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Money on the Mind?



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Tax season is here, and for many students at Parkland College this means a big return and extra money to get them through the spring semester. However, it is important that students practice good money management skills so they don't improperly spend the extra funds.

Tips on managing your tax and financial aid refunds

Jose Alzaibar
Staff Writer

The first few months of each year is known as Tax Season, the time when individuals prepare and file their taxes for the past fiscal year. Many students qualify for different tax credits or breaks, which typically grant them a refund check from the IRS.

January also marks the start of a new semester for many students across the nation. A considerable number of students that attend

classes are eligible for financial aid, which helps students pay for tuition and books.

The amount of aid that remains after those costs are covered is then refunded back to the students to help cover additional associated costs, and often times this amount is not negligible.

Feb. 20th is the date of the refund this semester and, at that time, many students could find themselves with a substantial amount of extra money. "Many students waste the money from their refunds," Michael

Dillavou, Branch Manager at Busey Bank, claimed. "They also fail to keep track of their accounts. I see it all the time."

Although a lot of students may be careless with their finances that may not be the case for all students. Alprentice Jackson is a Business Administration major currently attending Parkland College, and he is big on saving money.

"I receive Financial Aid. It first covers my tuition and then books," Jackson said. "When I do get a refund check I usually use it to pay my rent

for the next few months. I'm also a big saver. I try to stash money away from wherever I can, especially from my student loan."

Spending money on personal items is a kind of luxury that many youths can afford, but things are different when you have a family and other people for whom you are responsible.

Shon Campbell is not what one would consider a conventional student. He is the head of a household and a father of two. He is studying to become a Licensed Practical Nurse at Parkland.

He explained how he puts his money to use.

"I do receive Financial Aid. I use it to pay tuition and buy books. Then I use the refund to pay for bills," Campbell explained. "I own a savings and a money market account. My tax refund check always goes straight to the savings account every year."

A savings account can be an effective way to save money but, according to Dillavou, students should consider doing more to put

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Family, friends say 3 slain in NC left a legacy of GIVING

Emery P. Dalesio
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Three young people gunned down in a condominium in North Carolina were known and admired for helping and healing others, whether it was friends and next-door neighbors or refugees located thousands of miles away, friends and family said.

"They did more in their college years to leave a legacy than other people do in their entire lifetime," Shafi Khan, a co-founder of United Muslim Relief in Alexandria, Virginia, said Wednesday. Deah Shaddy Barakat, 23,

of Chapel Hill; his 21-year-old wife of less than two months, Yusor Mohammad Abu-Salha; and her 19-year-old sister, Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha of Raleigh were shot to death Tuesday in what police described as a long-standing argument over parking spaces at the condominium complex where Barakat had lived for more than a year.

Police are trying to determine whether hate played any role in the killing of the three Muslims.

Here are some snapshots of their lives: **DEAH SHADDY BARAKAT** Barakat, 23, appears in an online video appealing for money to help

Syrian refugees with their dental needs. Barakat also packed small bags with toothbrushes, toothpaste and other dental hygiene supplies and sold them for \$5 each at mosques around the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill region to help finance a trip the young married couple and other dental school students planned to take to Turkey this summer to treat refugees, said Ali Sajjad, 21, president of the Muslim Student Association at North Carolina State University, where both earned bachelor's degrees.

Dozens of the bags that weren't sold were given away to homeless people in Durham last month, Sajjad said. Barakat, whose family

was from Syria, traveled to the West Bank with United Muslim Relief to perform dental work for special needs children, Khan said.

"He was a completely genuine guy. Loving, caring, friendly,"

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United Muslim Relief co-founder

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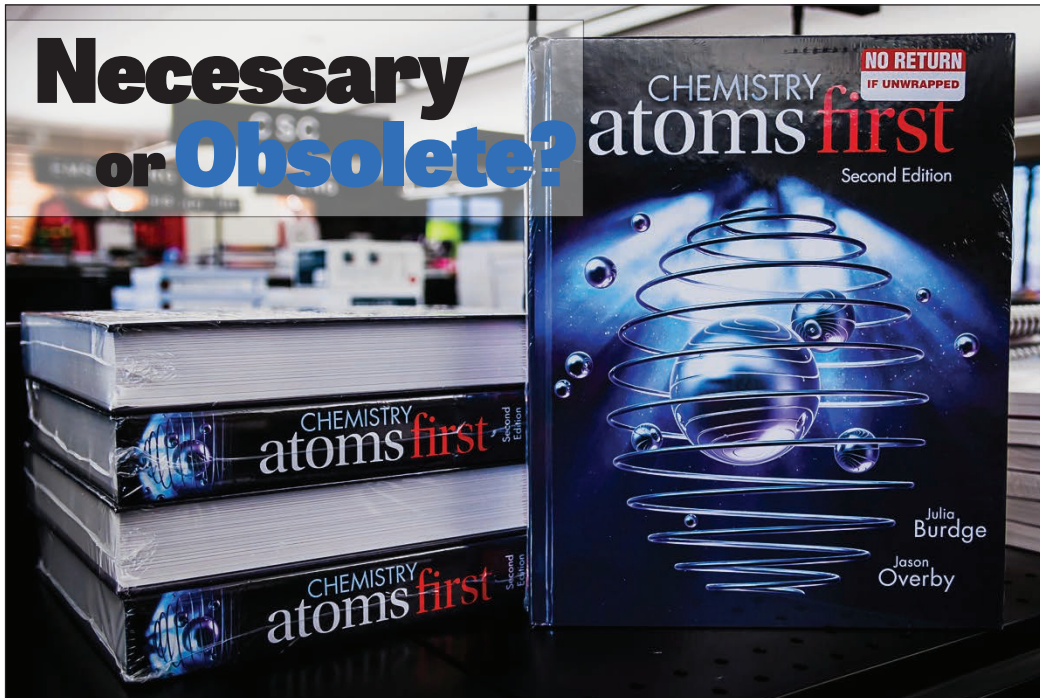
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NEWS



