Citizens speak out against sale of Panola General

By Sherry Koons
THE PANOLA WATCHMAN

The citizens of nearly 90 Panola County citizens weighed in on Monday during a public meeting that ended in a vote of approval for the sale of Panola General Hospital. Many individuals, however, expressed opposition, saying it could be a possible loss of the facility.

In the district's only hospital, the inpatient capacity crowed overcrowding, with the rate of the facility could result in the community losing a large proportion of its medical staff, unless the facility could be sold to a new owner.

Emergency medical personnel arrived at St. Francis, one of the hospital's facilities, after a woman was brought in for a Friday afternoon accident on RT 108.

Friday accident injures one

A Crawford man was injured when his pickup truck collided with a car in Crawford on Thursday. At around 4 p.m., a driver following another vehicle hit an oncoming vehicle in the area.

According to a report prepared by Investigating Deputy Tim Metz of Public Safety Trooper Ralph Price, the accident occurred approximately 230 miles from Crawford. The driver was transported to a hospital in hopes of reducing the injury.

Drug arrests net 177 pounds of pot, 2,000 grams of cocaine

Routine traffic stops made recently by Panola County law enforcement officials have accounted for the discovery of more than 100 pounds of marijuana and 2,000 grams of cocaine sniffed off the street.

The first drug bust occurred in Jan. 11, when Crawford Police Officer Call McKinnon stopped the driver of a vehicle on the southeast corner of the county line. According to McKinnon, the driver tried to escape by fleeing the checkpoint.

In another incident, officers were able to seize 20 pounds of marijuana from a suspect who was stopped in a vehicle in the area.

Questions originally raised by leaders of Virginia's Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation organization by the D벵 아인, who are seeking to stabilize the operation's financial situation, remain unanswered by the hospital's officials.

Drug enforcement agencies in the area have been working on a joint operation to combat the growing problem of drug trafficking in the area.

PGH cash flow remedies compounding problems

Cash flow problems at Panola General Hospital have left the facility in a state of disarray, with the hospital's administrators scrambling to find ways to keep the hospital open.

As an employee, I was given an option to work extra shifts and pay less to help manage the hospital's finances. Now, I'm being forced to work harder to keep the hospital afloat.

An urgent situation is at hand, according to Lingo, as the hospital struggles to meet its financial obligations.

Another problem is the hospital's inability to maintain its financial viability. As a result, the hospital is facing a significant financial crisis.

While the hospital's leaders are working to address these issues, they are also faced with the challenge of maintaining the hospital's ongoing operations.

Federal officials have been working with the hospital to find solutions to its financial problems, but the hospital is still struggling to find a way to overcome its financial difficulties.

Panola County Sheriff's Office

The Panola County Sheriff's Office has been working to improve the area's public safety. The office is working with local law enforcement agencies to improve the area's public safety.
One injured from bullet ricochet

A Carson City high school student, who according to the Carson City Fire Department, was injured in a shooting at the school.

The student, a 16-year-old male, was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. According to the school district, the incident occurred during a class change.

The Carson City Police Department is currently investigating the incident. No further details were provided.

HOSPITAL

The student was transported to a local hospital and is reportedly in stable condition. The hospital has not released any further information on the student's condition.

NEW

The Carson City Fire Department responded to the scene and provided medical assistance to the student.

Notes from page 1:

- The incident occurred at approximately 2:30 p.m.
- The student is expected to make a full recovery.
- The school has been placed on lockout until further notice.

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Local 4-H members to exhibit livestock in Houston

Eight 4-H members from Panola County will be among others set to compete at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, scheduled for Feb. 6-14, March 3-14 at the Astrodome.

Krubke named to UT Tyler dean's list

Kortney Krubke, a student in the animal science program, has been named to the Dean's List for college. Her major is Animal Science, and she is a Junior. She is a student at the University of Texas at Tyler.

Schiffer named honor student at Baylor

For the fall 1996 semester at the Baylor University, Waco, TX, the following students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 1996 semester. The Dean's List includes students who have a grade point average of 3.0 or above. The following students were named to the Dean's List: Student Name, Major, Grade Point Average.

Carthage Junior High students participating in the UIL One Act Play Competition

The play "The Gift" was written by Lashawna Carter and directed by Miss Carter. The play took place on Friday, February 6, 1997, at the Carthage Junior High School. The cast included: Student Name, Role, Student Name, Role, and so on.

