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Future Pan American students pay their fees during registration in the library. 4,420 students had entered Pan American by presstime and that number may increase when the last of the registration is completed next Wednesday. Veterans of registration agreed that the newly adopted check sheet used this year greatly speeded the process.

PACSA To Hold Seminar

The Pan American College Student Association will conduct a leadership workshop for all officers of campus organizations at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Auditorium 3 of the Science Building.

According to Tim Houston, PACSA president, the purpose of this workshop is to provide organizations with requirements established by the administration concerning events and activities, use of campus facilities and the steps necessary to be taken in preparation for a campus event.

Another topic to be discussed will be the requirements concerning an organization's entrance into the student senate.

Attorney General Joe Rodriguez will present a list of approved organizations and those who must complete any steps before final approval.

A discussion of organizational problems and the handling of student-recruiting for clubs is planned in addition to a study of potential problems on the campus-wide level.

Included in the program will be a representative of the Pan American News, student newspaper at PAC, who is to speak on inter-campus press relations.

Officers will also present a preview of PACSA's objectives for the year.

All officers, whether from an officially recognized club or not, and representatives or organizations in the planning stages are invited to attend.

McCone Named To Sports Post

Former Pan American student Jim McKone has been



Tim Houston

Senate Elections Set for Oct. 2, 3

Tim Houston, PACSA president, Monday called the election for the new school Senators for Oct. 2 and 3.

"In compliance with the amendment passed by the PAC

Dance Slated For Monday

The get acquainted dance that did not happen last Monday is expected to happen next Monday, if all goes well.

Lasting from 8 to 12 p.m. the dance will cost 50¢ for Pan American students and dates. It will be held in the old gymnasium.

appointed Pan American College sports information director to replace Larry Ensminger who resigned to become the assistant commissioner and publicity director for the Missouri Valley Conference.

McKone began his sports writing career with the McAllen Monitor and served as its sports editor from 1951-54. During this time he was a student at Pan American.

During the last two years, McKone has been director of college relations for California State College in San Bernardino. He has also written sports for two near-by newspapers and served as press secretary to a California congressman.

student body last spring, we are expanding the student representation in the Student Senate by the election of an additional 30 senators who will be chosen from the four separate schools of the College," Houston said.

Houston also said that the exact number of Senators who will be elected from each school cannot be determined until registration is complete and all students have been issued Student Association Membership cards. These can be picked up in the student government's new offices in OSB 20.

Houston also reminded prospective candidates they must register their intent to run in the Student Association elections to receive a candidate information packet.

EDITORIAL

Policy Outlined

To set about to explain the duties of the campus newspaper could take several pages. In fact, one writer chose the social responsibilities of the campus press as the topic for his research for a master's degree.

To begin with, situations can vary a great deal from one college to the next in regard to the so-called freedom of the press, and so responsibilities change. Probably each institution feels that its program is better than anyone else's.

The press has no more freedom than any individual. Its rights are limited by the rights of others. The press cannot overstep truth. Valid recordings, observation and interpretation of events and circumstances are the primary goals. There is no room for wild accusation and unsupported speculation. What's more, the recording, interpretation and editorializing must be clearly defined. New articles cannot be distorted by a reporter's own viewpoints. Editorial comments should be appropriately marked.

In short, the press is called on to be truthfull and straightforward. This is a challenge fundamental to all publications, campus newspapers included.

At the same time a campus newspaper must face an additional challenge, that of pleasing the diverse campus community. This conglomeration is made up of everything from sensitive intellectuals to smiling politicians and promising scientists, all of whom have an opinion about almost everything. Admittedly, some can defend their arguments more knowledgeably than others, and some opinions will be accepted through sheer force of position. These facts are to be taken into consideration.

So the predicament: turn out good news stories covering everything campus related, and at the same time maintain an editorial policy that satisfies administrative, faculty and student demands.

The answer? There may not be one, but this year's staff has chosen to follow a policy which allows flexibility, the privilege of deciding for themselves, siding with one group or another according to the situation, not past actions. The point is to side with one or more facets of the campus on the strength of their reasoning on an individual issue, not automatically against someone.

This will be the goal of the editorial staff. To present the facts, allow others to voice opinions, and of its own free will express an opinion. Not all one way or the other, but individually.

That is the plan.

Student Officers Recruit Freshmen

Approximately 15 freshmen selected on the basis of outstanding performance on the ACT leadership profile attended a special orientation meeting Sunday afternoon in the Science Building. The conference, sponsored by the Pan American College Student Association (PACSA), was designed to recruit new participants for the various PACSA activities.

Moderator was Bob A. Hensley, director of student personnel for PACSA. First on the program was Ray Dooley, chief justice of the student court, who explained the set up of the court system at Pan Am and its various duties.

Tim Houston, PACSA president, discussed the executive branch. In stating the reason for inviting freshmen to become active in student government, Houston told the group that too often people in positions of responsibility are graduated just as they begin to understand their duties.

PACSA treasurer Jimmy Alaniz talked briefly on raising the funds necessary to operate the association.

The formation of a permanent publicity committee was discussed by Michael Oubre, director of the Student Association Information Office. Oubre stated that the initiation

of this program is vital in order to make activities at Pan Am more successful through greater student awareness.

Hensley then told the freshmen about the Student Personnel Office the duty of which will be to keep record files of volunteer workers for the use of PACSA and other campus organizations.

Attorney General Joe Rodriguez explained the college's election system, the duties of the election committee and the recruitment of poll workers. Following the attorney general's speech, Suzanne Nicholson, Bronco Days chairman, urged the freshmen to participate in the planning of the annual celebration.

Representing the Order of Bougainvillea, Houston spoke on Pan American Week.

Houston concluded the meeting by informing the recruits about the Student Survey Committee to be formed this year by PACSA. Using proportional sampling techniques, this committee will run several surveys during the year giving students a chance to air complaints and submit their opinions on various questions.

The students then filled out a questionnaire indicating their particular fields of interest and those activities in which they would prefer to participate.

Intramurals To Organize

Happenings

Prospective managers of men's touch football and women's volleyball teams will meet today at 4 p.m. in the old gymnasium.

Anyone may organize a team for competition in the intramural program by using the following procedure: select a team name, select a team manager who will serve on the intramural council and request entry one week before competition begins.

- SEPTEMBER 18-20 Sorority Rush
- SEPTEMBER 16-21 Panhellenic Council Rush
- SEPTEMBER 19 Welcome Back Party, Baptist Student Center, 7 p.m.
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Caving, South of the Rio Grande

Jon Clayton, Pan Am senior, probes through a cave discovered by members of the Pan American Speleological Society, newly formed at Pan American College. The cave was in the Galena area of Tamaulipas, Mexico. (Photo by Zeke Pumarejo)

APO Plans Spelunkers Explore First Rush Reception

Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity is holding its first smoker of the year Friday in the Community Room of the Edinburg State Bank at 8 p.m. All male students not already in a service fraternity are urged to attend.

