

The History of El Paso Jesuit High School

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El Paso Jesuit High School opened with a Freshman class in 1959, and closed in May, 1972, for financial reasons. Ten classes graduated from Jesuit, the first class graduating in 1963. Total school property was about 26 acres. In the lower property there was a cotton field. The upper property had more acreage, sufficient for the large main building, the building immediately behind the main building, and the building which became the athletic building, complete with lockers and showers. There was also a combined auto garage and a complete and well-equipped shop. Later, the new gym was constructed in December, 1966. These buildings and the extensive surrounding property, which eventually became El Paso Jesuit, was purchased by the New Orleans Province at some time in the fall of 1957. Fr. Lawrence O'Neill was the Provincial at the time. At the time of purchase, the province was undecided as to the future of the property. The building had been erected by the Jesuits of the province of Mexico in 1926. The persecution of the Church in Mexico at that time had caused the Mexican Jesuits to seek refuge for their seminarians at a location close to the border. Blessed Miguel Pro, who was martyred for the faith, did seminary training in El Paso in the same building which later became Jesuit High School.

The graduated alumni of Jesuit, 669 in number, have been extremely loyal, with well attended reunions almost every year. When the school closed, approximately 250 students were forced to finish their high school years at other schools in El Paso. I recall the names of those students posted on the corridor walls, indicating the public school nearest their residence. Until March 2009, transcripts of all Jesuit students were kept at Dallas Jesuit Prep. Now they are kept in New Orleans in the Province archives.

My sources for this history are: The yearbooks, of which I have one for every year of publication, some copies of *The Eagle Eye*, a few El Paso newspaper clippings, and my own recollections – I was assigned to the school from August 1961 until its closing in May 1972.

El Paso is a city of large area. The city is more or less “F-shaped”, the Rio Grande representing the long arm of the F, and the two arms of the letter situated east and west of the Franklin mountain range of the Rockies, which

extends to just north of downtown El Paso. Jesuit was located 11 miles east of downtown, a half mile south of Interstate 10.

I-10 more or less parallels the Rio Grande. Most of Jesuit's students lived at relatively large distances from the school, west and north of the campus.

The Jesuit provincial, Fr. Lawrence O'Neill, sent the very reliable and talented Jesuit brother, Martial Lapeyre, to reside at the new property and to begin to prepare the building for use by New Orleans Province Jesuits. At some time after that Fr. O'Neill sent also Brother Manuel Trujillo and the then scholastic Frank Brou to assist Brother Lapeyre. Fr. Ignatius Fabacher, who had been athletic director at Jesuit New Orleans, arrived in June of 1958 and became the minister of the community until the summer of 1966.

In the summer of 1958, the provincial asked several scholastics and myself, a newly ordained priest, to go to El Paso and help in whatever way Brother Lapeyre directed us. The scholastics were Joseph Tetlow, Charles Thibodeaux, Ewert Cousins, Wollie Wolcott, Ed Coles, and Paul Schott. As noted above, we were told that the province had not yet decided for what purpose the building was to be used. But before our departure in early August, Fr. Henry Tiblier, recently appointed first superior of the new Jesuit community on the property, publicly announced that a new Jesuit high school would begin at the location.

Once the future of the location had been decided, work continued for an entire year to prepare for what became Jesuit High School of El Paso. At some time during that year, the decision was made to include a boarding school of limited capacity. The two-story building immediately behind the main building was renovated to accommodate the boarders. This building included an attractive auditorium with a stage. As I recall, the auditorium could seat about 200.

The province members were growing in number every year. Sometime between the fall of 1958 and August of 1959, several Jesuits were added to the school community. Brothers were Dennis Lonergan, Al Nowak, Lee Phillips, Burt Rivet, and Michael Rosenblath. Priests added were: Edward Bergen, Richard Gaul, Sal San Marco, and Jack Vessels (newly named Principal).

Jesuit began with only a freshman class in September, 1959. Each year an additional class was added so that in the school year beginning in 1962 Jesuit had its first Senior class. Jesuit's last graduating class finished on May 19th,

1972. Fr. Martin Elsner, the Principal in 1972, made the decision to make that date the last day of the school's existence.

Since there were no yearbooks in the school's first three years, information about those years comes almost entirely from the school publication *The Eagle Eye*.

The January, 1960 *Eagle Eye* featured an article on the newly formed Jesuit Radio Club. Brother Patrick Rosenblath was the sponsor of the club. Members of the club were required to have an amateur radio license. From the accompanying picture, it seems the school had a transmitter and receiver, though I cannot remember either the radio club or equipment.

The March 1960 edition of the *Eagle Eye* featured an article about the newly formed Jesuit band, complete with a picture of the band's 16 members. Instruments shown were brass, clarinets, saxophones, and drums. Members were James Puthoff, John Paddenburg, Manny Martinez, David Mahoney, Joe Hunter, Charles Huereque, Raul Melano, George Rodriguez, Charles Anderson, Mark Middleton, Richard Warnock, Charles McDow, Berry Lee, Mario Correa, Ignacio Escandon, and Mickey Melendez. Robert Asher, a music student at Texas Western, offered to help in directing the band. Since there was only a freshman class at Jesuit, to have a band was most remarkable.

The 1961-1962 School Year (3rd year of the school's existence)

In December, 1961, Jesuit put on its first dramatic performance, *Brother Orchid*. The play was superbly directed by Fr. William Walsh. Surprisingly, there were two separate casts. One cast had members Oscar Morales, Jimmy Szostek, Roberto Moya, George Durkin, Peter Love, Mike Miller, Mike Sullivan, James Crahan, David Boehler, Pat Resen, and James Puthoff. The second cast included Mike Neavill, Junior Crowson, Billy Miles, Louis Matta, Ray Matta, Jack Schoessler, Ray, Wilson, John Schmidly, and David Garcia. Brother Rivet supervised the set construction.

A beautiful chapel with a capacity of 350 had been built in the center of the large main building. Framed pictures of Jesuit saints filled the upper side walls of the chapel. There was also a fairly large choir loft in the rear. A few

years after the beginning of the school, Brother Burt Rivet completely renovated the chapel. The beauty and intricacy of his work had to be seen to be appreciated. A new marble altar and metal ambo were included. Brother carefully fashioned Stations of the Cross, installed on the side walls. Each of these clearly portrayed the event indicated by the station, unusual for stations that I have seen in many churches. But Brother Burt's masterpiece was the large wrought iron Sacred Heart attached to the wall behind the altar. That art work is now mounted above the entrance to the Hall of Honors at Jesuit Prep School in Dallas. The art work was dismounted from its original location on the wall behind the altar in the El Paso Jesuit chapel and brought to Dallas on the Thanksgiving weekend of 1972.

As the New Orleans Province approached the year of its largest number of members, over 600, which year was 1965, the Provincial was able to add men to the various communities. El Paso Jesuit was especially favored. In August, 1961, fathers Greg Curtin, Jack Deeves, Joseph Johnson, and William Walsh joined the priests already on the faculty.

The 1962-1963 School Year

The first yearbook of the school was that of 1962-1963. It was called *El Aguilar Real* The Royal Eagle. All yearbooks afterward were simply called *Eagle*.

In August, 1962, three young scholastics gave new life to the school. Lionel Honore, Louis Lambert, and David Moreau joined the faculty. They were instant successes, and became some of Jesuit's best teachers. They are still fondly remembered by alumni today. Sadly, Fr. Honore has died after a distinguished career as a university teacher.

Brother George Murphy was the librarian. He deserves much praise, not only as an outstanding librarian, but also because of his work in tutoring, especially early in the morning. Brother George was very well educated. Jesuit boys came to appreciate his hard work and dedication to them. His library was always spotlessly clean and well organized. Brother Mike Rosenblath was the school's registrar. I know his work preparing records of the students, because I am currently the custodian of all the records of the students from the beginning until the closing of the school. Brother Lee Phillips took very good care of the chapel and the altar boys. The school chapel had quickly

become an adjunct of both Mount Carmel parish, and of Our Lady of the Valley parish. I recall that there were two Sunday morning Masses, and that the chapel was mostly filled. Brothers Al Nowak and Claude Ory worked very well in new construction and in maintenance. Brother Bill Bryan worked to keep up our grounds. Brother Walsh Roth was our refectorian.

Equally beloved were the school's lay teachers. Larry Cummings, taught History and English, and coached basketball. Larry LaChapelle taught English and coached baseball. Tom Maguire taught History and coached football. Ken Taggart taught Spanish. And a favorite of many students, Arthur Tait, a former colonel in the Army, taught Mathematics.

Father Patrick Donnelly had become the first Rector of the school community in the spring of 1962, replacing Father Henry Tiblier, who had served as superior of the Jesuits. Father Donnelly spent many days getting acquainted with the El Paso Catholic community, enlisting their help in funding the new enterprise. Because the city had few successful business resources, Father faced an uphill battle. When Father Donnelly died suddenly in September, 1967, the school was still struggling financially. But Father's efforts had produced a new gymnasium in December of 1966. This building helped the spirits of faculty and students alike. It also gave a fine place for the school's basketball teams to practice. The gym is now used by the Ysleta district school which replaced Jesuit. Previously, Jesuit's team practiced outdoors on one of eight asphalt surfaced courts. Fr. Fabacher and others had wisely installed these courts very early in the school's existence.

Jesuit El Paso was blessed with a large amount of property, 26 acres total on the upper and lower fields, the larger acreage on the upper campus, which included all the school buildings and football and baseball fields. The Mexican Jesuits had built a cemetery complete with a mausoleum for their deceased members. Some brothers from the Mexican Province came and removed the remains of those buried there. The school then razed the mausoleum and cleared the land the cemetery had occupied to make room for the baseball field.

The 1962-1963 School Year (First yearbook – 1963)

Fr. Sal San Marco was the school's first athletic director. He took on this job with enthusiasm, despite the anticipated difficulties of very limited funding, problems in scheduling, and the small student body. In the 1962-1963 football season, Jesuit played nine games, winning three against Cloudcroft, Clint, and Cobre. Predictably, the single large (today, 5A) school opponent, Irvin High School, defeated Jesuit 34-6. Even Cathedral, which became Jesuit's arch rival, won only by 25-14.

Team members were: Jim Klaes, Lewis Lawrence, John Weber, David Mahoney, Mike Blue, F. Gonzalez, Pat Tirres, G. Rodriguez, Mike Crowley, Antonio Royo, Thomas Trawle, Ignacio Terrazas, Ruben Norte, Lucindo Enriquez, T. Caruso, Don Orlovski, Agapito Mendoza, Joe Garcia-Prats, Danny Tirres, Mike Appleton, Mike Cancellare, Curtis Holder, Tim Schooley, Mike Trawle, Gary McHugh, Roger Delgado, Henry Concha, Mike Janosek, Joe Karam, Charles Huereque, Dick Azar, and Fred Gonzalez. The team was coached by Tom McGuire. Managers were Herb Williamson and Tim Blue.

Despite the small enrollment of the school, Jesuit was able to field a junior varsity football team of 32 players. To Father San Marco's credit, he was able to persuade boys to join the teams. The school's location on El Paso's far east side made it very difficult for students to give time for practice and games. And it is good to recall that only a handful of Jesuit students has cars to be able to drive to school. School bus service became absolutely essential.

The 1962-1963 basketball team played 15 games, winning 6. There were 13 members on the varsity: Dick Azar, Danny Tirres, Caesar Torres, Henry Concha, Ignacio Correa, Antonio and Jose Royo, Lewis Lawrence, William Riddle, Richard Ikard, Joe Garcia-Prats, Mike McNamee, and Antonio Palacio. The team was coached by S. Aguirre.

