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Creating a Club is as easy as “A” name, “B”oard requirements, and “C”ing Steve McNerney

Jessica Hackley, Staff Writer

Creating a club sounds like a great deal of work. Good thing this is one instance where one might think the process is harder than it really is.

In a short, five-minute talk with Steve McNerney, I found out just how easy it is to start a club at PVCC.

If you have some ideas for a club that you cannot seem to get out of your head, the first step would be for you to stop by Mr. McNerney’s office yourself to pick up a club

application. His office is in the middle room of the fitness center, M179/180.

Just because this is easy to do, does not mean one should take it lightly; after the general questions, e.g. applicant name, PVCC email address, proposed club name, proposed advisor, and estimated budget—which can be zero—the most important question is “How will this club benefit PVCC student life?”

Though this question seems simple, it can be the deciding factor on approval. I would

Look inside for descriptions and contact information for PVCC clubs.

recommend picking up a Policies and Procedures Manual for PVCC Clubs and Organizations from Mr. McNerney before deciding on your clubs benefit. The Requirements for Student Activities are posted in the manual and they are the major criteria that club establishment is based on.

Some important excerpts from the manual are, “The State Board encourages the development of a student

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DATES TO REMEMBER

—*Last day to register/add full-semester classes*—

January 16

—*Free Movie Friday, Gone Girl*—

January 16, 7:30pm, Dickinson Building

—*Club Day*—

January 21, Main Building

—*Gallery Exhibit Reception*—

January 23, 5-7 pm, Dickinson Building

—*Masquers Club Forth Fridays Improv*—

January 23, 6-8 pm, Main Stage Theater, Dickinson Building

—*"Animals & Arsonists" reading*—

January 23,-24 7 pm, Dickinson Commons

—*Revival*—

January 23-25, 7:30pm, Maxwell Theater, Dickinson Building

—*Contemporary Dance Master Class*—

January 24, 10-11:30 am, Dickinson Building

—*2015-16 One Book Voting Ends*—

January 25

—*Employer Networking Reception*—

January 29, 6-8 pm, Bolick Student Center

—*One Mic Stand*—

February 12, 7 pm, Maxwell Theater, Dickinson Building

—*Free Movie Friday, Bird Man*—

February 20, 7:30pm, Dickinson Building

—*The Odyssey of Soul*—

February 21, 7:30pm, Dickinson Building

Creating a Club Continued

activities program designed to promote educational and cultural experiences... support the mission of the colleges and provide students avenues for personal growth and enrichment...do not restrict membership based on race, color, gender, age, religion, disability, national origin, sexual orientation or other non-merit factors. Private clubs, private associations, social fraternities, and social sororities shall not be recognized"

After completing the application, and returning it to Mr. McNerney, he can make a decision on behalf of the college in that same moment.

If it seems as if there may be some issues to be discussed; such as, budget or similarity to already established clubs, Mr. McNerney will then take the proposal to the Student Services Committee for them to convene and make a decision.

If the club is established, the advisor must download contact information onto the student life section of the college website. Bulletin board space will then be given to the club. Mr. McNerney says it best, "It's easy to start a club as long as it abides by VCCS standards."

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact Steve McNerney via email at SMcNerney@pvcc.edu.

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All Living Creatures

Idette Charlie, Staff Writer

All Living Creatures is a club that strives to improve the lives of wild and domestic animals through community outreach. The club's mission is to bring a quality to student life. To sign up for this club, contact Eric Chapman, eec2480@email.vccs.edu, or Kayla Baker, ksb2201@email.vccs.edu.

