

Investing in the future

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After nearly 50 years, PJC is in the process of adding a new science and math building to the campus. Classes are expected to be held in the new building in January of 2013.

With the groundbreaking that happened just this August, preparation for the demolition of the Bob Berry Complex (BOC) and the campus police building is underway. They are scheduled to be torn down this week.

Students can expect to see a new, very modern, state-of-the-art facility according to Dr. Pamela Anglin, PJC president. The new building will offer convenient, wireless technology that will be of use to students attending PJC.

“This new building will have science labs that college professors dream of,” Anglin said smiling.

There will also be a place for the math center in the new building where students will be able to receive help from teachers and their peers. Anglin went on to explain that the Greenville campus building offers a vision of what the new science and math building might look like.

The new building will be two stories and is about 42,000 square feet. The cost of the entire project is about \$11 million. The building has yet to be dedicated to anyone or named.

“We’ve needed this (building) for a long time,” Anglin said.

She expects the building to bring in new faces to PJC in the semesters following its opening and adds it will provide more space for students as well as faculty.

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Theatre students present 'Elves'

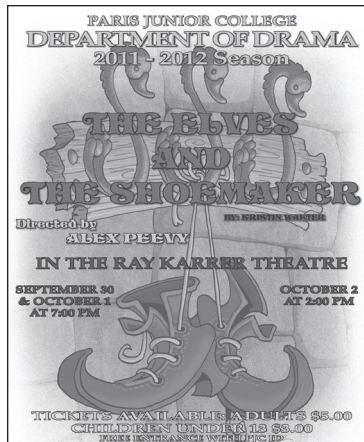
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Beginning Friday, Sept. 30 and continuing through Sunday, Oct. 2, the PJC drama department will perform "The Elves and the Shoemaker" at the Ray Karrer Theatre inside the Administration Building.

The play will open at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, and are free for anyone who has a valid PJC ID.

The play is about a shoemaker and his family who learned a valuable lesson about how money does not buy happiness after excepting help from a peddler, who gives them a medallion that summons a pair of elves.

"This take on the classic Grimm's fairy tale of 'The Elves



and the Shoemaker' does a great job of being relevant for today's audiences while maintaining the spirit of the original story," director Alex Peevy said.

"With only three weeks of production preparation, I can't say enough for the work and dedication the actors and crew

members of Paris Jr. College are putting in to make this a complete and successful performance," Peevy said.

For many students, this is their first year in PJC and this will also be their first of many performances at PJC.

"There are a lot of new students who show potential," drama instructor William Walker said.

"The Elves and the Shoemaker" was picked to be performed because it is a family-friendly play, the like of which has not been performed at PJC in a while and local schools are encouraged to attend according to Walker.

"Anybody can come," Walker said. "Children of all ages will enjoy it. We have some great students who just really make it fun to attend."

South Campus opens new dormitory wing; commons area links men's and women's areas

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The new men's dorm, located on the south side of the PJC campus, officially opened August 2011. The women's wing opened in August 2010. Joined together by a commons area the two wings are considered coed. The building has yet to be dedicated and is currently called South Campus.

South Campus has a commons area with a T.V., plenty of study areas, cable T.V., and Internet. There are 64 rooms total, with two students per room; 30 women's, 34 men's. There are four resident advisors and one supervisor. This week, there is a door decoration activity to get all the residents talking and to know each other better.

While some PJC students think living with the opposite sex would be really cool, others think it could be awkward. Male to female views on the new dorms differ from each PJC dorm resident.

"It doesn't really matter to me, but it's good in some ways because if you have a boyfriend or girlfriend you can see them down in the commons area," Chevin Pockins said. Pockins said his favorite thing about the dorms being coed is the socialization; there is always someone to talk to.

Renisha Murph, who lived in the PJC all-girl's dorm last semester, said, "It's definitely different that is for sure; there is a little awkwardness."

Murph said she does not

really like having such strict curfews. Curfew is 10:30 p.m. each night. Fines will start at 25 Dollars then go up from there for each offense of breaking curfew and other rules.

Tony Wallace, one of the four resident advisors said "They're going to start strictly enforcing curfews, when the dorms first opened they were just giving warnings but starting soon, tickets are going to be given out."