Jesuit's varsity baseball squad was large in number, 18 players. They were: Don Orlovski, Mike McNamee, Steve Gardner, Mike Trawle, Jim Klaes, Kevin Shannon, Mike Appleton, Mike Moore, Joe Garcia-Prats, Steve Putnicki, Sammy Ferris, Tom Webb, Dick Azar, Paul Brown, Antonio Palacio, Joe Samaniego, Agapito Mendoza, and Sal Mena, The team was coached by Mr. Larry LaChapelle. Managers were Matt Walsh and Tom Puthoff. I was unable to find out their season record for the spring season, 1963. There was also a JV team, likewise with many team members. Tom McGuire was the coach.

Fathers Vessels and Fabacher realized that transportation to the school would be a major problem. The student body was mostly comprised of students whose families had reduced income. Public transportation was virtually non-existent, at least to Jesuit from other areas of the city. The decision was made to provide daily school bus service to and from school as near as possible to the students' residences. The school purchased one used school bus and leased two other new buses. Service was offered from the west and east sides of the mountain, and from Ysleta. After a few years, transportation from Ysleta was discontinued. The oldest bus was sold, leaving service only to the more distant west and east sides of the mountain.

I was asked in 1963 to take over scheduling, maintenance, driver training, and fare collections of the bus service. This new duty coincided with the closing of the boarding school at Jesuit. I had been prefect of the boarders for the two school years from 1961 to 1963.

In September, 1966, the school added Loretto Academy students to the school bus service. Loretto had elementary and middle school girls as well as its high school students. Approximately a total of 60 girls became passengers on the two buses. Some of them were in the lower elementary grades. I required them to sit in the very front rows for their safety and so that I could monitor them more closely. The behavior of both girls and boys on the buses was very nearly perfect. Many close friendships were formed. When I took over the driving of the west side bus, I found it a joy to be with these children, away from the confinement of the school grounds. I came to realize that their daily bus rides were some of the students' favorite times of the day. From my vantage point in the driver's seat, at certain points on the route, I could see for great distances. At one location almost all of Juarez was visible. High up on the west side, in Coronado, I could see far to the west. The skies were almost always clear.

Jesuit began to buy its own buses. They were always kept quite new. This was made possible by collections from the students and by the very low price we paid for gasoline from our own pump. We were exempt from the federal tax on fuel. My very hard-working other driver, Lorenzo Juarez, kept the buses very clean, inside and out. Athletics benefited from the very reliable buses for their trips. When the school closed in 1972, Jesuit sold both buses to Loretto.

Jesuit had invested a substantial amount in renovation of the boarders' building. The rest rooms and shower facilities were second to none. Two

Jesuits were assigned to live in the building, one on each of the two floors. In 1961. I was on the top floor, and Louis Lambert on the first floor. Boarders took meals in their own dining room, but ate the very same food as the Jesuit community. One night I was awakened by Richard Ikard's roommate who told me, "Ike's dying!" I ran into the room to find Richard groaning. But suddenly he pushed us aside, went into the restroom, and a few minutes later came back, and without comment went peacefully back to bed. Another time a group of boarders fooled me with a very realistic plastic amount of the contents of a badly upset stomach, down on the corridor floor.

Before the El Paso diocese completed the building of its own minor seminary, seminarians, all of whom were also Jesuit students, were housed in the boarding school. When their number was added to the other boarders, there were a total of 35 living in the building. In June, 1963, Fr. Vessels and Fr. Donnelly decided to cease taking boarding students. Notable boarders, both of whom graduated in 1963, were Bill Smith of Yorktown, Texas, and Harry DeBourcy of Chicago. Bill is now an auto dealer in Houston, selling Ford, Honda, and Mazda products. I have kept up with him over many years. Harry is now a Ph.D in a college.

There were 8 Jesuit teachers in the school year 1962-1963. Father James Allen taught English, Theology, and Mathematics. Father Ferd Derrera taught Latin, Spanish, and Theology. Mr. Lionel Honore taught Latin and English. Mr. Louis Lambert taught Mathematics. Father Robert Owens-Howard taught Chemistry and Theology. Mr. David Moreau taught Latin. Father William Walsh taught Latin and was the drama director. Father Walsh brought exceptional talent to the drama department. Fr. Jack Deeves taught Physics and Mathematics.

Jesuit brothers active at Jesuit were Brother Bill Bryan, grounds care, Brothers Al Nowak, Claude Ory, and Burt Rivet all in Maintenance, Brother Lee Phillips, Chapel Sacristan, and Brother Walsh Roth, faculty dining room care.

Fr. Robert Bangert and Fr. Stephen Gotwals taught religion. Mr. Lawrence Cummings taught History, English, and PE and was B-team basketball coach. Mr. Salvador Aguirre taught Spanish and was the varsity Basketball coach. Mr. Lawrence Davis taught Mathematics and Typing. Mr. Larry LaChapelle taught English and was assistant football coach and varsity baseball coach. Mr. Tom McGuire taught History and Civics and was varsity football coach

and B-team baseball coach. Mr. Ken Taggart taught Spanish and PE. Mr. Arthur Tait taught Mathematics and PE.

Until the last year of its existence, Chemistry and Physics were the only sciences taught at Jesuit. In 1971, Mr. Mike Rowley, S.J., began classes in Biology. In 1960 the science area of the school had been completely renovated by Brother Rivet and his crew. Both labs featured all new and expensive tables and cabinets, a complete set of chemicals, and a fine set of Physics lab equipment. At the time, these labs were better outfitted than some of our other New Orleans Province schools. The labs also included all necessary equipment and a full complement of chemicals. Money for the labs had been borrowed from the U.S. government at a very low interest rate. This I recall was due to the efforts of Father Henry Tiblier.

Unlike Loretto Academy, Jesuit accepted very few students from Juarez, because Father Vessels had made the requirement for all students to be fluent in English. But special mention has to be made of the twins, Antonio and Jose Royo. These brothers brought an enormous amount of joy and humor into the school every day. Those who knew them are aware of what they meant to the school community, both students and faculty. It is not possible to adequately describe the countless times they entertained all of us. I recall a talent show where the two of them had taken the parts of surgeons who amputated the leg of a mannequin. The interplay between them was the really humorous part of their performance. In Arthur Tait's mathematics class, Antonio was struggling with a problem on the board. Suddenly his brother called out from the rear of the classroom. "Mister Tait, you don't understand; my brother is very stupid. Let me do it." This from Jose Royo as he pushed his brother away from the blackboard. It is hard for me to believe that there are any other male twins in the world like the Royos.

Like other Jesuit schools, Jesuit El Paso early on began the mandatory annual spiritual retreat for Seniors. These retreats were held at the Franciscan Holy Cross retreat house in Mesilla Park, New Mexico, about 45 miles from Jesuit. Holy Cross was well designed, and besides the individual rooms, arranged in a motel pattern, there was a very large meeting room, suitable for talks and celebration of Mass. Since the 1963 graduating class had 57 members, the capacity of the retreat house fairly well matched the size of the class, though a number of the Seniors had to double up. The school arranged for Jesuits from other locations to be retreat directors. My recollection is that the retreat

required a stay of two nights. Strict silence was asked of the students and for the most part they followed this. In general I think that the retreat had a strong effect on the Seniors. Retreats for Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen were held at the school, although at some later time the Juniors also made their retreat at Holy Cross. Frequent confession was offered, using regular class time. All members of a classroom would go to confession at a given time. Actual confession by an individual was optional.

The ethnic makeup of the 1963 class was divided between non-Hispanic and Hispanic students, 38 of the first, and 19 Hispanics. There were no African-American students in the class. El Paso had very few African-Americans in the city's population. Among the military at Fort Bliss and in the Air Force at Biggs Air Force Base, their percentage was higher.

An important part of El Paso was Fort Bliss. Fort Bliss occupied a large portion of central El Paso. It was one of the largest military compounds in the nation. Its formal name was: "The United States Air Defense Center." In addition to its primary missile defense purpose, Fort Bliss was often also a location for basic training of the U.S. Army. Military from NATO nations were also present on the base. The most notable of these were from Germany. Since entire families were often involved, Germany had its own schools and some chaplains. A frequent sight on Interstate 10 was a Mercedes auto with some German officers in full uniform. And about once a week, at the regular El Paso airport, a Luftwaffe (not Lufthansa) jet arrived with mail and military personnel. The large iron cross on the jet brought back memories to me of World War II. Some of Jesuit's students were sons of Fort Bliss personnel. Interestingly, General Omar Bradley, of World War II fame, spent the last years of his life at Fort Bliss.

Jesuit was always financially poor. This fact ultimately was the reason for its demise. Bill collectors were frequent callers. But the school was never irresponsible. All priests were called upon weekly to serve in various parishes throughout the city and also at Holloman Air Force Base and several missile-firing locations in the desert area north of the city. Stipends for this supply work helped the school and community finances.

Under the direction of Fr. William Walsh, S.J., Jesuit put on the play *Julius Caesar*. Peter Love starred as Caesar, Michael Miller as Cassius, James Crahan as Brutus, and Louis Matta as Marc Antony. Alternate cast members were: Mark Middleton as Caesar, Chris Jensen as Cassius, Ruben Norte as

Brutus, and David Karam as Marc Antony. Others in the cast were: Scott Warnock, Michael Kelly, Victor Morales, and Bucky Gardner.

Jesuit's first graduating class in 1963 numbered 57.

The School Year 1963-1964

On September 15, 1963, the school got word of the death of one of its first graduates, Peter Breese. Peter contracted a meningococcal infection while he was a freshman at the Citadel. Peter had been outstanding at Jesuit, a leader in his class, and known for his scholarship and personal qualities. The 1964 yearbook was dedicated to him. Ironically, when Peter was at Jesuit he was the subject of a fictitious death plot put on by his classmates in January, 1960. The death was in the school bookstore, as detailed in the school newspaper, *The Eagle Eye*.

On November 6th, 1963, the student body voted Danny Tirres as the first student body president. Danny won by a large majority.

More Jesuits joined the faculty for the 1963-1964 year. Father Gerald Armstrong taught Theology and English.

Fr. Robert Boggs became counselor for the Juniors and Seniors, and also taught Religion courses to Sophomores and Seniors. Father Gabino Egana taught Spanish. Father Austin Park was Sophomore counselor and taught Religion to Sophomores and Juniors, and Spanish to Sophomores. Mr. Jose Borges-Flores taught Chemistry and Spanish. Mr. Ralph Marcelli taught Mathematics. Mr. Alfred Tristan taught Latin and Spanish. Mr. James von Meysenbug taught Latin and Theology. Some Jesuits from the previous years had gone on to new assignments or to their Theology studies.

4 outdoor volleyball courts made it possible for a lot of interaction among all 4 classes of the school and with the faculty. The pleasant sunny weather helped, so that during lunchtime there were almost always volleyball games. Many students watched from adjoining bleachers, sometimes eating their lunches.

Brother Rivet and his construction crew had now almost completely renovated the school. The school building was oriented east-west along its long dimension. The school occupied the entire west portion of the building. At the

very west end there were three floors, the Chemistry and Physics labs and the Physics lecture room using the lowest level. The east end of the building was occupied by the Jesuit community and for several years the Brothers' tertianship. The middle portion of the building contained the large chapel, and below it, the teachers' lounge, the dining room, kitchen, and boiler room.

In Jesuit schools throughout the United States, there were spiritual organizations called *Sodalities*. The Jesuit El Paso sodality was moderated by Fr. Gaul, and in the 1962-1963 year had 17 members: Oscar Morales, David Garcia, John Weber, Ray Wilson, Matthew Walsh, Michael Trawle, Joe Garcia-Prats, Lewis Lawrence, Roger Delgado, Jim Klaes, John Joyce, James Szostek, Ignacio Escandon, Richard Ikard, George Rodriguez, Ernest Gemoets, and Peter Love. Later *Sodalities* yielded to new organizations called *Christian Life Communities*.

