



New campus opens doors



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PJC sees record fall enrollment

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Enrollment for the fall 2008 semester at Paris Junior College is up 456 students from last year, knocking all past records out of the park.

Among the Paris, Green-

ville and Sulphur Springs campuses, enrollment has reached 4,742 students compared to last fall's 4,286.

"This is the first year in the history of PJC that we reached over one million contact hours," said Dr. Pamela Anglin, PJC president. Contact hours are compiled

by multiplying all the students enrolled times the number of hours students spend in the classroom.

According to Anglin, there are many reasons why enrollment is so much higher this year. High gas prices and the higher cost of living in general are encouraging

more high schoolers to stay local to obtain their two-year degrees. The number of dual-credit courses for high school students has also increased.

The new Greenville campus is also an attraction.

"It's exciting to be in a new building," Anglin said.

The grand opening for the new Greenville campus building was held on September 18.

PJC will partner with Texas A&M University-Commerce in the spring, offering junior and senior level business classes, which allow more students to stay

local and in the junior college atmosphere.

"This is an exceptional group of students," says Anglin. "Our hope is that local students are realizing that they can get their first two years here at PJC before moving on to a four-year university."

Warning: parking pass required

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Students and employees are at risk of being fined for failure to display a PJC parking pass according to Otho Bowmer, PJC chief of Safety and Security.

Parking passes and ID cards can be obtained from Bowmer from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday in the Security Building north of the Student Center.

"You are required to have a PJC permit," Bowmer said.

Students are required to provide a license plate number in order to receive a pass.

Applicants fill out one paper to get both cards. For those

receiving each one for the first time, there will be no charge. On the other hand, if a card is lost or stolen, there is a \$15 replacement fee.

Under certain circumstances, fees can be waived, such as if a card is broken or falling apart; the old card must be turned in before a new one can be issued.

The average charge of parking tickets is \$25 and \$50 for parking in a handicap spot. An additional \$10 is added to all tickets for those without parking passes.

These cards benefit the holders. ID cards are used as on-campus library cards and if shown at team games, ID cards may provide a discount or even get you in free.

Parking passes are used for safety matters. For instance,

if another driver hits your vehicle while you are in class, officials can find you.

"If we had a problem in the parking lot, we could look up your ID number," Bowmer said. "Otherwise, we would have to call a wrecker, and you're going to have to pay the wrecker fee."

Most tickets are written for wrongfully parking on campus. All staff and students are prohibited to park in visitor spaces and unless you have a special issued handicap tag, you may not park in marked handicap spaces.

"It's common sense," Bowmer said. "If the parking lot is full, it does not give you the right to park wherever. You may have to walk a little bit."

Opinion / News

Adults are still growing up too

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Straightforward and to the point: grow up; no one wants to be friends with a lowlife.

In today's day and time, individuals like you need to support themselves.

Now is the time to get off your lazy bum and perform a task worthwhile. It's not like a million dollars is going to drop out of the sky into your open arms. You have to work for it.

Don't be afraid to put a little elbow grease into life. The longer you put off priorities, the odds are less you have the best outcome.

Childhood is over my friend. Sorry to say, but most of you are going to struggle through life if you don't begin making adult choices right now.

Take a minute and think about what you want out of life. Gather ideas of what you expect of yourself.

I bet it excites you to think about your future.



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Well, news flash: you have to make all that happen by yourself. Mommy and daddy aren't going to hold your hand and show you how to cross that river. The time has come to take a breath and plunge into life.

The real world is a game. You are on your own team and everyone is your opponent.

After all the lessons you've learned and lectures you've heard, gather some knowledge and make

the best out of the life you have.

You can't be childish forever. As people grow up they build careers and families. Then come the bills and taxes. Nothing in life is free.

Going to school to better yourself is a great start, but after that you can't just drop everything and decide to quit.

When Martin Luther King said, "I have a dream..." do you know what he did? He did everything in his power

to try and make his dream real.

The point is, you have to work for what you want no matter how hard it seems, or how many sacrifices you need to make to get there.

