



## Veterans Day ceremony held on campus

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It was the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month and it was standing room only in DeShong Chapel on the PJC campus.

Allen Williams, Division Chair for Social Sciences, began the Veterans Day ceremony Tuesday by reading the 61 names of fallen, but not forgotten, PJC veterans.

"Veterans Day is a very special occasion so we always look forward to honoring those who have served and those who have given their lives," Williams said.

An armistice, (a temporary cease fire) declared on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of November, 1918, brought the fighting

of World War I to a halt.

When the treaty of Versailles, which officially ended the war, was signed in 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 the first Armistice Day.

He said, "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

In 1954, Congress changed the name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day, a time to honor veterans from all wars. In other countries,

the day is still known as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day.

In this tradition Paris Junior College celebrated Veterans Day.

PJC Chamber Singers voices rang out with "The National Anthem" and a spiritual, "Mansions." Dr. Ken Haley, Associate Dean of Distance Learning and English instructor, recited, "I have a Rendezvous with Death" by Alan Seeger and "In Flanders Field" by Lt. Col. John McCrae, MD.

A procession to the PJC veterans memorial, located in front of the Administration Building, was led by Brandi Amos, president of the Student Government Association, who placed a wreath on the memorial. She was followed by Dustin Jones, president of Phi



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**Students carry flags in honor of veterans. Left, are Texas flag guard Dustin Jones, president Phi Theta Kappa, and American flag guard Eboni Dixon, president AASU.**

Theta Kappa, carrying a Texas flag and Eboni Dixon, president, African-American Student Union, carrying the American flag.

The ceremony concluded with a moment of silence, and "Taps," played on the bugle by Ed Brigrance, a World War II veteran.

## Students participate in 2008 Homecoming



Courtesy photo

**2008 PJC Homecoming King Quenton Stewart and Queen Brandi Amos were crowned Saturday at the men's basketball game as 1983 Homecoming Queen Angela Simmons and her father, Roy Simmons, back, looked on.**

PJC homecoming events began with a parade on Thursday, Nov. 6 and continued until Saturday. The President's Reception Friday night for staff and alumni included a variety of hors d'oeuvres.

The men's and women's basketball teams brought two big wins. The men played SW Adventist and won 117/41. The women played Mountain View College and won 100/43. During the men's bas-

ketball game, at half time, homecoming king and queen Quenton Stewart and Brandi Amos were crowned. A former PJC president, Dr. Dennis Michaelis was also honored during half time.



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**The cast of PJC drama production "She Loves Me" waits for the homecoming parade to start.**



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**PJC Cosmetology students pose before the parade.**

# Opinion/News

## Opinion

# Be proud of who you voted for

Editor's Note: The following opinion is that of Jo Kyle Varner, a Paris native and former PJC student, who served as editor of The Bat in 2006. Varner went on to graduate from Mediatech Institute and now works in Austin at Visual Aids Electronics, an audio/visual company.



Jo Kyle Varner

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Before I say my piece, I would like to say that I'm neither an Obama nor McCain fan. I'm not a Democrat, or a Republican. I'm a common man who loves America with all that I have.

I feel I'm very patriotic and I live day to day like most of you. I do what's best for me, and my future family, on a daily basis, and nothing more.

I had a few people over to my place and we watched the presidential election this year, as did most of the nation, knowing that night could be historic in so many ways. Some were fearful; most were hopeful, as the numbers showed. The numbers simply don't lie.

I fearfully logged into my MySpace account the morning after, curiously looking at all the "mood updates." There were a lot of people upset about the outcome, and some thrilled. I know this election brought out the interest in so many people.

I believe so many people jumped on the election bandwagon because of their friends or family or maybe because of the heat that the media provided. Maybe it was the real life drama that sparked it for some.

I'm scared that a lot of people looked at this election like it was some sort of rivalry that you find yourself getting caught up in, like Texas vs Oklahoma; just some kind of game that was fun to battle everyone at work about, but now that it's over, you can just shrug it off and look forward to the next great thing to battle about.

