

The President's Corner

Respetables miembros del Foro Pan Americano Estudiantil de Texas:

Una vez mas les doy mis saludos de amigo. El tiempo esta pasando y la convencion estatal se aproxima rapidamente. Tenemos mucho que hacer y muy poco tiempo, pero con deseos y esfuerzo se pueden hacer muchas cosas productivas. Espero que hayan pasado una Feliz Navidad y que este año los encuentre llenos de sorpresas maravillosas.

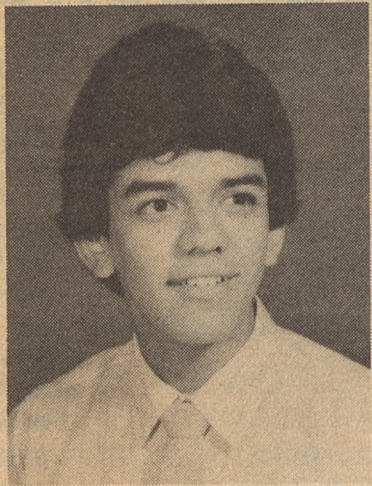
First, I would like to remind you that the deadline for mailing scholarship applications, for submitting donations to our state projects, and for submitting convention registration along with hotel reservations, is March 1, 1983. This is the deadline, but it is very important that we send these materials as soon as possible.

The P.A.S.F. awards M.L.T. scholarships every year to help teachers and students further their study of the Spanish language. It is very important that you apply for these scholarships. If you meet the requirements for any of the scholarships, I more than encourage you to apply. Don't decide for yourself whether you deserve the scholarship or not, let the committee decide.

One of your main projects as a club should be that of promoting Panamericanism through the media. Let everyone know what you are doing. There may be other people in your community that have the same interest as yours. These people could become associate members and help our organization profoundly. Because of our geographical separation there is not much that we can hear about each other's activities. One way to solve this problem is for you to write to different clubs and create a Pen-Pal relation. The addresses of the member chapters have been mailed to your schools. You can also make use of the *Pan Am Times*. There is still one more issue of the *Pan Am Times* and it is never too late to inform other clubs of your projects and activities. The deadline for the Post-Convention issue is March 31, 1983. It does not take more than one hour to type out a good article and you will be helping in promoting more understanding within our state organization.

My many thanks go to all those members that are running for state office. I would also like to thank their clubs and sponsors for the support that you have given to your candidates. Make sure and study these candidates' platforms and accomplishments.

The P.A.S.F. of Texas will meet in San Antonio on March 24 and 25 for the 40th time. It is true that we are going through economic difficulties and it is harder to raise money, but we must remind ourselves of the importance of attending the state convention. If you do attend the state convention try



to meet as many people as possible. I believe that one of the greatest things about attending our convention is meeting people and learning of their club activities. To know that over 8,000 other students throughout Texas believe in the ideals of Panamericanism really fills me with excitement. There is much we can learn from this upcoming convention and there is much we can do to make it a success.

Finally, I would like to say a little bit about our country of study. There are many things we know about the U.S.A., but there are also many things we don't know. For instance, we should further our knowledge of the many and diverse cultures that exist in this country. We should also become more aware of the political policy our country has towards countries in the Western Hemisphere. Above all, we must at all times, never give up believing in our country. This is the nation where we are free to choose besides everything else, our career, which is really our future. So, defend her, love her, cherish her, and work for her, for she is yours and ours, the American people.

Atentamente,
Martin Obregon, Jr.
PASF State President

Convention News Items

New Registration Location

In order to expedite and facilitate the registration process at Convention, only *one sponsor and one student* will be permitted to pick up the Convention Registration material. To pick up your registration material go to *Room 25 of the Convention Center*. An information desk will also be located in that room.

Scrapbooks

Scrapbooks must be taken to *Room 32 of the Convention Center* by the deadline of *5:00 p.m., Thursday*. Once the scrapbooks are judged, they will go on *display Friday afternoon*. Schools submitting scrapbooks will be responsible for picking them up at *5:00 p.m. that Friday*.

The Myrtle L. Tanner Scholar-

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State Projects Are Important

Dear P.A.S.F. members, even though the 1982-83 academic school year is progressing very quickly our State Projects must not be forgotten.

Keeping in mind that Amigos de las Americas has been selected as our main State Project, I would like to encourage each and every chapter to contribute towards this worthy cause. Amigos has performed many individual health services including: immunizations; dental hygiene instruction; visual screening and distribution of eyeglasses; veterinary services; and community sanitation services. Amigos has worked the Carribean and Central and South America. Since Amigos is a privately funded organization that receives no government money, the financial help provided by us, P.A.S.F., goes a long way to provide the training, transportation, and supplies for Amigos volunteers. Amigos is also in need of many volunteers. An individual who will be 16 years old by June 1, or who will complete the high school sophomore year in 1983 may be a volunteer. The volunteer must also be in good health and be capable of strenuous daily schedules, have a conversational knowledge of Spanish and complete all necessary training in order to pass the National Proficiency Standards. Anyone interested in more information about this program write to:

Mariann Marshall
Amigos de las Americas
5618 Star Lane
Houston, Texas 77057

I do not want you to feel that you are restricted in contributing only to Amigos. Other organizations which are also in need of our help include: UNICEF, which provides health services, nutrition, education and social services to children throughout 35 countries; Pesos for Braces, which provides the needy handicapped children of Mexico with orthopedic braces and artificial limbs; Operacion Ninos, which provides the underprivileged children with clothing, food, education and health clinics; La Buena Madre, a Catholic orphanage in Mexico which houses several girls and provides them with an education.

ship Fund (M.L.T.) is another of P.A.S.F.'s very important aspects. The M.L.T. financially enables students and sponsors to continue their study in Portuguese, Spanish or the Spanish culture in the institution of their choice.

Futhermore, since the State Convention is approaching very

quickly, everyone must remember to meet the deadlines required for all aspects of the convention. Please give serious consideration to the State Projects and I hope to see you at the Convention.

Sinceramente

John Villarreal

State Second Vice President

Tentative Agenda for PASF 1983 State Convention

Thursday, March 24

Afternoon Session

1:00-5:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m.

Registration — Room 25
Committee Meetings—Rooms 1, 5, and 6
Interview of scholarship applicants — Room 1
San Antonio Tours
Mixer — Mission Room
Rehearsal, Noche Panamericana — Theater
Meeting of scrapbook judges — Room 5

Evening Session

8:00-10:00 p.m.

Introduction of candidates
Noche Panamericana — Theater

Friday, March 25

Morning Session

8:00-9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

Late Registration — Room 25
Rehearsal for Flag Presentation — Theater
Business Session — Theater
Call to order
Invocation
O Noble Pan America
Presentation of flags
Introduction of guests
Welcome Remarks
PASF President's Speech
Membership and State Projects Report
Sing-Song
Candidate speeches to all delegates
Reading of proposed By-Laws changes
Dismissal of Non-Voting Delegates
Discussion of proposed By-Laws changes
Presentation of Sponsor Directors candidates
Election

Afternoon Session — Convention Center

1:00-3:00 p.m.
1:30-2:30 p.m.
2:30-4:30 p.m.
3:00-4:30 p.m.

Scrapbook Judging — Room 32
Student Contests — Several Rooms
San Antonio Tours
Workshops — All Rooms
Tours of Institute of Texan Cultures
Sponsors Meeting
Gran Baile

8:00-12:00 p.m.

At different intervals announcements of election results, scholarship winners and contest winners.

