As I think back over 2006-2007, I am reminded of the success achieved through Paris Junior College students’ academic endeavors, athletics and the fine arts program, but the one overwhelming aspect of the last year can be defined as people and relationships.

In December, we lost a dear colleague, Linda Butler. Linda taught psychology at PJC for 28 years and impacted not only the lives of the students she taught but touched each person she came in contact with. Linda’s enthusiasm, passion and laugh were contagious. We miss her presence but her memory lives on at PJC.

In May, we honored the retirements of five long-time faculty members: Donna Gatlin, Ursula Loewenthal, Mel Price, Betty Swasko, and Robert Thornburrow. These five individuals had taught a combined 121 years at PJC. These individuals helped earn Paris Junior College the reputation of having a long-standing tradition of providing a top-notch education. As we closed the year on August 31, 2007, Paul Bailey, coordinator of public information, retired after 15 years. Paul has been responsible for the outstanding publications at PJC, in particular the Annual Report. The impact these individuals had on Paris Junior College was immeasurable, and each will be sorely missed.

Students also touch our lives as they pass through the institution and move on into the workforce or transfer to four-year colleges and universities. Two students that I will never forget, Earnest Jones from New Orleans and Ramon Clemente from Queens, New York, who were on the conference championship basketball team, enriched our lives as they became family to many of us on campus. These two young men were not only outstanding students and athletes but outstanding young men. Their smiles and enthusiasm for life touched everyone they came in contact with.

When we look at the annual report and our accomplishments for 2006-2007, the past year’s success resulted from the people of Paris Junior College and the relationships developed. Paris Junior College moves into a new era with new faces among our faculty, staff, and student body. The traditions made and developed in the past will live on, and the faculty and staff will continue to assure every student that passes through our doors the best community college education.
Achieving the Dream: Community Colleges Count, a national initiative to help more community college students succeed, has added Paris Junior College to its list of participating colleges, bringing the total number to 82 participating institutions in 15 different states.

Paris Junior College has already begun work with officials from the initiative to get the college faculty and administration acquainted with the program.

“This is a great opportunity for the college to be selected to take part in this national initiative,” said Dr. Pamela Anglin, president of Paris Junior College.

“As an Achieving the Dream institution, we will gather and interpret data so that our resources can be allocated in ways that we know will benefit our students the most and help our students reach their educational, career and professional goals.”

Achieving the Dream will provide PJC and other participating colleges with support to implement strategies designed to help more students — particularly students of color and low income students — earn degrees, complete certificates or transfer to other institutions to continue their studies. Achieving the Dream emphasizes the use of data to identify effective practices, improve student success rates and close achievement gaps.

“I cannot overstate the importance of helping community college students succeed,” said Martha D. Lamkin, president and CEO of Lumina Foundation for Education, which provided the initial funding for Achieving the Dream.

Demonstration colleges, which PJC became when selected to the program, will follow a model of institutional improvement that includes developing a procedure to use current and effective data to drive their decision-making and program evaluations, as well as document student progress and completion rates.

Through its partnership with Achieving the Dream, PJC can establish a management system that will provide information for more timely interventions and decision-making for students, as well as for faculty, staff and administration.

“Our institution does a tremendous job now, and I believe being a part of Achieving the Dream will offer us more opportunities to elevate our service to students and community to a new level — and to provide that service more effectively,” Dr. Anglin said.
More than 1,500 Texas community college students, including several from Paris Junior College, converged on the State Capitol in February to highlight the essential role of community colleges in education and economic development.

Leaders of the Texas Junior College Student Government Association (TJCSGA) were joined by state officials speaking from the steps of the Capitol.

With PJC President Dr. Pamela Anglin at the Capitol were admissions counselor Brad Gifford and student activities coordinator Deanna Young.

They accompanied students David Mead and Kedra Council from the Paris campus, Cassandra Gaddis from the Sulphur Springs campus and Mary Satterwhite and Gustavo Moncivais from the Greenville campus.

Wearing ribbons with a slogan saying, “Community Colleges are Essential,” the students stressed that it is time for the state legislature to enter into a new compact with community colleges. PJC students and officials attended a Legislative session, visited with State Sen. Kevin Eltife and State Reps. Mark Homer and Dan Flynn.