Officers for the coming term are Brent Skinner, president; George Thompson, first vice-president; Dennis Burleson, second vice-president; Mario Medrano, sec.; John Morris, treasurer; Fidencio Guerra, chaplin.

The Ugly Man On Campus contest, which includes election of the Ugliest Man and Cutest Pan, is an annual event on Pan American sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega. This year the contest will be held in October and will have a Halloween theme. The contest is climaxed with a dance where the winners are announced and trophies are awarded.

Underground activists are uniting on campus to form a new organization call PASS.

Actually, it's not as severe as it sounds. The group of students doing the organizing are spelunkers -- cave enthusiasts who make a hobby and/or science of entering, exploring, and studying the subterranean domain.

The Pan American Speleological Society (PASS) was founded last spring semester and is presently driving for new and expanded membership. Sponsor of the organization is Earl Frankenberger, instructor of English.

PASS is planning to concentrate its efforts upon Mexican caves. They will be affiliated with the Association for Mexican Cave Studies whose base of operations is at the University of Texas. They also plan to visit some of the numerous caves in Texas. Weekend trips to the caving areas are already being planned.

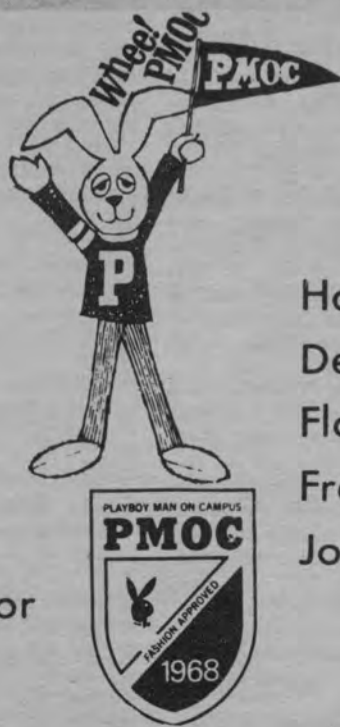
Caving clubs such as this one are numerous on campuses throughout the nation, and the Pan American club, with its advantageous location, has the potential of leading the field in Mexican cave studies, according

to Jon Clayton, one of the organizers of PASS.

Members of the group have been active during the summer. Their main excursions were with members of the Texas A&I Caving Club to the Bustamante area in Nuevo Leon, Mexico, where two major caves are located, and to the Cd. Mante area where they explored caves of the El Abra mountain range.

Speleology, the study and exploration of caves, is a broad field encompassing many interests -- geology, biology, archeology, chemistry, mathematics and surveying for mapping, and photography and writing -- Clayton explained. PASS hopes to enlist all students interested in any of these activities, he said.

The club is open for membership and invites interested persons to attend one of its meetings, which will be announced on the bulletin boards, or to contact Earl Frankenberger, or to leave a note with name, phone number and address in the PASS box at the Student Government office. Officers will be elected at one of the preliminary meetings.



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Cornerstone Placed

J. Guy Smith, of Dallas, most worshipful grand master of Texas Masons, levels the cornerstone of the \$1.25 million Pan American College Fine Arts Center. Into the crypt at the Fine Arts Center went a time capsule containing mementoes of this period. (Photo by Gerald Whitaker)

Intercollegiate Knights Plan Activities For Fall Semester

During the next six weeks, the Camelot chapter of Intercollegiate Knights will host several events. In order of occurrence, there will be a rush party, Duchess Pageant, Tenth Anniversary Banquet, an area conference with Texas A&I, Lady Godiva Dance, an open house for pledges and student directory sales.

On Sunday, a rush party will be held at the home of Andres Estrada in Edinburg. Any interested male student may come by and talk with the member* and officers of the fraternity.

On Oct. 11, Camelot will hold a Duchess Pageant in which a girl will be selected to assist the Camelot chapter in several service activities for the college and community. Candidates must be full time students with at least 30 semester hours and not on scholastic probation. Any interested girl may contact any Knight for further details.

On Oct. 24, the Camelot chapter will celebrate its 10th anniversary. Highlight of the celebration will be a visit by the Royal King, Mike Buehler, from Washington State University.

On Oct. 25, the area conference between Camelot and Javelina, the Intercollegiate Knight chapter at Texas A&I, will begin. The days activities will include a breakfast, and officers workshop, and a general assembly. A princess will be selected to represent the South Texas area at the National Convention being held in Salt Lake City in May.

Concluding the day will be

Camelot's annual Lady Godiva Dance which will be open to the student body and the general public. Among the guests will be the Royal King. During the evening, this year's Lady Godiva will be presented.

On Oct. 26, an open house will be held for pledges. The administration, faculty, and student government officials will be invited.

During the last week of October, the student directory will be placed on sale. There will be a limited quantity and no ad-

vance sales. The directory with names and addresses will be sold for fifty cents by members of Intercollegiate Knights of Camelot.

Officers for the Camelot chapter are: Vancy Bryan, duke; Craig Bills, chancellor; James Williams, scribe; Art Edge, humble executioner; David Rall, recorder.

Mike Cox of the Camelot chapter has been elected to the national royal office of chancellor which handles the treasury of the organization.

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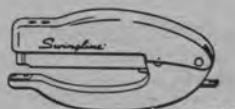
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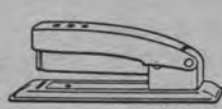
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New Fine Arts Complex Nears Completion

The cornerstone of the \$1.25 million Fine Arts Center at Pan American College was laid Sept. 5 by J. Guy Smith of Dallas, the most worshipful grand master of Texas Masons. The complex houses the drama, music and art departments of the college. It is composed of a two-story laboratory building, a one-story music structure and an auditorium surrounding a landscaped court and fountain. The auditorium will seat about 1,000 persons. It has a working stage for drama productions, road show engagements and symphonic performances.

The complex also includes teaching and practice rooms, a little theater and design laboratories for art, band and choir practice halls and a recital hall. Dr. Ralph Schilling, president of the college, said the arts elements of the building will be completed about Oct. 1, the music portion on Nov. 1 and the auditorium by Dec. 1. The laying of the cornerstone on the northeast corner of the building is an ancient tradition for Masons all over the world.

live out of the United States, will hold its first meeting Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Martha Kinard, the sponsor at 505 W. Caffery in Pharr. Any students interested in the club who do not have transportation from Edinburg to the meeting should meet at the home of Dean of Women Bonnie Powers, 1801 W. Kuhn in Edinburg. They will be given rides to and from Pharr. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. and is scheduled to end at 9:30 p.m.

Old Yearbooks Available

Several copies of the 1969 prize-winning yearbook, *E1 Bronco*, are available free to full time students who were in school last year, according to Jody Perkes, editor.

up at the Office of Public Information, AB 110, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. These and a few yearbooks for other years are being put on sale at reduced prices. The 1969 book cost \$7.50 when it came out and now has been reduced to \$5 a copy.

