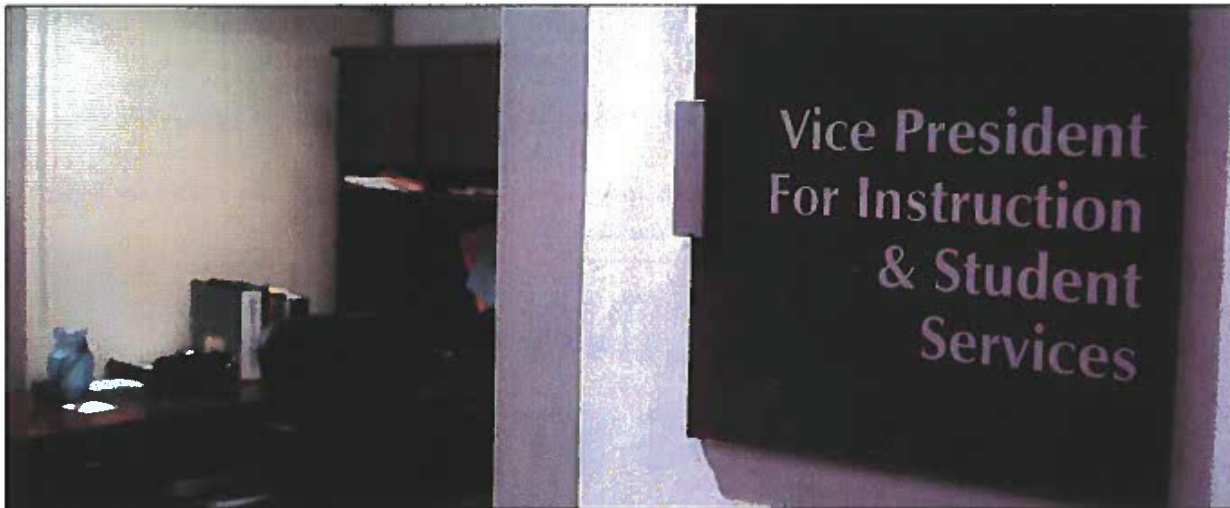


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SEARCH BEGINS FOR SECOND-IN-COMMAND AT PVCC

ROBERT MANGIONE
FORUM MANAGING EDITOR

Since January 2008, the position of Vice President of Instruction and Student Services (VPISS) at PVCC has been occupied on an interim basis by Professor Kathy Hudson, who has taken a leave of absence from Deanship of the Division of Mathematics, Sciences, and Human Services. The VPISS position became vacant as PVCC was starting the process of reaccreditation by SACS, and as such, finding a replacement took second seat in terms of priority. The former Vice President, Barbara Howard, resigned for family reasons, and then later accepted a position outside of PVCC.

Since then, Hudson has

filled in as Interim Vice President. Hudson also served as Interim VPISS in the past when the position was vacant.

In September 2009, the position was advertised nationally, regionally, and locally. A search committee representing staff, faculty, and students of PVCC has been recently formed to evaluate candidates for a new Vice President.

The committee's job will be to screen applications submitted and work with President Frank Friedman to see to it that the position of Vice President is filled by the most capable person from the pool of applicants.

The Vice President's position provides leadership and management for all aspects of instruction and student ser-

vices. Yvonne Carey, Human Resources Manager, said the VPISS has an extensive list of responsibilities, including organizing personnel and finances, budgeting, and evaluating the academic aspects of PVCC.

Coordinators, faculty and staff support the Vice President in performing these functions. "This position is the executive level function for both of these areas," said Carey.

The submissions of applications began on October 12, and though there is no application deadline, the position is projected to be filled between January 1 and July 1, 2010. "We have just about completed a successful reaccreditation process and I think it will provide sta-

bility for PVCC's future to have the position filled," said Carey.

So far, 45 applications for the position of VPISS had been received by Friday, October 23, when the search committee had its second meeting. During future meetings, the search committee will screen applicants and develop a greatly condensed pool of potential candidates to be interviewed.

The requirements for applications and information about the position can be found online at the PVCC website under Human Resources. An application template and requirements for the submission can also be found. Additional questions can be sent to Yvonne Carey at ycarey@pvcc.edu.



