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PPAS participates in Annual Livestock Show

by Tania Rodriguez
Editor-in-Chief

Seventeen Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) 4H members participated in the 59th Annual Kleberg-Kenedy County Junior Livestock Show at the J.K. Northway Exposition Center. Ten PPAS students participated for the first time in three new categories: Farm and Home projects, Photography and Quilts. As every year before, PPAS students also participated in the Livestock.

From the nine students who participated in the Livestock, three of them had steers and the other six had lambs. The 17 students who participated prepared their projects and animals for six months. Hector Villegas, 17 year-old, placed 3rd in his class, which was Exotic. It was his first time participating.

"Since it was my first time, I was really excited and I hope to do better next year," he said. He walked his steer, taught him to stand correctly and fed him until he weighted 1,232 lbs.

"It was a lot of work, but after he got used to me and I got used to him, it became easier," Villegas said. Edmundo Castrellon, 17 year old senior, along with his steer weighting 1,231 lbs, placed 2nd in the American category. Ruben Her-

nandez, 19 year old senior, won 3rd place in the category of American steers and it was also his first time.

"I feel proud of myself because it was my first time. All the work and time spent with my steer was worth it," Hernandez said.

The six students who had lambs were Juniors, Jasiel Hernandez and Alejandra Morin, both placed 3rd; Eaglets Neftali Fernandez, who placed 2nd, Jose Guzman and Alfredo Macias both placed 4th.

The Homemaking projects as part of the Creative Arts Division are judged in different categories such as: appearance, color harmony, originality, neatness, choice of materials, etc. The four students that participated in the Farm and Home projects were Juniors Christian Ortiz, Cipriano Ramirez, Antonio Santos and Hector Villegas. They placed first and received the Blue Ribbon. According to the project leader, Edgar Ortega, the project was a Texas style patio table set.

"They wanted to do a table that represented the western theme," Ortega said. "I'm glad that they got that. They worked very hard."

The table set was purchased by Mr. Santos and Mrs. Melba Zelaya for \$1000.

"The table was a fun proj-

ect for me and my friends, it was a great experience and all of our hard work was worth it," said Ramirez, 16 year-old.

The six students who participated with their quilts were Seniors, Florestela Flores and Christina Morales; Juniors Ana Ancira, Alejandra Morin, and Diana Zelaya; and Freshmen Nathan Zelaya, who all received a Blue Ribbon.

"I was very happy to see the quilt completed but also very sad to see my lamb go because I've been with it for almost a year," Morin said. June Cress, art teacher at PPAS was the advisor and she also helped with the decorative ideas for the table.

"We took a whole semester and we worked very hard to get it complete, but all of that was worth it at the end," Ancira said, who received a Blue Ribbon.

The three students that participated in Photography were Flores, Morales and Zelaya.

Flores picture was named "Timeless Memories" and she said it portrayed a grandfather's love. Flores was awarded a Blue Ribbon and Morales and Zelaya received a Red Ribbon.



Top: Edmundo Castrellon with his steer.



Middle: From left, Nathan Zelaya, Alfredo Macias, Jose Guzman and Jasiel Hernandez, who all participated with their lambs.



Bottom: From left, Alejandra Morin, Christina Morales, Flor Flores and Ana Elisa Ancira. Morales and Flores both participated in photography and quilting. Ancira participated with her quilt and Morin entered her quilt and also entered her lamb in the livestock show.

photos by Tania Rodriguez

DEAN'S
DESK

Happy New Year!

It's February 14th, not January 1st and the year is 4707. It's the Year of the Tiger or more formally, Geng Yin on the Chinese calendar which has been in continuous use for centuries. The Chinese have three ways of naming a year. The animal system has twelve animals and is repeated every twelve years. In the formal system or "Stem-branch," the years are counted in 60 year cycles so that the name of the year is repeated every sixty years. A cycle is analogous to a century and the year 2010 is the eleventh year in the current 60 year cycle.

