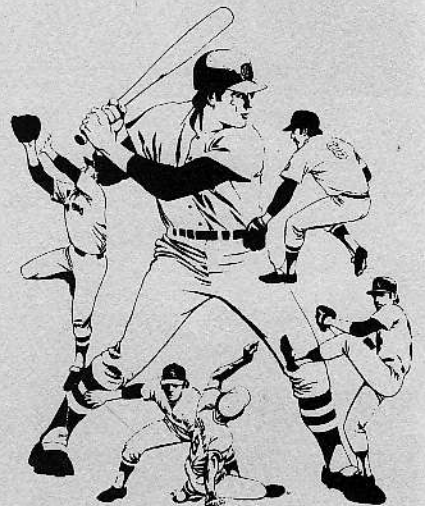




El Paso Athletic
Hall of Fame



**Student Union Building
UT El Paso
Tuesday, May 7, 1985**

Program

Welcome G. M. (Bill) Green
Invocation Andy Cohen
Dinner
Introduction of Head Tables and Honorees Mr. Green
Remarks by 1985 El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame President Ken George
Presentation of 1985 Outstanding Male and Female Athletes from:
 El Paso Independent School District Clay Cox, Athletic Director
 Ysleta Independent School District Ms. Ruth Meredith, Athletic Director
Presentation of 1985 El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Honorees:
 Posthumous Award Fenton E. Slaughter
 Coach/Administrator Award Samuel L. Jenkins
 Coach/Administrator Award Tom Chavez
 Athlete's Award Bobby Joe Hill
 Athlete's Award Ms. Camille Whitfield
 Athlete's Award Gene Odell
Conclusion

A Time to Remember...

The El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame pauses to honor three athletes who are already enshrined in the Hall, but whose achievements merit additional recognition.

Andy Cohen, the first athlete to be inducted into the El Paso Hall of Fame in 1955, and his brother, Sydney, who was elected to membership in 1962, are honored tonight together with N. A. Ferguson who was elected posthumously with Andy in 1955.

All El Paso salutes these three men whose athletic prowess has brought great honor to El Paso.

Past Presidents El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame

1956 — John Phelan	1971 — Bert Williams
1957 — John Phelan	1972 — Dick de Bruyn
1958 — John Phelan	1973 — Frank Porth
1959 — Bob Ingram	1974 — Ben Collins
1960 — Chuck Whitlock	1975 — Don O'Neill
1961 — Harry Phillips	1976 — John Thompson
1962 — Vernus Carey	1977 — Maynard Haddad
1963 — Thad Steele	1978 — Harris Hatfield
1964 — John McFall	1979 — Billy Stevens
1965 — Frank Redman	1980 — Dr. "Pinky" Edwin
1966 — G.M. (Bill) Green	1981 — Tee Casper
1967 — Jim Bowden	1982 — "Lucky" Leverett
1968 — Jim DeGroat	1983 — Jim Paul
1969 — Bob Goldfarb	1984 — Steve DeGroat
1970 — Bill Woodul	

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Living Awards

1955 — Andy Cohen	1975 — Lee Trevino
1956 — Margaret Varner	1975 — Karen Linton
1957 — Ken Heineman	1975 — Dr. John Edwin
1958 — Dr. Sandy Esquivel	1975 — Robert Carson*
1959 — Jack Harden*	1975 — John Phelan
1960 — E.E. (Mannie) Ponsford*	1976 — Billy Stevens
1961 — Willie Shoemaker	1976 — Thad Steele
1962 — Syd Cohen	1976 — Jim DeGroat*
1963 — Mike Brumbelow*	1976 — John McFall
1964 — A.L. (Doc) Holm*	1976 — Jim Paul
1965 — Javier Montes	1976 — Chuck Whitlock
1966 — Clyde Wafer*	1977 — Oscar Villareal
1967 — Frank Redman	1977 — Dick Shinaut
1967 — Ross Moore*	1977 — Pete Melendez
1967 — Jesse Whittenton	1977 — Bobby Dobbs
1968 — Don Maynard	1977 — Dalton Hill*
1968 — Harry Phillips*	1977 — Jud Milton
1968 — Nemo Herrera*	1978 — Bob Arnold
1969 — George Ball	1978 — Harris Cantrell
1969 — Mike Izquierdo	1978 — David L. Carrasco
1969 — Agatha Lee	1978 — Margaret Osborne Du Pont
1970 — Dale Waters	1979 — D.W. Conway
1970 — Ben Collins	1980 — Jack Curtice*
1971 — Paul Barry	1980 — Ernest L. Keily
1971 — Vernus Carey	1981 — Chris P. Fox*
1971 — Don Haskins	1981 — Roy Lown
1972 — C.D. Jarvis	1981 — Ken George
1972 — Paul Lopez	1981 — Ted Banks
1973 — Wayne Hansen	1982 — Bill Cummins
1973 — Bobby Goldfarb	1982 — Fred Kriss
1973 — Dolph Quijano	1982 — Vic Clark
1973 — Gene Jordan	1983 — Russell E. Ball
1973 — Harrison Kohl	1983 — Janis Blades Prieto
1974 — Nolan Richardson	1983 — Jim Bowden
1974 — Mary Hoover	1983 — Tee Casper
1974 — Charles (Red) Harris	1984 — Peggie Robertson Birkhead
1974 — Saul Kleinfeld	1984 — Larry Jessee
1974 — Bob Ingram	1984 — Charles R. Smith
1974 — Fred Wendt	1984 — Jack McNutt

* Now deceased.

