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Parkland hosts hundreds for regional math competition

Gregory Gancarz
Staff Writer

Despite the freezing temperatures and unexpected snow flurries on the morning of Feb. 25, nearly 500 high school students from almost two dozen competing schools came to participate in the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) Regional Math Contest at Parkland.

Participants came from as far away as Springfield and included all high school grade levels. Those who came all the way from Springfield had to be up as early as 5 a.m. to make it on time. All of them came in the hope of winning and advancing to the ICTM State Math Contest at the University of Illinois, which is scheduled to take place on May 6.

The contest consisted of a wide variety of events spanning three sessions, taking up most of the day. Topics included most high school math subjects including algebra,

geometry, and pre-calculus. The testing sessions included individual and team events in which students had to work together as cohesive units. All of the testing was held under the supervision of dozens of Parkland staff and volunteers.

Most students participated in oral exams as well in which students would present a subject they had researched.

"Students studied and learned a topic and then presented that topic before judges," says Kara Greer, lead coordinator.

For one of the longer sessions which was a little under an hour, classrooms of students attempted to complete a litany of mathematics problems perfectly in silence. Volunteer proctors kept a sharp eye on the students and on the clock. After precisely fifty minutes, time was called and the pencils hit the desks. Students' scores decided whether or not they advanced to the next competition.

The math competition Dennis Garmon, was

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- Dennis Garmon

was made possible by the efforts of many teachers.

"All of the full-time math instructors do a lot of work before and during the contest. In addition, some of the part-time math faculty help on the day of the contest," says Greer.

In addition to the Parkland staff who helped out, over 100 Parkland students assisted this year with proctoring the exams.

For Parkland students the reward for coming in on a Saturday was the looks of determination worn by the many student competitors. One student volunteer,

especially moved by the extraordinary motivation displayed by the hardworking pupils.

"It's great to see kids that aren't just focused on sports and that are actually focused on academics," Garmon says. "They're trying to get a head start for college."

Another Parkland volunteer, Alejandro Buenrostro, was impressed by the dedication it took for so many youths to make it out that morning.

"It's good to see high school students so passionate about education and math, taking the time out of

their Saturday to come take a math exam," Buenrostro says.

The good impressions left by the competition went both ways. Vidhula, a freshman participant in the competition complemented the beauty and cleanliness of Parkland's campus. While her favorite subject was actually biology she said she still enjoyed the competition.

"[It's] a fun thing to do on the weekend and a great experience," Vidhula says.

Parkland helped pioneer the ICTM math competition when it started a math contest for district high school students in 1976. However, in 1981 the ICTM started math contests across the state and from that time on, Parkland assumed the role of hosting the contests instead of holding their own.

After 42 years of hosting the competitions, Parkland College is looking forward to hosting many more.

College's band, orchestra play themed concerts each semester

Peter Floess
Staff Writer

Every school year, Parkland's Concert Band and Orchestra put on four theme concerts, two each semester.

When picking the theme for the concert, the directors look at what these two ensembles are going to play at the concerts.

"Generally our titles are chosen by what music is programmed," says Larry Stoner, director of the Concert Band.

Director of the Parkland Orchestra Rodney Mueller and Stoner together decided on "An International Flair" for the title for



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Rodney Mueller conducts the Parkland Orchestra on March 5 at the Harold and Jean Miner Theatre.

the concert on March 5 because of the variety of music they will be playing. Some works chosen include "Homage March, Opus 56, Number 3" by Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg, "Andante

Festivo" by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius, and "Midsummer's Vigil" by Swede Hugo Alfven.

Mueller also chose the piece "Gabriel's Oboe" from the movie "The Mission" by

Italian composer Ennio Morricone.

Stoner picked some "selections with a Spanish flair" from "Espana Cani" by Pascual Marquina.

The members of the Concert Band and Orchestra enjoy these

themed concerts.

Parkland music student Justin Franklin, who plays orchestra percussion, says he enjoys the Christmas concerts. He likes playing and experiencing the different music as part of the Orchestra. He says it is different than just "reading about the music in the textbook."

Jenny Johnson, a cellist, is particularly fond of a concert from several semesters ago based on pieces about the night sky, which included a medley of tunes from "Star Trek." Johnson believes that every concert the Orchestra plays a nice mixture of standard

and popular classical pieces.

Members of the Orchestra enjoy many aspects from said membership, including what Johnson says is a sense of community.

"I like the people part of it, as much as I like the music part of it," says Johnson "Every semester, there is one or two new community members and they are welcomed whole heartily."

For example, there is a "new cellist" in the Orchestra this semester.

"He fits right in," says Johnson.

