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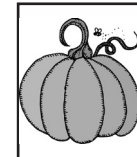
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PPAS honors teacher's memory with tree dedication

■ by Sergio Barrera
Staff Writer

On September 26, 2008, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) honored English Teacher Nancy Phaup, who passed away July 4, 2008 by planting an oak tree on school grounds.

Nancy, born June 17, 1944 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, worked at PPAS for seven years. She started in August of 2001 until February 2008. She was named Teacher of the Year in 2004 and again in 2008. She served as a mentor teacher and adviser of the PPAS chapter of National Honor Society.

The idea of planting a tree



was born in a conversation between Dr. James Matthews, President of PPAS and Jim Phaup, Nancy's husband of 42 years. They discussed the best memorial PPAS can give.

"The idea that teachers plant trees has always been a comfort to me because teaching has few rewards other than planting knowledge in the students," Matthews said.

The ceremony started with Matthews saying a few words about Nancy.

"She gave her life for education," he said. "She was a master teacher who loved students, was diligent in the classroom and hospitable with students in her home. It is good to honor her because she had been teacher of the year and because it was a way to remember her life now that she is gone," Matthews said.

Then Dr. Barbara Stottlemeyer, Dean of Students, presented a plaque to Jim. The

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BOARD MEMBERS, FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS GATHERED FOR A CEREMONY HONORING NANCY PHAUP'S MEMORY.

PPAS commissioning service held

■ by Kate Thompson
Editor-in-Chief

On September 26, 2008, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) commissioned Pastor Josyph Andrews as their official Campus Pastor in the Morris Chapel.

Saddam Bello, 16-year-old junior, began the service with the call to worship. Dr. Stottlemeyer gave the prayer of confession and

declaration of Pardon. Kate Thompson, 17-year-old senior, presented the prayer of illumination and read from the old and New Testament. Throughout the ceremony, songs from the Hymnal were sung and the Morris Chapel Choir sang along.

Dr. James Matthews, President, presented the commissioning sentences with Andrews. Then Rev. Ed

Seeger presented a charge to the pastor. The induction ended with Reverend Charles Miller giving a charge to the congregation and a commissioning prayer by Dr. Eugene F. Tims, Chair of the PPAS Board of Trustees.

"I am very thrilled, excited and blessed to be the PPAS' campus pastor," Andrews said.

Andrews said that he

is thankful that PPAS' congregation accepted him as their Campus pastor.

"I want to help these young adults form a spiritual background and help guide them," Andrews said.

Andrews has recently acquired his masters in divinity from Austin Presbyterian Theological

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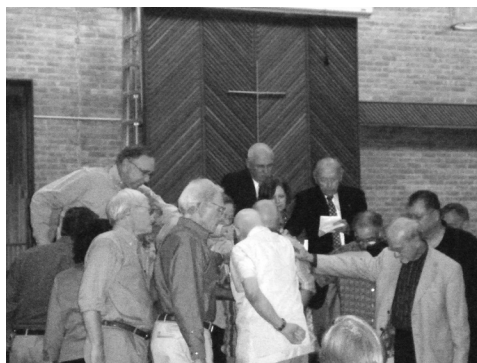


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PPAS BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND ADMINISTRATORS GAVE A PRAYER WITH PASTOR JOE ANDREWS AT THE CEREMONY.

DEAN'S DESK

Landscape design class builds birdhouses

■ by Sergio Barrera
Staff Writer

Edgar Ortega, science teacher at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS), and his Landscape Design & Construction class have worked on a project that includes building birdhouses.

“The purpose of this project is to enhance the bird population at Presbyterian Pan American School, also to increase the bird diversity,” Ortega said.

The project consists of students constructing their own birdhouses, 12 in total, while learning the basics about woodworking, Ortega said.

“Once the class finished their projects, they had the chance to customize the birdhouses the way they wanted,” Ortega said.

Along with making birdhouses, the Wildlife & Recreation Management class is assisting Thomas Langschie, Research Director for the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, with bird counts. Langschie is the project coordinator for the South Texas



SCIENCE
TEACHER
EDGAR
ORTEGA'S
LANDSCAPE
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CONSTRUCT-
ION CLASS
WITH THEIR
BIRDHOUSES.

photo by Sergio
Barrera

Wintering Birds project and he has helped to introduce this project to PPAS. The students are able to learn about the birds within this area and learn about their behavior and migration patterns. This project allows students to get involved by entering our observations into an internet database which is

of benefit to the nation. Both classes are contributing to wildlife habitat restoration, Ortega said.