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Students work with counselors to choose majors, choose classes, navigate the transfer process, and boost their academic success.

COUNSELING CENTER GIVES, NEEDS STUDENT HELP

CHRIS RIVERS
FORUM STAFF WRITER

A recent survey of Virginia's Community Colleges showed that almost 40% of college freshman are undecided as to what field they should major in.

To help with this vital decision, students are encouraged to look to the counseling and career services departments of their respective schools.

While psychological counseling is unavailable at PVCC, the counseling department is dedicated to helping students decide what path to take next in life.

Whether it is to choose a particular major or minor, register for specific classes, or even decide a school that students would like

to transfer to, the counseling department can help students make choices.

There are seven counselors in the Counseling and Career Services department of PVCC, each of whom specializes in a specific area

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of counseling students.

Crystal St. Bernard and John Albright specialize in transfer counseling.

Susan Hannifan is the Disability Services Counselor.

David Lerman is a Student Success Advisor.

Janet (Jan) Reed is the First Year Programs Counselor.

Annette Williams is Coordinator of Counseling and Career Services Center.

An e-mail was recently sent out to the current students at PVCC, regarding online chat sessions where students would be able to

contact counselors from the comfort of their own homes.

Since the counselors already give up so much of their time towards helping the students of PVCC, the counseling department began a peer-mentoring program.

Peer mentors are students that elect to teach younger

or less-experienced students.

For the mentored students, having someone closer to the mentored student's age and experience level can make the task of adapting and settling into the college environment easier.

Originally, the counseling department at PVCC had planned on having three peer mentors to help the students who wished to be mentored, but only two have signed up.

Peer mentors would be asked to work 5 to 10 hours a week, and would be paid up to \$500, depending on what time they start during the semester.

Anyone interested should speak to Williams. Her office is located in Room 125 of the Dickinson Building, and her e-mail address is awilliams@pvcc.edu.



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The old Monticello Visitor Center, now PVCC's Workforce Development Center, and the Kluge-Moses Science building will free-up a considerable amount of space in the main building.

NEW FACILITIES TO CREATE LAND-GRAB IN MAIN BUILDING

J HATFIELD
FORUM STAFF WRITER

PVCC is growing. This year, the college has 350 students above its previous record enrollment. PVCC is also growing physically.

The old Monticello Visitor's Center, now deemed the Workforce Center, and the Kluge-Moses Sciences Building, will help serve PVCC's increasing student population.

By the time renovations are done, the Workforce Center will have five classrooms, a state-of-the-art computer lab, and a conference room.

Two of the classrooms will be dedicated to health care courses, including nursing and personal care aids training, phlebotomy, and cardiographic technology.

Valerie Palamountian, dean of workforce services, stated that there is "even the pos-

sibility of a Veterinary Assistant program" in the offering.

Another classroom will be for contract training – for companies who want to train their workers.

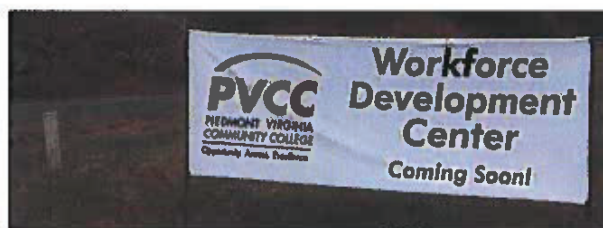
The two other rooms will be standard classrooms.

"The conference room will—we hope—be for video conferencing," said Palamountian.

The project of renovating the Workforce Center will cost about half a million dollars and it will provide Workforce Services with all of the above.

It will also open up space in PVCC's main building. The Learning Center will be able to expand and another classroom will become available.

The move to Kluge-Moses Science Building will also open up a lot of real estate in PVCC's main building. A Facilities Relocation Task Force was created in order to decide how to al-



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This sign to the left of the Workforce Development Center entrance, off College Drive.

locate the newly-freed space.