The Chemistry Atoms First textbook retails at the Parkland College Bookstore for \$233.33. This semester's Textbook Buyback will begin on May 8, 2015.

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The value of textbooks in the digital age

Humna Sharif
Staff Writer

Textbooks and lectures go hand in hand when it comes to succeeding in class. Teachers and students alike have different views when it comes to using books for obtaining information, whether it may be for putting together a lecture or getting ready for an exam.

The use of textbooks in classrooms is becoming less prevalent as hybrid and online classes become more popular, which gives rise to some important questions, such as the importance of textbooks in the classroom and whether or not instructors should teach by the book.

The biggest advantage that textbooks provide is the process of peerreviewing they go through before being published. Many teachers rely heavily on course books to double check facts, prepare lectures, and form the general structure of

their courses. More experienced instructors that have been teaching for a longer period of time use the course books more sparingly.

Chemistry and Biology instructor Dave Wilson said that he has taken many different approaches throughout his career.

"One semester I literally read a small passage from the text at the beginning of every class period," Wilson recalled. "My intent was to demonstrate to students how I approach reading scientific literature. I wanted the students to see that I used a very analytical and critical approach to reading."

Wilson has been teaching for about two decades now and he knows the book material inside and out. He only refers to it on rare occasions when he needs to check a fact. "However, it is important to me to make sure that the text complements the material I discuss in class so that students can get the same information

in at least two different ways," Wilson elaborated.

Perhaps the most negative aspect of the textbook is the cost that students must pay for them every semester. New editions of the textbooks come out every year, which leaves students unable to either borrow or rent an old edition in an effort to save money.

"I think the prices for many books are way too high," Chemistry major Karla Martinez commented. "We are students and most of us don't have hundreds of dollars to spend. There should be more online books that are affordable so they save money on making paper books."

Increasing textbook prices have also compelled students to form the view that, since they are paying to be in the school and attending the lectures, the instructors should be covering the materials in such a way that there is no need for textbooks at all. "I'd personally rather have the teacher lecture me than reading a

book," Martinez added. "For example, in math its better if the teacher shows me the process to solve a couple problems rather than the book showing me the multiple problems already solved, but not in a step by step manner."

Angela Gulick, an instructor in the Humanities department, has figured out a way around the expensive textbooks problem. Her English 102 course requires a course packet that is available in the bookstore for \$7.87.

She wrote the packet herself, which contains all the materials required for the course including the syllabus, handouts, assignments, and prep materials. The packet is essential for anyone who wants to excel in the class and, since it's not a huge financial burden, all students are expected to buy it for the semester.

"I try to use class time to bring in real-world examples of professional or unprofessional writing that illustrate key concepts of the course,"

Gulick said. "However, on days when I am introducing a new assignment we stick really close to the packet".

The significance of having a written source for any class is undeniable. In some fields, such as science and history, it would be impossible to accomplish the course objectives without the aid of textbooks. Instructors offer their best when lecturing but textbooks are a requirement for doing homework and getting in depth information about most things.

As teachers grow more flexible in their requirements for a textbook, more and more students are turning towards e-books and older editions of textbooks to save money. Perhaps there will be a day when students won't have to purchase expensive textbooks at all. For now, it seems that the advantages of having a textbook outweigh the disadvantage of having to pay the price to obtain them.

Transferring to 4-year universities from Parkland

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Staff Writer

For many students, Parkland College is just the first step in a long journey in education.

Parkland hosts many different representatives from colleges, usually throughout the College Center, at different times of the year. In addition to these tables, Parkland has its own internal programs and even satellite campuses that help prepare students for the next step in their academic journey.

One program of prominence is called the Pathway program, which holds its name for a significant reason, according to Coordinator of Transfer Advising Holly Herrera.

"Parkland College and the University of Illinois have had a very strong transfer relationship in the past, but the Parkland Pathway to Illinois program is a more structured partnership that leads students from Parkland to Illinois. So it is a guided pathway of sorts," Herrera stated.

Due to the physical location of the two institutions, ties have grown stronger over the years and paved the way for the present-day Pathway program.

"Students in the Parkland Pathway to Illinois program receive individualized advising from professional counselors and advisors at both institutions which helps students understand policies and what they need to do in order to transfer," Herrera explained. "They also have access to me as the Coordinator of the program to

help interpret those policies. Beyond that, students can live on campus, use campus resources and adjust to the University of Illinois before becoming a full-time student."

The Pathway program doesn't have too many strict requirements, which makes it a viable option for many students.

"Students who have graduated from a high school in Illinois, cannot be former (or current) University of Illinois students, and is not designed for students with significant college credit," Herrera explained.

