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After 54 years, the Bob Berry Office Complex and the Security Building are no more.

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The BOC:

From construction to destruction



Alexander Thomas/The Bat

Monday, Oct. 10, a bulldozer cleans up what is left of the old Bob Berry Office Complex .

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For some PJC staff members, last week's demolition of the Bob Berry Office Complex (BOC) and Security Building may have been a bit more emotional than it was for others.

The BOC, constructed in 1957, and the Security Building were torn down to make way for the new math and science building scheduled for completion by the spring 2013 semester.

The BOC originally housed male dorm students. According to "Paris Junior College: The first 75 Years," a published history of the college, the dorm was a 48 unit building with an estimated value of \$65,000, built for less than that amount with "volunteer labor, student help and monetary contributions."

Barbara Thomas, current PJC Director of Counseling, and her husband Jim, who was the college business manager at the time, moved into the

Security Building, then called "the head resident's house," around 1970 where they lived for about three years. She said back then, the building was called Bob Berry dorms. The dorms were named for a former PJC football coach who died in 1953.

"Mainly, that's where the international students were," said Thomas. When she was in the resident's house, most of the students in the dorms were from Saudi Arabia and Iran. She said at one time there were probably about 100 students living there and she and Jim served, basically, as dorm parents.

Thomas said she felt deeply about the building, because they were tearing down the home she lived in for many years.

"I was pregnant while we lived there," she recalls. "I brought my son home from the hospital to that house."

Tim Shelton, head of the PJC

Print Shop, moved into the BOC dorm building in the late 1970s, where he stayed for nearly 30 years. He said by his time, the eastern end of the building still consisted of dorm rooms, mostly housing PJC's basketball team.

Shelton said he enjoyed his stay at the building, and that he will miss it. However, he also said the building was not pleasing to the eyes.

"As far as I'm concerned [the building] was of no asset to the campus, and obviously, what they're building will look much, much better," Shelton said.

In recent years, the building also housed the journalism department and the EOC (Educational Opportunities Center). The Print Shop and EOC have moved to the Old Gym, journalism has moved to AD 158, and the Security Office is now located in the lower level of the Student Center.

"That's where the international students were."

Barbara Thomas



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The Bob Berry Office Complex building as it looked in September, 1957 (left) just before opening as a men's dormitory and the same building as it looked before it was torn down 54 years later in October, 2011 (right).

Going, going, gone!



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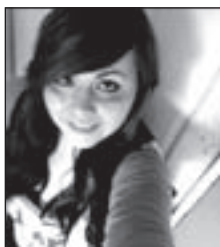
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The BOC becomes a growing mountain of rubble as construction workers continue with their demolition.

Workers inside of excavators move rubble and debris from the broken foundation of the building.

College

Culture



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Cheap Choices in College

College life is challenging for nearly every student. From tests to meal plans, and work to social lives, students have to budget their time and money in order to keep their stress levels down. But how can college students afford to budget their time to have fun without going over their spending budgets?

In a city the size of Paris, it's true that there just isn't much for young adults to do, and going out of town can skyrocket you over budget. With a budget of my own, I decided I would search for reasonable, much more cost-friendly alternatives to the everyday things we do as college students.

Eating with friends can be one of the most expensive things on our to-do list, but for most students it's almost a daily activity. If students rack up the price of going out multiple times a week, it would surprise most to find out just how much they've spent. For instance, if they go out to eat four times for lunch with friends in a week, each meal ranging from around \$7 to \$10, that's up to \$40 they could have had in their pocket at the end of the week.

Since giving up eating to save money is frowned upon in society, not to mention extremely unhealthy, the solution is simple and probably more fun than going out. Find a spot you and your friends would like to go, bring a cooler packed full of your favorite sandwich fixings, fruit, drinks and more, and have a picnic! It's not only healthier (unless you pack your cooler full of soda and candy) but it gives you and your friends something to do that becomes routine. It becomes a bonding experience.

"My friends and I love to walk the trail and go to the park," student Paige Holt said. "We snack and just have fun playing around."

If bonding over a picnic blanket isn't quite your cup of tea, then simply try looking for a dollar menu at your favorite fast food joint. If you go there regularly as a group, it's understandable that you wouldn't want to up and shy away from a place that has many memories in it's lobby, and your favorite burgers. So just look for a cheaper alternative to what you usually get. Look for a dollar menu.

"One of the things that my friends and I do is go to Taco Bell and get \$2 meal deals or cheap little items that are a dollar or less," student Brittany Bean said. "It's a lot less money than going to a restaurant that charges over \$2 just for a soda."

Coupons are also a way to bring down the bill. With shows such as "TLC's Extreme Couponing," the coupon phenomenon has moms and newlyweds storming the grocery stores with binders full of clipped savings. So why not hop on the bandwagon?

Restaurants often send out coupons both in the mail and in The Paris News (which students can find for free on campus on weekdays). The real prizes are found online. Some restaurants even have birthday coupons. Take advantage of the coupon craze.