These books may be picked

Grantz Will Head English Department

Dr. Carl Grantz, a former member of the English faculty at Northeast Louisiana State College, Monroe, La., for the past 13 years, is now the head of the Department of English and Journalism at Pan American College and resides in Edinburg.

Grantz joined the Northeast faculty in 1955 as instructor in English and had progressed to the rank of associate professor. He had previously taught in high schools in Rodessa and Dierks, Ark.

He received his bachelor of arts degree in English from Centenary College, master of arts with a major in educational administration from Columbia University, the doctor of philosophy with a major in English literature from University of Texas at Austin.

He is a graduate of Texas High School, Texarkana, Texas. He was in the U.S. Army from 1943 until 1946.

Grantz was on the Graduate Council at Northeast and served on several college committees. He was a member of the Louisiana Teachers Assn, Modern Languages Assn., South-Central Modern Languages Assn, and the American Association of University Professors. He is a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church, U.S.

He is married to the former Helen Catterton of Texarkana, who is now teaching in the Edinburg school system. They have three sons and one daughter, David, 18, is a freshman at Pan Am, Michael, 15, is a junior in Edinburg High School, Paul, 13, is in the eighth grade and Cynthia, 11, is in the sixth grade.

Grantz has not had time to pursue any hobbies at present; however, he really likes the Valley and is enthusiastic about the great potential for the college here. He is impressed and happy with his friendly reception here in the Valley, he indicated.

He arrived in July and taught here at Pan Am the second six-weeks of the summer sessions.

Foreign Club To Meet

The Pan Am international Club, composed of students who

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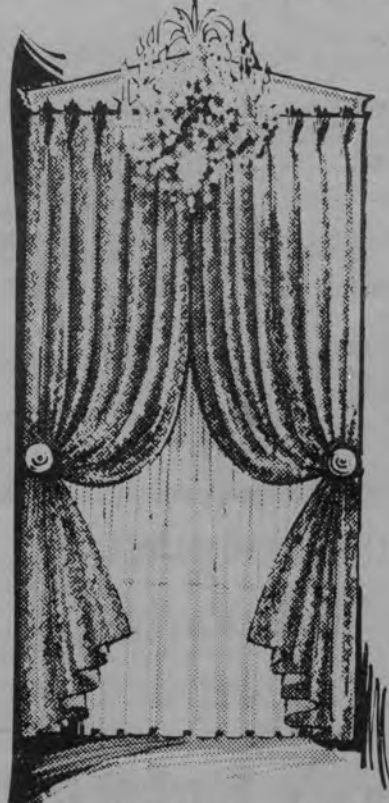
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PEACE CORPS TEAM TO VISIT



Cafeteria Opens to Dorm Students

The cafeteria has now been opened to dormitory students who have been eating at the Echo since the beginning of school. Administrators hope to have the remodeled facilities open to all students within two weeks.

Board of Regents Approves Budget

The Pan American College Board of Regents, at their September meeting, approved a budget for the present fiscal year totaling \$16,398,768, the largest in the school's history.

Of this amount, \$10,984,079 will go for completion of six new buildings now under construction and the beginning of work on a classroom and faculty office building to house the education and business administration departments.

New streets, parking lots, sidewalks and campus lighting are included in this building program, Dr. Schilling pointed out.

The new budget is \$2,096,563 more than last year's operating budget for the college and of the total increase there will be \$918,162 more for educational and general purposes.

The budget for auxiliary enterprise and activities is \$1,310,007, up \$575,483 over last year's budget. This increase is due primarily to the higher cost in servicing new bond issues associated with the building program and for operation of the new cooling plant, which is scheduled to be pressed into operation this fall, the president said.

Of the total budget, the state legislature has provided a revenue appropriation of \$3,411,932 for support of the college for the 12-month period. This is \$816,513 more than the 1968-69 state appropriation.

Faculty salaries are a large item in the budget as \$2,051,278 has been earmarked for this category, reflecting an 18 per

cent increase over last year's budget.

This increase provides for 11 new full-time faculty positions, two part-time faculty members and one teaching assistant. A new salary schedule for faculty members provides a range of increases, on a merit basis, from no increase for an instructor, level one, up to a maximum of \$1,440 annual increase for a full professor, Dr. Schilling said.

A line item in the state appropriation provides for a \$2,500 salary increase to \$25,000 annually for Dr. Schilling.

Another major item of the new budget is an allowance of \$25,000 to the Fine Arts department to enable the department to qualify for a matching federal grant for new instructional equipment.

The \$324,632 appropriated by the library for operations during the year is \$145,259 more than the previous fiscal year. With completion of the new addition to the library new books and periodicals will be purchased for the student body.

Some \$2,500 was allotted to the college planetarium which was visited by over 4,000 school children and adults during 1968-69. Another \$2,500 goes for the beginning of a Bureau of Business and Economic Research.

The purpose of this program is to aid faculty personnel in further development and teaching capabilities through research opportunities; to make a contribution to the business governmental and educational

community in South Texas and the Rio Grande Valley; to provide a vehicle through which students may obtain practical research experience; and, to provide a base for border studies both in the United States and Mexico.

Both the planetarium and business bureau are expected to be self-supporting as the legislature appropriates no funds for extension and public service activities, Dr. Schilling pointed out.

The total budget for maintaining the buildings and grounds and providing utility services for the fast growing college is \$750,040 for 1969-70 as compared to \$361,638 during the previous year. New buildings going into use this fall will more than double the space requiring maintenance and custodial services, Dr. Schilling said.

Special items will include a \$100,000 budget for the department of nursing education; \$12,000 for student tuition scholarships; \$25,500 for relocation and remodeling of the physical plant storage sheds and compound; and, \$10,600 for roof repairs.

The total breakdown of the \$16,398,768 budget is as follows:

General administration, \$320,642; general institutional expense, \$133,034; instructional administration, \$41,421; faculty salaries, \$2,051,278; department operating expense, \$312,275; library, \$324,632; organized research, \$18,260; and extension and public service, \$5,000.

The first of many campus recruiters will be at Pan American Oct. 1 and 2. Representatives of the Peace Corps will be talking to students interested in their program of two year service overseas.

Bill Combs, area recruiter for South and West Texas, will be at Pan Am with a team of former volunteers in the Corps. They will have an information center located on the covered sidewalk between the library and the College Center.

Combs said the team will include two recently returned volunteers and a staff member from the programs Washington, D.C. headquarters.

While on campus the team will appear before several classes and distribute literature concerning the Corps. According to Combs the Peace Corps is actively seeking college graduates to fill the increasing number of positions available in the 60 nations which participate in the program. More than 10,000 young volunteers are now serving two year terms around the world.

One member of the group is Branch Rickey who has just returned from Venezuela where he was a physical education instructor. According to Rickey, his two years of service taught him a great deal about the people of that country.

"The Venezuelans are very sports minded, and as a consequence I think I got to know the people pretty well. Certainly on a lot better basis than the simple financial/political relationship that you read about in the news," said Rickey.

Rickey is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio. He received his degree in philosophy.