Be interested, stay involved in what elected officials do. We depend on them to do a job and do it right. They don't treat it like a game; neither should you.

There are a lot of people who have been SO critical of Bush and how he has screwed

up SO many things. Seriously, how can we be critical of any man in that position? We have no idea what it takes to uphold that position. We don't have any idea what kind of pressure he is under or the decisions he faces daily.

Can you imagine waking up every day, knowing you are the leader of the most powerful country in the world? You have millions counting on you to make the best decision possible. Oh, and can you make those decisions in a timely manner? It's not something to be taken lightly.

I'm not saying that Bush didn't make mistakes. I'm sure he would admit that, but do you honestly think he would intentionally make the wrong decision? Any man or woman, regardless of race, or party affiliation, would have made similar decisions. It's a tough job, and I personally wouldn't take it if they gave me all the money printed.

I'm thankful that we had two candidates running who are willing to give us a breath of fresh air, just a spark to keep the country alive. Both guys brought great things to the table, and we are all better for it in the end. I was touched by both the concession speech from McCain and the acceptance speech from Obama.

First and foremost, I felt both were relieved it was over, as was the rest of the nation. Both men were truly humble and glad they ran. McCain sincerely respects Obama and vice versa. McCain acknowledged that the better man won. Obama came out confident and pumped up everyone in a new way. The nation seemed to acknowledge him as our new leader, and wants to make changes as he sees fit.

I can't imagine what those two guys went through over the last two years. It took a toll on both candidates, and their sacrifice was amazing. I personally applaud both men for handling themselves the way they did, and I can't believe they weren't more emotional than they were. They gave up practically everything to fight for one job.

Being the president is a job for the right person at the right time. Both candidates care about everyone in the nation. Be thankful today that we have that. Be grateful that we have a man willing to put everything aside for his country. It could be a lot worse; just look at some of the other countries.

We all saw some history this election year that none of us just yet can comprehend. Be proud of who you voted for, but also be proud of what we now have regardless of who your vote was for.

"We depend on them to do a job and do it right. They don't treat it like a game; neither should you." - Jo Kyle Varner

## Opinion

# A simple smile produces a domino effect

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Human beings are also human doings. What we do reflects who we are.

Dale Carnegie says, "Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are."

In today's society, everyone tries to be accepted by others, so we find that people are not always genuine and sincere with the way they present themselves.

They become people pleasing pretenders. It is easy to be mean, but it is even easier to be kind.

Simple compliments are little deeds that can make someone's entire day. Everyone

needs to be sincere with his or her kindness.

Faking kindness proves one is just trying to present their self as a good person. This happens when a person is more concerned with their reputation than their character.

A simple act of kindness, like a compliment, is so powerful. Maybe if others knew how strong the small-



"Being nice matters."  
-Ali Pry

est deeds of kindness were, they would do it more often.

I always remember hearing in grade school that, "Being nice matters!" - A short quote that goes such a long way.

Kindness produces a domino effect. Theoretically, if you treat someone with kindness, a chain reaction will occur. It causes them to be nice back to you

and then to others.

We need to be kind to other people whether it is with our friends, acquaintances, strangers, at work, or at school. Being kind and surrounding ourselves with nice people makes the world a happier, better place to be in. Just a kind smile can bring such joy and brighten someone's day.

