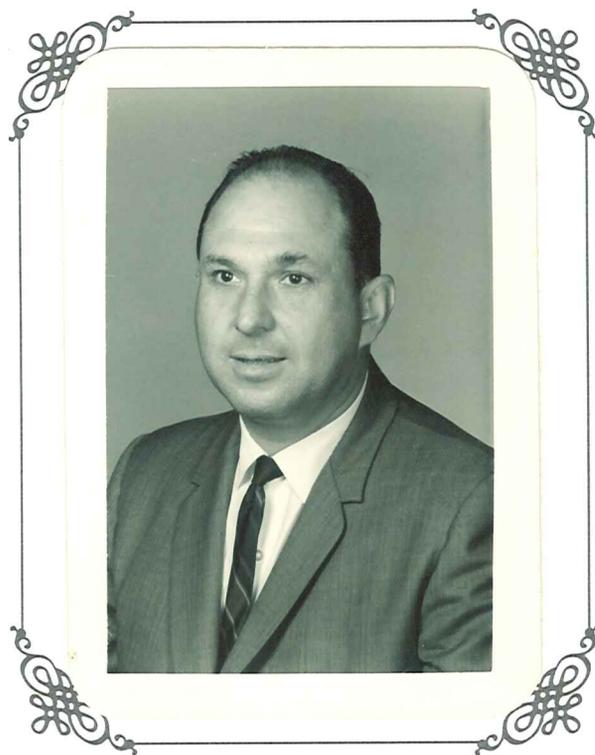


John C. Rodriguez
1927 - 1997



Lanier H.S. Band Director - 17 years



Texas Military Institute
1945



Saipan
NCO Club - 1947

Gradúa en el Instituto M



Juan C. Rodríguez Jr.

El día 25 del presente mes graduó el Joven J. C. Rodríguez Jr. hijo del Señor J. C. Rodríguez y de

la Señora María G. Guez, con Gomeillo Lima, Número 1724

El joven Rodríguez estudió en la Escuela en la que se distinguió por sus calificaciones y dos medallas. Tomó en la Banda de la consideró como el del grupo.

Al ingresar al Instituto de Texas, continuó su estudio y logró pertenecer al Honorable al distinguido cuerpo. Nuevamente en la Banda Militar, puesto de primer teniente para el Mes de Música el año 1945.

Los padres de este altamano orgulloso obtendrán por su ofrecieron una con asistieron numeroos sus amistades



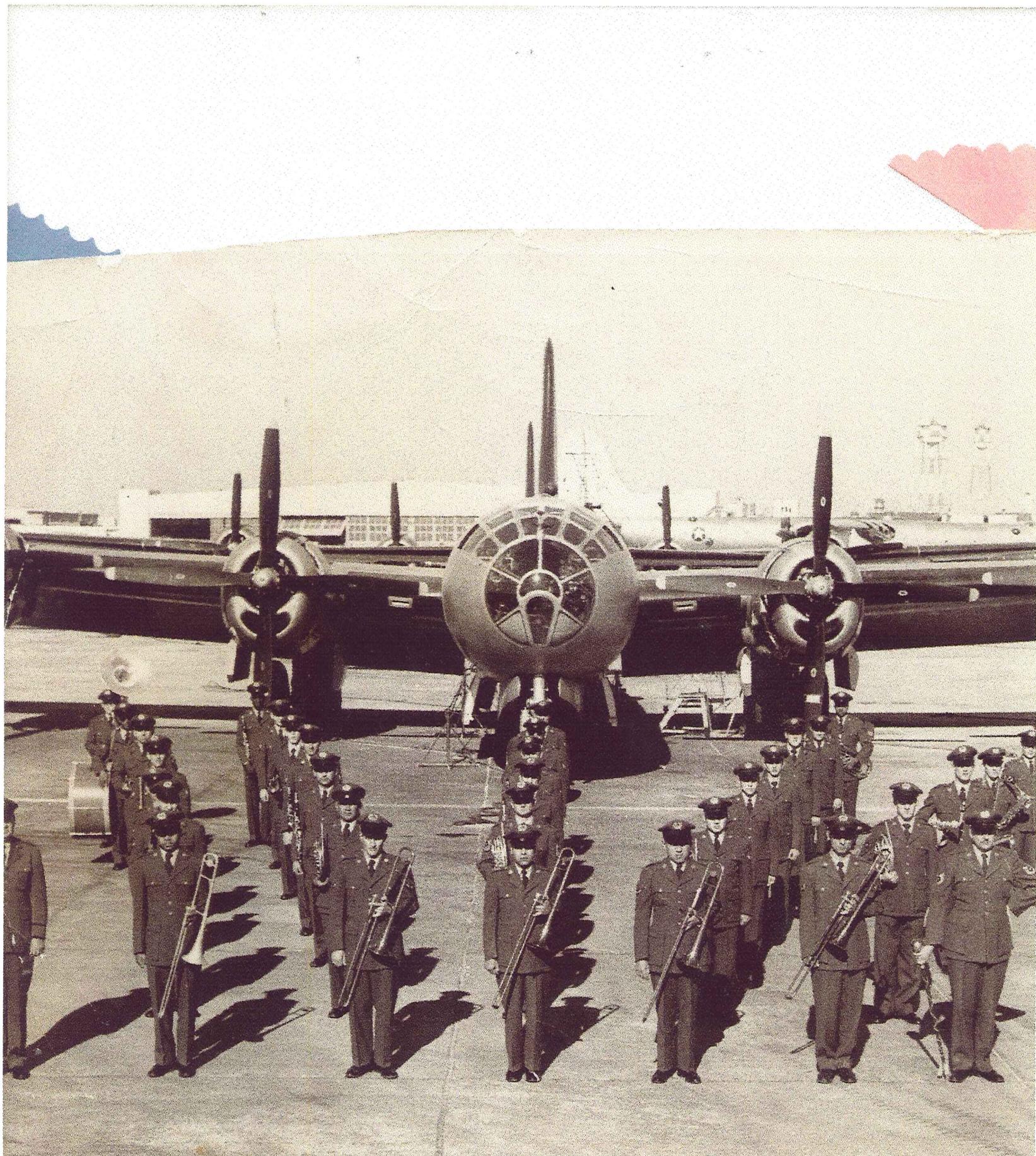
Trinity University
1948
(1st row)



Played with Professional bands
since the age of 17.



Another professional band
in the 40's.

