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Kaljit Atwal controls the ball on her way to the other side of the field in hopes to score for the Cobras on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015. The Cobras came out victorious against Southwestern Illinois College with a final score of 3-1. See more on page 8.

Black Student Success Project continues informative workshops

Zach Trueblood
Staff Writer

In its seventh year, the Parkland College Black Student Success Project aims to provide a sense of community and help build new skills for all students. It also happens to be the most popular workshop series at Parkland.

"I really want to make this a place for personal, academic, and social development. It's definitely grown over the years and is still the most attended workshop on campus," said Donna Tanner-Harold, director of the Black Student Success Project.

Tanner-Harold started the Black Student Success Project back in 2008. She started at Parkland seven years before that.

One of her main goals when hired was to create certain programs for black males. Along with her associate professor and counselor duties she wrote up a proposal for the project and ended up receiving grant funding.

The college deemed the workshop a success and thus the Black Student Success Project was born.

"I based a lot of the foundation of the project on the work of Dr. Vincent Tinto. He's worked extensively with college retention rates," Tanner-Harold said. "I want to do away with the idea that many deem community college as just a place to go to school."

Tanner-Harold hopes that by offering a place for students to

go, they can begin building ties. Once these ties and connections are made then a sense of community can be achieved. There is also an incentive of free pizza that helps usher in students looking to gain some new information during their lunch hour.

To handle the setup of the workshops Tanner-Harold receives assistance from various staff members. Those include Julie Shumate-Meece from counseling and advising as well as Jan Thom and Tanino Minneci from the Center for Academic Success.

Minneci is a student development advocate in the Center for Academic Success. He's been working with the Black Student Success Project since he started five years ago.

"I've always felt that BSSP has played an important role in the development of students at Parkland. The truth is that many of the students show up for a presentation because of the promise of free pizza at the end. But by the time the food is served, students are actively engaging in conversations about real issues and sharing experiences that can give them new perspectives," Minneci said.

He also said each session or workshop holds information that students may not be getting in other places. They can then use that information to overcome certain obstacles pertaining to their educational goals.

The most recent session was on Sep. 30. It was titled "Your Parkland Library" and Martez

Miller was in attendance.

Miller is a general studies major but has plans to switch to psychology. He's been attending the Black Student Success Project workshops for the last two years.

"I feel like I gain a lot of new skills and just ways to become successful. I'm also able to build these connections. That's with faculty, staff, and students as well," Miller stated.

Miller reiterated that while the project is geared towards black males it's still beneficial for everyone. It provides a safe place for people to share ideas and learn new information.

Miller said he learned a lot from the previous workshop on the library. He learned how pivotal the library resources really are. These are just a few new insights he's gained from attending the Black Student Success Project workshops over the years.

Miller also brought up the point that these workshops and sessions are totally free.

"It's really for anyone," Miller said. "It's free but the knowledge you gain is very beneficial."

Tanner-Harold wanted to emphasize there is no joining process required for the project. Students aren't even required to regularly attend.

She did point out that many students do end up coming back and becoming regular attendees. By doing so they're able to create that sense of community.

"Surprisingly, this has really

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Parkland job fair invites women to consider law enforcement

Matthew Moss
Staff Writer

The Women of Law Enforcement career fair hosted by Parkland College encourages women from all walks of life to explore a job in police and first responder work.

The fair is not limited to Parkland's police. Law enforcement and disaster response teams from across Champaign County will be present, providing visitors with the opportunity to compare and contrast not only the lines of work themselves, but the individual departments as well.

Angela Corray, a sergeant with Parkland police and the only female officer currently on the force, says it is not only conventional college-age women who show up to the event. Corray said women who are married and have children also visit the fair due to their interest in law enforcement work.

"Every type of woman you could run into is at that fair," Corray said.

Corray, a mother herself, encourages women with familial responsibilities interested in the police, fire, or medical fields to attend the fair. She said the event will be family-friendly and includes an area set aside for child-oriented activities.

The career fair also serves as a resource for recruiting. Corray said there are part-time positions available with the force such as dispatcher that people can apply for at the event.

Bonita Burgess, associate director of public safety, said the Parkland Police Department is open to recruiting more women into its ranks.

"We're always looking to diversify the department," Burgess said.

She said that having women as officers can be an asset to a police force and believes a female victim in cases such as domestic abuse or sexual assault could feel more comfortable talking to a female officer as opposed to a male.

Corray and Burgess both agree the law enforcement field is more accepting of women than it was in the recent past. Corray urges women to not be discouraged because law enforcement and first responder work are male-dominated fields.

Corray trained with a woman who graduated from the Illinois State Police Academy's second-ever class that permitted female students, 20 years prior to her own graduation.

Corray said listening to her colleague's experiences during her training cast some light on how tolerant the field has become in recent years.

"It's a whole different world than it was 20 or 30 years ago," Corray said.

Burgess, who switched over to the administrative side of the field after being a uniformed officer at Parkland for many years, agrees with Corray. She said it has become much more accepting over the years.

"We're trying to get more women interested in the law enforcement field," Burgess said. "It's a good field to be in."

Data compiled by the Bureau of Justice Statistics says that in 2008 women accounted for 20 percent of sworn law enforcement officers nationwide. In that year, there were roughly 100,000 female officers in the United States.

Over a 10-year period starting in 1998, the American law enforcement field saw a 1.2 percent increase in the number of women among its ranks. The Internal Revenue Service and U.S. Postal Inspection Service, both federal agencies, saw a much larger increase of seven percent. In 2008, women accounted for almost a third of the full-time officers in the IRS.