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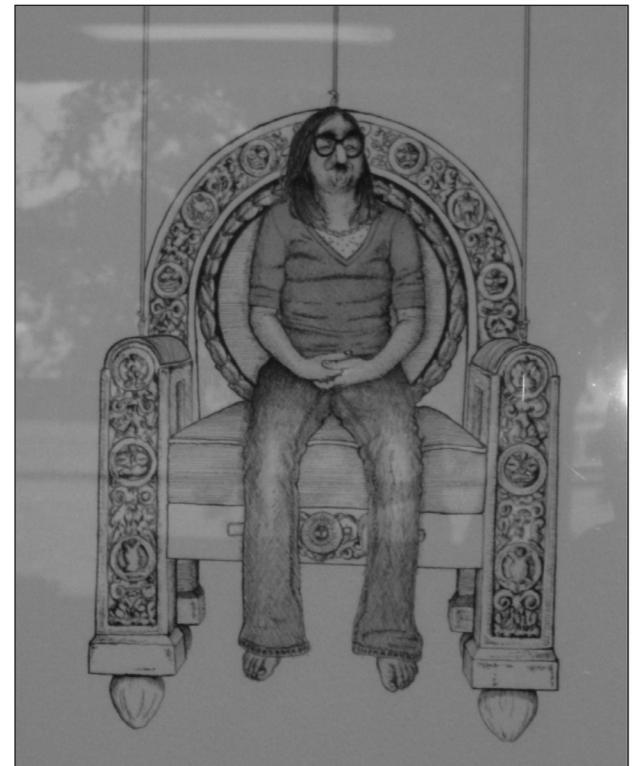
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# Features

## Former PJC artist returns for homecoming



Nathan Porterfield, guest alumnus, returned for PJC homecoming 2008. Porterfield's work can be viewed in the Foyer Gallery in the Visual Arts Building until November 14 and the Student Center Lobby until November 21. Porterfield won first prize this year at the Art in the Metroplex annual competition. His first place India ink series titled "Throne" is pictured here.



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## School spirit spikes up parade participation



Stephanie Norman/The Bat

Above: The heating and air conditioning student organization, takes first place in the homecoming float contest with their smoke breathing metal dragon, emerging from a giant basketball.



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Above: Marta Goerte and Randi Johnson, members of The Bat staff, pose with the dragon during the homecoming parade on Thursday, Nov. 6.



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Above: Our Dragon mascot watches over the parade.



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To the left: The men's basketball team decides to walk a little during the parade to promote the team and hand deliver this season's basketball schedule to the community watching the parade.

# Sports / News

## Final exam schedule

Final exams will be conducted according to the schedule below

### Monday, December 8, 2008

Exams are to be given for all Mon. - Wed. classes regularly meeting at these periods:

9:50 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.

1 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

3:50 p.m. - 5 p.m.

6 - 9 p.m. (All Monday evening classes.)

### Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Exams are to be given for all Mon. - Wed. classes regularly meeting at these periods:

8:25 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

2:25 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

6 - 9 p.m. (All Wednesday evening classes)

### Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Exams are to be given for Tues. - Thurs. classes regularly meeting at these periods:

9:50 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.

1 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

3:50 p.m. - 5 p.m.

6 - 9 p.m. (All Tuesday evening classes.)

### Thursday, December 11, 2008

Exams are to be given for all Tues. - Thurs. classes regularly meeting at these periods:

8:25 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

2:25 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

6 - 9 p.m. (All Thursday evening classes.)

### Friday, December 12, 2008

Exams are to be given for all Friday classes during regular meeting times.

## Dragon Puffs



### PJC Talent Show

Thursday, Nov.13, Friday Nov.14 - Talent Show auditions, sponsored by SGA, will be held in the Student Center. Times are from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### "She Loves Me"

Friday, Nov.14 and Saturday, November 15 - PJC Drama Department presents "She Loves Me." Free for students; \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. 7p.m.

### Chili Cook Off

Wednesday, Nov. 19 Chili Cook off 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. For

## Beth Shelton receives award

Beth Shelton, PJC division chair for Communications and English instructor, was awarded the Susan Faulkner Teaching Award recently at the annual Two-Year College English Association (TYCA) Southwest regional conference in Oklahoma City.

