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For more than 90 years, *The Bat* has recorded the history of Paris Junior College. Photos taken by Keith Carter.



90 years of PJC news

TAYLOR McCLOURE
EDITOR

Over the years, PJC has seen many changes: such as new buildings, new programs, new classes. Students and employees have come and gone. *The Bat*, the PJC student newspaper, for the past 90 years, recorded these experiences and changes.

“While it has been difficult to establish which Texas junior college had the first student newspaper or which junior college has had the longest continuously published student newspaper, we do know that PJC opened in 1924 and the first issue of *The Bat* was published in October of 1925,” said Sharon Dennehy, journalism instructor and adviser to *The Bat*.

“As far as we can tell from our archives, the paper has been published on a regular basis, by students, for the last 90 years,” said Dennehy.

The first issue had no pictures, was published on newsprint paper, and consisted of gossip, fashion statements, and congratulations to the first graduating class of PJC, which consisted of just five students. The newspaper was created by Ruth Hudson, who suggested the name and kept it going. Without her, *The Bat* would not have “flown” according to her students.

Through the decades, different generations of newspaper staffs personalized

and created a student-led newspaper that captured the personality of the college for that time period.

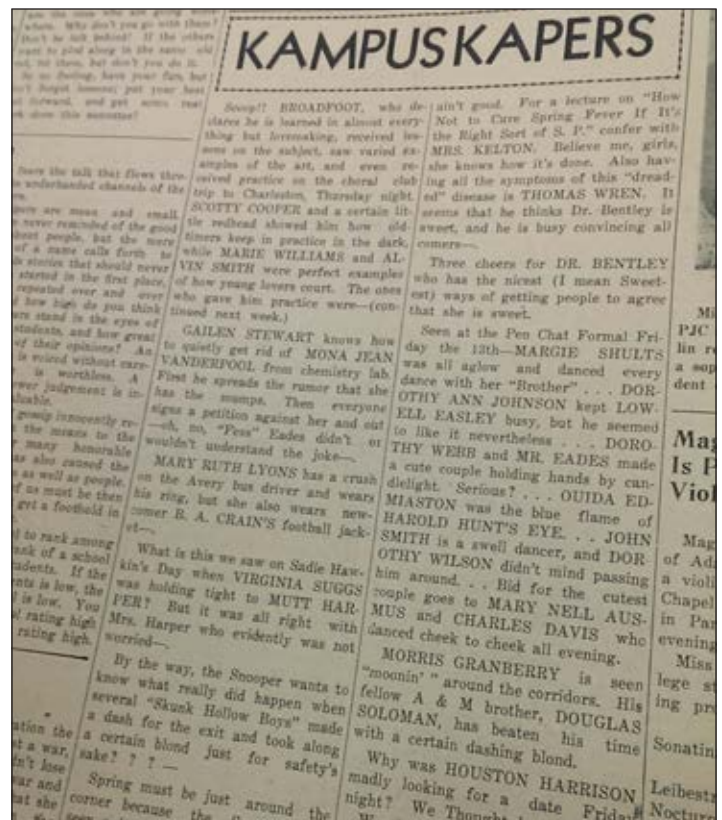
The newspapers from the 1940s were composed of war news such as the implementation of an aviation club, along with funny and light-hearted gossip and jokes in a popular article named *Kampus Kapers*.

One article in a 1940s paper noted, “Eighty-seven per cent of co-eds in a recent survey replied that sweaters and skirts are the

backbone of college wardrobes.” Could those clothing items be commonly found around campus in 2015?

In 1954, *The Bat* took top honors in the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA) competition. The staff won place awards in all ten of its entries, including six first place awards. Over the years, staffers have brought home numerous awards from TIPA.

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Taylor McCloure/The Bat

In a 1940 column titled “Kampus Kapers,” *The Bat* staff shared local gossip from around campus.

Sophomores wrap it all up

AMBER CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER



ou're
off to
Great
Places!
Today
is your
day!