Parkland music major and flutist in the Concert Band Olivia

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Student Government Candidates

March 13 & 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. & 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

March 15, 10 a.m.-noon

in the Student Union

Any registered Parkland College student with a valid Parkland I.D. may vote



Abram Washington
President

I am Abram Washington and I am interested in running for the Student Body President here at Parkland. I am involved in helping the different athletic programs. I've had success helping other programs out and I've gained valuable experience in the

different programs. I want to become the President because I want to give the students more of an opportunity to give their personal voice out. I truly believe that having a voice in college is a huge thing in this generation. Also, I would like to become the next student body president because I would like to give people an equal chance to do something during my term. I believe that giving people chances and letting the other people in the government become a leader and etc. I truly encourage and believe that one day in your life you will have to become a leader. Maybe not lead for years but possibly if the president wants you to lead a meeting or an activity you will do so. I love to give people opportunities to lead. I want everyone to be involved in something so you can put that on your resume and it is certainly a good look. I want everybody to become the best student and citizen here at Parkland College. I believe that you and I will get this done. This is a team effort. I don't like "I". I want this to be a WE thing. We can get this done together.



Shahad Alsayyad
Student Trustee

One of my purposes in life, also my favorite thing to do is help people feel they are a part of something and bring people together. All these aspects are the basis of what Student Government (STUGO) does and that is exactly what encouraged me to pursue that kind of student involvement. One of the recent events that STUGO took part in was organizing the Valentine's Dinner Event. What really fascinated

me during that event is that students who did not know each other were dancing together, having fun, and enjoying themselves. This kind of event brought students from different social groups together. Students who would never had the chance to meet in any regular school day sat together and had conversations and some even made friends. I would like to make sure that students have access to these types of opportunities that connect students together. One of the main responsibilities of STUGO that really got my attention is their part in examining students' concerns and trying to find solutions for them. Being able to give my input and voice in such issues that involve the improvement of students' experience in college is a powerful thing. One of the qualifications that I have that can be of a great use is the fact that I come from a different background and culture which can help me understand at least a glimpse of what the international students go through when they arrive in a different country and consequently have the chance to present some of the issues they face and hopefully work on ways in connecting them with the local students and student resources.



Nafissa Maiga
Senator

Hello, my name is Nafissa, I'm the very tall girl you might have heard yelling in French in the hallways.

I'm running for the position of senator this year.

As someone who is passionate about the environment, I have already tried to bring new ideas, with the help of others, to Parkland to make it more sustainable. You might have seen me running around parkland trying to collect signatures from students for a petition to set up a compost system at parkland. This experience alone was truly enjoyable because I got to share my passion with other students, make them interested in the project, and socialize with them. I hope that this will be a great experience for both you and I.



Desiree Ojo
Student Trustee

Learning does not always mean you have to sit in a classroom; you can learn and attain knowledge through life experiences, and I believe leadership is one of those skills learnt best in the outside world. Additionally, having the opportunity to achieve this skill through the Student Government at Parkland College can provide me with an even greater opportunity to further my career in the service of the public, furthermore, give me a better understanding of what matters most to people. There is an opportunity here and I want to seize it. I want to unravel the hidden gems of determination, perseverance and authority that possibly lie dormant inside me. Above all, I want to be an example to others and show them that the door of possibilities are always open.



Nicholas Johnson
President

The reason I want to be your student-body president is because I want to advocate for the students. I want to be the voice and eyes for the

busy students who have more of a life than I do. Some ideas that separate me from the other candidates is I want to start a Glee Club here at school. A place for people to sing and dance and meet people. I also want to bring cheerleading back to our school. Plus, I want to encourage more school activities when we can because sometimes our current activities can be a bit repetitive. I also want to keep the students informed and up to date on when any legislative decisions have been made because ultimately it affects us all. I want to take suggestions from any students on how to improve our school. I would also like to visit the classrooms more and interact with the students (you know get to know them better). These are only some of the major changes I would like to incorporate to our wonderful school. So, vote Nick Johnson. I know I can make you guys proud!



Cory Macklin
Senator

I grew up here in town, graduated from Urbana High School, and have been here my whole life. I am currently 18 years old and this is my 1st semester at Parkland. I plan on attaining a Nursing degree here by 2020. I have a huge passion for

helping people, which is why I want to be involved with the Student Government at Parkland. I have previous experience with Student Government in both Middle School and High School. If elected, I would be the voice for ALL Students here in the College, regardless of age, sex, sexual orientation, or race. I would see that administration stop cutting teachers that are crucial for students achieving individual success, and try and find other ways to save money. With budget cuts happening to public schools all over the state, due to the state not providing the proper funding for public institutions, teachers should not be let go for the sake of saving money. Also if elected, I would see how we can lower the tuition that was recently raised for in-district students, and make college more affordable for everyone. The student body has the most power in any school, by unifying as one, we can accomplish much more than any individual. My number one goal is to unify students, so that all voices can be heard.

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HEALTH

Counseling and Advising Center offers resources for anxiety

EvyJo Compton
Staff Writer

Anxiety is a part of the majority of people's lives on a day-to-day basis and it can be tolerable, but if it starts to interfere with one's everyday activities it becomes an issue.

On March 15, the Counseling and Advising center will be holding a discussion session and screening for those who think they might be affected by anxiety.

"There is going to be a video," Sheahan says, "which will be followed up by a discussion on anxiety. This will be a good time for people to bring up things that they think about anxiety, and get answers."

Along with the video and the discussion, there will be a screening for anxiety.