Frank Rodriguez, second member of the team, is a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso. After he got a degree in psychology he went as a Peace Corps Volunteer to Panama. In Panama City he served in a vocational training

group in the center of the cities' slums.

Rodriguez helped to give general aptitude tests to persons out of work, and then develop their skills in an appropriate field. These fields included such things as carpentry and masonry work. There are 200 Peace Corps workers in Panama, 45 of them in the City of Panama.

Third member of the team is Arlene Morino, special assistant to the Director of Latin American programs.

While at Pan Am the team will administer the Peace Corps Language Aptitude test to interested students. This test is designed to determine the ability of the student to learn a language.

Application of the Peace Corp means an 11 week training course, including intensive language studies, generally in Puerto Rico, California or New Mexico. Persons eligible for the Corps must be at least 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen, and if married have no dependents and serve with their spouse.

Proposals To Face Senators

A proposal to be made tonight at the first senate meeting will attempt to expand student participation in the functions of the student association.

The plan includes the formation of two committees at the executive level, the Student Association Information Office and the Office of Student Personnel.

The Student Association Information Office would be a permanent publicity committee to handle public relations for the Pan American College Student Association both on and off-campus. In addition, the office would handle publicity for campus events, including Bronco Days and Pan American Week.

The SAIO staff would be composed of between five and seven full-time members appointed by the PACSA president. Each staff member would serve on the committee as long as he is a student at Pan Am or until he resigns. One member would be appointed as chairman for a one year term and would not be able to succeed himself.

The purpose of the Office of Student Personnel would be to urge interested people to become active in the Student Association and to increase student involvement on the whole.

This office would keep files on all individuals who express an interest in the Student Association, indicating their major interests and including a class schedule. This file would be available at all times to PACSA officers and chairmen to assist them in recruiting workers. The director would then be able to supply lists of people for specific jobs and the times they are able to work.

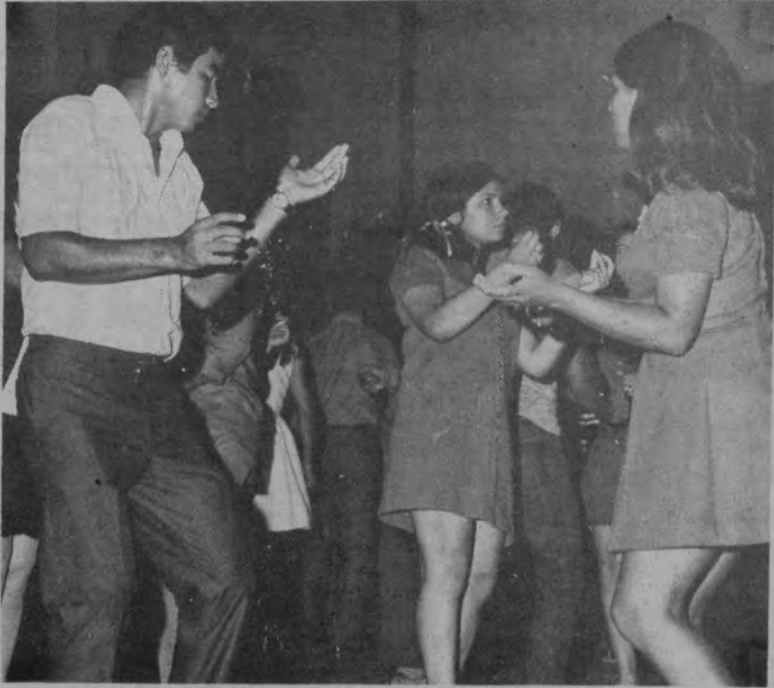
The department would be composed of a director and as many assistants as necessary, to be appointed by the PACSA president.

Jobs Still Available

Job opportunities for students are still wide open, according to Carroll Knight, financial aid officer. Sixty to seventy jobs ranging from secretarial work to auto mechanic are needed to be filled. Salaries start at \$1,30, with raises possible. A student may work a maximum of 15 hours a week.

The jobs are all in towns west of Weslaco to La Joya. There are also a few on-campus jobs. Applicants will be given jobs according to their major, but may also apply for jobs in their own home town.

The jobs will be given to the qualified students who apply. To be qualified a student must carry at least 12 hours of college per semester and maintain at least a C average. Next a student must fill out an application form and get a personal interview with Knight. The policy is first come first served on the jobs.



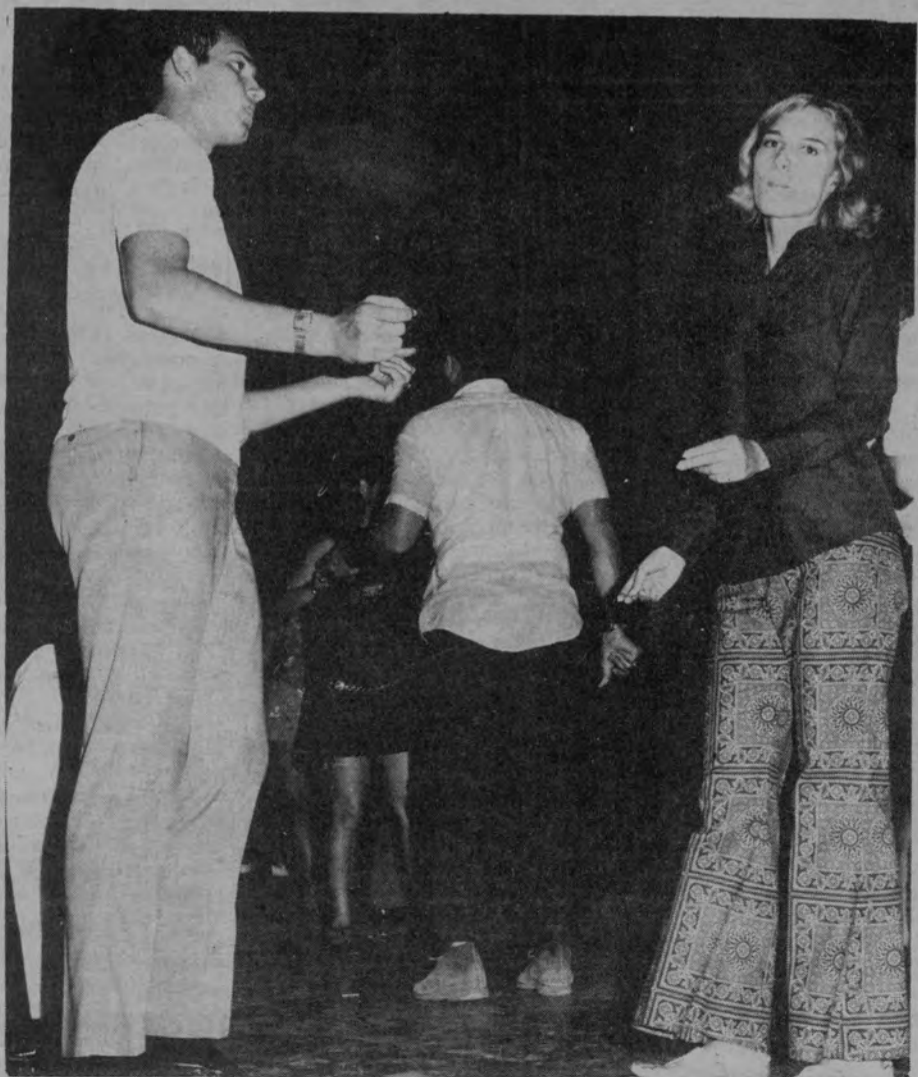
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Temporary Meaning One Year

The college book store has set up temporary headquarters in the College Center, which is under construction and scheduled to be completed next fall. Though it lacks air conditioning, which should be installed within the next two weeks, the inconvenience hasn't slowed down the traffic beginning-of-school book-buyers.

