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Team member, Treg Buchanan, takes a swing as part the golf tournament at the Paris Golf and Country Club, September 18.

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Golfers compete in tourneys



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J.D. Allison takes a swing during Monday's PJC Fall Invitational. Dennis Anderson placed fourth at 139 and Ben Welker placed sixth in the tournament with 141.

BARBARA TORRES
STAFF WRITER

The men's golf team has started off well this year. For many of the men, the first tournament was just a learning experience of what college golf is all about.

There are 11 men this year; nine freshmen. The students seem to have good team chemistry according to coach Dave Johnson.

The team made some great strides, between their second and first tournaments. Three of the men made it through the first tournament with Justin Ary shooting 66 and 68 par 100, winning

first place in the tournament, making him the medalist.

The team is looking to improve every week, working hard to reach their goal: making it to nationals, according to Johnson. Not only is the team looking forward to a good season, but so is their coach.

"I'm really excited to have a group of guys who are excited about playing golf," says Johnson. According to the coach, his goals are not only to take the team to nationals, but also for them to do well academically, for them to be good people, and for them to work hard at whatever they're doing.

"Enjoy the moment, the journey you're in right now and do the best you can do at what you're doing,"

"Enjoy the moment..."
Coach Johnson

says coach Johnson. They finished in second place in the Open Division at the University of Mary

Hardin-Baylor Fall Invitational this past week at Stone Tree Golf Club in Killeen, led by Dennis Andersen and Justin Ary.

At Monday's PJC Fall Invitational Dennis Anderson placed fourth and Ben Welker placed sixth.

The next tournament will be October 30 through November 1, in Waco at the Coca Cola Classic.

Lady Dragons spiking their way to the top

BARBARA TORRES
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Dragons won the match versus Southwest Christian College this past week, 3-0 at the Hunt Center, October 3. They won three games, 25-5, 25-6, 25-17.

On September 22, the PJC Lady Dragons played at Navarro College in Corsicana, Texas. The team won three out of five games, 25-10, 25-15, and 16-14, winning the match 3-2.

On September 26, the Lady Dragons played at Panola College in Carthage. They lost the first game 22-25, second game 18-25, and the fourth game 19-25, losing that night's match 1-3.

On September 29, the team played Lon Morris College at the Hunt Center. They won three games, 25-13, 25-20, and 25-15, winning the match 3-0.

The next volleyball game will be Thursday, Oct. 6, at the Hunt Center versus Trinity Valley at 6 p.m.

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Lauren Pyka (1) watches the ball closely as she serves the ball to Southwest Christian College Tuesday, Oct. 3. The Lady Dragons ended up winning the match 3-0.



Katie Thomas (12) serves the ball to Southwest Christian College Tuesday, Oct. 3.



Cheyenne Swenson (6) spikes the ball to Southwest Christian College Tuesday, Oct. 3.

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Why I Chose A&M-Commerce: After doing research on graduate programs at a variety of universities, I found that A&M-Commerce was able to offer me more hands-on opportunity in my field. The university's state-of-the-art campus recreation fitness facilities caught my attention. The campus recreation center at Texas A&M University-Commerce is the "heartbeat" of student life and provides fitness programs and activities for individuals of all ages. The recreation center is committed to serving the university community by providing quality health and fitness programs.

Favorite Class: Critiquing and Conducting Research was one of my favorite classes. While it was definitely a challenge, I learned a great deal about conducting research and publishing articles within the field. As a student in the class, I learned that research can be fun, and have developed a deeper appreciation for scholarly articles and publications.

What's Next?: I would like to pursue a career in a university setting as either an instructor within health & human performance or as a fitness director in campus recreation. However, I wouldn't completely rule out corporate fitness.

How A&M-Commerce Changed Me: I feel the preparation I have been provided will open a wide variety of career opportunities within health and sport studies.



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MY TOWN

AARON MUSTIN
STAFF WRITER

In June of 2009, Lauren Mercier moved from the far northeastern state of Maine to the small town of Roxston, Texas after coming to the Lone Star State to visit her family. Since coming to Roxston, Mercier has begun studying at Paris Jr. College and plans to major in education and childhood development.

Where in Maine did you originally live?

I lived in the Elliot South Berwick area.

When did you move from Maine?