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Typical Latin American Dishes

If your Latin-American program is arranged in conjunction with a luncheon or dinner meeting, you can give it a special epicurean flare by planning a menu consisting of typical dishes, which may be served for a full course-dinner, a luncheon, buffet supper, or outdoor barbecue (asado).

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ARROZ CON POLLO (Chicken with Rice)

(A popular Spanish dish prepared with slight variations, according to the region or country.)

- 1 fryer (about 3 pounds, cut in pieces)
- ½ cup olive oil
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste, or 4 peeled tomatoes
- ½ cup chopped green pepper
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 bay leaves
- ¼ teaspoon marjoram
- ½ teaspoon saffron
- 1 teaspoon capers
- 1 small jar olives, drained
- 2 cups long grain rice
- 1 tablespoon salt, or more, to taste
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 4 cups chicken consomme
- 1 small can pimentos, drained
- 1 cup cooked green peas
- ½ cup sherry or dry white wine (optional)

Wash rice thoroughly in several waters, drain well and set aside. In a large frying pan or dutch oven heat olive oil and brown chicken, turning frequently to avoid burning. Remove chicken to platter and keep warm. Saute onion in olive oil until soft, then add tomatoes or tomato paste, green pepper, garlic, bay leaves, marjoram, saffron, capers, and olives. Stir well.

Return chicken to pan; add washed and drained rice, salt and papper, and consomme. Bring quickly to a boil, then reduce heat, cover and simmer gently without stirring until done, about one hour. If it is necessary to stir, use a fork. Do not add cold water. If rice becomes dry before it is done, add boiling water or consomme. (Chicken should be tender, and rice fluffy and dry.) Just before serving add sliced pimentos, cooked green peas, and wine, if desired. Garnish with additional pimento strips and peas. Serve with a green salad, or with sliced tomatoes and avocado. Serves six.

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SOPA DE ALBONDIGAS (Costa Rican Meat Ball Soup)

- 2 quarts beef broth
- 2 eggs
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1½ pounds ground beef
- 2 onions, finely chopped
- Cornmeal or flour
- ⅛ teaspoon majoram
- 1 teaspoon salt

Mix together meat, eggs, onions, and seasoning. Form into small balls, roll in cornmeal or

The following By-Laws changes will be submitted to a vote at the 1983 PASF Convention in San Antonio. These changes have been suggested in order to simplify the way the By-Laws read. There will be a section in the ballot so you can vote for or against these changes.

Article I Section 5. TRAVEL EXPENSES. The Board of Directors meet at least two times during their tenure of office at a site determined by the Board. They shall be reimbursed for their travel to and from the meeting site at a rate fixed by the Board of Directors at its summer meeting. The rate shall not exceed the STATE OF TEXAS EMPLOYEES TRAVEL ALLOWANCE.

Article IV Section 2. Misspelled word — associate — (last sentence should read): All members of a local chapter must pay dues.

Article V Section 1. Change the *Publicity Director* to *Contest Director*

Article VI Section 1. Teacher Officers. All teacher officers are elected for a period of one year, June 1 to May 31. Any teacher officer may run for a different office the following year or may run for the same office one more year for a total of two consecutive years in the same office. After a lapse of four years from the preceding period of service the teacher officers are eligible again for these offices.

Section 2. Student Officers. All student officers except the President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President may be elected to serve one more year, either in the same or a different office for a total of three years. *This replaces old Section 2.*

Article VII Section 1. (p) Change *Publicity Director* to *Contest Director*.

Section 8. DUTIES OF CONTEST DIRECTOR. The Contest Director shall serve as chairperson of the Contest Committee and shall be responsible for planning, coordinating and administering the contests at PASF annual Convention.

Section 9. Change Publicity Director to Contest Director.

Article VIII Section 5. Should be retitled. ABSENCE OF CANDIDATES OR UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES

Section 6. (a) (3) delete *one* and *size*.

Section 7. (a) (4) Should read: No public announcements may be made at Convention. Action of this sort will disqualify the candidate in whose behalf the violation occurs.

Section 7. (c) delete *one* and *size*

Article IX Section 11. CONTEST COMMITTEE. The Contest Committee shall consist of the Contest Director who shall serve as its chairperson and designated chapter sponsors. This committee is responsible

flour. Heat broth to boiling point, drop in meat balls. Reduce heat and simmer until meat balls are done.

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HAITIAN BOUILLON

- 3 to 4 pounds of red snapper
- Salt, Pepper, Chives, Garlic, Onion, Thyme, Vinegar, and Flour
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 tablespoon grapefruit juice

Clean fish and leave it whole. Season with salt and papper. Place chives, garlic, chopped onion and thyme in mortar bowl with a little salt and mash them in-

to a paste. Cut incisions lengthwise in fish and rub the paste into the incisions. Put fish into a deep pan and cover well with water. Add a dash of vinegar, the lime and grapefruit juice to the water. Boil until fish falls from bones.

At the same time prepare needed amount of rice. Place layer of cooked rice on platter, cover with layer of fish, another layer of rice and another of fish. Strain bouillon, thicken slightly with flour and pour over fish and rice. This can also be served as two dishes.

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Proposed By-Laws Changes To Be Voted On at Convention

for planning, coordinating and administering all contests at the annual Convention.

Article X Section 2. DIVISION OF DUES. The dues shall be divided in the following manner: ⅔ to the general expense fund and ⅓ to the PASF/M. L. Tanner Scholarship Fund.

Article XII Section 1. The name of this fund shall be the PASF/MYRTLE L. TANNER SCHOLARSHIP AND ENRICHMENT FUND.

Section 3. Should read "Scholarships are available to Senior or Junior active student members of the Pan American Student Forum; to teachers who serve as sponsors or co-sponsors of a forum chapter; to alumni of PASF who are associate members and who desire to improve their knowledge of Spanish or Portuguese and the cultural background of Spanish and Latin American peoples; and to Latin Americans to study in Texas. Applicants shall be selected on the following basis:

- (a) Must enroll in a Spanish or Portuguese course during the duration of the scholarship;
- (b) Interest and contributions to PASF;
- (c) Financial need;
- (d) Possessing at least a B average in Spanish or Portuguese courses and an overall average of B in all other high school subjects; and
- (e) Having completed one or more years of Spanish or Portuguese in high school."
- (f) Personal interviews at Convention.

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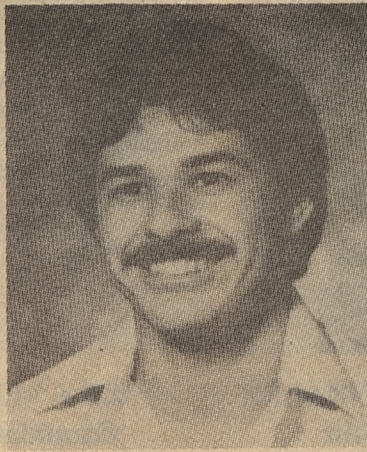
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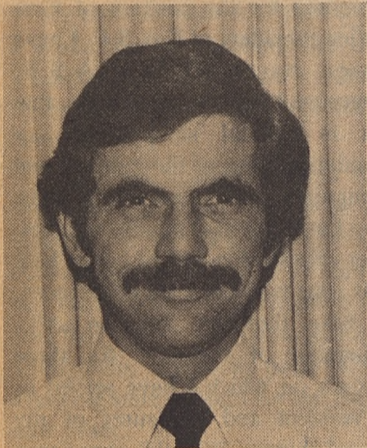
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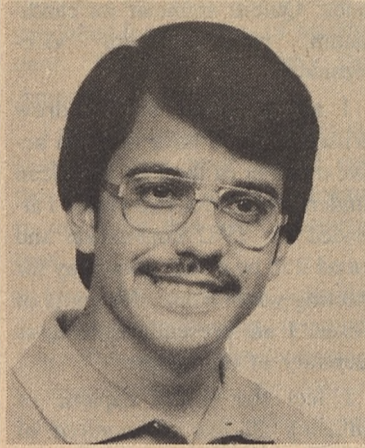
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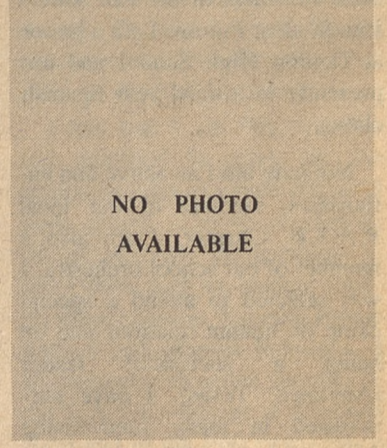
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HOW LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES GOT THEIR NAMES

