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# The Pan American

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## Four Year State Support Granted



**CLASS OF 1929** graduates were the first Edinburg Junior College class which had completed two years at the college. The class of 1928, which consisted of five girls, had come from other colleges to finish their sophomore year, for the college was new that year of 1927 - 28. Left to right, front row are Gladys Trapp, Mission; Carmen de la Vina, Edinburg (now Mrs. J. J. Avila); Sara Griffith, Pharr; Janet Anderson, Mission; Jessie King, Weslaco; Alease Hart, Donna; second row, Walter Noser, Pharr; Lester Winningham, Edinburg; Hal McCombs, San Juan; Lynn Mighell, San Juan; Eugene Noser, Pharr; third row, Dorothy Duncan, Edinburg; Ruth Tarpley, Edinburg (now Mrs. L. M. Southwick); Velma Farr, Edinburg; Katherine Woods, Mercedes; Alta Marie Collins, Edinburg; Mrs. G. D. Carr, Edinburg; top row, Hunley Slaughter, Edinburg; Edward Stapleton, Edinburg; Graham Short, Edinburg; Claude Hocott, Lyford (now doctor of engineering); Thomas Pickens, Edinburg (now superintendent of Edinburg schools); Joe Noser, Pharr. Not pictured were Alberta Rowley, Edinburg; John Sinnette, Edinburg. (Photograph courtesy of Rigmor Leffland, former PAC registrar).

## Edinburg College Opens To '27 Catalogue Provisions

"Edinburg College — Gateway to College Education" read the small motto on the thin gray catalogue which was to serve as the birth certificate of the infant institution which would enter adulthood as Pan American College.

When Edinburg College opened on Sept. 9, 1927, this booklet provided "an announcement of plans, objectives, faculty, and courses." Since high school classes continued in the Administration Building where the new college classes would meet and many high school teachers merely added college courses to their duties, the new two-year college cocked its head proudly while high school juniors and seniors tugged at its skirts.

### Regulations

Among the regulations concerning these freshman and sophomore collegiates was the statement "that students who remain on the campus during periods other than their group meeting will arrange to occupy themselves in such a way that work groups of all kinds may proceed undisturbed." Another explained "that those who have the habit of smoking will leave the campus for such indulgence because of the relation of the col-

lege to the senior and junior high schools."

Non-resident students paid tuition that first year, but residents paid only matriculation and special fees. Expenses included these fees for one semester: matriculation, \$10; library, \$2.50; loss and breakage, \$2.50; laboratory (each science), \$1.00; tuition (non-resident only) \$20; locker and lab keys each 50 cents. Loss and

breakage and key fees were returnable.

Rooms in approved houses cost from \$8-\$12 per month for each student with two students in a room. Board and room cost between \$25-\$40 a month. Cafeteria served meals that cost from 15-30 cents per person.

Since the school district op-

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**TRANSITION MEETING** is held between the newly selected PAC Board of Regents and the outgoing Edinburg Board of Trustees the year PAC became a senior college. Front row left to right are Victor Bobo, board secretary; and trustees W. E. Richards of Hargil, Santos Gorena, G. D. Guerra; Charles Melden, Dr. Ralph Hamme. Back row left to right are Regents Ernesto Moreno, Raymond G. Lambe, A. L. Cramer, president; Moulton Cobb, Matias Lopez, Joe E. Chapa, and Orville Cox.

By DON SEARLE

Texas legislators granted Pan American College full, four-year state support in 1965 last week and Gov. John Connally expects to sign the bill into law.

The action climaxed three years of efforts to place the Rio Grande Valley college in the state system.

State funds already are granted for the junior college division.

Dr. Ralph Schilling, PAC president, said the people of Texas have shown their confidence in the Valley providing a four-year state supported college and it is up to the Valley to make it into an institution of excellence.

By Sep. 1 Gov. Connally is to appoint nine regents. They will work with the current elective board until Sept. 1, 1965, then take over. They may be from all over the state.

Dr. Schilling speculated that future plans and goals for the college would emerge from the joint meetings of the two boards during the period until 1965 when the state officially takes over.

PAC began in 1927 as Edinburg Junior College. It was separated from the Edinburg Public Schools and renamed Edinburg Regional College in 1948. Then, in May, 1951, the Texas Legislature passed a law enabling Hidalgo County voters to establish Pan American Regional College District. On Dec. 29, 1951, an election was held and the Pan American Regional District was established. In January, 1952, the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County selected a Board of Regents who chose a president, vice president, and dean for the new college. A plan of organization was adopted and Pan American College opened its doors in September, 1952. At that time, a Division of Extension and Public Service was established to offer further education to adults, regardless of age or previous schooling.

Since Edinburg Junior College was part of the public school system, Edinburg Superintendent of Schools H. C. Baker was first president of the college. H. U. Miles, who became acting president for a few months in 1930, was succeeded by R. P. Ward in 1931. PAC Vice President H. A. Hodges directed the school until

1951, when Ward left the Edinburg public school system to devote his time entirely to the college. Dr. Ralph Schilling succeeded Ward as college president in June, 1960.

From its small beginning, Pan (See STATE SUPPORT, Page 3)

## Memorial Issue

With the attainment of one of the highest goals PAC has sought to achieve, state support on a four year basis, The Pan American pauses to pay tribute to all the threads of student life, administration, and Rio Grande Valley citizens which time has woven into the patterns of its heritage.

To Pan American College and the borderland it serves, to all who watched their dream stretch across two campuses, to each memory into which PAC found a nook — to these The Pan American reflects the beams cast by the passing years in this Memorial Issue.

## 1956 PAC Accredited By Group

On Dec. 6, 1956, PAC was notified that it had been accepted as a member of the Southern Assn. of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The junior college of PAC, then called Edinburg College, was organized in 1927 and was accredited by the Southern Assn. of Colleges and Secondary Schools in 1932. Since that date the junior college division, even after the College became a four-year institution, has been fully recognized and accredited.

Normal procedure in Southern Assn. is for a senior college to graduate three regular classes (not including mid-year or summer session graduations) before it can request a survey precedent to asking to be admitted to the group. Since the third class was graduated in May 1955, (The college began operation as a four-year school in September, 1952), the Committee on Admissions of the Association was given a detailed report of the College's operations and was asked to authorize a survey of the institution. At the annual meeting in December, 1955, the Committee on Admissions authorized the survey and named a committee of three to visit the college.

In the spring of 1956 this committee made a comprehensive study of the College's objectives, operations, personnel, fiscal procedures, and the records of its graduates.

PAC was accepted into full membership of the Texas Assn. of Colleges after only one year of operation as a four-year college and the membership was made retroactive to the first year of operation.



## Approval Granted With Aid Of Many

Full state support has been approved for PAC now, but the path to its passing was not an easy one although the footprints of those who followed it were many.

PAC had many reasons embedded firmly in its pursuit for four-year state support. On Jan. 8, 1962, the Commission on Higher Education in Austin had recommended that we be taken into the state's system of Higher Education.

PAC has a remote location, being situated over 100 miles from any other four year college. We in our four counties of Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy, and Starr represent the fifth largest metropolitan area in Texas. Over 70 per cent of our students, however, would never have received a degree had it not been for PAC.

Almost 100 per cent of our graduate teachers fulfill their jobs in this area and we needed a fully state-supported school to help in their training. Our graduates in this and other fields progress quite satisfactorily in graduate schools also.

Since future financing presents a problem and financial aid is needed in this low salary area, we are even more appreciative of receiving the legislator's approval.

Through the united efforts of many PAC has brought state support to its 1965 campus.

## Organization Asked For Ex-Students

We enroll, we graduate, we leave. PAC continues, however, spilling over one campus and onto another, writing history with students as the quill and the whole world as its parchment.

PAC needs an Ex-Students Assn. We have an abundance of alumni. We have interest. Now, we need organization.

Previous attempts at organizing an Ex-Students Assn. have been made, but with each orientation and graduation more potential members are created — people who want to know about the campus life they have left behind them, who want to know about the students and faculty with whom they spent many semester hours, who want to retain their dynamic devotion to PAC unblurred by years of no recall.

June 2 the largest graduating class in the history of PAC is anticipated. Shall we store our curiosity of the college with our textbooks? Shall we say good-by with the finality of a transcript grade?

No, PAC graduates. Let's keep PAC with us even as we go away. Let's consider it carefully — an enthusiastic, expanding, organization of Ex-Students.

## Historical Issue Spotlights PAC

This week we have devoted *The Pan American* to the compilation of many of the historical features which have blazed across PAC in its years between 1927 and 1963.

Perhaps we have attempted too great a task, for much has been tucked away into the corners of its history. Our stories are far from complete, for records disappear and memories dim. We have, however, attempted to share many of the fascinating bits of information we have uncovered, hoping that you, too, find them interesting.

We regret that we could not give credit to many of the fine men and women who have passed across this campus and to the many activities of the college itself. We merely record a fraction of what awaits the historian.

Perhaps there will be inaccuracies. We do apologize. Our staff is a student one, and each is creating history as he writes it.

Time flees astonishingly quick in days and so it has in the years into which we have delved.

We sincerely hope you find some knowledge and some nostalgia from this memorial edition.

### THE PAN AMERICAN

"Pan American College — Pride of the Rio Grande Valley"  
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## Fine Arts Presented 1937-1961

"If the students truly want it, we will do the very best we can to secure it for them, considering time and money," was the statement made by Robert S. Burks, Dean of Students, concerning cultural arts at PAC.

This is the situation as it now stands. Do the students at PAC really want cultural arts? By all indications they do not, at least not now. At all "cultural events" throughout the year attendance by students has been practically nil. According to Burks the only way the arts will be revived at PAC is for the students to show an initiative to get out and work! Work to get local talent first and work a selling an idea.

Many students and perhaps some of the faculty do not know that PAC at one time had an organized Cultural Arts Series.

In the winter of 1937-38 a Cultural Arts Series was begun by PAC which was to last for 24 years.

A board consisting of a director or directors from each town in the Valley was organized, and Mrs. H. A. Hodges of the college faculty served on the board as executive secretary for the 24 years the series existed.

"We wanted to give the students the very best we could in the arts," Mrs. Hodges explained. Some of the most famous performers in the world played, sang, danced, and lectured on the PAC auditorium stage.

Some of these included: Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the former president; Carl Sandburg, poet and biographer of Lincoln; Mario Lanza, opera singer and movie actor; Jose Greco, Spanish dancer; Richard Tucker, Metropolitan Opera star; Margaret Truman, daughter of Harry; Arthur C. Clarke, president of the British Interplanetary Society and science fiction novelist; Lauritz Melchior, singer of the Metropolitan Opera and Rise Stevens, also of the Metropolitan.

Tickets for one season were \$6 for adults and \$3 for students.

