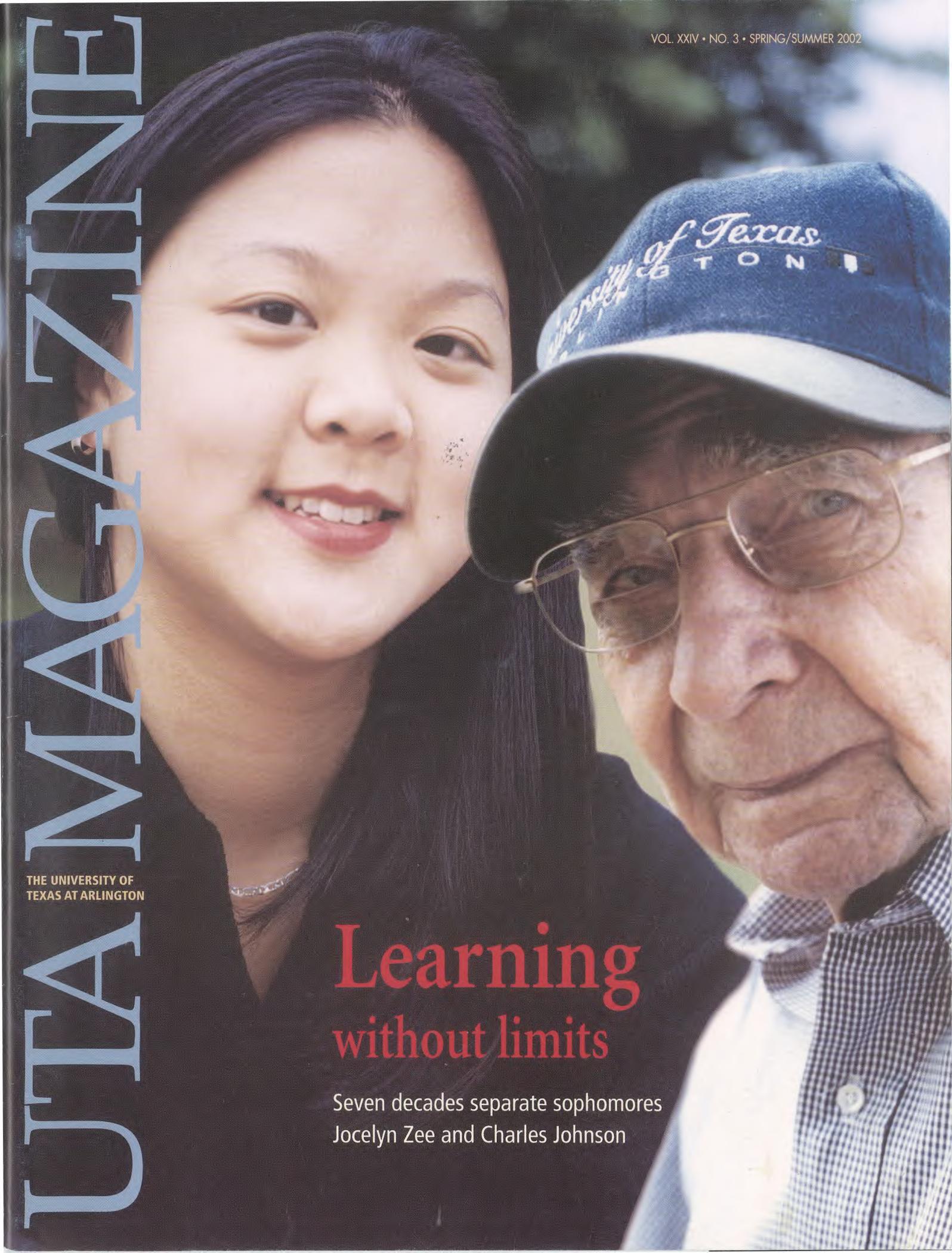


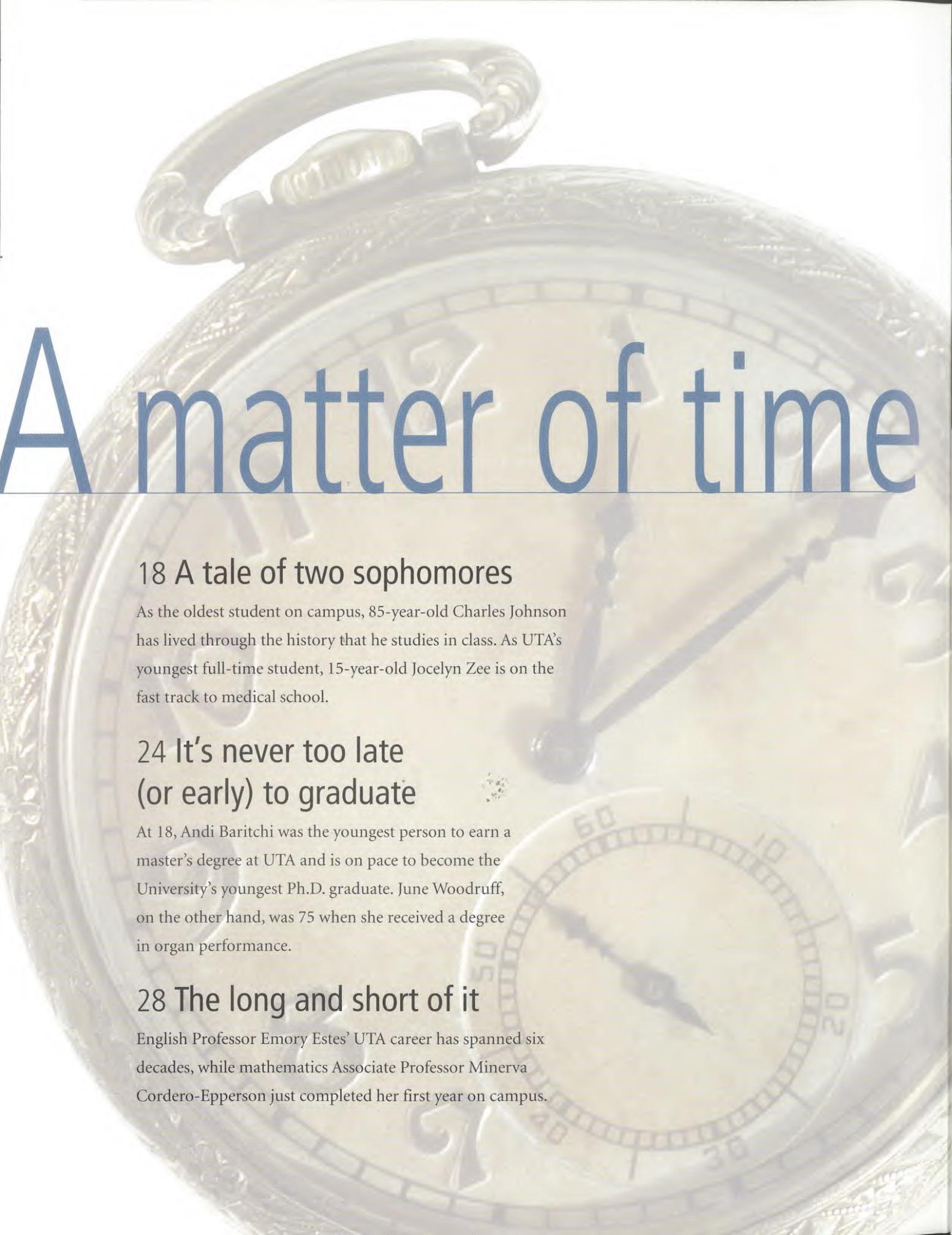
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## Learning without limits

Seven decades separate sophomores  
Jocelyn Zee and Charles Johnson





# A matter of time

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As the oldest student on campus, 85-year-old Charles Johnson has lived through the history that he studies in class. As UTA's youngest full-time student, 15-year-old Jocelyn Zee is on the fast track to medical school.

## 24 It's never too late (or early) to graduate

At 18, Andi Baritchi was the youngest person to earn a master's degree at UTA and is on pace to become the University's youngest Ph.D. graduate. June Woodruff, on the other hand, was 75 when she received a degree in organ performance.

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English Professor Emory Estes' UTA career has spanned six decades, while mathematics Associate Professor Minerva Cordero-Epperson just completed her first year on campus.

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Keith Alcorn produced his first animated films as a UTA student in the 1970s. Now, the co-founder of DNA Productions is reaping the benefits of his recent Oscar nomination for *Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius*.

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Cello student Amirosh Issa has immersed himself in music as a way to cope with the death of his brother, Vic. His talent and passion landed him a spot in Yo-Yo Ma's Silk Road Project tour.

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# Champions Again!



The Sherborn, Bob Booth

The Movin' Mavs and head coach Jim Hayes celebrated their sixth National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball title in March with a 67-58 victory over Wisconsin-Whitewater. Senior guard Paul Schulte (No. 20) won the Most Valuable Player award and was named a first-team All-American, as was junior forward Valdez Bradley (No. 22). The Movin' Mavs went 17-0 against collegiate competition and 28-4 overall.



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