



Enrollment peaks at all time high

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Editor

Enrollment skyrocketed this semester at Paris Junior College, as fall enrollment numbers showed a 17.98 percent increase with 5,584 students currently enrolled and total contacts hours at 1.2 million.

"Our growth this fall was a much greater jump than we expected,

so we had to scramble to accommodate the growth," said PJC President Dr. Pamela Anglin. "This year's enrollment was truly a team effort on the part of college employees."

Many steps have been taken to prepare the campus for the increase in students including adding a few more faculty members.

"Faculty and all the staff worked together to do what

was best for students and to try to make sure all students were taken care of," Anglin said. "Getting everyone enrolled and in classes was a great effort by all employees."

Drama and accounting positions at PJC had been vacant for more than a year before this semester, but Anglin decided it was best to fill them because of all the incoming students. An additional instructor was added to both the welding and EMT programs.

Even with a record high enrollment, PJC is still recruiting more higher education students.

"Marketing and advertising efforts have increased to get the word out about PJC. Our work with 'Achieving the Dream' has helped us in knowing what we need to do to help students be more successful and stay in school," Anglin said. "We have not only enrolled new students, but our retention from semester to semester has also gone up."

Additional courses have been added with available faculty taking on more courses. According to Anglin, by the time the spring semester comes around, PJC enrollment should decrease by a noticeable number of students.

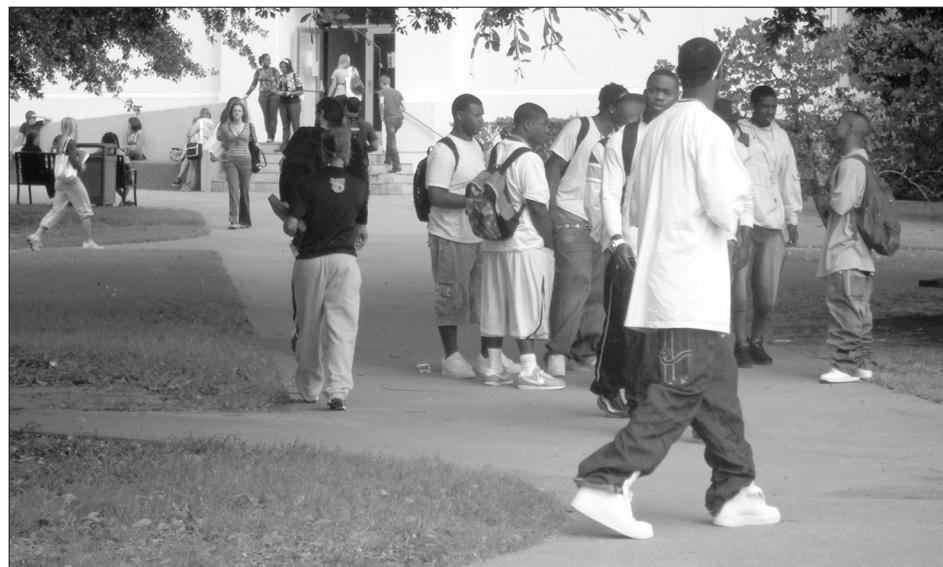
"Typically, spring semester enrollment is lower than a fall semester," she said.

There are numerous explanations as to why PJC enrollment has gone up, but a few of the obvious reasons would include the economy and demand for certain jobs.

Anglin said, "Unemployment has risen and more people are coming back to school to be retrained for another job."

All in all, a vast majority of the community benefits in one way or another due to this increase in enrollment. Going to a junior college saves people money when they are struggling economically.

"Everyone benefits from enrollment being up. This means that more individuals



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With enrollment being so high, students gather before and after classes around 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30. Finding an empty parking space has been difficult and desks are filled up this semester with a total of 5,584 currently enrolled students.

are taking advantage of the opportunities PJC offers in getting a higher education," Anglin said. "Education pays big dividends."

Of course, getting an education isn't all college is about; what about the sports?

"The high enrollment has

impacted athletic teams," Anglin said. She said she hopes, "There are more students that can come out and support the teams and take part in that aspect of college life."