27 Instructors Join Faculty

The Board of Regents has appointed 27 new faculty members to the various schools and departments at Pan American College for the year 1969-70. The names of the new instructors and their respective departments are listed below.

Fine Arts Department: Mrs. Phyllis S. Adkins, H. Dixon Bennett and Mrs. Nancy M. Prince.

Mathematics Department: Dr. Alfred Crofts and Joe Chance.

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Speech and Drama Department: Robert J. Mardis.

Foreign Languages Department: Alton O. Moore.

School Of Nursing Education: Mrs. Patricia Ann Fossum and Mrs. Ethel Dunn Smith.

School of Business Administration: Stephen W. Pelphey and Ronald K. Sellars.

School of Education: Miss Eustolia Perez.

School of Physical Education: Oton Guerrero Jr. and Jim McKone as sports information director.

Hawaiian Party Planned by AOPi

Rho Alpha Chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi, international sorority at Pan American College in Edinburg, will be having a Hawaiian rush party, Saturday, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church in Edinburg.

Sorority sisters from Pi Kappa Chapter at the University of Texas in Austin, will help with the rush party as well as the Rio Grande Valley Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi. Also here for the rush party will be AOPi traveling secretary, Miss Becky Thurston from Omega Omicron Lambuth College, Jackson, Tennessee. Accompanying her will be Mrs. Francis Bryan, AOPi regional director for region seven, which includes chapters in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas. Miss Thurston and Mrs. Bryan will be in the Valley from Sept. 27 until Oct. 8, interviewing rushees for Rho Alpha Chapter.

Alpha Chapter are making preparations for the party. Officers of the chapter are: Diane Cameron, McAllen, president; Yolanda Weaver, Los Indios, vice-president; Bettie Rutledge, Edinburg, recording secretary; Brenda Guerra, McAllen, corresponding secretary; Janet Hobbs, Mission, treasurer; and Linda Lopez, Edinburg, secretary - treasurer for Panhellenic at Pan Am.

Members of Rho Alpha include: Cynthia Gonzalez of Mercedes, Connie Montalvo and Elida Montalvo of McAllen, Glenda Trent of San Juan, Linda Rodgers of Donna, Linda Phelps of McAllen and Dore Spencer of La Feria.

Miss Helen Blackburn, math professor at Pan Am, is Rho Alpha's faculty adviser and the president of the Rio Grande Valley Alumnae Chapter of AOPi. Mrs. Wesley Adams of Harlingen is Rho Alpha's chapter advisor and Mrs. Jo Ann Hunt Doffing of San Juan is the chapter's pledge advisor.

Officers and members of Rho

Regents OK Construction Of Education Building

Another new building has been authorized by the board of regents at Pan American College.

Meeting in regular monthly session Tuesday night, the regents agreed to a contract with Kenneth Bentsen and Associates of Houston for design and specification work on a proposed \$900,000 Education Building to house the Business Administration and Education departments at the college.

Work is expected to start during the last part of 1969, according to college officials.

This will be the last new structure to be built under the current multi-million-dollar building program at the college.

In related action, the board accepted for study and review a master plan report for all utilities at the college. Submitted by Bovay Engineers, Inc., of Houston, the report outlines the recommended expansion of

the utilities systems at the college over the next ten years to keep in step with the anticipated increase in student enrollment.

Split into two 5-year phases, the cost of the entire program is estimated at \$570,000 with the addition of \$108,000 for an optional lawn sprinkler system.

John Jones Jr., of La Feria, building committee chairman, told board members that the college's new air-conditioning plant will be pressed into service on Oct. 6, providing chilled water for air-conditioning to the cafeteria area in the College Center, Fine Arts Center and Health and Physical Education complex.

However, Jones reported that final completion of the plant is still several months away.

Members present for the session in addition to Jones were

Morris Atlas of McAllen, Felix Martinez of Mission, Ralph Alexander of Edinburg and Carl Conley of Raymondville.

Jones presided at the session in the absence of Chairman Henry Morris Jr., of McAllen.

Work-Study Jobs Open

A number of jobs in the McAllen, Weslaco, Mission, and Edinburg areas are now available for Pan American students who qualify for the Work-Study program.

Students who are interested in employment and are carrying at least 12 hours with a C average should contact Carroll D. Knight, financial aid director in Office Building B.

Reception Held Sunday For Faculty

The annual reception for faculty members was held last Sunday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Schilling. The reception which took place from 3 to 4:30 p.m. was attended by the members of the board of regents. Tea, coffee, and cookies were served. Guest were received by Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Schilling, the vice presidents and their wives.

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EDITORIALS

Things Are Looking Up For Registrees

With an eye to the future, when enrollment at PAC may exceed 10,000 John Hook and his staff in the Registrar's Office are developing a simplified and speedier version of registration.

Though registration was the same noticeable grind this year, some students and faculty members pointed out that there had been some improvement.

Everyone seems to be looking forward to the time when the whole procedure will probably be in the new gymnasium, due for completion in late October.

This and a few other improvements could make all the difference in the world, particularly for the dazed freshmen. Not to mention the upperclassmen who feel they have a right to complain.

A major step towards clearing up the confusion was the check list issued to each student at the head of the registration lines. This made sure the student knew pretty well where he was and where he should be. The only addition to this improvement could be to distribute the maps of the campus along with this list, instead of at the very end of the last line. It seems funny to give a map to the freshman student who has just traversed the entire campus at least three times.

Hook has emphasized the personal touch at PAC. This in spite of the increasing use of the school's computer in registering some 4,600 students. Students are still able to have a large degree of selection in choosing their courses and professors, to a much greater degree than any other similar institutions.

Soon the computer will handle complete student records, including admission applications, class status and an updated transcript. An added boon to the semester grade slips will be a computed overall grade point average. This is to help those of us who fizzled in mathematics.

Unofficial speculation has it that some day students may even be able to register by mail, sending in their choice of classes and professors and receiving the cards in return. No fuss, no muss.

Now if they can only rig it so that there's no need for money.

Whatever Happened To The Magnificent Seven?

When the Student Senate convenes for the second time two weeks from tonight, it is entirely possible that only three senators will be representing the largest recognized segment of the Pan American population.

