

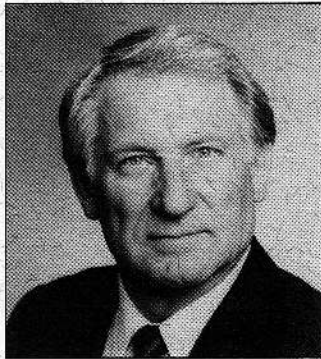


**El Paso  
Athletic  
Hall of Fame  
36th Annual  
Awards  
Banquet**

**Tomas Rivera Center  
Student Union Building  
University of Texas at El Paso  
Third Floor East**

**Tuesday, May 7, 1991**

# 1991 Hall of Fame Honorees



## Buzz Kendrick / Living Athlete

Athletics have been Buzz Kendrick's passion since he began playing football in elementary school in El Paso in the early 1940s. He excelled in high school football at Las Cruces Union High School and was a two-way starter for New Mexico A&M (now New Mexico State) in 1954 and 1955. After serving in the Armed Forces in 1958-59, he returned to try his hand at professional football. Probably his most vivid memory is how he might have made the Green Bay Packers roster in 1960. Buzz was the last player cut in 1960 when his spot went to Willie Wood, now a member of the NFL Hall of Fame. He could have made several other pro teams (who sought him after his release by Green Bay) but Buzz was recalled to the service in 1961 because of the Berlin crisis. In addition to football, Buzz was a standout in softball,

baseball, wrestling and stock car racing. An intense overachiever, he has been a leader in sports and business, serving as president of Kendrick Electric Corporation and president of the National Electrical Contractors' Association. Buzz Kendrick, a winner on and off the field, and always competing.



## Lance Taylor / Living Athlete

Lance Taylor is probably one of the best football players ever to come from El Paso and only a knee injury in his sophomore year at the University of Texas kept him from an outstanding professional career. While at Coronado High School he was selected a 1975 All-American by Parade, Texas Football Magazine, Scholastic Coach and Prep All-American Football Yearbook, as well as being named to the 1975 Texas All-State Team, which he believes is his greatest football achievement. Taylor lettered as a freshman linebacker at the University of Texas in 1976, and was chosen on several preseason All-American lists for his sophomore year when he became the starting middle linebacker for the Longhorns. Texas was ranked first nationally all year but Taylor was injured in the final regular-season game against Texas A&M

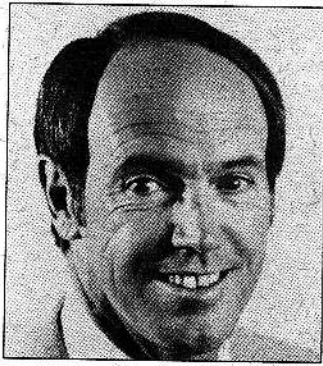
and could not participate in the Longhorns' Cotton Bowl game against Notre Dame. As a junior, he again started as middle linebacker but a recurrence of his knee injury limited his season to eight games. Still, he was chosen to the All-Southwest Conference Defensive Team and was a key factor as Texas went to the Bluebonnet Bowl. He was used for spot duty throughout his senior year but was a major contributor to the Longhorns' winning season, culminating in an appearance in the 1979 Sun Bowl. Taylor has been selected by Texas Football Magazine to their All-Decade Team of the 1970s and their 1984 Silver Anniversary issue picked him as one of the three best linebackers in the "Best of School Boys 1960." Lance Taylor — an outstanding player and competitor who has been a blue chipper throughout his life.