"Students will come to the Counseling and Advising Center to be screened confidentially," Sheahan says. "We hope to get a lot of students. This is a test of sorts where students will answer questions, and we will see how they range on the scale."

Once students are screened, they will be told if they will need a follow-up or not.

"Students will either fall in between the manageable bounds or outside of it," Sheahan states. "If they fall in the manageable bounds, we tell them, and they continue on as normal. If we see that they fall outside of those bounds, they will be notified of a follow-up."

These follow-ups can come in different forms.

"We can work with them in



Photo by Kelcey Williams | The Prospectus
Director John Sheahan poses in the doorway of Parkland's Counseling and Advising Center.

here," Sheahan states. "We have been working on getting relaxation workshops together. Otherwise, we can get them in touch with outside agencies. We will be able to get them to places that can help."

For those who cannot make it to the anxiety day screening, they can go into the Counseling and Advising Center to get screened at another time.

"Students may not be able to make it to the screening which is okay," Sheahan states. "If someone can't make it, they can go to the advising center to ask for an appointment. The idea will still be the same; students will still be screened the same way,

but just in the appointment itself. This is good for students who can't make it because of work schedules, class schedules, or just life in general."

The reason it is so important to get screened for anxiety is because of how obstructive to one's life it can be.

"Anxiety can be an overwhelming feeling," says John Sheahan, director of the Counseling and Advising Center, states. "In moderation it is okay. Feeling anxious before a test can be good; it can help you study and focus more, but if you're starting to puke or become upset while studying, that's when the anxiety becomes an issue."

Anxiety comes in many levels,

but roughly two-thirds of people have anxiety levels that are within manageable bounds.

"There is a reasonable level of anxiety," Sheahan states. "About one third of the population of the United States is above that level. This above-manageable level of anxiety is when people need to reach out for help."

Unlike depression or any of the other mental illnesses, anxiety has become more socially acceptable.

"Someone is more likely to say that they have anxiety than anything else," Sheahan states. "Almost everyone has some type of anxiety. It is easier for people to come out and actually talk about what is going on."

Anxiety is very prevalent in college students. This is the time young adults step into the world, and start making decisions for themselves.

"It really is more prevalent in college students," Sheahan states. "The pressure to succeed, economic status, and a whole lot of other things are directly placed on college students' shoulders. In high school, students are protected in a way. When students reach college, they have to make the majority of the decisions themselves. A lot of these decisions aren't just right and wrong, and that puts a lot of extra stress on college students."

Anxiety screening day is on March 15 from noon-1 p.m. in U140. If you suspect you may have anxiety or have questions about anxiety, contact the Counseling and Advising Center at 217-351-2219.

Iraq welcomes removal from revised US travel ban

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BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq welcomed its removal from a revised U.S. travel ban on people from Sudan, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, and Yemen does not apply to those who already have valid visas.

A fact sheet detailing the order was distributed to U.S. lawmakers and obtained by The Associated Press. The fact sheet cites negotiations that resulted in Iraq agreeing to "increase cooperation with the U.S. government on the vetting of its citizens applying for a visa to travel to the United States."

Thousands of American forces are in Iraq providing air support and logistical help for a massive operation to drive IS militants from Mosul, the country's second largest city. Smaller numbers of U.S. special operations forces are embedded with some Iraqi units.

Support from a U.S.-led coalition has been critical in the fight against IS, helping Iraqi forces to slowly roll back the militants over the past two and a half years. Iraqi forces are now in the midst of their toughest battle yet against IS as they push to retake Mosul's west after the eastern half of the city was declared "full liberated" in January.

Iraqi troops on the front lines welcomed the revision to the travel

Iraqis, and prompted parliament to call for a reciprocal ban on Americans entering Iraq. Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi declined to impose such a measure.

The revised U.S. travel order is narrower and specifies that a 90-day ban on people from Sudan, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, and Yemen does not apply to those who already have valid visas.

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In this Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017 file photo, U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Stephen Townsend talks with an Iraqi officer during a tour north of Baghdad, Iraq. Reverberations from President Donald Trump's travel ban and other stances are threatening to undermine future U.S.-Iraqi security cooperation, rattling a key alliance that over the past two years has slowly beaten back the Islamic State group. Iraq's prime minister, Haider al-Abadi, has sought to contain public anger sparked by the ban and by Trump's repeated statements that the Americans should have taken Iraq's oil, as well as his hard line against Iran, a close ally of Baghdad.


ban while still expressing anger over the original order.

"To be honest, (the original ban) made me upset and that will not change," said Sgt. Maj. Asad al-Asadi of Iraq's special forces, who has been away from home battling the IS group for nearly three years. "I've lost three

friends fighting terrorists and Trump calls me a terrorist."

Associated Press writer Susannah George in Mosul, Iraq, contributed to this report.

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Students eligible, or soon to be eligible, for the award of an Associate Degree or Certificate must submit a completed "Petition to Graduate." Petition forms are available at the Admissions and Records Counter (Room X167), the

Career Exploration Center (Evening Counselor, Room X172), and at Divisional Offices.

