

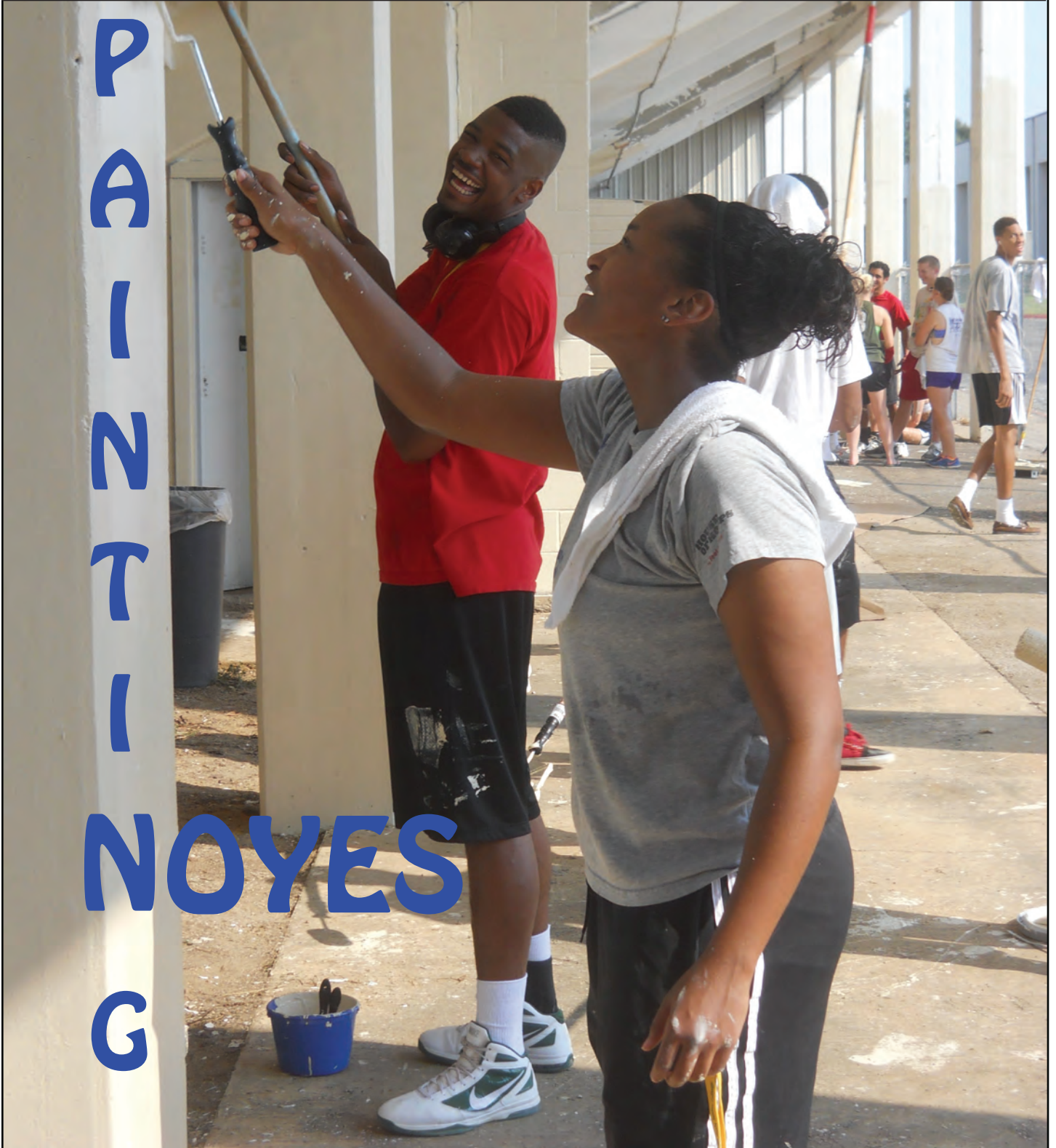
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Shannon Defoe and Ronnie White enjoy the morning, volunteering their services at Noyes Stadium.

Volunteering help



Courtesy photo

Ashley Johnson and Chy Cunningham use their painting skills to beautify Noyes Stadium, Saturday, Sept. 7 in the morning hours.

BY BO PRUITT
EDITOR

The first annual Day of Service at Paris Junior College brought students, faculty, and staff together to transform the exterior of Noyes Stadium.

Saturday, Sept. 7, approximately 400 volunteers joined together to help paint the city landmark which faces 24th Street.