In 1961 a decision was made to discontinue the Cultural Arts Series due to the dimming of interest on the part of the students, competition of other organizations, and expenses which could no longer be borne.

## Fine Arts Course 1928-31

Offering a bachelor of music degree, a Conservatory of Fine Arts was affiliated with Edinburg Junior College from 1927 until 1931.

According to the college catalogue of 1927 the conservatory was to prepare students for careers in branches of music and it surrounded the student with musical atmosphere. "The splendid auditorium just completed is a magnificent place for recitals and high grade entertainment," the booklet explained.

With the majority of the music faculty hired directly from Brenau College, a music conservatory in Georgia, the conservatory offered four years work which included voice courses in which diction was stressed in English, French, Italian, and German, piano, wind instruments, harmony, theory, counterpoint, eye and ear training, ensemble, chor-

## Change Recorded By Alma Mater

### Alma Mater

Hail to thee, our Alma Mater  
True and loyal we will be,  
To our dear old Alma Mater  
To the name of PAC.  
This our song forever onward  
With our colors green and  
white,  
May you be our inspiration  
Lead us ever to the light.  
(PAC)

### Original Alma Mater

Hail to thee our Alma Mater,  
True and loyal we will be  
To our dear old Alma Mater,  
To the name of EJC.  
This our song forever onward,  
With our colors, red and blue,  
May you be our inspiration  
EJC, we're all for you.  
(Edinburg Junior College)

The PAC school song used today originated in 1941-42 when the sophomore class then sponsored a contest to obtain a school song.

Three songs were selected by a committee and voted upon by the student body at Edinburg Junior College that year and this composition by a brother-and-sister team, Sammy and Maybelle Gard-

ner, received an almost unanimous vote.

When PAC became a senior college, a few alterations in the lyrics were necessary since the red and blue of Edinburg School's gave way to the green and white of PAC.

The present band arrangement was made by Phillip Wright, presently a senior music major

## Joint Project First, Publications Change

Publications through the years have risen, faded away, and some returned.

Sharing an annual with Edinburg High School, Edinburg Junior College included photographs of its early life in *The Midlothian* which was published in 1928, 1929, and 1930. Since Edinburg as a name suggested Scotland, the staff had chosen the title of one of Sir Walter Scott's novels as its cover title.

Among the advertisements included in the 1928 annual was that of a Valley theatre which informed collegians it was "the de luxe theatre of the Rio Grande Valley" and offered "first run pictures, big time vaudeville, augmented orchestra."

The 1947 edition of the *El Bronco* was the first yearbook to be published by students of Edinburg Junior College after a 17-year lapse. Due to the large enrollment, it was decided by popular vote of students in assembly that a yearbook could be successfully produced.

Each year following has marked its passing in another *El Bronco*.

### Newspaper

When *The Scotchman* was found-

ed in Edinburg High School in 1926-27 as the official bi-monthly newspaper of the Edinburg School, members of its staff were drawn from all the various departments of junior high school, high school, and college. The publication announced its aim was to be "a reporter of truth and ideals."

On Sept. 24, 1934, at 12:30 in AB 34 a group of students assembled to discuss organizing a college newspaper. Alex Murphree of the *Edinburg Valley Review* offered to publish it as a full page of that newspaper, and the group accepted.

The first edition appeared Oct. 1, 1934 as *The Campus Beacon*, published bi-weekly by the Journalism Club of Edinburg Junior College. A contest won by Georgia B. Grissom gave the new work a new motto: "A Ray of Work—a Beam of Success. Inserted as a regular page in the town newspaper, the first issue had a picture page of the Lindbergh baby trial on its reverse side.

A "Sadie Says" column along with "The Snooper" were regular features as was "Within the Corral". An April Fool issue named "The Campus Lantern" also was produced.

As the years passed the college newspaper separated into its own editions and even set up its own printing presses in the Administration Building. Sizes varied and *The Beacon* became *The Pan American*.

### Other Publications

Literary magazines have also been distributed over the years. The Spanish *El Pan Americano* produced by a campus Spanish Class has continued although the 1955 'Psst preceded *Salero* into the historical files as a college magazine.

## DEDICATION

Pan American College  
Is Dedicated

To Honesty in Thinking and Sincerity in Seeking for the Best in Education, Bringing Higher Educational Advantages to Every Young Man and Every Young Woman of the Valley, and to Serving the Mature Citizenship of Its Territory to the Extent of Its Ability and Their Wishes.

This Dedication, written by R. P. Ward, Dean of Edinburg College in 1927, was included in the first college catalogue which appeared in that same year.



# Bronco Days Got Started In 1947

PAC's annual western celebration, Bronco Days, began more than 15 years ago during the summer of 1947 when PAC was Edinburg Junior College.

E. P. Lillard, now director of PAC's Division of Communications, first suggested the formation of an organization to improve spirit at the football games.

Several of Lillard's freshmen students, mostly World War II veterans, began organizing the club now known as the Bronco Boosters.

### Sponsors

Sponsored by the Bronco Boosters, the first celebration was held on Thanksgiving before the Edinburg Junior College-Brownsville Junior College gridiron grudge match.

The first Bronco Days celebration was featured by a Homecoming Dance for exes, western clothes worn by all students, a beard growing contest, and a cigar smoking contest.

"Bronco Days of 1947 was highly successful, although not so elaborate as the present celebration," said Lillard.

### First Celebration

"The first celebration had a

## State Support

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American College has risen to a place of importance in the Rio Grande Valley. For example, in 1927, the Edinburg School District invested \$1,000,000 in the college. Physical assets of PAC are now valued over \$3,000,000 and the college is presently expanding. Enrollment during the 1927-28 school year totaled 285 regular, special, and extension students. Enrollment for the spring semester of 1963 totaled 2,082. The college faculty has grown from 40 members in 1927 to 72 full-time and 20 part-time faculty members in 1963.

A roster of PAC graduates would read like a small "who's Who." The college boasts one state senator and three representatives as former graduates. It also counts many Valley doctors, lawyers and important businessmen as alumni. A county judge and a newsman for a Valley television station both went to PAC. Of course, the college has graduated many teachers. An oil company executive, a leading chemist, a doctor with the United States Public Health Service, a Bureau of Standards officer, an aviation company engineer, and an oil geologist were all graduates of EJC or PAC.

The only degree available from Edinburg Junior College in 1927 was Associate of Arts. Instruction was offered in business administration, natural sciences, home economics, mathematics, English, social sciences, education, fine arts, and foreign languages.

Today, PAC awards Bachelor of Arts degrees, in agriculture, business administration, art, astro-science, biological science, chemistry, English, home economics (general), industrial education (general), music, mathematics, medical technology, physics, social science, Spanish, speech, teacher education, elementary education, and physical and health education.

motorcade tour of the Valley towns. The parade with floats was not to come for several years," he commented.

Since 1947, few changes or additions have taken place in the yearly event. In 1949 pie-eating and apple-dunking contests were held. Featured attraction of the 1950 festivity was a greased pig contest.

In 1954, the traditional Tug-of-War between the freshmen and the sophomores was added to Bronco Days. A two mile endurance race with a live turkey as first prize was another feature. Also the first float parade was held.

In the early 1950's, the fast draw contest was introduced as a regular feature of Bronco Days.

In 1958, the annual PAC Rodeo was initiated.

Another first was added to the Bronco Days festivities in 1959 when it was decided to have a Bronco King to accompany the Bronco Queen. Jim Taylor was chosen the first Bronco King.

In 1961, David Roseland and Richard Flores tied for Bronco King.

Seventeen Bronco Queens in 16 years have been chosen by the students of PAC since 1947.

1947 — Paula Ann Jones, 1948 — Rachel Godinez, 1949 — Mary-nelle Newcombe, 1950 — Niki Gylling, 1951 — Irene Garza, 1952 — Mary Alice Sotelo, 1953 — Blanca Hinojosa, 1954 — Laura Edwards, 1955 — Emelda Fernandez, 1956 — Mary Richmond, 1957 — Danelle Russell, 1958 — Norma de la Garza, 1959 — Kathy Longhofer, 1960 — Susan Vackar, 1961 — Sharon Nelson, 1962 — Sarah Eidson and Sandra Sawyer.

## Many Odd Footnotes In History

History unfolds in many ways around a college.

The June 6-Aug. 10, 1928 summer session met from eight until one o'clock Tuesday through Saturday for 75 minute periods.

In 1935-36 a college bus started at Mercedes and went through each town until it reached Pharr for the college. Another began at Mission. Non-resident students paid \$3.50 per month.

The sophomore class of 1927 was unique because with few exceptions no two of its members attended the same college together in their freshman year. The freshman class then comprised about ninety per cent of the college enrollment.

In 1936 student forums which were a part of the adult extension program were conducted on fatalism, mental telepathy, football, abolition of war, and mental hygiene.

Sophomores conducted freshman initiation on the "slimes" as the newcomers were called.

Once PAC had a Harmonica Club in 1927 and in 1935 the Campus Players were organized. In 1950 a Lone Star Club was organized for students who have attended out-of-state schools. In honor of the first hostess at the Faculty Club which served as an early dormitory the "Camille Club" was begun.

# Club Meeting Resulted In Pan American Days

By ROBERT L. GRAY

Every April, students of PAC observe Pan American Days, an honorary tribute to the 20 American States comprising the Pan American Union.

Pan American Days began April 14, 1953, when a McAllen student (name unknown) suggested that PAC should have some sort of a celebration to commemorate Pan American Days as a Spanish Club project.

### Organization

The three persons most responsible for the success of the first Pan American Day were PAC faculty members Dr. Arthur R. Hayes, then of the Social

Science and Speech fields; Dr. Margaret Stobaugh, then a PAC Spanish instructor; and Arturo J. Garcia, also a PAC Spanish professor. These three got together and discussed the proposed idea at length.

The end result was a one day celebration in which was featured an assembly, dance, and a coronation all wrapped into one event for the first year.

### First Program

Elia Vento was crowned Miss Pan America I by R. P. Ward, then president of PAC.

The first program took place in the PAC Auditorium, Mrs. A. B. Johnson from Brownsville and

Mexico City was the chosen guest speaker for the occasion.

In the first assembly, girls carried the 21 flags of the American republics from in back of the auditorium to the state forming the first court of flags. This tradition is still part of the ceremony every April; however, the Cuban flag has been folded and taken from the ceremony. This flag may perhaps return when Cuba breaks the chains of Communist tyranny.

Also featured at the first Pan American Day was an outdoor barbecue.

### More Changes Made

A change was made in the Pan American celebration of 1954. For the first time, all candidates competing for the title of Miss Pan American were called Bougainvillea Belles.

This was also the first year that the top six Bougainvillea Belles pictures appeared in EL BRONCO.

The guest speaker for the 1954 festivities was Dr. Stobaugh.