Students planning to graduate at the end of the 1977 Spring Semester (May 22, 1977) should complete and submit a "Petition to Graduate" form to the Office of Admissions and Records (Room X167) without further delay, but submission must be no later than Friday, April 29. An evaluation of the petitioner's course history will be reviewed by the Graduation Certification Committee. Notice of admission to candidacy for graduation will be mailed to the permanent address the student lists on the petition form.

Students planning to graduate at the end of the 1977 Summer Session (August 1, 1977), are encouraged to submit a "Petition to Graduate" form no later than April 29, 1977. Early submission will enable more timely evaluation and resolution of graduation deficiencies. However, Summer Session candidates for graduation may delay submission of a petition form until Friday, July 22, 1977.

Metric workshop still being offered

Community-based workshops on metric conversion are still being offered at Rantoul, Tuscola and at the PC campus.

The four-session workshop will deal with: a discussion of the events leading to America's decision to go metric, the problems faced during conversion and benefits gained from the conversions, a comparative study of the English and metric systems, and conversions.

Registration will be conducted the first night of each workshop. The registration fee is \$13.85. Certificates will be presented to all who attend.

Workshop locations and times are: Chanute Air Force Base (Bldg. P-4, Rm. 225), Wednesday from March 16-April 6, 7-10 p.m.; Tuscola High School, Tuesdays from March 22-April 12, 7-10 p.m.; and Parkland College (Rm. M140), Wednesday from April 6-April 27, 7-10 p.m.

For more information contact the Math-Physical Science Division Chairperson at 351-2311.

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Letters to the editor

Stop waste at PC

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Hello to all the students of Parkland College. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you in your involvement in the passage of the referendum. Now that that accomplishment is done, the time is now to put our voice in budget proposals. As students we see a side of Parkland that many others don't. When I was campaigning for the referendum, many students expressed to me their disgust in the waste of numerous things on our campus. Please if you have any ideas come and tell us at student government or come to a meeting concerning this at 12:00 on March 10 in X160. This will be a chance for all students to come and discuss this crucial issue. Please help so we can voice opinions and hopefully make some impression of our needs to the administration. Thank you for your continuous support in student government and have a great spring break!

DIANE ALEXANDER
Stu-Go President

Students may lose scholarships

TO THE EDITOR:

Over 600 students attending Parkland face an uncertain future with regard to the payment of their tuition and fees for this semester. These students, all veterans, are part of the 58,000 veterans statewide that may lose their state tuition scholarship (ISVS) this spring unless additional funds are provided.

Last year, then Governor Dan Walker appropriated only \$6.7 million for a projected \$12 million budget needed. As of a few weeks ago this \$6.7 million for 1976-77 has been spent. Our new governor, Jim Thompson, in a statement made on December 9, 1976, said if the additional appropriation bill of \$6 million passes in the spring, the state of Illinois will be in bankruptcy. According to a Bureau of the Budget spokesman no decision has been made by Thompson on whether to seek the additional money. If additional funds are not forthcoming, many Parkland veterans would be forced to discontinue their education.

A second area of concern to Parkland veterans is that Governor Thompson has proposed legislation that would abolish the current scholarship program at the end of this fiscal year. His legislation would return control of the scholarship to the Illinois State Scholarship Commission (ISSC). This scholarship would then be awarded solely on financial need. The needs analysis requirement of the ISSC would disqualify most of the veterans attending Parkland. For with our fairly large part-time veteran population, many work full-time and would not qualify on the basis of need because they are wage earners.