Your mountain is waiting, so... get on your way!" *Oh, The Places You'll Go!* Dr. Seuss

The end of the semester is near, students are tired of doing work and teachers are worn out from grading. However, an exciting time is coming up; graduation. It is the time the sophomores move on to bigger and better things whether it be work or a university to continue education.

"[After PJC] I'm going to Texas A&M-Texarkana to finish my degree in electrical engineering," Kerry Washington said.

What has led to graduation is the good times of being a college student. Some memories could be from just sitting at home or the dorms and getting to know someone or going out and exploring the town late at night.

"My favorite memory is everything I've gotten to do



So be sure when you step, Step with care and great tact. And remember that life's A Great Balancing Act. And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! (98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed) Kid, you'll move mountains."

Oh, The Places You'll Go! Dr. Seuss

with my theater family and the members of DPO (Delta Si Omega)," Laurent Salvador. "Even though we argue a lot, we have formed a very tight family."

College can be hard for some students; it can mean going through stressful times with school work or losing a good friend from high school or one you just met.



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meet things that scare you right out of your pants. There are some, down the road between hither and yon, that can scare you so much you won't want to

go on," *Oh, The Places You'll Go!* Dr. Seuss

"The hardest thing I went through was picking my major," Salvador said. "Will Walker helped me realize that doing what makes me happy will be better than living in a mansion with broken dreams."

After these sophomores graduate, new students are going to come in and experience the same enjoyable or difficult times. Advice will be needed and sometimes people just want to talk to someone who has already gone through the same thing or something close to the situation. Sophomores offer their best advice to the current freshmen.

"[Paris, Texas] is small, so be creative when finding activities to pass time," Caitlin Kennard said.

"Enjoy it, but do not get relaxed in the college life," Washington said.

"Do your homework and do not procrastinate," Jorge Delgado said.

From here, students move on. They either begin their lives or new journeys with many opportunities. Either way, a new adventure will begin and the sophomores will be on their way.

Graduation Information

Graduation will be held on Friday, May 15 at 7 p.m. in Noyes Stadium. In the case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to the Hunt Center. Students must meet in the library at 6 p.m. to receive important information before the ceremony. A reception will be held following the ceremony at the tennis courts and in case of inclement weather it will be held in the Student Center Ballroom. Pick up for cap and gown will be held at the Paris Campus on May 6 from 1 - 4:30 p.m. and on May 11-14 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Student Records office in the Administration Building room 138.

Vaughan, Jackson honored with District PTK awards

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Student Paula Vaughan and club advisor Joe Jackson have received the first District 3 Hall of Honors electives for the Beta Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

They were not at the regional meeting in Texarkana March 30 so they were surprised with their badges at the regular chapter meeting last week at PJC. PTK is the two-year college honor society.

Jackson was pinned for his exceptional service to PTK, receiving his badge from PTK Historian/Secretary Vaughan. PTK President Kristin McConnell surprised Vaughan by presenting her with a badge. She had been nominated by her peers for her efforts as



Paula Vaughan and Joe Jackson

Courtesy Photo

past PTK president to keep the chapter thriving through several advisor transitions, during which time the chapter received a Four Star rating. “District III leadership

noted that these are the first Hall of Honor recipients from PJC’s Beta Zeta Chapter,” said PTK advisor Diann Mason.



Courtesy Photo

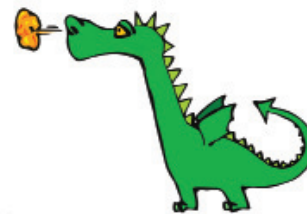
Receiving Phi Theta Kappa’s All-Texas Academic Team honors were Paris Junior College students Nathan Slinkard (left) and Jeramy Howell (right). The two-year college honor society held the recognition ceremony recently in the LBJ Library at the University of Texas in Austin.



Courtesy Photo

Top winners at the April 15 Creative Writing Awards program, included from left: Allegra Thomas, William A. Owens Scholarship; Leticia Yanez, Outstanding Student in English as a Second Language; Elizabeth Scott, Outstanding Student in English; Iliana Chakarova, Outstanding Student in a Foreign Language; and Taylor McCloure, Journalism Student of the Year.

