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## Theater Season Opens

**"God of Carnage" this weekend**

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Haley Hines and Dalton Smith play Annette and Alan Raleigh in the PJC Theater department's opening show "God of Carnage," directed by drama instructor/ play producer Alex Peevy. The play is this weekend in the Ray Karrer Theater at 7:30 p.m. Thursday- Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$10 or free with PJC ID. This play is not recommended for a younger audience, as there will be some adult language.

# Soccer season kicks off with a new coach

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New season, new coach: a fresh start. The men's and women's PJC soccer teams are off and running.

"Once the season started, the women put together four consecutive wins," Head Coach John Cossaboon said. "The men have run into some problems but most games have just been a goal difference."

Men's and women's soccer began their seasons in August. Conditioning and practices two times a day got them ready for what they were going to be doing on the field.

The new head coach, John Cossaboon, is originally from Rochester, New York. Before coming to PJC, Cossaboon was the men's head coach at The University Of The Ozarks for five years. He has both international and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) division 1 experience.

Cossaboon has seen much improvement in both teams in



Courtesy Photo

Sophomore, Jessica Bogy, battles for a ball while playing against Eastern Oklahoma College in a non-conference game.

the time he has been here.

"The women's team has responded well to any change in formation we have made; my only hope is to see them start connecting more on the field," Cossaboon said. "With the men, they have a steady approach to their game which I want to see improve as the season moves along."

With a hard start to the

season, the men's season record sits at one win, seven losses, and zero ties. The women's season record is six wins, two losses, and one tie.

Practices are the key to the game. Cossaboon said the teams practice hard and that is exactly what he likes to see.

"If players are showing up late, not caring, or not putting effort into the sessions, then we are all just wasting our time," Cossaboon said. "But I have no complaints on what the players bring to practice and my hope is to get them better and better."

Being his first year, Cossaboon likes what the teams have to offer.

"(I enjoy) the traveling, the camaraderie, and the effort both teams put into practice and games," Cossaboon said.



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The men's soccer team focuses on warming up for their game against Eastern Oklahoma.

# Sports Schedules

## Men's Soccer

September 27	Northeast Texas CC	Mt. Pleasant, TX	4 p.m.
September 30	Rose State College	Midwest City, OK	3 p.m.
October 3	Laredo Community College	Laredo, TX	2 p.m.
October 4	Coastal Bend College	Beeville, TX	TBA
October 10	Tyler Junior College	Paris, TX	4 p.m.
October 11	Jacksonville College	Paris, TX	4 p.m.
October 14	Hill College	Hillsboro, TX	4 p.m.
October 18	Northeast Texas CC	Paris, TX	4 p.m.
October 21	Mountain View College	Dallas, TX	4 p.m.
October 25	San Jacinto College	Houston, TX	3 p.m.

## Women's Soccer

September 27	Northeast Texas CC	Mt. Pleasant, TX	2 p.m.
September 30	Rose State College	Midwest City, OK	1 p.m.
October 10	Tyler Junior College	Paris, TX	2 p.m.
October 11	Jacksonville College	Paris, TX	2 p.m.
October 14	Hill College	Hillsboro, TX	2 p.m.
October 18	Northeast Texas CC	Paris, TX	2 p.m.
October 23	Navarro College	Paris, TX	3 p.m.

## Volleyball

September 27	Brookhaven College	Paris, TX	12 p.m.
October 1	Panola College	Carthage, TX	7 p.m.
October 8	Navarro College	Corsicana, TX	7 p.m.
October 11	Eastfield College	Mesquite, TX	12 p.m.
October 15	Trinity Valley CC	Paris, TX	7 p.m.
October 18	Lamar-Port Arthur	Paris, TX	2 p.m.
October 20	Seminole College	Seminole, OK	6 p.m.
October 22	Tyler Junior College	Tyler, TX	7 p.m.
November 4	NCTC	Gainesville, TX	6 p.m.

## DRAGON



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### Paris Campus

#### Skate/Golf Night

Family Fun Center in Paris is hosting a skate/golf night on September 30 from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m..

#### Student Organization Fair

Students are invited to the Student Organizations Fair outside the student center on October 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### Graduation Announcement

The graduation application deadline for students who want their names to appear in the graduation program is November 21 at 5 p.m. All applications after this deadline will be processed but the students name may not appear in the graduation ceremony program. Fall Graduation ceremonies are December 12. Apply at the Registrar's Office.