Abby Vanderkloot, Crop Science Agribusiness major and Student Government President, is a member of the Pathway program.

"This is my fourth and last semester in the Pathway Program. This coming fall I will be attending U of I full time," Vanderkloot said. "I feel the Pathway program has done a great job in preparing me for when I transfer this fall. I've gotten experience in big lecture halls, small discussions and science labs. I think it is a great program with so many opportunities for students."

Parkland also works in conjunction with Eastern Illinois University and even hosts a satellite campus along with its very own office in room X107. Students can enroll at the university and take classes here on the Parkland campus, which saves them both the time and money required to travel to the EIU campus on a regular basis.

Dr. Carrie Johnson is the director of the Bachelor of Arts in General Studies at EIU and also oversees the EIU Center at Parkland.

"As a regionally accredited university, EIU provides a quality education with faculty who are accessible and interested in their students' success. In cooperation with Parkland College, EIU offers Parkland graduates and other members of the community the opportunity to complete a bachelor's or master's degree at Parkland," Johnson explained. "Classes are offered in the evenings and weekends. Students also have the option of taking online classes. Students can earn these EIU degrees without commuting to Charleston."

Since EIU's actual campus is a good distance away, the options do become more limited. Eastern provides accommodations for as many students as possible. EIU even offers graduate programs in the form of a Master in Business Administration and a Master of Science in Technology.

"While we do not offer as many classes at Parkland College as we do in Charleston, all courses we do offer are typically taught by highly qualified EIU faculty. Since many of our students who attend their classes at Parkland have work, family and/or community responsibilities, classes are offered in the evenings," Johnson said.

Tuition rates for EIU in the 2014-2015 academic year are \$283 per credit hour. Any students interested in attending EIU at Parkland or EIU in general should visit room X107 on Parkland's campus or call 217-351-2543.

Students wanting more information about the Pathway to Illinois program should contact Holly Herrera at holly10@illinois.edu.

Get prepared to transfer NOW

- Select a college major
- Pick your transfer college
- Apply to Parkland College
- Meet with your Parkland counselor every semester to make sure you are on track
- Make an appointment with an advisor/counselor at your intended transfer institution. Plan the necessary steps needed to transfer from Parkland
- Stay in contact with your chosen school
- Finish your classes at Parkland
- Transfer!

LIFESTYLE

Simple ways to stay safe during the winter

Brittany Webb
Staff Writer

The first day of spring is about one month away but that doesn't mean that winter safety is less of a concern. Winter safety is something that Parkland College takes very seriously.

Most Illinois residents are familiar with the snow and wind storms that hit during the winter season. There are some simple measures that can be taken to ensure that you, and the people around you, are safe during the treacherous winter weather.

According to the Parkland College Police Chief William Colbrook, the most effective action you can take is to slow down while driving.

"Slow down and increase your following distance," Colbrook said. "Don't put any dramatic inputs into your car, such as braking, accelerating, or sudden turns."

Abrupt braking, accelerating, and turns can easily cause accidents for even the most experienced drivers. Colbrook also stressed that being prepared for anything that might happen while driving is another way to ensure safety.

"Have an ice scraper, a full tank of gas, a small shovel and some sand or kitty litter for traction," Colbrook added.

Colbrook spent 27 years on the Illinois State Police force and has a lot of experience in dealing with winter weather. He also advises students to have a rescue pack to keep in their car. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA.gov) recommends that this

rescue pack include food, water and extra blankets to keep warm.

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT.Illinois.gov) has live updates of road conditions in Illinois, and checking these before going out can be a life saver.

If traveling in hazardous winter weather is an absolute must it is wise to let others know when you are leaving, where you are going, when you expect to arrive, and the route you will be taking.

People who find themselves in an emergency situation because of hazardous road conditions should remain in their vehicle while they are waiting for help. Getting out of the vehicle can be more dangerous, especially if visibility is an issue. It is also important to have a fully charged cell phone, as it may be the only way to contact others and in order to get help.

Kiel King, a freshman in Automotive Technology here at Parkland, drives to Parkland all year long.

"I normally try to clear most of my windows when I drive," King said. "I don't clear off my headlights or tail lights unless they are blocked from view."

Clearing the snow off the windows and mirrors of your car is very important for not only your safety, but the safety of others on the road.

Freshman Kolbi Williford knows the importance of driving slowly on days when the roads are covered in ice or snow.

"I try to leave 15 minutes earlier than I normally would," she said. "It's important to clean off your windows

to be able to see everyone else on the road."

Kolbi also explained the importance of wearing extra layers of clothing when the weather is predicted to be bad, in case anything would happen.

Not all of the students and faculty here at Parkland drive a vehicle to class every day. Hayden Wennerdahl, a Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences student in the Pathway program, takes a 40 minute bus trip to school most days.

"I always make sure I am dressed warm enough to comfortably commute to and from school," Wennerdahl said. "The MTD buses are always very warm. However, it is still important to dress warmly in case of a lay-over at a bus stop or a break down when driving. Plus a cup of warm tea, coffee, or cocoa never hurts."

Riding the bus in the winter not only saves you from having to fight the snow but also helps reduce the amount of traffic on the roads, which makes it easier for plows to clear them. Perhaps the most important thing to remember about staying safe during the winter, stressed by Colbrook as well as numerous government resources, is to slow down.

Allow additional time to get wherever you are going and remember that getting there safely is more important than getting there first or not getting there at all.