Another change was made later in 1954. The Spanish Club was officially made the sponsor of the event; but for the first time other clubs on the PAC campus were assigned duties which they were expected to carry out in the fullest detail. Drawing one of the biggest assignments was Alpha Phi Omega. They were put in charge of the Noche de Fiesta celebration.

### 1955 Changes

Still more changes were made in Pan American Days in 1955. This was the first year the coronation was called "La Corte Panamericana."

A tea, plus a Symposium of Speakers, was featured.

Pablo Martinez del Rio of the National University of Mexico was the 1956 guest speaker.

Dr. Francisco Cuevas Cancino spoke in 1957.

Mrs. Alura Flores de Angeler was guest speaker in 1958.

Another first resulted in 1959. This was the first year various

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## Billboard, Case Built

The PAC combination billboard and bench located near the southern doorway of the Administration Bldg. also offers its history.

Once this billboard along with the glass-enclosed display on the north side of the Administration Bldg. were fountains where children from the elementary schools who came across the campus to eat in the Commons could wash their hands.

However, in 1951 when the college began to be a senior one, the children no longer came and the fountains were no longer needed. The pipes could be closed but the slabs of cement would remain.

Someone suggested that on the north side an enclosed case be built, and such was done.

Not wanting another on the other side, a billboard was suggested and done. Johnny Nieto, an art major at PAC, painted the great green bucking Bronc on its side.

Another Bronco being sculptured on the new campus in front of the student center was the gift of the senior class of 1962.



Mural painted as a gift of the 1938 graduating class remains on the wall of the former library. In pre-new campus days students of the library did research near the painting.

## Mural By Class Remains On View

A lasting memorial of the sophomore class of 1937-38 hangs on the north wall of the Business Administration Bldg., once the college library.

It is a mural painted by Joseph Brennan and Humberto Cavazos, students of the graduating class of that year.

### Characters

Each of the 21 characters in the mural represents a different aspect of college life, with the mural being divided into three sections. The central figure in the middle section represents the spirit of education and was posed by Mrs. Rogers Kelley.

Figures representing specific phases of education are grouped around Mrs. Kelley. From left to right, Phyllis Cramer, Lloyd Woody, Arthur Jayson, and Mana Cavazos (artist's daughter), represent the students of the various ages. Cornelia Grasso is holding the college newspaper, The Beacon as it was named then, and Carlota Vela represents zoo-

logy and biology with a microscope in her hands.

Clement Barrera is the art student, and representing athletics was Joaquin Cantu, who was killed in World War II. Chito Cavazos stands for pre-medical study, while E. Fernandez represents chemistry. The two artists stand for drama and engineering.

### Side Panels

In the two side panels Mildred Clark and Fritz Hagedorn represent the college alumni. Around them are symbols showing the fields of work open to graduating students. Children in the middle panel were posed by Bobby Koen and Beverly Kirkland.

The mural was presented to the college by Emil Fossler, president of the sophomore class of 1938 as the customary gift to the school.

Many present-day PAC students are suggesting the mural should now follow the library to the new campus and be restored to its former position.



# Campus Changes Appear Thru Years As College Expands



**PAC AUDITORIUM** and Administration Building in early days, seen from tennis courts which now is the faculty parking lot.



**FACULTY CLUB**, formerly a residence building for teachers and a few collegiates, now is the administration building for Edinburg public schools.



**BOOKSTORE**, in one-campus days, was in the Education Building. Students also had parties and dances here.



**STUDENT CENTER**, sharing the bookstore building, was always jam full of collegiates.



**GYM**, now used by Edinburg Junior High, hasn't changed much, but the car styles have.



**SIGN** announces beginnings of the new West Campus.



**OLD LIBRARY**, cooled by ceiling fans, was abandoned to classes when the West Campus structure was completed.

Relating the history of a college could never be completed without the tracing of the buildings themselves.

Erected in 1916, the Administration Bldg. at first was one solid block shape without the north and south wings. College and high school classes met together in the classrooms it offered.

Built in 1927 for Edinburg Junior College, the Science Bldg. held classes in science, business administration, and home economics.

Listed in the early catalogues as "a commodious brick building elegantly and completely furnished," the PAC auditorium was insured of a seating capacity of

1,192 people. Since dramatics played a great role in the development of the college, many plays were presented from its stage as programs.

The former Engineering Bldg. at PAC offered space for wood-working, machine shop, and band hall.

The cafeteria on the ground floor of the Administration Bldg. served 350 people and was shared with the high school. The gymnasium was in the high school building north of the campus, and the 1931-32 catalogue remarked that the athletic field was two full blocks set in Bermuda.

The Faculty Club, now the Administration and Tax Office of

the Edinburg School District, was opened for teachers in 1927-28 but teachers soon married and moved into homes of their own. Students were allowed to take their rooms and so began the first dorms. Rooms were \$7.50 a month for each person. Meals were served there. A Student Club was open for men with rooms \$6 a month per person in 1928.

The Piper Bldg., formerly served as the Tax and Administration Office, now located in the former Faculty Club.

Housing 3,984 bound volumes and 2,000 pamphlets in 1931-32, the PAC library moved to the west campus last year leaving its old home to the business department.

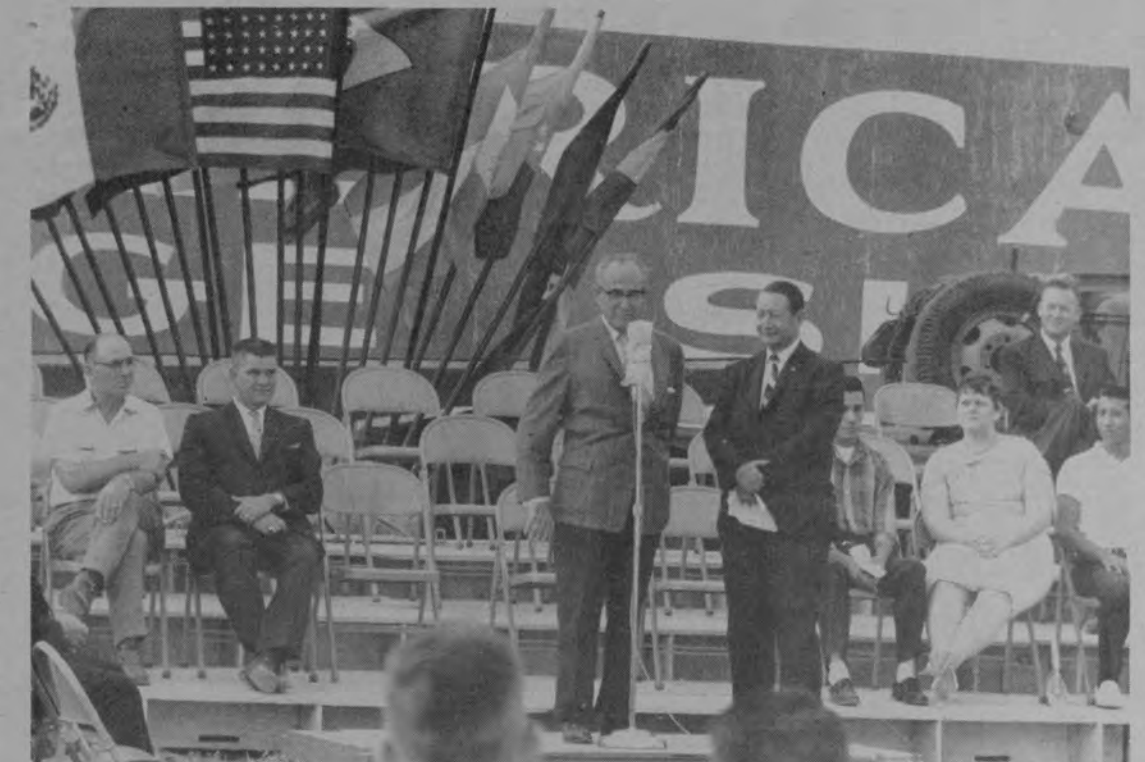
The present Education Bldg. was created when the bookstore and student union moved to the new campus also last year. In earlier days the bookstore was located in what is now the vice president's office and was open at intervals during the day.

New additions to the campus have been the Orville I. Cox Tennis Stadium, the observatory, and Emilia and Southwick Halls for dormitories.

### Current Projects

Current building projects are the 17-room classroom building and the planetarian.

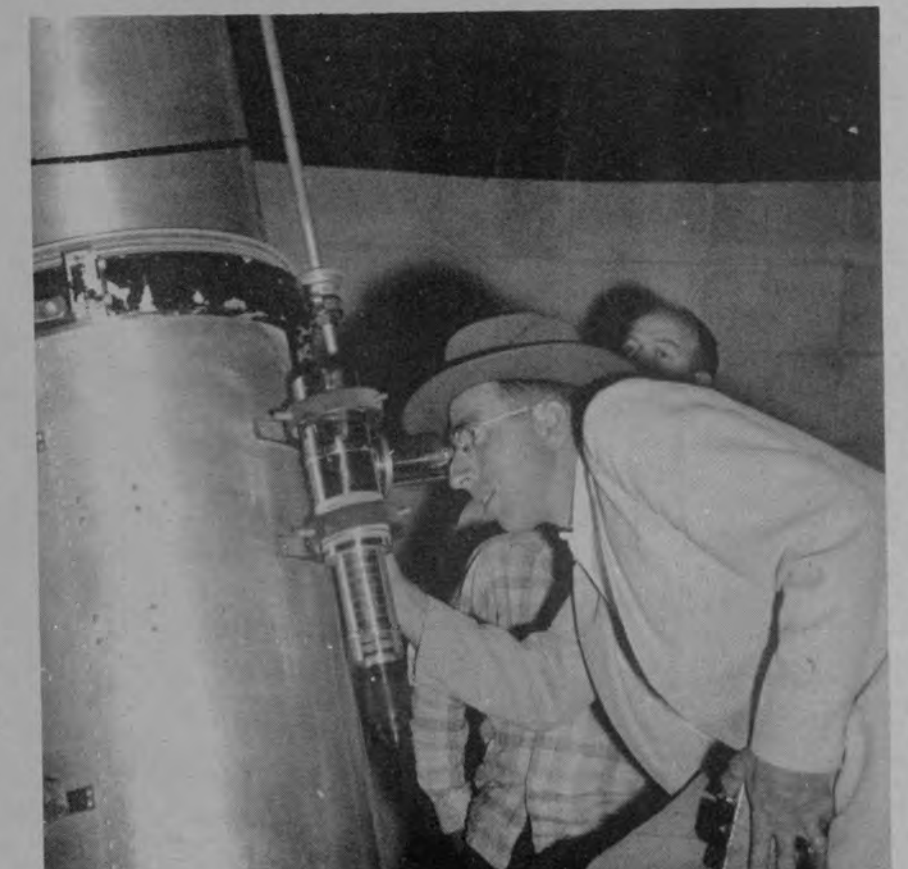
PAC is today in its greatest period of physical transition. It's moving day every day.