ARGENTINA

Derived from the Latin word *argentum*, meaning silver. The Spanish word for silver, *plata*, was given to the great river by which the early explorers hoped to reach the gold and silver treasures of the Inca Empire. The Spanish colony became the Vice-royalty of the River Plata and changed its name to Argentina after becoming an independent republic.

BOLIVIA

Honors the name of the great liberator, Simon Bolivar. The country originally took the name Republic of Bolivar, later changed to Bolivia.

BRAZIL

From the name given by the Portuguese explorers to a red dye-wood, *pau-brasil*, because its color suggested live coals, or *brasas* in Portuguese. The settlers who gathered the wood for export to Portugal, became known as *brasileiros* and the new Portuguese colony, Brasil.

CHILE

The origin of the name is uncertain. Spelled *Chili* until the latter half of the 19 century, it is probable that the name was derived from the Indian word *chilli*, meaning "place where the earth ends," or from other Indian word

tchili, meaning snow or cold, a reference to the snow-capped Andes that dominate Chile.

COLOMBIA

The only nation in the New World named for Christopher Columbus. Called New Granada during its history as a Spanish colony, the country united with Ecuador and Venezuela to form the federation of Greater Colombia in 1819. Upon the dissolution of the federation in 1830, the nation adopted the name "State of New Granada" and, finally, "Republic of Colombia" in 1886.

COSTA RICA

The Spaniards who accompanied Columbus on his fourth voyage named this land Costa Rica, meaning "Rich Coast," in anticipation of the gold they hoped to find, after discovering golden ornaments fashioned by the Indians.

CUBA

The name probably comes from that of an Indian village, Cubanacan, visited in 1492 by Columbus' emissaries while searching for the Kublai Khan in the belief that Cuba was part of the mainland of Asia.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Evolved from Santo Domingo, or Saint Dominic, the name Colum-

bus gave the first permanent settlement in the New World in honor of his father's Patron Saint. Santo Domingo is the capital of the country.

ECUADOR

After separating from Greater Colombia in 1930, the republic adopted the name Ecuador which means equator in Spanish. The Equator, which crosses the country, is marked by a monument about ten miles from Quito, capital of the republic.

EL SALVADOR

Name of the republic means "The Saviour" in Spanish and that of its capital, San Salvador, "Holy Saviour."

GUATEMALA

Derived from the Aztec name Quauhtlemallan, meaning "Land of many trees."

HAITI

The original Indian name for the Island of Hispaniola was Hayti, meaning "Mountainous Land."

HONDURAS

The name means "depths" in Spanish and refers to the deep water Columbus found off the coast of Honduras.

MEXICO

Derived from one of the names of the Aztec God of War, Mexitli.

NICARAGUA

Named for Nicaro, or Nicaragua, an Indian chief.

PANAMA

Derived from a native word meaning "fisherman" or "abundance of fish."

PARAGUAY

The name is thought to stem from *Para-Cua-I*, Indian word for water from the Cuacamayo. Or it may come from Paragua (Crown of Palms), and I, (river) literally "River Crowned with Palms."

PERU

The Spaniards, while exploring the Pacific Coast in 1522, heard the Indians use the words Pelu, Beru, or Biru to indicate a river, a chieftain, or an Indian territory to the south of Panama. They adopted the name Piru (a corruption of the native words) for all the lands they explored on the Pacific Coast, south of Panama.

URUGUAY

Several origins are given for this name: the Indian words *Uru* and *Ay* (small bird); River of Snails, or River of Colorful Birds.

VENEZUELA

Means "Little Venice." So-named by the Spanish explorers because the native huts built on piles along the shores of Lake Maracaibo reminded them of Venice.



LINDA STEVENS
Candidate for
State President

Hi! My name is Linda Stevens. I am a 1983-1984 candidate for State President of the Pan American Student Forum. I am a junior at Denton High School and am presently in a third year Spanish class.

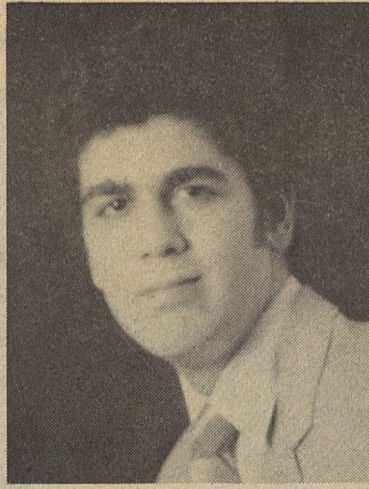
Not only am I an active and enthusiastic member of our local P.A.S.F. Chapter, I am also a member of our school orchestra. I was selected to attend a special camp on human relations and on being a successful leader (Anytown, Texas). I have participated in many fund-raising drives such as: collecting food for the needy at Christmas, earning money for Pesos for Braces, washing cars, and selling candy. I have worked on our P.A.S.F. float for Homecoming, the P.A.S.F. booth in our school carnival, our annual Mardi Gras dance, and many other club projects.

I understand the responsibility and duties which accompany this office and am willing to spend as much time and effort as is necessary to do my job well. I believe that if every member is sincere about becoming an asset to P.A.S.F. and achieving its goals, our great P.A.S.F. could become even better.

Being a member of P.A.S.F. for the past two years has helped me attain goals which I once thought unrealistic. I have met many exciting and interesting people along the way. Once someone sets out to achieve certain goals, he/she realizes how important group effort and group participation actually is.

I am very enthusiastic about my candidacy and present the following as my platform: 1) to make the local clubs more aware of the State Projects through more frequent communication with the project representatives; 2) to encourage local chapters to become more involved in their school activities for more awareness of P.A.S.F.; 3) to encourage non-participating schools to join us; and 4) to encourage area chapters to share any information they might have about the countries of interest each year.

To accomplish the goals stated above, I need each and everyone of you to support me, for without you, my goal for a stronger and more exciting P.A.S.F. of Texas



JOHN MILANES
Candidate for
State President

Estimado publico:

As time passes, we have experienced a bilingual population flourishing in the state. Therefore, it is my desire for a platform directed to achieve the promotion of public awareness to the important need of bilingualism.

I, "Big" John Milanes, presently enrolled at the High School for Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, and running for the office of State President, would like to propose the following platform to fulfill the above criteria.

I. To intensify the recruitment program statewide. There are over 1,000 schools which can be potential PASF chapters. Thus, the intensification of a recruitment program needs to be implemented statewide.