Parkland crews work to clear the entrances as snow falls upon campus on Feb. 1, 2015. The goal of the College is to keep campus open during inclement weather, if at all possible.

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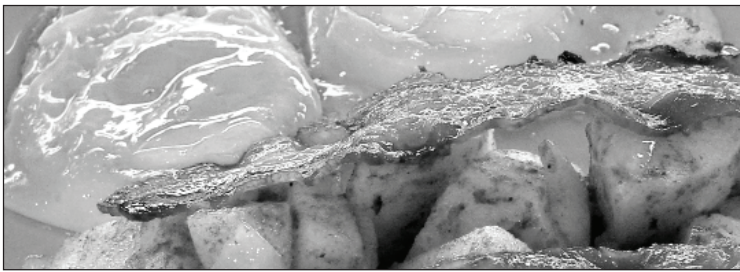


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In this Feb. 17, 2009, file photo, strips of sizzling bacon crown a breakfast platter with fried eggs and potatoes at a diner in Arlington, Va. Dietary advice can be confusing. Is it OK to eat meat and eggs? Is fat in or out? What about grains? How much salt? The dietary guidelines are issued every five years. The federal government uses them for school lunches and other federal feeding programs, and they serve as the basis for information on the nutrition facts panel on the backs of food packages.

Eating right still at core of dietary guidelines

Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) Dietary advice can be confusing. Is it OK to eat meat and eggs? Is fat in or out? What about grains? How much salt?

An advisory committee's recommendations for the nation's dietary patterns are due soon, and some advice may be changing. The committee is expected to downplay the importance of lowering cholesterol intake and may put less emphasis on eating lean meats. The panel could also tweak its recommendations on exactly how much salt is too much and put limits on sugar consumption for the first time.

Still, despite some revisions, the main advice never changes: eat more fruits and vegetables and whole grains, and eat less saturated fats, salt and sugar.

The Agriculture and Health and Human Services Departments will use the advisory committee's report to write the final version of the 2015 dietary guidelines, due by the end of this year.

A look at the upcoming dietary guidelines, and what they mean for consumers:

WHY THEY'RE IMPORTANT
The dietary guidelines are issued every five years. The federal government uses them to set standards for school lunches and other federal feeding programs, and they serve as the basis for information on the nutrition facts panel on the backs of food packages.

They're also used to create the government's "My Plate" icon,

which replaced the food pyramid and recommends a variety of fruits and vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins and low-fat dairy.

Doctors and nutritionists use the guidelines when giving advice, and food companies use them to make claims about their food.

EVOLVING WITH SCIENCE

The guidelines evolve as science evolves. Take cholesterol. In December, the advisory panel said in its preliminary recommendations that cholesterol is no longer "considered a nutrient of concern for overconsumption." That would be a change from previous guidelines, which said Americans eat too much cholesterol. This follows increasing medical research showing how much cholesterol is in your bloodstream is more complicated than once thought, and depends more on the kinds of fats that you eat. Medical groups have moved away from specific targets for cholesterol in the diet in recent years.

It's unclear if the recommendation will make it into the final guidelines. Dr. Robert Eckel, a professor of medicine at the University of Colorado in Denver who is a past president of the American Heart Association, says there's not enough evidence to make good recommendations on cholesterol right now, but "no evidence doesn't mean the evidence is no."

People can enjoy high-cholesterol egg yolks in moderation, he advises, but "a

three- to four-egg omelet isn't something I'd ever recommend to a patient at risk for cardiovascular disease," he says. There's also some new science on salt. The 2010 dietary guidelines recommend that people eat less than 2,300 milligrams a day. That is reduced to 1,500 milligrams for some people at risk of heart disease.

A 2013 report by the Institute of Medicine said that while lowering salt intake is important for heart health, there is no good evidence that eating less than 2,300 milligrams a day of sodium offers benefits. The advisory panel's discussions hint that they may not include the lower recommendation for certain groups.

POLITICAL BATTLES

While they are based on dietary science, the guidelines aren't immune to politics. This year's battles have already started over meat.

Current guidelines advise that people eat lean meats as a healthy way to get protein, but the advisory panel has debated whether lean meats should be included. In addition, the draft recommendations say a healthy dietary pattern includes fewer "red and processed meats" than are currently consumed. The meat industry called the draft recommendations absurd.

The committee has also discussed the idea of including sustainability as a dietary goal. The advisory panel said in its draft recommendations that there is "compatibility and overlap" between what is good

for health and what is good for the environment.

A diet higher in plant-based foods and lower in animal-based foods is "more health promoting and is associated with lesser environmental impact than is the current average U.S. diet," the draft recommendations said.

Environmentalists have been pushing these recommendations, while Congress is pushing back. Language attached to a massive year-end spending bill enacted in December noted the advisory committee's interest in the environment and directed Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack "to only include nutrition and dietary information, not extraneous factors" in final guidelines.

WHAT WON'T CHANGE

The "My Plate" isn't expected to change much the guidelines issued at the end of the year will most certainly recommend putting fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins on your plate, accompanied by low-fat dairy.

In its draft recommendations, the panel said the problem it is trying to solve is high rates of "preventable chronic disease" and obesity.

The panel said the gap is an American diet too high in sodium, saturated fat, refined grains, added sugars and calories, and too low in vegetables, fruit and whole grains.

