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Convention Needs Active, Responsible Delegates

Convention — a time to renew old friendships, attend workshops, and elect new state officers — calls for responsible delegates. Local chapters should be selective about who goes to San Antonio so that PASF continues to have its tradition of high caliber leaders.

To most, San Antonio holds the spark to continue the rest of the

year and make plans for next year. State delegates, be involved and informed. Show that PASF does live up to this year's theme, "Progreso con Amistad." Solo progresaremos con miembros que comparten y engrandecen sus ideas. Be active every minute you are in San Antonio. — George Arias, State Sponsor Director



Convention 1979 Schedule of Events

	Inuksbal - March 22, 1919
	COMMITTEE MEETINGS
	San Antonio Convention Center
1:00 p.m.	Registration — Foyer outside Mission Room
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	Scholarship Committee Meeting (Rm. 7)
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Mixer — Banquet Hall
	Host — Keystone High, San Antonio
	Music — W. T. White Brass Band, Dallas
4:00 p.m.	Nominations - Danny Tejada, Chairperson (Rm. 1
	Elections - Scott Berg, Chairperson (Rm. 3)
	Credentials — Amy Yeager, Chairperson (Rm. 3)
4:30 p.m.	Rehearsal for Noche Folklórica (Participants
a sameters	meet backstage in Theater)
5:00 p.m.	Deadline for entries to Scrapbook Contest
in the second of	Sponsor of Scrapbook Contest: Taylor High, Taylo
	Scrapbooks must be taken to Banquet Hall
6:30 p.m.	Participants meet backstage in Theater
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7:00-9:00 p.m.	Noche Folklórica (Preceded by brief introduction
A DEPARTMENT OF	of candidates)
	Theater — Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Arnaldo
	Ramirez, Sr., Chairman, Good Neighbor
	Commission
9:00-10:00 p.m.	Una Noche Musical — Lagoon Area
	Music — Mariachi Group from Weslaco High
	Los Campesinos from Lyford High
9:00-10:00 p.m.	Sponsors Business Meeting
water and the second state of the second state	Miss Elida Ramirez — State Sponsor (Rm. 25)
	FRIDAY - MARCH 23, 1979
	MORNING SESSION
	Theater
8:00 a.m.	CONVENTION THEME: "Progreso con Amistad
0.00 a.m.	Late Registration — Foyer outside Mission Room
	Rehearsal for Flag Presentation (Theater)
9:00 a.m.	Call to Order — Jorge Ruiz de Velasco,
7.00 u.m.	PASF State President
	Invocation — Marlyne Gutierrez,
	Second Vice-President
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	Sung by entire delegation

Abelardo Valdez, A.I.D. Official, To Keynote 1978-1979 Convention



ABELARDO LOPEZ VALDEZ Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean Agency for International Development

Welcome to PASF

The Central Office would like to welcome the following 14 new schools to our state organization:

- Angleton High, Angleton, PASF Sponsor Mrs. Laura Ortwerth
 Dayton High, Dayton, PASF Sponsor Mrs. Evelyn Schmadl
 East Chambers High, Winnie, PASF Sponsor Ms. Olga Jones
 Edgewood High, San Antonio, PASF Sponsor Mr. Victor Lopez
 Kirby Jr. High, Wichita Falls, PASF Sponsor Mrs. Thelma Roberts
- Faulk Intermediate, Brownsville, PASF Sponsor Miss Irasema Pimentel

Abelardo Lopez Valdez was appointed by President Carter to be Assistant Administrator for Latin America, Agency for International Development, in April 1977. As the chief A.I.D. official for Latin American programs, he supervises the programming and management of United States economic development assistance throughout Latin America at a level of approximately \$425 million annually. Mr. Valdez' appointment makes him the highest ranking Mexican-American in the Department of State.

President Carter appointed Mr. Valdez to be Special Ambassador on two occasions during 1978, while serving as a member of the U.S. Delegation to the inaugurations of the Presidents of Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic.

Mr. Valdez served as a White House military aide to President Lyndon B. Johnson from 1965-1967 and accompanied President Johnson to the Conference of the American Presidents at Punta del Este, Uruguay in April 1967.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Valdez was a founding partner of the Washington, D.C. law firm of Purcell, Hansen & Valdez, and specialized in international trade law and the regulation of commodity futures markets. He served as General Counsel for the Inter-American Foundation from 1973-1975, and was an attorney of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation from 1971-1973. Mr. Valdez was a member of the faculty of the John F. Kennedy Institute of Politics at Harvard University in 1977, where he taught a seminar on Critical Issues in U.S.-Latin American relations

Executive Director, Good Neighbor Commission KEYNOTE ADDRESS - Mr. Abelardo Valdez, Asst. Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean, Agency for International Development Sing-Song - Richfield High, Waco PASF State President's Address -Jorge Ruiz de Velasco Adjournment Ushers: Homer Hanna High, Brownsville Free Time 11:30-1:15 p.m. First Workshop Session 1:30-2:30 p.m. 2:45-3:45 p.m. Second Workshop Session Candidates - Final Speeches and 3:00-4:30 p.m. **Election of Officers** Nominations, Credentials, and Elections Committees **VOTING DELEGATES ONLY (Theater)** 5:00-7:00 p.m. Free Time

Presentation of Flags - Sunset High, Dallas

Title: Mexico - Choque y Fusion de Dos Mundos

Jorge Ruiz de Velasco, PASF State President

Introduction of Speaker - Mr. Eddie Aurispa,

Slide & Sound Presentation -

Universidad de las Americas

Introduction of Special Guests -

Mayor of San Antonio

Welcome Address - Lila Cockrell,

EVENING SESSION Theater

7:00 p.m.

Call to Order — Jorge Ruiz de Velasco, PASF State President Invocation — Danny Tejada, Student Director Membership Report — Michael McLain, First Vice-President State Projects Report — Marlyne Gutierrez, Second Vice-President •Goliad High, Goliad, PASF Sponsor - Mr. Felix Perez

- Holmes High, San Antonio, PASF Sponsor Mrs. Rosario Cantu
 Los Fresnos Jr. High, Los Fresnos, PASF Sponsor Mr. George Olivo
- Nimitz Jr. High, Los Fresnos, PASF Sponsor Mrs. Judy Hawkins
- Panhandle High, Panhandle, PASF Sponsor Mrs. Patricia Brown
- Round Rock Ninth Grade School, Round Rock, PASF Mrs. Gloria Munguia
- United High, Laredo, PASF Sponsor Ms. Lee Gates
- ·Clark High, San Antonio, PASF Sponosr Miss Maria Gonzalez

micheun relations.

Mr. Valdez holds a Master's degree in law from the Harvard Law School and a Juris Doctorate from Baylor Law School. He also studied international law at The Hague Academy of International Law in the Netherlands. Mr. Valdez also holds a B.S. degree in (Continued on page 5)

Notice to PASF Chapters: New Rules

The PASF Central Office has received several personal checks covering enrollment fees and Convention registration that have been returned by the bank because of insufficient funds. This situation creates many problems for the bookkeeping system of the Central Office as well as requiring additional time and phone calls tracing down these checks. Therefore, starting next school year, only money orders and school fund checks will be ac-

The PASF Central Office has cepted for payment of enrollment fees and Convention registration fees.

In addition, we have found many instances where a school has either underpaid or overpaid. It is not too difficult to calculate the exact amount a chapter must pay for enrollment or Convention registration. Therefore, starting this school year, any overpayment will be deposited in the general fund of PASF. There will be no more refunds. You are responsible to know what your chapter must pay. If your chapter underpays, your enrollment application or convention registration form will not be processed; instead, it will be returned to your chapter. Your chapter must send the correct amount of money in order for your forms to be processed.

Please comply with these regulations so that your membership and Convention registration forms can be processed quickly and effectively.

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The President's Corner

The date for the 1978-79 State Convention of the Pan American Student Forum is just around the corner. Held again in beautiful San Antonio, it promises to be one of the best ever.

Few people realize the great amount of careful planning and preparations that goes into making our Convention a success. And we often hear very little about the people throughout the state whose special efforts and dedication to PASF make our Convention work.

In regard to our Convention, special thanks must go to our Program Director, Mrs. Lydia Martinez of our Floresville chapter. To date she has done a truly commendable job in coordinating activities for Noche Folklórica and Noche Musical - an enormous job that entails being a music director, stage director, personnel director, and information director all at once. Also, we are indebted to Eddie Flores, San Antonio PASF District President whose organization will help provide refreshments, stage decorations, and guides at the Convention Center. Possibly the most overlooked yet most important workers - Good Neighbor Commission staff members, Miss Carmen Zavala and Mr. Jorge Garcés. These are the people that work behind the scenes on a day-to-day basis to keep our or-



TOP PRIORITY SHOULD BE CONVENTION



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ganization running smoothly. They handle our finances and the cumbersome mountain-loads of paperwork and telephone calls that are necessary to keep PASF the number one student organization in Texas.