Last year, Texas community colleges accounted for $13.47 billion in all annual earnings — the equivalent of 351,530 jobs. The association wants to safeguard and support educational opportunities.
A New Team of Dragons

New names, new rules, new terminology take to the court in Hunt Center as women’s volleyball comes to Paris Junior College.

Paris Junior College sports fans have another reason to visit Hunt Center: Lady Dragons volleyball.

A new level of excitement surrounded the latest Lady Dragons during their inaugural season, as Coach Justin Maness recruited his first squad, a mixture of veteran sophomores and talented freshmen, and took them to a 10-24 record.

Along the way, PJC fans learned the meaning of such new terms as “dig,” “libero” and “setter,” and recognized the fiery drive to win that has become a hallmark of PJC athletics.
Greenville and Hunt County officials, the architects and contractors joined Paris Junior College officials in May in officially turning the first shovel of dirt to start a $13 million project for a new PJC-Greenville Center campus.

The new campus will be located on land adjacent to and just west of Greenville High School and on the proposed Monte Stratton Boulevard. Paris Junior College purchased 172 acres of land in December 2005 to accommodate the new campus and future expansion.

While prolonged summer rains delayed construction, by Sept. 1 pilings had been poured for the building’s foundation, and work had begun on the campus’ new parking lot as crews awaited the arrival of steel to begin work on the building itself.

SHW Group of Dallas is the architectural firm charged with development of a campus master plan and the design of the first building to be constructed as phase 1 of the project. It will be a multipurpose facility that will serve up to 2,500 students. Completion of the first phase of the campus is projected for July 2008 so students can begin attending fall semester (2008) classes in the new facility.

“We want to be prepared to meet the educational needs of the citizens of Greenville and Hunt County, and this new campus will help us do that,” PJC President Dr. Pamela Anglin said. “It is important that this be the community’s college.”

This is another important step in the progress of the college that began in 1994 through a partnership between Paris Junior College and the Greenville Board of Development.

The first campus opened in the Henson Building in 1994 with 70 students enrolled to take 14 different classes. From that meager beginning, the student population of the college has grown every year.

“Today, we offer over 200 different academic and technical classes at the Greenville Center,” Dr. Anglin noted.
HVAC System Gets An Update

Construction crews swarmed the Paris Junior College campus during the summer months, replacing underground heating and air conditioning pipes, some of which were a half-century old or more.

The PJC Board of Regents approved the $1,759,300 project in May, and the work has been carried out by Mosby Mechanical of Longview.

The summer-long project required numerous ditches be dug across the campus, following the route of existing pipes. New heating and air conditioning equipment was also installed in the campus’ HVAC plant.

Though delayed by the summer’s unusually lengthy bout of rainfall, which lasted until mid-July, the project began to wrap up by late September when crews began refilling ditches and conducting preliminary landscape work.
Jack and Virginia Ellison, both graduates of Paris Junior College who carved out successful lives as husband and wife, were named Distinguished Alumni of PJC during Homecoming celebrations in November.

The couple, who met while students at PJC, were honored before a capacity crowd in the Student Center ballroom that included family members, friends and over 200 alumni who returned to Paris Junior College to renew acquaintances during the two-day event.

The Ellisons are both retired from successful careers and reside in Austin. Since graduating from PJC, they have continued to visit PJC and support the college.

After receiving certificates and medallions from PJC President Dr. Pamela Anglin, Jack and Virginia Ellison responded to the recognition. Virginia said PJC prepared her (and Jack) well for stepping out into the world.

“Never in our education or recreation at PJC did we feel deprived of anything,” she said. “PJC offered us all that we could ever expect from any college.”

“Our experiences at PJC were wonderful, including meeting Virginia,” Jack said. “We received an excellent education from outstanding instructors.”

After graduating from PJC in 1938, Jack Ellison attended the University of Texas in Austin, graduating with honors from the School of Business Administration. During a career as a certified public accountant, he served as vice president of finance for the Western Division of Chevron Oil Company. He was also vice present and chief financial officer for Axem Resources, an independent oil company.

Virginia Ellison graduated from PJC in 1939 and then obtained her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of North Texas. She received a master’s degree from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and was one of three winners of Pulitzer Traveling Fellowships.