The Chinese New Year is based strictly on astronomical observations and is the second New Moon after the winter solstice. The Chinese call the New Year's Celebration the "Spring Festival." Pan Am Chinese student Cai Ting Zheng said that every child wears new clothes on New Year's to signify a new start. Families get together and eat special meals. Early in the morning children will greet their parents by wishing them a healthy and happy new year, and receive money in red paper envelopes. The Chinese New Year tradition is a great way to reconcile; forgetting all grudges, and sincerely wishing peace and happiness for everyone.

There are ten students from China and one from Taiwan enrolled at Pan American School. We are happy to have them as part of our family and wish them all Happy New Year!

Seniors place in essay contest

by Ana Jimena Gonzalez
Staff Writer

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts sponsored the Texas Conservation Awards Program and Seniors Tania Rodriguez placed first and Karla Reyes placed second. This is the 11th annual Soil and Water Conservation Essay Contest and the second year that PPAS participates in the contest.

"I'm extremely concerned with the conservation of our nature and resources, I think that writing this essay is a way to spread the environmental message," said Rodriguez, 18, who participated last year and won 2nd place. The purpose of the contest is to recognize and honor the people who dedicate to the conservation of our natural resources, to improve conservation efforts, increase the wise utilization of natural



photo by
Ana Jimena Gonzalez

From left, Seniors Karla Reyes and Tania Rodriguez. Both students participated in the Kleberg-Kenedy Soil & Water conservation essay contest.

resources, and express to students the importance of soil and water. The Essay Contest is open to boys and girls in two categories- ages 13 and under, and ages 14 to 18. The essays will be judge on the local level with winners sent to the area level. The state winner will be selected from the five area winners, according to <http://www.tsswcb.state.tx.us/en/infoed/essay>.

Soil and water are our two most valuable resources and we are running out of them. People need to be aware that we are finishing our resources and we need to reverse them to future uses, said Edgar Ortega, science teacher. All schools in Kleberg and Kennedy County are participating, he said. "I decided to write this essay because the planet and our environment are

important to me and I think that our job is to conserve them. Writing this essay is a good way to influence people to care about our environment," said Reyes, 17. The Kleberg-Kenedy SWCD Awards Banquet was held Tuesday, February 23 at the Dick Kleberg Park Recreation Building.

COUNSELOR'S



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Senioritis

Recognizing and combating senioritis

Do your seniors know that slacking off during the spring semester or after being accepted to college may jeopardize their future plans? Every year, colleges rescind offers of admission, put students on academic probation, or alter financial aid packages as a result of "senioritis." How can you help prevent this common syndrome?

Colleges may reserve the right to deny admission to an accepted applicant should the student's senior-year grades drop. (Many college acceptance letters now explicitly state this.) Admissions officers can ask a student to explain a drop in grades and can revoke an offer of admission if not satisfied with the response.

And because the colleges do not receive final grades until June or July, students may not learn of a revoked admission until July or August, after they've given up spots at other colleges and have few options left.

CollegeBoard.com

Teacher spotlight announced for February

■ by Jose Manuel Torres
Staff Writer

Speech teacher, Melissa Windham, has been selected as teacher spotlight for January at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS).

“I was excited when I heard that I was selected as the teacher spotlight,” she said, “I was very surprised because I did not expect this”.

She was born in Kingsville and has lived here all her life. Windham has a degree in business administration from Texas A&I (now TAMUK) University, and is a mother of two teenagers.

She worked in a bank as a trainer before coming to PPAS, where she has now been working for two years. She works in the development office of the school and this year she started teaching.

She said she enjoys being here.

“Pan Am is like one big family and the students are great kids,” Windham said.

Windham said she strives to be a good teacher, to motivate her students to learn and to treat her students with respect.

Her goal is to be the best that she can and to fulfill God’s plan for her life, one day at a time, she said.

“Work hard and believe in yourself,” Windham said as advice she gives to her students.



photo by Jose Manuel Torres
MELISSA WINDHAM

Student Council member chosen as student of the month

■ by Carlos Gutierrez
Staff Writer

From Mexico City, Mexico, 18-year-old senior Ana Melendez was named as February’s student of the month at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS). “It’s an honor to be the student of the month because it means that I am doing something right,” Melendez said, “and also because of my reputation as a good student.” Melendez said she came to PPAS because her parents persuaded her to. “Here you can build strong friendships and have the opportunity to pursue your dreams, by having the necessary skills,” she said.



