February 2015 -- Steve Rosenfeld - Telecommunication Infrastructure

Our first Staff Spotlight is on Steve Rosenfeld from the Telecommunication Infrastructure department. Steve has been with UTEP for 52 years and got his start at UTEP working as a dish washer, as a student employee, in the Biology department.

Over the past 52 years, he has held many different student positions and several full time positions. Steve’s first full time position was the Student Activities Director. While in that position, Steve was instrumental in bringing several big name musical artists to perform at UTEP. Earth Wind & Fire, Peter Paul & Mary, Marty Robins, and Elton John (the 1st time) were among the artists. Steve later went on to be the Director of the Special Events Center (Don Haskins Center) where he managed and promoted the events held at the center. In fact, he was witness to the construction of the Don Haskins Center some 40 years ago.

Steve moved on in his career to become a Telecommunications Manager, a career field he has been involved with for over 30 years. Some of his notable accomplishments in Telecommunications at UTEP include:
  • replacing the rotary dial phones to a touch tone system
  • involvement with the first ever voice mail system
  • replacing the old traditional phone system to the digital VOIP phone system that we use today at UTEP.

Steve plans to retire in the near future and focus on one of his retirement goals which is to "downsize life as well as the stuff in storage." When asked what Steve really enjoyed about his career at UTEP, he stated that UTEP provided him the great opportunity to move from one career to another. Steve has been a pillar of the UTEP Staff community and has contributed tremendously to our success over the past 52 years. Congratulations Steve for the many amazing accomplishments you have achieved in your career! You will forever be a UTEP Miner!