Anime Club

Michael McGrew II, Staff Writer

The Anime Club is for people with an interest in anime, manga, and Japanese pop culture media. The club's goal is to make everyone feel welcomed, while sharing in common interests. They meet Fridays in M155 between 3-5 PM. For further details, contact Kayla Paschall at kdp2460@email.vccs.edu

Art Club

The mission of the Art Club is to support student artists by sponsoring fun, art-oriented events. They sponsor the annual Day of the Dead Candy-Thon (at Halloween), the Film Series, artists workshops, college visits and more. For more information, contact Beryl Solla, bsolla@pvcc.edu or Aubrey Tomlin atomlin8755@email.vccs.edu. Their website is <http://pvccart.blogspot.com/>



Photography from PVCC Facebook page

Black Student Alliance

Jackie Morris, Staff Writer

The Black Student Alliance is a club with a clear mission: "To cultivate leadership, stimulate cultural and educational awareness and contribute service to the college community, the local African-American community and the larger multicultural community and society." For more information, contact Justin Wert at jwert@pvcc.edu.



Chef Ralph Brown and his son Ralph Brown Jr, Lindsay Ohen and David Blackmon. Photograph by Samantha Prentiss

Board Game Club

Michael McGrew II, Staff Writer

The Board Game Club lives up to its name. It is a club for people that love classic tabletop games and offers new games almost every week. The friendly competition and table talk are rated as some of the best attributes of the club.

The club is not just for the hardcore, they welcome anyone to come and learn a new game each meeting. The club meets on the 3rd floor of the Dickinson lounge on Tuesdays between 3 -7 p.m.. For further details contact Bruce Glassco at bglassco@pvcc.edu.

Book Club

The Book Club provides a comfortable environment for students, faculty, and staff to discuss books throughout the year. For more information, contact Linda Cahill, lcahill@pvcc.edu.

Brony Club

[Michael McGrew II, Staff Writer](#)

The Brony Club is a collection of people who enjoy the 4th generation of the show *My Little Pony: Friendship is magic*. In addition to meeting once a week for an episode showing, the group also does works of charity. They meet in room 159 on Mondays at 12 PM. For further information contact Ben Gump at btg209@email.vccs.edu.

Business Club

[Scott Cast, Staff Marketer](#)

The Business Club was founded in order to aid in the progression of the lives of PVCC students. The club's objectives are based on three main principles; the building of entrepreneurship skills, the advancement of student's careers and leadership abilities, and the understanding of personal finance. To this end, we are gathering like-minded individuals interested in dedicating themselves to their own betterment.

If interested in joining the club, please email Professor Pratt at wpratt@pvcc.edu.

Chess Club

[Andre Thompson, Staff Writer](#)

Why not stay a few moves ahead with PVCC's chess club? The chess club of PVCC was established for students who want to learn the game of chess, play the game of chess, and also to provide help for people who want to develop the skills necessary to really excel at the game of chess. The co-president of this club can be reached at hbh215@email.vccs.edu and the president Abel Pors can be reached at aep22252@email.vccs.edu

Christian Student Fellowship (CSF)

[Austin Ellis, Staff Writer](#)

The Christian Student Fellowship is for students who are interested in fellowship and biblical studies. The fellowship meets on Wednesdays at College Hour during the fall and spring semesters. For more information please contact Student President Corey Coogan at ccc21218@email.vccs.edu or Staff Advisor Andre Luck at aluck@pvcc.edu.

Creative Writing Club

The mission of the PVCC Creative Writing Club is to offer the PVCC community [students, faculty, staff, etc.,] an informal, supportive environment for learning about, experiencing, and practicing contemporary creative writing—poetry, fiction, and nonfiction. They host informal writing events for the college community.

In the spring semester, they publish the literary magazine, *The Fall Line*, working with graphic design students at the college. For more information, contact club advisor Jenny Koster at jkoster@pvcc.edu.



Dance Club

[Jackie Morris, Staff Writer](#)

The dance club simply enjoys moving. Anyone can participate whether with experience or none at all. The club explores all kinds of dance, there are various opportunities including free dance technique classes, choreography and performance opportunities, and more. In the fall semester, they met on the 3rd Wednesday in each month in the Earl Dickinson building from 2-3:15 p.m. For more information, contact Anne Megibow at amegibow@pvcc.edu

Engineering Club

[Idette Charlie, Staff Writer](#)

The PVCC Engineering club is designed to gather PVCC engineering students for social and career-oriented purposes. If you want to sign up for this club, contact Ethel Baber, emb2896@email.vccs.edu.