ANA MELENDEZ

photo by Carlos Gutierrez

Melendez is a dual credit student at Costal Bend College, where she is taking English 1301, 1302, Government and Economics. She enjoys reading and her leisure time after school. Her favorite class is English in college because of its environment. She is part of student council and track & field team. She also participated in the

Rotary Club of Kingsville’s annual speech contest on Jan. 26, where she spoke about Gender Discrimination in Education and won 2nd place. She would like to return to Mexico City and finish her studies in Universidad Iberoamericana or Instituto Tecnologico Autonomo de Mexico (ITAM). She wants to study international relations or major in politics. The end of her last year in high school is approaching and she wants to enjoy this time, she said. “It’s scary because I don’t know if I want to go back or stay in the U.S.,” Melendez said. “Time is running out and I have to focus on college.”

Q+A

WITH EAGLETS 1
JESUS ALCOCER

Interview with 2009-2010 Eaglets 1 Class President

■ by Alejandra Del Real
Staff Writer

Q: How do you feel being the Eaglets I President?

A: I feel proud to be endowed with such valuable things as the trust and support of my peers.

Q: Why do you think your class chose you?

A: It is not for me, but for those [Eaglets 1] I represent.

Q: What are you in charge of? What are you working on?

A: We, the Officers and Sponsors of the Eaglets I Class, work side by side for the welfare and prosperity of our class in issues included but not limited to: fund raisings, holidays, celebrations, general organization and yearbook election.

Q: In what other activities are you involved in?

A: Track for now.

Q: Why did you decide to run for president?

A: To aid, to learn and to stand true for my fellow classmates.

Q: Do you like being president?

A: Indeed I do.

Q: Something that you might want to tell your class?

A: Tomorrow will be a better day.



Jesus Alcocer

WHAT DO YOU



"I THINK IT IS A GOOD PLACE BECAUSE YOU LEARN RESPONSIBILITY."-JEAN PIERZO, EAGLE 2

THINK ABOUT PRESBYTERIAN



"I LIKE THE SCHOOL BECAUSE YOU LEARN FROM OTHER CULTURES."-LORENA ACOSTA, PRE UNIVERSITY

PAN AMERICAN SCHOOL?



"THE SCHOOL LETS YOU GROW UP AND BE INDEPENDENT."-MARIAN MORANCHEL, EAGLE 2.

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Inside Pan Am, home and family

■ by Daniel Victoria
Staff Writer



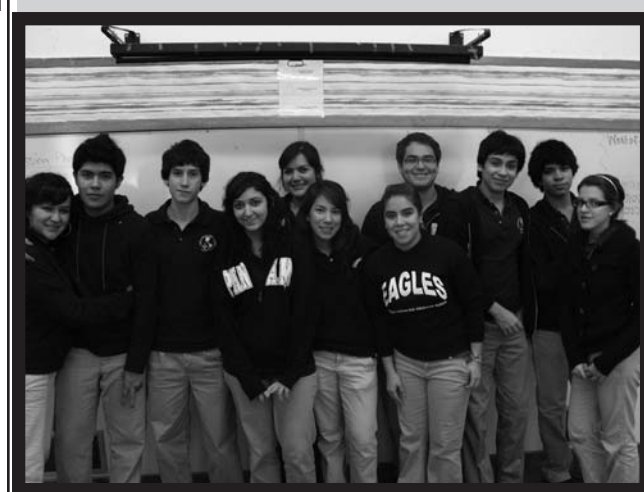
"...I can tell that when it's time to leave, all you ever wanted was to be here."~

There's a place in South Texas where everything you see is tall, green grass and everything you hear is the sound of cows. The nearest thing that could be called civilization is Wal-Mart and John Deere tractors. That small place in the middle of nowhere is called Kingsville, which at least has the King Ranch, the biggest ranch in the USA, and there's where Presbyterian Pan American School stands, in Kingsville.