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PUFFS

Final Exam Study Area

The library will be open until midnight from Sunday May 23 to Wednesday, May 27 and will return to regular hours on Thursday. Refreshments will be available.

Drama Scholarships

The PJC drama department is giving away scholarships to qualified students. The applications are in front of the Ray Karrer Theater or contact Will Walker at wwalker@parisjc.edu

Cheerleader Tryouts

Cheerleader tryouts will be on Saturday, April 25 in the Old Gym. There is a required clinic from 9 a.m. to noon. Tryouts will begin at 1 p.m.

Student Art Exhibit

There will be a student art exhibit on Tuesday, May 5 in the Art building from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Follow PJC on...



'New Works,' written by women, opens Thursday

MICHAELA PHILLIPS
STAFF WRITER

The PJC Theatre Department's New Works Festival consists of five plays, all written by women. It is an annual event that explores new genres of theatre or brings up a specific topic.

The New Works Festival opens Thursday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m.; other show times are Friday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 26 at 2:30 p.m. in the Ray Karrer Theatre.

Tickets are \$10 for non-students or free with PJC ID. Seating is limited and you could be turned away if no seats are available; you can make reservations at pjcdrama@parisjc.edu. If you reserve tickets please pick them up no later than 7:10 p.m. on the night you made reservations or at 1:10 p.m. on Sunday. Any reserved tickets that have not been picked up will be given



Keith Carter/ The Bat

Amanda Lair- Barnett watches as Landyn Johnson plays the Child in "Touching the Blue Sky".

away.

Four of the five plays are written by Orada Lelanuja.

A Flowering Spirit: The play is set in two different time zones, one in the past and one in the present. Two women,

who live in different time zones, are trying to find a way to forgive.

The play features Laurent Salvador, Haley Hines, and Andy Johnson.

Touching the Blue Sky: The play is based on Thay Phap, a man who originally lived in Vietnam. A boy's family is tormented by Vietnam soldiers and the older boy must learn to forgive these people in order to find peace and become a Buddhist Monk.

Featured are Landyn Johnson, Cody Rice, Garry O' Connor.

Love Song: The play is set in a mix between the afterlife and dream world. Two strangers meet in this world and talk about their lives on Earth until they fall asleep in hopes of

waking up next to each other again.

Student actors are Dalton Smith and Tyaisha Allen.

Sanctuary: The play focuses on a married couple that have been having trouble at home who, finally learn to forgive each other.

Featured are Riley Collard and Danbri Erwin.

Semper Fi: Written by Jeanne Haggard, this Greek play is the tale of Iphigenia and her father Agamemnon re-imagined.

The play stars theatre instructor Will Walker and Kayla Phillips, Christine Sheehan, Rheston Sills, Kimberly Cortes, Paula Vaughan, Stormy Wilhite, and Amanda Lair Barnett, Marcus Kraut and Riley Collard.



Keith Carter/ The Bat

The cast of The New Works Festival gets together before a rehearsal.

Ceramics exhibit in art foyer



Taylor McCloure/ The Bat



Michaela Phillips/ The Bat

Here is one of Karmien Bowman's glazing techniques used in her sculpture *Reverie*. Bowman's artworks are located in the art building in the foyer. They will be on display until April 30.

A hand made pot by Karmien Bowman, Associate Professor of Art at Tarrant County College, is on display.

BAT HISTORY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

The 1960s became known as the "changing years" in PJC's history. New buildings were added, programs grew, and enrollment increased. *The Bat* also changed. News became less about fashion and gossip. Newspapers covered topics like the boxing team, tennis, faculty retirements, editorials, and the abolishment of the football team.

In 1962, *The Bat* announced its own "Oscars" and awarded titles such as Best Supporting Performance and Most Quotable to theater students during their plays.

In 2001, articles in *The Bat* covered the tragedy of 9/11 and how students around PJC were affected.

Nowadays, *The Bat* covers sports news, student events, and

news from around campus. Other differences include its magazine style looks and it is published in color. It is written and put together by a small staff of students.