Brian Wisniewski, Chair for the Facilities' Reallocation Taskforce, stated that the task force was "working on three different areas, the first being what to do when Workforce Services moves down the hill, the occupation of the Kluge-Moses Sciences Building, and the possible nine-million-dollar renovation to the main building."

He added, "There is no timeline on the main building's renovation; it's still in the brain-storming stage."

The task force is taking suggestions and ideas on how to renovate the main building.

Some ideas that have already been submitted include creating a bigger fitness room with windows, and devoting a cluster of rooms, numbers 265-271, as a space for student clubs, which would include a club lounge, and separate spaces for club meetings and storage.

He urges students to send him ideas via e-mail on this potential venture at bwisniewski@pvcc.edu.

PUBLIC FORUM TO DISCUSS FREEDOM OF SPEECH

FORUM STAFF

On August 12, 2009 Kanye West interrupted Taylor Swift's acceptance speech for Best Female Video Award.

Several times during the July 4, 2008 naturalization ceremony at Monticello, protestors disrupted President George W. Bush's address to the crowd of brand new U.S. citizens, guests, and visitors.

During President Barack Obama's September 9, 2009 address to a joint session of Congress, U.S. Representative Joe Wilson yelled "You lie" in response to one of the President's comments.

In late summer 2009, town hall meetings across the country organized by elected representatives to discuss health care reform reportedly became shouting matches between those holding different views.

Do these incidents represent a new tone in political discourse or are they simply recent examples of a national tradition? Is this how the marketplace of ideas is supposed to function? Should one person's right to speak be limited by another's right to hear?

These and other issues will be the focus of a discussion led by an out-

standing panel of experts.

Bob Gibson, director of the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership and former political reporter

Elaine Jones, retired director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and the first African-American woman to graduate from UVA Law

Dahlia Lithwick, senior editor for Slate.com and contributing editor for Newsweek, named one of the "Top 20 legal Thinkers in America" by Legal Affairs magazine

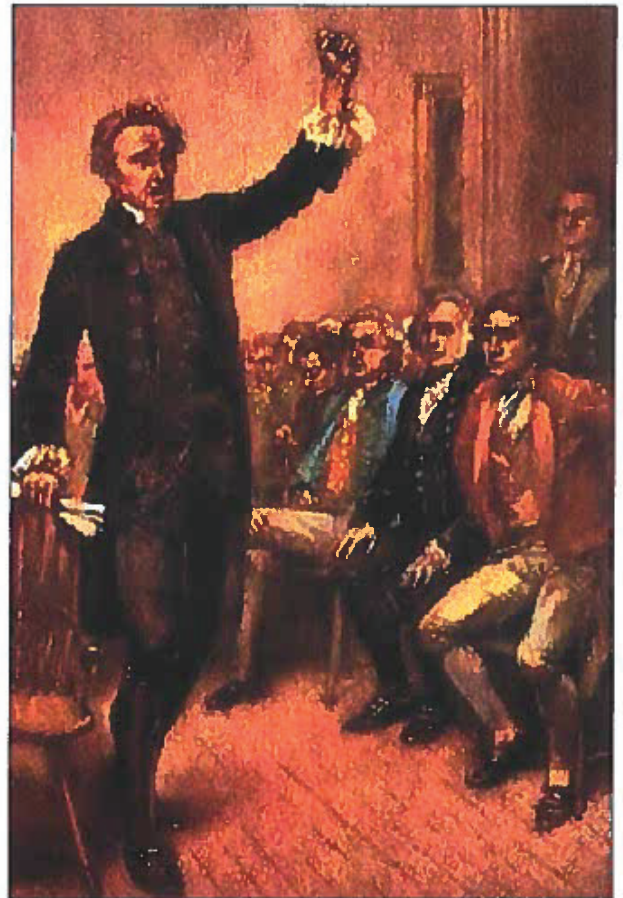
Robert M. O'Neil, director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression and former president of the University of Virginia

John Whitehead, founder and president of The Rutherford Institute, author of *The Change Manifesto*

Moderated by Coy Barefoot, host of Charlottesville Right Now on News Radio 1070 WINA

Questions from the audience will be encouraged.