These are just a few examples of a long list of people whose special efforts should be recognized. I am very pleased with the level of cooperation and dedication that I have received from every member of our Executive Board. Their good work will soon pay off on March 22-23.

As President, I am constantly amazed at the level of productive PASF activities that are occurring in every corner of the state. Such positive activity has shown itself in the form of one of the most exciting and diverse lists of entries to Noche Folklórica and the workshop sessions all of which will contribute to making our Convention one to remember.

I sincerely hope that as many chapters as possible are planning to attend the Convention because I would hate to miss seeing you there.

> Sinceramente, Jorge Ruiz de Velasco **PASF State President**

PASF State Sponsor Director Named To Hispanic Who's Who First Edition

WESLACO - George Arias, a Spanish, English, and French teacher at Weslaco High School, has been selected to appear in the first edition of Hispanic Who's Who in America. The first edition will feature approximately 10,000 Hispanic leaders in the U.S.

Arias served on the National Education Association (NEA) In-

Los Amigos Reales Combine Education With Fun, Work

BROOKSHIRE — Sweets, these words describe the activities of Los Amigos Reales, the Spanish Club at Royal High School.

Los Amigos Reales, which boasts a membership of 27, holds monthly meetings each second Monday that alternate each month between work meetings and dinner meetings.

The work meetings are used to make Mexican paper flowers which the members sell to raise money for Pesos for Braces.

Members also raise money by sponsoring sweets sales during lunch periods. On these days, members bring homemade goodies to sell to the student body.

Every other month Los Amigos Reales holds dinner meetings at various Mexican restaurants. President Nanay Pattison stated, "Dinner meetings give members an opportunity to be together, to enjoy fellowship, and to learn about Mexican something cuisine.'

The club not only encourages members to work for the club's benefit, but also for the benefit of others. This year Los Amigos Reales sponsored a dress-up day for the student body. On this day the student body came to school dressed in Mexican-American costumes.

"The activities provide Los Amigos Reales members with fun, work, and education," states Kevin Sturm, a senior club member.

ternational Relations Committee in Washington, D.C. He is presently serving as chairman of the Mid-Valley Texas State Teachers Association Legislative Affairs



GEORGE ARIAS In Hispanic Who's Who

Committee. At Weslaco High, Arias is on the Faculty Advisory Committee and the Textbook Selection Committee. He serves as state sponsor director for the Pan American Student Forum of Texas, co-sponsor for the local PASF chapter, and French Club sponsor. He is a member of the St. John's Catholic Shrine Choir in San Juan, Texas and a Century Club member of the Southwest Texas State University Alumni Association.

Arias was featured in the edition of Outstanding Teenagers of America, Society of Outstanding American High School Students, Merit's Who's Who Among American High School Students, and Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

George was an honor graduate of Weslaco High School and a highest honors graduate of Southwest Texas State. He is doing graduate work at the University of Texas at Austin.

Los Vagamundos Enjoying Another Productive Year

Riverside Spanish Club, Los Vagamundos, is having a very successful year with many projects behind them and many more to come.

Officers for this year include: President Raymond Best, Vice President Vickie Wright, Secretary Sharon Newman, Reporter and Chairman Mike McCrory, Treasurer John Pawling, Historian Vincent Martinez, and Second Vice-President Cassandra Norris.

President Raymond Best shows much enthusiasm by saying, "I'm very happy to be President of Los Vagamundos this year. We're a small group, but we're hoping to get a lot of things done this year."

The school celebrated a victorious Homecoming October 6th, and Los Vagamundos were not to be outdone. They constructed a giant star piñata, which hangs in the auditorium, and also welcomed back



FORT WORTH - The Carter- the exes Mexican style. They constructed a lighted shadow-box with club emblem on the front. They also presented their sponsor, Mrs. June Hager, with a beautiful homecoming mum to show their appreciation. Mrs. Hager has sponsored the club since it originated three years ago.

> Her feelings about this year's club are as follows, "I am impressed with the enthusiasm shown by Los Vagamundos this year. The goals and hopes have been set high, and I believe we will accomplish much in our quest for knowledge of the language and understanding of the Latin cultures."

> Activities slated for this year are many. T-shirts have been ordered for club members with the club emblem on the front. A Christmas party was organized. Various fund-raising projects were planned to supplement trips to the Pan-Am Convention. Programs for neighborhood schools are under preparation. Easter brings the annual Easter trip to a yet undetermined place in Mexico; and the annual summer trip to Saltillo for supplemental study in the Spanish language arts sums up the year.

All in all it appears to be a super year. - Mike McCrory, Reporter

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President Jorge Ruiz de Velasco Homer Hanna High, Brownsville Keystone High, San Antonio

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GOOD NEIGHBOR COMMISSION STAFF Mr. Eddie Aurispa, Executive Director Miss Carmen Zavala, PASF Assistant

Navidad en Mexico by Annie Gee, presented at the International Banquet by the Spring Woods Spanish Club.

Woods PASF

HOUSTON - The Spring Woods Chapter of the Pan American Student Forum has been experiencing an exciting year. During the holidays, we joined the French and German Clubs for an International Banquet. Each club brought food representing their countries. We also sang songs and presented skits. The highlight of the banquet was when Missy Gillaspy, Billy Jenkins, Joan Kronk, and Sheela Patil performed their

entry for the Noche Folklórica in March.

Our other activities include dining at various Mexican restaurants and attending the Ballet Folklórico Nacional de México performance. We have had a bake sale and throughout the year we have sold Chupa Chups to finance our San Antonio trip. Those of us tine's Day. attending PASF Convention look forward to a great time.

Eventful Year For PASFers At Calhoun High

PORT LAVACA — The Los Amigos Chapter of Calhoun High School has been very active lately with several money-raising projects to help the delegates' trip to the State Convention. On January 16, we sponsored our Fourth Annual Talent Show for the entire student body. Participants have indicated that it was the best one yet. The first place trophy went to the Sandette Officers; Barbara Litzler received the trophy for second place, and Christ Shafer received the third place trophy. Honorable Mention was given to Beth Garner. Our current project is the Carnation Sale for Valen-

At our last meeting, Mr. Alex (Continued on page 3)



Lakeview Spanish Club Promotes Spirit

GARLAND — ¿Qué pasa, amigos? Being a new school, Lakeview is starting a few traditions and so its Spanish Club is having FUN. This past Christmas, Spanish Club members could be seen walking out of classrooms with mysterious gifts titled, "From your Kris Kringle." The objective of Kris Kringle was to be a secret Spanish Club member giving gifts

for one week leaving but one clue - a note saying: "From Kris Kringle - Sorpresa!" The club also did a service project for an underprivileged Spanish family. We provided the family with food and presents hoping to make their Christmas Holidays more joyful. We left their home feeling the real spirit of the season.

skit to help promote school spirit and involvement. We enjoyed showing how easy it would be to beat the Skeeter, Patriot Style. We held our first fund raiser which was a giant success due largely to the Student Body. The money will go toward our Convention expenses. We hope to see most of you at Convention '79. — Germaine

At the pep rally we performed a Royston, Reporter

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Ideas on Fund Raising Given By 2nd V-Pres.

One of the initial functions of the Pan American Student Forum (PASF) is to aid the chapters in their efforts to make a worthy contribution for the support of Pan Americanism. This assistance is furnished through suggestions and the participation of every chapter in the state projects.

The 1978-79 state projects are:

1. LA BUENA MADRE - It is a Catholic orphanage in Pachuca, Hidalgo, Mexico. This orphanage cares for 75-80 girls during the school year. It is a very worthy project.

2. MYRTLE L. TANNER SCHOLARSHIP AND EN-**RICHMENT FUND** - This is PASF's most important state project. By contributing to this fund, you enable PASF students and sponsors to continue their study of Spanish and Spanish culture.

3. AMIGOS DE LAS AMER-ICAS - A youth-led program of immunization and medical assistance in cooperation with the health ministries in eight Central and South American countries. The youth participants train in medical techniques, and the Latin American culture.

4. PESOS FOR BRACES - Is a non-profit organization in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, that buys orthopedic braces and artificial limbs for crippled children whose parents cannot afford them.

The PASF of Texas emphasizes and strongly urges consideration of the above-listed projects. The following projects may also be considered on the local level.

5. UNICEF — Contributes greatly to the children of 35 countries in the Americas by means of health services, nutrition, education and social services programs.

6. OPERACION NINOS - A program to help underprivileged children throughout Latin America. Program grants have been used to build day care centers, clinics and schools, provide teaching aids, and clothing for needy children.

7. LOCAL PROJECTS -PASF is also a community service organization. Each club should work on some social project such as adopting a family, building a community center, sponsoring child care programs or tutoring programs.

The following are some sugges-



EUGENIA GAMEZ EN UDLA

Este verano del 78 tuve la oportunidad de estudiar en La Universidad De Las Américas en Cholulu, Puebla, México, gracias a una beca que recibi de parte de la UDLA por medio de PASF.