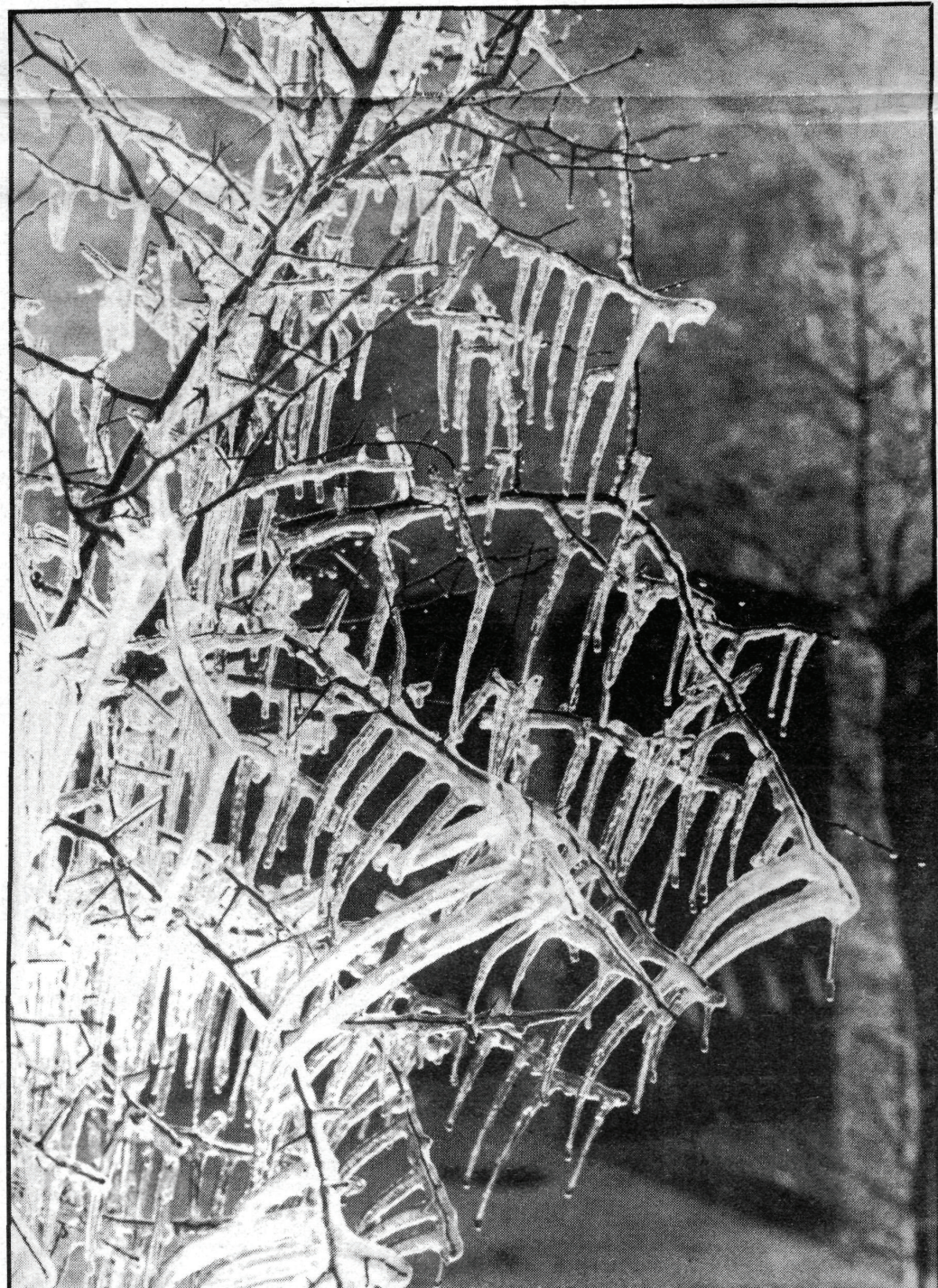
With times of increasing costs and the upcoming tuition increase many more veterans will not be able to return to school in the Fall of 1977 if this legislation becomes law. Not only would the veterans lose out but so would Parkland. A loss of the 600 ISVS students here would be one-tenth of the school's enrollment. This would be a further reduction of state aid, for state aid is based upon student enrollment. President Staerkel has expressed concern about these students' predicament. He in the hopes that others along with him will contact our state representatives and express our concern for their plight.

The Veterans Club here at Parkland has become a hotbed of activity lately. Members are forming a car pool to go to Springfield for a rally to be held March 14 to express their feelings to Springfield legislators. People wishing to go are asked to sign up in the Parkland Veterans Affairs Office (X163).

This scholarship has been awarded to veterans of Illinois since 1919 as a token of gratitude and appreciation by the people of the state. It has allowed thousands of veterans to attend state colleges and universities.

BOB ZETTLER

Letters to the editor are welcome. All letters should be typed, double spaced, preferably with a 60-space line length. Written letters must have all names printed. Names will be withheld upon request, but only if signed.
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These ice coated branches were photographed last week outside X159, only one week away from spring break. Spring break starts Saturday with school resuming on March 21. The Prospectus staff would like to wish you a pleasant (and warm) spring break.

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PUZZLES & COMICS

Crossword
(solve for the answers below)

- ACROSS**
- 1 Conductor initially introduced First Rabbi to rock and roll (10)
 - 7 Loud note by tenors started below the required pitch (4)
 - 9 Teacher rejected Liszt heard after Mussolini's overthrow (8)
 - 10 Composer of Sweeney Todd? (6)
 - 11 Fall perhaps for American violin concerto – one of four (6)
 - 12 Half of Lieder about, say, human subject (8)
 - 13 Plays parts of opera (4)
 - 15 One of three brothers EMI backed to produce waltz rhythm? (6,4)
 - 18 Pupil leaves as clarinet's playing to find violinist (5,5)
 - 20 Have the temerity to do some of Maskerade backwards (4)
 - 21 Instrumentalists with plenty of pluck? (8)
 - 24 Composer of carols has right to speak (6)
 - 26 A composer to name another (6)
 - 27 Ravel loaded with gold – here? (8)
 - 28 Requiem for Nelson by Haydn (4)
 - 29 Fine Austrain composer? (10)
- DOWN**
- 2 Copper shortly denies source of annoyance is mobile – these concertgoers wouldn't agree! (9)
 - 3 Endorses composer of Tintagel, say (5)
 - 4 Bruckner's Eighth is about sustained passages which gradually get slower (9)
 - 5 Rock singer? (7)
 - 6 I'm finding the odd bits of Boulez filter through (5)
 - 7 Excited by extremely febrile performance of Medtner (9)
 - 8 Some Elgar enamoured Promenaders standing here? (5)
 - 14 Character in Madam Butterfly who has only 7ac's to sing? (9)
 - 16 Tenor performing Grieg and a bit of Lehar (9)
 - 17 Score given to the more senior conductor (4,5)
 - 19 She appears among Brendel's pet hates (7)
 - 22 Arrangement of Alkan endlessly captivates English scout leader (5)
 - 23 Scottish National Orchestra initially confused over G & S numbers (5)
 - 25 Time and time again old boy follows beat (7)