Kenneth Webb, The Director of Student Life is who you need to start with to live in South Campus.

"Right now the dorms are 96 percent full so we consider them full, anything over 90 percent we will consider full and we would not add anymore residents unless we have to." said Webb.

Recalling 9/11: three from PJC tell their stories

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September 11, 2001 was a day that will be remembered as a surreal moment in American history, maybe more surreal for some than for others. Here are the accounts of three PJC people—student Phillip Hawkins, chemistry instructor Don Kosterman and secretary Beata Louquet, who were close to the destruction that fateful day.

Phillip Hawkins, a basketball player for the PJC Dragons basketball team, lived five minutes from the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. at the time of the 9/11 attacks. At the time he was 11 years old and went to John Tyler Elementary School, which was a ten-minute drive from the Pentagon.

He was in class when the principal and other teachers came into the room and told them, "We're getting attacked."

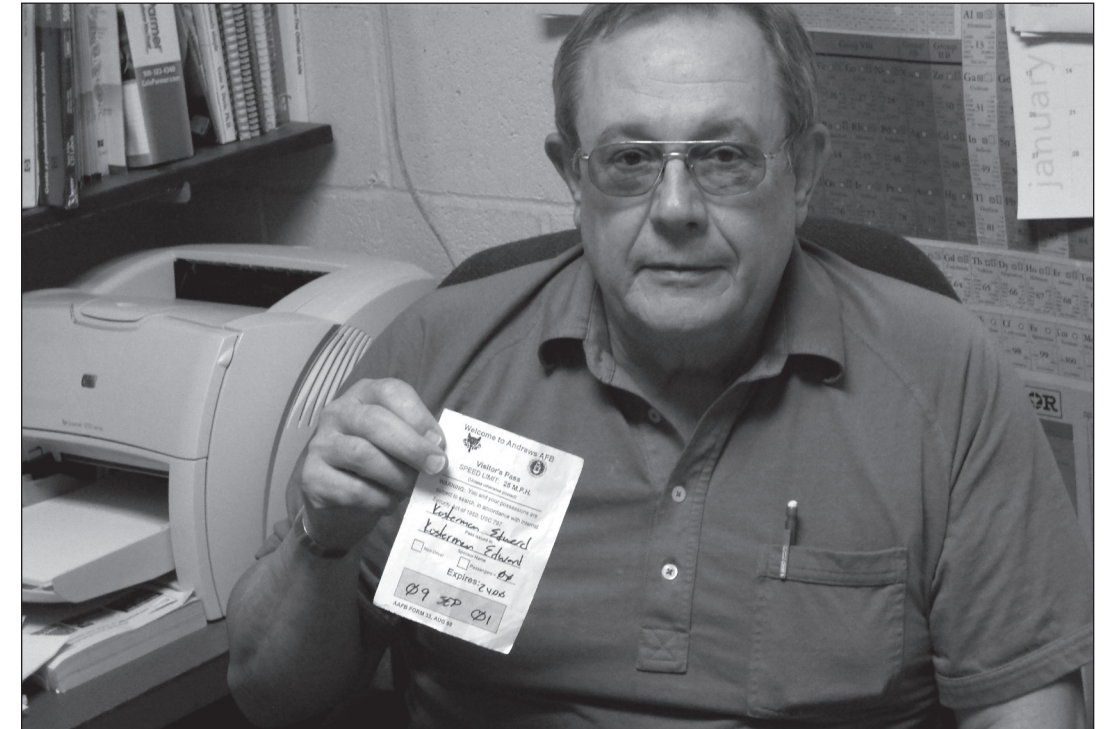
They turned on the T.V. to watch the attack on the Twin Towers. Not long after, they heard a loud "boom." It was the Pentagon being attacked. Everyone went to the basement of the school for protection.

"The whole city was going crazy," Hawkins said. After a while, everyone's parents came and got them. No one was leaving their homes and all the stores were closed.

School was cancelled for a week and when they returned to school, they weren't allowed a recess period for a time.

"I felt like I was there, even though I wasn't," Hawkins said. "I could have been one of the victims."