Film Making Club

[Andre Thompson, Staff Writer](#)

The filmmaking club was started by Kay Bethea, the current advisor is Tiffany Park who teaches the filmmaking course at PVCC. She started the Club for PVCC students who were involved in theatre but also interested in filmmaking.

Mrs. Bethea says, “with the ever-increasing interest in the developing the Virginia film industry, and with the terrific Virginia Film Festival in Charlottesville each November (several films were screened in the Dickinson Building this year), it would be a great opportunity for PVCC students. For more information, contact Kay Bethea at kbethea@pvcc.edu.



The Film Series

[Austin Ellis, Staff Writer](#)

The Film Series is a club for students interested in viewing a variety of films including current and visually interesting films. The club meets at the end and beginning of each semester. The

Film Series just had their last meeting on December 3. For further information, please contact Staff Advisor Beryl Solla at bsolla@pvcc.edu.

The Forum

[Andre Thompson, Staff Writer](#)



The Forum is PVCC's student newspaper. It is also a club made up of students who are responsible for submitting articles, copyediting, photography, and coming up with layout design. There is also an Introduction to Journalism course that contributes to *The Forum*. Students are encouraged to join the club and participate in any aspect of *The Forum*.

Assistant Editor, Jessica Hackley says, “I believe it would be good for interested students to become involved because it is a free experience with a good group of students and it can be fun if you like to write.” The meeting times for this club are subject to change, but if you would like to get more information, contact Dr. Whyte at twhyte@pvcc.edu.

French Culture Club

[Michael Mcgrew II, Staff Writer](#)

The French Culture Club has the purpose of spreading understanding of the French language and the greater French culture. In spring 2015, the club will be taking a trip to France for 8 days. For further information contact Tulio Vitale at tbv272@email.vccs.edu

Game Development Club

[Michael Mcgrew II, Staff Writer](#)

The Game development club is for students interested in making video games as either hobby or professional interest. For more information, check their club page at <http://www.pvcc.edu/student-life/clubs/game-development-club>.

Gender Equality Club

Their mission is to promote gender equality by educating the PVCC community about gender inequality. They believe that everyone should have equal rights regardless of gender.

Contact trq21@email.vccs.edu or Ph2782@email@vccs.edu for more information.

German Club

[Austin Ellis, Staff Writer](#)

The German Club promotes knowledge of and interest in the German language, history, and culture. For more details, please contact Staff Advisor Patricia Jassmann at pjassman@pvcc.edu.

Graphics Club

[Michael McGrew II, Staff Writer](#)

For an artistic experience or simply to pursue a career in design, the Graphics club is the destination. They hold workshops, examine films, and host guest speakers in the field of design. Recently they created the concept for the Oratorio Society of Virginia's *Christmas at the Paramount* 2014 concert promotions. For more information contact Aubrey Tomlin at atomlin8755@email.vccs.edu.



Members of the Graphics Club

Clockwise from upper left: Aubrey Tomlin, Dominique Ross, Assistant Professor Aaron Miller, Tatiana Yavorska-Antrobious, Kathleen Tomlin and Susan Watts.



**PVCC Community Garden
Photography by Jessica Hackley**

Horticulture & Environmental Club

[Austin Ellis, Staff Writer](#)

The Horticulture and Environmental Club is invested in encouraging sustainable practices both on campus and the college's service region. The club's current project is an organic garden for use as a learning platform for environmentally sound horticulture. The organic vegetable garden encourages more interest for students, faculty, staff, and the community to learn and out in practice environmentally healthy horticulture. For details, please contact Staff Advisors Dave Lerman at dlerman@pvcc.edu and Jennifer Scott at jscott@pvcc.edu or Student Contact Jonathon Dean at Jdean6302@email.vccs.edu.

International Club

[Jackie Morris, Staff Writer](#)

The international club is a social club that invites students from all parts of the world to join together to do service and also have fun learning from one another. For more information, contact Jorge Grajales Diaz at jgrajalesdiaz@pvcc.edu or Irnia Timchenko at itimchenko@pvcc.edu.

