



**El Paso  
Athletic  
Hall of Fame  
37th Annual  
Awards  
Banquet**

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

**Tuesday, May 12, 1992**

# PROGRAM

WELCOME.....JOHN McFALL  
NATIONAL ANTHEM.....JEANNIE LASHUS  
INVOCATION.....FRANK PORTH  
INTRODUCTION OF PRESENT OFFICERS.....YVAN RECHY

## PRESENTATION OF 1991-1992 OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES:

DISTRICT 1 AAAAA .....PRESENTED BY JERRY MILLSAPPS  
DISTRICT 2 AAAAA .....PRESENTED BY RUTH MEREDITH

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

DANNY MEDINA.....FOOTBALL COACH FORT HANCOCK HIGH SCHOOL  
PLAYERS: JOE RODRIGUEZ AND ART NAVA

DAVID MOORE.....BASKETBALL COACH CLINT HIGH SCHOOL  
PLAYERS: BROOKS VANDICVORT AND  
NAVIN NAVIDOMSKIS

## PRESENTATION OF 1992 EL PASO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES:

LIVING ATHLETE.....BILL CHESAK  
LIVING ATHLETE.....SETH JOYNER  
LIVING ATHLETE.....ROSS WALKER  
ADMINISTRATOR AWARD.....RUTH MEREDITH  
ADMINISTRATOR AWARD.....GEORGE McCARTY  
SUPPORTER OF ATHLETICS.....RALPH J. BANNER  
POSTHUMOUS.....GERALD LAMAR BOYKIN

## OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES FOR 1991-1992

### DISTRICT 1 AAAAA

MARIAH CADE.....EL PASO HIGH SCHOOL  
CHRIS SANCHEZ.....BURGES HIGH SCHOOL

### DISTRICT 2 AAAAA

TRACI KIRTLEY.....DEL VALLE HIGH SCHOOL  
JUAN PIPER.....PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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1955-Andy Cohen\*  
1955-N.A. Ferguson\*  
1956-Cliff Hill\*  
1956-Margaret Varner  
1957-Luther Coblentz\*  
1957-Ken Heineman  
1958-Dr. Sandy Esquivel\*  
1958-Asa Porter\*  
1959-Jack Harden  
1959-Mack Saxon\*  
1960-Judge Ballard Coldwell\*  
1960-E.E.(Mannie)Ponsford\*  
1961-Bob Osborn\*  
1961-Willie Shoemaker  
1962-Syd Cohen\*  
1962-Carlos Edwards\*  
1963-Mike Brumbelow\*  
1963-Dr. James Vance\*  
1964-A.L. (Doc) Holm\*  
1964- Bob Laraba\*  
1965-W.J. (Chule) Milner\*  
1965-Javier Montes  
1966-A.S. Valdespino\*  
1966-Clyde Wafer\*  
1967-Frank Redman  
1967-Charles H. Leavell, Sr.\*  
1967-Ross Moore\*  
1967-Jesse Whittenton  
1968-Don Maynard  
1968-Harry Phillips\*  
1968-Nemo Herrera\*  
1969-George Ball  
1969-Mike Izquierdo\*  
1969-Agatha Lee  
1970-Dale Waters  
1970-Ben Collins  
1971- Paul Barry  
1971-Vernus Carey\*

1971-Don Haskins  
1972-Chuck Hughes\*  
1972-C.D. Jarvis  
1972-Paul Lopez  
1973-Wayne Hansen\*  
1973-Bobby Goldfarb  
1973-Dolph Quijano  
1973-Gene Jordan  
1973-Harrison Kohl  
1974-Nolan Richardson  
1974-Mary Hoover  
1974-Charles (Red) Harris\*  
1974-Saul Kleinfeld\*  
1974-Bob Ingram  
1974-Raymond B. Ward, Sr.\*  
1974-Fred Wendt  
1975-Lee Trevino  
1975-Lee Floyd\*  
1975-Karen Linton  
1975-Dr. John Edwin  
1975-Robert Carson\*  
1975-John Phelan  
1976-C.M. Hendricks\*  
1976-Billy Stevens  
1976-Thad Steele\*  
1976-Jim DeGroat\*  
1976-John McFall  
1976-Jim Paul  
1976-Chuck Whitlock  
1977-Oscar Villareal  
1977-Dick Shinaut\*  
1977-Pete Melendez  
1977-Bobby Dobbs\*  
1977-Dalton Hill\*  
1977-Jud Milton  
1978-Bob Arnold  
1978-Harris Cantrell  
1978-David L. Carrasco\*