Don Kosterman, chemistry instructor at PJC, was at the Pentagon three days before it was hit. Kosterman was there on September nine to see his



Don Kosterman holding his visitor's pass to the Pentagon.

Alexander Thomas/ The Bat

childhood friend from Paris, John Jumper, sworn in as Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

Kosterman, his wife, and Jumper took a tour of the Pentagon on September 10. After the tour, the Kostermans left to return to Paris. The next day, September 11, they watched from their home the attacks on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon.

"That doesn't happen," Kosterman said to his wife as they watched. The realization of what was happening didn't hit right him off the bat.

"I was there yesterday, what's going to happen next?" Kosterman said. When it came time to go to work, he went and watched the attacks with his classes on television in the biology room for the rest of the day.

Beata Louquet, secretary in the PJC Jewelry Department and a PJC student, was living in Brick, NJ when the attacks happened.

She was painting her bedroom when her sister called her from Poland and told her that New York City was being attacked. Louquet did not know that the city was under attack until her sister told her. Four days later Louquet and two of her friends, Bob Valente and Paul Phillips, went to see the remains of the Twin Towers.

It was raining, that day. Entering the city, people were so used to seeing the Towers, Louquet said, "It was different, empty. It was crazy, unbelievable."

When they got to Ground Zero, the workers already had the area fenced off and there was a large crowd standing in the rain, in the street, watching the workers sift through the rubble looking for survivors. The streets were clean from the rain which had washed the dust and debris away but the shops just behind Louquet had dirt and debris still in them.

The feelings Louquet had were disbelief, shock and sadness. The crowd stood in silence as the workers looked for people, both dead and alive. As Louquet stood and watched, she felt this energy coming through the crowd.

"I felt safe in this crowd, which was ironic," Louquet said. "I couldn't believe someone got us; why?"

Louquet sums up her experience in an essay she wrote for her English class entitled "The Circle of Life."

"New York was about people of every ethnic background, the freedom of lifestyle and the chances," she wrote. "The city I knew until September 11, always gave me a sense of confidence, joy and adventure. I was surprised how fast I moved on and almost got used to seeing the empty space in the skyline I saw each time I drove toward the city after 2001."

College Culture



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Police officers are like the fathers of a town; we expect them to teach us right and wrong, protect us from the monsters who lurk in the shadows, and, at some point in our lives, we want to grow up to be just like them.

Shane Boatwright spent close to 21 years with the Paris Police Department. He left the police department as Detective Sergeant in the Criminal Investigation Division and came to the PJC Paris campus as Chief of Campus Police.

He now uses the same skill and intent with which he served the city to protect our college community. In August of 2010, he revised the campus security plan and brought a new safety net to the college.

"The current plan provides a set of guidelines to be followed in the event of a campus emergency, including armed subjects and fire emergencies," Boatwright said.

From severe weather procedures to mass chaos, the current plan provides safety regulations and a plan devised for everyone to remain calm and unharmed.

In the past decade and longer, the news has been flooded by instances of abrupt fear and unsettling images caused by fires, extreme weather, and shootings, such as the ones that occurred at Virginia Tech. The shootings may have been prevented had an adequate security plan been devised.

Feeling safe on campus

"I think one of the lessons learned from the Virginia Tech shootings is the importance of making timely notifications when an emergency occurs," Boatwright said. "The ability to make a mass notification is crucial to warning students and faculty of dangerous situations on campus."

Virginia Tech came under much criticism because of the time gap between the first offense and the first emergency notification.

Warnings were not provided as early as they should have been, and results were broadcast in the news hours later. However, due to technological advances, the PJC campuses have a tool sufficient enough to prevent this type of time gap: Dragon Alerts.

"Dragon Alerts are Paris Junior College's mass notification system," said Boatwright. "The system is used to warn of impending severe weather, school closures and emergencies on campus."

Dragon Alerts are able to send both text and email alerts, and are easy to sign up for. Visit the PJC website to sign up for the alert system or go to the Security Office, now located in the bottom of the Student Center on the Paris Campus or in the Faculty area, room 213 on the Greenville campus.