Fernando Montemayor, 16-year-old junior, is taking part in this project.

“I think that this project is a very good way, not only to know how to work with wood

and other materials but, to help the birds by giving them a house. It does not take too long, just two weeks, but building the house was very difficult for me because I have never done something like that before so it was a new experience for me plus I learned something new,” he said.

A Lesson in Economics
“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” This passage from Matthew 6:21 is worth reflecting on considering the current economic situation in the U.S. and around the world. The global impact of the Wall Street problems is a reminder that we have become a global society and the nations are interdependent. The focus on money as a measure of power or worth has contributed to the problems.

Problems are always opportunities for growth. The role of education is to maximize the human potential of each of our students. Real wealth lies in the development of our human capital. Responsible participation in government requires an educated society. So it is educators who are the real developers of wealth. Each student’s portfolio only increases as each new nugget of treasure is discovered and polished. This wealth never runs out. So we have hope for the future because with God as our source of life, we are on a solid foundation and we know who is the caretaker of our wealth.

COUNSELOR'S



ELLIE PEREZ

CORNER

The cheerleading squad worked really hard to prepare for the pep rally on October 7. We had tryouts on September 19 and I chose 13 girls and three boys. The squad does stunts such as half extensions, liberties and shoulder stands. We are working on full extensions. The pep rally was held to acknowledge the cross country and volleyball team and the defending state champs—the soccer team. The winners of the spirit stick were the juniors, Class of 2010. The judges for the spirit contest were Dr. James Matthews, President; Dr. Barbara Stottlemeyer, Dean of Students; Carmen Gonzales, Business Manager; and Albert Garcia, Dorm Director. The squad danced to a cheer mix that was provided by Adalberto Fernandez and Cesar Gomez. The reason we held a pep rally was to bring classes closer together, to work as a team and show school spirit. It allows teacher class sponsors and students to work as a team and it builds good school spirit. It allows students to know that they are doing something good for their school.

Members of the Cheer Squad: Head cheerleader and Senior Marisol Barreiro; Senior Olivia Pun; Juniors Jimena Hernandez, Ilse Ibarra, Seo Yeon Lee, Stephanie Molinari, Cristina Morales, Meaghan Pesqueira, Karla Reyes, Tania Rodriguez, Rikki Sanchez, Erick Torres and Javier Villegas; Sophomores Marcela Budart (manager), Diana Zelaya and Hector Villegas, head cheerleader.

Teacher of the month annouced for October

■ by Hong Hui Choi
Staff Writer

Edgar Ortega, science teacher at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS), has been chosen as teacher of the month for October.

“He always makes his classes so fun and interesting that nobody falls asleep during his classes,” said Adalberto Fernandez, senior.

Ortega, from Kingsville, has been working at PPAS for two years. Ortega graduated from Texas A&M University-Kingsville and majored in agricultural production. After he graduated from college, he came to PPAS in September of 2007.

“It feels good to be recognized and I believe it must mean that I am doing something right,” Ortega said.

He has been teaching biology, landscape design and construction, marine biology, and wildlife and recreation management, Ortega said.

“It’s my second year at PPAS, I like the school. The students are wonderful, respectful and also very passionate about learning. This is what makes teaching at PPAS a great experience,” Ortega said.

Ortega also said he liked the calm environment at PPAS.

“I think PPAS is surely a good school where students get the chance to get a good education,” Ortega said. “And I like teaching because it enables me to be able to pass my knowledge on to all my students.”

In Ortega’s spare time, he enjoys fishing.



photo by Hong Hui Choi

EDGAR ORTEGA

Senior chosen as student of the month

■ by Sergio Barrera
Staff Writer

Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) has announced 17-year-old Senior Walter Flores, from Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas, Mexico, as student of the month for October.

“I feel very good being named student of the month,” Flores said. “It makes me feel that I’m doing my best in school and I thank the school for recognizing that.”

Flores enjoys playing soccer and reading. His favorite book is The Da Vinci Code. He likes Reggaeton music, and his favorite artists are



WALTER FLORES

Wisin & Yandel because of the rhyme that they have.