The international high school, best known as Pan Am, could be described with thousands of adjectives. It's a place where people from all over the crowded blue globe come and change their lives completely. Jail, rehab center and eternal punishment are some of the words that students first use to refer to the almost one-hundred year old school, but at the end, those not very positive adjectives turn into a sweet home, a must place to be at and a big, multicolor family.

Teenagers from Mexico, USA, Korea, China and other countries come here with different purposes. Some of them may come to get a good education, others to see how it feels spending more than 8 months away from lovely, warm home with mom and dad to care about us. Coming here is more than just studying but it's also a place where challenges are common every single day of the week. Learning English, washing clothes, cleaning our own dirty rooms, being on time to work and even getting up early to go to chapel are some of the things that everyone has faced while living here. But more that learning how to be independent, we also learn how to be a big family. There may be some headstrong guys or gossip people wasting their time but at the end, every single one of us becomes necessary in this chain made up by teachers, staff and students.

You may not get anything about geometry class, you may be tired of going to track, work can get a little bit annoying every time your boss gets mad, Mrs. Gutierrez may shout a lot whenever her students don't behave, Mr. G may ground you because your room is not clean, homework might become a monster and even the washing machines could give you a headache but when you look at the small things you may see what important really means. When you come here, you don't make friends but you adopt brothers and sisters. You don't get to buy what you want but you learn how to organize your money. You may not like exercising but Coach Cantu still keeps you in shape. You may wish to graduate but when prom comes all you want is to go back to your terrible first year. You may say you hate the place when the truth is that deep inside of every one of us there's something that keeps us here. It might be our friends, the cheesy boyfriends or girlfriends, the trips or the whole environment that makes us stay because I can tell that when it's time to leave, all you ever wanted was to be here.



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Students attend Mo Ranch Conference

by Alejandra Del Real
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Twenty six Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) students attended Mo Ranch Conference Center this weekend. Mo-Ranch is a camp and conference of approximately 500 acres located in North Fork of the Guadalupe River at Texas Hill County.

The majority of the students that attended were underclassmen. Christian Educator David Dzul organized this activity for the students. Eaglets and juniors were chosen because they have to get ready for the years to come as the current seniors graduate, Dzul said.

"We need people to take over and they will learn to be good leaders. The purpose is to prepare them for them to respond to leadership responsibilities in their next years," Dzul said.

The Mission of Mo-Ranch is to provide a special place and an enriching program in a living, learning, Christian environment to enable people to grow in God through Jesus Christ, according to www.moranch.com. PPAS students participated in the conference as well as other adults.

Exciting, interesting, and fun is how Anyul Abud, 16- year old junior, described her trip to Mo- Ranch.

"I learned a lot of things such as working together is easier to achieve a hard task rather than doing it yourself, friendship is very important and is something that every human needs. It will be an unforgettable experience, I would do it again," she said.

On Friday, students arrived around 5 p.m., dinner was at 6 and after that, activity leaders encouraged students to play sports such as basketball, soccer and football.

"It was a new experience for me. I did things that I never thought I was going to do and the most important thing is that I learned how to work in team," said Paola Flores, 15-year old-Eaglet 2.

On Saturday afternoon, the students were divided into two groups and cooperated in several activities that involved team work and challenges.

"It was a great experience. I didn't think I could be able to achieve those tasks, but the adrenaline let me do it," said Keyla Cadena, 17- year old- junior.

After dinner, the students attended a bonfire and sang camp songs.

On Sunday morning after breakfast, PPAS students climbed up the hill to participate in challenge activities that consisted of a 50-foot swing, where students were lifted by a rope and then were loosened and swung in the air until it stopped. The other activity consisted of a big pole where students climbed to the top and then jumped and tried to reach a trapeze.

"Mo Ranch is thrilling and exciting and I hope that the underclassmen keep on having the opportunity to experience the great moments I had there," said Ana Paola Melendez, 18-year-old senior.



photo by Alejandra Del Real

PPAS students participate in activities at Mo Ranch from Feb. 19-21.