## Bert Williams / Living Athlete

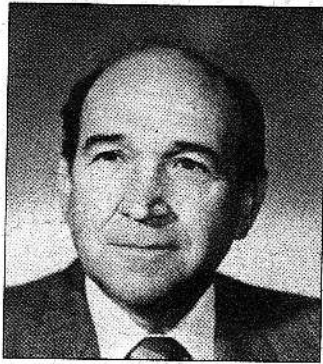
Bert Williams is one of those guys who will beat you. That was the consensus at Texas Western College after World War II when he led the Miner basketball team for four years, climaxing his great career as captain in his senior year. Described as the best defensive player on the team, he usually was given the task of guarding the opposition's star and he usually did an outstanding job. His eyesight forced him to wear glasses and hampered his shooting but he still could score if there was a need. But on defense he was a terror and it earned him respect and gained for him leadership. After graduation from Texas Western and the University of Texas at Austin (where he earned a law degree) he found a new sports love in softball. He played 24 years of competitive fast pitch at all positions. During his heyday, El Paso

was the softball capital of the world, and Williams was the ruler. During his career he was selected All-City 10 times, All-District five times, All-State twice and in 1970 was named to the United States All-American team. Bert's teams won the city championship 11 times, won 11 regional titles and back-to-back national championships in 1961 and 1962. Bert took his competitive nature into politics and again was a winner, elected as mayor of El Paso in the 1960s after serving as an alderman for several terms. Bert Williams, a guy who can beat you whether it's in sports or politics.



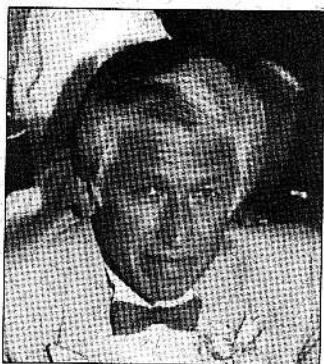
## Danny McKillip / Coach

Danny McKillip is an excellent teacher, outstanding coach, and has the intelligence and drive to become a highly successful businessman. But teaching and coaching are Danny's first loves and he has used them to build a track dynasty at El Paso High School where he has been winning awards since he started in 1970. More importantly, he has been turning out champion students and athletes. Danny was an outstanding runner at the University of Texas at El Paso, after winning All-State honors in Florida as a high school runner in the mile and cross-country. (He was named a high school All-American which led to his recruitment by the University of Texas at El Paso.) He was Western Athletic Conference Champion in the two-mile run and a member of the NCAA cross-country championship team of 1969 when he was named an All-American in both cross-country and track. After graduation, he became track coach at El Paso High School where his boys' cross-country teams have won district championships nine times and been runners up three other times. His teams have won the boys' regional cross-country championships five times and were runners-up three times. His boys' teams won the state cross-country titles in 1971 and 1983. His girls' cross country teams won district titles eight times and were regional champions four times and won state championships in 1978 and 1979. Danny McKillip has placed guiding today's young students ahead of personal gain and El Pasoans are thankful for his dedication.



## Armando Gutierrez / Administrator

Armando (Jeep) Gutierrez was a coaches' coach, for under his administration as athletic director for the El Paso Independent School District he improved coaches' working conditions, developed and published the EPISD Athletic Handbook (manual for administration and operation of athletic policies, procedures and regulations), and established equity for girls athletics. His skills brought him recognition statewide, and he was elected president of the Texas High School Athletic Directors in 1980-81 and inducted into that group's Hall of Honor in 1987. He has received the Distinguished Service Citation from the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation. A native of Arizona, he attended high school in New Mexico, was graduated from college in Texas and saw the rest of the world as a member of the Navy during World War II and the Army during the Korean conflict. He was outstanding in basketball, football and track at Western New Mexico University and in football with Fort Bliss during his service career. He coached at El Paso Technical Institute before becoming a consultant for health and physical education in the El Paso School District. He was named athletic director in 1973, a position he held until 1981 when he was named an assistant superintendent from which he retired in 1988. Jeep Gutierrez never let size deter him because his heart and mind were bigger than most anyone else's.