The School Year 1963-1964

Under the direction of Fr. William Walsh, the Drama Club put on superb performances during the school year 1963-1964. The *Caine Mutiny* and *The Mikado* starred numerous Jesuit students and girls from Loretto. David Garcia, Jerry Dufour, and Matthew Walsh were in the cast of the *Caine Mutiny*. In the musical *The Mikado*, some of the members of the large cast were Mike Appleton, Oscar Morales, Peronneau Breese, Ron Cahill, Dick Azar, and Pat Resen. Sets and costumes for the musical were colorful and detailed. There was also a delightful talent show which included Chris Jensen, John Weber, Mike Appleton, Danny Tirres, Oscar Morales, Antonio and Jose Royo, Andy Mendoza, Carlos Prats, Ferd Bueno, and Felipe Cervantes.

In the 1963 football season Jesuit won 4 games and lost 5. Once again, the Eagles lost to archrival Cathedral by a convincing score, 42-18. This despite the excellent play and leadership of Don Orłowski, quarterback, who later played college football for Drake University. Other team members were Pat Tirres, Vincent Cobalis, Danny Janosek, Mike Janosek, Joe Yturralde, Roman Enriquez, Oscar Morales, John Zamora, Rene Mena, Jay Martin, Freddy Gonzalez, Art Gray, John Weber, Mike Appleton, Tom Trawle, Joe Samaniego, Frank Gallant, Antonio Royo, Mike Moore, Mike Crowley, Phil Davidson, Steve Putnicki, Mike Santry, Dick Azar, Jose Montes, Danny Tirres, Lucindo Enriquez, George Armendariz, Bill Putnicki, Curtis Holder,

Agapito Mendoza, and Mike Tullius. Head coach was Mr. Tom Mc Guire, assisted by Mr. J. Moreland.

The 1963-1964 basketball team had a very good season, winning 15 games and losing 7. Basketball games this year were exciting and fun to watch. By far the most exciting game was the one against Cathedral, played at UTEP's fine gymnasium. The Eagles were victorious, 68-58. The five starters were a very well balanced group and worked well together. The two big and tall players, Dick Azar and Danny Tirres were well able to guard the basket and make many rebounds. Guard Mike Moore was an excellent outside shooter. Mike Janosek was superb on defense, always guarding closely. Caesar Torres had great speed, often stealing the ball and racing down for a layup. Other members of the team were Joe Samaniego, Antonio and Jose Royo, Larry Durkin, Rudy Elder, A. Gonzalez, Richard Ikard, and Bill Riddle. The Eagles were coached by Mr. Lawrence Cummings. Jesuit also had a JV team of 13 players, coached by Mr. Larry Schlaack.

The spring 1964 Jesuit baseball team had 12 members: Mike Sullivan, Mike Crowley, Frank Gallant, Agapito Mendoza, Greg Swain, Pat Tirres, Mike Moore, Dick Azar, Don Orłowski, Bill Riddle, Mike Appleton, and Paul Brown. Manager was Matt Walsh. I was unable to find a record of wins and losses. I do remember a Saturday morning game at Irvin High School. Irvin won, but Don Orłowski struck out 17 Irvin batters, as I recall.

Jesuit also had a track team, which I believe had a small number of active participants. I have no record of their accomplishments.

There were 68 students in the graduating class of 1964.

The School Year 1964-1965

In the school year 1964-1965, Fr. Ed DeRussy was replaced as Assistant Principal for Discipline by Fr. Fred Schell. Fr. DeRussy continued as a teacher of Latin and Religion. Father Ben Wren arrived to teach History and Religion and was also the Sophomore counselor. Jesuit scholastic Paul Tipton taught Civics and English. And the Jesuit scholastic Eugene Murret took over publication of *The Eagle Eye* and also taught English, Latin, and Civics. Brother Manuel Cabral was added to the maintenance staff. The yearbook *Eagle* for 1965 lists a total of 19 teachers.

A valuable new employee of Jesuit was Mr. Walter Pugil, who became assistant treasurer. Curiously, he was one of the officials of the Jesuit-Cathedral basketball game in January, 1964.

When President Lyndon Johnson visited El Paso in the fall of 1964, Jesuit students lined up on Airport Road, greeting him with a vertically large and very long sign, welcoming him and asking him to stop and shake hands. This the President did, to the delight of the Jesuit students. I was much nearer to the entrance to the airport, and when his car turned the corner where I was, President Johnson had one foot outside the car door, and held out his hand to me. But when I saw the Secret Service detail with large guns drawn, I was afraid to step closer. It was only one year since the assassination of President Kennedy.

Mr. Larry Schlaack became the head football coach in the fall of 1964, assisted by J. Moreland. The team played only 7 games. We did not play Cathedral, due to an unfortunate incident in the basketball game played at UTEP in January, 1964. The interruption was requested by Brother Stephen of Cathedral. Jesuit won 2 games, lost 4 and tied 1. There were 32 team members: Roman Enriquez, Pat Tirres, Phil Davidson, Joe Samaniego, George Armendariz, Mark Devine, Joseph Garcia, Frank Gallant, Mark Haag, Vince Cobalis, C. Graham, Victor Garcia-Prats, Julian Villalpando, John Zamora, Rene Mena, Manny Varela, Pat Ivey, Dick Azar, W. Mena, C. Torres, Rick Miles, Bill Putnicki, Bruce Lukowski, Jose Montes, M. Lockhart, S. Lady, James Fitzgerald, Clark Roach, Mike Santry, Mike Tullius, Tom Netzer, and Mike Crowley.

The 1964-1965 Jesuit basketball team, once again coached by Larry Cummings, had 4 returning members of the successful team of the previous year: Caesar Torres, Dick Azar, Mike Janosek, and Mike Moore. The experience of these players paid off. In the season of 21 games, Jesuit won 17, losing to Lydia Patterson, once by only 1 point, and by 15 in the second game. In the third and fourth games against Lydia Patterson, Jesuit won by large margins. Other losses were to Irvin, and to Silver City by only one point. Other team members were Larry Durkin, Victor Garcia-Prats, Freddy Aduato, Leo Chavez, Bill Putnicki, Bob Devlin, Frank Miranda, and Joe Samaniego, the fifth member of the starting five. It is noteworthy that Jesuit still did not have a gym for the team in which to practice or have games. The Jesuit JV record was 11 wins and 5 losses.

The 1965 yearbook did not include anything about the baseball team.

The year's major drama play was *Hamlet*. Magnificent sets and costumes, along with superb acting made the performance outstanding. Some members of the cast were Chris Jensen as Hamlet, Matt Middleton as Laertes, August Aimone as Marcellus, Jack Schoessler as Horatio, Fred Reyes as Polonius, Albert Morales as Bernardo, Greg Bell as Claudius, Norman Blumensaadt as Guildenstern, Peronneau Breese as Rosencrantz, Ron Cahill as The Gravedigger, and Victor Navarro and Charles Berg as The Players. Loretto students Marcia Webb as the queen, and Laurie Ivey as Ophelia, played the female roles.

There was once again a successful talent show, *Hootenanny*, featuring music groups and quite a bit of comedy. Involved in the show were Andy Mendoza, Mike Sullivan, Bob Feighny, Charlie Berg, Greg Bell, Richard Chorne, Richard Wheatley, George Yapor, Richard Wailes, John Lee, Albert Morales, and Chris Juen. A group of Loretto students joined in to sing a medley of folk songs.

The 1965 graduating class numbered 60 students.

The School Year 1965-1966

The school year 1965-1966 saw an increase in enrollment and additions to the faculty. There were now 465 students. In the fall of 1965, Jesuit received its first accreditation from the Southern Association. And it was in 1965 that Brother Burt Rivet completed the marvelous renovation of the school chapel.

Jesuit priests added in 1965 were: Fathers Malachy Cutcliff, Religion and Latin, Elwood Hecker Religion, and Junior and Senior counselor, Joseph Johnson, Mathematics, Cyril Miesch, Mathematics, and Pat Walsh, English and Latin. New scholastics were: Jack Lytle, English and Civics, Carol Jerry Ware, English, and Ed Dougherty, Latin and Speech. New Jesuit brothers were: Terry Todd, Maintenance, Walter Gonzalez, bus driver, and Walsh Roth, Refectorian and assistant Sacristan. Jesuits who went on to new assignments were Fathers Gerry Armstrong, Robert Boggs, and William Walsh. The one scholastic on new assignment was Paul Tipton. The school

was privileged to add Father Julian Garrity of the Jesuit Detroit Province, as school confessor.

New football coaches were Ernesto Mendoza, head coach, and Henry Tenorio, assistant coach. Mr. Mendoza taught Science, and Mr. Tenorio taught Spanish.

Mr. Toby Tovar taught Mathematics, and later won the Outstanding Math Teacher award in the city.

Mr. Walter Pugil became the school's new athletic director as well as holding the position of assistant treasurer.

In the 1965 football season, the Jesuit varsity won 3 and lost 6. Team members were Walter Mollier, Mark Haag, Victor Garcia-Prats, Charlie Graham, Xavier Jaurique, Joe Russo, Charlie Stevens, Manny Varela, Freddie Vasquez, Pat Ivey, John Gerecke, Rene Mena, Jerry Napolske, Pete Orłowski, Joe Garcia, Vince Cobalis, Ernie Valencia, Richard Miles, Ramon Uranga, Richard Montoya, Gary Etter, Bruce Lukowski, Mike Andreas, Mike Tullius, Tom Netzer, Tom Baehr, Bill Putnicki, George Armendariz, Jim Kelly, Steve Diaz, Danny Janosek, and Caesar Torres.

One high point of the season was the 12-6 victory over favored Gadsden. Pete Orłowski and Danny Janosek scored the Jesuit touchdowns.

In the 1965-1966 basketball season, coached by Ernest Mendoza, the Eagles won 8 and lost 14. Team members were John Brady, Efrain Miranda, Phillip Good, Bruce Lukowski, Bob Miller, Victor Garcia-Prats, Joe Garcia, Freddie Aduato, Caesar Torres, Jim Kelly, Rodney Baxter. Bill Putnicki, Raul Gomez and Bill Cramer.

There is no record of wins and losses in the 1966 yearbook for the varsity baseball team. Team members were Chip Frank, Manny Varela, Rene Mena, Ernie Valencia, Danny Janosek, Caesar Torres, Pete Orłowski, Joe Garcia, Willie Mena, Gary Etter, Alan Vera, Raul Gomez, and Xavier Jaurique. Head coach was Larry LaChapelle.

The 1966 track team was coached by Henry Tenorio. Team members were Stephen Brown, Alan Dyseven, Vincent Pokluda, Leo Hudek, Chuck Munoz, Chris Juen, Tom Nance, Norbert Miller, Pat Ohlenforst, Gilbert Aduato,

Charlie Stevenson, Victor Garcia-Prats, Freddie Castro, Alfonso Hernandez and Jim Elder.

The school year 1965-1966 included a large number of activities and significant new items. In the yearbook, incidentally a superb annual account, chapel pictures showed clear images of more of Brother Burt Rivet's work. His iron-worked stations of the cross were truly magnificent works of art as well as greatly assisting the devotion of those making the stations.

The Dramatics society performed *Henry V*, with Ron Cahill in the lead role. Members of the society were Matt Falk, James Eaton, Ernie Mendez, Mike Funk, Charles Reynolds, Charles Stephenson, Charles Munoz, Dick Renacia, Raul Gomez, Pat Ohlenforst, Jim Webb, David Ruiz, Tim Blue, John Brady, August Aimone, Jack Davidson, Ron Cahill, and Scott Warnock.

The yearbook had been named *The Eagle*. This year's staff numbered P. Walsh, L. Funk, C. Munoz, T. Schooley, A. Moreno, R. Baquera, C. Reynolds, C. Stephenson, T. Blue, C. Newton, B. Lorkowski, J. Dykes, J. Ormsby, Vince Cobalis, Brian Petty, G. Aduato, J. Kropik, Jesus Holguin, Joe Russo, N. Miller, T. Elder, D. Salcido, Manny Varela, R. Moreno, and J. Alvarez. The Eagle was moderated by Mr. Carol Ware, S.J.

Jesuit cheerleaders in the year 1965-1966 were all male, 6 Jesuit students. Instead of doing stunts, the cheerleaders actually led the fans in spirit.