PJC Police Officers are peace officers, licensed by the State of Texas. Their primary responsibility is to investigate criminal activity on campus. They maintain a close working relationship with other law enforcement agencies where they maintain campuses.

So even though Shane Boatwright isn't in his old uniform patrolling the streets of downtown Paris, Texas, he is still a protector. He still teaches us right and wrong and he still protects us from those same old monsters.



Christina Gunlock/The Bat

Delta Psi Omega members, Kevin Calhoun and Kathryn Comer, tell perspective members about the drama club.



Christina Gunlock/The Bat

PJC student, Samantha Griffin, won the PJC Bookstore's free textbooks for a year contest. Manager, Bobbie Nichols, presents textbooks to Griffin Wednesday morning, September 21.

MY TOWN

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Many students may already know Svetlana "Lana" Steich (pronounced Stike); she is one of the math instructors who often help students out in the math lab when they need assistance in any math related subject.

What many students may not know is that before she moved to Paris, she attended Sam Houston State University for nearly a decade while obtaining her citizenship. Before 2000, however, she lived in Moscow, Russia.

How different is Texas from Moscow?

Well, pretty much everything is different. Geographically, Moscow was built on seven hills, with each hill having large identical triangular buildings left over from the Stalin era. The people however, are very similar. I believe that people everywhere can be the same. If the people are nice, then the race and the origin don't really matter.

What's been something that you've had trouble getting used to here?

In my head, I still use the metric system. I grew up with the metric system. It's just something I got used to. To me, it's just easier to use than the "American" numerical system. Another thing that took a bit of getting used to is the temperature. In Russia, sometimes during the winter, it gets so cold that you can't even survive.

What were your hobbies like in Moscow? Did they change any when you moved to Texas?

Well, I combined my hobby with my profession; I liked to



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Svetlana Steich tried to donate blood during 9/11 but she didn't weigh enough.

sew. I got an education in sewing. I don't really have time for it anymore, but I'm going to find time for it again, and get this hobby back. I also played violin, but I wouldn't call that much of a hobby. It's more of a stress release for me. Now that I moved into my apartment, my husband doesn't like me playing the violin indoors. But I'm going to fix that, too.

Another hobby I had when I was young that I lost even in Russia, was dancing.

When I grew up, it became kind of silly. But then, I found out that my husband likes to dance, so I'm starting to find that again, too. So really, my hobbies all stayed with me when I moved.

Why did you decide to teach math?

Well, I was originally educated in sewing. I could teach

anybody how to sew any kind of clothes. But now, clothes are so cheap that you can just go to the store and get clothes there. So, I worked in another professional school, in a class full of boys. Theoretically, I taught them auto mechanics.

I taught them from a book, and basically supervised them for the rest of the day. But that's called life; you do what you have to do. Now, why did I decide to teach math? That's a good question.

I started college with one class, and that was to learn English. But I took another class, and another class. I looked around, and knew my English wasn't very good, and that I wouldn't likely get a profitable job in the English field. That's when I looked around again and decided that this country didn't have enough math teachers.

"It wasn't ever my hobby like sewing, but I always liked it, and it's kind of my way of giving back to my country [America]."

The tenth anniversary of 9/11 just came around. What was it like for you when 9/11 happened?

It was tragic... I tried to donate blood, but they didn't allow it because my weight was too small. I think my most memorable moment was hearing about how people made the choice to die by jumping. It would have been hard; knowing that you were just about to be burned.

The people were brave, because they took their fate into their own hands. People don't think they can make that decision, but it's different when you are actually in that situation.

Dragon Puffs

Banned Books Week

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to listen and read passages from their favorite books during the library's Read In on Sept. 29 for Banned Books Week. Deadline for signing up is Monday, Sept. 26. Email Alexia Riggs at ariggs@parisjc.edu, or call 903-782-0415 or 903-782-437.

Baptist Student Ministry

The BSM hosts Game Nights at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays. On Thursdays at 8 p.m. there is Worship and Bible Studies. 911 SE 23rd St. Turn left off Clarksville on to 23rd Street.. The BSM is the first house on the left.

