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Astronomy Club: Students Reach for the Stars

Emma Fleming | Reporter

One of the many clubs that students can get involved in is Parkland's Astronomy Club.

The Astronomy Club meets on Wednesdays in room L146 in Parkland's science wing. Meeting discussions include various astronomical and scientific topics and encourages scientific understanding on campus. The club's main purpose is to promote the study of astronomy to the general public whether that be through events, meetings or advertising.

Astronomy instructor and advisor of the Parkland Astronomy Club, Erik Johnson, says that the club "tries to share its love of looking at the stars, the sun, and the planets with everybody." Johnson advises the students and encourages them to share ideas. He also shares his knowledge from his classroom with the club members, and tries to get the students as hands on as possible.

Johnson states that a few of the ways the club advocates for the love of astronomy is through organized trips and solar observing on Parkland's campus. Some of the interesting events on this year's astronomy club calendar include a special physics graduate speaker on Sept. 17 at 3:30 p.m. in room L146, dark sky observing in the CUAS Observatory on Oct. 12 at dusk, and seeing the stars at the Staerkel Planetarium on Nov. 1 at 3 p.m. "We organize trips to the planetarium, that's what you can see on our schedule," Johnson says. "We have many trips to the planetarium planned." The Astronomy Club has a focus on hands on learning, and taking trips to the planetarium and solar-observing on campus are just some of the ways hands on learning is incorporated.

Familiar with some of

Ashley House | Reporter

The fall semester is officially in full swing. Welcome Week concluded on a high note with the Fall Convocation, a popular event among students and staff alike, which offered a variety of fun games and activities including mini-golf, mechanical bull riding, free Kona Ice, and the ever coveted free lunch. President Ramago even got in on the action, challenging students to Guitar Hero battles in the student union while the festivities went on right outside. Though he says he hasn't played the game in several years, he held his own fairly well against his opponents, and was excited to talk to the students after each song.

In addition to the games and free food, students also had the opportunity to get involved in a diverse offering of clubs and organizations available at Parkland College. The Student Veterans Association at Parkland (SVAP) was one of the first tables students encountered when entering the event from the Student Union, where booklets were available with information on a range of things including veterans' benefits and support groups. SVAP

meets on the first Tuesday of every month at noon next to the Office of Financial Aid and Veteran Services in the U-wing. Also of note for veterans in Champaign-Urbana, Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (CUMTD) offers free 3-year unlimited bus passes with proof of veteran or active duty status.

For students interested in helping the college go green, Parkland College also houses Students for Sustainability. Last year, the club did prairie restorations all across campus where they removed invasive species and planted native seeds. This year they hope to continue restorations, as well as tackle any sustainability-related goals, initiative, or ideas other students may have. If you missed sign ups last Thursday, you can email Christ Berti at cberti@parkland.edu to join.

The Parkland Science Club is back again this year and will be hosting a welcome back meeting on Thursday, August 30 at 1pm in L-111. They meet weekly in this room and all are welcome to come to the meetings. For more information, check out their Facebook or Cobra pages or email them at scienceclub@stu.parkland.edu.



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A newer addition to the clubs at Parkland College is the Board Game Club, offering new and old tabletop gaming alike, as well as role playing games like Dungeons & Dragons. They don't have a set schedule yet, but interested students can visit them across from the campus radio station.

Parkland PRIDE is back, providing a safe space for students of any identity and fun activities for all involved or interested, such as a drag show in the spring and a chance to march in the CU Pride Parade. PRIDE will

also be celebrating National Coming Out Day on October 11. They meet every Friday at 1 pm in U-114 in Student Life.

Katie Thomas, representing the Wesley Food Pantry located at Parkland, said "I always tell people 'We're there if you need food, there if you need to volunteer!'" The pantry currently has all kinds of food available, including ground beef, cereal, canned vegetables and fruit, and even snack items. Anyone is welcome to stop by for food with no proof of income or need necessary. Wesley Food Pantry

is located in the M building in room M-138, next to the planetarium, and they are open every Wednesday from 11-1, and on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month from 10-12.

There are many more opportunities to get involved at Parkland this fall semester, either with volunteer work or by joining a club. For more information on clubs and organizations, visit

the Clubs and Organizations page available on the Parkland website under the Student Life section.