The Women of Law Enforcement career fair will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10am-2pm in the Student Union building. It is free to attend and will include prizes and giveaways that can be won by visitors.

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Fact or Fiction

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NEWS

Campus Sustainability Month highlighted

Scott Barnes
Staff Writer

Parkland prides itself on raising awareness about specific issues that affect the world at large. Black Student Association, Parkland Pride and the Student Veterans at Parkland club are just a few examples of the organizations that have been created here on campus in an effort to raise awareness about various issues. Now Parkland wants to raise awareness about sustainability.

October is Campus Sustainability Month and there will be numerous events taking place throughout the coming weeks aimed at raising awareness about the topic. Sustainability coordinator Thor Peterson explained why this is an issue students should be concerned with.

"To me, sustainability is about the future," Peterson said. "What are our jobs going to look like as the world changes due to climate change and resource depletion? There are a whole bunch of factors that sustainability touches on and we can either plan for those or be surprised by them," Peterson said.

Peterson explained that the concept of sustainability is crucial when making difficult financial decisions that institutions such as Parkland have to deal with.

"For me here, in my job as



Photo by Zonghui Li | The Prospectus

Parkland College provides several sustainable resources such as refillable water bottle stations and recycling locations throughout the college. For the month of October, Parkland is celebrating sustainability month with free events to raise awareness about the topic.

sustainability coordinator, it's pretty direct things like how much does Parkland spend on electricity every year and how does that impact our operational budget overall?" Peterson said. "If we can figure out ways to reduce that energy burden, does that free up funds for things that are more directly beneficial to students, faculty and staff? That sort of resource conservation just makes bottom line sense."

Hilary Valentine, associate director of marketing and public relations/marketing analyst, has been a part of the Sustainable Campus Committee here at Parkland since 2009. She explained that the scope of sustainability is broad.

"I think there are so many aspects of sustainability and I think that one thing we don't do a very good job of is connecting the dots,"

October 5-11

"Zero Waste"

October 12-18

"Food Security"

October 19-24

"Biological Integrity"

October 25-31

"Sustainable Design"

Valentine said. "We tend to operate in a vacuum and, really, everything is connected. There are so many connections and sustainability can kind of be the center of all those connections. It brings together diversity, social justice issues and environmental issues and economic issues."

There are so many aspects of sustainability that is it is difficult to cover all of them over the course of just one month. The idea is to get the message out, raise awareness

and start getting students to think in terms of sustainability. Each week in October is dedicated to a certain aspect of sustainability, and the scheduled events coincide with that theme.

The week of Oct. 5 to Oct. 11 is themed "Zero Waste" and will feature an electronics recycling event on Oct. 10. The theme for week two will be "Food Security", which will focus on food waste both in the home and on Parkland's campus. Students are encouraged to bring a non-perishable, healthy food item to the sustainability table in the cafeteria for donation to the Wesley Food Pantry.

"Biological Integrity" week will be held Oct. 19 to Oct. 24. Week four will be dedicated to "Sustainable Design" and will focus on the "green features" of new construction.

On Oct. 29 at 11 a.m. there will be a ceremony to celebrate

Parkland's first Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) certification. Jeff Johnson from BLDD Architects will lead a tour of the T building and discuss its green features.

Gregory Walburg is a professor in the construction design and management program at Parkland, and is also a member of the Sustainable Campus Committee. He explained what it means for a building to be LEED certified.

"LEED is a guideline for designing and constructing greener buildings," Walburg said. "These buildings use fewer resources to construct and maintain and so contribute less waste and pollution both during construction and during the life of the building. They also are designed to be better buildings in a number of ways; for example, to last longer and require less maintenance by using very durable materials."

Peterson will also have a table set up in the Student Union building every Wednesday throughout October from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. He hopes to engage students in conversation about the various aspects of sustainability. He also hopes to get a student organization dedicated to sustainability up and running. Any students who are interested in getting involved should visit his office in Student Life.

Science lectures open to students, community

Brittany Webb
Staff Writer

The first World of Science talk of the semester was held Oct. 2 at the Parkland Staerkel Planetarium, giving some students the chance for extra credit before midterms.

"Many instructors are now realizing that having their students attend our talks is beneficial and some even offer extra credit for attending," said David Leake, planetarium director at Parkland College.

With an almost full planetarium, speaker Julie Pryde from the Champaign Urbana Department of Public Health gave a talk titled "Pandemics, Pathogens, and Prions: What Scares Public Health."

She spoke of the recent outbreaks of mumps in the Champaign-Urbana area, the need for people to get vaccinated, and what causes public health to panic.

Pryde has been working for public health for 20 years and was appointed public health administrator by the UPHD Board of Health in 2008.

She says deciding on a topic depends on her audience, and since she knew the audience would be full of students, she wanted to get as much as she could in the hour she had to speak.

"Really what I want to do is give people a lot of information and look for some stuff they can go and read about," said Pryde. "I want to expose them to how public health works in general, and this was in October so I thought I would do the infectious disease thing."

Pryde said she loves to talk about public health.

"People said to me, 'Oh those poor kids, they're going to be in there for seven hours!' and I told them, 'No, I was limited to an hour,'" Pryde said.

The World of Science talks have been going on since the planetarium opened in 1987, Leake said.

"I think the planetarium should be doing something like this," said Leake. "With all the research happening in Urbana and Champaign, why not provide an outlet where some of these researchers can talk about what they are doing."

