

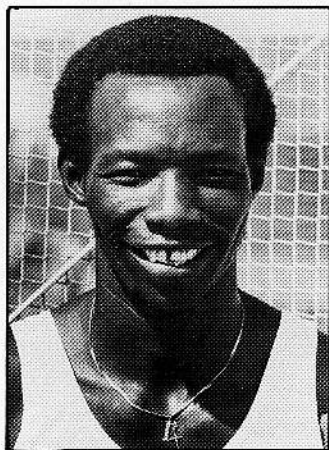
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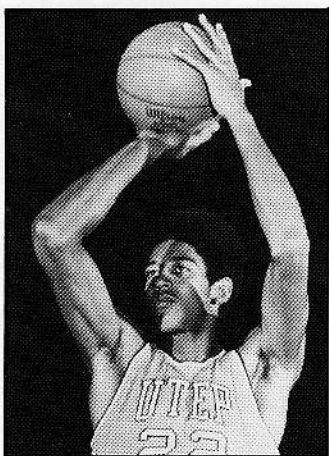
1989 Hall of Fame Honorees



Suleiman Nyambui

Suleiman Nyambui is probably the greatest athlete in the history of the National Collegiate Athletic Association track and field competition. He holds a record 15 individual titles, gained while a member of the University of Texas at El Paso track team from 1978 through 1982. During his career, the Miners won 11 of 12 possible NCAA titles and 11 of 12 Western Athletic Conference crowns. To judge the greatness of Suleiman, consider that he still holds the NCAA indoor record for the 5,000-meter run at 13:00:20 which is also the world's indoor record. He amassed more major titles than any other runner in NCAA history and brought home a silver medal in the 1980 Olympics in Moscow as a member of the Tanzanian track team. Suleiman missed the gold by 2/100ths of a second, losing to Miruts Yifter of Ethiopia in one of the games' most thrilling 5,000-meter finishes. Here are a few of Suleiman's other accomplishments in NCAA competition: indoor mile champion 1979 through

1982; two-mile champion 1979 through 1982; outdoor 5,000-meter champion 1980 through 1982; and 10,000-meter champion 1979 through 1982. He was a member of the Miners' cross-country team which won the NCAA title in 1980. Suleiman was graduated from UT El Paso in 1987 with a degree in Health and Physical Education. He keeps in competitive form with marathon running and has won four major titles since his collegiate days. Suleiman Nyambui, a running machine who keeps on winning.



Gus Bailey

Despite a childhood injury which necessitated the insertion of steel rods in his legs, Gus Bailey found a way to become an outstanding high school, college and professional basketball player. He was an All-District forward at El Paso's Burges High School in 1969 and 1970, and he continued his outstanding play on the University of Texas at El Paso's freshman cage team in 1970-71, averaging 17.5 points and 9.5 rebounds a game. As a sophomore he averaged nine points and 4.3 rebounds a game for the 21-7 Miners who tied for second in the Western Athletic Conference race. He was a first team All-WAC selection in 1972-73, averaging 14.3 points and seven rebounds a game, leading UT El Paso in both categories. As a senior, he averaged 13.9 points a game and was picked for the second All-WAC team. In his three seasons on the Miner Varsity, he scored 937 points and his career field goal percentage of .510 (334 of 655 field goals) is the sixth highest in the school's

history. Gus played four seasons in the National Basketball Association after being chosen in the second round of the 1974 draft by the Houston Rockets. After three seasons with the Rockets, he was traded to the New Orleans Jazz where he completed his professional career. Gus died in November 1988 at the age of 37. He will long be remembered for the courageous performances he gave throughout his competitive career.



