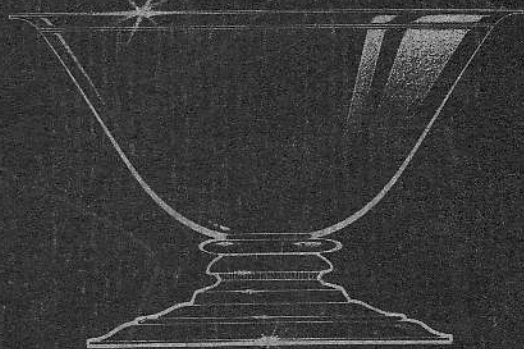


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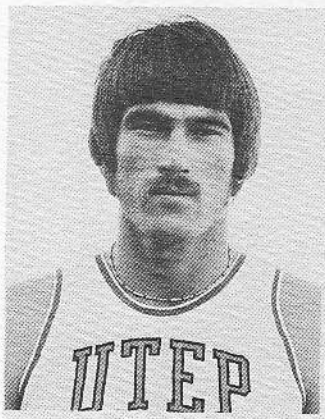
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# Athletes of the Year



## GARY BREWSTER

Gary is not noted for his loquacity. His actions on the basketball court do more than enough talking for opponents. Whether it's his four-year field-goal percentage mark (right at 50 percent), or his career scoring average (12.2) as a Miner cager, people must look up to this 5-foot, 20-inch Midland, Texas native.

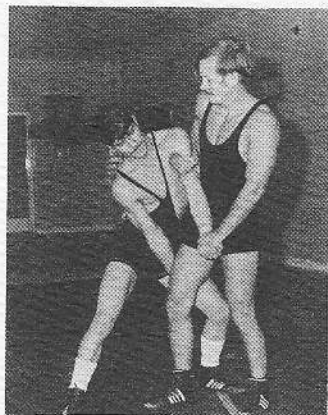
One of the school's all-time greats, Gary was a first-team All-WAC choice as a junior in 1974-75, started all four years while being the first player in the Sun Bowl Basketball Tournament history to win Most Valuable Player as a freshman. He is the only player in the 15-year history of the tournament to win the MVP trophy three out of four years. He was named to the all-time Sun Bowl Tournament team in 1975, along with ten other collegians.



## LANCE TAYLOR

Twenty-five years dragged by before an El Paso High School football player was able to earn first-team, all-state honors. After completing his senior year as a line-backer/running back at Coronado High School in 1975, he earned every local, state and national honor possible, being named all-district for three years, all-state first team and All-American in the *Parade Magazine* All-America team his senior year.

Lance has signed a scholarship with the University of Texas at Austin.



## MARK J. BURDICK

Selected as "Athlete of the Year" at Fort Bliss, PFC Burdick (left) aspires to the U.S. Olympic Wrestling team. His record speaks consistency, and if consistency is the mark of a professional, he should have no problem.

Burdick won the 98-pound Michigan state championship in high school with a 36-1 won-lost record in 1971. In 1972 he was the 105-pound state runner-up with a 35-3 record. In 1973 he won the 112-pound state championship, winning all 39 contests. One year later, as a freshman at Grand Rapids Junior College, he won the National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament in the 119-pound class and placed seventh in the National Tournament in Minnesota.

This year PFC Burdick wrestled on the Army Team, winning both the Greco-Roman and Freestyle Interservice Championships.

# Athletes of the Year



## UTEP TRACK & CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM

They set an all-time "first" this year by winning the NCAA Indoor Track title for the third consecutive year. With the cross-country, indoor and outdoor track titles of the past two years, the Miners have already established the school as having produced the finest track and cross-country team in the sport's history. Coach Ted Banks' teams have won everything in sight since he became the school's track coach three and one-half years ago. The three-way clean sweep of cross-country, indoor and outdoor titles last year could be duplicated again this year if the Miners are able to claim the NCAA Outdoor title in June. The NCAA Champion roster includes Hans Almstrom, Tom Asare, Emmitt Berry, Joe Gichongeri, Arnold Grimes, Greg Joy, Sam Maritim, Frank Munene, James Munyala, Paul Njoroge, Kim Sirma, Tim Vahlstrom, Wilson Waigwa and Tony Zuniga.