Voice recital to be held at Panola College

Pamela McCarthy will perform a voice recital on March 3, 1997, at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at Panola College. The recital is free and open to the public.

Panola cheerleaders win fifth at nationals

By Adam Jones

Panola cheerleaders win fifth at nationals. The cheerleaders were among the best in the nation, finishing fifth in the competition.

Lawson earns rank of Eagle Scout

Brian Michael Lawson, a member of Troop 387, appeared at First Presbyterian Church, where he was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. The ceremony took place on February 6, 1997.
Religion

Pastors see growing spiritual movement

By Daniel Thompson
The Palestine Daily

PASTOR, NORTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

"We are seeing a growth in our congregation, " said Pastor John Smith. "People are seeking a deeper spiritual connection in their lives." He added, "This is not surprising, given the current societal trends." Smith noted that the church has been working to reach out to the community through various initiatives, including community service projects and events that promote a positive message.

Grace Notes

Carriage Community Church

"We are seeing an increase in the number of people attending our church," said Pastor Mary Jones. "I believe this is due to our strong community focus and our commitment to serving others.

Young Life

"We are seeing a growth in the number of young people involved in our group," said Pastor John Brown. "This is encouraging, as we strive to reach out to the next generation."

Parishioners at the Church of the Ascension

"We are seeing a steady increase in membership," said Parishioner Tom Green. "I believe this is due to our strong sense of community and our commitment to serving others.

The Salvation Army

"We are seeing a growth in the number of people seeking help and support," said Captain Jane Doe. "I believe this is due to the challenges facing our community today.

St. George's Episcopal Church

"We are seeing a growth in the number of people attending our church," said Rev. Michael Smith. "I believe this is due to our strong sense of community and our commitment to serving others.

New Life Church

"We are seeing a growth in the number of people attending our church," said Pastor Sarah Johnson. "I believe this is due to our strong community focus and our commitment to serving others.

Sports

Draw first round bye in state playoffs

Lady Dogs capture title outright over Pine Tree

"We are very excited to have earned a first round bye in the state playoffs," said Lady Dogs head coach Sarah Smith. "We have been working hard all season and are ready to take on the challenge.

Pine Tree is a tough team," said Pine Tree head coach Mike Brown. "But we are confident in our abilities and are ready to give it our all.

16-AAA girls

Alumni game set Feb. 9

"We are very excited to host our Alumni game," said Lady Dogs head coach Sarah Smith. "It will be a great opportunity for our current and former players to come together and celebrate our shared experiences.

16-AAA girls

Lobolly Book of Baseball makes debut here Sunday

"We are very excited to have the Lobolly Book of Baseball make its debut here," said publisher John Doe. "It is a great resource for fans of the sport and we are confident it will be a success.

See Schedule Pre-Season Review page 88

Many of those players here..."
Clinton pleased as he begins initial campaign

Panthers' baseballers show promise as season starts

Panthers' baseballers showed promise as season started. The Panthers' baseball team is off to a promising start, according to their head coach. The team has been working hard in the off-season to improve their skills and strategy. They are ready to take on the challenges of the new season with confidence.

Hawks in battle now for state playoff berth

Dawgs can't get it right as Pine Tree gets crown

The Pine Tree High School baseball team has been making a strong showing in the state playoffs and is currently leading its division. The team is known for its strong defense and aggressive offense. They are looking to make a comeback in the next game.

NorthArk beats Fillies by 81-60

In non-conference play

North Arkansas College's basketball team came out on top in their recent non-conference game against the Fillies, winning by a score of 81-60. The team showed off their skills and worked well together as a team to secure their victory.

Lady frosh win by 36-20

The Lady Frosh basketball team won their recent game against the Lady Hawks by a score of 36-20. The team's defense was strong and their offense was effective in leading them to their victory.

Lady Dog wins by 20-13

The Lady Dogs basketball team won their recent game against the Lady Bears by a score of 20-13. The team's defense was strong and their offense was effective in leading them to their victory.

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Beckville Elementary School marks 100th day with math celebration

The Beckville Elementary School celebrated their 100th day of school with a special math celebration. Students and teachers wore festive pigtails and participated in various math-related activities to mark the occasion.

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(notice to editors)

Panola College Homecoming

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College prepares for 50th anniversary

Panola College is "going for the gold" this year as it prepares for its 50th anniversary next year.

"We're only one year away from a milestone," said T. W. Ross, director of recruitment and college relations. "It is our hope that people will attend homecoming this year and help us plan for our 50th Anniversary."