Flores is Captain of the soccer team and plays on the defensive team since last year when the Eagles soccer team won the state championship. He is also in the mixed choir and is taking English 1301 and government at Coastal

Bend College in Kingsville.

After he graduates from PPAS, he wants to go to college to study Architectural Engineering at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

“I want to study Architectural Engineering because I want to be like my dad,” Flores said.

Flores enjoys PPPAS because he has learned how to be independent and he also enjoys being with his friends.

“I don’t know how I organize myself but I have my priorities in order,” Flores said.

Q+A

WITH SENIOR
KATE THOMPSON

Interview with 2008-2009 Senior Class President

■ by Sara Gonzalez
Staff Writer

Q: Since you were last year’s junior class president and now you are the senior class president, how does that make you feel?

A: It makes me feel appreciated and honored that they re-elected me. The senior class has that amount of trust and faith in me to continue serving as their president and to continue fundraising.

Q: Why do you think you were re-elected?

A: I hope it is because they thought that I did a good job last year as president and for the time and effort that I put into the class.

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

A: I am in charge of organizing events and fundraisers. We are currently working on the school and senior T-shirts.

Q: Do you like being the president of your class?

A: I love being president. Our whole class has become a family. My sophomore year, I barley spoke to them, but after being junior class president, I believe it helped me to form these great friendships.

Q: Does being the senior class president take away from your free time?

A: Yes a lot! I am always worrying about my class, even if there is nothing left to plan or worry about. I have less time with my friends, but they all understand that I am a workaholic.

Q: What else are you involved in on campus?

A: I am captain of the volleyball team. I am in the mixed and show choir, youth group, worship committee, Dorm council and I am a dual credit student. I am editor of the newspaper and I am working on a science project with Dr. Olga Carranza. I have a habit of signing up for everything!



Kate Thompson

WHY DO YOU THINK IT IS



EVERYONE SHOULD BE AWARE OF BREAST CANCER AND WHAT CAUSES IT BECAUSE IT CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE...-ELISA GODINEZ, SENIOR

IMPORTANT TO RAISE AWARE-



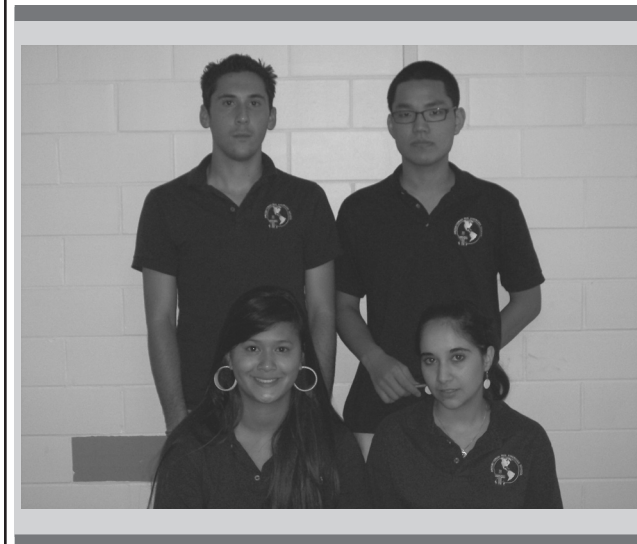
FOR PEOPLE TO BE INFORMED AND TO BE ABLE TO GET HELP IN TIME.-KARLA GONZALEZ, SOPHOMORE.

NESS FOR BREAST CANCER?



BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING FROM BREAST CANCER, BUT IT STILL REMAINS AS AN INCURABLE DISEASE.-KIM SUK KYUM, FRESHMEN

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Senior discusses breast cancer prevention The importance of getting check ups and being informed



by Sara Gonzalez
Staff Writer

Breast Cancer has become a common disease among women so it is important to be aware of the risks factors and symptoms. Breast Cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in American women behind lung cancer.

Breast Cancer is not only for women but men can get it too, although risk for men is lower than it is for women. Breast Cancer can be controlled if it is detected on time, for that reason it is important to have check ups once in a while before it is too late.

A woman who has a family history of breast cancer has a high chance of getting it, so it is highly recommended to have check beginning when you are young just for prevention.