**DEDICATION** of West Campus finds Regents Orville I. Cox and Moulton Cobb at the microphone.



**SKYLINE** begins to rise on PAC's West Campus.



**TELESCOPE** for PAC brought lots of early day publicity during "moon-watch" evenings.



## Honor Roll Advances

### PAC Honor Societies

In 1928-29 the Edinburg Junior College Catalogue declared that a Honor Roll would be published each semester for students with at least a B average.

On Nov. 30, 1931 Beta Theta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa scholastic fraternity was organized on the college campus and still remains today. It was to encourage scholarship, for its founders believed with Horace Mann that "every addition to true knowledge is an addition to human power." Five charter members led the group. In 1934 members were sent to the national convention.

When PAC became a senior college Alpha Chi was merely an outgrowth of the Pan American Honor Society

## Musicians Schedule Concert

Continuing in its history-making, the PAC band and choir will present a combined concert May 17 at the McAllen Civic Center at 8 p.m., according to Dr. Glenn Williams, director of the band and Mrs. Ruth Morris, director of the choir.

### Early Bands

Though there have been bands throughout the years at Edinburg Junior College, most of them included students from both high school and college and were titled the Edinburg School Band.

It was not until 1953 that PAC has its own marching band. It was organized by C. V. Magurean, still professor of music at PAC.

The first parade the 42-member organization marched in was the 1953 Bronco Days Parade.

In 1961 the direction of the band was taken over by Dr. Glenn Williams, present director.

### Choir

As did the band, college and high school students participated in the Edinburg College Glee Club, forerunner of the PAC choir. With uniforms of white with red and blue letters, the Glee Club remained until its change to Pan American College Choir.

As the present director commented, "We have sung in everything from weddings to funerals."

### Orchestra

The Pan American Symphony Orchestra has long been active in the Valley.

Started in 1940 by a group of Valley musicians, the orchestra was not sponsored by PAC until 1952.

The first concert of the orchestra which called itself the Symphony Orchestra of the Rio Grande Valley was in October, 1940. A local musician, Oscar Mark Jr. was the conductor.

Magurean was the first conductor of the orchestra after it became affiliated with PAC in 1952. In 1961 Dr. Williams took over the orchestra.

Assisting these conductors through the years have been many outstanding concert masters. Included in these are Michael Wilkomirski, Mrs. Jacqueline Pride, and Edward Pease. Present concert master is Mrs. Barbara Williams.

Mary Doneis, a sophomore music major at PAC, is the only member of the symphony who has been in the symphony since its beginning, in 1940.

As this Society had used the same standards in the selection of members, all of its members became eligible for membership in the organization.

Alpha Chi is composed of the initial letters of the Greek words, **Altheia and Karakter**, meaning Truth and Character. Alpha Epsilon Chapter of the national scholastic fraternity was installed on the PAC campus Feb. 28, 1958.

## Fellowship Observed By Clubs

Religious organizations on campus are comparatively new.

One of the first of these was the Newman Club which in 1955 became affiliated with the National Newman Club organizations. Sponsoring dances, raffles, and a Bronco Days turkey shoot, members are working currently towards a Newman Center.

Founded in 1956, the Wesley Foundation which grew from the Wesley Student Movement, is composed of Methodist students. Delegates have been sent to the national and also state conventions

Beginning in 1959, the Baptist Student Union was organized on campus. Traditional projects of the group include sending delegates to the statewide conventions.

In 1961-62 for the first time at PAC a Lutheran Student Assn. was organized. This year, however, the group is inactive.

For a short time an organization of Episcopal faith students met as the Canterbury Club on campus. This club, too, is presently inactive.

Beginning this year at PAC is the campus Crusade for Christ. This is an interdenominational body.

# Historical Background Information Varies For Campus Organizations

Departmental clubs at PAC have come and gone and each year new ones appear or old ones are brought back to life.

One of the oldest organizations on campus is the Spanish Club which was formed even in the early days of the Edinburg Junior College. High School and college students in Spanish courses gathered to meet and converse in Spanish. With the Spanish Club president traditionally the head of the Pan American Days Assn., the group climaxes the spring celebration by sponsoring the Pan American Days Ball.

### Home Economics

In January, 1936, the Home Economics Club was organized at PAC and has been through various periods. Prior to 1954 it was named the Elenn H. Richards Club, then the Home Economics Club, and now it is called the PAC Home Economics Chapter of the American Home Economics Assn. Members majoring in home economics through classes have helped in publicity for Debetic Detection Week, collecting old license plates for the Hidalgo County Tuberculosis Assn. The chapter conducts a Career Day for Donna High School FHA at its request and has held many fashion shows and teas. Students have won twice out of three entries in the Lenox China Annual National Table Arrangement Contest. Among its projects are the giving of gifts to needy families and making home-made canned pepper relish.

### Industrial Arts

Founded in 1952, the Industrial Arts Club has aided in the creation of the South Texas Industrial Education Assn., one of the first such regional associations in Texas. With its motto, "In Unity there is strength," the club has participated in various projects ending with its annual spring semester barbeque: (1) play-

ground for Edinburg south park in cooperation with the Junior Service League (2) desk for Edinburg City Police Department (3) red-wood picnic tables as a money-raising project (4) portable baseball back stop for use by the school team (5) booths for business administration fair (6) chairs for college center lounge.

### Press Club

Although the Journalism Club even in the beginning of the college helped with the earliest publications, in October, 1934 members began publishing the by-weekly campus newspaper. Members also began the fifth chapter of Gamma Delta Upsilon, a national journalism fraternity. Gradually, the Press Club was built.

### Art Club

Founded in 1953, the Art Club traditionally paints Christmas scenes in store windows in downtown Edinburg and sponsors classic and foreign films. They also make posters, hold bake sales, and with the Texas Fine Arts Assn. helped in sponsoring the Valley Art Exhibition. Currently members are planning a trip to Mexico as past members once did.

### Rodeo

Bringing a new sport as well as a new organization to PAC was the Rodeo Assn. founded in 1956. The group held the first Bronco Days rodeo at the Lee Walker Arena and has continued with the annual event at the Sheriff's Posse Arena. Last month the organization held its first NIRA competition.

### Aggie Club

In 1931-32 PAC added courses in agriculture such as market gardening, plant propagation, citriculture, and economic entomology to its catalogue for the first time. In 1954 the Aggie Club began on campus. Among its projects have been the marking of

streets for better parking.

### Club de Mexico

Since its beginning in 1960, the Club de Mexico has sponsored an annual Mexican supper with entertainment during la Noche de Fiesta of Pan American Days festivities. This year members plan a four-day trip to Monterey.

### SNEA

Beginning in 1940-41 the Mirabeau B. Lamar chapter of the Student National Education Assn. was named the Future Teachers of America and at that time only six other chapters existed in Texas. Projects undertaken by this club include the annual candy sales during the early months of the school year, beanie sales during 1948-50, student directories in 1951-52, and pens this year. In March, 1954, the chapter was host to the state FTA convention.

### Phi Beta Lambda

Phi Beta Lambda, college division of Future Business Leaders

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## Beginnings Related

Service — social fraternities and sororities early began to find their way to the PAC campus.

Among the oldest is Bronco Boosters which was established in 1947 to promote student activities and morale. This group originated the Thanksgiving-time celebration of Bronco Days, serving as members of the Kangaroo Court and sponsoring the Bronco Queen Contest and other events along with the sister group Bronkettes.

### Bronkettes

Beginning also in 1948, Bronkettes conduct the Pan American Days Box Lunch Auction and the Bronco Days Bronkette Dance. They donated \$100 to the "Build the Bronco A Home Drive" last year and have sponsored the Cutest Pan and Ugliest Man Contest on campus in past years.

### Alpha Phi Omega

Organizing Lambda Xi chapter in 1955 on campus, Alpha Phi Omega assists in various campus elections, sponsors Noche de Fiesta of Pan American Days, and helps with the Boy Scout groups in the area. Projects also include painting campus trash cans and painting street addresses.

### Intercollegiate Knights

Camelto Chapter of the Intercollegiate Knights was installed on PAC campus in October, 1959. In April, 1962, the chapter was host to the 38th national convention and was named the outstanding chapter of the nation. Members recently returned from the national convention this year held in Montana.

### Ladies of Camelot

Established locally in April, 1961, the Ladies of Camelot is sister organization to the order of Intercollegiate Knights. Sponsoring the Playboy Dance and selecting Mr. All College Playboy, the organization recently donated \$125 to the "Build a Home for the Bronco" fund.

### New Groups

Currently organizing for an 18-month pilot group trial period, Tau Kappa Epsilon members are working toward getting the organization underway.

Also currently being organized is the Alpha Zeta Chi sorority.



**MILESTONE FOR PAC** came with the signing of House Bill 230 by Governor Allan Shivers, May 19, 1951. Senator Rogers Kelley, left, and Representative Arnold Vate witness the signature. PAC then made the transition from Edinburg Junior College to Edinburg Regional College and on to PAC. (Photograph courtesy PAC library.)



# PAC Broncs Tread Championship Trail

While Edinburg College drew students to its shady rooms of learning, it also drew them out into the sunshine to athletics.

The 1927-28 season's record in

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erated 20 buses, college students were entitled to ride in them. Private cars that transported two or more students would be repaired for cost of parts in engineering shops and gasoline would be sold at cost price, the catalogue informed.

Books cost approximately \$25 for the entire year, but with the completion of the first year of the Education Course one was entitled to an elementary teacher certificate valid for four years, provided the student was at least 18 years old. Completion of the second year of Education Course entitled the student to a four year high school certificate.

### Courses Offered

Besides an extensive music program which the Conservatory of Fine Arts provided, courses were offered in various other fields.

Business administration offered typewriting, business law, commercial courses and shorthand. Chemistry included general chemistry and organic chemistry only.

The education department courses consisted of The Elementary School in which elementary psychology was studied and observation and practice work in one of the Edinburg elementary schools was done. Besides a similar course in junior high work, a course was provided for administration and supervision.

The engineering department featured courses in advanced cabinet making, machine shop, surveying, farm mechanics, engineering drawing, descriptive geometry, machine drawing, architectural drawing, applied mathematics, differential calculus, and integral calculus.

English consisted of a first year course, an outline of literature, and a writing course. Two years of French were offered.

In home economics first year clothing and first year cooking were offered as was elementary dressmaking. Two courses in Latin were also given.

Mathematics consisted of pure mathematics and algebra.

Physical training provided a personal hygiene and general course for coaches as well as a course.

Physics, too, was general only.

Social science offered a orientation course including "the world of man, nature, and myself." A survey of American Civilization and one of world civilization was offered along with economics and government.

Three years of Spanish were included.