Homecoming activities kick off this week with a Homecoming Dance at 8 p.m. Friday. The dance, which is sponsored in the Student Center Ballroom, is free to alumni and Panola College students.

Saturday will be a busy day for those attending events celebrating the college's homecoming this year.

The annual Homecoming Luncheon is set for 12:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. This year's guest speaker is Mark Brandenburg, a former member of the Panola Pony Baseball Team. Brandenburg attended Panola from 1988-89. He is currently a major league pitcher for the Boston Red Sox. "Scholarship donors will also be recognized and honored at this time," Ross said.

The Panola Pony Baseball Team will play at doubleheader against Northlake Community College that day. Play is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. at the Panola College Field. A Homecoming Reception is slated from 3 p.m. at the M.F. Baker Library. "You're invited to meet with friends and classes from the '40s to the '90s," Ross said. "All former faculty, staff, students and friends of Panola College are urged to attend,"

Traditional basketball play will begin at 6 p.m. when the Panola Fillies square off against the Tyler Lady Apaches at Arthur M. Johnson Gym. Following this game, the Homecoming Court will be presented, and the Homecoming King and Queen announced.

An Alumni Baseball Game at the Panola College Field.

College receives $181,000 science grant

by Regina Wright
Express Writer

This year Panola College received a $181,075 grant from the National Science Foundation for the National Reform of Undergraduate Education. Panola College was one of five junior colleges and only college in Texas to receive a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Susie Etters, physics instructor, and Lillian Cook, English/Spanish instructor, were primarily responsible for the proposal and the subsequent grant. Other Panola College personnel involved in the project were Dr. William Edmonson, Panola president; Dr. Dennis Golden, chairman of the board of trustees; and Shannon Pennington, a student representative.

The grant will be used to develop the Panola College Interdisciplinary Technology Center. The center will be located in a converted facility in the Student Center and will available to all Panola students.

"Hopefully students will leave college knowing that all the things that they learn are part of a total education and not just a little bit of science that they don't use a connection with anything else," said Etters.

The proposal for the National Science Foundation Grant was written during October and November of 1995, and sent to the foundation in December.

This July, the commit-
O'Neal writes college history for 50th anniversary

by Carl Griffith
Express Writer

Bill O'Neal, a Panola College history instructor, has been commissioned by the school to write a book to mark the 50th anniversary of the school.

The book is one of the projects scheduled to commemorate the school's 50 years of existence.

O'Neal said the rough draft of the book is complete and currently being edited. "The book will contain 100 photographs and will be in part a pictorial history of the college," O'Neal said. The book is scheduled to be released at the first of next year. The book will be a hardcover book and will be sold at a price of $11.95.

"Panola County Junior College was organized in 1947, and opened for business in the spring semester of 1948," said O'Neal. "In the first year of Panola's existence there were six faculty members and 15 students enrolled.

According to O'Neal, the school survived some rough years in the 1950's and then began to show steady improvement in both the growth and achievement of the school and in enrollment of the student body.

"In 1959 about the midpoint of the school's existence, the college financially started a vocational technical department which was instrumental in the college's enrollment shooting up," said O'Neal.

O'Neal also said that "in 1971 the first courses ever taught were taught in the Center for College which helped the expansion of the college." Later courses began being taught in Marshall which O'Neal pointed out is "our largest area for potential expansion." In discussion of the diversity of the student body that has come from Panola College O'Neal cited some of the many notable people that have come through Panola. "I think of Linda Martin and Linda Davis, who of course is a Tori family that had been in the military service, and then became a teacher in the school."

"O'Neal said it would be impossible to predict Panola. "I think of Linda Martin who of course is a Tori family that had been in the military service, and then became a teacher in the school."

Fiber optics system will link Panola to area schools

by John Brown
Express writer

In a matter of months, Panola College students will be able to sit down in front of a computer and have access to other colleges and universities all across the world. This research is made possible by the fiber optic system that has been installed on campus.

About 18 months ago, Panola College began a consortium with 14 independent districts. It then expanded with 21, giving the idea to students at Panola, all schools in the region could then be available through the fiber optic system.

"The purpose of this fiber optic system is to connect all buildings, classrooms, faculty offices, administrative offices and eventually residence halls so that we have a local area network (LAN) on campus," said Dr. William Edmondson, Panola College President.

This LAN will be connected to the Net-Net network of the other 13 colleges and universities, as well as the 21 independent school districts. Additional connections include the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Houston, and the University of St. Thomas, among others.