## EASTWOOD TROOPERS

One of the most devastating performances by any athletic team in the history of El Paso sports came when Coach Bobby Lesley's Eastwood Troopers stormed through Class 4A competition to claim the 1976 Texas State High School Basketball Championship in Austin in March. The Troopers posted a 9-1, won-lost record in district play before beating Ysleta in the city championship this year. Eastwood then toppled Arlington Sam Houston (71-68) and Wichita Falls (65-44) in regional state play. Then came the semi-final win over Victoria (69-67) and a 74-62 crushing of Tyler John Tyler High in the finals. The Eastwood roster includes (standing, from left) Eddie Barber, David Jabalic, Jerry Hoemberg, Head Coach Bob Lesley, Assistant Coach Gary Pippen, Assistant Coach Steve Henry, Jim Pinault and Jubie Ryan; (kneeling, from left) Mickey Torres, Doug Rutter, Jerry Krampen, John Abbott, Tim Crenshaw, Eric Smith, Mike Chapman, Darold Molix, Steve Wohlgemuth, Dee LaFever, Jim Bowden, Jerry Thompson, Bob Guthrie, Gilbert Shepherd and Ernie Colorado.

## PAST AWARDS ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

1963	JIM (BAD NEWS) BARNES . . . . .	TWC
1964	RONNIE KAHN . . . . .	El Paso High School
1965	BILL STEVENS . . . . .	U.T. El Paso
1966	JACKIE GUADAGNOLI . . . . .	Irvin High School
1967	LEE TREVINO . . . . .	Professional Golf Assn.
	DON MAYNARD . . . . .	New York Jets, AFL
	FRED CARR . . . . .	U.T. El Paso
	CHARLIE WEST . . . . .	U.T. El Paso
1968	LEE TREVINO . . . . .	Professional Golf Assn.
1969	NCAA CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONS . . . . .	U.T. El Paso
	JOHN BURGESS . . . . .	New Mexico State Univ.
	NATE ARCHIBALD . . . . .	U.T. El Paso
1970	KERRY PEARCE . . . . .	U.T. El Paso
	PAUL GIBSON . . . . .	U.T. El Paso
	KAREN LINTON . . . . .	WIBC
	DICK GIBBS . . . . .	U.T. El Paso
1971	FRED DeBERNARDI . . . . .	U.T. El Paso
	LEE TREVINO . . . . .	Professional Golf Assn.
	JAN WELSCH . . . . .	Aqua Posse Swim Team
1972	JAMES FORBES . . . . .	U.T. El Paso
	GARY KEITHLEY . . . . .	U.T. El Paso
1973	JAMES FORBES . . . . .	U.T. El Paso
	GARY KEITHLEY . . . . .	U.T. El Paso
1974	GUS BAILEY . . . . .	U.T. El Paso
	HUMBERTO BAUTISTA . . . . .	U.T. El Paso
	HANS HOGLUND . . . . .	U.T. El Paso
1975	NANCY AARONSON . . . . .	U.T. El Paso
	LAFREDDIE COLEMAN . . . . .	U.T. El Paso
	PETER FARMER . . . . .	U.T. El Paso
	HANS HOGLUND . . . . .	U.T. El Paso
	BOBBY McKINLEY . . . . .	U.T. El Paso
	WILSON WAIGWA . . . . .	U.T. El Paso

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1964—JOHN MCFALL  
1965—FRANK REDMAN  
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1967—JIM BOWDEN  
1968—JIM DEGROAT  
1969—BOB GOLDFARB  
1970—BILL WOODUL  
1971—BERT WILLIAMS  
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1975—DON O'NEIL

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***El Paso Athletic  
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**BILLY STEVENS**

During his athletic career at University of Texas at El Paso, all Billy Stevens did was become the greatest passer in the school's history, holding 16 school passing records and setting four NCAA records. He is a two-time winner of the Dr. C. M. Hendricks Award as the Sun Bowl Game's "Most Valuable Player". Stevens won the award in 1965 and 1967 while directing the Miners to a pair of wins over TCU and Ole Miss respectively.

He may be best remembered for his final-second, 92-yard scoring pass to Bob Wallace that beat Utah in 1965. He won the *Sports Illustrated* "Back-of-the-Week" honors for a first-game performance as a sophomore against North Texas State in 1965.

He was drafted in the third round by the Green Bay Packers and was with the NFL team for two seasons.

# ***El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Award***

## ***Athlete's Category***



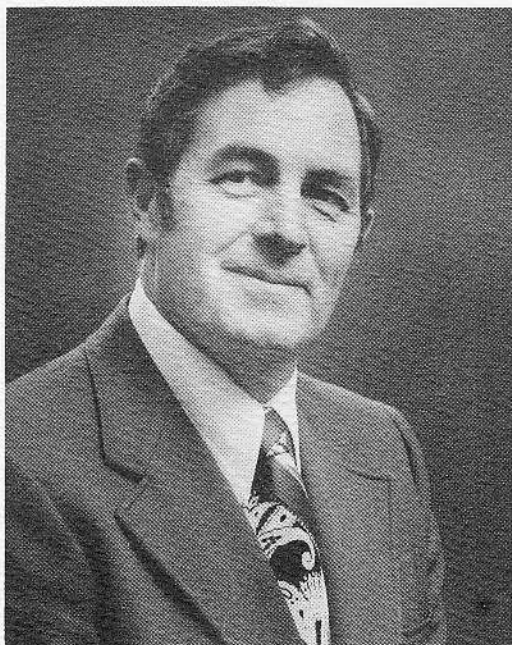
THAD STEELE

He enjoys the singular honor of being the only Miner ever to be selected as UTEP's "Best All-Round Athlete" for two straight years (1930-31 and 1931-32). While at UTEP he was named to the Southwestern All-Star Football team as a center for three consecutive seasons, earned four letters in football (he was co-captain three of those years), two basketball letters and one baseball letter.