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US teens getting less & less sleep, study shows

Lindsey Tanner
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — U.S. teens are getting sleepier: Many lack even seven hours of shut-eye each night and the problem has worsened over two decades, a study found.

More than half of kids aged 15 and older would need to sleep at least two hours more each night to meet recommendations for adequate rest, heightening concerns about the impact on their health and academic performance. That's according to researchers who analyzed the University of Michigan's annual "Monitoring the Future" national surveys of youth behavior.

The study involved nearly 300,000 teens asked in 1991-2012 surveys if they regularly got at least seven hours of sleep nightly and enough sleep. Results were published in Monday's Pediatrics.

Some highlights:

EYE-OPENERS

Experts generally recommend nine or 10 hours of sleep for teens; over half of the 15- to 19-year-olds surveyed in 2012 said they didn't even get seven hours each night.

Declines in nightly sleep were seen in teens of all ages during the two decades. The biggest drop was among 15-year-olds — just over half the kids this age reported at least seven hours nightly in 1991, versus less than 43 percent in 2012. Also, about 30 percent of 15-year-olds reported getting what they considered enough sleep in 1991, versus 24 percent in 2012. Reports were slightly better for younger teens and worse for the oldest teens.

In most surveys, girls and non-whites were the least likely to report seven hours of sleep.

WHAT GIVES?

Reasons for the trend are uncertain but lead author Katherine Keyes, a Columbia University public health researcher, said factors that might have contributed include increasing use of social media, smartphones and other electronics, and rising rates of obesity, which has been linked with sleep deprivation. Other research has suggested that early school start times play a role and advocates have been pushing for later times for teens.

Kids who don't get enough sleep are at risk for mood problems, depression, memory and learning difficulties and poor grades, said psychologist Daniel Lewin, a sleep specialist at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. He said about 40 percent of U.S. high schools start classes before 8 a.m. — early morning hours that are teens' "optimal sleep period."

SOLUTIONS

The researchers say improving teens' understanding of how much sleep they need, and the consequences of not getting enough, could help. They also say reversing the trend will require public health efforts to raise awareness about the importance of sleep for teens.

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OPINIONS



Drone on

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In this Oct. 16, 2014 file photo, former Navy helicopter pilot and San Diego Gas & Electric unmanned aircraft operator Teena Deering holds a drone as it is prepared for takeoff near Boulevard, Calif. Long-awaited rules to usher in a new era in which small, commercial drones zipping through U.S. skies are a part of everyday life were proposed by the Federal Aviation Administration on Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015.

US proposes rules for the era of drones

Joan Lowy
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Drone on, the government says.

Just not through the night sky. Or close to an airport. Or out of the operator's sight. And probably not winging its way with a pizza or package, any time soon.

Long-anticipated rules proposed Sunday will open an era in which small (under 55 pounds) commercial unmanned aircraft perform routine tasks — crop monitoring, aerial photography, inspections of bridges and cell towers, and much more. But not right away. Final rules are probably two to three years away.

And when they are in place, they may include a separate category with fewer restrictions for very small drones, likely to be defined as less than 4.4 pounds.

The Federal Aviation Administration released a variety of proposed requirements for commercial operators to meet, such as passing a knowledge test administered by the agency as well

as a federal security check. The small drones could travel as fast as 100 mph, at altitudes of 500 feet or lower. Flights over crowds would be prohibited.

"We have tried to be flexible in writing these rules," said FAA Administrator Michael Huerta. "We want to maintain today's outstanding level of aviation safety without placing an undue regulatory burden on an emerging industry."

The agency is researching technology that he hopes will eventually enable small drones to fly safely beyond the sight of operators, Huerta said. He emphasized that introduction of commercial drones into the national airspace will be a staged process. The government is also looking ahead to how larger drones might be allowed to fly in airspace shared by manned aircraft, for example, he said.

One of the key safety concerns is that without a human on board the ability to "see and avoid" other aircraft is limited. Another concern is that the link between the operator and a remote control aircraft can be

broken, causing the drone to fly away until it loses power or collides with something.

Cases of flyaway drones getting stuck in trees or hitting buildings are rampant. Last month, a drone that its operator lost control of flew over the White House fence and crashed on the lawn before Secret Service agents could block it.

Even with the proposed safety restrictions, drones can transform urban infrastructure management, farming, public safety, coastal security, military training, search and rescue, disaster response and more, the White House said in a presidential memorandum on privacy released in conjunction with the rules.

The memorandum lays out measures federal agencies must follow to guard against abuse of data collected in their drone flights. Among other steps, the order requires agencies to review privacy and civil rights protections before deploying drone technology and to adhere to a range of controls. Personally identifiable information collected in drone flights is to be kept no longer

than 180 days, although there are exceptions.

It's questionable whether such steps will satisfy civil liberties advocates, who've objected strongly to the government's vigorous use of digital surveillance in the name of national security. But drone advocates were generally happy with the proposal, although they disagreed with some of the details.

"I am very pleased to see a much more reasonable approach to future regulation than many feared," said Brendan Schulman, a New York attorney who unsuccessfully challenged FAA's restrictions on drone flights.

The agency currently bans commercial drone flights except for a few dozen companies that have been granted waivers. That ban will stay in place until regulations become final, but FAA officials plan to continue granting waivers case by case. About 300 waiver requests are pending and new requests are being filed almost daily.