"This will be an annual event and in future years will be spent on service projects in Paris, Greenville, and Sulphur Springs," said PJC President Dr. Pamela Anglin.

The stadium, which bears his family name, was named for Charles Harris Noyes after he donated \$10,000 in 1940 to assure an athletic field for PJC. The stadium was completed in 1941.

Noyes came to Paris in 1882 where he was a partner in a jewelry business. He later became the president of the old First State Bank, and he assisted in organization of the

original stock company which established the Gibraltar Hotel in downtown Paris. The stadium was completed in 1941.

Paris Independent School District (PISD), for decades leased the stadium from PJC and used it for their school games and events. At that time the stadium was blue and white, the high school's color.

With a new high school and stadium recently built for PISD, their need for Noyes Stadium

was no more.

PJC began men's and women's soccer teams last year, and now the Dragons have the stadium to call their own.

Students, faculty, staff, and the Board of Regents all took part in painting the stadium beige and brown to match the exterior of the PJC campus.

"Thanks to everyone who came out and spent their Saturday painting," Anglin said.

Volunteers received shirts and went to work with brushes and rollers, and some even gathered trash.

"The turnout was a huge success and I was ecstatic to see everyone working together," said Kenneth Webb, Director of Student Life.

Le'Mon Ford, Jr. (PJC basketball player) said, "It felt good volunteering and to give back to the school. I can look at the painted stadium and say I helped with that."

Left: Eddie Leon concentrates while lending a helping hand and roller.



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Dragons make some Noyes

Below: Ricardo Ruiz and Ryan Harmon were among the 400 or so volunteers who showed up early Saturday, Sept. 7 to paint the Noyes Stadium along side fellow students and PJC faculty and staff.

Below left: Brock Taylor, Dragon baseball player and right, Maurice Heade, Dragon basketball manager, get things rolling. Many soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball players donated their Saturday to spruce up the 1940's era stadium which is now home to the PJC soccer teams.



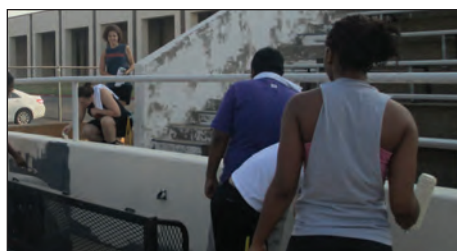
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Left: Volunteers for the first annual PJC Day of Service used 400 paint brushes and rollers to spread 125 gallons of paint over the well-worn stadium.w



The future is here

Emily McDaniel/The Bat

Students gather in the newly remodeled Frank Grimes Center student lobby while waiting for classes to begin.

**BY EMILY MCDANIEL
STAFF WRITER**

The Frank Grimes Center, once the math and science wing, has been remodeled and renewed to house social sciences.

The Social Science wing has seven classrooms, two lecture halls, 15 faculty offices, a new student lobby and new restrooms.

“It’s new, the A/C is great, rooms are brand new, and it’s a good place to teach class,” said Jon Rutherford, sociology instructor.

He and the other social science faculty moved from the Workforce Training Center across the street from the main campus.

“It has lots and lots of bells and whistles,” he said. “The truth is, the modern student is tech savvy and the new building speaks to that.”

Rutherford said, “I think the new building shows that PJC is indeed serious about educating students in a comfortable environment and I think the word is, in fact, out in the community that we are spending time, effort and money on infrastructure for the long haul. It will bring in more students.”

With the new “bells and whistles,” instructors have noticed the classrooms are well designed and very detailed.

“The classrooms are well laid out and hold about 50 students,” says Ty Welborn, history instructor. “The acoustics are very good in there and there is no echo and I don’t have to speak very loud for students to hear me.” This is Welborn’s first semester at PJC.

He adds, “The technology is great. I really like that every classroom has high quality sound, high quality everything.”

The wing is energy-efficient with lights on timers and motion sensors.

With new technology and new classrooms, the students at PJC are excited about the improvements on campus.

“The classrooms are great and I love that the new technology is finally here. It makes learning a lot more easy and a whole lot more fun,” says sophomore, Alex Hagan.

“It is my first semester here and I am starting to really enjoy the atmosphere and the new technology and the teachers are awesome too,” says freshman, Brittany Joslin.



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Students explore the hall in the newly remodeled Frank Grimes Center which houses social science classes.

Mapping the way to support services on the PJC campus



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A student looks at the new map outside the Math and Science Building.

**BY JACK BRYANT
STAFF WRITER**

With the typical time spent within Paris Junior College being relatively short, it is easy for services, and events to go unnoticed that help students feel more comfortable with their new environment.