Zoology consisted of general and vertebrate. Art included commercial advertising and illustrating and cartooning.

Public speaking included dramatic interpretations and argumentation and debate. Public school music was also given.

### Meaning of "A"

An A in any of the courses meant an A in these phases: Has the student learned? Can he use it? Can he do it? It also meant these attributes of citizenship — is he punctual, orderly, industrious, cooperative, self-controlled, cheerful, reliable, and does he possess initiative, a sense of humor, and a desire for improvement?

football appeared as:

Broncs 6 San Marcos Reserves 6

Broncs 6 Rice Freshman 6

Broncs 50 St. Edward's Reserves 0

Broncs 0 Kingsville 14

Broncs 39 Victoria Junior College 0

Broncs 19 Peacock Military Institute 0

Broncs 0 Texas Fish 44

Broncs 19 Schreiner 12

Broncs 0 Centenary 0

The basketball record read:

Broncs 28 St. Edward's 42

Broncs 18 Texas Fish 30

Broncs 12 Schreiner 33

Broncs 22 Schreiner 38

Broncs 24 Kingsville 48

Broncs 28 Kingsville 40

Broncs 38 Southern Pacific 33

Broncs 18 Firemen 16

Since there were no indoor courts, only two games could be played at home that year.

On Oct. 10, 1928, the "Razzers" club was organized which was "the result of conscientious desire on the part of boys of the college to aid in the creation of a school spirit." These Razzers attended games en masse on every possible occasion "displaying a vim and fight rivalled only by members of the team."

**Tennis Appears**  
In 1929 tennis first came to PAC because the courts were only then completed. Six men were gathered by April 13 to represent the college.

In 1929 the Broncs opened their basketball season with only seven men, for the majority of the players were on the sick list. The first track team was formed and known as the Bronc Cinder Artists.

Following their 1930 winning game with the 23rd Infantry team from San Antonio, the football Broncs that year went on to play the Rice Institute Owls. The

Owls played six full teams to the Broncs one which consisted of the 11 men who started the game. Sixty-six huskies were more than 11 men could expect to defeat the Broncs decided, and the Red and Blue warriors lost 19-6.

That same year the Texas Chiropractic College also won over the Broncs 20-0, but the Broncs ended their Brownsville Junior College game with a 27-6 win.

The 1930 Bronc basketball quintet played Kingsville, Corpus Christi teams, as well as the Edinburg firemen and Valley high schools.

**Wins Titles**  
Edinburg won the state junior college doubles titles in tennis for 1932-33-34.

At the beginning of 1935 the Bronc basketball squad received new uniforms. These included royal blue flannel trunks trimmed in white and a white jersey with Broncs on it. That season the Broncs trimmed Ft. Ringgold 31-19 and eked out a 44-42 victory over Premont.

Height was employed in the 1936 team, when the tallest boy measured 6 ft. 2 in. That year the basketball team won 12 games and lost 6 to tie for district in basketball.

While the Broncs passed through 1938 they found the "giant" A&I team which averaged 6 ft. 2 in. defeated their 5 ft. 10 in. average. That year they lost district to San Antonio Junior College.

During the war years of 1938-1944 Edinburg Junior College found it had few men left and fewer athletes. Along came 1944, however, with its team giant of six feet.

In 1948 for the first time Edinburg Junior College offered football, basket, baseball, track, tennis, and golf.

The next decade when PAC became a senior college the athletic

department continued its strides forward. The college owned only eight acres on the west campus at that time and the only facility there was a cow-pasture baseball diamond. Athletes shared high school facilities with physical education classes, basketball practices, and games.

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PAC Baseball Team of 1955 was coached by Jim Brooks and marked the first real start of a program in baseball here.



Track Stars of 1951 Await Signal



PAC Tennis Team of 1956 was coached by Charles Magurean and had a spotless 10-0 record which won the Big State Conference.



PAC Basketball Broncs took the NAIA Championship this year with playing such as this.



# Recognition, Awards Given At Traditional Assembly

Carrying on the traditional Awards Assembly May 7, PAC paid tribute to its outstanding student body members such as once

## Club Meet

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Valley high schools were invited to send representative girls to be presented at "La Corte Panamericana."

Guest speaker for the 1959 festivities was Judge Reynaldo Garza, then a member of the Texas Good Neighbor Commission.

The site of the coronation was moved from the PAC Auditorium to the McAllen Civic Center in 1960. The purpose of the move was twofold. First, Pan American Days had become so successful that it had to be moved because of lack of room. The second reason was that the PAC Auditorium stage was too small for the court.

### Music Dedicated

Sue Garza played an important role in the 1960 Pan American Days by writing four songs which she dedicated to Pan American Days. Today all four songs are still used in "La Corte Panamericana." The titles of these songs are: "Bougainvillea Belles," "Sons of the Americas," "Inter-American Interlude," and "Noche de Fiesta."

Guest speaker for the 1960 celebration was Dr. George C. Engerrand, a French anthropologist.

The 1961 Pan American Days were highlighted by the presence of two guest speakers. One of the speakers was His Excellency, Carlos Alejos, Ambassador from Guatemala to the United States. The other speaker was Dr. Americo Peredes of the University of Texas.

### First Proxy Crowned

A strange thing happened during the 1961 Coronation. This was the first and only time so far that the Bougainvillea Belle chosen "Miss Pan America" was not present to receive the crown.

Such was the case concerning Ethel Hallock. Miss Hallock was chosen Miss Pan America X; but couldn't attend due to an emergency appendectomy operation just two days before the Coronation. Miss Yolanda de la Garza served as proxy and received the crown for Miss Hallock.

Only one change was made in the 1962 celebration. The PAC Drill Team took part in the ceremonies.

In 1962, the Ambassador to the United States from Mexico, His Excellency, Antonio Carrillo Flores was the main speaker.

### Double Crown Winner

A unique feature occurred at the 1962 Coronation when Sharon Nelson of McAllen was crowned Miss Pan American XI. This was the first time in the history of PAC that a girl won both the "Bronco Queen" title and the "Miss Pan American" honor.

The 1963 festivities were highlighted by the presence of His Excellency, Dr. Francisco R. Lima, Ambassador to the United States from El Salvador.

Graciela Gonzalez was presented as Miss Pan America XII. Miss Gonzalez will reign until April, 1964, when she, like all other "Miss Pan America's" before her, turns her crown over to "Miss Pan America XIII, whoever she may be.

it had awarded large red letter "E's" to Edinburg Junior College students.

With Charles Nemfakos serving as master of ceremonies and Dr. Ted Clark delivering the invocation, the awards began with the presentation of the Wall Street Journal award by Royce Brough of the business department to Ken Lang, captain of the national championship tennis team at PAC.

S. S. Draeger presented the mathematics award to Joan Hoffman followed by Dr. J. L. Elliott bestowing the chemistry award on Bruce Coulter. The freshman physics award was received by John Novotny from Dr. S. W. Eager. Dr. Glenn Williams presented the band recognition award to Phillip Wright.

A ping-pong plaque was won by Robert Miller with Robert Chavez in second place.

Jim Brooks of the athletic department summarized the work of PAC athletes this past year.

### Directory

Dan Robert S. Burks introduced 28 students who were selected for the annual directory of **Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities**. Chosen by the faculty these seniors were recognized: Edwin Bates, Clara Boenigk, Lyman Bounous, Mireli Bresett, Stanley Cernosek, Arturo Chavez, and Charles Clark.

Also given certificates were Harriet Dahl, Joe Escobar, Julia

## Club

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of America, founded its campus chapter in 1949 with its motto "Progress in business education." In 1958 the organization won a trophy for having organized the largest number of high school chapters of FBALA and member Al O'keeffe was chosen Mr. Future Business Executive of the state. Members took honors at the national convention in Dallas also that year. Among the projects of the club was formerly a "Buckboard" set up in the library for students in need of a dollar.

The Business Society and the Pre-Law Society are recent additions to the list of campus organizations.

### Political Groups

Political groups also have formed on campus — the Young Republicans and the Young Democrats. These have sponsored mock general elections and brought a voting machine for display to the college. Organized in 1956, the Young Democrats have sponsored barbecues for Democratic candidates, attended the state convention, and given a reception for Governor John Connally, Vice President L. B. Johnson, and Lieutenant Governor Preston Smith. Recently returning from their state convention, the Young Republicans have included various members in state and national positions of the group. They, too, have worked toward the success of their chosen political party by working with college and high school students.

Fierros, Gordon Foerrestre, Rina Garza, Robert Gray, Mrs. Virginia Jones, and Evelyn Jordan.

Certificates also were presented Helen McLeod, Dorothy Lee Pope, Mary Ruth Pritchard, Lester Rydl, Dorothy Schmidt, Joyce Sell, and Joan Stafford.

Others receiving **Who's Who** certificate were Acksa Stone, David Strohmeyer, Walter Thomas, Thomas Waters, Phillip Wright, and Jean Yoder.

### Service Awards

Service awards were announced by Mrs. Jessie Humphries.

Gold service awards were presented to students who had been nominated from three or more campus organizations. Two students were nominees of four groups: Royce Bach of Alpha Phi Omega, junior class, Wesley Foundation, and the Order of Bougainvillea; Dorothy Lee Pope of The Pan American, Press Club, Student National Education Assn., and the senior class.

Also receiving the gold pin bearing the emblem of the two joined continents were Gwen Brandt and Bronkettes; Celedonio de la Cruz from the junior class, Wesley Foundation, and the choir; Georjean Sheriff of Ladies of Camelot, junior class, and the Order of the Bougainvillea; and Sonya Vela, of the senior class, choir, and band.

Silver service awards were presented to Mary Gallagher, Joyce Russell, Arturo Salazar, Jose Rene Salinas, Rosa Serna, Peggy Wilkinson, and Thomas Waters.

Certificates were given students nominated from one club only. Rudy Arredondo, Jan Austin, Tom Brown, Arlene Butler, and David Casares.

Certificates also went to Helen Chisum, Rina Davis, Sara Eidson, Joe Escobar, Julia Fierros, Arthur Finston, Raul Flores, Pat Foley, and Lydia de la Garza.

One club nominee service awards also went to Irma Z. Gonzales, Dahlia Goren, Yolanda Garza Goren, Robert Gray, Dennis Guion, Gene Gutierrez, Bob Hensley, Elvia Hernandez, Joan Hoffman, and Eleanor Holmes.

Other recipients were Kenneth Hood, Larry Hoover, Tony Huerta, Judy Karam, Edward Leo, Sharon Lombard, Arturo Longoria, Larry Martz, and Felix Mejia.

Others receiving such certificates were Adel Mina, Fred Moyer, Venila Munk, Carlos Ortiz, Lanny Partain, Gracie Pena, Rudy Pena, Hector G. Perez, Deanna Powell, Kathy Roby, Linda Rogers, Alicia Salazar, Betty Jo Sansing, and Don Self.