Anglin said, "We are thrilled that so many students chose PJC to continue

their education. It took everyone working together and doing their part to accommodate 5,584 students. These are exciting times for PJC and everyone involved this fall, whether as a student, faculty or staff, have been part of a historical fall semester."

Banned Books Week contest offering prizes

MARTA GOERTE
Features Editor

Banned Books Week at PJC is underway. The celebration started Sept. 28, and is to conclude Oct. 8.

Banned Books Week is an annual awareness campaign in an attempt to protect freedom of speech by celebrating books that have been challenged throughout the years.

Alexia Riggs, PJC's new Technical Services Librarian says, "We need to acknowledge books that are being contested, and realize how important books are to our culture."

This year, Library Services is sponsoring a Banned Book Challenge. There is a display case in the English Department, located

in the Administration Building. Students have the opportunity to guess which book in the display has not been banned, in order to have their name put in a drawing for prizes. Entry forms can be found in the English office or the library.

The contest is to run until Oct. 7, with drawing for prizes on all three campuses Oct. 8. In Paris the drawing is set to be at 3 p.m., and there will be refreshments and movies.

There will also be banned book displays and contests on the Greenville and Sulphur Springs campuses. In Greenville, movies are to be shown all day Oct. 7, with refreshments in the morning. In Sulphur Springs, there is to be morning refreshments on Oct. 8.



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New Technical Services Librarian Alexia Riggs sets up the Banned Books display Thursday, Sept. 24.



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Out of all the books in the display, only one has not been banned.

Cover your cough Greenville campus holds flu shot clinic

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Features Editor

A flu shot clinic, conducted by Hunt County Regional Medical Center, is scheduled for the Greenville campus from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Oct. 19. At this time, no clinic is planned for either the Paris or Sulphur Springs campuses.

Flu shots are available at many area grocery stores, pharmacies and county health departments. The following information was released by PJC to help raise awareness about the flu virus.

"Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners also are effective. Practice respiratory etiquette by covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder, not into your hands. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth; germs are spread this way. Know the signs and symptoms of the flu, and take precautions accordingly."

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Junior college: making the smart decision

CHACE WILSON
Guest Columnist

Wilson wrote the following essay this summer in an English class taught by Joan Mathis.

Have you ever thought about enrolling in a two-year college instead of four-year college? I pondered this question many times; my dilemma was that I wanted to be like my friends who were enrolling in “a big, prestigious” four-year university, to experience the freshman college life with a whole new environment.

After listening to my mother however, I had a reality check. Although I was a well-rounded student, I didn’t have the highest GPA in high school. Nor did I put together the best effort to obtain high scores on major college entrance exams. Neither was I sure about the career field I wanted to get into, plus the costs of tuition were so high at the university I wanted to attend that there’s no way I could afford it since my father had lost his job due to the poor economic situation.

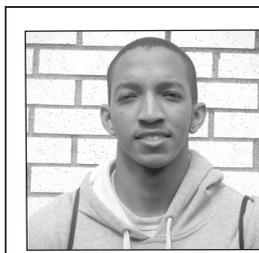
However, enrolling in a two-year college has its benefits. For example, the student-teacher ratio comprises a smaller environment compared to a four-year school. Here at PJC, I am getting extra help from my own professors, whereas in four-year schools, most students don’t

ever get to see their professor unless by an appointment. Paris Junior College instructors have scheduled conference times to meet students, but they are more accessible than their scheduled time. In my short time here, I haven’t come across a teacher that wasn’t approachable and ready to help me when needed.

While in high school, I learned that procrastination is the devil’s advocate. I remembered a time in high school when I faced a situation of failing a class for the very first time. I recall talking to my aunt and uncle about putting God first.

While divine intervention worked for me, I would not recommend college students to rely on this source totally. Now, in college, I have better study skills than what I had in high school.

A two-year college has classes to teach the student about how to be a grade A, academically successful student, as defined by Huxley’s quotation: “Successful people have learned to make themselves do the thing that has to be done when it has to be done, whether they like it or not.” This quote relates to the importance of careful



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planning.

While attending a two-year college, students should seek guidance from the counselors on their campus as well as advisement from the counselors of the four-year university to which they plan to transfer.