As a journalist for the Baltimore Sun papers, Mrs. Ellison was based both in Baltimore and in the London Bureau. Following her marriage to Jack Ellison, Mrs. Ellison worked for the New Orleans Times Picayune and served as a visiting lecturer in the Journalism Department at Tulane University.
Homecoming
2006

Parade

Veterans Salute

Pep Rally

King & Queen

Reunion
The Northeast Texas workforce benefitted from a $729,751 job-training grant from the Skills Development Fund that the Texas Workforce Commission administers. Campbell Soup Co. partnered with Paris Junior College to provide the training. The grant will create or upgrade 652 jobs including maintenance technicians, network, personal computer and software technicians, manufacturing engineers, power plant operators, human resource professionals and several others.

Mickey Slimp, left, of Northeast Texas Consortium of Colleges and Universities, congratulates Dr. Ken Haley, PJC’s associate dean of distance learning, on the opening of a new interactive video classroom in the Bobby Walters Technology Building. The classroom was made available to PJC from the Northeast Texas Consortium of Colleges and Universities (NETnet) through a special grant. The classrooms will enable students and faculty to share live video along with high-resolution computer graphics.

Dr. H. Richard Adams, seated, left, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University, signs the Biomedical Sciences program Articulation Agreement with PJC President Dr. Pamela Anglin. Looking on, from the left, are A&M Admissions Director Dr. Scott McDonald, Biomedical Science Director Dr. F.H. “Skip” Landis, Paris Junior College Science Instructor Jack Brown, A&M Associate Dean Dr. Evelyn Tiffany-Castiglioni, and PJC Dean Dwight Chaney.
The PJC Dragons men’s basketball team brought home its second consecutive Region XIV regular-season conference championship. Dragon Ramon Clemente (front, left) was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I All-American third team. Dragons Head Coach Ross Hodge (front, right) was named Region XIV Coach of the Year in his first season at the helm. Dragons Earnest Jones (rear, left) and DeUndrae Spraggins (rear, right) were named to the All-Region third team. Clevin Hannah, a freshman, was an honorable mention on the All-Region Team. Athletic Director Jim Moffitt is pictured at top.

Paris Junior College athletic programs are know for their success, and few athletic traditions can match that of the Dragons golf program, with its seemingly automatic appearance at NJCAA National Championship tournaments under former Coach Mickey Flippen. Coach David Johnson has continued those winning ways, taking his Dragons golf squad to the NJCAA National Championship tournament in each of his first two years at the helm. The Dragons finished 11th at the tournament in 2007.

The Paris Junior College Dragons baseball program, under the leadership of Head Coach Deron Clark, built upon its winning tradition during the 2006-2007 season, finishing second with a conference record of 18-10 and earning a trip to the Region XIV playoffs. The season marked the second consecutive playoff appearance for the Dragons.
Paris Junior College speech and drama students Jason Thomas of Bogata (left) and Phillip Rolen of Paris took the national championship gold medal in parliamentary debate during the Phi Rho Pi National Forensics Championship Tournament in Houston. "I hope that it will mean that the debate program is at PJC for good. I have gained more educational experience in my years of debating than in any other place in all of my life," said Thomas. Students at two-year colleges from across the U.S. convene for one week annually at Phi Rho Pi to showcase a wide array of speaking, interpretative and dramatic talents. Thomas and Rolen have been friends since they were in the sixth grade.

The Paris Junior College Drama Department’s production of The Skin of Our Teeth earned an “excellent” rating recently at the TCCSTA State Playfest Competition at Blinn College in Brenham. Cast and crew members included Chris Culter, Jason Thomas, David Jackson, Cate Jones, Tia Ballard, Cayla Coleman, Josh Maxwell, Danyelle Lambert, T.J. Jones, Heath Allen and Dori Logsdon. The students’ instructors were Cathy Huey and Ann Gerrity,
Anglin Appointed To Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Formula Advisory Group

Paris Junior College President Pamela Anglin has been appointed to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board’s Community and Technical College Formula Advisory Committee.


“It is an honor to be invited to serve on the committee and I look forward to helping plan for the future of the state’s community colleges.” Anglin said. “Community colleges are still pursuing the goal of full formula funding, which is vital in order for us to provide affordable higher education to the people of Texas.”