In June of 2009, I came down here to visit for the summer and I just kind of stayed

What was everyday life like in Maine?

I had a lot of friends but I never could hang out with them a lot, because I was always watching my brothers and my parents were always working. I went skiing in the winter when we lived in Saco. There were four days in January we went to either Shawnee Park or Sunday River. (Ski resorts in Maine)

What were some of your hobbies and interests when you lived in Maine?

I liked to draw and write while I was up in Maine. Now that I'm down here, I don't draw as much, but I still write and I took up looking at different coins and coin collecting.

What do you enjoy about drawing?

Just being able to make my own characters and trying



Courtesy Photo

Lauren Mercier, at home in Roxston.

new stuff like trying to draw a horse.

What do you like to write?

Fan fiction, like jumbling Inuyasha (An anime TV show) and Harry Potter together, crossovers, romance. I'll write anything. Right now, I'm even starting my own story. I have three different points of view from three different types of characters. So, I'm just seeing where it will take me.

What do you like about coin collecting?

I just started it recently. I don't know too much about it. I have a couple old coins and I've been told to wrap them up in plastic because if they rub against other coins or your hands, they lose their value.

What were some of the biggest changes you had to make when you moved from Maine?

One of my biggest changes

was my wardrobe. Up in Maine, my wardrobe was jeans and short sleeve shirts and the occasional pair of shorts and maybe one or two pairs of capris. In the summer, it never got too hot. Now, after coming down here, I wear tank tops and shorts, and some short sleeve shirts.

What was your favorite thing about Maine?

The scenery, in the fall, you could go down a back road and all you could see were all these leaves. Orange, yellows, and browns. You would see all the tall pine trees. In the winter, when there wasn't any leaves on the trees, you would just see the snow covering the branches. It's really pretty. It glistened in the sunlight. In the summer time, the leaves are full blown. The long winds go down the beach. The waves roll up on the sand.

What's your favorite thing about Texas?

"The wide open prairies, the different animals, cows, horses, pigmy goats, goats, sheep, chickens. I have a lot of family down here. Some live in El Paso, Some live in Amarillo. I like traveling on the different roads."

What are some of the major differences between people in Maine and people in Texas?

People around here have more accents. You can hear all the different accents down here. Up in Maine, you kind of heard some accents but they're not too heavy.

Dragon



Puffs

Scary Movie Night

Tuesday, Oct. 11 will be Scary Movie Night at the Student Center. They will be showing "The Blair Witch Project" for free.

Flag Football

Thursday, Oct. 13 is the last day to sign up for flag football at the SGA office, downstairs in the Student Center. Flag football will be played at the football stadium beginning Monday, Oct. 17.

Multicultural Blend Café

Tuesday, Oct. 18 the Multicultural Blend Café is having a meeting from 12:30-1 p.m. in Room 205 at the Student Center.

Game Night

Tuesday, Oct. 18 the Student Center will be hosting game night at 9 p.m.

United Way

Wednesday, Oct. 12 PJC is having a United Way Fundraising Kickoff in front of the Student Center. Tickets are available at the Business office at \$5 each for the meal deal which includes two slices of pizza, drink, and dessert. There will be food, bake-off, carnival games, and more.

The age of the computer

Views of a digital native versus a digital immigrant

CHRISTINA GUNLOCK
CO-EDITOR

“You are an anomaly,” Sharon Dennehy, my journalism instructor, said. The class was discussing the terms digital native and digital immigrant.

A digital native, according to Marc Prensky, in his article, “Digital Natives, Digital Immigrants,” is a person who has grown up with, and, as a result, is familiar with technology. A digital immigrant is someone who has not grown up with technology and has a learning curve to overcome when dealing with technology.

I was born after the 1960s, during the digital age, therefore, I am classified as a digital native. However, I am more of a rapidly assimilating digital immigrant. I did not frequently use a computer or own a gaming system until I was in my mid-teens, and I received my first cell phone at 18.

I prefer reading actual books to text on a screen, and it is still easier for me to write with pencil and paper than compose with a keyboard. All of the above are characteristics of a digital immigrant. Prensky, founder of Games2train, explains there is also a difference in learning styles. Digital immigrants tend to learn in a step-by-step, logical process, and digital natives usually learn in a more erratic manner.

