LEE



Southwestern women's golf has had a certain consistency for the past 30 years and that consistency has been the winning ways of Mrs. C. D. (Agatha) Lee, a trim shotmaker whose domination of the distaff portion of link play has become the expected. And her long list of triumphs would give pause to any player, male or female.

Agatha came to El Paso shortly after the turn of the century and established herself as an outstanding grammar school and high school athlete when female athletes were a rarity. She started playing golf in the early 1930's and began a long and winning career. Consider these accomplishments: winner of the El Paso Country Club Championship 16 times and winner of the El Paso City Championship five times; winner of the Texas Women's Seniors title from 1959 through 1965; medalist in the National Women's Seniors at Sacramento, California in 1964 and winner of the 60-year-old Division in that tournament.

She holds course records at El Paso Country Club, Juarez, Anthony, Ascarate and Valdespino Golf Courses.

Although her tournament play is limited today, she still has an active interest in golf.

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

- 1963 JIM (BAD NEWS) BARNES . . . Texas Western College
- 1964 RONNIE KAHN El Paso High School
- 1965 BILLY STEVENS . . . University of Texas at El Paso
- 1966 JACKIE GUADAGNOLI Irvin High School
- 1967 LEE TREVIÑO Professional Golf Association
- DON MAYNARD New York Jets, AFL
- FRED CARR University of Texas at El Paso
- CHARLIE WEST . . . University of Texas at El Paso
- 1968 LEE TREVIÑO Professional Golf Association

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