He served as head football and basketball coach at Austin High in El Paso in 1934 before joining Mike Brumbelow as assistant football coach at Lufkin, Texas, in 1935.

Steele earned six junior college letters in football, basketball and baseball at Murray State School of Agriculture before transferring to UTEP in 1928.

***El Paso Athletic  
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Athlete's Category***



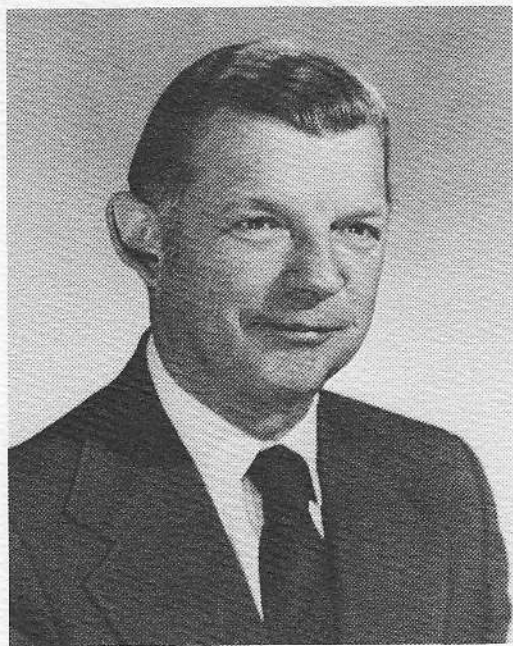
**JIM DeGROAT**

Jim, one of El Paso's finest prep athletes in history, was named to the Texas High School all-state football team in 1945 as an El Paso High senior.

After a medical discharge from the U. S. Marine Corps in 1947, he enrolled at University of Texas at El Paso where he earned three letters in football and track and one in basketball. He was named first-team All-Border Conference as a senior in 1949.

Graduated in 1950, he is a past-president of the UTEP Ex-Letterman's Association and Ex-Students Association.

***El Paso Athletic  
Hall of Fame Award  
Coaches and Administrators  
Category***



**JOHN McFALL—Hall of Fame**

John McFall—long-time volunteer contributor to almost every athletic organization in the City of El Paso. Secretary-treasurer of Southwestern Athletics for past seven years . . . member of the Sun Bowl football selection committee for past two years. Served as public relations director for Sun Bowl and Sun Carnival for 19 years. Was “voice” of Miners for 15 years as public address announcer at Sun Bowl. Currently McFall is director of public relations/advertising for El Paso Natural Gas Company . . . named Advertising Club “Ad Man of the Year” in 1974. He is now president of Junior Achievement of El Paso and active in other community organizations, including Goals for El Paso, United Way and Boy Scouts.

***El Paso Athletic  
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Category***



**JIM PAUL**

They didn't give this man two first names for nothing. The general manager of the El Paso Diablo Baseball Club, a Class AA team in the current Texas League is the only minor league executive in the history of *Sporting News* to be named "Minor League Executive-of-the-Year" in consecutive years (1974-75). His Diablo team led the nation in Class AA attendance in 1975 (162,395 fans).

He won the national award in 1974 and again in 1975 as the top minor league executive in organized baseball, was named "Texas League Executive-of-the-Year" those same two years and is current vice president of the Texas League.

Jim directed the local Diablos to the second largest increase in attendance for all minor teams in 1975 with an increase of 52,766 fans.

# ***El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Award***

***Member of the Sports Media***



CHUCK WHITLOCK

Chuck, a Bartlesville, Oklahoma native, joined the *El Paso Times* as assistant sports director in 1945 and became sports editor of the paper in 1947. He served as sports editor for 25 years and was named "Newspaperman of the Year" in 1970 by the Press Club of El Paso.

He is a member of the Press Club of El Paso where he assists in fund raising for Southwestern Athletics by annually assisting with the Gridiron Show. He is co-founder and past president of the Babe Ruth League of El Paso; past president of the El Paso AAU Commission (1947-59) and a member of the Football Writers' Association of America, the New Mexico Sportswriters' Association and the Texas Sports Writers Association.