The National Center for Education Statistics expected 19.7 million students to attend American colleges and universities in fall 2011. The majority of those students are under the age of 30 and are likely digital natives.

While most college students probably consider themselves digital natives, a large number of their instructors and professors are digital immigrants. This can present a barrier in the classroom. Many instructors are working to overcome that barrier by utilizing digital components more readily available today. They use e-books, YouTube, interactive websites and video tutorials to engage their students in the learning process.

As for digital natives, they are the students of today and the instructors of tomorrow. The way they will change the educational system is not yet fully understood.

As for my adaptation into a full digital native it is coming along just fine. Like Kyra says in *Chronicles of Riddick*, “It hurts at first. But after a while, the pain goes away, just as they promise.”



Alexander Thomas/The Bat

MICHAEL CARTER
LAYOUT AND DESIGN EDITOR

Just 20 years ago, the greatest entertainment kids had was the great outdoors. Granted, there was the occasional toy of the year that every kid wanted, but nothing beat rolling in the grass and chasing each other playing freeze tag.

But things have drastically changed.

iPhone, iPad, smartphone, laptop, texting, all these terms are familiar to me and most any kid born from the 80's up to now. We have seen the evolution of cell phones from the bulky gray relics that were called cells, to these mini-computers called smartphones.

We have seen the emergence of social networking: Facebook, Twitter, YouTube to name a few.

Before, social networking meant picking up your landline and dialing a number.

I am what you call a digital native.

Even from first grade and the keyboarding class my classmates and I had to take, I have been around technology. From learning how to use a mouse to creating my first PowerPoint in middle school, technology has always been a part of my life.

Having this technology evolve around me as I grew up seemed to be normal to me. Even when cell phone carriers actually began integrating texting into phone plans, it was fascinating for a while, but then it quickly became the norm, just as did the rise of social networking.

Most people of my generation remember the very first social networking sites. MySpace, Gaia Online, Xanga. But when Facebook arrived on the scene and just dominated, it quickly assimilated into modern culture and became almost like breathing.

It is hard to imagine what life would be like had technology not advanced like it has. Most everyone learns how to type at a young age because it is a skill that is used throughout your life. Had personal computers not become as popular as they did, they would most likely still be too expensive for the working class American and we'd still be using typewriters.

I try and think about what technology will be like 20 years from now and how the generations to come will integrate it into their lives as we have done. It is exciting to think about and to imagine what the next big step in technology will be.

Revenge of the gamers

ALEXANDER THOMAS
STUDENT LIFE EDITOR

Usually the PJC library is peaceful and quiet but on a Gaming Night, it is the complete opposite. People are yelling and hollering about beating a friend at a game they are playing, and it is a night of fun.

With students playing new school games like Gears of War 3, and Call of Duty, Black Ops, as well as old school games like Mario Kart and F-Zero, and SGA providing snack, October 4, 2011, was a chance to get together with friends and see who is the best gamer.

The tournaments started at 10 p.m. and ended at 1 a.m. but the library opened up for practice around 9:30 p.m.

Some players brought their own gaming consoles and games to add diversity to the night.

One of the more popular games of the night was Gears of War 3, which only recently came out in the gaming market. It had such a huge turnout the library had to set up two systems and have them running at the same time so everyone would have a chance to play.

William Metzger, a student at PJC won the Gears of War tournament.

"I think Gears of War is boss," said Rico Lewis, a sophomore, majoring in computer science.

Brandon Eulberg, another sophomore, majoring in business, chose Gears of War as his favorite game of the night but he also played Mario Kart.

The people who played Mario Kart seemed to be just as



Alexander Thomas/The Bat

From left, Brandon Murrieta, Nikolaus Libby, D.T. Record, and Brandon Wallace play Mario Kart on the Nintendo Wii. Mario Kart was one of the tournament games, played during the libraries Gaming Night, October 4.

impressed with it as they were with Gears of War.

"I'm a boss at Mario Kart," Lewis said.

"It's easy, you just drive," said Nikolaus Libby, a sophomore, majoring in watch making. Libby actually won the Mario Kart tournament.

Another game students played, although it wasn't part of the tournament, was Mortal Kombat.

"I like it, it's fun," said Dale Shoals, a kinesiology major.