Posthumous Awards

1955 — N.A. Ferguson	1966 — A.S. Valdespino
1956 — Cliff Hill	1967 — Charles H. Leavell, Sr.
1957 — Luther Coblenz	1972 — Chuck Hughes
1958 — Asa Porter	1974 — Raymond B. Ward, Sr.
1959 — Mack Saxon	1975 — Lee Floyd
1960 — Judge Ballard Coldwell	1976 — C.M. Hendricks
1961 — Bob Osborn	1980 — Tony Carvajal
1962 — Carlos Edwards	1981 — Lawrence (Sag) Shea
1963 — Dr. James Vance	1982 — E.R. Bowman
1964 — Bob Laraba	1983 — John C. Birkhead
1965 — W.J. (Chule) Milner	1984 — Albert C. Messer

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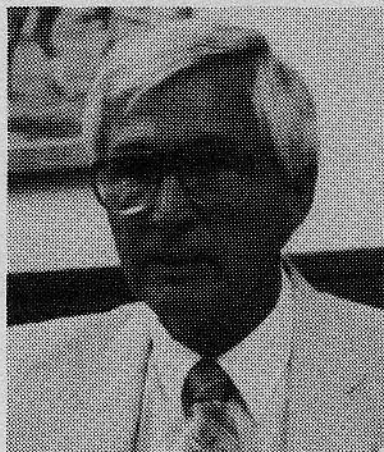
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Tom Chavez

Tom Chavez has been called the man who never smiles, but behind the stoic Indian facade lies a heart of pure gold. Tom has contributed to El Paso's history in the areas of education and sports since 1935 when he and his family moved from Albuquerque to El Paso. Chavez attended Zack White Elementary School and later El Paso High School where he was named to the All-State Texas Basketball Team. He earned a basketball scholarship to Hardin Simmons University where he played for two years. His stay was interrupted by World War II, and after his four-year tour of duty, Chavez returned to El Paso to play basketball for The University of Texas at El Paso, starring in the Border Conference.

Chavez began teaching and coaching all sports at Thomas Jefferson High School in El Paso in 1949. He led the Silver Foxes to three district cage titles and was named Coach of the Year in the El Paso School District. Chavez coached the Mexican Pan American Basketball Team in 1959 and coached the Mexican Olympic teams in 1960 and 1964.

He left coaching in 1968 to serve as assistant principal at Jefferson, El Paso High, and finally Burges High where he was named principal in 1971, a position he still holds.

Samuel L. Jenkins

Samuel L. Jenkins has made more than a significant contribution to the world with his talents in athletic, military and civic affairs. As a young athlete, his talents and leadership qualities went hand-in-hand at Austin High School in El Paso, Texas Western College and Texas A&M. Over the last 15 years, the same leadership characteristics have aided him as one of the primary movers of El Paso's number one national attraction — the Sun Bowl. In 1985, Jenkins is climaxing his years of dedication by serving as Sun Bowl President.

Jenkins has been an El Paso resident since 1927. He was a three-year letterman in basketball, team captain and named the district's Most Valuable Player at Austin High School in 1942. That year, he led the Panthers to a 26-2 record, the bi-district title, and the state tournament. For his ability as a prepster, he was recently named by the *El Paso Herald Post* to the all-time All-El Paso High School Basketball Team.

At the collegiate level, Jenkins has the unique distinction of being named varsity basketball captain at two different colleges. While attending the Texas College of Mines (now The University of Texas at El Paso) in 1945-46, he was team captain and the team's top scorer. Jenkins had previously attended classes at Texas A&M and returned to A&M in 1946 and lettered three years. He was team captain in 1948 and co-captain of the 1949 squad. He was graduated from Texas A&M in 1949.

Jenkin's service in the military during World War II was anything but common. He was a member of an intelligence and reconnaissance platoon (22 members strong) that held a key position during a surprise attack at the outbreak of the Battle of the Bulge. In what has been called a turning point of World War II, the small group of men held an entire German battalion for 24 hours before running out of ammunition. The Americans were captured and Jenkins was a prisoner of war. For his valor Jenkins received the Bronze Star and the Presidential Unit Citation.

Jenkins and his wife, Nancy, have two daughters and one son.