Mi estancia en la UDLA y en Puebla fue llena de muchas experiencias nuevas. La UDLA tiene todas la facilidades en el campo y aun se siguen expandiendo los lugares de estudio. El corto tiempo que estuve alli fue suficiente para ayudarme a desarrolarme como estudiante y como persona. El haber estado en la UDLA fue una experiencia cultural. Alli se encuentran personas de todas partes de las Americas y de algunos paises de Asia y Europa. Esto crea un ambiente internacional y rico en lecciones de cultura. Cada quien es de un lugar diferente y tiene su historia que relatar.

Un dia en Puebla es muy placentero. Puebla es un amalgama de gentes de todas partes del mundo y un lugar de paisajes muy bellos. Paso a decir que ademas de estudiar espanol en la UDLA, aprendi mucho de la gente de Puebla. Pude ver como fueron mis antepasados y anduve en las tierras de mis padres. Tambien conoci al Mexico del que tanto me habian contado.

El atender a la Universidad de las Americas fue un motivo de gran orgullo para mi madre y para mi especialmente. Estoy muy agradecida de haber recibido la beca y al mismo tiempo quiero darle las gracias a dos personas que tanto me ayudaron en hacer todos los arreglos para llegar a la UDLA. Ellas son la Señora Maria G. Salazar, mi maestra de español, y la Señorita Carmen Zavala, Asistente de PASF en la Oficina Central en Austin. — Eugenia Gamez, Edcouch-Elsa High

cakes and candies. This is a sure money project.

8. Challenge another Foreign Language club to a match of vol leyball and charge admission or you could have the teachers challenge other teachers.

Homer Hanna PASF Dancers Active

The Brownsville Hanna Chapter of PASF has actively been preparing for the state convention in San Antonio. The club with the help of the sponsors, Mrs. Marilyn Castillo and Mrs. Laurie Works, has become one of the strongest organizations in school.

The PASF dancers are often invited to entertain winter visitors by performing dances from throughout various Latin countries. By performing for these winter visitors the dancers pro-PASF and both mote panamericanism. The dancers are under the direction of Ms. Rose-Anne Salinas. On December 9, the dancers received a first place trophy at the Rio Grande Valley PASF Convention in McAllen, Texas. The group will be performing in San Antonio in "Noche Folklorica.'

N. Garland Club Works Dallas Cowboys' Games

GARLAND - After a sluggish beginning, the North Garland Spanish Club is back on its feet. After a December election our new President, Doug Hillin, returned leadership as well as unity to our club. Although our club still has no name, by mid-January we should have a club name as well as a T-shirt ready.

On February 17, the club sponsored a midnight show to raise money for the trip to the convention. The show was just one of the many money-raising activities sponsored by PASF. March 2, the club will host its annual dance with the theme "Spring Fever.'

The club is currently working on a float for the annual Charro Days Festival. The festival is held every year in February and celebrates the friendship of America and Mexico. Several parades are held during the festival and many people from both countries are involved. The PASF members decided to participate this year and enter a float. The theme for the float is "La Plaza Alegre."

The club as a whole is very enthusiastic and much time and hard effort on the part of everyone involved is spent on organizing and making the club strong.

It takes much love and patience in order for an organization as club. — Anabel Perez, Reporter Calhoun (Continued from page 2)

large as PASF to unite as one big

family but here at Hanna we (the

club) have a lot of both. Maybe

that's the secret to a strong united

Lim, a teacher in the Calhoun County Independent School District, was our guest speaker. Mr. Lim, a native of Panama, showed us slides of his country and some of the many beautiful items which he had brought back from Panama.

On January 20, Angie Olivares, the State PASF Secretary from our chapter along with our sponsor, Miss Patricia Watts, attended the meeting of the State Executive Board in Austin.

We have been keeping very busy, and we are all looking forward to Convention! See you there. - Janice Alamia, Reporter



Our newly elected officers are: Doug Hillin, President; Mary Farrington, Vice President; John Ferguson, Secretary; Lonny Hillin, Treasurer; Donna Holt, Historian; Kevin Theoele, Public Relations; and Gene Price, Telephone Committee Chairman.

Our year started off in mid-July with an officer meeting to discuss plans for working the Dallas Cowboys football games. This job lasted from August 5 until December 30. With our profits we plan to pay for our Convention trip as well as making a donation to a state project. Other fund-raisers for the year are: nacho sales, a car wash, and a plane wash.

With all of our accomplishments, we are looking forward to a great year and a super Convention! - John Ferguson, Secretary

Goliad PASF's New Officers

GOLIAD - The Goliad High School Spanish Club, La Sociedad Hidalgo, elected officers for 1978-79, during a meeting on Nov. 29, 1978. They are from left to right (top row) Vice President Elia Valencia, President Mary Ellen Flores, Secretary Becky Palomarez, Parliamentarian Jo Lvnn Solis, Reporter Sylvia Palomarez, and PASF Chairman Lori Heil. (Not pictured is Treasurer Margaret Carbajal.) There are fifty-four active members who enjoyed sponsoring a district meeting held in Goliad on February 27, 1979. Representatives are looking forward to the Convention that is to be held in San Antonio.

tions for money-making projects:

1. Concession stands at various football, baseball and basketball games.

2. A Thanksgiving or Christmas play and charge for admission.

3. Have a car wash and charge for cleaning inside and out. A car wash needs to be well publicized.

4. A stationery sale and have a member of your club publicizing the types of stationery they would like and then take down orders.

5. Have a disco dance in your school auditorium or gym and charge \$1.

6. Have a carnation sale during the months of December and February and charge \$1 for each one. Begin taking orders and inform your florist of the amount you would want to purchase.

7. Have a bake sale every Thursday and Friday and have a variety of cakes, cookies, cup-

9. Have a garage sale and make sure that it is well publicized.

10. Have a paper flower sale and have volunteers help make the flowers and sell them during your lunch periods.

11. Have a piñata sale and make all sorts of little animals or whatever you would like to make.

These projects need your support and only you can help Pan Americanism. Help these projects achieve their goals. They can be achieved with your chapter's support. If you are in doubt about any project, please feel free to contact me at this address:

Marlyne Gutierrez **PASF** State 2nd Vice-President 517 East River Dr. Clute, Texas 77531 (1-713-265-2408)

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EDDY FRIEDMAN Candidate for President

"Welcome to the 'I don't care High School!' " Do you belong to one of these high schools? Or even worse to one of the many social or school clubs also carrying this banner? Here is your chance to get out of these "be-nothing, donothing, stand-for-nothing" clubs.

When I joined Pan American Student Forum, I decided to become a member and an officer because I believed it stood for Pan Americanism, the spreading of a rich culture, and because it promoted peace and understanding among the Americas. However, what I have recently noticed is an apathetic, or "I don't care" attitude even in PASF.

While our goal is to spread peace and understanding through Pan Americanism, we have fallen into the deep rut of apathy. For if we truly do believe in these goals, where were our thousands of members when President Carter announced his intentions to build the degrading so-called "tortilla curtain?" Such a decision would destroy not only the rich ties between the United States and Mexico, but it would sever the ties between all of Latin America and the U.S. The political and social consequences would be so severe as to destroy Pan Americanism, one of our top aims.

Yet we remained silent. Was there any attempt on a state-wide basis to try to prohibit such a horrendous decision? And how many of us "PASFers" realize the mass genocide taking place in Argentina, Paraguay, and Brazil (to name a few)? Thousands of our brethren are being slaughtered because they are not conforming religiously or politically to what their government wants. Yet, if PASF stands for compassion, understanding,



ROSANNA GOMEZ Candidate for President

The Pan American Student Forum is an organization that helps to foster relations within the Latin American countries and the State of Texas. In keeping with this purpose, I would attempt to develop a system of correspondence with students of high school age, in particular, sons and daughters of members of the Good Neighbor Commission in Mexico. I hope to achieve my main objective, which is to maintain unity among the District Chapters throughout the state.

As President, I, Rosanna Gomez, would fulfill the duties of the office as stated in Article VII, Section I: (a) "preside at all state conventions," (b) "serve as a member of the executive board and appoint committees with the assistance and approval of the executive board," and (c) "furnish the successor to the office with a detailed summary of the duties and responsibilities of the office."

I am a junior and currently enrolled at John Marshall High School in San Antonio, Texas. I am PASF Representative of the John Marshall Chapter and have been a member of PASF for three years. Furthermore, I am Vice President of the Spanish Honor Society.

If I am elected, I hope to achieve my objectives and fulfill my duties to the best of my abilities.

> Sincerely, Rosanna A. Gomez

in the Americas and Pan Americanism.

III. To create a committee in charge of organizing and co-ordinating state-wide publicity and letter writing campaigns to combat un-



LUIS HIDALGO Candidate for First Vice President

I, Luis Hidalgo, am announcing my candidacy for the office of PASF State First Vice President for the fiscal year 1979-1980.