### Greenville Campus

#### Taco day

Taco day will be held at the Greenville campus from 12-1 p.m. on October 15.

### Sulphur Springs

#### Ice Cream Social

On October 8, at 12-1 p.m. there will be an Ice Cream Social at the Sulphur Springs campus.

# Make the most of college: join!

PJC offers variety of clubs, organizations to get you involved

## African-American Student Union

This student union is open to all students who wish to learn more about the achievements of people of African American descent while promoting awareness and respect for their contributions. This organization meets on Tuesdays at 12:30 in the Student Center in room 205.

## The Blend Club

This club is devoted to helping students understand and appreciate the differences in the cultures and traditions of others. This organization is open for all students who are interested in creating cultural awareness in their community. The meetings are Tuesdays from 12-1 p.m. in the back room of the Wesley Center. For more information on the Paris campus, contact Kelli Ebel at kebel@parisjc.edu. For information on the Greenville and the Sulphur Springs campuses, contact Mayra Cummings at mcummings@parisjc.edu.



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Sulphur Springs members of The Blend received their t-shirts at the first meeting. Bobby Goldsmith, Christian Gutierrez, Leonel Sanchez, Alfonso Gonzalez, Stephanie Bradford, Ida Lou Fry, Elizabeth Russell.

## Eco Club

The Eco Club is open to all students on the Greenville Campus that wish to learn more about the environment, growing healthy vegetables, sustaining a healthy lifestyle, recycling, composting, water conservation, and generally preserving the eco-system. The Eco Club currently meets on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. on the Greenville campus. For information on participating, contact one of the advisers, sociology instructor Jon Rutherford, jrutherford@parisjc.edu; history instructor Matt White, mwhite@parisjc.edu; or Greenville Campus Director John Shasteen, jshasteen@parisjc.edu.



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The Eco Club took a field trip to the Hunt County Heritage Garden in Greenville, Friday, Sept. 19, with advisers John Shasteen, Greenville Campus Director, and Matt White, history instructor. Here, students listen as White, front, talks about some of the plantings in the garden. The club members were looking for inspiration for their garden on the Greenville campus. The students are, from left, Hunter Choate, Preston Evans, Mandy Stanley, and Ruby Leyva.

## H.A.R.T.S Club

The H.A.R.T.S Club is open for any student interested in heating, air conditioning, and the refrigeration field. This year this club will be traveling to Fort Smith, Arkansas to the Rheem Air Conditioning Factory. The purpose of this club is to develop industry awareness and student success. Their next meeting will be October 2 at 5 p.m. in the Workforce Training Center room 906.



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James Hayes, a member of the H.A.R.T.S Club, teaches people how to shoot marshmallows through a homemade gun at DragonFest.

## Delta Psi Omega

Delta Psi Omega is the National Theatre Honor Society for two year students. Drama students are encouraged to join. This semester this club will host UIL One-Act-Play contests, and a variety of other educational and social activities. For more information contact William Walker at wwalker@parisjc.edu.

## Jewelry Technology Student Association

This association works to improve the work of students who are learning about horology and gemology. It also works to keep students interested in activities going on in the Paris campus. The next meeting of this association is Monday, September 29 at 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Applied Sciences Building room 126.

## Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa is a national honor society for 2-year colleges. Students that have completed 12 semester hours and have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher can be members of Phi Theta Kappa. The next meeting for the Paris campus is Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Center in room 205. The next meeting for the Greenville campus is Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 12:20 p.m. in GC 122. The Sulphur Springs next meeting is on Thursday, Oct. 2 at 12:20 p.m. in the SSC Conference Room.

## Student Art League

The Student Art League is open for every student in the Paris campus who is interested in the visual arts. This semester the Student Art League is hosting a dragon art contest. To enter this competition, students must submit their work of a dragon by Oct. 10. Entry drop off is in the art building. All of the entries will be on display at the Dragon Art Show on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the art building. Prizes will be given at this date. The Art League will also host a silent auction in the PJC Library on October 6-9. These items will be ready for pick-up October 10-14 in the PJC Library.

## Student Government Association



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**Kenneth Webb talks to the Student Government Association about events like homecoming, voter registration month, and officer elections in the September 22 meeting. The SGA is an open organization that provides policy making decisions for the student body and organizations. The SGA promotes the best interests of students in their decision making. Meetings are held on Mondays at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Center in room 205 for anyone interested in joining.**

## Student Veterans Organization A new club welcomes student veterans

**TAYLOR MCCLOURE  
EDITOR**

The Student Veterans Organization is a new organization at Paris Junior College. Open not to just veterans, but to their family members and to anyone who supports the military as well. Each Paris Junior College campus will have a Student Veterans Organization.