Many services like the Wesley Center and Red River Valley Baptist Association, the Writing Center, and the library website, are beneficial to students who know about and use them.

“There are a lot of things that I have found out recently that could have made things really easier for me here if I had known back then,” says Ricardo Ruiz, a student from Dallas.

The Wesley Center is across 24th Street from the PJC campus and offers free lunches Tuesday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for more than 100 people per day.

“Our ministry is based on an example Jesus gave when he fed his sheep,” says Ed Dodd, director of the Wesley Center. “Our purpose is to just feed the hungry. We are non-denominational, we don’t require student ID’s, and everyone is welcome to have a meal with us.”



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The Wesley Center

The RRVBA, on the corner of Clarksville Street and 24th Street, offers free lunches as well, on Mondays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

“I just have school, work out, and a morning run if I can make time for it, and then studying,” says another first semester student, Tony Radilla. “No one

ever told me that there were free lunches. I never knew.”

Radilla didn’t know how small and spread out the campus is and also wishes someone had told him about the prices of textbooks, and what his options were.

Fernando Pereira, another first semester student, is here to play soccer and was drawn to PJC because a friend was already attending. Pereira says, being from Dallas, he isn’t used to the country atmosphere.

He felt confident he knew what the campus has to offer, but was surprised to find out about the free lunches as well as things such as all the Writing Center has to offer.

The Writing Center, located in the English wing of the Administration Building, offers computers accessible for students to work on essays or other projects. There is still reference literature for students’

use. There is also one-on-one tutoring for any subject.

“The students are welcome to work on any subject, for any course, at anytime,” says Joan Mathis, English instructor and the Writing Lab coordinator. “Many times the students just come in, sit down quietly and study.”

Mathis goes on to say, “The Writing Center should be a place for encouragement; emotionally if we can. And our purpose is to teach the students to edit their work so they can do it later on their own.”

The Writing Center is one of three locations on the Paris campus for tutoring.

The other two are at the Student Development Center, located next to the Bookstore, and at the Library on both the Paris and Greenville campus. On the Sulphur Springs campus a student checks in at the front desk to see where tutoring is offered.

The library website has many links to help even the novice student find his way through the PJC wealth of knowledge.

The website has even added a virtual reference desk where you can perform an on-line chat with the librarian on duty.

The information highway has now truly melded with PJC’s world of literature.

This is the first in a series about available student support services at PJC.

Conference play has begun

BY BO PRUITT
EDITOR

The 10th-ranked Paris Junior College Lady Dragons traveled to Navarro College Wednesday Sept. 25 with intentions of rebounding from a loss against No. 3 nationally ranked Panola College.

Justin Maness has been head coach of the PJC Lady Dragons volleyball team since its inception in 2006.

"I'm very excited how the team has been playing," said Maness.

PJC (16-3, 1-2) has built a team around experience, and the 2012 season proved the competitiveness after coming in third to Tyler and San Jacinto for the conference title.

"I love the fact our team is so competitive. I think it makes us a stronger team," said Jordan



Abby Phillips prepares to spike the ball assisted by T'asia Black, while the Lady Dragons get ready for defense.

courtesy photo

Strickland, a sophomore setter.

Strickland is one of six sophomores on the team, and currently has a No. 2 ranking

nationally in assists with 903.

The team is constantly adding to their stats per game, and making every game count. PJC goes into each

game with the goal of returning back to Tyler, to compete in the conference title.

Making it happen from every position Abby Phillips, T'asia Black, and Kalyn Paris have kills totaling 71 between the three in two games.

Andrea Hurt and Haley Hostetler both have added their share of kills to the team, but if the volleyball isn't blocked, no worries because Brittney Johnson and Denise Gonzales, along with Strickland, will keep the play going with their well-focused digs.

Johnson notched a team-high with 17 digs against Tyler on September 4, and Gonzales added 13 defensive digs as well.

"Team work is everything to winning and in a sport such as volleyball teamwork is the most important key to success," said Strickland.

Lady Dragons keep pace

BO PRUITT
EDITOR

Goal after goal, goal after goal is what you'll see when in attendance at a PJC women's soccer match.

In existence for one year, and at a newly painted Noyes Stadium, the Lady Dragons continue to succeed without looking back.

PJC (5-1-2) has scored on their opponents 54 times in those eight games, only allowing six goals defensively.

The Lady Dragons only re-

turned five sophomores. The remainder of the team are freshmen: 18 freshmen with high hopes to help lead PJC to its first conference title.

Although losing to Navarro Tuesday, Sept. 24, the team is ready for their next challenge.