Senior places 2nd at Rotary Club Speech Contest

by Viviana Garcia
Staff Writer

Ana Paola Melendez, an 18-year-old senior from Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS), participated in the "4 Way Speech Test" sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kingsville on January 26 and placed 2nd. Her topic was Gender Discrimination in Education.

"The 4 Way Speech Test means that the speech had to answer the questions: Is it truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build better friendships and goodwill? And would it be beneficial?" Melendez said. Melendez also received a \$2,000 scholarship to Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK). Pete Villarreal, from H.M. High School, who also talked about education, placed 1st and also won a \$2,000 dollar scholarship to TAMUK.

"Your speech had to be from five to seven minutes, and the three judges looked at your speech for misspelled words, the speech structure and the way you captivated the audience," Melendez said. Melendez said that the competition was not hard.

"I just did my best and hoped for positive results, the Rotary Club Speech was a good opportunity to meet important people and to get them to know your work as a student," Melendez said.

Melissa Windham, Communication Applications teacher, said that Melendez did an amazing job. Many of the guests came to us after the speech and commented on how impressed they were with her.



Ana Paola Melendez placed 2nd at the Rotary Club of Kingsville's 4 Way Speech Contest on January 26.

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Saints take Superbowl XLIV, 31-17

by Jimena Hernandez
Managing Editor

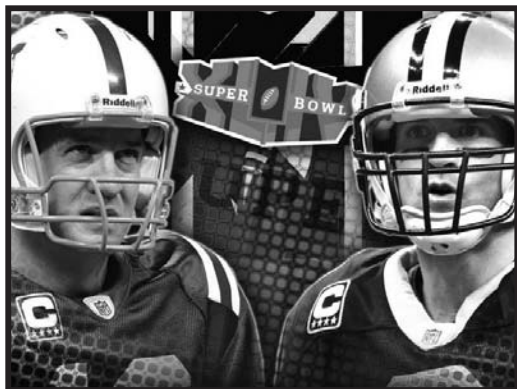


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Super Bowl XLIV was played at Sun Life Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida, on February 7, 2010. The game was the New Orleans Saints' first Super Bowl appearance and the fourth for the Indianapolis Colts franchise. The saints entered the game with a 13-3 record for the regular season, compared to the Colts' 14-2 record. The Saints' head coach is Sean Payton, while his opposing head coach was

Jim Caldwell. In the pregame, Carrie Underwood sang the National Anthem and Queen Latifah sang "America the Beautiful." In the first quarter, the kickoff occurred with New Orleans catching it for a 20-yard return by Courtney Roby, followed by an 8-yard gain by Pierre Thomas. The drive was concluded after a missed 3rd down with a 42-yard punt by Thomas Morstead. Indianapolis place kicker Matt Stover, the oldest Super Bowl player ever, kicked the ball 38 yards for a field goal, making the score 3-0.

After an incomplete pass to Reggie Wayne and a 4-yard run by Donald Brown, the play concluded in a 19-yard pass to Pierre Garcon for a touchdown. Leading the Colts' to 9-0 and Matt Stover's extra point gave them a 10-0 lead.

In the second quarter, the Saints responded with a drive for a 40-yard field goal by Garrett Hartley, who scored their first points of the game and left a score of 10-3.

In the final two minutes of the first half, the Saints' drove to a first-and-goal at the Colts 3-yard line. After a short drive to the Colts 27, Hartley kicked another field goal as time expired, leaving a halftime score of Colts 10, Saints 6. In the third quarter, the Saints successfully recovered a surprise onside kick to gain possession of the ball at the beginning of the half, finishing the unexpected drive with a touchdown to take the lead 13-10. With minutes left in the quarter, Joseph Addai scored from the 4-yard line to put the Colts back on top 17-13. But Hartley brought the Saints to within one point, 17-16, with his third field goal of the game, from 47 yards. In the last quarter, Jeremy Shockey caught a touchdown pass to give the Saints their first lead of the game. Brees then completed a two-point conversation pass to Lance Moore to give the Saints a 24-17 lead.