Investment Club

[Zachary Carter, Staff Writer](#)

The Investment Club is one of the oldest clubs on campus. It's mission is to educate and improve our members' knowledge of investing in the markets as well as provide a deeper understanding of business.

They teach how global events in the news impact the business sector. For more information contact Brandon Zeman at blz220@email.vccs.edu

Japanese Club

[Jackie Morris, Staff Writer](#)

The Japanese club invites students to learn about Japanese culture and language, and to enlighten students on other aspects of Japan. For more information, contact Noriko Donahue at ndonahue@pvcc.edu.

Latter-Day Saints

[Jackie Morris, Staff Writer](#)

The Latter Day Saints club is for students who are interested in learning of the gospel of the Book of Mormon in a school environment, and learning about the teachings of the scriptures. For more information, contact Andrew Renshaw, rensaw@pvcc.edu, or Melissa Ann Kibbe, mak21690@email.vccs.edu.

LGBTQA Club

[Jackie Morris, Staff Writer](#)



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According to their web page, LGBTQA is a club to create a safe community and reach out to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning people as well as allies. The club is trying to establish a sense of community with PVCC students and surrounding communities. For more information, contact Eddie Edwards, eme2730@email.vccs.edu.

LIFE (Life Is For Everyone) Club

[Zachary Carter, Staff Writer](#)

The LIFE club promotes the value of human life and is for those that share a pro-life view. The goal of the club is to promote alternatives to abortion and educate fetal development and it's medical and social effects. The next club meeting will be during the Spring Semester. For more information visit the PVCC LIFE club page. For more information, please contact Nicole Winkler, nwinkler@pvcc.edu.

Masquers Club (Theatre)

[Idette Charlie, Staff Writer](#)

The Masquers Club is for students interested in any aspect of theater, including film. Masquers fosters interest in live theatre through co-sponsorship of major theatre productions and through production of smaller theatre offerings, encouraging participation of students both as audience members and performers/technicians. For more information, contact the staff advisor, Brad Stoller, bstoller@pvcc.edu.

Mu Alpha Theta

[Idette Charlie, Staff Writer](#)

PVCC's chapter of Mu Alpha theta is the mathematics honor society. Membership provides access to scholarships and mathematical conventions. Members in good standing are eligible to wear MAO's graduation honor cords. For more information, contact MAT@pvcc.edu.

Music Club

[Andre Thompson, Staff Writer](#)

The Music club is another club here at Piedmont that was started by Kay Bethea. The club of musicians meets in the black box theatre, room 202 in the Dickinson building on Mondays a 12pm. This club offers the opportunity to meet other musicians at the school. Mrs. Bethea has also provided members of the music club with the opportunity to play at the scholarship dinner. If you have any questions email Mike Baize at mbaize6274@email.vccs.edu.

Outdoor Club

[Jackie Morris, Staff Writer](#)

The Outdoor club explores local natural areas to promote knowledge, as well as build teamwork skills with exploration, learning survival techniques, exercise, make new friends and have fun while enjoying nature. For more information, contact David Moyer at dmoyer@pvcc.edu or Erin Hughey-Commers at ehughey-commers@pvcc.edu.



People Empowering People (PEP) Club

The PEP Club serves as a voice for all students in eliminating barriers of perceptions, ignorance, attitude and any other barrier which people with disabilities encounter. They do this by raising awareness and providing education about disabilities and disability issues. The club is for everyone and anyone. Contact Ta Nisha Kinney at tsk2438@email.vccs.edu or Shannifan@pvcc.edu for more information.

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

[Austin Ellis, Staff Writer](#)

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honorary academic fraternity for two-year colleges. Academic standards must be met to be eligible for membership. If you wish to submit an application, it must be submitted by the last Friday in October for the fall semester or the last Friday in March for the spring semester. Please see their Facebook page for the latest news. For further information, feel free to contact Faculty Advisors Bruce Robinson at brobinson@pvcc.edu or Kit Decker at kdecker@pvcc.edu. Also please contact fraternity president Brandon Zeman at blz220@email.vccs.edu.