George I. Kurita

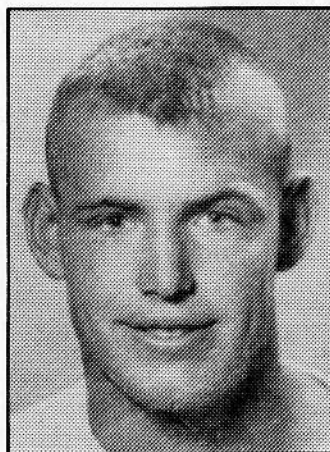
George Kurita has done it all and done it exceedingly well. He played high school athletics at Ysleta High School and later was graduated from El Paso High School, earning a football scholarship at New Mexico State University, then New Mexico A&M. George lettered as a freshman and when injuries as a sophomore ended his competitive career, he became a trainer and student assistant. He later gained his degree in Pharmacy from the University of Colorado and began a splendid 47-year career in this field. Somehow he found time to become an outstanding golfer as well as volunteering to help youth athletic programs. He helped start the Babe Ruth Baseball League in El Paso, served as president of Associated Baseball Council of El Paso which supervised the various boys baseball programs in the 1960s and worked with the Optimist Club on its various youth projects. During all his years of devoted volunteer service he found time to work as a pharmacist, operate a farm in

the Lower Valley and help his wife raise and educate three children. George helped establish El Paso's first Poison Control Center, the Eagle Scouts Board of Review and was an original member of the Downtown Development Committee. George joined the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame as a committee member shortly after its founding in 1958 and has served as the group's treasurer since 1962. George Kurita gets the job done and gets it done well.



Mary Jane McCutcheon

Mary Jane McCutcheon has had a ball all her life — a basketball, a volleyball, a tennis ball — they all bounce right for this outstanding athlete and coach. Mary Jane was graduated from Balmorhea High School in 1956 after playing four years of basketball and being named All-District each season. Her teams were regional champions for three years, and she was named All-Regional for four years. She was voted the outstanding basketball player in Texas in 1955. But basketball wasn't her only sport in high school. She lettered four years and was on a district volleyball championship team for three years, played four years of tennis, and was voted most athletic for four years. She also found time to be a cheerleader, a member of Future Homemakers of America and to perform in the band. She was still going at top speed when she entered the University of Texas at El Paso. She was active all four years in badminton, basketball, softball, swimming and volleyball. Unfortunately, none of those sports was recognized for women at that time so her considerable accomplishments went largely unnoticed. But the skills she had gained served her in good stead. Upon graduation from UT El Paso in 1960, she began an outstanding coaching career which has included, among other accomplishments, 12 district championships and more than 1,000 victories in volleyball at Burges High School. When you look at her accomplishments as a player and a coach, you'll have to agree — Mary Jane has had a ball.



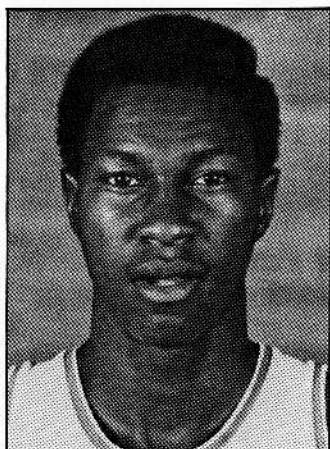
Gerald Campbell

Gerald Keith Campbell was one of those natural student-athletes who comes along too infrequently. Consider that he played four years of outstanding high school football (unbeaten and untied for four years in district competition), lettered and was captain of the basketball team for three years and captain of the track team at Odessa High School. But he didn't neglect his studies. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Body President and member of the Student Council. He continued his winning ways in the classroom and on the gridiron at Texas Western College, playing and lettering four years on the football team and setting new records while playing as a safety on defense, fullback on offense and punt returner, including a school record return for 68 yards and a touchdown. He excelled in open field tackles, pass interceptions and blocked punts. And all of this defensive and offensive firepower came from a 5'8" 147-pound frame. He was an outstanding low hurdler and ran on the Miners sprint relay team and in the dashes. Gerald was selected to the Border Conference football team in 1951 and named honorable mention All-American. Upon his graduation from Texas Western in 1952, he began a successful business career that included developing a coating process to prevent rusting of reinforcing steel in concrete. His process is presently being used worldwide. He has maintained his close ties to UT El Paso through financial support as well as keeping close contact with former classmates. Gerald Campbell, a winner on and off the field.