Leake also said he thinks the Parkland shows are a little more accessible for the general public.

"There are talks on the University of Illinois campus, of course, but I have found, with parking, car traffic and student traffic, many don't like to venture on campus, especially at night," Leake said. "Parkland can be an easily-accessible,

comfortable spot to link to cutting-edge science."

Adam Bengtson, a University of Illinois junior in architecture, says coming to the talks not only engages him in some science, but also exposes him to Parkland a little bit.

"I've taken summer classes at Parkland, so it's always interesting to come back to see what the school has to offer," said Bengtson.

Leake says he hopes students realize a few things when they come out to the talks.

"Science is within reach; they can understand it," Leake said. "Also, there's a lot going on in town. Some amazing research is being done locally and often you don't hear about it unless you attend a scientific meeting."

The lectures are open to the public, and held monthly at the planetarium. The cost is \$1.

The next lecture will be held Nov. 6 and will be given by Jim Angel. It is titled "Weird Weather!" and will focus on the drought in California, flooding in Texas, and cold winters in Illinois.

More information on the World of Science lectures can be found on the Planetariums website at www2.parkland.edu/planetarium/lectures.html.

November 6, 2015
"Weird Weather!"

The planetarium is happy to bring back state climatologist Jim Angel to examine the strange weather in our country, including drought in California, flooding in Texas, and cold winters in Illinois. Learn why it is difficult to predict these odd occurrences.

December 4, 2015
"The World of Dwarf Planets"

You didn't hear the words "dwarf planet" until 2006 when Pluto was demoted from the ranks of "planet." Now there are five official dwarf planets. What makes an object a "dwarf planet" and what do we know about them? Astronomer Jim Kaler returns to the dome to enlighten us! Hear Jim's comments on the recent images from Pluto, too!

February 5, 2016
"Earthquakes: Fact and Fiction"

With the movie "San Andreas" dazzling us on the big screen, our attention is drawn to earthquakes. But could such a disaster really happen on the west coast? Could it happen in the Midwest? Senior Geophysicist Dr. Timothy Larson will explain the basic principles of earthquakes and their potential.

March 4, 2016
"Interfacing Engineering, Biology & Medicine at the Micro and Nanoscale"

We hear about "nanotechnology" quite a bit, but what is it and how does it play an important role in our lives? Dr. Rashid Bashir, department head at the university's department of bioengineering, will fill us in on the details.

April 1, 2016
"The Emergence of Life"

Dr. Bruce Fouke, director of the Carver Biotechnology Center at the university, looks at one of the most intriguing questions we face as humans . . . how did life emerge on Earth?



LIFESTYLE

Equestrian team starts fresh season with new coach, elected officers



Photo by Tracy Rexroad | Parkland Equestrian Team

From left to right, equestrian team riders Lena Daugherty, Lauren Hawker, Lauren Hocking, Kimmy Schwartz, and Mandy Robeck proudly show their awards after a successful 2015 competition at St. Mary of the Woods College.

Sarah Powers
Staff Writer

A new coach and the election of new officers in Parkland's Equestrian Club brings high hopes for a successful season, in and out of the ring.

The equestrian club competes as a team in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) with 12 other universities and colleges in the region. They have several members of various experience levels that compete in both English and Western styles.

While the team may practice and hold lessons at their barns of preference, mandatory lessons with coach Meg Tyler are required in the week before a show.

Tyler, who has been working with Parkland for five years as an instructor for Western Horsemanship classes, joins again this year as head coach.

"As the coach, I make myself available for lessons before a show, and also accompany the team to competitions for support," said Tyler.

Most of the riders don't own their own horses, but take weekly lessons to enhance their skills. Anyone can join the team and participate in the competitions regardless of previous experience, which makes it possible for all interested members to learn more about horses and gain competitive experience without the cost of owning and maintaining a horse.

Lena Daugherty, a junior in equine management and welding, was recently elected president of the club.

"It's really fun, but can be stressful at times, trying to organize the logistics of shows and club business," Daugherty said.

Daugherty is one of the last students in the Equine Management AAS program at Parkland. Due to a lack of student enrollment, the program, which started in 1975, is no longer accepting students.

Faculty advisor Bruce Henrikson said preparations are in effect to terminate the program by the end of this year.

Parkland still continues other animal science courses

like nutrition and medicine, but all horsemanship classes will be for non-credit as community education courses.

For students and riders like Daugherty, who have aspirations to open their own equine management facilities someday, it's a sad loss. But Daugherty still feels that being in the equestrian club brings confidence in achieving that goal.

Competitions are scheduled nearly every weekend and are hosted as far as Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.

While anyone can join the equestrian team for free, costs to participate in competitions are paid individually. A portion of Parkland student activity fees help cover a

small cost of entry fees, IHSA membership, and transportation, but the club also fundraises for most of the year.

Scholarships are also available through the IHSA for qualified riders. All members are able to apply for scholarship and school support while competing in IHSA shows.

Currently, club members are selling beef sticks and jerky, and plan to organize a "Fall Fun" event with autumn activities and pony rides.

For more information about joining the Parkland Equestrian Team, contact Meg Tyler at mltyler1@gmail.com or Bruce Henrikson at bhenrikson@parkland.edu.

Parkland offers innovative tech for students

Sierra Benson
Staff Writer

Parkland students have access to several new technology innovations right here on campus.