A free copy of the book, *The Bill of Rights, the Courts, and the Law*—an expert treatment for the non-expert, with a chapter on the judicial history of free speech—will be



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Patrick Henry was a famous American orator and one of the Founding Fathers.

provided to each member of the audience courtesy of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities.

This forum is presented by The Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression and Pied-

mont Virginia Community College and cosponsored by The Virginia Foundation for the Humanities

It is free and open to the public, Sunday, November 15, 2009 at 3:00-5:00pm in the Dickinson Building.

THIRD ANNUAL JOB, INTERNSHIP FAIR CREATES HUBBUB



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On Tuesday, October 13 PVCC hosted its third fall annual Job and Internship Fair. 33 employers and an estimated 800 job-seekers attended.

The event, which lasted from 11:00am until 2:00pm, drew local, regional, and national employers that recruited for full-time, part-time, temporary and internship positions.

"It was interesting," said PVCC student Yvonne Jones. "I got a lot of good information and was able to talk to the employers directly."

Participating employers included the Charlottesville Police Department, Martha Jefferson Hospital, State Farm Insurance Company, Charlottesville Newsplex, UPS and Wachovia.

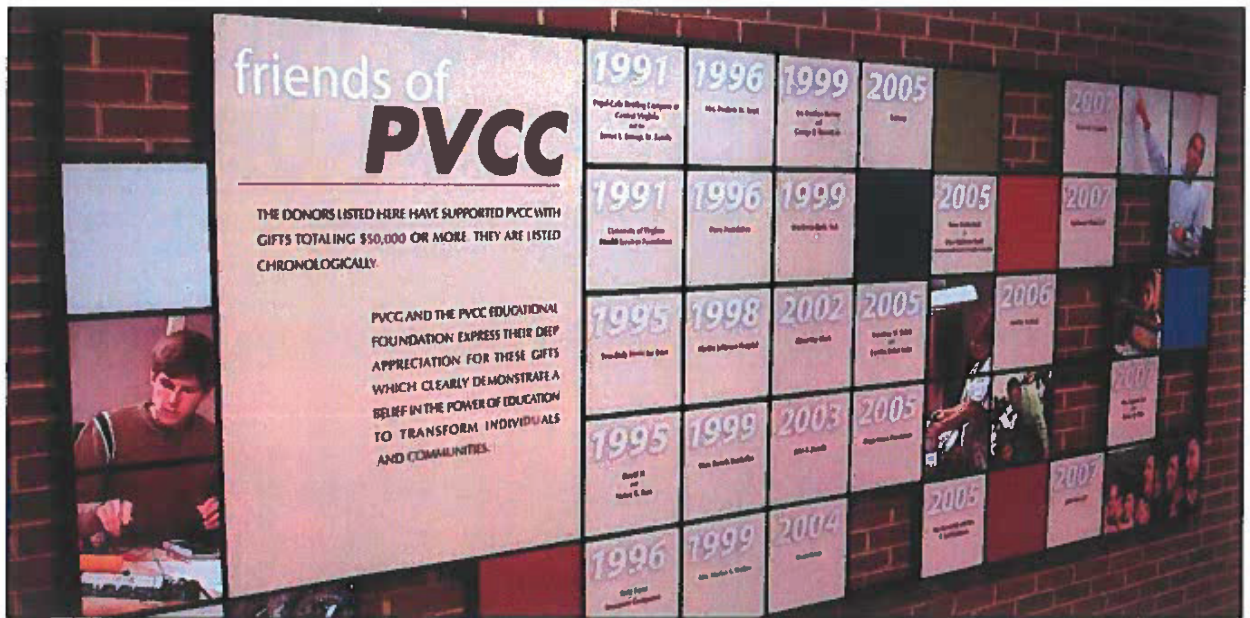
The fair was free of charge to PVCC students, alumni and community members.

Sponsors included Charlottesville Radio Group, U.S. Army, Monticello Media, C-Ville Weekly, State Farm Insurance Company, Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc., and The Laurels of Charlottesville.

But if some job-seekers were unable to attend, they have another chance.

"We also have a spring job fair; this March will be our twenty-sixth," said André Luck, Job Placement Officer at PVCC.