The Lady Dragons soccer team will be hosting Mountain View College today at 5 p.m. at Noyes Stadium.



Courtesy photo

Morgan Monzingo races past a player during a game against Eastfield College. The Lady Dragons won 12-0.



courtesy photo

Zac Oliver , sophomore from Checotah, Okla., came in second place in the individual results. Pictured with Zac is head coach David Johnson



courtesy photo

Oliver Stephens of Toronto, Canada, tied for sixth place. Pictured with Oliver is head coach David Johnson

PJC golfers shine again

**BY BO PRUITT
EDITOR**

Paris Junior College golf teammates finished in the top 10 at the Paris Fall Invitational September 16 at Paris Golf and Country Club.

Zac Oliver finished second overall out of almost 60 golf-

ers with a score of 70-69, and his freshman teammate Oliver Stephens tied for sixth earning 69-72 for his score.

The PJC team finished with a total score of 578, which earned the PJC golf team the

third place position.

Zac said, "He won the tournament last year and feels that he could have played better."

He's looking forward to the next tournament in Chickasaw Pointe Golf Club in Kingston, Ok.



courtesy photo

Pictured from top left Oliver Stephens, Bryce Shaw, Zach McEwin, Tyler Dunbar, Collin Thompson, bottom left Ryan Shumaker, Zac Oliver, Jeremy Salas, and Logan Dent

The Blend Club

Spreading kindness awareness

BY EMILY MCDANIEL
STAFF WRITER

PJC's The Blend Club participated in the worldwide Compassionate Games, a game of the survival of the kindest on September 11 through the 21. Club members came up with creative ways to do random acts of kindness throughout the campus.

Kelli Ebel, Spanish instructor and Blend Club adviser, was listening to a sponsored phone call of James O'Dea who is currently co-director of The Social Healing Project when she had heard of the compassionate games. She wanted to give it a try on campus, starting with the Blend Club.

"What we want to do here on campus is try to connect students with one another. We want each student to be his or her own person," said Ebel. "Our mantra: accept self and help others."

The mission of The Blend Club "is to promote fellowship and to provide a positive/supportive Junior College experience while helping students think beyond stereotypes, bringing awareness to the richness and diversity of world cultures by appreciating different people, traditions and world issues for a better understanding of and connection to the world around us."

The Blend Club meets every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in the Wesley Center on 24th street across from campus. The club meets with Spanish instructor, Mayra Cummings every Wednesday at Sulphur Springs campus in the lobby at 12:30 p.m. and every Thursday at Greenville campus in the lobby at noon.



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From left: Elizabeth Russell, Ashley Fordinal, Sulphur Springs Blend Club Secretary; Diana Ramirez, Sulphur Springs Blend Club President; Mayra Cummings, Sulphur Springs and Greenville Blend Club Adviser. The Sulphur Springs Campus Blend Club joined the day of service of painting Noyes Stadium.

As a group, club members handed out little notes on campus that said, "You matter," and "You belong." As a creative way to get people to read the notes, members passed out muffins in bags with the notes stapled to them.

"The Blend Club is something that really makes me feel like I am making a difference in the world even though we do very little; but dynamite comes in small packages," says freshman, Shelly Huff.

"We make a difference in students lives and we have fun while doing it," says sophomore, Nathan Johnston.

There are a few individual students, "secret agents of compassion" that are sent the mission of the day to spread kindness on campus. Missions like opening a door for someone, let someone cut in front of you in line, buy a coffee for someone, or letting someone have your seat.

Although there are clearly no trophies or metals, everyone ends up a winner by passing along kindness.

"Every time you pass a person smile; it's as simple as that," says Ebel.



Emily McDaniel/The Bat

Students pass a "You're important" note as an example of spreading kindness on campus.

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Halo 4 tonight at library

The PJC library hosts a Halo 4 tournament from 10 p.m. to midnight today. Teams of four must sign up at the Library Reference desk prior to the tournament which is open to currently enrolled PJC students.

Blend Club meetings

The Blend Club on the Paris campus meets every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in the Wesley Center on 24th Street across from the campus. The club meets in the lobby of the Sulphur Springs campus at 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday and every Thursday at noon in the lobby of the Greenville Campus.

Homecoming parade

The Homecoming parade is set for Thursday, Nov. 7 at 4 p.m. The theme for the parade is Rock and Roll through the years.

Apply for SGA office

Deadline to apply for an office with the Student Government Association is Friday, Sept. 27. See Kenneth Webb in Student Center, room 208 or call 903/782-0433.