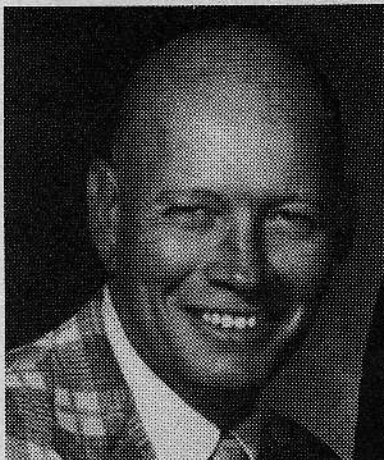
Gene Odell

Gene Odell is a rare individual who has combined athletics, scholarship and civic responsibility into a singular career. Gene began setting athletic records in 1947 at Ysleta High School where he played and lettered for four years in varsity basketball, and played and lettered for three years in football and baseball.

His athletic prowess stood him in good stead at Texas Western College where he won a football scholarship in 1950. He lettered in basketball and football as a freshman, but his major achievements came at the varsity level. He played three years of varsity football and was co-captain of the team in 1953 when he was named All-Border Conference End and led the Miners to a 37-14 victory over Mississippi Southern in the Sun Bowl. He was elected President of the Texas Western Student Body in 1953-54 and named to the Sardonyx Honorary Society and Men of Mines. He received his Bachelor's degree in 1954 and earned a Master's degree in School Administration in 1958.

His teaching and coaching career is studded with honors. He was involved with several district championships at Bel Air High School in football, basketball and golf, as well as being a respected counselor.

Gene was Principal of Marfa High School for eight years and Superintendent of the Fort Davis Independent School District for three years. He is now a counselor at Bel Air High School. He and his wife, Cleo Dianne, have three children.





Camille Whitfield

Camille Whitfield was born in El Paso and began her riding career at age eight with instruction from El Pasoan Shirlee Amstater. When she was 14, she began her competitive career riding with Bayou Park Stables of Houston, Texas. Two years later she joined the nationally known Kentucky Stable of Charles D. Smith.

Her riding career consists of local, state, regional, national and international shows and honors. She has shown on three-gaited, five-gaited, pleasure and equitation horses throughout the United States, including shows at the prestigious Madison Square Garden, New York City; American Royal, Kansas City, Missouri; Pin Oak, Houston, Texas; All-American Horse World Exposition, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; All-American Horse Show, Chicago, Illinois; Junior League Charity Show, Lexington, Kentucky; and Kentucky State Fair World Championship Shows.

In December of 1980 she was invited (one of six in the United States) to ride in London, England, at the Olympia International Jumping Show (also known as the Queen's Horse Show, hosted by English Royalty) to introduce the American Saddlebred breed of horses to British audiences.

Camille has won 24 national titles and finished among the top four riders in the world nine times, including two first places. Although she curtailed her competitive schedule in 1982, she continued to compete, particularly in Southwestern horse shows. She won five first places and five second places during 1982 in Arizona and St. Louis, Missouri. She won a first and second place in Dallas, Texas in 1983.

Bobby Joe Hill

Bobby Joe Hill was the catalyst who made it happen when Texas Western College, now The University of Texas at El Paso, won the National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball championship in 1966. His two steals against Kentucky in the final game at Maryland were the turning points in a game in which the Miners were given little consideration. For his efforts in the championship game and for his season-long heroics, Bobby Joe Hill was named to the All-American Basketball Team, a unique honor for a Texas Western or UTEP basketball player. He was also named to the All-NCAA Tournament Team.

Bobby Joe was a graduate of Highland Park High School in Detroit and was recruited for the Miners in 1963. His two years in 1964-65 and 1965-66 were outstanding, particularly his junior year when he led the NCAA Champion Miners in scoring, averaging 15 points a game. Although only 5' 10", he was an outstanding jumper and his ball handling was almost legendary. Bobby Joe has lived in El Paso since completing his collegiate career and is an employee of El Paso Natural Gas Company. He and his wife have a daughter, Michelle.

Fenton E. Slaughter

Fenton E. Slaughter was a superb athlete, considered by many to be El Paso's finest. He played and excelled in baseball, track, softball, volleyball, badminton, gymnastics and golf.

Born in Topeka, Kansas, Fenton moved to El Paso at an early age and lettered in baseball and track at Austin High School in 1951. He played professional baseball with the El Paso Texans and the Abilene Blue Sox, but his career was interrupted by U.S. Army service from 1954 until 1956.

Upon his return to El Paso, he concentrated his talents on softball, participating in three world tournaments. His softball skills led to his being named to El Paso's Softball Hall of Fame in 1972. He also devoted much time to the El Paso YMCA where he served as physical director and became expert in gymnastics and badminton. He was also a member of the all-state winning YMCA volleyball team and participated in many local golf tournaments, carrying a five handicap.

His untimely death in 1970 robbed El Paso of one of its finest athletes and citizens. He is survived by his widow, Mary, and three children.



El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame High School Athletes

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