Like Mortal Kombat, Call of Duty, Black Ops wasn't a tournament game but was brought just for fun.

D.T. (Donterious) Record, a first year student, majoring in engineering, played Black Ops for quite a while.

"It's pretty fun. I got in there and rank 20 online," Record said. This was his first gaming night but hopefully not his last, Record said.

More than 50 people showed up for the Gaming Night, so it was a really good turnout for the first gaming night of the semester.

The winners got a \$10 gift

certificates to Wal-Mart, squirt bottles and bracelets that have the word "read," written in different languages.

The next tournament will be November 10; a meeting will be held at the circulation table in the

library today, Thursday, Oct. 6, to decide what games will be played, for anyone interested. The prize for this tournament will be a copy of whatever game is decided upon to be played.

"I'm boss at Mario Kart."

Rico Lewis

'Nutty professor,' Cold War vet

DAVID DANNHEIM
STAFF WRITER

Ken Hanushek, a PJC history instructor, has a little history of his own. Students enjoy his "shtick," when he dresses up as characters for his class, but his own past makes him a part of American history as well.

Hanushek said many things about his past, but he also had many things he could not say.

"[I'm] watchin' classified information here," said Hanushek. This is because, during the Cold War, the era between 1945-1963 when America was in an arms race with the Soviet Union, he was on active missile duty with the U.S. Air Force where he helped man the ICBM (Intercontinental Ballistic Missile) Minuteman nuclear missile system.

He recounted the training it took for his job, as well as a few special cases where the trainees had their hands on the keys, watching the second hand move toward 12 on the clock (when the keys were supposed to be turned) and the trainees froze. Cadets who froze were kicked off the crew force, because there could not be any hesitation in this job.

Hanushek said he had full faith in the system, the government, and the communications structure, so even if he did not know why he was going to turn keys and send nuclear warheads to the Soviet Union, he believed it would have been for a good reason.

"I was certain that if I got the order to execute my missiles, that there was justification to do it; my family was in jeopardy," said Hanushek.

Many students and teachers at PJC did not realize Hanush-



Courtesy Photo

Ken Hanushek, a captain at the time of the photo, and his wife, Karon, pose for a photo in 1979, at West Point Military Academy.

ek was veteran.

John Rutherford, a close friend of Hanushek's and a PJC sociology instructor, said back when he first met Hanushek (when they were going through PJC's new instructor training together), he was surprised somebody with Hanushek's resume was working at PJC.

Rutherford also said Hanushek started using the "shtick" many people know him for back when he taught at the United States Military Academy at West Point. At West Point, Hanushek taught government for three years; the highlight of his career he said. His being hired at West Point is a funny story.

"When I applied to teach [at another] Air Force Academy, I had a graduate degree in political science," he said. "But I was rejected because they didn't have an opening. So, I'm on duty at the command post, at 2 or 3 in the morning,

and I get a phone call from the Air Force personnel center. They said, 'How would you like to teach history at West Point?' I said, 'Who is this really?'"

His application was rejected, however, because of his political science degree. The next night, at 2 a.m., he got a call from the same place, asking him to be a government instructor at West Point instead. Hanushek questioned

the caller again incredulously. The man told him he would have to get the application in immediately, so Hanushek began

to get everything in order (including a full length portrait of him in his dress uniform) for the application.

Hanushek got his picture taken, but before he left the photographer called him, telling him the picture was too messed up.

"It had me looking like I was in a funhouse mirror," said

Hanushek, laughing.

They proceeded to retake the picture, and everything seemed to be okay. Hanushek got the application prepared in the envelope, with the good picture, and took it to the post office to send to West Point. He then came back to his apartment to show his wife-to-be (whom he was marrying that day,) that he'd gotten the application mailed in and everything was in order.

Before they left to get married, Hanushek offered to show his fiancé the funny picture he had replaced. Opening the envelope, he realized the wrong picture had been sent. Rushing to the post office, he begged the clerk to let him replace the picture (even though he knew it was illegal for the clerk to let him have the envelope). The clerk referred him to the deliveryman. The deliveryman simply laughed before allowing Hanushek to replace the picture.

"And then," said Hanushek, "I got married."

***"And then,
I got married."***
Ken Hanushek