Having an idea of a career choice saves students from taking random courses. At one time I wanted to be a teacher and a coach. So I decided to major in education, but then I did some thinking and later decided to change to the medical field. Some of my friends also followed my foot steps and changed their majors, causing a loss of time, stress and money.

I feel blessed to be enrolled at a two-year school Paris Junior College. It is giving me experience for the four-year school to which I plan to transfer. Going to the two-year school helps me find out what career I want to invest in; plus it save me a lot of money and stress. Also I have developed good study habits and study partners from being in a smaller college environment. In the end I appreciate going to a two-year school first instead of going to a four-year school.

Students learn law, up close and personal, at Court of Appeals

STEPHANIE NORMAN
Editor

The Sixth Texas Court of Appeals, located in Texarkana, held court Wednesday, Sept. 16, in the Workforce Training Center at Paris Junior College. Government instructor Ruth Ann Alsobrook organized this event, which gives students an opportunity to see the wheels of justice in motion.

Appeals Court is in place to hear civil and criminal cases appealed from district or county courts.

Justice Bailey C. Moseley, Justice Jack Carter and Chief Justice Josh R. Morriss, III, the three current sixth district judges, talked

with curious students after the hearings.

“I think they get a kick out of talking to students,” Alsobrook said. “PJC students benefit because it provides them with ‘real-world’ experience as opposed to textbook learning.”

The justices said they chose to come back to PJC another year because of the “good professor,” meaning Ruth Alsobrook.

“The Court has a standing invitation to come to PJC whenever they please, but they average about once a year,” according to Alsobrook. “We like hosting the Court because as Justice Morriss said, ‘it’s a win-win situation for everyone.’ Students see a slice of the Texas court system in action

and local attorneys and clients don’t have to drive to Texarkana.”

During the Wednesday sessions, three cases from Lamar County and one from Hopkins County were heard for oral argument.



Alsobrook

“Our job is to apply the law to the facts,” Justice Morriss said. “We’re charged with doing what the law says is right and making sure the decisions made are made on the right basis.”

Among the cases heard included an appeal on behalf of Cody Joe Posey vs. the

State of Texas with Jeff Shell arguing for the state and Paris attorney James R. Rodgers representing Posey. Next was a hearing involving the State of Texas vs. Leslie Gene Goodman with Paris attorney Gary L. Waite presenting the argument for Goodman and Shell again representing the state.

During the afternoon session, attorney James Rodgers appeared a second time arguing an appeal in a child custody case. One of the attorneys was a no show for the last case of the day, which was then a one-man argument.

Justices take all cases under advisement and deliver final decisions at a later date.

SGA: Dragon Camp, Winter Formal, among fall semester events

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A new student activity this year, is the November 12 Dragon Camp, a camp out Student Government Association will have at Noyes Stadium. Any student may attend

this all night event.

There will be a cook-out throughout the night along with s’mores. Deanna Young, Student Activity Director, said, “We may even watch a movie on the big screen.”

Another activity that has been

done before, but not in quite some time, is the Winter Formal that is to take place in the ballroom Dec. 4. Decorations will be set up along with a DJ and food and drinks.

On the Greenville and Sulphur Springs campuses, planned activities may be different from those

on the Paris campus and they are primarily on Thursdays.

More information can be found at the SGA office on the lower level of the McLemore Student Center building where calendars are available with the list of activities. Students can also find information on the school website, along with

flyers posted around the campus.

“Most events are free unless it is for field trips or dances. If any money is required it will be posted,” Young said. There are free prizes given away such as gift cards, PJC related items or the DVD of the movie at the end of movie nights.