II. To establish a greater degree of significant understanding of the PASF by means of the workshops held at the state convention.

III. To promote and improve the cultural and literary contests at the state convention.

IV. To foster the importance of Texas' necessity of the Spanish language.

V. To actively inspire statewide cooperation in the spirit of Pan-Americanism.

I am presently a junior and have served as president of my chapter during my sophomore year. After having attended last year's convention with much enthusiasm, I intend to promote PASF to the fullest of my capabilities.

Furthermore, I am presently the president of the Speech and Debate team, President of the local Computer Technology Club, Student Council member, Legal Office Education Association member, and possess leadership attributes due to my position as company executive officer in JROTC. I am also presently a member of the school's recruiting staff.

In conclusion, I can sincerely say that if elected, with your help, I will fulfill the post to the best of my ability and achieve my objective. Con esto me despido, "Somos Americanos Todos."

cannot be reached. This is YOUR organization. Let's make 1983-1984 the very best year yet for P.A.S.F. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Linda Stevens



SOCORRO GONZALEZ
Candidate for
First Vice President

Queridos amigos:

Hola! Me llamo Socorro Gonzalez. Quiero anunciar mi candidatura para primera vicepresidente.

I am a junior at Woodrow Wilson High. I have been an active member of the Pan American Student Forum for two years. I attended the 1982 convention and found it to be a very good way for meeting youth from other parts of Texas. I am presently serving as secretary of our chapter.

I feel that I am capable of fulfilling all that is required of me. I am willing to work at getting more youth and schools involved in P.A.S.F.

I think that serving as first vice-president would be a great experience and opportunity for learning more, not only of the functions of P.A.S.F., but the state of Texas and its people.

I would greatly appreciate your support at convention. Thank you for taking this time to read my letter.

Sinceramente,
Socorro Gonzalez

ATTENTION PASF REPORTERS

I would like to hear from you regarding suggestions and ideas for the May (post-Convention) issue of the PAN AM TIMES. Deadline for next issue will be March 31.

GUACAMOLE - Guatemala (Avocado Salad)

2 medium-sized onions
1 clove garlic
4 medium-sized tomatoes
2 small hot chilis
4 avocados
4 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon lime juice
Salt
Pepper

Grind onions, garlic, tomatoes, and chilis together. Add avocados, lime juice, and seasoning. Mash and spoon into a bowl. This can be served as a salad and will make 6 generous servings or it can be served as a cocktail dip.

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KIM VESLEY
Candidate for
First Vice President

Mis amigos,

My name is Kim Vesley. I am running for the office of First Vice President of the Pan American Student Forum. I attend DeSoto High School in DeSoto. I am in my third year of Spanish and have been a member of PASF for three years. During this time, I have attended Convention twice and served our local chapter as head of the Project Committee, Charity Committee, Second Vice President, and currently, as First Vice President.

Our By-Laws state that the First Vice President "... serves as chairperson of the State membership committee with authority to formulate plans with the executive board to increase membership ..." and "... furnishes the successor to the office with a detailed summary of the duties and responsibilities of that office." I feel that I have the necessary experience to do this job and to do it well. I also feel that I will be successful as First Vice President because I possess the qualities of responsibility, motivation, and enthusiasm. I believe in the ideals of the Pan American Student Forum and the purposes which it serves. I want to share all that I have learned with my fellow PASF members and non-members as well. Through continued organized, experienced leadership, perhaps next year we will have even more clubs join our vital organization.

Being a responsible leader is one of the most important qualities of a state officer. I have gained valuable experience in being such a leader. I am an energetic individual and thrive on the importance of service activities both in the community and in school. I am an active member in my church youth group, Spanish Honor Society, as well as our local PASF chapter.

Through my service experiences, I have found that being a leader is not always the most important aspect of serving with a group; it is equally important to be a follower. If elected, I promise to work in full cooperation with all of the members of the Board of Directors, always remembering to best represent the interests of our organization.

Please support me as your next First Vice President, and feel free to approach me with any questions at any time. See you in San Antonio! Sinceramente,

Kim Vesley



ELIZABETH ALFARO
Candidate for
First Vice President

I, Elizabeth Alfaro, a junior at Galveston Ball High School, am running for the position of First Vice President of P.A.S.F. I have been interested in P.A.S.F. because I believe, as they do, that it is crucial to promote an understanding of the cultural and linguistic diversities which make up Latin America to achieve a better relationship and to better help us cope with our own differences. I have, therefore, been an active member of P.A.S.F. for three years, in which I have served as President and Treasurer of my local chapter. With this experience at hand, I feel I am highly qualified for the position of First Vice President. If elected as First Vice President, I will inform and submit to all local chapters all information needed to keep them informed about P.A.S.F. I will propose a plan that will encourage more Junior High and High School students to become involved or more involved in P.A.S.F. I, as an individual, will work whenever and wherever needed and will do the best job I can to serve you fully!

Your vote will be greatly appreciated!

I wish all of you a fun and safe trip to the Convention. ¡Qué se diviertan!

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Alfaro

LLAPINGACHOS - Ecuador (Stuffed Potatoes)

12 medium-sized potatoes
1 teaspoon lard
Salt to taste
Cream cheese
Tomato sauce (optional)
1 egg

Peel and boil the potatoes until tender, then mash. Add lard, slightly beaten egg and salt. Mix well and form into balls about the size of golf balls. Stuff cream cheese into the center of the balls, then mash them flat. Place them on a greased skillet, fry until brown on both sides.

Llapingachos are often served with a tomato sauce over them.

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ANNE VAUGHAN
Candidate for
Second Vice President

¡Saludamos amigos y socios del P.A.S.F.!

My name is Anne Vaughan and I would like to present myself as a candidate in the election for 2nd Vice-President of our organization.

I have been lucky enough to represent the Willis chapter as a delegate in the last two annual conventions of the P.A.S.F. Having been to these conventions, I feel that I have benefited greatly from them, and from personally knowing state officers for the past two years.

This year, in the Willis chapter of the P.A.S.F., I have learned, as treasurer, to keep records of money turned in by individual members and by the group. This ability to keep financial records is an asset to becoming the 2nd Vice-President of P.A.S.F. One of the duties of that office is to keep detailed records of all chapter contributions to State Projects throughout the year and to be able to prepare a final report to be read at the Evening Business Session at convention. My writing abilities will help me to put this report in the clearest and most interesting form possible. This will make it easier to read and understand when it is published in the Pan-Am Times issue following the convention.

My writing skills will also come in use when composing articles for the Pan-Am Times urging chapters to have local community service projects. In addition, they will help when corresponding with existing chapters encouraging them to make donations for the Myrtle Tanner Scholarship Fund. This is one of the many funds to which the chapters of the P.A.S.F. have contributed. I would like to help these donations help others more in need than myself.

The 2nd Vice-President's main duty is to chair the State Projects Committee. The chairperson is to submit, for approval at the first Board meeting, a plan to promote State Projects. In the three years that I have been in the P.A.S.F., I have learned a lot and gotten quite a bit out of it. As 2nd Vice-President, I would like to help the P.A.S.F. by putting my share back in for future members to learn from.

Regarding these qualifications, I believe that I would be very well suited for the position of 2nd



JULIE RANDOLPH
Candidate for
Recording Secretary

Fellow members of the Pan American Student Forum,

¡Hola! My name is Julie Randolph, and I am a junior at Calhoun High School in Port Lavaca. I am running for the office of recording secretary. I am aware of the duties and responsibilities this office carries and outlined the State P.A.S.F. Constitution, and I feel I am qualified to meet these responsibilities.