Answers from last week

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Answers from last week

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EDUCATION

Are high heel dress codes sexist? UK lawmakers hold debate

Jill Lawless
Associated Press

LONDON(AP)—British lawmakers focused on footwear Monday, asking whether employers should be able to make women wear high heels as part of a corporate dress code.

Members of Parliament were to debate a ban on mandatory workplace high heels, in response to a petition started by a receptionist who was sent home without pay for wearing flat shoes.

Nicola Thorp was told in December 2015 that her shoes were unacceptable for a temporary assignment in London with finance firm PwC.

Her employment agency, Portico, had a dress code specifying that female workers must wear non-opaque tights, have hair with “no visible roots,” wear “regularly re-applied” makeup — and appear in shoes with a heel between 2 to 4 inches (5 to 10 centimeters) high.

For Thorp, that was a step too far. She started an online petition, calling formal workplace dress codes “outdated and sexist.” It has gathered more than 150,000 signatures, making it eligible for a debate in Parliament.

Thorp told the BBC that “dress codes should reflect society.”

“Twenty years ago, women weren’t allowed to wear trousers in the same role that I’m doing now,” she said. “And it’s only because some women spoke up about that and said, ‘We feel like we have a right to wear trousers,’ that that’s changed.”

Monday’s debate is non-binding, but the political pressure for companies to scrap mandatory high heels is building. British law forbids companies from discriminating against women, but Parliament’s Women and Equalities Committee said in a report sparked by Thorp’s experience that “discriminatory dress codes” remain commonplace.

The lawmakers said they heard from hundreds of women “who told us about the pain and long-term damage caused by wearing high heels for long periods in the workplace, as well as from women who had been required to dye their hair blonde, to wear

revealing outfits and to constantly reapply makeup.”

The committee also heard from the College of Podiatry, which said women who wear high heels for long periods of time have “reduced balance, reduced ankle flexion and weaker muscle power in the calf.” It also said they are prone to disabling pain.

The committee urged the government to enforce existing laws against discrimination and impose higher fines on companies that break the rules.

In London’s financial district on Monday, many workers felt that companies were entitled to impose dress codes — but that mandatory high heels went too far.

“A lot of things are enforced, but high heels in particular — because that can also be a health issue for people — I think that’s unnecessary,” said company director Penelope Mantzaris.

Banker Dan Matthews said his company expected men to wear suits and ties “and I think that’s a fair request.”

“So I suppose it’s fairly contradictory in a way, because in one respect I’m saying that men should be required to wear a suit and tie but women shouldn’t wear high heels,” he said. “But I think that’s just where the line happens to be at the moment.”

In response to Thorp’s petition, the government said the law already specifies that dress codes must be reasonable and “make equivalent requirements for men and women.”

“Employers should not be discriminating against women in what they require them to wear,” the government said.

Thorp’s petition has already caused one change. Portico announced last year it was amending its policy to adopt a gender-neutral dress code and to allow workers to wear flat shoes if they prefer.

Jonathan Shenfield contributed to this story.



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Equality activist Nicola Thorp poses for a picture outside the Houses of Parliament in London, Monday, March 6, 2017. Nicola Thorp was told in December 2015 that her shoes were unacceptable for a temporary assignment in London with finance firm PwC. Members of Parliament on Monday will debate banning mandatory workplace high heels, in response to a petition by a receptionist who was sent home for wearing flat shoes. Thorp’s petition, which calls formal workplace dress codes “outdated and sexist,” gathered more than 150,000 signatures, making it eligible for a non-binding debate in Parliament.

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MUSIC

Dimangundayao also plays piano in one of the ensembles and is looking forward to playing the “Symphony No. 3” by composer Robert W. Smith entitled the “Don Quixote” at a future concert.

“There are two movements that require piano, and I will be playing for those parts. I enjoy doubling the main theme in the bass as well as the gentle accompaniment for the oboe solo later on. I also love the different ‘personalities’ each movement has,” Dimangundayao says.

The Concert Band is currently looking for new members, which can be either Parkland students or community members.

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Photo by Peter Floess | The Prospectus
Mark Taylor played the Bass Clarinet at the Concert Band Concert on March 5 at the Harold and Jean Miner Theatre.

interested in attracting 3 percussion players to participate for the rest of this semester,” says Stoner. “I have certainly enjoyed conducting this fine ensemble. I look forward to continue making great music at Parkland. The

musicians want to be a part of the group, and their efforts to be the best are very inspiring.”

Non-music students and community members can join the Parkland ensembles.