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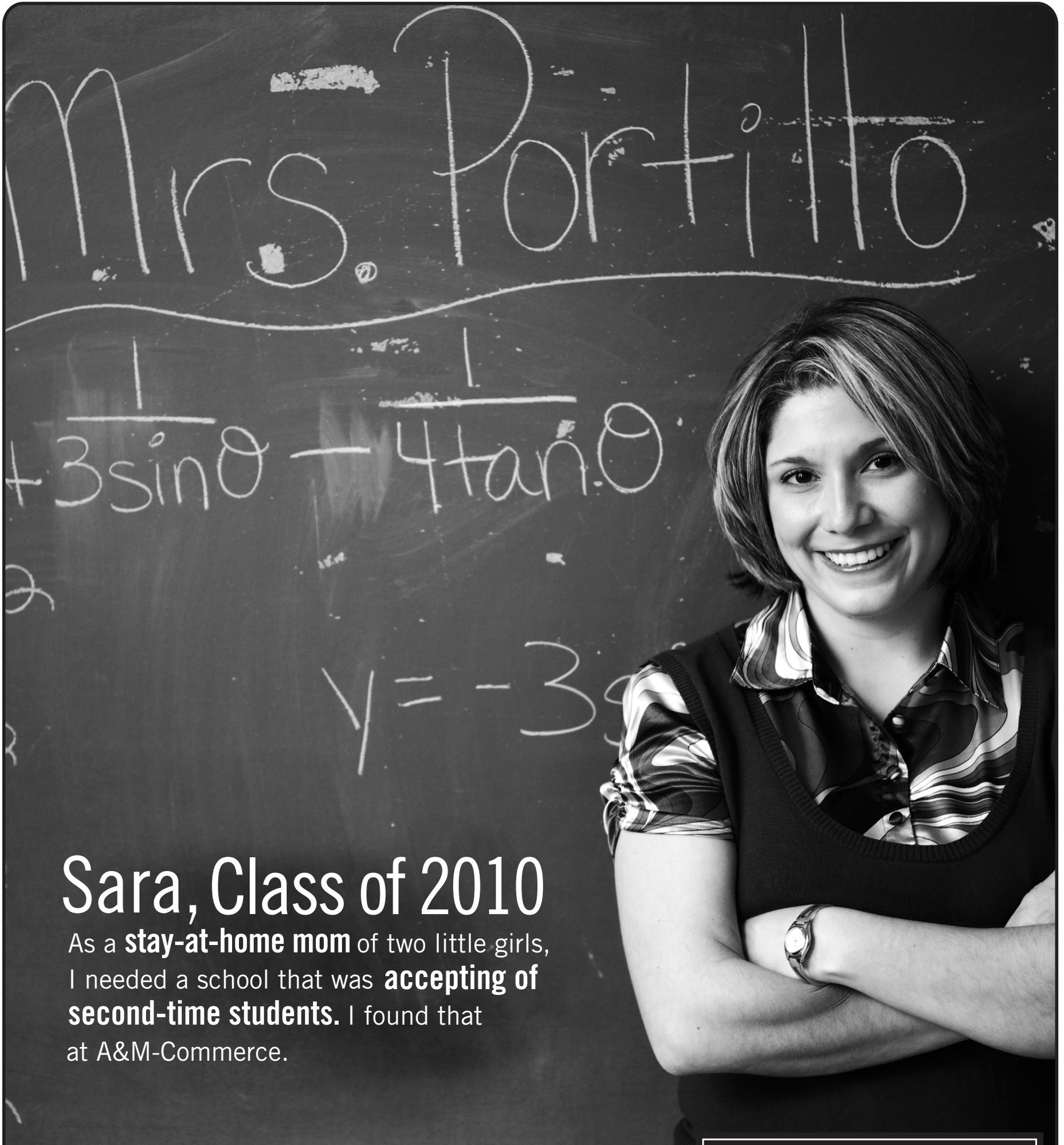
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Sports / News

Lady Dragons win first conference game against Tyler



QUENTIN CARPENTER
Sports Editor

Lady Dragons' volleyball opened conference play Monday night with a win at their home court against rival Tyler Junior College.

The Lady Dragons started off strong having back to back winning sets with scores of 25-15 and 25-21. Tyler Junior College Lady Apaches rallied back winning two sets of their own by a score of 23-25 and 21-25.

In the final set, The Lady Dragons looked to be putting away the Lady Apaches, 14-11. Tyler made a short come back to make the score 14-13, before the Lady Dragons put them away with a final score of 15-13.

"It was an exciting game and we knew it would be," said head coach Justin Maness. "Tyler is a great team and they are a big team. It is always tough in set five but in volleyball you can never count anybody out."