That's a pretty tall order--three people trying to do the job of filling 10 seats, representing a third of the student body. So far, however, it's also the nearly blank picture in the School of Education.

The situations in the other schools are quite different. Humanities and Social Studies has 12 contenders for its eight places; Science and Mathematics students will select their six representatives from eight candidates; and Business Administration is breaking even with six and six.

There are going to be some awfully ruffled history, marketing or chemistry majors who have conducted active campaigns and have been, nonetheless, defeated by other government, management or math majors when seven seats have been left vacant by education, PE and nursing majors who "just didn't care to run."

There are also going to be a lot of bored voters in the School of Education next Thursday and Friday. After all, who's going to take the trouble to locate a poll, rummage through purse or pickets to find the little pink card, perhaps wait in line or fight a between-class crowd, only to vote 10 times for a total of three people? Surely they could manage to become a little more Spartan if they had some kind of a choice on their ballot.

Education majors!--candidate information and petitions are not due until 4 p.m. today.

Who else can provide the choice?

He Who Complaineth Cometh Not To Help

The leadership workshop that was sponsored by the Pan American College Student Association last Thursday was without a doubt very well thought out and well executed.

The only thing that kept it from being a complete success was the poor attendance. The workshop was planned for any and all officers in all campus organizations, recognized or otherwise. In fact, anyone who wanted to could have just walked in and really learned some pretty important things.

But that wasn't the way it worked out. An estimate would be that there were 25 people there. This includes the four or five who were on the program.

Considering the number of clubs and organizations around this college, that is a pretty poor showing.

But if this is a sign of how many people are really interested in the ways to get things done, it will also do as a sign of how many people will not be able to complain about not being able to get things done. Those who don't actively participate can't expect everyone else to listen closely when they air a complaint.

Meanwhile, our thanks to all those who were part of the program and who planned it. A most informative evening.



Ray Drakeley

Stage director for Bye Bye Birdie

Tryouts Held For Musical

Casting tryouts began last week for this semester's musical comedy production of "Bye Bye Birdie." Audition sessions were held Sept. 16, 19 and 20 in the old auditorium, but vacancies in the cast and crew still exist.

Presentation is scheduled for February.

Anyone interested in any phase of production, acting, singing, dancing, stagecraft, sets, lighting or sound, is urged to contact either Ray Drakeley, James Stover and Dr. John Anderson in the Fine Arts Office.

According to Dr. Anderson, head of the Fine Arts department, "Bye Bye Birdie" is one of the most popular musicals today and is widely performed by both amateur and professional groups.

"Birdie" is a take-off on the national teen-age furor caused by the induction into the Army several years ago of Elvis Presley. Included in the score are such well-known songs as "Put On A Happy Face" and "Gotta Lot of Living To Do,"

PACSA Holds Seminar For Organization Heads

Leaders of approximately 20 campus organizations were informed of their responsibilities to their members, sponsors and other groups at a leadership workshop conducted by the Pan American College Student Association Sept. 18 at the Science Building.

PACSA President Tim Houston, moderator for the event, told the group that the first Senate meeting for the year would be Sept. 25 and explained PACSA's policy on absences from Senate meetings.

He also announced that the number of senators to be elected from each academic school has been determined. According to the poll taken during registration, the School of Education leads the four with 32.9 per cent of the student body and 10 senators.

The School of Humanities and Social Studies, totaling 27.3 per cent, will be represented by eight senators, the School of Business Administration, com-

prised of 20.2 per cent, will have six, and the School of Science and Mathematics, enrolling 19.6 per cent, will also elect six representatives.

Robert S. Burks, vice-president for student affairs, spoke to the group on requirements for organizations by the college administration.

Dean of Women Bonnie Powers explained the school's calendar of events, commenting that functions are placed on the calendar which are of general importance to the whole student body. Because the publication would otherwise be unnecessarily crowded, special groups will be responsible for publicizing their own events.

Glynn Morgan, dean of men, discussed responsibilities of

organizations and sponsors. Morgan stressed the importance of a sponsor being continually informed about what is taking place within his group. He also explained the filing of activity forms for on

or off-campus club sponsored social functions.

David Merrill, editor of the PAN AMERICAN spoke briefly about inter-campus press relations.

Joe Rodriguez, PACSA Attorney-General, told the officers of requirements for their organizations to become fully recognized members of the student senate. He also presented lists of approved organizations and former senate members who are no longer recognized.

During the general discussion that concluded the workshop it was discovered that the outstanding complaint students have concerns parking problems. Houston pointed out that in parking availability and accessibility, Pan Am students are luckier than those in most colleges. However, he continued, certain problems do remain, and these will be taken up sometime in the future by a proposed parking mediation board to be sponsored by the student association.

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Delta Zeta Pledges

The new pledge class of Delta Zeta is shown at their first get-together. Standing are Lou Anne Steirs, Gilma Longoria, Hazel Houghton, Ellen Weaver and Wanda Reynolds. Seated are Belinda Bullard, Debbie Knox, Rudy Sarabia, Shari Wortham and Virginia Dizdar.

Greeks Give Bids To Pledges

Theta Omicron Chapter of Delta Zeta Sorority and the Delta Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Delta Sorority held formal rush last week at Pan American College.

Pledging Kappa Delta Sorority are Dodi Baylis, Carolyn Dube, Susan Draeger, Janis Jackson, Carol Mason, Gloria Gean Moore and Lynn Weldon, Edinburg, Cathy Green, Nina Hedges, Carmen Jenkins and Linda Young, McAllen; and Jan Jondahl, Harlingen.

Delta Zeta pledges for the fall semester include Virginia Dizdar, Wanda Reynolds and Shari Wharton, McAllen; Gilma Longoria and Lou Ann Stiers, Pharr; Hazel Houghton and Debby Knox, Houston; Ellen Weaver, Donna; and Belinda Bullard, Harlingen.

The Pan American College Panhellenic Asso. entertained the prospective pledges with a coke party Sept. 16 in the Baptist Student Union. Formal rush began Sept. 18 with the girls attending the first rush convention, tending the first rush convocation.

Each sorority held three parties: display, skit and preferential. These parties were held in the BSU, First Methodist Church of Edinburg and Emilia Hall. Following these parties, the girls attended rush convocation. At these meetings Panhellenic rules were explained and questions answered.



Kappa Delta Pledges

Shown above are the new pledges of Kappa Delta Sorority. They are, from left to right, Bottom Row, Lynn Weldon, Susan Dreger, Carol Mason, Cathy Greene, and Carmen Jenkins. Top Row, Gloria Jean Moore, Carolyn Dube, Janice Jondahl, Janice Jackson, Nina Hedges, Dodi Baylis, and Linda Young.

Historical Society To Visit Ruins

The Rio Grande Valley Historical Society and the Historical Societies of Hidalgo, Cameron, and Starr Counties will step back more than a thousand years into history over the Thanksgiving weekend with a planned pilgrimage to the Maya ruins at Merida, Yucatan.