The 1966 graduating class, the school's fourth, was comprised of 80 students, a large group.

Homecoming date was November 4th, 1965. Activities included a bonfire and pep rally. Six girls, probably all from Loretto Academy, were named homecoming sweethearts. At the game Kathy Halloran was escorted by George Durkin, Kathy Turnipseed by Bill Riddle, Cecilia Marmolejo by Sal Mena, Kit Williams by John Schmidly, Cecilia Silva by Joe Montes, Sarah Guinn by Steve Putnicki.

Dances were held frequently this year, with girls from Loretto and Father Yermo schools. At least some were held in the limited space of the Jesuit cafeteria, which although it had windows, was partly below street level. Other dances were held on the handball courts.

The School Year 1966-1967

In the 1966-1967 school year, there were 30 Jesuits in the community, 17 priests, 7 scholastics, and 6 brothers. Newly assigned Jesuit priests were Fathers Morris Duffy, new principal replacing Father Jack Vessels, James Hietter, Religion and English, and Anthony Kness, Speech. New Jesuit Scholastics were Ned Carlin, History and Social Studies, Patrick Callahan, History, and Andrew Quevedo, English and Latin. Brother Bob Timmerman replaced Brother Terry Todd in maintenance. Jesuits receiving new assignments in other locations were Fathers Austin Park and Ben Wren, and scholastics Ed Dougherty, Joseph Borges-Flores and Bernie Fresquez.

New lay faculty members were: Henry Tenorio, Spanish, P.E., and coaching, and Duane Evans, Social Studies, P.E. and coaching.

The 1966 football team won 2 games and lost 6. Team members were: George Reasonover, Ernest Mendez, Bob Miller, Pat Ivey, John Gerecke, Art Ivey, Frank Grijalva, Paul Enger, Mike Miles, Larry Funk, Freddy Vasquez, Ed Pangle, Richard Montoya, Mike Mitchell, Pete Orłowski, Joe Russo, Tom Nance, Jerry Napolske, Ernie Valencia, Bruce Lukowski, Mike Purcell, Tom Netzer, Tom Baehr, Jim Kelly, Steve Diaz, Mike Tullius, and Pat Ohlenforst . Coaches were Ernesto Mendoza and Henry Tenorio. Manager was Lynch Grattan. Chaplain was Father Tom Donnelly.

The 1966-1967 school year saw the addition of girl cheerleaders for the first time. They were Martini Crowson, Mitzi Warnock, Diane Luciano, Suzy Thevenet, and Lillie Rule. They joined Joe Kropik, Victor Urquidi, Alfonso Correa, David Russo, and John Raffaelli. The B-team also had new cheerleaders, all of them girls.

In December of 1966, the long awaited gymnasium was completed. The gym was a Hunt steel building with brick facing. At this time, bleachers were installed only on one side, probably for financial reasons. The floor was of the same quality as most gyms of the time. Jesuit had survived up until this time with its outdoor courts.

The 1966-1967 basketball team won 5 games and lost 16. Team members were Bill Cramer, Jim Kelly, Rod Baxter, Efrain Miranda, Bruce Lukowski, Enrique Duarte, Frank Trejo, Gabriel Giner, Bobby Aduato, Richard

Montoya, Steve Rhodes, Harold Prochnow, Chris Juen, Ed Talamontes, and Frank Carrico. Coach was Duane Evans. Managers were Charles Stephenson and Dan Higdon. The 1967 yearbook has a humorous picture of 30 fans of all ages at a basketball game, and not one person is looking at the court. Perhaps the game had not yet begun.

The 1967 baseball team season record was not listed in the yearbook. Team members were Chip Frank, Frank Trejo, Freddy Vasquez, Pete Orłowski, Pete Aguilar, Paul Enger, Mike Miles, Ernie Valencia, Willie Mena, Bill Cramer, Jim Cavanaugh, Mike Tullius, Steve Diaz, Dick Tirres, Mike Purcell, and Bobby Grijalva. Coach was Henry Tenorio. Manager was Chuck Munoz.

In the 1967 yearbook there is a picture of a handsome championship trophy given to the 1966 baseball team by the County Coaches Association.

After leaving Jesuit, Coach Henry Tenorio joined the FBI in 1970. He was first assigned to the Los Angeles office, but later to the San Diego office, the city of his residence. Henry retired in 1994, but was still retained by the FBI for special assignments. Henry visited me in Dallas, I think about 1996. While painting the outside of his house, Henry fell off a ladder and did not survive the accident. The date was November 9, 2001. He was 64. At the time of his retirement, Henry was the highest ranking Hispanic undercover agent in the San Diego office of the FBI. Henry had been a mentor to a number of other agents.

The 1967 track team included many on the squad: Marcelo Trejo, Paul Petty, Tom Nance, Lynch Grattan, Frank Carrico, Alfredo Rey, Robert Garcia, Richard Sanchez, Pat Ivey, George Heer, Joe Russo, Jerry Napolske, Tom Netzer, Brian Besnette, Frank Grijalva, Tim Lucia, Ramon Salazar, Manny Torres, Mike Sitters, Charles Stephenson, Robert Torres, Freddy Castro, and Robert Cabello. The coach was Ernesto Mendoza. Track events of this team were sprints, relays, hurdles, discus, shotput, pole vault, and broad jump. Jesuit also fielded a cross-country team with 8 members. Beside 5 of the team members mentioned above, Michael Boothe, Jon Taylor, and Vincent Pokluda contributed their efforts.

The Dramatics Society produced the play *Everyman* in the 1966-1967 school year. George Reasonover had the role of Everyman. John Burton played the part of Good Deeds, and Tom Baehr the part of Knowledge. There were 13

members in the cast, but I was unable to positively identify the remaining 10. Mr. Ned Carlin, S.J. was the moderator of the Society.

Other members of the Dramatics Society were Pat Ohlenforst, Paul Enger, Norman Blumensaadt, Michael Traylor, A. Correa,

A second play the same year was *The Still Alarm*, a one act play which was entered in the Coronado Drama Festival. Acting in this play were Charles Reynolds, Mike Traylor, Willie Varela, Chuck Munoz, Mike Schoessler, and Pete Walsh.

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Jesuit experimented with holding its 1967 graduation in its new gymnasium. Unfortunately, the weather that day was very hot, and without air conditioning, the graduates, faculty, and parents became very uncomfortable. The number of graduates was 66.

Fr. Vessels asked me, Father Deeves, to act as principal for the summer of 1967, while he was relocating to South America. I have always admired Fr. Vessels for his willingness to serve anywhere the Jesuits sent him. His spirit continues right up to the present. Father Vessels will be 83 in September of 2009.

The 1967 yearbook was very well done. The book was dedicated to Jesuit parents. It was also clever and included a large number of humorous pictures and captions throughout the entire yearbook. A photographer caught two soundly sleeping faculty members, one of them Mr. Jerry Ware, S.J. Another pictured Coaches Duane Evans, Henry Tenorio, and Toby Tovar, along with Mr. Gene Murret, S.J, eating their lunch. Mr. Tovar was pointing at Coach Tenorio. The caption read: "You do that again, Hank, and I'll plaster you." Several pictures showed Coach Ernie Mendoza eating, implying that Coach was frequently eating. Then a picture of 4 Jesuits about to eat shows Mr. Ned Carlin jabbing a fork at Mr. Jerry Ware. "Keep your fingers out of my jello." So read the caption below the picture. There was a picture of Jesuit students hanging out of 17 second floor classroom windows. My favorite is a picture of Fr. Duffy at his desk, talking seriously to three students: "Now, boys, you

must realize that teachers cost money. Please... return Mr. Lytle." All of the faculty pictures were special in that they portrayed very happy teachers.

The graduating class of 1967 numbered 66.

After only one full class day in September, 1967, Father Patrick Donnelly, the school's first president, died in an El Paso hospital. Father had been scheduled to come home that very day. A funeral service was held in the Jesuit chapel. The yearbook staff dedicated the 1968 book to him. Father Richard Gaul was named the new president.

Newly assigned Jesuit priests to the faculty were Fathers Edward Goss, English, Latin, and Religion, and Thomas Naughton, (new prefect of discipline), and teacher of English. Priests leaving Jesuit for new assignments were Fathers Edward DeRussy, Joseph Johnson, Fred Schell, and Patrick Walsh. New scholastics were Messrs Nicholas Cairns, History, English, Government, and Religion, John Hatcher, Religion, Speech, and History, Alfred Nemec, Chemistry and Religion, Paul Piazza, Latin, English, speech, and religion, and Paul Tipton, History, English, Latin, and Religion. Scholastics leaving Jesuit and assigned to other locations were Patrick Callahan, Jack Lytle, Eugene Murret, Andrew Quevedo, and Jerry Ware.

There had been 6 Jesuit brothers in the 1966-1967 school year. Brothers Patrick Rosenblath and Lee Phillips were reassigned in the summer of 1967, leaving only 4 brothers.

Jesuit's 1967-1968 varsity football team played 10 games, but managed to win only 2, against Truth or Consequences and Lydia Patterson. Once again, Cathedral defeated the Eagles by a significant score, 36-6.

Varsity team members were Tom Baehr, Leo Montoya, Jon Green, Kevin Bradley, Jose Labrado, Brian Besnette, Scott Dantonio, Mike Mitchell, Jim Bradley, Mike Booth, Paul Enger, Gerry Napski, Henry Duarte, Albert Mena, Frank Grijalva, Paul Petty, Mike Miles, Robert Caballo, Rick Najera, Gary Whitcomb, John Burton, Ramon Salazar, Robert Grijalva, Manny Lopez, David Russo, Danny Jurado, Larry Funk, Art Ivey, Tim Lucia, Pat Velarde, and Hector Alvarez. Coaches were Ernesto Mendoza and Henry Tenorio.

Jesuit Varsity cheerleaders for this year were: Jan Sullivan, Claire Hinton, Martini Crowson, Sandy Stevens, Al Correa, and Rowdy Crowson. JV cheerleaders were Gloria Amaya, Margret Bullock, Wanda Witten, and Marylyn McNamee.

Jesuit homecoming week featured a bonfire, a homecoming court, with Diane McHugh as queen, a car parade at the game, and a Coronation Ball with music by the Esquires. Both Mr. Mendoza and Fr. Duffy took turns crowning Queen Diane.

The Jesuit B-team, with 40 team members, had a great record, winning 7 and losing only 1. Victories were over large schools, Irvin, Jefferson, Burges, Andress, Cathedral, El Paso High, and El Paso Tech. The only loss was to Austin, 7 to 8. The team was ably coached by Toby Tovar.

The 1967-1968 varsity basketball team played 27 games, winning 20 of them, including one close win over Cathedral. Team members were B. Cramer, E. Talamantes, J. Prochnow, J. Labrado, S. Rhodes, B. Brady, B. Adauto, G. Giner, F. Trejo, M. Blette, Lynch Grattan, R. Montoya, H. Duarte, Don Bandy, Scott Putnicki, and Bob Boehler. The team was coached by Duane Evans.

The varsity won first places at the Marfa tournament, the County Coaches tournament, and second place at the Ruidoso tournament.

This was a year when Jesuit had 3 basketball teams, varsity, J-V, and freshman. Apparently, Duane Evans was able to coach both the varsity and J-V. The J-V played 22 games, winning 13. The freshman team had 21 members, played only 4 games, winning only 1 game. The freshman team was coached by Mr. Walt Pugil.

Mr. John Hatcher, S.J. led the Jesuit debaters in the school year 1967-1968. The group had 15 members: J. O'Donnell, D. Blanchett, C. Abel, D. Whitcomb, I. Straus, M. Lugo, P. Amos, R. Garcia, Lars Stanley, M. Gross, K. Nolan, D. Garcia, B. Stanley, and S. Moffitt. The debaters participated in 4 tournaments, including those at UT El Paso and New Mexico State. The debaters were apparently members of the National Forensic League.