On the consequent drive, Peyton Manning led the Colts into Saints territory; however, Tracy Porter intercepted a Manning pass at the Saints 26 and returned it 74 yards for a Saints touchdown. Porter's interception continued the Super Bowl trend and a team scoring on an interception return wins the championship game. The final score of, 31-17, is the largest comeback win in Super Bowl history for the Saints.

Presbyterian Pan American School 2010 Track & Field Schedule



FEBRUARY

Saturday

27 TAMUK

all day



MARCH

Saturday

13 Riviera

all day

Saturday

20 Cactus Cup @ TAMUK

Friday

26 Robstown

all day

Saturday

27 Ben Bolt

all day



APRIL

Thursday

8 George West

all day

Thursday

22 District @ Florence

all day

Thursday

30 Regionals @ Florence

all day

MAY

Friday

7 State @ Waco

all day

Saturday

8 State @ Waco

all day



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P P A S
Track &
Field Team
before
practice.

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PPAS celebrates Valentine's with serenades and dance

■ by Karla Gonzalez
Staff Writer

This year, Presbyterian Pan American School celebrated Valentine's Day delivering serenades to students during their 7th period classes on Friday, February the 12, and with a dance held at the Student Union Building on Saturday, February 13.

The junior class prepared both the dance and the serenades as a fundraiser, and also as a way to take students out of their daily routine. To deliver the serenades, the junior class was separated into three groups. In the first one was Paul Vilchez, Keyla Cadena, and Alberto Barron, who after delivering the serenade gave out Hershey's chocolate kisses. In the second group, Cecilia Moreno, Antonio Ibarra, and Omar Rivera sang and then gave out lollipops, and in the third group, Alejandra Del Real, Jasiel Hernandez, Reynaldo Torres, and ArnaldoRodriguez gave out red tulips to the receivers of each serenade.

The serenades were ordered to a member of the junior class by anyone who wanted to send a song to their special someone, and they could either say from whom it was, or make it anonymous, like in the case of Michel Ruiz, a 15-year-old Eaglet 1, who got a song from an anonymous person.

"I think it is really nice to get a song, but I would really like to know who it was from," she said.

The fundraiser for the junior class was a very nice alternative to the regular activities that the classes prepare to raise money, said Eduardo Garcia, 17-year-old junior.

"I really think it should be done again next year," Garcia said.

Ivonne Mora, 17-year-old vice president of the junior class said she came because she wanted to dance and spend time with her friends.

The decorations were made by the junior class, and the concessions stand was managed by them. Andres Hernandez, an 18-year-old senior, said the dance was very well prepared, the decorations were nice and it was a lot of fun.

"Even though I got distracted dancing and wasn't able to buy any pizza, I didn't care much because dancing was pretty cool," he said.

The music at the dance was played by some juniors, and Ismael Sandoval, an 18 year-old senior, said it was very cheerful, almost all of the songs were happy, and only a few were slow songs, unlike other dances.



photo by Karla Gonzalez

PPAS students are dancing at the school's Valentine's Day dance on Feb. 13. From left, Jessica Sabido, Omar Rivera and Larissa Mora.



From left, Paul Vilchez, Keyla Cadena, and Neftali Fernandez, who is being serenaded by Alberto Barron (right).

PPAS honors board member

■ by Samuel Chavez
Staff Writer

Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) held a memorial service at the school's chapel for



photo by Samuel Chavez

Jean Poe, former member of the board of

trustees of PPAS, who passed away in January.

The service was held because of three reasons, said Dr. James Matthews, PPAS President. "For the board members to remember a friend and colleague, the staff to recognize her contribution to the school and for the students to experience how Christians handle death by celebrating a person life and witness to the resurrection," Matthews said. During the service, Matthews gave some words about Poe and we could hear the PPAS choir performed "On Eagles Wings," the school song.

"I think it was a good service, and all of us commemorated the name of Jean Poe even though we didn't meet her. I hope she is with God," said Paul Vilchez, choir member. Poe studied at the University of Texas-Austin and she was originally from Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Poe had been a member of the board since 2002, eight years ago and she was on the financial committee, her main area. She was an active Presbyterian member and she was interested in PPAS.

"Poe was like a mother to me. She was my mother's age and because she was capable of giving me instruction, 'I thought the world of her' I will miss her very much," Matthews said.