## Robert Lee Garner / Posthumous

Bob Garner used his athletic skills to star as a collegiate player and play for two professional football championship teams. The same mental toughness made him a success in the business world. Not blessed with size (5' 10" and 175), he used his exceptional speed to play for the San Diego Chargers and the Oakland Raiders during their glory days of the early 1960s. One of his closest friends and teammates was Tom Flores, later the Raiders' head coach. Bob for many years held the record for the longest punt return for the Raiders and still is remembered as one of the hardest-hitting defenders in the Raiders' secondary. Bob began his pro football career after serving with the United States Marines following his graduation from Fresno State University, where he later gained a Master's degree. In his undergraduate days at Fresno State, he averaged almost seven yards a carry as a halfback, still a school record. When his football days were over, he started his own highly successful advertising business in Los Angeles, which he sold to move to El Paso to operate four movie theaters. His successes continued as he built a national chain of 130 screens. Never one to sit still for too long, he became an avid tennis player and was ranked third in the Southwest in men's 45-and-over singles from 1981 until his death in June, 1990. Bob Garner was another example of a professional athlete with brains who competed with the best and is now with the best.

# Program

Welcome ..... John McFall, Master of Ceremonies  
National Anthem ..... Al Cappella  
Invocation ..... Dr. John Edwin

A moment of silence for the departed  
*Mike Izquierdo, Dick Shinaut, David Carrasco*

Serving of Dinner

Purpose and Goals of the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame ..... Ted U. Kepple, President

Presentation of 1990-91 Outstanding High School Athletes:

District 1-AAAAA ..... Presented by Jerry Millsapps  
District 2-AAAAA ..... Presented by Ruth Meredith  
and Joe Bob Shook

Presentation of 1991 El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees:

Living Athlete ..... Ralph E. (Buzz) Kendrick  
Living Athlete ..... Lance Taylor  
Living Athlete ..... Bert Williams  
Administrator Award ..... Armando (Jeep) Gutierrez  
Coach Award ..... Danny McKillip  
Posthumous Award ..... Robert Garner

Conclusion

## Outstanding High School Athletes for 1990-1991

### District 1-AAAAA

Jennifer Taylor, Coronado High School      Ray Mickens, Andress High School

### District 2-AAAAA

Sonia Wills, Parkland High School      Arturo Lopez, Socorro High School

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## Hall of Fame Past Honorees