I have become a member of P.A.S.F. this year, and I have been an active member of our chapter. Having served as reporter, I have come to realize the importance of accurate and organized minutes. I am also reporter of the Calhoun Science Club and secretary of our AFS (American Field Service) chapter. In these jobs I have learned to keep complete records for future reference.

I am active in other organizations such as band, National Honor Society, and Student Council. I feel I am capable of handling the position of state secretary.

I wish to devote my time and energy to this organization of ours, the Pan American Student Forum of Texas. I will be ready to listen to any problems or suggestions you may have. I will appreciate your vote at the State Convention so that I might be able to work with you and P.A.S.F. on the state level to help make the school year 1983-84 one of the best.

Sinceramente,
Julie Randolph

Vice-President and I would sincerely appreciate your votes.

¡Los veré en San Antonio!
Anne Vaughan

ARROZ CON COCO

Y CAMARONES -

Panama

(Rice with Coconut & Shrimp)

1½ cups rice
1½ cups coconut
3 cups of water
2 tablespoons salt
3-4 cups dried shrimp

Add the water to the coconut and let it stand for 2 hours, then mash it to convert the water into



ROSALINDA CASTILLA
Candidate for
Student Director

Hi! My name is Rosalinda Castilla from Martin High in Laredo. I am interested in being a candidate for the office of the Student Director of the Pan American Student Forum.

I am presently a member of the club and have been for the past two years. I am looking forward to attending this year's convention.

My extra-curricular activities include the following organizations: President of the Sophomore Class; Member of the Student Council; Youth Advisory Council; Student Advisory Board; Lulac Youth Council; Key Club; and Spanish National Honor Society

My past honors include: President of the Freshmen Class; and Miss Laredo Junior High for 1981

I plan to adapt the Spanish language into the Pan American Student Forum, to emphasize more in communication between members of other schools and hopefully have activities such as the Spanish Poetry Contest and Drama plays.

Hasta pronto!
Rosalinda Castilla

coconut milk. Heat liquid and dried shrimp to boiling point. Add rice and salt and boil until rice is tender. Serves 5. Note: Dried shrimp can usually be bought in specialty food stores.

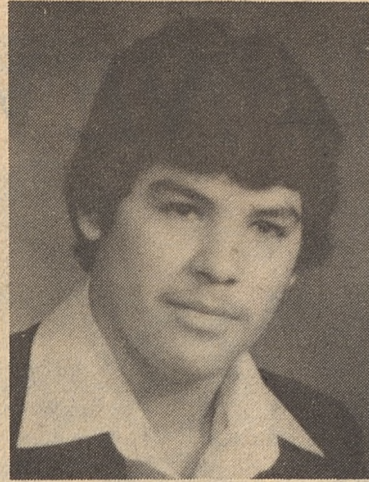
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BUNUELOS DE ESPINACA Uruguay (Spinach Fritters)

1 pkg. frozen spinach (chopped)
½ fresh tomato, onion, green pepper
grated cheese
salt, pepper
2 cups flour
2 teaspoons of baking power
1 egg
1 cup milk
margarine

Saute thawed spinach together with diced tomato, onion and green pepper, adding salt, pepper and grated cheese. Let cool. Combine flour, salt, and baking powder and add beaten egg. Mix in spinach.

Drop large spoonful of mixture into very hot greased pan,



ROBBIE DE LA GARZA
Candidate for
Student Director

Hola Amigos:

My name is Robbie De La Garza, a junior at Stroman High School and a resident of Victoria, Texas. Stroman has not yet been exposed to Pan American Student Forum, but has been affiliated with it. Our school is looking forward to attending the Annual State Convention. Stroman High School is anxious to become an active participant of P.A.S.F. at the state level. Our first step toward reaching our ambitions was to become active in our District P.A.S.F. where I myself obtained the position of Gulf Coast District Vice-President.

Campaigning for State Student Director would enable the school as well as myself to obtain one of the highest goals of our ambitions. I have read the "Duties of Officers" in Article VII Section 10 of the By-Laws of P.A.S.F. of Texas. I feel I am fully qualified in maintaining this position. My past experiences in local clubs, as well as district, have enabled me to pursue this state level position. By the same token, it will acquaint Stroman High School with the unity and fellowship of Pan American Student Forum.

As State Student Director I will serve the term to my highest ability to gain the experience of representing you as a State Officer.

Cordialmente suyo,
Robbie De La Garza

turning several times until crisp. These are equally delicious, hot or cold.

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ASADO - Argentina (Barbecued Beef Ribs)

Use about 5 pounds of beef ribs, seasoned with salt and pepper. Fix a good fire of live coals; place grill over the fire and put the ribs on it. Broil the ribs over a low fire. Turn to brown on both sides.

When the ribs are cooked, serve with the following creole sauce: one finely chopped large white onion, 1 chopped tomato, one diced green pepper, 2 mashed garlic cloves, 1 tablespoon minced parsley, salt, pepper, olive oil and vinegar. Mix ingredients thoroughly and cover meat with sauce.

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ELIZABETH RUIZ
Candidate for
Student Director

¡Hola! Me llamo Elizabeth Ruiz. I am a seventeen year old junior at David Crockett High School in Austin, Tx, and I would like to announce my candidacy for your 1983-84 Student Director.

I feel that I am fully capable and qualified to carry out the responsibilities of a state officer. I have gained a sense of responsibility through participation in other clubs such as: student council representative, National Honor Society and Human Relations. I am presently an active member of the P.A.S.F. chapter at Crockett High and in the Folklorico dance group. I have participated in many activities such as: fund raisers; organizing spirit week activities for the students and teachers; school service projects; and community benefits.

As a leader, a person should have excellent academic marks. I for one, have always had excellent grades in school.

It was not until this year that I decided to get more involved in P.A.S.F. My interest was heightened when I heard of all the activities and community work our chapter does. P.A.S.F. has given me the opportunity to work with other individuals, contributing more of my time to the school, as well as to the community.

Gracias,
Elizabeth Ruiz

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ESCABECHE - Peru (Fish Platter)

AP2 Dip fillets — preferably of sole or perch — in flour which has been seasoned with pepper and salt. Fry in cooking oil in iron skillet until delicately browned and tender. Set aside to cool. Arrange fillets on a bed of lettuce on a platter. Cover with the following sauce: Cut thick slices of sweet onion and saute with mashed chili peppers, salt, oregano (a good pinch), vinegar and olive oil. Serve with slices of hard-boiled eggs, ripe olives, and boiled sweet potatoes. Chill thoroughly before serving.

NEWS FROM SCHOOLS



New Chapter, Progreso Jr. High — P.A.S.F. members from Progreso Jr. High and High School presenting a donation to a local leukemia victim Rafael Renteria, a 3rd grader at Progreso Elementary, during a Christmas Program. Pictured with the group are Superintendent Joe Sanchez, Principal Robert Rivera and Sponsor Melina Leyva.



Folklorico Organized at Progreso Jr. High — Pictured from left to right are Sponsor Melina Leyva, Lupita Escandon, Melissa Prado, Ana Maria Alvarado, Elvia Vasquez, Hilda Trevino, Tammy Soto, Johnnie Rodriguez and State President Martin Obregon from Mission High.