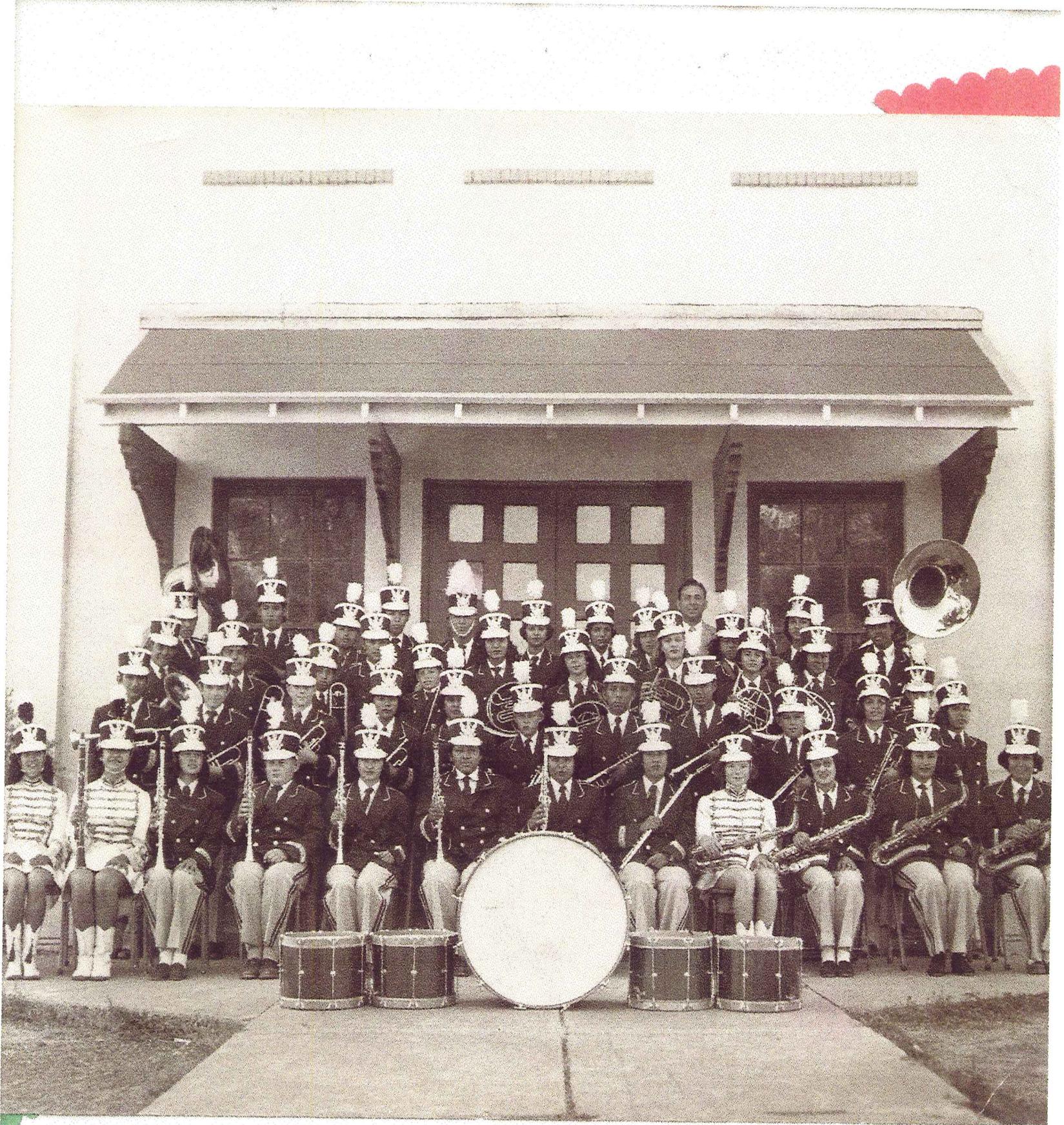


Kelly Air Force Band
Master Sgt. 1951

1st row - 3rd from back



Band Director - 1st year
Asherton, Texas
1953
(Middle School)



Asherton High School
1954



Asherton High School Band Gives Outstanding Concerts

Special To The Times
AHERTON—The Asherton High School Senior Band gave two outstanding performances last week—Thursday night in the school auditorium and Friday night at the Silvas Theater.

This band was organized the latter part of September under the leadership of John C. Rodriguez, of San Antonio.

Thursday night was the first public appearance of this 40-member band. The audience was pleasantly surprised and visibly amazed, as was demonstrated by the applause and expressions of praise, that such an entertaining performance could be accomplished in this short period.

The concert opened with an impressive presentation of the flag, the oath of allegiance (with audience participation), the "Star Spangled Banner," and closed with "America".

Other numbers by the band were: two marches "On the Hike" and "Pals on Parade" and "Sunset Waltz," by F. L. Buchtel; "German Waltz," "Shadowland Waltz", and "There's Music in the Air," by G. F. Root; "Pleyel's Hymn," by I. Pleyel; and "Adelita", a Mexican revolutionary song.

Special numbers were "Cien Anos" and "Te Busque", sung in duet by Ellie Martinez and Enequina Pacheco. They were accompanied by Sigifredo Sanchez, Juan Robledo, and Pedro Ramirez on the guitar, maracas, and claves, respectively.

Kitty Smith played "Beautiful

Dreamer" as a saxophone solo.

"Gypsy Serenade", a tone poem was composed and played on the piano by Ellie Martinez.

Sigifredo Sanchez sang "Etupido Cupido" to his own accompaniment on the electric guitar.

A special arrangement by John C. Rodriguez, "Oh My Papa", was dedicated to his "two" papas from San, J. C. Rodriguez and M. A. Amador, who were in the audience.

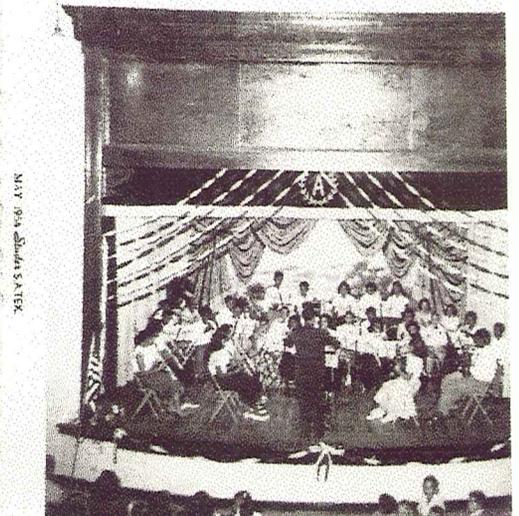
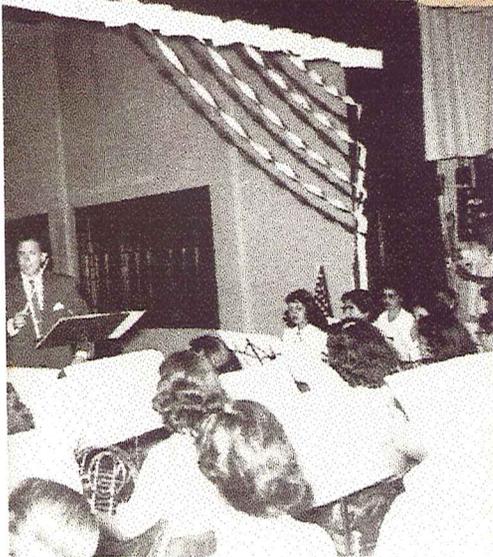
This number was alternately played by the band and sung by the members of the band to the accompaniment of the trumpet obligato by Rodriguez and the electric guitar by Sigifredo Sanchez.