Mueller says if a non-music Parkland student or a community member wants to join one of the ensembles they should contact one of the directors of the ensemble that they want to join for an audition. If they pass the audition, the person should sign up for the 400 version of the symphony class. It costs \$25 to join the ensemble.

Stoner and Mueller are also planning a concert on May 7 involving celebratory music to honor 50th anniversary of Parkland College. For more information regarding concerts go to faa.parkland.edu/music/calendar.html.

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CAMPUS

Scholarships available for Parkland students, but deadlines approach

Alex Davidson
Staff Writer

Many scholarships offered to Parkland College students to help cover education costs have deadlines coming up, so those looking to apply should turn in their applications soon.

Student Life is currently offering the Student Activities Scholarship and the Richard D. Norris Student Government Scholarship for the 2017-2018 school year. Applications for the Student Activities Scholarship are due April 14, while applications for the Richard D. Norris Student Government Scholarship are due April 13.

Both scholarships require a letter of recommendation and an essay, as well as full-time enrollment and separate grade-point average requirements.

The Parkland College Foundation also offers many scholarships. Many of these scholarships are major-specific, allowing students to apply for scholarships tailored to them. Deadlines for these scholarships are April 17.

Scholarships are an important part of many students' academic life because they provide the financial assistance students need in order to be able to afford the cost of tuition,



Photo by Alex Davidson | The Prospectus
Caressa Dillow sits on a couch in the U-wing. Dillow is a Parkland student that uses scholarships to pay for a large portion of her tuition.

books and living. Without them, higher education isn't an option for some.

Caressa Dillow, a current Parkland student, is a recipient of scholarships which she says enables her to attend Parkland.

"Having a scholarship enables me to go to school because working a part time job [at Spencer's Gifts],

and paying rent, alongside...other bills...I don't make enough to cover that and Parkland costs about two grand a semester," Dillow says.

Many scholarships each semester are not awarded. This happens when there are not enough applicants for it to be awarded. One reason given for this by Sarah Minyard, secretary for Student Life, is that students do not want to write

application essays.

"Sometimes, people are intimidated by trying to do an essay," Minyard says. "But you can go down to [the Center for Academic Success]; they have a writing center down there. People could help you with the writing."

CAS is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Monday-Friday with some evening hours.

Often students don't know about the wide variety of scholarships offered, or that they may be eligible for some of them, which may be another reason scholarships lack applicants, according to Ellen Schmidt, executive director of the Parkland College Foundation.

"Some people don't realize that there's scholarships out there, or that they might be eligible for scholarships," Schmidt says.

Whether you are struggling to make tuition, would like to avoid student loans, or would simply like to put money from your current job towards other expenses, applying for scholarships may help you out.

For information about scholarships, as well as their requirements and applications, contact the Student Life in U111 or at 217-351-2492.

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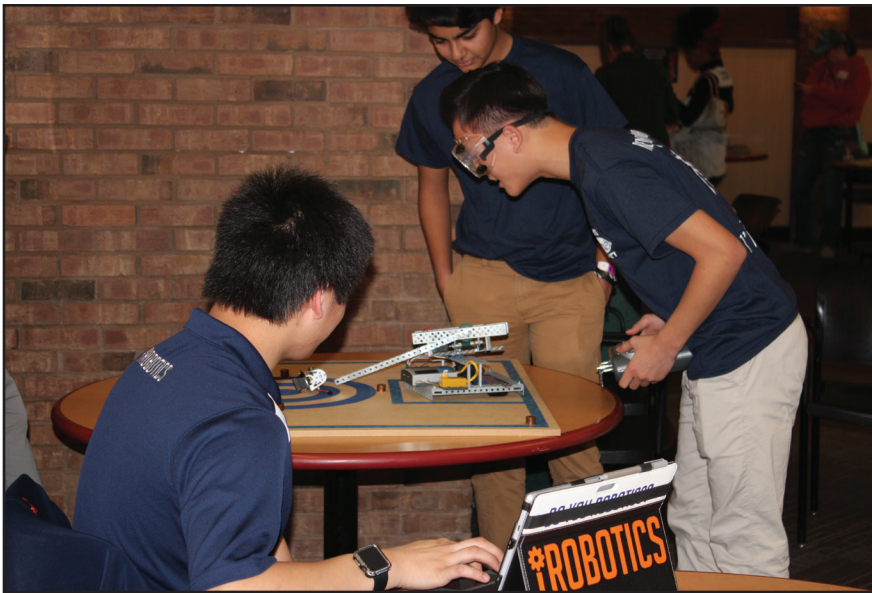


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Students from Centennial High School's team operate their "electric arm" during the competition.



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Judges see if an electric vehicle "measures up" at Science Olympiad.

Destiny Norris

Staff Writer

On Saturday, March 4, Parkland College hosted the regional tournament for the Science Olympiad.

It was attended by eight middle school teams and 16 high school teams and took place from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

High school teams like Urbana, Centennial, University Laboratory, Mahomet-Seymour, as well as other outlying schools drove to Parkland for the event.

Every team that comes is semi-local according to Amy Nicely, a chemistry professor at Parkland and the organizer of the event.