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Center for Academic Success Offers Faculty Tutoring to Students



Ayla McDonald | Reporter

Located in D-Wing room D120, the Center for Academic Success, or CAS, is a special place at Parkland that offers a multitude of study services to students looking for help with coursework, for academic support, or solely for a designated study space. “Down in CAS we offer a place where students can study independently or with assistance,” says Academic Coach Jessica Jackson.

At CAS many different amenities are offered to students, such as computers for study use, private study rooms that can be reserved for group or individual work, Academic Coaches for academic motivation and accountability, faculty tutors to help students with math and English coursework, and paid student tutors to assist students with many different courses.

Although CAS offers several organized student services from clubs to academic enrichment programs, the Center mainly consists of three major programs: an Academic Development Lab, a Writing Lab, and Math Faculty and Peer Tutoring.

The Academic Development Lab is a space for students who are enrolled in developmental courses including pre-college level reading, English, and math, to come to study or receive tutoring from Parkland math and English faculty who specialize in those courses.

In the Academic Development Lab students can work to re-take assessments for higher placement. The lab is also open to non-student community members who are looking for help to boost their literacy score for passage of Parkland placement tests.

The Lab offers different ways to prepare for placement tests. One of the ways is through software such as Reading Plus and Modu Math that students can access with a login obtained from Academic Development Lab staff.

Free printing is available for students enrolled in developmental courses, and free study snacks provided by Parkland’s partnership with the Wesley Food Pantry are also available upon request.

The Academic Development Lab is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00am to 6:00pm, and Wednesdays through Fridays from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

Students seeking help with college level math and other math-related courses can receive tutoring from Parkland math fac-

ulty and also from carefully chosen peer tutors in the Math Faculty Tutoring and Peer Tutoring programs.

“Math instructors provide free walk-in tutoring for students taking pre-college-level (MAT 059 through 098) math, as well as MAT 124 College Algebra and MAT 143 Calculus for Business and Social Sciences,” states Parkland.edu. “Trained student tutors, carefully chosen based on their academic performance, previous experience, and interest in helping others, will help you with math (all levels), physics, chemistry, biology, computer science, accounting, business, economics, Spanish, and more.”

Parkland Math Faculty, Wayne Clark, Kevin Hastings and Jay Ko can be found for tutoring in CAS during the Fall 2018 semester Mondays through Fridays from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

Peer tutors, identifiable by their green vests, are available in CAS Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00am to 8:00pm, and Fridays from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Staffed with Parkland English faculty, the Writing Lab is a space for students to come with questions about writing assignments, or just to work on their own.

“Students come in from all over campus from lots of different disciplines,” says Umeeta Sadarangani, Professor of English Humanities and Writing Lab Director. “It’s a space for writing and for getting help with your writing.”

D120’s Writing Lab also offers help with non-school writing, such as resumes.

The writing lab is open during Fall 2018 semester Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00am to 4:50pm, and Fridays from 9:00am to 1:50pm.

Many students who utilize the resources at CAS find it to be a great resource for maintaining good grades or for obtaining better grades.

“If a student comes down here more than 4 or 5 times, their likelihood of academic improvement for success is significant,” Jackson says.

“Students that use our tutoring services tend to earn higher grades,” says Tracey Hickox, Director at CAS. According to data compiled by CAS for 2018 provided by Hickox, “83% of students that used tutors at least 8 times in a semester earned a grade of C or higher in the course in which they were seeking help. 70% of those students earned B or higher.”

CAS welcomes new and returning students and will help all who seek assistance for a successful Fall 2018 semester.

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student and Astronomy Club member, Sage Russell. Russell is currently obtaining a general associate’s degree in science, and plans on transferring to another university in astrophysics and computer science. As a student and member, Russell’s primary goal for this year’s organization is advertising and motivating other Parkland students to become involved with the group. “It is a lot of fun to at least come and learn about space,” Russell says, “but unfortunately we do not seem to have as many numbers right now, so we are coming up with new ideas about advertising.” Russell mentions that the group is discussing new trips and fundraising opportunities that are intended to invite Parkland students and the community to explore the group.

The biggest event on the Astronomy Club calendar is the trip to Yerkes Observatory. This grand observatory, located in Williams Bay, Wis. is home to the world’s largest refracting telescope. The club visits the observatory annually. Russell believes this trip to be one of the most exciting parts of the club.