After the Friday night performance a surprise party, honoring the members of the band, was held at the Legion Hall with Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez as host and hostess.

The hall was decorated in red and white crepe streamers with the inscription "Band Party" on the north wall above the refreshment table, covered with a white linen cloth on which was displayed a large white cake with a musical design, in pastel icing, dotted with cherry notes.

Refreshments of cake and cookies with frosted lime punch were served to hundred or more people.

For entertainment there was dancing to recordings and many impromptu numbers in song, trumpet, violin, and electric guitars.



1959-1960



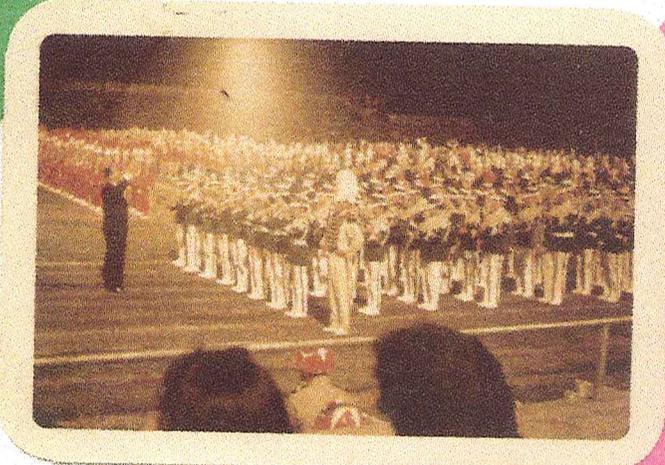
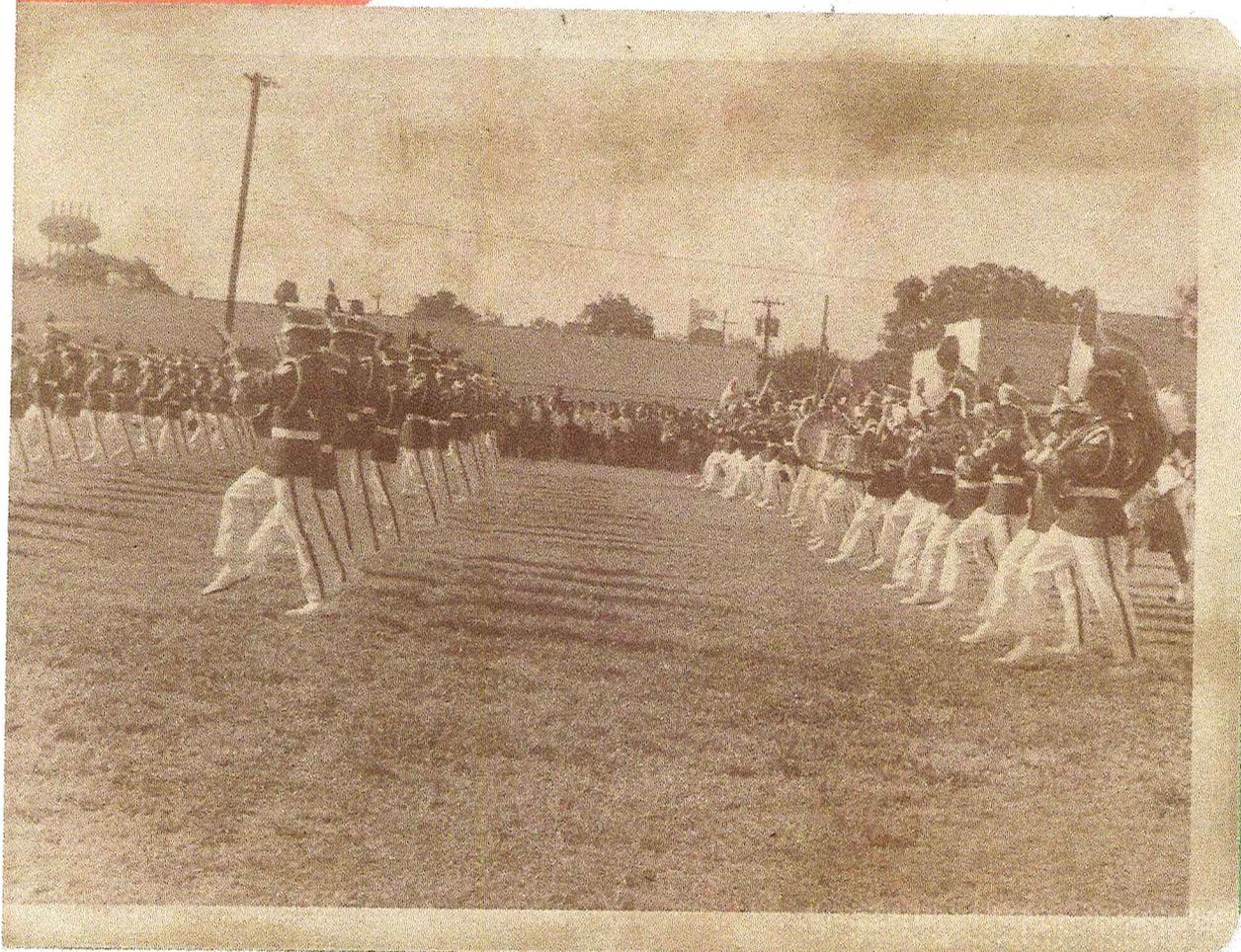
Lanier H.S.
1959-1960