The Lady Dragons play Panola Junior College in Carthage, TX Thursday, October 1 at 6 p.m. The match up is Panola's first conference action, and The Lady Dragons will try to increase their current win streak to 4.

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From left, Hillary Baugh, Logan Anglin, Adrienne Boswell compete against Tyler Junior College last Monday.

Coaches praise new assistants

QUENTIN CARPENTER
Sports Editor

PJC Dragon athletics is featuring seven new faces among the coaching staff this year. Both the men and women's basketball teams have new head coaches and assistants. Baseball, softball, and volleyball have the same head coaches as last year, but hired new assistant coaches.



Schubert of men's basketball.

For Schubert it was, "The tradition-the opportunity, to be a part of a successful program-is what attracted me to come here."

Assisting Schubert is first-year coach Logan Lee.

Schubert says, "Logan brings a lot of energy and experience he has coached and played at the highest



LeBeauf

everyone else involved with the basketball team."

On the women's side, Sean LeBeauf is at the reigns of Lady Dragon basketball. LeBeauf's last coaching job was at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., as the men's coach.

"It is always good to have an opportunity to call your own timeouts, when those opportunities present themselves, you don't want to turn them down," says LeBeauf.

The women's new basketball assistant is Darryl Ellis. Ellis was formerly head varsity coach of women's basketball at Avondale High School in Avondale Estates, Georgia.

"With the way and the intensity he works, he is an asset, says LeBeauf. On the recruiting aspect, he connects with the kids real well and the way he researches is great."

Tawnya Gurthrie was the assistant coach in softball at division II school at Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas.

Head softball coach Corey Lyon says, "She has great experience at the highest level in college as a player and coach.



Lyon

She has worked beside the most respected coaches in college. She was a college player before, so she knows how it is in the girls' shoes."

Men's baseball also has a new assistant, Craig Corrison. PJC is Corrison's first college coaching job.



Clark

Clark, head baseball coach says, "Craig played for us before and bringing him back added to the continuity of our team. The experience he has as a player brings a lot to the club."

Volleyball's new coach is Kristen Stevens. This is Stevens' first coaching job; she spent the past four years as a player at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Head volleyball coach Justin Maness says, "She brings a lot of enthusiasm. She gives me good insight on what the girls need to do in practice. In game situations, she is there to balance me out, and if she sees something that needs to be changed, we make a change. I take her word highly."



Maness

Dragon Puffs



Hispanic Club meetings coming up

Service, leadership and fellowship: Learn about the Hispanic culture, community projects, make friends and have fun! Students do not have to be Hispanic to join or be enrolled in a Spanish course.

At the Sulphur Springs campus the fall semester meetings will be at Sulphur Spring Center on Oct. 7 and 22, and Nov. 4 and 18 Conference Room/ITV. On the Greenville campus the fall semester meetings will be at Greenville Center Room 212 (ITV in Faculty area offices) Oct. 8 and 23, and Nov. 5 and 19. For any questions contact:

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United Way sells tickets

The United Way Kickoff Event is trying to speed up the lunch line by selling tickets early. This year's kickoff

fundraiser will be held on the lawn in the center courtyard of the Paris campus from 11:30 to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

Tickets may be purchased before October 14 from Marilee Miller by calling ext. 397 or e-mailing her at mmiller@parisjc.edu. For \$4 students, employees, and the general public can buy a full meal deal lunch ticket that provides two pieces of pizza, a canned drink/bottle of water, and a dessert.

Lunch tickets can still be bought at the event but early purchase will help organizers better plan and provide faster service.

Several games with great prizes will be available. Game tickets may be bought at the central booth at the event.

Silent auction baskets and baskets won by the drawing will be on display before the event and at the event.

PJC Library asks a trivia question

The PJC library is sponsoring a trivia contest. Any PJC student can use any print source to find the answer to the question: "Who was the first woman killed in action during the revolutionary war?"

Answers must be turned in by Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 5 p.m. Students may ask for assistance from the librarians, or staff working in the library. Answers can be turned into any member of the library staff in order to receive a prize.

Book Club features "New Moon"

PJC is holding a book club, featuring "New Moon," the second book of the Twilight series. The first meeting is to be held at 4 p.m. October 21, at the Learning Center Resource Center.