The proposed rules are "a good first step" bringing the U.S. closer

to realizing the benefits of drone technology, said Brian Wynne, president and CEO of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, a trade group.

An FAA analysis points to an estimate by the trade association that drones will create 70,000 jobs with an economic impact of more than \$13.6 billion in the first three years after their integration into U.S. skies.

In a big concession to industry, the FAA said it won't require an "airworthiness certificate" for small drones. The design and manufacture of each model of manned airplanes and helicopters go through a rigorous approval process by the FAA before they are granted airworthiness certificates. That can take years.

The FAA decided that drone technology was changing so rapidly that by the time a model received an airworthiness certificate the remote-controlled aircraft might already be out of date, Huerta said.

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Jon Stewart's style gets global 'like'

Elaine Ganley
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — The finance minister of France once gave Jon Stewart a lesson in high finance — and then offered him a beret.

Christine Lagarde, now chief of the International Monetary Fund, has been but one of many high-profile foreign guests on Stewart's "The Daily Show" — from Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani teenage Nobel Peace winner waging a battle against terrorists, to off-beat London Mayor Boris Johnson, who offered to open the gates of his city to "refugees" from New York escaping an attempt to ban supersized sodas.

Stewart digs with delight into global events large and small, making international news — and news-making international guests — an intrinsic part of his show. The comic relief and analysis in which he frames world events has proven a draw beyond the U.S. shores.

The French newspaper Le Monde carried a story on Stewart's plans, announced Tuesday, to bow out after 16 years, as did the Guardian, Britain's Sky News and other media outlets, including ones in Israel. Sky News showed a clip of Stewart interviewing

former Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

British comic Steve Nallon told Sky that Stewart's comedic strength came from both his sense of authority and the way he was able to get to the kernel of truth about the issues he satirized.

In Portugal, all the main newspaper websites carried news of Stewart's plans to move on, with some including "best of" compilations.

"For me, John Stewart is the most combative, biting and independent voice in the U.S. political and media world ... I read this news (of his departure) with sorrow," a person identified only as "Augusta" posted on the site of Lisbon's Diario de Noticias newspaper.

Stewart has not said when he will leave the show or what he plans to do next.

He made a deep-dive into foreign turf in 2013 to direct "Rosewater," a film about an Iranian-born journalist imprisoned for 118 days in Tehran and accused of being a spy.

Also in 2013, Stewart traveled to Cairo for a guest appearance — posing as a scruffy, captured foreign spy — on the TV show of Egypt's answer to Stewart, Bassem Youssef, who appeared on the New York-based show.



Photo by Brad Barket | AP Photo

This Nov. 30, 2011 file photo shows television host Jon Stewart during a taping of "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" in New York. Comedy Central announced Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015, that Stewart will leave "The Daily Show" later this year.

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their savings to work for them.

"A big mistake is not thinking about retirement and young people are simply not thinking about it," Dillavou explained. "Retirement accounts work best when you have a lot of time ahead of you because of the way interest works. The more time you have money accruing interest the more money you will have when you finally withdraw it."

Jackson is one of the many students who aren't thinking about retirement at this point in their life. He admitted that he doesn't save for retirement at all.

"I don't even think about it. I mean, I would do it but I'm waiting to have a more stable job," Jackson said.

Other options exist for students looking to get the most out of their refunds. Those options include investment accounts such as brokerage accounts or mutual funds. However, these accounts carry risk and one could very well lose money.

Also, investment accounts are not federally insured by the FDIC, which means that in the case of a market crash any money lost in these accounts can't be reimbursed by the Federal Reserve.

"If you are interested in investment accounts talk to the financial advisor of your bank," Dillavou cautioned. "Financial advisors help people understand what they are getting into and are qualified to talk to clients about investing."

Dillavou stressed how important it is for students to begin thinking about their financial future while they are young. He explained that learning to save money now will pay off in the future.

"Start saving and especially putting money away for retirement as soon as you can. Even if it's a small amount per month do it. Do not wait for the right circumstances because time is on your side when you are young," Dillavou said.

Students seeking advice on what to do with their refunds can visit the Financial Aid office located in the U286, or call 217-351-2222.



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UNC Dental School students make the North Carolina State University Wolfpack sign following a candlelight vigil for their slain classmate, who, along with two others, was killed at a condominium near UNC-Chapel Hill, Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015, in Chapel Hill, N.C. Craig Stephen Hicks appeared in court on charges of first-degree murder in the Tuesday deaths of Deah Shaddy Barakat, his wife Yusor Mohammad Abu-Salha and her sister Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha.

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LEGACY

smart," said Muneeb Mustafa, 23, who knew Barakat since both were in high school. "He was an ideal human being. He was a role model. He was somebody that people would look up to and want to be just like him."

YUSOR MOHAMMAD ABU-SALHA

Barakat and his new wife, Yusor, met a couple of years ago when both were on the board of the Muslim Student Association at North Carolina State University, and were engaged a few months later during the school's winter break, Sajjad said. The couple married weeks after she graduated from NCSU in December, he said.

Yusor was accepted into the UNC-Chapel Hill dental school where Barakat was already enrolled and they lived in the Chapel Hill condo his family bought in 2013 and renovated.

"This was like the power couple of our community," Sajjad said.