I am a junior attending Thomas A. Edison High School in San Antonio. I am currently PASF chairman of my club "Los Companeros" and also PASF district first vice president of San Antonio.

In article VII, section 2, the first vice president serves as chairperson of the state membership committee with authority to formulate plans with the executive board for increasing the membership of the organization. The first vice president furnishes the successor to the office with a detailed summary of the duties and responsibilities of the office.

As district first vice president of San Antonio, my responsibilities will be to increase membership, not only in San Antonio but also in the State of Texas. I will keep in contact with every club and district president to add to our membership to its fullest. I will try to reach out to every member, not only to become a better person but to establish being a leader in PASF. A person who will accomplish the needs and goals of our organization. To become a future leader in national and international organizations. As a district officer, I have been able to reach out to people of our country and as well to neighboring countries to spread good will.

PASF is truly a remarkable organization. Its purpose is to bring Spanish speaking and non-Spanish speaking people together. Throughout the year I have met many people through PASF and have encouraged them to become leaders in PASF.

I will lead an aggressive and



JOE REINA Candidate for First Vice President

I am Joe Reina and I am a student at Jesuit College Preparatory School in Dallas. I am currently in an honor program studying my third year of Spanish. I have been a member of the PASF for three years. My sophomore year I was the secretary of our chapter, and this year, my junior year, I am the vice president of our chapter. During next year I would like to be your First Vice President of the Pan American Student Forum of Texas.

The First Vice President is to serve as a chairperson of the state membership committee, and formulate ideas for increasing the membership of the organization.

One of the best motives for people to become members of PASF is to get something out of it. If people hear about our organization, and they hear that we get something out of our efforts in the organization, that will stimulate their interest in PASF. The only way for us to get something out of PASF is to put in what we expect to get out. If we put a lot into PASF, we will get a lot out of it, and in this way we will build the strength of our organization and at the same time we will increase our membership.

Your vote in selecting the right candidate will decide the future of the Pan American Student Forum. I am looking forward to working with you next year.

productive drive statewide for new membership. I shall serve your hopes and needs throughout the year. I shall bring to the office of first vice president the experience that I have gained throughout the past year. I hope that I will be your choice for state first vice president so that I can continue to work and help the Pan American Student



VALENDA PHILLIPS Candidate for Student Director

I, Valenda Phillips, am running for Student Director of the Pan American Student Forum.

I am a junior at Rider High School and Vice-President of my chapter, "Los Compañeros."

I feel qualified for the office of Student Director because of the tasks I have accomplished with the officers and members of the club as Vice-President. I have been active with PASF for two years and understand how to form a well known organization. As Student Director one must be involved in PASF and be able to work well with others, informing others of the efforts PASF has attained.

Pan American Student Forum is aware of the problems of today within the Latin American countries and has participated in fund raising projects such as UNICEF and Pesos for Braces. I strongly believe that, as adults of tomorrow, we must learn more about our world. With PASF, one can learn more about the Spanish-speaking countries, for dealing with people helping people. PASF is an organization dealing with activities, bringing people together, sharing experiences, and learning from other by helping others.

Not only have I been an officer of the Rider chapter of PASF I have also held positions in RHS Student Council, Mathematics Club (MA), and received honors within the school. I also participate in athletics.

I would like to extend my help as Student Director for PASF and be a part of climbing to the top for I am interested in serving you. Please consider my qualifications and goals.

> Gracias, Valenda Phillips

and humanity, how can we idly stand by?

If we are to truly strive for our goals, we must remember that peace, humanity, and Pan Americanism must begin within our own organization. I do not advocate total upheaval in PASF, but I advocate very necessary moves to give PASF a more significant meaning.

In order to truly strive for the goals of our organization, I, Eddy Friedman, McAllen High School's candidate for state president, urge the adoption of the following platform.

- I. To create "Unity through Action."
- II. To combat apathy, which is plaguing our organization, by educating and notifying PASF members, on a monthly basis through a newsletter, concerning crucial matters dealing with life

favorable policies which are in direct contradiction to our goals and ideals (such as the "tortilla curtain" and genocide in certain South American countries).

- IV. To communicate our organization's aims, goals, and opinions to local, state, national, and international leaders.
- V. To further unite all of our PASF chapters.
- VI. To once again give true meaning and understanding to PASF, or "Unity through Action."
- VII. To never forget that PASF is made up of individuals and that the strength of PASF lies in the realization that people make our organization grow. I shall always listen, respect, and consider your opinions.
- VIII. To ask the governor of the State of Texas to officially

- declare the week that PASF holds its convention as "Pan American Student Forum Week" and urge the recognition thereof.
- IX. To attempt to further unite all the people in the Americas through education, correspondence, and ACTION by starting with the Pan American Student Forum.

To conclude, I can only say that we can make PASF mean and be more if we adopt a strong platform. Let us never forget, the problems of our brothers in South America are also ours. Let us show a true commitment to Pan Americanism by jumping off the boat of apathy, and onto the "Unity through Action" campaign. I'd appreciate your feedback and support.

> Sinceramente, Eddy Friedman Candidate for State President

Forum of Texas.

Sinceramente, Luis Hidalgo CONVENTION BOUND

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE!

We are in the process of trying to locate all PASF sponsors who have served as Club sponsors for 10 years or more or who will complete 10 years of service by May of 1979. If you are or know of such a sponsor, please fill out the form below and return to the PASF Central Office as soon as possible. It is very important.



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LYDIA MENDOZA Candidate for Second Vice President

Estimados Amigos,

My name is Lydia Mendoza. I am a Junior at Colorado High School in Colorado City. Last year I was PASF Chairman and this year I am Vice President of our local PASF Chapter. I have had Spanish I, II, and I am presently taking Spanish III. I have been a class representative my Sophomore and Junior years in the Student Council. This year I am a candidate for the office of State 2nd Vice President for the Pan American Student Forum. I would really like this position because I would like to dedicate more of myself to PASF, and also because I would like to learn more about the Spanish-speaking countries.

To be a state officer of PASF has always been one of my destined goals. I would like to see PASF become more prosperous and more active throughout Texas. I would also like to see more chapters join PASF.

If I am elected my first goal will be to get our local chapters of PASF as well as the other PASF chapters more involved in the State projects. I will use all my ability to get across to each of the chapters the importance of the State projects and the good that it could do for many people. I will do my best to stress the importance of almost absolute involvement in the State projects. I would really appreciate your support at the Convention. I am looking forward to meeting new friends.

ADIOS, see you at Convention!

CRAIG SCHWAB Candidate for Second Vice President

Estimados Amigos: My name is Craig Schwab and I'm a Junior at Decatur High School. I'm running for the office of Second Vice President.

It's very important to me that you know why I would like to serve you in this office. I have an interest in the world's people and their customs and I feel I can make needed contributions as a PASF officer.

To qualify for this position the candidate must have a thorough knowledge of all state projects and duties concerning the Second Vice President. I feel I have this knowledge and ability to relate to people which is necessary to promote interest and participation.

I am active in such activities as the Spanish Honor Society, National Honor Society, Football, Track, Student Council and Junior Achievement. I feel I still have more than enough time to devote to handling the responsibilities of a PASF officer.

I promise to work hard in cooperation with all other officers, not forgetting to best represent your interests.

Please support me as your next Board Vice President and feel free to approach me with any questions at Convention time. Nos vemos en San Antonio!

> Su servidor, Craig Schwab

PATRICIA FRANK Candidate for Student Director

Estimados amigos,

My name is Patricia Frank. I am a junior at Waco High School, and I am running for the office of Student Director. I feel that I have the essential qualifications for such a position in the Pan American Student Forum. I am taking Spanish, and I am a very active member of our local chapter of PASF. I attended last year's state convention and have participated wholeheartedly in all club-sponsored activities.

Having read the Official Handbook of the Pan American Student Forum of Texas, I understand the principles and responsibilities that go along with this office, and I am willing to abide by them and uphold them. I look forward to the challenges and responsibilities of this position. I believe that serving as a state officer would afford me memorable experiences that could only become an asset later in life. I firmly believe that I can serve the best interest of the Pan American Student Forum, while doing something I enjoy. For these reasons I would like to serve as your Student Director.

> Muy sinceramente, Patricia Frank





GILBERT GUERRERO Candidate for Student Director

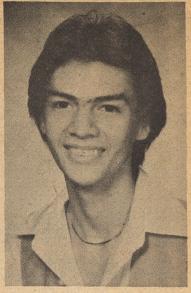
I, Gilbert Guerrero, at this time am announcing my candidacy for the office of Student Director of the Pan American Student Forum of Texas.

I believe I am qualified for this office in that I am now and have been for three out of the last four years a Junior class student council representative, have been an active member of my Keystone Chapter of the PASF for five years and have attended the last three state conventions of PASF.