ARS

One of those inventions includes an Augmented Reality Sandbox (ARS), which was built this summer. The ARS is an interactive 3D tool that helps students to better understand topographic maps.

The ARS has gained a lot of interest from museums after it was featured at the Tech Fest during the Pygmalion Festival. Also because the software is free, it's not quite as expensive as initially perceived. ARS has a Kinect camera that is attached to an arm, which hangs over the box full of kinetic sand. This Kinect camera can actually detect the height of the sand across the entire box and display a topographic map over the top of it.

Professor Julie Angel in the earth science department describes how the sensors of the ARS work. "You can manipulate and move the sand and very, very quickly, I would say a second, or even less than a second, it has already picked that up, communicated with the computer, and the graphics card, and it's out of the projector." Contour lines then show areas of equal elevation.

"You could literally model an area and look at the potential for areas that might be at great risk due to their location near a high steep hill and I plan to use this for that purpose when we're talking about mass wasting," Angel said.

Students can experience how the ARS works on Wed. Oct. 28 from 2-3 p.m. in L-217.

"You can change the sand around, you can mold a mountain, you can make it rain on top of a mountain and see where the little streams will go. It's a really powerful, really cool, fun, piece of equipment," Angel said.

Anatomage table

An Anatomage table, which is a surface that displays CT scans of real people, is another new piece of technology Parkland students can access. It is three dimensional like the cadavers but one difference is that individual structures can be isolated.

"For the cadavers we're going to have everything in place, it's a matter of moving things away. It can be hard to get behind all of the tissue and all of the structures sometimes to see what you are looking for. On the Anatomage I can get rid of everything except just what we're looking for and then I can add the other structures back in," said Lori Garrett, an earth science professor at Parkland.

Another added benefit is there is no smell.

Currently there's about 200 Anatomage tables in use in the United States. A couple of years ago Parkland had a major renovation in several of its science labs. One faculty member, John Moore, had seen a TED Talk about the Anatomage, so the table was suggested. Immediately after that, funding became available and Parkland acquired one.

Troubles with the device are nearly nonexistent. "One of the wonderful things about this company is that they are constantly doing upgrades. They have literally sent me a flash drive and I go up and plug it into the machine, and let it run. It uploads and updates everything," Garrett said.

Garrett said if there are any problems the company will respond within an hour and sometimes fly an engineer out by plane to fix it.

"With this software we can save the image banks of the different structures in format and then we can actually do 3D printing. We're not there yet, because we're not ready for it, but the capability is there," she said.

3D Printer

Professor Derek Dallas in the Parkland Computer Science and Information Technology Department describes how he assigns small scale 3D printing projects to his students even though the majority of them would not have one at home.

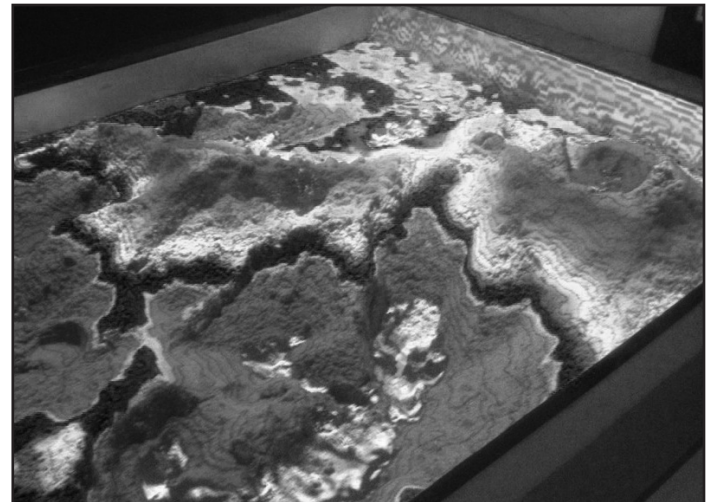


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Pictured above is Parkland's new Augmented Reality Sandbox (ARS), which was built over the summer and is currently located in the L Wing. The ARS is an interactive 3D tool that helps students better understand topographic maps.

"I start them out with a very simple model, and we'll go through the processes, and then I will let the students take our lab time to go to the library because usually the prints only take about 15 or 20 minutes. It hasn't been that much of a problem right now because it's not in huge demand and it's pretty much accessible all the time," Dallas said.

A green biodegradable plastic makes up most of the materials. All printed objects are weighed and then students pay accordingly. Usually each item is no more than \$3. The object can either print solid or with air pockets.

Dallas said Parkland has

had 3D printing for quite some time but the machines were mostly for the engineering department.

But now non-engineering students can design items on their own including food, trinkets, organs, and prosthetics at a much lower cost.

This past summer Dallas helped design a new product for biology labs, which is now currently being used to anesthetize fruit flies. Dallas said he was looking for something practical to make that would help the people around him right now.

"That's the kind of stuff I'm promoting at Parkland. What else can we do?" Dallas said.

NATION

Coast Guard: Missing ship sank, 1 body found, search ongoing



Photo by Bruce Lipsky | The Florida Times-Union via AP

Phil Greene, President of TOTE Services & CEO, left, and Tim Nolan, President of TOTE Maritime Puerto Rico, right, listen as Anthony Chiarello, President & CEO, TOTE, Inc. speaks about about the missing cargo ship El Faro outside the Seafarer's International Union hall in Jacksonville, Fla., Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015. Authorities lost contact with the El Faro early Thursday as the ship sailed through the Bahamas at the height of the Hurricane Joaquin storm as it sailed from its homeport in Jacksonville, Fla., to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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Jennifer Kay

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The Coast Guard said Monday that a U.S. cargo ship carrying 33 people that has been missing since it encountered high winds and heavy seas from Hurricane Joaquin sank and one body was found, but planes and ships will continue searching for the missing crew.