RAZAN MOHAMMAD ABU-SALHA

Razan loved French toast for breakfast and wanted to be an architect, but she was still drawn to help the needy, said her father, psychiatrist Mohammad Yousef Abu-Salha. All three volunteered in rural North Carolina clinics to help the uninsured and poor, he said. Razan "could not believe there could be men who were there with their children waiting from 1 a.m. on freezing nights in North Carolina to be admitted to a free dentistry clinic," he said.

Razan became the school newspaper's editor and her dedication to a good product saw her spend hours a week after school, said Patricia Hornick, an 11th-grade English teacher and journalism instructor at Raleigh's Athens Drive High School.

"Razan was really good at getting a group of kids and kind of motivating them," Hornick said.

Associated Press writer Matthew Barakat in McLean, Virginia, contributed to this report.

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STEWART

Youssef's show "ElBernameg" (Arabic for "The Program") was canceled last June with the comedian saying ominously that Egypt's climate was not "suitable" to satirizing the powerful.

The political climate was never Jon Stewart's problem. He has fed on it, big-footing his way through the most delicate diplomatic territories.

Stewart's routines have frequently played on news and entertainment shows in Israel. Most recently, he used his humor to go after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's upcoming speech before the U.S. Congress, arranged without the knowledge of the White House.

"Whenever we talk about Israel ... we get phone calls," Stewart said, producing a clunky switchboard with wires and red phone, ringing off the hook.

In a well-known skit, Stewart is accused by Palestinians of being pro-Israel and by Israelis of being pro-Palestinian.

But Stewart has given powerful guests a chance to talk in a way they cannot on the job.

"They did a crappy job. They have to go," Lagarde, the French finance minister, said of the bankers she pushed out of their jobs at the height of global recession.

During her 2009 appearance on the Daily Show, Lagarde gave Stewart a French beret and pulled one out for herself. They each popped them jauntily on their heads.

In a rare somber moment, Stewart deplored the Jan. 7 Paris terror attack on the satiric French newspaper Charlie Hebdo that left 12 people dead, including top cartoonists.

Comedy, he said, "shouldn't have to be an act of courage."

Ian Deitch in Jerusalem, Barry Hattori in Lisbon, Portugal and Greg Katz and Danica Kirka in London contributed to this report.

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FACT: The Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, will be celebrated on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015. According to the History Channel, this holiday was a chance for people to meet with family, feast, and honor deities and ancestors.

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SPORTS

#1 Parkland Women rally late to stun #3 ICC



Photo by Scott Wells | Prospectus News
 Freshman Center Laura Moses shoots a free throw as teammate Kennedy Hartman looks on during the Feb 14, 2015 game against John Wood Community College. The Cobras defeated the Blazers 54-53.

Rod Lovett
 Parkland College

In a game that was filled with big runs by both teams, it was the #1 ranked Parkland Women who had the last one, as they rallied for an impressive 66-62 win over #3 Illinois Central on the Cougars home court. The first run was by the Cobras in the first half, as they built the lead to twelve at 31-19 with 8 minutes to go in the opening 20 minutes. However ICC ended the half on a 10-3 run to close the lead to just five at the break.

The second half appeared to be going ICC's way as they would grab the lead and push the margin to as many as 14, at 57-43, with only 7:40 to go in the game. It was then the Cobras turn to dominate, as they finished the contest on a 23-5 run to pull out the four point victory. Defensive stops and steals by the Cobras played a big part in the Parkland comeback. Laura Litchfield and Nadine Vaughn came up with steals which helped PC narrow the margin and Josie Zerrusen would then hit a game-tying three with just 2:08 to go and Chelsea Cross followed up with an old-fashioned three-point play to put PC ahead to stay.

Laura Litchfield had an outstanding game with 16 points, 7 rebounds, and 6 assists while Chelsea Cross added 14 points and 8 boards. Zerrusen had 10 points while Hannah Wascher chipped in 8. Kennedy Hartman came up big on defense and also grabbed 6 rebounds in the victory.

The win moves the Cobras to (24-1) and they are now in control of the top spot for the upcoming Region 24 tournament. Parkland has now won 24 straight games since a season opening loss. ICC, saw their 11 game winning streak come to an end, as they fell to (23-3) on the year. The Cobras return to action this Saturday with an important M-WAC contest against John Wood (19-6). The Blazers received votes in the NJCAA D-2 Poll this week.

Charming the community



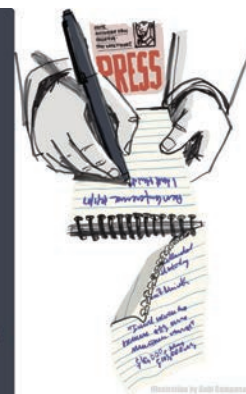
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 Freshman Reilly Farrell teaches a future Charmer a routine during the Youth Dance Clinic held on Feb. 13, 2015. This year's clinic was open to Champaign students in grades K-8. Participants were able to dance on the court with Parkland's Charmers on Saturday, February 14 during the halftime of the 4 p.m. Men's Basketball Game

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 Author Hannah Brecher speaks at Parkland's "Leave Ur Mark" Valentine's celebration on Feb. 13, 2015. Brecher's memoir, "If You Find This Letter", is scheduled for release next month.

Student Government hosts annual Valentine's Day Dance

Jordan Hannah
 Staff Writer

Parkland's Student Government hosted their annual Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance, which took place last Friday, Feb. 13, 2015 in the Student Union. The event included a speaker, catered food and dancing to end the night.