1962-1963



1962-1963



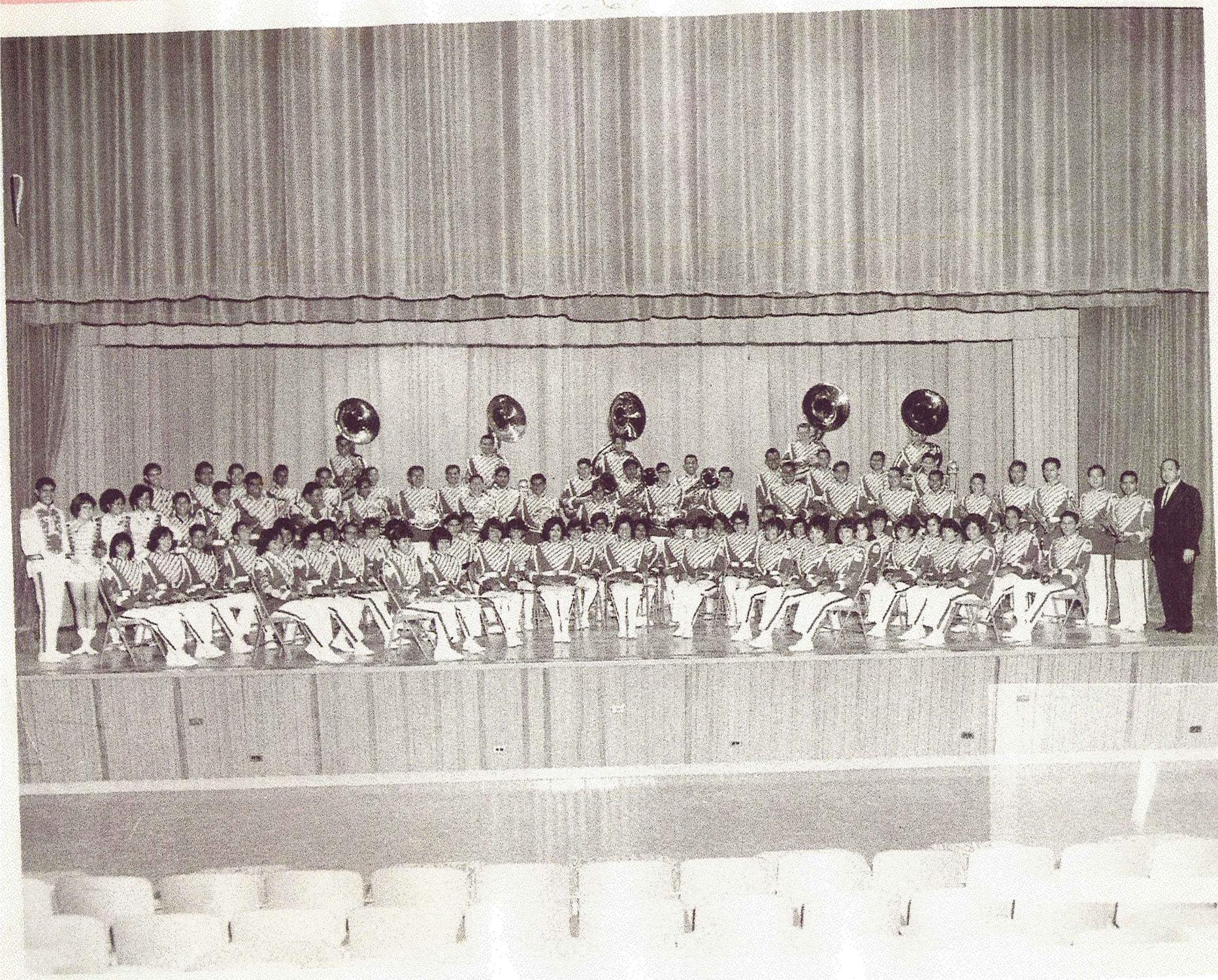


Band Festival - Sweepstakes 1966



1965-6
SWEEPSTAKES

1965 - 1966
Sweepstakes



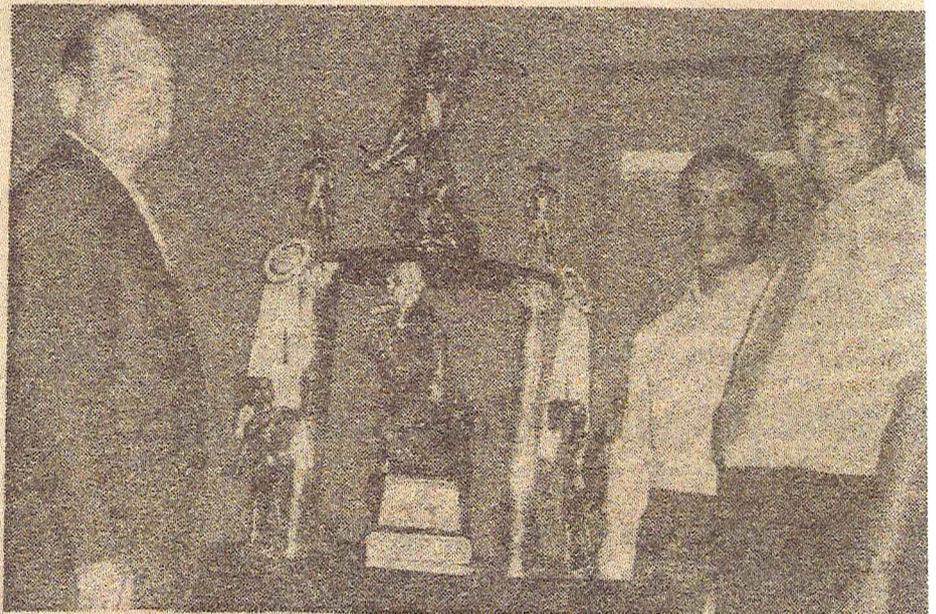
1966 - 1967

Marching Competition 1969



THEY MAKE AN IMPRESSIVE PICTURE AS THEY MARCH DOWN FIELD
to admit they had some first class musical training.

STAFF PHOTO



DISTINCION A LANIER—Los estudiantes de la escuela superior de Lanier a
ban de recibir una distincion militar al ser nombrado su equipo militar RO
"unidad de distincion honorifica." Tambien recibieron un bello trofeo en el p
sado desfile de las Fiestas Patrias. En la foto, izquierda a derecha, Ross Cher
subdirector; John C. Rodriguez, director de la banda y Jimmy Garcia, tamb
primero.

Groups Commemorate "Deiz Y Seis"

by Janie Trevino

Was swinging to the beat of a polka or maybe singing a mexican ballad your way of celebrating Deiz y Seis? Lanier's first contribution to diez y seis activities began Saturday, September 14, in just that fashion.

Teachers and students began the three day celebration with the band participating in the 'Diez y Sies da Septiembre' parade. The band won 1st place for best-looking and best-sounding band.