With a large cast, including girls from Loretto, Jesuit produced the comic opera *Pirates of Penzance* during this school year. No cast names are given in the yearbook.

In the 1968 yearbook specific mention with pictures is made of the Parents Club, Student Council, Math Club, and Yearbook staff.

The Senior class took a trip to New Orleans. In the yearbook pictures taken in New Orleans, I noted how neatly all our students were dressed. Underclass students also enjoyed sprees closer to home. Favorite and very economical trips were to Cloudfcroft and Ruidoso in the Jesuit bus. The students used large inner tubes to slide down the snow-covered hills.

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There were 80 graduates in the class of 1968. In addition, 8 diocesan seminarians graduated from Jesuit.

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The varsity football team won 2 and lost 8 games. The Cathedral score was: Cathedral 36 – Jesuit 6.

Members of the team: Tom Baehr, Leo Montoya, Jon Green, Kevin Bradley, Jose Labrado, Brian Besnette, Scott Dantonio, Mike Mitchell, Jim Bradley, Mike Booth, Paul Enger, Gerry Napolski, Henry Duarte, Albert Mena, Frank Grijalva, Paul Petty, Mike Miles, Robert Caballo, Rick Najera, Gary Whitcomb, John Burton, Ramon Salazar, Robert Grijalva, Manny Lopez, David Russo, Danny Jurado, Larry Funk, Art Ivey, Tim Lucia, Pat Velarde, and Hector Alvarez. The Eagles were coached by Ernie Mendoza and Henry Tenorio.

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The 1968 varsity football team had two new coaches. Mr. Donald Riederer was head coach, and also taught Government. Mr. Coy Stewart was assistant coach, and taught Physical Science. The two were coaches only this one year.

Team members were: D. Jurado, P. Petty, T. Lucia, J. Bradford, V. Jacquez, G. Edens, M. Hernandez, B. Brady, L. Galentin, G. Wagner, D. Russo, J. Vallejo, M. Lopez, J. Wimpy, J. Tullius, J. Acosta, M.D. Boothe, D. Petty, T. Crowley, L. Mpntoya, R. Cabello, J. Washbourne, P. Kiska, L. Melvin, M. Garcia, J. Briones, K. Bradley, B. Anderson, M. Jaquez, D. Petrosky, J. Green, R. Palombit, and G. Whitcomb.

Jesuit lost all 8 of its games in the 1968 varsity football season, beginning with a 41-6 loss to Marfa.

Cheerleaders for the school year were: Varsity: Mary Durkin, Linda Pitt, Alline Momsen, Martha Crumley, and Kenna Edwards. Junior Varsity: Keith Emmet, Rosie Carreon, Marie Ohlenforst, and Pam Cook.

The 1968-1969 Debate team seemed to have had a successful year. Mike Brochu and David Arredondo are pictured with a handsome trophy. The debate moderator, Mr. John Hatcher, S.J. is pictured handing a first place trophy in extemporaneous speaking to Carlos Saucedo. F. Trejo, E. Talamantes, and J. Briones are pictured with the All-Tournament trophy at Marfa. Other debate members were: K. Nolan, M. Lugo, L. Stanley, I. Straus, J. Green, L. Bujanda, C. Saucedo, L. Utterback, A. Pokluda, D. Arrambide, F. Stork, D. Garcia, D. Evans, C. Goodyear, t. Conroy, B. Stanley, A. Ryan, B. Critchfield, A. Chavez, G. Pugil, C. Soule, C. Carattini, K. Sargent, L. Brooks, P. Amos, T. Ward, D. Drugan, L. Chavez, C. Ramirez, S. Moffit, A. Borgemenke, M. Momsen, and K. McCallick. Mr. Bill Mayer, S.J., assisted Mr. Hatcher.

The yearbook had a number of pictures of the 1968 homecoming. The homecoming queen is not named. Possibly the queen was Dorothy Ivey. A large J was burned into the grass at an unknown campus location. Fr. Elsner is shown crowning the queen.

The Jesuit band is shown in the yearbook performing at a student Mass and also at a silver tea.

The Dramatics Society produced the play *A Man for All Seasons* during the school year. Members of the cast were: Charles Eveler, Robert Daems, Marie Emerson, Lottie Perrea, John Althoff, Angela Lally, Dan Jurado, Jon Green, Harry Lally, Bob Boehler, Cindy Fagan, Lynch Gratten, Kiki Torres, Robert Burton, and Paul Petty. Mr. Ned Carlin, S.J. was the director, assisted by Mr. Bill Mayer, S.J.

The 1968-1969 varsity basketball team played 31 games, winning 12. Team members were: J. Vallejo, F. Orvananos, M.D. Boothe, D. Bandy, S. Putnicki, B. Boehler, E. Talamantes, K. Bradley, J. Briones, R. Sims, B. Brady, B. Aduino, E. Torres, F. Trejo, L. Grattan, and L. Perez. Varsity coach was Mr. Duane Evans.

B team members were: R. Gurss, J. Gonzalez, G. Washington, c. Martinez, R. Palombit, P. Carey, S. Jones, G. Montelongo, M. Villalva, J. Jimenez, L. Pereira, M. Hernandez, J. Tirres, Managers G. Rubio and A. Contreras. The B team was coached by Mr. Manny Carrasco.

C team members were D. Schneider, D. Baisa, J. Acosta, V. Trillo, J. Nieto, R. Martel, R. Bradford, F. Hernandez, R. Talamantes, L. Portillo, M. Apodaca, R. Mitchell, S. Moffit, T. Momson, L. Chavez, and M. Diaz. The C team was coached by Fr. Larry Roy.

One page of the yearbook showed 4 pictures of the faculty basketball game. One picture was of Mr. Toby Tovar taking an overhead set shot.

The yearbook did not list any baseball squad members or scores. There were a varsity squad and a B team.

There was a cross country team, shown with a trophy. There was also a track team, coached by Mr. Ned Carlin, S.J. Team members shown in the yearbook were Rudy Palombit, Gary Raffaelli, and John Butterworth.

There were 66 graduates in the class of 1969.

The 1969-1970 School Year

Words from the beginning of the 1970 yearbook:

The Jesuit Eagle gives us the freedom to honor and excel. It gives us the ability to participate. It gives us the spirit of competition. It brings out the best in us, and produces quality. It gives us the feeling of belonging. We are proud of our Eagle. We are all Eagles in Flight.

Jesuit priests added to the faculty in the 1969-1970 school year was Fr. Primo Contreras and Fr. Ron Drago. The only Jesuit scholastic added was Mr. Frank Biasiulli. Fr. Larry Roy left Jesuit for another assignment. Jesuit scholastics Mr. Nick Cairns and Mr. Ned Carlin left Jesuit for new assignments.

Big news in the athletic department in the 1969-1970 school year was the addition of coaches Carlos Lowenberg, football and track, and Robert Castaneda, football and assistant basketball.

1969 Fall Homecoming queen was Kyta Valdez. Her escort was Richard Najera. As usual there was a bonfire. Jesuit senior favorites were: Jon Green, Richard Najera, Kevin Bradley, and Robert Bradley. Their female companions were: Annette Ryan, Kyta Valdez, Norma Tarango, and Jeri Pleasance. Coach Lowenberg crowned the queen.

The 1969 football team showed improvement over the previous year's team, winning 4 games and having one tie out of 9 games. The track team, under Coach Lowenberg, developed into the best in the county. In the district meet Jesuit easily bested Cathedral 236 to 152. The yearbook spoke of the speed, flexibility, and depth of the squad. Jesuit won 8 out of 11 meets. I recall how exciting it was to watch our track meets. Team members were John Butterworth, Richard Comaduran, Carlos Martinez, Fernando Orvananos, Tom LaRocca, Paul Carey, Ray Sims, Michael Boothe, Lars Stanley, Rudy Palombit, Kevin Brink, David Arredondo, John Tracy, Carlos Fernandez, Michael Brochu, Michael Sitters, Michael Apodaca, Frank Longoria, Charlie Villareal, and Rene Pena.

With the closing of El Paso Tech, quarterback Sergio Luna enrolled at Jesuit, serving ably as its quarterback in the 1969 and 1970 seasons. The 1969 team scored impressive wins over Socorro, T or C, and Deming, and a closer victory over Silver City. Losses were to Marfa, Canutillo, Cobre, and Cathedral. Jesuit tied Ruidoso, 6-6.

Team members were: Bob Anderson, Jon Green, Jose Briones, Ken Mowad, Sergio Luna, Rick Najera, Lars Stanley, Joe Nieto, Charles Kurth, Kevin Brink, Ramon Samaniego, Larry Melvin, Mike Boothe, Gerardo Rosales, Larry Villalobos, Joe Wardy, Richard Comaduran, John Vallejo, Juan Gonzalez, Mark Nering, Xavier Samaniego, Mike Brochu, Bob Martel, Carlos Fernandez, Jesse Arrambide, Tim Crowley, Johnny Elias, Albert Contreras, Dave Petty, Luigi Pereira, Mike D Dwyer, John Tirres, Jimmy Tirres, Henry Amaya, Mike Ivey, Gerard Washington, Victor Jacquez, and Manny Hernandez.

Jesuit also fielded a B team, coached by Manuel Carrasco, and assisted by Coach Martinez. The team won 3 games and lost 5.

The Freshman team played only 4 games, winning 2 of them. The Team had 30 players. Coaches were Nicolas de la Torre and Fr. Duffy.

Jesuit basketball also had 3 teams. The varsity, coached by Duane Evans, won 12 games and lost 16. The team traveled to Dallas for the Knights of Columbus tournament. The yearbook pictures Bobby Boehler receiving a leadership trophy from Bishop Tschoepe.

The yearbook had several pictures of a basketball game played between the faculty and male parents of Jesuit students. Final score: Faculty 70, Fathers 54. It was fun for all.

Student council members were: Mike Lugo, Robert Cabello, Rob Burton, Bobby Boehler, Eric Chriss, Tommy Mora, Terry Ward, Carlos Saucedo, Greg Edens, and Tony Lopez. Moderator was Mr. Ed Salazar, S.J.

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**There were 68 graduates in 1970, 64 in 1972, 67 in 1971
Total 669**

The B team posted a strong 20-4 record, winning both the County Coaches Tournament and the Jesuit Invitational. The coach was Manuel Carrasco.

The Freshman team, coached by Robert Castaneda, had only 10 members. Their record was 2-6, but they played with enthusiasm.

Jesuit had only one baseball team, of 17 members. Star performers were Jimmy Tullius, Jose Briones, and Charlie Eveler. The yearbook does not give their record. The team was coached by Manuel Carrasco. As predicted in the yearbook, this was Jesuit's last baseball team.

The golf team, coached by Duane Evans, had 5 members: Tim Crowley, Eddie Martinez, Mike Kennedy, Mike Burton, and David Petty.

Jesuit's tennis team, the first ever at the school, had 10 members: Mark Lovas, David Garcia, Brock Stanley, Raul Martinez, Mark Bandy, Danny Rueda, Bill Pfeiffer, Bobby Lantis, Andrea Ochoa, and Wade Woodward. Mr. Edward Salazar, S.J. was the coach.

The Dramatics society put on the play *The Miser*, by Moliere. The yearbook stated that it is a universal comedy, in some way representing all of us. The cast included Annette Ryan, Eddie Karam, Jon Green, Robert Burton, Brad Critchfield, David Garcia, Arthur Graves, Marie Emerson, Angela Lally, Dorothy Ivey, Lourdes Perea, Mary Wardy, Paul Amos, and Enrique Torres. The director was Mr. William Mayer, S.J. The stage manager was John Althoff, assisted by Charles Eveler. Mrs Vincent Ward was given credit for wonderful work on the truly special costumes.

A new organization this year was *Ebrius*, eagerly promoting school spirit, including delittering the campus. Officers for 1969-1970 were Fred Meadows, president; Mark Nering and Butch McDonald, vice-presidents, David Petty, secretary-treasurer. Mr. DeLaTorre, moderator. Other members: W. Daw, A. Durand, R. Najera, H. Holder, R. Butler, E. Karam, G. Azar, M. Momsen, W. Weidmann, B. Keith, E. Martinez, R. Calderon, J. Sitgraves.