It isn't just eating that puts holes in students' pockets. Anything that's fun usually costs a pretty penny in the long run. Going to the movies, bowling, just driving around; these things all dig into someone's piggy bank fast. But if you take away the cost of scenery, it isn't quite that bad. By this I mean don't go to the theatre or bowling alley, but have a game and movie night instead at one of your houses.

"It's like a buck to rent Redbox movies, and not much more to get some cheap snacks," Holt said. "It's always fun and a safe alternative to what other people are doing."

Cheap fun isn't just found off campus. There are always campus activities for students to attend, such as the upcoming Zombie Prom on Halloween night. A calendar of events can be found on the new PJC website and is constantly being updated.

When you have close friends, it doesn't matter what you do. You always have fun. But when you're a student in college and you're broke, it matters even less. Thrifty alternatives of the usual can actually bring new memories and traditions to your life and group of friends without bringing new costs.



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PJC students Brittany Bean and Paige Holt enjoy their inexpensive lunch under the shade of a tree on the Paris campus.



MY TOWN

BARBARA TORRES
STAFF WRITER

Shiori Wada is not a typical PJC student. She arrived to Texas in August 2009 from Escondido, California in San Diego County. She lives in Bogata with her mom and stepdad and plans to major in fashion merchandise and minor in business.



Courtesy Photo

Shiori Wada

Why did you decide to move to Texas?

Family medical conditions and a spontaneous change of pace.

Were you born in Escondido?

No, I was born in Poway, California but grew up in Escondido.

How is Texas different from California?

Texas is over-all more conservative. The climate is different. In California you don't see much snow unless you're up north. People here are more hospitable and the Mexican food here is different; like a lot different.

What was everyday life in California?

Same as it is here. School and work, but everything was closer in California. The beach was ten miles away; you didn't have to ride 25 miles to get to the nearest grocery store.

What were your hobbies

and interests in California?

"Concerts on the green" which was local music, bands that tour, etc. Bonfires at the beach, Fro-yo (frozen yogurt dates), going downtown, thrift-store shopping, going to Irvine or Los Angeles, Del Mar fair in the summer, Cruisin' Grand on Friday nights (which was an antique car show and get together held downtown from April through October), and scenic driving by the coast.

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

People in Texas are humble, conservative, fragile, naive to a point, very family-oriented, and more traditional. People from California have a lack of chivalry, don't like to get their hands dirty, they are materialistic, more open-minded, very active, and laid-back.

What's your favorite thing about Texas?

I can leave my car unlocked and not worry about it and people will actually help you on the side of the road if your car breaks down. I have a lot of car problems.

What was your favorite thing about California?

The open minds of people and the abundance of culture on every corner. California also has the best Mexican and Japanese food.

What is your favorite "California" food?

California burrito. It has Carne Asada, sour cream and guacamole. It also comes with french fries. I also like my dad's home cooking.

What is your favorite "Texan" food?

Favorite Texan food is nonexistent so far. I haven't had anything here I've really loved.

What are some of the biggest changes since you moved?

Having to drive longer distances. The people here have a lot of pride in their state. People are more liberal out in California and don't fry all of their food. Texas has seasons!

Do you plan to live here in the future?

I'll probably stay here until I finish school but I don't particularly plan to stay in Texas; I'd rather travel around.

Dragon



Puffs

Game Night

Tuesday, Oct. 25, Student Activities will host game night at 8 p.m. in the Student Center ballroom.

Chorale and Chamber Singers

The Chorale and Chamber Singers will perform in the Shaw Recital Hall, in the PJC Music Building, Tuesday, Oct 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Hispanic Club, Greenville

The Greenville Campus Hispanic Club meets Thursday, Oct. 20, and Thursday, Nov. 17, in the student area by the snack machines at 12:30 p.m.

Hispanic Club, Sulphur Springs

The Sulphur Springs campus Hispanic Club meets Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the SSC Conference Room at 12:30 p.m.

Pink Out

To celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month, students are encouraged to wear pink at the Friday, Oct. 21, volleyball game. The game starts at 6 p.m.

Homecoming Nominations

Tuesday, Oct. 25, and Wednesday, Oct. 26, students will vote on nominees for the homecoming court. Voting is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Student Center, the Walters Technology Center, and in the Administration Building.

Get Hypnotized!

Tuesday, Oct. 25, there will be a hypnotist, Mike Reeves, in the Student Center ballroom at 8 p.m. It is free with a PJC I.D.

Multi-Cultural Blend

The Multi-Cultural Blend (formerly the Paris campus Hispanic Club) meets every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in room 205 of the Student Center.

Night of the Living Dead

Monday, Oct. 31, Student Activities will be sponsoring the Zombie prom at 9 p.m. in the ballroom of the Student Center. Dressing up is encouraged but not required. Randy Nation, from a local radio station, will act as D.J. for the prom. Refreshments will be provided. A \$30 gift card will be given away as a prize for the best costume.

MEET MARIA

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Maria, a plant science student at Texas A&M University-Commerce, has a passion for agriculture and botany that stems back to her family's love for raising plants.

When she's not growing academically in the classroom, Maria finds herself growing culturally and socially thanks to the Hispanic Outreach program led by Luis Franco and Gilbert Hernandez. The interaction between different Latin American cultures in the program allowed Maria to enjoy her culture a little more and relate to people who shared similar experiences.