Several teachers were bri-

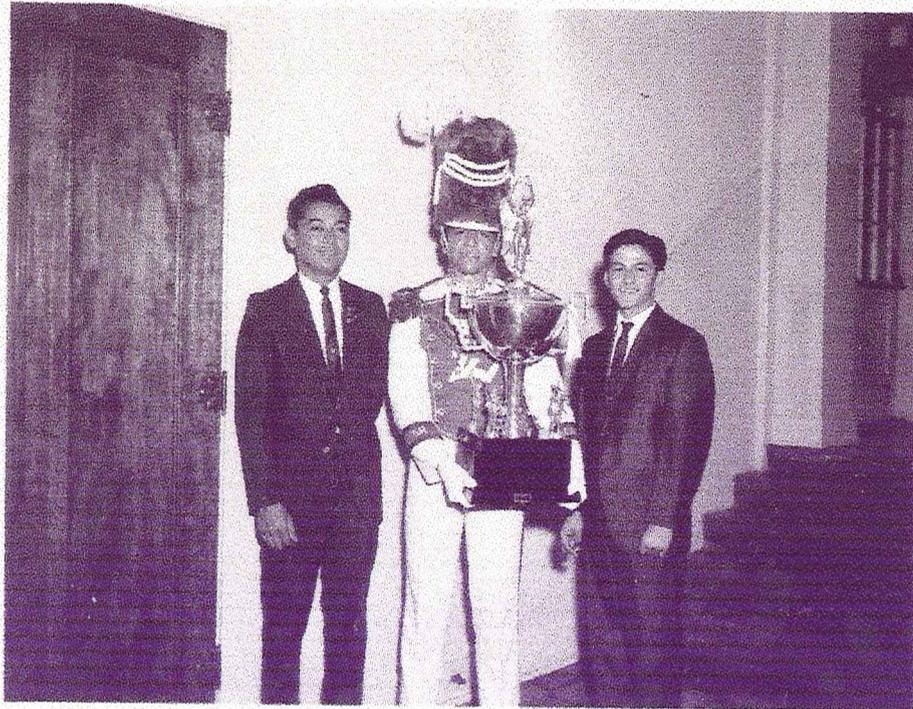
ghtly dressed in stylish mexican outfits. Among those participating were, Mrs. Pelle San Miguel, Mrs. Rosemary Pedraza, Mrs. Karen Sebest, Mrs. Sheila Acosta, Mrs. Anna Lopez, Mrs. Marcella Alcide, Mrs. Lucy Sutton.

Although there were obvious exceptions, students recognized not all faculty cooperated. As senior Arturo Villarreal in Mrs. Alcide's advisory commented, "Only one of my teachers, participated which showed that they did not really care about what happened on that day. But of course there were others who dressed as they were asked to be. Congratulations to those teachers."



Photo by Joe Rangel

Band Director, Mr. John C. Rodriguez gleefully carries Top awarded to the Lanier band for their first-rate performance "Deiz Y Seis" parade.



INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUER

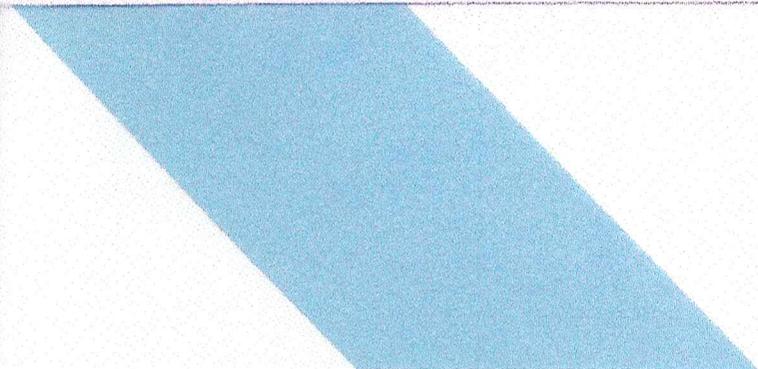
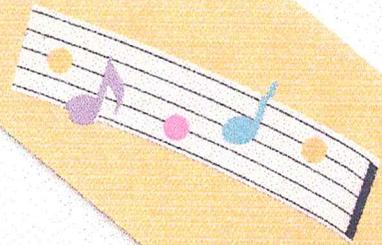
1974 First Division Winners In Marching Band

REGION I: AAAA — Amarillo, Ron Wells; Hereford, Randy Vaughn; Pampa, Jeff Doughton.
 AAA—Canyon, J. W. King, Jr.
 AA—Dalhart, David Robertson; Panhandle, Gerald Smith; Tulia, Larry Prather.
 A—Gruber, Damon Ladd; Memphis, Carol Blain; Sanford-Fritch, Tim Youres; Stamford, Gary Larramore.
 CCC—Pampa, Joe Di Cosimo.
 REGION II: AAAA—Abilene, Bill Spencer; Cooper (Abilene), Warren Thaxton; Mineral Wells, Norman Deisher.
 AAA—Snyder, Don Eiring.
 AA—Seymour, Barbara Sperberg Pren-

AA—DeKalb, Don Foster; Hooks, Dean Stewart; Linden-Kildave, Leonard Walker; Quitman, Larry Coggins.
 A—Garrison, Randy Dawson; Overton, Scott Rhame; Sabine (Gladewater), Rick Towler; Spring Hill (Longview), James Fort; Timpson, Denny Whitley; Winona, Earnest Stapleton.
 CCC—Greenville, Jay Phillips; Forest Park (Longview), Pat Carmack; Foster (Longview), Jimmy Yancey.
 CC—Judson (Longview), Charles Parsons.
 C—Jacksonville, Joe Teague.
 REGION V: AAAA—Bell (Hurst), R. Winslow & L. Allbrook; Eastern Hills

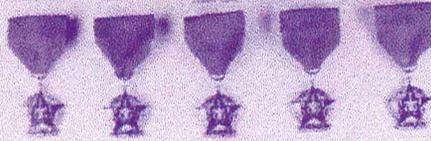
Crockett (Odessa), Rick Miller; Hood (Odessa), Van Ragsdale; Nimitz (Odessa), Ed Handley.
 C—Crockett (Pecos), Darle Rountree; Fort Stockton, Randy Storie; Monahans, Ronnie Vaughn.
 REGION VII: AAA—Lampasas, Mike Olson.
 AA—Brady, James Mallow; Breckenridge, Albert Lykins; Winters, Kirke McKenzie.
 A—Eldorado, Wayne McDonald; Menard, Forrester Balamlock.
 REGION VIII: AAAA—Cleburne, Richard Heimcamp; Killeen, David Pennington