Women at the age of 40, should have check ups for prevention every six months because at that age, cancer is most likely to appear.

A quick test women can do is to raise an arm and with the other hand carefully search for little balls. If you found one, or you find something abnormal, you should go to the doctor to have a check up because that can be malignant (cancer) but it can also be something that has nothing to do with cancer but it is better to prevent it and to be safe than sorry.

If you don't detect breast cancer on time, it can get worse and the cancer can be transferred to

other organs. Girls, if you know you or other girls have a family history of breast cancer, go to the doctor and have a check up, don't be afraid. It is better to detect it on time, before it gets worse.

Breast cancer is malignant and can cause death, but if you detect it on time, you have a good chance of beating it. At Presbyterian Pan American School, the student body as well as faculty and staff showed respect for victims of Breast Cancer as well as survivors by wearing pink and hanging pink ribbons all over the campus.

12 PPAS students along with 13 other members that joined the Pan Am team participated in the 8th Annual Breast Cancer Walk/Run at Texas A&M University-Kingsville on October 11, 2008 and came in as second place team for raising \$522 total.

PPAS students joined the fight, I hope many more will get the message and join as well. Think Pink and Fight for the Cure!



BREAST CANCER

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-Sara Gonzalez, Senior



MEET THE PAN AM BOARD

■ by Kate Thompson

Editor-in-Chief

The board of trustees is a group of 19 men and women who are a governing body of Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS), said Dr. James Matthews, PPAS President.

"They set policies which I am then charged to carry out, such as the school's budget, academic requirements, the campus life and the spiritual development," Matthews said.

The 2008-2009 Chair for this year is Dr. Eugene F. Tims, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He is a retired professor of electrical engineering and has served two years on the board.

"I decided to join the board because I liked what I saw and heard about PPAS," Tims said.

The Secretary is Patricia Turner of New Braunfels. She is a retired teacher and is active in the Presbyterian Church USA. Turner's husband served on the board in the 1980's, while she was on the nominating committee.

"I was so glad to be asked to be a member of the board," Turner said. This is Turner's fifth year serving on the board.

Treasurer is Dennis Whitley from Alice. His current occupation is a financial advisor with Edward Jones.

"After the third time trying to get onto the board-- God let me," Whitley said, "This will be my second year."

The board members are divided into several committees such as, Campus Life, Academics, Plant and Ranch, Development and Finance and Executive Committee.

Ruben Armendariz, Crayden Dennard, Mike Douglas, Barbara Kiser and Hazael Campuzano serve on the Campus life committee.

Armendariz, from Splendora, is retired from the Houston Police Department after 30 years of service. This is his second year on the board.

"In the past, my father was a Presbyterian minister and also a board member. I think the Lord called me to become a board member—so here I am," he said.

Dennard, from Bay City, is a dentist and has been on the board for two years. He is on the board to serve the Lord, he said.

Douglas, of Austin, owns his own business and is in his fourth year on the board.

"When I heard of a board opening, I was excited to learn about the mission and glad to volunteer with the board of trustees," he said.

Kiser is from Longview and Campuzano is from Naucalpan, Mexico.

Patricia Booth, James Hanna, Edna Jackson and Lidia Serrata are on the Academics committee. Hanna, from Lubbock, has been on the board for two years. He is a retired art professor from Texas Tech University.

"During My mother's senior year at Austin College,



FROM LEFT, DR. EUGENE TIMS, CRAYDEN DENNARD, DENNIS WHITLEY AND RUBEN ARMENDARIZ AT BOARD MEETING SEPT. 26

she decided to teach at Presbyterian School for Mexican Girls in Taft. This was the girl's school that merged to become PPAS in later years," Hanna said. "A childhood friend of mine recommended me to represent the board from West Texas."

Jackson, from Dallas, is serving her third year on the board. She is a retired Surgical Technologist.

Booth is from Sarita and Serrata is from Victoria. Stanley Cobbs, Frank Seaman and Jorge Duran are on the Plant and Ranch committee.

Cobbs, from Kerrville, has been on the board for 12 years. He is a retired educator including Dean of Students at Austin College. "This is my home. My mother and father worked here for over 25 years," Cobbs said.

Cobbs said it has been wonderful working with the students, faculty and staff and board members.

"It's always been a high honor to be allowed to work for and with PPAS," he said.