Another new organization was *La Voz*. It aroused thought-provoking questions about basic human values. Moderator was Fr. Ron Drago. President was Jesus Monarez. Members: Robert Trejo, Bobby Mendoza, Tony Lopez, Luis Navar, Henry Gonzalez, David Aguilar, Ramon Villalpando, Douglas Simon, Johnny Elias, Andy Marez, Gilbert Monarez, Albert Fresquez, Nick Simon, Winston Simon, Luis Lopez, Juan Gonzalez, Alfonso Anaya, Marios Aguilar, Larry Vela, Henry Flores, and Victor Jacquez.

Under the direction of Fr. Concha, the Student Patrol helped the students to keep school rules and policies. Members were: David Petty, Bob Keith, Jim Tullius, Rene Alvarez, Mario Chow, Bruce Tatroult, Greg Edens, Mike Brochu, Ken Mowad, Tim Crowley, Mark Nering, Greg Azar, Victor Jacquez, Pat Kiska, Mike Ivey, Lars Stanley, Larry Melvin, Ramon Villalpando, Bobby Bohler, Wade Daw, Enrique Torres, Gerard Washington, Carlos Saucedo, Francisco Stork, and Robert Cabello.

Especially this year, Jesuit's debate team enjoyed a high level of eloquence. An impressive array of awards testifies to that excellence. One such award was for first place in the Anthony tournament. Members were: P. Dipp, D. Arredondo, G. Mahoney, R. Jones, J. Stires, W. Pfeiffer, M. Arredondo, F.X. Stork, D. Garcia, T. Lopez, L. Chavez, A. Perez, C. Soule, C. Ramirez, B. Stanley, C. Saucedo, T. Pierce, T. Ward, L. Bujanda, J. Verosky, T. Conde, A. Durand, R. Look, H. Holder, L. Melvin. Mr. John Hatcher, S.J., assisted by Mr. Bill Mayer guided the debaters.

Jesuit was also a member of the National Forensic League.

The high quality of the Jesuit yearbooks is due to an excellent staff of hardworking students with strong journalistic talent. Members were: Editor: John Butterworth, Johnny Elias, Ramon Villalpando, Paul Dipp, Enrique Gonzalez, Richard Munoz, Felix Resari, Robert Prati, Robert Butler, Wade Daw, Jose Calderon, and Henry Chaparro.

The Jesuit News Magazine was guided by the inspiring leadership of Mr. Wayne Herpin, S.J. Members were: J. Green, M. DeReyes, M. Blanchett, P. Amos, T. Lopez, C. Soule, M. Lugo, M. Casillas, F.X. Stork, L. Chavez, M. Scullin, A. Graves, H. Holder, D. Petty, C. Carattini, D. Evans, C. Bernard, and E. Farias.

Mr. Toby Tovar, voted the outstanding teacher of the school, led the Math Fraternity. President was Charlie Saucedo, Vice-Presidents were Robert Cabello and Tony Lopez, Secretary was Juan Job, Treasurers were Bob Boehler, Tony Lopez, and Wade Daw, Hegemons were Ramon Villalpando, Greg Edens, and John Althoff, Student Council representative was Mike Lugo. Other members: John Grant, B. Pfeiffer, S. Huttanus, E. Soza, M. Diaz, M. Charske, T. Duran, J. Montelongo, H. Chaparro, C. Eveler, T. Conde, D. Petty, R. Look, C. Fernandez, J. Gawrada, J. Arrambide, A. Durand, G. Washington, J. Gonzalez, P. Lukowski, B. Wurm, C. Torres, L. Bujanda, D. Ferguson, M. King, and B. Ward.

Led by Mr. Ed Salazar, S.J., the student council helped to better student life. Members were: Mike Lugo, Robert Cabello, Rob Burton, Bobby Boehler, Eric Chriss, Tommy Mora, Terry Ward, Carlos Saucedo, Greg Edens, and Tony Lopez.

There were 68 graduates in the class of 1970.

71 ivan foley, goss, kness, Rowley, Salazar,
72 schilpp, skechus frank md prov

lay teachers 71-72 mellars – history, reading, floyd – lit,
lucker- amer hist, paulick – math, byers – phil, English,
flores – English, lit, Quintana – bb coach, Spanish, orlowski pete –
coach fb, world hist

The 1970-1971 School Year

Written at the beginning of the 1971 yearbook:

*The Eagles have the faith, and we know what it takes
to achieve our goal. A goal in which every man can
stand up and be strong. Strong enough to help, help
his neighbor.*

**The 1971 yearbook was dedicated to Fr. Martin Elsner, S.J.
“We are inspired by the certainty that he lives the way of Christ”
“Fr. Elsner is unafraid to become involved in the lives of the
students” (Fr. is shown playing volleyball with students.)**

**Also receiving special honor in the yearbook by its staff was
Mr. Ed Salazar, S.J., tennis coach, and moderator of the
student council and the cheerleaders.**

**There was one newly assigned Jesuit priest in the 1970-1971
school year, Fr. Al Mills, S.J. New Jesuit scholastics were
Mr. Michael Rowley, S.J. and Mr. Ivan Foley, S.J. New lay
teachers were: Mr. John Byers, Mr. Rene Cisneros, Mr. Robert
Mellars, Mrs Mary Cline, and Mrs. Rosemary Taylor.**

**The 1970 fall varsity football team, although winning only 4 games,
began to show the effects of the superior coaching of head coach
Carlos Lowenberg, and assistant coach Robert Castaneda. Three**

of the team's losses were by a combined total of only 16 points. A big victory was the win over Cathedral, 12-8. Jesuit won the TCIL district championship.

Team members: Kevin Petty, Tim Crowley, George Mitchler, Brock Stanley, Charlie Villareal, Tom Mora, Angel Reyes, Gary Mitchler, Greg Edens, Gerard Washington, Danny Mena, Mike Ivey, James Farias, Dave Cervantes, Frank Longoria, Luigi Pereira, Mike Dwyer, Ralph Costanzo, Joe Herrera, Mike Brochu, Juan Gonzalez, Jim Tirres, Dewey Ferguson, Mark Nering, Jesse Arrambide, Ralph Hernandez, Paul Navar, Steve Kern, Albert Contreras, Bob Keith, Kevin Brink, Xavier Samaniego, Sergio Luna, Bruce White, Perry Marchioni, Ramon Samaniego, Joe Wardy, Larry Melvin, Mike Pereira, Jose Nieto, Ken Mowad, and Eric Chriss.

In the state TCIL semi-final game against Central of San Antonio, Central defeated Jesuit, 27-0.

The Jesuit Junior Varsity team played a very difficult schedule of 8 games, winning 3 against Anthony, Fort Hancock, and Burges. The team was coached by Tony Payan.

The Freshman team played 10 games, with 4 wins. Jesuit defeated Canutillo twice, and Parkland twice. Fr. Duffy and Mr. Mike Rowley, S.J. were the Freshman coaches.

Mark Nering was Master of Ceremonies for the homecoming bonfire and activities, including the introduction of our coaches. Three Varsity cheerleaders from Loretto spirited the crowd. Jesuit's homecoming victory over Ruidoso was solid, 62-22.

The 1970-1971 varsity basketball team had 12 members: Michael Apodaca, Juan Gonzalez, Charlie Villareal, Rollo Gurss, Stuart Moffit, Jose Briones, Paul Carey, Daniel Schneider, Ernest Acosta, Bryan Jones, Sergio Luna, and Greg Azar. New coach was Robert Castaneda.

The team won 10 and lost 16. Both games with Cathedral were losses, but by close scores – 48-47 and 53-51. A significant victory was the game with the Ysleta Indians, 80-61.

The B-team had only 9 members. Their record was 8 wins and 11 losses. Jesuit defeated Cathedral twice.

The Freshman basketball team had 14 members. They were coached by Fr. Duffy. Their record was 11 wins and 2 losses.

Under Coaches Lowenberg and Castaneda, track and field became a very popular sport. The team had some outstanding new records. Bob Martel ran the 100 yd. dash in 9.8 seconds. Bob Keith threw the shot put 49 feet 10 inches. For a small school like ours these were great efforts.

Varsity track members were Eddie Villalva, Mike Apodaca, Conrad Ramirez, Bill Munoz, Tony Fierro, Sam Trejo, Jose Lopez, Rudy Gallardo, Charlie Villareal, Luigi Pereira, Juan Gonzalez, Alex Jacquez, Mike Brochu, Richard Comaduran, Robert Keith, Tim Crowley, Joe Wardy, Mike Pereira, Kevin Brink, Jose Briones, Bruce White, Ken Mowad, James Porter, and Jimmy Tirres.

Cross Country runners were: Eddie Villalva, Tony Fierro, Mike Pereira, Richard Comaduran, Rudy Gallardo, and Conrad Ramirez.

The Freshman track team had 16 members.

The track team won District championship.

In Jesuit's second year of varsity tennis, there were 3 team members: Daniel Rueda, Ricky Azar, and Bibi Chavez. The team was coached by Mr. Edward Salazar, S.J.

No mention was made of a baseball team in the 1971 yearbook.

The 1970-1971 Student Council had 15 members. Officers were President Gerard Washington, Vice-president Mark Nering, Secretary Larry Vela, and Treasurer Tim Crowley.

Due to the Council's efforts, Spirit week was added before the homecoming game and the Cathedral basketball game. The Council sponsored several open dances, and led a successful Careers Day.

Once again Jesuit's members of the National Forensic League were both

numerous and successful. In addition to members remaining from last year's group, new members were: Paul Navar, James Brooks, Victor Villareal, Bob Niland, Brooks Williams, Joe Stires, Paul Brochu, Pat Tracy, Greg Edens, Brock Stanley, Art Graves, Joe Seyler, Mark Thomas, Mike Brochu, Paul Amos, James Gawrada, Cotter White, and Victor Falvey.

Jesuit's National Forensic League was one of the valuable organizations in the school, giving excellent training for future college years. Much was due to the skill and direction of Mr. John Hatcher, S.J. He was assisted by Mr. Van Foley, S.J.

The NFL team won the sweepstakes trophy at Austin High. Also, the team took first, second, and third place trophies at the Tempe, Arizona. Overall, the team won more than 15 first place trophies. In the NFL district the team was ranked fourth in strength and second in competitions. Special speakers were: F.X. Stork, Louis Chavez, Paul Amos, Tony Conde, Larry Bujanda, Bob Niland, Charles Soule, and David Arredondo.

The newspaper staff consisted of Paul Amos, Editor, Charles Soule, News Editor, Mike Scullin, Sports Editor, and staff members Rafael Calderon, Art Graves, Robert Butler, Joe Seyler, Robert Prati, David Evans, Paul Dipp, and Juan Gonzalez. Once again, for a small school, the newspaper was a very well-done publication.

La Voz continued its good work promoting leadership for those of Mexican background. Members were: Francisco Tirres, Juan Gonzalez, Gilberto Monarez, Victor Jacquez, Jorge Saldivar, Luis Perez, Genaro Melendez, Kevin Casteel, Donald Romero, Ricardo Marquez, Luis Trejo, Roberto Schmitt, Jose Lopez, Leo Walker, Daniel Garcia, Carlos Chow, Sergio Garibay, Andres Mares, and Alberto Fresquez. Fr. Ron Drago continued as the group's very able moderator.

Sigma Epsilon Chi, the Math Fraternity, was the largest organization on campus, with 53 members. Much of this was surely due to the leadership of its moderator, Mr. Toby Tovar, an outstanding math teacher. The fraternity's aim was to promote a strong bond of brotherhood among Jesuit students.