I have felt for some time that the only way PASF can run smoothly is with: 1) greater input between the chapter and State level (in other words, comments or suggestions and constructive criticism) and 2) greater communication and support between chapters. The best example being the case where the San Antonio Independent School District was trying to (and did) limit the amount of Forum members allowed to attend the State convention. As brothers in PASF we the people should have helped our fellow members in their plight.

I feel that it is my duty to help in the governing of PASF by being a diligent, competent and thorough student director. It is my aim, if elected by you the PASF's greatest resource, to listen and work with the chapters to the best of my ability and express the thoughts and will of you the people to our executive branch. With this type of cooperation our organization will be a smooth running organization through which its members can express pride for their own Pan American heritage and/or interest in others' heritage and the humanitarian projects of PASF.

Also I plan to encourage the addition of new chapters to our organization. By devotion to this we can, I feel, show the public our sincerity as proud Pan Americans. But just my election won't solve the problems — I plan to be available for your thoughts.



RUBEN DIAZ Candidate for Student Director

I, Ruben Diaz, am running for Student Director of the Pan American Student Forum. I am from San Antonio and I attend Highlands High School.

I have been in our chapter, Los Españoles, for the past three years. I was chosen the most outstanding male member of my chapter last year for being very active in all of our club's activities.

I am not only a member of the Los Españoles Club, but also am an active member of the French Club, FHA, and as an officer of our Junior Class. I feel that by joining these clubs, I can contribute leadership, pride, and spirit to my school. I have been a class officer for the past two years. In the school year 1977-78, I was Sgt.at-Arms; in 1978-79 I was Reporter.

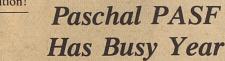
I enjoy very much meeting other students. Wherever I go, I always mention our Spanish Club and PASF. I enjoyed, very much, last year's Convention and I hope to meet new friends and new students at this year's Convention.

With all the experience I have gained from being a class officer for my Sophomore and Junior years and an active member of our chapter, members of the club have chosen me to run for Student Director at this year's Convention. I am very happy and grateful to be a candidate for this office. I was very excited and I hope I will be able to spread pride, spirit, and leadership throughout Texas next year.

I will be able to suggest many ways of improving the Forum, although I think it is at its top already. I cannot say what I can do to improve it because I do not know any of its problems. However, one problem is that a lot of schools in San Antonio and its metropolitan area have never heard of our Forum before. I think we should send out many letters and comments about our statewide Forum. I hope this will improve the Forum and its membership. Even though I may not be elected, you are welcome to use my idea of how to make PASF better than the BEST.

Valdez

(Continued from page 1) civil engineering from Texas A&M



FT. WORTH - The Pan Am Club of Paschal High School has installed new officers: President Julie Watson, Vice-President Beth Waldron, Treasurer Jennifer Melcher, Corresponding Secretary Ann Goldmann, Recording Secretary Sharon Lewis, PASF Chairman Robin Green, Reporter Chandler Berryman, and two Sergeants-at-Arms, Karen Kelley and David Mellina. During the 1978-79 school year Paschal's Pan Am has been and hopes in the future to be very active. On Halloween, Pan Am marched for UNICEF and afterwards had a costume party. For our December meeting we went to Saint Teresa's Home for Children where we gave a Christmas party for the children between the ages of 3 and 10. We sang Christmas carols and served refreshments as well as giving the children stockings.

College.

Mr. Valdez has published several articles on Latin American economic development, agrarian reform, the role of law in social change, and on the regulation of commodity futures markets in the United States in such journals as The Harvard Political Review, The Harvard Journal of International Law, The Lawyer of the Americas, The Journal of International Law and Economics, and the American Bar Association Journal. While at Harvard Law School, he was an editor of the Harvard Journal of International Law. A member of The American Society of International Law and The American, Inter-American, the District of Columbia Bar associations and the State Bar of Texas, Mr. Valdez is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Valdez, thirty-five, was born and reared in Floresville, Texas where his family still resides. In January we had a dinner at Becera's Mexican Restaurant. We are presently selling candy to raise funds for our trip to Convention. — Chandler Berryman, Reporter



ANABEL PEREZ Candidate for Secretary

My name is Anabel Perez and I am respectfully announcing my candidacy for the office of State Secretary.

I am a Junior student at Homer Hanna High School in Brownsville, Texas and have been a member of PASF for three years. Our upcoming State Convention will be the third that I attend.

I am an Executive Officer in my local PASF club and an Editor on our school newspaper staff. As an Editor I have worked to develop accurate reporting and journalistic skills that I feel would be helpful for me as State Secretary.

In addition to PASF and jour-

I hope to see you and talk to you all at the convention. Viva PASF! Sincerely,

Gilbert E. Guerrero

Yours sincerely, Ruben Diaz

COME WATCH US BLOOM!

AUSTIN — Finally, Westlake High School has made a comeback, and once again will sponsor a flower-making workshop during convention. This workshop, in the past, has been a popular one and this year will be no exception. DON'T MISS THIS!!!

Janet Searcy, President

nalism I am also President of our local Future Teachers of America chapter, a cheerleader and a former member of our school girls' volleyball team.

I am a firm believer in the ideals of PASF and am willing to give my time and energy to promote those ideals. If elected I will do my best to fulfill the duties of my office and serve the members of our worthy organization to the best of my ability.

> Sinceramente, Anabel Perez

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Del Rio Club In Amistad Fiesta Parade

DEL RIO - The Del Rio High School Spanish Club started out the year by electing new officers who are: President Terry Martinez, Vice President Silvia Garcia, Secretary Diane Soto, Treasurer Sylvia Maldonado, and Reporter Susie Riojas.

Our new members were initiated into the club by old Spanish club members.

On October 21, 1978, our chapter participated in Del Rio's largest "Fiesta De Amistad Parade." Many of our members participated in the parade by dressing up in Mexican and American costumes.

For our money raising projects we had a bake sale, tamale sale and for our two most exciting projects we had a dance-a-thon which went very well. The first, second, and third place winners were awarded trophies. The other project was a "Marriage Booth."

During the Christmas holidays we went Christmas caroling at our local hospitals and several neighborhoods which was followed by a party. We also donated a food basket to a needy family.

This has been a very exciting and rewarding year for us, thanks to our sponsors, Mrs. Herminia Villarrea, Miss Yolanda Magdaleno, and Mr. Manuel Limones.

Our delegates are really looking forward to this year's Pan American State Forum Convention; we hope yours are too. - Diane Soto, Secretary

Peaster Plans To Send 20 **To Convention**

PEASTER — Some twenty members and sponsors of the Los Indios Chapter of the Peaster Pan American Student Forum plan to attend the PASF State Convention in San Antonio this March 22-23. Only four attended last year's convention.

The number of students taking Spanish is increasing as is the number of students in PASF. The president is Karen Layton, vicepresident Tammie Frazier, secretary Becky Bundy, treasurer Karen Atkinson, reporter Jerry Hawkins, historian Tammy Arsenault, scrapbook Kathy Kukulka, and PASF representatitve Tammy Dugan.

Tammy Dugan and Jerry Hawkins were nominated to represent the PASF in the Coronation to be



Laredo Nixon PASF delegates attending Convention pictured left to right: (front row) Marty Cigarroa, Adriana Martinez, PASF Sponsor Mrs. Norma Segura, Linda Brown, Yvonne Casso, Marina Martinez. (Back row) Mercurio Martinez, John Beckelhymer, George Rocha, and Sandra Uribe.

Laredo's Nixon High PASF Still Has Largest Membership of State's Clubs

LAREDO - The J. W. Nixon Chapter of the Pan American Student Forum of Laredo is rapidly becoming one of the most functional and helpful organizations of our school and community. This year, membership soared to a record high of 304. Students have taken an avid interest in the club and its activities. The month of December kept our sponsor Mrs. Norma H. Segura and members busy with numerous activities. Beautiful Christmas lights which were put up by all PASFers decorated the school buildings. This helped to enhance the beauty of the school and spread the Christmas spirit within the student body.

Before the student body adjourned for the Christmas holidays, the PASF sponsored a Pre-Christmas Dance which was very successful. Following the Latin American tradition, a Posada and a huge tamalada were held, while the breaking of a piñata took place in front of the school the day school let out for the Christmas holidays. Many students joined in singing "canciones navideñas," which were sung in Spanish, and Mexican candies were enjoyed by all present.

On February 10 all PASFers will participate in a cultural event. The PASFers will present the Pan American flag, while Marina Martinez, club treasurer, will recite a poem entitled "Una lagrima y un beso" by Francisca Teresa Ramirez de Muñoz, local poet.

The highlight of the 1978-79 year will be our annual celebration of Pan American Week and Pan American Day (April 10-14) which includes a "Gran Fiesta Panamericana" assembly. This assembly is a lot of fun and a great way to spread Pan Americanism. Local civic leaders will be our guests that week. They will be inspiring our student body with their speeches on Pan Americanism.