Seaman is from San Antonio and Duran is from Matamoros, Tamaulipas., Mexico.

Jean Poe, Clifford H. Sherrod, Jr., Louis Stripling and John Ed Withers are part of the Development and Finance committee. Poe, from Lake Charles, La, is in her second term on the board.

"It was a joy to be asked to serve," she said. "I have been familiar with PPAS for more than half my life."

Sherrod, from Midland, has been on the board for five years. He is a self employed petroleum geologist.

"I believe that I have the knowledge and experience to make a contribution to PPAS," he said. "With God's help, this may become a reality."

Stripling, from Fort Worth, has been on the board for one year. He is President and C.E.O. of Physician Oncology Services.

Withers is from Santa Fe, NM. Tims, Turner, Whitley, Dennard, Hanna, Kiser, Seaman and Sherrod serve on the Executive Committee.

Students attend "Fields of Faith"

■ by Sara Gonzalez

Staff Writer

On October 8, the senior class and approximately 15 students from the junior, sophomore and freshmen class



of Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) attended the Fields of Faith spiritual event, sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, at the Javelina Stadium at Texas A&M University Kingsville.

This night of fellowship started at 7:30 and it ended around 9 p.m. People from other schools attended as well.

Before the event started, students from PPAS and other schools were on the field visiting with one another. Attendees of the event were also able to play football and Frisbee on the field for about 30 minutes.

After the welcome and opening prayer, college and high school students gave their testimonies followed by some songs from the Praise band, Roy Faragoza and the Friday Band.

PPAS Pastor Joe Andrews decided to take the senior class to the spiritual event.

"I wanted them to be able to go and to see how others have been touched by God's hand," Andrews said. "And Christ's work in other people's lives."

This event replaced the usual weekly spiritual development class that is part of the PPAS curriculum for seniors.

Junior Veronica Vasquez, 16, enjoyed the event and hopes to attend again.

"It was a good experience because I got the opportunity to hear the awesome things that God has done for other's people lives," said Paola Escamilla, 17-year-old senior.

SOCCER TEAM WINS AGAIN

■ by Kate Thompson
Editor-in-Chief

On October 7, Presbyterian Pan American School's (PPAS) Eagles soccer team played against Concordia Academy of Austin and won, 7-1.

Captain Walter Flores, defense sweeper and 17-year-old senior, said that the team was confident because they had already beaten Concordia before.

PPAS' soccer team is undefeated this season. Jimmy Grant, Head coach said that they have two district games left, and then a regional game on October 31, which will be at PPAS' own campus.

"I am so proud of these

kids. They are doing so well. Let's just hope they keep their grades up," Grant said.

Javier Aguado and Santiago Jimenez, both forwards and 17-year-old seniors, made two goals during the game against Concordia. Followed by Flores, Eric Luna, 16-year-old junior, and Christian Ortiz, 15-year-old sophomore, all made one goal.

"The first half of the game was disappointing. We didn't play as hard as we usually do," said Alejandro Amaro, goal keeper and 18-year-old senior, "but the second half we came



The Presbyterian Pan American School Eagles Soccer team defeated Concordia Academy of Austin, 7-1, on October 7 at home. The Eagles remain undefeated.

back into shape and played awesome."

Grant said this game was good and the second team got to play more in the second half. Their also was a lot of team work, he said.

"The players looked good that day and the whole

student body was there to cheer us on," Grant said.

PPAS students ended school early to support their undefeated soccer team.

"The game was really exciting. They played amazing," said Olivia Pun, 18-year-old senior.

Elisa Godinez, 17-year-old senior, said that she was proud of her classmates because she saw a lot of enthusiasm towards the game.

~PRESBYTERIAN PAN AMERICAN SCHOOL EAGLES PEP RALLY ON OCTOBER 7~



A pep rally was held on the PPAS campus in support of the Eagles soccer team, who played Concordia on Tuesday, October 7 and won, 7-1, at home. Cheerleading Coach Ellie Perez organized the event and her squad performed routines and cheers. From left, the 2008-2009 Eagles Cheer Squad; the Dark Juniors, who won the yell contest between the Freshmen/Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors and earned the spirit stick; and the cheer squad with Coach Perez. The members of the cross country, volleyball and soccer team were announced during the pep rally and recognized for their hard work and dedication to the school's athletic program.