Political Club

The Political Club provides a safe place for people to debate current international and national issues and to encourage students to get involved in College policy and disband political animosity. For more information, contact Connie Jorgenson, cjorgenson@pvcc.edu

Pottery Club

[Andre Thompson, Staff Writer](#)

Tom Clarkson started PVCC's pottery club. The pottery club is for students who are registered for ceramics and who would like to learn more about ceramics and the art of pottery. For anyone who would like to work with clay. All you have to do is sign up and register for the ceramics course, contact Tom Clarkson at tclarkson@pvcc.edu. The Pottery Club meets in the Dickinson building Tuesday evenings from 6-8.

Radiography Club

[Idette Charlie, Staff Writer](#)

The club is for Radiography students to excel in the clinical and didactic curriculums as well as providing the utmost quality in patient care. The club is a network of Radiography students assisting each other to succeed in their future

careers. The club's mission is to perform at the highest ethical and professional standards set forth by the American Society of Radiology Technologists (ASRT) code of ethics. The club increases awareness of the Radiography field to PVCC as well as the community at large. For more information, contact: Liz Lucchetti (President), elucchetti7298@email.vccs.edu, Zachary Chagnon (VP), zchagnon0001@email.vccs.edu, Alex Hineman (Secretary), alh2089@email.vccs.edu, or David Irby (Treasurer), dji292@email.vccs.edu.

Science Club

[Zachary Carter, Staff Writer](#)

The PVCC Science Club aims to promote science by sharing how science applies to the real world, celebrating the creative nature of science, and making science more accessible and inclusive. The Science club tries to meet a couple of times a semester. This spring, the Science Club is hoping to collaborate with the Math Club--and possibly other clubs related to science--to celebrate Super Pi Day! Super Pi Day is this coming March 14. For more information contact Anne Allison at aallison@pvcc.edu

Soccer Club

The Soccer Club is for students who enjoy playing soccer. For more information, please contact Steve McNerney, smcnerney@pvcc.edu.

Sonography Club

[Idette Charlie, Staff Writer](#)

The Sonography Club helps members in job seeking and resume tips. The club sponsors guest speakers that can be found on the PVCC calendar. The club is for Sonography students. Club members mentor fellow students and encourage professional development and ethics with the common goal of providing quality patient care and imaging. To sign up for this club, contact Lisa Burrington, lburrington@pvcc.edu or Abagayle Hanson, ach2314@vccs.edu.

Spanish Club (Club De Espanol)

[Jackie Morris, Staff Writer](#)

The Spanish club meets on Mondays from 11:50- 12:50 in room D334 to talk in Spanish, share food and music, play games, hear presentations, make crafts, meet visitors from other countries and organize club events. All students are welcome. For more information, contact Kit Decker at kdecker@pvcc.edu.

Student Government Association (SGA)

[Zachary Carter, Staff Writer](#)

Student Government Association's mission statement is "We represent the rights, interests, and concerns of the student body to the college officials while promoting the integration of success and excellence among the school-wide community." The SGA exists to listen to the voice of the student body and have various events to make lives of those students better on campus. The general meeting happens once every three weeks, and the body meets on Thursdays at 7:00 a.m. in the North Mall Meeting Room. There are two ways to obtain a membership in the SGA:

- 1) By becoming a club representative.
- 2) Through the application process.

For more information, contact any member of the SGA or visit the Student Government Association Facebook page or PVCC club page.

Student Veterans of America

[Michael Mcgrew II, Staff Writer](#)

Student Veterans of America is a club that provides resources, support, and advocacy for both veterans and active service members. They help veterans transition both to civilian and student life. For further information see their club page at <http://www.pvcc.edu/student-life/clubs/student-veterans-of-america>.

Tennis Club

The Tennis Club meets to play and learn about tennis. For more information, contact John Thornten, mthorten@pvcc.edu.

Ultimate Frisbee Club Austin Ellis, Staff Writer

About nine years ago, the Ultimate Frisbee Club was started. Now run by President Calvin Biesecker, the Ultimate Frisbee Club offers a chance for students to play inner-squad scrimmages every week on Fridays.