(San Antonio), Henry Vande Putte; Kennedy (San Antonio), Carlos Rogales; Lanier (San Antonio), John Rodriguez; Lee (San Antonio), Melvin Meads; MacArthur (San Antonio), Bill Leberger; Marshall (San Antonio), Bob Lewis; McCollum (San Antonio), Wayne Maxwell; South San Antonio, Cecil Morris.
 AAA—East Central (San Antonio), Bobby Kunz; Pleasanton, Doug Williamson.
 AA—Karnes City, Dan Frels; Randolph, John Bridges.
 A—Poch, Robert Green.
 REGION XIII: AAAA—Calhoun (Port Lavaca), Edward Zamora; El Campo, Bill Spratt; Victoria, J. Wood & D. Smith

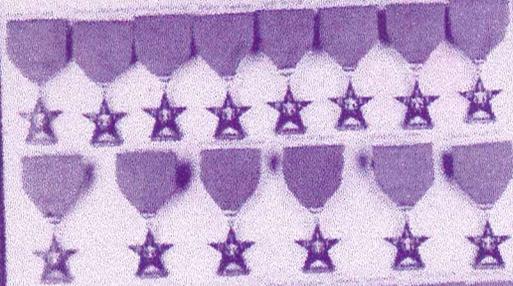


SIDNEY LANIER BAND
MEDALS

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CLASS I



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CLASS II

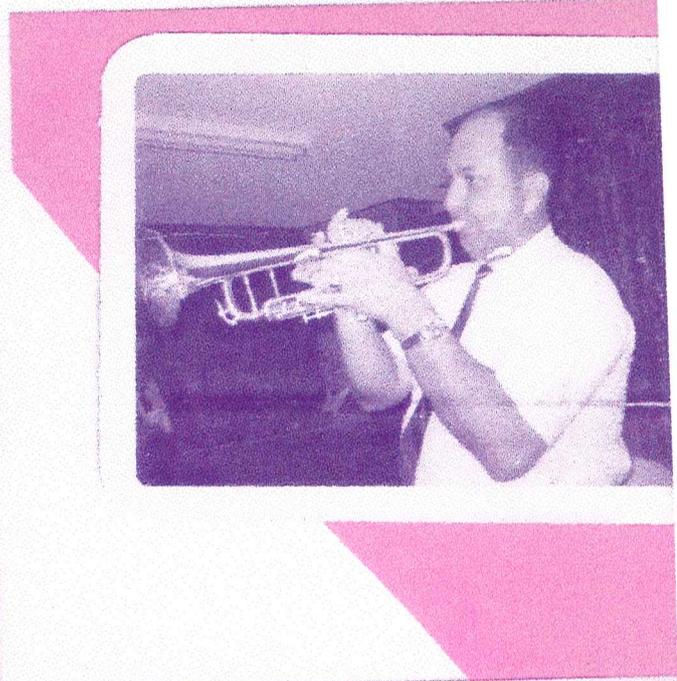


1968-69 - The Plaza





**BOBBY GALVAN
AND HIS ORCHESTRA**



Former Band Director New Lanier Dean Knows Street



JOHN C. RODRIGUEZ, bandmaster at Lanier High School, was promoted to dean of the school this year. (Staff Photo.)

By FRANK TREJO

The new dean at Lanier High School is no stranger to the barrio.

John C. Rodriguez, the school's bandmaster, who was promoted this year to dean, was born a few blocks from Lanier.

He was born to Mr. and Mrs. Juan Rodriguez at 817 S. Frio in 1927.

Rodriguez, who was appointed bandmaster in 1964 by the late Fidel Tafolla, was a student at the old

Navarro Elementary School in Pecos.

He recalls that when his sister, Gloria, was six and five years old their parents were taking them to their uncle's private cello and violin lessons. His uncle, Rodriguez said, played with the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra.

Rodriguez also remembers during the Depression, when he was seven, he and his father

Music of Barrio

ter played as a trio for pennies and nickels in the streets.

At the age of nine, Rodriguez, who played cello with the trio, had to change to violin because his sister was 10 years old and his father did not

want to take her with the trio to play at cantinas.

He said that when his parents bought a home at Colima and Cibola in 1939, he was enrolled at Lanier Junior High School, which was on the same campus as the high school.

When bandmaster V. Zimmerman heard of Rodriguez, the young musician was taken in the string section of the

The new school dean said that in the summer of 1940, his family collected 3,000 coupons for Pioneer White Wings Flour to purchase his first trumpet.

"I was awarded the 'Bianchi' medal in 1941 and Rodriguez added.



We want to thank you for the
 time and effort you gave our band!
 In return, we brought back a First
 Division, and a good part of it also
 goes to you!!! Thanks again.

RENE
 CASTILLO
 BAND 5th

Mundo
 First Team
 Sponsor
 Thomas
 Roxanne
 Crewed
 (Fluted)