I went last year and I loved it,” says Russell, “The architecture is beautiful and the actual telescope itself is huge; it is just a really awesome trip.” The visit of Yerkes Observatory is something that many of the Astronomy Club members anticipate.

Yet another one of the fun and unique events the club is promoting is a movie night. Russell describes movie nights as not merely club meetings, but a time where people can meet up to enjoy some captivating Sci-Fi movies. “We get together and watch Sci-Fi movies, and [the movies] do not always have to be super accurate,” Russell states. “Sometimes it is just funny to say that ‘that is super wrong, and here’s why.’”

To find more information about the club, contact Erik Johnson or visit the Parkland Astronomy Facebook Page. The Astronomy Club is working on big things as the school year begins. Club members are revamping advertising, planning key events, and advocating for astronomy in the community. The group encourages all to join and participate in the intriguing scientific topics and affairs.



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Forgot your phone charger? The Parkland Library is here to help!

Paul R. Benson | Reporter

Imagine staying up late on Sunday night when you know you have school in the morning. It's Monday, you wake up and look at your phone. You slept in and class starts in five minutes! You rush out the door after quickly getting dressed and grabbing your backpack, phone, (hopefully some deodorant), and anything else of importance that might come to mind. You didn't even have time to eat. Once you get to school, you check your phone again. The phone doesn't turn on. You forgot to charge it last night and you forgot to grab your charger this morning. Now, nobody's gonna die from not having a phone, but most people can agree that it can be very inconvenient. It doesn't have to be the end of the world, because luckily, the Parkland Library can help students with newly implemented charging stations and lockers.

The charging stations and lockers are relatively new additions to the library. Most students might not have heard of or seen these stations since they were installed between the end of the spring semester and early on over the summer. Deb Probasco, Operations Assistant at the Parkland Library, has this to say about the new charging stations, "we're gonna see how they're used over the semester. We did a soft launch over the summer, but we are doing more promotion. [We] work a lot on the promotion side of things that are going on in the library so, they're gonna really be pushing that out for the fall semester. Then, we'll see how it goes. If they're used, if they're not used, if we need another locker, that kind of thing, and then we'll decide if we're going to expand or get additional ones." While these stations in particular are new, the library has had desks to charge at and chargers to check out and borrow. The stations have the benefit of be-

ing easily accessible even without a charger and they're open to use while at the library. The charging locker on the other hand is just as convenient in its own way.

If you're like most people you might be wondering, "What in the world is a charging locker?" Well, the general idea is that you can safely leave your device charging while you are at class or studying. As the library Technical Assistant, Sarah Meilike puts it, "The advantages with the locker are that if your laptop is running low on battery, but you have to go take a test. You can put it in the locker, plug it in, lock it, leave it there, and know that it'll be there when you come back." It's that simple. The locking mechanism is a PIN combination that the user manually chooses before using the locker. There is also a key that overrides the PIN number lock in the event that the user forgets their combination. This idea did not originate from Parkland Library, but was adopted after

Library Staff, Erica Stark and Eric Sizemore, witnessed one being used at the Urbana Public Library.

The charging lockers can be found on the wall to the right of the main desk at the library. On top of the lockers are instructions on how to use them. The library also has a binder at the main desk with a list of electronic items that can be checked out. Some items include phone chargers, calculators, camcorders, laptops, tripods and more! There is no question that the Parkland library is a great resource for students and Parkland staff alike. If there are any questions on the lockers, charging stations, or anything else related to the library, feel free to ask the main desk or call at (217) 351-2223. Remember, as Sarah says, "If you need it charged we can probably do it!"



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Parkland women's soccer suffer defeat in season opener

Savannah Wieshaar | Reporter

Parkland women's soccer finally kicked off their season after weeks of intense training. The game was held Thursday Aug. 23 on Cobra home turf. In a close, hard fought battle, the team fell short in their season opener losing 3-2 against the Iowa Central Tritons.

The first half started out extremely promising for the Parkland Cobras as forward AliHosey scored a beautiful goal off of an assist from sophomore Mayra Sosa, in just the 14th minute of the game. Hosey was able to get a first touch hit blasted into the low corner of the net leaving the Triton goalie without a chance of recovery. Unfortunately, the quick lead did not last very long as only ten minutes later Iowa Central scored not one, but two devastating goals on the Cobra's defense and distraught in a matter of just three minutes, Parkland ended the half trailing 2-1.