In addition to last year's members, new members were: Joe Castro, Rene Sidransky, B.B. Chavez, Oscar Dominguez, Mike Soule, James Reardon, Ike Burke, Ed Brady, Jorge Gonzalez, James Kimmelman, Gerald Comaduran,

Orlando Corona, Juan Contreras, Marcos Lizarraga, Marcos Aguilar, Eddie Villalva, Toni Conde, Al Fresquez, Don Romero, Paul Navar, Larry Vela, James Gawrada, Robert Prati, Larry Bujanda, Greg Edens, Rene Alvarez, Wade Daw, Al Durand, Rob Butler, Cotter White, Mark Nering, Xavier Samaniego, Bill Wurm, Richard Talamantes, P. Matthews, Mike Scullin, John Powell, Gene Durand, Terry Ward, Kevin Brink, Jerry Acosta, David Serna, Danny Garcia, and Carlos Torres.

Officers of the fraternity were: Wade Daw – Prytanis, Carlos Torres – Epiprytanis, Marcus Aguilar – Grammateus, Rodney Sidranski – Crysophylos, Dewey Ferguson – Pylortes, David Petty – Hegemon, Greg Edens – Historian

The Dramatic Society presented the Greek play *Antigone* with great success. Directors were Mr. Van Foley, S.J., Romulus Zamora, and Mary Nagy. Richard Griffin, Jesuit Senior, played the role of the Greek Chorus, narrating the story. His understudy was Al Durand. Nancy Olsen, Loretto junior, was the female lead, Antigone. Her understudy was Diane Gargner. Paul Amos played the part of Creon, Antigone's uncle and the king of Thebes. Donna Brooks played Ismene, Louis Chavez was Haemon, and Mary Nagy was Eurydice. Others acting were: Kathleen Metzko, Dave Garcia, F.X. Stork, David Leeper, Cotter White, and Paul Skowkowski. Special credit went to the set and lighting crews.

During the 1970 Thanksgiving holidays, Fr. Deeves, Fr. Ed Goss, Mr. Van Foley, S.J., and three Loretto nuns, took thirty-five Jesuit and Loretto students to the south rim of the Grand Canyon. The trip included an overnight stop at an exclusive lodge in Scottsdale, Arizona. Fr. Goss was our cook. We learned that Arizona does not allow any fruit to enter the state when brought in by private parties. So we ate as much as we could before having to discard the remainder.

The Jesuit Lettermens club had 40 members. They helped to back all sports teams, including financial contributions. Club members filled a lot of positions

at games, such as selling tickets, etc. Officers of the club were Richard Comaduran, Albert Contreras, Mark Nering, Juan Gonzalez, Tim Crowley, and Joe Wardy.

I found all the yearbooks outstanding. To accomplish this very difficult work required a dedicated staff and countless hours of work. This year's staff members were: Editor – Bob Butler, Joe Boverie, Bob Niland, Paul Dipp, Steve Stoner, Homer Pitzer, Lester Brooks, Mark Thomas, John Tracy, Wase Daw, Cotter White, Steele Jones, Rafael Calderon, David Evans, Mike Scullin, and Angelo Pokluda. Among his many contributions to the school, Fr. Ron Drago moderated the yearbook. Special credit was given to Mr. Mike Rowley, S.J., for his photographic work.

Fr. John Anderson of St. Pius X church formed the Jesuit Glee Club. Members were: Manny Reyes, Emmanuel Rodriguez, Joe Stires, David Boothe, Danuel Vasquez, Mike Ivey, Ernesto Valenzuela, L.C. Marlin, Mike Pereira, Kevin Brink, Mike Ramirez, and Albert Fresquez.

Each individual Senior class , three of them, had a president and vice-president. Presidents were: John Verosky, Greg Edens, and Luis Chavez. Vice-presidents were: David Arredondo, Richard Griffin, and Mark Nering.

A yearbook picture shows Senior Paul Amos talking on the Jesuit radio station.

1972 class officers were pictured: Bob Martel, Luigi Pereira, Mike Burton, Dubois Ferguson, and Bob Keith. The Junior class led all classes in school spirit. They had many fund raisers for the Junior-Senior prom, including the sale of sidewalk luminarias.

Sophomore class officers were: Mark Bandy, Steve Kern, Eric Chriss, Randall Jones, Paul Dipp, and Ike Monte. The sophomores began the school year with a dance for sophomores and freshmen at the Plaza Hotel. They helped a lot with the food and clothing drive. Jesuit won the aluminum can drive in competition with other high schools. We won with an overwhelming number of cans. Our prize was a very large trophy case, which is now used at Dallas Jesuit Prep School. Sadly, this was the class that did not graduate from Jesuit after they had spent their first three years at Jesuit.

Freshman presidents and vice-presidents of their individual sections were: Paul Brochu, Paul Navar, Ed Brady, Mike Pereira, Joe Calabro, Rick Putnicki, and Mike Pena. The freshmen defeated the sophomores in the Beanie Bowl, winning 20-2. They also put on a skit at a pep assembly prior to the Canutillo game. They also held a series of skits at Loretto poking fun at the then current TV advertisements.

There were 67 graduates in the class of 1971.

The 1971-1972 School Year

The yearbook cover featured the school seal against a backdrop of cheering students in the gym.

On the second page of the yearbook: Jesuit received its students with dreams of a successful year. But financially the school was unstable, and unless sufficient funds could be accumulated, the school would close.

Jesuit played St. Thomas in the Sun Bowl for the state championship. Their team flew to El Paso in a chartered jet, already dressed in their uniforms, minus shoulder pads. They left shortly after the game.

At the beginning of the game St. Thomas kicked off. Ralph Costanzo received, fumbled, picked up the ball, waited for the defense to come closer, and then ran for 95 yards. On the next play Jesuit scored. Although Jesuit led at the half, St. Thomas' greater numbers gradually wore our team down. We lost 30-14.

Burges and Bowie high schools graciously provided their bands to play during the game. I recall that the December night was bitterly cold.

Four members of the team made All-State: Kevin Brink-Tackle, Ralph Costanzo- Running Back, Luigi Pereira- Tight End, and Charlie Villareal – Quarterback. Others honored were: Dubois Ferguson, Steve Kern, Perry Marchioni, Ricardo Marquez, Tom Mora, Mike Pereira, and Angel Reyes.

Other members of the team: M. Pena, J. Farias, George Mitchler, J. Jacquez, J. Pena, D. Booth, F. Longoria, J. Nieto, M. Rivera, I. Corona, M. Thomas, D. Mena, P. Brochu, Gary Mitchler, M. Dwyer, A. Jacquez, A. Pinon, G.

Melendez, J. Herrera, K. Petty, M. Wardy, R. Schaeffer, E. and E. Hernandez. Managers were D. Cervantes, Paul Marchioni, D. Torres, and R. Aauto. The team was very well coached by Carlos Lowenberg, Robert Castaneda, and Pete Orlowski.

Jesuit's B-team had 28 members. They played 8 games, losing all 8, but against formidable opponents. The team was coached by Joe Wardy and Fr. Duffy.

Varsity cheerleaders were: Rosie Carreon, Marie Claire Ohlenforst, Mary Wardy, Debbie Buckner, Debbie Kennedy, and Laurie Echeverria.

B-team cheerleaders were: Denise Flores, Sharon Hudek, Staslie Huttanus, Ginger Gurss, Kay Quenon, Patsy Caraveo, Rayleene Steele, and Nannette Mora.

Freshman cheerleaders were: Laura Daw, Barbara Kennedy, Maureen Metz, and Lyn Olsen.

The annual Homecoming week involved much student participation. Homecoming featured the car parade, a greased-pig contest, a doughnut eating contest, a bonfire, and the Homecoming dance, at which Bonnie Menninger was crowned queen. The dance was held at the *Paso del Norte*. The yearbook showed Bruce White with a plate of doughnuts, and enjoying one, with yet more to eat.

The Homecoming court and their escorts were: Ginger Gurss and Bruce Marchioni, Loraine Menninger and Mike Wardy, Debbie Kennedy and Bruce White, Queen Bonnie Menninger and Tommy Mora, Lizzy Menninger and Mike Dwyer, Betsy Boverie and Mike Burton, Patti Azar and Paul Brochu.

The varsity basketball team had 11 members: David Torres, Richard Aauto, Rollo Gurss, Ralph Costanzo, Mike Pereira, John Papa, Bryan Steele Jones, Dan Schneider, Mike Dryer, Richard Martinez, Javier Jacquez, David Evans, and Freddie Delgado. The coach was Robert Castaneda.

Jesuit played 22 games, winning 2. Once again, Jesuit played a difficult schedule, against some of El Paso's largest schools. Because some of the team was still playing football, the team got off to a slow start. We did defeat Cobre and won one of three games against Cathedral. The third Cathedral game was

for the district championship. The Eagles led at the half, 29-22. But foul trouble for 4 players hurt us. Nonetheless, with 34 seconds remaining in the game, Jesuit held a two-point lead. A made foul shot and a final 20 foot shot sealed the Irish win, 49-48.

The B-team had 15 members. They compiled a 13-10 record and beat a number of large schools, including Address, Bel-Air, and Ysleta. They defeated Cathedral 3 times. Outstanding players were Billy Miranda, Rudy Vasquez, and Manny Rivera. The coach was Xavier Quintana.

Once again the track team was very busy, performing in 10 meets, two of them at UTEP and two in New Mexico. The final state meet was held at Jesuit Prep, Dallas, on May 6th, just 13 days before graduation and the closing of Jesuit's doors for good. Since the arrival of Coach Lowenberg, track had become a popular and successful sport. The team had swept past county teams and over Cathedral.

Members of the team were: R. Gurss, F. Longoria, R. Martel, John Tullius, B. Munoz, D. Acevedo, R. Costanzo, M. Pereira, C. Villareal, R. Martinez, T. Fierro, J. Lopez, C. Ramirez, J. Solorza, B. Lally, R. Dorado, K. Brink, J. Herrera, Rudy Gallardo, Paul Brochu, J. Farias. Bobby Chavarria, Gerardo Saucedo, Orlando Ramirez, Freddy Delgado, David Cervantes, Eddie Farias, Dewey Ferguson, Angelo Pokluda, and David Torres.

The Freshman track team had 15 members, and was coached by Fr. Duffy.

The Jesuit student council was moderated by Mr. Alex Schilpp, S.J. Student Council President was Paul Dipp, Vice President was Michael Scullin, Treasurer was David Evans, Secretary was B. Chavarria. Other members: Bill Pfeiffer, Richard Adatao, Richard Martinez, Jose Lopez, David Garcia, Luigi Pereira, Richard Garcia, Charles Soule, Ralph Calderon, DuBois Ferguson, and Mike Ramirez.

The Drama department presented *Look Homeward Angel*. Picture a boarding house around the turn of the century where utter confusion is omnipresent and you have the setting for this production.

The play was directed by Mr. Jerry Knight. Featured actors and actress were Bruce White, Becky Drugan, Bob Niland, and Mark Pearson. Others in the play were Laura Lizarraga, Cathy Worsham, Austin Ryan, David Garcia,

David Ivey, Nancy Olsen, Becky Talamantes, Gabrielle Cochran, Liz Flores, Monie McNamee, Kevin Brink, and Stephen Bell. Bill Munoz was stage manager, Sylvia Arroyo directed the sound, and Nora Schofield and Bill Munoz provided the lighting.

A March play, *Royal Hunt of the Sun*” was planned by the Seniors.

Dances throughout the year were held in the gym, albeit with some damage to the floor. I recall boys and girls inflating balloons with helium, going to lunch, and then later finding the balloons collapsed. So much for the very light element Helium.

***La Voz* continued, with Fr. Drago’s leadership. Members pictured were Ricardo Marquez, Andres Mares, Jose Lopez, Genaro Melendez, and Jesus Garibay.**

The *Lettermen’s Club*, moderated by Coach Lowenberg, had 25 members.

