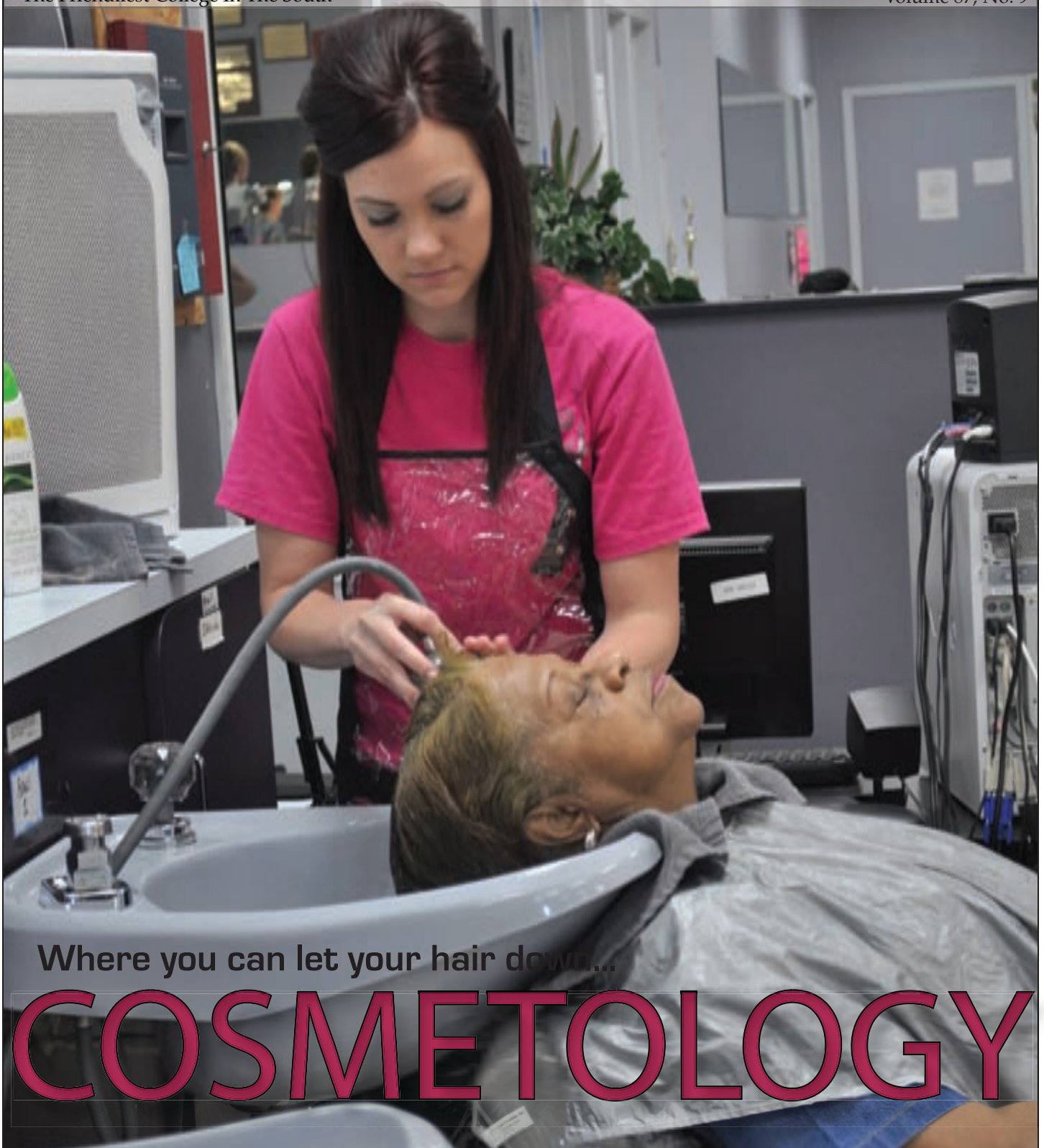


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Sara Alsup washes
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Cosmetology: the art of hair

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When you walk through the door of the green cosmetology building at the back of PJC's Paris campus, you are met with the smell of fingernail polish, and the buzzing sound of blow-dryers. The students in PJC's Cosmetology program learn everything they need to know -from nails to facials- to survive in the beauty world.

It may seem like it would not take any more time than any other program at PJC to become a cosmetologist but according to Essie Moore, cosmetology instructor, these students put in a total of 1,500 clock hours required by the Texas Cosmetology Commission. Students must clock in every day to track the number of hours they work, much like a job.

Moore says, "I mainly focus on teaching my students, and preparing them for state boards, then have them practice on clients."

She has been involved in cosmetology since 1986 and holds a master's degree in education and an associate's degree in cosmetology. She has been at PJC teaching since 1992.

To become a cosmetologist, a student is not required to take academic courses but getting into the program is much like any other class at PJC. It is on a first come, first served, basis but since there is only one teacher they only accept the first 25 applicants.

Cosmetology students start their studies in August and receive certificates and graduate in the fall after 15 months of training. After students graduate, Moore provides job placement help and she is always available to answer any questions.