Grapevine High School

To kick-off this year, Grapevine High School Spanish Club held its first party September 7th to acquaint new members with activities and to introduce candidates for office. Ballots were taken and officers are: Advisor Ronald Muset, President Denise Rhoades, Vice President Scott Hanken, Secretary Leslie Armstrong, Treasurer Reena Bechar, Reporter Karon Washburn, Project Chairman Gavin Ground, and Publicity Chairman Victoria Betts.

Each year the membership has increased and this year is no exception. Ninety-one students have paid dues and are already competing to be delegates to the PASF Convention.

To promote school spirit, club members have taken an active part in supporting the Mustang Football Team. An ice cream sale helped the Mustangs "Cream the Hornets," "Punch'em Out Peach," "Courageous Cookies and Cream," and "Victory Vanilla," were a few of the flavors sold. For homecoming, a picture of a football player in the traditional pose of the matador was painted on a sheet with the slogan "Nadie lo hace mejor." Members unfurled the banner during the pep rally. In that afternoon's desfile (parade) members wearing Spanish Club T-

shirts threw candy from the back of a truck decorated with banners written in Spanish.

To raise money for the PASF Convention, Senior Scholarship, Pesos for Braces, and a local charity, several members have participated in a variety of fund raising activities including the once-a-month Gummy Bears and Toblerone Bars sale. To lend a foreign flavor to Goblin Day fiestas, the club held its traditional nacho sale but also added a new attraction, crispies, a sopapilla like dessert, which went over well. November activities included a concession stand for the local arts and crafts Christmas Sale, Rock-a-Thon at a local mall, and the sale of Advent Calendars.

December was the most cultural month. The club went out to eat at a restaurant in Dallas called Mercado Juarez, where everyone got a taste of some real Mexican food. Later on, the club also went to see the world famous exhibit "El Greco of Toledo," and "The Goya Exhibit," where many first experienced seeing true art form in its finest. After seeing these exhibits everyone got to satisfy their stomachs with some Mexican food to fit the scenery at Ojeda's Restaurant.

Prospero Año Nuevo a Todos!

Marble Falls High School

MARBLE FALLS — Our High School Spanish Club has been very busy this year. We started the year by electing these new officers: President Marla Stevens, Vice-President Ray Zirkel, Secretary Laura Singleton, Treasurer Cindy Yates, and Reporter Sheryl McLean.

Earlier this year we had a party at which we cooked fajitas, played pool and played games. We also took part in the school Christmas Bazaar. We made and sold Ojos de Dios, pinatas, and nachos. After the Christmas holidays we broke a pinata and had a small party. We have drawn for secret pals and everyone appears to enjoy it. We hope everyone else is having a successful year too.

Sheryl McLean,
Reporter

Turner High—Carrollton

CARROLLTON — The R. L. Turner High School Chapter of the Pan American Student Forum is not only a fun and popular club, it also supports the community and participates in many civic and school-related affairs. To promote Christmas spirit, we embarked on a project that would make many under-privileged children happy and stir up a little class rivalry. Because the children at the Denton State School for the Retarded would probably not be going home for Christmas, it was decided that we should go to them. And the students at R. L. Turner would act as the 20th Century St. Nicks. The Spanish Club announced in the first week of December that the class to collect the most toys for the children would receive a cash prize. This way everyone could benefit from the project. The toy drive was a success, with the collection of 160 toys for the children. The seniors, collecting over 130 toys, received a prize of \$15.

Janet A. Keating, Coordinator of Volunteer Services for the Denton State School, was extremely pleased with our generous donation, and the children were ecstatic at receiving the new toys. The benevolent and charitable Seniors were also overjoyed at winning — they finally beat the Freshman. See ya at Convention. Sandy Eifert, 2nd Vice-President

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Mission High School

MISSION — Mission High School is famed for their outstanding Spanish skits. They have been fortunate enough to receive first place for the past six years at district competition. They also perform skits locally for the Pan American Days which is held at their school to celebrate the existence of the Hispanic countries and at Noche de Alegria which is performed for the parents and the public. Due to the recognition they received with these perfor-

mances, they are frequently asked by other neighboring high schools from their district to perform for them. In this picture, standing left to right, Maria Luisa Silva, Albert Losoya, Martin Obregon Jr., and Becky Gonzales perform at Posadas, a tradition in Mexico for celebrating Christmas. They are now preparing for another district P.A.S.F. competition in which they will compete in dancing, singing, literary, and of course, skits.

Calhoun High School—Port Lavaca

PORT LAVACA — The Los Amigos Chapter of Calhoun High is now in the process of working with its major fund-raising project of the year. The annual carnation sale is now in full swing. Carnations are sold for \$1.25 each and will be delivered with a valentine on Valentine's Day to recipients. Proceeds from the project go toward supporting the local PASF program and helping to finance the trip to State Convention in San Antonio.

Other activities of the Calhoun chapter have included a float entry in the Calhoun County Fair, a hall decorated for Spirit Week, a Thanksgiving basket prepared for a needy family, and a "Pesos for Braces" March. The float entry in the county fair placed third.

At a recent meeting, Hector Mitre, a C.H.S. foreign exchange

student and member of PASF, gave a talk on his country. Hector, a sophomore, is from near Mexico City and is with the International Fellowship, a student foreign exchange program.

The 1982-83 PASF officers at Calhoun are: president, Gloria Hinojosa; first vice-president, Maribel Morales; second vice-president, Annette Lopez; secretary, Mary Velasquez; treasurer, Debbie Herrera; parliamentarian, Lisa Garcia; and sergeant-at-arms, Carol Garza. Patricia Watts is sponsor.

Calhoun has been an active member of the Gulf Coast District of PASF since the beginning of its organization. Serving this school year as district treasurer is Maribel Morales, a senior.

Julie Randolph, Reporter

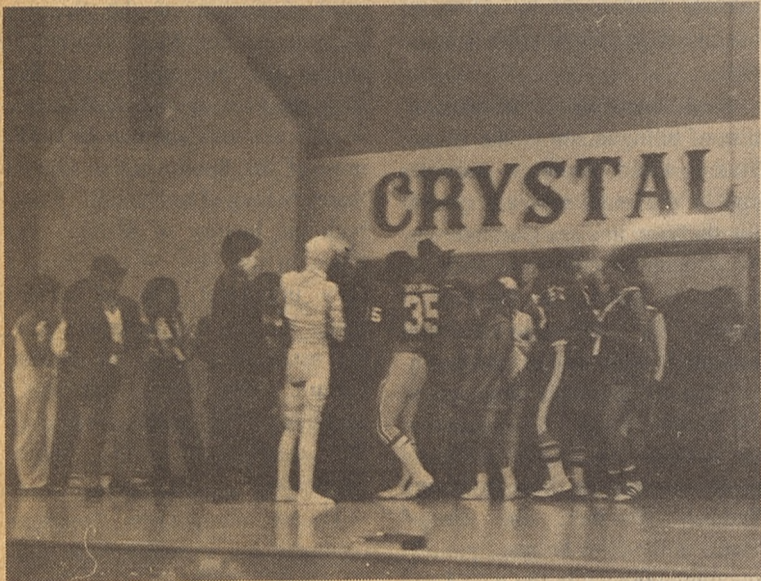
University High School—Waco

WACO — The members of the University Waco high School Chapter of The Pan American Student Forum have had a busy year. The club members held a Christmas Party on December 7th, for the children at The Latin American Center in Waco. So far for our fund-raising projects we have had two bake sales and sold buttons for the University High Homecoming. We are also look-

ing forward to more bake sales. All of the members in The Pan American Student Forum are looking forward to the trip to San Antonio for the 1983 convention. We have elected a new secretary for our Chapter of The Pan American Student Forum, and she is Annette Mendoza.