Dr. Anglin and the other 12 members of the THECB Formula Advisory Committee had the opportunity for input into community college funding for the 2010-2011 biennium when they held their first meeting August 10 in the THECB offices. At that meeting, the committees worked on the next biennium funding needs for community colleges in an effort to restore a more equitable funding arrangement between local community colleges and the state.

John S. Spradling Named The New Director of PJC - Greenville Center

John S. Spradling, a resident of Hewitt, was named the new director of the Paris Junior College - Greenville Center.

Dr. Pamela Anglin, President of Paris Junior College, said Spradling would bring experience and understanding of two-year colleges to Greenville.

“He will offer to PJC and the Greenville Center a level of academic and administrative experience that will assist in moving the Greenville Center forward.” Anglin said.

Spradling had been employed at the Texas State Technical College in Waco where he held positions as associate professor, department chair, technology cluster director and vice president for student learning.

Spradling earned his bachelor of science degree in agricultural education from Texas A&M University - Commerce and his master of science in animal science from New Mexico State University.

Dr. Anglin said Spradling’s experience at Texas State Technical College would benefit the Greenville campus and PJC. “He will bring additional knowledge in technical and vocational programs that will help us system-wide as we expand opportunities for students.”

Krista Goerte Named Among Coca-Cola Scholarship Recipients

Paris Junior College journalism student Krista Goerte of Telephone, Texas, was awarded a $1,000 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

In April, Goerte was named the recipient of The Paris News Journalism Scholarship during the annual Creative Writing and Art Awards ceremonies at PJC. She also was named Journalism Student of the Year and Outstanding English Student of the Year.

She is the daughter of Eric and Patti Goerte of Telephone.

New Ag Certificate Program Approved

A Certificate of Completion in Agriculture Production Operations was approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and is now available for student enrollment at PJC.

The new certification emphasizes “hands-on” skills to be used in crop and livestock production. Full-time students can complete the requirements for the certification in three semesters. Most students will be able to finish the program in a year.
A Vision of the Future

Paris Junior College received special recognition at the annual Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce membership banquet in Sulphur Springs in February. PJC President Dr. Pamela Anglin was presented the Vision Award by Freddie Taylor, chamber board chairman and mayor of Sulphur Springs, for the colleges’ work to broaden its commitment to higher education in Sulphur Springs and Hopkins County through the PJC — Sulphur Springs Center. “PJC has had the vision to look into the future needs of the area and to carry out its vision for offering education opportunities for the people of Hopkins County,” Taylor said. PJC has purchased 46 acres of land on West Loop 301 (Hwy. 19) to supplement the existing campus so the college can meet the needs of a growing student population.

Spanish Clubs Formed

The formation of a Spanish Club at the Paris campus in 2007 completed a cultural triple play, with Spanish Club now available to students at all three PJC campuses. One of the Paris chapter’s first events was a salsa dance, complete with lessons, held in May. Spanish students are encouraged to become members of the club, but students do not need to be enrolled in Spanish to be a member. Activities planned for the clubs include fiestas, practicing Spanish and learning about the culture, and members will discuss other events and civic projects.
By The Numbers

Student Body Data For Fall 2006

Male: 37%
Female: 63%

Under Age 17: 245
  17: 614
  18: 723
  19-21: 1,060
  22-24: 406
  25-30: 409
  31-35: 272
  36-50: 496
  51-64: 81
  65 And Over: 3

Paris Campus: 2,439
Greenville Campus: 1,169
Sulphur Springs Campus: 651
Commerce: 236

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 4,309

Revenues & Expenditures
09.01.06 - 08.31.07

REVENUES
State Appropriations $9,238,482
Tuition & Fees $7,462,185
Taxes $2,639,686
Auxiliary Enterprises $915,507
Other Sources $957,412
Grants & Contracts $8,699,201
TOTAL $29,912,473

EXPENDITURES
Instruction $9,588,621
Public Service $2,204,698
Academic Support $1,085,617
Student Services $2,746,596
Institutional Support $2,568,414
Plant Operation & Maintenance $1,931,887
Financial Aid & Scholarships $5,534,248
Auxiliary Enterprise Expenditures $1,013,895
Depreciation $346,509
Interest & Fees On Debt Service $338,908
TOTAL $27,359,393
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