Kaitlyn Skidmore/The Bat

Cosmetology student, Kaci Burchinal, gives a customer a new haircut under the eye of instructor Essie Moore.

"My favorite part of teaching cosmetology is seeing my students succeed and become licensed professionals," Moore says.

Student Kaye Hamilton, says her favorite part about cosmetology is the nail art and the social aspect of doing nails.

"I'm addicted to talking and nails, so a cosmetologist just seemed like the perfect job for me," Hamilton says.

Others, like Sara Alsup and Robin Carroll, say they enjoy the hair part.

Alsup says, "I love to make people feel good about themselves, and once you leave the salon you feel fresh and new."

Carroll says, "I like the aspect that I can make my own hours and cosmetology lets you go in lots of different ways."

PJC cosmetology takes clients to help students gain experience every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and charges only \$3 for every service provided. Call (903) 782-0494 to make an appointment.

To get to the cosmetology building you go by the tennis courts, behind the library make a right at the maintenance building, then a left into the parking lot. The cosmetology building is green and on the side it says "Cosmetology" in big white letters.

The cutting edge of beauty

Photos by Kaitlyn Skidmore



Cosmetology student, Ginger Metcalf, practices parting a mannequin's hair during class Wednesday, April 4. Students are required to complete 1500 hours before receiving a certificate.



Cosmetology student, Shatara Owens, gains experience putting a woman's hair into clips. Cosmetology takes appointments every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, charging \$3 a service.



From left, cosmetology students Britney Payne and Dakota Roberts practice giving each other a manicure.

Kicking Butts!!

The Beta Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa on the Greenville Campus of Paris Junior College participated in the 2012 *Kick Butts Day* campaign by picking up cigarette butts around the campus center at 6500 Monty Stratton Parkway. After attending a program on the effects of nicotine use, ten chapter members and advisers canvassed the flower beds and grounds to collect cigarette butts.



Participants were Amber Keys, David Larkin, Carlee Bishop, Jacob Allen, Willis Manley, Joe Jackson, Lauren Smith, Officer Billy Miller, Charissa Fredrickson and Jennifer Lehfeldt.

Courtesy Photo

Logo design contest offers \$100 prize

The Quality Enhancement Plan Committee (QEP) is holding a contest to design a logo/graphic/ image for PJC's QEP slogan.

Open to PJC students, faculty, staff and administration that will yield a \$100 prize.

The deadline to enter is April 24.

The QEP topic, selected by PJC faculty, is DART (Developing Accountability and Responsibility Together) which focuses on enhancing student learning by developing accountability and responsibility through a collaborative effort of students, faculty, and staff and the plan is part of the college's reaffirmation accreditation process.

All hard copy submissions should have contact name and information with students including their student i.d. numbers on the back of the entry form to the president's office on the Paris Campus. Off campus submissions may be submitted to the Greenville Center Office or Sulphur Springs Center Office.

The contest encourages creativity and a trendy approach. Winners will be announced on May 1.

For questions on the contest email rtapp@parisjc.edu or mcummings@parisjc.edu.

PJC Early Summer Registration

Early Registration for summer classes opened Monday, April 9. It will remain open until May 11 for the mini-term; May 31 for summer I; and July 9 for summer II.

The mini-term begins May 14, and ends May 31. Several classes, which have never before been offered in the mini-term, will be offered.

ENGL0102/0302 (Development in writing I and Basic English II respectively), taught by Diann Mason, is offered Mondays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Paris campus.

ENGL1301 Mini-Term (Composition and Rhetoric), taught by Marian Ellis, is offered Mondays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon at the Paris campus.

Likewise, PJC is offering Internet courses in the mini-term: DRAM-1310 (Theatre Appreciation) taught by William Walker, and MUSI-1306 (Music Appreciation) taught by Philip Briggs.

Summer I courses begin June 4 and end July 6.

Summer II classes begin July 10 and end August 9.

Returning students may register online at www.parisjc.edu, but new students must register in person at the Admissions Office.

Gaming blowout!



Courtesy Photo

Students gather at a previous gaming tournament, hosted by the library.

DAVID DANNHEIM
STAFF WRITER

Nearly everybody loves video games; they're flashy and people love playing them with their friends. Add the fact that they give people a break from reality, and it becomes clear why they are almost universally appealing.

Starting at 10 p.m. today, students may come to the Library to play an entire assortment of video games.

"This tournament will be a gaming blowout," says librarian and tournament organizer Alexia Riggs. "There will be two tournaments and an Xbox Kinect for people who are waiting for their turns to come up, as well as any games that the students wish to bring themselves."

This will be the fourth gaming tournament of the year, and the second this semester. Riggs will provide snacks, but

students may bring their own; likewise, students can also bring their own gaming equipment.

The tournament will last until about 12:30 a.m. Students wishing to stay later may stay until 1:30 a.m., when, Riggs says the library will close.

The two tournament games will be "Just Dance" and "Halo: Reach."

"Just Dance," produced by Ubisoft in 2009, is a game much like the popular "Dance Dance Revolution."

The rhythm and dance game is full of well-known songs by artists like Kylie Minogue, Blondie and Elvis Presley.