The 26th annual spring job fair will be on March 10, 2010.



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PHILANTHROPY AT PVCC HAS DRAMATIC EFFECTS

FRANKIE CARL
FORUM STAFF WRITER

"Philanthropy, charity, giving voluntarily and freely..... call it what you like, but it is truly a jewel of an American tradition." John F. Kennedy.

Mary Jane King began practicing philanthropy in grade school by making care packages for children in war-torn Europe after World War II.

Today as the Director of Institutional Advancement and Development she continues that habit.

One of her responsibilities is to find private funding to support the mission and vision of this college;

According to the About PVCC webpage, "PVCC is committed to providing access to a college education for all who can benefit, an opportunity for

each student to reach his or her potential, and excellence in our programs and services."

King embraces this idea and networks with businesses, individuals and alumni to support the college and its students. She oversees the Educational Foundation and is the point person for the distribution of its funds. Some of the funds are used to assist students in financial duress.

King stated that this year has been particularly challenging because of the economic downturn. Families have lost income and students have seen their employment reduced or terminated. Students are referred to her from around the college by PVCC community members, including counselors, professors and Financial Aid advisors. She is one of the people who make up the support network for PVCC's students.

Mary Lee Walsh is another part of the support network. She is the Dean of Student Services and works with King and others on the front lines to insure students at PVCC have the support they need to achieve their academic goals.

Walsh stated that support involves many different resources, one of which is financial assistance in an emergency. She has access to an Emergency Fund which can help students in a crisis.

When she sees a student who has kept to a strict budget and live very frugally run into an unforeseen problem, she uses all of the resources at her disposal to help the student stay in school and make it through the crisis.

One of the things that most concerns her is that often students do not ask for help. They may not feel they qualify for assistance, they may not know aid

is available or they may be intimidated by what they imagine to be "the process and paperwork."

Both Walsh and King want to encourage students to communicate their situations to their counselor, professor or advisor. PVCC is in the business of teaching people to fish, so they can feed themselves for a lifetime.

"Every dollar makes a difference. And that's true whether it's Warren Buffett's remarkable \$31 billion pledge to the Gates Foundation, or my late father's \$25 check to the NAACP," said Michael Bloomberg, current Mayor of New York City.

King mentioned that if 3,000 students each donated a dollar to a fund to assist other students in an emergency, there would be \$3,000 available. If they each donated \$10 dollars to

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a fund, there would be \$30,000 to help students like themselves in a crisis. If they each donated \$100 there would be \$300,000 raised by students for students.

There are over 5,000 students taking classes at PVCC this semester.

King stated that she believes philanthropy is based in a moral perspective taught by parents, religions and society. It is something that begins when you are young and stays with you throughout your lifetime.

Many of PVCC's students have benefited from the generosity of others.

Al Layne, a graduate of PVCC and University of Virginia's McIntire School was featured on PVCC's alumni blog. He looked back on his time at PVCC and remembered how it was.

"I was in the work study program when I attended PVCC. Twenty-five years ago I received a State Farm Scholarship... Today my firm Hantzmon-Wiebel has established an Endowed Scholarship Fund at PVCC. I would not be here today without PVCC. I would not have been able to attend U.Va. I would not be a partner at Hantzmon and Wiebel without PVCC."

PVCC provides an extensive support network for its students. What do students think about participating in that network by making a donation to a fund created by students to help other students in a crisis?

Emily Yu said "I think it is a great idea and I would definitely give to something like that."

Jonathan Ast said "I like the idea and I would have no problem donating to that fund."

As Ralph Waldo Emerson put it, "One of the beautiful compensations of this life is that no one can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID BILL WOULD INVEST BILLIONS

NATIONAL STUDENT NEWS SERVICE

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and Representatives George Miller (D-CA) and Tim Bishop (D-NY) held a teleconference with student journalists from around the country to talk about the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act (SAFRA).

The bill includes a range of reforms that will save \$87 billion over ten years, guarantees students access to affordable loans, and makes it easier to use the SAFRA to apply for financial aid. Representatives Miller and Bishop expect the bill to pass the Senate before the holidays.