Capt. Mark Fedor said one large debris field was spotted near the last known location of the 790-foot container ship El Faro near the Bahamas. The body, which Fedor said was “unidentifiable,” was discovered in a survival suit, but no other human remains or survivors were immediately located.

“We are still looking for survivors or any signs of life,” Fedor said at a news conference near Miami. “We’re not looking for the vessel any longer.”

Three Coast Guard cutters, two C-130 aircraft, helicopters, commercial tugboats and a U.S. Navy plane were searching across a wide expanse of Atlantic Ocean near Crooked Island in the Bahamas. Fedor

said a heavily damaged lifeboat from the El Faro was discovered, but it had no people or signs of life. The ship had two lifeboats capable of holding 43 people each.

Fedor said it appears the vessel lost power, making it extremely vulnerable to the Category 4 hurricane’s 140-mph winds and 50-foot waves. It had 391 shipping containers aboard, weight that could make the ship top-heavy and prone to capsizing, he added.

“These are trained mariners. They know how to abandon ship. They know how to survive in the water,” Fedor said of the crew. “Those are challenging conditions to survive.”

The El Faro departed from Jacksonville, Florida, on Sept. 29, when Joaquin was still a tropical storm. The ship had 28 crew members from the United States and five from Poland, and it was heading to Puerto Rico on a regular cargo supply run when it ran into trouble. Contact was lost early Thursday.

The crew reported that the ship had lost power, had taken on water and was listing 15 degrees but that the situation was “manageable,” in their

last communication Thursday morning, according to ship owner TOTE Maritime Puerto Rico. They have not been heard from since.

Fedor said the National Transportation Safety Board and the Coast Guard would launch an investigation into why the ship ventured toward the hurricane and how it sank.

Family members of the crew said Sunday that they were trying to remain optimistic as they awaited word of any developments at the Seafarer’s International Union hall in Jacksonville. Some sobbed and hugged each other.

“This is torture,” said Mary Shevory, mother of crew member Mariette Wright.

Shevory, who had come to the union hall from her home in Massachusetts, said her 51-year-old daughter was devoted to her job working on the ship.

“I’m just praying to God they find the ship and bring my daughter and everyone on it home,” she said.

Laurie Bobillot’s daughter, Danielle Randolph, is a second mate on the El Faro. Bobillot said she was trying not to lose hope.

“We’ve got to stay positive,”

said Bobillot, of Rockland, Maine. “These kids are trained. Every week they have abandon-ship drills.”

The first sign of the ship, an orange life ring, was found Saturday about 120 miles (193 kilometers) northeast of Crooked Island. That was followed by floating debris and the oil sheen Sunday.

The company has defended its decision to authorize the voyage. Crew members were “equipped to handle situations such as changing weather,” it said in a statement.

Phil Greene, president and CEO of TOTE Services, Inc., said the captain had been observing the weather patterns and discussed the weather as the El Faro passed its sister ship going in the opposite direction.

Greene said the El Faro has been in service for many years and was built to work in the rough seas off Alaska. “She is a sturdy, rugged vessel that was well maintained and that the crew members were proud of,” he said.

Associated Press writers Curt Anderson in Miami; Ben Fox in Nassau, Bahamas; and David McFadden in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, contributed to this story.

Biden backs transgender military service

Josh Lederman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Joe Biden is throwing his unequivocal support behind letting transgender people serve openly in the U.S. military, as the Obama administration considers whether and when to lift the longstanding ban.

Biden’s declaration at the Human Rights Campaign’s annual dinner Saturday goes further than anything the Obama administration has said before, evoking memories of when Biden outpaced President Barack Obama in endorsing gay marriage. Although the White House says Obama supports a Pentagon review aimed at ending the transgender ban, neither Obama nor the military has said definitively that the policy will be changed.

“No longer is there any question transgender people are able to serve in the United States military,” Biden told a crowd of 3,000 gay rights activists at the group’s star-studded gala.

Biden, who is considering running for president, declared transgender rights to be “the civil rights issue of our time” as he delivered the keynote speech, just hours after Hillary Rodham Clinton — his top rival if he enters the race — gave a rousing address elevating LGBT rights as a main pillar of 2016 bid. Biden said gays and lesbians shouldn’t fear “those shrill voices” trying to undo gay marriage and other advances because Americans “have moved so far beyond them and their appeals to prejudice and fear and homophobia.”

“There’s homophobes still left — most of them are running for president,” Biden said, in a playful yet cutting jab at the Republican candidates he could one day face.

Transgender rights were a commanding focus at this year’s gathering of the Human Rights Campaign, whose endorsement and members’ support are eagerly sought in the Democratic primary. With gay marriage now law of the land nationwide, many gay rights activists have turned their attention to transgender issues, which have burst into the public spotlight only recently.

“We need to say with one voice that transgender people are valued,” Clinton said to a smaller gathering Saturday morning. “They are loved, and they are us.”

Defense Secretary Ash Carter has said the Pentagon’s current regulations banning transgender individuals are outdated and has ordered a study aimed at formally ending one of the last gender- or sexuality-based barriers to military service. The study began in July and is slated to last six months, with an eye toward assessing any impact on the military’s readiness to fight.