The club is good for all skill levels. Participants are encouraged to bring friends or recruit others that are interested to participate in practices and scrimmages. This year, a skills practice has been open every Wednesday for participants to focus on their fundamental skills.

The 2013-2014 PVCC Ultimate Frisbee team coordinator Matt Calhan said, "Joining the Ultimate Frisbee Club definitely sparked my interest more in Ultimate Frisbee. I liked it before, but after joining, I got a lot better and was able to play a lot more."

One of the good things about the PVCC Ultimate Frisbee Club is that there is no attendance policy, making it easier for students to play at their own leisure. The only requirement for participants is a waiver that must be signed by each individual in order to participate.

"One of the coolest parts about the PVCC Ultimate Frisbee Club is that sometimes the team travels to local tournaments at UVA and other schools," said Calhan. "You only have to practice twice a week and then you get to travel to play better skilled teams. It's very easy to see yourself progress in the sport." The club meets for practice and scrimmages on the PVCC Softball Field.

To learn more go to their Facebook group PVCC Ultimate 2014-2015.

Virginia 21 Michael McGrew II, Staff Writer

Virginia 21 is an advocacy club that focuses on engaging young voters. They provide non-partisan information and support to voters. They focus on issues closely related to the student body such as affordable tuition, employment rates for graduates, and motivating a young voting bloc. For more information contact Xavier Roberts at fxr28@email.vccs.edu.

Volunteer Club Austin Ellis, Staff Writer

The Volunteer Club strives to foster the spirit of volunteerism while connecting students with the PVCC community and beyond. In addition, the club promotes student engagement, leadership, and innovation. Students are also encouraged to record volunteer hours to include in any type of resume. However, the Volunteer Club will be taking a hiatus for the spring semester of 2015. For more details, please contact Staff Advisor Kim Hoosier at Khoosier@pvcc.edu.

Riddles

[Brennan Tanner, staff writer](#)

What club plays this game:
Black and white the armies stand,
Won or lost, but by your hand.

This next riddle refers to a plant that the horticulture & environmental club might grow:

Fires heat,
A living thing,
Fruits of flame red and yellow, white and green.

Together, these two riddles form the name of a popular anime:

Goblin, pixie, woodland sprite,
Banshee, nixie, barrow wight,
All together, all the same,
Called together by one name.

Found on kites and cats and mice,
And little fish beneath the ice,
A book hold one within its pages,
A story told throughout the ages.