Mrs. Poe was a highly intelligent lady who cared deeply for the students at PPAS and was passionate about the mission of our school, said Dr. Barbara Stottlmyer, Dean of Students.

"Her example of a Christian life was one of energy, joy and love. I will miss her and the special talents that she shared with all of us at Pan American School," she said.

"Dear John" movie, no match up to book

■ by Jimena Hernandez

Managing Editor

Dear John is a movie adapted from Nicolas Spark's novel "Dear John." It is cataloged as a romantic drama, starring Channing Tatum as John Tyree and Amanda Seyfried as Savannah. Tyree is a Special Force soldier that falls in love with the idealistic Savannah. He has an autistic father (Richard Jenkins) that prepares lasagna every Sunday without fail.

Savannah is on spring break from college and John is anxious because he's hoping to work on the Force for only one more year to finish his duty and live happily ever after with her. While they fall in love, they didn't realize that spring break is ending and that he would have to leave in order to accomplish his mission with the U.S.A.

The day arrived, John had to leave. Both of them made a deal about writing letters to each other explaining whatever happened in that year he would be out. Suddenly the unexpected happened, 9/11 intervenes. Lots of letters are sent off between these two lovebirds as they promised, which is a commitment to their enduring love but also to the postal system, which unfailingly reaches John in top-secret hideaways in, from the look of it, Africa, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

One day John received an unexpected letter, a letter that changed his job purpose, but also his personal relationship with Savannah. She was about to get married, leaving him in a complete sadness of his true love. Years later, he discovered that the guy she married had cancer and proposed to her to live his last days together as a family. After his death, John discovered that maybe he would have another chance. I expected a better ending. They leave it up to your own imagination; also the end doesn't match at all with the book Spark's wrote. Overall it is a good movie. The involvement of both performers puts you into the drama and melancholic feelings the author wants you to experience, although it is not what most people imagine it would be or that it would have a happy ending.

I wouldn't recommend this movie because it only makes you feel grief and sorrow for love. It seems that sometimes even though you love a person so much it's not your destiny to end up with him or her.

Nicholas Sparks, ranked one of the best 'love story' writers

■ by Daniel Victoria

Staff Writer

There are many words to describe this man. People all around the world have read the words written in his books. He has changed lives, made hearts beat one more time and even minds believe again. It's not a surprise that from the beginning he got the so desired title of "New-York Times Bestselling Author." His inspiring stories let readers get away and experience feelings they never felt before. There's something in his writing that makes the eyes stay attached to the book; maybe the reason are his words, the setting are a good option too or it might be that he is just *very* good. His name is easy to keep in mind: Nicholas Sparks is the man we are talking about. He has proven himself to be one of the masters of the modern love story and his books are surely admired by thousands of readers all around the crowded blue globe. It must feel incredible whenever a lucky writer gets his or her first novel published, but there are no words to understand what this man might feel after writing fifteen incredibly successful stories.



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Nicholas Sparks is the type of writer that could even find inspiration from a heavy, useless, gray rock. Every story he makes up is full of what people know as amazing, deep feelings. His characters, his settings, the words he uses are the perfect key to get completely involved with all the pages from his books. From his first novel "A Walk to Remember", to the last he has published, "The Last Song"; Sparks



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has shown what he is made of. With time, Sparks has written fifteen books where he reflects part of his life and feelings. Four of his stories: "A Walk to Remember", "Nights in Rodanthe", "Message in a Bottle" and "The Notebook" have already been taken to the big screen watched by thousands of crazy fans across the country and around the world. For this year, Sparks must feel proud about the three upcoming movies based on his novels. "Dear John" and "The Last Song" are being released on February 10 and March 31 respectively. "The Lucky One", his 14th novel is still in production. Sparks, who is also an excellent track runner, has been ranked as one of the best love story writers that could have existed. People describe him as a very inspiring reason in their lives. Whatever the reason is to read one of his seducing novels, his writing always leaves a lesson to think about. Believe again, give love one more chance, never give up, try your best one more time and other gifts are some of the thousands of things his books keep inside.