Others presented service certificates from one club were Nancy Stephenson, Annetta Strickland, Gary Toothaker, Carmen Trevino, Kay Vaughn, Judy Villegas, and Eduardo Hinojosa.



NEW OFFICERS include, left to right, Vice-President Celedonio de la Cruz; President Royce Bach; Attorney General Curtis Barker.

# Bach Wins Ballot As Student Prexy

History grinds on at PAC, carving new memories of campus life.

With campaigning ending and ballots counted, new student body officers for 1963-64 have been elected.

President Royce Bach, Vice President Celedonio de la Cruz, and Attorney General Curtis Barker head the slate along with Georjean Sherriff as secretary and Nancy Stephenson as treasurer.

### Senators

Senators chosen for student government work for the first time include: Jewell Parnell, senior Arts and Sciences; Ronnie Windham, junior Arts and Sciences; Verne Armet, sophomore Arts and Sciences; Larry Martz, senior, Technology; Raymond Back, junior Technology; Sandra Sawyer, sophomore Technology; Joyce Prycer, senior Education; Ruth Ann Natho, sophomore Education.

## Plans Announced For Registration

Registrar Nelia Mae Smith has announced that PAC students will be required to present their Social Security numbers in registering next fall.

These numbers will be used to establish a permanent numbering system for students of the college. Students are urged to get their Social Security numbers soon by applying to their local Social Security offices.

Applications for summer school entrance are available now in the registrar's office. Appointments for registration may be picked up there beginning on May 15.

Anyone who wishes to enroll for Freshman English (113) for the first time in summer school must take the English Placement Test to be given on May 30 at 9:00 a.m. in room 159 of the quired speech test will be given in the same place at 8:30 a.m.

Student government at PAC is undergoing re-organization this year. The new constitution provides for three basic branches: executive, legislative and judicial.

# Selections Announced

Once more cheerleaders have been chosen for the Broncs.

In elections following tryouts Linda Rogers was selected to se as head cheerleader for the 1963-64 year. Other new members are Mary Cleo Garza and Deanna Powell.

Georjean Sheriff and Vicki Matsumonji will return next year.

Two members of last year's group will be missing next fall, for Gloria Pena is a prospective June graduate and Betty Jo Sansing will transfer to another college.

Cheerleaders were presented blazers for their services and recognized by sponsor Miss Amilda Thomas at the annual Awards Assembly.

## Speaker Arrives For Peace Corps

Since the formation of the Peace Corps, PAC has contributed students such as Lawrence Jasman, Robert Nunn, and Patricia Rodgers to the organization.

Paul A. Daly, representing the Peace Corps, will address any interested students of PAC, Tuesday, May 14, at 10:10 a.m. in EB 159.

Daly will lecture and then show a film entitled, "The Peace Corps" narrated by Dave Garroway.



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## Regent Resigns After 11 Years

PAC pauses in its end-of-the-year hurry to pay tribute to one of the guiding leaders, a man devoted to PAC as his "alma mater", a man with far vision who saw great things for the college spreading over the dual campuses, a man who gave generously of his time in the long attempt for state support.

Now that this has been achieved, Orville Cox, eleven-year regent, is leaving that post.

We are grateful, Mr. Cox, for your service, for your support, and for the accomplishments we were able to make under your direction. Thank you.

Orville I. Cox, once a student at PAC during its junior college days and one of the original regents when the college became full-grown, has resigned from the board after 11 years of service.

## 'Thank You' Plans Set

Regents made plans for "bread and butter" type letters at their Tuesday night meeting.

All will put their signatures to notes of appreciation to the Valley legislative delegation, Gov. John Connally, Lt. Gov. Preston Smith and House Speaker Byron Tunnell.

These were backers of the college's successful bid for full, four-year state support.

Gov. Connally signed the bill into law Tuesday morning in ceremonies witnessed by Dr. Ralph Schilling, PAC president; and Regents Orville I. Cox, Mrs. M. W. Held, Joe E. Chapa and D. V. Guerra.

Special thanks also went out to chamber of commerce workers and other friends of the college for their efforts in making PAC the 22nd four-year institution in the state system.

PAC will continue its present method of county governed activities until 1965 when the gov-takes over.

Only Moulton Cobb of Weslaco and Joe E. Chapa of San Manuel will remain on the board as original members when Cox's resignation becomes effective next month.

The McAllen attorney's withdrawal was accepted with regret. He is immediate past president of the board and served as legislative committee chairman during the successful campaign for full, four-year state support.

"I promised my family, my friends, and myself that when we became state supported I would resign from the board of regents," Cox said.

Regents are expected to appoint a replacement from the county commission Pct. 2 area to fill his term, which expires in April, 1964.

## PAC Authorizes New Buildings

Construction will start this summer on restrooms at the Orville I. Cox Tennis Stadium.

Regents authorized their construction Tuesday night. A maximum of \$8,900 was permitted.

Currently in the building stage and due for completion for the fall semester is a 17-classroom building and a planetarium on the West Campus.

Formal ceremonies for the new buildings will be held in September, although the dormitories are ready for use during summer sessions.

## Dorms Set To House Students

Reservations are now being taken for occupancy during both summer sessions in PAC's new dormitories.

Each dormitory will house 60 students and will open May 29. Room and board for a single occupant is \$115 for a six-week summer term and \$342 for each regular semester. Advance payment of \$20 must accompany each reservation made to Dean of Students Robert Burks.

Emilia Hall for girls will have the dean of women Mrs. Bonnie Powers as the resident mother for the summer only.

The longtime housemother for the Edinburg Faculty Club and currently hostess for PAC's athletes at Belrose Hotel will get a new home this summer when PAC opens its new dorms. Mrs. Jennie Lee Alston will move into Southwick Hall for boys when it opens for summer school.

The 33 high school students who attend the Astro-Science Department's workshop this summer will share the dormitories with collegiates.

With dormitories in operation the Student Center cafeteria will acquire a new food service program. Saga, serving 127 colleges, will guarantee students "seconds" on all menu items and provide milk on "an all you want to drink" basis.

Saga will serve 20 meals a week to all students interested in eating in the cafeteria. There will be no Sunday night meal.

Mrs. Helen Melchior, cafeteria manager for over 20 years, will be retained in another position by the college.

## June Release

Plans are currently being made for distribution of the yearbook **El Bronco** scheduled for an early June delivery.

The annual is expected three weeks after final proofs have been received from the publisher.

## Commencement Speaker Named

Rt. Rev. Monsignor Dan Laning, rector of St. Paul's Catholic church in Mission, will be the commencement speaker at Pan American College graduation exercises June 2 at 8 p.m. in the McAllen Civic Center, according to Dr. Ralph Schilling, president of PAC.

A total of 125 seniors are candidates for graduation. This could be the largest class to graduate since a like number received diplomas in August of 1960.

Monsignor Laning was assigned pastor of St. Paul's in 1946. He was elevated to the rank of domestic prelate by Pope Pius XII in 1948 and to protonary

## Symposium Announced

PAC will host a national conference on satellite tracking and Moonwatch in August, announced Paul R. Engle, director of the Observatory.

Sponsored by the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, the two-day symposium will bring many of the nation's top scientists to PAC, according to Engle.

"We are greatly honored to be chosen for this national conference," said Engle.

The conference will be held in PAC's new planetarium.

PAC will also host a National Science Foundation Summer Institute on astronomy, astronautics, astrophysics and other space sciences, July 8 - August 17.

Thirty-two high school students will take part in the program, which will utilize all of the PAC astroscience facilities.

For the six-week program, a \$9,000 grant has been given the PAC astronomy and astronautics program by the National Science Foundation.

apostolic by Pope John XII on May 6, 1960.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1893, he served as an Army private in Europe and earned five Battle Stars during World War I. In 1920, Rev. Laning entered Catholic University and was ordained to the priesthood in 1924. He served churches in Corpus Christi, Kingsville, Beeville and Laredo before being called into service as a chaplain with the rank of captain during World War II.

Later he was sent to Harvard University as an instructor in the chaplain's school and saw all of the action of the Normandy Beach landing and the advancement of Allied Forces into Austria. Rev. Laning was separated from active duty in 1946, as a colonel. presentation of diplomas, assisted by H. A. Hodges, vice president.

## Exams Slated At Pan Am May 20

The General Educational Development examination for persons over 21 will be given at PAC during the week of May 20, V. B. Cockrell, director of testing, has announced.

Cockrell pointed out that the GED has a two-fold purpose:

First, this is the official means a person has to be certified for the equivalent of a high school education.

Secondly, passage of this exam is the only means a student may attend PAC without a high school diploma.

Fee for the five-part test will be \$7.50, with the first part 1 p.m. on May 20 in the Piper Bldg. Part two will be given Tuesday and so on throughout the week.



**PAC FOUR YEAR STATE SUPPORT BILL** is signed in Austin by Governor John Connally. Left to right looking on are PAC President Ralph Schilling; Representative Bill Coughran; Representative Felix McDonald;

Representative Kiki de la Garza; PAC Regent Orville Cox; Connally; Senator Jim Bates; PAC Regent Mrs. M. W. Held; PAC Regent Joe Chapa; PAC Regent D. V. Guerra.



# Twenty-Seven Ago

Twenty-seven issues ago is a long, long time. Twenty-seven issues ago **The Pan American** was a scrawled list of ideas in a thick black notebook of blank pages. Twenty-seven issues ago **The Pan American** was launched with a blast of dreams.

So many ideas had we then. So many plans awaited our unfolding.

"To be the echo and the reflection of PAC" — that was our goal. We would try to produce it with a positive policy, building rather than tearing away.

We wanted top coverage on every organization, every event, every student. We wanted to prop this volume on the highest journalistic standards. We wanted it to be worthy of its 2,100 readers — 2,100 college students with 2,100 different interests and 2,100 different opinions.

How much we wanted to do our job well — to give PAC a reliable, informative, just publication! There were so many opportunities to contribute to the college we had chosen.

Twenty-seven issues have slipped by since that most eagerly awaited first one rolled from the press. Combined they mark one of the richest experiences that can be offered by this college life. Twenty-seven textbooks teach many lessons; there are hours of laboratory work involved.

We inserted a revolving feature which included faculty members each time. As we attempted to further acquaint the study body with faculty members we became better acquainted with them ourselves. We scheduled group pictures that depended on the closest cooperation; we slated interviews that were vital to our work yet must be conducted on short notice. Our deepest appreciation is extended to these busy people who found a few moments to tell us about themselves, to those who suffered through with us on pictures and tardy interviewers. Thank you.

Campus organizations compose such a great chunk of student life that we tried to help with their publicity, to forward their activities to all sections of the college. Our staff, however, was too small to cover the many groups. To the dedicated club reporters who continued to submit small notes on projects and programs we are most appreciative. Our desk welcomed news of any organization; we invited all to take advantage of the student newspaper for communications. For those who did we hope you were well-rewarded.