But the White House has avoided prejudging the outcome of the review, wary of criticism that Obama is imposing politically driven changes irrespective of the advice of his military commanders.

“They have said that they would conduct this review with a bias in favor of changing this policy,” White House

Clinton pushing new gun controls after Oregon shooting

Lisa Lerer

Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Days after a deadly shooting in Oregon, Hillary Rodham Clinton unveiled new gun control measures Monday aimed at strengthening background checks on gun buyers and eliminating legal immunity for sellers.

During a daylong campaign swing through New Hampshire, Clinton proposed a repeal of legislation that shields gun manufacturers, distributors and dealers from most liability suits, even in the case of mass shootings like the one that killed nine people at a community college on Thursday.

Clinton has made strengthening gun laws a centerpiece of her presidential campaign, vowing she would use her executive power as president to expand background checks for sellers at gun shows and online and back legislation banning domestic abusers from purchasing guns.

She also backed congressional efforts to stop retailers from selling guns to people with incomplete background checks, as happened when Dylann



Photo by Jose Luis Magana | AP Photo

In this Oct. 3, 2015 file photo, Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton gestures as she speaks at Human Rights Campaign gathering in Washington. Just days after a deadly shooting in Oregon, Clinton will unveil new gun control measures on Monday, Oct. 5, aimed at strengthening background checks on gun buyers and eliminating legal immunity for sellers.

Roof, the man charged in the Charleston church shooting, bought his gun.

“I will try every way I can to get those guns out of the hands of people who shouldn’t have them,” she told voters gathered for a pancake breakfast town hall meeting in Hollis, New Hampshire. “We need to prevent these kinds of terrible crimes that are happening.”

The plan marks an effort by Clinton to stake out liberal ground against her closest

rival, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. While Sanders has wooed the Democratic base with his liberal positions on issues like income inequality and college debt, he’s struggled to defend a more mixed record on gun legislation — a reflection, he says, of his rural, gun-friendly home-state.

After the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in 2013, Sanders backed all the Democratic gun bills brought up in Congress. But

in 1993, he voted against the landmark Brady handgun bill, which imposed a five-day waiting period for gun purchasers, and he backed the 2005 legislation granting legal immunity to many in the gun industry.

Sanders now says he supports banning assault weapons and closing the so-called “gun show loophole” that exempts private, unlicensed gun sales from background checks.

Clinton declined to directly go after that record on Monday morning, saying she’d let “Senator Sanders talk about himself.”

But she said she wasn’t surprised by his recent rise in New Hampshire polls, mentioning his long tenure representing a neighboring state.

“I really believe this is great for the Democrats and this election,” she said of the unexpectedly competitive contest. “We really want to turn out as many people as possible.”

Clinton has emerged as one of the fiercest proponents of tougher gun control after a series of shootings over the past several months has reignited debate over gun laws in the presidential campaign.

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SUCCESS

become a place for out of district students. Many local area students know where to go and have places to hang out," Tanner-Harold said. "It can really be a place for those out of district students to come and build a sense of community they're missing out on. It's ultimately a connecting factor."

There have been many different speakers for these workshops

throughout the years including members of Parkland's own faculty and staff. Others are outside speakers that come to give insight into career and transfer opportunities.

One of the most popular workshops was "You and the Law." Students engaged in open discussion with Parkland's police department. Both sides got good feedback and Tanner-Harold believed it was a huge success. She plans on working with Parkland Police Chief Bill Colbrook to reschedule more workshops like it.

Tanner-Harold urges all students to come out and see what the project is about. The workshops are free and pizza will be provided. The remaining workshops are as follows: Oct. 14- "Gen Eds: What are they?"; Oct. 28- "Emotional Intelligence"; Nov. 11- "Parenting From a Distance"; and Nov. 18- "Are you Interested or Committed to Success?".

For further information about the project, contact Donna Tanner-Harold at dtanner@parkland.edu or stop by counseling and advising located in the Student Union.

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BIDEN

spokesman Josh Earnest said after the review was announced over the summer. "The president certainly supports that approach."

Biden, in his speech, left no such wiggle room.

"It's simple," the vice president said. "All Americans are qualified to serve, should be able to serve."

The vice president made no explicit reference to his pending decision about the 2016 race, which has dragged on beyond his self-imposed deadline. When an audience member interrupted with a loud shout of "you should run," Biden quickly shifted back to a story about his dad.

Biden won praise for endorsing gay marriage in 2012 ahead of Obama or Clinton, becoming the highest elected official to support the politically charged issue. This year, Clinton, Sen. Bernie Sanders and the other Democratic candidates are aggressively courting LGBT voters' support

and working to outdo one another with expressions of support.

"I'm running for president to stand up for the fundamental rights of LGBT Americans," Clinton said.

Clinton had been the Human Rights Campaign's first choice to keynote the dinner, but she turned it down when she was booked on "Saturday Night Live" for the same evening. The group also asked Obama to speak, then invited Biden when Obama was unavailable.

Although Biden has enjoyed strong support from gay groups, many prominent gay Democrats have committed to Clinton, who drew loud cheers whenever her face appeared in videos played before Biden's speech. Richard Socarides, a former senior adviser to President Bill Clinton, said gay activists have a strong emotional connection to Clinton despite Biden's "special footnote in the history of our battle for marriage."

"He deserves our special thanks for that," Socarides said. "But I think we're sticking with Hillary."