“We started the Veterans Organization at the end of last semester,” said Jennifer Smith, veteran’s specialist and staff adviser of the Student Veterans Organization for the Paris campus. “It’s basically an organization to promote fellowship and camaraderie between those who served in a military service.”

This organization will help student veterans learn about veteran’s benefits as well as academic scholarships. The student veterans will participate in community service projects this semester such as Toys for Tots and will participate in the Veterans Day service this year.

“We’re definitely trying to get this group of students together, because they share a common experience that the civilian population doesn’t understand. It’s good if they have each other to lean on to

help them get through school. It will help them become more successful when they have each other,” Smith said.

There are currently about 200 students using some kind of military benefits at Paris Junior College. The new Student Veterans Organization has plans on how help assist these students in their educational goals.

“I sent out an interest e-mail last semester just to see if anyone would be interested in this, and I got about 50 e-mails back from all three campuses from people who wanted to be a part of something like this,” Smith said.

The meetings for the Student Veterans Organization will be held in ITV rooms, so that members will be able to see each other from the different campuses. The time and locations for meetings are still in the works. Please contact Jennifer Smith from the Paris campus at [veterans@parisjc.edu](mailto:veterans@parisjc.edu) for any questions about the future meetings or Allen Williams, faculty adviser, at [awilliams@parisjc.edu](mailto:awilliams@parisjc.edu). Anyone located at the Greenville or Sulphur Springs campus can e-mail David Larkin, faculty adviser, at [dlarkin@parisjc.edu](mailto:dlarkin@parisjc.edu) with any questions.

# Welcome to DragonFest



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**Biology instructor, Jack Brown shows off his snake at DragonFest.**

**MICHAELA PHILLIPS**  
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To welcome the community into a new school year, PJC had the first DragonFest on Saturday, Sept. 6 in front of the Math and Science Building.

It was a day of fun with games and bounce houses, as well as information booths set out to showcase PJC's clubs and organizations. Many participated in Zumba and Jazzercise.

Free cotton candy was provided by the Financial Aid Office and Phi Theta Kappa members gave out free Pyro temporary tattoos to the children. Jack Brown, biology instructor, showed off his coral snake to onlookers and even let them pet the scaly reptile.

As Pyro, PJC's dragon mascot, gave out balloons to children, some young Daniell Mckee Dance Company dancers put on a performance for the audience.

Rita Tapp, PJC registrar, took home the first place trophy for her strawberry ice



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**Phi Theta Kappa members, Breanna Dunken and Jeramy Howell put a temporary dragon tattoo on one of the children attending DragonFest.**

# Constitution Celebration

## Students study government, play Constitution Jeopardy



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**Paris government instructor, RuthAnn Alsobrook, conducts Jeopardy in Paris. David Larkin played the game in Greenville with students.**



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**The winning team in Paris for Jeopardy was from the Texas Institute of Jewelry. From left, Rachel Watson, Elizabeth Dowds and Jon David Wiley.**



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**Manuel Loya helps conduct Constitution Jeopardy by wearing a revolutionary war uniform.**

# PJC celebrates freedom to read

**MICHAELA PHILLIPS**  
STAFF WRITER

On September 24 for Banned Books Week, English instructor, Diann Mason read an excerpt from “All Quiet on the Western Front” to bring awareness to banned books.

Others who signed up to read during the “Banned Book Readout” in the PJC library were Pam Hunt, Katlyn Wood, Carl Covert, and Natasha Whitaker.

Banned Books Week is celebrated the last week of September. Activities bring awareness to banned or challenged books but also celebrate the freedom to read. The week can also be a time of remembrance

for the authors who were persecuted for their writings.

Mason’s choice, Erich Maria Remarque, the author of “All Quiet on the Western Front,” was German and was writing from the point of view of a World War I soldier. It tells about how gruesome and devastating war can be and in the eyes of Adolf Hitler, war was something to be joyful about. So Hitler banned the book in Germany and anyone caught reading it was shot on sight.

The book, today, remains among those challenged each year and listed on the American Library Association’s Banned Books list.



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Diann Mason reads from “All Quiet on the Western Front” as Bo Pruitt listens in the PJC Library.

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