"Halo: Reach," developed by Bungie and produced by Microsoft Game Studios, is a sequel to the famous Halo franchise.

It is a first-person shooter, set in the year 2552; the game follows the actions of the Noble Team, a group of six Spartan super-soldiers.

However, the popularity of the game comes from its cooperative online game play.

While waiting for their turns in the tournament, players will also be able to play with the Xbox Kinect; the Kinect is a motion capture console much like the Wii.

The difference between the two is that the Kinect is essentially a web cam with motion capture capabilities.

The Kinect will have Kinect Adventures, a game that includes multiple sports and activities for the player to play, as well as a few other Kinect games.

Riggs also mentioned that "Urban Terror," a popular free, online game, is going to be set up on a few computers for students interested in the game.

Students wishing to contact Riggs about bringing their own games and consoles can email her at ariggs@parisjc.edu.

Dragon



Puffs

Dropping classes

Today, Thursday, April 12, is the last day to drop with a grade of "W."

Student vs. Staff Basketball Game

Student Activities is hosting a student vs. staff basketball game Tuesday April 17, at 6 p.m. in the Hunt Center. Students may go to Student Activities Director Kristen Ervin in the Student Center, room 109 to sign up.

Lady Dragons Softball Cookout

Wednesday, April 18, Student Activities will host a cookout at the Lady Dragons' Softball game at 2 p.m. at the Love Civic Center field 2. There will be hot dogs, drinks and chips.

Luau Cookout

Tuesday, April 24 Student Activities will host a luau cookout at the sand volleyball court at 3 p.m. There will be finger foods, snacks and drinks.

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Mary, an Honors College student studying biology, came to Texas A&M University-Commerce to take advantage of the Honors College full-ride scholarship and to pursue her dream of becoming a neuroscientist.

For Mary, the Honors College presents many great opportunities that can help her as she strives toward her goals. Because she plans to attend medical school after graduation, she is especially interested in writing the required Honors College thesis to add to her résumé.

Along with the academic benefits, Mary enjoys being part of the close-knit A&M-Commerce community and getting to know her professors on a personal level.

“Both the Commerce community and the university are relatively small,” Mary said. “And the small class sizes allow students an opportunity to develop close student/teacher relationships.”

Mary is positive that A&M-Commerce is a great starting point for a career in science and medicine, and is grateful for the knowledge she has obtained at the university.

“When I go on to genetics, cell biology and eventually neuroscience, I’ll have a background in it,” Mary said. “My experience working in the university lab will help me retain the information better and will give me an advantage over other students who don’t have this experience.”



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Radiology: images of student success

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Going into the radiology lab at PJC is similar to going into any medical facility, save the fact that there are students putting what they learned about in the classrooms to use. Karen Powers, Coordinator/Instructor in the Radiology Center, helps these up-and-coming radiologists to fulfill their potential in their field of choice.

Powers explains that radiology is imaging the body to find abnormalities so health care specialists can diagnose and cure those abnormalities. Those interested in this field work x-ray machines, ultrasound machines and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

Students spend two years in the PJC classes and labs and then do field work in medical facilities in surrounding areas. A graduate with an associate's in applied science must be registered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) and obtain a state license.

The students practice in the labs at the Workforce Training Center. Using each other to simulate positioning and getting into the motions of using the machinery, they are then ready, "To go into the field and actually perform with real patients," said Powers.

Even so, the students are under direct supervision while doing the actual procedures in the clinics and hospitals.

Two senior radiology students have received honors and are getting ready to head out and make their own way.

Jean Dickerson, a senior student, received an honor through the Student Leadership Development Program.

"I was selected for the Student Leadership Development Program; I entered an essay contest," said Dickerson. "I am a people person and I like the science." Her honor is taking her to Las Vegas for a radiology convention.

Rafael Gonzales is the sec-



Alexander Thomas/The Bat

Khri Redick, a radiology student, uses a radiology machine in a practice run over Annalissa Euben, another radiology student.

ond student to receive honors.

"I was selected by the International Scholar Laureate through Phi Theta Kappa," said Gonzales. "I am going to pursue a job in imaging centers, using cat scans or working in a hospital." Gonzales's honor will take him to Australia for a radiologist's convention.

"I want to wind up somewhere by the coast," Gonzales said, about where he would like to eventually work.

The radiology program is very well respected and liked by those taking the class so they have no problem telling about it.

"We are pretty much like family," said Nathan Pinson, a senior radiology student, "You meet a lot of different people

and learn a lot of different things."

"It is an excellent program with good instructors," said Neal Moran, a second year radiology student, "I think most of us are going straight into the field."

"It is a great program with good teachers," said Brittany Viehe, a first semester student in the radiology program.

"When we actually get to do hands on with the machines, we love it," said Jennifer Tanzy, another first semester student, expressing why she likes the class.

Those interested in taking the radiology class can contact Powers at 903-782-0765; her email is kpowers@parisjc.edu.



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Jean Dickerson, left, and Rafael Gonzales, right. Dickerson will be going to Las Vegas for a radiologist convention while Gonzales is going to Australia for another one.

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