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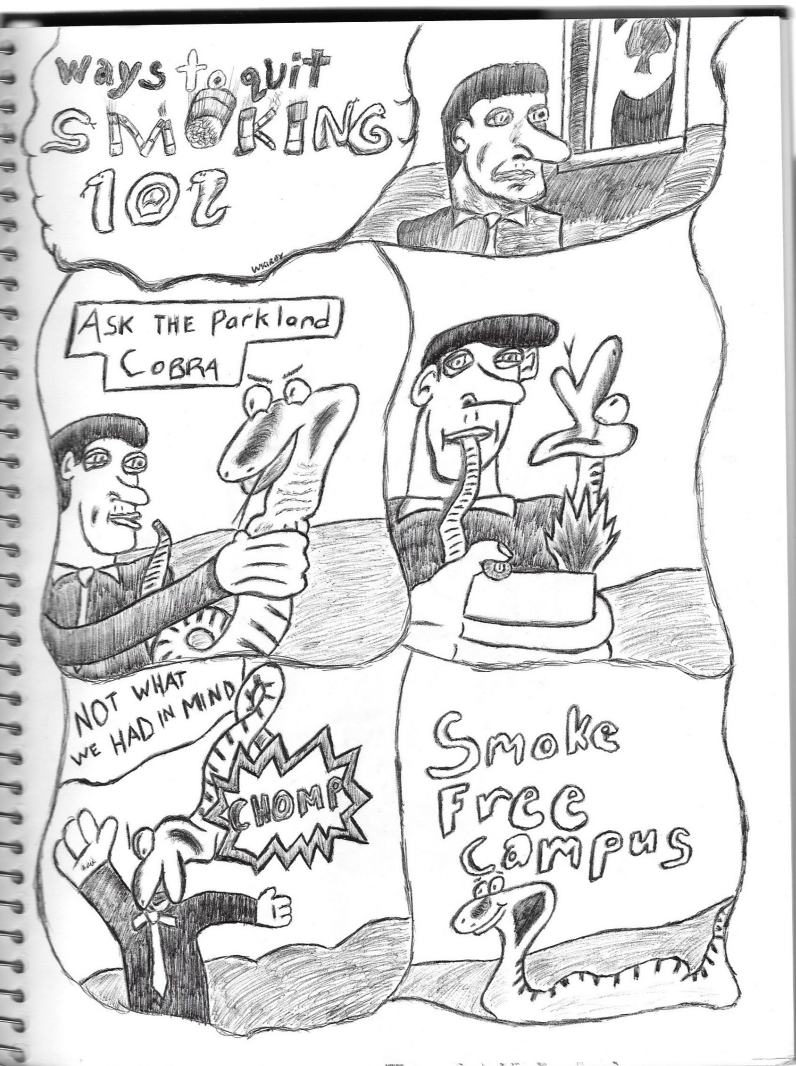
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- ACROSS**
 1,14 10,21 film involved heathen temple worship, largely set around Hungary (3,5,3,9)
 7 Without slowing down, write book's plot (3)
 9 Flower is touching, darling maintained (5)
 10,21 One often appearing in court nearly succeeded getting agreement from German family to do the slalom with actress (9,6)
 11 Upriver it overflows with a sudden inrush (9)
 12 Scary movie finally imported by Ireland in retrospect (5)
 13 Leader of hockey team bursts into song, finding Joseph's birthplace (9)
 15,23 10,21 film lands former husband Spike in court (4,5)
 17 Angel's love depicted by French art Eliot collected (4)
 19 Pet returning hot, covered in his prey's whiskers (9)
 22 National flag seen by rugby post (5)
 24 Reddish purple flower out West is no hybrid (9)
 26 Ocean-going ships, at the outset, each will need testing at the ship-builders we are told (9)
 27 Friend with good sense organs (5)
 28 I call for silence ro some extent (3)
 29 Quite recently suggesting Robin as opposed to Doris? (3,5,3)

- DOWN**
 1,16 10, 21 film achieving top rate in the fall (8,8)
 2 Foolish European expedition I'd mounted (7)
 3 Exaggerates about league in Cantona's country? (9)
 4 Boredom is something of a rotten nuisance (5)
 5 A fortune's potentially made by horror film (9)
 6 Earl in Roller to constantly change lanes? (5)
 7 Idler used to be lively, though not first up (7)
 8 Bearded man is a dam-builder (6)
 14 See 1
 15 10,21 film showing escape plot foiled with seconds to go (3,6)
 16 See 1d
 18 Pathé reels about religious memorial (7)
 20 Tell Edward to go after opener for champagne kept on ice (7)
 21 See 10
 23 See 15 ac
 25 Allowed to run off (5)

Last week's answers

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FEATURE

What's happening at the Giertz Gallery?

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Pictured are some of the pieces currently on display at the Giertz Gallery. The exhibit, *Ornithology: Works by Barbara Kendrick and Monique Luchetti*, runs through Nov. 7, 2015.



Monique Luchetti "Eastern Meadowlark," "Purple Gallinule" and "Wood Thrush"



Barbara Kendrick "Décor"



Barbara Kendrick "St. Franny"



Barbara Kendrick "What It Is When It's At Home"



Monique Luchetti "Extinct - Carolina Parakeet 1913/1918"

HUMANS OF PARKLAND



Photo by Sarah Powers | The Prospectus
Gabrielle Bragg, a junior in digital media, explains how her love for Metallica, sketching, and game design helps her through the recent passing of her father.

Gabrielle Bragg

"My father was a carpenter, but sadly he passed away this past summer - July 23rd. He had brain cancer. He was diagnosed 8 or 9 months ago, back in November."