Teachers and students are invited to participate. The groups have chartered a plane and reserved rooms in Merida for

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, Nov. 27, 28, 29.

All sightseeing will be in a first class, air conditioned motor coach with English speaking guides.

This pilgrimage is open to the public but space is limited. For more information you may contact the local Chamber of Commerce, your Historical Society, or Hank Payne, 115 W. Mahl St., Edinburg, or call DU3-5711.

Test Dates Released

College seniors who plan to teach school may take the National Teacher Examinations on any one of four different test dates, Robert Burks, Pan American College vice president for student affairs, said.

The dates are Nov. 8, Jan. 31, April 4 and July 18. The tests will be given at Pan American College. Information on applications and on the test is available from Burk's office in the Administration Building.

Civil Service Exams To Be Administered

The Federal Service Entrance Examinations will be given Oct. 11, at 8:30 a.m., in Auditorium 2 of the Science Building.

The Civil Service Commission will give this exam to college seniors or college graduates who wish to take it. There is no fee charged to take this exam.

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tive positions filled by those who pass this test.

"It is advisable that all who are interested in taking this exam either call 383-3891, extension 361 or come by the office Of Student Affairs, room 109 of the Administration Building, so we will have enough tests available," advised Glynn R. Morgan, head of the Office of Placement.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Tentative Date Set For Bronco Days

A tentative date during the week of Nov. 24-26 has been scheduled for the celebration of Pan American College's Bronco Days festivities, according to Susanne Nicholson, chairman of the Bronco Days Committee of the Pan American College Student Association.

"As of now, we are to meet Friday and at that time the executive committee of the student government might make known the amount of funds available for Bronco Days," commented the chairman. "From that standpoint, we will be able to work out most coordinated efforts for a great time during the annual Bronco Days activities," she continued.

"After some details are worked out after our meeting, we'll have definite plans concerning the event," she concluded.

Applicants Register

Federal agencies and nationally known companies will be interviewing seniors on campus from Oct. 7 until Thanksgiving.

"All seniors wishing to have an interview must come by and register with The Office of

Placement in the Administration Building, room 109" Glynn Morgan, placement director, said.

Morgan said "Students planning to seek employment or planning to enter graduate work must be signed up at his office to be accepted for these interviews."

Calendar Altered

Several of the early dates for fine arts departments events published on the college calendar have been altered due to delays in the completion of the new facilities.

According to Dr. John Anderson, head of the fine arts department, the faculty concert of cornetist Dean Canty on Sept. 30 will be moved to Nov. 14.

The faculty concert of Dr. John B. Raimo, pianist, scheduled for Oct. 7, and the Oct. 21 senior recital of flutist Tom Anderson have been indefinitely postponed.

PACSA Offices Move

The offices of the Pan American

College Student Association have been moved to the old science building, room 20. All club officers are urged to check their mailboxes located in the offices.

Box Supper Sunday

Ever dream of sharing the "wish bone" with someone you love? The Panhellenic Council and the Inter-Fraternity Council will make that dream come true when they co-sponsor an old fashion box supper at Whalen Park, Sunday at 7 p.m. in McAllen.

Ladies will be present with beautifully decorated boxes with enough food for two. The gentlemen will bid on the boxes, hoping to enjoy the supper of his life and the companionship of a beautiful lady.

New Record Set

Friday marked the last day for registration at Pan American College, and John W. Hook, registrar, said 4,609 students were enrolled.

A record was set with enroll-

ment this year. With a total count of 4,090 for last year, it appears that a 12 per cent increase in enrollment has occurred. The official enrollment for the state record will be completed on the twelfth class day after an exact class roll has been taken. When all errors have been corrected, a class roster will be made after about a week.

"When the new college facilities are completed, enrollment will be even greater," Hook said.

Proofs Coming Soon

Proofs from the pictures taken for the annual during registration will be returned by mail in four or five weeks, according to Vernon Davis, El Bronco adviser.

The proofs will be sent to the students at their homes. Students should choose the pose that they want in the yearbook and return their choice to the company. Additional pictures may be ordered at this time.

New Degree Planned

The Board of Regents has approved and sent to the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, a

recommendation for a new bachelor degree program in community services. If approved by the Coordinating Board, the program will be started in January under the direction of Dr. Arnulfo Martinez, head of the social studies department at the college.

Estrada To Kansas

Andy Estrada of the Pan Am chemistry faculty and national executive secretary of Intercollegiate Knights, has been invited to attend the ceremonies for the inaugural of a new president of Fort Hays (Kansas) State College at Hays, Kan.

Estrada said he would attend the ceremonies at which Dr. John W. Gustad becomes the college's fifth president. He will be inaugurated Oct. 5.

Religious Poll

Robert S. Burks, vice president for Student Affairs, announced that Thursday and Friday, professors and teachers will pass out religious preference cards in their classes.

Burks indicated this will be handled by departments and is done in connection with the Student Religious Council. The students participate in this on a voluntary basis. Second, this is not a part of the college records and is for the use of the campus affiliated religious organizations.

Pardon Us Please

"Even the best of us make mistakes," is the only excuse the PAN AMERICAN can find for two errors in last week's issue.

In the story on page 3 concerning the Intercollegiate Knights, the chapter's duke is Vance Ryan, not Vancy. Also, Art Edge is the Horrible Executioner instead of Humble.

But that isn't all that was wrong last week. In the listing of staff members of the PAN AMERICAN on page 2, one name was spelled incorrectly. That of the editor in chief, David Merrill, not Merill.

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Tennis Teams Recruit Stars

Tennis Coach Dennis Conner has announced the enrollment of tennis stars Desmond Early of Ireland and Bruno Taino of Peru as freshmen at Pan American.

Early and Taino both won the national junior tennis championships in their respective countries and will begin bolstering the Bronco net team as the 1969-1970 tennis season gets underway.

Early, 20, comes to Pan American from Carlow, Ireland. He is a four-time All-Ireland tennis champion, having won the under-15 championship twice and the under 18 title twice.

The Irishman was doubles champion of the European Catholic Student Games in France, where he was runner-up in singles.

Taino, 19, hails from Lima, Peru. He learned championship tennis from Luis Ayala of Chile, an international star who was Taino's coach for two three-month periods in Chile.

At the ages of 15 and 16, the

brilliant Peruvian netter twice captured the national under-18 junior championship. Taino was senior champion of Peru this year, winning nine of 10 tournaments in his native country.

"My friend Carlos Keller from Lima was an international exchange student at Pan American, and he told me it was a good college to attend," Taino said.

"I chose Pan American because it's a place where you can play tennis all year 'round and get good competition every day of the week," Early explained. "Chris Bovett of Australia, who played at Pan Am, gave me a good impression during the Irish championships this year."

The two foreign stars will join two other Pan Am players to give an exhibition on Oct. 5, at the McAllen Country Club for members of the Pan American Tennis Association. Persons interested in joining the tennis group can contact Leroy Lewin of McAllen.