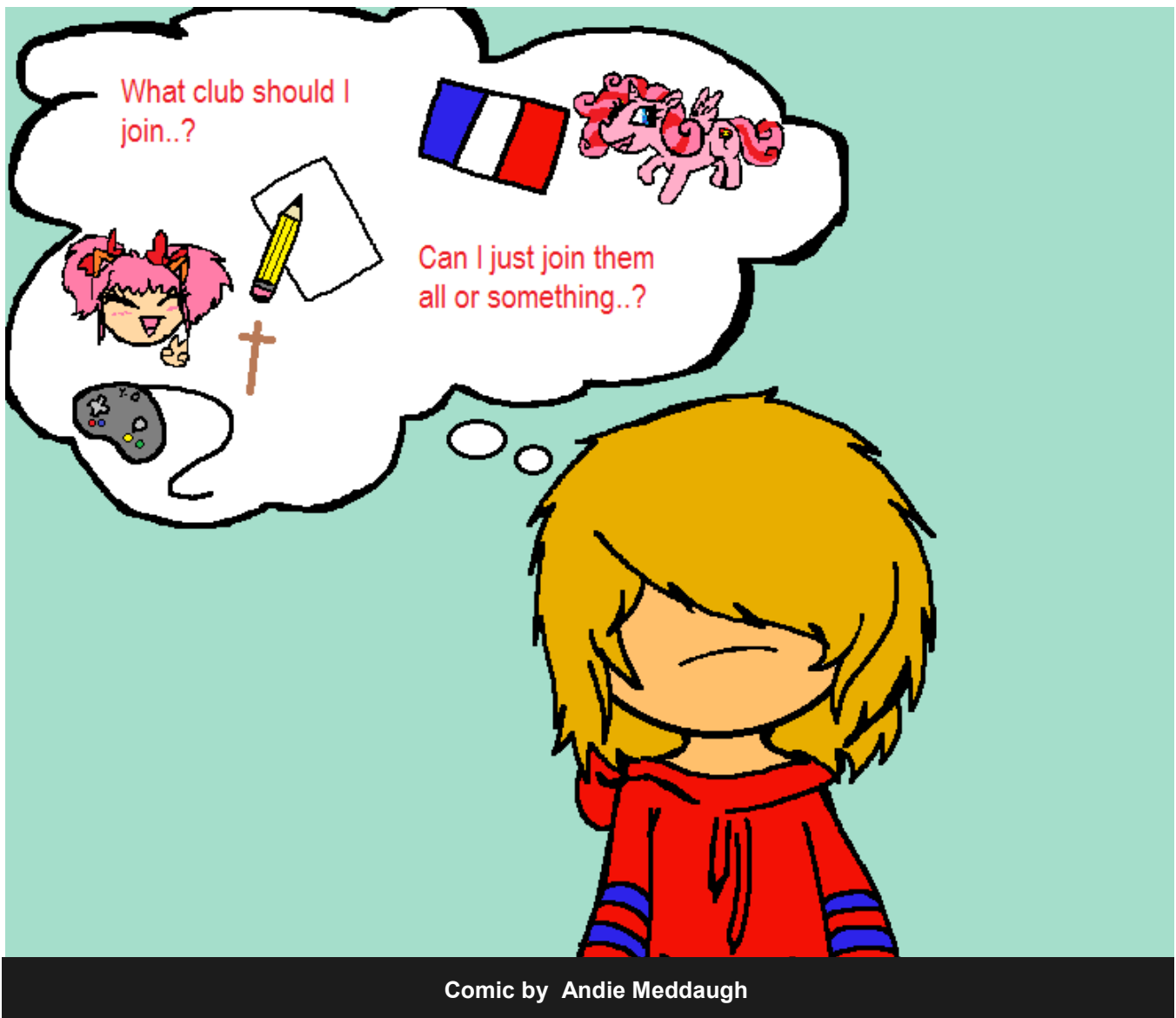
Interesting Facts: PVCC Clubs

Bridgette Lively, staff writer

Clubs offer a chance for people with similar interest to participate in things together. There are many things to learn and fun to have.

Here are some interesting things I found about the clubs here at PVCC.

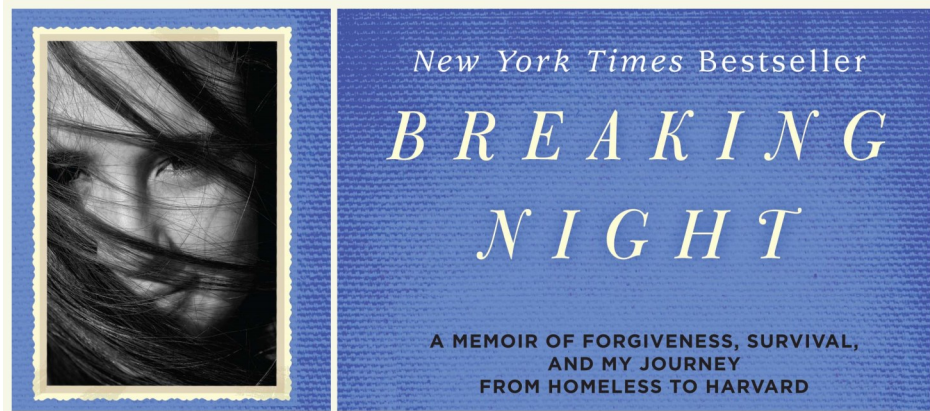
- **Investment Club**— They are sending three members to participate in the Georgetown Pitch Competition. They will be the first community college to attend.
- **Horticulture & Environmental Club**— They donate extra food that they grow to people locally that are in need.
- **Brony Club**— They collected supplies and donated them to the Haven Homeless Shelter



Comic by Andie Meddaugh

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