Growing up is the best part and longest path you are ever going to travel. It's not going to happen overnight. Now, as soon as possible, is the time, your time. Don't wait for anyone else. Be the first to make the transition and show the world what you are capable of doing.

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- Kenneth Price -



Kenneth Price and Brent Cuttrell

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Before Warlock raged with a powerful force, damaging anything that came near him and destroying the spiteful demon to shreds, he wasn't much of a threat.

Learning Skills specialist Brent Cuttrell, metaphorically



relates to Warlock as he calls himself a "ninja teacher." Cuttrell regularly plays the video game, "War of Worldcraft" and though Cuttrell doesn't destroy demons like his favorite character, Warlock, he still carries that same type of slyness while teaching.

Warlock is subtle making the monsters think he's nothing to worry about until it's too late.

So is Cuttrell.

"When teaching," Cuttrell says "I don't attack straight into it." He explains that a lot of students are scared of math and it can be overwhelming. Therefore, he is subtle about educating and will teach his students without them even realizing it.

"He's freaking hilarious," said Kenneth Price an algebra student. "I feel really stupid going in there and when I

come out I feel like Plato and he is Socrates. Then I go and help dumb people like me that have problems with math. He is a wonderful mentor and for some odd reason is the only person that can make me understand math."

This year Cuttrell received his 10-year pin at Paris Junior College and says that this is his "ultimate job." He loves to see when that light bulb comes on for his students.

"For me, I'm simple. I'm black and white," the color-blind Cuttrell says "So I keep math simple."

The Bat

The Paris Junior College student newspaper

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Features

Greenville campus draws crowd



Right: Students congregate in the new Greenville campus bookstore.

Left: Cars fill up the Greenville campus parking lot.



PJC supports Banned Books Week

PJC to host events in support of Banned Books Week, Sept. 29 through Oct. 2

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The American Library Association is celebrating the 27th anniversary of Banned Books week and

PJC will sponsor several events. The ALA theme this year is "Celebrating the Freedom to Read."

With the theme of "banned books," volunteers will be reading in the Learning Resource Center from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 29 through Thursday, Oct. 2. Movies based on banned books

will also be playing in the foyer of the LRC.

PJC will provide refreshments at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 1. The Greenville campus will serve refreshments as well at 1 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 2.

The LRC will sponsor a

CONTEST ENTRIES ARE DUE BY
4 P.M. OCT. 1



Whitney Turk/The Bat

Jordan Perry views the Banned Books display in the Administration Building.



Kelly Shurbet/The Bat

Kasey Cantu voted for SGA officers last week with Brandi Amos, SGA president and Deanna Young, coordinator of Student Activities looking on.

SGA students plan movies, chili cook-off for semester

KELLY SHURBET
Staff Writer

Activities of the Student Government Association are both fun and professional.

"These events create opportunities by meeting alumni and people throughout the region," said coordinator of Student Activities Deanna Young.

"The chili cook off and talent show have been the most interesting events," Young said. A chili cook off is set for Wednesday, November 19.

Social events are held every Tuesday night. The movie "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" is set for Tuesday, September 30 at 9 p.m. outside the library.

Free popcorn and drinks are provided. Bring your own chair or blanket. In case of rain the show will be moved to the ballroom.

The life skills by participation in SGA are organizing events, making friends, understanding the structure of public organizations, and having fun according to Young.

The officers of the SGA open

and speak at several events on campus. SGA officers for the 2008-2009 academic year are president Brandi Amos; vice president Sattie Nyachway; secretary Caitlin Commiato; treasurer Vallery Schmidt; historian Kaylan Brookins; parliamentarian Chris Crouch.

A scholarship fund of \$500.00 is awarded to an individual in the SGA every semester.

SGA meetings are held every Monday in S.C. Room #105 at 12:30pm and are open to all students.

Sports / News

New faces on campus

RANDI JOHNSON
STAFF REPORTER

Four new full-time instructors joined the Paris Junior College faculty this fall. They are: Dr. Crystal Torti, Corey Lyon, Kevin Ward, and Blaine Jones.