Shelton was nominated by Toni McMillen, PJC English instructor. In her letter of nomination, McMillen summarized Shelton's commitment to teaching, to students and to the college community and included comments from one of



Shelton

Smith wrote of how being a student in Shelton's class not only taught her how to appreciate poetry but also gave her ideas about how she conducts her own classes today.

Shelton's former students, Pam Smith, who now also teaches English at PJC.

Smith wrote: "To me, a great teacher goes beyond just teaching students; a great teacher will teach teachers!"

Shelton has been an active member of TYCA since 1972 and has encouraged PJC instructors to participate in TYCA's professional development activities.

The award honors the memory of Susan Faulkner, a long-time English teacher in the Dallas County Community College District and a member of TYCA for many years.

## PJC will sing for the holidays

The Paris Junior College Division of Fine Arts Department of Music is preparing to kick off for the holidays with various events.

- Monday, Nov. 24, 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church Sanctuary, the PJC Chorale will join with choral groups from Paris High School and North Lamar High School to present the annual "Songs of the Season" concert, a tradition in Paris and the surrounding area.

- Tuesday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m. at the PJC Music Building Recital Hall, the PJC Music Student Recital will be held.

- On Tuesday, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, the PJC Chamber singers will present an evening of Christmas carols.

- Saturday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m., Bywaters Park, PJC "Encore in the Park", celebrating the season with Christmas song and dance.

## Volleyball ladies are honored

The following women received All-Conference Honors in Volleyball for the 2008 season. 2nd Team All-Conference includes Stefanie Barnett, Middle Blocker and Kaitlin Vasquez, Outside Hitter. Honorable Mention All-Conference includes Logan Anglin, Middle Blocker; Amber Cantu-Curry, Setter; Jamie McFatrige, Outside Hitter, and Morganne Fikes, Libero.

## Men's Basketball - 2008-2009

Date	Opponent	Time
10/31	at Ft. Smith, AR	TBA
11/1	at Ft. Smith, AR	TBA
11/3	vs Eastern OK	7:30
11/5	at Grayson	7:00
11/8	vs SW Adventist	6:00
11/10	at Eastern OK	8:00
11/15	vs Grayson	4:00
11/18	vs Arkansas Baptist	7:30
11/22	*at Bossier Parish	4:00
11/25	*vs Tyler	7:30
12/3	*at TVCC	7:30
12/6	*at SW Adventist	8:00
1/7	*vs Panola	7:30
1/10	*at Navarro	4:00
1/14	*vs Kilgore	7:30
1/17	*at Blinn	4:00
1/21	*vs Angelina	7:30
1/24	*at San Jacinto	4:00
1/28	*vs Lon Morris	7:30
1/31	*vs Lee	4:00
2/4	*at Lamar	7:00
2/7	*vs Bossier Parish	4:00
2/11	*at Tyler	7:30
2/14	*vs TVCC	4:00
2/18	*vs Jacksonville	7:30
2/21	*at Panola	4:00
2/25	*vs Navarro	7:30
2/28	*at Kilgore	4:00
3/6-9	Region XIV Tournament	TBA

## Women's Basketball - 2008-2009

Date	Opponent	Time
10/11	at Shalin Hoops	TBA
10/18	at Juco Jamboree	TBA
10/25	at Commerce	2:00
10/31	vs SW Christian	6:00
11/3	vs Eastern Oklahoma	2:00
11/4	at Grayson	5:30
11/8	vs Mountain View	4:00
11/11	at E. Oklahoma	5:30
11/14	at Hill College Classic	TBA
11/15	Hill College Classic	TBA
11/19	vs Grayson	5:30
11/22	*at Lon Morris	2:00
11/25	*vs Tyler	5:30
11/29	vs McLennan	2:00
12/3	*at TVCC	5:30
12/6	*vs Blinn	2:00
1/2	at Midland Shootout	6:00
1/3	at Temple Shootout	5:00
1/7	*vs Panola	5:30
1/10	*at Jacksonville	2:00
1/14	*vs Kilgore	5:30
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