SAFRA, which already passed the House Committee on Education and Labor, will change government lending programs by making all loans directly to students. Currently, some federal loans are made through the Federal Family Education Loan program (FFEL), which distributes government money to students via subsidies to private lenders.

The bill will also invest \$40 billion in the Pell Grant program, put \$12 billion into community colleges, increase the Federal Perkins loan pro-



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Obama nominated Arne Duncan for the position of U.S. Secretary of Education. Duncan was confirmed on January 20, 2009.

gram by \$6 billion, and put \$85 million into Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and other minority-serving institutions.

"We're convinced that we have to educate our way to a better economy," said Secretary Duncan. He said that passing this bill will mean that "we can look every young person in the eye."

The Student PIRGs are organizing a symbolic "Wall of Debt" to represent the enormity of the student debt problem and show the urgency of the legislation. The PIRGs are joined by efforts from the United States Student Association, who has worked on the bill with House Speaker Pelosi and Secretary Duncan in a press conference.

CARTER MOUNTAIN ORCHARD OFFERS UNIQUE EXPERIENCE



Jon Hasenfus

The Christian Fellowship Club poses for a photo on top of Carter Mountain, where they spent half a day during fall break. Club members picked apples and held a prayer group.

LUKE WILSON
FORUM STAFF WRITER

It's a beautiful fall day. The air is crisp, but you're warm enough bundled inside of a coat. It is a good day to go exploring. Say, when was the last time you picked an apple straight off a tree? When was the last time you got lost in winding rows of apple trees, fruit still hanging from the branches?

Carter Mountain Orchard offers this seasonal sensory experience, and is located just two or three miles from PVCC's flagpoles. From I-64 Exit 121A (the same exit as PVCC), go one half of a mile on Route 20 South, a bit past PVCC. Turn left onto VA-53. Drive three quarters of a mile before turning right at the

sign for Carter Mountain Orchard.

Follow the steep, dusty road to the top, where it levels out into a bald plateau that offers a birds-eye perspective of Charlottesville and the greater Piedmont region. There's an observation tower that offers a 360-degree view of the orchards, and a vineyard, which is the most recent mass planting on the mountain.

Near the parking lot there is a child-friendly Apple Barn, where the staff provides maps that detail where each of 16 distinct apple varieties lies within the orchard. Granted, not all of these varieties will be in season at once. Some apples are cold-hardy and even able to withstand near-freezing temperatures while still mellowing on the limb. Other varieties are fair-

weather fruits, having fixed their sugars and ripened for the harvest by late summer or the earliest days of fall. Some apple types include Red Delicious, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, Winesap and Fuji.

For the apple connoisseur there is even a chart that outlines the characteristics of each variety. For instance, a run-of-the-mill Granny Smith is described as, "tart, crisp, excellent for all purposes," while a Braeburn apple is described as "sweet and tart, firm, crisp, and juicy." The key to apple education is apparently an awareness of which apples are ideal for the table — consumed cool, fresh, and raw, while other apples are better performers in pies, tarts, and sauces.

If any of this sounds to be bordering on wine-swirling semantics,

think again. Once you're out in the sun and among the trees, the differences between the apples become clear. Especially when those apples cross the palate.

Carter Mountain Orchard also offers great apple cider and apple-cider doughnuts for sale, and boasts child-friendly areas and a hayride. During the summer you can also pick peaches and nectarines.

One could run to the Blue Ridge Parkway to take in the view, but not without burning a whole tank of gas. Go eat an apple; the dentist would approve. The apple-picking season lasts from mid-August to early November. Carter Mountain Orchard is open daily 9:00am to 6:00pm through October. The hours for November are 9:00am to 5:00pm every day.

PVCC COMMUNITY Q & A

1. Does it bother you that people smoke in non-smoking areas around campus?

2. Do you think there should be "smoking huts" for smokers to use?

Margaret Arnold



1. "Yes, common courtesy says 'smoke in smoking areas.' I don't want to smell like smoke."

2. "It's good how it is now with the smoking and non-smoking areas, but they probably ought to move the areas farther apart and away from the doors."