Video Gaming Tournament

A gaming tournament will be held at 10 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29 in the Library. Refreshments will be provided and awards will be presented.

Hispanic Club

The Hispanic Club meets at 12:30 p.m. every Tuesday in SC room 205. Students from every nationality are encouraged to attend.

Patricia Dye: The Mechanics of Childhood

The art exhibit is part of 52 Haswell Circle. It continues until Friday, Sept. 23. It's open from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Foyer Gallery in the Art Building.

What you want to know to make campus life easier

CHRISTINA GUNLOCK
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construction of the new math and science building.

Helpful services, such as free tutoring, free lunches and the cafeteria, are available to students.

The WCM is located across the road from the Music Building and beside Masters Apartments. Free WiFi is available in the building.

Tutoring for multiple subjects is available at no cost to students on the Greenville, Sulphur Springs and Paris campuses as well as online. See Quick Looks for more information.

The PJC cafeteria is open (put in Quick Looks). Meal plans can be bought for (prices?) or (\$) per meal.

The Baptist Student Ministry (BSM) and Wesley Campus Ministry (WCM) offer free lunches to students. The BSM offers lunches from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mondays.

There is a new online teaching system on the (virtual) PJC campus, Blackboard 9.1.

Another fall semester has begun and with it another influx of new students. Items on the to-do list for new PJC students are getting a parking pass, student I.D., student email address and subscribing to Dragon Alerts. Conveniently all those items are free and the student I.D. and parking pass can be acquired in the campus security office located in the bottom of the Student Center, room 108.

A student email address can be set up by going to the PJC website and clicking on Learn About Dragon Mail. Student email is used for usernames and PJC notifications as well as student-instructor communication.

The transition from WebCT 4.1 to Blackboard is expected to be complete by the Spring 2012 semester.

The BSM building is located across the road from the DeShong Chapel.

Like all new systems, there are some kinks to work out. For technical assistance email redmonson@parisjc.edu or call 903-782-0489 or 903-782-0311; please allow 24 hours for a response.

The Bat and journalism department has also moved. It is now located in the Administration Building, room 158. The reason for the relocation is the destruction of the BOC and Security Office and

Volleyball girls spike their way to 11th in NJCAA poll

BARBARA TORRES
STAFF WRITER

dragons tied the game about eight different times, but shortly after they fell behind.

"This year's team consists of a great talented bunch." The returning sophomores and talented, incoming freshman have worked hard according to Coach Justin Maness. He went on to say that it's a long process, and to the him and the team, this is nothing but good news.

"The girls are competing very well," says Coach Maness. "Conference is tough which makes for very competitive, very competitive conference."

The next game will be today in Corsicana, against Navarro College at 6 p.m.

The season ends October 28. Conference tournament begins November 4.

The PJC volleyball team has come far this season, placing 11th in the National Junior College Athletic Association Top 20 for the first time in the program's history and third place in conference. So far they've played three tournaments and have won them all.

Tuesday, September 20, the Lady Dragons played a close game vs. Tyler's Apaches, losing the match 2-3. They lost the first set 14-25, rebounding into the second set, winning it 25-21 and third set 25-23, and losing the fourth and fifth set by less five points.

During the game the lady



Photo by Barbara Torres

Rachel Maslowski, #10 serves to Tyler's Apaches at the game Tuesday, Sept. 20 at the Hunt Center.

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Major: Music Education

High School: Irving High School, Irving, Texas

Why I Chose A&M-Commerce: It's a relatively small school, and has a fantastic music program.

Favorite Class I Have Taken: Piano

What It's About: Piano applies to real life. It teaches hand-eye coordination as well as how to think outside the box. This applies to my career as well because it teaches me how to read score, something I'll need to know as a band director.

Best Professor So Far: Dr. Goranson. He motivates me to do well in everything I do. He will help you achieve your goals, as long as you are willing to try.

Cool Stuff I Did at A&M-Commerce: I attend concerts and plays on campus. I also play the saxophone in the band. I want to join the Catholic Student Organization because they help you achieve your goals spiritually, and will not turn their back on anyone.

What's Next: I plan to continue pursuing music education, minor in computer science, and hopefully go to graduate school.

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