Douglas Thompson
 Manuel Bay Jr

**The
 Lanier Band**

Victor
 Medina
 Richard Maldonado
 Johnny Brizman
 Juan Olivaros

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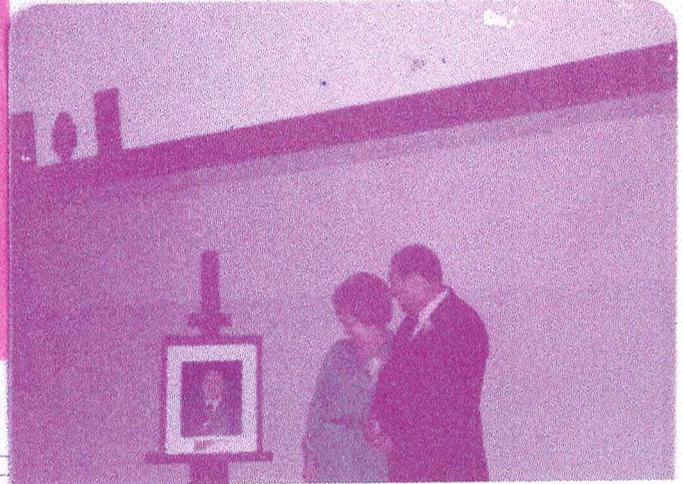
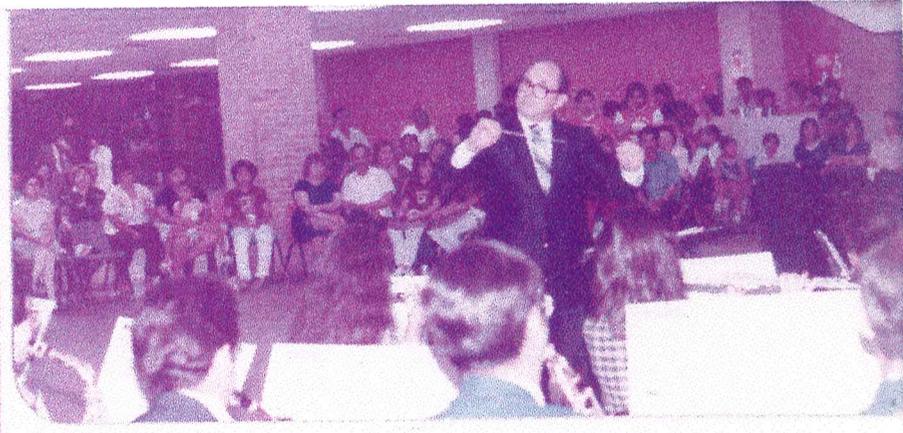
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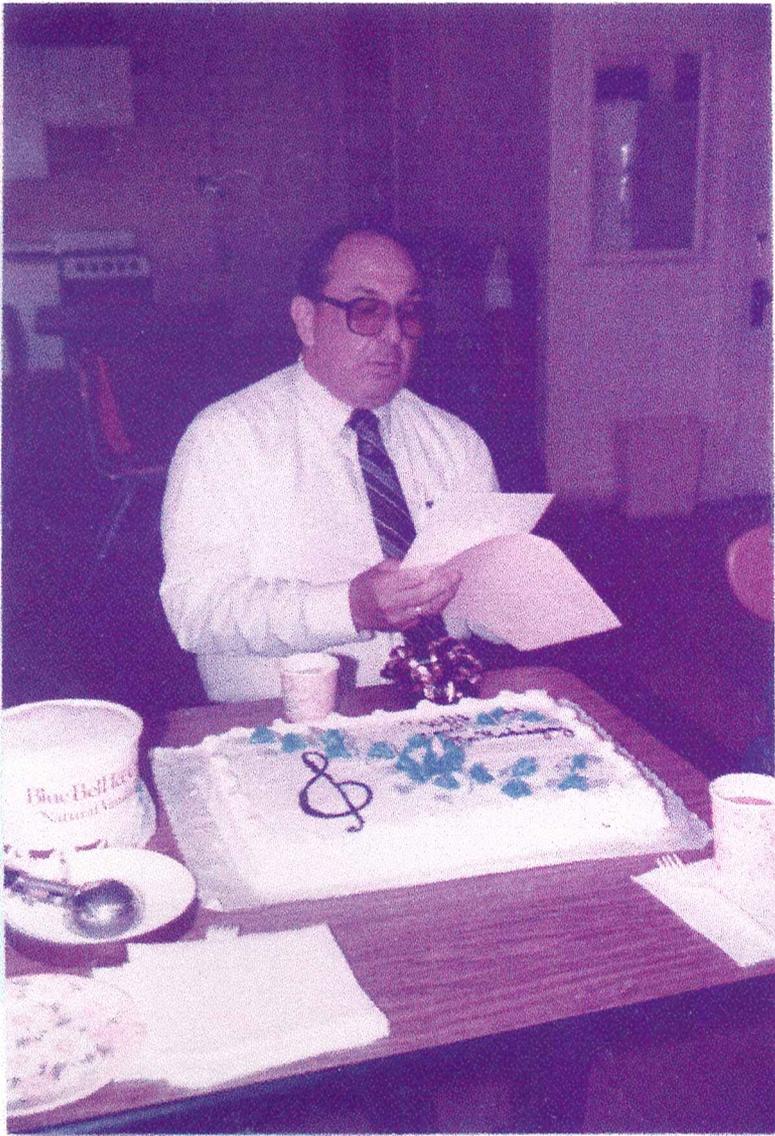
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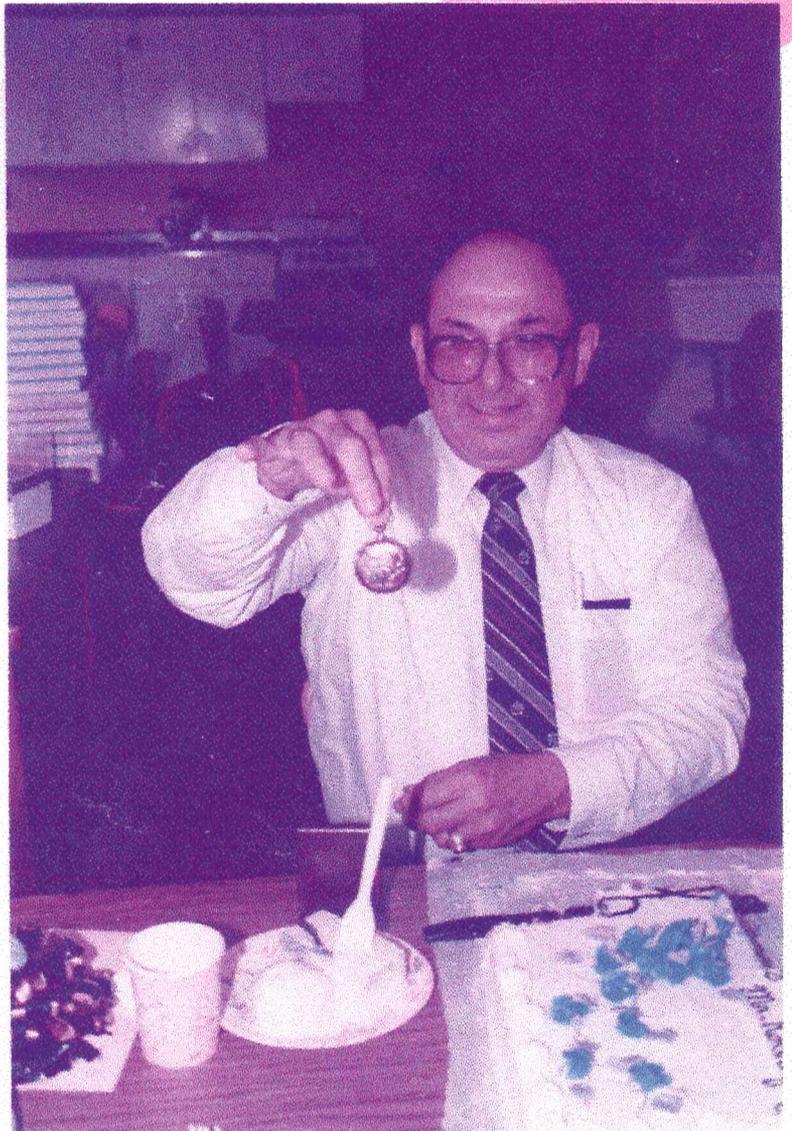
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Retirement
Party
May 21, 1987



SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

141 LAVACA STREET
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78210

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

November 19, 1971

Mr. John C. Rodriguez
Band Director
Lanier High School
1514 Durango St.
San Antonio, Texas 78207

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

My heartiest congratulations to THE MIGHTY VOK BAND and to the direction you have provided for them.