Calendar

10/15-PSAT (Juniors)
 10/15-ITP TOEFL
 10/20-10/24-Red Ribbon Week
 11/5-TOEFL (In-House)

Announcements**Lab Hours:**

Monday & Wednesday: 7:30-9:00-
 Boys

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:30-9:00-Girls

Birthdays

Ruben Garcia, 10/20
 Paul Vilchez, 10/23
 Soo Won Yoo, 10/24
 Joakin Perez, 10/25
 Jonathan Hau, 10/29
 Juan Chavez, 11/2
 Rodrigo Palmas, 11/2
 Israel Gomez, 11/3
 Ruben Hernandez, 11/4



photo by Rev. Ed Seeger

FROM LEFT, BERT ALVAREZ, ROSE ALVAREZ AND JUNIOR JIMENA HERNANDEZ, WHO IS PART OF THE MORRIS CHAPEL CHOIR, DURING THE PPAS OPEN HOUSE ON OCT. 2.

PPAS hosts Open House

■ by Kate Thompson
 Staff Writer

Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) opened its doors to the local community on October 2, 2008, by hosting an Open House.

The goal of the event was to allow members of the community to visit the campus and learn about the School's international mission and its upcoming capital expansion plans.

PPAS will celebrate its "Centennial" in 2011, when it will begin a new century of preparing young people from the Americas and beyond for lives of Christian leadership.

Teachers and students alike helped to prepare for the event. The classroom building was spruced up to include classroom exhibits and displays of students' work on colorful bulletin boards. The campus was covered in pink ribbons to support Breast Cancer Awareness month, and fall decorations lined the food table.

"Our classroom building was beautiful, they really made it look nice," said Olivia Pun, 18.

Melissa Windham, Centennial Campaign Coordinator, said attendance was less than expected, maybe due to the Vice Presidential Debate but those who attended were impressed.

Guests were treated to a performance by the Morris Chapel Choir, along with students playing keyboard and drums.

"The choir did an outstanding job. We are blessed to have such talented musicians," Windham said.

By having an open house, we showed the community the purpose of our school and what it stands for, said Javier Villegas, junior and choir member. Villegas also said he enjoys performing because it is a way to give back to the community.

PPAS' goal is to reach out to the community.

"In addition to having the community visit our campus, we want to involve the students in community events," Windham said.

Pastor Andrews and Coach Reili Cantu have already started planning activities such as visiting nursing homes and helping with the Texas A&M University-Kingsville's Javelina program, Porky's Pack.

PPAS would like to plan an open house next year and possibly make it an annual event.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to get the community to familiarize itself with the school and I believe it expanded awareness," said Josh Perkins, social studies teacher at PPAS.

JUMP, DEDICATION

plaque read: *Planted in Memory of Nancy Phaup (June 17, 1944-July 4, 2008), Teacher of the Year: 2004 and 2008 Presbyterian Pan American School. Nancy was devoted to students and colleagues. She shared her joy of literature and knowledge of places. Nancy celebrated the lives of students with birthday "cakitos." Her love of life, literature, and students was a shared blessing.*

"It is wonderful. The best memorials are living memorials," Jim said.

PPAS' Morris Chapel Choir performed "On Eagle Wings," and the ceremony concluded with a prayer given by Lillian Johnston, English teacher at PPAS.

Several friends of Nancy and Jim attended along with Nancy's son Jonathan.

"I felt affection towards the student body and thankful to the administration for organizing this event," Jonathan said.

Raul Gutierrez, 17-year-old senior, was in Phaup's English III class last year.

"It was a good thing to remember an important person for the school with a memorial dedication because she provided her heart every time she did things for us. I can tell that this school is missing her. She was a person who cared about the students. I think that planting a tree is a good way to remember because the tree will be here for hundred of years and everybody will remember the teacher that everybody loved."

JUMP, CHAPLAIN

Seminary. He still has tests to complete but soon, he will be an ordained pastor, and PPAS will have another chapel service to celebrate.

"I wanted to wait to have this service until it was official (an ordained pastor), but I realized that night, that the congregation already accepted me, and that was more official and meaningful than anything I can receive in the future," Andrews said.

Andrews found out about PPAS' by a Presbyterian executive and told him that this job seemed to fit him just right.