"This fiber optic system has great potential on campus," said Edmondson.

Although the new system still has some minor adjustments to be made before it is fully operational, it is the future of education in the schools. At present, Panola College will be able to reach out to other colleges and universities, as well as teaching hospitals.

"The thrust behind this fiber optic cable on campus is to permit us to be on the cutting edge of technology and research facilities nationwide, statewide, and worldwide."
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Panola College Ballroom

6:00 p.m.
Felix Basketball
Archer M. Johnson Gymnasium
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7:30 p.m.
Homecoming Court Presentation
Archer M. Johnson Gymnasium

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Endowed scholarships near $1 million mark

by Gina Sue Rogers

Express Writer

Donors in the last six months have escalated Panola College's endowed scholarship total to over $900,000.

"Our goal is to reach the $1 million mark, now," said Twink Ross, director of recruitment and college relations.

Panola College requires a minimum of $5,000 to set up an endowed scholarship. Those donors are then honored by a commemorative plaque which is added to the Endowment Scholarship Wall at the college.

Endowments offer individuals or groups a way to donate money in honor or in memory of someone. The interest, and not the principle itself, is used to contribute to various scholarships.

"The nice thing about endowed scholarships is that using the interest each year helps worthy students go to school year after year," said Ross.

The first endowed scholarship was set up in 1974, and the most recent was in May 1996. Panola College now has 31 endowed scholarships in the education of various students.

Some of these monies go to specific majors, such as performing arts, and others are used for general purposes, such as Panola, Deans, and Presidential scholarships.

Students can apply for these scholarships in the spring semester before February in the office of recruitment and college relations.

Endowed Scholarships (in chronological order)

- John M. Bybee Scholarship, 1974
- Dr. Steve & Jeanne Lowery Outstanding Athlete Award, 1980
- Chester E. Harris Memorial Scholarship, 1982
- Fulham Memorial Scholarship, 1984
- Mollie Jarrell Phillips Estate Scholarship, 1992
- Lawrence W. and Debbie H. Shively Endowed Scholarship, 1988
- Robert E. and Evelyn N. Dawson Memorial Scholarship, 1992

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Panola adds health-related programs to curriculum

by John Brown

Express Writer

Two new fields of study not offered in previous years are now available for Panola College students. This year, Health Information Management (HIM) and an Occupational Therapy program are offered on the Carthage campus.

The Health Information Management program, directed by Kathleen Schultz, provides students with individual and hands-on learning by combining the latest in business, healthcare, and technology.

"The health field is swiftly advancing and the more variety of fun but serious programs that we are able to offer will certainly benefit students here at the college," commented Schultz.

As a Health Information Management specialist, students are trained to evaluate health record content for accuracy, answer legal and insurance company questions, assign codes to report diagnoses and procedures, and ensure hospital billing. They also learn to conduct research to identify health care trends and measure patient case quality and control costs.

"I'm really excited about the new program. Right now we have 14 students enrolled in HIM and for a first time program that's pretty good. I think that as a new program it will do really well," said Schultz.

Interested students should contact Schultz in the W.W. Collette Technology Building to sign up for the program. Although there is a specific curriculum designated, Record Science and Medical Terminology classes are strongly emphasized.

After successfully completing the HIM program and earning an associate's degree from Panola College, students will be eligible to take an examination to become an Accredited Record Technician (ART).

For students not interested in the Health Information Management program, Panola College will also start up the Occupational Therapy (OT) program. The new OT field of study will give students a chance to enroll in either the OT four-year program or the two-year occupational assistant program (OTA). The major purpose of the program is to teach students to use activities to help people with disabilities gain their normal life function back. The OTA program trains students to work real close with patients and their families following a specific treatment plan set by the OT.

"I'm really excited about the program. I have tons of community and administrative support. I think it will be one of the best among the south," said Lambert. Interested students should contact Cheri Lambert.
Microsoft grant aids computer information systems

by Regine Wright
Express Writer

Panola College has been awarded a grant for $66,200 by the Microsoft Corporation for software licenses.

The award was given to those schools whose courses met the objectives specified in the grant application and were willing to share course syllabi through the Web pages on the Internet.

Bob Wilkins, Computer Information Systems chairperson, and Bruce Richmond, a computer instructor at Panola, wrote the grant proposal.