"It's tough. I have nightmares all the time - flashbacks back to when he was sick."

"They did perform brain surgery, but it didn't stick. It removed the large mass of tumor, but at that point, they just couldn't get it all. It was too dangerous to risk brain damage. He went through radiation and oral chemotherapy, and still nothing."

"I always felt like that was kind of a waste. Because he's just gone now, and I feel like he lingered a little too long."

"[My dad and I] had an okay relationship. I don't think it was what it could have been, but it's the kind of thing where it was what it was. Do I wish my dad and I were closer? Yes. I do wish we could have been closer, but however, we had many differences and butted heads about a lot. A lot of times there would be fights. He was stern and I felt he was a little controlling, a little too sheltering, but I can't really sweat that now, because it's not worth it. He's gone, and I have to move on with my life."

"My biological mom and I, we've been estranged for quite a while. My parents divorced when I was very small. She lives in Tuscola, but it's this thing, where you know, we've had past conflicts that make me think, "Do I really want to have a relationship with her?" Is it going to be a healthy one? Or is it going to be based on lies and other things like that? I feel like I can't trust her. That's really what it boils down to. Do I wish I could have a healthy relationship with her? Yeah, I do, but the reality is that she is the way she is. She doesn't want to change to better herself."

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SPORTS

Women's basketball begins quest for national championship



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The women's basketball team plays a scrimmage game during their practice in the Donald C. Dodds Athletic Center. The team is currently training to compete for the national championship.

Adam Vilmin
Staff Writer

When the women's basketball team took a heartbreaking loss in last year's national championship game, the Lady Cobras knew expectations had been set for this season. This doesn't mean the Cobras are short on challenges this season.

Last year's NCJAA D-2 Women's Basketball Player of the Year Hannah Wascher has moved on to southern Indiana and starting point guard Laura Litchfield is now at University of Illinois, Chicago. That leaves head coach Mike Lindeman

searching for replacements to keep his fast paced and unrelenting style of play going to fire the Cobras into the championship.

Thankfully Lindeman doesn't have to look far for skilled talent.

Lindeman says sophomores Haley Toohil, Josie Zerrusen, and Lauren Moses are all ready to fill the gaps, as well as a talented freshmen class primed to get good minutes off the bench.

Toohil is especially ready to lead the high powered Cobra offense from the point guard position.

"The practices are going well so far. It's a learning

process for everybody right now. We're all bonding well," Toohil said. "Laura was a really good player and I learned a lot playing behind her, so I feel confident in my role," she added.

"Lauren [Moses] especially learned a lot in how to work the post from being behind the sophomores last year. She's really taking the position over well. We're all a lot more comfortable playing aggressively now," Zeurrusen said.

The Cobras aren't shying away from the challenges of gelling a new team. The team's immense success last season led to athletic director

Rod Lovett scheduling a tougher non-conference schedule, involving more D1 junior colleges, as well as NCAA junior varsity teams.

"With the harder schedule, we're focusing on making sure the team chemistry is good, because one player can't make the team," Zerrusen said.

"Even with the new schedule, the game that I'm getting ready for is I.C.C. That's always a big game for the team and last year's comeback win against them really upped the intensity," Toohil said.

The team will be measuring their efforts in live play over

the weekend.

As Lindeman says, the jamboree scrimmages will be coming up and while the scores won't matter, it will be the first measure for the team.

"We're going to be able to get the new freshmen some exposure to the competition, as well as get the returning girls up to speed for their roles," Lindeman said.

"The scrimmages will be the next step to getting used to how the team is going to play together," Zerrusen said. "It's definitely exciting to see how the team is going to play against another team."

Women's soccer beats SWIC 3-0

Jacob Kenter
Staff Writer

The Cobras were locked in a tough defensive battle through the first half of play Thursday afternoon taking a 0-0 tie into the half.

But late in the second half the high-powered Parkland offense showed signs of life scoring three late goals to pull away and secure victory.

"In the second we fixed our little mistakes and our energy picked up," said Olivia McCafferty, a sophomore defenseman.

Coach John Alford thought a major key to the second half improvement was the team's great work effort and ability to grind out the tough 50/50 balls.

This win was huge for the Cobras as it keeps them in contention for the number one seed in the region.

SWIC beat the Cobras last year so getting them back was also nice according to Alford.

Leading the team in scoring with two goals was freshman midfielder Michaela Ward, and adding a third goal was freshman forward Shante Trembled.

After their win Thursday the Cobras improve to 9-1-1 on the season and 4-0 in MWAC play this season.

The team is also ranked number eight in the NJCAA D-1 poll.

The Cobras are working hard to achieve their goal for this season, which is to win the first national championship in Parkland College women's soccer.

Alford said that for his team to win the championship this season, they need to continue to play tough defense and correct the little mistakes.

With the region fast approaching the team is working hard to achieve the number one seed.

The Cobras are next in action on Oct. 9 at home against Iowa Western at 4 p.m.



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Freshman Brittany Johnson hits the ball with her head to get the Cobras closer to the opposing team's goal. The Cobras won the home game against Southwestern Illinois College on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015 with a final score of 3-0.



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Defender Maria Pelayo kicks the ball at the home soccer game against Southwestern Illinois College on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015.



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Sophomore forward Catherine McHale helps set up the offense during the second half of the match against Lincoln on Sept. 29, 2015. The Cobras triumphed by a score of 15-0.