1978-Wayne Vandenburg  
1978-Ray Sanchez  
1978-Margaret Osborne Du Pont  
1979-D.W. Conway\*  
1980-Tony Carvajal\*  
1980-Jack Curtice\*  
1980-Ernest L. Keily  
1981-Chris P. Fox\*  
1981-Roy Lown  
1981-Ken George  
1981-Ted Banks  
1981-Lawrence (Sag) Shea\*  
1982-E.R. Bowman\*  
1982-Bill Cummins  
1982-Fred Kriss  
1982-Vic Clark  
1983-Russell E. Ball\*  
1983-John C. Birkhead\*  
1983-Janis Blades Prieto  
1983-Jim Bowden  
1983-Tee Casper\*  
1984-Peggie Robertson Birkhead  
1984-Larry Jessee  
1984-Charles R. Smith  
1984-Jack McNutt\*  
1984-Albert C. Messer\*  
1985-Bobby Joe Hill  
1985-Tom Chavez  
1985-Samuel L. Jenkins  
1985-Gene Odell  
1985-Fenton E. Slaughter\*  
1985-Camile Whitfield  
1986-C.B. (Stretch) Elliott  
1986-Robert E. Kolliner\*  
1986-Jack P. Morris  
1986-L.O. Page  
1986-Frank Porth  
1986-Gene Stogner

1987-J.D. Partridge  
 1987-Walter Driver  
 1987-Joe Hague  
 1987-Larry Stubing  
 1987-K.C. Brown  
 1987-James Malone  
 1987-Bill Macatee  
 1988-John (Jack) Parks  
 1988-Santos (Kayo) Perez  
 1988-Dr. R.J. (Buddy) Shaeffer  
 1988-Dr. James G. Mason

1988-Miss Lydia Sierra  
 1988-Mrs. Marjorie Williamson  
 1989-Suleiman Nyambui  
 1989-Cus Bailey\*  
 1989-George Kurita  
 1989-Mary Jane McCutcheon  
 1989- Gerald Campbell  
 1989-James E. Rogers, Jr.  
 1989-James Forbes  
 1990-Bert Cameron  
 1990-Don O'Neill

1990-Bob Osborne  
 1990-Ted U. Kepple  
 1990-Joe I. Valencia  
 1990- Norman Lee Phillips  
 1990-Clay Cox\*  
 1991-Buzz Kendrick  
 1991-Lance Taylor  
 1991-Bert Williams  
 1991-Danny McKillip  
 1991-Armando Gutierrez  
 1991-Robert Lee Garner  
 \*deceased

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 1962-Vernus Carey\*  
 1963-Thad Steele\*  
 1964-John McFall  
 1965-Frank Redman  
 1966-G.M. (Bill) Green  
 1967-Jim Bowden

1968-Jim DeGroat  
 1969-Bob Goldfarb  
 1970-Bill Woodul  
 1971-Bert Williams  
 1972-Dick de Bruyn  
 1973-Frank Porth  
 1974-Ben Collins  
 1975-Don O'Neill  
 1976-John Thompson  
 1977-Maynard Haddad  
 1978-Harris Hatfield  
 1979-Billy Stevens

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  
 1991-Ted Kepple  
 \*deceased

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 Charles Brown  
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 Tom Chavez  
 Tom Chisari  
 Vic Clark  
 Tim Crenshaw  
 Dick de Bruyn  
 James Dean  
 Eva del Hierro  
 Artie Dolt  
 Derry Eads  
 Dr. John Edwin  
 Carlton Elliott  
 Luis Flores

James Forbes  
 Al Franco  
 Richard Fritz  
 Ken George  
 John Gooden  
 C.D. Jarvis  
 Sam Jenkins  
 Gene Jordan  
 Ted Kepple  
 George Kurita  
 Paul Logan  
 Bob Ludwig  
 Jim Malone  
 Dr. James Mason  
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 Mary Jane McCutcheon  
 Ron McDaniels  
 John McFall  
 Jack McGrath  
 Ruth Meredith  
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 Manny Morales  
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Jack Morris  
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 Don O'Neill  
 L.O. Page  
 Jack Parks  
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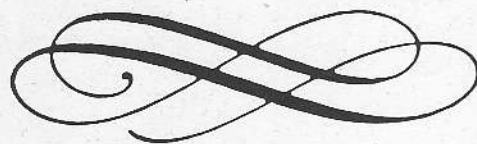


### **Bill Chesak Living Athlete**

Bill Chesak is more than an athlete, he's an El Paso legend. In 1945, his third year as a football letterman at El Paso High School, he was selected to the all-district team for the second year in a row. That same year

he was picked as the most valuable player in the district, and led the state in scoring with 127 points in nine games. That led to Chesak being an all-state selection, along with an invitation to play in the 1945 Texas All Star Game in Corpus Christi. Chesak also lettered in track, and was a district and regional Mile Relay Champion. Harry Stuhldreyer at the University of Wisconsin was Chesak's first college-level coach, guiding his career until Chesak entered the Marines to play for the Miramar Tigercats and the El Toro Marines. After earning All West Coast honors with the Marines, Chesak continued his career with an outstanding record as a running back and punter at Texas Western College. By 1951 his accomplishments had become legendary, and he was drafted by the Green Bay Packers.