Your recent 1st place rating in marching and inspection competition proves the hard work and dedication that has always been a tradition at Lanier School.

I am proud of you and all of the band members. My warmest wishes to each and everyone of you for continued success from an Ex-Lanier Principal and friend who never forgets you.

- Most Sincerely,

Nick E. Garza

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SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
AREA III ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
1118 GUADALUPE STREET
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78207

OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT

December 6, 1971

Mr. Johnny Rodriguez, Band Director
Lanier High School
1514 Durango Street
San Antonio, Texas 78207

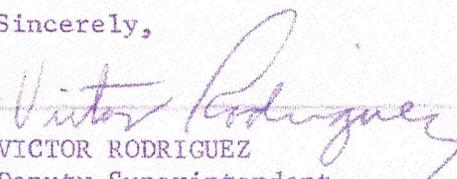
Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

Please allow me to take this opportunity to congratulate you and members of your band for your outstanding performance at the recent UIL Regional Marching Contest.

You are a credit not only to Lanier High School, but to the entire San Antonio Independent School District. Those of us in Area III are especially proud of your being the only high school in our school district to receive a first division rating.

Please convey my sincere appreciation to the members of your fine band for a job well done.

Sincerely,


VICTOR RODRIGUEZ
Deputy Superintendent

VR:euz

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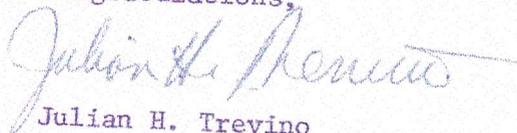
March 29, 1972

Lanier High School Band
Mr. John C. Rodriguez, Director
Sidney Lanier High School

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the superior performance last Saturday. I would also like to thank you for the extra work and determination that you demonstrated.

There were many favorable comments about your playing abilities but, also, and probably just as important, there were many favorable comments about your appearance. This is a tribute to your fine principal and of course to your fine director, Mr. Rodriguez.

Congratulations,



Julian H. Trevino

JHT:njr
cc: Mr. Jesse Mendez, Jr.
Mr. Bill Ross

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March 29, 1972

Mr. John C. Rodriguez and
The Lanier High School Band
1514 Durango Street
San Antonio, Texas 78207

Dear Mr. Rodriguez and Band Students:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate each and everyone of you for the outstanding job you did at contest last Saturday.

I was very happy to learn that, not only did you make Sweepstakes, but were the only ones to do it from our school district.

Congratulations to all of you and especially to your fine director Mr. John Rodriguez. I am well aware of the sacrifices you have had to make in practice sessions before and after school; this will not only make you better musicians but good citizens as well. Again congratulations.

Sincerely yours,

Victor Rodriguez
VICTOR RODRIGUEZ
Deputy Superintendent

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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

DEPARTMENT OF MODEL CITIES

2322 BUENA VISTA, 78207

December 28, 1971

John Rodriguez

Mr. Jesse Mendez
Principal
Lanier High School
1514 Durango Street
San Antonio, Texas 78207

Dear Mr. Mendez:

I would like to thank you and Mr. John Rodriguez and the Lanier High School Band for their performance in playing and providing music during our recent CPPC elections.

The audience that gathered at St. Agnes Catholic Church, where the rally was held, thoroughly enjoyed the music and the talents of your great Lanier High School Band.

On behalf of our director, the CPPC and the Model Cities staff, I would like to thank you again for this service rendered.

Sincerely,

Dan San Miguel Jr.
Dan San Miguel, Jr.
Community Relations Officer

DSM:jts

cc: John Rodriguez



The Senate of The State of Texas

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 790

In Memory of John C. Rodriguez

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of John C. Rodriguez, who died April 17, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1928 into a family that loved music and encouraged John's innate aptitude, he began playing professionally with his family from the early age of seven; and

WHEREAS, The accomplished musician, whose instruments became the trumpet and violin, traveled extensively with his parents, the late Juan C. and Maria Guerra Rodriguez, and his brother and sister, Carlos and Gloria; the small family musical group entertained Texans across our state and provided the nurturing that enhanced the artistry of their award-winning child; and

WHEREAS, He served in the United States Navy and the United States Air Force, and in 1952 he received his bachelor of music degree from Our Lady of the Lake University and his master's degree in 1955 from The University of Texas; and

WHEREAS, With 32 years of service in the San Antonio Independent School District teaching music and as band director at Sidney Lanier High School, where years earlier he had attended as a student, John C. Rodriguez retired in 1987; and

WHEREAS, John C. Rodriguez gained many awards and honors as both a performing musician and as a highly acclaimed music educator and was a life member of the Musicians Society of San Antonio Local Number 23; and

WHEREAS, Retaining a cherished place in the hearts of all who knew him, John Rodriguez bequeaths a lasting legacy to his family and friends of his belief in the beauty of self-expression wherever it may thrive: in the family, on the world stage, or in the chambers of the great institutions; and

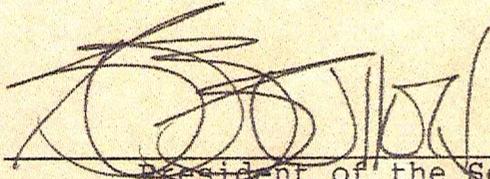
WHEREAS, When a friend and cherished companion leaves our side, the bounty of what he gave is undeniable; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 75th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of John C. Rodriguez: his wife, Helen Rodriguez; his sons and daughters-in-law, Roland and Genevieve Rodriguez and Gerald and Cynthia Rodriguez; his daughters and sons-in-law, Rosina and Jack Brinkman, Melissa and Henry Bustamante; his grandchildren, Aubran, Jolly, Erika, David, Sarah, Briana, and Eileen; his sister and brother-in-law, Gloria and Joe F. Gonzalez; and his brother, Carlos Rodriguez; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John C. Rodriguez.

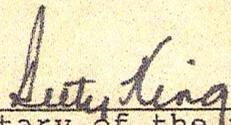
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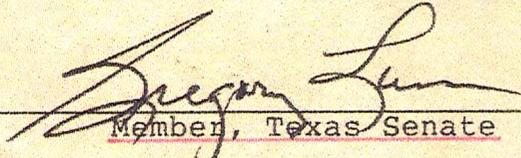


President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 21, 1997, by a rising vote. _____



Secretary of the Senate



Member, Texas Senate