Melissa Villeneuve

1. "Yes, when I walk in I smell like smoke."

2. "Yes"



Cathy Scott



1. "I haven't really paid attention. I am a smoker, but I smoke in smoking areas."

2. "Yes, there should be some kind of shelter."

Megan Thomas

1. "No it doesn't, but I guess people shouldn't smoke in non-smoking areas."

2. "I think its fine; I mean there is already a sheltered area for smokers."



Dakota Levinson

1. "No it doesn't, I didn't even know there were smoking and non-smoking areas."

2. "Hell no."



Rachel Peake



1. "Yes! It is annoying, especially when there are big signs that say 'NO SMOKING.'"

2. "No, because they are going to smoke where they want to anyway."

3. What do you think PVCC's smoking policy should be?



From left to right: Danielle Morgan, Giovanna Galliani, Tiffany Smith, Daniel Ingraham, Robert Downing

3. "It should stay the same; there is nothing wrong with it."

Reporting and photography done by Anna Acree, Forum Staff Writer.



Kay Bethea



Kay Bethea

Above, PVCC Thespians rehearse for the upcoming November shows.



Kay Bethea

The Black Box Theater seating is especially arranged for these two performances.

THESPIANS TO PERFORM COMIC DOUBLE FEATURE

JEN TREACY
FORUM MANAGING EDITOR

Get ready for a night of absurd comedy as PVCC thespians bring two classic one-acts to the stage.

On the first and second weekends of November, PVCC students will be performing *The Bald Soprano* and *The Actor's Nightmare* on the main stage of the Dickinson building.

"*The Bald Soprano*" by Eugène Ionesco is an "international classic" and has been running in theaters for almost 60 years.

In one act, it tells the story of Mr. and Mrs. Smith (played by Sean Haggerty and Darlene Sacco), their dinner guests the Martins (played by Koda Kerl and Hope Herndon), Mary the maid (Christian Anderson), and the firecaptain (Brendan Lynch).

They try to communicate with each other with increasing difficulty as their language begins to break down.

This play is called *la cantatrice chauve* in its original form, and offers an added benefit for French students.

"*The Actor's Nightmare*" by Christopher Durang tells the story of an accountant named George Spelvin (played

by Koda Kerl), who is mistaken for the lead actor's understudy and expected to be able to perform a number of roles for which he is entirely unprepared (this is a common nightmare that actors have, according to the playwright).

Other performers include Chloe Elsass as Meg, Christian

The plays will run for two weekends on Nov. 6 and 13 at 7:30 pm and Nov. 7 and 14 at 2:30 pm.

Anderson as Sarah Siddons, Brendan Lynch as Henry Irving and the Executioner, and Darlene Sacco as Ellen Terry.

The plays will run for two weekends, on Nov. 6th and 13th at 7:30 pm, and Nov. 7th and 14th at 2:30 pm.

Tickets will be \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. There will be no late seating.

For more information, contact the Box Office by phone at (434) 961-5376 or by e-mail at boxoffice@pvcc.edu.

PVCC EARNs TOP HONORS FOR TECH SUPPORT

FORUM STAFF

Piedmont Virginia Community College has been awarded top honors in the fifth annual Digital Community Colleges Survey, conducted by e.Republic's Center for Digital Education and Converge Magazine.

PVCC was among the top 10 mid-sized community colleges (3,000-7,500 students) across the U.S. that offer exceptional technology support to students and educators.

"I think this recognition is a testament to the hard work and efforts of the entire College," said Brian Wisniewski, chief information officer at the College. "Being recognized lets us know we're heading in the right direction and that we must continue to focus on ways technology can help us work more efficiently and effectively in support of our students."

In addition to PVCC's 43 electronic classrooms and campus-wide wireless Internet access, the College uses a variety of technology to enhance student learning:

- Students can give immediate feedback during classroom presentations and lectures using a hand-held device to submit answers to interactive questions.

- Nursing students use simulated hospital rooms, equipment



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*Brian D. Wisniewski is
Chief Information
Officer at PVCC.*

- and training mannequins designed to provide real-time feedback on diagnosis and treatment.