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1955 — Andy Cohen*              | 1971 — Paul Barry            | 1977 — Jud Milton                |
| 1955 — N.A. Ferguson*           | 1971 — Vernus Carey*         | 1978 — Bob Arnold                |
| 1956 — Cliff Hill*              | 1971 — Don Haskins           | 1978 — Harris Cantrell           |
| 1956 — Margaret Varner          | 1972 — Chuck Hughes*         | 1978 — David L. Carrasco*        |
| 1957 — Luther Coblentz*         | 1972 — C.D. Jarvis           | 1978 — Wayne Vandenburg          |
| 1957 — Ken Heineman             | 1972 — Paul Lopez            | 1978 — Ray Sanchez               |
| 1958 — Dr. Sandy Esquivel*      | 1973 — Wayne Hansen*         | 1978 — Margaret Osborne Du Pont  |
| 1958 — Asa Porter*              | 1973 — Bobby Goldfarb        | 1979 — D.W. Conway*              |
| 1959 — Jack Harden              | 1973 — Dolph Quijano         | 1980 — Tony Carvajal*            |
| 1959 — Mack Saxon*              | 1973 — Gene Jordan           | 1980 — Jack Curtice*             |
| 1960 — Judge Ballard Coldwell*  | 1973 — Harrison Kohl         | 1980 — Ernest L. Keily           |
| 1960 — E.E. (Mannie) Ponsford*  | 1974 — Nolan Richardson      | 1981 — Chris P. Fox*             |
| 1961 — Bob Osborn*              | 1974 — Mary Hoover           | 1981 — Roy Lown                  |
| 1961 — Willie Shoemaker         | 1974 — Charles (Red) Harris* | 1981 — Ken George                |
| 1962 — Syd Cohen*               | 1974 — Saul Kleinfeld*       | 1981 — Ted Banks                 |
| 1962 — Carlos Edwards*          | 1974 — Bob Ingram            | 1981 — Lawrence (Sag) Shea*      |
| 1963 — Mike Brumbelow*          | 1974 — Raymond B. Ward, Sr.* | 1982 — E.R. Bowman*              |
| 1963 — Dr. James Vance*         | 1974 — Fred Wendt            | 1982 — Bill Cummins              |
| 1964 — A.L. (Doc) Holm*         | 1975 — Lee Trevino           | 1982 — Fred Kriss                |
| 1964 — Bob Laraba*              | 1975 — Lee Floyd*            | 1982 — Vic Clark                 |
| 1965 — W.J. (Chule) Milner*     | 1975 — Karen Linton          | 1983 — Russell E. Ball*          |
| 1965 — Javier Montes            | 1975 — Dr. John Edwin        | 1983 — John C. Birkhead*         |
| 1966 — A.S. Valdespino*         | 1975 — Robert Carson*        | 1983 — Janis Blades Prieto       |
| 1966 — Clyde Wafer*             | 1975 — John Phelan           | 1983 — Jim Bowden                |
| 1967 — Frank Redman             | 1975 — C.M. Hendricks*       | 1983 — Tee Casper*               |
| 1967 — Charles H. Leavell, Sr.* | 1976 — Billy Stevens         | 1984 — Peggie Robertson Birkhead |
| 1967 — Ross Moore*              | 1976 — Thad Steele*          | 1984 — Larry Jessee              |
| 1967 — Jesse Whittenton         | 1976 — Jim DeGroat*          | 1984 — Charles R. Smith          |
| 1968 — Don Maynard              | 1976 — John McFall           | 1984 — Jack McNutt*              |
| 1968 — Harry Phillips*          | 1976 — Jim Paul              | 1984 — Albert C. Messer*         |
| 1968 — Nemo Herrera*            | 1976 — Chuck Whitlock        | 1985 — Bobby Joe Hill            |
| 1969 — George Ball              | 1977 — Oscar Villareal       | 1985 — Tom Chavez                |
| 1969 — Mike Izquierdo*          | 1977 — Dick Shinaut*         | 1985 — Samuel L. Jenkins         |
| 1969 — Agatha Lee               | 1977 — Pete Melendez         | 1985 — Gene Odell                |
| 1970 — Dale Waters              | 1977 — Bobby Dobbs*          | 1985 — Fenton E. Slaughter*      |
| 1970 — Ben Collins              | 1977 — Dalton Hill*          | 1985 — Camile Whitfield          |

1986 — C.B. (Stretch) Elliott  
 1986 — Robert E. Kolliner\*  
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 1988 — John (Jack) Parks  
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 1988 — Dr. R.J. (Buddy) Shaeffer  
 1988 — Dr. James G. Mason  
 1988 — Miss Lydia Sierra  
 1988 — Mrs. Marjorie Williamson  
 1989 — Suleiman Nyambui  
 1989 — Gus Bailey\*  
 1989 — George Kurita  
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 1989 — Gerald Campbell

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 1989 — James Forbes  
 1990 — Bert Cameron  
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 1990 — Ted U. Kepple  
 1990 — Joe I. Valencia  
 1990 — Norman Lee Phillips  
 1990 — Clay Cox\*

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 1978 — Harris Hatfield  
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1980 — Dr. John (Pinky) Edwin  
 1981 — Tee Casper\*  
 1982 — C.W. (Lucky) Leverett  
 1983 — Jim Paul  
 1984 — Steve DeGroat  
 1985 — Ken George  
 1986 — Richard Fritz  
 1987 — Vince Carafano\*  
 1988 — Luis Flores, Jr.  
 1989 — Peggie Birkhead  
 1990 — Tim Crenshaw

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