St. Joseph's At Victoria Has Busy Year

VICTORIA — The Spanish Club of St. Joseph High School, known as Los Estudiantes Unidos, has had an exciting year. In September the club entered a float in the local Diez y Séis parade and also took charge of one of the school's victory dances. In October, they sponsored a school assembly and the painting of spirit posters in Spanish for the football game played in Monterrey. November found the club members busily working with Victoria High to sponsor the PASF Gulf Coast District Convention.

December was a fun-packed

Conquistadores Prominent Group At Their School

HOUSTON - Los Conquistadores of Jersey Village High School are a very prominent group of students around their school. Their most recent accomplishment was a six-foot Brazilian Christmas tree. The tree was authentically decorated with colorful paper flowers, artificial birds, candles, and silver ornaments made by the members. Ms. Boyd, the club sponsor, was "amazed by the amount of work that the students put into the project."

On December 11, the club held a meeting at Ninfa's Restaurant. Marlon Alarcon, an exchange student from Ecuador, was presented a gold ID bracelet as a farewell gift. After the presentation, the club enjoyed a great Mexican dinner.

On December 19 and 20, the club sold pan dulce from a Mexican bakery in Houston. This project gave the kids at JVHS a chance to taste some holiday foods from Mexico.

The officers have planned many other activities for the rest of the year such as a bake sale, car wash. spring picnic, films, and a volleyball game with the French Club.

The office of Chairman of Communications has been added to the Executive Committee. This vear's chairman is Pam Ketchersid. She is responsible for contacting members. Other officers are Emilio Oeverman, Lee Ann Walker, Leland Joe, and Zack Coapland. Sponsors are Ms. Emily Boyd and Ms. Toni Seegar.

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held February 3.

Los Indios has chosen Pesos for Braces as its state project. - Jerry Hawkins, Reporter

Gulf Coast District Convention

The Gulf Coast District of the Pan American Student Forum held its fall convention in the Sting Room of Victoria High School. Carol Lopez, district president, presided over the meeting. Angie Olivares gave a brief history of the countries chosen for study on the state level, Panama and Brazil.

A report from an American Field Service student was heard, and two new officers were elected during the business meeting.

Cathy Flores of Victoria High School, recording secretary, introduced Louise-Bernhardt, also a Victoria student, who discussed her recent summer spent in Colombia with a Colombian family.

The two officers elected were

Patricia Villa of Cuero High School, parliamentarian, and Joann Soliz of Goliad High School, chaplain.

Tom Burchfield, director of student activities at Victoria High, gave the welcome, and St. Joseph High School served as co-sponsor of the district meeting. Two new chapters, Cuero and Goliad, were welcomed to the convention.

The next meeting for the Gulf Coast PASF was scheduled to be held at Goliad High School on January 27.

Several chapters from the Gulf Coast District will be attending the State Convention in San Antonio in March. - Carol Falcon, District Reporter

month with a Spanish Mass for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Christmas caroling for the aged, and a Christmas party with Mexican food, games, and fun. In January, Los Estudiantes Unidos held a disco dance to raise money for the Convention and Pesos for Braces. Now the members are busy making plans to attend the Convention in San Antonio. Other activities still on the agenda are a Teacher Appreciation Week, Talent Show, and the end-of-year party and banquet.

Officers for the 1978-79 school year are President Anne Gomez, First Vice-President Lisa Tagliabue, Second Vice-President Jerry Fabian, Secretary Myra Toldeo, Treasurer Joan Sartor, Point-Keeper Ann White, Historian Mary Page, and Reporter Nancy Roznovsky. District Representatives are Amy Aguilar, Donna Dick, and Dennis Basuldua. Club sponsor is Sister Digna. - Nancy Roznovsky, Reporter

University High club members for 1978-79. The officers are President Belinda Montoya, Vice-president Anthony Smith, Secretary Brenda Benavides, Treasurer Cindie Rosas, Chairman Mary Jimenez, and PASF Reporter Debbie Montoya.

Waco's University High

WACO — The University High Christmas. Pan American Student Forum started out the new year right. In December we had a Christmas party which was held at the Latin American Center. We served snacks to about 100 children. The children were served sandwiches, cookies, punch and candy. Each club member contributed food. Steve Lopez, one of our club members played Santa Claus, and the children enjoyed telling Santa Steve what they wanted for

We're happy to report that Pan

American Week is always an

overwhelming success at Nixon

High School and is usually cov-

Our delegates for the upcoming

State Convention are Adriana

Martinez, Linda Brown, Marina

Martinez, Marty Cigarroa, Sandra

Uribe, Yvonne Casso, John Bec-

kelhymer, George Rocha and Mer-

curio Martinez. These students

were chosen to attend the conven-

tion because of their undying help

to the club. Accompanying the

group will be Miss Armandina de

los Santos and Mrs. Norma H.

Segura, PASF Sponsor. These

people are sure to spread some

Laredo spirit, so don't be surprised

when you hear about us. Tenemos

luz verde . . . adelante!

ered by the news media.

Also, on January 13th we had a bake sale which was held at Piggly Wiggly. It was a success considering the very cold weather. Later on we plan to have another bake sale and more fund raising projects to raise money for our state projects. We have already made plans to attend the Convention in San Antonio, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone there. ¡Hasta la Convención! - Debbie Montoya, Reporter



Waco High School's "Bulldog" Morgan poses as Santa with his rather picturesque elves Wendy Winningham, Sheila Lain, and Sherrie Worthey.

Jefferson-Moore Holds **Pesos for Braces Drive**

WACO — The Jefferson-Moore Chapter of PASF is flourishing in its second year of participation. Its members have made exciting plans for this year. Already they have had fiestas, sold paper flowers and nachos at the school jamboree, and went Christmas caroling. They sang carols in Spanish, accompanied by a guitar, at six locations, then enjoyed refreshments and fellowship at the last home on the tour.

They aggressively participated in the annual fund drive for "Pesos for Braces." Sources for this year's fund drive were: a Challenge of the Sexes, a Disco Skate-a-thon, a Dance-a-thon, snack sale, garage sale, and a midnight movie at a local theater at which a local radio station, KNFO, donated a percent of its proceeds. Candidates for queen were Teresa Caldera, Rosie Gonzalez, and Jill McDaniel. Candidates for king were Ronny Glockzin, Ralph Carrizales, and Richard Gonzalez. The new king and queen were presented at a fiesta on the last night of the "Pesos for Braces" drive.

Preparations such as these were brought about by hard work of their chapter's new sponsor, Mrs. Maxine Williams, and their officers: Ronny Glockzin, President;

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Teresa Caldera, Vice President; Toni Pitt, Secretary; Laura Reed, Treasurer; and Jeff Howard, Reporter. Elisabeth Tusa was chairman of the Jamboree booth, and Jeff Howard, Toni Pitt, and Joyce Hansen headed the Pesos drive.

> Jeff Howard Reporter

PASFers Enter First Annual Vegetable Parade

PHARR — Members of the Pan American Student Forum of Texas from Pharr-San Juan-Alamo High School participated in the First Annual Vegetable Parade. The parade was held in Pharr, Texas, the "Hub City" of the Rio Grande Valley, on December 9, 1978 at nine in the morning.

Julie Hinojosa, President of the PSJA Chapter of PASF, stated that they had worked on their float all night. She said that the four girls riding on the float, Irma Rodriguez, Elvira Tijerina, Olga Alaniz, Rosa Maria Salinas had only three hours of sleep. Others that had worked on the float were Norma Ramirez, Graciano "Chano" Rodriguez, Mary Rod-

Anglo Student

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Finds Spanish A Challenge

LUBBOCK — A challenge! That is what Spanish was and is for me! I have a great reverence for this language. It has a musical sound to the ears. It is a vibrant manifestation of the people who speak it, a beautiful reminder of the history and land that they have occupied for centuries. This sense of beauty should be shared. The best way to do this is through a knoweldge of their language, Spanish.

One needs much patience to learn another language. Those who speak English and Spanish have considerable talent and deserve respect. I, for my part, always admire the Mexican-Americans who know two languages. I want to study Spanish because I can be an influence in the better understanding between our two races. Bilingual education is, in a certain manner, a key to peace. It can be a study with the object of understanding, accepting, and loving our neighbors.

The idea that a Spanishspeaking person is an inferior student because he doesn't completely forget his home language seems illogical to me. There are many bilingual persons who are excellent students, especially if instruction in both languages began at an early age. What we need is teachers well qualified in Spanish and very interested in adequate materials. Thus we would have fewer failures in school and fewer difficulties between the races. Knowing Spanish well helps in the study of English.

Here in the Southwest exist Spanish influences that are not generally recognized. We use Spanish words by the thousands in place names, ranching, food, customs, etc.

I desire a tranquil world for my children. I would like to help my country to become better. Therefore, I want good bilingual education. We would have the opportunity to know each other better, Mexican-Americans and Anglos. — Kayla Barnett, Roosevelt High

McAllen Hosts District Competition

McALLEN - Last November riguez, Alma Flores and Minerva over 400 students from the Valley Montes, and their sponsors Vicky attended District Competition hosted by McAllen PASF. Two new events were added to the program: Mexican Food contest and Soccer.



