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Cosmotology student Brittane Peevey demonstrates a pink hair extension for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

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Supporting the fight



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Cosmotology students participate in Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Back row from left: instructor Essie Moore, Jerry Dukes, Jillian Aragon, Gabrielle Lick, Jessica Shelter, Jamie Critchlow, Dana McFadden, Danielle Hepler, Amanda Bishop, Michelle Christ, Roderick Rose, middle row: Christi Cook, Brittane Pevey, Pamela Dean, Erin Lindsey, Bridgette Eubanks, Ashlynn Dixon, Tarren Banks, Lydia Wilson, Jennifer Bowman, Morgan Jones, Instructor Kerrie Morrie, front row: Brandi Rhudy, Denisha Crow, Monica Halbert, Brooke Noah, Miranda Smith, Shelbi Jordan, and Brittany Record.

BY JACK BRYANT
STAFF WRITER

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Spreading awareness of breast cancer awareness is important for two reasons; to encourage women to perform self-checks and also to inform the public for morale and financial support to those battling the disease.

Student Government Association (SGA) president, Derek Waugh says, "Pink Wednesday is a way to help promote support for breast cancer awareness. It's a small way to show that the student body cares." The idea has spread by word of mouth across the campuses.

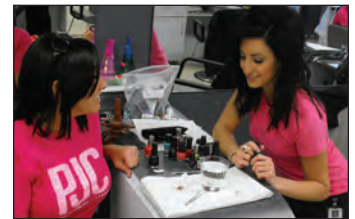
The cosmotology department is contributing as well. For the month of October, they will be selling pink hair extensions and pink nails for breast cancer awareness. Think pink. Any pink clothing, fabric, or accessories that are worn shows support of the fight against breast cancer.

Seeing pink shows unity against breast cancer as well

as support for those who are fighting the battle. For those battling cancer of any type, to see the public displaying pink in support of the fight helps to boost morale, confidence, and hope.

For the rest of the public, supporting breast cancer awareness can give a sense of assistance; that one is doing something for a greater purpose, and encouraging others to do the same. The more people a person sees participating, the easier it is to join a cause.

Breast cancer awareness also inspires the public to donate to non-profit breast cancer research



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Jamie Critchlow demonstrates applying nails on Christi Cook.

foundations and organizations that help fund the fight against the disease.

Overall, breast cancer awareness is very beneficial and important to finding a cure. It also provides support to those fighting Cancer.



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The Lady Dragons volleyball team supports Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

New PJC vice-presidents ready to make a difference

**BO PRUITT
EDITOR**

Two new PJC leaders, Dr. Curtis O. Hill, vice-president of Student Services, and Dr. Barbara Buchanan, vice-president of Instruction, each with an abundance of experience, are looking to make changes benefitting the campus, its students, and local communities starting this 2013 fall semester.

Hill earned his B.B.A. from East Texas State University (now Texas A&M Commerce) and his M.S. from TAMU-C. He graduated with his Ed.D. from Baylor University.

Hill comes to PJC with a wealth of education, and he's definitely looking to play a part in the campus and community. Hill has established two careers; he was an accountant for TXU, and he has worked at several colleges and universities as a counselor and instructor, as well as the Director of T.R.I.O.

"I feel I was led here at



Dr. Hill

this particular time and I see so much potential," Hill said.

With concerns of adding a new program to improve the intake process, Hill believes a better way to document a student's wait time at the counselor's or advisor's office is to put in place a system called "Who's Next."

This system accesses a database that is linked to each student and their needs. For example, once a stu-

dent's identification is entered, the system would document how long a student had to wait for assistance, how long they visited, and when the student left.

This would help Hill know if more counselors or advisors are needed and the documentation would be the proof.

Sulphur Springs and Greenville both have a system for their intake process, and Hill says an intake process must be put into action in

Paris.

The beginning of each semester here on the Paris campus brings multitudes of students to the counselor's and advisor's offices where a student's patience is put to test. With the system "Who's Next," the time spent registering for classes could be cut drastically.

Student and community involvement is also on Hill's agenda, and during each semester he'd like to see students, faculty, family and friends come together to enjoy some events he considered were a success at South Arkansas Community College, where he was vice-president of Student Services.

A few programs Hill is interested in bringing to PJC campuses are, African-American Family and Friends Day, Women's History Month programs, and a Hispanic/multi-culture event.

Nothing has been confirmed, but these programs are designed to get family and friends on the campuses and to help them learn about the resources of life skills available at PJC to help them be successful.

"The more you get individuals on campus, the more the community will feel this is their college," Hill said.

Buchanan received her B.A. from Stephen F. Austin University and her M.A. and Ph.D. from Texas A&M University.