James E. Rogers, Jr.

James E. (Jimmy) Rogers, Jr. has been identified with the Sun Bowl since the 1960s and his interest and dedication have helped retain and improve the year-end classic. Jimmy's interest in making the Sun Bowl better can be traced to his lifelong love of athletics. At El Paso High School he was an enthusiastic, if not spectacular, football player and sports supporter. He displayed the same interest and concern at Southern Methodist University and when he returned to El Paso after military service in 1959. He began volunteering for Sun Bowl tasks in the early 1960s and became vice president of the Sun Bowl basketball tournament for four years beginning in 1963. He was a member of the Sun Bowl game selection committee during the 1960s and has helped bring to El Paso such outstanding teams as Oklahoma, Washington, Nebraska, Arizona, Alabama, SMU, Missouri, Kansas, Texas and Stanford. He was the youngest man to be elected Sun Bowl president in 1970 and instead of bowing out of the organization after reaching the top, he continued and actually increased his participation. He has been the key figure in the Sun Bowl-CBS Television relationship, and was instrumental in the John Hancock sponsorship of the Sun Bowl. Jimmy has served as president of the Touchdown Club, El Dorados and was chairman of the UT El Paso Athletic Committee whose recommendations led to the construction of the Special Events Center. He now heads the real estate firm of Rogers & Belding where he began work with his father in 1959. Jimmy Rogers is a man who has put the Sun Bowl first and helped keep it there.



James Forbes

Jim Forbes participated in the 1972 Olympic basketball championships against the Russians but his memories are marred by the controversy which cost his team a gold medal. But there is no controversy over Jim's basketball ability. He has been a leader since his high school days at Bel Air High School where, from 1967 to 1970, he was the leading scorer, rebounder and unanimous All-District selection. He was named to the Sunkist High School All-American team in 1969-70 and started for the South in the annual Texas High School All-Star basketball game in 1970. His UT El Paso college career is equally impressive. He was a starter for three years, cocaptain for two years and was the youngest player chosen for the Pan-American team while still a freshman in 1971. He was chosen as the youngest player for the Olympic team in 1972 and was a starter on the Olympic team which refused to accept the silver medal after their dispute-clouded last-second defeat by Russia.

Only one month after the Olympics, he suffered torn ligaments and a damaged kneecap in a practice game. He could play in only nine games as a junior and underwent several knee operations to prepare for his final season. Despite being slowed, he retained his starting position and was a team cocaptain. His injured knee kept him from accepting a draft by the Chicago Bulls of the National Basketball Association. With his active playing days over, he returned to his studies and upon graduation from UT El Paso in 1979, began a coaching career in the Ysleta Independent School District. His teams have won 67 percent of their games over nine years. He is currently the head coach at Riverside High School where his teams have won 97 games and lost only 49 in five years. Jim Forbes has been a winner on and off the court.

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Welcome	John McFall, Master of Ceremonies
National Anthem	Dr. Hugh Cardon
Invocation	Dr. John Edwin

A Moment of Silence for the Departed

DINNER

Introduction of El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame	President Peggie Birkhead
Presentation of 1989 Outstanding High School Athletes:	
District 1-AAAAAA Winners	Presented by Clay Cox
District 2-AAAAAA Winners	Presented by Ruth Meredith and Joe Bob Shook

Presentation of 1989 El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees:

Living Athlete	Gerald Campbell
Living Athlete	James Forbes
Living Athlete	Suleiman Nyambui
Posthumous Award	Gus Bailey
Coach/Administrator	George I. Kurita
Coach/Administrator	Mary Jane McCutcheon
Supporter of Athletics	James E. Rogers, Jr.

CONCLUSION

Outstanding High School Athletes for 1988-1989

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District 2-AAAAA

Sylvia Muñoz, Socorro High School Gabriel Herrera, Riverside High School

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