"Everyone is more or less an hour's drive away," Nicely says.

Parkland is one of nine different schools in the region to host tournaments; the top teams from the Parkland event will go on to Science Olympiad state at the University of Illinois in April.

The Science Olympiad is a competition and social gathering for science lovers of all ages. Coaches, students, and parents wander everywhere, visiting different events and attempting to figure out the geography of the Parkland campus.

Renée Anderson, the coach for Argenta-Oreana School team near Decatur, which she said is a fairly new team, says she loves the atmosphere.

"It's a super cool time to get nerdy," says Anderson. "For a lot of the kids, it's their first time to travel into Champaign, and it's a really good experience."

Anderson said what she loves is the supervisors at the events. Each event has an overseer, who gives tips, advice, and instructions for how the event will run.

"They really want the kids to do their best," Anderson states.

Anderson explained the rules for the tower event, which her team participated in. The scoring is all based on math; the tower that is the lightest and holds the most weight, applied via sand emptying into a bucket attached to the tower, is the winner. The scoring for the tower event is based on percent.

"Everyone is supposed to get their rules in November," said Anderson.

The rules explain what materials can be used, how much the tower can weigh, and how tall it can be. They also include the order of the events, safety rules, rules for testing, and rules for what materials apply to the more physical, hands on events.

Another event includes written tests, covering subjects like astronomy, food science, hydrogeology, optics, material science, rocks and minerals, experimental design, biology, ecology, and so on. Sarah Jones, coach for Urbana's team, runs the hovercraft event, which was held in X103. The event kicks off with an "impound" portion, where all the teams participating bring their contraption in a container or box to a designated area so the auditors of the event can take stock of which teams are in attendance and who will be competing. The active part of the event takes place about fifty minutes after the impound period and contains both a written test and a test of the machine. The scoring depends on the time it takes the student-built hovercraft to get from point A to point B. Supervisors can get accurate timings using laser photo gates.

All events are scored differently, and while some events will tally the scores and let students know immediately, the testing events usually take longer, says Scott Siechen, chair for the natural sciences department at Parkland. These events usually get earlier time slots in the day.

"Some kids will wait all day," Siechen says.

Jones says participating in events is a group effort, having joined forces with other teachers and volunteers so she can be at events her students are participating in.

"He's me when I can't be here," said Jones, waving to a colleague.

Parkland volunteers are an appreciated part of the event with students from Nicely's chemistry classes, as well as other science classes at Parkland receiving extra credit for volunteering. Volunteers hand out maps and schedules to coaches at the registration table throughout the day. Others like Siechen help the day run smoothly by directing volunteers and answering parent and student questions.

Parkland has been hosting the event since around 2011. Nicely was involved with Illinois Science Olympiad when she was in graduate school at the University of Illinois. When she joined the staff at Parkland, they needed someone to organize it—so she started doing so.

"I was already involved with it, so it just made sense," she says.

Photos of the Science Olympiad can be found on social media sites, using the hashtag #ParklandSO.

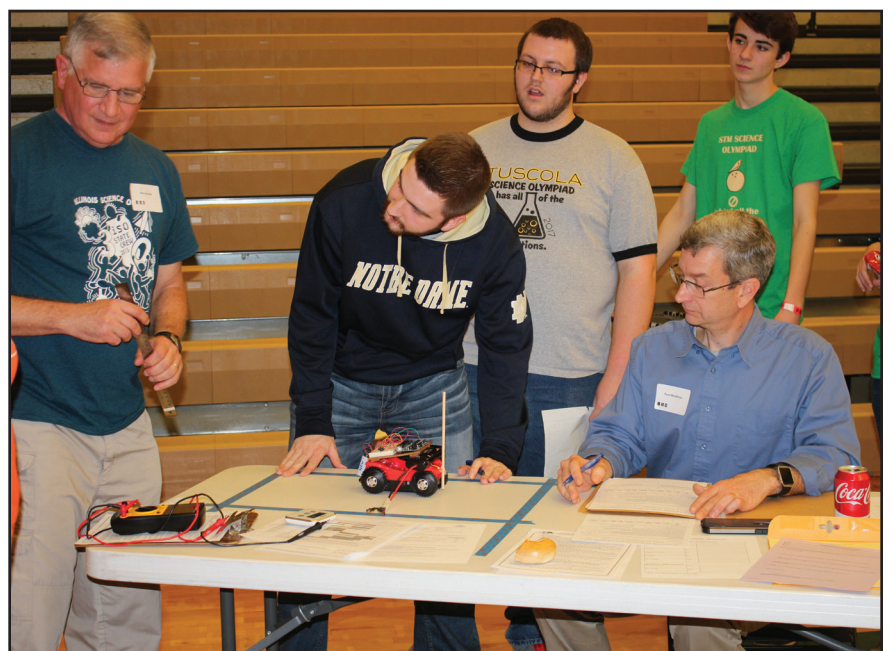


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Students and judges check off requirements during the impound portion of the electric vehicles event.



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Students test out their contraption before the hovercraft event.

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