Frances Moreno,
Reporter

AROUND TEXAS



Crystal City High School

CRYSTAL CITY — The Crystal City High School Spanish Club of 1982-83 has had a successful start in their yearly activities. Their first project was a Halloween Costume Contest Show which was enjoyed by all school students. The officers for this year are President Cecilia

Villarreal, Vice-president Tomas Jilpas Jr., Secretary Sandra Gonzales, Assistant-secretary Betty Gamez, Treasurer Margot Tellez, Sgts.-at-arms Margot Martinez and Karl McHazlett, and Reporter Raquel Rios. The officers are working hard in planning for future activities.

St. Joseph's High School—Victoria

The St. Joseph High School Spanish Club, Los Estudiantes Unidos, has gotten off to a great start this year. Officers for the 1982-83 school year are Joan Pustka, president; Katie Kelly, first vice-president; Allan Clark, second vice-president; Bobby Johnston, treasurer; Karen Bomersbach, secretary-reporter; Ann Kutchka, point-keeper; Tina Daws, historian; Kathy Huntley, parliamentarian. Los Estudiantes Unidos is once again under the sponsorship of Sister Digna Vela. A special member of the Spanish Club is Peter Anderson, a foreign exchange student from Goteborg, Sweden, who is attending St. Joseph High School this year.

Los Estudiantes Unidos is a member of the Gulf Coast District of the Pan American Student Forum of Texas. There are three District officers from St. Joseph's. They are, Katie Kelly, chaplain;

Donna Gutierrez, reporter; Karen Bomersbach, secretary.

Activities and fund-raisers for Los Estudiantes Unidos this year include a victory dance, some bake sales, a cheese and sausage sale around Christmas time, a Christmas party, and our annual banquet at the end of the year honoring the members, officers, sponsor, and parents who have helped our club throughout this year. The officers of Los Estudiantes Unidos have decided to give perfect attendance awards this year to those members not missing any meetings. Another special award this year will be presented to the most dedicated and hard-working member who is not an officer.

This year hopes to be the most successful yet and with the enthusiastic help of all our members it will be. — Karen Bomersbach, secretary-reporter.

De Soto High School

DE SOTO — Los Tipos Salvajes y Locos, PASF chapter of DeSoto High School, has had many activities going on since the last issue of the Pan Am Times.

For Thanksgiving, members of our club gave gifts to the elderly at DeSoto Nursing Home. Everyone seemed to be very surprised and pleased as they unwrapped their presents. So much so, that we decided to carol at the Nursing Home before Christmas. Even though they didn't understand the words exactly, the old folks seemed to thoroughly enjoy our singing. We followed our caroling with a party at one of our member's homes, where we presented our two foreign exchange students with DeSoto High School duffle bags and a phone call home on Christmas day.

Also, in December, we tried to get into the winter spirit by going ice skating at Plaza of the Americas, and once again we were asked to participate in the annual DeSoto Christmas Parade. On the cold winter morning of December 10, we sold churros and hot chocolate before school and made an announcement over the intercom informing students of the importance of December 12, Virgin of Guadalupe Day. The following week we sent out Christmas cards to all faculty members and clubs here on campus and to many of the PASF chapters in our area.

Through all of these activities, we've continued our tradition of going out to eat once a month at different Mexican restaurants in the Dallas area.

We are also planning a field trip to the Kimball Museum in Fort Worth to see the Jose de Ribera exhibit.

We look forward to seeing you at Convention and particularly look forward to some of you participating in our Leadership Workshop. Look for our chapter delegates and sponsors when you get to San Antonio. We always enjoy meeting everyone we can. See you at Convention!

Willis High School

WILLIS — The Willis High School Spanish Club, "Los Gatos Salvajes," is off to a roaring start under the leadership of president Tim Kozelsky. The other officers working with him are Maria Park-Vice-President, Anne Vaughn-Treasurer, Alicia Stevens-Historian, and Michele Howard-Reporter.

We are very happy to have Miriam Muñoz elected as Student Director for this year. She is a very active member in our club and

Hudson High — Lufkin

LUFKIN — The Hudson Spanish Club is up and running to begin a new year.

We have elected these officers: Della McLendon, President; Greg McEntire, Vice President; Michelle Jones, Secretary; Rhonda McLendon, Reporter; Tammy Vinson, Treasurer; Terry Wells, Student Council Representative; and Mrs. Rawliffe is our Sponsor.

Our Initiation Dinner for new members was held September 14th at Casa Tomas in Lufkin. Our club has 17 members this year.

We have several fund raising projects lined up. In late September and early October we will be selling Tom Wat merchandise and in January we will have donut sales. In February we will be selling Valentine Carnations.

The Spanish Club will have a float in Lufkin's Christmas parade in November.

In March the 10 members that have earned the most points from working on previous projects will attend the PASF convention.

Our members are excited about the upcoming year and we plan to make the most of it.

Rhonda McLendon



Paul Revere Middle School—Houston

HOUSTON — The Paul Revere chapter of the Pan American Student Forum started off the second year by electing the following officers: President Kellie Esdorn, Vice President Adele Witcher, Secretary Romeo Lopez, Treasurer Elisa Lewis, and Reporter Jennifer Lyon

Under the sponsorship of Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Tuel, 31 enthusiastic members are actively

served as Reporter last year. We plan to have another candidate for a state office this year.

Our sponsor is Mrs. Valerie Barrett. She has helped our club in numerous ways. She is an inspiration and a true friend.

Activities planned for the coming year include a trip to Galveston on Sept. 12. Around Christmas time we will have a piñata breaking party. Throughout the year we will be earning money by having a carwash and by selling candy. This money will be used to help out the cost of the trip to the convention in San Antonio.

We are all looking forward to the PASF convention, where we hope to renew old friendships and make new ones.

Michelle Howard, Reporter

involved in the Pan American Student Forum.

For fund-raising we are selling custom-made plastic coated Paul Revere book covers and Paul Revere two-year planners, and in December we made and sold pralines and bunuelos.

We had a fiesta fantastica for El Dia de los Santos after school with a costume contest, bobbing for apples, relay games and comida sabrosa. Our next social was a Pinata Party for La Navidad and eating at one of the many Mexican Restaurants in Houston. We also gave a Pinata Party and social for some of the Latin-American children in our area who are in need.

Every Monday morning before school some of our members are participating in dance lessons hoping to be chosen to perform for the State Convention again. Other members are practicing a play, Una Posada, for our Club meeting, as well as to give for some of the Spanish classes.

In the spring we will once again be participating in Paul Revere's International Dinner sponsored by the Sister Cities of our school. At the end of the school year we are making plans for a trip to Mexico City.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR RULES

The PASF Student Behavior Committee has drafted rules for the PASF Annual Convention. The committee is made up of 13 teacher/sponsors from throughout the state. Listed below are the committee's rules to be followed at Convention:

1. Convention attendance is considered a school function and as such, all local school board policies will apply to the respective school groups.

2. Seats will be assigned for all the functions in the theater. Each group will keep the same seat assigned for the duration of the Convention.

3. Wear your name tag at all times. Students, teachers and chairpersons not wearing their I.D. tags will not be permitted to enter this theater or participate in other PASF Convention activities.

4. It is important that teachers/chaperones be seated among their students. As determined by the size of your group, each adult should oversee a designated number of students. Sponsors should bring enough adults to supervise their group. Suggested Ratio: one adult per 8 students.