Buchanan's experience and expertise includes oversight in academic transfer courses, continuing education, workforce education, adult basic education, contract training, and grants.

This led her to become PJC's vice-president of Instruction.

"As we help our communities meet their educational goals, we also help local businesses and industries grow by meeting their workforce needs," Buchanan said "We're always looking at the demands of the community."

She continued, "We are the major player in economic development. One of the ways we are helping the workforce is really beefing up our advisory committee meetings so that we are bringing local people in. They're looking at what we're doing in our programs and they're giving us input about what else they want to see added."

Buchanan also discussed new testing procedures being implemented. The state-mandated Texas Success Initiative (TSI), requires students to have high enough assessment test scores to be placed in developmental classes.

For students who do not score high enough on the Accuplacer to be placed in developmental classes, there will now be an alternative.

"An adult ed or an integrated education training below developmental is being set up right now to be served on the PJC campus," Buchanan said.

Another program Buchanan is excited about adding is non-course based options (NCBO). If you are not satisfied with your test scores, you can go through a short review process, then go and retest.

"You don't have to waste a whole semester in a level that you don't want to be in; you can self-pace yourself and accelerate," Buchanan said. "Every course that you spend that's not getting you college credit is hard."

Buchanan is big on finding ways to help students accelerate and get into the workforce.

"Quality of life matters," she said. "Everything we can do to fast track and accelerate students is better... They're here to better themselves and the community; students here seem to have a lot of respect for the community and the college."



Dr. Buchanan

Right: Student Government Association Officers
From Left: Grant McDowell, Freshman Representative; Cindy Blanton, Secretary/Treasurer; Sarah Kym, Vice-President; Derek Waugh, President; Meredith Killingsworth, Freshman Representative; Meosha Cooper, Montel Thomas, Sophomore Representatives. Not Pictured: Sherrie Walton, Publicity Director; Grant McDowell, Freshman Representative. SGA meets every Monday in the Student Center at 12:30 p.m.



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2013-14 club officers named

Below: Texas Institute of Jewelry Technology Officers
From left back row: Angel Guevara, Web Master; Jonathan Mees, Activity Coordinator; Kerby Dewbre, Vice President; Jon David Wiley, Secretary.
From left front row: Shannon Calloway, Adviser; Melissa Walden, Treasurer; Brittany Bean, Reporter; Jessica Walla, President
Not Pictured: Ryan Harman, Parliamentarian
TIJT meets every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. in the Applied Science Building.



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Above: African American Student Union Officers
From Left: T'savonti Daniels, Treasurer; Cindy Blanton, President; Monique Dickerson, Secretary; Heather Rowe, Activity Director; Clyde Polk, Vice President. AASU meets every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Center.



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Right: Blend Club Officers
From Left: Marquis Woods, Secretary/Treasurer; Emily McDaniel, President; Nathan Johnson, Vice President
The Blend Club meets every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at the Wesley Center.



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PJC sets first fall graduation

Apply at Registrar's Office by November 10 to participate

EMILY MCDANIEL
STAFF WRITER

Paris Junior College will make history when it holds its very first fall graduation at the Hunt Center Gym, Friday Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.

PJC's fall graduation ceremony is for those who have completed their degree or certificate requirements last summer or by the end of the fall semester.

Graduates need to apply at the Registrar's Office by November 10 to participate in the ceremony; regalia have already been ordered.

"(Graduation) does two things," says Dr. Curtis Hill, vice president of Student Services. "It promotes academic achievement and it is also a witness to others it can be done; the best advertisements are other students. We could have all the posters and signs up we want but the word coming from another student

is best."

The fall graduation will let students graduate now instead of waiting for the May ceremony.

"Two great things that make a successful college are," says Hill, "one: new student orientation- students come in with a blank slate and they are excited and still trying to figure out

what they want to do. Two: graduation and seeing results. See how that canvas has been filled in and they have a certificate or a diploma and they have achieved their goal."

Registrar Rita Tapp, who chairs the Commencement Committee, says, "I hope students will participate in this inaugural fall ceremony. The graduation will give more opportunity to celebrate with family and friends and should not be crowded."

Adds Hill, "The more celebratory activities we can engage students in the better we are."

Hunt Center Gym
Friday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.

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Let's go Dragons



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PJC cheer squad performed during intermission at October Madness in the Hunt Center November 15. From left, Sharon Maxfield, Heather Rowe, Courtney Alders, and Sarah Kym.

**BY BO PRUITT
EDITOR**

Roaring shouts and thunderous hand claps exiting the doors of the Old Gym make it obvious basketball players are not the only athletes who use the facility.