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The 1978-79 officers for the Mission High School Spanish Club are: (left to right, standing) secretary Dolly Elizondo, historian Dori Cavazos, president Alice Chapa; (seated) historian David Cavazos, 3rd vice-president Angie de los Santos, reporter Veronica Ramirez, 1st vice-president Nora Chapa, 2nd vice-president Mauricio Navarro, student council rep. Becky de los Santos, asst. reporter George Garcia. Not shown are treasurer Berta Lopez, parliamentarian Dalia Cantu and sponsors Mrs. B Rodriguez, Mrs. E. Barrera, Mrs. J. Ayala, and Mrs. I. Chapa.

Mission Kicks Off New Year

MISSION - The Mission Pan American Student Forum started the school year with about 60 members, with District Secretary Alice Chapa as the club's president. Already the club members have sponsored many projects. For example, the members have sponsored a car wash and sold spirit links to promote spirit during our spirit week. It also held its traditional "Las Posadas" where we

sold Mexican food, coffee, and tea. Each project went very well. All of these activities are to raise money to send anxious members to the PASF State Convention in San Antonio in March.

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The Mission PASF will also sponsor a disco dance and a kicker dance. The disco dance is scheduled for February 23; the public is invited. The exact date for the kicker dance has not been

La Luz Sending **25 Delegates To Convention**

WINNSBORO - With the Christmas spirit gone now everyone in La Luz is really chalking up points to go to the Convention

The past few months have really been exciting for La Luz. In December we started off the month with the selling of Santa-O-Grams, an idea started by our own Secretary Linda Ashby. This proved to be very successful for La Luz. The next week we held our Annual Christmas party. With a lot of food, great music, and the breaking of the piñata, it turned out great.

After December and the Christmas holidays, everyone is forgetting the fun and really getting the points to go to the Convention. Our whole month of January was spent selling at breaks in order for our delegates to earn their points.

But let's don't forget our scrap-

set. **Weslaco Wins 7 First Places**

At Competition WESLACO - The Weslaco chapter won seven first place trophies at the Rio Grande Valley District Competition Convention in McAllen, Texas on December 10.

The Mariachi Group - Joe Miller, Ramon Bautista, Jerry Valdez, Cindy Castro, Cris Perez, and Janie Cavazos - won first places in solo instrumental, duet instrumental, group instrumental, solo singing, duet singing, and group singing. Members of the Mariachi Group participated as a group and as individuals. Lisa Cuellar received a first place for her solo dancing. Felipe Lozano and Liza Cuellar placed second in duet dancing competition.

The Valley District had a food category for the first time this year. Weslaco members placing were Benny Contreras, 1st place -Enchiladas; Erasmo Lozano, second - Guacamole; and Lourdes Trevino, 1st place - Dessert. The Weslaco chapter has finalized its plans for State Convention and a trip to Yucatan. The club sponsors, Mrs. Ernie Maldonado, Miss Herlinda Moya, and Mr. George Arias, were proud to announce that Delia Aguirre is running for Weslaco Queen. The Weslaco chapter is looking forward to an eventful and productive State Convention. Dale Garza, PASF member at Pace High School in Brownsville, won the program cover design contest. After careful consideration by the Executive Board at the January meeting, Dale's design was chosen for this year's program cover. The members of the Executive Board extend their congratulations to Dale for portraying this year's theme - Progreso con. Amistad - with his creative and artistic drawing. - George Arias, State Sponsor Director

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The GREENVILLE Greenville High School Chapter of the PASF is in the middle of a busy year. Under the direction of their Sponsor Mrs. Sally Barlow and President Lisa Wallace, the club members have been involved in a candy sale to raise money to send to Pesos for Braces and to the Salvation Army. Also some of the money will provide a Scholarship for a worthy Spanish Club senior.

Additional funds were raised by selling nachos and paper flowers in the all-school Fun Festival held December 5. This was a carnival where each participating club sold flowers or trinkets or provided entertainment. Also club members participated in the annual foreign language soccer teams and rang the Salvation Army bell to collect money for needy families at Christmas time. Future activities include a carnival party in connection with the French Mardi Gras and the German Fasnacht.

Hernandez, Rosalinda Rodriguez and Mr. Ramirez.

The Grand Marshall of the Parade was Mr. A. H. "Dutch" Karcher from Edinburg, Texas, past president of the Vegetable Show. There were more than 40 entries in the parade that included bands from PSJA, Rio Hondo and other Valley schools. The First Annual parade promises more participation in the years to come.

The PASF members entered a non-competitive canoe "Chalupa" float that was admired by many as a beautiful original entry. Four members of the PSJA-PASF rode on the float on a very chilly and windy Saturday morning that kept some persons inside their vehicles while the rest viewed from the rooftops and sidewalks. The parade started at Polk Avenue and North Cage (US 281) and continued south on Cage to Houston Avenue where it terminated. The float was pulled by a pick-up driven by Loel O. Garza.

Eddy Friedman chaired the soccer games, and he stated, "We would have to have our soccer debut on the coldest day of the year - 20°!" Despite the cool weather the McAllen squad managed a first place victory.

Everyone who worked at the Competition seemed to agree that it was "the most successful one the Vally has ever had."

In February, around Valentine's Day, PASFers sold Val-o-grams. This project and a few bake sales helped defray the costs of the approaching trip to State Convention in San Antonio.

Convention

book. Rumor has it that Winnsboro plans on winning Grand Champion again, and with the work of our Historians Tony Fry and Davis Duffy, that first place really looks like we've got it in hand.

Our Mr. & Miss Pan Am for the year were chosen in December. They are our own President. Roxann Busby and Senior R. A. Horne. They were escorted in the Christmas parade riding atop a convertible. Congratulations to both of them from everyone in La Luz.

This year Winnsboro is planning to send 25 delegates to the Convention. These 25 delegates will be wearing our own Convention T-shirts.

Everyone in La Luz is hoping for the best Convention ever and we are ready for it. So from everyone in La Luz, look out San Antonio - here we come! - Carlos Yarbrough, Reporter

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Schedule of Events

(Continued from page 1) Resolutions - Angie Olivares, Secretary Announcement of winners of Scrapbook Contest -Mrs. Pic Rivers, Commissioner, Good Neighbor Commission Announcement of winners of Scholarship Awards -Mr. Jose Alvarado, Vice-Chairman, Good Neighbor Commission Myrtle L. Tanner Scholarship Universidad de las Americas One Full Year Scholarship Universidad de las Americas Summer Scholarship Installation of Officers - Mr. Raul Garza, Principal, Kingsville High, Kingsville Ushers: Homer Hanna High, Brownsville

9:00-12:00 p.m.

Gran Baile — Banquet Hall Music — Bandango

SATURDAY - MARCH 24, 1979

9:00-10:00 a.m. Business Breakfast - Incoming and Outgoing PASF State Board Members only Hilton Palacio del Rio (La Princesa Room) Anyone else may attend by invitation only.

"Pesos for Braces" **Needs Support**

We hope that you will have a most successful program and fun at San Antonio Convention of 1979.

We have had a VERY, VERY fine year for our recipients. All of them are so happy to be able to take an active part in their world.

There were 172 recipients during the 1978 year. The cost was approximately \$14,000 U.S. dollars.

As we have said many times: THIS IS YOUR WORK! Without vou, we could do very little for these unfortunate little Mexican brothers of yours. Their need is very great and with inflation in Mexico, which is getting worse, these children and young people would NOT have a chance to mature into useful citizens. With a brace, or double braces, and orthopedic shoes, there are many jobs that they can do to sustain themselves in the years to come.

Think of it and rejoice because you have given helpless young people a chance to live a normal adult life. They extend into the hundreds since you started in 1967 to contribute to their welfare.

This is an article of tribute to each one of you for all that you have accomplished through the years. Thank you very sincerely.

Let me hear from you: Sally Holmes, PESOS FOR BRACES, Apartado Postal 32-89, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico.

TEN WAYS TO SMASH AN ORGANIZATION

- 1. Don't come to meetings if the weather doesn't suit you. 2. If you come, come late.
- 3. If you attend a meeting, find fault with the work of the officers and other members.
- 4. Never accept an office, as it is easier to criticize than to do things.
- 5. Nevertheless, get rebellious if you are not appointed on a committee, but if you are, don't attend committee meetings.
- 6. If asked by the Chairman to give your opinion regarding some important matters reply you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell everyone how it ought to be done.
- 7. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly and unselfishly use their abiity to help matters along, tell the world that the organization is being run by a clique.
- 8. Hold back your dues as long as possible or don't pay at all.
- 9. Don't bother about recruiting new members . . . let Michael McLain and the Central Office do it all.
- 10. In other words, join your local PASF Club just for the heck of it.