"I enjoy what I do, it doesn't feel like a job," Andrews said.

Andrews said that he enjoys being a part of the PPAS community and being apart of the life of the campus.

"This school is like a family and these young adults are like my children," Andrews said.

Many students appreciate all the efforts that Andrews puts towards the PPAS' students.

"We don't have communion here and the pastor went out of his way to take us to The First Presbyterian Church in Kingsville to take communion," said Javier Villegas, 17-year-old junior. "I really appreciate all the time he puts towards us and helping us in anyway he can."

Christa Gomez, 17-year-old senior, also said that she appreciates Andrews.

"I can talk to him and he will give me advice," she said. "He is like my father away from home."

POPULAR HALLOWEEN CANDY



1. Tootsie Roll
2. Hershey's Milk Chocolate
3. Nestle Crunch
4. Nerds
5. Hot Tamales
6. Candy Corn
7. Snickers Bar
8. Baby Ruth
9. Reese's Pieces
10. Almond Joy



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HALLOWEEN FUN FACTS

1. Jerry Ayers of Baltimore, Ohio has the record for the fastest pumpkin carver at 37 seconds
2. More than 93% of children, under the age of 12, will go out trick-or-treating
3. About 50% of adults dress up for Halloween, while 67% take part in the activities, such as parties, decorating the house and trick-or-treating with their children
4. 86% of Americans decorate their house for Halloween
5. Halloween candy sales average \$2 billion annually in the U.S. It is the largest candy-purchasing holiday.

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2008 Presidential Election



BARACK OBAMA Economic Platform:

1. Tax Relief
2. Technology, Innovation and Creating Jobs
3. Protect Labor
4. Promote Free Trade
5. Address Predatory Credit Card Practices
6. Reform Bankruptcy Laws
7. Protect Homeownership and Crack Down on Mortgage Fraud
8. Work/Family Balance



JOHN McCAIN Economic Platform:

1. Repeal Alternative Minimum Tax
2. Extend expiring tax cuts
3. Approve President's line item veto
4. Add personal accounts to Social Security
5. More trade agreements
6. Increase troops in Iraq
7. More nuclear energy
8. Tax credit of \$2,500 per person/\$5,000 per family towards health care insurance
9. Reduce wasteful government spending
10. Reduce Congressional earmarks
11. Eliminate tax loopholes
12. Control Medicare costs

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VOLLEYBALL TEAM HELPS WITH PORKY'S PACK

by Sara Gonzalez
Staff Writer

On September 27, students from Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) traveled to attend a football game at Texas A&M University-Kingsville where the Javelinas battled West Texas A&M University and lost, 55-35.

The PPAS students that are on the school's volleyball team, participated with the local community by being chaperones for Porky's Pack.

Porky's Pack is a community organization for kids and its purpose is for the community to be active at the University football games.

Volleyball Coach Reili Cantu, assistant athletic director at PPAS, was in charge of involving the volleyball team with Porky's Pack.

The reason for the team participating is so that they could be seen in the community," Cantu said.

Dr. James Matthews, PPAS President, received a note of gratitude and praise from D. Scott Gines, Director of Athletics for TAMUK.

"Please echo our praise...", he said. "for their tremendous help, teamwork, and assistance. We are very proud of Porky's Pack, and this wonderful group of students did PPAS proud," Gines said in the letter.

"I had fun with the little kids and it was a new experience for me," said Alejandra Meave, senior. "I would like to go again."

Senior Melissa Lopez, 17, said she also had fun with the kids. 16-year-old Sophomore Ana Laura De Leon said being part of Porky's Pack was a great experience.

"I think it was hard work but I had fun. I love



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THE PAN AM VOLLEYBALL TEAM PARTICIPATED IN PORKY'S PACK AT THE TAMUK FOOTBALL GAME ON SEPTEMBER 27.

working with kids and if we have to do this again I would be glad to go again," De Leon said.

While the volleyball team was on the field, Cantu was throwing towels from the University to the public every time the Javelinas scored.

While the volleyball team was doing community service, the rest of the students of PPAS were watching the game.

"I liked the game and enjoyed being with my friends," said Juan Chavez 17-year-old senior. "I like football and I had fun at the game because I had never been to a football game in the U.S. before."