The dinner, which was prepared by Parkland's café Chartwells, showcased a host of dishes such as chicken cacciatore and chocolate covered strawberries. The dinner also included a speech by Hannah Brecher, founder of the organization More Love Letters.

More Love Letters started as a simple idea by Brecher, to write her own love letters and leave them all over the city for people to find. In Brecher's opinion, her letters can help another person in great ways. She stated the goal of her organization is to empower readers through tangible acts of love.

Brecher said that she was drawn to create this organization by a drive towards her passion.

"When your deepest gladness meet the world's greatest hunger, that's your

passion, your calling," she explained, paraphrasing a quote by Frederick Buechner.

Brecher continued in saying that many people can find similar passions right around them. She called listeners of this speech to be content, and to look at right where they are for their passions. She went on to say that when you start to think that your passions are too large, and that they are too much to manage that you should remember a few important things.

"You can be your biggest motivation. You can think it has to be perfect, but at some point it's sink or swim. You have to risk everything or live in fear," she said.

After the speech, all other guests hit the dance floor for John Legends "All of me," which was DJed by Jason Hertenstein, a representative of the Ken Cunningham's DJ.

Attendees were able to leave with a full stomach and new inspirational ideas on how to make a difference in the world.

To find out about all events going on at Parkland College, please visit <http://bit.ly/1FQzHQc>.



Photo by Scott Wells | Prospectus News
 Artist Tom Berenz discusses the painting 5th Birthday Cake at the Gierztz Gallery on Feb. 12, 2015. His exhibit, Presently Absent, will be on display through the end of March.

Carr dies at age 58



Photo by Michel Euler | AP Photo
 In this Nov. 21, 2011, file photo, New York Times journalist David Carr poses for a photograph as he arrives for the French premiere of the documentary "Page One: A Year Inside The New York Times," in Paris. Carr collapsed at the office and died in a hospital Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015. He was 58. Carr wrote the Media Equation column for the Times, focusing on issues of media in relation to business and culture.

Tom McElroy
 Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Media columnist David Carr, who wrote the Media Equation column for The New York Times and penned a memoir about his fight with drug addiction, collapsed at his office and died. He was 58.

Just hours before his death Thursday, he had moderated a "Times Talks" conversation with Edward Snowden, director Laura Poitras and journalist Glenn Greenwald about the documentary "Citizenfour," which chronicles Snowden's leak of National Security Agency documents.

The Times' publisher, Arthur Ochs Sulzberger Jr., said Carr had "formidable talent" and was "one of the most gifted journalists who has ever worked at The New York Times." He called him "an indispensable guide to modern media."

Executive Editor Dean Baquet also heaped praise on Carr and said he was special.

"He was the finest media reporter of his generation, a remarkable and funny man who was one of the leaders of our newsroom," Baquet told Carr's colleagues in an email.

"He was our biggest champion, and his unending passion for journalism and for truth will be missed by his family at The Times, by his readers around the world, and by people who love journalism."

Carr, who grew up in Minnesota, joined The Times in 2002 as a business reporter, covering magazine publishing. His Media

Equation column appeared in the Monday business section. It focused on issues of media in relation to business, culture and government, said The Times, which confirmed his death.

Carr, who lived in Montclair, New Jersey, with his wife and their daughter and had two other daughters, also wrote "The Night of the Gun," a 2008 memoir about addiction and recovery.

The book, published by Simon & Schuster, traces Carr's rise from cocaine addict to single dad raising twin girls to sobered-up media columnist for the Times.

Carr said he wrote a book proposal "on a dare to myself" in two days. After an agent sold the idea, Carr ended up interviewing about 60 people and working on the book for three years.

Comedian and actor Tom Arnold, who started his standup career in Minneapolis, was pals with Carr on the city's party circuit in the 1980s and is featured in the book. In a 2008 interview, Arnold called Carr's story redemptive.

"He did some outrageous things, and he did some horrible things, and yet that's not who he is. ... But that's what drugs will do to you," Arnold said. "He survived, and people can survive."

In the book Carr didn't flinch from describing his arrests (including one for punching a taxi driver), his trips to rehab (five times) and his bout with Hodgkin's lymphoma, a cancer of the lymphatic system.

Carr's rise in journalism paralleled his recovery from addiction. After stints helming the Twin

Cities Reader, and the Washington City Paper, Carr went on to gigs writing for Inside.com, an online media news website co-founded by Spy magazine co-founder Kurt Andersen, and New York and The Atlantic Monthly magazines before landing at The New York Times.

"I've always thought it (The Times) was a magnificent thing to read and look at," Carr once said. "I just never pictured the likes of me working here."

Last year, Carr began teaching a Boston University class that explored the creative business models to support digital journalism. It was among the first professorships dedicated to evaluating how media organizations can sustain themselves financially as readers and advertisers migrate to digital platforms, a crisis that has doomed some news organizations and threatens the viability of the others.

Carr had written about the issue extensively.

"I think a lot of journalism education that is going on is broadly not preparing kids for the world that they are stepping into," Carr told The Boston Globe.

The dean of the College of Communication at Boston University, Thomas Fiedler, called Carr's death "a terrible blow."

"What an extraordinary talent and a remarkable human being," Fiedler told the Globe.

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