Years Teaching:
7

Graduate of: Sul Ross University, Texas A&M-Commerce

Degrees: Bachelor's in Interdisciplinary Studies, Master's of Education, Reading Specialist; Ed D. in Supervision, Curriculum and Instruction



Crystal Torti

Previous Reading and Instruction at: Presidio ISD, Farmersville ISD
Hometown: Greenville, TX

Family: Husband, C.J. Torti, son, Aiden

Hobbies: "Anything outside."
Thoughts about PJC: "I enjoy PJC because it is a small college truly focused on student success."

Advice to students: "My main goal is to make students feel successful. I want them to feel a sense of accomplishment and self-worth. I want my students to leave class feeling like they can achieve anything they want to do in their lives. I feel that a good

Years teaching:
12

Graduate of: Texarkana College

Degrees: Associate Degree in EMS, currently pursuing Bachelor's in EMS at Texas A&M-Commerce



Blaine Jones

EMS

Previous Employed: 11 years at Northeast Texas Community College, full time paramedic for 10 years, been in EMS for 22 years total

Family: Wife, Shelly, Children, Megan, and Rusty

Hobbies: Four-wheeling, guitar, fishing

Thoughts about PJC: "I like it. Enjoying it very much, enjoying working with all the people we have."

Advice to students: "Get everything you can out of the educational process now, while the opportunity presents itself."

Years teaching:
12, first year coaching college

Graduate of: Kansas Newman University

Degrees: Bachelor's in Education, Master's in School Leadership



Corey Lyon
Kinesiology

Previously employed: Independence High School of Independence, KS, Mustang Softball Academy of Wichita, KS, and Andale High school of Andale, KS

Hometown: Wichita, Kansas

Family: Wife: Bridget, Children: Cheyanne, Carson, Ciarra

Hobbies: "Softball dad, get involved in my kids activities, hang out and do nothing, watch football on television."

Thoughts about PJC: "Loving it. I have a really good group of kids. Great assistant coaches working with me, kind of steering me through the waters. It's been nice; all the other coaches are very supportive. Having each other's support makes it a lot easier to make the transition from high school to college."

Advice to Students: "Eye on the prize as far as long range goals. Make sure they are doing everything in their power, and use the gifts to move them on to whatever they want to do."

Years teaching:
6 months

Graduate of: Eastern Oklahoma State College

Degrees: Associate degree in Welding Technology

Previously employed: first place is PJC
Hometown: Finley, OK



Kevin Ward

Family: Wife: Cindy Ward, Children: Kara, J.D., and Kayla

Hobbies: hunting

Thoughts about PJC: "I wish I had done it a long time ago."

Advice to students: "Be prepared for



LeeAnn Marchand picks up a voter registration card in the Applied Technologies building. Look for the picture of Uncle Sam over tables in the library and Applied Technologies building. PJC Government instructors and the SGA are sponsoring these tables. Registration cards must be mailed no later than Monday October 6, for people to vote in the November 4 election.



Police Academy students graduate

The first Paris Junior College/Northeast Texas Community College Police Academy students graduated recently.

The nine Hopkins/Hunt County natives are the first class to graduate through the Academic Alternative Police Academy program that began through Paris Junior College in 2006. The collaborative effort began when PJC and NTCC signed a local agreement for the two colleges to work together to provide local students in the Criminal Justice Program an opportunity to obtain their Peace Officer Certification along with their two year Associate's degree.

NTCC has a new state-of-the-art firing range and driving range that PJC was able to utilize in completion of the academy training. Kevin Rose, Dean of Workforce Education at PJC stated that these types of agreements are a look into the future where more agreements of these types should and hopefully will be occurring to provide the best possible training and delivery of instruction to best serve the community and create opportunities for students.

Another phase of this agreement will occur when NTCC will once again collaborate with PJC on the new Greenville campus to provide a traditional fast-track Police Academy in early 2009. For more information on the Criminal Justice Program at Paris Junior College contact Lana Biggerstaff Adams at 903-782-0497 or 903-454-9333.