McAllen PASF Convention **Preparations**

McALLEN - For the past two months McAllen PASF'ers have been busy selling chinese scroll calendars. "We expect to make close to \$2,500 from the sales,' stated Karen Bentsen. "This money will be used to send our thirty delegates to the State Convention.'

According to Diana Gonzalez, it is a close decision as to who the thirty will be. "Everyone is anxious to be among the chosen delegates and they are working hard to become eligible."

At the convention, the McAllen chapter will present a workshop titled, "Eat, Drink, and Die Like a Brazilian." Eddy Friedman contrived the idea and commented, "The workshop will truly be a first of its kind." And he added jokingly, "We've gotten the latest in whips and chains!"

Along with the workshop, the McAllen chapter is sending Friedman as a candidate for State President.

¡El club Panamericano espera verlos en la Convención Estatal!

PASFers At Andress **Busy Bunch**

EL PASO - Andress High School's Pan American Club in El Paso has started the year off with a leap! We have participated in many fund-raising activities. Our activities have included a hot dog stand at our annual Fall Festival and a caramel apple sale. Other PASF activities include our Homecoming float which earned a second place, and our current project of selling window stickers.

The officers for this year's club are President Jaime Lowenberg, Vice-President Peggy Kolhammer, Secretary Angela Miller, and Treasurer Laura Roberge. The club is sponsored by Mrs. Lorene Patneaude.

We are looking forward to an active as well as a productive year. 22. - Lisa Coubill, Reporter

Convention Workshops

- 1. Bailables Folkloricos (Beginners) Homer Hanna High, Brownsville — Fiesta Room 3 — 2 Sessions
- 2. Bailables Folkloricos (Advanced) — Homer Hanna High, Brownsville — River Room — 2 Sessions
- Crafts Marshall High, San Antonio Fiesta Room 31 2 3. Sessions - We will teach how to make Ojos de Dios - We will provide the yarn and sticks
- 4. Travel in Mexico Pace High, Brownsville Room A 1 Session - Slide presentation of cities visited by our club, information on how to organize a tour of Mexico
- 5. Crafts Victoria High, Victoria Fiesta Room 2 2 Sessions We will make Ojos de Dios and ribbon flowers
- Foods of Latin America Floresville High, Floresville Fiesta 6. Room 7 — 1st Session — We will prepare three or four dishes, offer samples; there will be a charge of 50c

UNICEF - A PASF Project - Floresville High, Floresville -Fiesta Room 7 — 2nd Session — 2 filmstrips will be shown, one on Guatemala and the other on how UNICEF helps children all over the world

- 7. Paper Flowers Westlake High, Austin Fiesta Room 4 2 Sessions - Participants learn to assemble paper flowers; materials will be provided by Westlake High; participants must bring scissors and 50¢
- 8. Mexican Mythology Navasota High, Navasota Room 38 2 Sessions
- Bilingual Education Dr. Fred Growcock, International Good Neighbor Council — Room 12 — 2 Sessions — It will explore the significance and potential of the program as well as the challenges and opportunities for future teachers in this field
- 10. Running for State Office S. H. Rider High, Wichita Falls -Room B - 2 Sessions - Question and answer session on running for state office
- 11. Eat, Drink, and Die Like a Brazilian McAllen High, McAllen -Room 34 — 1 Session — We will explain the food and customs of Brazil, plus a few surprises!
- Canciones Mexicana Richfield High, Waco, University High, 12. Jefferson-Moore High, and Waco High — Room 31 — 2 Sessions — We will teach songs in Spanish
- 13. Accounting Related Jobs in the IRS Fiesta Room 6 2 Sessions - Career opportunities
- 14. Scrapbook Workshop Winnsboro High, Winnsboro Room C – 2 Sessions
- 15. Sponsors Workshop Miss Elida Ramirez, State Sponsor -Room 25 — 1 Session
- 16. Experienced Chapters of PASF Richardson High, Richardson - Room 14 - 2 Sessions - Discussion will be held on how to have an effective PASF chapter
- 17. Inter-American Workshop Program A&M Consolidated High, College Station — Room 16 — 2 Sessions
- 18. Music Workshop for Chapter Sponsors Miss Lydia Montemayor, Waco High Sponsor - Room 25 - 1 Session - Spanish songs will be taught to all sponsors so they can teach their students
- Corrida de Toros Alice Denham, Associate Professor at Texas 19. Tech University, Lubbock — Room 33 — 2 Sessions
- 20. U.S.-Mexican Relations - Mr. James Angle, Institute of Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin - Room 22 - 1st Session — Discussion will be held and then a question and answer session will follow
 - Political Situation in Nicaragua Mr. James Angle, Institute of Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin - Room 22 - 2nd Session - Discussion will be held and then a question and answer session will follow
- 21. New Chapters of PASF — Danny Tejada, Student Director — Fiesta Room 5 — 1 Session — Information concerning officers' duties, state and local projects, meetings, etc., will be offered to introduce the new groups to the ideals of PASF
- Peru Keystone High, San Antonio Room 36 2 Sessions We will have a guest speaker, slides and artifacts from Peru

Waco High Convention Bound

Midland PASF Celebrates 16th of Sept. in Mexico

MIDLAND — This year has Our candy sales in October brought in enough funds to help us finance a visit by 34 students from Chihuahua to Midland. It was a great experience for all of us because we kept them as guests in our homes. We had a great time and were amazed at the ease of communication.

WACO - The Waco High Orphanage. For their annual Simpson, Lesa Hennig, Albert School PASF Club is eagerly Christmas project, the Waco High Navarro, Greg Mullen, and Sheri awaiting the state convention in School Student Government spon- Watkins. PASF members also do-San Antonio. The twenty-five delegates attending this year's convention have been especially active in PASF projects. Eight Waco High School students will perform in Noche Folklórica, Thursday evening, March 22nd. Several students will participate in the "Sing-Song" session at the General Assembly Friday morning and will help sponsor a "Canciones Mexicanas" workshop later in the afternoon. Patricia Frank, a junior at Waco High School, is a candidate for the office of Student Director. PASF Christmas activities at Waco High School were very successful. The club sold carnations and baked goods in its annual "Santagram" sale, which brought in \$152.00 for La Buena Madre

been very successful for us. The year got off to a running start with our trip to Chihuahua, Chih. to celebrate the 16th of September Independence celebration there. We invited some non-PASF members along to make our group total 24 students. We were fascinated by Mexican fireworks displays, a musical stage show, and lots of Mexican food. It was a great success and we are hoping to make the trip again next year.

For our annual Homecoming parade in October, we added a pair of sweethearts to the festivities. The PASF sweethearts were Katherine George and Alex Rangel. On the following day, a group of 10 people went to Prude Ranch in Ft. Davis for a weekend Spanish workshop. Here we got a chance to use the Spanish we had learned in school. The horseback riding and the mountains provided an adequate background for a learning experience we all enjoyed.

On December 13, we held our annual Christmas party for the kids at La Florecita Day Nursery. Each member took a small gift for the kids and we all enjoyed punch and cookies afterwards. The kids really appreciated it and we enjoyed it.

In January, we had our Reyes Magos tasting party. Each member brought a dish from a Spanishspeaking country. We stuffed ourselves with everything from tacos to crepes covered with cajeta to empañadas before we looked to see what the Reyes had left in our shoes parked carefully by the door. We also held our meeting there so the event was both useful

and fun.

We are now turning our attention to Convention and our spring activities which will include a spring party and a possible return trip to Prude Ranch.

sored a "Beat the Scrooge" contest, a can drive to benefit the needy. Significant contributions to the can drive were made by Patricia Frank, Gail Beane, Stephanie Tolbert, Kim Ringo, Robyn Lester, Ira Brandon, Stephanie

nated gifts in the Christmas benefit for the McLennan County Association for Mental Health. Donating gifts were Stephanie Tolbert, Kim Ringo, Robyn Lester, Albert Navarro, and Patricia Frank. -Chris Prewitt, Club Reporter

Victoria PASF Hard Working

VICTORIA - The Victoria High Spanish Club is working hard to go to the State Convention in San Antonio, Texas. This year's officers are: President Sandy Rodriguez, Vice President Beverly Sepulveda, Secretary Suzanne Ondarza, Treasurer Pricilliano Salas, Chaplain Marina Puente, Historian Jose De los Santos and Roman Tumble, Point Keeper Melva Canas, and Reporter Cindy Garcia.

State Convention is our main goal for the year. The whole club works hard to earn points to get a chance to experience the fun and real meaning of what the club is all about. The members of 1979 are few but are interested in the club's activities.

We have had bake sales, sold voodoo dolls for football games, and entered in parades, entered in a car decorating contest and we plan to sell car stickers, and had our annual Volleyball Marathon in February. We held the first Gulf Coast District Convention and workshop here at V.H.S.

The next District Convention and workshop meeting was held in Goliad, Texas. Everyone tries to attend District Convention workshops because they help the clubs exchange ideas together.