The current newspaper recognizes the traditions of the older generations of papers by keeping "The Friendliest College In The South" on the cover and one of the oldest fonts of *The Bat* on the nameplate (the newspaper's name on the cover).

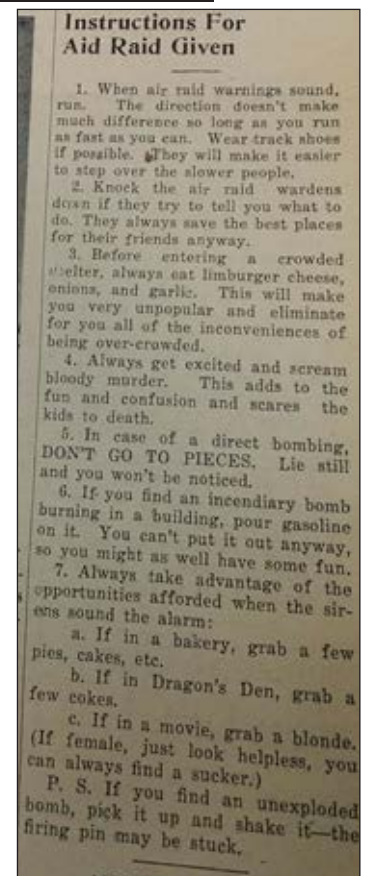
"The Friendliest College In The South" was originally put on the nameplate around 1960, but somewhere through the years, it was dropped from the cover. In November 2004, staff editor Joey Dean decided it should be part of the paper

once more. It has been on the nameplate ever since.

Crumbling issues of the last 90 years of *Bats* are housed in the PJC archives in the library. Beginning in 2008, PDF's of each issue became a part of the PJC website.

Every so often, different staff writers decide to write about the history of *The Bat*, how it got its name, and past members of the staff. The archives provide a window to the history of not only *The Bat*, but to the history of the one of the oldest junior colleges in Texas.

To the left is a picture of "Instructions for Aid Raid Given." It is an article published in the 1940s during the World War II years. It's a light-hearted piece that really captures the personality of *The Bat* at that time.



Spring Sports Update

Softball

Softball has an overall record of 14 wins and 17 losses and a district record of nine wins and 10 losses. Their next game is April 25 against Bossier Parish Community College at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Paris.



Amber Campbell/ The Bat

The softball team breaks out before taking the field once again.

Baseball

Baseball has an overall record of nine wins and 32 losses and a district record of six wins and 17 losses. Their next opponent is Bossier Parish Community College today at 2:30 p.m. in Bossier City, Louisiana. Baseball's next home game is April 25 starting at 1 p.m. against Bossier Parish Community College.



Golf



Courtesy photo

PJC's Grayson Benavides, front row and far right, was named to the 2015 NJCAA Southwest Championship All Tournament team. He shot 72, 70 and 75 to finish in 4th place at the Southwest District Championship on April 19- 20. The golf team advances to the NJCAA District II Championship on April 26- 28 in Abilene, Texas.

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Final Examination Schedule

Spring semester examinations will begin on Monday, May 11, 2015, and will continue through Thursday, May 14, 2015. Examination periods will be one hour and fifteen minutes in length. Examinations will be given in the classrooms in which the class regularly meets unless the instructor involved gives a change to the students.

Monday, May 11

Exams are to be given for all MONDAY- WEDNESDAY classes regularly meeting at these periods.

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

All Monday evening classes

Tuesday, May 12

Exams are to be given for all TUESDAY- THURSDAY classes regularly meeting at these periods.

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

All Tuesday evening classes

Wednesday, May 13

Exams are to be given for all MONDAY- WEDNESDAY classes regularly meeting at these periods.

9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

All Wednesday evening classes

Thursday, May 14

Exams are to be given for all TUESDAY- THURSDAY classes regularly meeting at these periods.

9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

All Thursday evening classes

FRIDAY, May 15, 2015

Exams are to be given for all Friday classes during regular meeting time.

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