5. At the onset of the theater activities, students and teachers will be asked to remain seated for the duration of the theater functions.

6. If "matters of urgency" arrive during the performance, at the discretion of the usher, students will be allowed to leave their seats **one at a time only**. This will be monitored from the back of the auditorium by the ushers.

7. If a problem arises with students outside of your group:

— Inform our representative who will be available at the rear of the theater throughout the show.

— The teacher within whose group the problem exists will then be made aware of the situation and an usher will be stationed in the problem area.

8. If the problem persists, the offending party/parties will be escorted from the premises. The principal of the school will then be informed of the problem encountered.

9. Assign a responsible student to be in charge of each room at your hotel.

10. Have a curfew and be strict on its observance.

11. Get your students to stay in groups during their free time. Boys should accompany the girls for safety.

12. Sponsors and adult supervisors should stay with their groups during their Convention General Meeting.

13. One of the main reasons you attend Convention is to vote for the following year's state officers. Schools attending Convention that fail, without a valid excuse, to pick-up a ballot and vote



San Antonio Revolves Around A Lovely River

A lovely, peaceful, winding river in the heart of a bustling city? Impossible!

Highly improbable, perhaps, but definitely not impossible; not in San Antonio, at least.

What could be more appropriate than a lazy river bend right in the middle of "One of America's Four Unique Cities."

A lazy, old river was revitalized a few years ago, and now it is the center of fun and relaxation for visitors and San Antonioans, alike. One story below the daily traffic jams, winds a separate world, a river community called Paseo del Rio.

As if it knew what would happen someday, the San Antonio River obliged the city by forming a perfect horseshoe bend right in the middle of the business district.

For years the area was neglected, and it became overgrown and flooded frequently. It was of little use to anyone. Gradually, however, people began to think about the potential of the river area. Why couldn't it be made into a major entertainment center? It could, and it was.

Retaining the natural charm of the river was the main objective of

those who built along Paseo del Rio, and that is exactly what they have done. When you take one of the winding stone stairways down to the river level, the first thing you notice are trees and shrubs, cobblestone paths and balconies overlooking the river bend. You begin to wonder if you can ever make yourself go back to the noisy street just above this unique community.

As you walk along the river, you encounter many small shops, restaurants, clubs and hotels. Each one belongs to the river world.

A variety of restaurants and sidewalk cafes offer seafood, Mexican dishes, sizzling steaks, crepes, and an array of gourmet specialties.

When was the last time you saw truly authentic South American artifacts? If that doesn't appeal to your artistic taste, why not take a look at the clothes, paintings, sculpture and pottery at River Square, where you can also go back into time at Yesteryear Photos.

All this and a river taxi service, too.

Impossible? No, just Paseo del Rio.

Pinkston High School—Dallas

DALLAS — Hola! The PASF Nestor Paiz Jr. Chapter of L. G. Pinkston High School would like to announce its officers for the 1982-83 school year. This marks the beginning of our 10th year for our PASF chapter, under the sponsorship of Mr. John E. Saldana. Officers are Fidencio Martinez, President; Lawrence Sanchez, 1st Vice-President; Stacey Traylor, 2nd Vice-President; Delia Arreola, Secretary; Esther Guerrero, Social Chairperson; Patricia Flores, Treasurer; Silverio Del Toro, Reporter; Marc Villanueva, Photographer; and Saretta Davis, Sgt-at-Arms.

will be reported to their principal for appropriate action.

This year we are hoping to reach 70 members. Some of our activities are a Six Flags Trip which we went on Saturday September 25. We have organized a softball team and we won our first game against another club 13-9. The meetings have gone very successfully, and everybody is participating and eager to help the club. We are looking forward to the San Antonio Convention trip in March by planning several fund-raising activities this year like candy sales; our first candy sale was held Oct. 4-8. We plan to have a better PASF school year and to take more delegates to the San Antonio Convention. Hasta Muy Pronto!!!

Silverio Del Toro
Reporter

Five Reasons For The Study of Latin America

By Dr. Edward Glab

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One of the questions most frequently asked by the more than 300 educators who participated in the Latin American Culture Studies program was "why study Latin America?" Many of the teachers hoped to introduce courses on Latin America into their school's curriculum or to present material about the Latin American heritage into current social studies, humanities, or foreign language offerings. Yet, at the same time, they knew that colleagues, students, and supervisors would want to know what was relevant about the study of Latin America. There are many reasons that could be advanced but five in particular seem to stand out.

First, because of the distribution of bilingualism in the United States, Latin America provides one of the most relevant models for studying in a comparative way the concept of culture as such. In 1972, 79 percent of the federal funds for bilingual-bicultural education went for programs involving the Spanish language in the United States. 87 percent of the students in bilingual-bicultural programs were in those involving Spanish. Further, the United States is the fifth largest Spanish-speaking country in the world and Hispano-Americans constitute the second largest minority in the United States. Although statistics concerning the actual number of Hispano-Americans in the United States are imprecise, if current growth rates continue, they could become the largest minority group in this country within a decade.

Second, it has been well documented that Hispano-Americans in the U.S. suffer from the explicit, negative stereotyping of Latin Americans in general that has done incalculable psychological harm to millions of Spanish-speaking children searching for an identity in an English-speaking culture that tends to regard them as inferior. Much of the public and official negativism towards the Hispano-American ethnic group stems from the fact that Latin America is all too often reported in terms of superficial traits or features that leave one with the impression that Latin America, above all else, is a region characterized by military dictatorships, national disasters, and sleepy peasants. The U.S. Civil Rights Commission Report on Mexican American Education found that the lack of relevant culture studies in most classrooms led to the development of a negative perception among Mexican-American students of their culture and heritage. The two major reasons given for this were stereotyped treatment of Latin Americans in school textbooks and inadequate teacher preparation. A more careful study of the rich Latin American cultural milieu can therefore help to cor-

rect the simplistic and erroneous generalizations associated with Latin America, thereby contributing to a more positive view and self-image of Hispano-Americans in general. At the same time, to the extent that Latin American studies can awaken or strengthen an interest in cultural and ethnic pluralism, one of the most positive features of the American national tradition is thereby reaffirmed.

Third, Latin American culture and the Spanish language are part of the American heritage. As many of the place names in the Southwestern United States would indicate, states like California, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado formed the northern most extension of the Spanish Empire in the New World. It should also be remembered that from the time of its independence from Spain until the war of 1848, most of the Southwestern United States belonged to Mexico. Thus, both the history of Mexico and Spain in the New World form a very important part of United States history. For several states, the association with the Iberian cultural world forms a far larger segment of their history than does the association with Anglo-America.

Fourth, many Latin American countries are virtually next door neighbors, with close political, commercial, and cultural interactions with the United States extending over many years. For this reason, it behooves us to know more about their cultures. Most of Central America, the Caribbean, and Mexico are readily accessible in terms of travel and information. Further, while most of the immigrants to the United States from Latin America come from Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic, substantial groups have also arrived from other countries as well.

Finally, Latin America provides an ideal model for making available to students the enrichment that comes from exposure to cultural diversity. Although as a region Latin America is the most western of the non-western cultures, it contains a variety of cultural models, from the totally non-western indigenous Indian tribes to the modern Euro-American, cosmopolitan middle classes of Buenos Aires or Caracas. By studying the diverse cultures of Latin America, students can learn a great deal about themselves and gain a more accurate perspective on their own society and culture. It was Rudyard Kipling who summed this up best when he said, "What does he know of England who only England knows?"

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