The grant money will be used to purchase software that will include Microsoft Access for Windows 7.0, Microsoft Office Professional Office for Windows 95 7.0, Microsoft Visual Basic for Windows Professional Edition CD-ROM 4.0, Microsoft Visual C++ 4.0 for Windows Professional Edition 4.0, and Microsoft Windows 95.

The instructional lab will also contain e-mail. Students using this program will be able to work with the new Interdisciplinary Technology Center.

"These classes will allow us to use the newest versions of Microsoft products," said Wilkins. "This software along with our Pentium computers will ensure that we have a strong and completely state-of-the-art program in computer and office systems," he said.

These labs will be located on the second floor of the Guiffre Technology Building which will primarily be used on an in-class basis.

Last week, the M.P. Baker Library was able to obtain the fiber optics connection to the Internet, and other departments will be connected to the Internet shortly.

Some of the courses that are being supported by this grant will begin this semester, while other will not start until the Spring semester.

"We are very excited, hopefully we will all be networked together and we can share some of our software and data," Wilkins said.

Did you know?

A recent enrollment of 1,923 students in Business Classes at Panola College was registered this year, according to Martha Miller, registrar.

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October 8, 1996

Record enrollment, budgets highlight year

by Gina Sue Rogers
Express Editor

This year not only marked the beginning of the Panola College Golden Anniversary Celebration, but also spotlights several funds for the college as well.

Record enrollments and record budgets were just a few of the college's growth and success indicators.

Panola College once again surpassed enrollment records on its three campuses last fall.

After the Marshall campus' enrollment deadline on September 18, Panola College's student count totals 1,777. This number equals a three percent increase from the fall enrollment in 1995 of 1,756.

"Whenever you add new programs, you can expect those programs to impact enrollment," said Dr. W.F. Edmerson, Panola College president.

Edmerson attributes this increase to continued strong recruiting from area high schools and the addition of the occupational therapy assisting program and the LVN degree program at the Shelby County Campus.

Also, the college's new intercollegiate volleyball program has brought new athletes to Panola's institute.

Panola College's contact hours also made a three percent increase this year from the Fall of 1995.

Panola College trustees approved a $9.5 million budget for the 1996-1997 fiscal year. In addition, a 13 percent tax increase was approved to partially fund the budget.

Tuition and fees contribute to 13 percent of the revenue. Secondary monies from bookstores and cafeteria sales and housing fees add another 10 percent.

Close to a third of the $9,468,861 budget will come from state appropriations while more than a quarter will come from local taxes.

The tax raise was necessary for the institution to raise the same amount of tax dollars as last year due to a 10.5 percent decline in property values in the college district this year.

Rounding out the remaining 11 percent are state grants, a special appropriation for the Center licensed vocational nursing program, transfers from the college's unrestricted fund, interest and other income and carryover revenue from the Center LVN program.

A full 72 percent of the expenses in the fiscal plan go toward the unrestricted fund. Salaries and wages make up most of these expenditures. Other general items include general expenses, supplies, capital costs, staff benefits, scholarships and fund transfers.

Some scholarships and all state and federal grants are paid through restricted fund capital which represents another 11 percent of costs.

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Fillies win volleyball title

by Justin Dowdy
Sports Editor

One year and one conference title. What more could a coach want? According to Panola College Volleyball Coach Dianae Norton, a lot more.

“My ultimate goal is the national title,” said Norton. “You’ve got to have high goals.” It takes some coaches years to gain a conference title but Norton and her charges did it one.

“I feel like we deserve it. We worked endless hours and we won,” said Norton.

The Fillies clinched the TJC North Zone conference championship by defeating Tyler in three matches 15-6, 15-9 and 15-9. The Fillies finished conference play with an impressive 11-3 record.

The usual cast of characters played a major part in the Fillies victory. They include Meliss Hare, Keisha Powell, Julie Hacker, Misty Doliner and Krista Rucinski. Norton also credits Julie Gates, Schreyol Lane and defensive specialist Lena Bouquet.

The Fillies received a bye in the in the first round of the NJCAA playoffs that were held in Galveston.

The Fillies fell in the first game to Wharton out of Houston. The Fillies then moved into the loser’s bracket.

The Fillies bowled out of the tournament, falling to San Jacinto.

Norton didn’t expect the trip to Galveston to be a vacation for the Fillies.

“I’m all business,” she said. “Winning conference is just the icing on the cake.”

When Norton recruited those players she expressed how she wanted to come out and dominate the conference.

“I told them I didn’t want a poor program. I wanted to come out and dominate,” she said.

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