In the classroom, agricultural sciences professor Dr. Derald Harp made a lasting impression on Maria in a plant science class thanks to his personalized teaching style and invaluable knowledge and skills regarding plant growth, care and development.

"Dr. Harp interacts with you one-on-one," says Maria. "He tells you step by step how to cut a plant, shows techniques for reproducing a plant, and explains why plants grow and develop the way they do."

In the future Maria plans to grow fruit trees and make a living farming and exporting produce in the U.S. and the world.



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Overcoming the obstacles

CHRISTINA GUNLOCK
CO-EDITOR

Known for her curiosity about people and interactive classes, it is not surprising PJC Spanish instructor, Kelli Ebel, is interested in learning how different brains think and how that could apply to her classes.

On October 6, she had the chance to do just that. Kelli, her husband, Karl, and her mother, Barbara Klier, attended the Autism and Asperger's Syndrome Conference at the Hopkins County Civic Center in Sulphur Springs.

One of the speakers, Dr. Temple Grandin, is a world-renowned speaker and is also autistic. Grandin, recently named one of Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World, is a professor at Colorado State University where she teaches animal science.

"We could not believe she was coming to Sulphur Springs," says Kelli.

Autism is a developmental disorder which often causes isolation from normal social relationships and is characterized by various unique habits. Autism spectrum disorders affect 1 in every 110 children according to the National Institute of Mental Health.

The Ebels first heard of Grandin when they built a cattle pen based off one of her designs. Later they discovered the HBO movie, *Temple Grandin*, released in 2010. The movie took 10 years to produce because Grandin insisted on accuracy. It follows Grandin's life during her early years, as well as through trials she has overcome.

"I would highly recommend



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Left, Spanish student, Caleb Salter, aka "El Jefe" (The Boss), and Spanish instructor, Kelli Ebel (Center), act out a short story as the rest of the class tells him, in Spanish, what to do.

anyone watching it," says Kelli.

During the conference, Grandin gave practical solutions for dealing with children on the autism spectrum and preparing them for future employment.

"I felt it was a message of hope," says Kelli.



Temple Grandin

Kelli believes students could benefit from hearing Grandin's message by learning what kind of thinkers they are. When they know how their minds work, they can apply that to their studying habits. Once students have a learning platform they can jump off of, they can really excel, she says.

Kelli has always encouraged students to enroll in face-to-face classes. Upon later reflection she realized the online format might be better for some students, isolating them from certain classroom distractions.

Grandin was asked if she could snap her fingers and the autism would disappear, would she do it?

Grandin replied no, she wouldn't.

"The autistic brain gives me such clarity of thought," Grandin says.

Kelli explains autistic brains focus on one thing and, without proper guidance, can get stuck.

Grandin says, "The world needs autistic brains; they are extremely creative but need a guide." For Grandin, that guide was her mother.

"This is a very universal message - there is not one better way. We need all of these types of brains to better our society," says Kelli.

Important figures, such as Albert Einstein and Henry Cavendish, are thought to have had autistic characteristics.

Such characteristics also help Grandin understand some behaviors that animals, in particular cows, may exhibit during handling. Grandin's understanding of and research on cattle behavior also led her to speak on October 5 at the Northeast Texas Beef Improvement Organization's (NETBIO) annual meeting in the civic center. The Ebels, NETBIO members, also attended.

Grandin's message outlined the importance of not stressing animals during handling and how proper communication is needed with the public about different companies' animal handling practices. Kelli says the public is somewhat misinformed about the meat industry.

Grandin has strict animal handling guidelines for the companies she works with. MacDonald's, Burger King and Wendy's are three companies Grandin audits. There can only be three moos for every 100 cows when working them, which any cow-savvy person knows, is very difficult.

Grandin advocates the removal of fluorescent lights from cow handling facilities because cows can be stressed by the light and the sounds fluorescent lights make. Kelli says the most important thing she took away from the conference was "not categorizing ways of thinking as good or bad, but just different. I wish more people could hear her message and know more about her. It really relates to all of us in the teaching and learning environment."

The going's on around campus



Christina Gunlock/The Bat

Lauren Anderson pours sweetened condensed milk into her coffee at Multi-Cultural Blend's Cafe Italia Tuesday.



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The recently elected 2011 - 2012 African American Student Union Officers: Cindy Blanton, Ashley Reed, Chris Palmore, Jamie Williams, Portia Gunishaw.



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Paris Junior College, in partnership with three Greenville businesses—Atrium Windows and Doors, Case New Holland America, and Newell Rubbermaid—was presented with a job training grant for \$542,642. The grant will be used to custom train 273 workers in advanced skills to help the businesses improve operations and productivity. Present October 7, at the Greenville Campus, for the Skills Development Fund grant announcement were, from left, Newell Rubbermaid Plant Manager Michael Grant; Texas Workforce Commissioner Andres Alcantar; Atrium Plant Manager Jim Gonzales; PJC President Dr. Pam Anglin; District 2 State Rep. Dan Flynn, and Depot Manager, Case New Holland, Steve Shaver.