To the administration who had enough confidence in us to grant us so much responsibility, to trust us with so marvelous a creation as a newspaper, we are grateful. We hope in some small way to have helped our college. Our Memorial Issue was the most difficult issue to produce in many ways, but we hope it served to direct attention to at least a few of the fascinating bits of history PAC has to offer.

To the **Daily Review** staff who were so tolerant with us we give our gratitude. There are too many pressures involved in a newspaper; an inflexible deadline is next to impossible and had it not been for their understanding our newspapers could not have been even as well-done as they were.

To a small, small staff with tiny amounts of time to devote to a newspaper, I would like to express my appreciation for the things they did find time or make the time to do — to help write even one article, to get information for one story, to deliver messages, to stay a few extra minutes to relate a bit of news. Our second semester journalism class was a major part in producing a Friday issue each week. Although many were learning about this business of writing for the first time, they at least tried — I thank you all for your effort, your help.

We are especially grateful to our advisor, Mr. John Haden, for not only did he guide us to better journalism but he also came to our aid in so many ways — as a photographer when we so desperately needed one, as a copy-read for our mistakes, as a patient, friendly sponsor who seemed to sense the times we were doing the very best we could but still not fulfilling our task. Encouragement — "don't be sorry" — was exceeded only by his tolerance of us and our mistakes.

Personally, I would like to express my own appreciation to all the many people who have helped make this job of editor much easier — to the faculty members who seemed to understand that a newspaper must have time as well as news, to the organizations in which I had the pleasure to hold membership for realizing how many things I would have liked to do but could never seem to find an extra moment to do them, to my wonderful cooperating teacher who regarded our newspaper as equally important as learning arithmetic facts and helped me work out things so well between student teaching and newspaper editing, to that Greater Someone who was a regular member of our staff.

Twenty-seven issues are complete. The notebook is filled with past history. Another editor will come, **The Pan American** will produce other volumes, PAC will continue in its gigantic progress. For us this is our final issue. Thank you all for making these 27 possible — for without you we would have nothing about which to write.

God bless you all.

Dorothy Lee Pope  
Editor-in-chief, 1962-63  
**The Pan American**



R. W. Rodgers



Dr. Pauline James



Philip Lehman



Dr. J. B. Corns



Dr. Bill Ware

## Meet The Faculty

# Final Five Feature For Faculty

Selected for the final group of faculty members for featuring are R. W. Rodgers, Dr. Pauline James, E. H. Lehman, Dr. J. B. Corns, and Dr. William Ware.

The American Assn. of Petroleum Geologists and the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists have selected a research paper given at the Texas Academy of Science by R. W. Rodgers for publishing this fall in the Symposium On Cretaceous Geology of Texas.

Rodgers now has been at PAC for two years, having earned his

## Bronco Beat

Regent Al Martin, chairman of the building committee, reported Tuesday that construction is 25 per cent complete on the Liberal Arts building and that 86 per cent of the slab work is finished. All concrete columns have been poured and concrete wall blocks are on the site. Also, the parking areas for both dorms have been completed at a cost of \$2,405.28 or \$1,673.72 less than originally estimated.

PAC juniors will sponsor the traditional Junior-Senior Prom Tuesday night, May 28.

The 22-page basketball press guide published by PAC has won honorable mention recognition in competition with over 400 colleges in the United States.

Dr. Harold Lerner, currently a professor of social science at Piedmont College, Cornelia, Ga., will join the PAC faculty this fall as associate professor.

He was hired Tuesday night by regents.

The standing fund for a new field house at PAC has been increased by \$124 by the Ladies of Camelot.

Another campus organization — the Bronkettes — previously donated to the fund.

An open house Sunday from 2 until 6 p.m. will highlight the second annual Student Art Exhibit at PAC.

The exhibit will continue through May 24 in the art room of the Administration Building, and at the College Center

bachelor and master's degrees from Baylor University and serving as a graduate teaching assistant there prior to joining the PAC faculty. Presently he is a member of the American Petroleum Institute; National Assn. of Geology Teachers; American Assn. of Petroleum Geologists; American Geological Institute; and the Board of Directors of the Edinburg Kiwanis Club.

Having attended Amarillo College, the University of Texas, and receiving his bachelor's from West Texas State, E. R. Lehman is currently completing his master's at the latter.

In college days Lehman was in Alpha Chi but also was president of his college fraternity. He went on to work for oil companies, was management consultant for two years, and a research consultant to the city of Amarillo prior to coming to PAC this year. He currently is a member of the Junior

Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Pauline James received her bachelor's degree from Southern Methodist University and her master's and doctorate from Cornell University. Teaching biological sciences at PAC, she is active with the annual bird count. In the past she has conducted a television program on biology.

J. B. Corns, who presently is teaching classes in crop production and vegetables, conservation of natural resources, and entomology, received his bachelor of science from the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. His master's was awarded by the University of California and his doctorate by Cornell University.

Receiving a bachelor of science and his doctorate from the University of California, Dr. William S. Ware is currently teaching courses in feeds and feeding, biology, and human physiology and anatomy for nurses.

# Season To End

A joint concert by the PAC band and choir tonight in the McAllen Civic Center auditorium will bring to a close the year's college musical activities.

The program will get underway at 8 p.m. with the choir, conducted by Mrs. Ruth Dean Morris, performing numbers including "The Hunter" by Brahms and songs from the Richard musical "Flower Drum Song." The major work by the choir is "Festival Te Deum" by the late English composer Ralph Vaughn Williams.

For the second portion of the concert, the band, under Dr. Williams' direction, will play Chester Overture by William Schuman. Other works by Shostakovich and Robert Schumann will precede selections from "New State Fair" by Rodgers.

Phillip Wright, graduating music major from Edinburg, will appear as student conductor.

For the final segment of the concert, band and choir will join forces to present two 20th century compositions for band and

There is no admission charge for the concert, and the public is invited.

# Graduate Value Seen In Placement Service

By ROBERT L. GRAY

Did you know that the PAC Placement Service can be valuable to you after you graduate?

It provides a central office where you may be assisted in your search for a new position at the time of your graduation and later in a better position. It does not guarantee your placement, but the essential aim of the office is to bring you and prospective employers together in the most effective manner.

According to Mrs. Ruth Van Dresar, who is in charge of the Placement Service, graduates should file with the office now even though you might not need jobs immediately. The office is not just a service for prospective teachers, but is for all wishing assistance in finding employment.

Mrs. Van Dresar further stated that when a student files with the Placement Service, his college credentials will back him up when searching for a job. The application is good for years.

Being a mother of three children, Mrs. Van Dresar has been in public school and college work



Mrs. Ruth Van Dresar

for nine years. Her present position is assistant to L. D. Gilmore, Dean of the School of Education, and director of the Placement Bureau.

Before entering public school and college work, Mrs. Van Dresar was in education work of the First Methodist Church in Harlingen.

Mrs. Van Dresar also has three grandchildren.



# PAC Honor Group Inducts Members

Both junior and senior division honor societies at PAC have conducted their elections of officers and inducted new members.

With outgoing Phi Theta Kappa president Karen Buell accepting the office of historian in Beta chapter, new members chosen as 1963-64 officers include: president, Howard John Adamson; vice president Mary Berny; secretary, Patricia Welch; treasurer, Leslie Linnard; parliamentarian, Warren Linnard; publicity manager, Peggy Ann Wilkison.

Other new members are Yolanda Rose Garza, Christina Gutierrez, Gloria Yolanda Salinas, Catherine Roby, Larry Hoover, Sheila Guerrero, Raymond Smith, Randolph Terry Jr., Jerry Robinson, Charles Lemons, Eleanor Holmes and Jonathan Haas. Sponsor is J. S. Tallant.

In an initiation ceremony held in the Echo Hotel Alpha Chi was addressed by Rabbi William Gordon; Julia Fierros accompanied by Grace Carlson presented musical selections. Mrs. Viola Bourgeois and Mrs. Gladys Stout, charter members of the Pan American Honor Society which later became Alpha Chi, were present.

Serving as 1962-63 officers of Alpha Epsilon chapter are president, Dorothy Lee Pope; vice president, William Stephenson; secretary, Mrs. Emma Cummings; treasurer, Grace Carlson.

Chosen as 1963-64 officers are president, Ann Boulton; vice president, Irene Peterson; secretary,

Joan Hoffman; treasurer, Gordon Johnson.

Other new members initiated were Ira Bird, Juanita Brixey, Mrs. Laura Carlile, Grace Carlson, Dona Lee Davis, Donald Gimpel, Ronald Henricks, Joanna Iwata, John Stephens, Robert Ward, and Ruth Villarreal. Mrs. Jean Yoder could not be present. William Stephenson who was unable to attend the 1962 initiation was also formally inducted along with the new members.

Sponsors are Mrs. Ella Fay Hodges, Dr. Theodore Clark, and Meade Harwell.

## Selections Concluded

PAC basketball players have been selected to national and international teams.

Two have been invited to participate in a goodwill tour of South America this summer, it was announced by the National Assn. of Intercollegiate Athletics office in Kansas City, Mo.

Invitations were extended by the State Department through the the NAIA to Ramiro Villegas of McAllen and Jim McGurk of New York City, according to Mike Cleary, who is in charge of special events for the national organization. The team will be composed of 10 athletes and two coaches and will participate in both games and clinics.

Lucious Jackson is currently at Sao Paulo, Brazil, playing for the U.S. team in Pan American games.

## Geologists Take Trip

Two field trips were attended recently by the historical geology class at PAC, according to R. W. Rodgers, instructor.

In conjunction with the Rio Grande Valley Geology Society and geologists from northern Mexico, one trip was led by George Boyle of Rio Grande City to study the geology of Starr County.

In conjunction with the Baylor Geological Society PAC students along with 450 Baylor students visited the "hill country" of the Lampasas Cut Plain to study the relationships between geology and physiography in a trip to Waco. A guide book, including road log and descriptions of outcrops, helped students orient themselves to the surroundings.

Many localities were visited where talks were given to relate the geology to the physiography and culture of Texas as well as several excellent fossil collecting localities.

Stops were also made to study the faulting of the Balcones fault zone.



ALPHA ZETA CHI MEMBERS include left to right, fourth row, Linda Koester, Gilda Longoria, Gracie Gonzalez, Shelley Austin, and Sandra Sawyer; third row, Geen Giese, Deanna Powell, Eleanor Holmes, Martha Barbee, and Linda Rogers; second row, Yolanda Chapa, Joyce Arnold, Karen Buell, and Betty Joann Cole; first row, Vicki Montsumonji, Nancy Hall, Sarah Eidson.