The hardworking *Eagle* yearbook staff members were: David Evans, Bob Niland, Jose Calderon, Angelo Pokluda-Editor, Rafael Calderon, Steve Stoner, Mark Thomas, Mike Momsen, Robert Prati, Lester Brooks, Joe Boverie, Homer Pitzer, James Brooks, and Paul Brochu. Brother Rosenblath provided many excellent pictures, aided by Robert Prati, Mike Waugh, Bruce McAdoo, Lester Brooks, Jaime Papa, Leo Pfeiffer, and Tom Stephenson. Fr. Drago, who wore many hats, was the moderator of the yearbook.

The school newspaper, *The Eagle Eye*, was another excellent publication. Editor: Ralph Calderon. Staff: R. Prati, G. Montelongo, J. Tracy, D. Evans, A. Pokluda, M. Diaz, J. Horan, L. Portillo, M. Lizarraga, and L. Bujanda. Mr. Mike Rowley, S.J. was the moderator.

The Glee Club was once again led by Fr. Anderson. Members were: Jesus Garibay, Kevin Brink, Tony Fierro, Jaime Solorza, Ricardo Fierro, Manny Reyes, Ernie Valenzuela, Carlos Licon, Luis Porras, Danny Vasquez, Andy Esparza, Gilbert Rosalez, Ed Brady, David Reyes, Genaro Melendez, S. Gonzalez, Mike Pereira, Frank Elias, Mike Ramirez, and Ruben Berumen.

Special honors went to two Seniors. Kevin Brink was named “Hidden Leader,” for his active participation in many school activities, principally athletics, but also those that were non-athletic, including parts in plays. The

academic award went to Lester Brooks for consistent excellence in studies. Lester was also active in many non-academic activities, especially in photography. It was my privilege to teach both of them in Physics and Calculus.

Also receiving special honors were our coaches Carlos Lowenberg and Robert Castaneda. Everyone at Jesuit knew the great change these two men brought to Jesuit athletics, especially to our football and track teams. Coach Lowenberg went on to coach at Fabens high school, a result of Fr. Duffy becoming that school's principal.

The yearbook pictured the freshmen going through orientation. All the other students took part in putting the freshmen through the ordeal. The pictures in the yearbook show the freshmen enjoying what their upper class brothers made them do.

Under Mr. John Hatcher, S.J., Jesuit had become a major player in speech and debate. When Mr. Hatcher went on to another Jesuit assignment, Mr. Tom Paulick began to guide the team. He led them to many victories, including a second place sweepstakes award at Anthony. Outstanding performances were given by Charles Soule, Bill Pfeiffer, Victor Villareal, Vince Henneberg, Terry Ward, David Garcia, Art Borgemenke, Bob Niland, Joe Seyler, and Marcus Aguilar. Other members were: V. Falvey, M. Thomas, J. Graves, J. Contreras, C. Nunez, G. Mahoney, F. Elias, S. Higgs, L. Villa, D. Floyd, G. Sambrano, R. Vasquez, J. Veytia, E. Valenzuela, V. Villareal, M. Soule, D. Sanders, and S. Beverly.

Booster Backers: Jesuit had a large group of Booster Backers, composed of members from Loretto, Father Yermo, and Jesuit. Officers were: Mike Dwyer-President, Paul Dipp-Vice-President, Paul Brochu-Secretary, Rosie Carreon-Treasurer, Representatives-Irene Lopez and Richard Adauto.

Chess Club: In its first year, the Jesuit Chess Club defeated both Cathedral and Burges, and took 4th place in a city-wide tournament. Moderator was Mr. Alex Schilpp, S.J., aided by Mr. Javier Quintana. Members were: Brad Fuller, Michael Ramirez, Jesus Garibay, David Booth, Armando Vasquez, Tom Gerhardt, Ownie Sullivan, Robert Hernandez, Bruce McAdoo, George Drescher, Genaro Melendez, Kurt Johnson, Angel Reyes, Evans Roberts, Rene Sidransky, Jose Lopez, and Bill Pfeiffer.

To help offset some of the school's financial problems, Jesuit put on its bazaar, I think in September. The maintenance crew, Arturo Vasquez, Vicente Quintana, Lorenzo Juarez, and other helpers worked steadily to assemble the many booths, including one for water dunking. A Chevy Vega was raffled. There was bingo, led by Fred Pereira. The mothers provided tasty food. Mr. Fred Dantonio, a B-17 pilot in WWII, collected money and separated change. The many pictures clearly showed that everyone was having an enjoyable time.

At some time during the years of the school's existence, a very large stone statue of Christ the King was stationed outside about 20 or 30 feet from the front of the school. When the first morning bell rang, the students assembled around the statue, and recited the pledge of allegiance to the nearby flag. Then they proceeded into the chapel for a brief prayer.

Special pictures: Brother Fillmore Eliot, wearing a lady's wig, with three of our women employees, Esther Greber, Virginia Alarcon, and Virginia Kriz, secretary to the principal.

Idella Hands, Jesuit cook, peeling potatoes.

Brothers George Murphy and Mike Rosenblath somewhere in our southwest desert wilderness.

Mr. Flores using the paddle.

Fr. Deeves explaining to the faculty about a morning school bus trip: "Then this Pepsi truck pulled up..." Actually a Coca-Cola truck and the bus were fairly often side by side at the last traffic light before arriving at Loretto. With the bus riders loud encouragement, the two vehicles pulled away, each trying to outdo the other. The bus usually won, probably due to the truck's full load of drinks, all in bottles.

Several volleyball games during noon lunch. These were great bonding moments for both faculty and students. Teams usually had members from all four classes, along with some faculty.

Our students doing pushups in the all-school end-of-day PE. I was told by the Province Head of high schools that Jesuit El Paso had the best PE program of all our 6 schools. Near the end of the PE period the Freshmen and

Sophomores went to the hill in front of the school to play “King of the Mountain.” Several teachers with whistles stood at various places on the hill. One boy was at the top of the hill, guarded by his classmates. Members of the other class would attempt to capture the king, which would end the game. Kicking, arm twisting, punching, all these called for a whistle. The boys enjoyed the game a lot.

Kevin Brink putting the shot.

Coach Casteneda urging the football team to go for it. Another picture of the same coach in his office, looking disappointed, perhaps after we lost state.

Closing thoughts: On April 22nd, Fr. Elsner called a special assembly in the chapel near the end of the day. His opening words were “So we have to close.” There was utter silence. Fr. Elsner experienced some very emotional moments, along with some tears. The Province felt that we were working too hard to keep the school open, along with our obvious financial difficulties, and their decision was final. That afternoon, as the first girl put her foot on the boarding step, a boy yelled “Jesuit’s closing.” Soon I had a busload of crying students. I turned up the radio volume.

In the days following Fr. Elsner’s announcement, there was considerable sadness in the school. One day in my own class of Juniors, one of my students boy began to cry. Soon the entire class was in tears.

Shortly afterward, Provincial Fr. Tom Clancy came to the school for a well attended chapel session with our parents. Since almost all of our parents were less affluent than those of our other high schools, they listened quietly, asking only a few questions. Fr. Clancy announced that some Jesuits would remain in the city. Fr. Elsner became a teacher at Riverside High School. Fr. Duffy became the principal of Fabens High School. Fr. Derrera began to teach at Eastwood High School. Fr. Deeves taught at Loretto and became the school’s chaplain. The four of us priests, along with Brother Walsh Roth, after the school’s closure moved into the empty convent at Our Lady of the Valley parish.

Fr. Elsner began to teach at Riverside High School. Fr. Derrera taught at Eastwood High School. Fr. Deeves arrived in 1973 to teach at Loretto. In addition all the priests helped in parishes in the city on Sundays.

In a very short time Ferd Derrera became one of Eastwood High School’s most valuable and trusted teachers. The principal also chose him as his main

adviser and confidante. When others had very difficult students, these students were often transferred to Ferd's class. The entire faculty of the school wrote messages to our provincial on a long rolled up scroll, protesting his decision to move Fr. Derrera away from Eastwood.

In the days after Fr. Elsner's announcement, there was considerable sadness in the school. One day in one of my junior classes, a boy began to cry. Soon the entire class was in tears.

A few days before the end of the school year, Terry Ward, who had already won the Trans-Pecos science fair, now went to the International Science Fair in New Orleans. His project was titled "Nuclear Quadrupole Resonance." Terry and his father had gone to White Sands Proving Grounds where companies became very interested in his project. They loaned him very expensive and valuable equipment. This we insured for one million dollars. On the night of the awards, when the time came for the Physics awards, the first Physics award went to the 4th place winner. When the second place winner was announced, another boy at our round table rose, came over to Terry and shook his hand. "It's all yours, Terry." The moment was enormously thrilling for me.

As part of his prizes Terry was given a trip to Stockholm to witness the Nobel Science Prizes.

Fr. Elsner decided to end the school year at an early date. On Friday, May 19th. all exams were given, and graduation was held that night at Liberty Hall. I was allowed to hand out diplomas. Bruce White held out his hand and said "Fr. Deeves, I am the last graduate of Jesuit High School." Terry Ward gave the Valedictory address, using as his theme the Phoenix Bird, which died and was reborn. Terry's thought was that someday Jesuit could be restarted. As the graduates departed the organist played "Just a Closer Walk with Thee." In the vestibule there was hardly a dry eye.

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In August of 1975, Our Lady of the Valley was again in need of the convent. We bought a home on Altura St. between Copia and Piedras, bringing our dog Emma along with us. Father Elsner, Fr. Duffy, Fr. Derrera, and Fr. Deeves were the members of the community. One year later Brother Murphy joined us, working in the Loretto library.

In early 1977 Fr. Clancy came to El Paso to tell us that we would all be reassigned in other cities Fr. Elsner became the Provincial for all pastoral ministries. Fr. Derrera was assigned to the diocesan seminary in Corpus Christi. Fr. Duffy was assigned to our high school in Shreveport. Brother Murphy was assigned to our novitiate house in Grand Coteau, Louisiana. Fr. Deeves was assigned to Jesuit Prep in Dallas.

Riverside High School, unaware that Marty Elsner would not be at their school after the 1971-1972 school year, had planned to honor him in two special ways. He was named teacher of the year, and the yearbook was dedicated to him. Marty had also counseled a number of the faculty. For I for one was not surprised. Marty is a very special priest. His dedication to people, and his caring love for them has helped so many to find God. In addition he has helped them in learning school work and in dealing with personal issues.

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I was the last to leave our Altura St. house. Each day from dawn to late evening was totally occupied with preparations to depart for Tampa Jesuit. Two Loretto girls gave much of their time neatly putting our graduate transcripts in separate files, then alphabetizing them, and putting them in

boxes I had purchased. Then I brought them to the El Paso diocesan educational office. I gave the diocese a more than sufficient fund to cover the cost of mailing out transcripts. I took to Dallas many other records and papers, including the house diary. Many of these I still have. The house was given over to Fr. Dick Thomas and others whom he appointed to live there.

Ferd Derrera in a very short time became one of Eastwood High School's most valuable and successful teachers. He was also a trusted adviser to the principal. When other teachers had very difficult students, they were often transferred to Ferd's class. The entire faculty of the school wrote messages to our Provincial on a long rolled up scroll, protesting his decision to send Ferd away from Eastwood.

At the 1977 Loretto Academy graduation, I was given a Loretto diploma in appreciation for my presence of 4 years there.

On Thursday evening, February 18th, 1993, I had already retired (I was at Dallas Jesuit) but was awakened by a phone call from one of our alumni. A person or persons had broken into our former school building, now called Hillcrest Junior High, poured gasoline over a large portion of the interior and then ignited places where the gasoline had been poured. Within a short time the entire structure was ablaze. Huge flames leaped into the sky. The flames could be seen as far away as Bassett center, over 7 miles away. Because of its prominent position, at the top of a hill, many people became aware of the fire. The news spread rapidly, and many of the onlookers were our former students, who openly shed tears when they realized the building could not be saved, despite the more than 100 firefighters who were called to duty. The building had been stacked with lumber in preparation for a proposed renovation by the Ysleta School district. Ironically, the chief architect of the renovation was one of Jesuit's alumni. One newspaper front page headline said "Historic School in Ashes."