PJC's cheer squad of 11 students prepares weekly for the 2013-14 basketball season by practicing chants, tumbling, and pyramids in the Old Gym, as well.

"I'm very excited to work with the 11 we have and we're looking forward to the upcoming season," said Kristen Foster, cheer coach.

The members of the Dragons 2013-2014 cheer squad are Courtney Alders, Sarah Kym, Manuel Loya, Katie Martin, Sharon Maxfield, Jordan McCuiston, Lane Newsom, Amanda Phillips, Heather Rowe, Dillon Wilson, and Derrick Waugh (Pyro).

In her third year coaching the squad, Foster looks on as the captains lead the cheer squad into warm-ups and stretches. Before each practice, cheerleaders run for five minutes around the basketball court, followed by intense stretching.

With two sophomore captains, Alders, from Rockwall, and Kym, from Greenville, the Dragon cheerleaders are excited to bring spirit to the Hunt Center.

"I've always loved cheerleading and cheering for my favorite sport. I'm looking forward to this year and being on a team that has a lot of potential," Alders says.

Lined up on the tumbling mat, big voices from little frames echo as Alders and Kym demonstrate chants and cheers to be performed by other cheerleaders, all the while keeping big smiles on their faces. Routine after rou-

tine, perfection and synchronizing are the keys to safety as team members are tossed into the air.

To assure support for the pyramid and catapults, the Dragons recruited three men, Wilson, Newsom, and Loya.

Newsom and Phillips are power tumblers and their tumbling abilities are flawless. Exploding off the tumbling mats, you're likely to see Newsom and Phillips sprint to perform multiple

flips during half time at any home game.

Pyro, the mascot, also attends practice every day. When asked about his duties, Pyro replied, "I'm here to provide spirit to everyone."

At the games, Pyro is known for his handshakes, high-fives, and big hugs, all to keep the fans' spirits high.

"When I'm cheering for the team, seeing the crowd pumped

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Cheer squad practices in the Old Gym, preparing for the 2013-2014 basketball season.



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Right, men's Coach Chuck Taylor, and assistant coach Bilal Batley with Keith Shivers, winner of the slam dunk contest. Above, women's coach Michael Madrid awards a trophy to Damya Toney, winner of the 3 point contest.

Dragon basketball teams play at October Madness

FROM STAFF REPORTS

October Madness was held on October 15 at the Hunt Center and both the Dragon and Lady Dragon basketball teams, as well as the cheerleaders were introduced.

There was a three-point contest won by Damya Toney, of the women's basketball team, followed by a slam dunk contest won by Keith Shivers,

of the men's basketball team,

It was also a great chance for both PJC fans and community members to meet each of players.

Men's coach, Chuck Taylor said, "This is an opportunity to express our school spirit and allow the community to get to know us better."

Following player introductions the teams held scrim-

mages and the cheerleaders performed.

"October Madness is a great opportunity for the community as well as our student body to come out and get a glimpse of our Lady Dragons and Dragons basketball teams and see the results of the hard work they've been putting in," said women's coach Michael Madrid.

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and feeling the spirit keeps me smiling," sophomore cheerleader Rowe says.

During the off season, the Dragons spend time with the Boys and Girls Club peewee cheerleaders to assist with cheer fundamentals.

"The Dragons cheer squad have try outs every spring and if there's anyone interested in being a part of the cheer squad, information will be provided

through the student activities department," Foster says.

Each member of the cheer squad is given a scholarship and Foster is looking for another huge turnout for spring try outs.

The Dragons are ready for this year's homecoming and they are expecting numerous participants to show their school spirit. Any student or faculty member interested in

knowing more about homecoming should contact Foster in the Student Activities Office. Homecoming festivities kick off with the the 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7 parade. The theme is Rock and Roll.

Following the parade will be a pep rally at 5 p.m. in the Hunt Center, as the men's and women's basketball teams begin their play.

DRAGON



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Art Exhibit

The PJC Foyer Art Gallery is hosting an exhibit of the ceramics and paintings of John Simmons through November 5.

Bella Cantati to perform

Bella Cantati, a new musical ensemble, will present a concert on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the DeShong Chapel. The program will feature women's choral selections and the public is invited to attend this free concert.

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.

Les Misérables set

PJC music and drama students will take the stage November 14-17 in the Ray Karrer Theatre for a production of *Les Misérables*. Shows are at 7:30 p.m., Thursday through Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10 or free with PJC ID.

Habitat helpers needed

PJC's SGA members invite students to paint the Habitat for Humanity house at 706 19th NW St. from 8 to noon tomorrow and Saturday. Lunch will be provided.

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Register at www.tamuc.edu/ManeEvent

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