Iowa Central had no intentions of letting up the pressure and made that point very clear early on in the second half. Cobra defense broke down just six minutes in, leaving the Tritons with a break away. This resulted in a one-on-one with goalkeeper Hohenstein. Unfortunately, the two center-backs could not quite catch up as a Triton forward drilled their third goal into the net catching the Cobra defense completely off guard.

After this, tensions and physicality were especially high as both teams received one yellow card each, with countless fouls in between. However, Parkland persisted and continued to keep possession of the ball for a majority of the time opening up several opportunities. In the final 25 minutes of the game the Cobras had four shots on frame. One of those shots resulted in a goal from midfielder Mylena Do Prado off of a well placed corner kick from freshman Grace Redden. "It was great to score our

first goals of the season in our first game," remarks Head Coach Tim Notz.

With a sense of new hope, down by one, and hoping to tie the game, Parkland increased pressure even further taking two corner kicks and having one shot on goal in the final minutes of the match. However, the Cobras were unable to capitalize on any of these opportunities. Ho sey nor Do Prado could find the back of the net a second time leaving the Cobras with a score of 3-2 for the final.

Coach Noiz stated, "The girls battled injuries in a close match today... We need to stay focused and get healthy." This was an obvious issue for the Cobras throughout the game as three injured Parkland players were escorted from the field without return of play. For several minutes the team was forced to play one player short making the game 10 vs. 11. These injuries could be detrimental to the team as there are only 16 players this year. Fortunately, the injured as well as the rest of the team have a week to recover and make adjustments before their next game.

Despite the 3-2 loss, Noiz was impressed with the team's overall performance and seems hopeful for the near future, "It was great to see concepts we worked on in training come out in the game... There's still work to be done, but the girls have responded positively to our progress."

The Parkland Cobras will be traveling to Cotileville, Missouri to play the St. Charles Cougars next Thursday Aug 30 at 4:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining them on this season's journey, the team is still looking for potential players. If you have competitive playing experience and are interested in training with the Cobras you can contact Tim Noiz at Inoiz@parkland.edu.

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Men's Parkland Soccer



2018 VOLLEYBALL

Aug 11	Parkland Alumni Matches
Aug 16	UIS
Aug 20	Lewis University
Aug 21	Wesleyan University
Aug 24-25	Wisconsin Dells Invite
Aug 31-Sept 2	Owens Tournament
Sept 5	Lincoln Land
Sept 7-8	Kirkwood Tournament
Sept 12	John Wood
Sept 14-15	SW Illinois Tournament
Sept 18	Lewis & Clark
Sept 21-23	Parkland College Classic
Sept 30	Parkland Tri-Match
Oct 5-6	DMACC Tournament
Oct 10	Illinois Central
Oct 13	M-WAC Tournament
Oct 19-20	Lincoln Land Tournament
Oct 24	Parkland Tri-Match
Oct 26-27	Parkland Halloween Challenge
Oct 31	Regional Semi-Finals
Nov 3	Regional Finals
Nov 16-18	National Tournament

home matches in bold



2018 MEN'S SOCCER

Aug 12	Springfield Stars
Aug 18	Lake Michigan
Aug 23	Iowa Central
Aug 24	St. Charles
Aug 26	St. Louis
Sept 1	Ancilla
Sept 2	Hawkeye
Sept 8	Lewis & Clark
Sept 11	Heartland
Sept 18	ICC
Sept 22	Jefferson
Sept 29	John Wood
Oct 3	Lincoln Land
Oct 8	U of Indy Reserves
Oct 13	College of DuPage
Oct 17	SWIC
Oct 21 (pending)	U of I Club
Oct 24-28	Region 24
Nov 3	Districts

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2018 WOMEN'S SOCCER

Aug 18	Olivet Nazarene
Aug 23	Iowa Central
Aug 30	St. Charles
Sept 2	Hawkeye
Sept 7	Jackson College
Sept 8	Monroe
Sept 11	Heartland
Sept 13	Lewis & Clark
Sept 18	ICC
Sept 22	Moraine Valley
Sept 25	Kaskaskia
Sept 29	John Wood
Oct 1	Scott CC
Oct 4	SWIC
Oct 9	Trinity International
Oct 23-28	Region 24 Tournament
Nov 3	District Tournament

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