## Sorority Comes To Campus

Alpha Zeta Chi has launched the first national social sorority at PAC.

Holding its organizational meeting April 30, the sorority will be dedicated to educational advancement, cultural interest, friendship, and mature social functions.

## Two Attend Convention

Two PAC delegates attended the 39th Intercollegiate Knights national convention in Billings, Montana, April 21-25.

Walter Stanley and Raul Flores of Camelot chapter were accompanied by Andres Estrada. This chapter, last year winner of the National Outstanding Chapter Award, was nominated for the honor again but was not chosen the 1963 recipient.

Stanley, who served as a chairman on the chapter officers workshop and as a member of the Financial Affairs Committee, was nominated for Royal Chancellor, but after two ballots lost by one vote to Stan Yamine of Pacific University.

Flores served in the Nominations and Election Committee and on the Chapter Projects Workshop; he was appointed to a Special Assembly Committee on the Queen Contest.

Estrada was re-elected for a fifth term as national executive secretary.

The new national officers favored meeting at Edinburg during the first week of September for the national officers conference. A mail vote was called for with all votes due by May 15. An unofficial poll conducted by the local delegates showed that six out of the 11 officers desired the Edinburg meeting while five preferred Provo, Utah.

Estrada stated that he was directed by the national officers to write letters commending certain chapters on the quality of their delegation. Camelot was included to receive such a letter. This chapter also will receive an honor Certificate awarded them by the National Executive Council.

A panel discussion was led by Gwen Brandt and concerned a better understanding of a social sorority — its obligations as well as requirements.

Election of officers was scheduled for the May 7 meeting with Sarah Eidson chosen president. Nancy Hall was selected first vice president and Vicki Matsumonji second vice president. Karen Buell will serve as secretary, Betty Joann Cole as treasurer,

## WACs Study Program Here

College juniors may "sample" life as an officer in the Women's Army Corps by applying for the four-week summer orientation course at Fort McClellan, Alabama, July 28 - Aug. 23. Courses offer a combination of academic and practical work.

There is no commitment beyond the all expense-paid program. Accepted applicants will receive a temporary Corporal rating.

Students eligible to apply are at least 18 years of age and currently completing their junior year or first semester of senior year in an accredited college or university.

Other details on the College Junior Program may be received from WAC Selection Section, Fourth U.S. Army Recruiting District, Fort Sam Houston.

## Club de Mexico Chooses Officers

Club de Mexico officers for 1963-64 have been elected.

Heading the club again is Alicia Salazar as president. Other officers include vice president, Mary E. Pennington; recording secretary, Gracie Pena; corresponding secretary, Ana Maria Fernandez; treasurer, Yolanda R. Gaza; parliamentarian, Yolanda Garza Gorena. Appointed by the president as representatives to the Interclub Council were Gracie Gonzalez and Christina Gutierrez.

The five principal officers and the representatives were chosen on a 2.3 grade point average while a 2.0 was required on the auxiliary officers.

urer, Yolanda Chapa as reporter and Joyce Arnold as chaplain.

Initiates include Shelly Austin, Martha Barbee, Gwen Brandt, Geen Giese, Gracie Gonzalez, Eleanor Holmes, Linda Koester, Gilda Longoria, Deanna Powell, Linda Rogers, Betty Jo Sansing, Sandra Sawyer, Nancy Stephenson, and Georjean Sherriff. Sponsors are Mrs. Shirley Isherwood and Miss Amilda Thomas.

A summer rush will be held, but the date has not yet been set.



NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CONFERENCE in Washington, D.C., included a "Breakfast with Congress". GERALYN SWANSON, PAC junior and Hidalgo County delegate, is shown with Congressman Joe Kilgore, 15th Texas District, who was among the 150 senators and congressmen who accepted invitations from the state delegations to attend the breakfast. It was the first in the 33-year history of the conference.

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# Rodeo Team Gets Berth For Finals

# Broncs, Bearkats Open Zone Playoff

Placing second in the southern region, the PAC rodeo team will head for Denver, Colo., for the National Intercollegiate Rodeo world's championship finals June 20-23.

Collecting 1,863½ points to Sam Houston College's 2,577½ points and McNeese' College's 1,440 points, PAC accumulated these points by participating in NIRA rodeos. Receiving the first place team trophy at PAC and Arlington NIRA rodeos and second at A&I, PAC's rodeo team includes Royce Rodgers, Joe Wier, Joe Brymer, Eddie Stott, Lester Rydl and Tink McAuley. Lois Daniels also represents the college in competition.

All-Around-Cowboy of the region title went to Royce Rodgers of PAC who acquired 1,150 points for first place with Leo Anderson of Sam Houston finishing second with 1,086 points.

With first through sixth place awarded in each event scores are tabulated for teams and individuals.

Lois Daniels of PAC placed in barrel racing and Rodgers second in bullriding. Rodgers also placed in the steer dogging and placed fourth in calf roping. Weir of PAC was fourth in ribbon roping.

Five performances with the last televised on "Wide World of Sports" are scheduled for the national rodeo finals. Some 200 college rodeo cowboys and cowgirls are expected to compete, representing over 80 member schools.



**ROYCE RODGERS**  
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## TOP MOUNDSMEN

Ready for hurling duty against the Sam Houston State Bearkats are three Broncs who have accounted for 15 of 16 victories for Pan American this season. Felipe Leal from Matamoros, is pictured on the left showing Lupe Canul of Brownsville (center) and Frank Elgeseba of Edinburg how he gripped the ball to win seven while losing only two. Canul sports a 5-4 mark and Elgeseba, 3-0. PAC will tangle with the Bearkats at Seguin Friday and Saturday in the best of a three-game series. The winner will advance to the Area 2 NAIA championship against Phillips College of Oklahoma.

The giants of small college baseball in Texas tangle in Seguin this weekend in a best-of-three-game series to determine which college will represent the state in the Area 2 NAIA championships with north zone winner Phillips College of Oklahoma.

The two baseball powers — Pan American and Sam Houston State College of Huntsville — will square off in the first encounter

Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Fairgrounds Park.

Toeing the mound in the opener for the Pan Am Broncs will be ace Felipe Leal, the hard throwing righthander from Matamoros. The star hurler for Coach Earl Gartman's charges owns a 7-2 season record. In his second start of the season, the senior from Mexico tossed a perfect no-hit, no-run game against Trinity University of San Antonio. The final score was 2-0.

On the rubber for the Bearkats will be Fred Beene with five wins and only two losses to his credit. Following Beene to the hill in the series second contest will be Cary Workman, who owns a 6-3 season mark. The third game, if necessary, will pit Bearkat Ronnie Kluth (3-2) against Pan Am's Frank Elgeseba who has three victories to his credit against no losses. This game will follow the 1 p.m. affair, if needed.

The second game of the series starts Saturday at 1 p.m. in the same park with Lupe Canul of Brownsville as Coach Gartman's choice for mound duty. Canul is 5-4 for the season.

The powerful Sam Houston State nine has advanced to the NAIA playoff on three occasions, going as far as the semi-finals in 1961 before losing out.

Stars of another sport — basketball in which Pan Am won the national NAIA championship — dot the starting Bronc lineup. All-American Jim McGurk will be in left field and Marty Urand will hold down third base.

Sam Houston features the hitting of three players who clouted the ball over the .300 mark during regular season play as the Bearkats chalked up an impressive 19-8 ledger. Catcher John Skeetrs leads at the plate with a .340 mark, followed by Al Simington in right field with .315 and a .312 hitter in the person of Buddy Haney in center field.

Pan American, winner of District 8 NAIA title, will depend on the stick-work of Knot Garcia at shortstop with a .352 average;

catcher Rudy Guajardo with a .282 and Leal, who is also the leading hitter for PAC with a .370 average. Leal will play center field after the initial encounter.

The Broncs are 16-6 for the season after putting on one of the finest finishes in college baseball by racking up seven straight victories in a row.

Coach Ray Bengé, a veteran of 12 years in the majors before coming to SHS in 1954 as an assistant mentor, will start only three seniors — Larry Smith at first base, Jim Dodd, at shortstop and Haney.

Bronc captain Ray Contreras will be the only senior seeing action for Coach Gartman, former head baseball coach at Howard College in Birmingham, Ala. His Howard College nine captured the Dixie Conference title twice.

Two major league players have been tutored by Gartman. They are Marvin Breeding and Alan Worthington.

Pan Am finished third in Big State Conference play last year with a 7-9 season record.

The 1962-63 season mark is as follows:

PAC	OPONENT	
8	Southwestern U.	1
7	Southwestern U.	2
2	Trinity U.	0
2	Fort Hood	6
13	Southmost	1
12	Southmost	2
11	Corpus Christi U.	9
7	Corpus Christi U.	9
3	Dallas U.	4
0	Fort Hood	4
5	Baylor U.	9
7	Southmost	1
3	Monterrey Tech	0
8	Monterrey Tech	3
1	Trinity U.	5
2	Fort Hood	1
3	Corpus Christi U.	0
3	Corpus Christi U.	2
6	Monterrey Tech	0
3	Monterrey Tech	0
5	Lackland AFB	4
2	St. Mary's U.	1

## Meeks In Tourney

Gene Meeks, PAC sophomore and Valley Middleweight Champion, will be featured in the main event of the McAllen Boxing Tournament.

Scheduled for Saturday evening at 7:30 in the McAllen High School gymnasium, the match slates Meeks to step out of his 160-pound weight class when he meets former Golden Gloves Champion light heavy weight Santa Weber, 175-pounds from Donna.

Meeks currently has a record of 12 wins and no losses.

### Friday's Starting Lineup

Pan Am			Sam Houston		
No.	Name	Pos.	No.	Name	Pos.
9	Marty Urand	3B	44	Pat Harrop	3B
16	Nieves Cortez	2B	21	Carlos Gott	2B
6	Knot Garcia	SS	22	Jim Dodd	SS
2	Rudy Guajardo	C	41	John Skeetrs	C
29	Salinas or		29	Al Simington	RF
5	Contreras	RF	49	Jerry Register	LF
27	Jim McGurk	LF	5	Larry Smith	1B
32	Hotcaveg or		2	Buddy Haney	CF
33	Wilkins	1B	26	Fred Beene	P
7	Dick Walsh	CF			
30	Felipe Leal	P			

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## PAN AM BASEBALL LEADERS

Coach Earl Gartman (center), poses with his batting and pitching stars prior to leaving for Seguin and the Area 2 NAIA playoffs with Sam Houston State College this weekend. Felipe Leal of Matamoros, on the left, is the Bronc hurler with a 7-2 season mark. Leal is also tops PAC hitter with a .370 average. Knot Garcia of Edinburg, who holds down the shortstop position, is racking the ball at a .352 clip. Coach Gartman's crew ended regular season play with a 16-6 mark. The series with Sam Houston will be a best-of-three-game series.