# 1992 Hall of Fame Honorees



### **Ralph J. Banner Supporter**

Although he never participated in sports, Ralph Banner is a dedicated sports super-fan. Besides following the Diablos, Miners and many high school teams since 1948, Ralph is known to be generous with his

time and money for the advancement of El Paso sports. He personally sponsored Boys Baseball teams for 28 years and even purchased the P.A. system for Cloudview Park's baseball diamond. Ralph also gave money to support the programs printed for boys baseball. He sponsored the fast pitch softball teams in the Memorial Day Tournament for 2 years and donated considerable time and money to teams going to out-of-town tournaments. Ralph also sponsored a girl's fast pitch team for a year. He was a member of the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame committee for one year but had to resign because it interfered with his attending high school games. Few people will ever love sports as much as Ralph Banner.



### **George McCarty Administrator**

George McCarty can honestly be called the man who created "The Bear". Not only was he directly responsible for the hiring of Don Haskins as basketball coach for Texas Western College in 1961, he's the man who

convinced Haskins to become a coach in the first place, and who offered Haskins his first coaching position (which Haskins turned down). In 1953, after a five-year run coaching basketball at New Mexico A&M during which he took the Aggies to their first NCAA appearance, McCarty joined Texas Western College as varsity basketball coach, and in 1962, Athletic Director. Under his directorship, UTEP was admitted as a member of the Western Athletic Conference. McCarty was responsible for the hiring of such athletic leaders as Wayne Vandenburg, Bobby Dobbs, Warren Harper and Ted Banks. From his long list of successes at UTEP to his record as Athletic Director at the University of Wyoming from 1973-1980, George McCarty has earned a nation-wide reputation for recognizing top coaching talent and bringing out the best in every area of a sports program.



### **Seth Joyner Living Athlete**

Raised in Spring Valley, New York, where they named a public football field after him, Seth Joyner's community commitment to El Paso prompted former mayor Suzanne Azar to grant him honorary

El Paso citizenship. Joyner adopted El Paso as a second home when he joined the UTEP football program in 1982 as a walk-on. By 1984 and 1985 he was leading the team in tackles. In 1985 he was one of the team's tri-captains and was second-team All-WAC. Joyner was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles in 1986, and was the third-leading tackler and second highest in sacks in 1987. By 1988 he had recorded his career highs of 136 tackles and 4 interceptions. He was voted Eagle's Most Valuable Player in both 1990 and 1991, and in 1991 was selected to the Pro Bowl, the All-Madden Team, The NFC All-Pro Team, and as the AP's best NFL Linebacker. In his off-season time, Joyner visits El Paso public schools to talk about drugs and education, and volunteers at the House of Cornelius in Fabens.



### **Ross Walker Living Athlete**

Ross Walker grew up knowing he was a winner. He won his first major tennis title as a child in England – the 12 and under British Junior Champion... succeeded by his titles of 14 and under and 18 and under

British Junior Champion. And his winning streak didn't end when he left England for the U.S. in 1971. From 1972 to 1976 he won respect as a Junior College All American, the National Junior American, the National Junior College Champion, All American (University of Houston), Southwest Conference Single and Double Champion, and Most Valuable Player honors on Houston's top ten university team for three years. He has collected close to 50 national and sectional titles. Ironically, one of the most exciting tournaments in his life was one which he lost. In 1988 Walker played the No. 1 singles position, representing the USA in the Italia Cup 35 and over Men's Tournament in Yugoslavia. He was defeated by West Germany in the finals. Walker is now passing on his legacy to a new generation of winners. He has coached ten National Junior Champions and over 30 nationally-ranked juniors.



### **Ruth Meredith Administrator**

Ten years ago, Ruth Meredith was named Director of Athletics for the Ysleta Independent School District. Currently, she is the only woman in Texas to hold this position in a multiple high school district. Ruth is a 24-

year employee of the school district, serving the past 18 years in the Office of Athletics. She oversees more than 7,600 students in extra-curricular sports from grades 7 through 12. Ruth lettered in basketball, volleyball, tennis and softball at Santa Anna High School in Santa Anna, Texas. She graduated with high honors from UTEP in 1968 and received a Master of Science degree with a 4.0 G.P.A. from UTEP in 1970. During her career, Ruth won the Texas University Interscholastic League State Meritorious Service Award; was a finalist for the El Paso Times Sportswoman of the Year; was named one of The Ten Most Influential Women in Texas Sports by the Austin American Statesman; and won the prestigious 1991 State Award of Merit.



### **Gerald Lamar Boykin Posthumous**

Even at 6'6" and weighing in at 350 lbs., Gerald Boykin's heart was every bit as big as his stature. Among the many civic organizations and charities he organized, the Magic Touch Cartel did the

most to promote attendance at Miner games. Each year, Gerald would purchase \$10,000 worth of tickets. He would then place these tickets for sale at various businesses throughout the city. In one season, the average attendance rose 12,000 per game. Gerald lettered three years in football and one in basketball while attending high school in San Angelo, Texas. In college, Gerald played center for the Arizona Wildcats from 1951-1954 under head coach Warren Woodson. Soon after, he joined the army and played for the Fort Bliss Falcons, and later graduated from Texas Western College. Boykin actively believed in volunteerism and participated in many volunteer organizations, eventually founding the El Paso Skip Rock Club, an organization to stimulate public interest and enthusiasm for charitable work.