S P O R T S

Guerrero New Golf Mentor

Oton (Tony) Guerrero, former Texas A&M University golf star and currently one of the best amateur golfers in the Rio Grande Valley, has recently been appointed to guide the reins of the Pan American golf team.

Guerrero, 44, replaces Dr. coaching chores to devote full-time to teaching. Parkinson led

his young team of Bronco golfers to an 8-6 record last season.

Jim Brooks, Pan American athletic director, has announced that the new golf boss will teach physical education classes in golf in addition to coaching the Bronc team.

Guerrero comes to Pan Am after being principal at Joaquin Castro Elementary School in Mission. Previously he was golf coach for two years at Mission High.

The new golf mentor was an all-sports athlete at Mission High in the late 1930's and early 1940's. He was a teammate of Tom Landry, now coach of the Dallas Cowboys, on Mission's unscored-upon regional grid champion in 1941.

A Navy veteran of World War II, Guerrero was graduated from Texas A&M in 1951. He has won numerous golf tournaments in Texas and Mexico. He competed for Pan American under its old name of Edinburg Regional College in 1948-49 and won the state junior college division at the Border Olympics golf tournament.

HAPPENINGS

September 25
PAC Senate Meeting - Lecture Room, Science Building, 7:30 p.m.

September 26
Twelfth day of class. Last day for any tuition or fee refund. Tennis tournament - Midland, Texas

September 27
Beach Party, South Padre Island - Physical Education Club.

Tennis Tournament - Midland, Texas
Alpha Omicron Pi Rush Party - 7 - 8:30 p.m. - First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

September 28
Tennis Tournament - Midland, Texas
Faculty Box Supper/Get Acquainted Party, 7 p.m., Whalen Park, McAllen.

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The ingredients for an Autocross are one fair-sized parking lot, many yellow street pylons, any car you can drive on the street and a driver that's willing to work.

There is a safety inspection on the cars before the race that consists of four things. There must be tread all the way across the tires, hubcaps must be removed, the cars must have a seatbelt, and the driver must have a valid drivers license. That's all.

The course is laid out in the parking lot with the pylons. It

is a series of turns and short straights that test the driver's ability to control his speed and handle his car in the corners.

The turns run anywhere from 30 degree fast, to 180 degree slow, with sliding rear-ends. The straights are from 50 to 100 feet long. Other things are done to the course in the way of maneuvers and zig-zags to hold the speed down and added to the test of the driver.

All cars may run in an Autocross. If you drive a Mustang, Camero, MGB, Volkswagon or Dunebuggie with a Porche engine you are welcome to enter.

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Fishing

More Than Leisure and Relaxation

By DAVID PATTON

Being a confirmed landlubber for most of my days, I have always been under the impression that fishing was something one did for leisure and relaxation.

Bearing this thought in mind, I decided to accept an invitation to spend last weekend at the coast with several of my fishing-fanatic buddies. Naively, perhaps, I assumed it would be a fine way to unwind

from the grind of first-week classes.

Little did I know that fishing involves a great deal more than baiting a hook and waiting beneath the smile of nature for the big ones to bite. The events of my fishing excursion not only shattered all of my previous fishing philosophies, but also did a great deal to prevent me from ever thinking about fishing again at all.

We began our weekend of fun

by rushing home from classes Friday afternoon to pack our gear in our fishing car--a 1941 Studebaker pickup, I think, (although no one is really sure what it is).

Loading our equipment was no small matter. We had more fishing paraphernalia than Sears. The five of us had rods, ice chests, tackle boxes, cots, lanterns, flashlights, a gasoline powered light plant, and a large quantity of food and beverage (I use the term "beverage" loosely--remember folks, this is a family newspaper).

The trip to the beach was nothing less than a bad dream. Our overloaded "fishing car" had a top end of 30 mph, and with our gear bulging over the side of the pickup we had to hang on wherever we could.

I rode the entire distance to the Gulf in back of the cab with a surf rod gouging me in the ribs and with intermittent rain causing me to cramp beneath the blankets which protected our equipment.

After arriving at the beach some three hours later, the excitement really began. Our first chore was to set up the flood lights. This entailed lugging around an awkward 200 pound motor and driving a 15 foot pipe into hard-packed wet sand with whatever was available (in our case it was an army shovel).

Our tasks done, we were ready to fish. Wading out into the rolling waves, my mind filled with anticipation. Remembering the latest casting tips on THE LONESTAR SPORTSMAN, I bent my elbow just so and sent my line whirling into the air.

I only forgot one thing--to flip the little gadget that releases the line. Hoping no one had seen me, I raised my arm to try again.

This time my plug went sailing out over the water. Up, up, up it went. Back, back, back over my head it flew. No one told me about the wind.

By this time my pals had ceased their own fishing efforts and were standing around giving me a hard time. But with their help I eventually got the hang of it.

It didn't take me long to figure out that there were no fish in that part of the ocean any-

way. Cast and reel, cast and reel; I mean after more than four or five minutes that gets pretty boring.

Besides, while I was out there all sorts of vicious sea animals tried to attack me. I had to make a concentrated effort to escape from jelly-fish, man-of-wars and other deadly monsters of the deep.

Pretty soon I decided that since there were no fish, and since it was getting late, that I would try to catch something else...some sleep.

Finding a smooth spot to lay my sleeping bag, I was soon asleep and dreaming. Strangely enough, I dreamed that I was swimming the English Channel, floundering about in high waves far, far from shore.

Then I woke up...and I wasn't really swimming in the English Channel, I was swimming in the Gulf of Mexico. Nobody told me about tides.

Struggling to one's feet in knee-deep water is usually no problem, but doing it wrapped up in a sleeping bag is another story.

Much to the amusement of my friends, I trudged back to shore with my saturated sleeping bag on my equally wet shoulders.

This time instead of sharing the sand with millions of crawling bugs, I climbed into the back of the pickup. I must have been asleep for at least 15 or 20 minutes when someone shook me and shouted excitedly, "Wake up, Dave, wake up! They're biting. They're biting!"

I mean to tell you, I really run around with some kooks. Can you imagine waking a guy up at 4 in the morning to tell him the mosquitos are biting.

I got up early the next morning, mainly because it was useless trying to sleep with the

sun scorching my eyeballs out of their sockets.

While I wasn't looking, one of the fellows decided to drive to town for some breakfast. This left the rest of us stranded with nothing but our fishing poles for amusement. Some amusement!

I was startled out of my misery by booming thunder. Looking up at mounds of black clouds, I could only close my eyes and wait to be struck by lightning.

We were helpless as the rains came. Our other "friend" didn't bother to come back until the storm was over.

By the time the pickup did get back, I had developed a severe case of pneumonia. I laid down in the front seat and passed out between sneezes.

I don't remember the trip home, I don't remember getting stuck in the sand. I don't remember leaving my ice chest at the beach. I don't remember running out of gas... and I don't want to. I just want to forget the whole thing.



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