- Spanish students can hear instructor feedback on assignments submitted electronically through the College's online classroom management system.

- Biology and chemistry students can download MP3 audio files of class lectures and presentations for study and review.

The survey addressed multiple areas in digital technology including online registration, distance learning, tutoring and advisory services, technology training for students and faculty, and Web 2.0 social and collaborative capabilities.

UPCOMING STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

What: Around the World in 90 Minutes

When: Nov. 11, 12:10pm

Cost: free admission

Where: Bolick Student Center

What: 106.1 The Corner's Local Lounge

When: Nov. 21 7:30pm

Cost: free admission

Where: Dickinson Building

What: Multicultural Dance Showcase

When: Nov. 22 3:00pm

Cost: adults \$10.00 seniors and students \$8.00

Where: Dickinson Building

What: PVCC Fall Dance Concert "Synergy"

When: Dec. 4 and 5

Cost: adults \$10.00 seniors and students \$8.00

Where: Dickinson Building

Every PVCC student receives two free vouchers for each show. To pick up student vouchers visit the cashier's office at least two hours before the start of the show.

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COLLEGE EVENTS**NURSING PROGRAM INFO SESSION MONDAY, THURSDAY, 10/05**

4:30-5:30 pm

Piedmont Virginia Community College will host free information sessions about its nursing program in the Main Building Auditorium (room 229). For more information, contact the PVCC Division of Mathematics, Sciences and Human Services at 434.961.5445 or mshs@pvcc.edu

THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY SPEAKER FORUM SATURDAY, 11/02

12:20pm

Speakers from Martha Jefferson hospital will present in the Bolick Student Center.

THE ACTOR'S NIGHTMARE & THE BALD SOPRANO 11/06-11/07 & 11/13-11/14, 7:30pm

11/07 & 11/14, 2:30

Two one act plays presented in the Maxwell Theatre. All tickets \$5. For more information visit <http://www.pvcc.edu/performancearts>

COMMUNITY EVENTS SAMPLER**TWIGHTLIGHT WALKING TOUR**

EVERY THURSDAY

5:30pm

The Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society offers Twilight Walking Tours of Historic Downtown Charlottesville. For more info visit <http://www.albemarlehistory.org/>

LIVE POETS SOCIETY WEDNESDAY, 11/4

7:00pm

Come share your original

poetry. Held at the Gordon Avenue branch of the Charlottesville Public Library. For more info visit <http://www.jmrl.org/br-gordon.htm>

WORKSHOP: STARTING YOUR BUSINESS SATURDAY, 11/07

9:30am-12:00pm

SCORE offers a series of workshops that cover a wide range of topics related to how an aspiring entrepreneur should properly start a small business. \$25 fee for each workshop. For more info visit <http://www.score-494.org/>

ARTISAN STUDIO TOUR

SUNDAY, 11/8

10:00am-5:00pm

The 15th annual Artisans Center of Virginia Studio Tour November 7 and 8. Free to the public. Visit Virginia's most notable artisans in local working studios. For more details and a map go to: <http://www.artisanscenterofvirginia.org/>

AUTUMN PRUNING TECHNIQUES SATURDAY, 11/14

10am-12pm

Based on an English style of gardening as taught by the Royal Horticulture Society, Stuart will instruct you in rose pruning (bush and climbers) and wisteria preparation for winter. Class meets at the Kluge Estate. \$29. To register e-mail <http://www.pvcc.edu/wfs>

FREE SPEECH FORUM SUNDAY 11/15

3:00-5:00PM

Presented by The Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression and Piedmont Virginia Community College and cosponsored by The Virginia Foundation for the Humanities. Free and open to

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FOR RENT

Lakefront summer cottage on Newfound Lake, NH. Available for families up to 8 people. \$2000/wk. See www.homeaway.com for more information. Look for property #181159.

FOR SALE

WHITE MINI-FRIDGE. Contact Jennifer at 540. 907.9405.

ACTION FIGURES. Lot of 10 assorted, unopened action figures from the late 90s - early 2000s. Mostly Star Wars: Huge book value. \$50. Call Jay at 434.263.4078.

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